

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name VFW Parkway, Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston MPS

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number VFW Parkway, between Spring and Centre Streets N/A not for publication

city or town Boston and Brookline N/A vicinity

state Massachusetts code MA county Suffolk/Norfolk code 025/021 zip code 02132/02445

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination
☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of
Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property
☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant
☐ nationally ☒ statewide ☐ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Betsy Friedberg, National Register Director
Signature of certifying official/Title Carl H. Metz, State Historic Preservation Officer

Date 11/1/04

Massachusetts Historical Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional Comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined eligible for the
National Register

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register

☐ removed from the
National Register

☐ other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Patrick Anderson

Date of Action

1/5/2005

VFW Parkway
Name of Property

Suffolk/Norfolk, MA
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

☐ private
☒ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

(Check only one box)

☐ building(s)
☒ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing

Noncontributing

_____	_____	building
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
_____	_____	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION/CULTURE/outdoor recreation

LANDSCAPE/park, natural feature, conservation area

TRANSPORTATION/road-related

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION/CULTURE/outdoor recreation

LANDSCAPE/park, natural feature, conservation area

TRANSPORTATION/road-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation _____

walls _____

roof _____

other asphalt, concrete, granite, plantings, steel

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway
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Boston/Brookline (Suffolk/Norfolk), MA

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DESCRIPTION

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Parkway, located in Boston and a tiny portion of Brookline, Massachusetts, is a 2.5-mile-long, four-lane divided parkway in Boston's regional park system administered by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), formerly the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC). (In July 2003, the MDC was reorganized as the Division of Urban Parks and Recreation within the newly created DCR.) It is a heavily traveled arterial route through a moderately settled suburban residential neighborhood with occasional commercial pockets at major intersections. Beginning at Centre Street in the West Roxbury neighborhood of Boston, VFW Parkway follows a crescent-shaped alignment that takes it west and then south to its terminus at Spring Street at the southeastern edge of the Charles River Reservation. As it travels from east to south, the roadway gradually descends from an elevation of 160 feet above sea level at Centre Street to an elevation of 95 feet above sea level at Spring Street. The topography of the immediate setting of the parkway is variable and ranges from a gently sloping forest at its western terminus to a somewhat marshy area as the roadway approaches the Charles River. For the purposes of this nomination, VFW Parkway is discussed from Centre Street to Spring Street.

VFW Parkway (#1 on the data sheet) begins just west of the Arnold Arboretum at the northwestern edge of Centre Street in Boston. From this point, the flat roadway gently winds westward for 1 ½ miles until it reaches Baker Street and the roadway turns south for another mile until it reaches its southern terminus at Spring Street. The setting of the road north of Baker Street is primarily residential mixed with some institutional buildings. Occasional wooded areas also border the road (PHOTO #1). The majority of buildings date from the early twentieth century to the post-World War II era. A few modern commercial buildings, including a small strip mall at Independence Avenue, are also located alongside the parkway. As the road reaches its southern terminus at Spring Street in Dedham, the residential character of the road gives way to a variable setting that includes St. Joseph's Cemetery, the West Roxbury High School, a Home Depot, and the Veterans Administration Hospital, as well as a DCR-owned bathhouse located at Havey Beach, part of the DCR-owned Charles River Reservation.

The configuration of VFW Parkway is consistent along its entire length. The roadway consists of four asphalt 12-foot-wide lanes, two traveling in each direction, separated by a **median (#2 on the data sheet)** that varies in width from 24 feet to 40 feet. Median breaks are located at major intersections to allow for left-hand turns from the parkway onto intersecting streets. Both the road and the median are edged with vertical granite blocks. These curbs are relatively large, 8 inches by 4 inches, in proportion to the same type of curb used to edge other parkways in the park system. Curb cuts have been provided for adjacent

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properties. Sidewalks, alternately concrete and asphalt, border both sides of the parkway. Planting strips with evenly spaced mature oaks, many original to the parkway, border the road between the sidewalk and the curb. Oak trees, 50 to 75 years old, also define the outer edges of the median for the entire length of the parkway. Together, the trees that define the outer edges of the parkway and the median form a lofty, dramatic canopy (**Tree Allee, #3 on the data sheet**). This, the most character-defining feature of VFW Parkway, is considered contributing to the significance of this nomination.

As the roadway travels west from Centre Street, the south side of the road is bounded by several late 20th-century houses. The substantial complex of Our Lady of the Annunciation Byzantine Melkite Catholic Rite Cathedral (1966) is located on the north side of the road. For 2/10th of a mile west of the cathedral complex, the roadway is of varying elevations, with the south side higher than the north side. Just shy of the rotary marking the intersection with West Roxbury Parkway, the two sides of VFW Parkway once again are at the same elevation. As the roadway approaches West Roxbury Parkway, buildings give way to an entirely wooded setting that includes a variety of oaks, maples, and pines, as well as some granite outcrops. SS-type rails are located where the surrounding property occasionally drops below the grade of the road. A drainage canal, lined with mortared fieldstone, runs along the north side of the road until it crosses under the parkway by way of a pair of **clay pipe culverts (#4 on the data sheet)** and borders the south side of the road. Because this culvert is original to the design of the roadway, it is considered a contributing element for the purposes of this nomination (PHOTO #3). The ditch veers to the south as it approaches West Roxbury Parkway and, ultimately, travels away from VFW Parkway. A traffic rotary (**Frank R. Kelly Memorial Rotary, #5 on the data sheet**) is located at the intersection of West Roxbury Parkway and VFW Parkway (PHOTO #2). Named for a former Park Commissioner of Boston and war veteran, the rotary was built in 1934 as part of the parkway. It is, therefore, considered a contributing feature of this nomination. The rotary was landscaped in 1942 with various ornamental shrubs and trees, including Chinese Azalea, Japanese Yew, Carolina Hemlock, Orchid Azalea, and Mountain Laurel. A granite monument that commemorates Frank R. Kelly (**Frank R. Kelly Memorial Monument, #6 on the data sheet**), erected within the last two decades, is located near the middle of the rotary; because of its age, it is not considered a contributing feature of this parkway nomination.

Traveling south from the rotary, the roadway is bounded on both sides by residential buildings that date to varying periods of the twentieth century. The roadway crosses into the town of Brookline for a distance of approximately 2/10th mile. On the north side of the roadway at and around Independence Drive is a portion of the garden-style apartments of Hancock Village, a brick, Colonial Revival-style complex erected between 1946 and 1949 by the town and the Hancock Insurance Company for returning veterans

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and their families. (The shopping plaza at Independence Avenue, now substantially altered, was also the work of the Hancock development team.) Single-family residences along the parkway in this section are typically set about 30 feet from the edge of the pavement. A few buildings are elevated above the roadway. This setting is consistent for a distance of approximately 1 ¼ miles until the road crosses Baker Street, after which the character of the roadway becomes variable. The intersection of VFW Parkway and Baker Street is marked as Reid Square, named in honor of a marine killed in Vietnam.

Traveling south from Baker Street, an entrance to St. Joseph's Cemetery is located immediately to the west of the roadway. The east side of the road continues to be bounded by houses. These residences date from the mid to late 20th century and are typically one to two stories in height (PHOTO #4). Just south of the cemetery, which can now be seen from the road, the grounds of West Roxbury High School border the west side of the road. Immediately after passing the high school, the roadway passes under a granite block, concrete, and steel girder bridge (**Former New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Bridge, #7 on the data sheet**) (PHOTO #5) used by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). This bridge, which is undated but appears to date to the 1930s, was built for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. It is considered a contributing feature of the parkway nomination. South of the railroad bridge, the setting consists largely of contemporary residential and commercial infill, including several condominiums, apartment developments, and a Home Depot (on the site of a drive-in theater). The Veterans Administration Hospital borders the east side of the roadway just before it reaches its terminus at Spring Street, while the west side of the street borders the Charles River Reservation. The reservation here consists of a pond (Cow's Island Pond) and wetlands that are visible from the roadway. Several buildings associated with the reservation are located adjacent to the road, including the Walter D. Bryan Memorial Rink (ca. 1964), the James E. Phelan Pool (ca. 1964), and the Havey Beach Bathhouse (1913), a one-story brick structure designed by Peabody and Stearns as a stable for the Parental School for Boys. The MDC acquired the building in 1933 when it created Havey Beach at Cow's Pond Island in the Charles River Reservation.

Views along VFW Parkway are primarily down the corridor, as buildings, trees, and woodlands close off most middle- or long-distance views.

Archaeological Description

While no ancient Native American sites are located within or adjacent to the VFW Parkway, sites may be present. Nineteen sites are located in the general area (within one mile). Environmental characteristics

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indicate a high potential for the presence of ancient Native American sites in many areas of the parkway. The right of way intersects several well-drained, level to moderately sloping terraces and other landforms within 1,000 feet of the Charles River floodplain, its tributaries, and related wetlands. Most known sites within the general area are located on the northern side of the parkway from southwest to northeast near Charles River wetlands.

In spite of the high potential for the presence of ancient Native American resources in the vicinity of the VFW Parkway, the potential for locating significant Native resources within the parkway boundaries is low. The parkway includes paved travel lanes, rotaries, bridges, traffic signals, planting strips and sidewalks where they exist or a corridor that extends 10 feet from the current edge of the parkway where the above components are absent. Grading and excavation, then construction and maintenance of the parkway components listed above from 1931 to 1942 had a major impact on the integrity of any ancient Native American resources that were present within the parkway right of way. Fragmented portions of archaeological sites, including deeply buried artifact concentrations and truncated features, may survive within the right of way; however, it is doubtful that National Register-eligible sites survive. Known sites that existed within or extended into the parkway right of way have been essentially destroyed.

The potential for locating significant historical archaeological sites within the parkway right of way is also low. Historic period settlement has been identified in the Boston, Brookline and Dedham locale since the 17th century, indicating the potential for locating historic archaeological sites from that period and later. In general, however, detailed historical research is lacking for the parkway route, making it difficult to predict the locations and types of specific sites.

Given the same impacts associated with construction of the parkways described for ancient Native American resources, the potential for recovering intact and significant historical archaeological resources is also low within the parkway right of way. Roadway construction has also destroyed potential historical archaeological resources within the nominated parkway area. Truncated features and/or deeply buried fragments of sites may survive, but the overall integrity of these sites has been compromised.

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VFW Parkway

Name of Property

Suffolk/Norfolk, MA

County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Community Development and Planning

Conservation

Engineering

Landscape Architecture

Transportation

Period of Significance

1931-1956

Significant Dates

1931-1942 roadway constructed

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Charles Eliot, Olmsted Brothers

Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☒ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

DCR, Boston, MA

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Parkway, a 2.5-mile-long parkway in Boston and Brookline, Massachusetts, is significant as a relatively unaltered example of a connecting boulevard designed for the Metropolitan Parks Commission (MPC). The parkway was created to provide a link between the Charles River Reservation and West Roxbury Parkway, which leads to other reservations such as Hammond Pond and Stony Brook. VFW Parkway was constructed in sections, from West Roxbury Parkway to Spring Street, between 1931 and 1938. The parkway was extended from Spring Street to Washington Street in 1941 but because the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), formerly the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC), no longer owns this section of the parkway, it is not included in the present nomination. The final portion, constructed in 1942, runs from West Roxbury Parkway east to Centre Street and is still owned by DCR.

VFW Parkway as nominated possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. It meets National Register Criteria A and C in the significance areas of community development and planning, engineering, landscape architecture, and transportation at the state level and fulfills the Parkways Registration Requirements for the associated Connecting Parkway property subtype, under Section F of this Multiple Property Documentation Format nomination. The period of significance for VFW Parkway is from 1931, the beginning of construction, through 1956.

The first portion of VFW Parkway that was constructed began at Spring Street on the Boston/Dedham line and traveled northwest to connect with West Roxbury Parkway. Built from 1931 to 1938, this portion of the roadway consisted of two lanes traveling in either direction, separated by a median. Record construction plans from the 1930s indicate that the general setting for most of the parkway from Centre Street to Baker Street, just north of St. Joseph's Cemetery, was much as it appears today, with a mix of residential and civic development. Oak trees were planted along both the outer edges of the parkway and the median in order to create a formal allee along the roadway. According to the February 1936 Annual Report of the MDC, 40 oak trees and 125 bushes were planted along VFW Parkway in 1935¹. South of Baker Street, the configuration of the roadway was the same as the northern section; however, the setting south of Baker Street was generally undeveloped in the 1930s and consisted primarily of wetlands associated with the Charles River and Cow Island Pond. The only structure located adjacent to the parkway south of Baker Street was an MDC bathhouse built in 1933 at Havey Beach, part of the Charles

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¹ MDC Annual Report, January 1936, p. 7. All further quotes and dates are from subsequent editions of the Annual Report or plans in the DCR plans room, unless otherwise noted.

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River Reservation, near Spring Street. Construction plans from this period also show that several residential streets were proposed to intersect the parkway from a growing residential neighborhood located near the east side of the roadway. Record construction plans for the railroad bridge just north of Spring Street also begin during this period. The bridge was originally built for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

Notable improvements made to the roadway as it neared completion, including work by the Works Progress Administration (WPA), included a one-inch bituminous seal that was applied to the surface of the parkway in 1936 and, in 1939, the construction of a drainage system along the parkway (but outside the boundary of the National Register district), south of Baker Street. The WPA did some beautification work, "grubbing, grading, and seeding," in 1937. 1941 marked a year of major changes with the reconstruction of the southbound lanes from West Roxbury Parkway to Spring Street and the construction of an extension of the parkway from Spring Street to Washington Street in Dedham (as mentioned above, no longer in the hands of the DCR and excluded from the present nomination). The following year, the MDC took possession of the northwestern and final portion of the roadway, a previously unnamed pre-existing municipal road from West Roxbury Parkway to Centre Street. The Frank R. Kelly Rotary was built at the intersection of West Roxbury Parkway in 1934 when construction of VFW Parkway began. When the final portion of the parkway was constructed in 1942, the MDC redesigned the landscaping of the rotary. The new rotary included an X-shaped gravel walkway as well as a variety of ornamental plant types, including Chinese Azalea, Japanese Yew, Carolina Hemlock, Orchid Azalea, and Mountain Laurel. Spreading Yew was planted in the adjacent miters that were built at this intersection to further facilitate traffic maneuvers. Many years later, the rotary was named in honor of former Park Commissioner of Boston and war veteran Frank R. Kelly. A monument was erected in his memory at the center of the rotary in the 1980s.

Changes to the parkway have generally been maintenance related. In-kind materials have been used in most repairs, thereby protecting the integrity of the roadway. The only notable exception is the replacement lighting that was installed in 1977: the original lighting, consisting of decorative cast-iron posts with pendant lights, was replaced in that year with the MDC standard type of the time, squared wooden posts with rectangular cobra-head lights.

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VFW Parkway
Name of Property

Suffolk/Norfolk, MA
County, State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property approx. 20 acres

UTM References See continuation sheet.

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1. 19	324100	4684700 (NE terminus)	3. 19	320800	4682000 (SE of
Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing Spring St.)
2. 19	321180	4684100 (NE of St. Joseph Cemetery)		4.	
Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing

— See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title V. Adams, S. Berg, T. Orwig, E. Maass, PAL; with Betsy Friedberg, NR Director MHC

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date October 2004

street & number 220 Morrissey Boulevard telephone 617-727-8470

city or town Boston state MA zip code 02125

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Dept. Conservation and Recreation; DUPR

street & number 251 Causeway Street telephone 617-727-5264

city or town Boston state MA zip code 02114

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

The National Register boundary for VFW Parkway is drawn to encompass property historically and currently associated with the roadway. This includes the parkway corridor and adjacent planting strips and sidewalks, where they exist. Where sidewalks and planting strips do not exist, the nomination includes all the land that extends back ten feet from the current edge of the parkway. The boundary does not include adjacent MDC-owned parkland that is not directly related to the parkway. The specific termini for VFW Parkway are as follows:

VFW Parkway: The northeastern terminus of VFW Parkway corresponds to a line of convenience drawn along the southwestern edge of Centre Street in Boston (Roslindale). The southeastern terminus of the parkway corresponds to a line of convenience drawn along the northwestern edge of Spring Street in Boston (West Roxbury).

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Photo List

Photographer: Emily Maass

July 2002

Negatives at PAL, Pawtucket, RI

- #1. VFW Parkway, view looking northeast.
- #2. Frank R. Kelly Memorial Rotary, view looking east.
- #3. Culvert
- #4. VFW Parkway, view looking southwest.
- #5. Former New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Bridge, view looking south

FOX RIVER BOND
25% COTTON

**VFW Parkway
Boston/Brookline, Massachusetts
District Data Sheet**

Map #	Name	Town	Location	Date	Status	Type
#1	VFW Parkway	Bos/Brook	Connecting parkway between Centre Street and Spring Street	1931-1942	C	ST
#2	Parkway Median System	Bos/Brook	Located along parkway median from Centre to Spring Sts.	1931-1942	C	ST
#3	Parkway Tree Allee	Bos/Brook	Borders the median and outer edges of parkway from Centre to Spring Sts.	1931-1942	C	SI
#4	Clay Pipe Culvert	Boston	Travels under parkway immediately west of West Roxbury Parkway	1931-1942	C	ST
#5	Frank R. Kelly Rotary	Boston	Intersection with West Roxbury Parkway	1934, 1942	C	ST
#6	Frank R. Kelly Monument	Boston	In middle of Kelly Rotary	ca. 1985	NC	O
#7	former New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Bridge	Boston	north of Spring St. near West Roxbury HS	1930s	C	ST

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY VFW Parkway, Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston
NAME:

MULTIPLE Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Suffolk

DATE RECEIVED: 11/23/04 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 12/21/04
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/05/05 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/06/05
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 04001432

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 1/5/05 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A&C

REVIEWER Patrick Andrews

DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 1/5/2005

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



VFW Parkway
Brookline, MA
#1

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0036 37 N N N-4 NN AC-04 GR08 Z101/100



VFW Parkway
Brookline, MA
Boston
#2

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0036 37 N N N-3 NN AC-03 GR08 Z101/100



VFW PARKWAY
BOSTON, MA
#3

AND. 4 Y011 © BN
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VFW PARKWAY
BOSTON, MA

#4

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VFW PARKWAY
BOSTON, MA
#5

<No. 7 >020 @ BN
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VFW PARKWAY
BOSTON 2 B3200CLINE

Boston South
MASSACHUSETTS
SUFFOLK / NORFOLK CO.

1:25 000-scale metric topographic map

NETUO, PAIGE SYSTEM & GEORTEL BOSTON MAPS

7.5 X 15 MINUTE QUADRANGLE SHOWING

- Contours and elevations in meters
- Highways, roads and other manmade structures
- Water features
- Woodland areas
- Geographic names

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

1987

Produced by the United States Geological Survey in cooperation with Massachusetts Department of Public Works

Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts agencies

Compiled by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1978. Field checked 1979. Map edited 1987. Supersedes Newton and Boston South 1:25,000-scale maps dated 1970.

Selected hydrographic data compiled from NOS charts 13270 (1982) and 13272 (1982). This information is not intended for navigational purposes.

Projection and 1000-meter grid: Universal Transverse Mercator, zone 19

10,000-foot grid ticks based on Massachusetts coordinate system, mainland zone

1927 North American Datum

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983, move the projection lines 6 meters south and 42 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks

There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map

CONTOUR INTERVAL 3 METERS

NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

CONTROL ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.1 METER

OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.5 METER

DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN METERS

DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE

SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER

THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2.9 METERS

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

CONVERSION TABLE		DECLINATION DIAGRAM		ADJOINING MAPS		
Meters	Feet	UTM grid convergence (GV) and 1987 magnetic declination (MD) at center of map		1	2	3
1	3.2808			1	2	3
2	6.5617			4	5	
3	9.8425			6	7	
4	13.1234			8	9	
5	16.4042					
6	19.6850					
7	22.9659					
8	26.2467					
9	29.5275					
To convert meters to feet multiply by 3.2808		UTM grid convergence (GV) and 1987 magnetic declination (MD) at center of map		1 Maynard 2 Boston North 3 Lynn 4 Framingham 5 Hatt 6 Medford 7 Needham 8 Weymouth		
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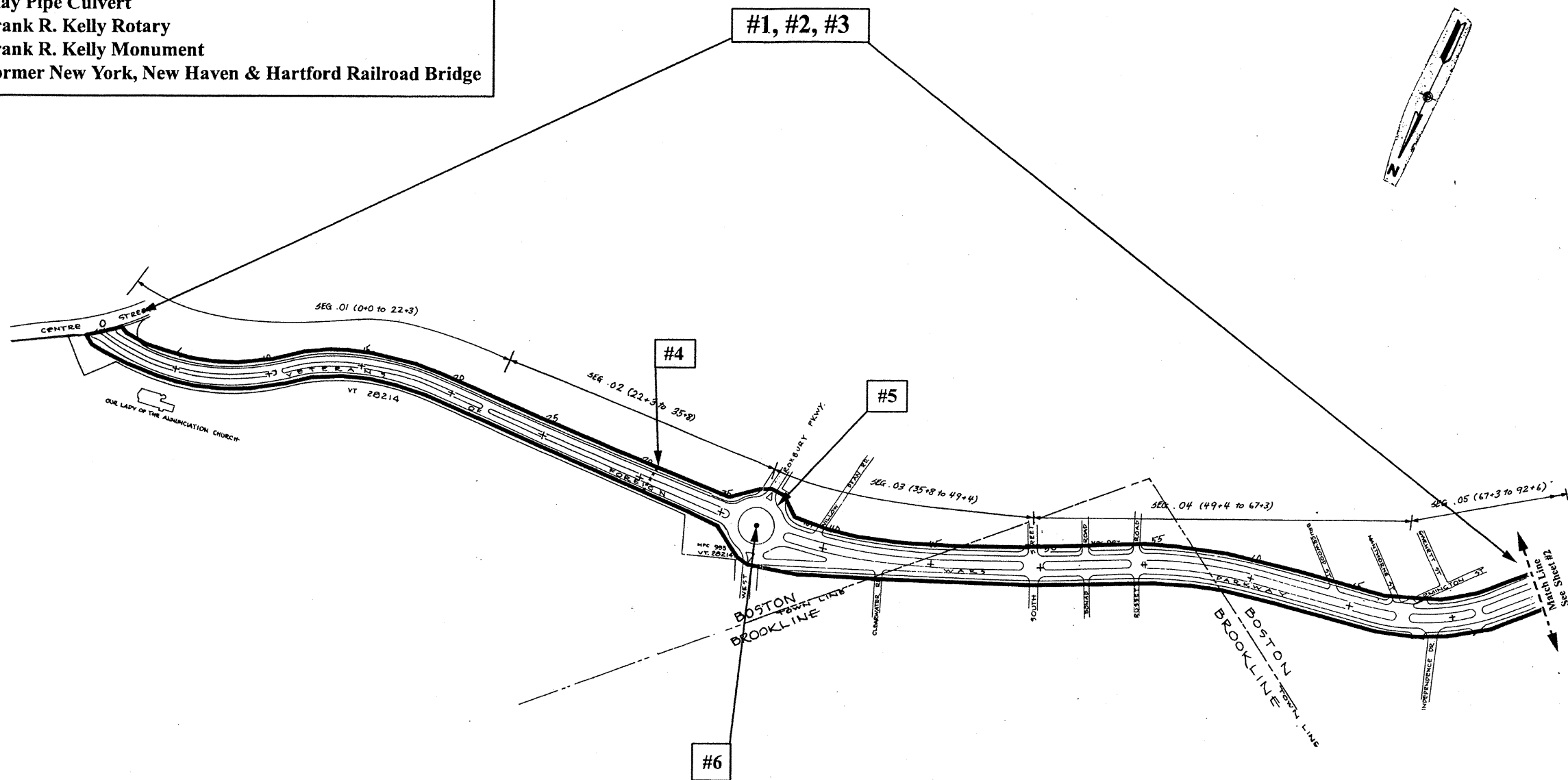
Topographic Map Symbols

Symbol	Description
	Primary highway, hard surface
	Secondary highway, hard surface
	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
	Unimproved road, trail
	Route marker: Interstate, U.S., State
	Railroad: standard gauge, narrow gauge
	Bridges: drawbridge
	Footbridge: overpass; underpass
	Built-up areas: only selected landmark buildings shown
	House: barn; church; school; large structure
	Boundary
	National, with monument
	County park
	Civil township, precinct, district
	Incorporated city, village, town
	National or State reservation; small park
	Land grant with monument; forest section
	U.S. public lands survey: range, township, section
	Range, township, section line: location approximate
	Fence or field line
	Power transmission line, located tower
	Dam; dam with lock
	Cemetery: grave
	Campground; picnic area; U.S. location monument
	Wellhead; water well; spring
	Mine shaft; prospect; adit or cave
	Control: horizontal station; vertical station; spot elevation
	Contours: index, intermediate; supplementary; depression
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	Soundings: depth curve
	Perennial lake and stream; intermittent lake and stream
	Rapids, large and small; falls, large and small
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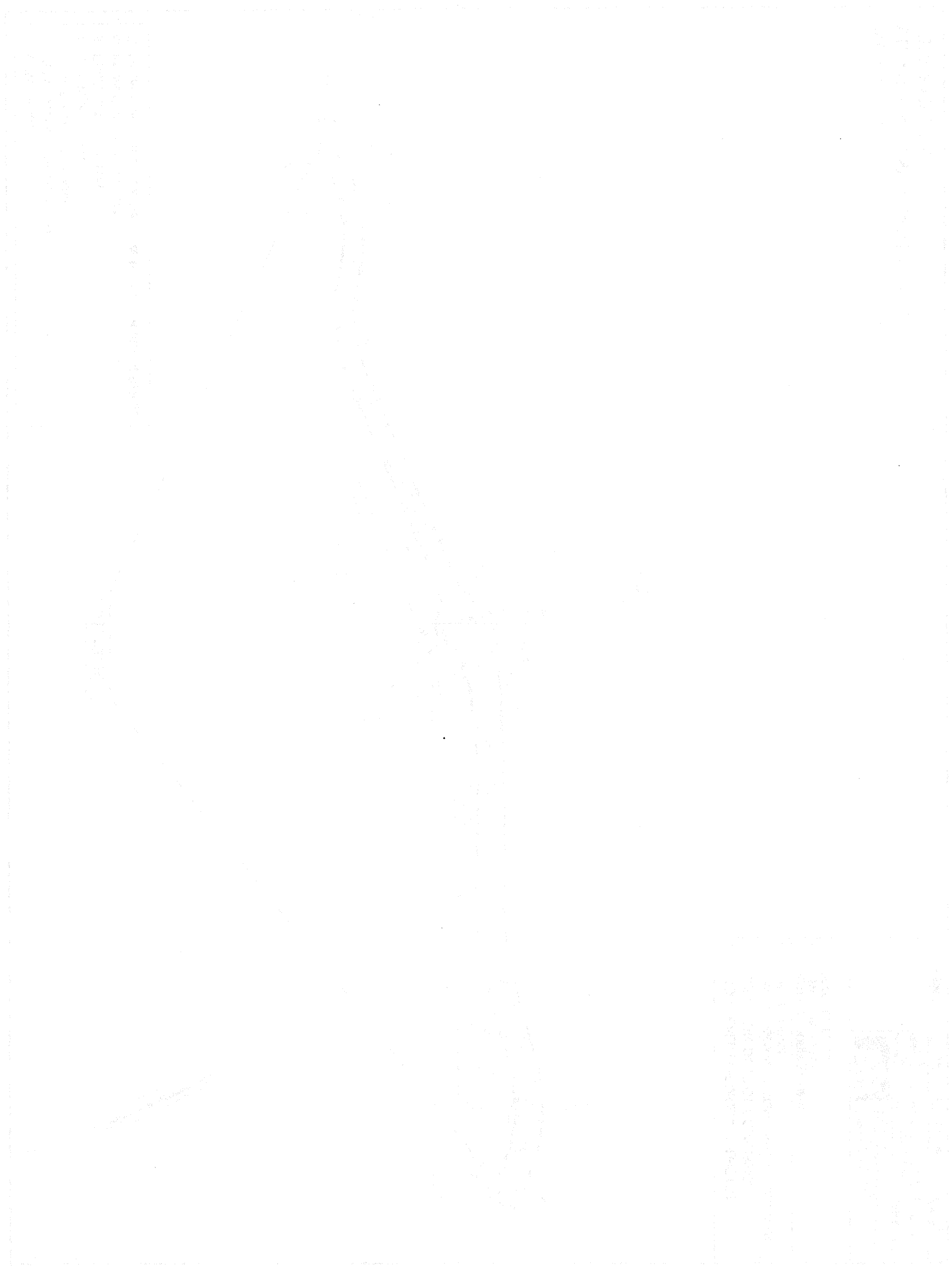


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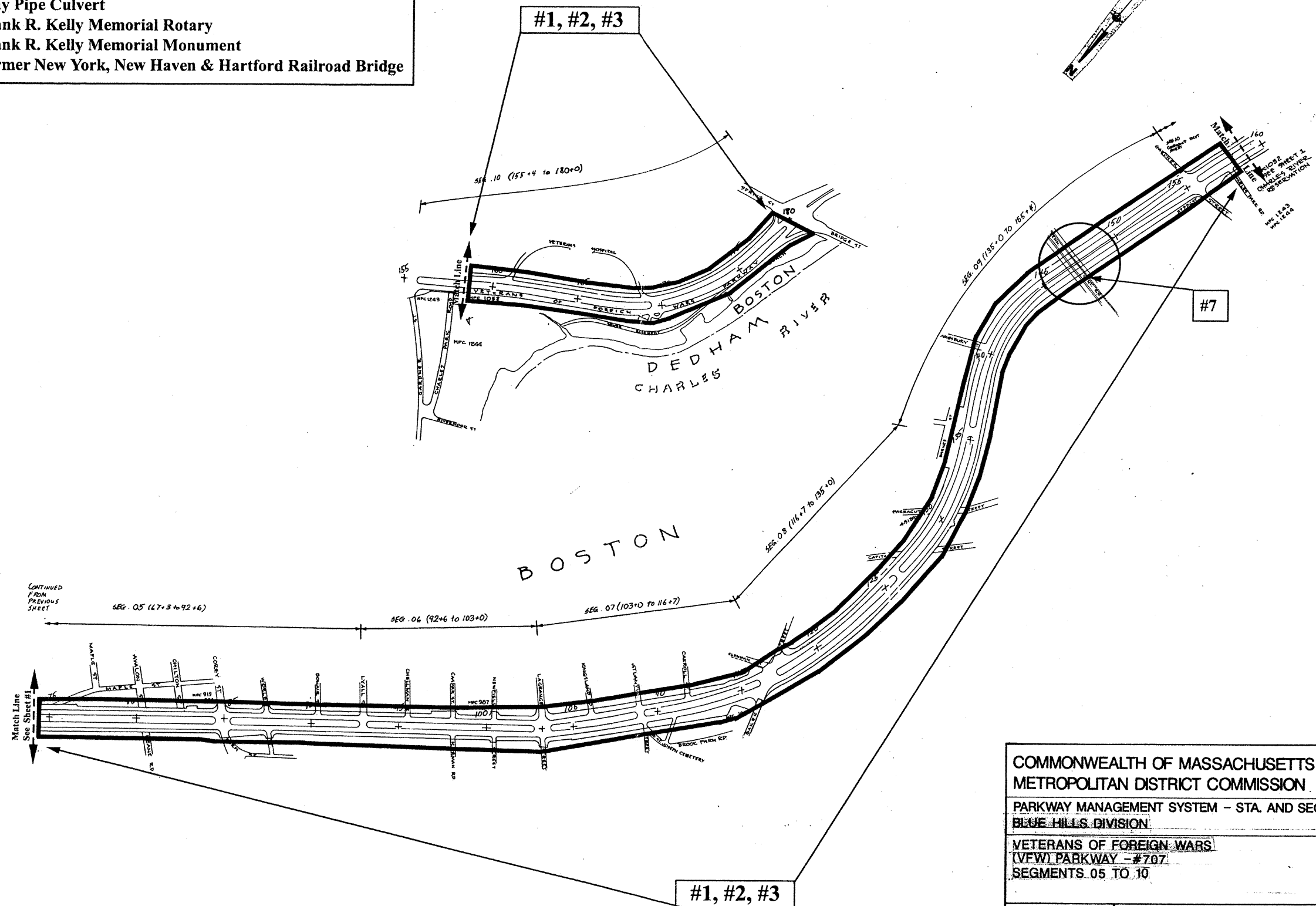
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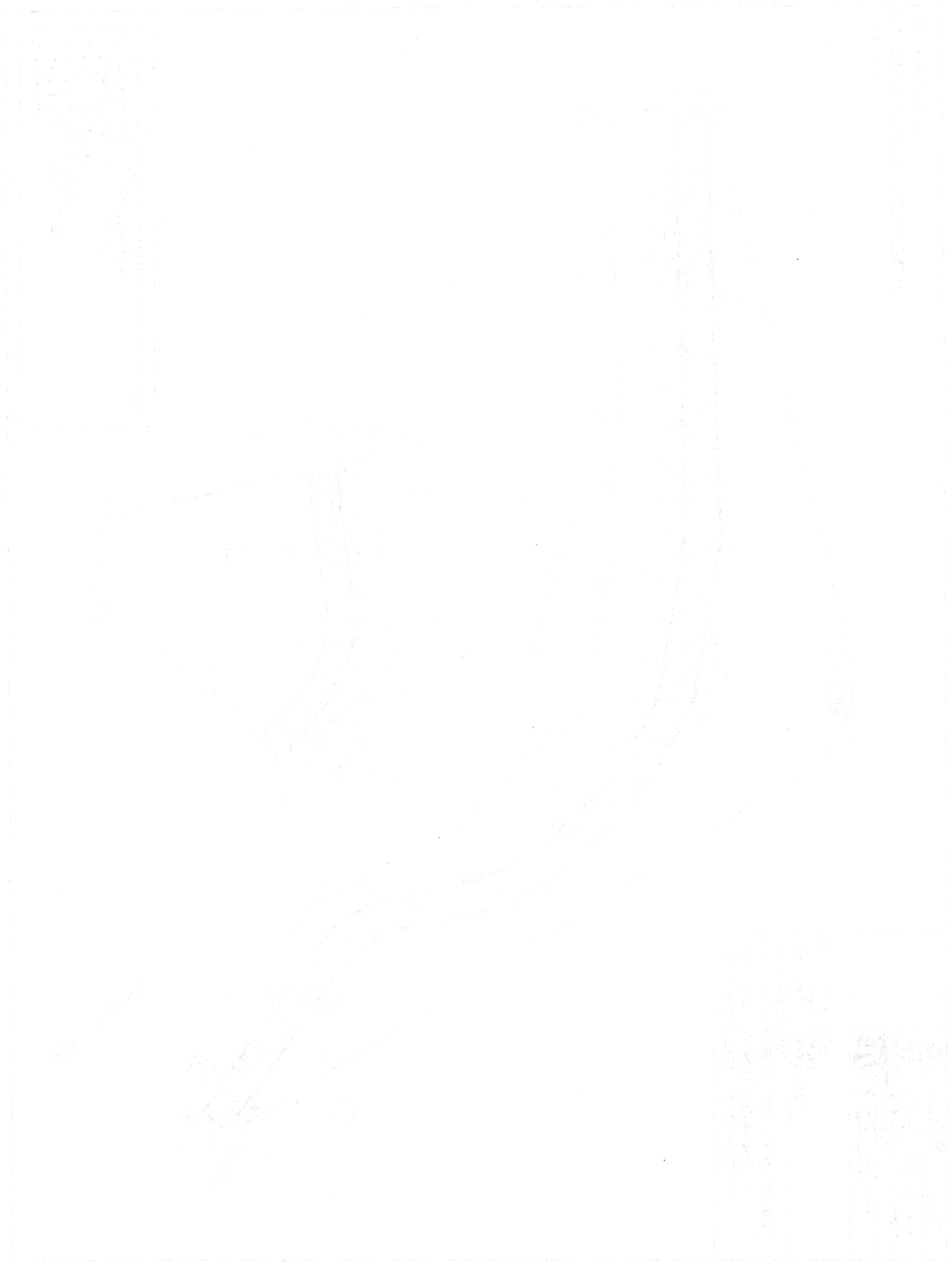


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William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

October 29, 2004

Ms. Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street, NW, 8th floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the following nomination:

VFW Parkway, Boston/Brookline (Suffolk/Norfolk), MA
Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston (Parkways) MPS

The nomination was voted eligible by the State Review Board and been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The owners of the property in the Certified Local Government communities of Brookline and Boston were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 60 to 90 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment.

We request expedited review of this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure

cc: William F. Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
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