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DCR BEGINS DEMOLITION WORK AT CONNORS MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL IN WALTHAM

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will gather with area legislators on April 17 to celebrate the start of demolition work at the Connors Memorial Swimming Pool in Waltham. The event, originally scheduled for April 6, was canceled due to inclement weather.

“We are delighted to be starting the demolition work at this facility,” said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. “The Connors pool has been closed for more than seven years. It is time to start working at this site.”

The demolition event will be Friday, April 17, at 3 p.m. at the pool site, 330 River St., Waltham.

DCR has contracted with Associated Building Wreckers of Springfield to demolish the existing bathhouse and part of the existing pool. Design work is expected to begin soon on a new bathhouse and new pool.

This project symbolizes the Patrick Administration’s ongoing commitment to revitalizing state parks and recreational facilities across the Commonwealth. It is one of many projects recommended for funding in the five-year, \$1.7 billion environmental bond bill signed by Governor Patrick in August 2008.

The Connors Memorial Pool complex was built in 1954 and closed in 2001 due to the unsafe, deteriorating condition of the bathhouse.

State Senator Susan Fargo praised neighbors and city officials for working with DCR.

“The new Connors Pool will be a wonderful place for all to enjoy,” Senator Fargo said.

“I am pleased that Governor Patrick and Commissioner Sullivan are moving forward with this project,” said State Representative Peter Koutoujian.

Said State Representative Thomas Stanley, “I am happy we are able to make an investment in this important community facility.”

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