

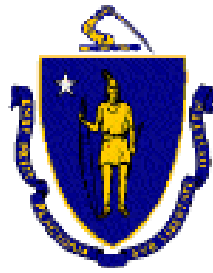


MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

Proposed Children's Spray Deck in Memory of Liberty Arnold-Simon



Clinton, MA
Project Presentation
May 2025



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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DCR Mission Statement

*To protect, promote and enhance our
commonwealth of natural, cultural
and recreational resources
for the well-being of all.*

Meeting Logisitcs

- Two ways to ask questions during the meeting
 - Use chat feature
 - Raise your hand using the Zoom function, and you will be given permissions to unmute and speak.
- *Please note that this public meeting will be recorded; the recording will be a public record.*



Purpose of Presentation

- ❖ Discuss the benefits of, and reasoning for the proposed conversion from a wading pool to a fully accessible spray deck.
- ❖ Discuss spray deck components, examples of DCR spray decks and proposed layout for the new Liberty Spray Deck.
- ❖ Review the layout for the proposed spray deck.

Project Team

Department of Conservation and Recreation
Owner

Coneco Engineers & Scientists, Inc.
Site Engineers



Benefits of DCR's Spray Decks

Over the past approximately 10 years, DCR has been replacing all wading pools within its system. Spray decks provide the following benefits over wading pools.

1. Extended Operating Season* – A spray deck can have an extended operating season as compared to a pool.
2. Increased Operating Hours* - Spray decks can potentially open earlier in the day and remain open longer than a pool.
3. Broader User Population – Spray decks can be used by people of all ages and swimming ability and are fully accessible.
4. No Chemical Treatment - DCR's drain-to-waste operation does not require chemical treatment.
5. Lower Staffing Requirements - Lifeguards are not required.

* Operating schedule is dependent on staff availability.

Example DCR Spray Deck Beaver Brook, Belmont, MA



Example DCR Spray Deck Hall Pool Facility, Stoneham, MA



Example DCR Spray Deck Alfond Spray Deck, Charles River Esplanade, Boston, MA



Example DCR Spray Deck Artesani Spray Deck, Brighton, MA



Wading Pool Dedication

- ❖ The wading pool was named the Liberty M. Arnold-Simon Memorial Children's Swimming Pool in 2019. Prior to her passing in 2015, for years Liberty and her family spent long days at the pool.



Spray Deck Special Features



- ❖ To celebrate Liberty's life, the proposed spray deck could incorporate features in Liberty's memory, such as:

Space

Rainbows

Giraffes

Wading Pool vs Spray Deck Comparison



Wading Pool

- ✓ Aging wading pool (original construction approximately 40-years ago) with no interactive play opportunities.
- ✓ Bland, no colors or features to attract families and enhance enjoyment.
- ✓ Some safety concerns with the step into the shallow pool.



Spray Deck

Along with the standard benefits discussed previously, the proposed spray deck potentially provides:

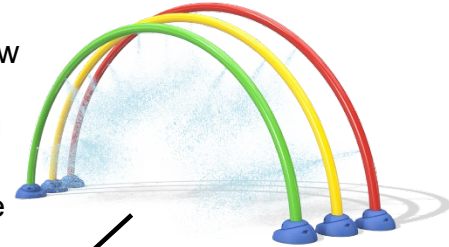
- ✓ Added color with elevated spray features and soft surfacing.
- ✓ Personalized to the dedication.
- ✓ Interactive play.
- ✓ Fully accessible with reduced safety concerns.

Potential Spray Deck Special Features

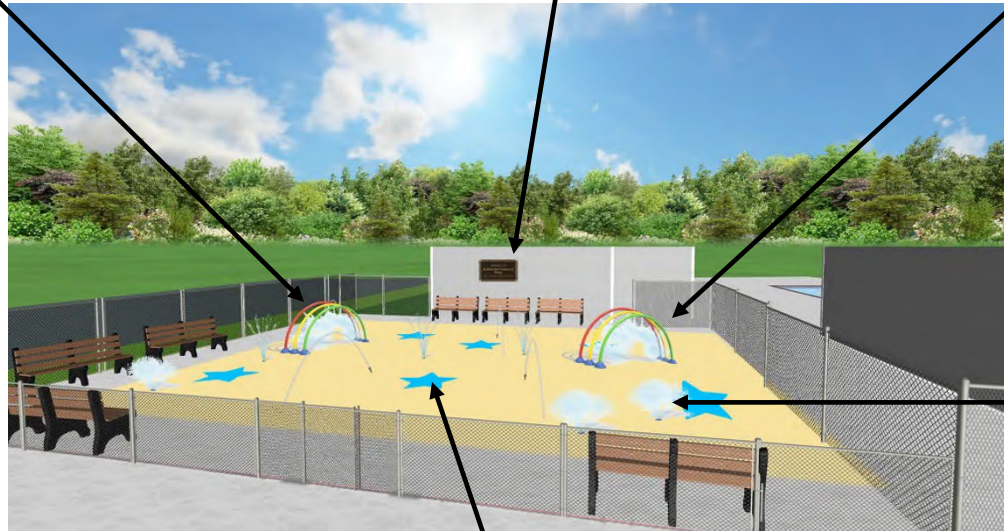
Rainbow
Above
Ground
Misting
Feature



Rainbow
Above
Ground
Misting
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Dedication
Plaque



Various
ground
features

Giraffe Above
Ground
Feature
(Location TBD)



Stars within the rubber surface

New benches and fencing.
Shade structure to remain.



Next Steps:

- Stakeholder Input
- **Public Meeting** and Comment Period
- Finalize Design
 - Spray Deck and Signage – *Summer 2025*
- Construction – *Fall 2025 to Spring 2026*
- New Spray Deck Dedication and Grand Opening – *Summer 2026*

Questions/Discussion

Additional Information

- Recording, chat and tonight's slide deck will be available at:
 - www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings
- If you have comments on this project:
 - *Submit online:* www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment
 - *Deadline: May 27, 2025*

Please note: the contents of comments submitted to DCR, including your name, town and zip code, will be posted on DCR's website. Additional contact information provided, notably email address, will only be used for outreach on future updates to the subject project or property.

- If you wish to subscribe to a DCR general information or project-related listserv: contact DCR's Office of Community Relations via email at mass.parks@mass.gov