

Friends of the White Geese

**An Attorney General Registered Charitable Organization since 2001.
Defending the Charles River, its Animals, Trees and Water From destructive Governmental Entities..**

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I signed up in a timely manner to speak at the March 22, 2021 meeting. The chair announced three sign ups and stated two names very quickly, a Sophia and a Thomas. She only recognized Heather Hoffman. She stated you could continue to sign up to 6 pm. I went back to sign up again. Although there was plenty of time before the 6 pm shutoff, I was faced with a screen which said "closed."

This is not a 'FINAL ACTIONS COMMUNICATION.' The City Clerk is requested to present this communication to the Cambridge City Council as a communication at its next meeting.

RE: MORE MONEY FROM THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL FOR DESTRUCTIVE
BUREAUCRATS ON THE CHARLES RIVER?

Gentlemen / Ladies:

The Cambridge City Manager's Communication 2 in the Cambridge City Council's Monday night, March 22, 2021, meeting involved the expenditure of money supposedly to respond to algae floating in the Charles River.

The basic problem is extreme mismanagement of the Charles River by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation in association with the Cambridge Development Department and "activists". This basic problem is being ignored by this communication requesting money for the benefit of the DCR.

The algae stemmed from

1. The Cambridge City Council and the DCR has been dumping poisons on the previously pristine Magazine Beach playing fields starting in the late 2000's,
2. The poison dumping was combined with the installation of expensive drainage to keep the poisons out of the Charles River. Signs are posted so bragging. No care was taken that I am aware of to refrain from poisoning resident / visiting animals, birds and / or insects. We have photographs of the sign. Dead bees have been noticed.
3. In December 2017, this drainage system was blocked by an "activist" with money and volunteers provided by the DCR. She rerouted poisons which should not even be used on the banks of the Charles River. Rerouting, as stated in the DCR's sign, went into the Charles River. We have reported on this in

Editorial before the outrages started:

http://www.cambridgecandle.com/candle_online/jan_feb1999/14_geese.html

"When I try to tell most people that these beautiful geese are in danger, they only answer with incredulity. People cannot conceive that there are people irresponsible enough to attack these beautiful creatures."

detail. One photo is presented below. Trash from the destruction was picked up by the City of Cambridge. We have photographs of that.

4. Most recently, the Cambridge City Council has funded that same “activist” for “environmental work” preparatory to the destruction of the excellent grove across from MicroCenter. Photo of affected area is below. The record included language praising the “activist” for the excuse used by her for poisoning the Charles.

The most basic need is replacement of bureaucrats by competent people. Those bureaucrats in the DCR and the Cambridge Development Department are responsible for these outrages. The DCR replaced the Metropolitan District Commission on the Charles River at least in part because legislators had contempt for the destructiveness of the MDC. The “planners,” with their plans and friendships in the Cambridge Development Department moved to the DCR. It is long past time to achieve the goals of the legislature and get these destructive people away from the Charles River.

The DCR should be replaced by the Department of Transportation by action of the state legislature at the initiative of the Cambridge City Council .

Giving more money to the destructive people involved is going in the wrong direction. Replacement through the state legislature of the DCR with MassDOT would be an intelligent step. MassDOT is not perfect, but the DCR and the Cambridge Development Department, and their “activists” approach being perfect from the wrong direction. Note, however, the manipulation of well intended people analyzed in item A in the next to last paragraph, below.

Here is a photo of the blocking of the drainage.



Here is a photo of some of the algae created by these bureaucrats and the “activist” (Phil Barber photo)



Here is a drone photo of the excellent and doomed grove which the DCR in its destruction plans admits is excellent. I have repeatedly submitted the plans with photos to the Cambridge City Council, and they have been praised by the Cambridge City Council.

This detailed letter is posted on the Friends of the White Geese web page at <http://www.friendsofthewhitegeese.org/ar.htm>.

The drone photo is taken from “From Cambridge to Boston with the DJ Inspire 1 Drone footage,” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sN-OmMzvHhw>,

minute 2:33. The doomed AND MAGNIFICENT grove adjoins the upper right corner of the pool building, and is across from the MicroCenter parking lot.



Significant destruction is planned AND HAS STARTED in the magnificent woods at the bottom of this photo.

And here is a ground photo of the same excellent grove across from MicroCenter and next to the DCR Swimming Pool, TARGETED FOR DESTRUCTION BY THE DCR AND THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL with that “activist” being paid by the Cambridge City Council to lay the ground work.



Further details are available in a number of reports filed in the files of the Cambridge City Council but more readily available on the web site of Friends of the White Geese at <http://www.friendsofthewhitegeese.org/ar1.htm>.

The first three items currently listed, go as follows:

- (A) spells out the reality of the Interstate 90 Off Ramp to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (plus?) being sold as a bike path; particularly damning of Development Department Plans posted on line is an MIT map analysis from 2014 , Further mentioned is the doomed MicroCenter / swimming pool grove.
- (B) provides documentation of tree destruction which is claimed to not exist, and provides full documentation and
- (‘C) provides our relevant photos and plans associated with the DCR’s report to the Cambridge Conservation Commission on the ONGOING and increasing destruction at Magazine Beach with support and funds to the DCR from the Cambridge City Council. By contrast, particularly bizarre are the repeated falsehoods from the “activist” that no trees are being destroyed.

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Tossing money at this entity, the DCR, which is unfit for its duties on the Charles AND CAUSED THE
PROBLEM BEING "SOLVED" is going in exactly the wrong direction.

The responsible thing is to finish the job intended by so many legislators when they attempted to destroy the rot
which was the Metropolitan District Commission.

Sincerely,

Robert J. La Trémouille, Chair
Friends of the White Geese