



**NEIGHBORHOOD & LONG TERM PLANNING, PUBLIC
FACILITIES, ARTS & CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 RECESSED
RECONVENED WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023**

COMMITTEE MEETING

~ MINUTES ~

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

5:30 PM

**Sullivan Chamber
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139**

The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from 5:30p.m. – 7:30p.m. to discuss the future treatment of Jerry's Pond, specifically the Rindge Avenue edge as it effects the community. In addition to the discussion of Jerry's Pond, Committee members will review the City Manager's recommended appointment of Lauren Reznick to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA), CMA 2023 #239.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Dennis J. Carlone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Patricia Nolan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quinton Zondervan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marc C. McGovern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Alanna Mallon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**MINUTES OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
NEIGHBORHOOD & LONG-TERM PLANNING, PUBLIC FACILITIES,
ARTS & CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 27, 2023 Recessed
Reconvened Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

A public meeting of the Cambridge City Council's Neighborhood & Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee was held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023. The meeting was Called to Order at 5:30 p.m. by the Chair, Councillor Carlone. Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2022 adopted by Massachusetts General Assembly and approved by the Governor, this public meeting was hybrid, allowing participation in person, in the Sullivan Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA and by remote participation via Zoom.

At the request of the Chair, Clerk of Committees called the roll.

Councillor McGovern – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Vice Mayor Mallon – Absent

Councillor Nolan – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Councillor Zondervan – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Councillor Carlone – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Sep 27, 2023 5:30 PM (Committee Reports)

Present – 4, Absent 1. Quorum established.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone offered opening remarks and noted that the call of the meeting was to hold a public hearing to discuss the future treatment of Jerry's Pond, specifically the Rindge Avenue edge as it affects the community. In addition to the discussion of Jerry's Pond, Committee members will review the City Manager's recommended appointment of Lauren Reznick to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA), CMA 2023 #239. Present at the meeting was Owen O'Riordan, Deputy City Manager, who was accompanied by Kathy Watkins, Commissioner of the Department of Public Works (DPW), Kevin Beuttell, Supervising Landscape Architect, Iram Farooq, Assistant City Manager for the Community Development Department (CDD), and Melissa Peters, Director of Community Planning. Present from the CRA was Tom Evans, Executive Director, and Kathleen Born, Chair. Also present at the meeting was Councillor Toner, who joined via Zoom.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone noted that the first order of business was to discuss the recommended appointment of Lauren Reznick to the CRA. The Chair introduced Tom Evans and Kathleen Born, who were joined by Lauren Reznick. Executive Director Evans and Chair Born offered their comments of support for the appointment of Lauren Reznick. Chair Carlone recognized Lauren Reznick who shared their excitement on why they were interested in joining the CRA. The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Councillors Nolan, Zondervan, and McGovern who all shared their support for Lauren Reznick being appointed to the CRA.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Councillor Nolan who made a motion to forward with a favorable recommendation to the full City Council the appointment of Lauren Reznick to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term. (Attachment A)

Clerk of Committees Erwin called the roll.

Councillor McGovern – Yes

Vice Mayor Mallon – Absent

Councillor Nolan – Yes

Councillor Zondervan – Yes

Councillor Carlone – Yes

Yes – 4, No – 0, Absent – 1. Motion passed.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized members from Friends of Jerry's Pond (FOJP) Lewis Weitzman, Eric Grunebaum, and Pasaug Lham. The team from FOJP offered a presentation relevant to Jerry's Pond. The presentation was provided in advance of the meeting and included in the Agenda Packet. The presentation reviewed the adjusted cost projection, trees, public health, air pollution and heat, flooding, safer biking options, wetlands and hydrology, trucks, and herons. The panelists noted that they had included in the Agenda Packet (packet page 71) a cheat sheet to help follow along and to allow the public and Committee members to have a better and general understanding of their plans. Friends of Jerry's Pond were available after their presentation to respond to questions and concerns that were brought forward from Committee members.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Attorney Anthony Galluccio from Galluccio & Watson, who was joined by Chrissy Gabriel, Director of Development for IQHQ, Jen Sweet, Principal Consultant for Haley & Aldrich, and Danielle Desilets and Kyle Zich, Landscape Architects. Anthony Galluccio and the team gave a presentation titled “Jerry’s Pond Process”, which was provided in advance of the meeting and included in the Agenda Packet. The presentation offered an overview of the special permits, commitments from IQHQ, concept and designs for Jerry’s Pond from 2021, changes based on requests by the community and the City, IQHQ’s current design plan, and environmental considerations.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Kathy Watkins and Kevin Beuttell who gave a presentation titled “Jerry’s Pond Peer Review”. This presentation was provided in advance of the meeting and included in the Agenda Packet. Kevin Beuttell shared in the presentation the differences between the IQHQ vision plan versus the FOJP vision plan and addressed three primary concerns relative to both. The concerns included disruption of urban fill soils, removal of existing trees, and urban hydrology limits in new wetlands. Also included in the presentation was a high-level summary which provided a comparison of the two plans from the peer review study. Kevin Beuttell shared that the City and the peer review study group believe that the IQHQ plan would be the preferred plan due to the low impact approach, public access, and limits ecological and environmental disturbance. Kevin Beuttell shared a list of additional requested project enhancements from the peer study group that IQHQ has agreed to do. Staff from DPW were available to respond to questions from Committee members after the presentation.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Joel Nogic and Mike Nakagawa from the Alewife Study Group (ASG) who offered comments on how their role as a study group was able to provide information and feedback to IQHQ and FOJP. They noted that it has been a very good process and there has been great collaboration between developers and the community. Joel Nogic highlighted the importance of community involvement and making sure that those that live on or in Rindge Avenue were heard. Mike Nakagawa made note of the many issues that have been brought forward by community members regarding the safety concerns of Rindge Avenue and that the ASG hopes to discuss them further with DPW and IQHQ. Additionally, they offered suggestions on how the issues could be addressed to provide a safe Rindge Avenue area for the community.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone opened Public Comment. Each speaker was given two minutes.

Renata Pomponi, 668 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA, Mass Audubon, shared comments in support of the different groups meeting together to create a better space for Jerry’s Pond.

Ann Stewart, 25-31 Wheeler Street, Cambridge, MA, offered comments and suggestions that were in favor of making the Rindge Avenue area more green.

Melissa Ludtke, 30 Buena Vista Park, Cambridge, MA, urged the City to create additional forums for residents and developers to come together to create a clear vision for the future of Jerry’s Pond.

John Doucet, 68 Jackson Street, Cambridge, MA, FOJP, asked the City for a more thorough design study process when making the decision on Jerry's Pond.

Diane Martin, 34 Madison Avenue, Cambridge, MA, offered comments that were in support for improvements to Jerry's Pond and Rindge Avenue.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone made a motion to extend the meeting to 7:45p.m.

Clerk of Committees Erwin called the roll.

Councillor McGovern – Absent

Vice Mayor Mallon – Absent

Councillor Nolan – Yes

Councillor Zondervan – Yes

Councillor Carlone – Yes

Yes – 3, No – 0, Absent – 2. Motion passed.

Public Comment continued.

David Bass, 23 Norris Street, Cambridge, MA, ASG, offered comments and suggestions that were in favor of transforming Jerry's Pond space into an area the community needs.

Ayesha M. Wilson, 15 Concord Avenue, Cambridge, MA, spoke on the importance of having a space that everyone can enjoy and looks forward to the possibilities of the vision for Jerry's Pond.

Amy Kipp, 111 Whittemore Avenue, Cambridge, MA, shared that they were in favor of the IQHQ plan for Jerry's Pond.

Eppa Rixey, 126 Harvey Street, Cambridge, MA, shared they supported the plan put forward from IQHQ and asked what the City can do to also benefit the space.

Suzanna Schell, 195 Harvey Street, Cambridge, MA, FOJP, shared that they were in favor of having more time for studies to be done to figure out what is the best way to create the space at Jerry's Pond.

James Williamson, 30 Churchill Avenue, Cambridge, MA, highlighted the importance of having community voices be heard in the decision of Jerry's Pond.

Benadette Manning, 356 Rindge Avenue, Cambridge, MA, FOJP, urged the Committee to vote to fund a design engineering study for the Rindge Avenue Greenway proposal.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone made a motion to close public comment.

Clerk of Committees Erwin called the roll.

Councillor McGovern – Absent

Vice Mayor Mallon – Absent

Councillor Nolan – Yes

Councillor Zondervan – No

Councillor Carlone – Yes

Yes – 2, No – 1, Absent – 2. Motion passed.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone made a motion to recess the meeting.

Clerk of Committees Erwin called the roll.

Councillor McGovern – Absent

Vice Mayor Mallon – Absent

Councillor Nolan – Yes

Councillor Zondervan – Yes

Councillor Carlone – Yes

Yes – 3, No – 0, Absent 2. Motion passed.

The Neighborhood Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, and Arts and Celebrations Committee went in to recess at 7:50p.m.

On Wednesday, December 13, 2023, the Cambridge City Council’s Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee that recessed on September 27, 2023, reconvened at 3:00p.m. by the Chair, Councillor Carlone. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 adopted by Massachusetts General Court and approved by the Governor, the City is authorized to use remote participation. This public meeting was hybrid, allowing participation in person, in the Sullivan Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA and by remote participation via zoom.

At the request of the Chair, Deputy City Clerk Crane called the roll.

Councillor Carlone – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Councillor McGovern – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Vice Mayor Mallon - Absent

Councillor Nolan – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Councillor Zondervan – Present/In Sullivan Chamber

Present – 4, Absent – 1. Quorum established.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone offered opening remarks and noted that the Call of the meeting was to continue the discussion from the recessed meeting on September 27, 2023, which was on the future treatment of Jerry’s Pond, specifically the Rindge Avenue edge as it effects the community. Also present at the meeting was Mayor Siddiqui, Deputy City Manager Owen O’Riordan, Assistant City Manager for CDD, Iram Farooq, Kevin Beuttell, Supervising Landscape Architect, City Council elect Ayesha Wilson, and Attorney Anthony Galluccio from Galluccio & Watson, representing IQHQ.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Eric Grunebaum from FOJP, who offered opening remarks (Attachment B). Eric Grunebaum introduced Ingeborg Hegemann, Wetland Scientist, who offered opening remarks (Attachment C) and gave a presentation titled “Jerry’s Pond Southern Bank at Rindge Ave”, which was provided in advance of the meeting and included in the Agenda Packet. After their presentation, Eric Grunbaum introduced Dr. Nathaniel Jones from Arup Engineering Firm, who also gave a presentation. The presentation, titled “Jerry’s Pond: Rindge Avenue Tree Canopy & Floodplain Restoration”, was provided in advance of the meeting and included in the Agenda Packet. After their presentations, both panelists were available to respond to questions and concerns brought forward by Committee members, City staff, and other panelists that were present.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Joel Nogie from ASG who shared that ASG has been very involved in the Jerry’s Pond site for many years as well as being involved in the discussions and improvements with Friends of Jerry’s Pond and IQHQ. Joel Nogie shared that ASG believes the best plan to work with moving forward is the one that has been proposed by IQHQ.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Kevin Beuttell who gave a presentation titled “Jerry’s Pond Rindge Ave”, which was provided in advance of the meeting and included in the Agenda

Packet. Kevin Beuttell and City staff were available for discussion after the presentation. Deputy City Manager O’Riordan noted that there is an enormous amount to be excited about because of what is being proposed by IQHQ on the site, noting that they have stepped forward and provided a commitment to maintain the land as well. The Deputy City Manager also highlighted the work that has been done by ASG and FOJP, sharing that without their work on the project would not be where it is today. Deputy City Manager O’Riordan shared that the City is supportive of the proposed plans from IQHQ and wishes them success moving forward with the Conservation Commission.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone made note of the very little open space that is in the City and highlighted the importance of creating more. Chair Carlone shared that he was happy with the plan proposed by IQHQ and the discussions that have taken place regarding Jerry’s Pond.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Pasaug Lham from FOJP who shared they are on the Board for Alewife Condominium. Pasaug Lham requested that IQHQ give the same consideration to Alewife Condominium owners as ASG and shared concerns about their proposed plans.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Mayor Siddiqui who acknowledged the many different perspectives from different groups relative to Jerry’s Pond. Mayor Siddiqui noted the importance of what a big project Jerry’s Pond is and shared that it should get all the attention and funding that it deserves. The Mayor also highlighted and thanked IQHQ for the outreach that was conducted. Mayor Siddiqui shared concerns about the challenges on Rindge Avenue and noted that changes do need to be made going forward. Anthony Galluccio was recognized and responded to Mayor Siddiqui regarding outreach and shared examples of what was done to reach residents and the feedback that was received. Chair Carlone provided suggestions on how to improve Rindge Avenue.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Councillor McGovern who had clarifying question regarding where the City property and IQHQ’s property meet in Jerry’s Pond and how that may affect City funding. Deputy City Manager responded and shared the property line is right up to the edge of the sidewalk, and reviewed the data that was collected by the City’s consultants and peer review team, noting that it is a low impact project being proposed by IQHQ. Eric Grunebaum provided additional comments, stressing the concerns that have been raised by FOJP. Councillor McGovern highlighted the importance of improving what is in front of them today regarding plans for Jerry’s Pond and being aware of funding and time, and that he would be in favor of the City helping with IQHQ costs when and if needed to help with improvements. Councillor McGovern had a clarifying question regarding Rindge Avenue and the Boardwalk, Anthony Galluccio and Chrissy Gabriel from IQHQ reviewed the proposed plans. Lewis Weitzman from FOJP stressed that if there is a possibility of a better plan it should be investigated.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Councillor Nolan who shared their support for IQHQ’s plan and the improvements that have been proposed, noting that it can continue to improve as it moves forward. Councillor Nolan asked how environmental and public health concerns will be addressed. A team member from IQHQ shared that the goal has always been to have a balance of access and protection of public health and the environment and shared how IQHQ plans to accomplish both. Councillor Nolan noted the importance of not putting containments into other communities while trying to keep ours safe. Mike Nakagawa from ASG shared results from a soil study that was conducted in the late 90’s. Councillor Nolan highlighted the importance of community feedback and needs as well as staying on a timeline that will

produce results in a quick manner, noting that improvements to Jerry's Pond are much needed and have been in discussion for many years. Anthony Galluccio stressed that IQHQ has made commitments to the community and the plan will continue to move forward while also continuing to receive feedback from residents.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized Councillor Zondervan who shared IQHQ does have a great plan and it is ok to want and ask for more, even while continuing to move forward with the plan. Councillor Zondervan shared that there is always room for improvement and more discussion, but the proposed plan from IQHQ should not be delayed. Councillor Zondervan stressed the importance of planting more trees and offered comments relative to the modification of the pond's edge.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone recognized City Council Elect Ayesha Wilson who noted the importance of addressing the conversation of Jerry's Pond with strong equity in mind and living up to Cambridge's reputation and building trust within the community. Aeysha Wilson shared that they appreciate the work done by IQHQ and believes there is more work that can be done because it is what the community deserves.

The Chair, Councillor Carlone offered closing remarks and shared he believes the IQHQ plan is good and offered suggestions on how to improve Rindge Avenue.

With no further business, Chair Carlone adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:00p.m.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Policy Order 2023 #172 adopted in City Council on October 2, 2023.

Attachment B – Opening remarks from Eric Grunebaum.

Attachment C – Opening remarks from Ingeborg Hegemann.

Attachment D – Sixteen written communications received by the City Clerk's Office.

Clerk's Note: The City of Cambridge/22 City View records every City Council meeting and every City Council Committee meeting. This is a permanent record. The video for these meetings can be viewed at:

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https://cambridgema.granicus.com/player/clip/582?view_id=1&redirect=true&h=27b1b9ad19cf0ce97c461548c93552f1

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https://cambridgema.granicus.com/player/clip/636?view_id=1&redirect=true&h=18ae28a867e23bf91b2328a210e66ac6

A communication transmitted from Yi-An Huang, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Lauren Reznick as a member of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a term of five years.

A communication was received from Eric Grunebaum from Friends of Jerry's Pond, transmitting a presentation relative to Jerry's Pond.

A communication was received from Eric Grunebaum from Friends of Jerry's Pond, transmitting a presentation regarding Rindge Avenue Public Realm at Jerry's Pond Waterfront.



City of Cambridge

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FIRST IN COUNCIL
October 2, 2023

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The Neighborhood and Long-Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee met on September 27, 2023, and by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present, approved a motion to recommend to the full City Council the appointment of Lauren Reznick to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council vote to approve the appointment of Lauren Reznick to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term.

In City Council October 2, 2023.
Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-
Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
Attest:- Diane P. LeBlanc, City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Diane P. LeBlanc,
City Clerk

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12/13/23 NTLP Part 2 – Eric Grunebaum, Friends of Jerry's Pond Comments

Introduction

- Thank you Chair Carlone, Councilors, Mayor Siddiqui, City staff, IQHQ and ASG for attending.
- I wanted to address a misunderstanding from the very end of the Sept 27th meeting when I was not able to correct the record about the uses we propose for what we're referring to as the "Rindge Ave. Community Greenway."
- To be very clear, there is no active recreation proposed in our initial schematic, nor have we ever proposed it.
- What we're proposing are safe and shaded ways to transit through the space: a sidewalk, a bike way, a nature path (preferably of pervious material) and plantings. This is why we're calling it a "Greenway."
- Almost all of what we propose is on new clean fill. That is earth, where trees and other vegetation can thrive.
- In fact in both proposals, the first 12-15' along Rindge Ave. is almost identical.
 - a) In ours it's some trees and a 10' two-way bike path.
 - b) In IQHQ's a 10' two-way, multi-use bike/ped path.
- There is no substantive difference. In both designs the space adjacent to Rindge Ave. where there is existing soil, is used for pathways and plantings, not for active recreation.
- And now I'd like to move on to two brief presentations:

Intro Ingeborg:

- Remembering that there was a question about wetlands at the very end of the Sept. 27 hearing, it made sense to bring in a wetland scientist for a brief description of different kinds of wetlands and to answer any questions.
 - Ingeborg Hegemann is a Professional Wetland Scientist and educator with experience in the Alewife area who will provide more background in her brief presentation.
- [Ingeborg Hegemann's presentation]

Intro Nathaniel Jones Arup engineering:

- We haven't had a chance to air the questions about heat and air pollution with Councilors.
- Chair Carlone has generously offered Dr. Nathaniel Jones of Arup engineering a few minutes to present the findings of their micro-climate study which was provided on a pro bono basis.
- We feel that climate resilience and health – specifically heat and air pollution – needs further discussion and study which was absent from the City's Design Review.
- Dr. Jones is a senior consultant at Arup, and is the author of over twenty journal and conference papers related to simulation of the built environment.

Corrections to City of Cambridge's Errors in Design Review

With all due respect, Deputy City Manager O'Riordan, you want us to trust the City and its House Doctor Consultants and say they're objective when:

- In the Design Review, you've overstated the cost by about 50% or \$7.2mm by tagging us with \$5mm to bury utilities along Rindge Ave. and not factoring in IQHQ's commitment in writing to contribute \$2.2mm for Rindge Ave. related scope in a letter to DPW on Sept. 7, 2021.
- Misidentified a heron rookery in the Design Review. We've spoken with two bird experts who agree the photo in the Design Review is not a rookery including Mass Audubon and Manomet. Herons haven't nested at Jerry's Pond since 2020.
- Taken our schematic design and critiqued it as if it's a final design rather than working together to refine and improve the design in order to save and add more trees while also stating in the Design Review that half the trees in that area of the pond are diseased or invasive.
- Mysteriously halved the truck traffic between versions of the Design Review and not explained to the public that trucks would exit directly onto Rt. 16 and 2 and not go through City streets.

And most importantly, the City has ignored important subjects in it's review such as:

- Climate resilience including heat and flooding risk and canopy expansion
- Health including safer bike/pedestrian pathways and air pollution from car exhaust
- And perhaps most importantly, equity in green space.

All subjects noted as priorities in many Cambridge reports.

How are we to trust the City and DPW at this point?

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Ingeborg Hegemann Comments: NLTP Meeting Dec. 13, 2023

Photo 1.

Hello, my name is Ingeborg Hegemann. I am a Professional Wetland Scientist with many years of experience in wetland ecology and wetland creation/restoration. I recently retired from an engineering firm and am now an adjunct professor at the University of MA/Lowell, where I had been teaching Wetland Ecology for the past 20 years. I currently teach environmental lab and engineering ethics and practice.

My experience with the Alewife Area is long. I was on the Board of the Mystic River Watershed Association with its founder, Herbert Meyer, when the organization was opposed to the "Interim Access Ramp" to the MBTA garage. I was fortunate to be on the consulting team for the restoration and redevelopment of the former ADL office park, including the small stormwater wetland pond on the site. I have been involved in floodplain restoration projects, including the Neponset River floodplain restoration at the new DCR Farnham-Connolly State Park in Canton, which was contaminated by PCBs.

I have been in touch with Eric Grunebaum of Friends of Jerry's Pond for several months, I have walked the site and learned about their and the many community members' goals for the partial restoration of Jerry's Pond. When I lived in Cambridge, the pond was partially hidden behind the old Music Complex recording studio in the Lehigh Metals building where it appears a basement/wetland remains to this day!

The history of the pond is a reflection of North Cambridge's history: from a marshy estuary with the Alewife Brook extending to Fresh Pond, to its industrial heyday creating bricks and employing a large diverse population. The remaining pond, excavated from marshy, clayey soils, is now a regulated wetland within the city's large Mystic River floodplain.

I have a few photos I'll present as I speak.

Photo 2.

There are opportunities to restore portions of the pond, and to create a more wildlife friendly and ecologically diverse community. Friends of Jerry's Pond has been fortunate in coordinating with IQHQ to come up with information on the pond and to debate creative ideas on restoration options. Enough data has been collected to actually have me thinking about permitting strategies and evaluating constructability options. To me, this is a unique opportunity for the city to help create both an ecologically diverse area that also reflects on the city's industrial history and make the fields an educational and local destination area, along with the proposed Audubon EcoCenter described to me by Eric Grunebaum, which can then serve as a gateway to the Alewife Reservation.

Photo 3 and 4.

With its variable water levels reflecting seasonal conditions (drought, flooding), the pond provides an opportunity to incorporate climate resiliency goals, including development of

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emergent marsh communities, floodplain wetlands, bank restoration with plants capable of withstanding variable water levels, and promoting flood storage capacity.

I understand there is concern that bank restoration and constructed wetlands “*may not be feasible due to unstable urban hydrology*” – meaning variable water levels. However, fluctuating water levels are expected along pond and river banks, as is flooding. This type of fluctuation, aka, the hydroperiod, defines the type of wetlands associated with a waterway. Ecological restoration includes an evaluation of appropriate plant species which can thrive in exactly these variable conditions.

As I shared by my quote for the first half of this committee meeting on Sept. 27th, *“Regarding wetlands at Jerry’s Pond: Floodplain species thrive in certain conditions, while wetland species grow in others. A study would select appropriate species and design shoreline profiles so habitat can thrive as water level varies.”*

Photo 5.

Further study could refine the ideas that have been raised to date and produce an ecologically sustainable outcome based on site conditions, community goals, and funding opportunities. There is a unique opportunity to improve habitat, climate resilience and aesthetic beauty along the shoreline of Jerry’s Pond which would not be possible if only constructed solutions such as boardwalks and decks are built on and suspended over the pond edges.

Photo 6.

Additional restoration opportunities exist around Jerry’s Pond, which could include the removal of old pavement around the pond and creating bank habitat by the Lehigh Metals basement. Removal of pavement is a well-documented opportunity to implement more sustainable conditions, allowing more and larger trees to grow around the pond, providing greater habitat, along with additional cooling and flood resilience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Erwin, Nicole

From: ann stewart <ahstewart@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 7:17 PM
To: City Council; City Clerk
Subject: Support for Rindge Avenue improvements

TO: Councilor Carlone, Chair, and Members of the Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public
 Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee

CC: council@cambridgema.gov clerk@cambridgema.gov

FROM: Ann Stewart, 25-31 Wheeler Street

DATE: September 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Greening up Rindge Avenue

The addition of Just-a-Start's affordable housing, IQHQ's massive project, and the coming improvements to Jefferson Park are all the evidence needed for the Council to order the immediate transformation of a commuter shortcut and outdated intersection.

If you dislike the plan suggested by the neighborhood, work with us to build protected sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian crossings. Install places to sit – if you're short of money, let's put out the word that donations will result in bench-naming, which is done elsewhere.

Rindge Avenue's existing trees are an embarrassment. I'd like DPW to plant a substantial, heat-resistant tree canopy and manage it.

Don't stop. Let's carry on the transformation past the MBTA bus turn-around and the empty swimming pool.

The train tracks and the parkway wall off too much of Alewife, so please green up Rindge Avenue and unite us.

Last, I would like DPW, Traffic and Parking, and CDD to convene a public meeting on the future of Rindge Avenue.

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Erwin, Nicole

From: Catherine Zusy <cathzusy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 4:00 PM
To: Dennis Carlone; Zondervan, Quinton; Alanna Mallon; McGovern, Marc; Nolan, Patricia
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Please reinstate the \$600 of ARPA funds to "turn the pit into a pond" at Jerry's Pond!

Neighborhood & Longterm Planning Comm.,

TONIGHT, please reinstate the \$600 of ARPA funds to "turn the pit into a pond" at Jerry's Pond!

This money was promised and is a good investment: planting 150-175 trees and creating a new ~3/4-acre green-space along Rindge Ave.

This project would dramatically enhance the lives of the residents of Fresh Pond Apartments and others in N. Cambridge, too!

Cathie Zusy
202 Hamilton St.
Cambridge, MA 02139

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Erwin, Nicole

From: Hannah Goodwin <hrgoodwin@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 12:30 PM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: City Council Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee September 27, 2023

Dear City Councilors,

Unfortunately I am unable to attend the meeting tonight as I am out of town on a family matter, so I would like to briefly share my thoughts via email.

I am in support of IQHQ's plan for the Jerry's Pit and the surrounding area, including the stretch along Rindge Ave, for several reasons:

- I believe this plan allows for access, enjoyment and use of the site, and has taken into consideration the work of Friends of Jerry's Pond, ASG, and other neighbors.
- The IQHQ plan eliminates substantially less mature trees than the alternate plan - a significant fact that I rarely hear discussed. Not only are we in a climate crisis, but it takes decades to replace lost tree canopy of mature trees. I think we should be using tree loss as a gauge throughout the city, but in particular in areas that are heat islands, and looking at adding to trees that are there rather than replacing them.
- The IQHQ plan has less disruption of soil and pond, significant given the history of the site. While there has been limited testing in the area around Jerry's, significantly more testing should be done before proposing any significant soil disruption. As a company, they give every indication that they both understand and respect the history of contamination of the larger site and the Activity and Use Limitation.
- A plan with less disruption also promotes the possibility of Jerry's Pit continuing as habitat for wildlife with less or no interruption.

I am also in support of a tunnel or overpass to connect Rindge to Danehy park, the Fresh pond shopping center and adjacent areas.

Thank you,
Hannah Goodwin

Clifton Street, Russell Field abutter

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Erwin, Nicole

From: Benadette Manning <benadettemanning@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 11:33 AM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Comments for Wednesday's meeting

Hello, Here are my comments for tonight's meeting. I am sorry I have to Zoom in after 7 pm tonight.

September 27, 2023

I am here to ask the City Council to cast their vote to fund a *Comprehensive Design & Engineering Study for the Rindge Greenway Proposal.*"

My name is Benadette Manning. I live at 356 Rindge Ave in North Cambridge across the street from Jerry's Pond. I moved to Rindge avenue in 2000, raised my 4 children, and my mother lived there for 15 years. I currently live there with my son. I am a member of Friends of Jerry's Pond Leadership Team.

I live in an area that is very population dense and diverse. Sadly, there are a number of unhealthy issues that we live with. These issues:

1. unhealthy air quality due to the high number of auto traffic driving through Rindge Ave., a narrow road on the way to Route 2 and Route 16, It's basically an on-ramp!
2. lack of trees,
3. lack of off-road bike lanes
4. lack of a park and proper walk way where people can walk and enjoy nature.

The plan that we are proposing will not only enhance the living experience of the over 8,000 people living in the Rindge Ave area but will directly speak to the effects of climate change that every human on this planet fears. We, residents, and the City of Cambridge know that **WE HAVE** to respond to the devastating effects of climate change immediately. IQHQ suggests around 15 trees that will basically be like potted plants on the steep embankment and our plan asks for about 10 times as many – 150 to 175 trees. *Note that ONE tree sequesters 22 lbs of CO2 annually, and helps*

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clean pollution from the air we breathe it provides shade, cooling for people who live here and a place for living creatures.

If we do not aggressively respond, it is unthinkable of what our children and grand children will have to endure.

Why are we fighting over funding, talking about it so much and doing so little? Seems to me that we don't have a choice!

We ALL KNOW WHAT THE RIGHT THING is TO DO AND THAT WE NEED TO DO THE MOST THAT WE CAN right away.

As a long time resident of North Cambridge and Rindge AVE, I am asking the City Council to VOTE for a *Comprehensive Design & Engineering Study for the Rindge Greenway Proposal.*"

1:51 minutes.

Benadette Manning.M.ED.

Erwin, Nicole

From: Elizabeth Bartle <elizabethdbartle@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 10:41 AM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Please Support funding for the Rindge Greenway Proposal.

Dear City Council

We live on Avon Hill, adjacent to the Rindge neighborhood where we often walk and bike. It is in dire need of a redesign that will greatly improve the lives and quality of life of so many in Cambridge.

We strongly support funding for a *Comprehensive Design & Engineering Study for the Rindge Greenway Proposal*. It absolutely should include public participation and does not take anything away from the track crossing study which is also needed. Please vote in favor of this proposal

Thank you,

Elizabeth Bartle and David Boghossian
45 Bellevue Avenue
Cambridge

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Erwin, Nicole

From: Vicki Paret <vickiparet@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 10:12 AM
To: City Council; City Clerk
Subject: The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Meeting Re: Jerry's Pond

As a long time resident of North Cambridge, and a board member for Alewife Neighbors Inc., I am weighing in on the issue regarding the future treatment of Jerry's Pond. The plan proposed by IQHQ is preferable to the extensive construction activities proposed by Friends of Jerry's Pond (FOJP).

In 2021, Matt Schweisberg of Wetland Strategies and Solutions, LLC, made an assessment of proposed plans for Jerry's Pond. Based upon his over 40 years of experience, he wrote "every action will result in a trade-off between benefits for humans and benefits for wildlife." And "the more it gets "messed with," the longer it will take to recover, and the greater the risk that it might never recover." This weighs heavily for me in favor of the more modest IQHQ improvements to Jerry's Pond.

The Kleinfelder and Hatch (KLF/Hatch) comparison of the IQHQ and Friends of Jerry's Pond (FOJP) plans identified notable concerns for the FOJP plan. Among them are:

- removal of 72 large trees - a caliper loss of 909 inches (a significant loss even given the proposal to plant up to 175 new trees);
- the removal of the southernmost heron nesting trees (given a new heron rookery may or may not be an effective new nesting habitat); and
- disturbance of the soils for an expanded shoreline along Rindge Avenue is not consistent with the Activity and Use Limitation (AUL) designation.

In this light, it seems to me that IQHQ's plans better reflect what is best for the area than the more extensive actions proposed by Friends of Jerry's Pond. Supporting IQHQ's plan, along with urging them to incorporate the project enhancements included in the KLG/Hatch review, appears to be the way to go.

Vicki Paret
 122 Montgomery Street
 Cambridge, MA 02140

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Erwin, Nicole

From: Brad Winn <bwinn@manomet.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 7:10 PM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk; jerryspond@gmail.com
Subject: Opportunity at Jerry's Pond

Dear Cambridge City Council:

I am a life-long conservation professional, currently the Vice President of Resilient Habitats at Manomet, a Plymouth Massachusetts-based, 50-year-old, non-profit, conservation organization working internationally on improving conditions for birds throughout their full migration cycles. As a personal aside, I grew up in Cambridge, but have not been a resident since the early 1980's.

Three years ago, I walked the Jerry's Pond site and found the proposal to reshape and restore the pond from its degraded state to be compelling, with an opportunity to both improve habitat, and as an accessible asset for the local community to engage with nature. The site, with diversifying micro habitats in mind, could be transformed to support a much wider variety of plant and animal species for the enjoyment of the neighborhood.

I've learned that the City of Cambridge produced a Design Review which described a photo from January of this year as "*Herons Nesting in Trees*" and critiques the proposal made by Friends of Jerry's Pond as having "*Impacts to Existing Great Blue Heron Roosting Areas*." What is described as herons nesting and existing roosting areas, is actually not that. The photo shows a daytime winter resting site. Wading birds, including GBH's select sites to "hangout." Some of these sites are different from where they spend the night, and usually have to do with thermo-regulating, i.e. sun exposure and shelter from the wind. Rookeries for GBH's are commonly in very tall trees sitting in or at the edge of large bodies of water rather than what is depicted in the photo. While daytime roosting is an important part of the birds' routine, it is not as significant as a nesting rookery.

GBHs are arguably the widest ranging and most abundant wading bird in North America. That said, with careful planning, the site could be improved for GBHs and other wading birds such as Black-crowned Night Herons throughout the year. The bigger issue in my opinion is to focus considerations on improving the pond's degraded status, diversifying the habitat, and then create the avenue to give local Cambridge residents access to a rare urban nature setting. GBHs will benefit from improved conditions and ecological diversity on location both in the short and long term. I think the focus on the herons who periodically nest at this location risks derailing the opportunity that exists to:

1. create a "richer" nature landscape with abundant wildlife,
2. that will lead to an improved aesthetic to be enjoyed by the surrounding community.

The site could quickly become an outdoor classroom for nature engagement. This far surpasses the site's value to any notions of broader conservation importance.

I understand that the Friends of Jerry's Pond are seeking a Comprehensive Design & Engineering study of this important site and I am glad to speak to anyone about the possibilities for improving habitat conditions.

Thank you,

Brad

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Brad Winn
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Erwin, Nicole

From: Benadette Manning <benadettemanning@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 2:24 PM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: jerryspond@gamil.com

Hello,

My name is Benadette Manning. I have lived in the Jerry's Pond area for the last 23 years. I have a lot to say about putting more trees in the area and expanding the bike lanes as well.

I could say a lot but mostly I want to say that climate change issues are real and the world needs to do everything it possibly can to hold it at bay. Cambridge could be in the forefront of this issue but sadly there are more promises than action. Please agree to fund the study for the

Comprehensive Design & Engineering Study for the Rindge Greenway Proposal.

Thank you for reading.

BM

Benadette Manning.M.ED.

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Erwin, Nicole

From: Adam de Sola Pool <pool@eip.com.pl>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 12:04 PM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: I support Funding for Jerry's Pond

Dear Council,

As a Cambridge Resident I support funding for Jerry's Pond. It is a needed green space in a neglected segment of Cambridge. The Team behind the Jerry's Pond initiative is superb and should be supported for the benefit of all Cambridge residents.

The neglect of this large pond for many years is a symbol of the lack of attention to this geography of Cambridge – lets try and restore it and the neighborhood to a grandeur that it once had.

Elections are right around the corner is this not a Vote Getter to a large number of constituents? Think about your jobs at the same time that you are thinking about the benefits for Cambridge for the future. It could be a winning combination. How you act and how you vote on this matter is being watched by many members of the Cambridge populace.

Sincerely,

Adam de Sola Pool

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Erwin, Nicole

From: Lois Markham <loisamarkham@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 11:39 AM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk; City Manager
Subject: Support for Jerry's Pond Study

Dear City Councillors.

I live at 316 Rindge Avenue, very near Jerry's Pond.

I am writing to voice my support for the Comprehensive Design & Engineering Study for the Rindge Greenway Proposal.

The city has an incredible opportunity to create a much-needed green space in one of the densest environmental justice neighborhoods in Cambridge. Please don't let this opportunity slip by.

Thank you,

Lois Markham
316 Rindge Avenue, Unit 10
Cambridge 02140

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Erwin, Nicole

From: Joan Krizack <jkrizack@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 11:31 AM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Jerry's Pond

Dear Councilors:

I am writing to express my support for funding a *Comprehensive Design & Engineering Study for the Rindge Greenway Proposal*. The study should include public participation and does not take anything away from the track crossing study which is also needed. Please restore this funding. It is an opportunity to increase tree canopy and create a park in an underserved area of Cambridge: it is a matter of environmental justice.

Sincerely,

Joan D. Krizack
79 Pemberton St.

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Erwin, Nicole

From: Constance Devanthery-Lewis <constance.devantherylewis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 10:46 AM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk; jerryspond@gmail.com
Subject: Jerry's Pond greenway project

Dear City Council members,

I am writing in support of the project to create a greenway on Rindge Ave. at Jerry's Pond. My family and I have lived on Dudley Street for 33 years and have watched the neighborhood develop and thrive. The area around Rindge and Jerry's Pond is the exception. We urgently need to provide green space for both the people and the wildlife who have coexisted in the neighborhood for years. The IQHQ Proposal is inadequate. We urge you to refund the proposal set forth by Friends of Jerry's Pond, a grassroots effort that I strongly support. Let's create a green space worthy of our citizens and our city.

Thank you,

Constance Devanthery-Lewis
Jean Devanthery
143 Dudley St.

Sent from my iPhone

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Erwin, Nicole

From: Candace Young <thegroundup@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 10:17 AM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Jerry's Pond
Attachments: favicon.ico; Tree Equity Score National Explorer.pdf

To the City Council,

I am writing in hopes that you will support the efforts of Friends of Jerry's Pond (FOJP) and will vote to restore funding that was awarded to FOJP more than a year ago to investigate the proposal for a Rindge Avenue Community Greenway.

In an effort to stay true to the Open Space Plan as well as the Urban Forest Master Plan, every effort should be made to make the future restoration of Jerry's Pond accessible to its neighbors.

Action items from the Open Space Plan are all applicable to this project and are listed in the plan as follows:

- *Areas we can focus on to improve park access*
- *Capital projects and park improvements*
- *Ways to better connect to parks*
- *Programs to improve how we use parks*

It goes on further to say:

"There are limited opportunities to create new parks and open spaces, but there are ways to work with others to create new parks. This can include working with developers when they are coming forward with projects."

And a final action item:

"Finally, we can also look at land we already own and how we can use it better."

I believe the FOJP's plan checks all the boxes on the action items stated above.

Further the open space plan makes reference to the Urban Forest Master Plan in an action item that states *"Focus on planting more trees in low-canopy neighborhoods."*

Lastly when you look at the Rindge Avenue tree equity score, it receives one of the lowest scores:

Tree Equity Score National Explorer
treeequityscore.org

I sincerely hope you will vote to restore this funding so we can start fulfilling the requirements and action it's of the Open Space and Urban Forest Master Plans.

Respectfully,
 Candace Young
 15 1/2 Shepard Street

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National Explorer

TREE EQUITY SCORE
Locality Report

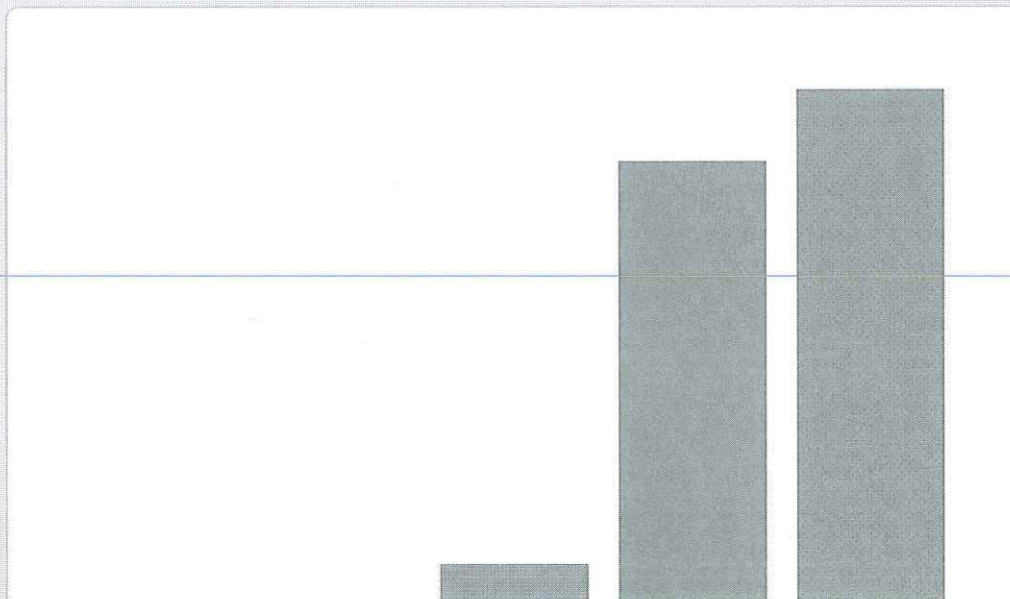
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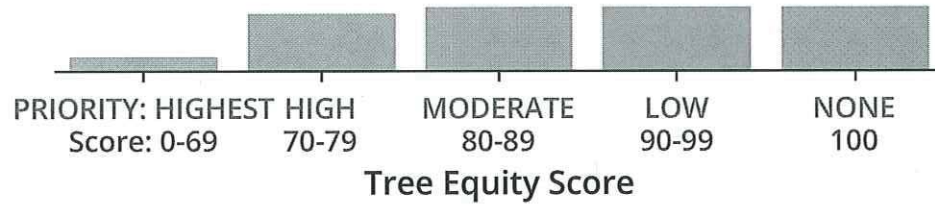
Locality Score: 93

Summary of Cambridge's urban areas

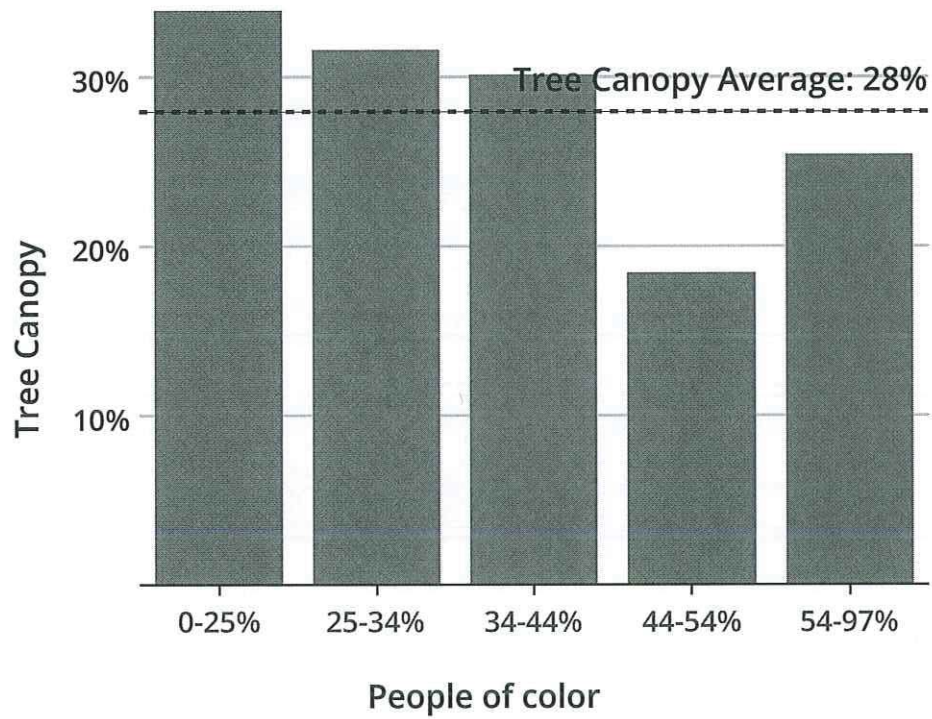
Population	118,403	Children (0-17) and seniors (65+)	23%
People of color	42%	Linguistic isolation	4%
People in poverty	22%	Unemployment rate	4%

Distribution of Tree Equity Scores





Tree canopy vs. People of color ?



Get all block groups to a Tree Equity Score of 75

3 of 87 have a Tree Equity Score below 75

288 trees will be needed to get all block groups to a score of **75**. See the significant benefits to the community this will create. ?

Total canopy added ?

0.1%

Annual ecosystem service value ?

\$2,425.84

Jobs supported ?

2

CARBON

Carbon sequestered

4,503.0

tons ?

Carbon sequestered equal to:

880

gas-powered cars offset ?

Carbon sequestered equal to:

WATER

Stormwater runoff prevented

65,000

gallons ?

Stormwater runoff equal to:

3

standard swimming pools ?

Rainfall intercepted

514

homes' energy use offset



281,000

gallons

**AIR****Pm2.5 pollution removed**

9.8

lbs

**Nitrogen dioxide removed**

64.1

lbs

**Pm2.5 pollution equal to:**

5

gas-powered cars offset

**Sulfur dioxide removed**

13.2

lbs

**Pm10* pollution removed**

22.4

lbs

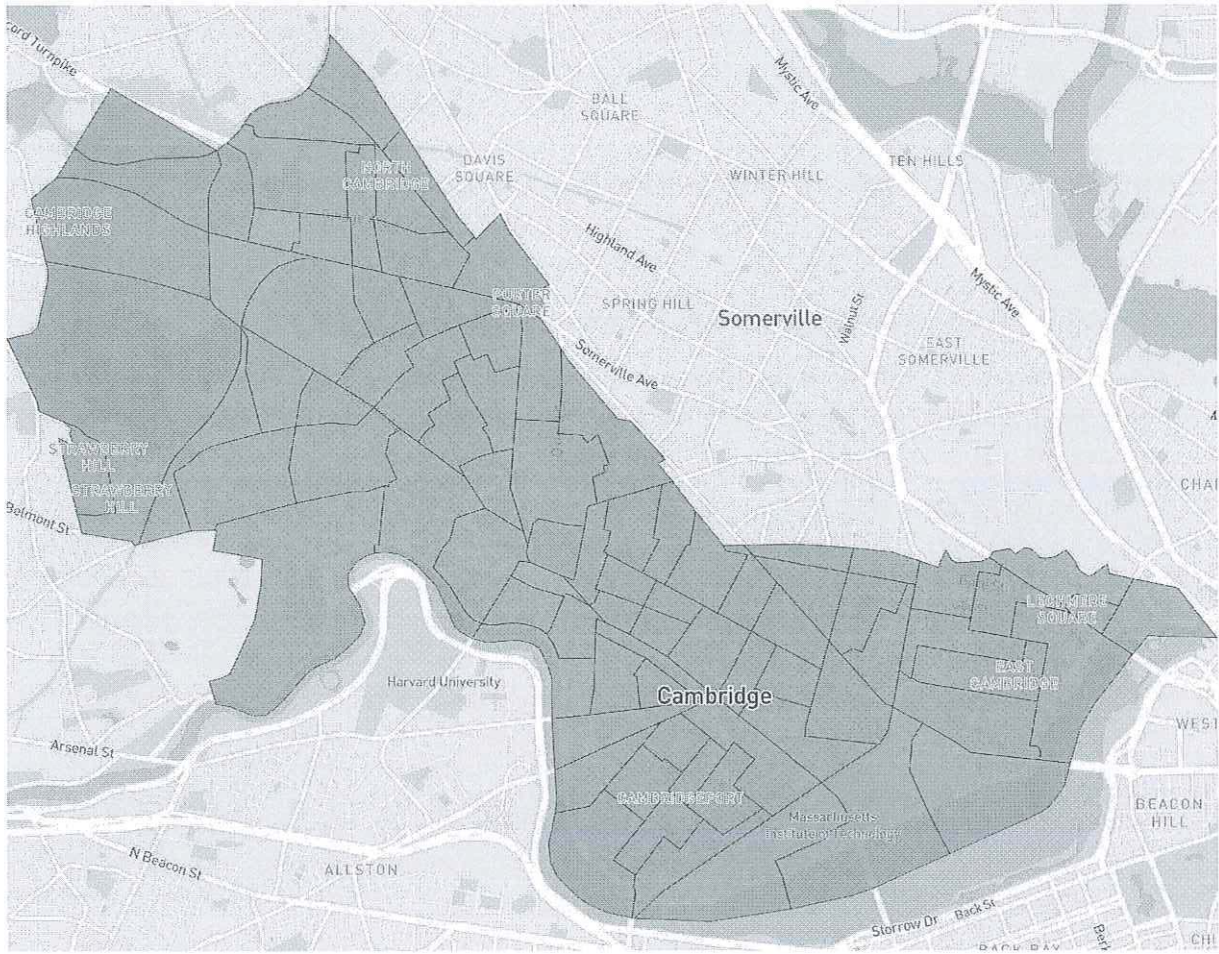
**Ozone removed**

182.0

lbs



Cambridge, MA Tree Equity Score Map



Erwin, Nicole

From: Virginia Foote <gfoote28@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 9:11 AM
To: City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: Please restore funding for Jerry's Pond (FOJP)

Dear Cambridge City Council Members:

I am a resident of Cambridge and support funding for a *Comprehensive Design & Engineering Study for the Rindge Greenway Proposal*. The study should include public participation and does not take anything away from the track crossing study which is also needed.

Please vote to restore funding that was awarded to *FOJP* more than a year ago to investigate the proposal for a *Rindge Ave. Community Greenway* (pictured at bottom). This could create a new half- to one-acre park on *Rindge Ave*. I understand that the funds were rescinded by the City Administration in April.

This EJ community with low tree canopy and terrible sidewalks and no bike lanes along Rindge Ave deserves more from the City.

Sincerely,

Virginia Foote
(617) 480-3607 m

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Erwin, Nicole

From: Judy Silvan <judysilvan@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 11:09 PM
To: City Council; City Clerk; Friends Pond
Subject: Please support MORE for jerry's pond & Rindge Greenway

I'm writing to ask Cambridge officials to support funding for increased beauty in the form of a walkway, for the entire area near Jerry's Pond, Jefferson Park, the proposed Rindge Greenway—and connecting to Alewife Reservation.

This part of town sorely needs a *Comprehensive Design & Engineering Study for the Rindge Greenway Proposal*. The study should include public participation and certainly does not take anything away from the track crossing study which is also needed. This is so important!

The trees that were taken from Jefferson Park for further building and renovation was a travesty; more beauty and protection from crime and climate change is needed—**not less** tree canopy, nor less green land, nor less parkland, beauty and recreational space. More of all that needs to be carefully planned to create abundant beauty, recreational paths and practical walkways. Large trees need to be planted and grown to maturity along the roadway and all over this area—to replace the recently bulldozed and lost canopy. This would be an amazing development for our city.

Warm wishes,
 Judy Silvan
 Reed Street Ct

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 AEDP Certified, Supervisor & Therapist
 Teaching & Consultation, Harvard Medical School, Psychiatry
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 617-596-1403
 she/her

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Erwin, Nicole

From: Mcnamara Buck <buck.rome@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2023 4:33 PM
To: City Council; City Clerk
Subject: Jerry's Pond

My name is Macky Buck and I live at 18 Gold Star Road. I have been involved with Friends of Jerry's Pond for years and have been part of those meeting with IQHQ about the implementation of their project.

At this point we need and are asking for grant money in order to have a truly public, comprehensive, design and engineering process. We have to have a strong look at the ways in which we can make Rindge Ave a cooler, more beautiful place for people to walk as well as rest. I think of it as a park that can be built without the city having to acquire land.

We have an opportunity to plant what begins to approach an ecosystem. A variety of native trees and shrubs in healthy soil will have roots that can create the vital underground network of roots to create and support healthy soil. This healthy soil stores carbon, and water which supports life in both drought and flood.

Please consider funding a study of this project. We need to see what can happen in that spot that supports life, and decreases the addition of more concrete and steel that will shade the pond life, and not add anything to restore life in that area.

Thank you

Macky Buck
 18 Gold Star Road
 Cambridge MA

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A communication was received from Eric Grunebaum from Friends of Jerry's Pond, transmitting a document on Rindge Avenue Improvements at Jerry's Pond.

A communication was received from Danny Frias, Assistant Project Manager for IQHQ, transmitting a presentation relative to Jerry's Pond Process.

A communication was received from Kevin Beuttell, Supervising Landscape Architect, transmitting a presentation regarding Jerry's Pond Peer Review.