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**PATRICK-MURRAY ADMINISTRATION ALLOCATES FUNDING  
FOR DCR'S CONNORS MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL  
IN WALTHAM**

The Patrick-Murray Administration has allocated approximately \$6 million for the design and construction of the Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) new Connors Memorial Swimming Pool in Waltham. The design is underway, construction is expected to begin in spring 2010, and the pool is expected to open in the summer of 2011.

"We are delighted that this funding has been made available, allowing DCR to begin design work on this new facility and plan for its construction," said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. "The Connors pool has been closed for more than seven years. We thank the community very much for their patience as we move forward with this project."

Earlier this year, DCR contracted with Associated Building Wreckers of Springfield to demolish the existing bathhouse and part of the existing pool. The shell of the old pool will be used as a form for the new one.

Graham Meus Inc. Architects of Boston won the \$342,500 design contract for the pool.

Providing funding for the Connors pool facility symbolizes the Patrick Administration's commitment to revitalizing state parks and recreational facilities across the Commonwealth. It is one of many projects recommended for funding in the five-year, \$1.7 billion environmental bond bill signed by Governor Patrick in August 2008.

"The restoration of Connor's Pool became a priority of mine my first year in office," said Rep. Peter Koutoujian. "Progress has been slow under previous administrations, but I am pleased to see that swift gains have been made under the leadership of Governor Patrick and Commissioner Sullivan. Many families in Waltham do not own a summer home or have memberships to private clubs, but they are no less deserving of the opportunity to seek refuge from the heat while enjoying a healthy activity."

"Waltham officials and families are ready to jump in," said Sen. Susan Fargo. "With more than 11,000 children in the city, I know that this pool will be restored as a great and welcome center

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for fun, refreshment and relief. We have great plans and a committed administration to see this through.”

“I am thrilled that our hard work has paid off and Waltham will now have an additional first class recreational facility for our families to enjoy,” said Rep. Thomas M. Stanley.

“Many thanks to the Department of Conservation and Recreation for working to restore this resource for our community,” said Waltham Mayor Jeannette McCarthy.

The Connors Memorial Pool complex was built in 1954 and closed in 2001 due to the unsafe, deteriorating condition of the bathhouse. Under the Patrick administration, DCR will create a new pool and bathhouse facility that is safe, accessible, and low maintenance, and that will directly benefit the health and recreation interests of area residents.

The new pool will have a gradual beach entry, a separate lap area, a contained area for small children, and an open swim area for adults and older children.

The new bathhouse will include shower and toilet facilities, family changing spaces, offices for a pool manager and lifeguards, a first aid room, storage for lifeguard equipment, and a janitors closet. The bathhouse will also feature a central atrium with vending machines, drinking fountains, phones, and shaded benches.

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