



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Metropolitan District Commission  
M. Ilyas Bhatti, Commissioner**

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*The  
Metropolitan Network  
of Services*

Colonel Daniel M. Wilson  
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*Parks* U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
New England Division

*Beaches* 424 Trapelo Road  
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*Community Boating*

Dear Colonel Wilson:

*Historic Sites*

*Recreational Facilities*

*Public Concerts*

*Trailside Museum*

*Boston Harbor Islands*

*Metropolitan Police*

*Flood Control*

I am writing to express the Metropolitan District Commission's support as the Commonwealth's designated local sponsor for the Flood Damage Reduction Project, Saugus River and Tributaries, Lynn, Malden, Revere and Saugus; the detail of which are contained in previous studies and final reports dated December, 1989 and furnished to this Agency. This project would provide a high level of coastal flood protection to the 5000 buildings and the 400,000 residents, employees and commuters in this region which is frequently threatened and flooded from tidal storms. The project would also protect major industries, utilities, transportation arteries, recreational facilities, a valuable salt water estuary, navigation fleet and other resources important to Boston and the north shore.

*Watershed Management*

*Pure Water Supply*

We have also reviewed the preliminary draft of the Local Cooperation Agreement dated February 28, 1990, and intend to sign the agreement concurrent with the communities for those non-monetary items not within the direct control of the MDC.

*Quabbin, Wachusett and  
Sudbury Reservoirs*

*Franklin Park and  
Stone Memorial  
Zoos*

*Parkway, Boulevard and  
Bridge System*

We understand that a final Local Cooperation Agreement will be required after the Report is approved by the Chief of Engineers, the project is authorized by the U.S. Congress, and after the completion of plans and specifications, which should take approximately four years. At that time, a final estimate of project costs and cost sharing amounts will be prepared. The MDC will request funds from the Legislature to meet the State's cost share for both the first cost and O&M. Construction is currently scheduled to start in Fiscal Year 1994.

*Charles, Mystic and  
Neponset Rivers*

As the State's local sponsor we would be required to provide cash contribution estimated at \$22,600,000 which includes 100% of the cost of the extra park embankment (\$600,000) needed for relocation. We must also provide the real estate and relocation requirements estimated at \$9,200,000 for

*Beaver Brook, Blue Hills,  
Tim Bank, Breakheart,  
Middlesex Fells, and  
Tory Brook Reservations*

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1650 acres of estuary, 9 acres of MDC park dike, 6.5 acres of I-95 for mitigation and easements for other project features. Additionally, a preliminary estimate of \$230,000 per year operation and maintenance cost would be a continuing non-Federal responsibility following completion of the project.

I am looking forward to working with you on this critically needed project.

Sincerely,



M. Ilyas Bhatti, P.E.  
Commissioner

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