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Dear Neighbor,

I would like to provide you with an update regarding the fenced area in the northern part of Riverbend Park. As you may know, the soil in this section of the park is undergoing remediation due to contamination from heavy metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and other compounds.

For your safety, it is important that you do not enter this area until the remediation is complete. The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will be replacing certain sections of the fencing that have become damaged. . Please note that while the fence may appear permanent, it is only temporary and will be removed when remediation is complete.

The City is working with CDW Consultants and DCR to implement a long-term mitigation plan for this site, which will ultimately transform from a contaminated parcel to a riverfront park and trail (the Clippership Connector) that will become a part of the Mystic River Greenways trail system. We anticipate that the remediation planning will be completed this fall so that the project can go out to bid for construction work over the winter, with the hopes of beginning remediation in spring 2019 that will be completed by the end of summer 2019 with the path to follow thereafter.

As we continue to develop and implement improvements for such a valuable open space, we will remain in discussions with the DCR as an adjacent landowner, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), and you, the abutters. Additional information on Riverbend Park can be found on MassDEP's Search for Waste Site & Reportable Releases at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal#!/search/wastesite> under Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-34210.

If you have any environmental concerns, please contact Alicia Hunt, Director of Energy and Environment (ahunt@medford-ma.gov or 781-393-2137). If you have public health concerns, please contact Mary Ann O'Connor (moconnor@medford-ma.gov or 781-393-2560).

Sincerely,

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