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April 19, 2022

Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to appoint Lee Breckenridge of 173 Berkeley Street, Newton 02465 as a full member of the Planning and Development Board. Her term of office shall expire on February 1, 2027 and her appointment is subject to your confirmation. Ms. Lee Breckenridge is currently serving as an Alternate member from August 9, 2021 to July 31, 2026.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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**Application Form**

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**Profile**

Lee P Breckenridge  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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Email Address

173 Berkeley St Suite or Apt  
Home Address

Newton MA 02465  
City State Postal Code

**What Ward do you live in?**

Ward 3

Home: (617) 527-4904 Mobile: (617) 797-0614  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Northeastern University School of Law Professor of Law Emerita  
Employer Job Title

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Planning and Development Board: Submitted

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**Interests & Experiences**

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?**

I am writing to express my interest in serving as an alternate member of the Planning and Development Board. I have been a resident of Newton since 1990, and I have followed with interest the city's initiatives in planning and zoning over the years. In my professional life, I have expertise in land use law, as well as state and federal environmental protection and natural resources management requirements. I recently retired from a tenured faculty position at Northeastern University School of Law, where I taught Land Use as well as courses in Environmental and Natural Resources Law. I have paid close attention to zoning reform initiatives, permit processes, affordable housing developments, transitions to alternative energy sources, and watershed restoration efforts in municipalities throughout the greater Boston metropolitan area, as I have supervised numerous student research and writing projects. I currently serve on the advisory boards of the Newton Conservators and the Charles River Watershed Association. I know that Newton's ongoing planning initiatives and zoning decisions will affect the quality of life and the landscape here for years to come. I hope that my experience in relevant areas of legal practice can contribute meaningfully to deliberations and recommendations by the Planning and Development Board.

LEE P. BRECKENRIDGE

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Professional Experience

Northeastern University School of Law  
Professor of Law Emerita, 2020 to present  
Professor of Law, 1996 to 2020  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, 2009-2011  
Associate Professor of Law, 1990 to 1996  
Adjunct Professor of Law, 1989

Teaching responsibilities and research focus in environmental and natural resources law, land use regulation, and administrative law. **Affiliate Professor of the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs.** Faculty advisor and coordinator of the J.D./Master of Environmental Law and Policy (MELP) program of Northeastern University School of Law and Vermont Law School and the J.D./M.S. in Law and Public Policy program of Northeastern University School of Law and School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs. Faculty Affiliate, Northeastern University Global Resilience Institute (GRI). Member of affiliated faculty, Northeastern University School of Law, Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy (PHRGE). Faculty Associate, Business Sustainability Initiative, Northeastern University D'Amore-McKim School of Business. Member of affiliated faculty for the JD/MPH dual degree program of Northeastern University School of Law and Tufts University School of Medicine. Member of PhD Dissertation Committees, Law and Public Policy (LPP) Program (formerly Law, Policy and Society (LPS) Program) of the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs.

Department of the Attorney General, Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Chief, Environmental Protection Division, 1986-1990  
Assistant Attorney General, 1982-1990

Office of the Attorney General, State of Tennessee  
Assistant Attorney General, 1978-1982

U. S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Honorable Gilbert S. Merritt  
Law Clerk, 1977-1978

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of General Counsel, Water Division  
Attorney-Advisor, 1976-1977

## Education

Harvard Law School, J.D. 1976

Yale University, B.A., summa cum laude, 1973

## Selected Publications

“Ecosystems, Legal Systems, and Governance: An Institutional Perspective,” in A RESEARCH AGENDA FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS, (Matthias Ruth ed., Edward Elgar 2020)

State Survey: Massachusetts, 4 WATERS AND WATER RIGHTS (Amy K. Kelley, ed., 3rd ed., LexisNexis/Matthew Bender 2020) (available online [4 Waters and Water Rights.syn \(2020\)](#))

Water Management for Smart Cities: Implications of Advances in Real-Time Sensing, Information Processing, and Algorithmic Controls, 7 GEO. WASH. J. ENERGY & ENVTL. L. 153 (2016)

Green Infrastructure in Cities: Expanding Mandates under Federal Law, Trends, ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Newsletter (Vol. 45, No. 6, July/August 2014)

Ecosystem Resilience and Institutional Change: The Evolving Role of Public Water Suppliers, in CITIES OF THE FUTURE: TOWARDS INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE WATER AND LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT (Vladimir Novotny & Paul Brown eds., 2007).

Special Challenges of Transboundary Coordination in Restoring Freshwater Ecosystems, 19 PAC. MCGEORGE GLOBAL BUS. & DEV. L.J. 13 (2006).

Maintaining Instream Flow and Protecting Aquatic Habitat: Promise and Perils on the Path to Regulated Riparianism, 106 W. VA. L. REV. 595 (2004).

Reweaving the Landscape: The Institutional Challenges of Ecosystem Management for Lands in Private Ownership, 19 VT. L. REV. 363 (1995)

Protection of Biological and Cultural Diversity: Emerging Recognition of Local Community Rights in Ecosystems under International Environmental Law, 59 TENN. L. REV. 735 (1992)

## Recent Presentations (selected)

Law in Global Political Economy: Heterodoxy Now, conference of the Harvard Law School Institute for Global Law & Policy, moderator of session on Historical and Present Legal Frameworks for Natural Resources in the Global South, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, June 3, 2018.

Myra Kraft Open Classroom, Fall 2017 lecture series on Boston in 2030, “Urban Adaptation to Climate Change,” in session on Climate-Ready Boston, Oct. 18, 2017.

Sustainability Conference of American Legal Educators (SCALE), “Renewable Energy, Distributed Generation and Storage, and a Sharing Economy,” Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona, May 12, 2017.

Northeastern University, Center for Law, Innovation, and Creativity (CLIC), conference on Connected Futures: Next Generation Questions for a Just World, organizer and moderator of panel on Renewable Energy, Resilience and Innovation, Boston, May 1, 2017.

Seventh Annual Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship, “Innovative Communication Technologies and Evolving Property Relationships in Resource Management,” Vermont Law School, South Royalton, Vermont, September 23-24, 2016.

Association for Law, Property and Society (ALPS), “Smart Communication Technologies and Evolving Public/Private Relationships in Natural Resource Management,” Queens University, Belfast, Ireland, May 20-21, 2016.

Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy (PHRGE), 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Rights Institute: Tapping Into the Human Right to Water: Affordability, Quality, Accessibility, introductory remarks and introduction of keynote speaker, Boston, MA, Nov. 5, 2015.

Sustainability Conference of American Legal Educators (SCALE), “Resilient Cities and the Challenges of Urban Water Management,” presentation, panel on “Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience,” Arizona State University, May 8, 2015.

Annual Meeting of the Association for Law, Property, and Society (ALPS), “Institutional Cognition and Urban Resilience,” presentation, panel on “The Changing Landscape,” University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, May 1, 2015.

J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Symposium on Advanced Monitoring, Remote Sensing, and Data Gathering, Analysis and Disclosure in Compliance and Enforcement, presentation on “Implications of Advanced Sensing and Networking Technologies for Designing and Implementing Resilient Water Management Requirements,” George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C., March 26-27, 2015.

Northeastern University School of Law, Lawyering for the Sustainable City Conference, program organizer and moderator, March 21, 2014.

Northeastern University, Myra Kraft Open Classroom, Challenges of Water, Spring Semester 2014, co-instructor.

### Bar Admissions

Admitted to practice law in the state courts of Massachusetts and New Jersey; state courts of Tennessee (inactive status); the United States District Courts for the District of Massachusetts, the Middle District of Tennessee, and the District of New Jersey; the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit; and the United States Supreme Court.