



April 27, 2011

RE: Preparation of a Resource Management Plan for the Fort Phoenix Planning Unit

Dear Interested Citizen or Stakeholder,

On April 13, 2011, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) held a public meeting at the Millicent Library in Fairhaven to discuss, and solicit public input on, the preparation of a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Fort Phoenix Planning Unit, which includes Fort Phoenix, Nasketucket Bay, and West Island State Reservations. At this meeting, we were pleased to provide an overview of these Reservations' natural, cultural, and recreational resources and of the RMP planning process.

We were especially pleased to receive input from the public on the future of these properties. Since the public meeting, DCR has received written comments, which, along with those expressed at the meeting, we are currently reviewing. Comments and suggestions received by the DCR through our public meetings serve to highlight issues for our attention and are an important component of our planning process.

The presentation made at the April 13 public meeting and related information may be viewed at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/rmppast.htm>. We encourage all interested parties to view these materials and to provide us with your input by Friday, May 13, 2011. Comments should be sent to DCR.Updates@state.ma.us (please note "Fort Phoenix RMP" in the subject line) or to Office of Public Outreach, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114.

We appreciate your continued interest and support as we move forward on this project to enhance Fort Phoenix, Nasketucket Bay, and West Island State Reservations as natural, cultural, and recreational resources that will be enjoyed for years to come.

Sincerely,

Joe Orfant
Chief, Bureau of Planning and Resource Protection

