

# Boston Groundwater Trust

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Subject: Landmark Center Redevelopment Project - Phase 3 Notice of Project Change & Proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan (Fenway) Comments

Dear Ms. Kerr:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Landmark Center Redevelopment Project - Phase 3 Notice of Project Change & Proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan which is located in the Fenway. The Boston Groundwater Trust (BGwT) was established by the Boston City Council to monitor groundwater levels in sections of Boston where the integrity of building foundations is threatened by low groundwater levels and to make recommendations for solving the problem. Therefore my comments are limited to groundwater related issues.

The project is located in the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District (GCOD) established under Article 32 of the Zoning Code. As stated in the document and confirmed at the scoping session the project will be designed and constructed to comply with the requirements of Article 32.

The document states that the building will include three stories of underground parking. Compliance with the GCOD requires both the installation of a recharge system and a demonstration that the project cannot cause a reduction in groundwater levels on site or on adjoining lots. Before the GCOD zoning approval can be put in place, the proponent must provide the BPDA and the Trust a letter stamped by a professional engineer registered in Massachusetts that details how it will accomplish what is stated in the document and meets the GCOD requirement for no reduction in groundwater levels on site or on adjoining lots.



A geotechnical instrumentation and monitoring program should also be implemented to quantify potential impacts of below-grade work. The Project team should coordinate with the Trust and provide all necessary documentation to maintain and monitor groundwater levels throughout construction.

I look forward to continuing to work with the proponent and the Agency to assure that this project can have only positive impacts on area groundwater levels.

Very truly yours,



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