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**Applying Entity (Proponent)**

The City of Boston

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**Owner of the land/interest in land subject to the Art. 97 Action**

The City of Boston

**Legislation**

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**Approval**

**List entities that must approve the Art. 97 Action itself.**

Boston Parks and Recreation Commission;  
Boston City Council;  
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs;  
Massachusetts General Court

**Consistency between local approval language and that of legislation authorizing an Art. 97 Action is important. So that it can be confirmed, if proposed or passed warrant article or other approval language. is available attach it here, along with documentation of any approval that has already occurred. Suitable language could come from a variety of sources such as a draft or approved warrant article from the clerk, meeting minutes, or other suitable documentation.**

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[Parks-Commission-Vote-on-One-Joslin-Place-102725-FINAL-executed.pdf](#)

**Status of Local Approval Language**

Already approved

**Attach the approved warrant from the clerk, meeting minutes, or other suitable documentation.**

[Parks-Commission-Hearing-Minutes-vote-specific-to-Article-97-disposition-10.27.25\\_EEA.pdf](#)  
[City-Council-Joslin-Park-Minutes.pdf](#)

**Impacted Land**

**Location**

10 Joslin Place  
Boston, Massachusetts 02215  
United States

**Current Holder of the Conservation Interest (identify any public entity that owns a property interest subject to Article 97 that will be impacted by the proposed Art. 97 Action)**

The City of Boston

**Natural resources present and current Art. 97 Use(s) such as Active Recreation, Passive Recreation, Habitat Protection, or Climate Change Mitigation that would be impacted by the proposed Art. 97 Action**

The Article 97 Action in this case reconfigures Joslin Park in the same location. As a result, Joslin Park's resources will not be impacted. Similarly,

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the park is largely used for passive recreation, which will be the same in the post-construction plan. The post-construction condition will improve accessibility to the entire site, which will then allow individuals with mobility disabilities to have increased access for passive recreation purposes in the park.

**Size – Acres or Square Feet Impacted by the Art. 97 Action**

3,639 square feet

**Map(s) of impacted area (Attach suitable base map(s) with the property boundaries delineated at a scale where the land and surrounding property uses are clear)**

[A97-submission-maps.pdf](#)

**Appraised Value (if not waived)**

\$220,000

**Appraisal**

[Appraisal-Joslin-Park-Land-Area-Exchange-Boston-MA\\_EEA.pdf](#)

**Replacement Land**

**Location**

Joslin Place  
Boston, Massachusetts 02215  
United States

**Current Ownership**

The City of Boston, by easement; Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (in fee)

**Current Uses (Demonstrate as needed that the replacement land is not already conserved)**

Privately held land and public right of way (by easement).

**Explain**

The proposed exchange will deliver an increased Article 97-protected area by realigning the area, as it exists today, with replacement land that is greater in overall size and value. Approximately 3,639 square feet of parkland proposed for conversion is offset by 4,989 square feet of replacement land, consisting of 3,927 square feet for park use and and 1,062 square feet for a publicly accessible shared-use path. An

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independent appraisal determined that the combined replacement land has a value of approximately \$285,000, exceeding the approximately \$220,000 value of the parkland being converted. The replacement areas are immediately adjacent to Joslin Park and preserve public access, continuity of open space, and the passive recreation, environmental buffering, and visual values protected under Article 97.

**Intended Means of Conferring Art. 97 Status to the Replacement Land**

Dedication of Land owned by the public entity that is not already Subject to Art. 97

**Size – Acres or Square Feet**

4,989 square feet

**Map(s) (Attach USGS topographic or other suitable base map(s) with the property boundaries delineated at a scale where the land and surrounding property uses are clear)**

[2026-01-05-DFCI-Parks-Legal-Descriptions.pdf](#)

**Appraised Value Appraised Value (if not waived see "Appraisals" on page 5 of the Guidance)**

\$285,000

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