



November 27, 2012

HURON B NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY MEETING

Alewife Sewer Separation Project: Follow-up Meeting

Dear Neighbor,

As part of on-going efforts to improve the water quality in the Alewife Brook, the City of Cambridge will be reconstructing the utilities, streets and sidewalks in your neighborhood. Construction is scheduled to begin in the Summer of 2013.

Since May, a series of four community meetings and neighborhood walks have been held with residents specifically related to developing the streetscape design of the residential streets. At the each of the meetings and at the block party, residents of Chilton Street expressed interest in improving the tree canopy along the street. As a result of these discussions we have identified potential tree locations and will be hosting a walk of the street on **Saturday, December 8th at 10:30 am**, to review the revised plan.

Huron B Follow-Up Meeting

Chilton Street Tree Walk Saturday, December 8th, 10:30 AM

Walk will start at the Intersection of Huron Ave and Chilton Street.
In the case of inclement weather please call 617-349-4827 for notification of cancellation

Due to the narrow width of the existing sidewalk the proposed opportunities for new trees are either at the Back of Sidewalk or at new Driveway Curb Extensions; see images on reverse. Both options will require approval of the individual property owner and general neighborhood consensus.

Back of Sidewalk Trees: As has been discussed at each of the community meetings, as part of the project the City will plant a tree on private property within 20' of the property line. These plantings, typically in the front yard of a residence, provide the benefits of an increased tree canopy and pervious area to allow the tree to thrive without impacting the width and accessibility of the sidewalk. See reverse for addresses of suggested locations.

Driveway Curb Extensions: Curb extensions into the street create additional sidewalk width to allow for street tree plantings while maintaining an accessible sidewalk for pedestrians. By locating the curb extensions at and through a driveway the impact to parking can be minimized. The City has identified 5 locations where curb extensions may be possible, please see reverse for addresses of suggested locations. Prior to Monday December 3rd, we will mark the curb extensions and proposed tree locations on the street in white paint in hopes that prior to the scheduled tree walk you can evaluate the locations and understand the potential impacts on the streetscape and parking.

We encourage you to attend the walk on **December 8th**, to share your thoughts and engage with your neighbors. Please also feel free to contact me with any questions at kfalise@cambridgema.gov or 617-349-4827. To learn more about this project, and for access to documents from the previous meetings, please visit the webpage at: www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/HuronB.

Sincerely,

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Back of Sidewalk Tree Example

Suggested Potential Locations:

345 Huron Ave; 11, 17, 44, 51, 55, 60, 64-66, 65 and 73-75 Chilton Street



Driveway Curb Extension Example

Suggested Potential Locations:

11, 25, 40, 55 and 74 Chilton Street