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December 8, 2011

Robert W. Healy, City Manager
City of Cambridge
Cambridge City Hall
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DEC 12 11 AM 11:17 City Manager
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
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Dear Mr. Healy:

In April, 2011, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) notified the City of Cambridge, through the Mayor's Office, of the Department's plan to acquire rights in approximately 2.3 acres of land in Cambridge. A copy of that letter is enclosed. The land is a linear corridor formerly operated as a railroad that starts at the current terminus of the Watertown Greenway, a bike and recreation trail that now ends at Grove Street in Watertown, and extends into Cambridge to the rail corridor's intersection with Huron Avenue. The purpose of this letter is to formally notify your office of that proposal, and to also notify you that the Department is considering acquiring an additional section of the former railroad corridor located in Cambridge, an area containing approximately ten acres. If the Department's plan is successful, the acquisition will include the corridor beyond Huron Avenue that runs through DCR's Alewife Brook Reservation near Fresh Pond to the corridor's intersection with the MBTA rail line located adjacent Danehy Park. This additional section of the corridor would be incorporated into the state park system as an extension of the Watertown Greenway, a multi-use recreation trail. The location of the entire length of the corridor that the Department may acquire (in Watertown and Cambridge) is shown on the enclosed locus map marked "Exhibit A."

In keeping with state regulations regarding the Department's acquisition program, the amended acquisition proposal described above should be made public in a local forum. To comply with this requirement, the Department respectfully requests that an announcement of DCR's updated plan be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council. We hope this will cause no inconvenience to the City Council, and offer a form certificate, enclosed, to document the announcement. Also enclosed is a self-addressed envelope to return the form to DCR for your use and convenience.

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If you have any questions about this matter, or if you or the City Council members would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 617-626-1311, or contact Jim Comeau, DCR Project Manager, at 617-626-1403.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter, and for contacting DCR if there are any questions or if further information or action is required.

Very truly yours,



Dolores Boogdanian
Assistant General Counsel

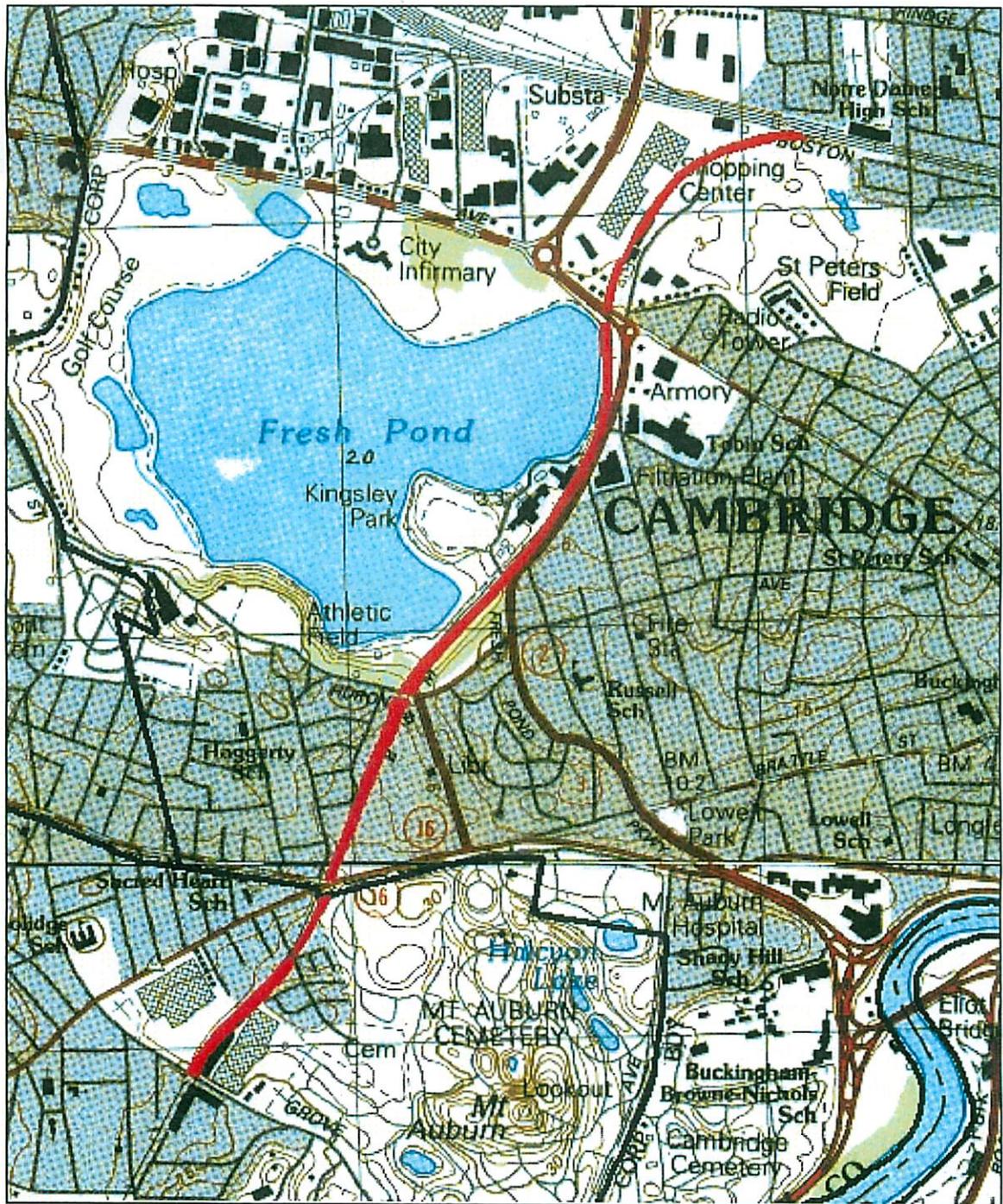
Enclosures

cc: Margaret Drury, City Clerk

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

DCR File No. P-000613

Exhibit A



Scale: 1 to 15,000

Boundary Lines Approximate



Subject Property

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**CERTIFICATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

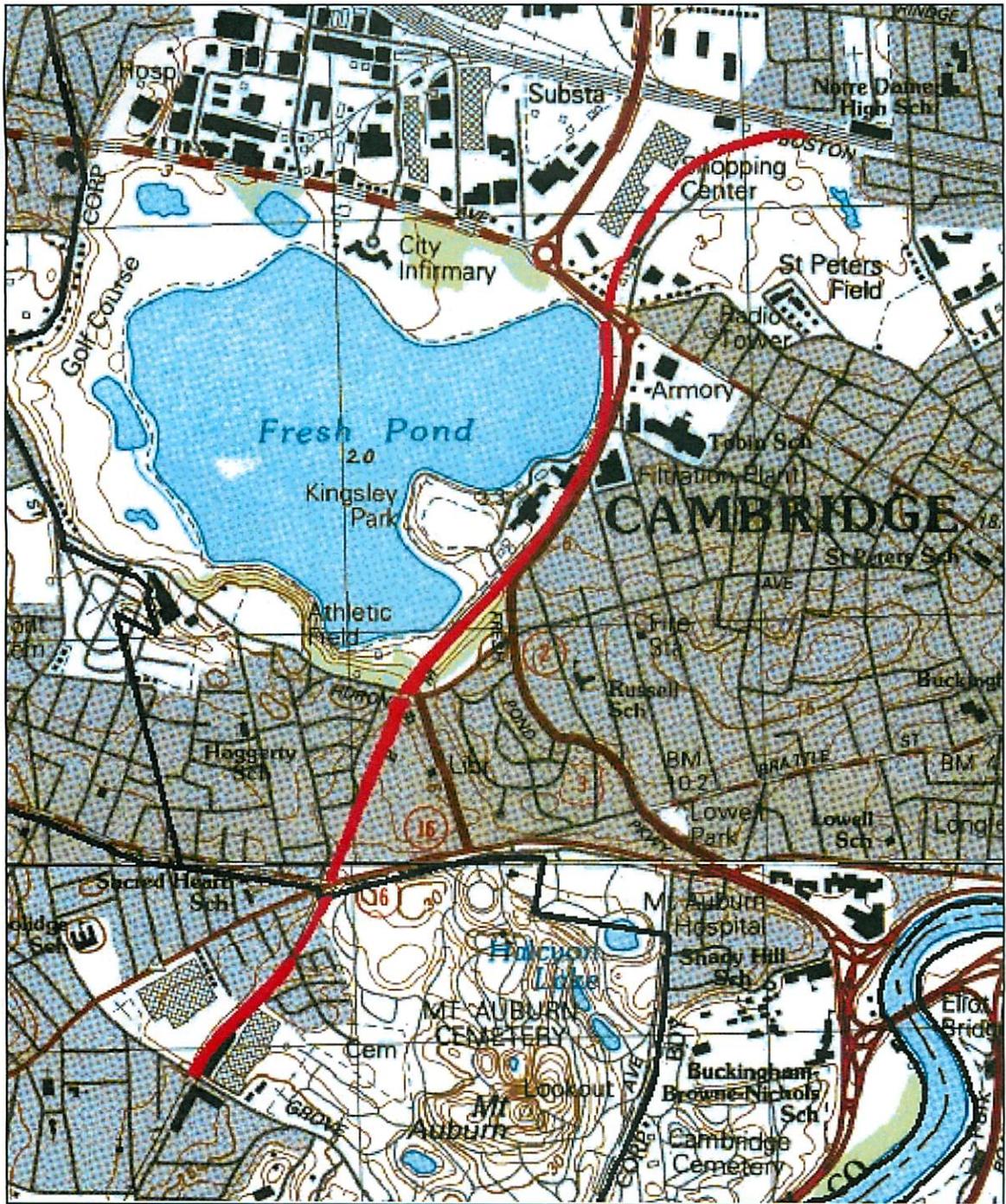
I, _____, _____ for and on behalf of the Cambridge City Council, hereby certify that, at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting held on _____, 20____, an announcement was made regarding the Commonwealth's interest in acquiring for conservation and recreation purposes a strip of land in Cambridge formerly used as a railroad corridor and containing approximately 12.3 acres, starting at or near the intersection of Mt Auburn, Belmont and Brattle Streets and running northerly to the MBTA railroad tracks adjacent Danehy Park. The subject strip of land is shown on a locus map marked "Exhibit A," appended hereto.

Attest:

For the Cambridge City Council

Date: _____

Exhibit A



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