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MAYOR DEMARIA KICKS-OFF MALDEN RIVER GREENWAYS VISION PLAN

Mayor Carlo DeMaria recently announced that a Greener and Greater Boston, Friends of the Malden River, Mystic River Watershed Association, Bike to the Sea in collaboration with Wynn Resorts, Preotle, Lane and Associates, and the City of Everett have partnered to commission a vision plan to develop a series of greenways along the Malden River.

The goal of the Malden River Greenway Vision Plan is to create a shared vision for the Malden River corridor and connect this area to the Mystic Greenways, a network of more than 20 miles of parks and paths from the Mystic Lakes to the Boston Harbor. The study will place the Malden River in this bigger picture context and focus on access from the surrounding neighborhoods to the river, along the river and across the river.

The Malden River's Greenway Plan is part of Mayor DeMaria's commitment in returning the waterfront to the citizens of Everett. In his State of the City speech this past January Mayor DeMaria stated, "I want a fully restored and open waterfront, with a canoe launch, a boathouse, walking trails, a fishing pier, and easy access to the beauty of nature for all of our residents."

Patrick Herron, Executive Director of Mystic River Watershed, stated, "On behalf of our organization, I can say that MyRWA is grateful to Mayor DeMaria that he continues to make the Malden River a priority of his and help move this study forward. It is clear that he shares the same goals of the Mystic River Watershed Association - to move past a history when the Malden River was reserved for industry - and return it to a resource for the local residents. The transformation of the Malden River has already begun in earnest and I am excited that we will have this study to help guide a future transformation.

The design consultant, Utile, will document what is built or designed already (roughly 2/3 of waterfront property), hold several public outreach meetings and will propose new pathways and river overlooks to complete a seamless system of shared-use paths. Additional components include: locating a potential public boat house, boat landings, river overlooks and a pedestrian bridge across Malden River midway between the Medford Street bridge and the Route 16 bridge.

The outcomes during the term of the project include:

- Develop a shared, illustrative vision plan and images for the Malden River Greenway
- Identify and scope discrete projects and seek funding sources for implementation
- Create design standards for riverfront park and path development
- Raise the visibility and increase public awareness of the Malden River
- Build a unified coalition of cities, nonprofits and community members

The \$60,000 study was funded by a Greener and Greater Boston, Bike to the Sea in collaboration with Wynn Resorts, Preotle, Lane and Associates, and the City of Everett and should be completed by October 2017. This study will compliment an analysis of sediment in the Malden River, currently being conducted in collaboration with the cities of Medford and Malden by the Mystic River Watershed Association to assess potential locations for healthy and safe boat launches.

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