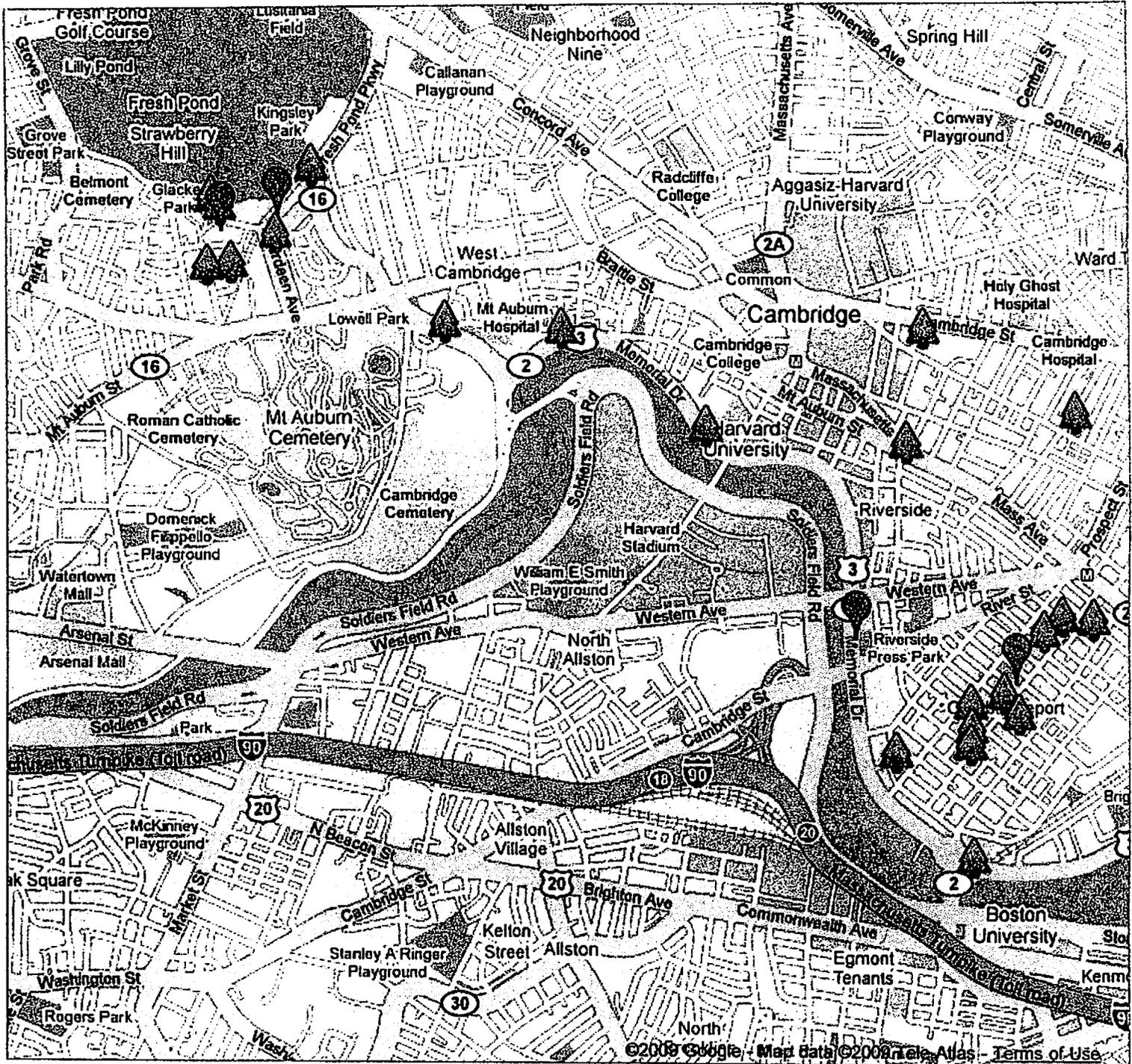


ATTACHMENT A



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“Cambridge Community Farm”

If we, as a community, are so lucky as to have an arborist on staff and the resources to plant and nurture our city trees and other botanicals, I would like to propose that the community at large can further benefit from this investment. If, instead of planting cherry trees that specifically do NOT bear fruit, lets shift our policies to support both our native wildlife and ourselves through the planting of fruit and nut bearing vegetation.

Concerns raised have been around ‘mess’ and ‘vermin.’

1. Mess. If the fruit and nuts are harvested, there is little concern. Furthermore, we do not avoid trees because they drop their leaves.
2. Vermin. Again, if harvested by humans, there is little concern. Furthermore, Ranger Jean can report on their experience at Fresh Pond. Finally, since fruit is a once a year product, the presence of it could not possibly increase our population of rats, as the food source is not constant.

I would like to suggest that we plant native trees preferentially as the support needed for their food production is minimal and they are appropriate food sources for our native wildlife. I have included a list of possible choices on the back page.

In order to coordinate the harvest of these trees and bushes, we have begun a google group with trees and berries marked on it. Please join us in improving this map. Some of the trees marked are on private property and we would like to offer harvest of the fruit as a service to those who would like this, this is why there is a Permission heading. (Many pay gardeners to ‘clean up’) We would also like to distribute the produce through a group like Food For Free.

<http://groups.google.com/group/cambridgecommunityfarm>

NATIVE:

Elderberry

Concord Grape

Persimmon

Paw-Paw – largest native fruit.

Butternut – new disease resistant varieties

Black Walnut

Blueberry

Cranberry

Apple/Crabapple

Black Cherry

Serviceberry

Blackberry

Raspberry

Map-pop

Pear

Wild Ginger

Teaberry

Sugar Maple – produces syrup

Bayberry – traditionally used for wax for candles

Beach Plum – very salt resistance, delicious for jam or eating.

Sweet Birch – produces syrup

Mulberry

Plum

Pecan

Chestnut * - new hybrids

Hazelnut

Redbud

Groundnut – a favorite of local native Americans, similar to a peanut

Herbs as ground cover...

[Videos from YouTube](#)

[Photos from Picasa Web Albums](#)

Cambridge Community Farm

Residents of Cambridge, MA interested in coordinating the harvest of surplus food growing on public land and on participating private properties. This local harvest will then be distributed to those in need through existing services. Cambridge Community Farm can then grow, in yards and on streets.

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Mulberry Tree

The Mulberry Tree at the corner of Brookline and Auburn Streets was harvested earlier this year by a group of Cambridgeport residents after an appeal to do so was made by the owner through the GreenPort notices.



Black Walnut

PERMISSION - none
HARVEST -

INFO - Tree is leaning over sidewalk and road, excellent nut drop last year. Tasty.



Black Walnut

PERMISSION - none
HARVEST -

INFO - small tree still not a lot of nuts

CONTAINER GARDENING WORKSHOP

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LEARN HOW AT THIS WORKSHOP:

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2009

12-3PM

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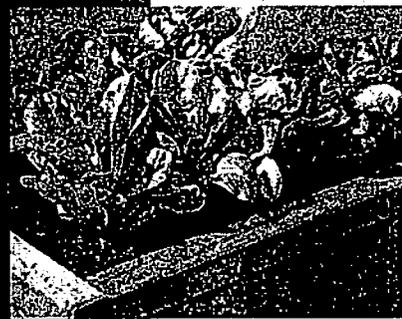
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION,

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ATTACHMENT C

From: Bankerd, Carol [mailto:Carol.Bankerd@purchase.edu]

Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:37 PM

To: Drury, Margaret

Subject: TONIGHT support for trees

In Cambridge, The City of Trees, citizens band together to protect and promote the heritage that we have received: the benefit of mature and maturing trees that protect and inspire Cantabrigians.

I write to emphasize our vigorous commitment to care for and contribute to the the welfare of trees in our fair city: plant, water, feed, prune, / plant, water, feed, prune!

With best regards to our Councillors,

Carol Bankerd
8 Grant Street
Cambridge MA

ATTACHMENT D.

From: Paula Cortes [mailto:paula.cortes@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 4:53 PM
To: 'Craig Kelley'
Cc: henridavis@aol.com; 'David Davis'; michaelhanlon@comcast.net
Subject: RE: Tree meeting 1 April, 5 PM at City Hall

Craig,

I will be out of town on April 1 so cannot make the meeting.

I continue to advocate for care and maintenance of the trees we have before the City moves ahead with a greater amount of new tree planting, beyond the usual numbers that are done yearly.

Regarding the fruit tree planting, I think it is not a great idea for the city. Fruit trees are small, hence not good as street trees, they need more than the usual care for proper fruiting, they need to be sprayed because they are subject to diseases and bugs, they can be messy if not picked up around and maintained properly, and because they are small are subject to higher rates of vandalism. And any fruit yield is usually negligible, not worth all the cost and effort.

Paula

Health and Environment Committee
Wednesday, April 1st, 2009
Sullivan Chamber

Agenda

What we do:

- **Street Tree Pruning**
 - # of overall trees
 - Pruning by request vs. Cycle Pruning
- **Park and Cemetery Pruning**
 - # of overall trees
- **Tree Planting**
 - Street trees
 - City Property
 - Back of Sidewalk
- **Tree Removals**
- **Tree Inventory**
- **Review Plans**
- **Working with Other City Departments and State Agencies**
- **Working with and educating Contractors and Residents**
- **Arbor Day**
 - In the City
 - Volunteering for Mass. Arborist Association
- **Committee on Public Planting**

Current issues we face:

- **Construction damage to trees**
- **Tree grate issues (damage to trees or trip hazards)**

Goals for the future:

- **Up-to-date Tree Inventory**
- **Resolve all empty tree wells**
- **Develop a Forestry management plan**
- **Develop a Storm management plan**
- **Maintain a healthy, diverse urban tree canopy**
- **Minimize damage to trees by construction projects and public**