

Public Comment

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Members of the Planning Board
City Of Portland
Congress Street
Portland, Maine 04101

Dear Planning Board Member,

I am writing in support of the proposal before you regarding the City of Portland plans to improve and restore Capisic Pond. For over twenty five years, members of the community have been working with the city staff, offering our insight and perspective on the many public works projects that have impacted a much loved public recreational space in the west end of the city. It has been a resource to commercial interests since the 1600's and later a resource for the city in much needed stormwater and public sewer projects. It has also been a coveted open space in the City of Portland, and is frequently used by a varied cross-section of the public, for birdwatching, dog walking, sledding, skating, and just plain walking to enjoy a bit of far away, up close. With the city's largest pond, the marsh, the fields, it is like a bit of nature, right here in our own backyard.

The proposal before you is the culmination of many city plans, stacked one on the other would be somewhere between one and two feet high. It all began with a report prepared for The Friends of Capisic Pond on the inventory and management of the Natural and Cultural Resources of Capisic Pond, prepared in 1989. I urge your support of this proposal, as it represents a great deal of excellent work between our city, state, and federal government, their contractors, and the members of the public. Their work involving the public along the entire scope of the project has been exemplary and could easily be a model for other projects, anywhere in the country.

Sincerely,



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