

Boston Water and  
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Re: Boston College Institutional Master Plan Notification Form /  
Project Notification Form

Dear Mr. FitzGerald:

The Boston Water and Sewer Commission (Commission) has reviewed the Institutional Master Plan Notification Form / Project Notification Form (IMPNF / PNF) for Boston College. This letter provides the Commission's comments on the IMPNF / PNF.

The Master Plan presents plans for the physical development of Boston College's Chestnut Hill Center, University Center, and fine arts center, parking student housing, and renovations of existing buildings are proposed.

The Commission has the following comments regarding the IMPNF:

#### General

storm drainage systems serve the campus and the water and sewer systems are adequate to meet future project demands. Evaluation of the capacity of existing systems on the campus to meet future project needs, and a discussion of any currently anticipated plans for any changes to these systems, must be provided in the Master Plan.

development must be designed and constructed at Boston College's expense and in accordance with the Commission's Sewer Use and Water Distribution System Regulations. Boston College must coordinate with the Commission



3. Boston College must submit site plans and General Service Applications to the Commission for individual construction projects as they are proposed. Site plans must include the locations of proposed water mains, sanitary sewers and storm drains serving project sites, as well as the locations of proposed service connections. Site plans must also provide a detailed and updated estimate of water demand, sanitary sewer flows and stormwater runoff generation for the proposed project. The amount of potable water required for landscape irrigation must be quantified and provided separately.

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6. Requirements. Boston College must then complete a Termination Verification Approval Form for a Demolition Permit, available from the Commission, and submit the completed form to the City of Boston's Inspectional Services Department before a demolition permit will be issued.

7. Boston College should be aware that the US Environmental Protection Agency issued a draft Remediation General Permit (RGP) for Groundwater Remediation, Contaminated Construction Dewatering, and Miscellaneous Surface Water Discharges. If groundwater contaminated with petroleum products, for example, is encountered, Boston College will be required to apply for a RGP to cover these discharges.

#### Sewage / Drainage --

1. The Brighton campus is served by separate sewers and storm drains. Separate sanitary and storm drain services must be provided from new buildings constructed to the respective pipe in the street and on the campus.

2. Site plans must show how stormwater from building roofs and from other impervious areas will be managed. Roof runoff and other stormwater runoff must be conveyed separately from sanitary waste at all times.



The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in cooperation with the

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) and its member communities, are

implementing a comprehensive approach to stormwater management (i.e., infiltration/inflow (I/I)

in the system. In this regard, DEP has been routinely requiring proponents proposing to

add significant new wastewater flow to assist in the I/I reduction effort to ensure that the

additional wastewater flows are offset by the removal of I/I. Currently, DEP is typically

using a minimum 4:1 ratio for I/I removal to new wastewater flow.

DEP is currently requiring Boston College to

develop a consistent inflow reduction plan.

4. Boston College must fully investigate methods for retaining stormwater on project sites

and discharge additional stormwater to the

sanitary sewer system. A feasibility assessment for retaining stormwater on site must be

submitted with each site plan.

5. The discharge of dewatering drainage to a sanitary sewer is prohibited by the

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) and the Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA). A Drainage Discharge Permit

is required for any discharge to a sanitary sewer system.

DEP is currently requiring Boston College to

obtain a Drainage Discharge Permit from the Commission and the EPA.

6. Boston College is advised that a Drainage Discharge Permit is also required for the long

term (permanent) discharge to a drainage system of infiltrated groundwater collected via

an underdrain system, such as those that are commonly installed in below-grade parking

garages.

7. For each phase of construction covering one acre or more, Boston College will be

required to obtain coverage under the EPA's NPDES General Permit for Construction. A

copy of the Notice of Intent and the pollution prevention plan prepared pursuant to the

Permit should be provided to the Commission prior to the commencement of

construction.

8. In conjunction with each site plan and General Service Application submitted, Boston

College must submit to the Commission's Engineering Customer Service Department a

detailed stormwater management plan. Each plan must:

• identify best management practices for

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includes a site map which shows, at a minimum, existing drainage patterns and areas  
construction.

mentioned above. The plan should include a description of the measures to control  
pollutants in stormwater after construction is completed.

9. Any uncovered parking or paved areas that are built, require particle separators on all  
drains that will collect the runoff from these areas. Specifications for particle separators  
provided in the Commission's Requirements for Site Plans.

10. The Commission requests that Boston College install a permanent casting station  
"Don't Dump: Droppin' to Charles River" next to any catch basin installed. Boston  
the purchase of the castings.

11. The Commission encourages Boston College to explore additional opportunities for  
deicing chemicals, pesticides, and fertilizers.

12. Oil traps are required on all drains discharging from all new and existing enclosed  
parking garages. Discharges from garage drains must be directed to a building sewer and  
not to a building storm drain. The requirement for oil traps are provided in the  
Commission's Requirements for Site Plans.

13. Grease traps are required in all new and existing cafeteria or kitchen facilities in  
accordance with the Commission's Sewer Use Regulations. Boston College is advised to  
consult with Mr. Richard Fowler, Deputy Superintendent of Field Operations prior to  
preparing plans for grease traps.

14. Boston College should note Article V of the Commission's Sewer Use Regulations as it  
pertains to medical and laboratory facilities.

## Water

readings. Where a new water meter is needed, the Commission will provide a Meter  
Termination Unit (MTU) and connect the device to the meter. For information regarding  
the installation of MTUs, Boston College should contact the Commission's Meter  
Installation Department.



measures in addition to those required by the State Plumbing Code. In particular, Boston College should consider outdoor landscaping which requires minimal use of water to maintain. If Boston College plans to install in-ground sprinkler systems, the Commission recommends that timers, soil moisture indicators and rainfall sensors be installed. The use of sensor-operated faucets and toilets in common areas of buildings should also be considered.

The opportunity to comment on this project

Yours truly,

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