



March 21, 2011

Dear Interested Citizen or Stakeholder,

On March 10, 2011, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) held in Hadley a public meeting regarding plans for porch repairs and access improvements at the Summit House at Skinner State Park.

At this meeting, we were pleased to provide information on the proposed repairs to the Summit House porch and a design for a new ramp on the south side of the building to provide universal access to the porch. The selection of this ramp option was based on an analysis of several concepts for the provision of vertical access. These concepts and other project details can be viewed in the presentation DCR made at the meeting, which is posted at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/parklandspast.htm>. The presentation also includes information on the projected timetable for construction.

We encourage you and members of your organization to view these materials and to provide us with your input by Friday, March 25, 2011. Comments should be sent to [DCR.Updates@state.ma.us](mailto:DCR.Updates@state.ma.us) (please note "Skinner Porch Repair" in the subject line) or to Office of Public Outreach, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114.

This spring, DCR will hold an additional public meeting on this project to share information on details of the planned construction work and its impact on access to the summit parking lots, the restrooms in the Summit House, and the area immediately surrounding the Summit House. You will receive an invitation to attend the meeting once the date has been established.

We appreciate your continued interest and support as we move forward on this project to enhance Skinner State Park as a natural, cultural, and recreational resource that will be enjoyed for years to come.

Sincerely,

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