

# Conservation Portrait: Conway Park, Somerville

Bay State Smelting was a brownfield and major air polluter, with a long history of OSHA and DEP violations. The site was located in a very low income industrial neighborhood with commuter rail tracks running along the back boundary. Through several phases of the Urban Self-Help Program (now called the PARC Grants), this site has been acquired, demolished, and reused as a flagship park for Somerville. It is adjacent to a Department of Conservation and Recreation skating rink and Conway Park. Through a Memorandum of Understanding between the city and the Metropolitan District Commission (now the Department of Conservation and Recreation), this recreational site has become a model for state, local and citizen cooperation. The combination of the old Conway Park, DCR facility, and the added smelting site makes for an impressive recreational facility.

## *Before Rehabilitation*



## *After Rehabilitation*



