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## **DCR to Hold Public Meeting on Bradley Palmer State Park Pedestrian/Equestrian Bridge**

**WHAT:** The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has scheduled a public meeting on Wednesday, June 29 to present DCR’s plans for restoring the pedestrian/equestrian bridge, which is currently closed for safety reasons and serves as a vital trail link for DCR Bradley Palmer State Park and Willowdale State Forest. Construction is expected to begin in July 2011. DCR will manage the repair project as a part of the ongoing Patrick-Murray Administration’s Accelerated Bridge Program (ABP).

The goal of the project is to make repairs to a deteriorated pier and replace the wooden deck and railings of a two-span bridge that crosses the Ipswich River and provides recreational access to pedestrians and equestrians between Bradley Palmer State Park (BPSP), located in Hamilton and Topsfield, and Willowdale State Forest, located to the north of BPSP in Ipswich. The pier was damaged due to scour and ice, which has caused considerable loss of mortar and fieldstone on the upstream side of the pier.

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, June 29, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

**WHERE:** Ipswich Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room A, 25 Green Street, Ipswich

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