

**Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant Program  
Application Form FY 2013**

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1. **Municipality:** Amesbury

**Population (2010 U.S. Census):** 16,283

2. **Project Name:** Lower Millyard Heritage Park

Type of Project:

Acquisition – acreage \_\_\_\_\_  New development  Renovation of existing park

Project address: 27 - 33 Water Street

Project acreage: 1.5 acres

3. **Contact Person:** Joseph Fahey, Director

Agency: Office of Community and Economic Development

Address: Amesbury City Hall, 62 Friend Street

Amesbury MA 01913

Zip 01913

Telephone (978) 388-8110 Fax (978) 388-6727

Email: joe@amesburyma.gov

**Please note: the contact person is the official representative for this project as authorized under item #16(b) of this application, usually not the chief municipal officer.**

4. **Briefly describe the project on TWO attached pages.** Use the PARC Rating System as an outline for the description, as well as the items bulleted below, to ensure the maximum score possible for your project.

a.) Acquisition Projects:

- site location – in an Environmental Justice neighborhood and/or site's distance to the nearest park
- rare species (include letter from NHESP) (to determine if NHESP must approve site plans)
- historic or archaeological resource (include letter from MHC) (to determine if MHC must approve site plans)

b.) Development or Renovation Projects:

- describe facilities being developed

- describe community needs, including park equity/need in this neighborhood, if park is in an Environmental Justice neighborhood
- new acres dedicated as parkland
- brownfield projects must submit 21E evaluation and, at the minimum the Executive Summary of a Phase II Comprehensive Site Assessment under state cleanup regulations (Massachusetts Contingency Plan), or a Response Action Outcome statement for each Response Tracking Number – communities must be aware of the level of cleanup required at site prior to grant award so that project can be completed within contract period

c.) All Projects:

- accessibility for the disabled
- water-based recreation (include linear footage of bordering water resource)
- cooperation of any other governmental agency (state, federal, county), private nonprofit, local business, etc. fiscal or for future maintenance
- located in a high density area, Environmental Justice neighborhood, town/city center, or area of the community that lacks park resources (show on map)
- consistency with any nearby State Priority Development or Preservation Areas as shown on the South Coast Rail Corridor Plan or the 495/MetroWest Development Company Plan
- access to a public transportation route and other urban center services (show on map)
- description of enhanced public outreach in Environmental Justice neighborhood
- environmental education/interpretive services planned for site
- vegetation plan for site – number of trees that will be planted at the park
- regional or statewide facility (communities applying in either category should submit a Usage Report)
  - accessible via public transportation (within a 1/2-mile walk)
  - parking for 100 (or more) vehicles
  - provides adequate comfort stations and potable water outlets
  - serves all age groups

**5. Proposed Funding:**

The PARC program is a **reimbursement** program. Grant recipients are reimbursed after invoices have been paid. **The total project cost must be raised or appropriated by the municipality shortly after project approval if it has not already been appropriated.** Costs incurred prior to grant approval and contract execution are ineligible, **including design costs.** Force account labor, volunteer hours, and donations are also ineligible. Refer to PARC regulations (Section 5.07) for eligible cost details. Sample budget can be found in Attachment E.

Total Eligible Project Cost:	<u>\$1,576,404</u>
PARC Request:	<u>\$400,000</u>
(52-70% of total project cost based on Equalized Valuation Per Capita, can be found on DCS web page, maximum of \$400,000)	
Municipal Share:	<u>\$976,404</u>
(Community Development Block Grant via federal or local government sources, Community Preservation Act, etc., please specify in narrative)	
Other:	<u>\$200,000</u>
(i.e. private donation to community, fund raising, etc. that will be a part of the municipal share) (PARC Request + Municipal Share + Other = Total Eligible Project Cost)	

**Attach a one page description of the proposed project budget including:**

- The source of all local funding including donations and Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds.
- Description of the details of any donation, if applicable (be sure these funds are gifted to the community and earmarked for the project).
- Description of any other sources of funding including federal, state, municipal, or nonprofit organizations. List these partners and describe their contribution. Not all sources of state and federal funds are compatible with every DCS grant program.

- Budget should be broken into two distinct fiscal years for renovation and development projects – FY 13 costs associated with design, FY 14 costs associated with construction. Please note that PARC grants cannot reimburse municipalities for design costs only.

**6. Project Type:** Please indicate type of project, refer to the program’s regulations for definitions (Sec 5:03) and to the list of required attachments found at the end of this application form to substantiate any "yes" answers. Indicate here whether:

- Your municipality is an urban population center (city of any size or town with 35,000 or more residents)
- Your project qualifies as a regional or statewide project (town with 35,000 or less residents whose proposed project has public transportation access and/or over 100 car parking) (submit a Usage Report)
- Your project qualifies as a "small town" project (town with 35,000 or less residents)
- Your municipality is on Cape Cod or the Islands (eligible for \$400,000 grant award maximum)

**7. Green Communities**

Has your community been designated a Green Community by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs?

- Yes
- No

For more information on the Green Communities program, visit <http://www.mass.gov/eea/energy-utilities-clean-tech/green-communities/>.

**8. Community Preservation Act**

Has your community passed the Community Preservation Act?

- Yes
- No

If "yes", please note that successful grant applicants that have purchased real property interests for open space or recreational purposes using money from the Community Preservation Fund must have all conservation restrictions required by Section 12 of Chapter 44B approved by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs and recorded prior to receipt of final project reimbursement from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (for file records only).

9. Describe outstanding leases, restrictions or other rights or interests held by others in the project site and enclosed copy of the same (for file records only).

One parcel is privately owned by an individual who has agreed to contribute it to the City for the park if it is approved for grant funds. see attachment 4

10. Is the property permanently dedicated for park, playground, or recreation purposes (MGL Chapter 45, Section 3 or 14)? If not, please submit draft dedication language for DCS review as all PARC projects must be dedicated for park, playground, or recreation purposes.

- Yes
- No

Total acres of dedicated park land 1.5 acres

11. Are fees currently charged or proposed for this facility? If yes, please attach a copy of the fee system. Charging fees is allowed subject to DCS approval. If applicant is awarded a grant, the site cannot be restricted to municipal residents only. If fees are charged based on residency, fees for nonresidents are subject to Section 5.08(3) of the PARC regulations (for file records only).

- Yes (copy attached)
- No

**12. Municipal Open Space and Recreation Plan**

Describe how your project meets the recommendations in your current Open Space and Recreation Plan. To receive points in this category, you must cite specific goals, objectives, and/or actions from the Action Plan and the associated page number references. If we already have a copy of your plan, there is no need to submit another copy.

see Attachment 1b

**13. Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan**

Describe how your project advances the recommendations in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. It can be found online at [www.mass.gov/eea/dcs-grants](http://www.mass.gov/eea/dcs-grants).

see Attachment 1c

**14. Check the following if applicable to project (for file records only):**

- Yes  No Prime agricultural lands (see Ex. Order #193)
- Yes  No Cultural, historic, archeological site: Contact MA Historical Commission (617) 727-8470
- Yes  No Endangered species habitat: Contact MA Natural Heritage Program (508) 389-6300
- Yes  No Environmental intrusion, i.e. overhead power lines (must be buried), safety hazards
- Yes  No Brownfield – 21E evaluation
- Yes  No Located in the State Priority Preservation Area as shown on the South Coast Rail Corridor Plan or the 495/MetroWest Development Compact Plan
- Yes  No Environmental Justice community/neighborhood (see EJ data viewer at [http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/map\\_ol/ej.php](http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/map_ol/ej.php))

**Acquisition projects only**

- Yes  No Acquisition involving relocation of residents, tenants, or businesses
- Yes  No Negotiated sale

Do you have a Purchase and Sales Agreement or Agreed Price?

Yes  No

If yes, Amount:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Is Clear Title available?

Yes  No

If no, is an eminent domain taking anticipated?

Yes  No

If yes, proposed pro tanto award amount:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note that if clear title is not available, the community may decide to acquire the property by a friendly taking (eminent domain) process to clear the title. It is best to know if there is a potential title problem as soon as possible since this can complicate the acquisition process.

Appraisal Report #1

Valuation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Appraiser: \_\_\_\_\_

Valuation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Review Appraisal Report #2 – if land valued at over \$750,000

Valuation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Appraiser: \_\_\_\_\_

Valuation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

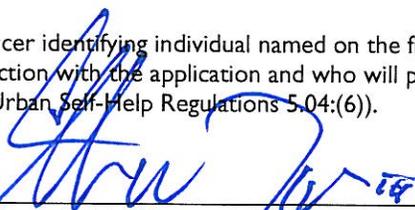
15. Check if the following permits are required (for file records only):
- Yes  No U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (404 or Rivers and Waterways)
  - Yes  No MA DEP Division of Wetlands & Waterways (617) 292-5518
  - Yes  No U.S. Coast Guard
  - Yes  No U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (Zoos)
  - Yes  No C. 131 s. 40 Wetlands (municipal conservation commission)
  - Yes  No MEPA Review (301 CMR 11.00: MEPA Regulations) (617) 626-1020

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**If any of the above permits are required, the permit or application for the permit must be submitted. Should the project be selected for funding, the permit will be required as part of the final application.**

16. Attach certification of:
- a. Applicant community's legal authority to apply for the grant and to finance and construct the proposed facilities (see Sample Municipal Vote), and the **Chief Executive Officer's legal authorization to execute contracts**. This is a resolution, motion, or similar action that has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the community's governing body that authorizes the filing of the applications, including all understandings and assurances contained therein; and
  - b. Authorization from chief municipal officer identifying individual named on the first page of this application who acts as official of municipality in connection with the application and who will provide such additional information as may be required (See Urban Self-Help Regulations 5.04:(6)).

7/11/12  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chief Municipal Officer

Thatcher W. Kezer III, Mayor  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title (Typed)

January 2014  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Duration of Term

Mailing Address: City Hall, 62 Friend Street

Amesbury MA 01913

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# ATTACHMENT 1

1a - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1b – PROJECT CONSISTENCY WITH LOCAL  
OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

1c – PROJECT CONSISTENCY WITH  
STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE  
OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

## LOWER MILLYARD – HERITAGE PARK PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Amesbury Lower Millyard Heritage Park project involves reclaiming almost 1.5 acres of land with six hundred (600) feet of riverfront along the Powow and Back Rivers as active parkland. The project includes the construction of a public access canoe and kayak launch, sitting areas, assembly plaza, water feature, and historic interpretive panels. The park will serve as a focal point of the City's multimillion dollar redevelopment effort including twenty eight buildings on approximately 40 acres containing over 670,000 square feet of existing space.

The project area is an extension of Amesbury's successful Upper Millyard redevelopment effort and includes numerous nineteenth century historic mills. It abuts the recently completed ten million dollar Merrimack Valley Regional Transportation Center, and the City's 1.25 million dollar reconstruction of Elm Street which will provide pedestrian access to Transportation Center. The City's existing Riverwalk is along the perimeter of the property with the proposed park serving as a connection to the extension of that Riverwalk along the Powow River to Market Square. The recreational trails extend to the Salisbury/Amesbury line and connect with Salisbury's trail network. The current trails along with the proposed Riverwalk and Park will all meet handicapped accessibility requirements.

The project area abuts the City's Central Business District (CBD) and actually makes up the southerly edge of the CBD. Having undergone a significant transition over the past two decades, the CBD is now composed of mix use buildings that include retail, commercial, office and residential uses. Compact neighborhoods abut the area with residents utilizing the Upper Millyard Parks and the Lower Millyard walkways. Comprising a significant portion of the CBD is the designated Environmental Justice Neighborhood. Although the City does have playgrounds in some neighborhoods, the development of such a recreational facility within the CBD with its high residential density responds to a currently unmet need. With the Regional Transportation Center abutting the site and linked by its walkway along the Back River, regional accessibility to the site is guaranteed.

The site had included a dilapidated mill building taken in tax foreclosure by the City and subsequently condemned and demolished. That area is now being used by the Department of Public Works with its garage and maintenance facility located in an adjacent building. The City has appropriated 5.9 million dollars to relocate the DPW in order to facilitate the redevelopment effort. Also located on the site is a three-story mill building owned by the Amesbury Chamber of Commerce and the Amesbury Carriage Museum who have been renovating the space for the Carriage Museum and as a Visitor's Center. A vacant lot, currently privately owned, will be donated to the project if funded. (See Attachment 4)

The purpose of the Park, given its location along the Powow and Back Rivers and its proximity to the historic mills, is to utilize those features to show how the community grew and prospered using water power and, through the industrial revolution, became a significant contributor to the woolen, carriage and automobile industries. At the same time the park celebrates the city's history, it will provide recreational opportunities through its connection to the bikeway and Riverwalk and the provision of the canoe/kayak launch. An interactive water feature for the

children is proposed. Within the context of the Park will be the Carriage Museum and Visitors Center with plaza and sitting areas which will be used for historic demonstrations, displays, workshops and community meetings. The Park will also provide a location for the City's recreation program to host educational activities focusing on the environment. (see attachment 3)

The site has Brownfield and 21E issues discovered during the demolition of the former mill, construction of the Riverwalk, and removal of underground fuel tanks. Attachment 2 of this application is the related 21E/Brownfield information as provided by Mr. Jon Higgins, the City's LSP. The City has approached Mass Development for assistance in cleaning the site for redevelopment including adjacent property proposed as sites for private investment which will be created by the relocation of the DPW and the re-alignment of Water Street.

Public and Private cooperation is clearly evident in the project. City property along with donated private property with a combined value of \$436,100 will provide the land. The State office of Fish and Boating has agreed to fund the canoe/kayak launch and dock, with an estimated value of two hundred thousand dollars. The City will be funding the six million dollar cost of the DPW relocation, and a 1.2 million dollar commitment from MassDOT will fund the Powwow Riverwalk extension. Designs for the Park will incorporate the Carriage Museum and Visitors Center building into the plans providing areas for Carriage and historic displays, lectures and demonstrations in exchange for daily maintenance and clean-up of the park. It is also anticipated that a condition for the development of the two new sites created by the relocation of the DPW and realignment of Water Street will be requiring the successful developer to assume responsibility for the daily maintenance of the Park.

The creation of the Park meets numerous objectives of the City's Open Space and Recreation Plan by creating new recreational opportunities within the CBD, supporting activities that familiarize residents with Amesbury's cultural and historical heritage, and providing increase access to and protection of our water resource. These are also goals of the City's Master Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Park is consistent with States Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan including the northeast region stated need for "better access to ...rivers and streams", maintaining connectedness of open spaces in each watershed, promotion of environmental literacy, developing partnerships supporting recreation resources, supporting ecosystem protection, improving public access to recreation resources, innovative funding of maintenance, improving quality of life in cities by providing new parks, and completing the development of long distance trails. Finally, as mentioned, the project meets the Secretary's state priorities by serving an environmental justice neighborhood located adjacent to the site, converting a Brownfield into a new park that serves the highest concentration of residents within and directly adjacent to the Central Business District.

## CONSISTENCY WITH LOCAL OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

The project meets numerous goals and objectives of the City's Open Space and Recreation Plan while implementing specific action plan items.

Because the project calls for the development of a Heritage Park which focuses on the history of Amesbury, is located along the banks of the Powow and Back Rivers, includes a canoe and kayak launch, links the Amesbury Riverwalk with the existing bike and walkway and serves as a major component of the Lower Millyard redevelopment effort, it meets the following specific Goals and Objectives:

1. Preserve, Historic, Scenic and Architectural Character of Amesbury
  - 1.3 Identify historic events having occurred in Amesbury that were of local, regional, statewide or national significance. Page 8.1
  
2. Provide for the protection, preservation and enhancement of all water resources within the community.
  - 2.4 Identify and prioritize critical abutting undeveloped lands for protection through conservation easements or acquisitions. Page 8.1
  
3. Provide both Passive and Recreation Opportunities for all residents of the community.
  - 3.3 Improve public sidewalks, increase areas of active recreation and encourage multi-use recreational opportunities for all age groups.
  - 3.4 Create additional parks and walkways providing access to lakes and waterways, including public boat launching
  - 3.5 Manage and Promote Town natural resources and attractions for tourism and cultural economic development opportunities.
  - 3.6 Continue developing a bike or hiking system throughout town providing linkage between City-owned land and dedicated open space through a "greenway" system. Page 8.2
  
4. Preserve existing open space land for Conservation, Agricultural, Wetland protection and Recreational opportunities.
  - 4.2 Adopt land use policies that balance development regulations and protection of natural resources and wildlife habitat
  - 4.3 Inventory and identify critical undeveloped parcels for preservation through acquisition or conservation restrictions. Page 8.2

The project also implements the following items from the seven year action plan:

- develop a riverwalk and bikeway between downtown and Route 110 connecting with the Salisbury Rail Trail Page 9.2
- develop additional playing fields, update existing playgrounds Page 9.3
- assist in local initiatives to develop a permanent site for the Carriage Museum/Visitors Center Page 9.3
- provide public access to lakes and ponds and waterways Page 9.3
- create transportation hub, historical park Page 9.4

## CONSISTENCY WITH STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

The project is consistent with the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan in numerous ways.

With regards to Statewide Unmet Need for Recreational Facilities noted on page 48, the project provides for three of the top four desired facilities in providing for walking, biking and playground activities. It is also interesting to note that of the twelve major recreation areas of activities as shown on page 24 of the demand section, the proposed park addresses six of the twelve areas of demand.

From the Regional Perspective, (North East Region) it is significant than the statewide plan specifically notes the Merrimack River is “one of the largest yet least protected ... systems in New England” and goes on to say “This spectacular regional resource merits very special efforts among the many parties of interest (local, state, non-profit, and federal) to save and restore it as a primary asset to its bordering communities.” Because of its location, the proposed park with the canoe and kayak launch provide direct access to the Merrimack from the Powow. Kayakers and canoeists are currently using this route and is so well documented by Andrew Watson in the attached story.

Attachment 3

As the needs section further notes, “When expressed as inferred need for new recreational areas these activities translate to the need for more parks....and better access to ... rivers and streams”

The project meets the State Resource Protection, stewardship, restoration and Enhancement goal by emphasizing “biological diversity, watershed and ecosystem protection in natural resource planning and open space protection” It further realizes the state objectives by implementing “...a watershed approach to open space and natural resource planning...”

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The project more specifically reflects the state objectives by “encouraging the protection and retention of ‘ancient ways’ through an emphasis on their cultural and historic values” through the documentation of the history of both the Powow and Merrimack rivers as travel corridors for Native Americans and the shipping of raw materials during the days of the early mills.

As a central hub linking the Merrimack Valley Regional Transportation Center and the City’s Riverwalk and Bikeway the project “Incorporates greenways and trail systems into land use and transportation plans at the State, Regional and local level”

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With the proposed donation of the property by a private business abutter and the plan to include maintenance of the Park into agreements to support the Carriage Museum and Visitors Center in the Park design the project advances the State’s Partnership policy to “Develop productive partnerships between state agencies, the Federal government municipalities and the private sector for acquisition, maintenance, and programming of open space and recreational resources.”

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It is that same cooperative agreement between the City, the private individual, and the Amesbury Carriage Museum and Chamber of Commerce that reflects the States policy on funding by supporting “increased funding for open space and recreation planning, land acquisition and facility maintenance and develop and promote alternative funding measures when public funds are unavailable”.

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As mentioned the proposed park is located directly adjacent to the Merrimack Valley Regional Transportation Center and access Water Street from the City’s public parking facility directly meeting the states access policy of “Promote improved access for the general public to open space and recreational resources throughout the Commonwealth”

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Because of the unique cooperation between the City, Carriage Museum and Chamber of Commerce for the day to day maintenance of the Park, including the state funded Canoe and Kayak launch the project easily meets the maintenance policy of “Ensure proper maintenance of all open space and recreation resources and encourage innovative ways of funding maintenance budgets”

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The projects location is the area referred to as the Lower Millyard, directly adjacent to the Central Business District and abutted by a number of nineteenth century mills most certainly is reflective of the states urban focus on resource protection, stewardship. Restoration and enhancements and is fully supportive of the policy to “Improve the quality of life of our 51 cities by providing new parks especially in neighborhoods underserved for parks and with high percentage of young residents”

Finally, the linkage of the project to the existing bikeway to Salisbury and the currently under design Powow River Riverwalk supports the states policy to “Work to complete the protection and development of key long distance trails and resolve trail use impacts “

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## Attachment 2

### 21E Information Evaluation / Executive Summary Phase II

Higgins Environmental Services



**HIGGINS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATES, INC.**

Earth Science and Licensed Site Professional Services

19 Elizabeth Street  
Amesbury, Massachusetts 01913

July 11, 2012

Joseph W. Fahey, Director Community and Economic Development  
City of Amesbury  
62 Friend Street  
Amesbury, Massachusetts 01913

**RE: Summary of Environmental Conditions - Lower Millyard off Water Street**  
HEA Project No. 03004-12

Dear Joe,

At your request, Higgins Environmental Associates, Inc. (HEA) has prepared this summary of environmental conditions based on existing environmental reports. This summary pertains to an area of the Lower Millyard in Amesbury, located just south of Water Street, West of the Back River and North of the Powow River. A generalized figure depicting the subject area is attached.

### **Environmental Summary**

There have been two separate locations within this portion of the Lower Millyard subject to Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) assessment and response actions: the Amesbury Wharf Property {primary Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-19634}; and the Department of Public Works (DPW) property (RTN 3-16715). These properties and MCP Disposal Sites are located on the eastern and western portions of the subject Lower Millyard area, as noted on the attached figure. Both of these separate RTN areas have progressed past the MCP Phase II Comprehensive Site Assessment process with Phase II reports having already been submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

Both Disposal Sites had similar types of urban fill with coal ash, clinkers. The Wharf Building was subject to a U.S. EPA-led brownfield assessment which determined that soils at that location were primarily impacted by some metals and inorganic contaminants typical for historically-developed properties with fill materials. The DPW property Disposal Site was related to an historic release of petroleum from a former underground storage tank (UST). The UST was removed in the 1980s but impacted soil was left in place.

While both of these existing, Post-Phase II MCP Disposal Sites have documented impacts to soil and ground water by oil or hazardous materials, the impacts are similar to other, historically-developed brownfield properties which should not preclude development of this area without customary, additional MCP response actions to limit future risks posed by impacted fill material or limited areas of petroleum impact.

### **Future Use Considerations**

There are no Activity and Use Limitations (AULs) or other forms of property access limitations due to known environmental conditions. There are no known or suspected MCP Upper Concentration Limit exceedences, Imminent Hazards, or Substantial Hazards for soil or ground water quality in this area. A Temporary Solution, Class C, Response Action Outcome (RAO) Statement was filed for the DPW Disposal Site in 2006. A Permanent Solution, Class A2, RAO was filed for the primary and remaining RTN on the Wharf Property Disposal Site in 2010. However, and as noted by the Class C filing for the



Mr. Joseph W. Fahey  
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DPW building, additional MCP Response Actions are needed to both obtain a Permanent Solution for the DPW property, and to recognize a change in use for the area and risks posed by existing soil and ground water impacts.

Future risk reducing measures should consider a more in-depth analysis of soil quality throughout the entire Lower Millyard property redevelopment area, and actions designed to reduce existing risks posed by impacted fill materials and residual petroleum impacts (on the DPW property). Typically, this will likely require some soil excavation by the former DPW UST, removal of urban fill currently located at grade or below existing pavement or buildings in this area. Imported, certified clean, soil should be used to bring the area back to original grade. Again, these types of assessment and response actions are typical of actions taken for redevelopment of brownfields to another use such as the currently planned community park and waterfront access area.

If you have any questions regarding environmental summary document or the project area in general, please give us a call.

Sincerely,

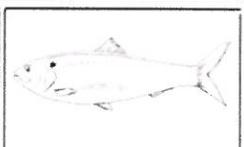
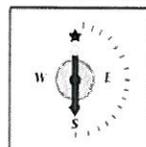
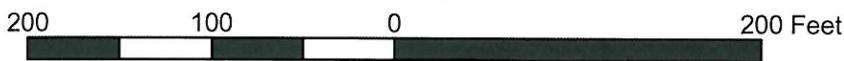
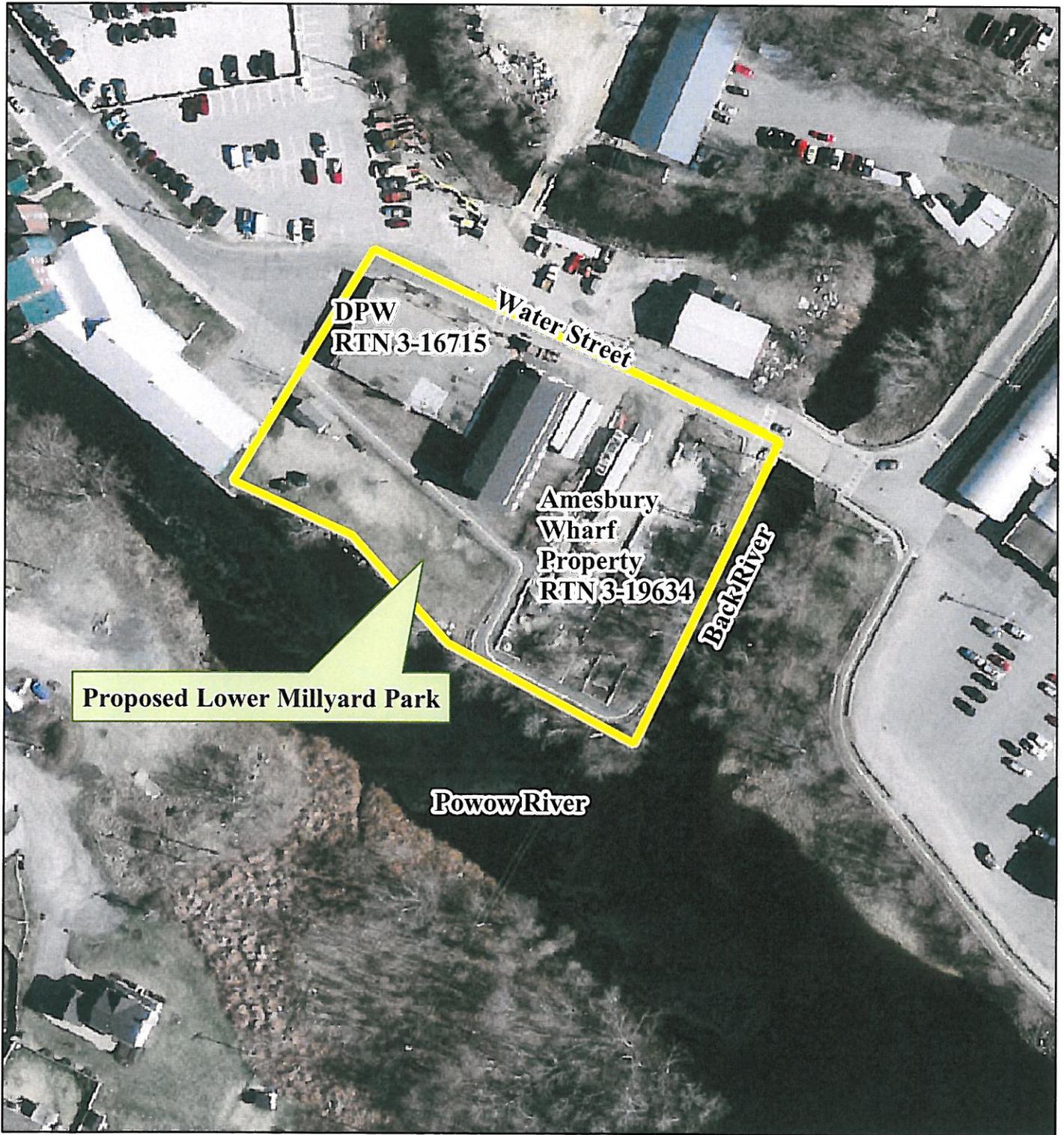
**Higgins Environmental Associates, Inc.**

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Jonathan B. Higgins, C.P.G., LSP  
Principal Earth Scientist

Attachment: Generalized Site Figure

# Generalized Figure for Amesbury's Lower Millyard Park



Approximate Lower Millyard Park Area



Higgins  
Environmental  
Associates, Inc.

Environmental Science and Hydrogeology



# Attachment 3

## Letters of Support



July 2, 2012

Ms. Melissa Cryan  
Division of Conservation Services  
MA EOE

Dear Ms. Cryan,

The Merrimack River Watershed Council enthusiastically supports the City of Amesbury's PARC proposal for the Lower Millyard area. Amesbury has had a long tradition of community redevelopment.

The proposal to establish a water-front park will enhance water-based recreation and enjoyment along the Powwow River, a tributary of the Merrimack. The park will provide water-based recreational activities, with the aid of state funding for a new canoe and kayak launch; it will also include historical information about the Powwow River and its influence on Amesbury; and it will provide much-needed green space for urban residents of Amesbury.

By providing a greater connection to the river, the city helps foster new river stewards. I urge you to give this proposal strong consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caroly A. Shumway". The signature is written in a cursive style with a loop at the end of the last name.

Caroly Shumway, Ph.D.  
Executive Director



July 2, 2012

Mayor Thatcher W. Kezer, III  
62 Friend Street  
Amesbury, MA 01913

Dear Mayor Kezer,

We are writing to support the bond bill of \$5.9 million to relocate the Department of Public Works facility from Water St. to 39 Hunt Road. This project is vital to the future economic growth of Amesbury and will contribute significantly to improving the quality of life in the City, creating jobs and broadening the tax base. It is consistent with the long term growth strategy of Amesbury, defined in the Master Plan, to locate new development in the city center near public and private amenities, including transportation. The new development encouraged by this move will more than pay for the cost of the project. Thanks to the City Council, the Mayor and Rob Desmarais for their hard work on revisiting this project and coming up with a less costly but equally desirable alternative.

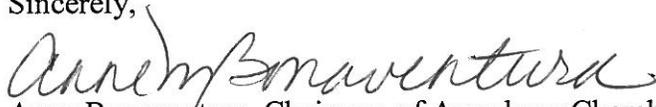
The relocation of the DPW is critical to the continued advancement of other projects in the Lower Millyard including the Transportation Center, the Amesbury Carriage Museum, Heritage Park , extending the Riverwalk from Main St. to Water St and expanding the parking garage. The Carriage Mills building has a long term expansion plan, with a significant tenant to occupy a \$3 million expansion. The Bartley land has a mixed use development under proposal. The old mill buildings at 1-25 Oakland St. have enormous development potential. Funding for these projects is contingent on the DPW relocation, and all will advance more quickly once the DPW is relocated. These projects will provide development of \$50 million, and has the potential to add as much as \$90 million to Amesbury's tax base over the next ten years.

This is a unique opportunity to take an underutilized part of Amesbury and create a completely new neighborhood. Amesbury desperately needs to expand its tax base in order to remain viable into the future. This redevelopment will contribute significantly to the future stability of Amesbury's tax base. The long term result will be lower real estate taxes, not higher.

The relocation comes at a good time because the cost of construction and the cost of financing are both at historic lows. In several years, this will look like a very smart decision. Construction costs will only grow higher. The size of this debt will seem miniscule compared to the economic development and growth that it promotes.

The bottom line is that now is the time for the City to step forward and make the infrastructure investments that will serve Amesbury for decades to come. As the economy improves, Amesbury will be well positioned for growth, and these projects will promote stability in City finances. The question is not whether Amesbury can afford to do this project. The issue is that Amesbury cannot afford not to do this project.

Sincerely,



Anne Bonaventura, Chairman of Amesbury Chamber of Commerce  
Economic Development Committee, Amesbury Chamber of Commerce



**BARTLEY MACHINE & MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC.**

June 14, 2012

Mr. Thatcher Kezer  
Mayor  
Town of Amesbury  
62 Friend St.  
Amesbury, MA 01913

Dear Mayor Kezer:

I am writing to express my support for Amesbury's application to the State office of Environmental and Energy Affairs, specifically the Parkland Acquisition or Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant for the construction of the Heritage Park to be located on Water St. along the Powow and Back Rivers. This park is a critical investment in Amesbury's Lower Millyard Redevelopment Project and will serve as a key element in promoting significant private development and an excellent return on the investment in the area .

As a longtime property owner of 8.5 acres of industrial real estate in the Lower Millyard, I have been working with Amesbury to redevelop my property along with others. I have proposed a 185 unit mixed-use development, and more recently I have had discussions with a national developer of progressive care facilities that is investigating the local area to construct a new facility of 300,000 square feet. The potential value of this development is between \$30 and \$45 million. The Heritage Park Project is a significant enhancement to the Lower Millyard and will be a key selling point for any developer looking at this area.

As the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee of the Amesbury Chamber of Commerce, my mission is to promote economic development that broadens the tax base, creates jobs and enhances the quality of life in Amesbury. The Lower Millyard is a key focus of the Chamber of Commerce. We have worked with the local officials to promote the Transportation Center, the Riverwalk, and the relocation of the DPW facility. The Chamber owns property that will be adjacent to the Heritage Park that will be converted to a Visitor's Center and Carriage Museum. The overall development potential of the remainder of the area is between \$35 and \$45 million over the next ten years. The Heritage Park is the final touch to this development, pulling it all together and creating a complementary urban park space in the center of Amesbury.

Sincerely,

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Rick Bartley  
President, Bartley Machine & Mfg. Co. Inc.



June 12, 2012

Mayor Thatcher Kezer  
62 Friend Street  
Amesbury, MA 01913

Dear Mayor Kezer,

I am writing you to express my support for the Heritage Park construction plan for Amesbury, MA. This project will be a great improvement on the aesthetics of the Lower Mill Yard area as it appears today. The project will also add some much needed green space to the area, and allow a great social gathering spot for the town.

I am the owner of ARC Technologies, Inc., one of the largest, if not the largest, employers in Amesbury with over 130 employees. I also own the carriage Mills properties on Water St. These buildings have active leases with 23 small businesses accounting for over 100 employees. The diverse businesses include attorney's offices, engineering firms, medical companies and art studios.

I share this because it is my intention to further develop the properties, adding an additional 30,000 square feet of office space if this project is realized. I am aware of other local businessmen that would also be investing in the area should this project be approved.

The improvements in parking availability and infrastructure make Amesbury a much lower risk investment than it is today. The Lower Mill yard area is badly in need of attention. Heritage Park is a great vision for this area that is in desperate need of revitalization, and the Amesbury community and businesses stand ready to support it.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel P. Healey III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "D" and "H".

Daniel P. Healey III  
Chief Executive Officer

11 Chestnut Street • Amesbury, MA 01913  
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Amesbury Carriage Alliance  
5 Market Square  
Amesbury MA 01913

July 9, 2012

Thatcher W. Kezer III  
Mayor  
City of Amesbury  
62 Friend Street  
Amesbury MA 01913

Dear Mayor Kezer,

I am writing to express my unequivocal support of the Amesbury Carriage Alliance for the City of Amesbury's PARC grant application to construct the Amesbury Heritage Park along the Powow and Back Rivers.

As you well know, the Amesbury Carriage Museum is located at 29 Water Street in a mill building which is adjacent to the proposed park. We have met with Joseph Fahey, Director of the Office of Community & Economic Development to review the conceptual plans and are extremely excited about the opportunities they present for the Museum and City.

Over the past years, the building has undergone extensive work to stabilize it and make it more functional. At this time, it is the plan to fund further renovations to realize our goal of permanently locating there.

The proposed park greatly enhances our ability to utilize our space and serve as a focal point, celebrating Amesbury's history as the world center of the Carriage Trade.

Please convey for us, to the responsible elected and appointed State officials, our wholehearted support of Amesbury's PARC application.

Sincerely



Donna Collins  
Vice President



# Amesbury Youth Recreation and After School Programs

Kathleen Crowley-Youth Recreation Director/ After School Director  
5 School Street  
Amesbury, MA 01913-2892

Tel: (978) 388-8137  
Fax: (978) 388-0565  
Email: kathleen@amesburyma.gov

July 1, 2012

I am writing this letter in enthusiastic support for the funds needed for the Lower Millyard revitalization and the proposed kayak and canoe launch. The main goal of Amesbury's Recreation and Youth Services is to provide affordable, social, physical, recreational, educational and cultural opportunities to Amesbury's Youth. Amesbury Youth Services is led by Kathy Crowley, the Town's Youth Recreation Director who develops and manages all programming, planning and implementation of the following programs: 3 after school programs located at the Elementary and Middle Schools, Theater Arts Programs, a variety of over 49 summer program opportunities serving over 1,000 youth, environmental and outdoor education program opportunities at our Camp Kent Environmental Center and hiking and swimming events at Lake Gardner Beach and the Powow River Conservation Area.

Another major goal is to provide lifelong fitness and expanded opportunities for youth, families and surrounding communities to enjoy water recreation utilizing Amesbury's Lake Gardner and now through the Heritage Park canoe and kayak launch; we can expand boating programs on the Back River and the Powow River. Additionally, our goal is to instill an appreciation for nature and an environmental awareness of our beautiful surroundings and natural resources. These goals will be reached through educational class offerings of kayaking instruction combined with youth program after school use due to the close proximity to the Town's elementary after school program. Additionally, we have begun an intergenerational kayak program with the Middle school after school program and the seniors from the Amesbury Senior Center. July marks the move of the seniors to the new Transportation Center which will also be a short walk from the new launch, allowing us to increase programming there as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration in moving forward with this project and the betterment of our Amesbury Community.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen Crowley,  
Director, Amesbury Youth Recreation

ATTACHMENT 3

Andrew P Watson - Web Developer

## Kayaking the Powow River – Downtown Amesbury to the Merrimack River... and then some

Submitted by andrew on Sat, 08/21/2010 - 20:22



I went Kayaking today with a friend of mine. We didn't have a ton of time, so we decided on someplace close to both of us – The Powow River. I've lived in Amesbury for a few years, and lived in the area (Newburyport) for something like 25 years. When Justin (friend I went with) said we should try the Powow, and put in near the center of downtown Amesbury, I was a little less than excited. I know that the Powow runs through downtown Amesbury, and ends up in the Merrimack River, but I honestly thought the section from downtown Amesbury, to the Merrimack was little more than a dirty, short, urban slog until it spills into the Merrimack.

So, I was excited to get out, but not at all expecting anything grand from the Powow. At least not this section of it. I've done some of the Powow upstream from downtown Amesbury and it's pretty decent. But, like I said, I didn't think the "lower" part of the river could possibly be any good. It's surrounded by highways, shopping centers, apartments, old mill buildings and all the other dirty characteristics that define a blue-collar historic New England town.

Ok, all that said...

I was absolutely taken aback by how far, open, scenic, and awesome it was. The river ran for a long stretches through areas of thick vegetation that look more like a wilderness refuge than a city.

Kayaking the Powow River – From downtown Amesbury to the Merrimack River

We launched the kayaks directly in the center of downtown Amesbury. After paddling around a bit, and exploring what little "upstream" there was (a hundred feet or so), we turned around and headed off.



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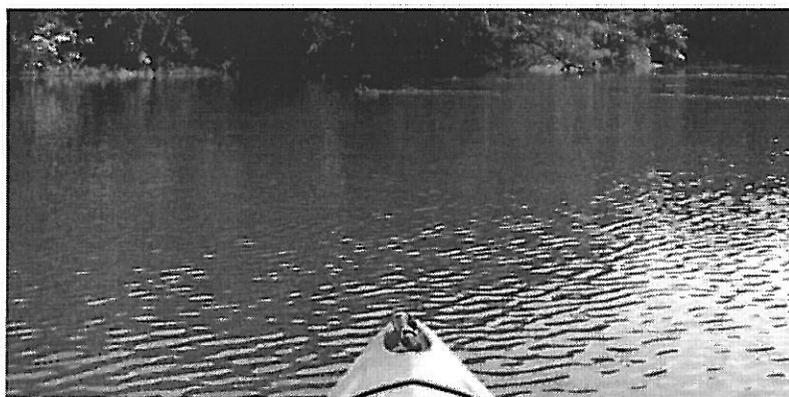
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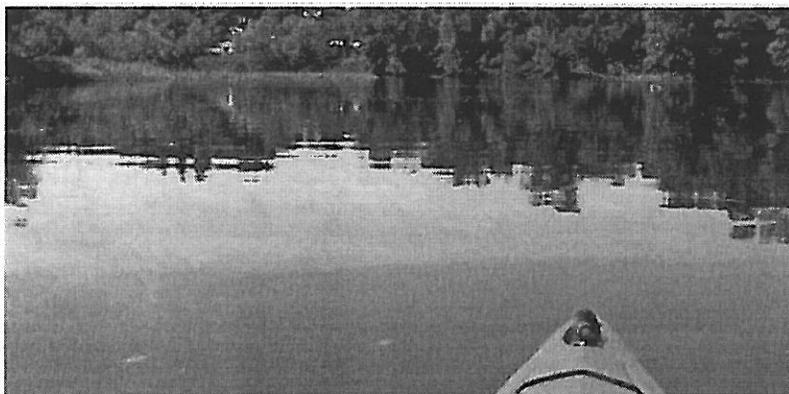
Right from the start, the river opened up a lot wider than I expected. There were ducks all over, and I could hardly see any houses on the shore. It was excellent. The water was calm, there was not a lot of city noise, and the air felt great. I know there are shopping centers, highways and construction all around me – but none of that was apparent on the water.



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About ten minutes into the trip, I had a hilarious encounter with two huge birds. There was an enormous Blue Heron that flew over us. As I grabbed my little camera to try and take its picture, I heard some loud commotion in the water in front of me. A big (being so close, monstrously huge) Common Loon was taking off from the water in front of me. I must have spooked it, but I was too busy trying to photograph the Heron to notice. It was bearing down on me, as if trying to "buzz me." He changed course within a few feet, but still managed to get my adrenaline going. If you've never been very close to one of these birds – they really are pretty big. While focusing on not going in the drink, I was able to get at least one shot (not a great one).



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Further upstream we came to the first bridge for route 110. From the street side, it's noisy and full of construction. From the water, it was really kinda cool. Cars whizzed by, but we just casually floated by. The second bridge was 495, and again it was actually neat to go under. I was amazed at how much "nature" was actually down there.

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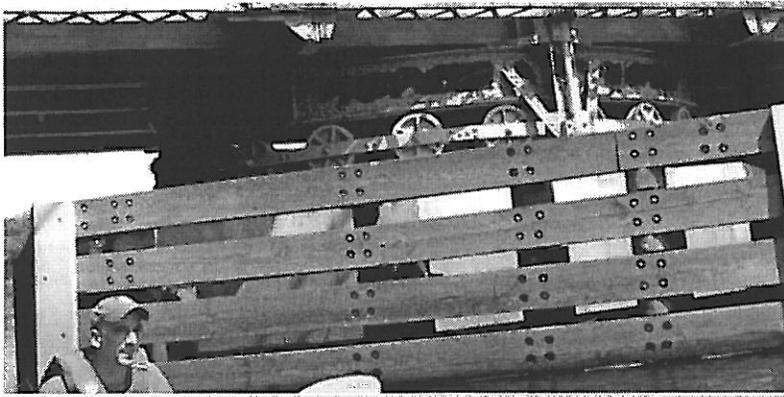
Finally we came to the last bridge (Main St.), and the entrance to the Merrimack River. I was looking forward to this section, and hung around under the bridge for a bit, listening to the booms of cars passing overhead. I guess I never really thought about it, but the bridge used to rotate open. I don't why, but I found this very interesting and took a picture of mechanism.



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Suddenly the landscape (well, "waterscape") changed as we entered the Merrimack. No longer were we in a mellow tranquil river. The water in the Merrimack was choppier, the current stronger, and the wind was blowing. I had only planned on checking out the marina at the opening a bit, but after getting adjusted to the new conditions, we felt confident enough close to shore. We headed down river a bit. It was absolutely gorgeous.



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We paddled down the shoreline for a while, checking out the boats. When I turned around, I was shocked at how far from Powow we had gone. Not only had we gone a little further than planned, we had been paddling "with" the current... than meant we now had to battle... uhg, "against" it to return. It took a bit, but we got back to the marina and entrance to the Powow.



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Trip back upstream was as pleasant as the before. Around each bend I found myself thinking "wow, this is literally in my back yard." I had no idea. I had previously assumed the Powow River from downtown Amesbury to the Merrimack was short and dirty. Not by a long shot.

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Finally, we rounded the last corner and saw the brick mill buildings where we had initially put in. I like these pictures the most.



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## Attachment 4

Dan Healey letter  
Donation of property

**Water Street Realty Trust**  
**11 Chestnut Street**  
**Amesbury, MA 01913**  
**(978) 388-2993**

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July 10, 2012

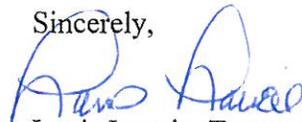
Joseph Fahey, Director  
Department of Community & Economic Development  
Town Hall  
62 Friend Street  
Amesbury, MA 01913

**Re: Heritage Park, Lower Millyard, Amesbury, MA**

Dear Joe:

I am writing to confirm our recent conversations with the City of Amesbury with regard to the proposed Heritage Park. As one of the owners of the land which will eventually comprise Heritage Park, Water Street Realty Trust has agreed, in principal, to donate a portion of its land to enable the public park to be built as detailed in the conceptual plans prepared for the City by VHB engineers. Our agreement to donate the land is contingent upon reaching an agreement with the City of Amesbury on all of the terms and conditions of the donation. Of course, the agreement of the Trust to donate the land is also contingent upon the City receiving the necessary grants and appropriations to enable it to complete the park in accordance with the design plans referenced above.

Sincerely,

  
Louis Lavoie, Trustee

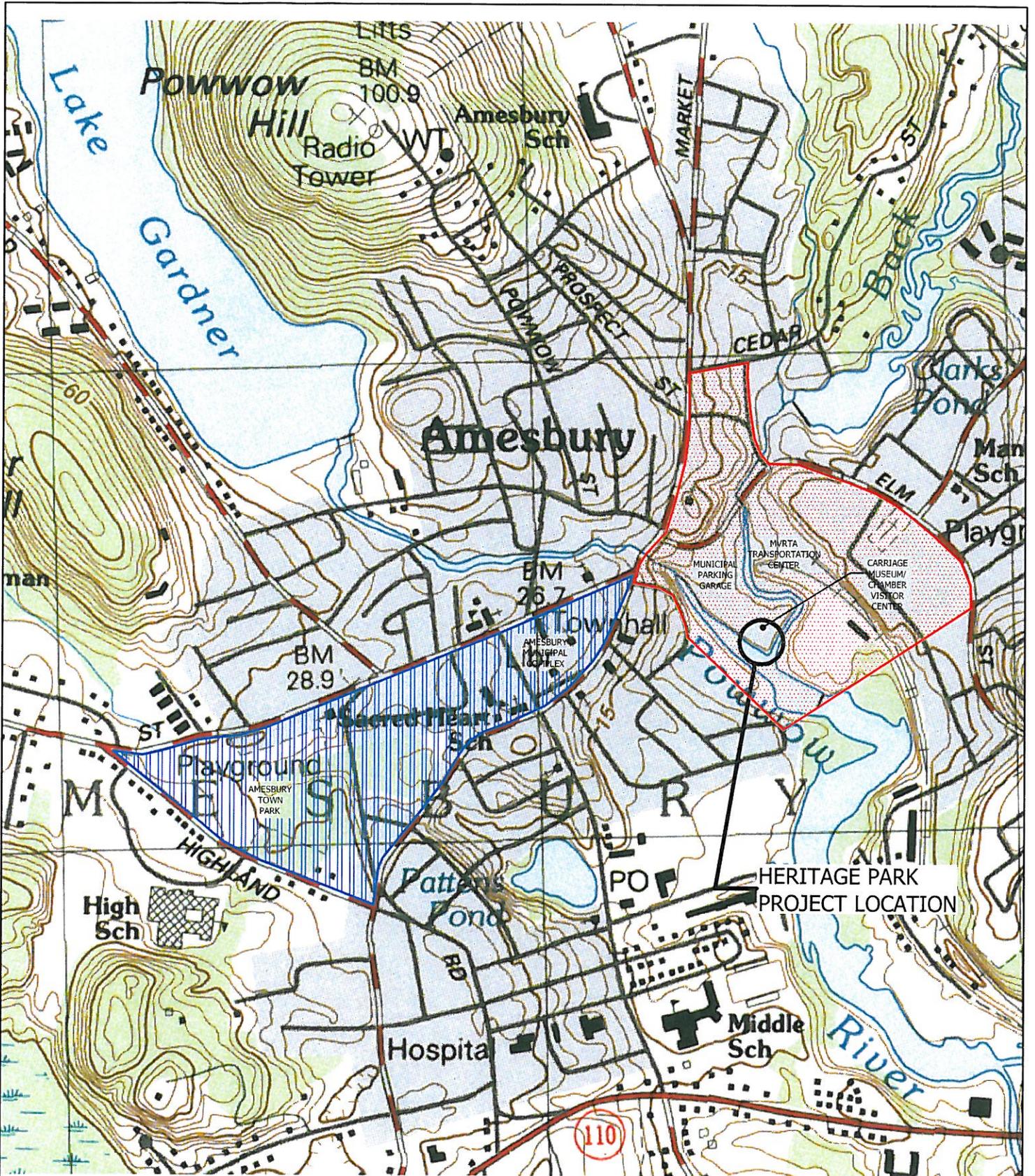
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## MAPS

USGS / EJ Neighborhood, Project,  
Transportation Center

Boundary / survey plan



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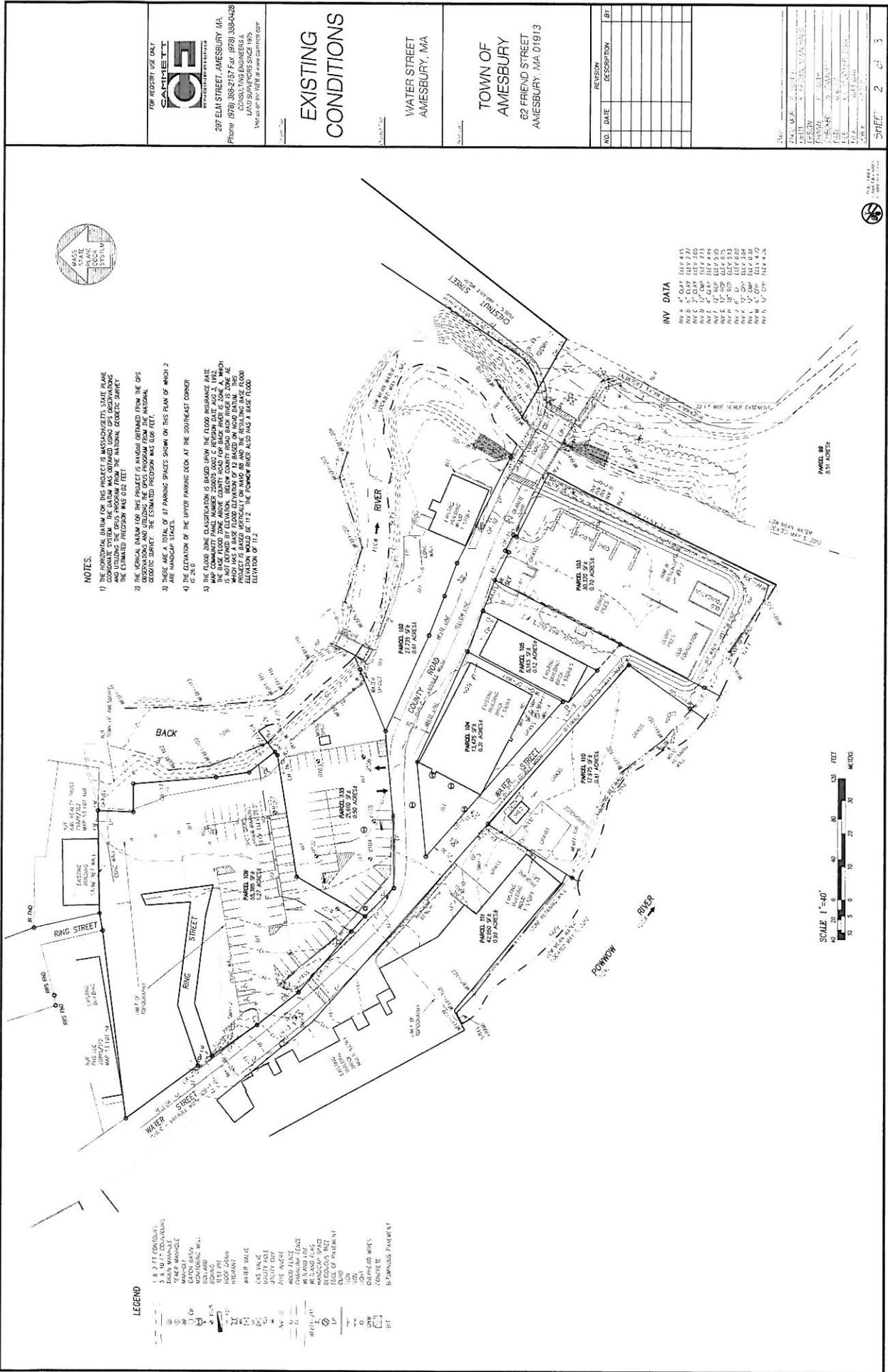
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-  HERITAGE PARK

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TOWN OF AMESBURY, MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS				
LOWER MILLIARD PARK DEVELOPMENT				
<b>HERITAGE PARK USGS REFERENCE MAP</b>				
DWG HERITAGE	SCALE: 1"=600'±	DR. BY PM	CK. BY JF	DATE 6/26/2012







**NOTES:**

- 1) THE HORIZONTAL DATUM FOR THIS PROJECT IS MASSACHUSETTS STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM. THE DATUM WAS OBTAINED USING GPS OBSERVATIONS AND LIMITED TO THE GPS PROGRAM FROM THE NATIONAL GEODETIC SURVEY.
- 2) THE ORIGINAL SURVEY FOR THIS PROJECT IS BASED UPON THE GPS OBSERVATIONS AND UTILIZING THE GPS PROGRAM FROM THE NATIONAL GEODETIC SURVEY. THE ESTIMATED PRECISION WAS 0.06 FEET.
- 3) THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 37 PARKING SPACES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN OF WHICH 2 ARE HANDICAP SPACES.
- 4) THE ELEVATION OF THE UPPER PARKING DECK AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER IS 8.0 FEET.
- 5) THIS FLOOD CLASSIFICATION IS BASED UPON THE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP COMMUNITY PANEL NUMBER 25005 D002 C RESOLUTION DATE 10/15/12. THE BASE FLOOD ZONE ABOVE COUNTY ROAD FOR BACK WATER IS ZONE A, WHICH HAS A BASE FLOOD ELEVATION OF 12 BASED ON HOOD DATA. THIS ELEVATION IS THE RESULT OF HMO 08 AND IS NOT A RESULING BASE FLOOD ELEVATION OF 12.2. THE PARKING DECK ALSO HAS A BASE FLOOD ELEVATION OF 12.2.

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## Attachment 6

### Conservation Commission Request for Determination of Applicability



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 Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands

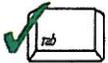
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**WPA Form 1- Request for Determination of Applicability**

Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

**A. General Information**

**Important:**  
 When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return key.



1. Applicant:

Joseph Fahey - Director, Office of Community/Economic Development  
 E-Mail Address: joe@amesburyma.gov

Amesbury City Hall 62 Friend Street  
 Mailing Address

Amesbury  
 City/Town

MA  
 State

04913  
 Zip Code

(978) 388-8110  
 Phone Number

Fax Number (if applicable)

2. Representative (if any):

Firm

Contact Name E-Mail Address

Mailing Address

City/Town State Zip Code

Phone Number Fax Number (if applicable)

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**B. Determinations**

1. I request the Amesbury Conservation Commission make the following determination(s). Check any that apply:
- a. whether the **area** depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced below is an area subject to jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act.
  - b. whether the **boundaries** of resource area(s) depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced below are accurately delineated.
  - c. whether the **work** depicted on plan(s) referenced below is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.
  - d. whether the area and/or work depicted on plan(s) referenced below is subject to the jurisdiction of any **municipal wetlands ordinance or bylaw** of:  
City of Amesbury  
 Name of Municipality
  - e. whether the following **scope of alternatives** is adequate for work in the Riverfront Area as depicted on referenced plan(s).



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**C. Project Description**

1. a. Project Location (use maps and plans to identify the location of the area subject to this request):

27 - 31 Water Street (Lower Mill Yard)	Amesbury
Street Address	City/Town
53	103; 104; and 105
Assessors Map/Plat Number	Parcel/Lot Number

b. Area Description (use additional paper, if necessary):

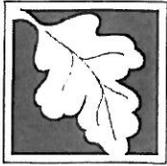
The proposed project would be located on approximately 1.5 acres of land with six hundred feet (600') of riverfront along the Powwow River and the Back River. The site is not listed as priority or estimated habitat for rare and endangered species as depicted on the most recent Natural Heritage site map (2008). See the attachment for additional information.

c. Plan and/or Map Reference(s):

Amesbury Lower Mill Yard - Proposed Conditions (Vanasse Hangen Associates Brusllin, Inc.). See enclosed site plan for details.	Undated
	Date
Title	Date
Title	Date

2. a. Work Description (use additional paper and/or provide plan(s) of work, if necessary):

See Attachment One for details.



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**C. Project Description (cont.)**

b. Identify provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act or regulations which may exempt the applicant from having to file a Notice of Intent for all or part of the described work (use additional paper, if necessary).

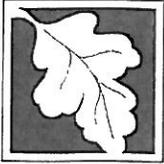
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3. a. If this application is a Request for Determination of Scope of Alternatives for work in the Riverfront Area, indicate the one classification below that best describes the project.

- Single family house on a lot recorded on or before 8/1/96
- Single family house on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
- Expansion of an existing structure on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
- Project, other than a single family house or public project, where the applicant owned the lot before 8/7/96
- New agriculture or aquaculture project
- Public project where funds were appropriated prior to 8/7/96
- Project on a lot shown on an approved, definitive subdivision plan where there is a recorded deed restriction limiting total alteration of the Riverfront Area for the entire subdivision
- Residential subdivision; institutional, industrial, or commercial project
- Municipal project
- District, county, state, or federal government project
- Project required to evaluate off-site alternatives in more than one municipality in an Environmental Impact Report under MEPA or in an alternatives analysis pursuant to an application for a 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or 401 Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Protection.

b. Provide evidence (e.g., record of date subdivision lot was recorded) supporting the classification above (use additional paper and/or attach appropriate documents, if necessary.)

See Attachment One.



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**D. Signatures and Submittal Requirements**

I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing Request for Determination of Applicability and accompanying plans, documents, and supporting data are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that the property owner, if different from the applicant, and the appropriate DEP Regional Office were sent a complete copy of this Request (including all appropriate documentation) simultaneously with the submittal of this Request to the Conservation Commission.

Failure by the applicant to send copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Request for Determination of Applicability.

Name and address of the property owner:

City of Amesbury (Thatcher W. Kezer III, Mayor)  
Name  
Amesbury City Hall - 62 Friend Street  
Mailing Address  
Amesbury  
City/Town  
MA  
State  
01913  
Zip Code

Signatures:

I also understand that notification of this Request will be placed in a local newspaper at my expense in accordance with Section 10.05(3)(b)(1) of the Wetlands Protection Act regulations.

  
Signature of Applicant  
7.11.12  
Date

Signature of Representative (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachment 7

### Agreement with Fish and Wildlife

## LAND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

**THIS LAND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT** (“Agreement”) is entered into pursuant to the authority of G.L. c.21A, §2(8) and §11B, on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012, by and between the Department of Fish and Game (“Department”) and the Town/City of Amesbury, acting by and through its Board of Selectmen/Aldermen and/or Mayor (“Municipality”).

**IN CONSIDERATION** of the construction, improvement or repair, maintenance and daily operation of the fishing and/or boating access facility located at: Water Street on the Powwow River, consisting of a canoe access and parking for a minimum of 12 vehicles (“facility”), and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration with regard to the facility, the Department and the Municipality covenant and agree as follows:

1. The Department shall undertake any repairs, replacement or reconstruction made reasonably necessary by the effects of weather or normal public usage. The timing of said repairs, construction or reconstruction shall be dependent upon budget restrictions and the appropriation of adequate funds by the Massachusetts Legislature.
2. The Department shall provide the Municipality with a sign or signs which contain the provisions of 320 CMR 2.00, regulations governing the use of public access facilities, and a statement that the facility was constructed by the Department of Fish and Game, Office of Fishing and Boating Access.
3. The Municipality shall install and maintain the sign or signs provided pursuant to section 2 of this Agreement in a prominent and visible location at the facility.

4. The Municipality shall be responsible for the daily operation and maintenance of the facility including, but not limited to policing, trash and litter removal, and the overall preservation of the facility for use by the general public in accordance with G.L. c.131, §45.

5. The Municipality shall not use or permit to be used any parking spaces or open areas within the facility for purposes other than public access, or for purposes that are inconsistent with the provisions of 320 CMR 2.00 without the written permission of the Department.

6. Subject to the prior written approval of the Department, the Municipality may adopt a fee schedule and method of collecting such fees for the use of the facility.

(a) Fees charged by the Municipality for launching and parking shall be the same for all citizens, and for each type of usage, except as otherwise provided for in §6(b) and 6(c) of this Agreement.

(b) Fees for out-of-state users may be no more than three (3) times the fee for in-state users for daily or seasonal use, unless federal monies were used in, or reimbursed for the construction or repair of said facility, in which case the fee shall be the same for all users.

(c) A separate fee for commercial haulers may be adopted by the Municipality for daily or seasonal use.

7. All fees collected by the municipality shall be used exclusively for the daily operation and maintenance of the facility. Upon request, the Municipality shall provide the Department with a certified accounting of the receipts and expenditures of all such fees.

8. Subject to the prior written approval of the Department, the Municipality may adopt reasonable management measures governing the use of the facility that are not inconsistent with the provisions of 320 CMR 2.00, or other applicable management measures as adopted by the Department.

9. It is the intention of the Department and the Municipality that this Agreement provide for the continued existence, preservation, operation and maintenance of the facility, and that such benefit exceeds to an immeasurable and unascertainable extent any consideration recited in this Agreement. Therefore, the parties agree that any payment of monies would be an inadequate remedy for a breach by either party to this Agreement, and said parties further agree that as an alternative or an additional remedy, specific performance of any covenant contained herein may be enforced against the breaching party.

10. This Agreement shall be in effect until mutually dissolved or modified in writing by the Department and the Municipality.

IN WITNESSES WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Mary Griffin  
Mary Griffin, Commissioner

John P Sheppard  
John P Sheppard  
Director of Fishing and Boating Access

BY THE MUNICIPALITY

Board of Selectmen/Aldermen and/or Mayor

John W...  
MAYOR

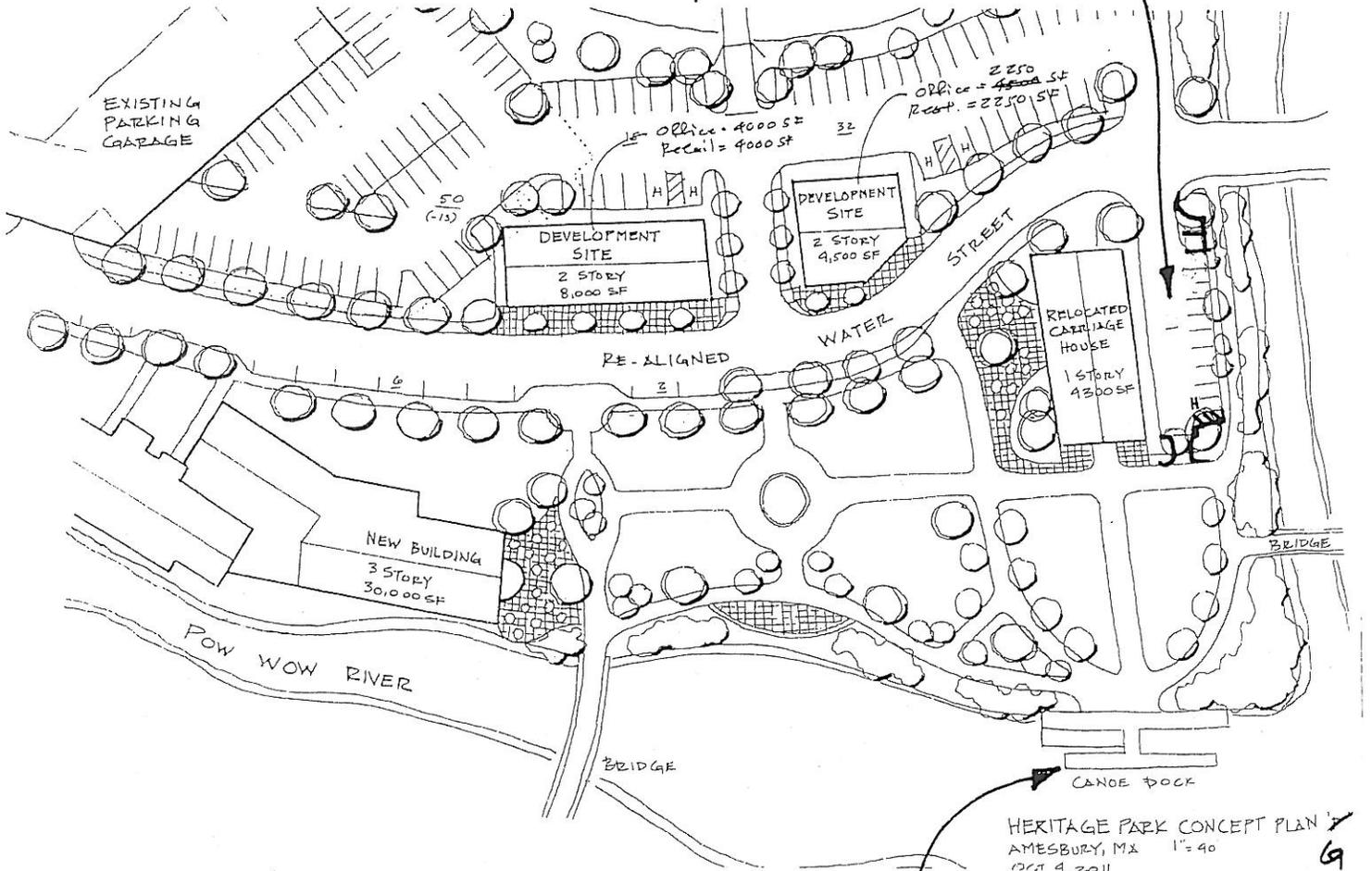
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I, Bonniyo Kitchin, Clerk of the Municipality, hereby certify that the above named individual(s) currently hold(s) the office of Mayor of the City of Amesbury, and is/are authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of the Municipality.

Bonniyo Kitchin

TOWN/CITY SEAL

PROVIDE PARKING FOR 12 CAR-TOP VEHICLES



HERITAGE PARK CONCEPT PLAN  
AMESBURY, MA 1" = 40'  
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PROPOSED CANOE DOCK

FBA  
OPTION 2  
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Attachment 8

Project Budget

### **Budget Description**

The attached budget was prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB) engineers. VHB is the City consultant engineer for the Lower Millyard Project which includes the parking deck expansion, the Powow River Riverwalk, the Water Street relocation and the Heritage Park.

Funding for the project is projected to be a combination of PARC monies, local appropriations and funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Fish and Game which has agreed to fund the public canoe/kayak launch area and dock. (Attachment 7)

In 2007, the City adopted zoning in keeping with the States Smart Growth policies in a 40R designated area of Amesbury. That vote resulted in the City receiving \$350,000 in a bonus 40R payment. In 2008 the Municipal Council voted to restrict these funds for future projects including the creation of parks and recreational opportunities, planning efforts, and economic development projects. (Attachment 9)

The \$976,404.00 local match is expected to be funded with monies from the City's \$350,000.00 40R bonus payment and Municipal Council action authorizing the Mayor to raise, appropriate or bond those funds.

**AMESBURY HERITAGE PARK BUDGET**

<b>Total Eligible Project Cost</b>	<b><u>\$1,576,404</u></b>
<b>PARC Request</b>	<b><u>\$ 400,000</u></b>
<b>Municipal Share</b>	<b><u>\$ 976,404</u></b>
<b>Other: Massachusetts Department of Fish &amp; Game (estimate)</b>	<b><u>\$ 200,000</u></b>

Project Element	Cost
<b><u>Heritage Park</u></b>	
Clearing and Grubbing	\$ 6,000
Grading	\$ 25,000
Site Demolition / Preparation	\$ 30,000
Sedimentation Fence	\$ 1,860
Cement Concrete Sidewalk	\$ 110,100
Pre-cast Concrete Pavers	\$ 98,000
Park Bench	\$ 30,000
Trash Receptacle	\$ 7,500
LID / Water Quality Improvements/Drainage	\$ 60,000
6" Loam and Seed	\$ 37,500
Irrigation	\$ 45,000
Shrub/Perennial Beds	\$ 40,000
Entrance Sign	\$ 5,000
Interpretive Signage	\$ 15,000
Deck / Viewing Platform	\$ 37,500
2 inch Electrical Conduit – Type NM = Plastic (UL)	\$ 6,600
4" Sewer Service	\$ 1,100
6" Water Service	\$ 1,750
Splash Park	\$ 125,000
Relocated Carriage Museum	\$ 300,000
Ornamental Lighting	\$ 38,000
<b>Heritage Park total:</b>	<b>\$1,020,910</b>
<b><u>Department of Fish and Game Fishing/Boating Access</u></b>	
3" Bit. Conc. Pavement and 8" Gravel Base	\$ 25,000
Granite Curbing	\$ 4,760
Canoe Launch Area	\$ 5,000
Dock	\$ 38,000
Seawall Upgrades / Ornamental Railing	\$ 95,000
<b>Fishing / Boating Access total</b>	<b>\$ 167,760</b>
Combined Park and Fishing/Boating Subtotal:	\$1,188,670
Contingency:	\$ 237,735
Design & Permitting	\$ 150,000
<b>Project Total</b>	<b>\$1,576,404</b>

<b>FY13 PARC REQUEST</b>	<b>\$96,000 (\$150,000 x 64%)</b>
<b>FY14 PARC REQUEST</b>	<b>\$304,000 (\$400,000 - \$96,000)</b>

**City Share**  
 \$300,000 – 40R payment  
 \$676,404 – raise, appropriate, bond



## Attachment 9

Draft application authorization & appropriation

Project dedication as a public park

Mayor's authorization of Joseph Fahey as  
project representative

Town meeting vote establishing Parks  
Commission

Municipal Council vote adopting Lower  
Millyard plan

A RESOLUTION OF AMESBURY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TO FILE AND ACCEPT GRANTS WITH AND FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR THE PARKLAND ACQUISITION AND RENOVATIONS FOR COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FOR THE CREATION OF THE AMESBURY HERITAGE PARK TO BE LOCATED ALONG THE POWOW AND BACK RIVERS IN THE LOWER MILLYARD.

Whereas the City of Amesbury has embarked on a plan for the revitalization of an area identified as the Lower Millyard, and

Whereas the revitalization effort is a major economic development plan including housing, retail, commercial and office development in a complex of mills in the area, and

Whereas the revitalization effort represents significant business expansion and employment opportunities for the City, and

Whereas the celebration of Amesbury's historic and cultural contributions to the region's development and economy are noteworthy, and

Whereas creating recreation opportunities that provide access to Amesbury's unique natural resources including its rivers and streams is a goal of the Master Plan and Open Space & Recreation Plan, and

Whereas the proposed Heritage Park is a major element of the Lower Millyard revitalization effort and will increase available recreation opportunities in the Central Business District, and

Whereas the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is offering reimbursable grants to cities and town to support the construction of urban parks through the Parkland Acquisition and Renovations for Communities Grant Program (301 CMR 5.00), and

Whereas the City has prepared conceptual plans for the development of the Heritage Park estimated to cost \$1,576,404.00.

Now therefore be it resolved;

1. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to file and accept grants from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; and
2. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms and conditions of this grant to be administered by the Office of community and Economic Development; and
3. That the City through actions of the municipal Council raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,576,404.00 for the construction of the Amesbury Heritage Park; and
4. That this resolution shall take effect upon its passage.



**CITY OF AMESBURY  
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWELVE**

**SPONSORED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BILL No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
Thatcher W. Kezer, III

An ORDINANCE to create the Amesbury Heritage Park.

Summary: To designate an area of property on Water Street as the Amesbury Heritage Park and to dedicate it as a Public Park in accordance with MGL Chapter 40 Section 15A.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

that the property hereafter described, currently under the control of the Mayor as general Municipal property be transferred pursuant to MGL Chap. 40, sec. 15A, to the City of Amesbury Parks and Recreation Commission, or any successor body, as established by administrative order 98-164 and empowered by MGL, Chap. 45, Sec. 2-9 to be used as Park Land for passive and active recreational uses. The Property is defined as:

27 Water Street – A parcel of land with any buildings thereon containing about 0.59 acres described as Map 53, parcel 104 in the Amesbury Assessor's Office;

31 Water Street – A parcel of land with any buildings thereon containing about 0.56 acres described as Map 53, parcel 103 in the Amesbury Assessor's Office;

**25 Water Street – A parcel of land with any buildings thereon containing about 0.42 acres described as Map 53, parcel 110 in the Amesbury Assessor’s Office;  
And that the area be designated as the Amesbury Heritage Park.**

*[Attach relevant supporting documentation for the Order prior to submitting for Mayor’s signature]*



## CITY OF AMESBURY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWELVE

**SPONSORED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BILL No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Thatcher W. Kezer, III**

An Order to request the Municipal Council to vote to appropriate one million, five hundred and seventy six thousand, four hundred and four dollars (\$1,576,404.00) to construct a public park at the Back and Powow Rivers on Water Street.

**Summary:** To provide for the construction of a public park on property owned by the City of Amesbury on Water Street to include a canoe and kayak launch, public assembly area, historic panels, pathways and sitting areas.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Ordered: That one million, five hundred and seventy six thousand, four hundred and four dollars (\$1,576,404.00) is appropriated for the design, engineering, and construction of a public park on property owned by the City of Amesbury along the Back and Powow Rivers on Water Street; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow \$1,576,404.00 under G.L. Ch. 44, S. 7 or any other enabling authority; and the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

*[Attach relevant supporting documentation for the Order prior to submitting for Mayor's signature]*



# Amesbury

Mayor Thatcher W. Kezer III  
City Hall, 62 Friend Street  
Amesbury, MA 01913-2884

(978) 388-8121  
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mayor@amesburyma.gov

June 14, 2012

As duly elected Mayor of the City of Amesbury and in accordance with 301 CMR 504(6), I have designated Mr. Joseph Fahey, Director of Community and Economic Development to act as my representative with regards to Amesbury's application for Commonwealth of Massachusetts Parkland Acquisitions and Renovation for Communities (PARC) grant funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thatcher W. Kezer, III". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Thatcher W. Kezer, III  
Mayor



## CITY OF AMESBURY

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BONNIJO KITCHIN, CMMC  
CITY CLERK  
62 Friend Street  
Amesbury, MA 01913

TEL: (978) 388-8100  
FAX: (978) 388-8150  
E-mail: [bonnijo@amesburyma.gov](mailto:bonnijo@amesburyma.gov)

July 10, 2012

Be advised that the Amesbury Parks Commission was established in 1912 in accordance to Chapter 48 Section 4 of the 1905 act of the legislature.

*Bonnijo Kitchin*

*Bonnijo Kitchin, CMMC  
CityClerk  
62 Friend Street  
Amesbury, MA 01913  
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AMESBURY  
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIVE

**SPONSORED BY: David T. Hildt, Mayor BILL No. 2005-41**

At the meeting of the Amesbury Municipal Council on May 10, 2005, in the Town Hall Auditorium, the following action was taken:

**A Resolution that the Amesbury Municipal Council accept the development study for the lower Millyard as presented by the Office of Community and Economic Development and the Alliance for Amesbury.**

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Council of the Town of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

That the Municipal Council vote to accept the development study for the lower Millyard as presented by the Office of Community and Economic Development and the Alliance for Amesbury.

Councilor James Chandler moved to endorse the general concept of the Millyard study as presented.  
Councilor Mario Pinierio seconded.

VOTED UNANIMOUS

Witness my hand and seal for the Town of Amesbury this 11th day of May, 2005

Bonny Kitchin  
Town Clerk

David T. Hildt  
David T. Hildt, Mayor

5/12/05  
Date

## Attachment 10

Public hearing / outreach information

Environmental Justice Neighborhood mailing

## **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Because the project is well along in its concept and development and where it is a component of the much larger Lower Millyard Redevelopment effort, it was reviewed on numerous occasions before a variety of boards.

Since the adoption of the Lower Millyard Redevelopment Plan in May 10, 2005 by the Amesbury Municipal Council numerous public presentations have been made based on that plan which includes the Heritage Park as an integral element. The 2005 rezoning creating the Lower Millyard Overlay District envisioned the Park as a way in which Open Space requirements can be met in the area. Numerous hearings before the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Municipal Council and its Finance Committee have provided a number of forums to discuss the Heritage Park plans.

In 2010 the engineering firm of VHB was hired by the City to develop plans for the Lower Millyard to include the Heritage Park. In 2011 a conceptual plan was prepared and incorporated into a power point presentation that over the following four months was presented publicly at meetings of the Municipal Council, the Planning Board, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, local cable channel and posted on the City's website.

Discussion regarding the Park also occurred during Open Space and Recreation Plan public meetings with the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Municipal Council.

On June 26, 2012 at a regularly publicized meeting of the Planning Board, a presentation on the Lower Millyard/Heritage Park was made to the Board detailing the design elements. That meeting, posted on the City's website and in the City Clerk's office, was preceded by over 280 individual letters to all residents in the Environmental Justice neighborhood requesting their attendance and comments.

Some of the comments received involved assuring handicapped accessibility and a further request to provide a fishing area for those in wheelchairs or diminished mobility.

Another comment and request was that due to the tidal influences of the river, the canoe and kayak launch be designed as a dock that rises and falls with the tides making getting in and out of the canoe or kayak easier.

The Planning Board noted those concerns and agreed to consider them during the Site Plan Review process.

It is estimated that over a dozen meetings have been held in which the Lower Millyard project and Heritage Park were discussed.



# Amesbury

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Joseph W. Fahey  
Director, Community and Economic Development  
Tel: (978) 388-8110  
Fax: (978) 388-6727  
[joe@amesburyma.gov](mailto:joe@amesburyma.gov)

62 Friend Street  
Second Floor  
Amesbury, MA 01913

June 6, 2012

Dear Amesbury Resident,

Over the last several years, Amesbury has been developing plans for the revitalization of an area identified as the Lower Millyard located along Elm and Water Streets. Those plans call for the creation of a recreational park adjacent to the Powow and Back Rivers on Water Street. It proposes a park with a canoe and kayak launch, sitting areas, historic displays, fishing access, walkways and an interactive water feature.

In July, the City will be making application to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for grant funds to assist in financing the project. As part of the application process, the community is encouraged to reach out to certain neighborhoods and solicit comments on the proposal.

On June 25, a presentation on this project will be made to the Amesbury Planning Board and I wanted to extend an invitation to you to attend that meeting, hear that presentation and provide any feedback.

I hope you would consider attending that meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 978-388-8110.

Very truly yours,

Joseph W. Fahey  
Director Community and Economic Development

JWF/jb

Attachment 11

Deeds / Takings

31 Water St Map 53 - Lot 103

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ATTACHMENT 11

Town of Amesbury

Office of the Collector of Taxes

INSTRUMENT OF TAKING

DATE OF NOTICE: 4/30/93

BK 11896 PG 2

BK 11896 PG 253

05/21/93 09:37 Inst 132

I, BARBARA D. MOORE, Collector of Taxes for the Town of AMESBURY pursuant and subject to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Sections 53 and 54, hereby Take for said city/town the described land;

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (ACCOUNT # 000338 )

(The description must be sufficiently accurate to identify the premises and must agree with the notice of taking. In the case of registered land, the certificate of title number and registry volume and page must be given.)

Property Location: COUNTY ROAD 1,34

Description of Parcel: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 24,400 SQ FT being described as MAP : 1 PARCEL : 34 in the office of the assessors of the town of AMESBURY identified in BOOK on PAGE at the ESSEX county registry of deeds.

Said land is taken for non-payment of taxes as defined in Section 43 of Chapter 60 assessed thereon to to FRIEND, DOUGLAS & JEFFREY MARSHALL/TRE: AMESBURY WHARF for the year(s) hereinafter specified, which were not paid within fourteen days after demand therefore made upon FRIEND, DOUGLAS & JEFFREY MARSHALL/TRE: AMESBURY WHARF on 5/31/91, and now remains unpaid together with interest and incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking in the amounts hereinafter specified, after notice of intention to take said land given as required by law.

Delinquent Periods ----- 1991

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include TAXES (3,314.61), ADDITIONAL CHARGES (109.30), INTEREST as of 4/30/93 (973.36), and GRAND TOTAL (4,397.27).

WITNESS my hand and seal this 30TH day of APRIL, 1993 Date of Taking

Signature of Barbara D. Moore (Collector of Taxes)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Then personally appeared the above named BARBARA D. MOORE and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his/her free act and deed as Collector of Taxes, Before me,

Signature of Josephine H. Jacques, Notary Public - Justice of the Peace

My commission expires July 14, 1996

at o'clock and minutes M.

Received and entered with ESSEX COUNTY Registry of Deeds,

Book, Page, Document No., Certificate of Title No.

Attest: Register

STATE TAX  
FORM 366

DISCLAIMER AND RELEASE  
INVALID TAX TITLE  
HELD BY CITY OR TOWN

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

AMESBURY

NAME OF CITY OR TOWN

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

I, Barbara D. Moore, Collector of Taxes for  
the ~~Town~~ <sup>City</sup> of Amesbury, have reasonable cause to believe that the  
tax title held by said ~~Town~~ <sup>City</sup> under a ~~sale~~ <sup>taking</sup> for non-payment of the 19 91 taxes assessed to  
Douglas Friend & Jeffrey Marshall, Trs., Amesbury Wharf

on land described in the ~~tax collector's deed~~ <sup>instrument of taking</sup> conveying said title, dated April 30, 19 93,  
and recorded in Essex Registry of Deeds,  
~~registered~~ <sup>Book</sup> 11896, Page 253, (or) Document No. \_\_\_\_\_, Certificate of Title No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
is invalid, and I therefore disclaim and release such title pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 60,  
Sections 37 and 84.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND

AS APPEARING IN INSTRUMENT OF TAKING OR TAX COLLECTOR'S DEED

Property Location: County Road - A parcel of land with any  
buildings thereon containing about 24,400 sq ft described as  
Map 1 parcel 34 in the Amesbury Assessors office; identified  
in BK 11896 on pg 253 Essex Registry of Deeds.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 19 95

Barbara D. Moore, Collector of Taxes for the ~~Town~~ <sup>City</sup> of Amesbury

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Essex, ss. August 8, 19 95

Then personally appeared the above named Barbara D. Moore,  
and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed as Collector of Taxes,

LAURA  
NOTAR

before me,

Laura T. Prasad

My commission expires Feb 8, 2000

Notary Public - Justice of the Peace

THIS FORM APPROVED BY COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION.

TOPO.	UTILITIES	STRT./ROAD	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	Code	Appraised Value	Assessed Value
I Level	I All Public	I Paved	5 Industrial	EXEMPT EXM LAND EXEMPT	9310 9310 9310	283,500 148,200 10,200	283,500 148,200 10,200
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DATA</b>							
Other ID:	00001 00000 00036	Use Change					
Sub-Div		Original Lot					
Spec.Cond.		NOTES					
OWNER OCCU	F98	STYLE					
ABC		CHAPTER L					
NUMBER							
GIS ID:	30	ASSOC PID#					

RECORD OF OWNERSHIP		BK-VOL/PAGE	SALE DATE	q/u	w/f	SALE PRICE	V.C.
AMESBURY TOWN OF							0

EXEMPTIONS			
Year	Type	Description	Amount
<b>TOTAL:</b> 441,900			

OTHER ASSESSMENTS			
Year	Code	Description	Amount
2012	9310		283,500
2012	9310		148,200
2012	9310		10,200
<b>TOTAL:</b> 441,900			

ASSESSING NEIGHBORHOOD		STREET INDEX NAME	TRACING	BATCH
W/38				
<b>HIGHWAY DEPT GARAGE</b>				

BUILDING PERMIT RECORD										
Permit ID	Issue Date	Type	Description	Amount	Insp. Date	% Comp.	Date Comp.	Comments	Date	Purpose/Result
2011-321	01/03/2011	CM	Commercial	51,500	05/25/2011	100	05/25/2011	NEW ROOF	5/25/2011	BP Building Permit
324	01/24/2005	SH	Shed	0	06/22/2005	100	06/22/2005	SHED 42"X72" & PART	2/7/2007	MEASUR+LISTED
03-99	08/08/2002	RE	Remodel	3,500	08/14/2003	100	01/01/2003	ADD BATHRM ON 2ND	6/22/2005	EXTERIOR INSPECTION/MEAS
01-256	11/29/2000	RE	Remodel	10,000	06/27/2001	100	12/31/2000	REMODEL DPV OFFI	8/14/2003	BP Building Permit
01-80	08/07/2000	RE	Remodel	3,500	06/27/2001	100	12/31/2000	UNISEX BATHRM	6/27/2001	BP Building Permit
97-65	02/04/1997	CM	Commercial	0	08/27/1997	100	08/27/1997	40' BOX T		
97-66	02/04/1997	CM	Commercial	0	08/27/1997	100	08/27/1997	20' BOX T		

LAND LINE VALUATION SECTION										
B #	Use Code	Use Description	Zone	D	Frontage	Depth	Units	Unit Price	Acres	Disc
1	9310	Town C	IC		250	140	25,870	5.21	1.0000	1.10
<b>TOTAL CARD LAND UNITS:</b> 25,870 SF Parcel Total Land Area: 25,870 SF										
<b>TOTAL LAND VALUE:</b> 148,200										

VISIT/CHANGE HISTORY									
ID	IS	Type	Date	Comments	CD				
JD			5/25/2011	NEW ROOF	BP				
RD			2/7/2007	SHED 42"X72" & PART	00				
MM			6/22/2005	ADD BATHRM ON 2ND	00				
HF			8/14/2003	REMODEL DPV OFFI	00				
HF			6/27/2001	UNISEX BATHRM	00				

**VISION**

**APPRAISED VALUE SUMMARY**

Appraised Bldg. Value (Card)	278,300
Appraised XF (B) Value (Bldg)	5,200
Appraised OB (L) Value (Bldg)	10,200
Appraised Land Value (Bldg)	148,200
Special Land Value	0
Total Appraised Parcel Value	441,900
Valuation Method:	C
Adjustment:	0
<b>Net Total Appraised Parcel Value</b>	<b>441,900</b>

*This signature acknowledges a visit by a Data Collector or Assessor*

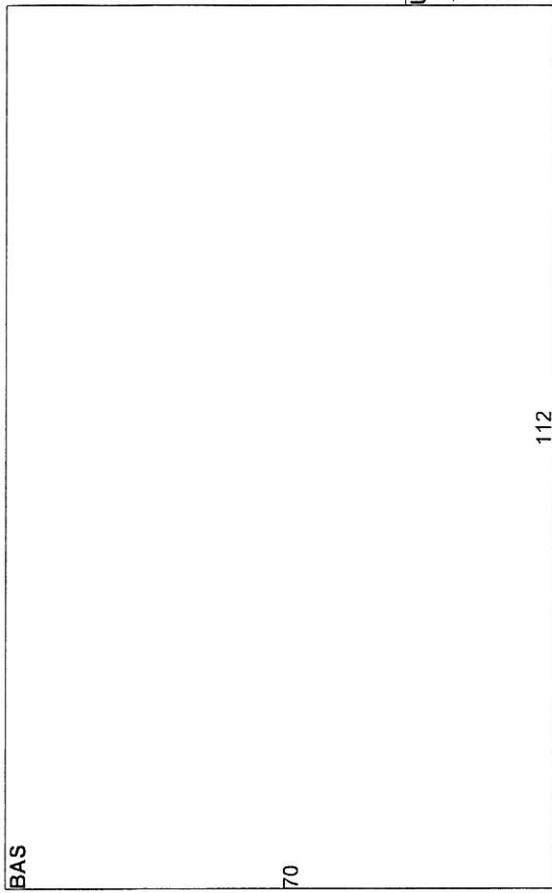
CONSTRUCTION DETAIL		CONSTRUCTION DETAIL (CONTINUED)	
Element	Ch. Description	Element	Ch. Description
25	Service Shop		
96	Ind/Comm		
04	Average +10		
1.5	Stories		
1	Occupancy		
20	Exterior Wall 1		
	Exterior Wall 2		
01	Roof Structure		
03	Roof Cover		
01	Interior Wall 1		
	Interior Wall 2		
03	Interior Floor 1		
	Interior Floor 2		
02	Heating Fuel		
03	Heating Type		
01	AC Type		
9310	Bldg Use		
00	Total Rooms		
1	Total Bedrms		
	Total Baths		
00	Heal/AC		
03	Frame Type		
01	Baths/Plumbing		
04	Ceiling/Wall		
02	Rooms/Prtns		
14	Wall Height		
0	% Conn Wall		

OB-BUILDING & YARD ITEMS(L) / XF-BUILDING EXTRA FEATURES(B)														
Code	Description	Sub	Sub Description	L/B	Units	Unit Price	Yr	Gde	Dp	Rt	Cnd	%Cnd	Apr	Value
	STORAGE	L	1		5,000.00	1996		0	0			100	5,000	
	STORAGE	L	1		5,000.00	1996		0	0			100	5,000	
	SHED FRAME	L	24		8.00	2005		0	0			100	200	
	MEZ1	B	260		8.00	1978		1	1			100	1,400	
	MEZ2	B	462		12.00	1978		1	1			100	3,800	

BUILDING SUB-AREA SUMMARY SECTION						
Code	Description	Living Area	Gross Area	Eff Area	Unit Cost	Undeprac. Value
BAS	First Floor	7,840	7,840	7,840	52.17	409,036
UST	Utility, Storage, Unfinished	0	18	5	14.49	261
	<b>Ttl Gross In/Uncon Area</b>	<b>7,840</b>	<b>7,858</b>	<b>7,845</b>		<b>409,297</b>

ATTACHMENT 11



BAS

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UST  
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Attachment 12

Review letters

Mass Historical Commission

National Heritage & Endangered Species



# Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

Wayne F. MacCallum, *Director*

May 25, 2012

Joseph W. Fahey  
Director, Community and Economic Development  
Town of Amesbury  
62 Friend St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Amesbury, MA 01913

RE: Town of Amesbury PARC proposal  
Lower Millyard Park project – rare species information

Dear Mr. Fahey:

The Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) supports the efforts of the Town of Amesbury to construct a Heritage Park at the confluence of the Powwow and Back Rivers in the center of Amesbury. Currently, the NHESP has no documented habitat of rare species listed under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) on or near the subject parcel.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 508-389-6351 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn C. Harper".

Lynn C. Harper  
Habitat Protection Specialist  
Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program

[www.nhesp.org](http://www.nhesp.org)



## Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program

North Drive, Route 135, Westborough, MA 01581 Tel: (508) 389-6360 Fax: (508) 389-7891

**Help Save Endangered Wildlife!**

**Contribute to the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Fund.**



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

May 24, 2012

Melissa Cryan  
EEA Division of Conservation Services  
100 Cambridge St., 9th Floor  
Boston, MA 02114

RE: Amesbury Heritage Park, Water Street, Amesbury, MA. MHC #RC.52532.

Dear Ms. Cryan:

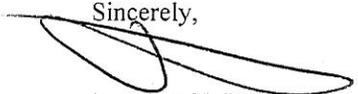
Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission have reviewed the Project Notification Form for the project referenced above. The project consists of the construction of a Heritage Park on a 1.5 acre site along the Powwow and Black Rivers, which will include walkways, sitting areas, and historical markers explaining the history of the area and surrounding mills. The project includes the construction of pathways and walkways, a kayak, canoe, and small boat launching facility, tree and shrub plantings, historic markers, and a gazebo.

Review of the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth determined that the project area is adjacent to the Salisbury Manufacturing Company Textile Mill #4 (MHC #AME.71), an historic structure within the Amesbury Salisbury Mills Historic District (MHC # AME.M), listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Review of historic maps indicates that this portion of Amesbury along Water Street included multiple structures in the 19th century, potentially associated with the adjacent textile and carriage manufacturing operations. Portions of the project area proposed for parking lots, recreational structures, pathways, and picnic areas appear to have been subject to previous disturbance, potentially associated with grading or earth movement in the modern period, and are unlikely to contain intact, significant archaeological resources.

After review of our files and the information provided, MHC has determined that the proposed project is unlikely to affect significant historic or archaeological resources. If project plans change, then additional project information should be provided to the MHC for review and comment.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 9, Sections 26-27C (950 CMR 71). Please contact me at this office if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Jonathan K. Patton  
Archaeologist/Preservation Planner  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

xc: Joseph Fahey, City of Amesbury Office of Community and Economic Development  
Amesbury Historical Commission