



November 4, 2010

Dear Interested Citizen or Stakeholder,

On October 28, 2010, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) held an initial public meeting at the Carver High School regarding preparation of a Resource Management Plan for Myles Standish State Forest (MSSF). The plan will guide future stewardship efforts in the forest, and will ensure consistency between recreational uses and protection of natural and cultural resources.

At this meeting, DCR was pleased to provide information on the preparation of a Resource Management Plan for MSSF and to obtain input from the public on issues they would like to see addressed in the Plan. Comments and suggestions received by DCR through our public meetings are an important component of our planning process.

The presentation made by DCR at the public meeting, as well as a summary of comments received from meeting attendees, a preliminary list of MSSF management issues, and a MSSF facility fact sheet are posted at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/parklandspast.htm>. We encourage you to review these materials and provide us with your input by November 30, 2010. Comments should be sent to jim.baecker@state.ma.us or mailed to: Jim Baecker, Office of Regional Planning; Department of Conservation and Recreation; 251 Causeway Street, 7th Floor; Boston, MA 02114.

The Friends of Myles Standish State Forest are hosting the following five focus groups to help DCR collect information from people and groups who have local knowledge, data or even a "vision" to contribute to the Resource Management Plan:

1. Pineland, Plantations and Wildlife Management – Wednesday, November 10
2. Vernal Pools and Ponds Management – Wednesday, November 17
3. Interpretive Services, Historical and Cultural Resources – Thursday, December 2
4. Recreational Resources – Thursday, January 6
5. Infrastructure and Operations – Wednesday, January 12

These focus groups will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Myles Standish State Forest Conference Building, located on Cranberry Road in Carver (across the street from the MSSF headquarters). The focus groups are open to the public. Minutes of the focus group sessions will be posted on the Friends of MSSF web site at <http://www.friendsmssf.com>

In early March, DCR will hold a second public meeting to present a draft Resource Management Plan. You will receive an invitation to attend the meeting once meeting details are established. We appreciate your continued interest and support as we prepare a plan to guide future management of the Forest's natural, cultural and recreational resources.

Sincerely,

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