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Mr. Doug Dickson
Chairman, Community Preservation Commission
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Subject: Albemarle Proposal

Dear Mr. Dickson,

It is my pleasure to write this letter stating enthusiastically that Newton Youth Soccer has no objection for the improvements of the fields at Albemarle. This space will also continue to accommodate the soccer field of an approximate size of 80x80 yards. This area is used for 1st graders as they enter the soccer world.

The renovation will expand Newton's green space and will enhance the northern side of the city. Newton Youth Soccer has been committed to Newton's fields for the past 30 years and we, at NYS are very proud to be part of such renovation in the city. All sports are essential to the well being of our youth and as an entirely volunteer board, we each contribute individually and care about our city.

We look forward to working with the CPC, the Friends of Albemarle, and other organizations on their individual projects, and on future improvements to the fields in the city.

Best Regards,

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Re: Albemarle Park Proposal

Dear Mr. Dickson,

I am writing in support of proposal for the design of improvements to Albemarle Park.

While the proposed improvements will have little direct impact on the fields and sports facilities of the park, these enhancements to the appearance, amenities, and safety of the park will benefit everyone, including the children and families of our program.

Albemarle is an important resource for active recreation, but it is also one of the few large open spaces in the northern section of Newton. We look forward to working with the City, the Friends of Albemarle, and other organizations on this project, and on future improvements to the park.

Thank you for your good work; I hope you are able to provide funding for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Guy Rordorf
Newton Girls Soccer President



Charles River Watershed Association

27 February 2006

Dear CPA Committee:

I understand that the *Friends of Albemarle*, along with the Newton Parks & Recreation Commission and The Playground Project at Albemarle, have submitted an application requesting funding for Renovations to the Central Corridor of Albemarle Park. I am writing to express the Charles River Watershed Association's support for this project.

The scope of the proposed designs encompasses a number of topics that the Charles River Watershed Association strongly advocates. Proper managing of stormwater is a top concern throughout the watershed. In order to protect the health and longevity of our rivers it is vital that the quality of stormwater be addressed through the implementation of approved designs. In addition, a stormwater management system that the Charles River Watershed Association would like to see is one that allows for proper infiltration of stormwater that will then recharge groundwater. Secondly, the system should minimize the rate at which stormwater enters our streams and rivers.

The Charles River Water Association is also delighted by the inclusion of Cheesecake Brook channel refurbishment and restoration of eroded areas in the project proposal. The natural form of Cheesecake Brook was severely altered almost 150 years ago when it was channelized. The flora and fauna of the Cheesecake Brook would greatly benefit from this work.

With the help of the CPA, it is hoped that the *Friends of Albemarle*, the Newton Parks & Recreation Commission, and The Playground Project at Albemarle embark on this project to improve and enhance the Cheesecake Brook for the benefit of Newton's residents and the waterways in the Commonwealth. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions at 781.788.0007, ext. 228.

Very truly yours,

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Environmental Scientist