

Blue Hills Reservation Resource Management Plan



DCR Public Meeting

July 29, 2009; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Trailside Museum, Milton



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Governor

Deval L. Patrick

Lieutenant Governor

Timothy Murray

Energy and Environmental Secretary

Ian A. Bowles

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner

Richard K. Sullivan, Jr.



DCR Mission Statement

*To protect, promote and enhance our
common wealth of natural, cultural and
recreational resources.*

Today's Meeting

- Presentation
 - Resource Management Plans - general
 - Resource Management Plan – Blue Hills
- Public Input

Resource Management Plans (RMPs):

- Are working documents that consider the past, present, and future of a property
- Provide a guide to the short and long-term management of properties under the stewardship of the DCR
- Set priorities for capital and operating budgets and resource allocation
- Enhance communication and cooperation with visitors and surrounding communities

RMP Requirements

Management plans are prepared for “all reservations, parks, and forests under the management of the department”

M.G.L. Chapter 21; Section 2F

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“shall include guidelines for the operation and land stewardship of...reservations, parks and forests”

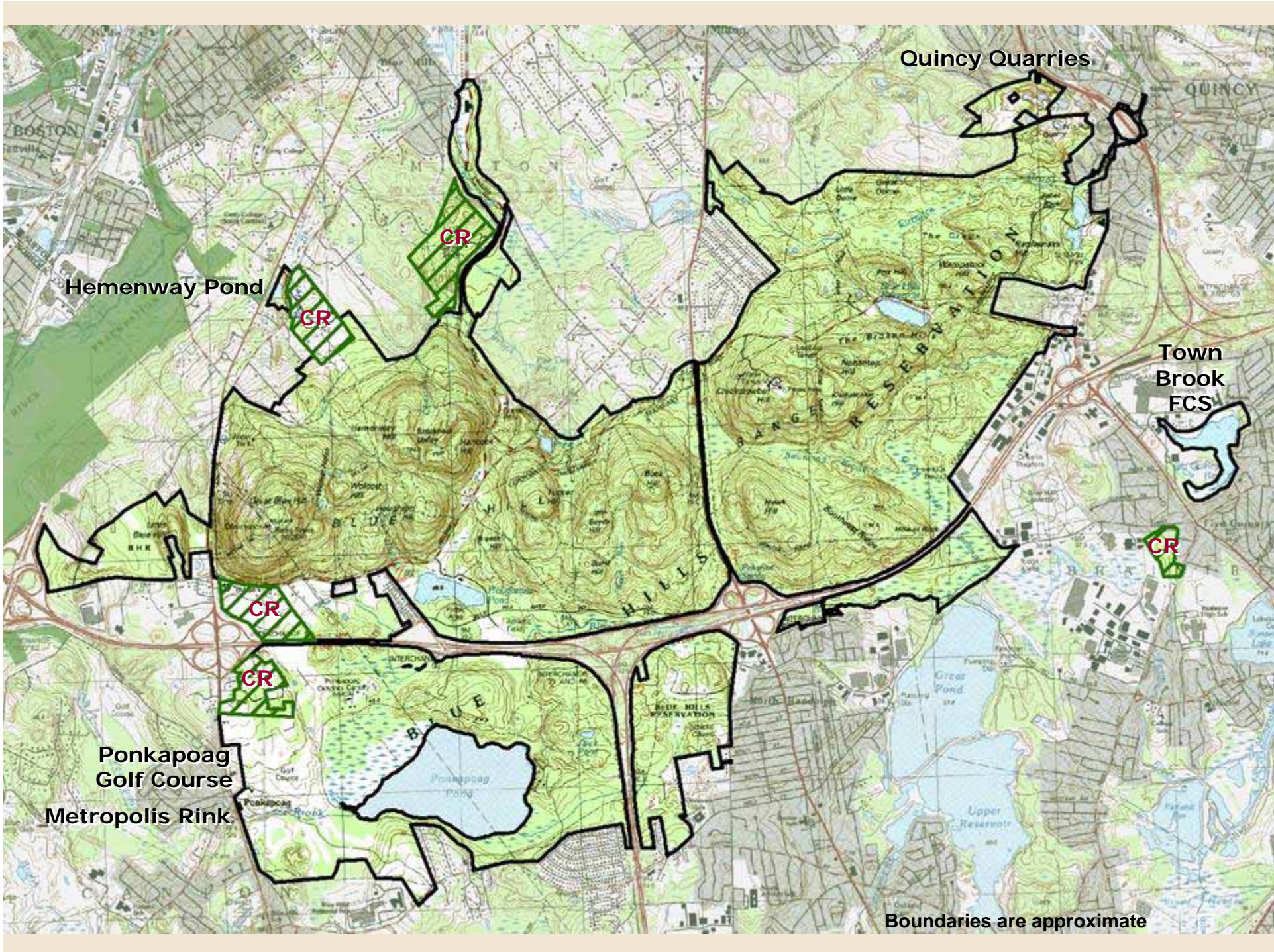
“shall provide for the protection and stewardship of natural and cultural resources”

“shall ensure consistency between recreation, resource protection, and sustainable forest management”

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Prioritizing Planning Needs

- Statewide analysis of planning need
- 385 DCR properties (owned outright or legal interest)
- 80 planning units
- Evaluated natural resources, cultural resources, recreation activities, and operation and management considerations
- Blue Hills Planning Unit #1 priority



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Hemenway Pond

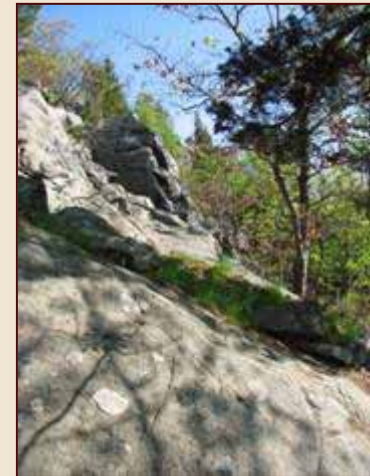
Town
Brook
FCS

Ponkapoag
Golf Course
Metropolis Rink

Boundaries are approximate

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- Defining Characteristics and Goals
- Land Stewardship Zoning
- Management Recommendations

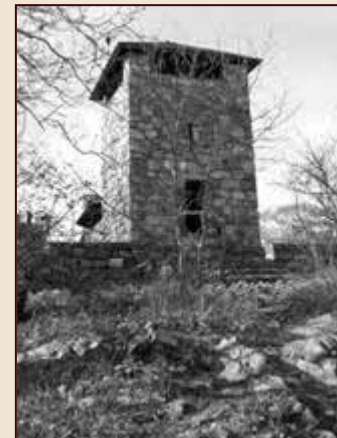
Time Frame

- July 8th – Environmental Monitor
- July 29th – 1st public meeting
- December * – public review of draft plan
- Late 2009 or early 2010 * – 2nd public meeting
- Early 2010* – Blue Hills RMP submitted to DCR Stewardship Council



Eliot Tower ca. 1938

* Dates subject to change



Eliot Tower ca. 2008

Additional Information

For more information:

- Web: www.mass.gov/dcr

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions:

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Questions & Comments

