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John Clarkeson  
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Dear Mr. Clarkeson:

I respectfully request that the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs approve the retroactive revival extension of the A-B-C Stormwater Flooding Board's environmental joint powers agreement as soon as possible.

The Board grew out of informal conversations convened over 10 years ago between the three communities to remedy shared flooding problems.

The board funded an online flood monitoring station on the brook. The board produced an initial report in 2005 which mapped out a number of specific measures which the board has followed up on over the later years. Measures taken include the clearing of debris on the Alewife Brook in 2009 and a major reconstruction of Belmont Sewers to reduce the risk of sewage flooding.

The Board has been unable to advance its work for over a year, as it has awaited the approval of the retroactive revival and extension of the environmental joint powers agreement, as a bill I filed made its way through the legislative process and each municipality approved the revival and extension of the agreement. The Executive Office's approval is now all that stands in the way of the Board resuming its work.

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have on this matter. I can be reached by email at [willbrownsberger@gmail.com](mailto:willbrownsberger@gmail.com) or on my cell phone at 617-771-8274. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of William N. Brownsberger in black ink.  
William N. Brownsberger

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