

# Boston Groundwater Trust

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Tim Czerwienski, Project Manager  
Boston Planning and Development Agency  
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Subject: Landmark Center Notice of Project Change (NPC) Comments

Dear Mr. Czerwienski:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Project Change (NPC) for the Landmark Center Project located in the Fenway. The Boston Groundwater Trust was established by the Boston City Council to monitor groundwater levels in sections of Boston 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.

The project is located in the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District (GCOD) established under Article 32 of the Zoning Code. As stated in the NPC and confirmed at the scoping session, the site plan and GCOD approval will be updated for the proposed project.

As confirmed at the scoping session compliance with the GCOD requires both the installation of a recharge system and a demonstration that the project cannot cause a reduction in groundwater levels on site or on adjoining lots. Before the GCOD zoning approval can be put in place, the proponent must provide the BPDA and the Trust a letter stamped by a professional engineer registered in Massachusetts that details how it will accomplish what is stated in the NPC and meets the GCOD requirement for no reduction in groundwater levels on site or on adjoining lots.

As stated in the NPC and confirmed at the scoping session, the project will comply with the City's Complete Streets program. The Trust has groundwater observation wells located along Brookline Avenue and Park Drive which must be preserved during the sidewalk reconstruction. At the scoping session the proponent acknowledged and committed to working with the Trust to identify those observation wells to be preserved.

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

Very truly yours,



Christian Simonelli  
Executive Director

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