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Excerpts from The City of Waltham Master Plan

SECTION 7 - ANALYSIS OF NEEDS

WATER RESOURCES

Public access to water bodies is an ongoing issue in the City. Many residents consider public access to water a recreational priority.

Charles River

The Charles River is considered by many as the most valuable natural resource in Waltham. There is a continuing desire for better access to the Charles River for public enjoyment. The following are projects that residents have expressed as needed to provide better access to the Charles:

- Park Land Acquisition There are several small parcels along the Charles, such as **67 Crescent Street**, which have been targeted by public and private groups for riverfront recreational purposes.

SECTION 8 - GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOAL 1: PROVIDE VARIED, ACCESSIBLE, AND BALANCED RECREATION FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF WALTHAM

Objectives 7. Increase public open space in the downtown area that will link historic and cultural assets with greenways along the Charles River.

SECTION 9 - FIVE-YEAR ACTION PLAN

Objective 1.1 Develop recreational facilities in areas where service is currently inadequate, or in areas where new development will require additional facilities.

Actions Explore opportunities to create vest pocket parks in Southside neighborhood, including the acquisition of the **67 Crescent Street** parcel and similar properties.

Objective 1.7 Increase public open space in the downtown area which will link historic and cultural assets with greenways along the Charles River.

Actions Explore acquisition of **67 Crescent Street** for use as a "pocket park" on the Charles River.