



June 3, 2013

RE: Daly Field Complex Leasing & Renovation Proposal

Dear Friends,

On Thursday evening, May 30, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) hosted a listening session to hear from community residents on their interests regarding a proposal to lease and renovate the Daly Field Complex in Brighton. The proposal was submitted to DCR by the Allston Brighton Friends of Daly Field, Inc. (Friends of Daly Field) and Simmons College, following an act by the Massachusetts Legislature authorizing the lease of the Complex to the Friends of Daly Field and anticipating an investment by Simmons College in renovating the property.

The listening session included presentations by DCR and the Allston Brighton Friends of Daly Field, followed by an opportunity for the public to share their thoughts on the potential environmental impacts of the proposal, including storm water, traffic, and wetlands protection, as well as public recreational use and public access, issues. DCR appreciated the input received at the public meeting, which has helped inform the comments that the agency will submit to Executive Office of Energy and Environment Secretary Richard K. Sullivan, Jr., as part of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) review process.

DCR encourages interested parties to participate directly in the MEPA review process by providing their comments on the Enhanced Environmental Review Form filed by the Friends of Daly Field, posted at <http://www.env.state.ma.us/mepa/mepadocs/2013/042413em/nps/enf/15039.pdf>. Comments should be mailed to Secretary Richard K. Sullivan, Jr. Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Attn: MEPA Office, Holly Johnson, EEA. No. 15039, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114, or emailed to holly.s.johnson@state.ma.us. Please note that the MEPA commenting deadline is Friday, June 7. For those who may be interested in viewing the presentations offered by DCR and the Friends of Daly Field at last week's listening session, they are posted at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/parklandspast.htm> and www.friendsofdalyfield.org, respectively.

After the MEPA review is complete, DCR plans to hold a public meeting to solicit additional public input, of a general nature, on the Daly Field proposal. We very much appreciate your interest and look forward to your ongoing participation in our public process, as we endeavor to balance the very important conservation and recreation charges contained in our agency mission.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner
Department of Conservation and Recreation

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