



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**JOSEPH A. CURTATONE**  
**MAYOR**

March 25, 2010

Honorable Board of Aldermen  
City of Somerville  
93 Highland Ave  
Somerville MA 02144

Re: Authorization to transfer \$44,000 in FY2010 funds for an organizational study of the Inspectional Services Division and \$5,226 for a Green Infrastructure Planner

Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

I respectfully request your approval to transfer \$44,000 within the OSPCD budget to perform an organization study of the Inspectional Services Division and utilize \$5,226 to hire a Green Infrastructure Planner. Sufficient lag monies exist within OSPCD for these purposes.

The organizational study of ISD will be provide an in depth analysis and recommendations on how to improve customer service and prepare for large scale new development anticipated in Assembly Square and other parts of the city. The cost will be \$44,000 funded from \$30,000 in lag monies in the Planning Division and \$14,000 from the Inspectional Services Division.

The Green Infrastructure Planner will be responsible for implementing the Urban Forestry Plan prepared by a consultant in 2009 and, importantly, help ensure that our commitment to increasing the tree canopy is met. This position will also implement the new MET grant received for improvements at the Blessings of the Bay Boathouse. The cost will be up to \$5,226 funded from lag monies in the Transportation & Infrastructure Division.

Staff from OSPCD will be available to answer any questions you may have concerning this request. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Joseph A. Curtatone  
Mayor

