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Letters to the Editor  
The Boston Globe  
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To: the Boston Globe Editorial Board

I was encouraged to read the Globe's editorial calling for restoration of the Mystic River, one of Boston's great rivers.

*Improving environmental quality and the value of the Mystic River watershed will make a daily impact on local residents just as improvements on the Charles made a meaningful difference in people's lives there.*

*More than half a million residents in Mystic River communities, will benefit from creation of high-quality, open green space along the waterfront and improved water quality will ensure people can enjoy the river safely.*

*Already we see increased recreational use of the Mystic and its tributaries. Hundreds of students from three area high schools and Tufts University row on the Malden River and Gentle Giant Rowing Club sponsors youth and adult rowers through its successful and inclusive program. Our organization's Herring Run and Paddle attracts more than 700 enthusiastic runners and paddlers every year and Assembly Row and other new developments are bringing many more people to the river.*

*Forty years ago if you fell into the Mystic you would come out covered in oil and might need a tetanus shot. We've come a long way but more needs to be done, including revitalizing public spaces and addressing failing infrastructure. Completing this work will benefit residents and the Boston region for decades to come.*

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this important issue. If you have any questions or require additional information please contact me at (781) 316-3438 or at [EK@mysticriver.org](mailto:EK@mysticriver.org)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "EkOngKar Singh Khalsa".

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