



February 2, 2010

Dear Interested Citizen or Stakeholder,

As you know, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and Emerald Necklace Conservancy (ENC) have been engaged in hosting a public process to solicit input from the community on options for enhancing pedestrian and bicyclist access to Jamaica Pond. The discussions have focused on alternatives for crossings at three locations: Eliot Street at the Jamaicaway, Kelley Circle at Parkman Drive, and Parkman Drive at the Parkman Memorial.

At the outset, we would like to state that this important project to enhance access to Jamaica Pond, as well as the public discussion surrounding it, have benefited immeasurably by the initiative and active efforts of State Representative Jeffrey Sanchez. We and the community are most appreciative of his support.

The comments and suggestions that have been received from project stakeholders and the public have served to highlight issues for our attention and were a key component in our planning, as we worked to develop a preferred option for each of the three locations. At a public meeting held at the Arnold Arboretum Visitors Center the evening of January 27, a final recommendation for each location was shared with the public. To view the presentation that was made at this meeting, visit <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/parkwaysmaterials.htm>.

In late May, DCR and the Emerald Necklace Conservancy will be holding an additional public meeting to present the details of the plan for construction at the Eliot Street crossing, which has been identified as the first priority for implementation. You will be receiving an invitation to attend that meeting once the date has been established.

Going forward, we look forward to continuing to work with the community on the goal of improving access to the parks for pedestrians and bicyclists at each of the three locations and everywhere along the Emerald Necklace parkways. We appreciate your interest and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard K. Sullivan".

Richard K. Sullivan
Commissioner
Department of Conservation and Recreation

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Julie Crockford
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