

DCR PROJECT SHADE

Cochituate State Park
Natick, Massachusetts

Public Meeting – June 9, 2025

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



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DCR MISSION STATEMENT



“To protect, promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources for the well-being of all.”

MEETING LOGISTICS

- **You will have the opportunity to submit comments over the course of the next two weeks at:**
 - DCR Public Comments – <https://www.mass.gov/forms/dcr-public-comments>
- **Two ways to ask questions during the meeting**
 - Use chat feature
 - Raise your hand: Click “Reaction”, then click “Raise Hand” and you will be given permission to unmute and speak.
- **Please note that this public information meeting will be recorded and the recording will be public record.**

AGENDA

1. Team Introductions
2. Project Overview
3. Next Steps
4. Discussion – Q/A



TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

CLIENT

Department of Conservation & Recreation



DESIGN TEAM

Civil Engineering and Wetland Science – Comprehensive Environmental Inc.



Structural Engineering – Cirrus Structural Engineering



Landscape Architecture – Earthdesign Landscape Architecture



PROJECT SHADE VISION STATEMENT

“To create a network of resilient and shaded gathering places across Commonwealth parks that provide safe, comfortable, and equitable outdoor spaces for all, especially vulnerable communities, during extreme heat events.”

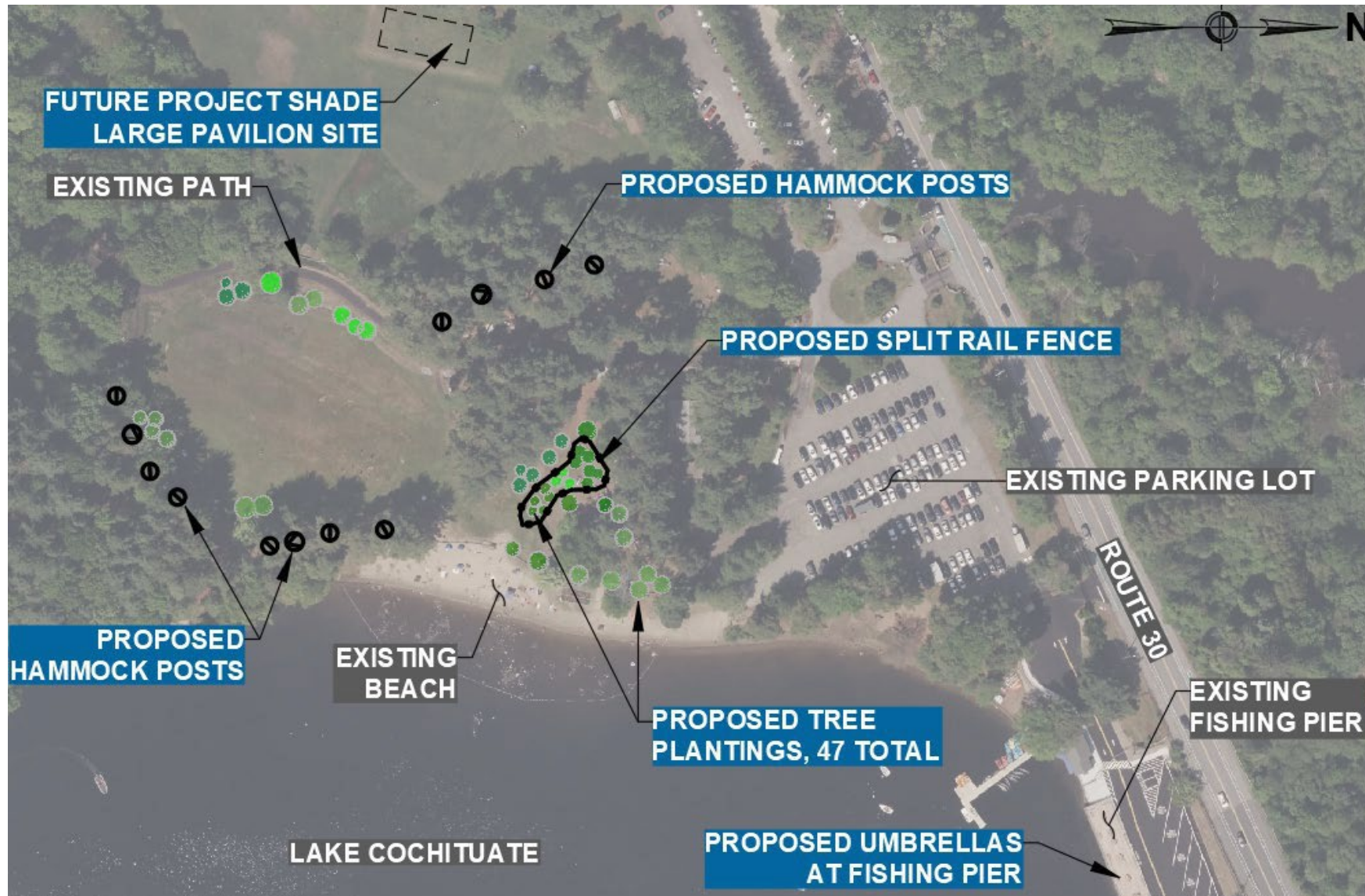


PROJECT OVERVIEW

1. Project Layout
2. Site Furnishings
3. Proposed Tree Plantings



PROPOSED PROJECT LAYOUT



PROPOSED SITE FURNISHINGS



Umbrellas

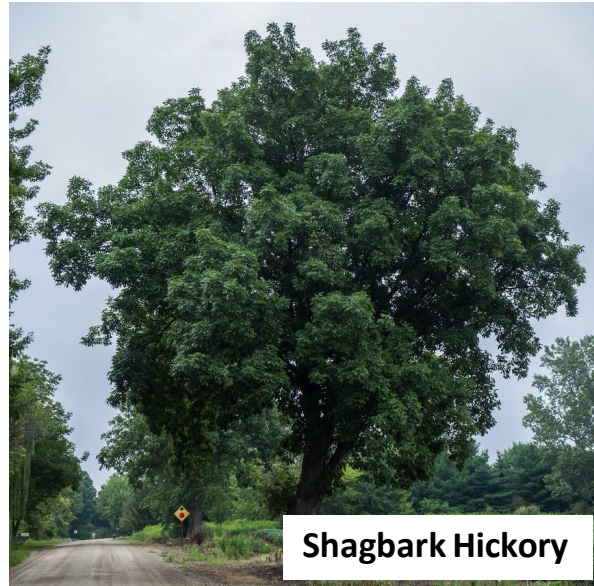


Hammock Posts



Split Rail Fence

PROPOSED TREE PLANTINGS



NEXT STEPS

- **Summer 2025**

- Finalize design plans and specifications
- Permit the project through filing a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) with MassDEP and the Natick Conservation Commission
- File a Project Notification Form (PNF) with MassHistoric to confirm no adverse impacts to cultural resources

- **Fall 2025**

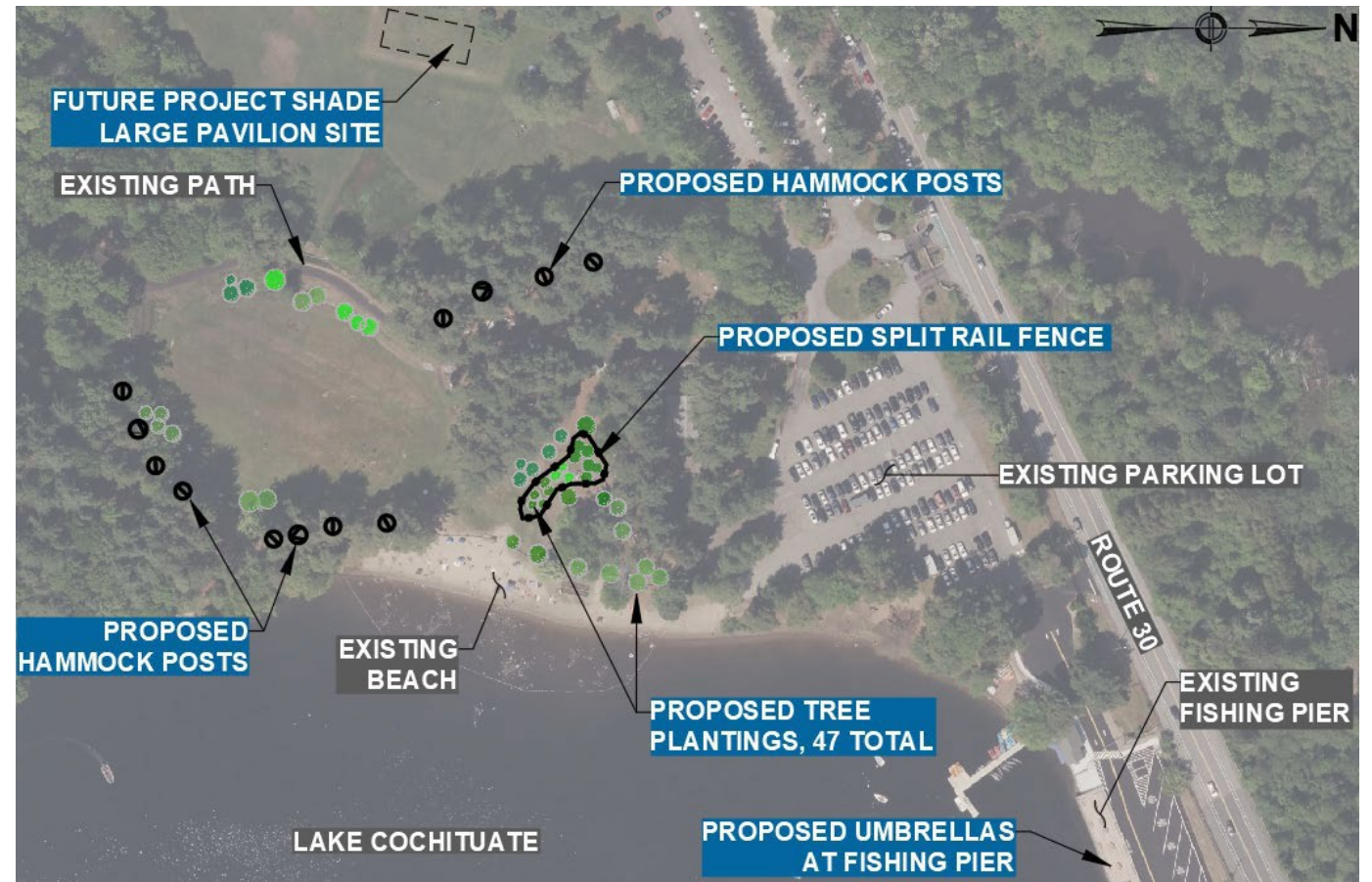
- Prepare project for bidding and construction by a licensed contractor
- Construction start

- **Spring 2026**

- Final plantings
- Construction completion

DISCUSSION / Q & A

- What do you like about the Project Shade Proposals?
- Do you have any concerns about the Project Shade Proposals?
- What's your favorite thing to do at Cochituate State Park?



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

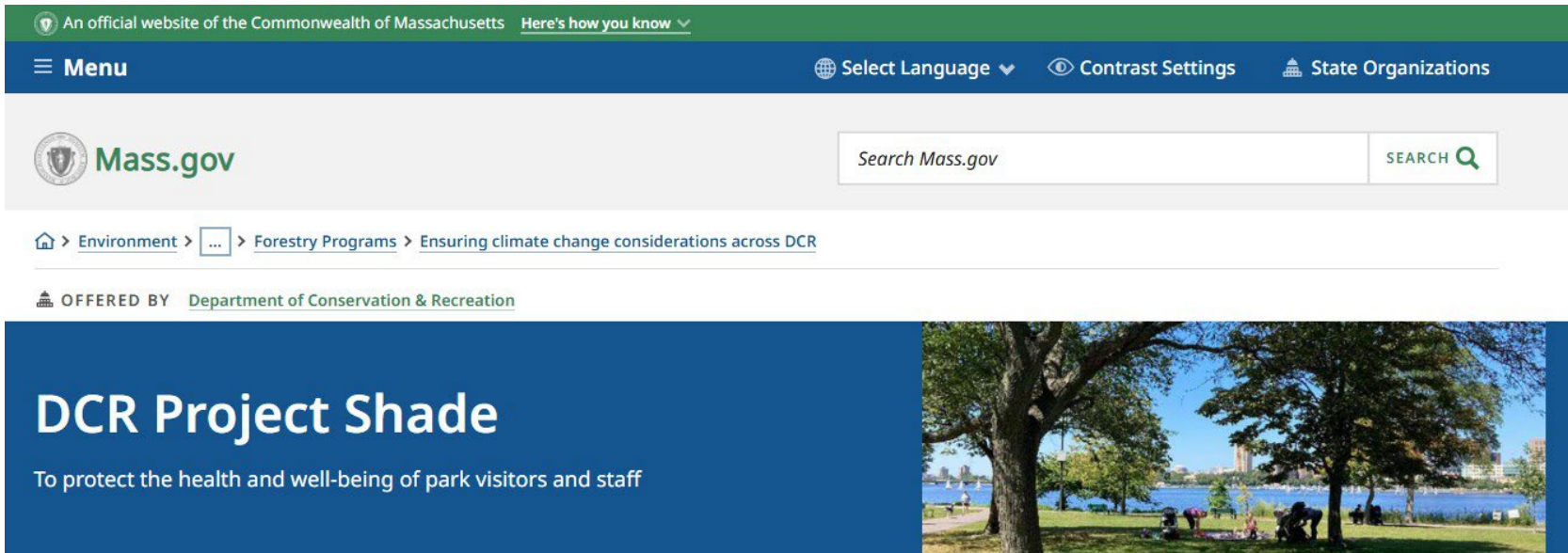
- **Recording and tonight's slide deck will be available at:**
 - https://www.mass.gov/dcr-public-meetings-information/events/past?_page=1
- **If you have comments on this project:**
 - Submit online: <https://www.mass.gov/forms/dcr-public-comments>
 - Deadline: Two Weeks

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 be used for outreach on future updates of the subject project of property.

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

DCR PROJECT SHADE WEBSITE

- <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/dcr-project-shade>



The screenshot shows the top portion of the Mass.gov website. At the top is a green banner with the text "An official website of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts" and a link "Here's how you know". Below this is a dark blue navigation bar containing a "Menu" button, "Select Language", "Contrast Settings", and "State Organizations". The main header area is light gray and features the "Mass.gov" logo on the left and a search bar with the text "Search Mass.gov" and a "SEARCH" button on the right. Below the header is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Environment > Forestry Programs > Ensuring climate change considerations across DCR". Underneath the breadcrumb is a line stating "OFFERED BY Department of Conservation & Recreation". The main content area has a dark blue background on the left with the text "DCR Project Shade" and "To protect the health and well-being of park visitors and staff". On the right is a photograph of a park with large trees and a body of water in the background.

Vision Statement

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THANK YOU

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