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Ms. Jennifer Goldson, AICP, Community Preservation Planner
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459
September 18, 2005

Re: Bowen Park Initiative

The Bowen Thompsonville Neighborhood Association (BTNA) Board enthusiastically supports the **Bowen Initiative's** proposal for CPA funding. As a neighborhood, which has been increasingly encroached upon by large-scale development, rarely do we have the opportunity to support a project within our community. However, we can and do support this project. We feel the physical improvements to the infrastructure of the Bowen Elementary School playground and surrounding areas, as well as the creation of an environmental learning center within our neighborhood, would be extremely beneficial to this community.

The association attempted to save the woods that belonged to Andover Newton Theological School when no CPA funds/ law were available. This land was used by neighbors on walks, by pet owners and children as well as a variety of wildlife. The association lobbied for inclusion in the Special Permit granted to subdivide the land, a provision to require the developer to rectify the drainage problems on the upper field, assuming it would also solve the problems at the school playground. This developer cannot now be forced to expend funds to solve this mess.

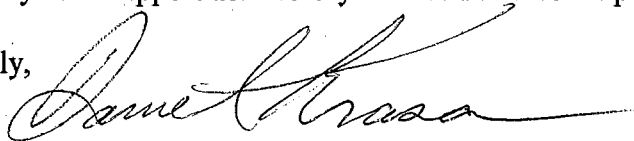
Because of our mutual concerns for traffic, safety and the devastation of the woods, the BTNA and the Bowen School have worked together for many years. Resolving the drainage problems on the playground is a necessary step to making this area safe and usable for the children on the playground.

Many neighbors use this space including young families with pre school aged children, residents of the Hamlet, as well as young families from lands such as Korea, Vietnam, Russia, Israel, India, who meet, or picnic, and have a place to connect while their children enjoy playing with the facilities there and to connect with others like themselves. Children from other Newton villages also have an opportunity to enjoy themselves in the playground when they or their siblings come to play in organized league sports on the upper field.

The Initiative's plan to expand the environmental educational component of the school's curriculum will be a model for the "Garden City" and provide a great opportunity for suburban children to have a role in protecting their local habitats as well as giving them a greater appreciation of the environment.

We urge you to support this worthy and well conceived proposal.

Sincerely,



Daniel Krasa Chairman of the Board
Bowen Thompsonville Neighborhood Association

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Letter of support

TO: CPA and other interested parties
RE: Bowen Elementary Schoolyard Initiative
Date: June 20, 2005

The Bowen Elementary Schoolyard Initiative has a "green school" component that we at the Green Decade Coalition wholeheartedly support. Their plans to begin a school-wide composting program and to install rain barrels to collect roof run-off are two practices that ought to save the school money, instill a sense of "conservation common sense" in the student body, and possibly inspire other schools to begin their own programs. Further, we support the Initiative's commitment to grow grass without irrigation or pesticides, and their desire to rid the woods behind the school of exotic invasive plants, and fill them instead, with native plants, many of which are endangered.

Further, the Initiative plans to develop academic tie-ins across the curriculum, but particularly to science and social studies. We support the idea of integrating experiences of nature, horticulture, fresh food, and conservation into the daily lives of our children, rather than relegating them to camp or weekends away or the occasional field trip. We understand that the Initiative is working with the Science Curriculum Coordinator for the city of Newton and the Educational Outreach Coordinator of Angino Farm, as well as some teachers from Bowen Elementary to make the outdoor classroom curriculum meet standards-based requirements. Again, this could inspire other schools in Newton to begin comparable programs.

The way that CPA funding would energize an already enthusiastic teaching staff, PTO, and administration should not be underestimated.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Ruben'.

Dan Ruben
Vice President, GDC
On behalf of the GDC Board of Directors



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June 15, 2005

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Beth Smith

Beverly Spencer
Volunteer Coordinator,
Newton Free Library

Dear CPA and other interested parties:

I am writing in support of the Bowen Elementary Schoolyard Initiative.

Bowen Elementary School has served as an official Project Partner Site for the "NewtonSERVES Day of Community Service" on two occasions. In both instances, the volunteers were recruited to help restore or maintain the school grounds – mulching, weeding, and fertilizing trees and shrubs. One year our volunteers planted an island of native shrubs at the end of a wheelchair ramp. The plantings were paid for by the Bowen PTO and were meant to attract and feed birds, as well as to capture some of the run-off from the building that pools just below the plantings.

The project liaison, Dee Mallon, has said that she hopes that Bowen Elementary can be a site for NewtonSERVES again next year, so that citywide volunteers can again join the school in their efforts to remove invasive exotic plants from the woods. Bringing a neglected piece of property back to life in a very developed section of Newton, where students and neighbors will appreciate the fruits of our labors, is just the sort of need that NewtonSERVES was created to meet.

Sincerely yours,

Beverly Droz
NewtonSERVES Director

September 23, 2005

Ms. Jennifer Goldson
Community Preservation Planner
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, Ma 02459

Dear Ms. Goldson:

I am writing on behalf of the Newton School Committee in strong support of the application of the Bowen Elementary Schoolyard Initiative for Community Preservation Committee funding. This group proposes to remedy drainage problems behind the school and prevent run-off from the nearby Newton Terraces project, create outdoor seating and walkways within the playground, remove poison ivy and non-native plantings from the woods, and to plant trees and other native plantings in the woods and playground. This initiative is designed to benefit the neighborhood by creating a playground area with seating for adult supervision and by restoring the woods for walking.

The proposal involves the Bowen Parent Teachers Association but also the Thompsonville Neighborhood Association and the Bowen student body. The PTO has pledged \$13,000 and expects to receive city funding for playground equipment. They are also applying for grants but seek CPA funding for environmental improvements including drainage, plant and tree removal, and planting activities.

The Bowen school already has in place an extensive outdoor curriculum, which it is seeking to expand. The wooded area behind the school had been an important component of this environmental/science curriculum but has not been able to be implemented in recent years due to the poison ivy and other blight to the woods.

The School Committee endorses this proposal, which will benefit the neighborhood, the city, and the school community. We hope you are able to provide funding for this creative initiative that holds much promise.

Sincerely,



Dori Zaleznik MD
Vice Chair, Newton School Committee



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Dr. Jeffrey M. Young
Superintendent of Schools

August 25, 2005

Ms. Jennifer Goldson
Community Preservation Planner
Newton Planning and Development Department
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Dear Ms. Goldson:

I am happy to write this letter in support of the *Bowen Schoolyard Initiative* which aims to improve recreation and education opportunities for Bowen students, and create an attractive and inviting outdoor space to be enjoyed by community residents as well.

The community served by this playground includes over 300 families whose children attend Bowen Elementary School, local residents and their pre-school children and grandchildren, and dog walkers and others who use it for exercise.

Currently, Bowen faces several challenges which need to be addressed: drainage problems cause playground flooding, often prohibiting use of the play area for long periods after major rain and snow melt. In addition, grass is unable to grow in this area, causing a dust bowl effect that further limits playground use throughout the dry seasons. The woods surrounding the play area have been overtaken by invasive plants, including poison ivy, which have destroyed the "outdoor classroom" environment that the woods once provided.

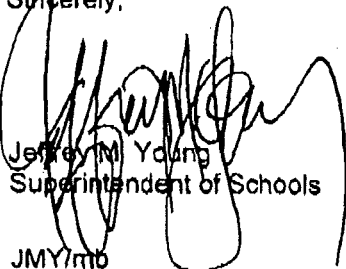
Specifically, the grant money would be used to:

- fix the drainage problems;
- replace aging playground equipment;
- repair the woods by introducing native plants and removing invasives;
- create a lovely and educational walking path;
- place benches and tables for people to relax; and
- build a mini-amphitheatre for outdoor classroom use.

Bowen is a strong school community, and I have always been impressed with the energy and dedication parents bring in supporting their school. This project is a natural outgrowth of that exemplary partnership. I hope the City will support this excellent use of CPA funds.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey M. Young
Superintendent of Schools

JMY/rmb

BOWEN AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM, INC.
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September 29, 2005

The Bowen Park Initiative

Ms. Jennifer Goldson, AICP, Community Preservation Planner
Newton City Hall
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Dear Ms. Goldson,

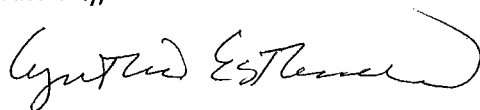
I am the Director of the Bowen After School Care Program, located here at the Bowen School. Each afternoon for over thirty years, children have poured out the doors of the school to enjoy freedom and physical activity on the playground. Neighborhood children join the after schoolers playing baseball, swinging, sliding, and climbing on the bars, visiting, and chasing one another in the open space. It is a social time, providing relaxation or the release of pent up energy.

Our after school program has served over 1,850 families and 2,250 children, all of whom have used the Bowen playground daily throughout the seasons. We have used the woods as an outdoor classroom, for scavenger hunts, and even tapped maple trees for syrup. The hill has served as a stage for plays and poetry. The sidewalk has been our palette for pastels. We are very excited about the expansive potential for projects, clubs and activities beyond the daily outdoor use that we currently enjoy.

Over my twenty years here at BASCP, I have seen the playground remodeled and adapted for the arrival of modular classrooms and the permanent addition. I have not witnessed the type of community effort, the concerted effort, and the sense of purpose that I see now with the Bowen Park Initiative. It is a wonderful opportunity to capture that interest and commitment from community members who use the park to join in the future care and maintenance of the area. BASCP is interested in contributing to annual maintenance of the Bowen Park Initiative.

I support the Bowen Park Initiative and look forward to partnering with community leaders to make this park the gem of our garden city.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Esthimer, Director BASCP

September 28, 2005

Ms. Jennifer Goldson
Community Preservation Planner
Newton Planning and Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, Massachusetts 02459

Dear Ms. Goldson, Members of the Community Preservation Committee and the City of Newton Representatives:

The Bowen Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization fully supports the application for CPA funding for the Bowen Park Initiative.

Clearly this project would have a substantial positive impact on the school and the surrounding community. Our children would be able to use the entire play area for recreation during all seasons in all weather. In addition, the planned path and improvement to the woods would allow its use as an "outdoor classroom" and would enhance the curriculum in several grades. Finally, all members of the community would be able to enjoy and utilize a central point in the neighborhood for relaxation, exercise, dog-walking and a variety of other activities.

The Bowen PTO has already raised more than \$12,000 toward the project, and has plans to coordinate fundraising with the Initiative in the spring.

On behalf of the Bowen PTO, I urge you to support this application.

Sincerely,



Susan Flicop
Bowen PTO Co-President

Bowen Elementary Schoolyard Initiative

Dear Community Preservation Committee,

I support the Bowen Elementary Schoolyard Initiative's Master Plan and hope that you will support the project with your recommendation for CPA funding. The project includes fixing a drainage problem, restoring the playground, restoring the woods behind the school, starting some green school practices and creating standards-based curriculum using the woods, raised beds, and hopefully a collaboration with Angino Farm.

Sincerely,

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Lynne Fitzgerald	48 Warren St. Newton, MA 02459
Steve Gagliardi	40 Waverly St. Newton
Maria Capri	109 Oxford Road Newton
Agustina	1574 Centre Street Newton
Walter Newton	72 Oxford Rd Newton
Jan Small	53 Paul St. Newton
Paula Cantino	66 Oxford Rd Newton
John	127 Allerton Rd Newton
Alyse Mizvahi	28 Moody St. Newton
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Mrs E Porada	20 Beecher Place Newton 02459
Vijay Murthy	199 Parker St. Newton 02459
Erid Levangie	20 Chestnut Hill Terrace Newton 02467
Ellen Chertock	98 Athelstone Rd Newton 02459
Kimberly Skogoch	62 Herrick Rd Newton 02459
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Patricia Cipriano	30 Lantern Lane Newton 02459
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Laurisa Newirth	193 Jackson St Newton 02459
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Janet Quinn	109 Parker St Newton MA 02459
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Gail Herman	25 Westminister Rd. Newton 02459
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Donna Fromberg	26 Knowles Newton 02459
Karen Marr	95 Parker St. Newton MA 02459
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Christina	163 Suffolk Rd, Chestnut Hill 02467
Jonin Blou	38 Paul St, Newton, MA 02459

Bowen Elementary Schoolyard Initiative

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Sincerely,

Name	Address
Lucia Dolan	20 Devon Rd Newton
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	53 Warren St. 02469
Walter Sandkey	166 Ridge Ave Newton 02459
Dotto Mareskas	37 Locksley Rd Newton
Daniel Krasa	221 Langley Rd. Newton 02459
Adam Peller	28 Daniel St Newton 02459
Jodie Peller	28 Daniel St.
Christie Jansky	27 Kenec Terrace Newton, MA 02459
Robert O'Leary	29 Glenwood Ave, Newton MA 02459
Catherine O'Leary	29 Glenwood Ave, Newton MA 02459
R. Muller	34 Old England Rd, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467
Megan Gerber	23 Sturms St Newton MA 02459
Margaret Primack	10 Stiles Ter. Newton, Ma 02459
MARC POLLINA	41 CYPRESS ST. NEWTON CENTRE
Laura McAvoy	22 Teacher Terf Newton Mch. 02459
Elizabeth W	91 PARKER ST, Newton MA 02459
John D	42 Parker St, Newton, MA 02459
J. Ardicio	130 Warren St Newton MA
Jan	Warren St.
Chris Bradner	135 CLARK ST.
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Jessie Rosenberg	29 Payson Rd Newton MA 02461
Melinda Hamilton	72 Oxford Rd Newton MA 02459
Steve + Krystia BURNHAM	24 Oxford Newton 02459
Andrew Gottlieb	118 Parker St. 02459
Marcia O'Leary	166 Ridge Ave Newton 02459
	63 Clark St. Newton MA 02459.

September 26, 2005

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you about the Bowen Park Initiative, a project which has my full support. As an abutter to the playground, our basement has suffered one to two major floods year, and in the late winter and spring our backyard is frequently flooded. It is clear to us that the flooding in our backyard begins in the Bowen playground and then moves into our yard. Indeed, many a rainy morning I have looked out our kitchen window to the Bowen playground, seen water pooling there, and have correctly assumed that by nightfall our backyard would be flooded. Needless to say, it is impossible to grow much grass in our backyard. If there could be some funding to help improve the drainage at Bowen, we would be thrilled.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthy project,



Emily Koch
290 Cypress St.
Newton
671 969-5117

308 Cypress Street
Newton, MA 02459
September 17, 2005

Jennifer Goldson, AICP
Community Preservation Planner
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Ms. Goldson,

I am writing to demonstrate my support for the Bowen Park Initiative. I live on Cypress Street near the Bowen school and own a business in Newton Center. I have a young daughter and use the playground often. I am certain that we would use it more with the proposed improvements.

The Bowen Park Initiative will make tremendous improvements to the property, which will benefit the community, in terms of making the park more attractive and useable. Also, as an abutter to the property, I am relieved that the drainage issues will be addressed.

I urge the CPA committee to fund this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christine Fordyce".

Christine Fordyce

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Ms. Jennifer Goldson, AICP, Community Preservation Planner
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

RE: Bowen Park Initiative

September 14, 2005

Dear Ms. Goldson,

I am writing to support the Bowen Park Initiative. I live one house away from Bowen on Cypress Street, and the Bowen schoolyard abuts the entire width of my backyard. I have occupied this house since 1975 (30 years) and have had ample experience with the problems the school faces with its space.

Drainage Problems

The drainage problems are serious. It is important to me to have the drainage problem finally corrected. When heavy rains occur (or with frequent rains), my yard can flood to a depth of almost six inches at its far end where it meets the schoolyard. And, I can easily see the large pool of water that rests in the schoolyard at such times.

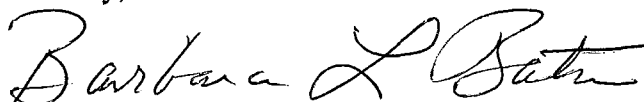
The development of Andover Newton Theology School Hill has only made this problem worse. I have photographs of water rooster tailing out of street sewers, two feet deep in my neighbor's driveway (they own the house next to Bowen), and ducks swimming on the upper field above Bowen.

Shade Trees and Seating

I thoroughly support the creation of shade areas and seating at Bowen. I love watching families with their children use the schoolyard and it has always bothered me that there is no place for parents to sit in the shade.

It further concerns me that the existing shade under the large oak at the edge of the schoolyard by my backyard is so dangerous. Oaks are weakened by standing water (the drainage problem again) and this very large oak has shed two major branches (one foot plus in diameter) in the past years. One landed in the schoolyard and scratched two fleeing children. Luckily no one was seriously hurt in either incident. However, without pruning and care to stop the flooding, this shade tree may prove to be a liability to the city rather than the boon it should be.

Sincerely,



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Ms. Jennifer Goldson, AICP, Community Preservation Planner
Newton City Hall
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Newton Centre, MA 02459

September 19, 2005

RE: Bowen Park Initiative

Dear Ms. Goldson,

I am a Professor of Education and Coordinator of Community Partnerships at Lesley University, and a resident on Cypress Street in the Bowen-Thompsonville district. Living in Newton for the past 30 years, I have been an active member of the community for the last 10 years.

In 2003, with the support of the Bowen School community, I organized a Tree Ceremony to honor the felled trees on the southern slope of the Andover Newton Theological School campus. Working closely with the school principal, Dr. Patricia Kelly, and the art teacher, Amber Wenger, I learned first-hand about this school's commitment to developing a strong, ecologically-informed student body. The school's pledge to integrate ideas about ecology into the curriculum was fairly unprecedented at that time, as was their willingness to launch new partnerships with community members to achieve this end.

Bowen has an impressive parent network that grows out of the school's willingness to work collaboratively with families. It comes as no surprise that the Bowen Initiative is conceived of as a plan that would benefit both the school and the community. The schoolyard is the place where children and families congregate. The informal nature of coming together in those "off-hours" is extremely important to the concept of building strong communities. The items identified in the Bowen Initiative proposal are modest and basic to improving the immediate environment. In addition, these initiatives will form the basis of sound curriculum that will aid children's understanding of ecological practice as an achievable goal, as well as support future developments.

In my work at Lesley University, I teach teachers about the benefits of an integrated curriculum. The Audubon Expedition Institute is the newest addition to Lesley University's Graduate School of Education. Educational institutions, like Lesley University, are looking at the fruitful relationship between environmental education, leadership and advocacy. The Bowen Initiative teaches children that new ideas that grow from the bottom up are worthwhile ventures and that dreams can indeed become actualized.

Finally, I can vouch for the follow through of the Bowen School Community. As a member of the Bowen-Thompsonville Neighborhood Association, I have watched this organization coalesce around issues of ecology and education, beginning with the tree ceremony, to becoming a more cohesive voice within the larger community. The Bowen School parent group has taken the lead on a number of fronts and has a strong record of accomplishment. A walk though the schoolyard will be testimony enough that this school is willing to do the work to make the world a greener and friendlier place.

I hope you will join me in supporting the Bowen Initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Karen Frostig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "K".

Karen Frostig

310 Cypress Street
Newton, MA 02459
September 18, 2005

Jennifer Goldson, AICP
Community Preservation Planner
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Ms. Goldson,

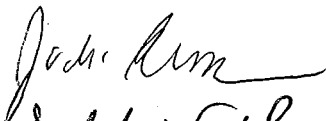
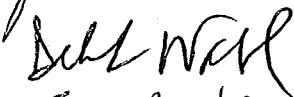
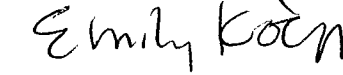


We are writing to demonstrate our support for the Bowen Park Initiative. We all live very close to Bowen- Jackson, Cypress, Daniel, Lantern, Ridge, Langley, Oakmont, etc. and all have young children that will be going to Bowen school. We use the playground often, even though most of our children have not yet started at Bowen.

However, there are many times that we can't use it as it is too water-logged and muddy. Other times we can't use it are on very hot sunny days, as there is no shade there. Besides shade being an issue, there are no benches or picnic tables. If the Bowen Park Initiative was granted, we would use it far more often- for picnics, birthday parties, community sporting events, etc. It is so nice to walk to a park with very young children, but unfortunately the conditions at the Bowen Park are hardly ideal.

The Bowen Park Initiative will make a tremendous impact on the property, and provide a great community to live in with such an attractive and useable park in the neighborhood.

We urge the CPA committee to fund this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

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6. Dan R. [unclear]

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TRESCA BROTHERS SAND & GRAVEL, INC.

READY-MIXED CONCRETE

September 23, 2005

Jennifer Goldson, AICP, Community Preservation Planner
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RE: Bowen Park Initiative

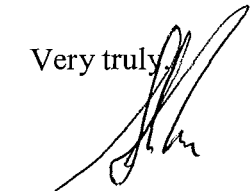
Dear Jennifer,

It would be our pleasure to supply concrete for the walkway at Bowen Park. My understanding is that the walkway dimensions are five feet across, five inches deep and 350 feet long. A 4000 $\frac{3}{4}$ mix (no color additives) will be used for the walkway.

We are offering our donation as a discount on material delivered at a savings to you in the amount of \$1,000.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly,



Steven Tresca
Vice President

ONE WORLD EXCAVATION AND DEMOLITION
LANGLEY ROAD
NEWTON, MA 02459

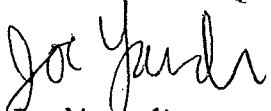
September 20, 2005

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is to inform you that One World Excavation and Demolition Company has committed to demolishing certain playground pieces, and removing them from the site of Bowen Elementary School, at no cost.

The approximate value for such service is \$3,000.

Sincerely


Joe Yerardi

BOWEN PARK INITIATIVE PROJECT TIMELINE

Task / Milestone	Date	2005				2006												2007										
		Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun					
Planning & Approval																												
✓ Detailed storm drain design (Newton City Engineers)		[Bar: Sep 2005 - Dec 2005]																										
✓ Presentation before Parks and Recreation Commission		◆																										
✓ Attend public hearing and working sessions			[Bar: Oct - Nov 2005]																									
✓ Drainage work out to bid (by School Department)					[Bar: Dec 2005 - Jun 2006]																							
✓ CPA funding approval by Alderman							◆																					
✓ Present plan to School Committee for authorization								◆																				
✓ Hire landscape contractor for detailed landscape design																												
✓ RFP for removal of invasives																												
✓ RFP for general contractor																												
✓ RFP for Construction services – cut and fill of yard, lawn installation, sidewalk construction, demolition and repaving of basketball surface and rear driveway, installation of picnic tables, benches, construction of amphitheatre drainage & wall																												
Construction																												
Host NewtonSERVES																												
Round One of Woods Restoration – remove invasives.																												
Bowen students plant native plants in woods (if there is time)																												
Install catch basins / drainage improvements (by City contractor or DPW)																												
Regrade (cut and fill) Park																												
Amphitheatre construction (grading, drainage & wall)																												
Reconfigure & resurface basketball court & driveway																												
Plant large shade trees & pines																												
Construct walkway																												
Install benches, picnic tables, and three raised beds																												
Demolish old play apparatus																												
Install new playground equipment (community volunteers)																												
Amend soil, and seed (watering by community volunteers) <i>(Note - irrigation)</i>																												
Resume planting in Bowen Woods with volunteers and Bowen Students																												
Install plantings behind Amphitheatre (community volunteers)																												
Water new trees, shrubs, and grass (community volunteers)																												
Install bird feeders, bird bath, and weather stations																												
Host NewtonSERVES																												
Round two of invasives removal in woods - <i>Geller</i>																												
Reseed and aerate playground lawn, if necessary (funded by PTO/BASCP) <i>Pr</i>																												
Education																												
Develop curriculum materials			[Bar: Sep 2005 - Jun 2006]																									
Install composting bins / begin composting in upper grades		◆																										
Schedule Barbara Hersen's presentation to students		◆																										
Student field trips to Angino Farm																												
Bowen students gather weather data / begin plant observations																												
Order educational signage.																												
Bowen Fifth Graders create presentation on Bowen Woods Restoration																												

Note 1. If approval and/or bid process take longer than anticipated, and construction extends beyond the start of school in September 2006, lawn seeding will be delayed until spring 2007 and Bowen students will use the upper field for recess as long as necessary.

ATTACHMENT O

BOWEN PARK INITIATIVE
EXPENSES AND INCOME

EXPENSES		\$	Subtotals
Professional Services	Landscape Architect Fees	2,000	
	Detailed Landscape Design	7,760	
	General Contractor's Fee	12,090	
			21,850
Demolition and Construction	Demolish and Repave Driveway & Basketball Court	15,830	
	Removal of Old Playground Equipment	3,000	
	Drainage, East side of Building	0 (1)	
	Drainage, Under Amphitheatre Wall	2,500	
	Regrading Yard (Cut and Fill)	9,000	
	Lawn Loam & Seed	25,000	
	Construction of Amphitheater and Basketball Walls	5,000	
	Construction of Three Raised Beds	3,500	
	Installation of Basketball Hoops	500	
	Walkway Construction (labor, concrete and other materials)	18,300	
	Installation of Play Equipment	15,000	97,630
Enhancements	Removal of Invasives OS	1,500	
	Relocate Existing Oak Tree	900	
	Plantings for Amphitheatre (at 30% discount)	1,800	
	Installation of Amphitheatre and Woods Plantings	2,500	
	Eight Shade Trees (installed)	4,800	
	Three Native Pine Trees	500	
Plantings in Woods (at 30% discount) OS	4,590	16,590	
Equipment and Other Installations	Playground Equipment	56,820	
	Two New Basketball Hoops with Poles / Rollback Nets	1,200	
	Bird Feeders/Bird Bath/Four Weather Stations	2,135	
	Compost Bin & Rain Barrels (3)	370	
	Picnic Tables (6), recycled plastic, installed	7,625	
	Park Benches (18), six feet long, recycled plastic, installed	9,090	
	Waste Receptacles (3)	830	78,070
Contingency (10%)	21,410		
TOTAL EXPENSES		235,550	235,550
INCOME		\$	Subtotals
Cash	Bowen School PTO	11,380	
	Individual Contributions	2,960	
	Marathon Fund (playground equipment)	12,500	26,840
In-kind Goods and Services	Removal of Old Playground Equipment (One World Excavation)	3,000	
	Concrete at cost (Tresca Brothers Concrete)	1,000	
	Installation of Play Equipment (Bowen Parent Volunteers)	15,000	
	Installation of Amphitheatre and Woods Plantings (Volunteers)	2,500	
	Eight Shade Trees (Newton Terraces Restitution Fund)	4,800	
	Three Native Pine Trees (Winston's)	500	
Compost Bin (City Donation)	70	26,870	
TOTAL INCOME		53,710	53,710
CPA Funding Requested		181,840	

Note 1. East side drainage improvements: \$23,000 to \$27,000, funded from other sources.

BOWEN PARK INITIATIVE

EXPENSES AND INCOME

Grants/Donations Pending

Newton Conservators (money for native plants for Woods)	2,200
United Plant Savers (money for native plants for Woods)	500
Captain Planet Foundation (weather stations)	1,740
Hartney Grey Tree Experts (relocate oak tree)	900
Family Trust/Anonymous	4,500
TOTAL INCOME PENDING	9,840

**NEWTON
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

100 Walnut Street, Newtonville, MA 02460

Michael D. Cronin
Chief of Operations
Telephone: (617)559-9000
FAX: (617)559-9006
E-mail: michael_cronin@newton.mec.edu

July 19, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

The Newton Public School Department currently has custody and control of the property at 280 Cypress Street, Newton Centre. This property is currently operated as The Bowen Elementary School.

If you have any additional questions, please contact my office at 100 Walnut Street, Newton, MA, 02460 or call 617.559.9000.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Cronin

NEWTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT



DAVID B. COHEN
MAYOR

70 Crescent Street, Newton, MA 02466
Office: 617 796-1500
Fax: 617 796-1512



FRAN L. TOWLE
COMMISSIONER

September 8, 2005

Jennifer Goldson, AICP, Community Preservation Planner
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Re: Bowen Elementary Schoolyard Initiative

Dear Ms. Goldson,

This letter is to inform you and the Community Preservation Committee that the Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the care and maintenance of the land on which Bowen Elementary School is situated. Such care and maintenance includes inspections of play apparatus and any routine maintenance needed, pruning of trees and routine mowing of the schoolyard grass. Any additional maintenance or care above and beyond our general routine as a result of this development project would have to be assumed by the Bowen School PTO or Volunteer efforts.

If you have any questions regarding the maintenance portion of Bowen's application, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Fran Towle
Parks and Recreation Commissioner

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WARD 2 - ARTHUR MAGNI
WARD 3 - PETER JOHNSON

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ALTERNATES: MICHAEL CLARKE, PETER KASTNER, JACK NEVILLE

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Map for Reference Only - NOT A LEGAL DOCUMENT - Because of different update schedules, current property assessments may not reflect recent changes to property boundaries. Check with the Board of Assessors to confirm boundaries used at time of assessment.

Property ID 65019 0046
Address 280 CYPRESS ST
**Owner CITY OF NEWTON
SCHOOL DEPT-BOWEN**

All Basic Ownership Assessment Commercial
Info ship History

Basic Info

Tax Bill Number
Assessed Owner (1/1/2004) CITY OF NEWTON
SCHOOL DEPT-BOWEN
Land Use 903
Description MUNICIPALITIES
Lot Size 502,500 sq ft
Frontage 265 ft
Zoning PUB
Map ID 121NW
FY2005 Assessment \$0

Ownership

Legal Owners as of CITY OF NEWTON
January 1, 2004 SCHOOL DEPT-BOWEN
Mailing Address 1000 COMM AVE
NEWTON, MA 02459

Last Sale Date

Last Sale Price

Deed Book / Page

Subsequent Owners*

*Subsequent Owners are owners after 1/1/2004 until 3/31/2005. Our deed records are obtained from the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds.

Assessment History

FY 2005 \$0
FY 2004 \$0
FY 2003
FY 2002
FY 2001
FY 2000
FY 1999
FY 1998
FY 1997
FY 1996
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FY 1994
FY 1993
FY 1992

Commercial

Gross Building Area 39,343 sq ft

Apartment Units (if applicable)

Lot Size 502,500 sq ft

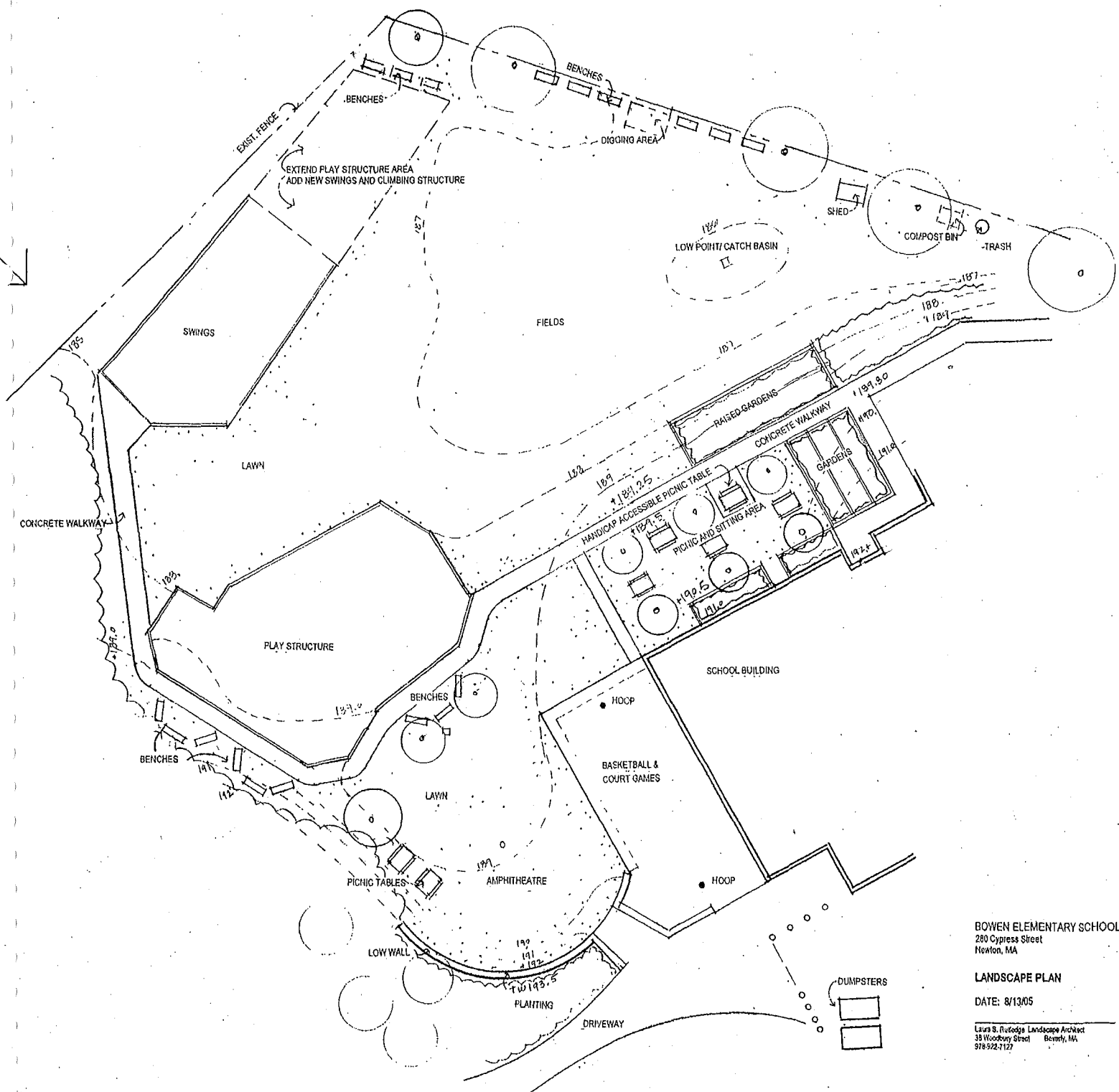
Frontage 265

Zoning Description PUB

Land Use 903

Land Use Description MUNICIPALITIES

FY2005 Tax Rates: Residential - \$9.48; Commercial - \$18.02

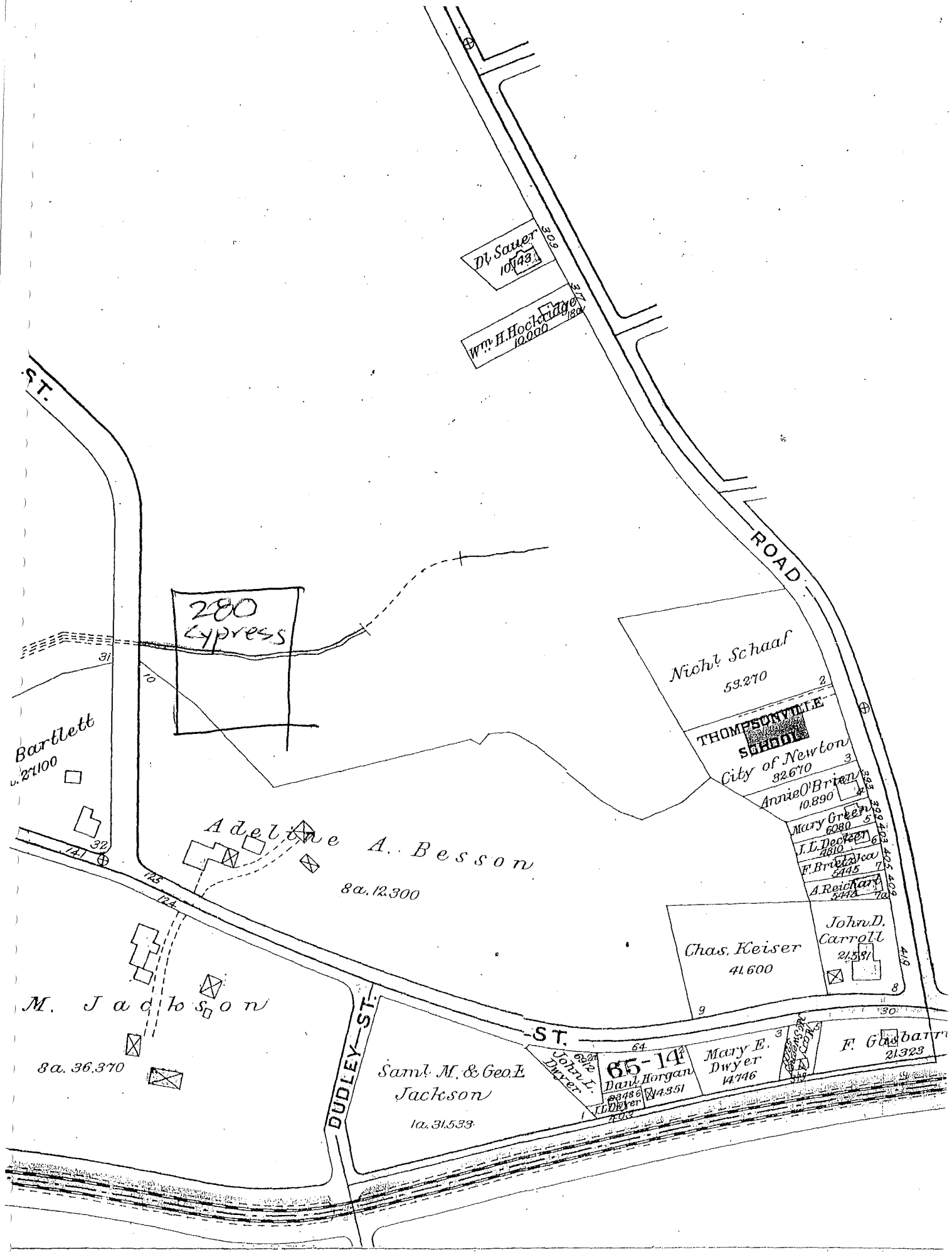


BOWEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 280 Cypress Street
 Newton, MA

LANDSCAPE PLAN

DATE: 8/13/05

Laura S. Rudek Landscape Architect
 33 Woodbury Street
 Beverly, MA
 978-552-7127



D. Sauer
10743

Wm. H. Hochstetler
10,000

280
Cypress

Bartlett
21100

Nicht Schaal
53,270

THOMPSONVILLE
School

City of Newton
32,670

Annie O'Brien
10,890

Mary Greer
6,080

J.L. Decker
4,810

F. Br...

A. Reichart
5,470

Chas. Keiser
41,600

John D. Carroll
21,537

M. Jackson

8a. 36,370

Saml. M. & Geo. E.
Jackson

1a. 31,533

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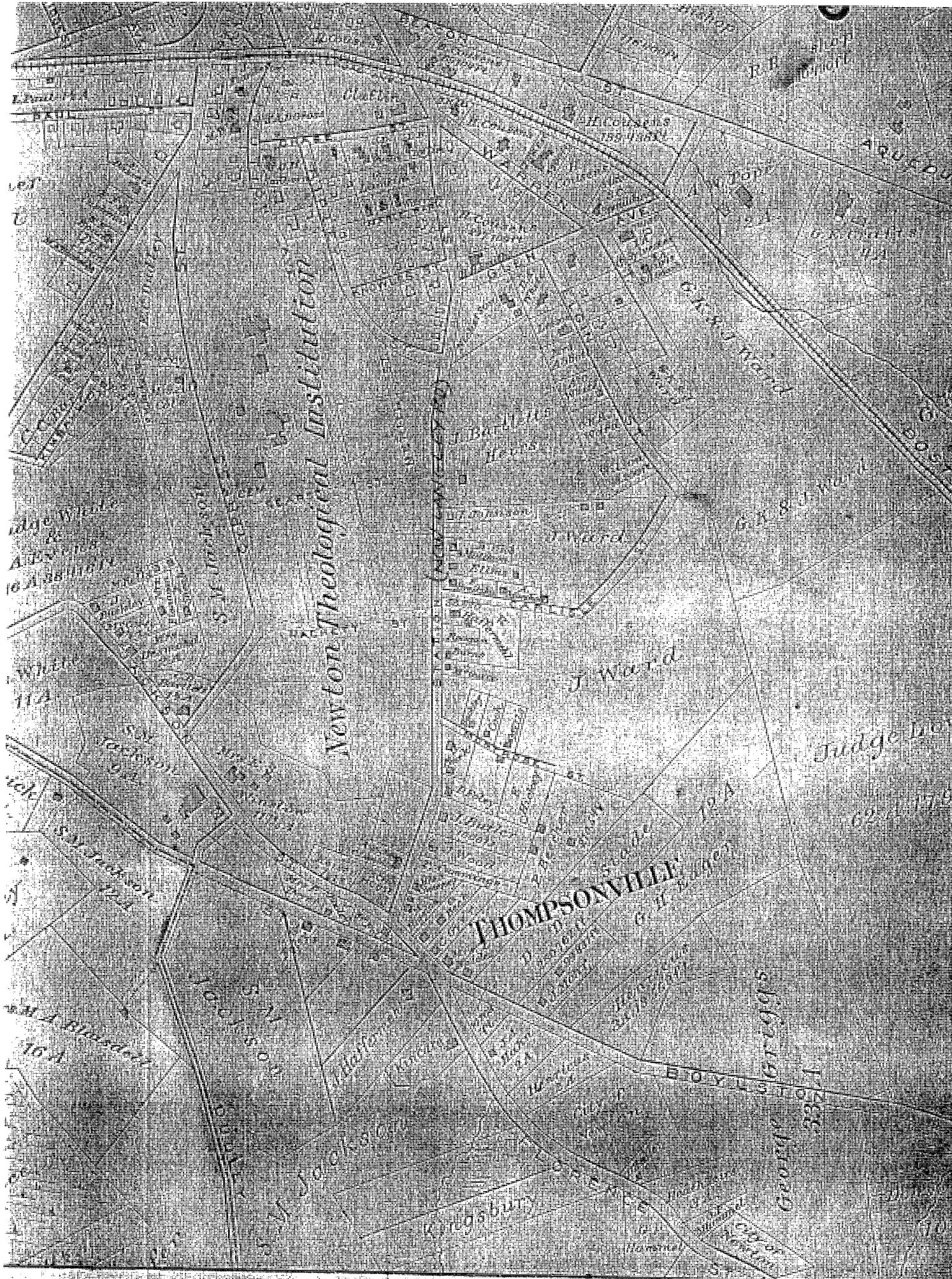
BUDLEY ST.

ROAD

65-14
Dan Horgan
4,351

Mary E.
Dwyer
14,746

F. Glabarr
21,323



Newton Theological Institution

THOMPSONVILLE

Langford Rd. - 4th St

Ward Map 1886 A.H.A.



PATRICIA A. KELLY

280 Pond Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Telephone: (617) 522-7928
E-mail: pak51@earthlink.net

Educator, Administrator, Leadership Coach and Reading Consultant

Consistently successful in building and leading educational teams, designing and facilitating instructional and professional development programs, and coaching individuals to increase their effectiveness as educators and administrators. Proficient in Spanish. Areas of expertise include:

- Teaching, Training & Advising
- Innovative Curriculum & Program Design
- School & Instructional Enhancement Strategies
- Program, Funding & Budget Management
- Consensus Building & Change Management
- Community & Business Partnership Building

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Newton, MA
1993 - Present

Principal, Bowen Elementary School (K-5 Suburban School)

School Leadership

- Directs a school of 70 staff and 340 students (25% ESL, 33% of color, 15% special needs, 6% from the Boston METCO Program) with 27 languages being represented.
- Ranked #1 in Math and #3 in ELA in Newton, on 2002 statewide MCAS scores.
- Created an interdisciplinary team that oversaw and customized all special services.
- Established a select 12-member crisis team to manage any crisis affecting the school.
- Automated the library and report card process, established email communications among teachers, parents and administrators, added 2-4 computers to each class.

Milestones

- Increased overall parent involvement including previously disenfranchised parents who took on leadership roles.
- Received an Achievement Award from Newton for grant acquisitions for:
 - literacy programs
 - computer classes for parents
 - a literacy lab
 - teaching Spanish
 - 3-4 computers for each classroom
 - school landscaping
 - social competency and problem solving skill program from Wellesley College.
- Drew up plans and directed major building renovations: orchestrated the relocation and bussing of the entire school to a new location during the 1 year construction.

Innovative Program

- Developed a literacy lab for underachieving reading students in grades 4 and 5.
- Created a Homework Center with 8 retired professionals teaching 20 invited students.

Design

- Instituted and managed the successful CORE values initiative.
- Launched a looping program and created a classroom of 20 combined K-2 students.

Staff Development

- Designed custom professional development workshops for principals and teachers.
- Instituted a balanced literacy program: sent teams of teachers for training and collaborated with the teams to implement the program.
- Established a support and team building system for teachers.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Boston, MA
1988 - 1993
1987 - 1988
1974 - 1987

Principal, The Manning School (K-5 urban elementary school)

Curriculum Specialist

Elementary Grade Teacher

School Leadership

- Raised the standards and level of education provided to 200 students by 15 teachers.
- Built the school's reputation resulting in maximum occupancy each year.
- Raised \$200K for building a child-safe playground with pond and basketball court.
- Motivated record-breaking numbers of parents to get involved in the school.

Milestones

- Developed business partnerships with Faulkner Hospital, Millipore, Jamaica Pond Association, Management for Health and Sciences and Arnold Arboretum.
- Brought in \$5,000 in 1 year from a single business partnership.
- Achieved 95% attendance during the bus strike.
- Won the National Science Foundation Inventors Award, which included a \$10K bond for each of the 4 students who were the only multi-racial team.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Continued

Curriculum
Leadership

- Directed K-12 curriculum, across all subject for 17 Boston schools.
- Launched grade-wide teachers' meetings and a citywide professional development day.
- Launched highly successful programs for students including:
 - early morning programs
 - birthday book donations
 - arts programs
 - in-school dental exams
 - instrumental music program
 - reading programs
- Coordinated citywide events for teachers including a dinner at the JFK Library.
- Created a summer reading program for elementary students using all Boston libraries.

ADULT TEACHING AND ADVISING

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Boston, MA

Reading Supervisor, 3rd year Education Majors and Graduate Students

1978 - 1986

Lecturer, Freshmen Student Advisor, *Integrated Language Skills Development*

1978 - 1982

INNER CITY, INC., Subsidiary of Polaroid

Boston, MA

Reading & Language Arts Instructor, Employment Skills Development Program

1980 - 1982

ESL Instructor, Adults from Haiti, Puerto Rico, Ethiopia and South America

1980 - 1981

MASSASOIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Brockton, MA

Lecturer, College Developmental Reading & Research

1980

EDUCATION

BOSTON COLLEGE

Chestnut Hill, MA

Ed.D. in Educational Administration

2003

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

- **The Principals' Program**, Wellesley College
- **Leadership: An Evolving Vision**, The Principals' Center, Harvard University

1993

1992

BOSTON STATE COLLEGE

Boston, MA

M.Ed. in Reading

1977

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Boston, MA

B.S. in Elementary Education and Spanish

1974

- Cooperative Education Award; Kappa Delta Pi, National Honor Society

SPECIAL HONORS

- **Fulbright Memorial Fund Japan Scholar**
- **Presenter and Educational Consultant**, Between the Lions, WGBH Mississippi and Massachusetts Department of Education
- **Group Leader**, Harvard Principals' Summer Institutes
- **Panel Member**, ASCD and IRA, "Professional Development of Principals"
- **Bank of New England Teacher Fellow**
- **Featured on CHRONICLE** - WCVB-TV "Miss Kelly's First Grade"

2004

2001 - 2002

1996 - 1999

1998

1985, 1987

1986

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- **Board of Trustees**, Boston Renaissance Charter School
- **Newton Principal Representative**, No Child Left Behind Federal Legislation
- **Member**, Massachusetts Elementary School Principals Association (MESPA)
- **Member**, NorthEast Coalition of Educational Leaders (NECEL)
- **Advisory Committee**, Between the Lions, WGBH
- **Entrance Review Committee**, Lesley College Graduate School of Education
- **Board of Advisors**, Eliot Educational Center
- **Member**, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
- **Member**, National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE)
- **Board of Directors**, Harvard Principals' Center
- **Superintendent Search Committee**, Newton Public Schools

2002 - Present

2002 - Present

1998 - Present

1997 - Present

1997 - Present

1995 - Present

1992 - 2004

1987 - Present

1986 - Present

1998 - 2002

1997 - 1998

Laura S. Rutledge

Education

BS, Landscape Architecture, Pennsylvania State University, 1979

Registration

Certification, Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards, 1995, #969
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1986, Landscape Architecture, #845
State of New York, 1994, Landscape Architecture, #001432.1

Professional Experience

Ms. Rutledge has over fifteen years of experience in Landscape Architectural offices in the Boston area and has been responsible for project management, design and construction administration for several large waterfront park projects as well as smaller scale urban open space projects.

Since 1995 as principal of her own firm, the projects have involved design and construction observation for a variety of projects ranging in construction cost of \$25,000- \$500,000. The projects are located in the Boston area in both urban and rural settings.

Completed Projects

Residential

Steinbrenner Residence, Austerlitz, NY

Watson Citron Garden, Boston, MA

Concord Residence, Concord, MA

Chisholm Residence, Wayland, MA

Burbage Residence, Wayland, MA

10 Kenway Street, Cambridge, MA

Jacobson Residence, Wayland, MA

103 Irving Street, Cambridge, MA

Park and Recreation

Hudson River Park, New York, NY

Charleston Waterfront Park, Charleston, SC

Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Rose Garden, Boston, MA