

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Massachusetts
COUNTY: Middlesex
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER: DATE: APR 3 1972

1. NAME
COMMON: Fort Washington
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION Congressional District #8
STREET AND NUMBER: 95 Waverly Street
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge
STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025 COUNTY: Middlesex CODE: 017

3. CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY (Check One):
☐ District ☐ Building ☒ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object
OWNERSHIP:
☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both
Public Acquisition:
☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered
STATUS:
☐ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC:
Yes:
☐ Restricted ☒ Unrestricted ☐ No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate):
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment ☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum ☒ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific ☐ Transportation ☒ Other (Specify) Commemorative

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME: City of Cambridge
STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Middlesex County Registry of Deeds
STREET AND NUMBER: Cambridge and Third Streets
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Building Survey (Mass. 2-48)
DATE OF SURVEY: 1934 ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress
STREET AND NUMBER: Washington, D.C.
CITY OR TOWN: Washington, D.C. STATE: CODE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)
☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed
 (Check One)
☐ Altered ☒ Unaltered
 (Check One)
☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fort Washington, a 3/4 acre site at 95 Waverly Street, is a public park enclosed by an iron and granite fence. The park was planned around the half-moon battery built in 1775 and restored by the city in 1857. The semi-circular fortification has a diameter of approximately 120', a length of 20', and a width varying from 3' to 5'. There are three openings in the mound for artillery facing southeast, south, and southwest, the same directions indicated on Henry Pelham's 1777 map of Boston and vicinity. 18 pound cannon have occupied the three positions since 1857 when the park was restored, although the original guns would have been much smaller. Trees surround the embankment.

The 1858 fence enclosing the park was designed to commemorate the role of the site in the Revolution. Reliefs of cannon adorn the heavy granite entrance posts, the iron fence posts are also in the shape of cannon, and the pickets are alternately spears and halberds.

Today the site stands as it was restored in 1857, with the addition of two bronze tablets (1928) on the entrance posts. The condition of the fence and park has varied over the years, with repairs and improvements made in 1903, 1928, and 1966. The fence is presently in need of further repair but the park itself is in good condition.

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Cambridge

Fort Washington

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Title: Inventory of the Historical Assets of Mass.
Date: 1967 Level: State
Depository: Massachusetts Historical Commission
Address: Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston, Ma.
Code: 25

Title: Historic Sites Study
Date: 1967 Level: State
Depository: Eastern Massachusetts Regional Planning
Project, Massachusetts Department of Public
Works
Address: 100 Nashua Street, Boston, Mass.
Code: 25

Title: Survey of Architectural History in Cambridge
Date: 1964- Level: Local
Depository: Cambridge Historical Commission
Address: 57 Inman Street, Cambridge, Mass.
Code: 25



8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1775, 1857

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Education☒ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☒ Religion/Phil☒ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry☒ Philosophy

Preservation

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☒ Science☐ Architecture☒ Landscape☒ Social/Human-☐ Art

Architecture

NATIONAL

☐ Commerce☐ Literature

REGISTER

☐ Communications☒ Military

Theater

☒ Conservation☐ Music

Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fort Washington is the site of the only surviving Revolutionary fortification in Cambridge. It was one of a series of half-moon batteries built in 1775 by order of General Washington to protect Cambridge from attack from the river. These and other fortifications appear of the 1777 map of Boston and vicinity prepared by Henry Pelham for the British.

The land on which the fortification had been built remained in private hands until 1857 when the Dana family deeded it to the City of Cambridge to be enclosed and used as a public park. The City accepted the gift and with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts restored the three-gun battery to its original condition, landscaped the grounds, built an elaborate granite and iron fence (1858, John R. Hall, architect), and installed three 18 pound cannon which had been obtained from the old Fort Warren in Boston Harbor.

In the years following the restoration of the site, the area around Waverly Street began to develop industrially until factories and warehouses completely surrounded the public park. Fort Washington itself, however, remained unchanged except for occasional repairs and improvements from 1900 to the present and the addition of bronze tablets on the granite posts in 1928.

Fort Washington is significant not only for its associations with the American Revolution but as an early example of historic preservation efforts of private and public groups.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cambridge Historical Commission. Survey of Architectural History in Cambridge. Report Three: Cambridgeport. 1971. 16-17, 150.

D.A.R., Hannah Winthrop Chapter. An Historic Guide to Cambridge. Cambridge, 1907. 179.

Rettig, Robert Bell. Guide to Cambridge Architecture: Ten Walking Tours. Cambridge, 1969. 010.

Sherman, Charles W. "Fort Washington." Tech. Rev. Jan. 1959. 150-152.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		42° 21' 22"	71° 6' 34"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.7

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Amy E. Cohn, Secretary	
ORGANIZATION Cambridge Historical Commission	DATE April 6, 1972
STREET AND NUMBER: 57 Inman Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge	STATE Massachusetts CODE 025

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☒

Name John F. X. Donovan
Secretary of the Commonwealth and
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
Title Commission

Date June 21, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/3/73

ATTEST:

John Bradford
Keeper of The National Register
Date 3/22/73

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

NAME OF PROPERTY

Fort Washington, Mass.

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

1. Name. _____

2. Location. _____

3. Classification. _____

4. Owner of Property. _____

5. Location of Legal Description. _____

6. Representation in Existing Surveys. _____

7. Description. _____

8. Statement of Significance. _____

9. Bibliography. _____

10. Geographical Data.

a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. _____

b. Acreage. _____

11. Form Prepared By. _____

12. Certification. _____

Photographic Coverage. _____

✓ Map Coverage.

Please send original U.S.G.S Map.
original sent 3/12/73 RHW

Other. _____

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initial of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED: _____

PROPERTY	FORT WASHINGTON		STATE	MASS.
Working number	7.26.72.1159			
TECH REVIEW	Photos	<u>1</u>		
	Maps	<u>2</u>		
REVIEW	Longitude & Latitude cannot be checked on map corrected map sent 3-19-73			10-30-72 OK
HISTORIAN	Conference I Like Kate, I agree that this one has its problems although I lean more toward accepting it as a <u>site</u> .			2-13-73 C. Shull
ARCHEOLOGIST				Accept Cath 3-5-73
ARCHITECT	No historical integrity.			KH 2/12/73
BRANCH CHIEF	Earthworks remain			OK R 3/22/73
EDITORIAL REVIEW				
KEEPER	OK 100 3/22/73			

National Register write-up _____

Federal Register entry 6-5-73

Acknowledge 7-26-72

Send-back 3-8-73

Re-submit 3-19-73

Register no. APR 3 1973



NPS Number 4.3.73

Title: Fort Washington

Loc. Middlesex Co., Mass. (1)

View south showing 1858
fence, park, fortification
and cannon at rear

CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION PHOTOGRAPH

By R B Rettig

No. 207/35A-36 Date 4/69

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Fort Washington

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE	
PHOTO CREDIT: Cambridge Historical Commission (R.B.Rettig) 207/35A	
DATE OF PHOTO: 1969	
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Cambridge Historical Commission 57 Inman Street, Cambridge, Mass. 02139	

4. IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. View south showing 1858 fence, park, fortification and cannon at rear.

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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Massachusetts

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Middlesex

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1972



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AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
95 Waverly Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Cambridge

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE
025

COUNTY:
Middlesex

CODE
017

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: Boston North, Boston South,
U.S.G.S. 7½' Quadrangle Lexington, and Newton (all Mass.)

SCALE: 1:24,000

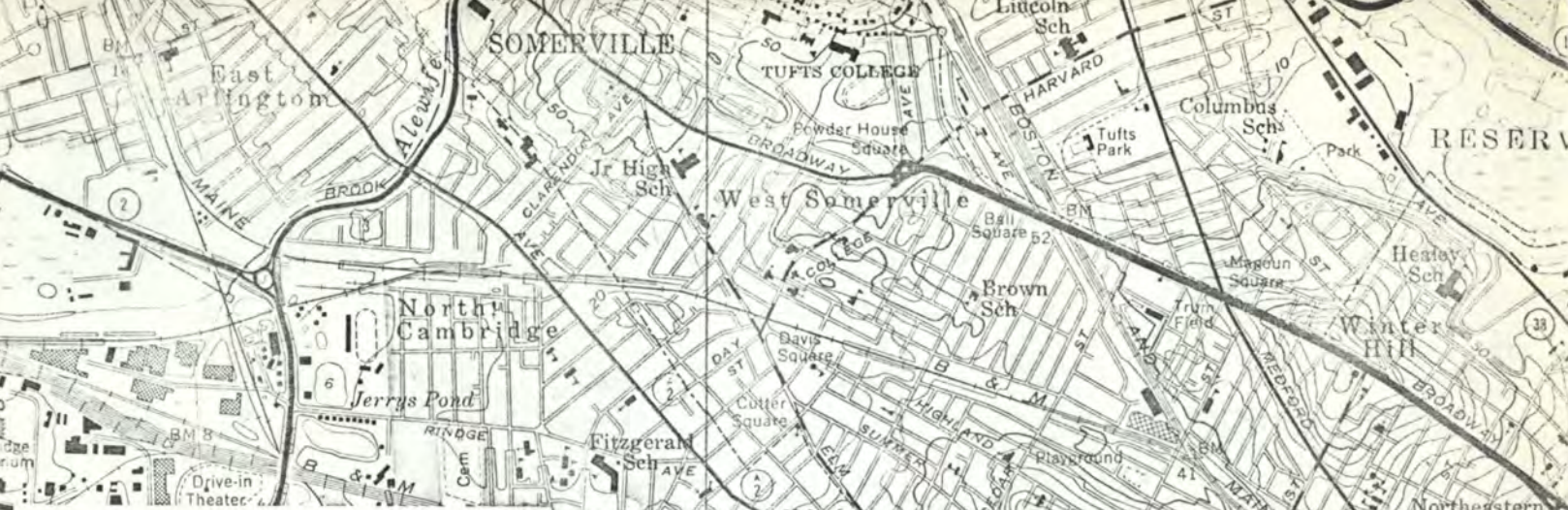
DATE: 1956

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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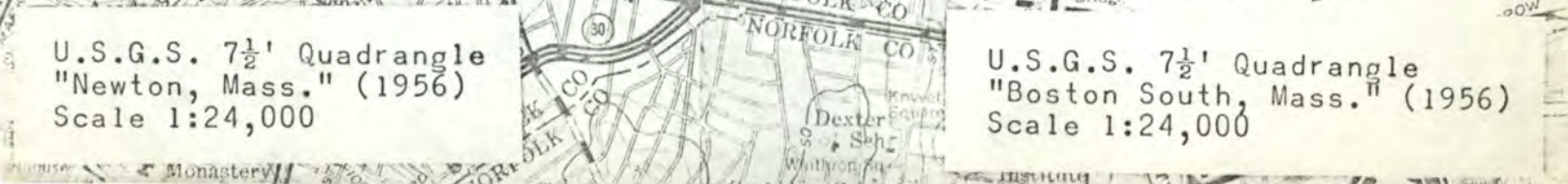
U.S.G.S. 7½' Quadrangle
"Lexington, Mass." (1956)
Scale 1:24,000

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle
"Boston North, Mass." (1956)
Scale 1:24,000



U.S.G.S. 7½' Quadrangle
"Newton, Mass." (1956)
Scale 1:24,000

U.S.G.S. 7½' Quadrangle
"Boston South, Mass." (1956)
Scale 1:24,000

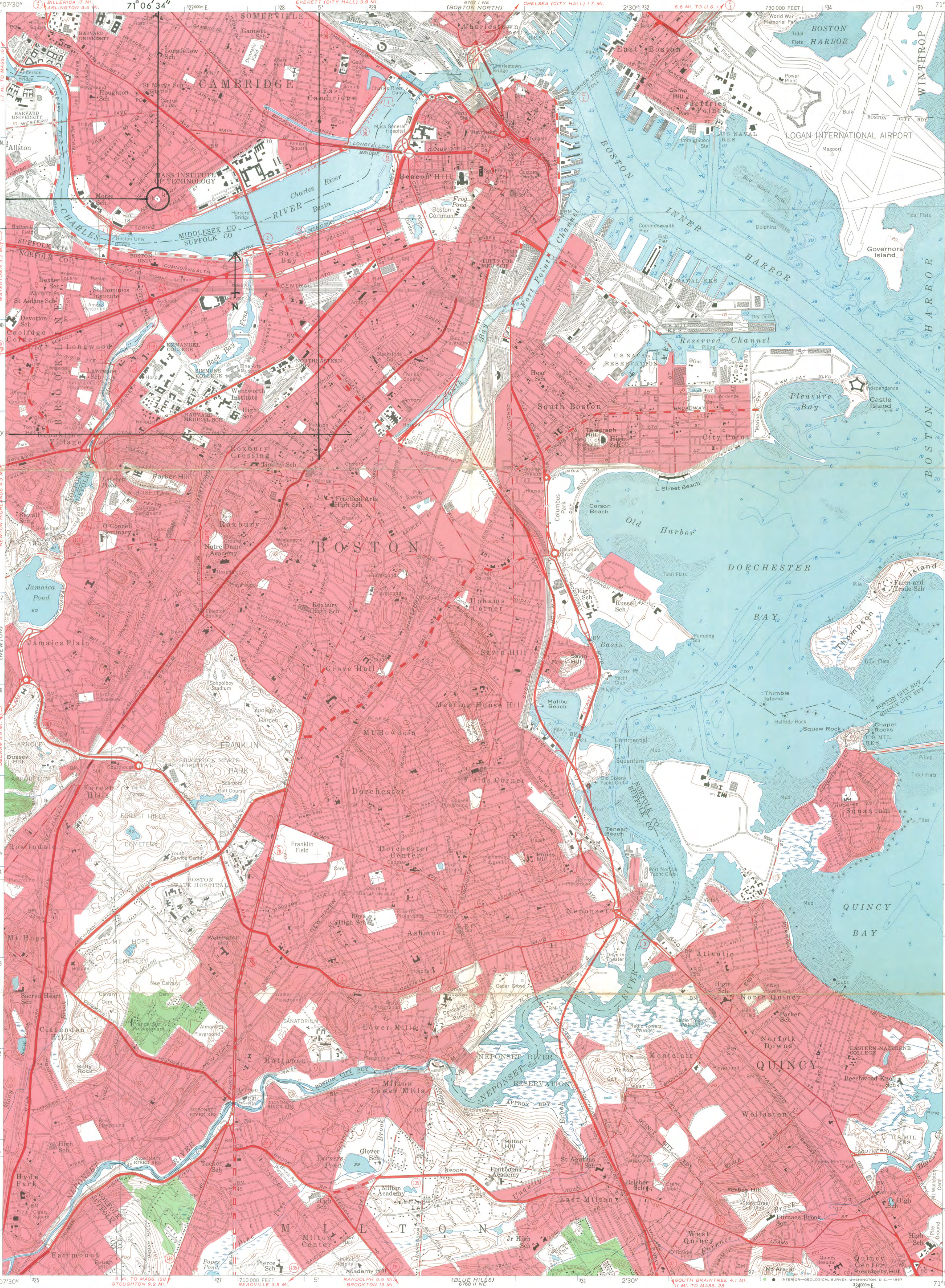




Fort Washington

FORT WASHINGTON

CAMBRIDGE



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

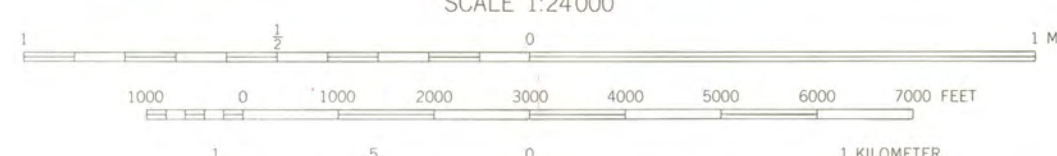
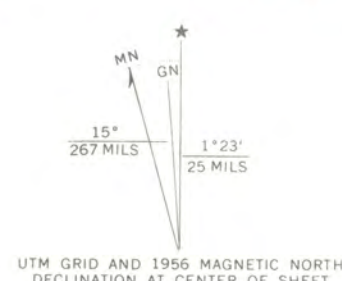
Control by USGS, USC&GS, Mass. Harbor & Land Commission, and Mass. Geodetic Survey

Topography by planetable surveys 1943. Culture revised by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1955. Field check 1956

Hydrography compiled from USC&GS chart 246 (1956)

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum. 10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts (Mainland) coordinate system. 1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 19, shown in blue

Boundaries in tidalwater areas from information supplied by Mass. Dept. of Public Works. Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



SCALE 1:24,000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER. SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER. THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 9.5 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242. A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

BOSTON SOUTH, MASS.
N 4215—W 7100/7.5

1956

AMS 6768 I SE—SERIES VB14



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Secretary
State House, Boston 02133

John F. X. Davoren

Secretary of the Commonwealth

July 18, 1972



Registration and Nominations Branch
National Register of Historic Places
Room 3207-A
1100 L Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

CERTIFIED MAIL

Attention: Miss Mary Means

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed are National Register submissions for:

1. Essex County. Boxford, Howe Village Historic District.
2. Middlesex County. Cambridge, Fort Washington.

These have been declared eligible for submission by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the State Review Board, and have been signed by Secretary of the Commonwealth, John F. X. Davoren, Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission and designated the State Liaison Officer.

Sincerely yours,

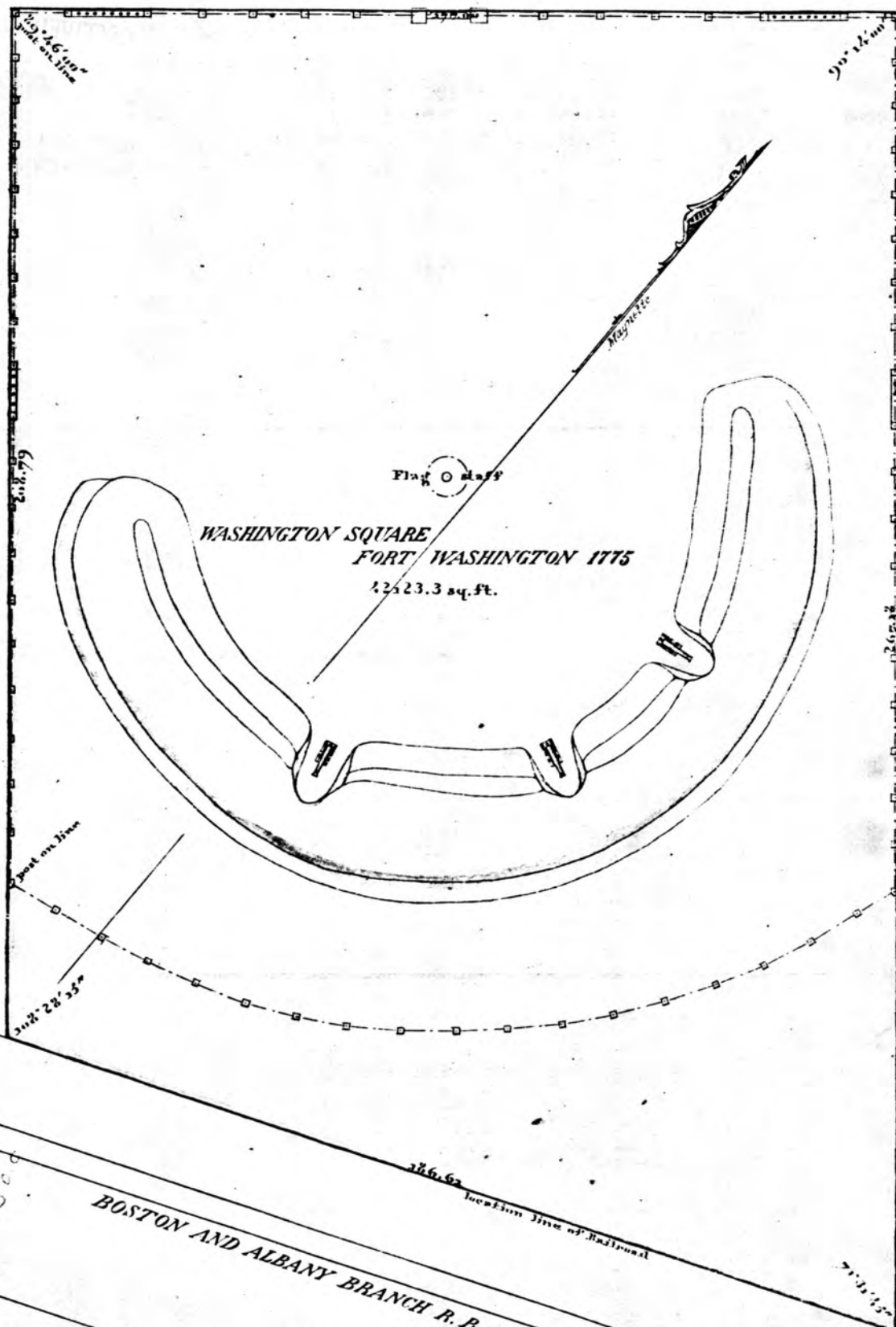
Richard W. Hale, Jr.
Acting Chairman
Massachusetts Historical Commission

RWH/akc
enclosures

WAVERLY ST.

TALBOT STREET

STREET







The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

*Secretary of the
Commonwealth*

*294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108
(617) 727-8470*

February 11, 1977

Mr. William Murtagh, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Bill:

I am writing at your suggestion to request that the National Register nomination for Fort Washington in Cambridge be modified to include the entire area dedicated as park land. The National Register boundaries of Fort Washington are not clearly specified in the nomination form; the description includes the landscaped area and the surrounding fence, but there is no sketch map and no boundary clearly described as such.

According to the Cambridge Historical Commission, Fort Washington Park includes all of the area conveyed to the City in 1857, as shown on the enclosed sketch plan. The tract between the railroad tracks and the fence has in recent years been paved over, but is still park land and will be reclaimed through the restoration project. The relocated fence will be in this area.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. This determination will enable the Fort Washington restoration to proceed in the next construction season and is greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Reed Amadon

Elizabeth Reed Amadon
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

ERA/CMS/etd
xc: Charles Sullivan, Cambridge Historical Commission
enc.

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2/24/77

U.S. DEPT.
OF JUSTICE

RECEIVED

Property Fort Washington
State Mass. Middlesex Working Number

BOUNDARY REVISION
INCREASE
DECREASE
MOVE

TECHNICAL

Photos
Maps

CONTROL

pl
3.28.77

HISTORIAN

OK

B. Grosvenor

4/8/77

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

OK

mph

4-8-77

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

OK

Cole

4/11/77

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS BOUNDARY REVISION IS ACCEPTED

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

THIS FORM IS TO BE FILED WITH THE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION.

State notified Federal Register Control Cards ADP

TITLE INFORMATION IS NOT
A BOUNDARY CHANGE. IT IS
SIMPLY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
(SKETCH MAP, BOUNDARY)
TO BE INCLUDED WITH
ORIGINAL NOMINATION
PLACED IN REGISTER 4/73.

Jann Gilmore
11/14/77

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE		2. APPLICANT'S APPLICATION	3. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER	4. NUMBER	5. DATE
1. TYPE OF ACTION ☐ PREAPPLICATION ☒ APPLICATION (Mark appropriate box) ☐ NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (OpI) ☐ REPORT OF FEDERAL ACTION		b. DATE Year month day 19 76 10 26		75050496 b. DATE Year month day ASSIGNED 19 75 06 16	
4. LEGAL APPLICANT/RECIPIENT			5. FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.		
a. Applicant Name : Massachusetts Historical Commission b. Organization Unit : c. Street/P.O. Box : 294 Washington Street d. City : Boston e. County : Suffolk f. State : Massachusetts g. ZIP Code: 02108 h. Contact Person (Name & telephone No.) : Elizabeth Reed Amadon, S.H.P.O. (617) 727-8470			046-002-284 6. PRO-GRAM (From Federal Catalog) a. NUMBER 1 5 • 9 0 4 b. TITLE Historic Preservation		
7. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT			8. TYPE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT		
Fort Washington Development Project "Restore the park to its 1903 state, as documented by the Historic American Buildings Survey." Source of non-federal match is the City of Cambridge via city funds and Community Development Block Grant funds. Cambridge, Middlesex County			A-State H-Community Action Agency B-Interstate I-Higher Educational Institution C-Substate J-Indian Tribe D-District K-Other (Specify): E-City F-School District G-Special Purpose District Enter appropriate letter ☒ A		
9. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE			12. TYPE OF APPLICATION		
A-Basic Grant D-Insurance B-Supplemental Grant E-Other C-Loan Enter appropriate letter(s) ☐ A			A-New C-Revision E-Augmentation B-Renewal D-Continuation Enter appropriate letter ☒ A		
10. AREA OF PROJECT IMPACT (Names of cities, counties, States, etc.)		11. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS BENEFITING		13. PROPOSED FUNDING	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		5,689,170		a. FEDERAL \$ 26,600 .00 b. APPLICANT 70,260 .00 c. STATE .00 d. LOCAL .00 e. OTHER .00 f. TOTAL \$ 96,860 .00	
14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:		16. PROJECT START DATE Year month day		17. PROJECT DURATION	
a. APPLICANT 9		b. PROJECT 8		19 see #34 36 Months 18. ESTIMATED DATE TO BE SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL AGENCY Year month day 19 76 10 25	
20. FEDERAL AGENCY TO RECEIVE REQUEST (Name, City, State, ZIP code)			21. REMARKS ADDED		
National Park Service, Washington D.C. 20240			☐ Yes ☒ No		
22. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT		23. CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE		24. AGENCY NAME	
a. To the best of my knowledge and belief, data in this preapplication/application are true and correct, the document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is approved.		b. If required by OMB Circular A-95 this application was submitted, pursuant to instructions therein, to appropriate clearinghouses and all responses are attached: (1) Office of State Planning ☐ ☒ (2) ☐ ☐ (3) ☐ ☐		Department of the Interior	
25. APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE		26. AGENCY SIGNATURE		27. DATE SIGNED	
Elizabeth Reed Amadon, Exec. Dir. and S.H.P.O.		Ely R. Amadon		Year month day 19 76 10 26	
28. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT			29. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE		
National Park Service			Grants Administration Div.		
30. ADDRESS			31. FEDERAL GRANT IDENTIFICATION		
18th & C Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240			25-76-00415-00		
32. ACTION TAKEN		33. FUNDING		34. ACTION DATE	
☒ a. AWARDED ☐ b. REJECTED ☐ c. RETURNED FOR AMENDMENT ☐ d. DEFERRED ☐ e. WITHDRAWN		a. FEDERAL \$ 26,600 .00 b. APPLICANT 70,260 .00 c. STATE .00 d. LOCAL .00 e. OTHER .00 f. TOTAL \$ 96,860 .00		Year month day 19 77 2 24	
35. CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Name and telephone number)		36. STARTING DATE		37. ENDING DATE	
Stephen D. Newman (202) 523-5472		19 77 2 24		19 80 2 23	
38. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 ACTION			39. REMARKS ADDED		
a. In taking above action, any comments received from clearinghouses were considered. If agency response is due under provisions of Part 1, OMB Circular A-95, it has been or is being made.			☐ Yes ☒ No		
b. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 OFFICIAL (Name and telephone no.)			same as #35		