

Newton, Massachusetts, Community Preservation Committee  
Funding Recommendation for **Waban Hill Reservoir**

**CPC Staff Summary of Emails & Public Hearing Attendance/Comments**

The full text of all emails sent to the CPC is online from the project webpage at:

[www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/cpa/projects/waban\\_hill.asp](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/cpa/projects/waban_hill.asp)

**Organizations** The full emails from the following are included both online and as attachments to the CPC funding recommendation: Newton Conservators, League of Women Voters, Waban Hill Reservoir Advisory Group (email in addition to full report), Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir (2 emails), Chestnut Hill Neighborhood Association.

**Individuals: Supporting Households By Village or Neighborhood**

Most people residing at the same address co-signed their emails, but a few sent separate emails. This summary counts all letters or public hearing appearances by 2 or more people residing at the same address as 1 “supporting household.”

village or neighborhood (from most to fewest households)	number of households (total ≈ 85)
Chestnut Hill	56
Newton Centre (incl. at least 3 south of Route 9, perhaps better considered as “South Newton”)	17
West Newton	9
Newtonville	8
Newton Highlands	7
Waban	6
Auburndale	5
Newton Corner	5

**Organizations & Individuals: Valued Site Features or Desired Uses**

This summary excludes emails that consisted solely of one of the 3-4 standard texts circulated by project proponents for submission to the CPC or the Board of Aldermen.

valued site features or desired uses (from most to fewest mentions)	number of mentions
walking or running	9
water	6
views, vistas	5
other features or uses:	
active recreation in general, or specific activities: bicycles, skateboarding, rollerblading, basketball, kayaking	4
passive recreation in general, or specific activities: picnics, relaxing with friends, reading	4
wildlife, natural vegetation	3
new plantings	2

**The Newton Conservators** support the City of Newton's acquisition of the Waban Hill Reservoir in Chestnut Hill for preservation as open space. We support this because the Waban Hill Reservoir is listed in the current Recreation and Open Space Plan; it is in keeping with the City of Newton's Comprehensive Plan; and it meets our mission statement goals for "the protection and preservation of natural areas for the enjoyment and benefit of the people of Newton." Furthermore, the Newton Conservators are willing to hold the conservation restriction on this property.

We also support the allocation of funds needed to ensure that structures on the property are stable and that the property is made safe for public use.

The Conservation Commission voted that the Waban Hill Reservoir is not a "jurisdictional" property, which allows some (or all) of the reservoir to be filled in in the future. There is no consensus on how the property should be adapted to meet the needs of either passive or active recreation or what features should be added. It seems reasonable to wait to approve other funds until all parties have reached consensus on what is to be done, and the Conservators would like to be part of that discussion.

#### **Additional statement on funding to monitor CR**

Given that we do not know what changes will be made to the property and to what uses it will be put, it is hard for us to know the cost of monitoring the conservation restriction. In the past, we have not received funds for other properties, and it has been a challenge to find that money in our budget. We request that a restricted fund be created in the amount of \$25,000 to cover all future costs of bi-annual monitoring of the property, water testing if needed, and any legal action needed to defend the conservation restriction.

## **League of Women Voters of Newton Comments on the Waban Hill Reservoir Application to the CPC**

The LWVN realizes that this parcel could be sold and developed, and thus supports its acquisition for the city as open space. The neighborhood has few public green spaces, and the city rarely gets an opportunity to acquire open space. There is strong community support city-wide (78 letters) and \$3850 in pledges.

The proposal is congruent with the City's Open Space Plan, Comprehensive Plan and is on the CIP priority list for Parks & Recreation. It also fits the LWVN position on Recreation and Open Space (2006) supporting the "gradual provision of new recreational facilities to serve the entire city as need is established."

However, our readers were left with serious questions that we urge the CPC to address in its deliberations:

- Our readers' main issue was with the lack of a long-term Master Plan for this site. Currently, Newton would be paying \$1m to acquire the property, open it, and replace the fence. We need reassurance that there will be greater public benefit than just a new fence.
- If taxpayer funds are used to acquire and improve a park, it becomes the city's responsibility to ensure that the site's benefits are not limited to just a small neighborhood. Therefore we recommend a transparent Master Planning process that recruits representatives from all Newton neighborhoods.
- We were also troubled by the exclusive dependence on CPA funds for the improvement of this site. We would like to see more outside funds (suggest the enlistment of neighbors, Boston College and Mt. Alvernia for both funding and volunteers for maintenance).
- Does Parks & Recreation have enough funding and staff to maintain this property well? Is the budget for maintenance adequate?
- The time-line for making the proposed improvements to the site seems long. Could this be expedited?
- The depth, safety and size of the pond worried many readers. LWVN members have recently heard that the reservoir cannot be filled in. However, the application and supplemental paperwork makes no mention of this, and in fact gives alternative uses like gardens and playgrounds. Our concern is that it is not yet clear what possible uses this site can accommodate legally, and that this information is not being correctly or fully considered in the application or by members of the public.
- If not, could the water body be used for active recreation, such as kayaking lessons?
- The gatehouse repairs take \$80,000. Is this the best solution? Why retain the gatehouse?
- Why does the application seem to indicate the funding use as recreation only, when it clearly also falls under Open Space?

*CHESTNUT HILL ASSOCIATION*

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MEMORANDUM  
In Support of  
CPC Funding for the Waban Hill Reservoir  
Public Hearing – December 11, 2014

The Chestnut Hill\* Association strongly supports the CPC funding in the amount of \$1,073,446 for the acquisition and improvements of the Waban Hill Reservoir.

The Waban Hill Reservoir is a lovely parcel of land located at one of the highest points in Newton with breathtaking views and sunsets. It is a unique natural resource and presents an extremely rare opportunity to provide usable open space to the village of Chestnut Hill and to all residents of the City of Newton. The village of Chestnut Hill does not have any open parks available to its residents for active or passive recreational use. Our village is comprised of residential housing, shopping malls, major transportation routes and Boston College. This presently, under utilized parcel of land has the potential of becoming a popular park setting that could provide much enjoyment, open space and recreational needs to the village and to all Newton residents.

The Waban Hill Reservoir Advisory Committee (WHRAG) was thoughtful and thorough in their study of this parcel and the CHA enthusiastically endorses the recommendations found in their Final Report dated June 6, 2013. We understand that there are more details to discuss and topics to work out, but urge you to move forward with a favorable recommendation for funding the acquisition, safety improvements and recreational uses for this parcel for the City of Newton.

On behalf of our members and the residents of Chestnut Hill, we thank you for your time and consideration.

  
Chestnut Hill Association, Inc.  
Ken Lyons Esq., President

\* The CHA is a neighborhood citizen's group with over 500+ members  
([www.chanewton.org](http://www.chanewton.org))

Written comments in support of request to CPC for funds for acquisition and improvement to Waban Hill Reservoir site.

We are writing in support of the requested expenditure under the Newton Massachusetts Community Preservation Program for the acquisition of the Waban Hill Reservoir site and upgrade of uses consistent with the Waban Hill Reservoir Advisory Group (WHRAG) Report. The WHRAG, of which we are the co-chairs met regularly in the first half of 2013 and submitted its report in June 2013.

The WHRAG concluded that the preservation of the Reservoir, as a 2.9 acre body of water, is the single most important aspect of future use of the site. The popularity of water cannot be understated as evidenced by the number of people attracted to places like the Chestnut Hill Reservoir, Bulloughs Pond, the Charles River and the Brookline Reservoir. The Waban Hill Reservoir site will be attractive to many different populations in Newton who will use it for a variety of purposes. There is no other site in Newton, where one can walk or run along a wide, flat path around a large body of water. Despite the fact that Waban Hill Reservoir has been fenced *off* for decades, it nevertheless has drawn many visitors, who walk or run around the periphery, or who stop to appreciate the remarkable vista from one of the highest points of elevation in the City of Newton. By simply making the site safe for public access, the Waban Hill Reservoir could become immediately usable, without requiring expensive, major modifications.

Newton Massachusetts Community Preservation Program specifies “allowable spending purposes” which include preservation of Historic resources, open space or land for recreational purposes.

Funds used for the acquisition and improvements to the Waban Hill Reservoir site as discussed above, fit squarely within these 3 criteria. Waban Hill Reservoir is easily accessible, being located at the top of Heartbreak Hill, directly adjacent to Commonwealth Avenue, a popular walking, running and biking route. This central location affords the opportunity to become a citywide destination and will benefit residents from all part of Newton.

We have begun to solicit support for the project, and expect that residents will provide both “sweat equity” and financial support to the project. We envision a plethora of activities to occur on the site over time and look forward to watching it grow into a valuable community resource.

Thank you for your time and attention

Gail Silberstein  
Peter Clote

From: Susan Servais [mailto:susan.servais@gmail.com]  
Sent: Friday, November 28, 2014 9:57 AM  
To: Alice Ingerson  
Subject: Waban Hill Reservoir

**Friends of the Waban Hill Reservoir** (first letter)

4 Garrison Street  
Newton, MA 02467  
[617-347-1932](tel:617-347-1932)  
[susan.servais@gmail.com](mailto:susan.servais@gmail.com)  
[ggavris@yahoo.com](mailto:ggavris@yahoo.com)

Dear Community Preservation Committee,

We are writing on behalf of the Friends of the Waban Hill Reservoir. We are very excited about the support we have received from people throughout Newton to preserve this beautiful open space, the Waban Hill Reservoir.

The Waban Hill Reservoir is a beautiful, unique 5 acre site visible to all on the internationally famous Heartbreak Hill of the Boston Marathon. When it was learned that the DCR (formerly MWRA) was planning to sell the property, we knew that the purchase of this property was aligned with the movement in Newton to preserve open spaces for perpetuity.

The preliminary outreach done by the Friends of the Waban Hill Reservoir resulted in 84 letters of support from residents living in 8 villages of Newton. We asked for a small \$25.00 pledge as a show of support and received over \$5,000 in pledges. We have not yet collected the pledges since Newton does not yet own the property. The funds raised will be used to assist in future amenities and enhancement of the project. We also have received support from residents indicating their willingness to contribute sweat equity in the form of planting, community building activities, etc. and help grow this project into a valuable community resource.

We ask that you approve the funding request for the Waban Hill Reservoir by the City of Newton. Preserving this land for our children, grandchildren and beyond is something we can all be proud of. Thank you for your leadership in maintaining the gardens and open spaces for all the residents of Newton. Together we can keep Newton "The Garden City".

Sincerely,

Susan Servais  
Co-Chair

Gloria Garvis  
Co-Chair

Villages where support letters came from include: Newton Highlands, West Newton, Auburndale, Newtonville, Newton Centre, Waban, Newton Corner, Chestnut Hill

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Staff note to CPC:

For full text of the 78 letters of support submitted with the proposal, see the project webpage on your website, [www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/cpa/projects/waban\\_hill.asp](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/cpa/projects/waban_hill.asp).

The direct link for the file of letters is: [www.newtonma.gov/civicax/filebank/documents/62469](http://www.newtonma.gov/civicax/filebank/documents/62469)



**Friends of the Waban Hill Reservoir**

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[susan.servais@gmail.com](mailto:susan.servais@gmail.com)  
[ggavris@yahoo.com](mailto:ggavris@yahoo.com)

Dear Community Preservation Committee,

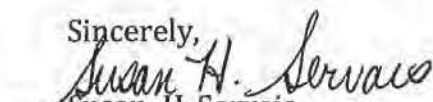
We are writing on behalf of the Friends of the Waban Hill Reservoir. We are very excited about the support we have received from across Newton to preserve this beautiful open space, the Waban Hill Reservoir. When it was learned that the DCR (formerly MWRA) was planning to sell the property, we knew that the movement in Newton to preserve open spaces when available would want this space to be kept open for perpetuity. It was amazing the immediate response we got from villages across the city asking that Newton purchase this property. The sentiment is the same everywhere; that Newton needs to do everything they can to preserve any and all that open spaces whenever the opportunity arises, no matter which village they are in.

We all share frustration with the constant construction of homes and destruction of gardens to create mega-homes. We have seen everything from red oaks and kwanza flowering cherry trees to beautiful lily gardens cut down for these projects, never to appear again. The Waban Hill Reservoir is a beautiful, unique 5 acres visible to all on the internationally famous Heartbreak Hill of the Boston Marathon.

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Sincerely,

  
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Gloria M. Gavris  
Co-Chair

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Waban, Newton Corner, Chestnut Hill

**From: Priscilla M. Leith [mailto:islpris@verizon.net]**

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 9:02 AM

To: Alice Ingerson

Subject: Waban Hill Reservoir

Please support the proposal for the acquisition and improvement of the Waban Hill Reservoir property for the purposes of creating a new park in the Chestnut Hill area. Preservation of open space like this is the main reason why I voted for the City of Newton to allow CPA funding. Would that we had more proposals lately for acquisition of open space.

Priscilla M. Leith, 162 Islington Road, Auburndale

**From: Kenneth Wolff [mailto:wolff-s@comcast.net]**

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 12:43 PM

To: Alice Ingerson

Subject: Waban Hill

Please support the proposal to preserve the open space as a park!

J. Wolff – a supporter of a moratorium on over development in Newton

**From: Vosker, Katherine H [mailto:Katherine.Vosker@tufts.edu]**

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 9:31 AM

To: Alice Ingerson

Subject: Waban Hill Reservoir property

Dear ~~Alice and other~~ members of the Community Preservation Committee,

I hope you are well. I have recently learned of the proposal for the Waban Hill Reservoir property and am thrilled to learn of this possibility! My husband and I used to live at 10 Manet Road before moving to West Newton and we could see the reservoir from our 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. I loved being able to see it and walk around the outskirts of the property with my son in his stroller and I remember wishing that it was more of a park so I'm thrilled to see this potentially may be possible. I worry so much about the overdevelopment in Newton right now and this preservation of open space is exactly the type of use of CPA funding that I can strongly support. Please approve this project if possible.

Thank you and I hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

Katherine

Katherine H. Vosker

Director of Student Affairs

Tufts University School of Dental Medicine

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**From: Lee Kefauver [mailto:lkefauvr@bu.edu]**

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 10:00 AM

To: Alice Ingerson

Subject: Waban Hill Reservoir

To the Members of the Community Preservation Committee:

I am writing to support the proposal for the acquisition and improvement of the Waban Hill Reservoir property for the purposes of creating a new park for all to enjoy. This preservation of open space and care for the well-being of all Newton residents is exactly the type of use of CPA funding that I can strongly support. Please approve this wonderful project. Thank you.

**From: Kathleen Kouril Grieser [mailto:kik860@mail.harvard.edu]**

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 9:21 AM

To: Alice Ingerson

Subject: Newtonville Support for Waban Hill Reservoir Proposal

To the Members of the Community Preservation Committee:

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Yours truly,  
Kathleen Kouril Grieser  
258 Mill Street  
Newtonville

**From: Virginia R. Dean [mailto:virginny0203@gmail.com]**

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 9:11 AM

To: Alice Ingerson

Subject: Waban Hill Reservoir

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Virginia R. Dean  
28 Frederick Street  
Newton MA 02460  
[virginny0203@gmail.com](mailto:virginny0203@gmail.com)

**From: Shule A. Kapanci [mailto:aksansul@hotmail.com]**

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 9:05 AM

To: Alice Ingerson

Subject: Support for Waban Hill Reservoir Proposal

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Shule Aksan Kapanci  
98 Crescent St  
Auburndale MA 02466

**From: Ariella Stober David [mailto:ariellastober@gmail.com]**

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 8:57 AM

To: Alice Ingerson

Subject: Waban Hill Reservoir-Please make a park!

To the Members of the Community Preservation Committee:

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Sincerely,  
Ariella Stober  
58 Pine Crest Rd  
Newton MA 02459

**From: Bottino, Paul B. [mailto:pbottino@seas.harvard.edu]**

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 10:56 AM

To: Alice Ingerson

Subject: Please approve the Waban Hill Reservoir project!

To the Members of the Community Preservation Committee:

I am writing to strongly support the proposal for the acquisition and improvement of the Waban Hill Reservoir property for the purposes of creating a new park for all to enjoy. This preservation of open space and care for the well-being of all Newton residents is exactly the type of use of CPA funding that I can strongly support. Please approve this wonderful project. Thank you!

Paul Bottino  
21 Winona Street

Auburndale, MA 02466

**From: VSMarcy@aol.com [mailto:VSMarcy@aol.com]**

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 12:47 PM

To: Alice Ingerson

Subject: Waban Hill Reservoir

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Please approve this wonderful project.

Thank you.

Marcella Campbell  
16 Prescott Street  
Newtonville

**From: Jon David [mailto:jonnyd1080@gmail.com]**

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 1:32 PM

To: Alice Ingerson

Subject: Waban Hill Reservoir-Please make a park!

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Sincerely,  
Jonathan David

58 Pine Crest Rd  
Newton MA 02459

**From: Debra Minard [mailto:Debby@FreshPowder.net]**

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 2:07 PM

To: Alice Ingerson

Subject: Waban Hill Reservoir property

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Debra Minard  
41 Brackett Rd  
Newton, MA 02458

**From: Joyce Gruenberg [mailto:joyce.gruenberg@gmail.com]**

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 3:11 PM

To: Alice Ingerson

Subject: Waban Hill Reservoir property

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Joyce and Kenneth Gruenberg  
71 Hammondswood Rd.  
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

**From: Christopher Pitts [mailto:cbpitts@gmail.com]**

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 5:01 PM

To: Alice Ingerson

Subject: Funding for Waban Hill Reservoir

To the Members of the Community Preservation Committee:

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Regards,  
Chris Pitts  
617 515 7579

**From: Carol Halberstadt [mailto:carol@migrations.com]**

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 4:41 PM

To: Alice Ingerson

Cc: Carol Halberstadt

Subject: Support and create the Waban Hill Reservoir CPA proposal

Importance: High

Dear Alice,

I'm emailing you to add my voice and name to support the creation of a public park using CPA funds of \$1,073,446 to protect this open space from being sold off to a developer, and to preserve it as a Newton-owned park for all the creatures, big and small, including people, to enjoy.

I have seen our green spaces and habitat in Newton overwhelmed and disappearing in the course of the many years I've lived in Newton as developers destroy what should be preserved. This opportunity to save this open space and create a new park in Newton must be supported--this is what CPA is about--community preservation.

Many thanks for presenting my message to the CPC meeting this evening.

Sincerely,

Carol S. Halberstadt  
9 Whittemore Rd.  
Newton, MA 02458

Tel: 617-332-0290

P.S. This message also says it all:

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**From: Carol Halberstadt [mailto:carol@migrations.com]**

Sent: Friday, December 12, 2014 2:59 PM

To: Alice Ingerson

Subject: Re: emails to the CPC re: Waban Hill Reservoir rec'd Dec 11 and Dec 12, 2014

Dear Alice,

I'm glad to hear that \$980,000 was recommended to fund the project. Please forward my (too late) message to the Board of Aldermen, and urge them to add the balance of what's needed and to approve the project.

Many thanks,  
Carol

Carol S. Halberstadt  
9 Whittemore Rd.  
Newton 02458

**From: penguin49@gmail.com [mailto:penguin49@gmail.com]**

**On Behalf Of KKraft/MCohen**

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2014 4:35 PM

To: Alice Ingerson

Subject: Waban Hill Reservoir property



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Thank you.  
Katherine Kraft  
68 Bennington St.  
Newton, MA 02458

**From: Margaret Fogel [mailto:margaret@fogel.com]**  
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2014 9:16 AM  
To: Alice Ingerson  
Subject: Support Acquisition of Waban Hill Reservoir

I am writing to support the proposal for the acquisition and improvement of the Waban Hill Reservoir property for the purposes of creating a new park for all to enjoy.

This preservation of open space and care for the well-being of all Newton residents is exactly the type of use of CPA funding that I can strongly support.

I have talked with the neighborhood residents and know that they also fully support preserving this reservoir as a Newton Park.

Please approve this wonderful project. Thank you.

December 8, 2014

I am Errol Yudelman and live at 70 Carlton Road in Waban.

I am a long time marathon runner (I have completed 14 Boston Marathons) and do most of my training on Commonwealth Avenue. I feel that the development of the pathway around the Waban Hill Reservoir and the addition of a watering and stretching station would significantly benefit the running community throughout the year - whether in the hot summer months and early fall when it is critically important to stay hydrated or during the winter and spring when thousands of runners are training for the Boston Marathon.

It not only would provide a much-needed hydration spot close to Commonwealth Avenue, but it could also be a place where runners could congregate and stretch before and after runs.

I highly recommend that the City of Newton purchase the space and complete the developments as laid out in the plans, as it could revolutionize the way Commonwealth is utilized by runners.

Errol Yudelman

This summary by the Waban Hill Reservoir Advisory Group/Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir was included with the original proposal, submitted 13 November 2014.

Newton Letters of Support for Reservoir  
Purchase (by village):

Chestnut Hill:	42 (54%)
Auburndale:	1 ( 2%)
Newton Highlands:	6 ( 7%)
Waban:	3 ( 4%)
Newton Corner:	2 ( 2%)
Newtonville:	5 ( 6%)
West Newton:	6 ( 8%)
Newton Center:	<u>13 (17%)</u>

Total: **78 letters**

FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESERVOIR  
LETTER OF SUPPORT AND PLEDGE

CA

Date: Nov. 18, 2013

Dear Board of Aldermen,

I am writing to show my SUPPORT and respectfully ask that you VOTE IN FAVOR of purchasing the Waban **Hill** Reservoir.

I believe that the purchase of the Reservoir will benefit all residents of the City of Newton. This reservoir and the land around it is a gem; a natural, bucolic open space of historic significance, at the crest of Heartbreak Hill for all residents and Newton visitors to enjoy.

I feel strongly that the City should preserve as much open space as possible. Opportunities to purchase such a parcel within our city limits are rare. Thank you for your time and consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Helene + Marshall Stein  
Name

67 Audubon Dr, Newton 02467  
Street Address and village name

8<sup>2</sup>  
Ward

To show my support I am pledging \$ 10.00

To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir

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Sincerely,

John Grandin + Anne Grandin  
Name

42 Lawrence Rd  
Street Address

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Ward

To show my support I will pledge:     100.00     \$50.00     \$25.00     \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESERVOIR  
LETTER OF SUPPORT AND PLEDGE**

CH

Date: 11-18-13

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Sincerely,

Gloria Mastrocola GARIS  
Name

21 Monadnock Rd  
Street Address and village name

7-1  
Ward

To show my support I am pledging \$ 100.<sup>00</sup>

To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir

Ward

**To show my support I am pledging \$ 50.00**

**To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir**

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**Susan Servais** <susan.servais@gmail.com>  
To: David Steinberg <david.steinberg@comcast.net>

Sun, Nov 10, 2013 at 2:24 PM

Dear David,

Thank you so very much for your support of the waban hill reservoir park project. This is VERY helpful. I will keep you informed as things move forward.

THANKS!

Susan

[Quoted text hidden]

June 30th, 2013

Newton Board of Aldermen

Re: Waban Hill Reservoir

Dear Sirs / Madams:

While I currently reside in Brookline, MA, I spend part of each and every day at 53 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, my childhood home. I am now 65 years old, and believe whole heartedly that the more open space preserved in Newton, the better. Decades ago, my Mother, Jane M. Berman, M.D., did her part to preserve the open space of the former C.H. country club for the enjoyment of all. Newton is famous for its open spaces. I urge you to buy the Waban Hill Reservoir property and continue Newton's proud traditions.

Sincerely, Susan M.B. Melcher

53 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE  
CHESTNUT HILL, MASSACHUSETTS 02467

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The Honorable Board of Aldermen  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Ave  
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Alderpeople,

I've lived in Chestnut Hill, near the Waban Hill Reservoir, for most of my 67 years. I now am back at this house I grew up in. I learned of the need for this letter from my son whose high school friends notified him of the immediate need to write in support of the Waban Hill Reservoir being unloaded by the MWRA.

It is important that this wonderful open space be obtained by the City. Usbek, Howe



Susan Servais <susan.servais@gmail.com>

**WOW Update!!**

**Greif Esther Blank** <esthergreif@gmail.com>  
To: Susan Servais <susan.servais@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 18, 2013 at 10:24 PM

Susan,  
Letter and my pledge are below. Thanks for keeping us informed!

FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESERVOIR  
LETTER OF SUPPORT AND PLEDGE

Date: Nov. 18, 2013

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Sincerely,

Esther Blank Greif

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

112 Woodchester Drive, Newton 02467

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address and village name

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Ward



**FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESERVOIR  
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Sincerely,

James & Wendy Mnookin

Name

40 Woodchester Drive

Street Address and village name

7

Ward

**To show my support I am pledging \$ 100**

**To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir**

CH 02467

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Sincerely,

Wicki + Tom Coraboy

Name

44 Old England Road

Street Address

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Ward

To show my support I will pledge:   0 100.00    \$50.00   0 \$25.00   0 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. #733

Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence A Starr  
61 Woodlawn Drive  
Newton, Massachusetts 02467

June 26, 2013

Board of Aldermen  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, Massachusetts 02459

RECEIVED  
Newton City Hall  
2013 JUN 27 AM 10:50  
DAVID A. STARR, Mayor  
Newton, MA 02459

Re. Waban Hill Reservoir

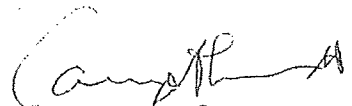
Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:


We are Lawrence and Sheryl Starr and live on Woodlawn Drive near the Waban Hill Reservoir. We understand that the MWRA has declared the Reservoir as surplus, and that the City of Newton has the opportunity to purchase this Reservoir for use as open space. We are writing this letter to express our enthusiastic support for the City's purchase of the Reservoir.

We believe it is important for the "Garden City" to maintain any and all open spaces, as well as to add newly available open space to parks and gardens whenever possible. An opportunity like this does not present itself often; possibly only once in a generation.

We hope that the City of Newton will take the action necessary to purchase the Reservoir. This type of open space is clearly of great benefit to the attractiveness and inner-fabric of the City of Newton, and part of the reason we so enjoy being residents of this wonderful City.

Very truly yours.

  
Lawrence A. Starr

  
Sheryl C. Starr

July 3, 2013

Dear Board of Alderman and Honorable Mayor Warren,

Attached please find a group of letters from Newton residents who do not live in Chestnut Hill. I thought it would be important for you to see the outpouring of support from around the city for the purchase of the Waban Hill Reservoir.

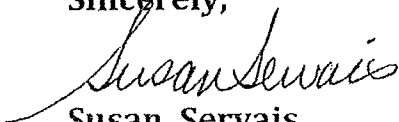
I did not include the many letters that were received from Chestnut Hill residents. As impassioned as they were, I figured you would assume there is great support for the city to buy the reservoir from Chestnut Hill residents so in an effort to limit the amount of reading I submit, I did not include those.

The attached letters come from residents in Newton Highlands, West Newton, Newtonville, Newton Centre, Auburndale, Waban, and Newton Corner.

I thank you for taking the time to read these. You can see they represent a broad range of residents of our diverse communities.

NOTE: The letters that are signed came to me via the mail or were hand delivered to my house. The unsigned letters were e-mailed.

Sincerely,



Susan Servais  
4 Garrison Street  
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

RECEIVED  
Newton Office  
2013 JUL -3 PM 3:11  
David A. Warren  
Newton, MA 02459

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Sincerely,

Steven Angela Baden

Name

87 Woodlawn Drive Westport Hill

Street Address and village name

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Ward

To show my support I am pledging \$ 250 —

To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir.





Susan Servais <susan.servais@gmail.com>

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## Waban Hill Reservoir meeting last night- Your action needed

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Ruthanne Fuller <ruthannefuller@gmail.com>  
To: Susan Servais <susan.servais@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 8, 2013 at 5:40 PM

Susan,

Count me in for a \$100 pledge ....

R

Ruthanne Fuller

Alderman at Large - Ward 7, City of Newton

32 Suffolk Road

Newton, MA 02467

617-738-5311

rfuller@newtonma.gov

ruthannefuller@gmail.com

www.RuthanneFuller.org

www.ruthannefuller.blogspot.com

When responding, please be advised that the Secretary of the Commonwealth has determined that email may be considered a public record.

From: Susan Servais [mailto:susan.servais@gmail.com]  
Sent: Friday, November 08, 2013 4:10 PM  
To: Susan Servais  
Subject: Waban Hill Reservoir meeting last night- Your action needed

[Quoted text hidden]

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Sincerely,  
Ellen and Clark Colton

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
279 Comm. Ave., Chestnut Hill

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address and village name

7  
Ward

**To show my support I am pledging \$ 100**

**To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir.**

FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESERVOIR  
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Date: 11/8/2013

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Sincerely,

Paul + Peter Substein

Name

55 Woodlaw Drive, Chestnut Hill 02467

Street Address and village name

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Ward

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Sincerely,

*Ethan A. Lerner*

Ethan and Lisa Lerner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

349 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address and village name

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Ward

To show my support I am pledging \$ <sup>50</sup>\_\_\_\_\_

**To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir**

**FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESEVOIR  
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Date: 11/12/13

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Sincerely,

Novella D Meyerhoff

Name

121 Ward St. Chestnut Hill

Street Address and village name

7

Ward

To show my support I am pledging \$ 25,00

To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir.

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Sincerely,

Sheryl + Larry Starr  
Name

61 Woodlawn Drive  
Street Address and village name

7  
Ward

To show my support I am pledging \$ 50 —

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Sincerely,

Madelyn Bell

Name

155 Waban Hill Rd. No chestnut Hill

Street Address and village name

7

Ward

To show my support I am pledging \$ 100

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Sincerely,

Peter + Marie CLOTE

Name

173 Waban Hill Rd N

Street Address and village name

7

Ward

To show my support I am pledging \$ 500

To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir.

FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESERVOIR  
LETTER OF SUPPORT AND PLEDGE

Date: 11-15-13

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Sincerely,

Ben Ostrow

Name

44 Travis Drive Chestnut Hill

Street Address and village name

7

Ward

To show my support I am pledging \$ 100

To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir.

FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESERVOIR  
LETTER OF SUPPORT AND PLEDGE

Date: 15 November, 2013

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Sincerely,

Ann O. Koloski-Ostrow &  
Steven E. Ostrow

Name

44 Travis Drive (Chestnut Hill)  
Street Address and village name

7  
Ward

To show my support I am pledging \$ 500.

To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir.

**FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESEVOIR  
LETTER OF SUPPORT AND PLEDGE**

Date: Nov. 8, 2013

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Sincerely,

Bonnie Hersh + Michael Rabin  
Name

146 Algonquin Road. Chestnut Hill  
Street Address and village name

7  
Ward

To show my support I am pledging \$ 100.<sup>00</sup>

To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir.

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Sincerely,

George Krupp

Name

7 Woodchester Drive, Chestnut Hill

Street Address and village name

7

Ward

To show my support I am pledging \$ 500

To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir.

**FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESERVOIR  
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Date: November 19, 2013

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Sincerely,

Laurel & Erik Britt-Webb  
Name

120 Woodchester Drive, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467  
Street Address and village name

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Ward

**To show my support I am pledging \$ 25**

**To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir**

**FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESERVOIR  
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Date: Nov 20, 2013

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Sincerely,

Aaron Ostrow

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

44 Travis Drive, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

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Street Address and village name

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Ward

To show my support I am pledging \$ <sup>50</sup>\_\_\_\_\_

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Sincerely,

GERALD W. BLAKELEY



Name

70 SUFFOLK Rd.

Street Address

7

Ward

To show my support I will pledge:   0 100.00   0 \$50.00   0 \$25.00   0 \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESEVOIR**

Date: November 12, 2013

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Sincerely,

Peter Vieira

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

67 Old Orchard Road, Chestnut Hill

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

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Ward

To show my support I will pledge:  \$100.00     \$50.00     \$25.00     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Sincerely,

Monique D'Amico  
Name

95 Suffolk Rd., Chestnut Hill,  
Street Address MA 02467

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Ward

To show my support I will pledge:    0 100.00    0 \$50.00     \$25.00    0 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESEVOIR**

Date: Nov. 14, 2013

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Sincerely,

James C. Taylor James C. Taylor  
Name  
14 Lawrence Rd, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467  
Street Address  
7  
Ward

To show my support I will pledge:     100.00     \$50.00     \$25.00     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Sincerely,

Suelyn M Taylor

Name

14 Lawrence Rd, CH. 02467

Street Address

7

Ward

To show my support I will pledge:     100.00     \$50.00     \$25.00     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# PEGGY BASEMAN

November 19, 2013

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Baseman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

112 monadnock road, chestnut hill, massachusetts 02467 617-965-1220  
e-mail: pbaseman@hotmail.com fax: 617-965-1251 cell: 617-459-7623

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LETTER OF SUPPORT AND PLEDGE**

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Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_*Jean Fulkerson*\_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_*51 Middlesex Road, Chestnut Hill*\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address and village name

\_\_\_\_\_*7*\_\_\_\_\_

Ward

**To show my support I am pledging \$ 50**

**To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir.**

**FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESERVOIR LETTER OF SUPPORT AND PLEDGE**

Date: November 11, 2013

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I feel strongly that the City should preserve as much open space as possible. Opportunities to purchase such a parcel within our city limits are rare. Thank you for your time and consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Name Cathy and Henry Eaton

Street Address and village name 30 Travis Dr. Chestnut Hill 02467

Ward 7

To show my support I am pledging \$ ~~100~~ 150 *see attached*  
To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir.

**FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESEVOIR  
LETTER OF SUPPORT AND PLEDGE**

Date: November 8, 2013

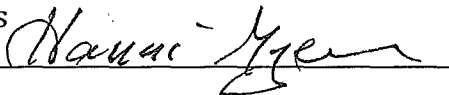
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Sincerely,  
Hanni Myers



Name

21 Manet Circle

HANNI MYERS

Street Address and village name

Chestnut Hill

21 Manet Circle - Chestnut Hills

Ward 7

To show my support I am pledging \$ 30\_\_\_\_\_

To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir.



FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESEVOIR  
LETTER OF SUPPORT AND PLEDGE

Date: 11-11-13

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Sincerely,

Karen + Bruce Green

Name

41 Travis Drive - Chestnut Hill

Street Address and village name

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Ward

To show my support I am pledging \$ 150 -

To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir.



Susan Servais <susan.servais@gmail.com>

**waban hill resevoir**

2 messages

David Steinberg <david.steinberg@comcast.net>  
To: susan.servais@gmail.com

Sun, Nov 10, 2013 at 12:30 PM

**FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESERVOIR  
LETTER OF SUPPORT AND PLEDGE**

Date: \_\_\_november 10 2013\_\_\_\_\_

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Sincerely,  
David Steinberg

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

56 woodchester drive chestnut hill \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address and village name

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Susan Servais <susan.servais@gmail.com>

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## WABANHILLRESERVOIRPLEDGELETTER-A.WPS

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MEsdale125@aol.com <MEsdale125@aol.com>

Sun, Nov 10, 2013 at 11:32 AM

To: susan.servais@gmail.com

Hi Susan,

I'm still not quite sure how to send this. If it doesn't work, just put in a pledge of \$150.00 from Muriel and Robert Esdale, 125 Woodchester Dr., Chestnut Hill, ward 7.

Thanks for taking on this responsibility. I'm sure everything is in good hands.

Muriel

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FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESERVOIR  
LETTER OF SUPPORT AND PLEDGE

Date: 11/20/13

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Sincerely,

Linda & David Gillespie

Name

41 Woodbawn Drive, Chestnut Hill

Street Address and village name

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Ward

To show my support I am pledging \$ 500.<sup>00</sup>

To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir.

**FRIENDS OF WABAN HILL RESERVOIR  
LETTER OF SUPPORT AND PLEDGE**

Date: December 2, 2013

Dear Board of Aldermen,

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Sincerely,

Jessica + Geoff Gilhartin  
Name

11 Garrison St., Chestnut Hill  
Street Address and village name

\_\_\_\_\_  
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To show my support I am pledging \$ 100.-

To the Friends of Waban Hill Reservoir

Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence A Starr  
61 Woodlawn Drive  
Newton, Massachusetts 02467

June 26, 2013

Board of Aldermen  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, Massachusetts 02459

Re. Waban Hill Reservoir

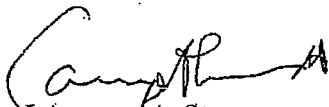
Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

We are Lawrence and Sheryl Starr and live on Woodlawn Drive near the Waban Hill Reservoir. We understand that the MWRA has declared the Reservoir as surplus, and that the City of Newton has the opportunity to purchase this Reservoir for use as open space. We are writing this letter to express our enthusiastic support for the City's purchase of the Reservoir.

We believe it is important for the "Garden City" to maintain any and all open spaces, as well as to add newly available open space to parks and gardens whenever possible. An opportunity like this does not present itself often; possibly only once in a generation.

We hope that the City of Newton will take the action necessary to purchase the Reservoir. This type of open space is clearly of great benefit to the attractiveness and inner-fabric of the City of Newton, and part of the reason we so enjoy being residents of this wonderful City.

Very truly yours,



Lawrence A. Starr



Sheryl C. Starr

Barbara Schildkrout  
45 Monadnock Road  
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467  
617-332-2469

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Newton, MA 02459

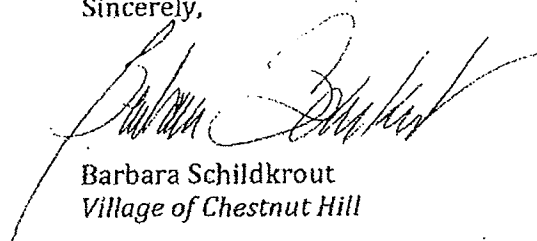
Dear Members of the Newton Board of Aldermen,

I urge you to support the purchase of the Waban Hill Reservoir by the City of Newton.

The citizens of Newton have long recognized the value of open land to our community. Green spaces become places for picnics and touch football, for walking dogs and meeting neighbors, for enhancing the beauty of our city, for contemplating the seasons.

The availability of 5 acres of open green space at the top of Heartbreak Hill presents a unique opportunity to our city. I am strongly in support of Newton purchasing this property. I believe it would be a wise investment.

Sincerely,



Barbara Schildkrout  
Village of Chestnut Hill



Susan Servais <susan.servais@gmail.com>

### Support reservoir purchase

Dee Gu <difangu@hotmail.com>

Thu, Jun 27, 2013 at 12:20 AM

To: "susan.servais@gmail.com" <susan.servais@gmail.com>

Cc: Yonghua Gao <yonghuagao@hotmail.com>

Hi, my name is Difan Gu. I support the city of Newton to purchase the Waban Hill reservoir. I have resided in 461 Wolcott Street in Auburndale neighborhood for 4 years. We know this beautiful lake when we visit friends living close by. This reservoir is a very nice asset for the city for its environmental benefits and also a nice attraction. Therefore, I lend my support for the city to buy back this property.

Sincerely Yours,  
Difan Gu

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Difan Gu  
461 Wolcott St  
Auburndale, MA 01930

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Janet Zerlin Fagan  
64 Erie Ave.  
Newton Highlands, MA 02461



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David L. Dean, Esq.  
Newton, MA 02459

June 27, 2013

Karyn Dean  
Program and Services Committee Clerk  
1000 Commonwealth Ave.  
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Ms. Dean and the Board of Aldermen:

We are writing to you today to say that we strongly feel it is important for the City of Newton to maintain any and all open spaces possible, as well as to add newly available open space to parks and gardens whenever possible. After all, we are the "Garden City" and such spaces are clearly of great benefit to the attractiveness and inner fabric of the City. We are writing to ask that you support the idea of the City of Newton purchasing the Waban Hill Reservoir for use as open space.

Thank you for strongly considering this.

Sincerely,

Janet Zerlin Fagan and Mark Fagan  
[jzfagan@aol.com](mailto:jzfagan@aol.com)  
H: 617-965-9617  
C: 617-312-2010

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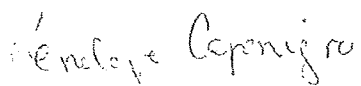
Office of the  
Mayor  
Newton, MA 02459

To the Board of Aldermen, City of Newton

My name is Penelope Caponigro, and I've lived in Newton Highlands for 40 years. I've just learned that the MWRA has decided that the small reservoir located on Waban Hill is no longer needed, and they have put the parcel up for sale. Although I myself live quite far from that area and probably would not visit it often, I think the City of Newton should seriously consider acquiring the reservoir and surrounding land for use as open space. Such opportunities do not come around often, and the chance to develop that area for public use is one that the City should not turn down.

I am happy to join those who are urging the City to set the wheels in motion to acquire the Waban Hill reservoir.

Yours sincerely,



Penelope Caponigro  
63 Hyde Street  
Newton Highlands, MA 02461

Hi Gail,

We heard from Amy and Jim that you're chairing the committee about the use of the Reservoir space on Ward Street. We really like the idea of making it into a park with walking trails/plantings etc and incorporating the water as an integral part of the park design. Although we live in Newton Highlands, south of Route 9, we find ourselves always crossing over to the other side of Newton for all kinds of reasons and I'm sure we'd be coming to this space frequently to enjoy the trails etc. Newton already has plenty of open spaces that are used as fields for sports teams; these spaces are not conducive to walks and exploration even when they are free.

Something new and different, a Newton Arboretum so to speak, would be a great addition to our city!

Roz and Michael Leshin  
Woodcliff Road  
Newton Highlands, MA

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Susan Servais <susan.servais@gmail.com>

**Reservoir**

1 message

Sharon Chenevert <sharonchenevert@gmail.com>  
To: susan.servais@gmail.com

Fri, Jun 28, 2013 at 10:40 AM

Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen,

I live in Newton Highlands and I've heard that the Waban Hill Reservoir is up for sale. It would be great if the City of Newton could buy this property and use it for some kind of park. I've lived in Newton for 25 years and I've seen it become more and more congested. Here's a chance to preserve some of the green space.

Sharon Chenevert  
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*Newton Highlands*

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Susan Servais <susan.servais@gmail.com>

**Support for purchasing Waban Hill Reservoir**

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li zhang <lzhang7969@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 1, 2013 at 10:37 AM

To: "susan.servais@gmail.com" <susan.servais@gmail.com>

Dear Susan:

We are Jianhua Yao and Li Zhang, a couple living at 10 Glenmore Terrace, Newton, MA 02461 since 2002. We have been invited by friends who are residing close to the Waban Hill Reservoir several times, and are awed by its beauty and serenity. We strongly believe it is a treasure for entire Newton community, and urge the city of Newton to do everything possible to purchase this land of miracle and preserve its unique value. Please feel free to call Jianhua at 617 836-2630, and we will help to do everything possible to achieve our common goal.

Best Regards,

Li Zhang/Jianhua Yao

*Handwritten signature of Li Zhang/Jianhua Yao*

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David A. Burke  
Newton, MA 02459

To: The Newton Board of Aldermen

From: Bob Burke, 161 Dickerman Road, Newton Highlands

I don't usually comment on items that are far away from my base in Ward 5, but I do hope the City can find the resources to purchase the Waban Hill Reservoir now that the Commonwealth has declared it redundant property. This reservoir and the land around it is truly a hidden gem that could serve as a magnificent natural area and a quiet, bucolic open space for the people of the neighborhood and City.

I've always believed that the City should preserve as much open space as possible because the opportunity to purchase something this special comes along so rarely. It seems to me that two unique attributes make the Waban Hill Reservoir a particularly choice natural area. I'm almost certain that with a little work and careful cultivation, there could be some magnificent views of the Boston skyline, Boston College and other attractions from where the Reservoir is located. There may also be some fascinating vegetation and wildlife because the area has been so well protected with a strong series of fences. I hope if the land is purchased, that it be kept in as natural a state as possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Bob Burke

Ziva Paley  
11 Evelyn Road  
Waban, MA 02468

Dear Board of Alderman,

I am writing to ask that you support the purchase of the Waban Hill Reservoir. It is very important that we acquire and preserve all open space properties that become available. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to own this land and turn it into a park. With all the building of mega-houses in Newton, many gardens are disappearing.

I hope the City of Newton will buy the Waban Hill Reservoir as I feel it is very important to all the residents of Newton.

Thank you.

Ziva Paley

June 25, 2013

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Davidson  
Newton Hill

Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

We, Eric and Kelly Davidson of 270 Waban Ave in Waban, are strong supporters of the City of Newton preserving open spaces. We cherish our walks along the Waban aqueduct, invest in the health of the natural environment in Newton and thus, hope that whenever there are parcels of land made available to the city, you would jump on the rare opportunity to acquire the land to preserve it for open space, parks, or gardens. It has come to our attention that the Waban Hill Reservoir is up for sale, and we want you to know that we support the purchase of this land and would encourage you to preserve this open space for Newton.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelly and Eric Davidson



**Dennie Rothschild**

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To: susan.servais@gmail.com  
Subject: Waban Hill Reservoir

June 28, 2013

Dear Honorable Board of Alderman,

I am Denise Rothschild and I live at 35 Fenwick Rd. Waban. I am a strong supporter of the City of Newton preserving open spaces. I very much hope that whenever

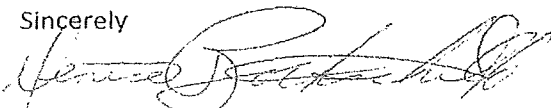
there are parcels of land that are made available to the city of Newton, our city officials would seize this opportunity and acquire the land to preserve it for much

needed open spaces, parks or gardens. I understand that the Waban Hill Reservoir is up for sale and I want you to know that I support the city purchase of this land

parcel and encourage you to preserve this open space for the city of Newton.

Thank you.

Sincerely



Denise Rothschild

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Date: June 28, 2013

To: Newton Board of Aldermen:

From: Rhoda Kubrick  
26 Howard Street  
Newton, MA 02458 [Newton Corner]

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David A. Clifton  
Newton, MA 02458

I have lived in Newton for 45 years and still proudly tell friends that I live in the "Garden City". The hallmark of a garden city is preservation of open space.

I am writing to voice my strong support for the City to purchase the Waban Hill Reservoir from the MWRA and add this lovely area to our treasures. Newton's opportunities to add to its parkland are rare, and therefore the city must seize those opportunities when they arise.

I hope all aldermen will support this purchase and recognize that preservation of open space is central to the character and spirit of our city. The expenditure will pay for itself by adding beauty to the city and demonstrating our commitment to our Garden City title.

Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

I am a long-time resident of Newton (grew up here and came back to raise my family). I am a strong supporter of the City of Newton preserving open spaces. I would hope that whenever there are parcels of land made available to the city, you would jump on the rare opportunity to acquire the land to preserve it for open space, parks, or gardens. I understand that the Waban Hill Reservoir is up for sale and I want you to know that I support the purchase of this land and would encourage you to preserve this open space for Newton.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Virginia R. Dean  
Newtonville, MA 02460

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Dear Gail,

I have heard that you are working hard to organize an off-street safe area for running/walking in your neighborhood. I am writing to let you know that I would love to make use of this area. I currently jog with 2 friends who also live in Newton. We jog for over an hour on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 am until about 10:00 am. It would make so much sense to have a safe area where friends could meet and walk/run. Thank you for working to make Newton a better, safer place.

Sincerely,

Michele Weinfeld

179 Kirkstall Road

Newtonville, MA

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David P. O'Connell  
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Susan Servais <susan.servais@gmail.com>

**Waban Hill Reservoir**

1 message

lucysun47@gmail.com <lucysun47@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 26, 2013 at 10:24 PM

To: "susan.servais@gmail.com" <susan.servais@gmail.com>

Hi Susan,

My name is Yumei Sun, and I've lived in Newton for 13 years. My home address is 25 Lawn Ave, Newton, MA 02460. My daughter has a friend who lives close to the Waban Hill Reservoir. We have visited this reservoir several times and enjoyed every trip. It is a quiet and beautiful reservoir. We fully support that Newton purchase it.

Thanks!

Yumei Sun

*Newtonville*

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Susan Servais <susan.servais@gmail.com>

**Letter\_from friends outside of Chestnut Hill supporting purchase**

3 messages

**donglin li** <donglinxz@yahoo.com>

Wed, Jun 26, 2013 at 9:40 PM

Reply-To: donglin li <donglinxz@yahoo.com>

To: "susan.servais@gmail.com" <susan.servais@gmail.com>

Dear Susan,

My name is Donglin Li, and I have been living at Newton for 15 year.

My friend, Yonghua Gao and Guilan Gao couple, forwarded your e-mail to me. For the past few years, I visited their home often. One of our favored activity in summer is walking around their neighborhood including the beautiful Waban Hill Reservoir nearby. I strongly support City of Newton to purchase this open water Reservoir to benefit Newton residence, also to save our environment.

Warm regards,

Donglin Li  
24 Turner Street  
Newtonville, MA 02460

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David Backer  
47 Page Road  
Newtonville, MA 02460

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Hon. Scott Lennon, President  
Newton Board of Aldermen  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

Dear President Lennon, and Honorable members of the Board of Aldermen:

My name is David Backer, and I have been a resident, a voter, and a taxpayer in Newton for 28 years. I currently live at 47 Page Road in Newtonville.

I am a strong supporter of the preservation of open spaces in the City. It is very important to me that when opportunities arise for the City to preserve open space, the City government should take the action necessary to do so.

I understand the MWRA has declared the Waban Hill Reservoir as surplus and is selling the Reservoir. There is an opportunity for the City of Newton to buy that property. I support the purchase of this land and would encourage you to take this rare opportunity to obtain this open space for the City of Newton. More importantly, I hope that the City will retain the reservoir, since it is unique among Newton parks and open space.

If the Board discusses the possible purchase of the property at its July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, I hope that you and other members of the Board will take into account the support from citizens who do not want the City to lose this chance to keep an attractive green space as an asset.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,



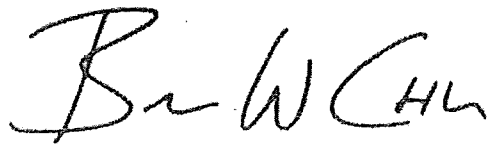
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Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

We are Brian Chu and Alison May of 49 Myrtle Street, West Newton MA. We are strong supporters of the City of Newton preserving open spaces. We would hope that whenever there are parcels of land made available to the city, you would jump on the rare opportunity to acquire the land to preserve it for open space, parks, or gardens. We understand that the Waban Hill Reservoir is up for sale and we want you to know that we support the purchase of this land and would encourage you to preserve this open space for Newton.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Brian Chu  
49 Myrtle Street  
Newton MA 02465



To: Waban Hill Reservoir Advisory Group

I live at 65 Eliot Ave in West Newton. I have driven around the Waban Hill Reservoir many times. If the City of Newton is able to buy this beautiful property, the body of water should be preserved as is with the rest of the surrounding land made into a small park. It is also a fantastic spot to watch the sunset from on top with the water in front of you. It would be a shame to fill in this beautiful body of water. I would love the chance to explore it with my children. I hope that you will consider preserving this beautiful spot.

Sincerely,  
Rosa Clark

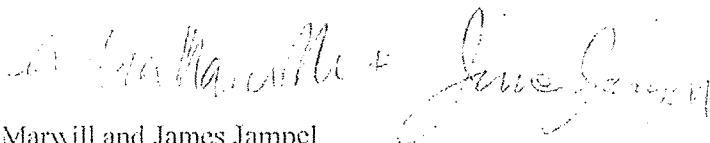
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Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

We reside at 215 Valentine Street in West Newton. We strongly believe in preserving open spaces in the City of Newton. We want the City to purchase parcels of land when they are available in order to make space for public parks and gardens. We understand that the Waban Hill Reservoir is available for sale and we support the purchase of this land. Please take this rare opportunity to preserve this open space for all of Newton.

Sincerely,



Sandra Marwill and James Jampel

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June 26, 2013

Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

We are Ned Rosen and Virginia Ewell from 27 Taft Avenue in West Newton, having lived here for 32 years. We love open spaces in Newton, and feel that it is very important for the city to preserve them whenever possible. We understand the MWRA is selling the Waban Hill Reservoir and there is a chance for the City of Newton to buy it. We strongly support the purchase of this land and would encourage you to take this rare opportunity to secure this open space for Newton.

Sincerely,

*Ned A. Rosen*  
*Virginia R. Ewell*

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Edward and Eugenia Kaplan  
15 Fountain Street  
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Tel: 617-244-0317  
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Dorothy J. O'Connell  
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Aldermen:

We, Edward and Eugenia Kaplan, are Newton residents and live at 15 Fountain Street in West Newton. We are strong supporters of preserving open spaces. It is very important to us that when opportunities arise for the city to preserve open space, you take the action necessary to do so. I understand the MWRA is selling the Waban Hill Reservoir and there is an opportunity for the City of Newton to buy it. I support the purchase of this land and would encourage you to take this rare opportunity to preserve this open space for Newton.

Sincerely,

*Eugenia Kaplan*  
*Edward K. Kaplan*



Susan Servais <susan.servais@gmail.com>

**support for the purchase of the Waban Hill Reservoir.**

1 message

Zhenzhen Zhang <deguangzz@gmail.com>  
To: susan.servais@gmail.com

Thu, Jun 27, 2013 at 9:24 AM

Hi Susan,

I have been living in western newton for 17 years. I strongly support for the purchase of the Waban Hill Reservoir to keep garden city beautiful.

Thank you!  
Deguang He  
Acupuncturist  
37 Crescent St, West Newton.

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David A. Bailer  
Newton, MA 02459

June 25, 2013

Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

We are Helene and David Bailen of 130 Arnold Rd in Newton Center. We are strong supporters of the City of Newton preserving open spaces. We would hope that whenever there are parcels of land made available to the city, you would jump on the rare opportunity to acquire the land to preserve it for open space, parks, or gardens. We understand that the Waban Hill Reservoir is up for sale and we want you to know that we support the purchase of this land and would encourage you to preserve this open space for Newton.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Helene and David Bailen  
Newton Center

June 25, 2013

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Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

We are Carolyn and Peter Schofield, from 57 Daniel Street, in Newton Centre, specifically the Thompsonville Village of Newton. We are strong supporters of the City of Newton preserving open spaces. We would hope that whenever there are parcels of land made available to the city, you would jump on the rare opportunity to acquire the land to preserve it for open space, parks, or gardens. We understand that the Waban Hill Reservoir is up for sale and we want you to know that we support the purchase of this land and would encourage you to preserve this open space for Newton.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carolyn and Peter Schofield

57 Daniel Street

Newton Centre, MA 02459

Thompsonville Village of Newton



Susan Servais <susan.servais@gmail.com>

**support for the purchase of the Waban Hill Reservoir**

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Zeyang Wang <ling\_zeyang@yahoo.com>  
To: susan.servais@gmail.com

Fri, Jun 28, 2013 at 11:56 PM

Dear Susan,

This is to say that we are supporting the purchasing of the Waban Hill Reservoir by Newton City.

We have been living at 54 Walnut Hill Rd, Newton Center for 6 years.

We appreciate your effort in preserving the beautiful environment in Newton.

Sincerely,  
Zeyang Wang

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June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

We are Karin and Amnon Gavish and live at 422 Ward Street (in Newton Center). We are strong supporters of preserving open spaces. It is very important to us that when opportunities arise for the city to preserve open space, you take the action necessary to do so. I understand the MWRA is selling the Waban Hill Reservoir and there is an opportunity for the City of Newton to buy it. We support the purchase of this land and would encourage you to take this rare opportunity to preserve this open space for Newton. This land is in an area of Newton does not have green areas.

Sincerely,



Karin and Amnon Gavish

422 Ward St

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**WABAN HILL RESERVOIR**

ltbelsky@comcast.net <ltbelsky@comcast.net>  
To: susan.servais@gmail.com

Wed, Jun 26, 2013 at 8:58 PM

To Whom it may concern, My name is Loretta Belsky and I live at 21 Burrage Rd. Newton Centre, (approx 1 mile from the reservoir) and am a strong advocate of preserving open space in the City of Newton. Waban Hill Reservoir has meant alot to my family as my deceased husband, who would walk to the area daily during his long suffering illness, giving him great pleasure in the open area. So I ask you to please, to preserve this land for the pleasure and satisfaction of future residents. Thank you,

Sincerely, Loretta Belsky

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Susan Servais <susan.servais@gmail.com>

**Reservoir**

Burton Stein <burton.stein@comcast.net>  
To: Susan Servais <susan.servais@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 24, 2013 at 7:10 PM

Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

We are Burton and Elaine Stein and live at 128 Old Farm Rd. Newton Center. We are strong supporters of the City of Newton preserving open spaces. We would hope that whenever there are parcels of land made available to the city, you would jump on the rare opportunity to acquire the land to preserve it for open space, parks, or gardens. We understand that the Waban Hill Reservoir is up for sale and we want you to know that we support the purchase of this land and would encourage you to take this rare opportunity to preserve this open space for Newton.

Sincerely,  
Burton and Elaine Stein

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Susan Servais <susan.servais@gmail.com>

**FW: PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO DO ME A FAVOR**

Madelyn Bell <madelynetc@yahoo.com>  
To: Susan Servais <susan.servais@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 25, 2013 at 4:26 PM

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Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen,

We are Julie Plaut Mahoney and Tim Mahoney and live at 33 Irving Street in Newton Center. As long time residents of Newton, we have seen a lot of new construction of homes and businesses. While we value this growth, we are also strong supporters of the City of Newton preserving open spaces. It is very important to us that when opportunities arise for the city to preserve open space, action is taken to do so. The beauty of Newton as a City, and the quality of life here, depends on it. I understand the MWRA is selling the Waban Hill Reservoir and there is an opportunity for the City of Newton to buy it. I support the purchase of this land and would encourage you to take this rare opportunity to preserve this open space for Newton.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julie Plaut Mahoney, Ph.D.

Timothy J. Mahoney

Julie Plaut Mahoney, Ph.D.

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Hi Gail:

We got Amy's note regarding the potential purchase of the reservoir-- what a cool opportunity. Bill and I would be very enthusiastic to see it developed as an open space with walking trails. Ideally there would also be space for kids to bike, roller blade or skateboard without knocking over pedestrians. My sense is that parents would find this kind of safe space for their kids to be on wheels to be valuable. For what it's worth, we'd also support a half court basketball court at the site as well.

Good luck!  
Marnie Seif and Bill Land  
Mandalay Road  
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Hi Gail,

Amy and Jim told me that you are chair of a committee overseeing the future use of the reservoir on Ward Street. I support the idea of turning that space into a garden with walking trails. Everyone would benefit!

All the best,

Abby Rischin  
88 Brackett Road  
Newton Centre, MA 02458

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## Waban Hill Reservoir Community Comments

Dear Gail:

I am writing about the City's potential purchase of the Reservoir on Ward Street near Boston College. We understand that there are currently ongoing discussions about potential uses for this space.

I am resident of Newton Centre. My wife and I have lived in Newton with our children for 21 years.

We would strongly support the development of the space as a beautiful place for the community to gather for walking, picnics and enjoying nature. While Newton has much to offer, it is lacking an outdoor community place like the Arnold Arboretum in Jamaica Plain, where people of all ages can walk, picnic and enjoy nature. While the Reservoir would obviously not be as large an area, there is plenty of space to create walking paths and beautiful plantings and trees. This could serve as a real gathering place for the City and help foster a spirit of community. Further, using the water that is already present at the site would enhance the beauty of a park and make this a truly unique place in Newton. This type of use is something that ALL residents could enjoy. Newton has a rare opportunity to create an open space that is both unique and beautiful, and would truly help Newton to live up to its name as "The Garden City"

James Cohen  
45 Gralynn Road  
Newton Centre, MA 02459

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DAVID L. VITALE  
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

We have resided in Newton for 25 years and have always been strong supporters of the City of Newton's mission to preserve open spaces. It isn't often that such a rare opportunity to acquire land and preserve it for open space, parks, or gardens becomes available. We understand that the Waban Hill Reservoir is up for sale, and we want you to know that we strongly support the City's purchase of this land.

Sincerely,

Gail and Jeff Kurland



Dear Gail,

I have heard that you are working hard to organize an off-street safe area for running and walking in the area around the Waban Hill Reservoir. I live in Newton and walk daily and would be very interested in a safe, off street place to walk. Thank you for your efforts to add a safe and appealing place for runners and walkers in our area.

Nancy R. Smith

504 Ward St.

Newton, MA

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Julie Storer  
22 Hobart Road  
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Hi Susan,

Please let the Board of Alderman know that I am in full support of the city purchasing the Waban Hill Reservoir to create a park that will allow everyone in Newton to have an open space for walking, jogging, or just relaxing with friends. There are so few bodies of water in Newton that one can walk completely around and the reservoir is a beautiful place that should be preserved.

Thank you for your work on this.

Sincerely,

Julie

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Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

We are Marcia and Alan Leifer and live at 86 Clements Road, Newton, MA 02458. We are strong supporters of preserving open spaces. It is very important to us that when opportunities arise for the city to preserve open space, you take the action necessary to do so. We understand the MWRA is selling the Waban Hill Reservoir and there is an opportunity for the City of Newton to buy it. We support the purchase of this land and would encourage you to take this rare opportunity to preserve this open space for Newton.

Sincerely,

*Marcia + Alan Leifer*

Marcia and Alan Leifer

86 Clements Road

Newton, MA 02458

*Village of Newton*