

Dear Alderwoman Katjana Ballantyne,

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Mr. Franzen indicated that it is unlikely anything could occur this year, but that there may be program money to plant new trees in the park in the next year or two. We appreciate the thought, however from our recent experience with omissions, delays, and rescheduling of the current bike path project we are not comfortable waiting indefinitely.

New tree plantings are especially important to help provide shade and privacy on our southern public exposure. Our units don't have AC and greatly benefit from shade trees. We cannot plant additional trees on our side of the fence because we have an underground garage and we are reluctantly hosting a city water main encroaching on our property (serving the MBTA tunnel).

We were hoping for this tree enhancement work in the original project scope, but it was not included. Therefore, we are now prepared to donate trees so that this seasonal work can be done this year, while the major reconstruction work is occurring. It is logical and vastly less expensive to put these trees in the ground now, while excavating equipment is digging out old tree roots and trenching for new drainage.

There are logical reasons to promote the simple planting of these trees this year:

- A. To postpone this later would mean that excavating equipment would traverse across the finished park improvements and risk hitting underground utilities. It would be significantly more expensive to plant these trees and make associated repairs later.
- B. We are willing to buy the materials and ask only that the city provide the equipment and labor for new trees. There will be minimal expense to the city now, versus paying for the full project cost later.
- C. We will be responsible for watering new trees.
- D. There will be immediate and certain benefit for all bike path users and abutters, without continued lobbying and wondering.

We have been subject to frequent flooding of our basement and garage and are very grateful for the eventual completion of the new drainage project. For the past several years we have voluntarily granted a free easement to the city to pump the bike path water across our property. We have been patient and cooperative partners with the city.

Can we count on you to work as our ambassador and help us cooperatively get this tree enhancement project completed as part of the current excavation?

Thank you very much for your time.

The undersigned are residents along the bike path in support of this proposal:

| Printed Name | Signature | Address |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>BLAIR GALINSKY</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>60 HOWARD #5</u> |
| <u>LARRY SINGER</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>5 TANNERY BROOK ROW #5</u> |
| <u>Susie Rance</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>4 Tannery Brook #16</u> |
| <u>Douglas Bell</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>117-4 Tannery Brook ROW</u> |

Printed Name

Signature

Address

John Barnes

[Signature]

4 Tannery Brook #46

William Sardella

[Signature]

4 Tannery Brook Row #12

Frances McCormick

[Signature]

4 Tannery Brook Row #11

James LeChance

[Signature]

70 Howard St. #2W

Alan Sentkowski

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Patricia Washienko

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3 TBR #7, 02144

Jean TePask

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4 TBR #17, 02144

Laurie Kelly

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1 TBR #3D, 02144

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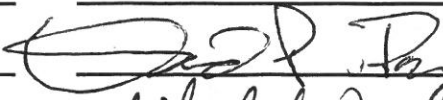
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| <u>DAVID NAGAHIRO</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>70 HOWARD ST 3E</u> |
| <u>IVY NAGAHIRO</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>70 HOWARD 3E</u> |
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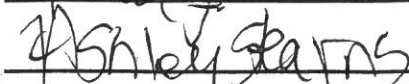
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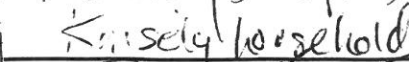
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KATHLEEN + DAVID KINSEY



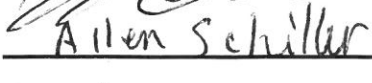
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ALLEN SCHILLER



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