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DCR Celebrates Lawrence Heritage State Park’s 25th Anniversary

WHAT: On Saturday, December 3, 2011, Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Commissioner Edward Lambert, local officials and the Friends of Lawrence Heritage State Park will celebrate the park’s 25th Anniversary with the showing of a short film featuring famed labor artist Ralph Fasnella.

DCR Commissioner Edward M. Lambert Jr. and municipal officials will speak to the heritage of the park, which tells the story of the mill workers during the Industrial Revolution and the Bread and Roses Strike. There will also be exhibits and a slide show of the Heritage State Park through the years as well as a 25th anniversary cake.

The Massachusetts Heritage State Park System, which became a national model of urban design, historic preservation and economic revitalization, was conceived by Governor Michael S. Dukakis. The heritage parks were developed in nine economically challenged cities to celebrate a heritage of community, encourage private development, revitalize downtowns and create a vibrant urban landscape for all to enjoy.

WHO: DCR Commissioner Edward Lambert

WHEN: **Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 11 a.m.**

WHERE: DCR’s Lawrence Heritage State Park, Visitor Center, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence, MA

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The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways. Led by Commissioner Edward M. Lambert Jr., the agency’s mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr. Contact us at mass.parks@state.ma.us.

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