

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
October 18, 2012

1. **City-State Groundwater Working Group** – The working group will meet again next week.
2. **MBTA** – The T has completed its test during which the recharge water was turned off in the area of the South End near Back Bay Station; with the injection wells once again operating, groundwater levels have returned to where they were before the test. The T and its consultants continue to work on the study of the causes and potential solutions to low groundwater levels in this area; they expect to have a report for the January meeting of the Working Group with a public meeting to follow.
3. **Dartmouth Street** – Relining of the sewer on Dartmouth Street in the Back Bay has unfortunately not led to any significant increase in the low groundwater levels there. BWSC is continuing their efforts to understand why that didn't lead to a solution.
4. **North End** – Groundwater levels near the corner of Commercial and Richmond Streets remain depressed in spite of the repair work undertaken earlier by BWSC. They remain committed to investigating potential additional sources of drawdown in the area.
5. **Blagden Street** – Preliminary work on the sewer repairs on Blagdon Street has begun. Depending on the results of this initial work, the main part of the project will either be undertaken very shortly or in the spring.
6. **GCOD** – Compliance with GCOD continues to be excellent, thanks to the efforts of ISD, BWSC, the BRA, and the Board of Appeals. There have now been 165 recharge systems installed and inspected to meet GCOD standards. We continue to work with project proponents to help them develop the most cost effective ways to meet GCOD requirements.
7. **Website** – Traffic to our website remains solid, and I continue to get compliments on the information on the site.
8. **Meetings** – Christian and I met with Greg Galer, the new executive director of the Boston Preservation Alliance to update him on the work that we do and how it is essential to the preservation of historic structures. I testified at the Zoning Commission's public hearing on 275 Albany Street; because this structure is in a Planned Development Area, it will not go to the Board of Appeals but will still be required to meet all GCOD requirements. NABB will be holding a public meeting on groundwater issues on November 14 at which Christian and I will present.
9. **Comment Letters** – I filed comments on the project at 45-53 Hereford Street. As always, they are posted on our website.