



Charles River Watershed Association

October 5, 2010

Mr. Keith A. Bergman
Town Administrator
Town of Littleton
37 Shattuck Street
Littleton, MA 01460

SUBJ: Littleton Green Infrastructure

Dear Mr. Bergman:

The Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA) is pleased to confirm its recent discussions with the Town of Littleton and announce that CRWA has received a \$100,000 anonymous grant to assist the Town of Littleton in developing water infrastructure that will promote economic development consistent with the town's character in the center of Littleton. A mixture of residential and commercial uses with pedestrian-friendly spaces is envisioned to promote walking and economic development while protecting Littleton's natural resources.

We understand that, on May 3, 2010, Littleton voters approved the creation of Littleton Common Village District, and Littleton Village Overlay District West - Beaver Brook Area at a Special Town Meeting. Town Meeting also authorized the expenditure of \$50,000 from the FY 2010 Operating Budget for a sewer feasibility study for Littleton Common. The Board of Selectmen established the seven-member Common Sewer Feasibility Study Committee to work with consultants to identify needs and alternatives, and to define the scope of the sewer study. The \$100,000 grant to CRWA would help the Sewer Study Committee and the Town take a careful look at the economic and environmental options.


Under this grant, CRWA would be providing the best economic and environmental information available to help the Study Committee make recommendations to the town for the appropriate wastewater infrastructure to support the greater intensity of use in these two locations. CRWA would also be looking at the energy generating potential of waste disposal, such as capturing methane for energy reuse to reduce treatment plant costs and climate change impacts.

CRWA is very pleased to have received this grant to help the town work through the water infrastructure issues that will enable Littleton meet its economic development goals in a sustainable, smart growth manner. CRWA has been working for several years on the connection between water and smart growth—an approach that puts water and water infrastructure at the heart of development. Called “smart sewerage,” CRWA has developed computer modeling capabilities and approaches that allow towns to create and maintain vibrant village centers through the use of limited sewerage. The town could promote a multi-use, height-limited

walking town center in accordance with its rezoning without suffering the sprawl explosion of community-wide or regional sewage infrastructure. The goal is to use sewerage selectively in the appropriate places, not to sewer an entire town.

CRWA looks forward to discussing the scope of work for this project with the Littleton Common Sewer Feasibility Study Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Thanks very much,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Zimmerman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert L. Zimmerman, Jr.
Executive Director

Attachment: Preliminary CRWA Scope of Work

