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

Dear Community Preservation Committee,

I write in support of providing necessary funding for the Levingston Cove Improvement Project. This small lakefront parcel in Newton requires improvements in order to preserve the quality and accessibility of Crystal Lake.

The park improvement design is creative and will be a first in the City of Newton. It improves and upgrades current uses of the park while protecting the cove and preserving the water quality of the lake. This project will add important ecological and environmental protections for the lake; mitigate erosion by easing the slopes adjacent to the road; capture storm water; and reduce phosphorous in the lake, preventing algae formation which has been a problem for years. Visitors' experiences will be augmented by the availability of space for current programming.

Thank you for your consideration to lend your support to the Levingston Cove Improvement Project. It will enable the Newton community to further their enjoyment of Crystal Lake, ensure accessibility and put in place protections for the environment.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Stone Creem

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State Senator