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DCR HOLDING PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS A NEW PLAYSPACE ON THE CHARLES RIVER ESPLANADE

WHAT: The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will hold a public meeting on November 30 to discuss a proposal for a new playground on the Charles River Esplanade near DCR's Hatch Shell. The playground will be designed for children roughly 5-12 years old, and children are welcome during the first half of the public meeting to express their thoughts on what sorts of equipment and structures they'd like to see in the new facility.

The proposal for a new play space comes from a coalition of Boston families who are reaching out to other groups and stakeholders in the city and have agreed to provide all the necessary funding for the design and construction of the play space. The project, including utility work, landscaping, and playground elements, is expected to cost about \$1.2 million. DCR is soliciting public comment on the location and design of the play space.

WHEN: Tuesday
November 30, 2010
4 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
(Children, 4-5 p.m.; adults, 6-7:30 p.m.)

WHERE: Hill House
127 Mt. Vernon St.
Beacon Hill

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