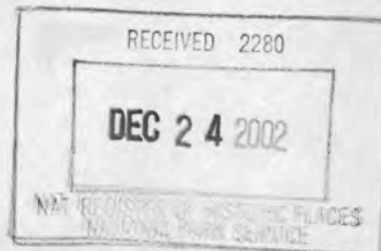


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Registration Form



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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 Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways, Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Multiple (see Section 2 continuation sheet) not for publication

city or town Malden, Medford, Melrose, Stoneham, Winchester vicinity _____

state Massachusetts code MA county Middlesex code 017 zip codes 02180, 01890, 02155, 02148

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.)

Cara H Metz
Signature of certifying official/Title Cara H. Metz, State Historic Preservation Officer
Massachusetts Historical Commission

12/20/02
Date

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 Andrews

Date of Action

2/4/2003

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2. Hillcrest Parkway (begins and ends at Highland Avenue in Winchester)
3. South Street (between Main Street/State Route 28 and Pond Street in Stoneham)
4. Pond Street (between South Street and Fellsway East in Stoneham)
5. Fellsway East (between Lynn Fells Parkway at the Melrose/Stoneham line and East Border Road in Malden)
6. East Border Road (between Highland Avenue, Medford, and Summer Street, Malden)
7. Woodland Road (between Pond Street and Elm Street in Stoneham and Medford)
8. Elm Street (between Woodland Road and Fellsway East in Medford)
9. Ravine Road (between Fellsway East and Woodland Road in Stoneham)
10. Fellsway West (between Roosevelt Circle to just north of Elm Street in Medford)

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Name of Property

Middlesex, MA
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

(Check only one box)

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

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

Number of Resources within Property

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

Contributing

Noncontributing

_____ building

_____ sites

_____ 15 structures

_____ objects

_____ 15 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

TRANSPORTATION – road related

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls N/A

roof N/A

other asphalt, concrete, granite, plantings, stone

Narrative Description

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

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DESCRIPTION

Middlesex Fells was one of the earliest reservations established in the Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston and remains one of the largest reservations of the Metropolitan District Commission today. The parkways of the Middlesex Fells that are the subject of this nomination include: **East Border Road, Fellsway East, Fellsway West, Hillcrest Parkway, South Street, Pond Street, South Border Road, Ravine Road and Woodland Road-Elm Street**. The parkways within the reservation consist of an interconnected system of border and internal roads (parkway subtypes). The connecting parkways leading from Boston to the reservation (Fellsway, Fellsway East, and Fellsway West south of the Middlesex Fells Reservation) are addressed in a separate nomination within the multiple property listing for the Metropolitan Park System, the Fells Connector Parkways, except for sections of the connecting parkways that enter the reservation and become internal or border roads, which are addressed here. The parkways within the present nomination travel through a mixed setting of wooded landscape, wetlands, and parks, as well as pockets of modern and historic residential and commercial development. Many of the features and properties located within the setting of the parkways are included in the National Register-listed Middlesex Fells Reservoirs Historic District (NR1990), which is listed as part of the National Register Thematic Resource Area Nomination for the Water Supply System of Boston (NR1990). This district, located in Stoneham, Medford, and Malden, is roughly bordered by Pond Street to the north, Woodland Road to the east, and I-93 and Main Street (State Route 28) to the south and west. Two individually designated properties adjoin Woodland Road as well: the John Bottume House and the Metropolitan District Commission Pumping House (both NR1984 within the Stoneham Multiple Resource Area; later NRDis1990 within the Middlesex Fells Reservoirs Historic District). The Middlesex Fells Reservation also encompasses the Spot Pond Archaeological District (NR1992).

Border roads were conceived by landscape architect Charles Eliot in the 1890s as a way of clearly delineating the boundaries of reservations and making them visible within the community. He felt that parks with street frontage were less likely to be affected by adverse development and would offer pleasant views of the reservation to abutters. Unlike the tree-lined connecting parkways, the border roads were usually simply constructed roadways (initially gravel, and later paved), typically two lanes wide with a total width of approximately thirty feet. In most cases they have residential development on one side of the road and reservation land on the other. In some cases the border road was established and the MDC subsequently acquired additional land on the non-reservation side, transforming the border road into an internal park road. Along some border roads there are small parking areas on the reservation side to provide access to trail heads and other reservation facilities. The border parkways are described beginning at the southern end and proceeding clockwise round the reservation.

Internal parkways are roads interior to the reservation. Some were pre-existing roads that were adapted to the reservation and others were constructed to provide access through the park. Like the border parkways, they are generally fairly simple in nature. The scenic setting of the reservation is a primary, character-defining feature of both subtypes.

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South Border Road, Medford and Winchester (Roosevelt Circle to Highland Avenue)

South Border Road (#1 on the data sheet) begins at the outer northwestern perimeter of, but does not include, Roosevelt Circle in Medford (located at the southern end of the Middlesex Fells Reservation) and continues northwest, ending at the eastern edge of Highland Avenue in Winchester. For most of its roughly two-mile length it is a two-lane, bituminous concrete-paved roadway that curves gently and rises and falls in response to the topography. Views are primarily along the roadway corridor, with the reservation on the north and east and the residential areas on the south and west. There are several small parking areas on the reservation side, which provide access to trails and to the Bellevue Pond area. There is also one **Stone Retaining Wall (#11 on the data sheet)** located about halfway along the road on the north side. It is located within the boundary of the parkway and is a contributing feature of the roadway.

The southernmost section of South Border Road is a small spur that became a dead-end with the construction of Route I-93 through the Fells. For the next 2,000 feet, the road continues as a border parkway with houses bordering its southern side (PHOTO #1) before entering an area roughly a mile in length where it is bounded on both sides by MDC reservation (due to acquisition of additional parkland after the road was laid out) (PHOTO #2). The final segment of South Border Road, which is in Winchester, again functions as a border parkway. At its northwestern terminus, at the eastern edge of Highland Avenue, it links with both Highland Avenue and with the Mystic Valley Parkway (discussed in a separate nomination), an MDC connecting parkway that continues to the west.

Hillcrest Parkway, Winchester (Highland Avenue to Highland Avenue)

Hillcrest Parkway (#2 on the data sheet) at about 4,000 feet in length is one of the shorter Middlesex Fells border parkways. It forms a roughly U-shaped loop on the east side of Highland Avenue. The northwestern remnant portion of North Border Road connects it to the rest of the park road system (North Border Road is not included in the present nomination; see below). There is a residential neighborhood of early to mid 20th-century houses to the west of the parkway, with a wooded section of the Middlesex Fells to the east. While most of the views are along the parkway corridor, there is a long view across North Reservoir at the northern end, on the east side. The roadway rises steeply from Highland Avenue (both termini are set at about 145 feet above sea level), reaching its highest elevation, 215 feet, near the middle of its length. It also curves in response to land ownership patterns and to the topography, giving it a scenic quality. The road itself is a two-lane bituminous concrete roadway about 24 feet wide. Use is relatively low and the road is unstriped so it has a residential character. There is vertical granite curbing at both roadway edges (new on the reservation side). Modern, decorative light fixtures along Hillcrest Parkway are different from those used throughout the rest of the Fells Reservation but are similar to those that appear along other MDC roadways, such as Mystic Valley Parkway.

South Street - Pond Street, Stoneham (Main Street to Fellsway East)

Originally, North Border Road extended north from the northeastern edge of Hillcrest Parkway and then east across the northern boundary of the Fells to connect with **South Street (#3 on the data sheet)**. With

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the construction of I-93 in the 1960s, North Border Road was severed from the rest of the parkways; now truncated, partially obliterated in some places by residential subdivision, and functioning as an unpaved hiking trail in other places, the fragmentary remains of North Border Road are not included in the present nomination. The western terminus of what was North Border Road now corresponds with the eastern edge of Main Street (State Route 28) in Stoneham. East of this intersection, the roadway continues as **South Street**.

South Street runs for approximately a quarter-mile south of its intersection with Main Street, during which it serves as a border road before turning east and becoming **Pond Street** (discussed separately below). Along the south side is a small landscaped park area (part of the Fells) with views to Spot Pond (PHOTO #1). There is also a strip of greenspace, an element of the setting rather than the parkway, on the north side of the road, which serves as a buffer between the road and the adjacent houses to the north. The western boundary for South Street corresponds to a visual line of convenience drawn where the roadway becomes Pond Street at the entrance to the Stone Memorial Zoo.

Pond Street (#4 on the data sheet), an internal road, enters the Fells from the north as a municipal road, becoming a continuation of **South Street** at its northwestern terminus at the entrance to the Stone Memorial Zoo. It travels southeast, following the curvilinear border of Spot Pond, through the reservation about one mile before ending at the western edge of Fellsway East at the eastern edge of the reservation (Wyoming Avenue, a municipal road, continues east of this intersection). A small turf miter edged with vertically placed granite-block curbing directs traffic at this intersection (**Fellsway East/Pond Street Miter, #13 on the data sheet**). Pond Street consists of four bituminous concrete travel lanes for most of its length. A median to accommodate heavy traffic, the **Pond Street Median (#12 on the data sheet)**, raised with turf and vertically placed granite block curbs, separates these lanes and provides turning lanes from a point just west of the entrance to the zoo to the roadway's intersection with Woodland Road (discussed below). There are also alternating dramatic views of Spot Pond and of wooded parkland to the south just before the road turns east and continues out of the reservation at its eastern terminus.

Fellsway East, Stoneham and Melrose (Lynn Fells Parkway to East Border Road)

Fellsway East (#5 on the data sheet) serves alternately as a border road and internal road for the Middlesex Fells Reservation. From its northern terminus at the Stoneham/Melrose line, Fellsway East is a border road along the eastern edge of the Middlesex Fells Reservation (PHOTO #4). Fellsway East, north of East Border Road, is less than two miles in length. East of the Stoneham/Melrose line and east of the reservation, the roadway becomes Lynn Fells Parkway (the subject of a separate nomination within this multiple property listing). As the roadway travels south along the eastern edge of the reservation, it approaches Ravine Road (discussed separately below). This intersection is defined by a miter, the **Fellsway East/Ravine Road Miter (#14 on the data sheet)** that is bordered by vertically placed granite block. Fellsway East continues south from this point along the eastern edge of the reservation until it reaches Washington Street (PHOTO #3), a municipal road, and

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enters the reservation. From there it becomes an internal park road (PHOTOS # 1 & 2) as it travels south a short distance to the northern edge of East Border Road (discussed separately below), its southern terminus for the purposes of this nomination. The connecting parkway segment of Fellsway East, located south of East Border Road, is discussed separately within this multiple property listing as a part of the Fells Connector Parkway nomination. Like other internal and border roads, it is a two-lane bituminous concrete-paved roadway approximately 30 feet wide with simple rustic detailing. The adjacent parkland is heavily wooded with intermittent rock outcrops.

East Border Road, Malden, Medford (Summer Road, Malden to Highland Avenue, Medford)

East Border Road (#6 on the data sheet) runs along the southeastern section of the Middlesex Fells Reservation. It is bounded on the north by the Middlesex Fells Reservation and on the south by residential development. Like the other border roads, it is a typical two-lane, curvilinear, paved roadway with granite curbs. Most of the houses on the south side of the road date to the mid- and late-20th century (PHOTO #2). The parkland side of the road is heavily wooded and both sides of the road have large rock outcrops (PHOTO #1).

The western terminus for East Border Road corresponds to the eastern side of Highland Avenue, a municipal road, in Medford. The roadway, which varies significantly in elevation, quickly rises to an elevation of 210 feet as it travels west and then immediately descends as it approaches Fellsway East. At its intersection with Fellsway East, East Border Road runs just south of the Melrose/Malden town line. This intersection marks the low point along the roadway, at 79 feet above sea level, before the roadway rises slightly again toward its eastern terminus at the western edge of Summer Road, a municipal road, in Malden.

Woodland Road - Elm Street, Stoneham and Medford (Pond Street to Fellsway West)

Woodland Road (#7 on the data sheet), a four-lane roadway that runs roughly north/south, is an important internal road that travels through the eastern part of the reservation. This roadway is relatively heavily traveled compared to other roadways in the Middlesex Fells. As such, it has been modified to have a more parkwaylike character with landscaped medians along much of its length, small rotaries at important transition points, and miters in several locations. For the purposes of this nomination, these are referred to as the **Woodland Road Median, Rotary and Miter System (#15 on the data sheet)** (PHOTOS #1 & 2). Woodland Road runs along the eastern edge of Spot Pond, although the pond is only visible in selected locations. Other features within its viewshed include two National Register-listed properties: the Metropolitan District Commission Pumping House (NR1984) at Spot Pond and the John Bottume House (NR1984) on the west side near the northern end of Spot Pond. Both are included in the Middlesex Fells Reservoirs Historic District (NR1990) as well. A former regional hospital (which constitutes a major inholding within the reservation) is also located along the east side of the road, as is the Flynn Skating Rink at the south end.

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After crossing Ravine Road, the roadway begins to travel southwest as a border road toward Fellsway West. This portion of the road, located in Medford, is called **Elm Street (#8 on the data sheet)**. Elm Street is similar in character to other border roads in the Middlesex Fells Parkways system. Houses bound the south side of the road (PHOTOS #1 & 2) while the northwest side of the road consists of the reservation and Wright's Pond, which can be seen from several points along the roadway.

Ravine Road, Stoneham (Fellsway East to Woodland Road)

Ravine Road (#9 on the data sheet) is a roughly 3,000-foot-long east/west internal road located entirely within the Middlesex Fells Reservation. It functions as a connection between Fellsway East and Woodland Road. The area adjacent to the roadway is forested, with views only along the road corridor except at the ends where views open up (PHOTOS #1 & 2). Spot Pond Brook, site of the ravine for which the roadway is named, lies just to the north of Ravine Road but is not visible from the road. The road is a two-lane, 28-foot-wide bituminous concrete roadway with small miters at each end (**#14 and #15 on the data sheet; see above**). Its alignment is curvilinear and rises and drops, ranging from 158 to 180 feet in elevation, in response to the underlying topography. There are no sidewalks. Cobra-head light fixtures are mounted on wooden utility poles. In areas where there is a steep drop-off, there are Type-SS guardrails mounted on square wooden posts.

Fellsway West, Medford and Stoneham (the north side of Roosevelt Circle to South Border Road)

The connecting sections of **Fellsway West (#10 on the data sheet)** and Fellsway East that lead up to the Middlesex Fells from the south are described in a separate nomination within this multiple property listing (the Fells Connector Parkways). This description focuses on the portion of Fellsway West that lies within the Fells Reservation.

For the purposes of this nomination, the southern terminus of Fellsway West corresponds to the outer northern perimeter of Roosevelt Circle. Only a short section of Fellsway West extending north from Roosevelt retains its historic character and alignment. The northern terminus of the parkway corresponds to a line of convenience drawn approximately 2,000 feet north of Elm Street. North of this point, the roadway was severely altered in the 1960s when I-93 was built through the western/central portion of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, resulting in the realignment of Fellsway West north of Elm Street. Because this portion of the parkway was so greatly altered, it has been excluded from this nomination.

Fellsway West is a gently winding border road that gently rises from an elevation of 68 feet at its southern terminus near Roosevelt Circle to an elevation of 100 feet at its northern terminus. This section of the parkway is a two-lane, one-way road that is bordered by early to late 20th-century residential development to the east and is paralleled by I-93 to the west (PHOTO #1). Homes are set back approximately 25 feet from the edge of pavement along the east side of the road. Sidewalks, trees (oaks and maples ranging from 25 to 75 years old), and parallel parking border the east side of the road as well (PHOTO #2). Curbs consist of vertically placed granite block, and curb cuts have been made for associated residences. Views to the west are mostly contained by a screen of dense vegetation; however, I-93 is occasionally visible through the trees, mostly secondary growth vegetation.

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Archaeological Description

While no ancient Native American resources have been identified within the boundaries of the Middlesex Fells Parkways, sites may be present. Seventeen sites are recorded in the general area (within one mile), including four sites adjacent to the right-of-way. Three sites, Spot Pond 1, Spot Pond 2, and Locus 1 (19-MD-698, 699, 700), lie along the eastern shore of Spot Pond on the western side of Woodland Road. Although diagnostic artifacts were not recovered at the Spot Pond sites, site examination-level research demonstrated the ability to determine potential National Register significance in the absence of temporally diagnostic artifact types when datable organic samples are present. Massachusetts Historical Commission staff determined each of these sites were eligible for National Register listing in 1992. Regional comparative information was used together with the formal characteristics of unfinished tools to hypothesize a Late Archaic or Woodland Period (circa 5,000-450 years ago) date for the sites. The discovery of a soil anomaly interpreted as an ancient cultural feature provided the potential to recover datable and identifiable organic samples. The sites were determined to have the potential to yield important information about ancient Native American settlement in the uplands of the Boston Basin and on the utilization of a specific lithic resource (felsites associated with the Lynn Volcanic Complex). The three sites were also determined to provide important contextual and predictive information on prehistoric (ancient) cultural resources that might be present in the adjacent Spot Pond Archaeological District (NR 1992). The three sites have the potential to contribute similar information on potential sites in the Middlesex Fells Reservation and its parkways. The Spot Pond sites and other sites in the general area demonstrate the potential for locating a wide range of sites in the Middlesex Fells locale ranging from smaller, low-density campsites, lithic workshops, quarries, and burials to larger, high-density habitation sites.

A high potential also exists for locating historical archaeological sites in the Middlesex Fells Reservation and Parkways locale. One historic site, the Haywardville site (STN-HA-1), is recorded in the general area (within one mile) east of Spot Pond. The Haywardville site is included in the Spot Pond Archaeological District (NR 1992). Portions of the Woodland Road, Fellsway East, Ravine Road, and Pond Street parkways form part of the boundary for the Spot Pond district. Historic research completed as part of the nomination process indicates the potential for recovering a wide variety of domestic, industrial, and commercial resources dating from the 17th through 20th centuries in the Middlesex Fells area. Several existing and potential archaeological properties included in the Middlesex Fells Reservoirs Historic District (NR 1990), listed as part of the National Register Thematic Resource Area Nomination for the Water Supply System of Metropolitan Boston (1990), are also located adjacent to several of the Middlesex Fells Parkways. Resources listed in the above nomination indicate the potential for locating archaeological evidence of water-supply features associated with the collection, impoundment, and distribution of water to local metropolitan communities in the area. National Register-significant properties listed as part of the Stoneham Multiple Resource Area (NR 1992) are also known in the vicinity of the Middlesex Fells Parkways. The 19th century John Bottume House on Woodland Road is listed as part of the Stoneham MRA, demonstrating the potential for NR-significant 19th century residential properties in the parkways locale. Residential properties dating to earlier and later periods

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may also exist. Given the known settlement and economic history of the Middlesex Fells area and the National Register-listed districts and related properties presented above, a wide range of known and potential historical archaeological resources exists in the Middlesex Fells Reservation and Parkway locale. The presence of three National Register-listed districts in the area also indicates that potential resources may be National Register-significant either individually or as part of larger districts.

In spite of the high potential for locating a wide variety of ancient Native American site types and historic resources in the Middlesex Fells Reservation locale, including its parkways, the potential to recover significant site survivals, both ancient Native American and historic, within the nominated boundaries of the parkways is low. The Middlesex Fells Parkway includes ten parkways classified as border and internal parkways. Many of the border and internal roads were in existence before the creation of the reservation. Most roadways were initially gravel and later paved. Roadways typically included two lanes and ranged from 20 to 30 feet wide. Many parkways were later increased from 30 to 40 feet in width. The nominated areas include the paved roadway and a 10-foot corridor or adjacent planting strips and sidewalks where they exist. Paved gutters and utilities are also present. Given the impacts associated with erosion of early roadways and later grading and construction of the parkway facilities, potential historical archaeological and ancient Native American resources within the nominated parkway area have been destroyed. 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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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 Planning and Development

Conservation

Engineering

Entertainment/Recreation

Landscape Architecture

Transportation

Period of Significance

1894-1956

Significant Dates

1896-1937 Construction of Fells Parkways

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

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:

Metropolitan District Commission, Boston, MA

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Middlesex Fells is significant as one of the earliest reservations developed by the Metropolitan Park Commission, and the Middlesex Fells Parkways system, designed by Olmsted, Olmsted and Eliot and its successor firm, Olmsted Brothers, is emblematic of their principles of parkway creation. The Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. Together, these parkways meet National Register Criteria A and C in the areas of community planning and development, conservation, engineering, entertainment and recreation, landscape architecture, and transportation at the state level and fulfill the Parkways Registration Requirements for the associated Internal Road and Border Road property subtypes, under Section F of the related multiple property nomination. The period of significance for these parkways is from the creation of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, in 1894, through 1937.

The Middlesex Fells Reservation contains several thousand acres of woodland, wetland, and watershed, protected from development and open to the public. It was pieced together from a wild, rocky landscape previously exploited for its natural resources: pasture, timber, granite, gravel, waterpower, water, and ice. Beginning as early as 1869, Elizur Wright and other local residents began lobbying for the preservation of the Fells. When the Trustees of Reservations was created in 1891, its first gift of property was Virginia Wood in the Fells. In 1894, the newly formed MPC acquired 450 acres to create the Middlesex Fells Reservation. By 1897, the Reservation had grown to more than 3,000 acres.¹

In his arguments for the preservation of Middlesex Fells, Charles Eliot placed special emphasis on Bear's Den Hill in Malden and Pine Hill in Medford, promontories on the southern end of the Fells that were less than five and a half miles from the Statehouse. These points became the entry points into the Fells for the connector roads from the south. In 1895, the MPC made its first takings and began construction of the Fellsway East, which connected to the Fells at the Bear's Den entrance. Construction for Fellsway West began in 1897, the parkway intersecting with the pre-existing Forest Street at the base of Pine Hill. With the completion of the connecting parkways in 1898, the Fells were linked to metropolitan Boston.

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¹ MDC, "Middlesex Fells Reservation Trail Map," 2002. This map includes narrative history of the origin and development of the Fells.

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Many of the internal and border roads of the Middlesex Fells were already in existence before the creation of the Reservation. These were the basis of many of today's park drives and trails, including Elm, Woodland, Pond, and Ravine. Most required significant improvement and sometimes realignment. The MPC began building park border drives in 1896, including Emerson Border Road (now the northernmost segment of Fellsway East), which ran from the western end of Wyoming Avenue, in Stoneham, north to Emerson Street at the edge of Melrose. East Border Road in Malden also dates from 1896, extending westerly from the Bear's Den entrance of Fellsway East to Highland Avenue; plans show that it was 20 feet wide and had paved gutters at its steeper grades. A gift of land enabled the construction in 1900-01 of South Border Road, beginning at the Mt. Vernon entrance to the Fells, south partially along the existing Rockfield Ridge Drive to West Dam (South Reservoir), and from there along Meeting House Brook Road to the Fellsway West. This 20-foot-wide gravel border road also functioned as a link between the Middlesex Fells Parkway and the northern terminus of the Mystic Valley Parkway. North Border Road planned in 1903, was completed in 1906, at a width of 25 feet. Generally, though, border roads were 20 feet wide.

In 1905, the MPC began extending the Fellsway West road and its accompanying trolley line northward from the edge of the Fells into the park, along the pre-existing Forest Street corridor. By 1908, Fellsway West extended to Brooks Road (now the Cross Fells Trail, a pedestrian trail located off of Fellsway West near the Middle Reservoir), where a reinforced concrete bridge was built over Brooks Road for the trolley. North of Brooks Road, vehicles could continue over the existing Main Street, leaving the reservation, and into Stoneham. In 1930-31, this entire corridor through the center of the Fells, from Elm Street in Medford to South Street in Stoneham, was rebuilt by the MDC as Fellsway West.

In 1930, the MDC began surveys, plans, and estimates for the construction of a Fellsway East Extension of two miles, from the northerly terminus of Fellsway East at East Border Road, through the Reservation and over Emerson Border Road, to the southerly end of the Lynn Fells Parkway at the Stoneham-Melrose line. Work was completed in November of 1931. Construction plans show a roadbed consistently 30 feet wide in the park, increasing to 40 feet wide where it leaves the Reservation and becomes Lynn Fells Parkway. In 1937, the MPC reconstructed East Border Road from Fellsway East eastward to beyond Seery Street.

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After the construction lull of the Second World War, most changes to the Middlesex Fells Parkways were limited to resurfacing or minor reconstruction, with one major exception. The construction of Route I-93 through the middle of the Fells in the 1960s greatly altered the Reservation, nearly obliterating the Fellsway West extension from approximately 2,000 feet north of Elm Street northward, adversely affecting its historic character and integrity. Roadway work and bridgework resulting from the construction of I-93 in the 1960s also severely altered Roosevelt Circle, originally constructed in 1930, which is located at the southern end of Fellsway West just south of the reservation. Because it falls outside of the reservation, Roosevelt Circle is being addressed in a separate nomination for the Fellsway Connector Parkways.

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Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways
Name of Property

Middlesex, MA
County, State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property

UTM References See continuation sheet.

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1.
Zone Easting Northing

2.
Zone Easting Northing

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4.
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

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organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date December 2002

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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 Metropolitan District Commission

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city or town Boston state MA zip code 02108

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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

The National Register boundaries for the Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkway are drawn to encompass property historically and currently associated with the roadways. 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 land that extends ten feet back from the current edge of the parkway. The park roads generally terminate at the property lines of the current boundaries of MDC's Middlesex Fells Reservation. The specific termini for each parkway are as follows

South Border Road: The northwestern terminus for South Border Road corresponds to a line of convenience drawn along the southeastern edge of Highland Avenue in Winchester. The southern terminus for the roadway corresponds to a line of convenience drawn at the northwestern (outer perimeter) of Roosevelt Circle.

Hillcrest Parkway: Hillcrest Parkway begins and ends at a line of convenience drawn along the eastern edge of Highland Avenue in Winchester.

South Street: The western terminus for South Street corresponds to a line of convenience drawn across the western edge of Main Street (State Route 28) in Stoneham. The southeastern terminus for the roadway corresponds to a line of convenience drawn across the parkway where it becomes Pond Street at the entrance to the Stone Memorial Zoo.

Pond Street: The southwestern terminus for the roadway corresponds to a line of convenience drawn across the parkway where it becomes South Street at the entrance to the Stone Memorial Zoo in Stoneham. The eastern terminus for Pond Street corresponds to a line of convenience drawn across the western edge of Fellsway East, also in Stoneham. Pond Street abuts the Spot Pond Archaeological District on the south.

Fellsway East: The northern terminus for Fellsway East corresponds to a line of convenience drawn at the Stoneham/Melrose town line where it joins Lynn Fells Parkway. The southern terminus for the roadway

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corresponds to a line of convenience drawn across the northern edge of East Border Road at the southeastern edge of the Middlesex Fells Reservation, in Malden. Fellsway East abuts the Spot Pond Archaeological District on the west.

East Border Road: The western terminus for East Border Road corresponds to a line of convenience drawn across the eastern edge of Highland Avenue in Medford. The southeastern terminus for the roadway corresponds to a line of convenience drawn across the western edge of Summer Street in Malden.

Woodland Road: The northern terminus for Woodland Road corresponds to a line of convenience drawn across the southern edge of Pond Street in Stoneham. Woodland Road crosses the town line between Stoneham and Medford. The southern terminus for the roadway corresponds to a line of convenience drawn across the parkway before it turns west and becomes Elm Street in Medford. Woodland Road abuts the Spot Pond Archaeological District on the east, and the Middlesex Fells Reservoirs District on the west.

Elm Street: The northeastern terminus for the roadway corresponds to a line of convenience drawn across the parkway before it turns north and becomes Woodland Road. The southwestern terminus for Elm Street corresponds to a line of convenience drawn across the eastern edge of Fellsway West in Medford.

Ravine Road: The eastern terminus for Ravine Road corresponds to a line of convenience drawn across the western edge of Fellsway East in Stoneham. The western terminus for the roadway corresponds to a line of convenience drawn across the eastern edge of Woodland Road. Ravine Road abuts the Spot Pond Archaeological District on the north.

Fellsway West: The northern terminus for Fellsway West in Medford corresponds to a line of convenience drawn across the parkway 2,000 feet north of its intersection with Elm Street. The southern terminus for the roadway corresponds to a line of convenience along the outer northern perimeter of Roosevelt Circle.

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UTM designations

	Zone	Northing	Easting
A.	19	4704100	323920
B.	19	4703080	329460
C.	19	4699860	329340
D.	19	4700460	327800
E.	19	4699320	326940
F.	19	4699680	326100
G.	19	4700400	325400
H.	19	4702000	324840

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographer: Emily Maass

July 2002

Negatives location: PAL, Pawtucket, RI

East Border Road

1. View looking northwest from Summer Street, Malden
2. View looking northeast along parkway from Fellsway East at the southeastern edge of the reservation. Shows reservation to the north and houses on non-park side of roadway.

Fellsway East

1. View looking north along parkway with the Middlesex Fells Reservation just north of East Border Road. Shows road as internal parkway.
2. View of Fellsway East south of Washington Street. Shows road as internal parkway.
3. View looking northwest along parkway at intersection of Fellsway East and Washington Street. Shows road as border parkway.
4. View looking into Middlesex Fells Reservation from Lynn Fells Parkway at the Stoneham/Melrose corporate boundary.

Fellsway West

1. View of Fellsway West as seen looking north where I-93 splits the parkway. Fellsway West is located to the east of I-93.
2. View looking north on Fellsway West inside reservation near Foss Street.

South Street

1. Looking northwest along South Street. Shows Spot Pond.

Ravine Road

1. View looking east along Ravine Road toward Fellsway East.
2. View looking west along Ravine Road toward Woodland Road.

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South Border Road

1. View looking northwest along South Border Road near its southern terminus.
2. View of South Border Road as it nears Highland Avenue in Winchester.

Woodland Road

1. View of Woodland Road as seen facing north near Elm Street.
2. View of grade separation of Woodland Road near the former Boston Regional medical Center south of Ravine Road.

Elm Street

1. View looking northeast on Elm Street east of Fellsway West.
2. View of Elm Street facing northeast near Wright Pond. Shows road as border parkway.

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District Data Sheet**

#	NRHP Listed	MHC #	Name	Town	Location	Date	Status	Type
#1			South Border Road	Medford and Winchester	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Borders the southwestern edge of the reservation; runs approximately between Roosevelt Circle, Medford, and Highland Avenue in Winchester	1900-1901	C	Structure
#2			Hillcrest Parkway	Winchester	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Border Road that begins and ends at Highland Avenue in Winchester	1896 - 1918	C	Structure
#3			South Street	Stoneham	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Internal Road between Main Street (State Route 28) and Pond Street	1903-1906	C	Structure
#4			Pond Street	Stoneham	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Internal road that runs between South Street and Fellsway East	early 20th century	C	Structure
#5			Fellsway East	Malden, Melrose and Stoneham	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Internal and border road that runs between East Border Road at the southeastern edge of the reservation in Malden to Lynn Fells Parkway at the Stoneham/Melrose town boundary	1930-1931	C	Structure

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District Data Sheet**

#	NRHP Listed	MHC #	Name	Town	Location	Date	Status	Type
#6			East Border Road	Malden and Medford	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Borders the southeastern edge of the reservation between Highland Avenue in Medford and Summer Street in Malden	1896-1937	C	Structure
#7			Woodland Road	Medford and Stoneham	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Internal road that runs between Pond Street and Elm Street beginning in Stoneham and ending in Medford	early 20th century	C	Structure
#8			Elm Street	Medford	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Border road that runs between Woodland Road and Fellsway West	early 20th century	C	Structure
#9			Ravine Road	Stoneham	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Internal that runs between Woodland Road and Fellsway East	early 20th century	C	Structure
#10			Fellsway West	Medford	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Internal road that runs between the northern end of Roosevelt Circle to 2000 feet north of Elm Street	1897-1908	C	Structure
#11			South Border Road Stone Retaining Wall	Winchester	Middlesex Fells Reservation: On the north side of South Border Road	early 20th century	C	Structure

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#	NRHP Listed	MHC #	Name	Town	Location	Date	Status	Type
#12			Pond Street Median	Stoneham	Along Pond Street from the entrance to the Stone Memorial Zoo south to Woodland Road	early 20th century	C	Structure
#13			Fellsway East/Pond Street Miter	Malden	At the intersection of Fellsway East and Pond Street	early 20th century	C	Structure
#14			Fellsway East/Ravine Road Miter	Stoneham	At the intersection of Fellsway East and Ravine Road	early 20th century	C	Structure
#15			Woodland Road Median, Rotary, and Miter System	Medford and Stoneham	Between Pond Street and Fellsway West and Elm Street	early 20th century	C	Structure

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National Park Service

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 02001749 Date Listed: 2/4/2003

Property Name: Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways

County: Middlesex State:MA

Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Andrews
for Signature of the Keeper

2/4/2003

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The registration form does not contain an acreage figure for the nominated property; the State has confirmed that it contains 48 acres. Also, two different sets of UTM points are included (one set on the USGS map and one on a continuation sheet). The State has clarified that the UTMs on the map define a box around the parkways, while the UTMs on the continuation sheet are centered on the roads themselves. The State has requested that the UTMs on the continuation sheet be considered the official UTMs. The National Register database will reflect this.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file

Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways
NAME:

MULTIPLE Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 12/24/02 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/16/03
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/01/03 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/07/03
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 02001749

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 2/4/03 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Historically & architecturally significant component
of the parkways MPS*

RECOM./CRITERIA accept A&C

REVIEWER Patrick Andrews

DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 2/4/2003

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached

SLR Y/N

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Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways

Fellsway West

Medford, MA

#1

EMILY MAASS photo

July 2002

LOOKING N WHERE I-93 SPLITS THE
PARKWAY. FELLSWAY WEST IS LOCATED TO
EAST OF I-93



Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways

Fellsway West

Medford, MA

#2

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July 2002

LOOKING N INSIDE RESERVATION NEAR
FOSS ST.



Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways
Ravine Road
Stoneham, MA

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LOOKING E TOWARD FELLSWAY EAST



Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways

Ravine Road

Stoneham, MA

#2

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LOOKING W TOWARD WOODLAND RD.



Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways

Fellsway East

Malden, Melrose, Stoneham, MA

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LOOKING N ALONG PARKWAY WITH MIDDLESEX
FELLS RESERVATION JUST N OF EAST BORDER RD.
SHOWS ROAD AS INTERNAL PARKWAY.



Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways

Fellsway East

EMILY MAASI

Malden, Melrose, Stoneham, MA

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VIEW S. OF WASHINGTON ST.

SITOWS ROAD AS INTERNAL PARKWAY



Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways

East Border Road

Malden, Medford, MA

#1

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LOOKING NW FROM SUMMER ST, MALDEN



Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways

East Border Road
Malden, MA 02148, MA

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LOOKING NE FROM FELLSWAY EAST AT SE
EDGE OF RESERVATION. SHOWS RESERVATION
TO THE N AND HOUSES ON NON-PARK
SIDE OF ROADWAY



Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways

Fellsway East

Malden, Melrose, Stoneham, MA

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LOOKING NW AT INTERSECTION OF FELLSWAY EAST
AND WASHINGTON ST. SHOWS ROAD AS
BORDER PARKWAY.



MIDDLESEX
FELS
RESERVATION

Long Point
Parking Area

Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways
Fellsway East

Malden, Melrose, Stoneham, MA

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LOOKING INTO MIDDLESEX FELLS RESERVATION
FROM LYNN FELLS PARKWAY AT STONEHAM/
MELROSE BOUNDARY



Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways

South Border Road

Winchester, MA

#1

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LOOKING NW ALONG S. BORDER RD. NEAR
ITS SOUTHERN TERMINUS.



Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways

South Border Road

Winchester, MA

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NEAR HIGHLAND AVE, WINCHESTER



Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways

Elm Street

Medford, MA

#1

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LOOKING NE ON ELM ST. E of
FELLSWAY WEST.



Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways

Elm street

Medford, MA

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#2

VIEW FACING NE NEAR WRIGHT POND.
SHOWS ROAD AS BORDER PARKWAY.



Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways

Woodland Road

Medford, MA

#1

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FACING N NEAR ELM ST,



Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways

Woodland Road

Medford, MA

#2

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GRADE SEPARATION NEAR FORMER BOSTON

REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER SOUTH OF RAVINE RD



Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways

South Street

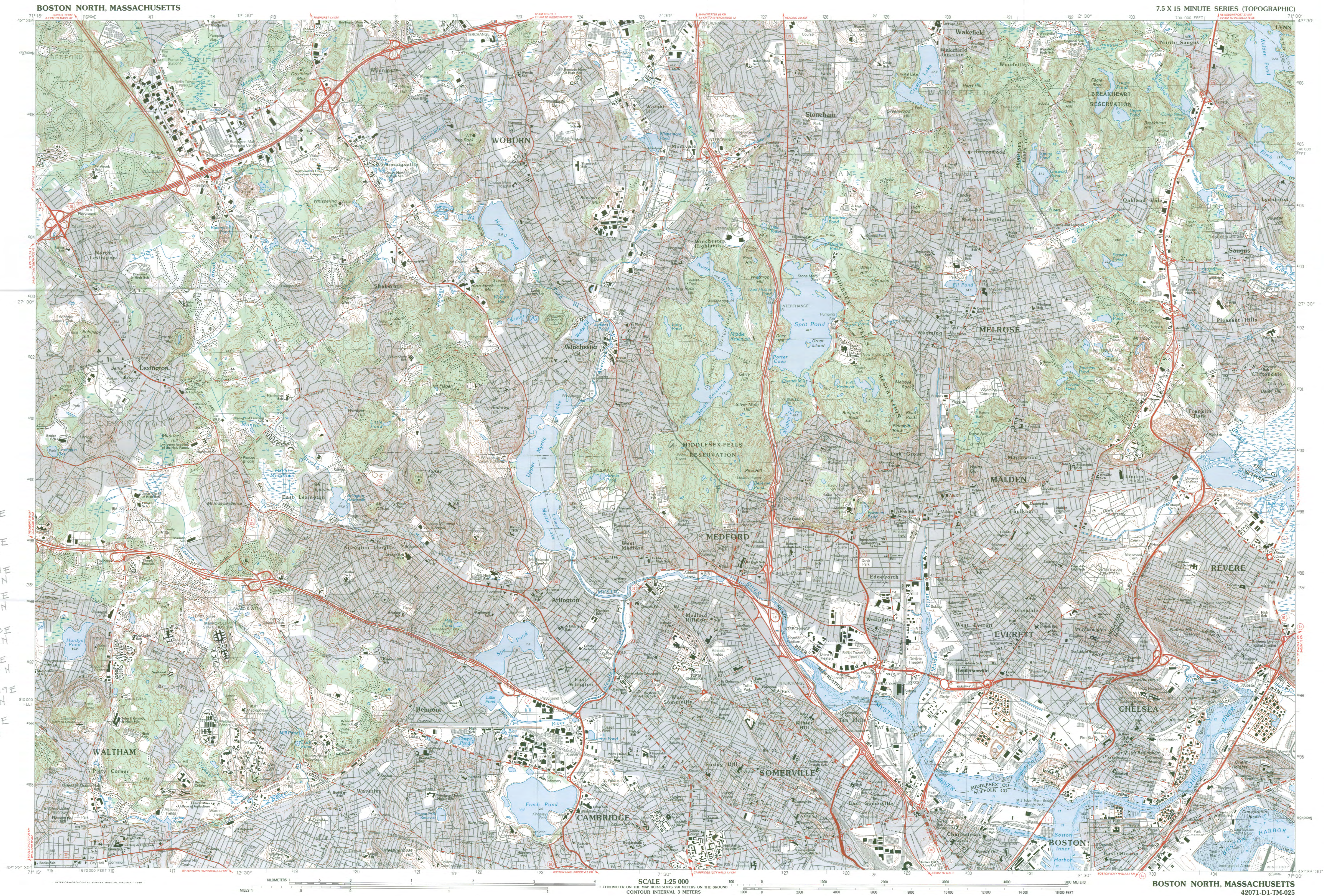
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LOOKING NW ALONG SOUTH ST. SHOWS SPOT
POND

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Metro Park System of Boston

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7.5 X 15 MINUTE QUADRANGLE
SHOWING

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- Highways, roads and other manmade structures
- Water features
- Woodland areas
- Geographic names

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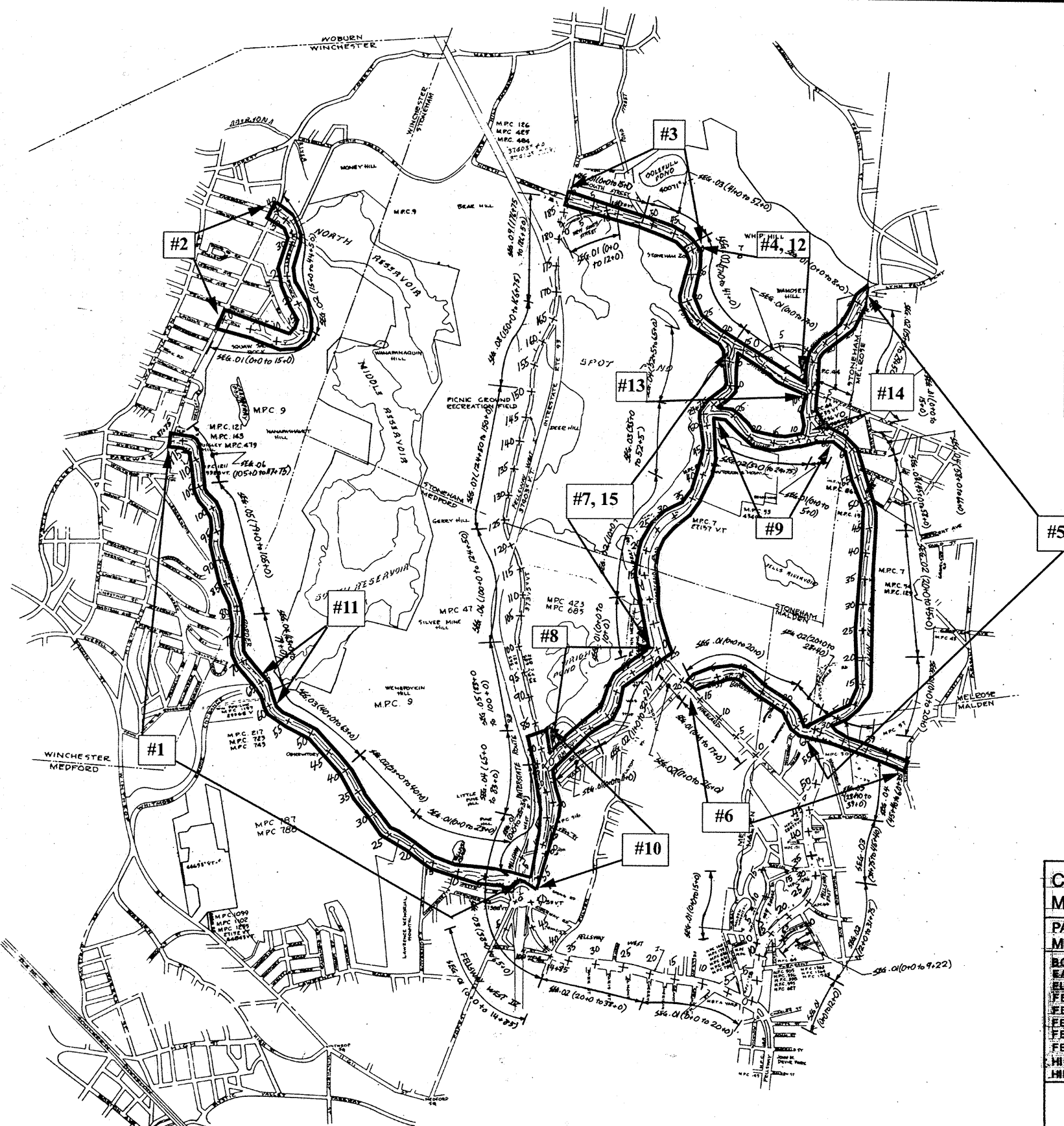


Topographic Map Symbols

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1. South Border Road
2. Hillcrest Parkway
3. South Street
4. Pond Street
5. Fellsway East
6. East Border Road
7. Woodland Road
8. Elm Street
9. Ravine Road
10. Fellsway West
11. South Border Road Stone Retaining Wall
12. Pond Street Median
13. Fellsway East/Pond Street Miter
14. Fellsway East/Ravine Road Miter
15. Woodland Road Median. Rotary and Miter System

STATION AND SEGMENT PLAN:
MIDDLESEX FELS RESERVATION PARKWAYS

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION
PARKWAY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM-STA. AND SEG. PLAN
MIDDLESEX FELS DIVISION

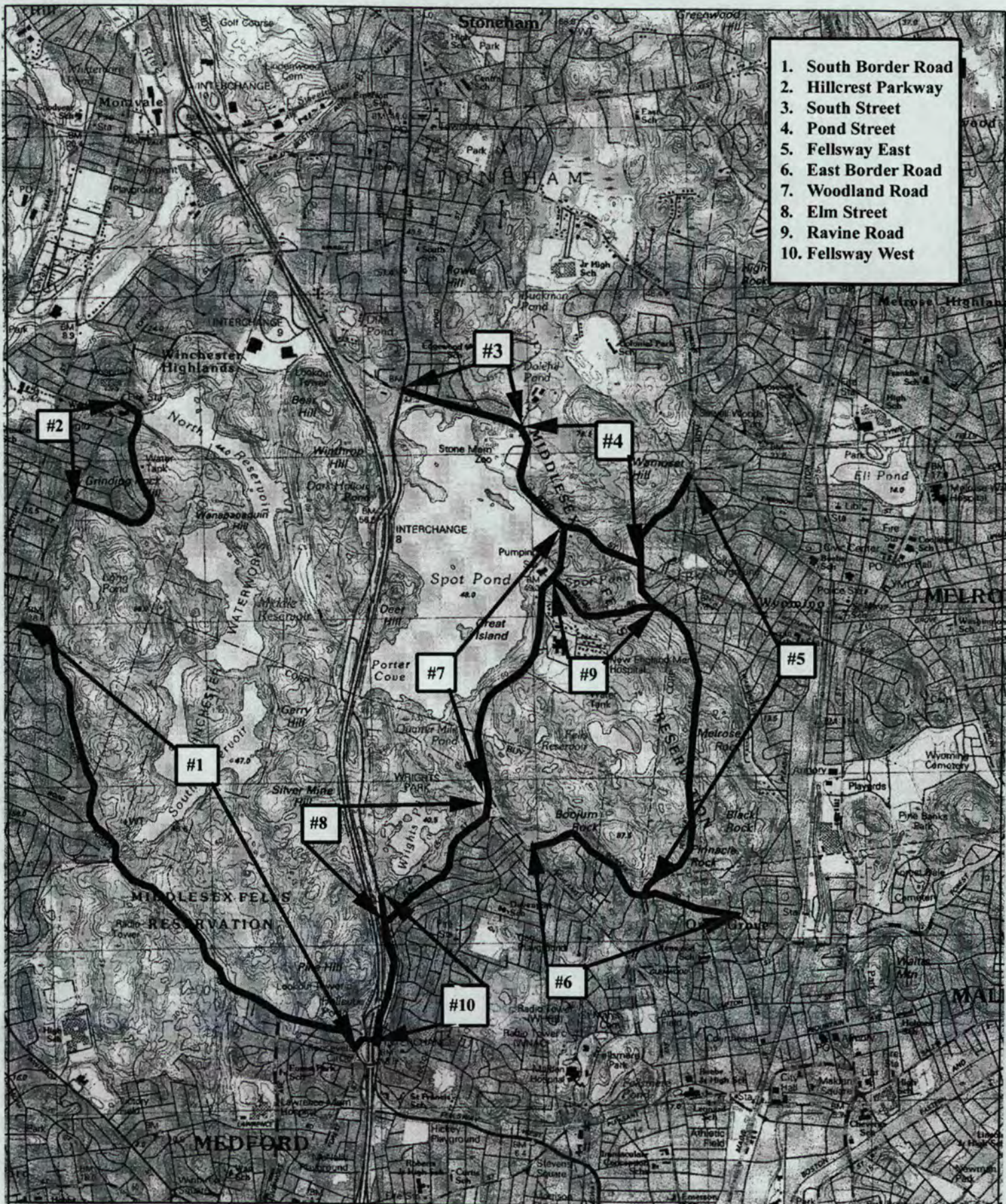
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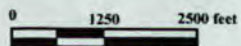
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Location: 042° 27' 13.3" N 071° 05' 37.6" W
 Caption: Middlesex Fells Reservation
 Medford, Malden Massachusetts





The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

December 20, 2002

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 forms:

Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston (Parkways) MPS context, and,
Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways, Malden/Medford/Stoneham/
Winchester (Middlesex), MA **MELROSE**

The nominations have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The owners of the property were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30 to 45 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment.

An expedited review of these nominations is requested.

Sincerely,

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure

Middlesex Fells Parkways
Malden, Medford, Stoneham and Winchester , Massachusetts
District Data Sheet

#	NRHP Listed	MHC #	Name	Town	Location	Date	Status	Type
#1			South Border Road	Medford and Winchester	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Borders the southwestern edge of the reservation; runs approximately between Roosevelt Circle, Medford, and Highland Avenue in Winchester	1900-1901	C	Structure
#2			Hillcrest Parkway	Winchester	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Border Road that begins and ends at Highland Avenue in Winchester	1896 - 1918	C	Structure
#3			South Street	Stoneham	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Internal Road between Main Street (State Route 28) and Pond Street	1903-1906	C	Structure
#4			Pond Street	Stoneham	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Internal road that runs between South Street and Fellsway East	early 20th century	C	Structure
#5			Fellsway East	Malden, Melrose and Stoneham	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Internal and border road that runs between East Border Road at the southeastern edge of the reservation in Malden to Lynn Fells Parkway at the Stoneham/Melrose town boundary	1930-1931	C	Structure

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District Data Sheet

#	NRHP Listed	MHC #	Name	Town	Location	Date	Status	Type
#6			East Border Road	Malden and Medford	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Borders the southeastern edge of the reservation between Highland Avenue in Medford and Summer Street in Malden	1896-1937	C	Structure
#7			Woodland Road	Medford and Stoneham	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Internal road that runs between Pond Street and Elm Street beginning in Stoneham and ending in Medford	early 20th century	C	Structure
#8			Elm Street	Medford	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Border road that runs between Woodland Road and Fellsway West	early 20th century	C	Structure
#9			Ravine Road	Stoneham	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Internal that runs between Woodland Road and Fellsway East	early 20th century	C	Structure
#10			Fellsway West	Medford	Middlesex Fells Reservation: Internal road that runs between the northern end of Roosevelt Circle to 2000 feet north of Elm Street	1897-1908	C	Structure
#11			South Border Road Stone Retaining Wall	Winchester	Middlesex Fells Reservation: On the north side of South Border Road	early 20th century	C	Structure

**Middlesex Fells Parkways
Malden, Medford, Stoneham and Winchester , Massachusetts
District Data Sheet**

#	NRHP Listed	MHC #	Name	Town	Location	Date	Status	Type
#12			Pond Street Median	Stoneham	Along Pond Street from the entrance to the Stone Memorial Zoo south to Woodland Road	early 20th century	C	Structure
#13			Fellsway East/Pond Street Miter	Stoneham	At the intersection of Fellsway East and Pond Street	early 20th century	C	Structure
#14			Fellsway East/Ravine Road Miter	Stoneham	At the intersection of Fellsway East and Ravine Road	early 20th century	C	Structure
#15			Woodland Road Median, Rotary, and Miter System	Medford and Stoneham	Between Pond Street and Fellsway West and Elm Street	early 20th century	C	Structure

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways
NAME:

MULTIPLE Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston, MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 04/28/11 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 06/13/11
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 02001749

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 ___ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

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REVIEWER

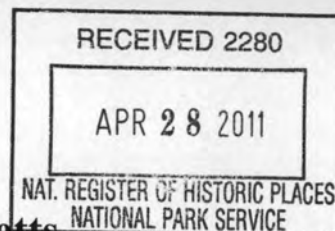
DISCIPLINE

Phone

Date

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 National Park Service.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

April 20, 2011

Mr. J. Paul Loether
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Re: Fellsway East/Pond Street Miter, Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways
(Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston, MPS) Middlesex and Suffolk Counties,
Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Loether:

We are writing to request a technical correction in the National Register records for the above referenced property. Recent research indicates that the Fellsway East/Pond Street Miter is in Stoneham, not Malden. The miter is a contributing resource in the Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkway, which was listed on the National Register as part of the Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston Multiple Property Submission (2/4/2003)

We have attached a corrected data sheet. The boundary map submitted with nomination was correct. Please let us know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Betsy Friedberg
Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosure

XC: Stoneham Historical Commission
Malden Historical Commission