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DEMARIA, DIDOMENICO, MCGONAGLE MEET WITH MASSDEP *City and State officials discuss strengthening partnership with Everett*

On Monday, October 17th Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Senator Sal DiDomenico, and Representative Joe McGonagle met with Commissioner Martin Suuberg of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). With nearly 30 years of experience working in environmental and natural resource agencies at the state and federal level, Suuberg has effectively and efficiently administered the environmental laws that protect the quality of life for all Massachusetts' citizens.

DeMaria, DiDomenico, and McGonagle met with Suuberg to discuss strengthening his and DEP's partnership with Everett by reviewing the agency's programs that might be helpful in enhancing and protecting the environment and the public health. Commissioner Suuberg has made working with municipalities one of his top priorities as Commissioner of DEP.

The Mayor also thanked the Commissioner for his thoughtful decision on the Wynn Chapter 91 decision, which for the first time will open up the Everett waterfront to Everett residents with public parks, the harbor walk, the bike path and the connection to Gateway Park, Village Landing Park, and the Northern Strand Community Trail. The Mayor requested that DEP meet with city officials to examine all Chapter 91 permits in the city, and when they expire or set to expire. Additionally, the Mayor asked for assistance from DEP in enforcing a Chapter 91 permit that was issued to the Gateway Shopping Mall, requiring them to build a bike path connection to the Northern Strand Community Trail.

In the meeting, Mayor DeMaria, also discussed his vision for the Malden River, including increasing access to the river with canoe and kayak launches, fishing piers, bike paths, and new parks such as the River Green Park at GE. The mayor's administration is currently working with the Friends of the Malden River, the Mystic River Watershed Association, and MIT to assess any sediment contamination or stormwater that may impact recreation on the river.

"Cleaning contaminated property and providing access to our residents and surrounding communities is a huge benefit," states Mayor DeMaria, "We are always interested in being a pilot site for any innovative environmental programming that the state and DEP

might want to implement, and we want to continue to partner with the state on its environmental protection efforts.”

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