

Principles Impacted Riverside Residents (P.I.R.R.)

Cambridge, MA

Background Efforts to Collaborate with DCR

2020

Covid 19 Pandemic - DCR begins closing Memorial Drive on Saturdays and extends the season at the request of the Cambridge City Council

2021

The Cambridge City Council requests that DCR continues Saturday closures in 2021

2022

March - March 28, 2022 City Manager request Council to explore with DCR the continued Saturday closures

June/July - City's Department of Transportation held an outreach session to gather input about use/impact of Saturday closures

2023

February - City Council, propose continuation of Riverbend Park on Saturdays; and directive to City Manager to work with City departments and DCR to gather community input, as well as traffic studies

2024

January - Sheila Headley & Lawrence Adkins, hosted DCR Comm. Arrigo at the Cambridge Community Center to meet and hear directly from Riverside Community residents
Follow-up meeting was promised (TBH MLK Jr Elem School)

February - PIRR Executive members shared information regarding Riverbend park closures and other concerns to Governor Healy at the BPL post Boston Public Radio show

March - December Various emails sent to DCR Commissioner requesting a follow-up meeting with Riverside Community residents

December - Councilor Wilson requested names for a state sponsored environmental impact task force, which will include Riverside Community

March - Craig Cashman (DCR) request meeting with various House Reps to discuss continuation of Saturday closures of Riverbend Park

2025

February - PIRR found out about the Charles River Task Force, and emailed DCR Commissioner Arrigo, Undersecretary Powers formally requesting membership

March -DCR Commissioner met with the CambridgePort Neighborhood Association

April - PIRR emailed DCR requesting a smaller meeting with him and team to discuss ongoing concerns with Riverside Community and how we can collaborate with him and his team
DCR Commissioner Arrigo announcement of resignation