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**DCR SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS
SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS
ALONG STORROW DRIVE AND SOLDIERS FIELD ROAD**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has scheduled a public meeting on May 27 to update the community on a number of safety improvements and maintenance projects along Storrow Drive, Soldiers Field Road, and the Charles River Esplanade.

The meeting will be Wednesday, May 27, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at 100 Cambridge Street, 2nd floor, in Conference Rooms B/C/D.

“While much of this work is routine maintenance, other work involves areas where we welcome public feedback,” said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. “As always, our goal is to increase and ensure public safety along the roadways and the Esplanade and enhance the experience of all our visitors.”

The work involves repairing and replacing guardrails, replacing damaged steel picket fence sections, improving drainage along sections of both parkways, repainting sections of historic Boston Pattern fencing, and replacing the equipment and surface at the fitness area near the Sherborn Street Pedestrian Bridge. Improvements also will be made to bicycle and walking paths.

At the meeting, DCR also will discuss the proposed fence around Teddy Ebersol’s Red Sox Fields on the Esplanade.

The projects, which will cost an estimated \$4 million, began last March and are scheduled to be complete at the end of June. Funding for the projects comes from the \$1.7 billion Energy and Environment Bond Bill signed by Governor Patrick in August 2008.

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