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Attachments: ECPT Letter to City Council - Poorman's Landing.pdf; Saving Poormans Landing Presentation.pdf; charles_plan_2011 (1).pdf

From: Charles Hinds [mailto:chuckhinds@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 07, 2018 10:47 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@CambridgeMA.GOV>
Cc: Clerk <clerk@cambridgema.gov>; Ed Fleck <ecfleck62@gmail.com>
Subject: ECPT Letter to City Council regarding Poorman's Landing

Dear Councilors,

Please find a communication from the East Cambridge Planning Team to the City Council in support of Poorman's Landing. Also find letter attachments: the presentation, "Saving Poorman's Landing" prepared by Friends of Poorman's Landing in 2018 and the report, "Cambridge Riverfront Plan: Reconnecting People to the Water" prepared by Cambridge Community development in 2011.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,
Chuck Hinds
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April 7, 2018

Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue, 2nd Floor
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: Poorman's Landing

Dear Mayor Marc C. McGovern; Vice Mayor Jan Devereux; Councillors Dennis J. Carlone, Craig A. Kelley, Alanna M. Mallon, Sumbul Siddiqui, E. Denise Simmons, Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Quinton Y. Zondervan

On March 28th, 2018, a proposal to restore and enhance the dock known as Poorman's Landing was presented to the East Cambridge Planning Team (ECPT) by Edward Fleck of Friends of Poorman's Landing.

The presentation detailed the following information about the dock:

- Located on the East Cambridge side of the Charles River
- Owned and Managed by DCR
- Used by residents, office workers, visitors, boaters accessing adjacent moorings, and First-responders (police, fire, medical) for emergencies and special events
- Currently in poor condition including broken and missing decking, frame and pilings showing decay, rub rails missing or failing, and cleats missing and broken
- Not compliant with the American with Disabilities Act

The ECPT voted unanimously to support the Friends proposal for the following reasons:

- The dock is an essential resource for Cambridge Police and Fire Departments
- It is a valuable East Cambridge waterfront asset used by the community for over 100 years
- The resource is currently a health and safety threat to dock users
- It is not accessible to the disabled

Since the vote, ECPT has found a report published in 2011 by Cambridge Community Development (CCD) titled "Cambridge Riverfront Plan: Reconnecting People to the Water" in which waterfront resources were analyzed. In the report, Poorman's Landing was singled out for investment to improve waterfront access.

In conclusion, we support the rehabilitation of the Poorman's Landing dock. We have asked the Department of Conservation (DCR) to approve any and all matching fund applications made to the Poorman's Landing project. We ask the City Council to direct CDD to work in partnership with DCR to investigate funding strategies and to explore ways to enhance the integration of Poorman's Landing with Front Park.

Sincerely,



Charles T. Hinds
President, ECPT

Attachments: Saving Poorman's Landing; Cambridge Riverfront Plan: Reconnecting People to the Water
cc: Jennifer Norwood, DCR Director of the External Affairs and Partnerships

Saving Poorman's Landing



A PROPOSAL TO RESTORE & ENHANCE A CRITICAL RIVERFRONT RESOURCE

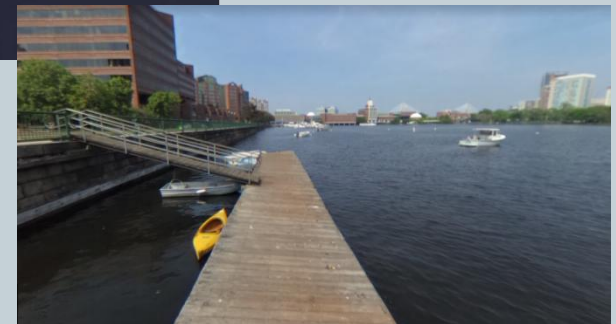
January 2018

*Edward Fleck, Founder
Friends of Poorman's Landing*

What & Where is Poorman's Landing?



- **Poorman's Landing is a small fixed dock located on the Cambridge side of the Charles River, on Cambridge Parkway at Front Park (aka Charles Park).**
- The dock is owned and managed by the Commonwealth of **Massachusetts' Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR).**



Who Uses Poorman's Landing?

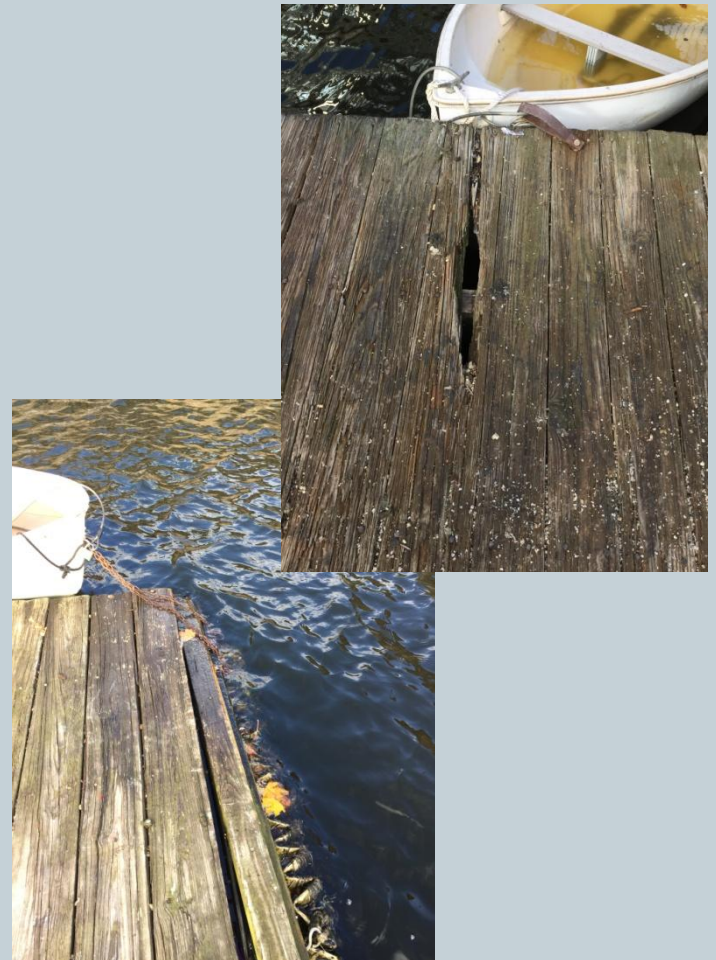


- Local residents, office workers, and visitors seeking access to the riverfront
- Transient watercraft (boats, kayaks, paddleboards, etc.) seeking access and temporary dockage
- Boaters seeking access to the adjacent DCR-managed moorings
- First-responders (police, fire, medical) seeking river access for emergencies and special events

Current Conditions



- The dock is currently in poor condition and shows signs of continued deterioration
- Decking is broken or missing, creating walking hazards
- Dock frame and/or pilings showing signs of decay, with outer corners drooping
- Rub rails (surplus fire hose!) is missing or failing
- Many cleats are missing or broken
- Pedestrian access ramp is steep, narrow, and most definitely not ADA compliant



Our Goals



- Eliminate threats to user health & safety
- Provide ADA-compliant access for all users
- Improve access for first responders
- **Enhance DCR's** stewardship of an existing asset



Funding Strategy



- Apply for DCR Partnership Matching Funds (2:1 or 1:1 match)
- Leverage mitigation funds from Cambridge / East Cambridge development projects
- Leverage funds intended to make public amenities ADA-compliant
- Secure budget earmarks via legislative action on Beacon Hill
- Raise funds from stakeholder groups and individuals (boaters, abutters, open space & and riverfront advocates, etc.)

Proposed Approach



- The ***Friends of Poorman's Landing*** seek to work with DCR, other partners, and community stakeholders on the design & construction of a replacement dock that will provide ADA-compliant access to the riverfront for all.
- The ***Friends*** intend to advocate for the project, pursue funding from both public & private sources, and provide input to the requirements, design, and construction of the new dock.
- ***Key Milestones:***
 - Feasibility Study, including Survey of Current Conditions
 - Requirements & Design
 - Construction
- Programming Requirements and a Project Schedule have not yet been defined

How You Can Help



- Please join the *Friends of Poorman's Landing* by sending a tax-deductible contribution to:

The Friends of Poorman's Landing
c/o Hill House, Inc.
127 Mt Vernon St
Boston MA, 02108

- Hill House, Inc, a registered 501c3 organization, has graciously agreed to serve as fiscal agent for the *Friends of Poorman's Landing*.
- For further information, to volunteer , or to arrange an in-kind donation, please contact :

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