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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eileen Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*
FROM: Alex Magee, Deputy Director - Administration and Finance
DATE: January 21st, 2021
RE: C. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Investigate Trash Problem In The Vicinity Of River Meadow Brook And Research Potential Private Sector Support From Nearby Companies In Resolving Issues

After multiple attempts at coordinating a large-scale cleanup of the homeless camp and illegal dumping area along River Meadow Brook in the Lincoln St. area, MassDOT has agreed to perform a cleanup beginning this coming Monday, January 25th, scheduled to last 4-5 days. City staff have been coordinating with MassDOT District 4 personnel in an attempt to service this and other areas for months, and we are happy they will be in the area to perform a major cleanup, to include the removal of all trash/debris, some tree pruning and new fencing.

This area was not only home to a large homeless encampment (which is now mostly abandoned) but has also become an area known for frequent illegal dumping. The Department of Public Works and Division of Development Services will continue to work with the Lowell Police Department to pursue those responsible for illegal dumping whenever we are able to. Efforts to stop dumping in the area will include installation of more signage, fencing, and the use of trail cameras which are used to identify individuals involved in dumping.

Prior to the cleanup, City of Lowell staff will once again visit the area to provide information on the relevant social and housing services in the area, and encourage the remaining inhabitant(s) to utilize those services.

We will continue to explore partnerships with the private sector for assistance in this area and others like it, and have recently partnered with local non-profits, including the Clean River Project, to perform cleanups in other similarly polluted areas around the City.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any further questions on this issue.