



City of Cambridge

Executive Department

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City Manager

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To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am writing to recommend the appointment of 14 individuals to the Combined Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Management Advisory Committee (CSO Advisory Committee) for a term of five years, effective June 8, 2026.

The creation of a CSO-related public body has been in discussion for some time and was contemplated in Policy Order 2025, #136. In December, the Department of Public Works committed to forming this advisory committee to expand community input on its ongoing work to reduce combined sewer overflows and improve stormwater quality. While the committee's first year will focus on finalizing the Updated CSO Control Plan, its work will be ongoing – providing key stakeholder engagement on capital improvements specific to the City's wastewater and stormwater systems. This will be the initial round of appointments to the CSO Advisory Committee. Committee members will include representatives from stakeholder groups, technical experts, and residents with a diverse range of backgrounds and knowledge.

The City Manager's Office advertised for applicants between February 19 and March 23, 2026 in the City's daily digest emails and through the City website. The Department of Public Works also conducted targeted outreach to key stakeholder groups, requesting representatives. There were 16 applications for membership. Seven applicants were stakeholder group representatives, and one of those applicants withdrew in support of their colleague from the same organization (Green Cambridge). The other nine applicants were invited to interview, and eight completed interviews with a panel of staff from Public Works' Engineering Division.

Based on the outreach and interviews, DPW staff supporting the committee recommends 14 members for appointment:

- Six (6) are representatives of local and regional stakeholder groups or organizations that have been involved and engaged in stormwater management and CSO control plan work for years.



- Eight (8) are Cambridge residents with desirable experience, interest, and understanding of the work.

Andrew Hrycyna (Mystic River Watershed Association - MyRWA)

Andrew Hrycyna is a watershed scientist with twelve years of experience managing water quality programs at the Mystic River Watershed Association. He has conducted extensive field work on dissolved oxygen, phosphorus, and chloride levels in Alewife Brook, contributed to EPA studies, and managed a state-funded feasibility study on dredging the brook. Andrew is a longtime Cambridge resident with a master's degree in Environmental Management and Sustainability, and he brings deep technical and historical understanding of stormwater and sewer infrastructure challenges.

Julie Wood (Charles River Watershed Association - CRWA)

Julie Wood is the Climate Resilience Director at the Charles River Watershed Association, where she has worked since 2006. Julie has participated extensively in the Long Term Control Plan process from its earliest stages, bringing a degree in environmental science and deep expertise in watershed issues, community engagement, and Charles River resilience planning.

Eppa Rixey (Save the Alewife Brook)

Eppa Rixey is a North Cambridge resident and business school professor who has been deeply involved in Alewife and North Cambridge environmental issues since 2021 through his work with the Alewife Study Group, Green Cambridge, and Save the Alewife Brook. Eppa regularly participates in public meetings and hearings related to CSO planning efforts while also engaging in ecological gardening and urban biodiversity restoration.

Laura Tenny (MIT)

Laura Tenny is a licensed landscape architect and Senior Campus Planner at MIT with 15 years of experience in sustainable stormwater management, green infrastructure design, campus resiliency planning, and institutional project management, as well as previous service on Cambridge's Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force.

Sarah Adkins (Green Cambridge)

Sarah Adkins is the Executive Director of Green Cambridge with a background in food systems, sustainability, botany, invasive species management, community engagement, and environmental advocacy. She has also participated in regional coalitions focused on sewage pollution while leading stewardship and public education initiatives in the Alewife Reservation.

Kathryn Hess (Cambridge Conservation Commission)

Kathryn Hess is a commissioner on Cambridge's Conservation Commission. She has been with the U.S. EPA Office of the Inspector General for over 20 years, working to make EPA programs efficient and effective. Prior, she was a research hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, conducting field- and simulation-based studies of the transport of contaminants under various

hydrologic conditions. She has been a Cambridge resident for 34 years.

Brendan Hickey

Brendan Hickey is a West Cambridge resident and a senior software engineer with academic training in computational biology and computer science from Brown University. Brendan's professional background includes roles at Brigham and Women's Hospital, YouDevs in London, and Google, and a publication record in genetics and immunology, complemented by practical construction and Habitat for Humanity experience.

Collin Fedor

Collin Fedor is a North Cambridge resident and Deputy Chief of Staff at MassHealth with more than a decade of public service experience. Collin has focused on strategic stakeholder engagement, outreach, and communications, supported by academic preparation in political science and environmental studies and previous environmental work involving EPA Region 1 CSO issues and MS4 regulations.

Derek Etkin

Derek Etkin is a North Cambridge resident and a licensed civil engineer with a master's degree in civil and environmental engineering from Tufts University and 22 years of experience in hydrologic and hydraulic modeling. Derek has extensive experience working on flood hazard assessment and mitigation design at CDM Smith, including work with the Cambridge Water Department, and he has lived in Cambridge since 2009.

Devon Kinkead

Devon Kinkead is a serial hardware and software technology entrepreneur based in East Cambridge who is deeply committed to environmental quality and outdoor stewardship and brings leadership, management experience, and strong interest in advancing efforts to improve the health of local waterways.

Dorothy Thompson

Dorothy Thompson is a Mid-Cambridge resident and environmental engineer with expertise in hydrology. She is a member of the New England Water Environment Association Young Professional committee.

Jennifer Wade

Jennifer Wade is a Bellis Circle resident and college professor who became significantly engaged in CSO issues after learning of a proposed CSO storage tank near her home, attending public meetings, communicating with city leadership, and drawing on her background as a biologist to understand public health impacts and technical documentation while advocating for robust community engagement and an effective citywide CSO control plan.

Steven Koller

Steven Koller is a Neighborhood Nine resident with expertise in flood risk management, built environment vulnerability analysis, public policy, economic modeling, and water quality

assessment, with a strong interest in expanding his community engagement.

Thomas Goreau

Thomas Goreau is a Riverside area resident, an environmental scientist and President of the Global Coral Reef Alliance with decades of international experience advising governments on climate adaptation, water pollution, and coastal ecosystem restoration, along with degrees from MIT, Caltech, and Harvard. As a Cambridge resident since the 1960s he brings extensive historical understanding of the city's longstanding CSO issues and the impacts of development, rising groundwater, and climate-driven rainfall on watershed conditions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yi-An Huang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Yi-An Huang
City Manager