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Community Preservation Committee
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
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Dear Members of the Community Preservation Committee,

Crystal Lake is certain one of the most popular and beloved open space areas in Newton and draws users from across the city. Levingston Cove is an important component of our Crystal Lake public area which is important for passive recreation and providing citizen access to the lakefront. However, the area has degraded quite a bit in recent years due to erosion - affecting accessibility to what should be a real showcase of passive recreation in Newton.

The Newton Conservators Board of Directors recently reviewed plans put forth by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department and voted to recommend support the department's application for funding before the Community Preservation Committee toward improvement measures at Levingston Cove.

We believe that the plan will facilitate safe pedestrian passage and accessibility throughout the site, provide better opportunities for passive recreation, enhance the scenic views and provide seating to enjoy them, improve the fishing experience, reduce erosion and stabilize the landscape with native plantings, provide better control of stormwater and help improve the water quality of Crystal Lake.

We hope that the Community Preservation Committee will look favorably on the application for this project which will ultimately provide necessary, aesthetic, and functional improvements to Levingston Cove for the benefit all citizens of Newton.

Sincerely,

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