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**Statement of the DCR Stewardship Council on the Retirement of
Commissioner Leo P. Roy**

DCR Commissioner Leo Roy retired on September 27, 2019 after leading the agency for more than three and a half years. Commissioner Roy came into the role following a leadership position in an environmental engineering and planning firm and a five-year term as Massachusetts Undersecretary of Environmental Affairs.

Commissioner Roy utilized his expertise to manage the agency effectively while also maintaining the important balance between environmental conservation and ensuring the people of Massachusetts are able to enjoy its outdoor and recreational assets. Under Commissioner Roy's leadership, DCR improved the efficiency of operations with an emphasis on safety, acquired and preserved over 10,000 acres of land, and improved state campgrounds, such as Massasoit State Park, Wellfleet Hollow State Campground, Shawme-Crowell State Forest, Salisbury Beach State Reservation, and Windsor State Forest.

During Commissioner Roy's tenure, DCR also opened the Visitor Center at Walden Pond State Reservation, restored the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey, and constructed new maintenance facilities at North Point Park, and Revere Beach Reservation. In addition to expanding and enhancing DCR's assets, Commissioner Roy invested resources to improve the agency's management of existing assets and communication methods.

The DCR Stewardship Council enjoyed the honor of working closely with Commissioner Roy over the past three and a half years. The Commissioner always took the time to share his vision for the agency, address key questions and concerns, and embrace ideas for the future. His openness to the feedback and ideas of others extended well beyond the Stewardship Council to members of the public who attended our meetings across Massachusetts. Additionally, Commissioner Roy traveled extensively throughout the Commonwealth to attend events and public meetings that helped DCR better understand public priorities and gather feedback that informed the direction of the agency.

A leader who listens is a great asset to any organization and DCR has benefited from such a leader with Commissioner Roy at the helm. It is our great pleasure on behalf of the Stewardship Council to thank the Commissioner for his dedication and accomplishments during his time leading DCR. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors, and we look forward to partnering with Acting Commissioner Jim Montgomery to continue to advance the mission of DCR and serve the people of Massachusetts.

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