

Parkland Management Advisory Committee
for the Southwest Corridor Park

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Dear Holly,

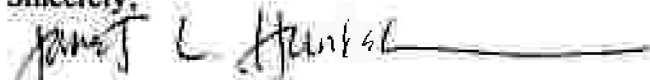
PMAC approved a proposal, from the Stonybrook Neighborhood Association (SNA), to transfer a strip of land, owned by the MBTA, to the DCR, for incorporation into the SWC Park. This land, which is currently abandoned, is adjacent to the SWC right-of-way, and between McBride St. and New Washington St. in Jamaica Plain.

Frederick Vetterlein, Co-Chair of the SNA, presented the proposal at the PMAC meeting on Wednesday, 2 November. He explained that a developer is planning to construct a housing and commercial project at 3621-3529 Washington St., which is adjacent to the T land. Having the land incorporated into the park would buffer the Orange Line for future residential neighborhood development. Additionally, reclaiming of the land would be a valuable continuation to the existing Southwest Corridor Park, and it would lead to increased safety in the neighborhood.

PMAC endorses the proposal to include this land in the Southwest Corridor Park. It recommends beginning a process of securing funding from available resources and beginning design toward adding necessary lighting, landscape improvements, and paths.

Your assistance in directing this request to the appropriate person within DCR is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me at 617-723-8471, or Frederick at 617-522-4282.

Sincerely,



Janet Hunkel, President
Parkland Management Advisory Committee