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Jessica	Mink	<p>One of the most important problems is water drainage issues, especially between the Herter Center and the Eliot Bridge underpass. Elevation of the mixed use path is needed, including through the underpass, with additional drainage conduits there.</p> <p>Where possible, it would be good to separate bicycle and pedestrian paths, especially near the Artesani Playground where family groups with small kids often fill the entire path.</p> <p>Sharp turns in the path, especially those around the Henderson Boathouse, often puddle and ice up, creating a major hazard even after the path is plowed. Separate paths and better drainage are both needed there. The path should be completely built from the Boathouse to the Arsenal St. Bridge with a signalized bike/ped crossing and safe connection to bike lanes across the bridge to Watertown.</p> <p>Make sure that there is a through path on the Soldiers Road side of the Herter Center that can be plowed in the winter and used when the boardwalk gets too slippery.</p>	Roslindale	MA	02131
Sarah	Perks	<p>I reviewed the slide deck from the community presentation.</p> <p>I love all of the opportunities presented. Standouts that I'm most in favor of: Adding/improving pedestrian access at multiple points across Soldiers Field road, including to Smith Park access. Improving drainage with natural wetlands Access close to the water: beach, bench, or wood platforms.</p> <p>Less concerned about revitalizing the building, but I bet a refreshment stand would make money.</p>	Brighton	MA	02135
Stefan	Poltorzycki	For me, the #1 issue with the current state of Herter Park is mosquitos.	Boston	MA	02135
Eleanor	Jewett	<p>What I love about Herter Park and wouldn't want to change.</p> <p>1) The DCR staff, who work throughout the watershed in different capacities. As the Liaison from the Herter Community Garden, I have found the staff in the last 12 years to be open and very helpful. They are a pleasure to work with. [sent as Herter Garden Liaison to DCR]</p> <p>2) The opportunity to have access within the Park to the Herter Community Garden, and enjoy gardening, the diverse community, and the location.</p>	Cambridge	MA	02140
Eleanor	Jewett	<p>What is the #1 issue that needs improvement I have 2!</p> <p>1. Be: Herter Community Garden - Designated Parking for Gardeners, as close to the garden as possible, making it more accessible and safe.</p> <p>About 2 years ago when DCR restricted our parking near the garden, we were told that we would have parking spots reserved for gardeners (much like the bicyclists have special spaces).</p> <p>Now we have to park in the general lot, and cross the entry street that often has moving vehicles. At Herter Garden we have a number of elders, some children, and all gardeners carrying gardening items across the street where cars enter.</p> <p>Could you put Designated Parking for Gardeners and Special Needs Folks close to the Garden and perhaps close to the Theater? If you could re-design the entry (from Cambridge/WBZ), perhaps there could be a small amount of parking on the right for these purposes, and others could turn left for the main lot. [send as The Christian Herter Community Garden Liaison to DCR]</p>	Cambridge	MA	02140
Eleanor	Jewett	<p>What is the #1 issue that needs improvement [send as jq citizen, not as affiliated with Herter Garden]</p> <p>1. Slow Down the Bicyclists in the Park - make the park safer. As much as possible, separate pedestrians from bicyclists.</p> <p>As the region's most heavily used park, I would like bicyclists to yield to pedestrian, and to slow down. Walking to and from the garden, more often than not, I have to stop as fast-moving bicyclists (and there are more than a few) do not slow down or yield to pedestrians.</p> <p>When I walk around the whole Park, I find that some bicyclists yell at people "in their way," and move too fast around adults and children. All bicyclists do not do this. But the few who do, ruin it for others. I'd like to have posted a speed limit or Notice to Bicyclists, or something else that you can come up with to slow down people on bicycles in the Park.</p> <p>2. Be wary of over lighting the park. Maintain the intimate space.</p>	Cambridge	MA	02140

Eleanor	Jewett	<p>What is missing from the Park program</p> <p>1. The Plan mentions community gardens in general. Could you include the specific community garden names in your Plan. We're particularly proud that ours is the Christian A. Herter Community Garden. [sent as Herter Garden Liaison to DCR]</p> <p>2. The Park could commemorate Mrs. Herter. In 1987 the state enacted the following: "The public garden located within Christian A. Herter Park, in the Allston district of the city of Boston, shall be designated and known as the Mary Caroline Herter Memorial Public Garden in memory of the late widow of the former governor, Christian A. Herter, for whom the park is memorialized.</p> <p>The Park could create a public flower garden and/or special seating area in honor of Mrs. Herter. [sent as Herter Garden Liaison to DCR]</p> <p>a. I appreciate your including flooding and drainage issues, and providing stormwater treatment measures. [send as jq citizen not Liaison]</p>	Cambrdige	MA	02140
Eleanor	Jewett	<p>Other Ideas / feedback</p> <p>1. Communications: It would be very helpful to have a calendar of events in many languages- plays, events etc. This could be online - the URL needs to be posted in multiple locations. Although many people are not computer literate. Maybe there could be a small unobtrusive "billboard" near the pop-up restaurant and/or elsewhere, of upcoming events at the theater and in the park in general. Then people would know when to participate or when it might be too busy.</p> <p>THANK YOU</p>	Cambridge	MA	02140
Eleanor	Jewett	<p>Other Ideas / Comments I have 2!!</p> <p>(as jq citizen)</p> <p>1. Please Keep the Reverse Turn on Soldiers Field Road Extension. It is needed and works very well. You may have ideas on a better design, but the turnaround is invaluable. Otherwise you have to go farther down the road close to Newton and a very busy turnaround area. This is much safer.</p> <p>2. I like the pedestrian overpass. It is a much safer alternative, especially for children, people with challenging issues. those carrying items, athletes, and other, than crossing any street, but especially a busy one. You can simply go at your own pace, and not be concerned about vehicles.</p>	Cambridge	MA	02140
Kenneth	Dupuis	<p>I'm a 20+ year volunteer with the Head of the Charles Regatta, and have spent the past 15 years of race weekends stationed at Herter park. There are a number of issues I would like to see addressed:</p> <p>Stormwater Management: improve the surface runoff and drainage in multiple targeted areas of Herter Park including Parking Lots #1-4, the fields next to the Eliot Bridge and the fields near the Canoe & Kayak Rental. Highlighted areas can be viewed on this map: https://bit.ly/3vKg0d7</p> <p>Riverbank Management: support the removal of invasive species to be replaced with native species that will allow year-round views of the river as suggested in the 2002 master plan. The granite armoring should be reset to maintain turf edge and prevent erosion. If the granite armoring is reset permanent infrastructure to anchor temporary docks could be installed.</p> <p>Open Spaces: support maintaining the open, pastoral character of Herter Park with open lawn running down to the edge of the water as suggested in the 2002 master plan.</p> <p>Parking: Maintain the open Artesani parking lot and smaller lots to accommodate vehicles and trailers for events and general usage</p> <p>Electrical Infrastructure: support creating permanent electrical infrastructure to improve sustainability and limit the need for temporary generators.</p> <p>Water Access: support adding additional water fountains and access points for potable water.</p> <p>Site Lighting: Ensure light poles are maintained to help park users safely traverse the park in the evening.</p>	Andover	MA	01810
Anna	Buehler	<p>The area needs more water fountains. This is a health and safety issue.</p> <p>Also, I ride my bike through there sometimes - it needs better lighting at night.</p>	Brighton	MA	02135

Henriette	Lazaridis	<p>I am a long-time volunteer with the Head of the Charles and a frequent user of Herter Park as a rower, runner, and cyclist. Here are some of the issues I hope will be addressed in the Master Plan:</p> <p>Stormwater Management: improve the surface runoff and drainage in multiple targeted areas of Herter Park including Parking Lots #1-4, the fields next to the Eliot Bridge and the fields near the Canoe & Kayak Rental. Highlighted areas can be viewed on this map: https://bit.ly/3vKg0d7</p> <p>Riverbank Management: support the removal of invasive species to be replaced with native species that will allow year-round views of the river as suggested in the 2002 master plan. The granite armoring should be reset to maintain turf edge and prevent erosion. If the granite armoring is reset permanent infrastructure to anchor temporary docks could be installed.</p> <p>Open Spaces: support maintaining the open, pastoral character of Herter Park with open lawn running down to the edge of the water as suggested in the 2002 master plan.</p> <p>Parking: Maintain the open Artesani parking lot and smaller lots to accommodate vehicles and trailers for events and general usage. This is especially useful for cyclists wishing to start rides from there.</p> <p>Electrical Infrastructure: support creating permanent electrical infrastructure to improve sustainability and limit the need for temporary generators.</p> <p>Water Access: support adding additional water fountains and access points for potable water. There are now not enough drinking fountains along the 17-mile bike path, so it would be really great to have more here in Herter Park.</p> <p>Site Lighting: Ensure light poles are maintained to help park users safely traverse the park in the evening.</p>	Cambridge	MA	02138
Daniel	Beckham	<p>Stormwater Management: improve the surface runoff and drainage in multiple targeted areas of Herter Park including Parking Lots #1-4, the fields next to the Eliot Bridge, and the fields near the Canoe & Kayak Rental.</p> <p>Riverbank Management: support the removal of invasive species to be replaced with native species that will allow year-round views of the river as suggested in the 2002 master plan. The granite armoring should be reset to maintain the turf edge and prevent erosion. If the granite armoring is reset permanent infrastructure to anchor temporary docks could be installed.</p> <p>Open Spaces: support maintaining the open, pastoral character of Herter Park with an open lawn running down to the edge of the water as suggested in the 2002 master plan.</p> <p>Parking: Maintain the open Artesani parking lot and smaller lots to accommodate vehicles and trailers for events and general usage</p> <p>Electrical Infrastructure: support creating permanent electrical infrastructure to improve sustainability and limit the need for temporary generators.</p> <p>Water Access: support adding additional water fountains and access points for potable water.</p> <p>Site Lighting: Ensure light poles are maintained to help park users safely traverse the park in the evening.</p>	Newton	MA	02458
Brendan	Mulvey	<p>Stormwater Management: improve the surface runoff and drainage in multiple targeted areas of Herter Park including Parking Lots #1-4, the fields next to the Eliot Bridge and the fields near the Canoe & Kayak Rental.</p> <p>Riverbank Management: support the removal of invasive species to be replaced with native species that will allow year-round views of the river as suggested in the 2002 master plan. The granite armoring should be reset to maintain turf edge and prevent erosion. If the granite armoring is reset permanent infrastructure to anchor temporary docks could be installed.</p> <p>Open Spaces: support maintaining the open, pastoral character of Herter Park with open lawn running down to the edge of the water as suggested in the 2002 master plan.</p> <p>Parking: Maintain the open Artesani parking lot and smaller lots to accommodate vehicles and trailers for events and general usage</p> <p>Electrical Infrastructure: support creating permanent electrical infrastructure to improve sustainability and limit the need for temporary generators.</p> <p>Water Access: support adding additional water fountains and access points for potable water.</p> <p>Site Lighting: Ensure light poles are maintained to help park users safely traverse the park in the evening.</p>	Brighton	MA	02135

Janet	Moonan	<p>CRWA Comment #1</p> <p>As you are aware, Charles River Watershed Association ("CRWA") hosts numerous education and outreach events in Christian A. Herter Park, including the Run of the Charles. We are invested in park's success and pleased to see the Department of Conservation and Recreation ("DCR") progressing with a master planning process to restore and enhance this important public park right along the Charles River. CRWA submits the following comments to help inform development of the Herter Park Master Plan currently being prepared by DCR and Halvorson Design and associated subcontractors (collectively, the "Project Team"). Our comments are in response to the content presented at the June 10, 2021 Public Meeting. We have organized our comments to match the presentation topics.</p>	Weston	MA	02493
Janet	Moonan	<p>CRWA Comment #2 - Circulation</p> <p>CRWA supports increased and improved safe access to the park by pedestrians and bikers. We are pleased to see the Project Team incorporating consideration of connectivity with other nearby project s' open space areas, as well as with schools and students. Our educational programming often includes students and better access to the park will facilitate that work.</p>	Weston	MA	02493
Janet	Moonan	<p>CRWA Comment #3 - Parking</p> <p>CRWA encourages the Project Team to incorporate green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) and other stormwater best management practices (BMPs) into the parking areas to reduce runoff quantities, reduce pollution from stormwater runoff (e.g., phosphorous, solids, bacteria, etc.), and enhance visibility of these practices to the public. In addition, we are pleased to see that the Project Team is considering which parking lots should remain and in what form-any opportunities to reduce overall impervious cover should be incorporated into the Master Plan. We recognize that some events (i.e., Head of the Charles) have significant parking needs; however, alternative parking options-such as overflow parking on Soldiers Field Road-could be arranged for those limited events. This would allow for greening of the parking lots and reduction of impervious cover, improving stormwater management and river health. Implementation of GSI in parking lots that provides year-round and long-term benefits should not be sacrificed in order to accommodate two or three large events a year that need extended parking, especially when such parking is available on existing roadways.</p>	Weston	MA	02493
Janet	Moonan	<p>CRWA Comment #4- Vegetation</p> <p>Existing mature trees should be preserved, except those with health issues or those that pose a public safety risk. We urge the Project Team to consult with an arborist to evaluate trees for suitability of presentation and that as many trees as possible be maintained (specifically those whose suitability is determined to be moderate or high). We request more information from the Project Team on the "goals" of the moat (e.g., is it supposed to flow? provide fish habitat? flood storage? accessible recreational area? etc.). The plan's recommendations should be aligned with those goals. CRWA supports removal of invasive plant species that threaten ecosystem health, and supports restoration efforts to bring back native vegetation. Overall, ecosystem health should be improved across the entire park. We ask the Project Team to consider designating specific areas for use like passive recreation vs active recreation and associated planting needs. There may be opportunities to reduce "lawn" areas and replace them with more diverse species. In addition, the Commonwealth recently completed a healthy soils plan. Herter Park would be a great place to put some of those recommendations into action. We ask the Project Team to explain consistency with this effort in its development of the Master Plan.</p>	Weston	MA	02493
Janet	Moonan	<p>CRWA Comment #5</p> <p>Program Activities</p> <p>CRWA holds the following types of events at Herter Park on a periodic basis (Educational table with "watershed in a box" demonstration; walking tours of the park features; in collaboration with Paddle Boston, canoe and kayak tours of the River; and educational sessions for students in nearby schools. Since these events typically draw groups up to 40 people or less, or are for passers-by, the park's current parking and circulation are more than adequate.</p> <p>Our Run of the Charles event is a large event that draws hundreds of people and typically fills the parking lots, including for use as space for tents and booths. Improved pedestrian and bike access, as well as streamlined parking, would benefit this event and reduce overall parking needs. This event does not require changes to the circulation of the park. We anticipate that these needs are consistent with the needs of other stakeholders for their programming.</p>	Weston	MA	02493
Janet	Moonan	<p>CRWA Comment #6- Herter Amphitheater</p> <p>We are pleased to see consideration of a second egress and improved accessibility for the Herter Amphitheater. However, in doing this work, we urge the Project Team to preserve mature trees (in collaboration with an arborist as noted in our previous comment on vegetation) and remove invasive species.</p>	Weston	MA	02493
Janet	Moonan	<p>CRWA Comment #7- Herter Center</p> <p>We support preservation of the history of the park, including the Herter Center. The original building constructed in the 1950s, still on site, once had a spectacular views of the Charles River. The architecture emphasizes the connection between the built environment and nature and reminds users of the importance of the River and all of its functions. We hope that this sentiment will be carried forward in the next iteration of the Herter Center.</p>	Weston	MA	02493

Janet	Moonan	<p>CRWA Comment #8- Visitor Experience</p> <p>CRWA strongly supports improvements for universal accessibility. For any improvements that would extend impervious areas, we encourage the Project Team to utilize permeable solutions as feasible to comply with ADA requirements. We are pleased to see that the Project Team is considering adding amenities such as water fountains, bicycle racks, and trash receptacles. With proper maintenance, trash receptacles and even pet waste stations will help reduce the quantity of trash and pollution entering the Charles River. CRWA also supports the intent to maintain vistas at targeted locations and provide access to the River's edge while balancing river health, ecosystem health, and nuisance species issues.</p>	Weston	MA	02493
Janet	Moonan	<p>CRWA Comment #9 -Signage and Wayfinding</p> <p>Generally, we are pleased to see the Project Team give attention to the need to simplify messaging and reduce the overall number of signs in the park, as well as add educational information as appropriate. We would hope this Master Planning effort results in improved signage about the Park. CRWA would like to see signage incorporate information about Christian A. Herter, the history of the site, Charles River pollution cleanup progress, impacts from stormwater runoff, what green stormwater infrastructure can do, and what people can do at their own homes to reduce pollution in stormwater runoff. Additional information about invasive species, native plantings, and pollinators would be appropriate in various places in the park. Continuing to emphasize messages about not feeding wild animals (particularly geese), removing trash, and picking up after pets is also critical to river health.</p>	Weston	MA	02493
Janet	Moonan	<p>CRWA Comment #10-Stormwater and Drainage</p> <p>Given this site's proximity to the Charles River, improvements to stormwater management provide significant opportunities to mitigate detrimental environmental impacts from stormwater pollution and manage runoff quantities and rates under current and anticipated climate change scenarios.</p>	Weston	MA	02493
Janet	Moonan	<p>CRWA Comment #10.1-Stormwater and Drainage</p> <p>As you are aware, the Lower Basin of the Charles River is subject to a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for phosphorus (Total Maximum Daily Load for Nutrients In the Lower Charles River Basin, Massachusetts, June 2007 (EPA TMDL No. 33826)) and a TMDL for bacteria (Final Pathogen TMDL for the Charles River Watershed January 2007 (EPA TMDL No. 32371)). In addition, DCR is subject to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) in Massachusetts ("MS4GP") (effective July 1, 2018, subsequently modified on December 7, 2020), which includes provisions requiring DCR to develop and implement a Phosphorus Control Plan (PCP) that includes use of non-structural and structural controls to reduce the annual phosphorus load entering the river. Herter Park offers an incredible opportunity for DCR to address this MS4GP requirement for two key reasons (1) following the Master Planning effort, the park will undergo some construction which is the opportune and most cost-effective time to add structural stormwater controls, and (2) there is a great deal of available space in the park. We look forward to seeing more information in the Master Plan documenting how the drainage and stormwater improvements will address the pollutants of concern both in the TMDLs, as well as the most recently approved Final Integrated List of Waters.</p>	Weston	MA	02493
Janet	Moonan	<p>CRWA Comment #10.2-Stormwater and Drainage</p> <p>In addition, according to the National Climate Assessment, the amount of precipitation falling in very heavy events increased by 71% in New England from 1958 to 2012. The Climate Ready Boston Map Explorer shows that areas of Herter Park, as well as nearby areas that may drain to the moat in Herter Park or to the River through conveyances under the Herter Park land area, stormwater flooding in the near-, medium-, and long-term. The Boston Water and Sewer Commission ("BWSC") City of Boston Inundation Model shows extensive areas of flooding in and around Herter Park under various extreme weather events, some of which are predicted to be over one foot. CRWA requests that the Project Team provide additional detail in the Master Plan about the stormwater management systems' ability to manage-and, as feasible, reduce-current and predicted flooding from the drainage areas contributing the Charles River in this area, using the best available science.</p>	Weston	MA	02493
Janet	Moonan	<p>CRWA Comment #10.3-Stormwater and Drainage</p> <p>Finally, the Resilient MA Action Team (RMAT) "Climate Resilience Design Standards and Guidelines" have been released as a draft and include guidance for state-funded projects to enhance assessment of climate resilience as part of the state capital planning process to ensure consistency with the State Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan (SHMCAP). We request that the Project Team use the "beta" Climate Resilience Design Standards Tool to document the risks from climate change and guide design of mitigation strategies, as well as include the output as an appendix to the Master Plan.</p>	Weston	MA	02493
Janet	Moonan	<p>CRWA Comment #11</p> <p>Thank you for considering these comments. We look forward to seeing a full draft of the Herter Park Master Plan sometime in Fall 2021 and anticipate providing additional comments at that time during the stakeholder and public input process.</p> <p>Janet Moonan, PE Stormwater Program Director</p>	Weston	MA	02493

Tom	Martin	<p>Stormwater Management: improve the surface runoff and drainage in multiple targeted areas of Herter Park including Parking Lots #1-4, the fields next to the Eliot Bridge and the fields near the Canoe & Kayak Rental. Highlighted areas can be viewed on this map: https://bit.ly/3vKg0d7</p> <p>Riverbank Management: support the removal of invasive species to be replaced with native species that will allow year-round views of the river as suggested in the 2002 master plan. The granite armoring should be reset to maintain turf edge and prevent erosion. If the granite armoring is reset permanent infrastructure to anchor temporary docks could be installed.</p> <p>Open Spaces: support maintaining the open, pastoral character of Herter Park with open lawn running down to the edge of the water as suggested in the 2002 master plan.</p> <p>Parking: Maintain the open Artesani parking lot and smaller lots to accommodate vehicles and trailers for events and general usage</p> <p>Electrical Infrastructure: support creating permanent electrical infrastructure to improve sustainability and limit the need for tempo</p>	Melrose	MA	02176
Mason	Cox	<p>Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the Herter Park Master Plan. I would like to suggest the following;</p> <p>Stormwater Management: improve the surface runoff and drainage in multiple targeted areas of Herter Park including Parking Lots #1-4, the fields next to the Eliot Bridge and the fields near the Canoe & Kayak Rental. Highlighted areas can be viewed on this map: https://bit.ly/3vKg0d7</p> <p>Riverbank Management: support the removal of invasive species to be replaced with native species that will allow year-round views of the river as suggested in the 2002 master plan. The granite armoring should be reset to maintain turf edge and prevent erosion. If the granite armoring is reset permanent infrastructure to anchor temporary docks could be installed.</p> <p>Open Spaces: support maintaining the open, pastoral character of Herter Park with open lawn running down to the edge of the water as suggested in the 2002 master plan.</p> <p>Parking: Maintain the open Artesani parking lot and smaller lots to accommodate vehicles and trailers for events and general usage</p> <p>Electrical Infrastructure: support creating permanent electrical infrastructure to improve sustainability and limit the need for temporary generators.</p> <p>Water Access: support adding additional water fountains and access points for potable water.</p> <p>Site Lighting: Ensure light poles are maintained to help park users safely traverse the park in the evening.</p>	Belmont	MA	02478
James	Poulos	<p>Stormwater Management: improve the surface runoff and drainage in multiple targeted areas of Herter Park including Parking Lots #1-4, the fields next to the Eliot Bridge and the fields near the Canoe & Kayak Rental. Highlighted areas can be viewed on this map: https://bit.ly/3vKg0d7</p> <p>Riverbank Management: support the removal of invasive species to be replaced with native species that will allow year-round views of the river as suggested in the 2002 master plan. The granite armoring should be reset to maintain turf edge and prevent erosion. If the granite armoring is reset permanent infrastructure to anchor temporary docks could be installed.</p> <p>Open Spaces: support maintaining the open, pastoral character of Herter Park with open lawn running down to the edge of the water as suggested in the 2002 master plan.</p> <p>Parking: Maintain the open Artesani parking lot and smaller lots to accommodate vehicles and trailers for events and general usage</p> <p>Electrical Infrastructure: support creating permanent electrical infrastructure to improve sustainability and limit the need for temporary generators.</p> <p>Water Access: support adding additional water fountains and access points for potable water.</p> <p>Site Lighting: Ensure light poles are maintained to help park users safely traverse the park in the evening.</p>	Charlestown	MA	02129

Mark	Marder	<p>I'm a member of CBC and the Head of the Charles (HOCR) volunteers. My particular interest is in the lack of attention to anchoring the temporary docks that are set up on the river near parking lots 3 and 4. Not mentioned is the contour of the bank sloping to the river. The key concern is the safety of the rowers who must carry rowing shells and sculls over uneven ground and especially the river banks. We have multiple mitigation strategies to increase the rower's safety but with the ever changing bank erosion, basin water level changes, and invasive plant growth we are constantly in fear of injury to our rowers.</p> <p>If the riverbank plan could be amended to include concrete steps 10 to 15 feet wide and inverted U pipes on both sides of the steps for rope anchors for securing the docks, that would allow year long locations for sitting at the shore and while the HOCR is running it would provide a safe locations to anchor the temporary docks and better protect the rowers from unwanted falls and injury.</p> <p>Myself and any other members of the HOCR Dock Logistics volunteers would be able to help site the steps to the 5 locations we currently use for temporary docks. The site where Boston Latin and other High Schools locate their dock is another candidate for the steps.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>	Weston	MA	02493
Courtney	Forrester	<p>Stormwater Management: improve the surface runoff and drainage in multiple targeted areas of Herter Park including Parking Lots #1-4, the fields next to the Eliot Bridge and the fields near the Canoe & Kayak Rental.</p> <p>Riverbank Management: support the removal of invasive species to be replaced with native species that will allow year-round views of the river as suggested in the 2002 master plan. The granite armoring should be reset to maintain turf edge and prevent erosion. If the granite armoring is reset permanent infrastructure to anchor temporary docks could be installed.</p> <p>Open Spaces: support maintaining the open, pastoral character of Herter Park with open lawn running down to the edge of the water as suggested in the 2002 master plan.</p> <p>Parking: Maintain the open Artesani parking lot and smaller lots to accommodate vehicles and trailers for events and general usage</p> <p>Electrical Infrastructure: support creating permanent electrical infrastructure to improve sustainability and limit the need for temporary generators. This would really cut down on GHG emissions.</p> <p>Water Access: support adding additional water fountains and access points for potable water. I travel to Philly several times a year, they have had drinking fountains along the Schuylkill river for several years - it's GREAT!</p> <p>Site Lighting: Ensure light poles are maintained to help park users safely traverse the park in the evening.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	Watertown	MA	02472
Katy	Ruderman	<p>Stormwater Management: improve the surface runoff and drainage in multiple targeted areas of Herter Park including Parking Lots #1-4, the fields next to the Eliot Bridge and the fields near the Canoe & Kayak Rental. Highlighted areas can be viewed on this map: https://bit.ly/3vKg0d7</p> <p>Riverbank Management: support the removal of invasive species to be replaced with native species that will allow year-round views of the river as suggested in the 2002 master plan. The granite armoring should be reset to maintain turf edge and prevent erosion. If the granite armoring is reset permanent infrastructure to anchor temporary docks could be installed.</p> <p>Open Spaces: support maintaining the open, pastoral character of Herter Park with open lawn running down to the edge of the water as suggested in the 2002 master plan.</p> <p>Parking: Maintain the open Artesani parking lot and smaller lots to accommodate vehicles and trailers for events and general usage</p> <p>Electrical Infrastructure: support creating permanent electrical infrastructure to improve sustainability and limit the need for temporary generators.</p> <p>Water Access: support adding additional water fountains and access points for potable water.</p> <p>Site Lighting: Ensure light poles are maintained to help park users safely traverse the park in the evening.</p>	Dedham	MA	02026

Tom	Meier	<p>I attended the first zoom meeting on Herter Park Master Plan and was very impressed.</p> <p>I volunteer at the Head of the Charles Regatta and am also a private person using the park during the summer living in Melrose and traveling to Boston to park and enjoy the area. My comments are as follows:</p> <p>The "lagoon" by the "winter wooden bridge" is mosquito infested and should be recast to do something other than just sit and be over grown. Perhaps a Koi Pond, private garden area or just filled in.</p> <p>Drainage for the grass lands would be great, and better access to the Charles that has more permanent transfer to floating dock would be great so long as it is compatible with the HOCR.</p> <p>Storm water Management: improve the surface runoff and drainage in multiple targeted areas of Herter Park including Parking Lots #1-4, the fields next to the Eliot Bridge and the fields near the Canoe & Kayak Rental. Highlighted areas can be viewed on this map: https://bit.ly/3vKg0d7</p> <p>Riverbank Management: support the removal of invasive species to be replaced with native species that will allow year-round views of the river as suggested in the 2002 master plan. The granite armoring should be reset to maintain turf edge and prevent erosion. If the granite armoring is reset permanent infrastructure to anchor temporary docks could be installed.</p> <p>Open Spaces: support maintaining the open, pastoral character of Herter Park with open lawn running down to the edge of the water as suggested in the 2002 master plan.</p> <p>Parking: Maintain the open Artesani parking lot and smaller lots to accommodate vehicles and trailers for events and general usage</p> <p>Electrical Infrastructure: support creating permanent electrical infrastructure to improve sustainability and limit the need for temporary generators.</p> <p>Water Access: support adding additional water fountains and access points for potable water.</p>	Melrose	MA	02176
Gregory	Kelly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •No path in the park feel wide enough for mixed use, please widen them all to accommodate speeds that range from pushing a stroller to bike commuting. •It would be great to see multiple points of access to the water for canoe/kayak/SUP, on either side of the amphitheater. Additionally a landing where paddlers can pull up/tie up for a while. Think about Herter as a destination for paddlers, not just a start/end point for trips. It could attract paddlers from Watertown to the Esplanade. •Similarly, make Herter a bike destination. Bike parking throughout the park would be very helpful. •Herter Center would make an outstanding events center/public art space/meeting space upstairs. Downstairs it would be nice to have a café/market so that people arriving by foot, bike or paddle can travel light to the park, and still be able to pick up a picnic lunch, sunscreen, towel, and other sundries. •The area east of Elliot bridge is underutilized, perhaps this is a place for a Mitch Ryerson playground tucked into a well shaded area of the park. It could offer relief/contrast to the sun exposed splashpad and playground at Artesani •All of the benches seem to face directly at a stand of weeds/invasive species, and would be much nicer with improved sightlines to the water. •Consistent signage for motorists along Soldiers Field beginning at Elliot Bridge and extending to the Henderson Boathouse would help reinforce that it is one large public space, instead of just the side of the park that is accessible based on the lot where you find parking. 	Brighton	MA	02135
Tom	West	<p>Stormwater Management: improve the surface runoff and drainage in multiple targeted areas of Herter Park including Parking Lots #1-4, the fields next to the Eliot Bridge and the fields near the Canoe & Kayak Rental. Highlighted areas can be viewed on this map: https://bit.ly/3vKg0d7</p> <p>Riverbank Management: support the removal of invasive species to be replaced with native species that will allow year-round views of the river as suggested in the 2002 master plan. The granite armoring should be reset to maintain turf edge and prevent erosion. If the granite armoring is reset permanent infrastructure to anchor temporary docks could be installed.</p> <p>Open Spaces: support maintaining the open, pastoral character of Herter Park with open lawn running down to the edge of the water as suggested in the 2002 master plan.</p> <p>Parking: Maintain the open Artesani parking lot and smaller lots to accommodate vehicles and trailers for events and general usage</p> <p>Electrical Infrastructure: support creating permanent electrical infrastructure to improve sustainability and limit the need for temporary generators.</p> <p>Water Access: support adding additional water fountains and access points for potable water.</p> <p>Site Lighting: Ensure light poles are maintained to help park users safely traverse the park in the evening.</p>	Belmont	MA	02478
Audrey	Richardson	Please see comments from Friends of Boston Latin School Crew and Friends of Brookline Rowing, emailed to Daniel Cushing and Jenny Norwood. Thank you.	Roslindale	MA	02131

Nicholas	Wright	<p>I am a member of the Head of the Charles Regatta Race Operations group, and I fully support these HOCC comments:</p> <p>Stormwater Management: improve the surface runoff and drainage in multiple targeted areas of Herter Park including Parking Lots #1-4, the fields next to the Eliot Bridge and the fields near the Canoe & Kayak Rental. Highlighted areas can be viewed on this map: https://bit.ly/3vKg0d7</p> <p>Riverbank Management: support the removal of invasive species to be replaced with native species that will allow year-round views of the river as suggested in the 2002 master plan. The granite armoring should be reset to maintain turf edge and prevent erosion. If the granite armoring is reset permanent infrastructure to anchor temporary docks could be installed.</p> <p>Open Spaces: support maintaining the open, pastoral character of Herter Park with open lawn running down to the edge of the water as suggested in the 2002 master plan.</p> <p>Parking: Maintain the open Artesani parking lot and smaller lots to accommodate vehicles and trailers for events and general usage</p> <p>Electrical Infrastructure: support creating permanent electrical infrastructure to improve sustainability and limit the need for temporary generators.</p> <p>Water Access: support adding additional water fountains and access points for potable water.</p> <p>Site Lighting: Ensure light poles are maintained to help park users safely traverse the park in the evening.</p> <p>As a nearby resident, and as one of two people in charge of parking the boat trailers, I would like to comment:</p> <p>-Please keep the center of Artesani parking lot free of light poles and islands</p>	Cambridge	MA	02140
Courtney	Wilson	<p>Stormwater Management: improve the surface runoff and drainage in multiple targeted areas of Herter Park including Parking Lots #1-4, the fields next to the Eliot Bridge and the fields near the Canoe & Kayak Rental. Highlighted areas can be viewed on this map: https://bit.ly/3vKg0d7</p> <p>Riverbank Management: support the removal of invasive species to be replaced with native species that will allow year-round views of the river as suggested in the 2002 master plan. The granite armoring should be reset to maintain turf edge and prevent erosion. If the granite armoring is reset permanent infrastructure to anchor temporary docks could be installed.</p> <p>Open Spaces: support maintaining the open, pastoral character of Herter Park with open lawn running down to the edge of the water as suggested in the 2002 master plan.</p> <p>Parking: Maintain the open Artesani parking lot and smaller lots to accommodate vehicles and trailers for events and general usage</p> <p>Electrical Infrastructure: support creating permanent electrical infrastructure to improve sustainability and limit the need for temporary generators.</p> <p>Water Access: support adding additional water fountains and access points for potable water.</p> <p>Site Lighting: Ensure light poles are maintained to help park users safely traverse the park in the evening.</p>	Cambridge	MA	02139

The BLS Boathouse: Submission to DCR and the Herter Park Master Plan Design Team June 24, 2021

Friends of Boston Latin School Crew, Inc., and Friends of Brookline Rowing, Inc., submit the following, with the request that it be acknowledged in writing and placed into the public record of the Herter Park Master Plan Design Process for further discussion.

Part 1: History and Context

Since approximately 2011, the Boston Latin School (BLS) Crew team has used the former Brighton Bathhouse, on the west end of Christian Herter Park, as the BLS Boathouse. This location was scouted and implemented by Friends of BLS Crew working together with DCR, after BLS Crew was priced out of using the Community Rowing, Inc. (CRI) boathouse.

BLS Crew in its current formation was founded as a girls' program in 2002. In 2015 BLS Crew added a boys' program and currently serves approximately 125 Boston public school students per year. Although BLS Crew has the full institutional support of BLS leadership, it is entirely operated and funded by the non-profit organization Friends of BLS Crew and does not receive any financial support from the Boston Public Schools.

The mission of Friends of BLS Crew is to make rowing accessible to any BLS student, regardless of the racial and socioeconomic barriers that have existed in rowing and that may have previously kept many students from engaging in the sport.

Brookline High School (BHS) Rowing was founded in the late 1980s and, like BLS, has become one of the largest public high school rowing programs in the Commonwealth, with roughly 125 boys and girls in the program. In 2017, BHS Rowing was priced out of the Riverside Boat Club boathouse. With the support of DCR, BLS Crew welcomed the Brookline team to join BLS in rowing out of the BLS Boathouse location. Friends of BHS Rowing is the non-profit organization that raises funds, purchases equipment, employs coaches and provides need-based scholarships for athletes, in coordination with Brookline High School Athletics, which supports the program only during the Spring season.

We would like to clarify a statement that was made in the June 10 public presentation by Rob Adams of Halvorson/Tighe & Bond. Mr. Adams stated that Friends of BLS Crew does not have an agreement for the use of the BLS Boathouse structure. We note that the absence of an agreement is because DCR has yet to act on a 2014 Act of the Legislature which directed DCAMM, in consultation with DCR, to enter into a boathouse agreement with Friends of Boston Latin Crew, as follows:

- In 2010, the Legislature directed DCAMM to execute leases or other agreements with various boating facilities, including private and university boathouses, that occupied locations along the City's waterfront:
<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2010/Chapter65>
- In 2012, this was amended to include Northeastern University's Henderson Boat House:
<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2012/Chapter143>
- In 2014, it was further amended to include the Friends of Boston Latin School Crew:
<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2014/Chapter282>

Since 2014, Friends of BLS Crew has engaged with DCR with the goal of getting the agreement in place, but to date that agreement has not been executed. As a result, we are unable to make any improvements to the boathouse or surrounding area, nor are we able to adequately maintain the facility and grounds until such time that we have a use agreement. At this time, we

have proposed minor improvements to remove dead and dying trees, address major flooding issues in and around the path between Henderson Boathouse and the boathouse, as well as take some minor steps to make the boathouse more user-friendly within its existing footprint. None of these improvements can move forward without an executed use agreement. It should be further noted that the current boathouse, which is used by 200+ public high school students six days each week between March and November, has no plumbing/running water or bathroom facilities, no lighting or electricity, and is often surrounded by large puddles and mud due to poor drainage.

Our immediate request is that DCAMM and DCR act as directed by the Legislature to execute a use agreement. But, as part of the Herter Park Master Plan, and as set forth below, we want to put forth a larger vision for public school rowing that should be incorporated into the programming discussions for the Master Plan.

Part 2: A Vision for Public School Rowing on the Charles

Our vision is to create a boathouse dedicated to expanding access to rowing on the Charles River for a diverse group of public high school students from Boston and the surrounding communities in order to promote the sport of rowing, health and fitness, enjoyment of the river and its natural beauty.

The Charles River is the main stage of American rowing and includes over 15 miles of rowable water from the Museum of Science to Watertown. The river is home to one of the most iconic rowing regattas in the world (the Head of the Charles), serves as a training center for many elite rowers, and is the site of some of the most important rowing history in the country. The river is currently home to 13 rowing-focused boathouses: five buildings for colleges (MIT, BU, Harvard, Radcliffe and Northeastern), three buildings for private clubs (Union Boat Club, Riverside Boat Club, and Cambridge Boat Club -- some of which host public school programs, such as Cambridge Rindge & Latin School), four buildings for private high schools (Belmont Hill, Noble & Greenough, BB&N, Windsor) and one community-access organization, Community Rowing, Inc. (CRI). Nowhere along this 15-mile stretch of river is there a facility dedicated to public high school rowing. Public high schools use sub-optimal space inside (or often completely outside of) these well-resourced private facilities -- sometimes with no heating, plumbing, electricity, site drainage, restrooms or even a secure place for students to leave their belongings.

Historically, Boston public high schools, such as English High School and the O'Bryant High School (previously Boston Technical High School), maintained rowing programs, but access to the river for Boston Public Schools students is currently quite limited.¹ We believe DCR's Herter Park Master Plan provides a compelling opportunity to ensure that a diverse group of public high school students in the Greater Boston area has access to rowing on the Charles River.

¹ We note that Community Rowing, Inc. (CRI), which was commented on as addressing the need for public school access to rowing and the river in the public presentation, is distinguishable and not duplicative of our proposal to provide access to public high school rowing teams. CRI, through RowBoston, provides space for up to 50 Boston public high school students from various schools to compete as RowBoston in a minimally competitive, club team atmosphere. This program does not provide opportunity for school team rowing, nor does CRI have the capacity to house individual public school teams. While we believe Community Rowing's outreach efforts to Boston Public Schools students, particularly with indoor rowing to elementary and middle school students, should be commended, we distinguish the RowBoston club model as very different than a robust varsity and novice high school team, rowing as representatives of their school with their classmates.

Our Goal(s)

At a minimum, we aim to substantially improve the current boathouse site with a renovated or replaced structure and appropriate landscape modifications to improve convenience, safety, drainage and boat trailer access.

The larger goal, however, is to build a boathouse elsewhere within Herter Park that could accommodate multiple public high school rowing programs and support the launch of at least one new public high school rowing program (potentially a single team comprised of rowers from across all Boston public high schools to start) that would provide a more diverse group of student athletes across Greater Boston access to rowing on the Charles River. The Herter Park Master Planning process provides an exciting opportunity to enlist others in this vision and build support for both the near-term and longer-term goals.

Core Values

- **Equity:** 12 of the 13 rowing boathouses on this stretch of the Charles River exist to serve private schools, private clubs and private universities. Only one of these facilities (CRI) consistently provides public access, but that access is expensive and constrained. Although CRI hosts RowBoston's scholastic program, that program is limited in its capacity and different, as described in the footnote above.
- **Inclusion:** The sport of rowing, for too long, has been a sport that failed to welcome diverse communities with regard to race and socio-economic status. Public access to the river through public high school rowing creates a unique opportunity to cultivate a more diverse community of rowers and athletes.
- **Collaboration:** Creating a new building in a public park requires collaboration and commitment across a broad range of stakeholder groups, funders, public and private interests and local communities; we are committed to work productively with all of these groups to ensure the long-term success of this vision for our community.

Possible Models/Reference Projects

We have identified several reference projects around the country which we believe are relevant to this vision and could inspire a unique and successful facility here in Boston that meets the needs of our community.

- [Thompson's Boat Center](#) (Washington, DC): Home to several collegiate programs, high school programs, community programs, and public space and rental access. Combines rowing and sailing. Owned by the U.S. National Park Service.
- [Donahue Rowing Center](#) (Shrewsbury, MA): The [mission](#) of the Donahue Rowing Center is to provide and maintain: facilities, instructions, assistance, encouragement and guidance in the sport of rowing to students, adults, adaptive rowing programs and the general public. The original 6-bay facility was completed in 1994 at a cost of \$1m, and 4 additional boat bays were added in 2002 for an additional \$700k.
- [Anacostia Boathouse](#) (Washington, DC): Home to several collegiate, high school, club rowing programs, as well as various community organizations in waterfront preservation.
- [Walker Creek Boathouse](#) (Austin, TX): A mixed-used boathouse where the community can rent kayaks & paddle boards, take learn-to-row and indoor rowing classes, as well as house club rowing programs. Walker Creek also provides a public cafe and restrooms. Owned by the City of Austin and managed by the Austin Rowing Club.

We believe these examples illustrate the powerful impact that a dedicated public access rowing facility can have by increasing access to the river for a diverse community of participants.

June 23, 2021

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Re: Herter Park Master Plan

CRWA Comment #1

As you are aware, Charles River Watershed Association (“CRWA”) hosts numerous education and outreach events in Christian A. Herter Park, including the Run of the Charles. We are invested in park’s success and pleased to see the Department of Conservation and Recreation (“DCR”) progressing with a master planning process to restore and enhance this important public park right along the Charles River. CRWA submits the following comments to help inform development of the Herter Park Master Plan currently being prepared by DCR and Halvorson Design and associated subcontractors (collectively, the “Project Team”). Our comments are in response to the content presented at the June 10, 2021 Public Meeting. We have organized our comments to match the presentation topics.

CRWA Comment #2 - Circulation

CRWA supports increased and improved safe access to the park by pedestrians and bikers. We are pleased to see the Project Team incorporating consideration of connectivity with other nearby project s’ open space areas, as well as with schools and students. Our educational programming often includes students and better access to the park will facilitate that work.

CRWA Comment #3 - Parking

CRWA encourages the Project Team to incorporate green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) and other stormwater best management practices (BMPs) into the parking areas to reduce runoff quantities, reduce pollution from stormwater runoff (e.g., phosphorous, solids, bacteria, etc.), and enhance visibility of these practices to the public. In addition, we are pleased to see that the Project Team is considering which parking lots should remain and in what form—any opportunities to reduce overall impervious cover should be incorporated into the Master Plan. We recognize that some events (i.e., Head of the Charles) have significant parking needs; however, alternative parking options—such as overflow parking on Soldiers Field Road—could be arranged for those limited events. This would allow for greening of the parking lots and reduction of impervious cover, improving stormwater management and river health. Implementation of GSI in parking lots that provides year-round and long-term benefits should not be sacrificed in order to accommodate two or three large events a year that need extended parking, especially when such parking is available on existing roadways.

CRWA Comment #4- Vegetation

Existing mature trees should be preserved, except those with health issues or those that pose a public safety risk. We urge the Project Team to consult with an arborist to evaluate trees for suitability of presentation and that as many trees as possible be maintained (specifically those whose suitability is determined to be moderate or high). We request more information from the Project Team on the “goals” of the moat (e.g., is it supposed to flow? provide fish habitat? flood storage? accessible recreational area? etc.). The plan’s recommendations should be aligned with those goals.

CRWA supports removal of invasive plant species that threaten ecosystem health, and supports restoration efforts to bring back native vegetation. Overall, ecosystem health should be improved across the entire park. We ask the Project Team to consider designating specific areas for use like passive recreation vs active recreation and associated planting needs. There may be opportunities to reduce “lawn” areas and replace them with more diverse species. In addition, the Commonwealth recently completed a healthy soils plan. Herter Park would be a great place to put some of those recommendations into action. We ask the Project Team to explain consistency with this effort in its development of the Master Plan.

CRWA Comment #5

Program Activities

CRWA holds the following types of events at Herter Park on a periodic basis (Educational table with “watershed in a box” demonstration; walking tours of the park features; in collaboration with Paddle Boston, canoe and kayak tours of the River; and educational sessions for students in nearby schools. Since these events typically draw groups up to 40 people or less, or are for passers-by, the park’s current parking and circulation are more than adequate.

Our Run of the Charles event is a large event that draws hundreds of people and typically fills the parking lots, including for use as space for tents and booths. Improved pedestrian and bike access, as well as streamlined parking, would benefit this event and reduce overall parking needs. This event does not require changes to the circulation of the park. We anticipate that these needs are consistent with the needs of other stakeholders for their programming.

CRWA Comment #6- **Herter Amphitheater**

We are pleased to see consideration of a second egress and improved accessibility for the Herter Amphitheater. However, in doing this work, we urge the Project Team to preserve mature trees (in collaboration with an arborist as noted in our previous comment on vegetation) and remove invasive species.

CRWA Comment #7- **Herter Center**

We support preservation of the history of the park, including the Herter Center. The original building constructed in the 1950s, still on site, once had a spectacular views of the Charles River. The architecture emphasizes the connection between the built environment and nature and reminds users of the importance of the River and all of its functions. We hope that this sentiment will be carried forward in the next iteration of the Herter Center.

CRWA Comment #8- **Visitor Experience**

CRWA strongly supports improvements for universal accessibility. For any improvements that would extend impervious areas, we encourage the Project Team to utilize permeable solutions as feasible to comply with ADA requirements. We are pleased to see that the Project Team is considering adding amenities such as water fountains, bicycle racks, and trash receptacles. With proper maintenance, trash receptacles and even pet waste stations will help reduce the quantity of trash and pollution entering the Charles River. CRWA also supports the intent to maintain vistas at targeted locations and provide access to the River’s edge while balancing river health, ecosystem health, and nuisance species issues.

CRWA Comment #9 -**Signage and Wayfinding**

Generally, we are pleased to see the Project Team give attention to the need to simplify messaging and reduce the overall number of signs in the park, as well as add educational information as appropriate. We would hope this Master Planning effort results in improved signage about the Park. CRWA would like to see signage incorporate information about Christian A. Herter, the history of the site, Charles

River pollution cleanup progress, impacts from stormwater runoff, what green stormwater infrastructure can do, and what people can do at their own homes to reduce pollution in stormwater runoff. Additional information about invasive species, native plantings, and pollinators would be appropriate in various places in the park. Continuing to emphasize messages about not feeding wild animals (particularly geese), removing trash, and picking up after pets is also critical to river health.

CRWA Comment #10-Stormwater and Drainage

Given this site's proximity to the Charles River, improvements to stormwater management provide significant opportunities to mitigate detrimental environmental impacts from stormwater pollution and manage runoff quantities and rates under current and anticipated climate change scenarios.

CRWA Comment #10.1-Stormwater and Drainage

As you are aware, the Lower Basin of the Charles River is subject to a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for phosphorus (Total Maximum Daily Load for Nutrients In the Lower Charles River Basin, Massachusetts, June 2007 (EPA TMDL No. 33826)) and a TMDL for bacteria (Final Pathogen TMDL for the Charles River Watershed January 2007 (EPA TMDL No. 32371)). In addition, DCR is subject to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) in Massachusetts ("MS4GP") (effective July 1, 2018, subsequently modified on December 7, 2020), which includes provisions requiring DCR to develop and implement a Phosphorus Control Plan (PCP) that includes use of non-structural and structural controls to reduce the annual phosphorus load entering the river. Herter Park offers an incredible opportunity for DCR to address this MS4GP requirement for two key reasons (1) following the Master Planning effort, the park will undergo some construction which is the opportune and most cost-effective time to add structural stormwater controls, and (2) there is a great deal of available space in the park. We look forward to seeing more information in the Master Plan documenting how the drainage and stormwater improvements will address the pollutants of concern both in the TMDLs, as well as the most recently approved Final Integrated List of Waters.

CRWA Comment #10.2-Stormwater and Drainage

In addition, according to the National Climate Assessment, the amount of precipitation falling in very heavy events increased by 71% in New England from 1958 to 2012. The Climate Ready Boston Map Explorer shows that areas of Herter Park, as well as nearby areas that may drain to the moat in Herter Park or to the River through conveyances under the Herter Park land area, stormwater flooding in the near-, medium-, and long-term. The Boston Water and Sewer Commission ("BWSC") City of Boston Inundation Model shows extensive areas of flooding in and around Herter Park under various extreme weather events, some of which are predicted to be over one foot. CRWA requests that the Project Team provide additional detail in the Master Plan about the stormwater management systems' ability to manage—and, as feasible, reduce—current and predicted flooding from the drainage areas contributing the Charles River in this area, using the best available science.

CRWA Comment #10.3-Stormwater and Drainage

Finally, the Resilient MA Action Team (RMAT) "Climate Resilience Design Standards and Guidelines" have been released as a draft and include guidance for state-funded projects to enhance assessment of climate resilience as part of the state capital planning process to ensure consistency with the State Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan (SHMCAP). We request that the Project Team use the "beta" Climate Resilience Design Standards Tool to document the risks from climate change and guide design of mitigation strategies, as well as include the output as an appendix to the Master Plan.

CRWA Comment #11

Thank you for considering these comments. We look forward to seeing a full draft of the Herter Park Master Plan sometime in Fall 2021 and anticipate providing additional comments at that time during the stakeholder and public input process.

Janet Moonan, PE
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