

November 5, 2009

NOTICE TO ABUTTERS UNDER THE WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT

&

NOTICE OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE: Seagrave Rd, Whittemore Ave, Kassul Pk, Kimball St, Harrison Ave, Madison Ave, Magoun St, Columbus Ave

The City of Cambridge is nearing completion of the design improvements to replace and upgrade sewer and drainage utilities in this neighborhood (which is known for engineering purposes as the “CAM 400” area). The existing utilities were constructed over 100 years ago, and do not provide the degree of separation needed to protect the water quality of Alewife Brook, protect properties from sewage backups, and minimize the cost of unnecessarily conveying and treating stormwater at the MWRA sewage treatment facility.

Construction on these improvements is scheduled to start in late Winter 2009/2010, and will take approximately 18 months to complete. Construction improvements will also include new sidewalks and pedestrian crossings, paved roadways, catch basins, and tree plantings in the neighborhood.

As the project proponent and applicant, the Cambridge DPW filed a Notice of Intent with the Cambridge Conservation Commission regarding elements of the project which may have impacts on areas subject to protection under the Wetlands Protection Act within the project area (listed above). **The public hearing with the Conservation Commission is scheduled for November 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the 4th floor conference room at 344 Broadway.** The purpose of this meeting is limited to a review of any impacts the project construction activities may have on wetland resource areas and the existing flood plain.

Anyone may examine the Notice of Intent filing at the Conservation Commission or the Department of Public Works’ offices during normal working hours. Notice of the public hearing will be published on November 12, 2009 in the Cambridge Chronicle, and posted in the City Clerk’s office not less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance. Copies of the Notice of Intent may be obtained from the applicant’s representative by calling Vincent Spada at 617-498-4728, Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

In early December, there will be a public community meeting where we will discuss the project’s overall design and anticipated schedule. You will receive a separate meeting notice with more information about this community meeting.

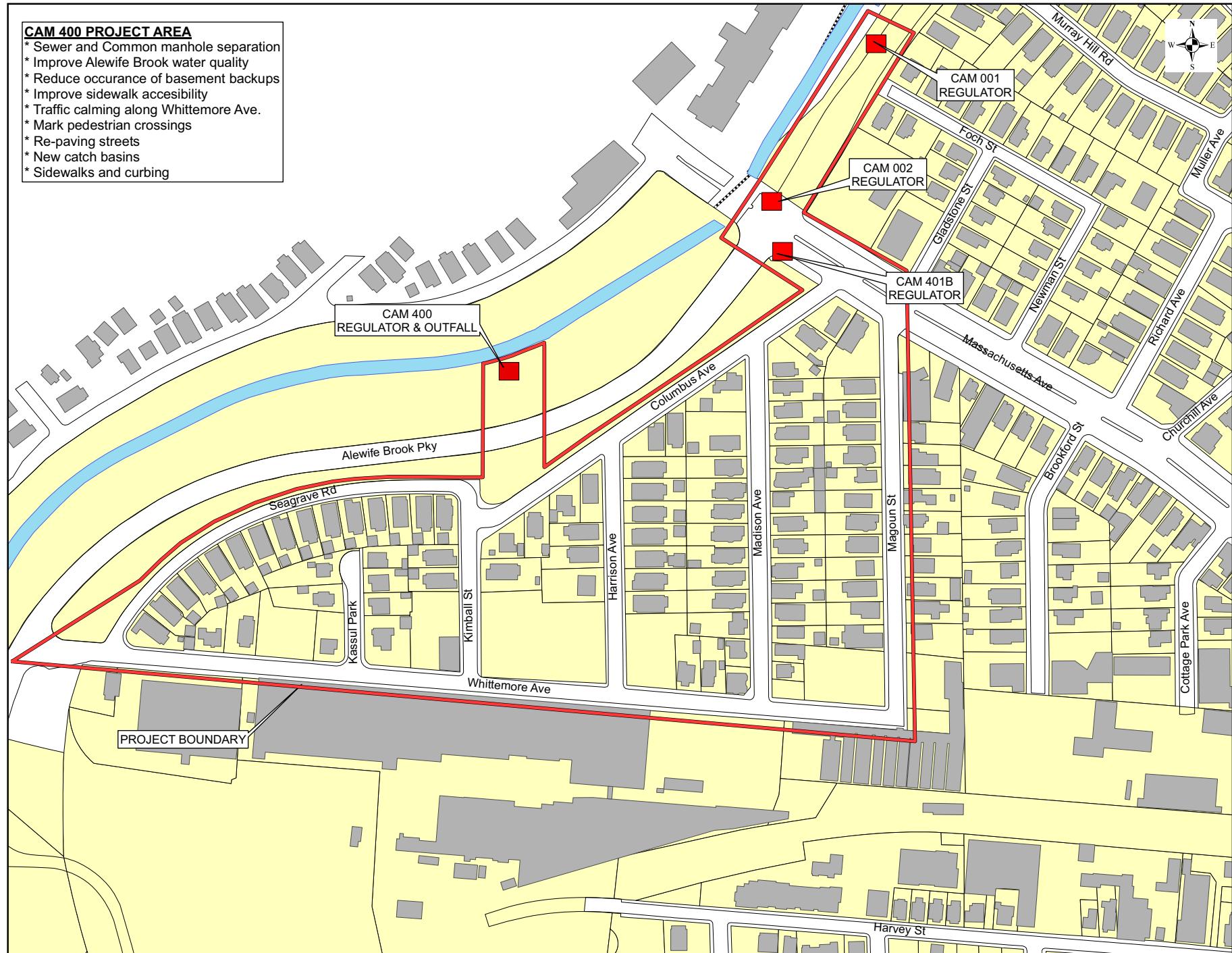
Please contact Catherine Daly Woodbury, Project Manager with any questions:
cwoodbury@cambridgema.gov/617.349.4818.

Sincerely,

Owen O’Riordan,
City Engineer/Assistant Commissioner for Engineering

CAM 400 PROJECT AREA

- * Sewer and Common manhole separation
- * Improve Alewife Brook water quality
- * Reduce occurrence of basement backups
- * Improve sidewalk accessibility
- * Traffic calming along Whittemore Ave.
- * Mark pedestrian crossings
- * Re-paving streets
- * New catch basins
- * Sidewalks and curbing



0 50 100 200
Feet

CAM 400 SEWER SEPARATION/ FLOTABLES CONTROL PROJECT AREA
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MA

SEA
SEA CONSULTANTS INC.
Scientists/Engineers/Architects

MWH

THE WORKS
CAMBRIDGE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC