

Whiting Street Reservoir Committee
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Mayor Joshua Garcia
Holyoke City Council c/o Todd McGee, President
City Hall
Holyoke, MA

Dear Mesdames and Sirs:

Over the past twenty plus months, the Whiting Street Reservoir Committee has, following the order enacted by the Holyoke City Council, researched and studied numerous documents and received input from more than one hundred citizens of Holyoke, as well as neighbors and abutters to the Reservoir.

The following pages – the first of which is a summary of our report – are a distillation of all of this information. They include our recommendations, based entirely on our findings, for actions which we believe will protect and benefit the future of Holyoke and its citizens. At the end of the document itself are appendices, which lists our sources materials and where they can be found.

We have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to do the work entailed in this report. It has been a fascinating journey.

Sincerely,
Sue Ellen Panitch, Chairman, Mayor's appointment, prior Conservation Commission member
Marlene Connor, Vice-chairman, City Council appointment, Mount Tom Citizens' Advisory Cmte
Jeffrey Horan, Holyoke Conservation Commission appointment, Forest ecologist
Kip Foley, City Council appointment, Community Preservation committee
David Moore, DPW appointment, V.P. and G.M. Mount Tom Ski Area
Harry Craven, City Council appointment, Owner, Highland Hardware & Bike Shop
Kathrine Kruckemeyer, Holyoke Planning Board appointment