



THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

Mark Armstrong, Chair
Community Preservation Committee
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Ave
Newton, MA 02459

April 16, 2021

Dear Community Preservation Committee,

As someone who has been deeply committed to preserving the quality and accessibility of Crystal Lake, I write to you in support of providing the necessary funding for improvements to Levingston Cove. This small lakefront parcel is a treasure for all of Newton's residents, and it is in need of improvements.

This project will enhance the experience of visitors by providing adequate space for current programming while putting into place important environmental and ecological protections for the lake. It will ease the slopes adjacent to the road to mitigate erosion. It will work to capture stormwater and reduce phosphorous loads into the lake water, preventing the persistent algae bloom seen summer-to-summer. The park improvement design is innovative, and it will be the first of its kind in Newton, improving and enhancing current uses while preserving the water quality of the lake and protecting the cove.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. Please commit the necessary funding to move forward on these improvements that will be a wonderful addition to our community for all residents and visitors to enjoy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth B. Balsler". The signature is written in a cursive style and extends to the right with a long horizontal stroke.

Ruth B. Balsler
State Representative