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## **DCR's Deadline for Permit Applications from Youth and Adult Teams for Use of Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields and other Recreational Fields Extended through March 1st**

BOSTON—February 3, 2012—The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has extended its permit application period for recreational fields by an additional month. Permit applications for use of Commonwealth-owned athletic fields in the Greater Boston Metropolitan Area, including Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields on the Charles River Esplanade, will be accepted through March 1, 2012.

"The Teddy Ebersol Fields are a unique experience for any player," said DCR Commissioner Edward M. Lambert, Jr. "A warm summer day in the heart of the city, surrounded by other young athletes is the kind of experience DCR hopes sticks with kids and encourages them to return again and again to recreation and the outdoors as they grow."

Named in memory of an avid young Red Sox fan, **Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields** are a great gift to those who love youth activities. The fields are named for Teddy, the son of Dick Ebersol, former chairman of NBC Sports, and actress Susan St. James. Teddy died in a plane crash shortly after the Red Sox's 2004 World Series victory. Ebersol Fields stand in honor of Teddy and is a testament to all those who love youth athletics.

The Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields are open for youth soccer, youth baseball, adult softball, T-ball fields (fields include three baseball fields, an adult softball field, one T-ball field and several general use or soccer fields). Lights also allow night games to be scheduled. (A small additional electric fee for use of lights is required). The fields are open for permitted uses from Tuesday through Sunday from April until November.

Located along the Charles River on DCR's famed Esplanade, the youth athletic fields are the result of a groundbreaking public-private partnership between the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the DCR and three local nonprofit organizations: the Red Sox Foundation, Hill House and the Esplanade Association. Working together, these three charitable organizations are a symbol of the Commonwealth's model of stewardship for our open space resources. The Ebersol family also made a generous donation to ensure that the fields will be maintained for future generations.

Any youth soccer, youth baseball or adult softball teams are allowed to request a permit for use of the Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields by calling DCR at 617.727.1199 ext. 403, or going online to <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/ebersol.htm>.

Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields are one of 24 locations where DCR provides athletic fields (for softball, baseball, soccer, basketball, and tennis) for public use. Fields are located in East and South Boston, Cambridge, Belmont, Dorchester, Everett, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Milton, Nahant, Quincy, Revere, Somerville and Waltham. A list of locations and sports permitted at each, as well as a permit application form, is available online at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/fields.htm>.

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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](http://www.mass.gov/dcr). Contact us at [mass.parks@state.ma.us](mailto:mass.parks@state.ma.us).*

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