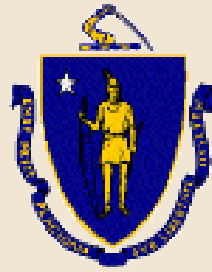


Myles Standish Complex Draft Resource Management Plan



DCR Public Meeting
Tuesday, March 1, 2022; 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Governor

Charles D. Baker

Lieutenant Governor

Karyn E. Polito

Energy and Environmental Secretary

Kathleen A. Theoharides

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner

Stephanie Cooper

Meeting Logistics

- You will have the opportunity to submit comments until March 23rd:
 - 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 using the Teams function, and you will be given permissions to unmute and speak.

*Please note that this public meeting is being recorded;
the recording is a public record.*

DCR Mission Statement

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



Tonight's Presentation



Scusset Beach State Reservation



Myles Standish State Forest

- RMP Requirements
- Myles Standish Complex RMP Schedule
- Overview of Draft RMP
 - Existing Conditions
 - Recommendations
- Public Input

RMP Requirements

Management plans are prepared for “all reservations, parks, and forests under the management of the department”

M.G.L. Chapter 21; Section 2F



Scusset Beach State Reservation

RMPs Shall ...



National Monument to the Forefathers,
Pilgrim Memorial State Park

“include guidelines for the operation and land stewardship of... reservations, parks and forests”

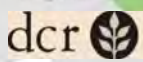
“provide for the protection and stewardship of natural and cultural resources”

“ensure consistency between recreation, resource protection and sustainable forest management”

M.G.L. Chapter 21; Section 2F

Myles Standish Complex RMP Schedule (tentative)

Date	Action
February 23, 2022	Announcement of public meeting. Release of public draft RMP. Public comment period begins.
March 1, 2022	Public meeting.
March 23, 2022	Public comment period ends.
March–April 2022	Revision of draft plan to reflect public comment.
April 14, 2022	Presentation to DCR Stewardship Council.
May 2022	Stewardship Council votes to adopt, or not.
May 2022	Final RMP posted to web.



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Myles Standish Complex

Existing Conditions:



Natural Resources



Cultural Resources



Recreation



Infrastructure



Visitor Services



Management Resources &

Management Practices

Recommendations



Myles Standish State Forest

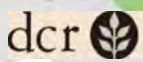


Standish Monument Reservation

Recommendations Must:

- “Ensure consistency between recreation, resource protection and sustainable forest management.”
- Meet one or more of five prioritization criteria to be considered High Priority.

Only High Priority recommendations are included in the RMP.



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Examples of Existing Conditions and Recommendations

Myles Standish State Forest: Existing Conditions

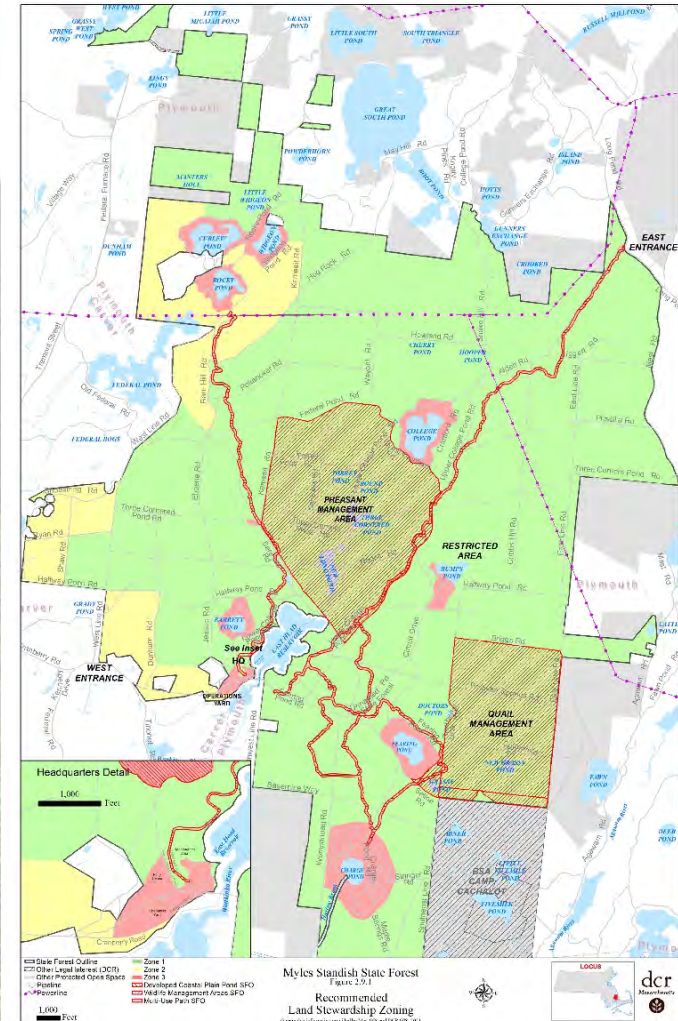
	MYLES STANDISH STATE FOREST
Area (acres):	12,437
Landscape Designation:	Reserve (75%) Parkland (25%)
Ownership:	DCR
Management:	DCR
Rare Species:	37 State 1 Federal
Cultural Resources:	81
Recreation:	Biking Camping Dog Walking Hiking Horseback Riding Hunting Nature Study Swimming

Myles Standish State Forest: Recommendations

Management Recommendations

54 Priority Recommendations, such as:

- Restore and maintain a mosaic of fire influenced natural communities for state-listed and uncommon plants and wildlife in consultation with NHESP and FRSAC.
- Develop a recreation master plan for all of the forest's developed ponds to assess opportunities for improved public amenities, such as overnight accommodations, for visitors, while protecting sensitive resources.
- For the remaining privately-owned cottages, continue to manage in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Seasonal Cottage Campsite Permit and applicable law.



Kingston State Forest: Existing Conditions

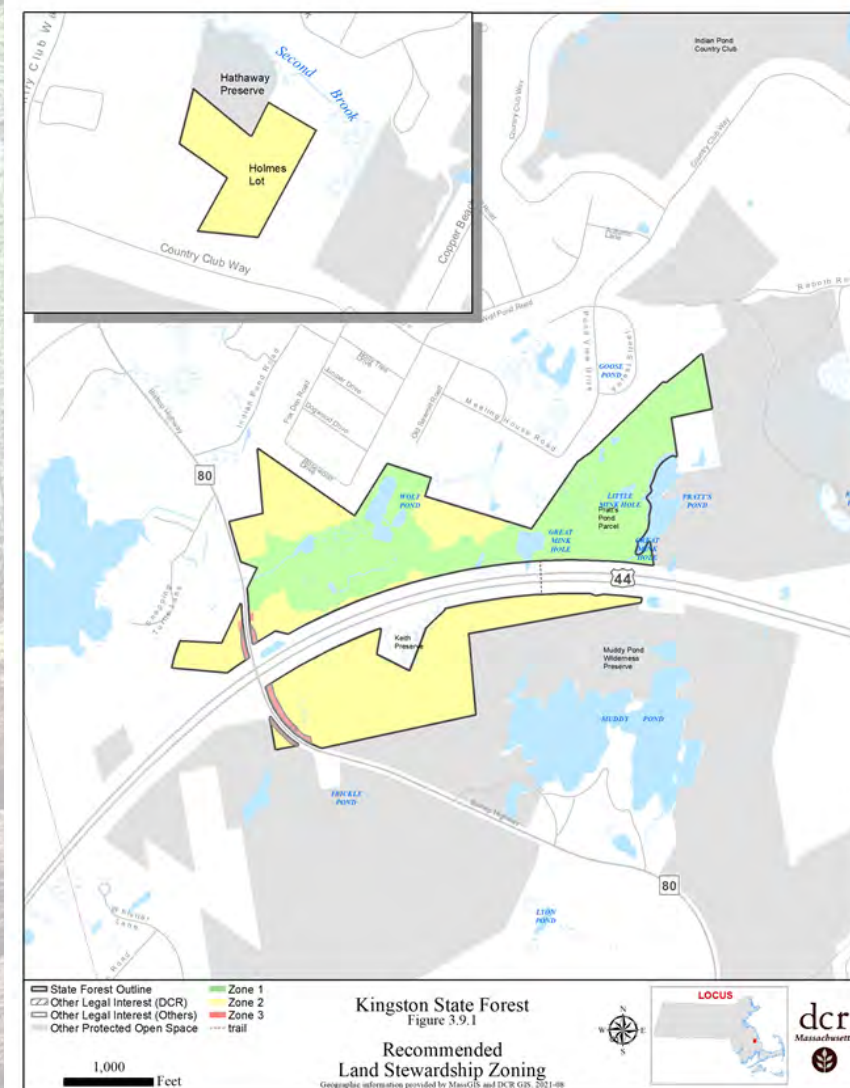
	KINGSTON STATE FOREST
Area (acres):	205
Landscape Designation:	Woodland
Ownership:	DCR
Management:	DCR
Rare Species:	4 State 0 Federal
Cultural Resources:	1
Recreation:	Biking Dog Walking Hiking Hunting Nature Study

Kingston State Forest: Recommendations

Management Recommendations

6 Priority Recommendations, such as:

- Protect the coastal plain pondshore community at Great Mink Hole and Wolf Pond through regulated access and informational signage.
- Establish a park gateway along Route 80 with vehicle parking, kiosk, and a connection to existing trails.
- Install standard DCR trail markings and signs at the Pratts Pond parcel.
- Obtain an easement, right of way, or other legal instrument that permanently provides for crossing private property in order to access the Holmes Lot.



Ellisville Harbor State Park: Existing Conditions

	ELLISVILLE HARBOR STATE PARK
Area (acres):	99
Landscape Designation:	Parkland
Ownership:	DCR
Management:	DCR
Rare Species:	2 State 1 Federal
Cultural Resources:	9
Recreation:	Dog Walking Hiking Nature Study Picnicking

Ellisville Harbor State Park: Recommendations

Management Recommendations

14 Priority Recommendations, such as:

- Remove trees and shrubs from former agricultural fields and manage fields, via mowing and/or fire, to restore fields to historic extent and to promote grassland bird habitat.
- Work with local, state, and federal agencies, and stakeholders to support long-term solutions by others to the stability and sedimentation of the Ellisville Harbor inlet and improve the health of the marsh and estuary.
- Repair park access road and parking lot, including improvements to road drainage to minimize erosion. Develop and implement a maintenance schedule for the road and lot.



Pilgrim Memorial State Park: Existing Conditions

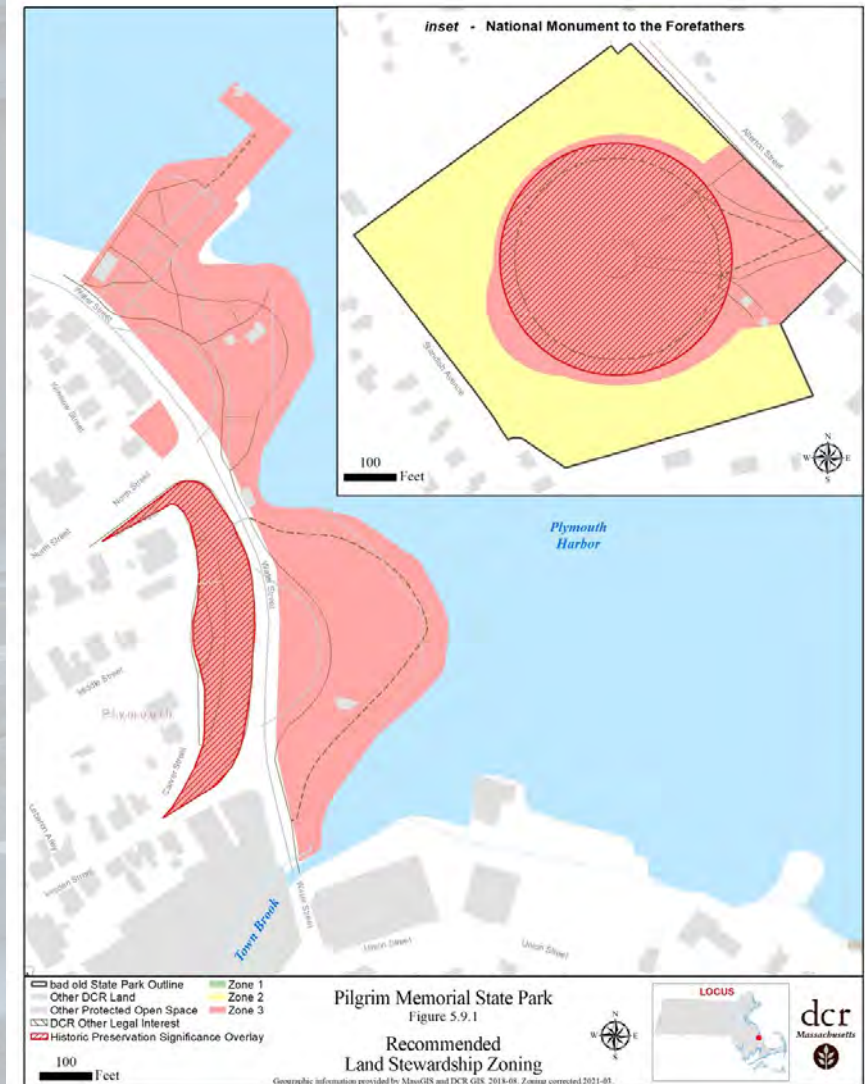
	PILGRIM MEMORIAL STATE PARK
Area (acres):	19
Landscape Designation:	Parkland
Ownership:	DCR
Management:	DCR
Rare Species:	1 State 0 Federal
Cultural Resources:	29 Total 2 National Register 1 National Historic Landmark
Recreation:	Community Events Concerts Dog Walking Heritage Tourism Walking

Pilgrim Memorial State Park: Recommendations

Management Recommendations

15 Priority Recommendations, such as:

- Prepare and implement a Climate Change Resiliency plan to protect the state park, including the Portico base and Plymouth Rock, from sea-level rise and storm surge.
- Implement recommendations identified in DCR's Accessibility Assessment.
- Conduct an assessment of the ability of existing facilities to meet all of the needs of the park in regard to office space, equipment storage and repair, and visitor services.
- Construct universally accessible parking and a pathway to the Forefathers Monument.



Standish Monument Reservation: Existing Conditions

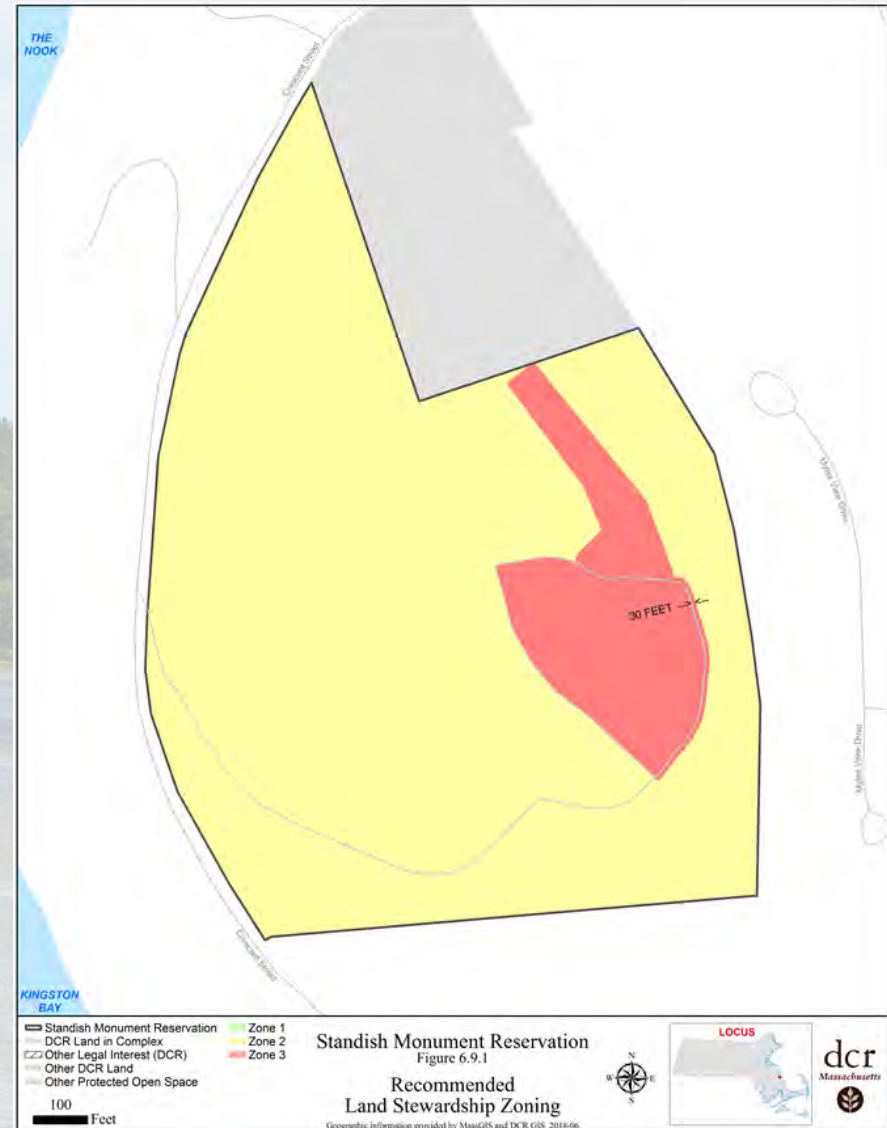
	STANDISH MONUMENT RESERVATION
Area:	28
Landscape Designation:	Parkland
Ownership:	DCR
Management:	DCR
Rare Species:	0 State 0 Federal
Cultural Resources:	7
Recreation:	Dog Walking Heritage Tourism Picnicking Walking

Standish Monument Reservation: Recommendations

Management Recommendations

5 Priority Recommendations:

- Assess condition of the monument and Standish sculpture; develop a rehabilitation, conservation, and maintenance plan.
- Assess the condition of the metal railings along the walkway to the monument; repair as needed.
- Restore water views from base of tower and limited areas in the eastern parking lot.
- Develop interpretive materials.
- Explore opportunities for increased partnerships, including friends groups, to increase public use and enjoyment of DCR parks.



Scusset Beach State Reservation: Existing Conditions

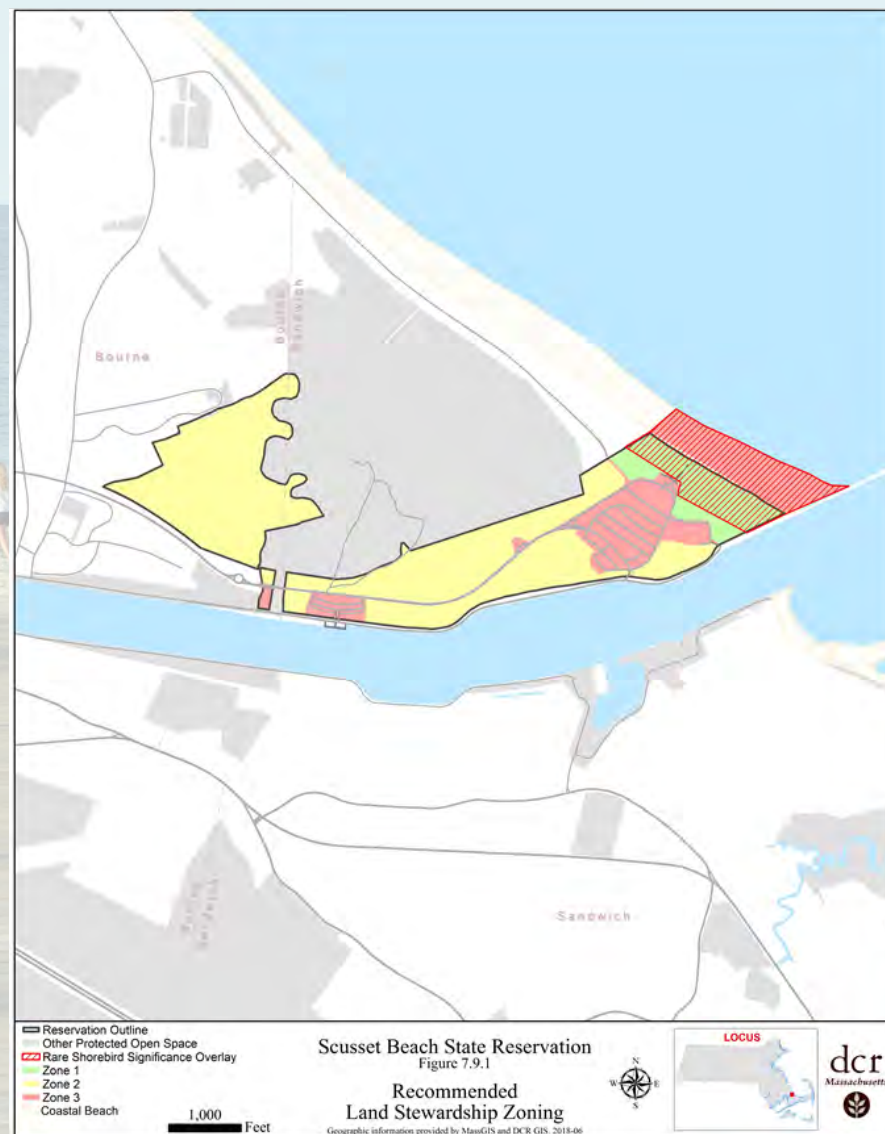
	SCUSSET BEACH STATE RESERVATION
Area:	268
Landscape Designation:	Parkland
Ownership:	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DCR
Management:	DCR
Rare Species:	5 State 1 Federal
Cultural Resources:	6 Total 1 National Register
Recreation:	Camping Dog Walking Fishing Hiking Hunting Nature Study Picknicking Swimming/Sunbathing

Scusset Beach State Reservation: Recommendations

Management Recommendations

9 Priority Recommendations, such as:

- Continue piping plover and tern management activities to protect populations and ensure compliance with state and federal law.
- The circa 1957 Scusset Beach Pavilion (i.e., Bathhouse and Maintenance Building) should be preserved by rehabilitating the structures for modern use while preserving distinctive architectural features in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.
- Add accessible tables, grills, and paths to the picnic grove.
- Identify options to reinforce the boardwalk to beach to accommodate utility vehicle access in emergency situations.



Public Comment

General Guidelines

- Please state:
 - Name
 - Affiliation (if any), and
 - Name of property on which you are commenting



Ellisville Harbor State Park



Myles Standish State Forest

Public Comments due by March 23, 2022

For more information:

<https://www.mass.gov/dcr-public-meetings-information>

To download the draft Myles Standish Complex RMP:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/myles-standish-complex-rmp>

Send your comments and suggestions to:

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Questions for DCR not pertaining to this project:

mass.parks@mass.gov

PLEASE NOTE: Please note that the content of comments you submit to DCR, along with your name, town, and zip code, will be posted on DCR's website. Additional contact information required when commenting, notably email address, will only be used for outreach on future updates on the subject project or property.

Thank You for Participating



Myles Standish State Forest

Massachusetts Endangered Species Act

“Unless specifically required otherwise by statute, localities on state owned lands that provide habitat for state listed species ***shall be managed for the benefit of such listed species***. Said agencies shall give management priority to the protection, conservation, and restoration of Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern species occurring on state owned lands. All practicable means and measures shall be taken to resolve conflicts between the protection, conservation, and restoration of state listed species on state owned lands and other uses of such lands in favor of the listed species.”