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7/12/17 11:00 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>We are a family with a small toddler, Holden. Holden loves to play, race, use energy and we want him to have opportunities within our city to do so. By adding a pool complex that is open year round and hosting a variety of activities - sports, cultural, community meetings, etc. - and utilizing an obvious, local space, it would be a tremendous help for our family and a wonderful community builder.</p> <p>We'd love to see many more community members have a place/space where they can participate in recreational activities throughout the year (for a moment, imagine having a toddler boy in a small Boston condo, and you might begin to see why we'd love this space to exist!). Thank you so much for your consideration; I know space is precious in our great city and it would be wonderful to see a local spot developed for all members of our community to enjoy and participate. Thanks so much, Suzanne, Tim & Holden.</p>	Suzanne	Daley	suzdaley@hotmail.com	89 W Cedar St	#3	Boston	MA	02114
7/12/17 9:44 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>As a member of the Board of The Esplanade Association (TEA) and a resident of the Back Bay Community for over 30 years, I recognize the significance of an active, vibrant and engaging city park. My children were born and raised in the city and we spent many hours biking, running and enjoying the park. During this time we have witnessed the Esplanade Park being transformed by TEA in conjunction with DCR from a tired, underused, and unappreciated city greenway to a park filled with new playgrounds, zumba lessons, refurbished Little League field, restored Lotta Fountain as well as new plantings just to mention a few improvements. Now that we have this invested and enthusiastic team in place it would only make sense to provide TEA with access to space in the new Pavilion facility. In this way, TEA would be on site for immediate observation of park issues and well as logistically being near enough to address those issues in a timely and cost effective way. I hope that the DCR which has been able to work well with the TEA in the past will see the obvious logic in this request from an organization dedicated to the Esplanade's continued restoration and maintenance.</p>	Joan	Patton	jdmarvel4@mac.com	120 marlborough street		boston	MA	02116

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7/14/17 9:04 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	Please consider bikers and walkers as full and equal stakeholders in this process and seek to provide solutions that address their needs. Thanks.	John	Donnellan	jdvailco@hotmail.com	717 Atlantic Ave, 1C		Boston	MA	02111
7/14/17 12:47 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	That the space be the larger of the proposed plan so that as many groups can offer as many programs concurrently as possible. Additionally, a larger space means that more community members can participate in recreational activities and have that "community vibe" year round through an indoor space--that is part of what makes Hill House's outdoor leagues so special and we believe a larger indoor space will aid in that mission. There are a variety of different activities you'd like to see the facility host including: youth and adult athletics, community meetings, cultural performances, visitor center and perhaps many other uses that have not surfaced yet. To make the space accessible and welcoming for people of all abilities would be a great addition to the Esplanade. A special drop-off area that can accommodate wheelchair vans, etc. seems like a necessary function so that everyone that wants to access the Esplanade and its activities can do so with safety and ease.	Brooke	Cochran	brooke.cochran@gmail.com	116 Charles Street, Unit 1		Boston	MA	02114

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7/14/17 12:51 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	Please go ahead with the handy cap/ride accessible use of this space as it would greatly benefit the Universal Access Program of Community Boating Incorporated. This program provides much joy for people of varying abilities and needs. This program brings the joys of sailing to everyone and this project would increase the amount of time and ease with which people could access this program.	Noah	Stern	noah.c.stern@gmail.com	26 strafford ave		Durham	NH	03824
7/14/17 12:54 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	As a taxpayer and former CBI member I support automobile access to the Pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride.	Richard	Scannell	rscanne@entergy.com	42 Stonegate Lane		Hanover	MA	02339
7/14/17 1:00 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I live locally to the Esplanade and have young children. We rely heavily on the Esplanade as our " back yard" for the playgrounds, for biking etc. The proposal for the Riverfront Pavilion gets my full support. I do hope to see this happen. It will be an amazing positive space for many city dwelling families. Thank you.	Suzanne	Briggs	suzi@bloomsburydesigns.com	28 W Cedar St	#3	Boston	MA	02108

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7/14/17 1:06 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>RE: Plans for an Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion to replace the non-operational Lee Pool facility (the semi-dilapidated building close to the tennis courts and State Police Barracks).</p> <p>I'm a fairly new member to Community Boating, but a life-long resident of Boston with a career-long commitment to increasing access for those in need. At Community Boating, I have really been taken away by how inclusive and accessible sailing has been made for those with special needs. During development for replacement of the Lee Pool facility, I strongly advocate for a better way that vehicles such as handicap/accessible vans, and The Ride could easily pull on and off of Storrow Dr. so that UAP members can more easily go sailing, paddling and windsurfing at CBI.</p> <p>Thank you, Morgan Callahan</p>	Morgan	Callahan	morgan.callahan@gmail.com	2 Wellington Street	Apt 5	Boston	MA	02118
7/14/17 1:09 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>Given all of the plans seem to eliminate parking, an area needs to be provided for vehicles for persons with disabilities to be able to continue to access the Esplanade. I am a volunteer with Community Boating and access for disabled persons to access the Esplanade and our facility is really important. While the plans may restrict parking access for the general public please don't create impediments to the physically challenged who rely on vehicle access to this area.</p>	Robert	Ruppel	rruppel@msn.com	PO Box 118		Jackson	NH	03846
7/14/17 1:11 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>I am a cancer patient with limited mobility, and would like to strongly advocate for better automobile access to the Pavilion area for handicap/accessible vehicles and The Ride. THANK YOU!</p> <p>Dave Means</p>	David	Means	dave@davemeans.com	6 Larkspur Rd		Billerica	MA	01821

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7/14/17 1:15 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>I am writing in support of CBI's request to for a better way for handicap/accessible vans to easily pull on and off of Storrow Drive and the be allowed enough time so that the Universal Access Program members can more easily go sailing, paddling and windsurfing.</p> <p>CBI's worth model is "Sailing for All", and enabling this goal benefits everyone.</p> <p>Sincerely, Lisa Camesano</p>	Lisa	Camesano	jwblmc@comcast.net	31 Manemet Road		Newton	MA	02459
7/14/17 1:25 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>Hello,</p> <p>As a member of the community I feel that it is vitally important theat the proposed Esplanade Riverfront Pavillion have access for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride to include everyone.</p> <p>Thank you, Caroline Dickson</p>	caroline	dickson	crdaustinpaul@aol.com	170 Manthorne Road		West Roxbu	MA	02132

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7/14/17 1:38 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>I think it would be a wonderful idea to make it easier to get to the Community Boating. It's really scary to try and get back on Storrow Drive getting off is not that bad, but the path UA uses is the same path that people walk and ride bikes. It's just too crowded.</p>	Amy	Chambers	m.chambers13@comcast.net	92 Linwood St		Brockton	MA	02301

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7/14/17 1:48 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I am writing as a member of Community Boating (CBI)-which is an important part of the riverfront. Besides giving opportunities for the public and youth to learn sailing, it has a universal access program for disabled people to learn to sail. It's a place for *everyone* when you redesign the pavilion, please make it easier for vehicles to drop off people/wheelchairs at the pavilion and at Community Boating. That way, everyone can enjoy the resource that is our wonderful charles river! (but not drink too much of it....I swallowed a gulp during a capsiz last week and am so glad it's so clean now :) I support automobile access to the Pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride. Sincerely, Jill R. Singer	Jill	Singer	jillrenee@alum.mit.edu	105 Brookline Street, #1		CAMBRIDGE	MA	02139
7/14/17 1:50 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I support automobile access to the Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride. Thank you, Marcy A Community Boating Inc. member	Marcia	Devine	marcycdevine@gmail.com	9 Carolina Lane		Westford	MA	01886
7/14/17 1:59 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	It is great to see re-use and redevelopment of this area. A very important part is retain / improve vehicle access to this facility and Community Boating (CBI) to continue and improve access to CBI's excellent accessibility program.	Edward	Harper	ed.harper212@gmail.com	186 Commonwealth Ave		Boston	MA	02116

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7/14/17 2:35 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>I am writing to advocate for continued automobile and access for The Ride to the Pavilion area on Storow Drive near the Esplanade for activities such as sailing, paddling and windsurfing as part of the UAP program at Community Boating Inc. As a UAP member I do not want this access infringed upon. It is an important program for the community</p>	Elizabeth	Endicott	jpe96eme@comcast.net	173 Pearl Street		Malden	MA	02148

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7/14/17 2:58 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>As past president of Community Boating, Inc I would like to voice my support for including enhanced handicapped access to the Esplanade as part of the Lee Pool redevelopment.</p> <p>In the last decade Community Boating has spent considerable resources (including fund raising, volunteer time) to build the universal access program to enable disabled members to enjoy sailing on the Charles River. This also includes the veteran community.</p> <p>As you know vehicular access to Community Boating is very challenging as there is no direct approach and very limited parking. Many of our members utilizing the accessible program rely on various modes of accessible transportation (including "The Ride") which is facing difficulties to reach the boat house.</p> <p>The Lee Pool redevelopment project is a great opportunity to significantly improve access to Community Boating and the Esplanade to the community relying on accessible transportation. It would also add value to the great partnership Community Boating has enjoyed with the DCR as this would enable additional disabled individuals to enjoy CBI's universal access program.</p>	Holger	Kunst	holgerkunst@gmail.com	20 Leslie Rd		Winchester	MA	01890-3123
7/14/17 3:14 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	Community boating is an amazing local resource. They want a better way that vehicles such as handicap/accessible vans, and The Ride could easily pull on and off of Storow Dr. and then be allowed enough time so that our UAP members can more easily go sailing, paddling and windsurfing at CBI. Please support automobile access to the Pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride.	Charis	Loveland	charisloveland@gmail.com	69A Grew Ave		Roslindale	MA	02131

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7/14/17 3:14 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>As an instructor in the Universal Access Program for many years, and friend to many of those who benefit from the use of the Esplanade, I know how important the Esplanade Riverfront Planning Project is to the people of Boston, especially those for whom accessibility is an issue. It is currently dangerous and often unfeasible for the RIDE to merge off of Storrow Drive and endangers the drivers and passengers of the RIDE, and pedestrians who are enjoying the natural beauty of the esplanade.</p> <p>Community Boating has a robust Universal Access Program for sailing. That "getting there" is a major roadblock to participation has always been a detriment to the program. This solution, which would implement support for automobile access to the Pavilion for handicap accessible vans / the RIDE, is an excellent way to support a program that does so much for the city of Boston. Increasing accessibility to the waterfront is the only way to ensure "a democratic design with a variety of uses where people from all walks of life may congregate and be accommodated," as stated in the guiding principles of this program. To disregard this major issue would be a direct impediment to aforementioned democratic ideals.</p> <p>Creating public spaces for exercise and improving road safety and accessibility will be a great service to the people of Boston who want and need access to the waterfront. Access to the Charles River should not be restricted to only those who are able bodied and can cross the pedestrian footbridge. Given the opportunity, we should always advocate on behalf of those for whom accessibility is a major impediment to recreation.</p> <p>The inaccessibility of the waterfront in Boston has guided many of my life's pursuits, spurring an interest in urban planning and transportation. Presented with the opportunity to finally do something about this issue, it is imperative that we take action now to ensure the democratic use of the Charles River for future generations.</p>	Madeline	Sovie	madelinesovie@gmail.com	95 Highland Avenue	Apt 2F	Somerville	MA	02143

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7/14/17 4:17 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	Hello, As a speech-language pathologist working with individuals with disabilities, as well as a person who enjoys the recreational space along the Esplanade, I believe it is essential that the Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Project consider how to best serve individuals with disabilities. It is important that we create space for individuals to enter/exit adaptive vehicles so that all people have access to the recreational programs/space along the riverfront that so many of us enjoy. Thank you for your time and for welcoming comments. Best, Megan Schliep	Megan	Schliep	megan.schliep@gmail.com	17 Main St		Charlestown	MA	02129

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7/14/17 4:47 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	In support of automobile access to the Pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride: We need a better way that vehicles such as handicap/accessible vans, and The Ride could easily pull on and off of Storrow Dr. and then be allowed enough time so that Community Boating's UAP members can more easily go sailing, paddling and windsurfing at CBI.	Shaw	Lupton	shaw.lupton@gmail.com	2 Clarendon Street		Boston	MA	02116
7/14/17 5:12 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	My family is a member at Community Boating. I recently became aware of the Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project. I urge you to maintain high priority for the transportation needs of Community Boating participants who rely on The Ride and other handicap accessible vehicles to access programs at the boat dock. The inclusion of people with disabilities in Community Boating is integral to the experience of everyone at the dock.	Karen	Tokos	ktokos@juno.com	107 South Street, Apt. 4C		Boston	MA	02111

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7/14/17 5:31 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I'm in support of giving access to the pavilion for automobiles to assist handicap people in CBI's Universal Access Program!	Matt	Bilotti	mattbilotti@gmail.com	26 Irving St, Apt 1		Boston	MA	02114
7/14/17 6:02 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	Please do what you can in regards to replace the non-operational Lee Pool facility (the semi-dilapidated building close to the tennis courts and State Police Barracks) for vehicles such as handicap/accessible vans, and The Ride could easily pull on and off of Storrow Dr. and then be allowed enough time so that Community Boating UAP members can more easily go sailing, paddling and windsurfing at CBI. Thank you very much.	James	Lewis	lewijim@gmail.com	215 Lake Shore Road	#3	Boston	MA	02135
7/14/17 6:39 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	The accessibility program is a great one for allowing handicapped people the ability to participate in sailing, an activity they rarely get an opportunity to pursue. Making it easier for these people to access the sailboats can only help more people to be encouraged to join in this wonderful sport!	Lance	Konover	oakenhelix@gmail.com	91 Crest Ave, Rm 633		Chelsea	MA	02150

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7/14/17 8:07 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	Hello! I support the idea of having automobile access to the Pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride. I just finished my first year of membership CBI (Community Boating Inc) and have very much admired what this organization does for people with special needs. Allowing for this special automobile access is an opportunity to tell this special group of people how important they are. Any initiatives that take accessibility into account should be thoughtfully considered for this gem in Boston. Thank you for considering my and others' input.	Emily	Sander	emilyesander@gmail.com	623 Centre St Apt 1		Jamaica Pla	MA	02130
7/14/17 8:20 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>The Community Boating program provides such an invaluable opportunity for people with disabilities to experience the best of the Charles River, which is the essentially THE Boston experience. It is unparalleled what they do. However, I've always felt that the CBI and its' facilities could be easier to access for disabled children and adults if there was a safe, dedicated place to park near the CBI off Storrow. Every other major metropolis provides this type of easy access on lake or riverfront esplanades for disabled and special needs citizens. I think Boston should add this access as it redevelops this part of the esplanade - it just makes this city more awesome.</p> <p>Please consider a parking venue for disabled and special needs adults and children for Community Boating.</p> <p>Regards, Anita Ritchie</p>	Anita	Ritchie	r_anita2010@yahoo.com	1024 Greendale Avenue		Needham	MA	02492

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7/14/17 8:41 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>As a couple, my husband and I are fully committed to raising our children in the city. For "city kids", having accessibility to an expansive modern day indoor facility takes on a very special meaning. The gift of proximity is not taken lightly and the likelihood of our kids engaging in scheduled activities, whether they be sports or art festivals in the depths of winter, increases significantly with the addition of a large scale complex in our neighborhood very much dedicated to serving the needs of our youngest members of society.</p> <p>Additionally, we envision the project as a compliment to the Charles River backdrop and an opportunity to offer more local appeal to the esplanade and tightness between the esplanade and communities directly neighboring it. The multi-functional ability of this space, particularly if the indoor occupancy number is higher, is very much limitless. We imagine everyday athletics for our children, volleyball/basketball tournaments, college fairs, local school fundraising events, a youth day camp site, and a variety of charity events....</p> <p>We as a family are very much looking forward to witnessing this vision come to fruition.</p>	Lindley	M	lindleymelfa@gmail.com	32 Derne Street	2C	Boston	MA	02114

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7/15/17 10:19 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>I am a Special Needs teacher from Billerica and I have been attending the universal access program at Community Boating for 3 years now. I saw the information about the parking situation and I thought to myself WOW this is funny timing. Just the other day I ventured into Boston with my students, whose disabilities include a wide range of Autism, Down Syndrome, and other cognitive and physical disabilities. These students are high school age and have absolutely loved coming the to UAP program. Our group has always had a difficult time parking.</p> <p>Just the other day we got into Boston, our typical 1 spot was taken and we had to venture for a parking garage that could accommodate the size of our van, which was no easy task. Our vans simply wouldn't fit. We found one parking lot that could accommodate us, however for our students would have been close to a half hour walk in the heat. Due to the chaos/length of time it took to find a spot, my students began to have significant challenging behaviors. I had to make an executive decision to cancel sailing as we would have missed 75% if not more of our time slot. The students were upset and the day they had planned instantly went out the window, all because of parking.</p> <p>I hope this one story helps you realize how troubling/upsetting it is to find a wonderful program for my students, but access is extremely difficult because of a lack of parking accommodations. It is not an easy task for my students to access their community and it is unfortunate that is made unnecessarily more difficult due something as trivial as parking.</p> <p>I sincerely appreciate your time and consideration to this matter.</p> <p>Shannon Burke</p>	Shannon	Burke	sburke@valleycollaborative.org	6 Blackstone Court		Merrimack	NH	03053
7/15/17 11:14 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>I'm strong in favor of this project as a multi-use space such as proposed is desperately needed in the city of Boston. The general shortage of facilities that cater to kids of all ages is noticeable as compared to other North American cities. As such, I'm in favor of the larger footprint option. This new pavilion would be a great start!</p>	Richard	Perkins	shepperkins@yahoo.com	89 Mt. Vernon St		Boston	MA	02108

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7/15/17 11:18 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	The planning project taking place at the Charles River Pavilion is a wonderful opportunity to increase the area's disability and handicap access. Allowing automobile access to the Pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride would ensure that the area benefits all and allows equal access to the area. It would also demonstrate Boston and DCR's commitment to advocacy and accessibility for mobility impaired individuals.	Hannah	Burris	hannah.burris.4@gmail.com	118 Richmond St	Apt 2	Boston	MA	02109
7/15/17 11:45 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	Taking the pool down is a great idea, but whatever is done with the space should promote bike and pedestrian utilization of this public space. Please no more parking lots and/or motor vehicle access! Adding a beer garden in this spot could make the project more financially self sustaining, just like the trillium beer garden on the green way. Thanks!	Jessica	Mueller	jessica_mueller@hms.harvard.edu	1 Earhart St		Cambridge	MA	02141
7/15/17 11:50 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	Regardless of what replaces the Lee Pool, please ensure that cars carrying the handicapped, including The Ride, are able to access Community Boating. CBI runs sailing programs for the handicapped.	Barry	Needalman	b.needalman@gmail.com	102 LAKE RD		FRAMINGHAM	MA	01701
7/15/17 12:14 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I strongly support the Community Boating plans for handicap access. Thank you Yoav Raz	Yoav	Raz	yoavraz@gmail.com	15 Vine Street		Chastnut Hill	MA	02467
7/15/17 1:25 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	Dear DCR, Given the growing need for more indoor, multi-use space throughout the city, I would like to register support for the building of a facility that maximizes indoor space (e.g. one of the 3-court options - Option 1 or 3 as presented at the recent meeting). I think this will provide the greatest utility for the community and offer the most optionality for the facility's use by being able to accommodate larger events. Thank you for your consideration.	Andrew	Harris	harrisao@gmail.com	26 Lime Street		Boston	MA	02108

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7/15/17 4:59 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>Please support automobile access to the Pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride.</p> <p>Community boating has a wonderful program to include everyone of all abilities. Having access to the Pavilion areally would benefit everyone.</p> <p>Thank you. Susan Martin</p>	Susan	Martin	S.susanmartin@comcast.net	246 Bolton Station Road		Lancaster	MA	01523
7/16/17 12:05 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>Living in Boston over the last 10 years, many of my most memorable moments have taken place on the Esplanade. It's far and away my favorite public space in Boston. As a multi-year member of Community Boating, I read about their hope that this project could help expand their Universal Access Program, and allow an underserved portion of Bostonians to access not only one of the coolest accessibility programs I know about, but also all of the areas of the Esplanade that the rest of us know and love. Please consider CBI's admirable UAP program when planning the project, and use this opportunity to add improved vehicle access for handicap vans and The Ride. it sounds like a great opportunity for the city as well as those who would benefit from the improved accessibility.</p>	Joseph	Mahon	mahonjd+massgov@gmail.com	11 Strathmore Rd	Apt 2	Brookline	MA	02445
7/16/17 6:27 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I support CBI's request to make the new Esplanade riverfront pavillon as accessible as possible to handicap vehicles and the Ride services to provide better access to CBI's programming. Thank you.</p>	Daniel	Smith	dlawsonsmith@gmail.com	402 Highland Ave	Apt 46	Somerville	MA	02144

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7/16/17 6:50 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>Is there a plan to re-open the recreational area at windsor state forest. I drive through there a few times a year on the way to visit my parents and think it is a shame how it has fallen into such disrepair. I think a small capital investment and some summer jobs for local youth lifeguards and grounds keepers could bring it back to it's glory. Given the socio economic make up of the local area I think it would be frequented.</p> <p>For June - September I think short money could go a long way.</p> <p>Is there a plan to re open this in the future? How could people like me help to push that - advocacy, fund raising, volunteer clean up crew etc.</p>	LeeAnn	Pasquini	lpasquini02@yahoo.com	84 Barrington Drive		Springfield	MA	01129
7/16/17 7:13 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I support automobile access to the Pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride.	Robert	Casper	rbcasper1@aol.com	100 Scenic Drive		Leominster	MA	01453
7/16/17 11:00 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	The Community Boating is a real public treasure in Boston. I've noticed that the only thing about that area is how it's very cut off by road access, and pedestrians must go on a long winded detour to across Storrow drive. The Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion proposal would greatly help access to that entire public recreation area. Having a place for The Ride, taxis, and ridesharing vehicles that can pickup/drop-off would be a great improvement to improve the accessibility of the park.	Ying	Chen	yingc125@gmail.com	80 Fawcett Street	APT 147	Cambridge	MA	02138

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7/16/17 12:39 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>My name is Diane Stitt and I am an occupational therapy practitioner with a background in psychology. As a health care professional and a former employee at community boating, I have seen the benefits of individuals participating in their hobbies. It is imperative for everyone in life to participate in their hobbies, but it is especially important for individuals with physical and or cognitive challenges to engage in their hobbies as much as possible. Unfortunately individuals with challenges are limited in what they can participate in, yet the Universal Access Program at Community Boating provides support to assist any individuals with challenges to sail. This program is unique and provides engagement and enjoyment for everyone that attends.</p> <p>At this point in time it is difficult for clients with challenges to park at community boating, and limits their ability to attend a sport they signed up for. My former clients have cancelled appointments because their bus could not find parking nearby, and it was heartbreaking because sailing and water sports mean so much to them. If parking is not close by people especially with physical challenges is a barrier in attending Community Boating's Universal Access Program. Parking should not be a limit for these individuals and we as a community should find a solution to this problem. I hope you take my letter into consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Diane Stitt</p>	Diane	Stitt	dianetstitt@aol.com	41 Robinson Road		Woburn	MA	01801
7/16/17 1:41 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I am requesting support for the automobile access to the Pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride. Due to the lack of affordable and accessible parking in Boston, many individuals who would like to engage in adaptive boating and access to public space for other activities on the Esplanade are unable to due to these barriers. Thank you.	Susan	Gaffney	gaffneysa@comcast.net	188 Tilden Road		Scituate	MA	02066
7/16/17 8:33 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I fully support the initiative to increase automobile access to the Pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride. This will enable so many more people to enjoy the esplanade in a manner they haven't been able to thus far. Additionally, it will help get disabled veterans out enjoying the Charles River through CBI's programs	Rose	Solomon	rose.s.solomon@gmail.com	75 Augusts CT	Unit 4011	Reading,	MA	10867

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7/17/17 8:13 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	Please consider increasing accessibility and parking to the Esplanade for the project to replace the Lee Pool facility. Thanks,	Lewis	Howe	Howe2email@gmail.com	6 Dorr St	Apt 3	Boston	MA	02119
7/17/17 9:02 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I support automobile access to the Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride.	carol	hesson	cirqueskyr@aol.com	132 shore ave		quincy	MA	02169
7/17/17 9:42 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I am the mother of a severely disable young adult. For the past 10 years my son has participated in the Community Boating Sailing every summer. It is absolutely the highlight of his summer activities! It is a fabulous program. In planning for the Esplanade/ River project, anything you can do to improve the access for individuals with disabilities would be greatly appreciated. Allowing vehicular traffic access off Storrow Drive for The RIDE and wheelchair vehicles would be wonderful. I have found over the years that accommodations for those with disabilities always improves the lives of those with disabilities as well as many of us without disabilities!! Thank you for your kind consideration.	Denise	Smith	denisems9@gmail.com	71 Dean Street		Belmont	MA	02478
7/17/17 10:02 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	We request you to consider a better way that vehicles such as handicap/accessible vans, and The Ride could easily pull on and off of Storrow Dr. when accessing the riverfront. Thank you!	Dhanraj	Konduru	kdhaniraj@gmail.com	9 Hawthorne Place, 6K		Boston	MA	02114

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7/17/17 10:53 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>I am a retired U.S. Army Medical Department Colonel who has worked with disabled veterans coming to Community Boating for many years. Access to Community Boating' ADA docks and our fleet of accessible and adaptive sailboats is a critical element as many of our veterans experience difficulty in mobility, many arriving in wheelchairs and other forms of assistance. Vans and small buses can bring disabled veterans to our front door. Our collaboration with Home Base, and the Adaptive Sports programs of the Veterans Administration Medical Centers insures that veterans can participate in our accessible sailing programming. Sailing engenders all the physical and psychological components important to the rehabilitative process. The benefits for veterans of this therapeutic and recreational rehabilitative activity can offer the experience of adventure, mobility and freedom as well as improvement in motor skills and coordination, self-confidence, and pride through accomplishment. A number of Community Boating's programs are available for all veterans including those with a wide range of medical conditions and continues a 70 year tradition at Community Boating of providing "Sailing for All" and it is critical that we can provide unfettered access to sailing for our veteran community. The medical conditions we have seen have included, blindness and visual impairment, deafness, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy , heart condition/ high blood pressure, hemi paresis, stroke recovery, spinal cord injury, paraplegia, quadriplegia, leg amputation, torn rotator cuff injury, femur fracture recovery, left-side immobility, neuromuscular disability, and Myoclonus-Dystonia Syndrome.</p> <p>I strongly encourage the DCR for the Riverfront Pavilion Project include an effective access plan that facilitates transport of those with physical and cognitive disabilities to the Community Boating facility.</p> <p>Very truly yours</p> <p>Gary C. du Moulin, Ph D, M.P.H. COL, MS, USAR (Ret)</p>	Gary	du Moulin	garydumoulin@gmail.com	24 Myerson Lane		Newton Cer	MA	02459

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7/17/17 11:02 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I would like to add my voice to those advocating for more room for cyclists and less room for cars to go so fast. The more you slow cars down, the less horrific accidents there will be. Thanks, Elisa	Elisa	Girard	samba_goods@yahoo.com	34 Ditson st.	Apt. 1	Dorchester	MA	02122
7/17/17 12:32 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>DCR-CBI</p> <p>The new development is great for future for the community but also it may be treat of existence of safe peaceful CBI. The CBI is for everybody. The idea of children for inexpensive and safe learning center for soling and experience in the beautiful summer season is the key. People would support and resonate.</p> <p>Older people and disabled people for sailing are great idea and as we get older the need for inexpensive recreation and peaceful beautiful place like CBI is important. Currently the access to CBI by car is limited to those with special permission. People come there is by the bridge (by train or dropped off at Charles Street area) and only people who want to come make an effort to come. That limits access but also much safer at the park, particularly for the vulnerable children.</p> <p>I am for the easy access by car but if it becomes as easy as public school dropping off or train station, we must think the safety of children and other vulnerable people even we may have the State police presence. Also hundreds of car come and go would be safety issue for the park and people walking there. In addition peaceful green area would be disturbed. In summary, for the sake of Safety and Serenity of the Park area, I am not for free drive in and out access. But I am for car access who needs it (including children) and with State permission/CBI permission.</p>	Tsunehiro	Yasuda	tyasuda@partners.org	38 Riverdale Road		Wellesley	MA	02481

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7/17/17 4:36 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>The addition of an Esplanade "Fieldhouse" (as I call it) at the site of the old Lee Pool would be an amazing addition to the community. I believe the facility should be sufficiently large to host multiple community groups at once, so 25,000 sq ft should be the minimum size being considered, and I think there should be a modular approach to the construction so that it could be easily expanded.</p> <p>This is a rare opportunity to create a space that is the jewel of the Esplanade, something that is architecturally interesting that blurs the line between inside and outside with retractable glass doors.</p> <p>The drop-off area could also be greatly improved - the current situation is dangerous, and it should be handicap accessible.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Best regards, Steven</p>	Steven	Schmitt	schmitt@yahoo.com	10 Otis Place		Boston	MA	02108
7/17/17 4:58 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>Community Boating Inc. is strategically positioned to support Universal Access to the Charles River Boat Basin and Esplanade. The most cost effective way to enhance Universal Access is to take advantage of CBI's location, experience, and professionalism. Any further integration can only enhance the entire community involvement in the area with CBI poised to best facilitate this involvement.</p> <p>Thank You, Vince</p>	Vince	Gallagher	vgallagh@icloud.com	210 Trotter Rd 317		S Weymouth	MA	02190

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7/17/17 6:10 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>I am a 44-year educator who grew up in Somerville and frequented Community Boating as a child in the 1960s. I recently moved to the Back Bay, and in the spring I rejoined CBI after decades away. I am so impressed with the improvement in all programs, and, in particular, with the expansion to include members with physical and mental disabilities. What a wonderful opportunity for an under serviced group.</p> <p>Now I am hearing that the Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion is being repurposed. Please consider providing automobile access to the pavilion to improve ease of access for handicap accessible vans and The Ride.</p>	Rosemary	Gormley	rosemarygormley@yahoo.com	329 Beacon Street Unit 5		Boston	MA	02116
7/18/17 3:56 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>Please seriously consider the importance of handicap accessibility in your plans for the renovation of the esplanade along the Charles river.</p> <p>Current access to the esplanade is limited by difficult access, requiring a bridge, and very limited parking is available.</p> <p>Community boating is a fantastic program that offers programming specifically designed to increase access for people with disabilities to the river and waterfront, which is otherwise limited. CBI is motivated, and has expressed the importance to the DCR of prioritizing handicap accessibility in your plans. Given the available resource (CBI's handicap accessible programing) I strongly feel increasing access and making use of this great resource is crucial, and to ignore the opportunity to better utilize it would be a serious oversight, and detriment to the handicap community of Boston.</p> <p>Please seriously consider the importance of handicap accessibility in your plans for the renovation of the esplanade.</p> <p>Thank you, Molly Warner</p>	Molly	Warner	molly.f.shaw@gmail.com	34 Vinson Street, #1		Dorchester	MA	02124

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7/18/17 8:07 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>Please allow automobile access to the pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride!</p> <p>I know there are a lot of good ideas out there, but I think it is important to think, not just of how many will be helped by this project, but those that need help the most. Please don't leave people with a handicap out of the plans for this project! They need access to the waterfront more than anyone. It is physically and mentally important for these people to have access to the beautiful Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion and surrounding area.</p> <p>In the project goals for the Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion, the following were listed:</p> <p>- Increasing access to the waterfront. This is not be possible unless you allow ALL to have access to include those with disabilities. Please allow automobile access to the pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride!</p> <p>- Provide critical park amenities. Automobile access to the pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride is a critical park amenity to those with disabilities. Please allow automobile access to the pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride!</p> <p>-Broaden opportunities for active outdoor recreation. Is this not for those with disabilities, too? Please allow automobile access to the pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride!</p> <p>Once again, please do not leave people with a handicap out of the plans for this project! They need access to the waterfront more than anyone. It is physically and mentally important for these people to have access to the beautiful Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion and surrounding area.</p>	Tiffany	Metcalf	tlmetcalf@live.com	101 Rogers Ave	Apt 3	Somerville	MA	02144

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7/18/17 8:38 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	Regarding the design and construction of a pavilion along the Esplanade in Boston, I strongly encourage access to this area by wheelchair lift vehicles, The Ride, and other vehicles dropping off and picking up persons with disabilities - including taxis and ride share vehicles - so that these people with disabilities may have safe and efficient access to the Universal Access Program offerings at Community Boating and so the people may enjoy all the DCR Esplanade Park has to offer.	Joe	Walsh	joewalshboston@gmail.com	77 Adams st Unite 710		Quincy	MA	02169
7/18/17 12:09 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I want to insure that handicapped accessible vehicles are able to egress more easily onto Storrow drive after this project is complete. In addition, the elevated green space, similar to the Highline in NYC is an excellent idea.	Peter	Steinberg	dasneaks@sudomail.com	150 Brookline Ave	Apt 806	Boston	MA	02215
7/18/17 2:55 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I am a resident of Beacon Hill and mother of 3. Our family would love to see a large community space that would be inclusive to all and be the place to host athletic, dance, theater, fundraisers and other fun events that are important to any community. As it is we currently go out to Belmont of all places to do many community things like music, sports and swim - if I could do it in my "back yard" that would be amazing. We trust that HILL HOUSE and the Esplanade Association have great ideas that would be along the lines of what my family would support.	Mary	Carson	mary.carson@mac.com	81 Chestnut Street		Boston	MA	02108
7/18/17 3:06 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to support automobile access to the Esplanade Pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride. Community Boating Inc.'s Universal Access Program provides outdoor opportunities to people with physical and mental disabilities. Many of these people need to be dropped off as close to the doors as possible in order to participate. Creating and maintaining automobile access to the Esplanade for those with disabilities is no less important than any other construction idea under consideration. I hope that the City of Boston can support such a great cause. Thank you, Alisha Reppucci	Alisha	Reppucci	AlishaReppucci@gmail.com	29 Riverside Avenue		Gloucester	MA	01930

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7/18/17 3:32 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I'm writing to advocate for the development of better disability access to the Esplanade as the plans for an Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion to replace the non-operational Lee Pool facility are being created. The new construction on the riverfront is an unprecedented opportunity to increase accessibility to the Esplanade and all of its amenities. As a public space, all Bostonians should be able to enjoy recreational space in the park. Community Boating's Universal Access Program is a unique asset in the city of Boston, and is testament to our shared belief that our city is stronger when everyone can take part in our community's amenities. Increasing accessibility to the waterfront by working in the necessary infrastructure so that the Esplanade can be entered from Storrow Dr or from Back Bay is essential to programs such as CBI Universal Access Program.	Christina	Heinrich	chein397@gmail.com	95 Highland Ave #2F		Somerville	MA	02143
7/18/17 7:55 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I would like to pledge my support for the Esplanade developing plans of to include access to those with disabilities, including a pathway for cars to bring people with disabilities to the Esplanade. Community Boating Inc (CBI) is a wonderful place that supports people with disabilities to experience the joy and freedom of sailing, boating, and a feel of community CBI brings. Creating a safe, easily accessible pathway to the Esplanade for people with disabilities enhances the Esplanade and overall compassion and uplifting spirit of this remarkable city.	Dorothy	Albright	dorothy.albright@gmail.com	8 Garrison Ave	Apt 1	Somerville	MA	02144
7/18/17 9:02 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I support the purposed Hill House vision for the Lee pool area redevelopment	Judy	Blackiemore	jblackiemore@gmail.com	18 robert arey drive		Randolph	MA	02368
7/18/17 9:03 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	Hello, This are very exciting news, it would be great to have a pool at the Splanade, there are no many swimming pools in Boston at all. I think it would be a very good addition to Boston. Monica Cantelli	Monica	Cantelli	cantellimonica@gmail.com	199 W Springfield Street		Boston	MA	02118

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7/18/17 9:10 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I support Hill House's requests, and would like to reiterate the need for indoor recreational spaces for children that maintain a strong connection to the outdoors. Thank you to the architects and planner who have analyzed the site and explored its potential.	Stephanie	Horowitz	sthorowitz@gmail.com	234 Causeway St	Apt 1006	Boston	MA	02114
7/18/17 9:42 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	We are a family with young children on Beacon Hill and we fully support the Hill House's efforts to create a year-round recreational facility at the Pavillion site. Having a community center like the Hill House and recreation space like that proposed for the Pavillion location is so important to attracting and retaining families in the city. It's the perfect location and would be a gem for the surrounding Boston neighborhoods (Charlestown, North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay) and beyond, given it is T accessible on both the green and red lines.	Killory	Andrea	Acs005@yahoo.com	20 Beacon St #6		Boston	MA	02108
7/18/17 9:56 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I am very glad to see plans moving ahead for this significant but forgotten piece of waterfront land. I strongly disagree though with commenters who are seeking a very large indoor facility that will include office and event space. I feel that maximizing green space and access to the waterfront is very important for this state park located within the city. I remember using the pool with my own family before it was closed, we missed it. The activities there should be open to all ,not not just those who pay a lease.	Alison	Pultinas	dpultinasboston@aol.com	81 LAWN STREET		BOSTON	MA	02120
7/18/17 10:48 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	The Hill House proposal for this space would be great for families across the city!!	Elyssa	Schneider	elyssaschneider@gmail.com	39 Upton St #1		Boston	MA	02118

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7/18/17 11:23 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	As residents of the Back Bay, my family fully supports redeveloping the Lee Pool to create a 25,000 square foot flexible multipurpose space that could host indoor recreational activities; youth and adult athletics; cultural events; educational programming; community gatherings; social events; a visitor's center and more. We support the large size of the space, so that many members of the neighborhood community can participate in activities and utilize the space year-round. The space should also be accessible and welcoming to people of all abilities. This would be a great addition to the Esplanade.	Susan	Brown	swgelwick@gmail.com	245 Commonwealth Ave., Unit 2		Boston	MA	02116
7/18/17 11:33 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>I am writing to convey my support for the Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion and urge you to choose this option to allow increased access to the waterfront and Esplanade area. Community Boating Inc. already has a significant program serving individuals with disabilities and the riverfront pavilion will enhance the access to the waterfront not only to those that are mobile but also those with disabilities. It is important that the park provide amenities/access such as the ability for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride which is part of the pavilion plan. This project will broaden opportunities for active outdoor recreation for all.</p> <p>Please allow auto mobile access to the pavilion area for handicap/accessible vans and The Ride as creating access to the Esplanade for ALL is no less important than any other purpose under consideration.</p>	Heather	Proefrock	hproefrock@gmail.com	104 Langdon Ave Apt 1		Watertown	MA	02472

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7/19/17 9:10 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>I've lived with my family in Boston for ten years. I have three young children. I support and encourage you to implement Hill House's plan for a four season year-round multipurpose building! The Community Sailing Club has set the standard for engagement on the Esplanade, and it's a beautiful thing. Let's get another building so city kids have opportunities to play indoors and meet up year round.</p> <p>If there was a way to make a few parking spots for handicap users of this building and the Community Sailing building that would be very forward thinking and amazing.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	Rachael	Ringenberg	rachael.ringenberg@gmail.com	17A CHESTNUT ST	apt 5	Boston	MA	02108
7/19/17 9:27 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	We support the plans for a community center on the Esplanade. One that provides maximum space for community programs would be the best, but it is also important to provide vehicle access for the disabled to the Community Boathouse. Thanks you!	Teresa	Scott	teresalscott@mac.com	20 David G. Mugar Way		Boston	MA	02114
7/19/17 10:40 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>As a member of the Beacon Hill community and a constant user of Hill House programming, I am strongly in favor of the redevelopment of the Lee Pool area.</p> <p>The 'three court' option is the most appealing, as I think this would maximize the flexibility of the space and allow for broader appeal without meaningfully compromising the look/feel/footprint of the facility.</p> <p>My last observation is that security is a concern and I would recommend leveraging technology and/or the proximity of the police barracks in addressing this.</p>	Greg	McCullough	grmccullough@hotmail.com	63 Chestnut Street		Boston	MA	02108
7/19/17 11:01 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	As a Boston based family with young children I am in full support of the riverfront project given the opportunities it will provide to our children and growing family. We would actively utilize year-round space that would enhance the opportunities currently offered by TERS.	Stacey	Head	staceyelwood@hotmail.com	474 Columbus Avenue		Boston	MA	02118

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7/19/17 11:40 AM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>To the Department of Conservation and Recreation:</p> <p>I strongly support the re-envisioning and re-development of the Lee Pool site on Boston's Esplanade. This site has been largely un-utilized for decades. (Though I do remember swimming in that pool!) It is far too beautiful and valuable a site to allow to go to waste, especially as our city and state continue to grow rapidly. Please, let us move forward as quickly as possible.</p> <p>In fact, I would ask that you consider how to make intensive use of this unique asset. Please plan so this can be used</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Weekend and weekday- Daytime and evening- Summer, winter, fall and spring <p>I am sure you will also consider how to make this space available to those with all levels of ability and mobility. It has been wonderful to see the growing awareness and action on this important issue of inclusion and equity.</p> <p>Please think big! This site can serve residents of many towns and neighborhoods in our state and city. Please plan for the largest possible indoor space. This location could host indoor recreational activities; youth and adult athletics; cultural events; educational programming; community gatherings; social events; and more. This seems to be the only public waterfront space with indoor facilities for the public on the Charles River or Boston Harbor</p> <p>Thank you, and best of luck with this project.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Bruce Kiernan Boston, MA</p>	Bruce	Kiernan	bruce.kiernan@gmail.com	28 W Cedar St Apt 3		Boston	MA	02108

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7/19/17 1:03 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I believe that one thing the esplanade desperately needs is easier access for vehicles, particularly handicap accessible vans. The Universal Access Program at Community Boating is a fantastic program which allows access to a sailing facility to people who otherwise would not be able to enjoy such a fantastic sport. However, there is considerable difficulty for such people in accessing the boathouse due to the lack of easy access points for handicap capable vans, such as the MBTA's The Ride. The availability of sailing programs such as the Universal Access Program should not be limited by a person's inability to reach the boathouse due to lack of vehicle access points. So, I sincerely hope that in planning for the esplanade pavilion project, accommodations are made to allow easier access by handicap capable vehicles to the esplanade as a whole. Thank you.</p>	David	Pierce	dpierce1123@gmail.com	12 Rodman Place		Dedham	MA	02026
7/19/17 1:44 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>DCR Office of Public Outreach:</p> <p>As a member of the Adult Program and a member of the Corporation of Community Boating, I urge DCR to incorporate a drop off area to allow access to this portion of the Esplanade for the use of vans for people with disabilities and also for The Ride. Community Boating has an active Universal Access Program, so that people of all abilities can enjoy sailing on the Charles River Boat Basin. DCR was instrumental in getting the program started ten years ago, and it continues to grow and prosper. Community Boating does not have its own drop off access, and incorporating access nearby would make getting to the dock easier for members of the Universal Access Program. While this is critically important to fulfill the mission of Community Boating, access for people with disabilities should be part of any public project that aims to provide amenities to the public.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment, Pamela D. Harvey</p>	Pamela	Harvey	harveypamelad@gmail.com	46 Stetson St. #6		Brookline	MA	02446

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7/19/17 2:31 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	We would support the Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Project. Also renovating the pool would be a huge addition to the neighborhood and the city of Boston. IT would also offload crowding for the other pools in the city.	Andra	Mattaliano	andram@mac.com	1A Joy Street		Boston	MA	02108
7/19/17 4:35 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I think it is a great idea to have automobile access to the Pavilion area so that vans that transport handicapped people (including The Ride) have a convenient access point to all the things that happen at the Pavilon and the esplanade in general.	Adam	Wizon	adamwizon@gmail.com	70 Longwood Avenue	Apt 208	Brookline	MA	02446
7/19/17 5:06 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I appreciate all of the work done by the DCR on this project and am very excited about what this pavilion can become. I wholeheartedly the design with the largest indoor footprint. The youth of Boston have lost several indoor facilities recently, including Basketball City, and need more space for athletics, the arts and education. My wife, Alexis, and I live in the city and have four children (ranging in age from 10 to 5). Due to a lack of space, our children must leave the city and go to neighboring suburbs for most of their activities, particularly athletics. The larger footprint facility would go a long way toward filling this need for indoor space. Again, we appreciate all of DCR's efforts on this project.	Chris	Egan	cegan@adventinternational.com	45 Commonwealth Avenue, #1		Boston	MA	02116

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7/19/17 5:09 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>Dear Commissioner Roy and the Office of Public Outreach,</p> <p>I wanted to register my strong support for the redevelopment of the Lee Pool area on the Esplanade as a multipurpose space, as advocated for by Boston's Hill House.</p> <p>Unlike most other neighborhoods in the city, those surrounding this site lack any BCYF community centers, which enable indoor public gatherings and community building. The immediate neighborhoods (Back Bay, Beacon Hill, West End, and others) also lack public schools -- another typical center of community activity. Considerable weight should be given to the opinion of the privately funded Hill House, because it has acted as a public resource to these neighborhoods for more than 50 years.</p> <p>Six years after the opening of the privately funded, outdoor Esplanade Playspace, this area is more than ready for the next brand new enhancement -- flexible indoor space that is open to the public.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Angela Wang Boston</p>	Angela	Wang	wangahome@yahoo.com	1 Bird Pl		West Roxbury	MA	02132

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7/19/17 6:23 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>I'm a UAP instructor at CBI, new this summer. I'm getting my masters degree in Occupational Therapy at Tufts. Not only can I say that our program's value lies in enhancing the lives of individuals from all backgrounds and abilities, but I have seen that the value of the program also lies in its potential to share a moment of recreation, enjoyment, normalcy, and companionship for people who have special needs or need other accommodations.</p> <p>Our members need a place to park and drive safely and effciently to their appointments. Particularly for members who are part of group homes, nonprofits, or community organizations. They require time to arrive, depart, and setup their sailing appointments at our office and dock.</p> <p>Please take this seriously and help us improve our facility so that CBI can be a leader in Boston for accessible sailing.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	Danielle	Feerst	danielle.feerst@gmail.com	46 Frederick Ave		Medford	MA	02155
7/19/17 7:25 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I served for six years in the army national guard and have been a member of Community Boating. In the past few years I've had the privilege to participate in Community's Boating program in conjunction with Home Base, involving veterans from all branches. Most of the veterans we have taken on sails possessed a myriad of medical issues and many had never been sailing before. Yet with all their medical issues, CB made this an enjoyable and memorable event. It is our sincere desire that DCR can encompass in the Riverfront Pavilion Project an accessible way for these deserving veterans who have sacrificed so much to allow them to enjoy and participate at our facility.	Robert	Gaynor	robertjasongaynor@gmail.com	121 Cabot Street		Newton	MA	02458
7/19/17 7:44 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	I've been a local resident of the Back Bay and West End for over 13 years and I want to express my sincere enthusiasm for this redevelopment project. I'm especially supportive because I think it would be game-changing for Boston's youth.	Kristin	Brief	kristin.brief@gmail.com	1 Longfellow Place	Apt 3509	Boston	MA	02114

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7/19/17 10:09 PM	Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project - deadline July 19, 2017	<p>It is my sincerest hope that the esplanade riverfront pavilion planning project will take into consideration the needs of the Community Boating Inc. universal access program. For years this program has offered boating services to a wide range of persons with disabilities, including both cognitive and physical. This program has provided a platform for this diverse group to enjoy boating and more fully become a part of the sailing community. While Community Boating has made tremendous efforts to accommodate its members, numerous barriers remain including poor automobile access to the esplanade which impedes access to Community Boating for those with disabilities. It is my hope that the esplanade riverfront pavilion planning project can, at least in part, help to remedy this issue by improving access to the esplanade for handicap accessible vans. Community Boating has been an iconic institution in the city of Boston for years and as they continue to further their mission of sailing for all, I hope that we can provide access for all. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Theodore Pierce MD</p>	Theodore	Pierce	teddyp2437@gmail.com	125 Myrtle St	Apt 3	Boston	MA	02114

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July 19, 2017

Dear Commission Roy,

Thank you for your dedicated efforts to renew the public space now known as the "Lee Pool."

The Conservancy supports revitalization of this site within the urban Charles River parklands and the DCR's Master Plan for the Charles River Basin (April 2002) for this shared public space.

The Master Plan lays out clear recommendations that the Charlesbank area remain a "flexible, multi-use area" that incorporates landscaping to "reinforce" passive and active use. The "Charlesbank Park" section (starting on p. 96) lists a series of six recommendations for the area, which we hope DCR will use as guidelines for this work moving forward.

Since our comments submitted in April have not been addressed to date, I will reiterate them here: we also hope that DCR considers the operational needs of other river based friends groups who work and contribute to the vibrancy of the area, and not just the Esplanade Association and the Hill House Association. We look forward to better understanding the arrangement between EA, HHA, and DCR as this process moves forward, particularly with regard to public permitting and lease standards for public land and buildings. No one group or organization should "own" or have priority control over this space—which is likely to happen if primary offices for any non-state organization are located within the building. We are very concerned about DCR's recent proclivity (due to its own state of starvation) to give or sell public properties or control of public properties.

Similarly, we remain concerned about the lack of planning for the ongoing maintenance of any proposed facility. Although it appears DCR has made an

agreement with Hill House and the Esplanade Association to complete the majority of the fundraising needed to build a new venue, we have asked but not had a response to our concerns about ongoing maintenance.

Although the neighborhood may feel indoor basketball facilities are needed, as park advocates we feel strongly that multi-use indoor facilities will best serve the state park system. The space, whether for basketball, tennis, or other, should be equally useful and functional as a concert or artistic venue. Specifically, we are aware, as is DCR, that the Landmark's Orchestra hopes that this facility will be useful when their wildly popular and long-running outdoor Wednesday evening concerts on the Oval Lawn are rained out.

Equally important to the built space is the establishment of staff to facilitate regular and ongoing use by many constituencies. Right now DCR often responds to conflicting special event permit requests saying that it has too few operational staff in the Esplanade region to facilitate multiple events on the same day: we hope that funding for this venue will include funding of staff positions dedicated to programming and operating this venue. That kind of staffing would also send a clear message that the facility is a public space operated by their parks agency and not any one non-profit.

The new Lee Pavilion's outdoor space should reflect the facility's position on the Charles River waterfront. Too many buildings along the Charles "turn their back on the river—the very reason many are there! All outdoor space on this Pavilion should look out over the water, capturing the allure of being riverside. After all, very few public park spaces have such a great asset.

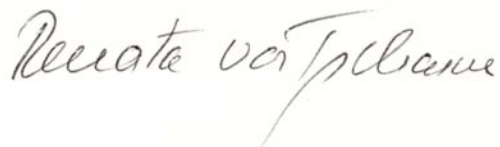
We were pleased to see in the most recent designs a series of outdoor accessible bathrooms will serve the public. We also support the creation of family or unisex restrooms with family changing tables.

We remain concerned and —despite written and verbal requests for further discussion and openness—uninformed as to how DCR will ensure this facility remains public and not operated by and for the use of two neighborhood based organizations. We ask that before fundraising begins the expectations around levels of access and control be addressed in a public forum.

Planning for the Lee Pavilion should also consider the inclusion of a Charles River Swim Park near by, just as was proposed in EA's own Vision 2020 document. The activation of the waterfront should be taken into account as well, with planning for temporary docking of small non-motorized boats. Although many in Boston's Beacon Hill, Back Bay and West End neighborhoods view the Esplanade as their back yard, it should not be forgotten that this is a state park and should be managed as such—with facilities and space catering to that larger vision and water-dependent uses.

Thank you for your ongoing stewardship of our parklands and for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Renata von Tscharnner". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the last name.

Renata von Tscharnner
Founder & President
The Charles River Conservancy

July 10, 2011

Dear Sir,

I support automobile access to
the Pavilion Area for handicapped/
accessible vans and the Ride

Thank you

Ken Haskell



A member of Community Boating of Boston.



Comment on the Esplanade Riverfront Pavilion Planning Project

July 19, 2017

Dear Members of the Riverfront Pavilion Planning Committee:

On behalf of the Boston Lyric Opera, I wish to express my support that the DCR project now being considered for the former Lee Pool and Recreation areas on the Charles River Esplanade include an investment in cultural space. The arts are a significant part of the life of all Boston neighborhoods and can help to meet many of the project goals put forth in a recent public meeting.

I write not only as proponent of the live performing arts but also as a user and an avid supporter of DCR facilities for that purpose. Boston Lyric Opera for several years performed with the Landmarks Orchestra at the Hatch Memorial Shell not far from the Lee Pool site.

We have all seen the power of the arts to develop, replenish and revitalize areas in our city. They are first and foremost the best way to engage the community and bring people to a location for a communal experience such as a music concert, or a dance performance. Consideration of an arts performance area brings with it the opportunity to develop a flexible venue that can also serve as a community gathering space for meetings, educational experiences and public discourse.

The performing arts have proved to be a beloved part of the Esplanade -- evidenced by Landmarks Orchestra's ongoing success and the annual Boston Pops Fourth of July Concert at the Hatch Shell. That annual event comprises the single best-known arts performance in the city, one that brings us international renown. How glorious it would be for DCR to follow on that legacy with a culturally-minded facility inspired by the natural resource and beauty of the Charles River and by the proximity to one of the country's best-known music venues.

Whether bringing people together at the Riverfront Pavilion for recreational reasons or cultural ones, opening this extraordinary location will provide more access to the waterfront, reclaim the area for its intended use as parkland, and become another destination along the Esplanade Landscape.

Sincerely,

Esther Nelson

Esther Nelson
General and Artistic Director