
Open Space Plan 2008-2014

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November 2007

Commissioner Antonia Pollak
Boston Parks & Recreation
1010 Massachusetts Avenue
Boston, MA 02118

Dear Commissioner Pollak:

Our goal is to provide each and every citizen with green, clean and safe open space throughout the City. The Open Space Plan, which I wholeheartedly support, provides us with an opportunity to listen to those we serve, and to respond.

Expanding sports programs, new technology, an increase in demand for space, and environmental changes provide a unique challenge in managing any park system. As our city continues to change and grow, the Open Space Plan gives us a blueprint to follow to provide the facilities that our residents demand and deserve. We want Boston to be a leader in providing the best open space to its citizens.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston

Boston Redevelopment Authority

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November 26, 2007

Antonia Pollak
Commissioner
Boston Parks & recreation Department
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Dear Commissioner Pollak,

The Boston Redevelopment Authority's staff has had the opportunity to review and comment on your Department's latest update of the City's Open Space Plan 2008-2012.

I would like to thank you and your staff's effort in soliciting input from the many public and private stakeholders and citizens of Boston. The Plan's goals and objectives are comprehensive and reflect the broad participation that has lead to its formulation.

As the Director of Planning of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, I would like to offer my wholehearted support for this new Open Space Plan and look forward to the continued collaboration between our staffs in implementing the recommendations of this Plan.

Sincerely,



Kairos Shen
Director of Planning

Cc: John Palmeri, Director, Boston redevelopment Authority
James Hunt, Chief of Environmental Services



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December 21, 2007

Commissioner Antonia M. Pollak
Parks and Recreation Department
City of Boston
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RE: Draft Open Space Plan 2008-2012

Dear Commissioner Pollak:

As Chair of the Conservation Commission, I am writing to express the Commission's strong support for the draft Open Space Plan 2008-2012.

We are especially pleased with the attention the document pays to two areas of special interest to the Conservation Commission: the city's urban wilds and natural areas, and the harbor open space system. Also, the environmental inventory provides our citizens with excellent background information on the natural history of our city, helping them understand some of the basis for the decisions of the Commission.

As Chair, I know I speak for the Conservation Commission when I say that we look forward to working with you and the Parks and Recreation Commission, as well as with other city agencies and our citizens, on implementing the goals and objectives of this new Open Space Plan.

Sincerely,

Charles Button, Chair
Conservation Commission





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December 3, 2007

Aldo Ghirin, Senior Planner
Boston Parks and Recreation Department
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Dear Mr. Ghirin:

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council has reviewed the City of Boston draft Open Space Plan 2008-2012. The plan is extremely thorough and appears to meet all of the guidelines of the Division of Conservation Services. It adequately addresses regional concerns including Boston's participation in the Inner Core Committee, the regional development plan "MetroFuture" and the current Mystic River Corridor Strategy Project.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this plan.

Sincerely,

Marc D. Draisen
Executive Director

Cc: Melissa Cryan, Division of Conservation Services
Thomas Tinlin, MAPC Representative, City of Boston