

December 7, 2009

Mr. John FitzGerald  
Boston Redevelopment Authority  
One City Hall Square  
Boston, MA 02201-1007

Subject: 1000 Washington St

Dear Mr. FitzGerald:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Project Notification Form for the renovation project at 1000 Washington Street. The Boston Groundwater Trust was established by the Boston City Council to monitor groundwater levels in sections of the city where the integrity of building foundations is threatened by low groundwater levels and to make recommendations for solving the problem. Therefore, my comments are limited to groundwater related issues.

As noted in the PNF, the project is located in the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District and is subject to the requirements of Article 32. I am pleased with the commitment by the proponent to meet the recharge requirements. The proponent has shared with me the preliminary plan to do so, and I look forward to seeing the final plan after it has been submitted to BWSC. As noted in the PNF and reiterated during the scoping session, the project involves no underground work. Also as confirmed during the scoping session, the zoning is related only to work on the office building at 1000 Washington Street; the adjacent parking garage is a separate parcel, and any subsequent plans to alter the garage would be looked at again for any GCOD implications.

I look forward to continuing to work with the proponent and the Authority to assure that the project will have only positive impacts on area groundwater levels.

Very truly yours,

Elliott Laffer  
Executive Director

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Maura Zlody, BED