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Ann LeRoy, Chairperson
Open Space Committee
c/o Department of Planning and Community Development
Town Hall Annex
730 Massachusetts Avenue
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RE: 2015-2022 Open Space and Recreation Plan

Dear Ann,

The Redevelopment Board supports the 2015-2022 Town of Arlington Open Space and Recreation Plan as voted at its meeting of March 30, 2015. The Board also voted at that meeting to adopt the updated Open Space and Recreation Plan as a Town policy document. The Board also finds that the Open Space and Recreation Plan is consistent with the Arlington Master Plan.

The Board is pleased that the Open Space Plan communicates how highly valued the open space and recreation assets are in our densely developed community. The action steps for maintaining, conserving and expanding open space and recreation resources will contribute to the stability and attractiveness of all Arlington neighborhoods.

The Board appreciates the work of the Open Space Committee, and we look forward to working towards realizing the goals of the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Yours truly,


Andrew Bunnell
Chairman



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April 29, 2015

Joey Glushko, Planner
Planning and Community Development Department
730 Massachusetts Avenue Annex
Arlington, MA 02476

Dear Ms. Glushko:

Thank you for submitting the "Town of Arlington Open Space and Recreation Plan 2015-2022" to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) for review.

The Division of Conservation Services (DCS) requires that all open space plans must be submitted to the regional planning agency for review. This review is advisory and only DCS has the power to approve a municipal open space plan. While DCS reviews open space plans for compliance with their guidelines, MAPC reviews these plans for their attention to regional issues generally and more specifically for consistency with *MetroFuture*, the regional policy plan for the Boston metropolitan area.

The plan is very comprehensive and represents a high level of detail. The plan is highly consistent with *MetroFuture* and it should serve the town well as it continues its efforts to preserve open space and provide for the recreational needs of its residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this plan.

Sincerely,

Marc D. Draisen
Executive Director

Cc: Laura Wiener, MAPC Representative, Town of Arlington
Melissa Cryan, Division of Conservation Resources



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April 6, 2015

Carol Kowalski, Director
Department of Planning and Community Development
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RE: Open Space and Recreation Plan Update: 2015-2022

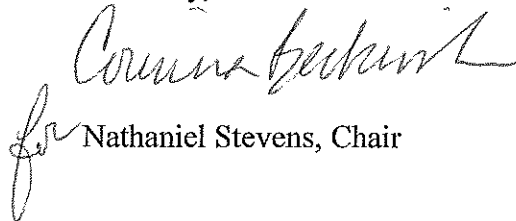
Dear Ms. Kowalski:

The Conservation Commission expresses its strong support of the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update of 2015-2022. David White of the Commission has been working extensively on this update as the Commission's representative to the Open Space Committee. David has kept the Conservation Commission apprised of the Update's development.

The Conservation Commission voted, unanimously, at its April 2, 2015 meeting to support the plan update.

The Commission looks forward to actively working with the Open Space Committee and you and your staff to implement the goals of the Update.

Sincerely,


for Nathaniel Stevens, Chair

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TOWN OF ARLINGTON
Joseph Connelly
Director of Recreation



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Park and Recreation Commission

April 20, 2015

Ann LeRoy, Chairperson
Open Space Committee
c/o Department of Planning and Community Development
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Re: 2015-2022 Open Space and Recreation Plan

Dear Ann,

The Arlington Park and Recreation Commission would like to express its support of the Town of Arlington's Open Space and Recreation Plan for 2015-2022. The Commission has reviewed the goals, objectives and action plan. All members have had the opportunity to review and provide input and updates to the plan, through the Commission's representative to the Open Space Committee. At its most recent meeting on April 14, 2015, the Park and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to support the plan.

The Commission, once again, remains particularly concerned with the need for improved maintenance of Arlington's parks, playgrounds and playing fields. As a densely populated community with limited land resources, Arlington's passive and active recreational resources continue to be valued and in high demand. The need to secure additional sources of funding, staffing and support for the Town's open space and recreational resources continues to be essential for meeting the goals of the plan and retaining high quality public recreation facilities and programs.

The Commission feels that the 2015-2022 Open Space and Recreation Plan does reflect the needs of the community and looks forward to helping make the plan a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Mayer".

Leslie Mayer, Chairperson
Arlington Park and Recreation Commission

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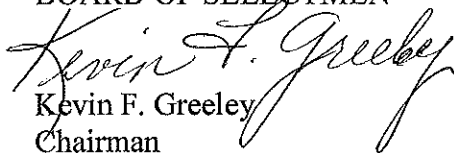
Dear Ms. Kowalski:

The Board of Selectmen would like to offer its enthusiastic support for the "Town of Arlington Open Space and Recreation Plan update 2015-2022." We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of the members of the Open Space Committee since the adoption of the Town's first open space plan in 1996. Their continued dedication has brought respect and attention to the open space matters in the Town. The Board would like to especially thank member Ann LeRoyer for her hard work and contribution to the updated plan.

We look forward to a continue relationship of working to improve our open space system, our natural areas and parks and playgrounds. We believe that a commitment to the improvement of our open space will keep Arlington an attractive town with a high quality of life for its residents.

We continue to be committed in implementing the practical steps as outlined in the Open Space Plan.

Very truly yours,
BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Kevin F. Greeley
Chairman

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