



## BOSTON COLLEGE

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

February 18, 2008

Dear Neighbor:

**SUBJECT: FOSTER STREET PROPERTY GEOTECHNICAL SURVEY**

This letter is to notify you that Boston College will be conducting a geotechnical survey on the property it owns on Foster Street (the proposed site for the Jesuit faculty and graduate housing in the Institutional Master Plan) to determine subsurface soil conditions for future development.

The testing will take place over a one week period and involves the placement of a drilling rig (similar in size to a small truck) at various locations on the site. The scope of the test site includes the parking lot, the rear/side yards of the three houses along Foster Street and an adjacent section of area covered in brush extending toward the rear of the site. The testing area stops about 20-30 feet short of the property line and does NOT extend to the extreme rear of the site closest to the homes on Portina Road or to the Foster Street Rock area.

Since the testing rig will need to be driven on to the site, Boston College will most likely gain access from the rear of the parking lot by temporarily removing a section of the existing fence. We will then clear a path wide enough for the vehicle to maneuver within the site. We will be removing any scrap or dead brush or dead tree limbs that are currently on the ground that would impede access. We will NOT be removing any mature trees in this process.

BC anticipates preparing the site the week of February 25th (weather dependent) and working from 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Once the site is accessible, testing will begin the week of March 1st. We anticipate that both the clearing of brush and the testing will generate noise and we will attempt to complete the tasks as quickly as possible to minimize any disruptions. We are particularly aware of constraints regarding communication for the Jewish community on Friday evenings and have instructed that all work be completed well before sundown.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs at 617-552-4787.