



January 27, 2017

Dear Friends:

On January 19, 2017, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) was pleased to hold a public informational meeting about the upcoming construction at the Dillaway-Thomas House at Roxbury Heritage State Park. DCR wishes to thank Representative Chynah Tyler and the staff of Roxbury Community College for hosting this event. DCR would also like to thank both Representative Tyler and Representative Byron Rushing for their continued support for this important project.

At this meeting, DCR and our General Contractor for this project, Campbell Construction Group, LLC, provided an update on project design and construction, including the construction schedule and logistics. We were able to share information about the planned upgrades to the house and improvements to the landscape and to provide a glimpse at the exhibit design that is currently wrapping up. We also saw the meeting as an opportunity to listen to community concerns, respond to questions, and provide information on ways the community can continue to work with DCR on helping to move this project forward.

As we presented at the meeting, the anticipated construction schedule for this project is as follows:

- Mobilization and site prep – *February 2017*
- Begin interior restoration efforts – *February 2017*
- Begin site work – *March 2017* (weather depending)
- Begin site landscaping – *April/May 2017*
- Complete interior restoration and coordinate with exhibit installation – *May/June 2017*
- Complete site work – *end of July 2017*
- Project completion – *August 2017*

DCR and Campbell Construction Group, LLC are committed to providing the community with opportunities for minority workforce participation. As the contractor noted at the meeting, they are still looking to hire qualified firms to handle some of the landscaping and site work. In particular, the following work is available for subcontracting:

Landscaping:

Erosion control
Numerous Plantings
Mulch
Loam
Raking and Seeding

Site work:

Excavation
Grading
Fine Grading
Stone work
Sub-grade preparation
Paving and Stripping
Concrete Work

If you or anyone you know is qualified and interested in performing this work, please contact Steve Athanas at Campbell Construction Group, LLC at 978-532-1998 or at info@campbellgroupllc.com.

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DCR recognizes that engagement with the local community is critical to the success of this project and pledges its commitment to improved communication and opportunities for community involvement. Among other things, we will be updating our project website to reflect the new project schedule at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/conservation/planning-and-resource-protection/projects/roxbury-hsp-project.html>

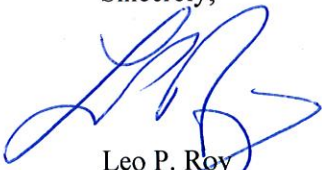
Also on the project webpage, we will be posting two-week look aheads so that neighbors know what they can expect to see happening at the site in the ensuing several days and can keep track of progress. DCR is also planning additional public meetings to share information on the status of the exhibit development (March), provide an update on the house construction (May), and provide an update on the landscape construction (July.) Finally, we will soon be reaching out to community organizations to begin the discussion about potential future partnerships and programming opportunities.

If you wish to view the presentation made at the recent public meeting, it is available on DCR's website at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/>.

If you have additional comments or questions or you would like to receive project updates, please email mass.parks@state.ma.us or write to the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Community Relations, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114, or call 617-626-4973. We encourage you to share the project materials found on our website with your friends and neighbors and let them know how they can also contact us to be included on our outreach list for this project.

On behalf of Governor Charlie Baker, we thank you for your commitment to the community of Roxbury. With your ongoing interest and involvement and that of the community-at-large, we look forward to the realization of the Roxbury Heritage State Park as a resource that celebrates the rich and diverse history that surrounds it.

Sincerely,



Leo P. Roy
Commissioner