

A photograph of a park with several large, leafless trees in the foreground. In the background, there is a soccer field with a yellow goalpost and a net. The sky is overcast.

# DCR PROJECT SHADE

**Quinsigamond State Park – Lake Park**  
**Worcester, Massachusetts**  
Public Meeting – June 9, 2025



# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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**Rebecca L. Tepper**

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner

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# DCR MISSION STATEMENT

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

# MEETING LOGISTICS

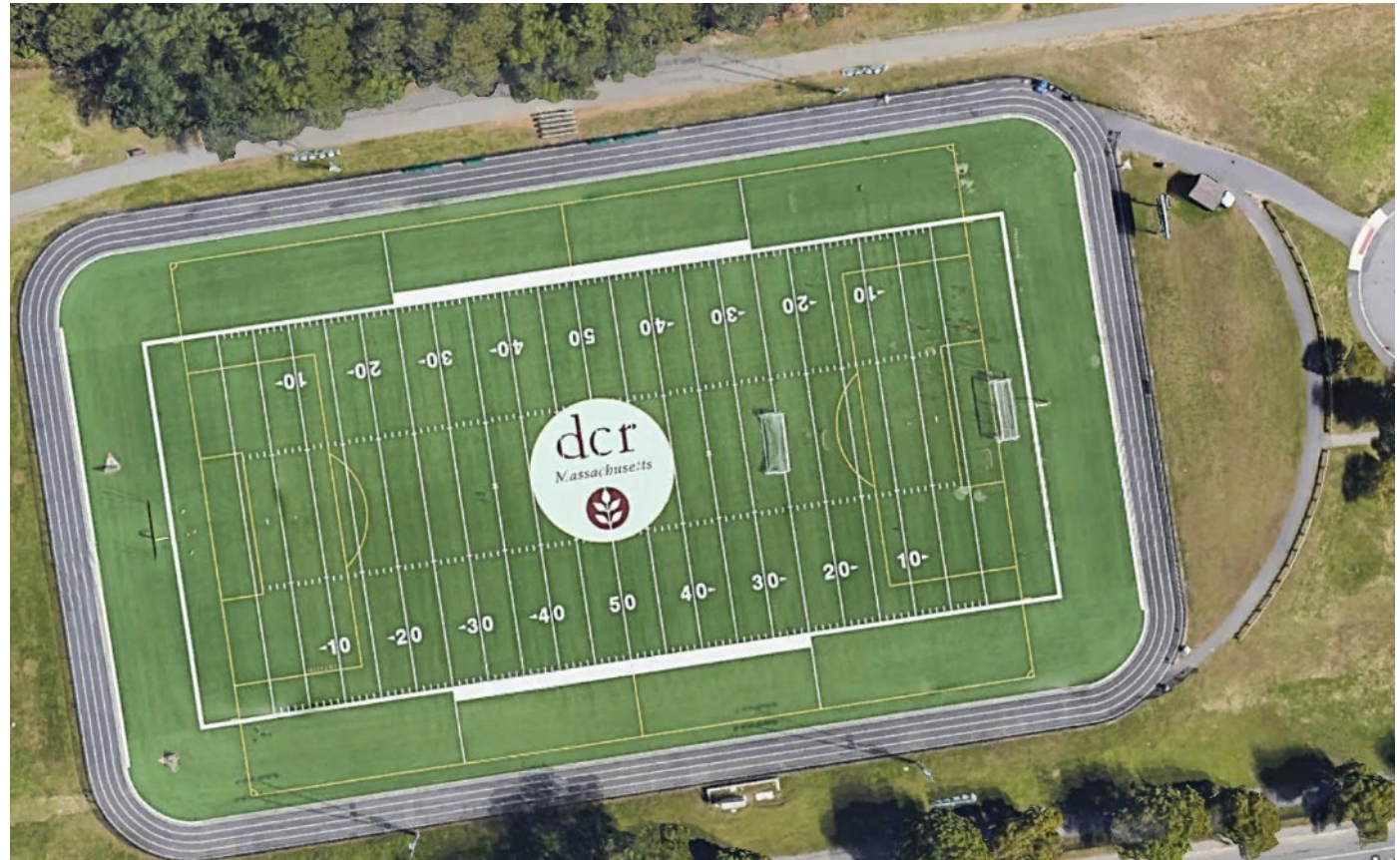
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- **You will have the opportunity to submit comments over the course of the next two weeks at:**
  - DCR Public Comments – <https://www.mass.gov/forms/dcr-public-comments>
- **Two ways to ask questions during the meeting**
  - Use chat feature
  - 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

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



# TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

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## 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

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*“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

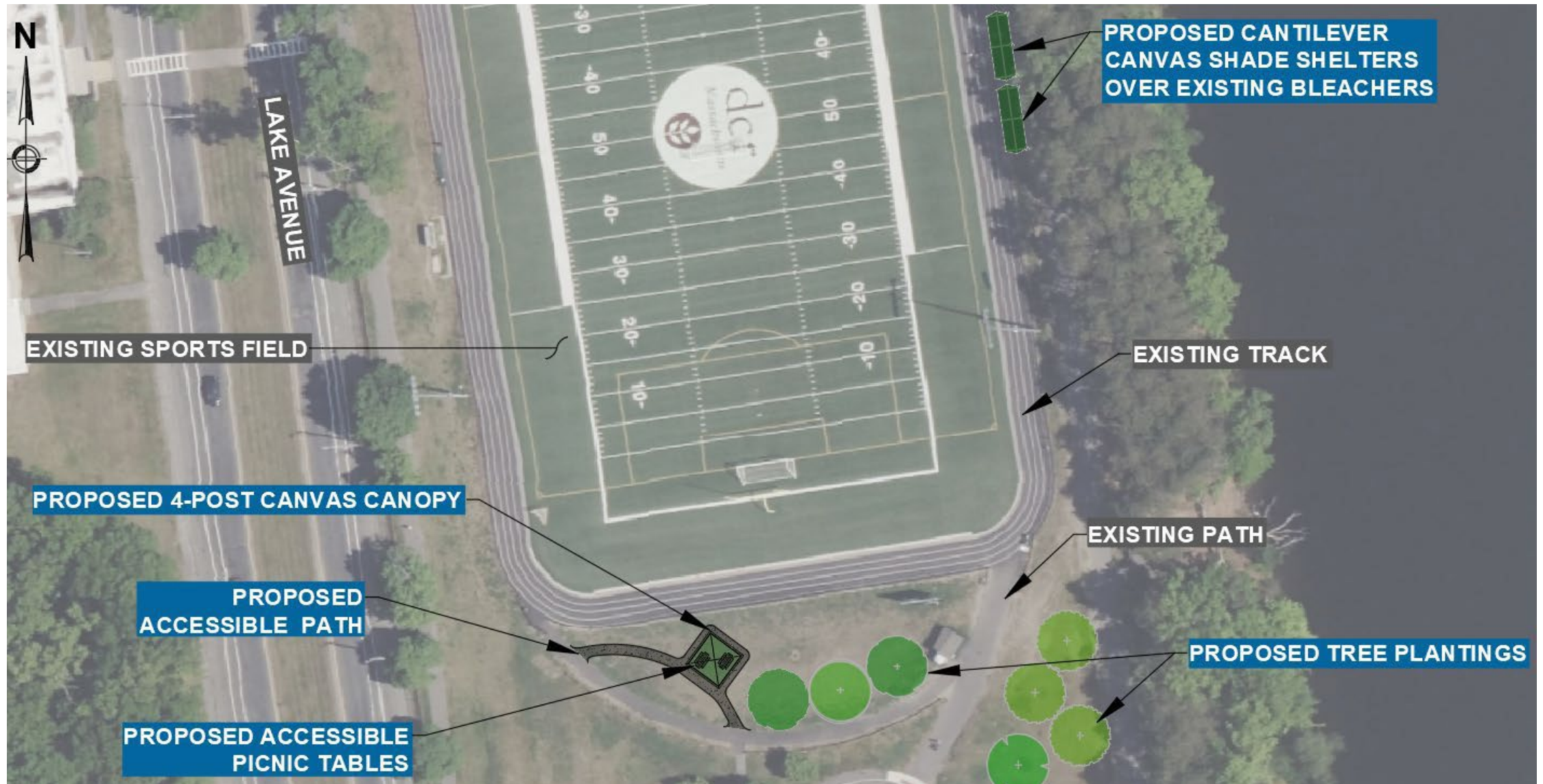
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1. Project Layout
2. Site Furnishings
3. Proposed Tree Plantings





# PROPOSED PROJECT LAYOUT





# PROPOSED SITE FURNISHINGS

4-Post Shade Canopy



Accessible Picnic Tables



Cantilever Shade Shelter



Accessible Path





# PROPOSED TREE PLANTINGS





# NEXT STEPS

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- **Summer 2025**

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

- **Fall 2025**

- Obtain State Building Permit from the Dept. of Public Safety
- Prepare project for bidding and construction by a licensed contractor
- Construction start

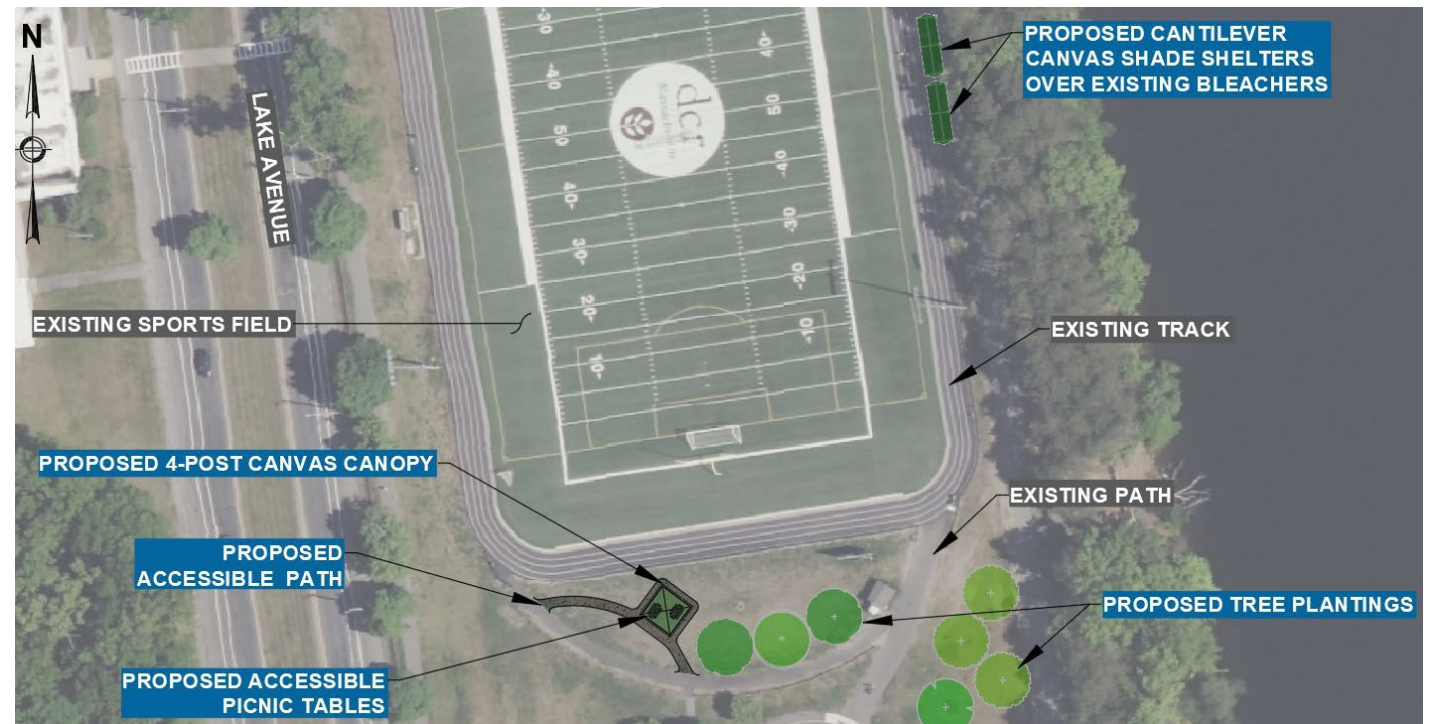
- **Spring 2026**

- Final plantings and 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 Quinsigamond State Park – Lake Park?



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- **Project Shade website:** <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/dcr-project-shade>
- **Recording and tonight's slide deck will be available at:**
  - [https://www.mass.gov/dcr-public-meetings-information/events/past?\\_page=1](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

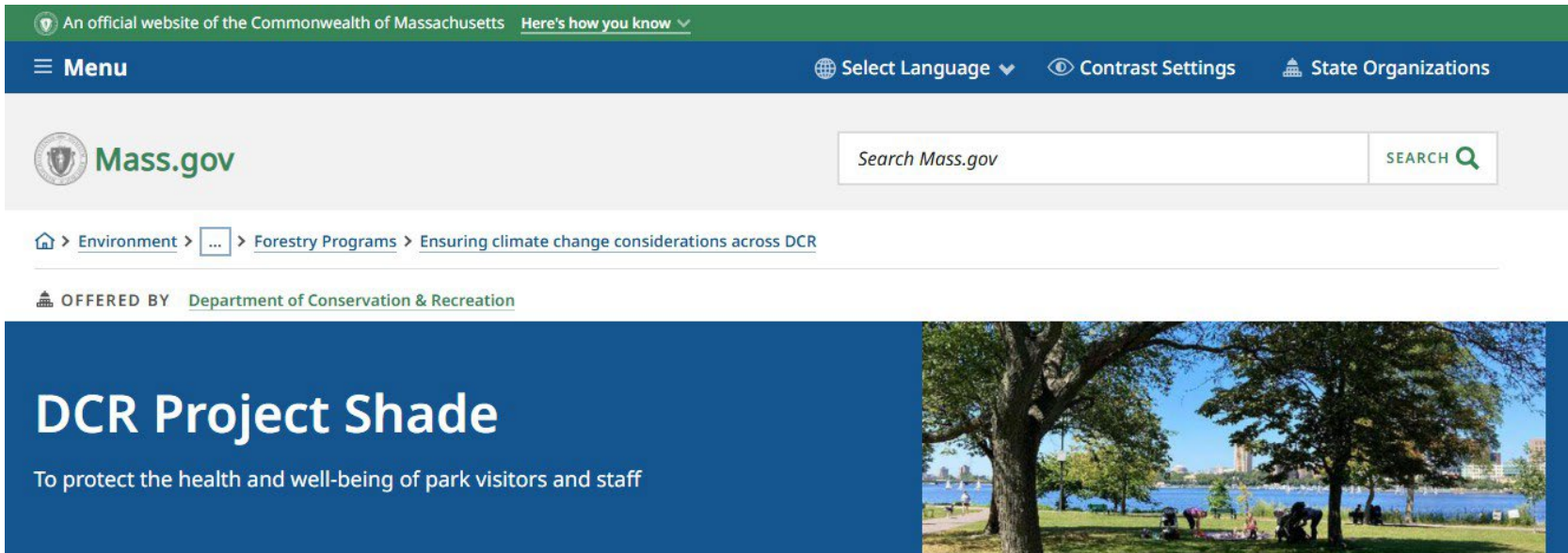
*Please note: the contents of comments submitted to DCR, including your name, town, and zip code, will be posted on DCR's website. Additional contact information provided, notably email address, will be used for outreach on future updates of the subject project of property.*

- **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](mailto: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" icon, "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 placeholder "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 title "DCR Project Shade" and the subtitle "To protect the health and well-being of park visitors and staff". To the right of this text is a photograph of a park scene with large trees, a body of water, and people sitting on a grassy area.

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# THANK YOU

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