

April 25, 2022

Nicholas Moreno
Executive Secretary
Boston Conservation Commission
One City Hall Square, Room 709
Boston, MA 02201

Re: **Head of the Charles Regatta Reunion Village Hospitality Area for 2022
DEP File No 006-1478**

Dear Mr. Moreno:

On behalf of our client, Head of the Charles Regatta (HO CR), Weston & Sampson is pleased to submit materials for discussion regarding the Reunion Village Hospitality Area along the Charles River at the **May 5, 2022** Boston Conservation Commission hearing. In addition to this letter, we are providing an 11 x 17 site plan that indicates the 2018 and 2019 control areas shown in the Herbicide Management Plan (HMP), which was originally submitted on June 6, 2018. These control areas have remained consistent since 2019. This year, HO CR would like to discuss expanding the control areas. Other aspects of the HMP, the Turf Remediation Plan and Vegetation Management Plan for the Reunion Village Hospitality Area are proposed to remain unchanged.

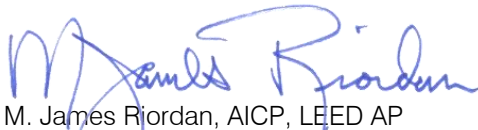
HO CR requests permission to continue to perform seasonal cutting along the area of the river depicted in the site plan where vegetation is blocking views of the regatta. The long-term goal continues to be to remove the exotic invasive plants and replace them with appropriately sized native species to stabilize the bank, provide meaningful habitat, and preserve views to the Charles River while minimizing the need for regular pruning.

HO CR intends to continue to leverage the stewardship of the Charles River Conservancy and the Charles River Watershed Association as well as its own cadre of volunteers to implement the VMP in a phased approach.

For the May 5 hearing, we plan to project photographs to document site restoration activities that are currently underway. Site restoration was initiated in autumn 2018 but has been somewhat limited over the last two years due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

We look forward to discussing this submission at the hearing and would be happy to provide additional information if needed. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions. I can be reached at 401-497-6705 or riordanj@wseinc.com.

Sincerely,
WESTON & SAMPSON ENGINEERS, INC.



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Team Leader

Enclosure: 2022 Herbicide Management Site Plan



2019
Control Site
(shown in
yellow
outline)

2018
Control Site
(shown in
red outline)

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Figure 1—Map of Control Site for Invasives Removal and Herbicide Application