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RE: Hammond Pond Potential Access Enhancements and Ecological Restoration

Dear Interested Citizen or Stakeholder,

On July 7, 2011, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) held a public meeting at Newton City Hall to discuss preliminary results of a feasibility study regarding ecological restoration of Hammond Pond in Newton and its surrounding shoreline and to present and obtain public input on a conceptual design plan for a walkway at the Pond.

As background, DCR recently approved the utilization of Partnership Matching Funds to leverage a contribution from the Michael Rudyak Memorial Fund to support this work. The feasibility study identifies potential solutions to enhance the ecological function and biodiversity of the Pond and shoreline area, specifies methods for water quality remediation, categorizes areas where public access should and should not be encouraged, presents low impact design options for storm water management, and develops maintenance requirements to ensure recommendations function as anticipated.

If you were unable to attend the public meeting, we encourage you to view the presentation that was made by DCR at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/parklandspast.htm> and to provide us with your comments by writing to dcr.updates@state.ma.us or writing to the Office of Public Outreach, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114. The public comment period for this phase of the project will extend through Friday, August 5. Input received will be taken into consideration during the development of DCR's final recommendations regarding ecological restoration of and expanded public access to Hammond Pond. In the early fall, DCR will hold a third public meeting to present the preliminary design and results of the completed feasibility study.

We appreciate your interest in the Hammond Pond State Reservation and appreciate your participation in DCR's ongoing dialogue with the public officials, stakeholders, and the public regarding the future stewardship of Hammond Pond.

Sincerely,

Edward M. Lambert Jr.
Commissioner

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