



Department of Conservation and Recreation

PROPOSED HAMMOND POND ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS DCR PUBLIC MEETING – MARCH 10, 2011

PUBLIC DISCUSSION RESPONSE FORM

How often do you visit Hammond Pond Reservation? *hardly ever*

How do you get to the Reservation? *by over r.r. tracks near Houghton Garden*

How long is your typical visit? *1 hr.*

What kind of activities do you enjoy while in the Reservation? *- walking dog*

Do you use the pond as part of your visit to the Reservation? *not really - can't walk easily around pond - drug dealers hanging out*

What do you value most about Hammond Pond Reservation? *it's there*

What is most worth preserving or promoting (for example, aesthetic qualities, habitat values, recreational values)? *all three - love canoes or kayak in pond*

What areas of the Reservation should remain in their natural state?
area closest to houses + Houghton Garden

What actions could improve the ecological health of the pond? (Up to three actions.)

strain the pond

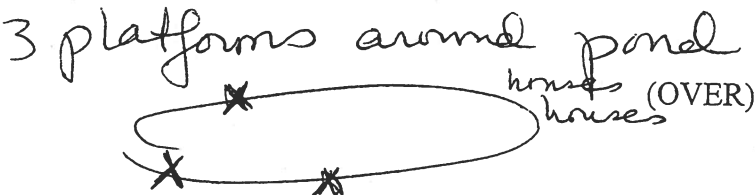
What actions could improve the recreational value of the pond? (Up to three actions.)

canoes encouraged

make path with wood chips around 3/4 pond

What actions could improve the ecological health of the parkland? (Up to three actions.)

What actions could improve the recreational value of the parkland? (Up to three actions.)



What short term objectives would you recommend DCR address?

What long-term objectives would you recommend DCR address?

Keep it clean / stock with fish

↓ clearing out pond
walkway 3/4 way across pond

If a dock or a walkway were to be installed where would you like it to be located?

to left on west

How would you use this dock or walkway?

meditate relax
look at turtles, fish with



What types of dock or walkway materials would be appropriate in Hammond Pond Reservation?

[parking]

Have you visited the DCR Charles River walkways in Newton/Waltham?

no -

grandchildren

If you answered yes, what did you like and dislike about them?

Is there anything else about the Hammond Pond Reservation or this proposal that you would like to say?

This area has been a mess for 38 yrs. —
ever since I moved here to Newton. Please
help to make it attractive + welcoming
to the public

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March 16, 2011

Dear Sir or Madam:

As members of the Chestnut Hill Association (CHA), we appreciate your care of Hammond Pond and the Webster Conservation Area. We also greatly appreciate the interest of the Rudyak family in improving Hammond Pond and increasing opportunities for the public to enjoy these resources as a memorial to their son.

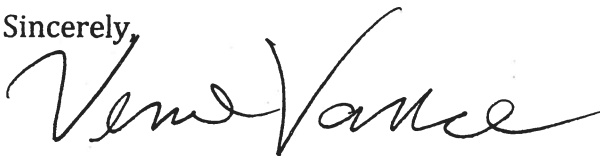
Hammond Pond and the adjacent conservation area are especially valuable to our community because they provide a peaceful oasis just a few feet away from the hustle and bustle of shops and a major commuter route. In addition, access to rock climbing, hiking and lovely views make this area truly a gem to be treasured and maintained. These attributes, however, are also a source of concern for neighborhood residents as runoff from nearby roadways and parking lots threaten the health of the pond and as people leave trash behind after enjoying the area.

As a result, CHA believes that any future projects involving Hammond Pond and the Webster Conservation Area should first seek to restore and ensure the health of the pond for future generations. We do not want to see it become increasingly polluted or filled with silt. This particularly refers to the south side of the pond, which borders the parking lots.

Second, CHA also requests that any construction project on or surrounding the pond be limited in scope and size in order to maintain the prized tranquility of Hammond Pond. While a platform that allows a small number of people to enjoy wider views would be much appreciated by many, a large project that disturbs the quiet beauty of the area would instead take away much of that enjoyment.

~~Since this is the first step in the public process for this project, CHA feels it is~~
important to weigh in with the thoughts of its members and hopes that the constructive dialogue with DCR and the Rudyak family will continue.

Sincerely,



Verne Vance
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