



Memorandum

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Re: Permit Year 7 Facility Updates

In Permit Year (PY) 7, VHB, as DCR's consultant, performed a detailed desktop comparison of the current DCR Facilities layer which had been developed over time based on a number of different data sets and used for defining MS4 regulated facilities list against the updated MassGIS Protected and Recreational Open Space layer¹. The MassGIS Open Space layer shows ownership and parcel boundaries of conservation lands and outdoor recreational facilities in Massachusetts and is updated continuously. Any parcels owned or maintained by DCR in the Open Space layer were used to update boundaries in the current DCR facilities layer.

As a result of this review, two facilities were removed and one added to DCR's GIS database. The following sections describe these changes. Note that the facilities listed below may be part of a larger DCR facility with the same name, only the parcels with the Facility IDs listed below were changed as part of this effort. Additionally, VHB made minor geometry updates to several facilities that are not shown in the list below to reflect parcel boundaries in the Open Space layer. The updated facilities can be viewed here:

<https://vhb.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=1fffa8d7b9e144e793dcffb0445846e2>

Facilities Removed

The following facilities were removed after comparison with the MassGIS Open Space layer as there was no indication they were owned or maintained by DCR.

- Chestnut Hill Drive (Facility ID: 1191)
- Chestnut Hill Reservation (Facility ID: 1907)

The changes to the removed facilities listed above are documented in GIS database backups that are performed routinely. These changes are also tracked in DCR's facility history table in their GIS database.

Facilities Added

The following facility was added because it is listed as maintained by DCR in the MassGIS Open Space layer and therefore is within DCR's jurisdiction.

- Beaver Brook North Reservation (Facility ID: 1070)

All of the impacted facilities are in the Charles River watershed. These changes will be considered during Charles River PCP implementation efforts in PY8.

¹ [MassGIS Data: Protected and Recreational OpenSpace | Mass.gov](#)