



July 26, 2017

Board of Aldermen, City of Somerville Somerville City Hall 93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143

Dear Aldermen,

RE # 203388

Thank you for forwarding your resolution from May 11, 2017 regarding the renovations planned at Draw 7 Park to Governor Baker and to DCR. I understand the Aldermen's vision for the park includes athletic fields and greenspace, especially given the shortage of athletic fields in the City. Please note that any design that DCR adopts will likely include ballfields and/or space dedicated to active recreation.

DCR plans to continue to work with the City, including the Board of Aldermen and Mayor Curtatone, to design a space that provides the most benefit to the most people in the Commonwealth. The Department will also work with the City to mitigate any impacts that the renovations at Draw 7 Park will have on the surrounding area and we plan to keep the City involved as we advance our designs.

We invite your participation in a park planning session to be scheduled in September.

Sincerely,

Leo Pierre Roy

Commissioner, DCR

Lt. Governor