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DCR HOLDING PUBLIC MEETING ON PATHWAY AND CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE EMERALD NECKLACE

BOSTON - The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will hold a public meeting on Thursday, October 7, to discuss guidelines for improving the safety of crosswalks and pathways along the Emerald Necklace, as well as improving connections among the parks along the corridor.

Goals of the project also include balancing and accommodating the needs of various user groups, including cyclists, pedestrians, and joggers along the pathways. The project is being undertaken in cooperation with the Emerald Necklace Conservancy (ENC), a nonprofit public-private partnership, and will be guided by an advisory committee convened by DCR and the ENC.

The meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 7, from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m., in Room 103 of the Wheelock College Campus Center, 150 The Riverway, Boston.

While the Emerald Necklace parkland is primarily City of Boston property, the Arborway, Jamaicaway, and Riverway, which run through and along it, fall under the jurisdiction of DCR.

“This beautiful stretch of urban parkland deserves all the care we can give it,” said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. “Enhancing the safety and experience of all park visitors is an important and worthy goal.”

“We are so fortunate that our 1,100-acre linear park system was laid out by Frederick Law Olmsted over a century ago and that these parklands and parkways have been preserved,” said Julie Crockford, president of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy. “We look forward to the development and application of a uniform set of guidelines for pathway and crosswalk treatments to improve the experience for all types of park users.”

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The Emerald Necklace Conservancy brings people together to renew, enliven, and advocate for the six Emerald Necklace parks designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. Our programs and projects reflect this mission and include parks restoration and maintenance, stewardship and volunteer activities, educational programs and tours, as well as special events in the parks. The Conservancy builds strong partnerships with the public sector park owners, neighborhoods and individuals, and businesses and organizations in order to keep the Olmsted-designed Emerald Necklace parks healthy and vibrant for today and tomorrow. To learn more about the parks, our programs and events, and how to get involved, please visit www.emeraldnecklace.org. Contact us at info@emeraldnecklace.org or call 617-522-2700.