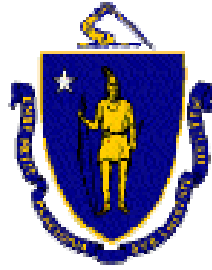


Rehabilitation of the Lotta Fountain On the Charles River Esplanade



Public Meeting
Co-Hosted by DCR and Esplanade Association

Monday, June 13, 2016
6:30pm – 8:00pm
Community Boating, Inc.
21 David G. Mugar Way, Boston, MA 02114



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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 Meeting - Purpose

- Present design and schedule for rehabilitation of Lotta Fountain including:
 - Restoration of historic fountain
 - Restoration of drinking basin for dogs
 - Accessibility upgrades
 - Conservation of stone work and sculptural elements
 - Landscape treatment
 - Lighting and site signage
- Answer questions



- On behalf of the Greater Boston community, the Esplanade Association works to restore and enhance Boston's Charles River Esplanade.
- In support of its mission, the Esplanade Association works to:
 - Revitalize and care for the park's natural environment and historic character
 - Restore and enhance the park's amenities
 - Improve the park visitors' experience
 - Offer a wide variety of free educational and recreational programming
 - Advocate for public policy and resource allocation to support the park



Budget

Design	\$ 40,000.00
Construction	\$ 215,000.00

The Lotta Fountain Rehabilitation project is 100% privately funded by the generous members of the Esplanade Association and its partners





- Art Deco style granite structure with central obelisk topped with dog sculpture
- Cat head spout filling low basin.
- Wing walls include seating and bubblers
- Built 1939 and moved to present location in 1949
- Sculpture by Katherine Weems, noted for *Dolphins of the Sea* at the NE Aquarium
- Named for Lotta Crabtree, benefactor

History – Who was Lotta Crabtree?



Courtesy of Library of Congress, LC-USZ62-50020

- Charlotte (Lotta) Mignon Crabtree (1847-1924)
- Child star and successful stage actress
- Retired in 1892, moved to Boston in 1915
- Died the 2nd wealthiest resident of the city
- She left a charitable trust for the benefit of veterans, aging actors, abandoned pets, and working animals
- She established the Lotta Dumb Animal Fund with \$300,000, which later presented the city with the fountain

History



1910 Boston Embankment



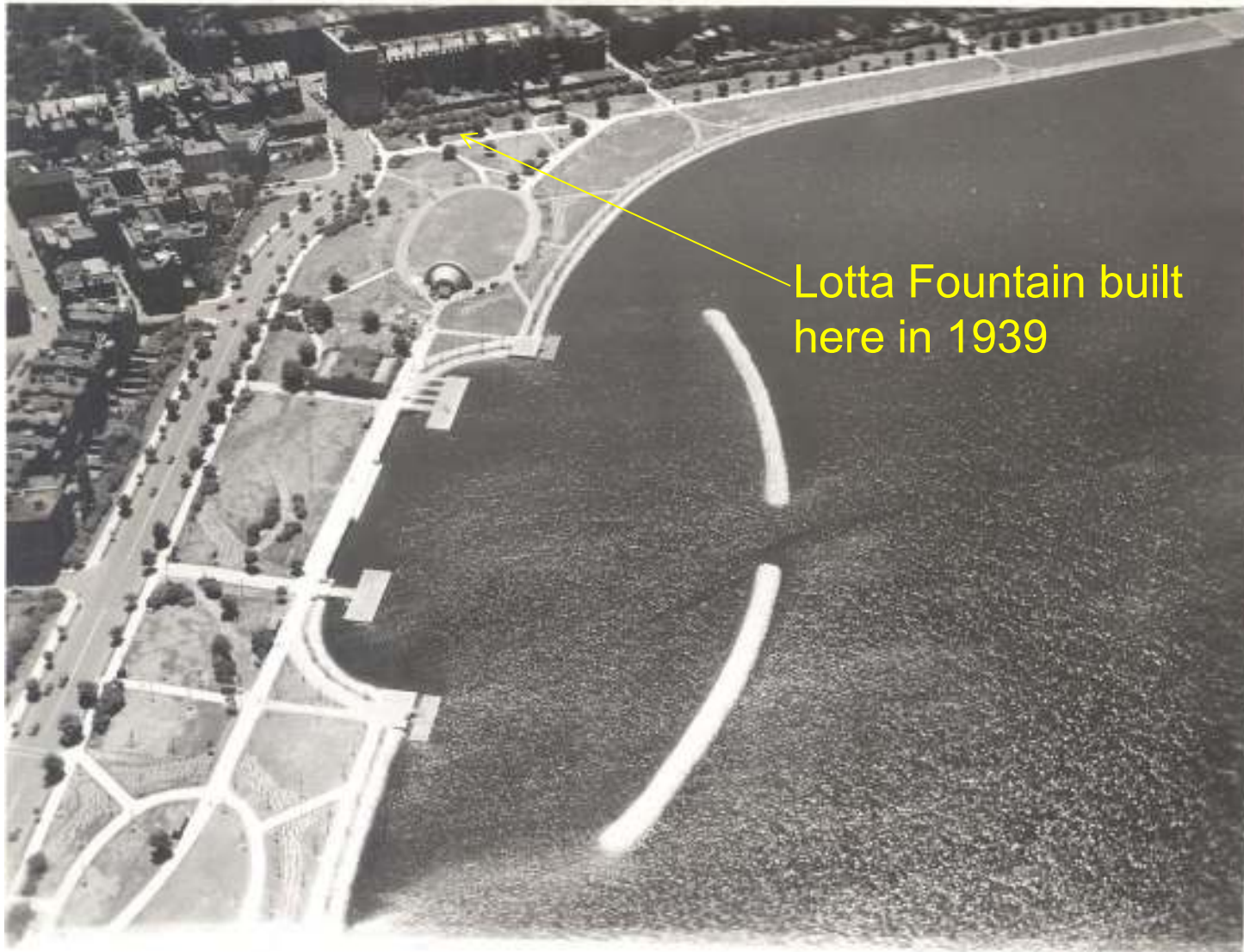
1934 Esplanade

History



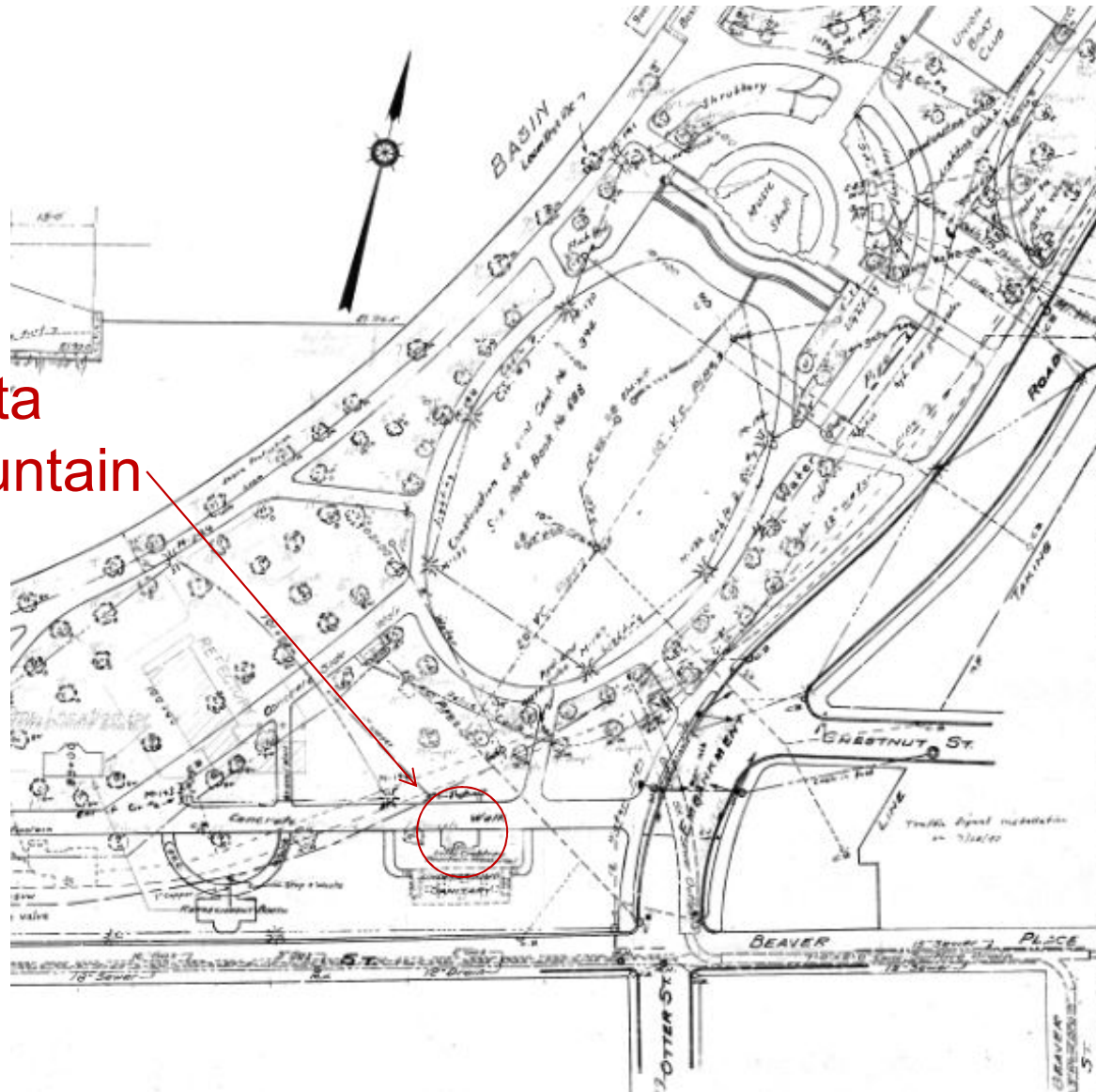
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History



History

Lotta
Fountain

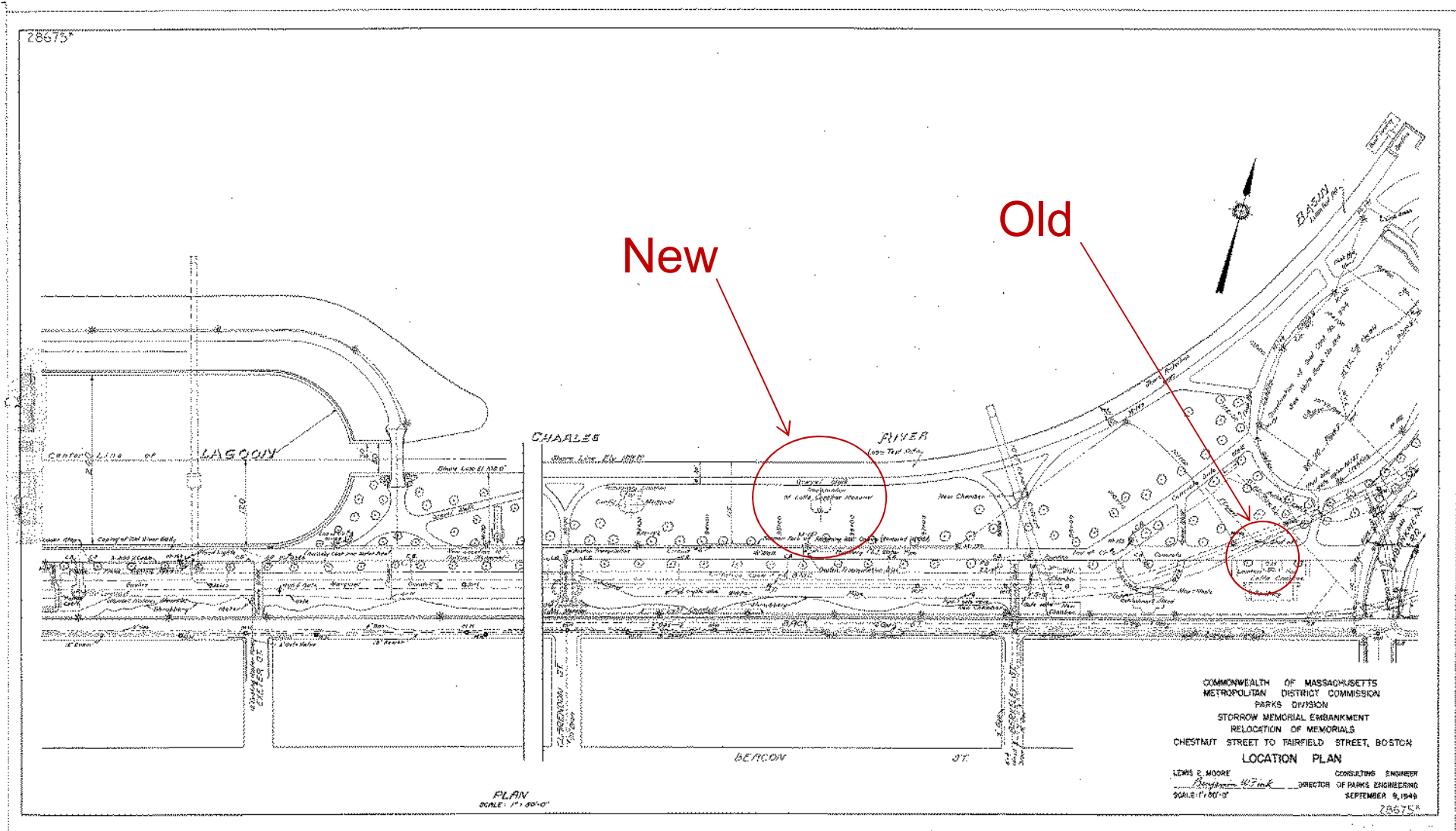


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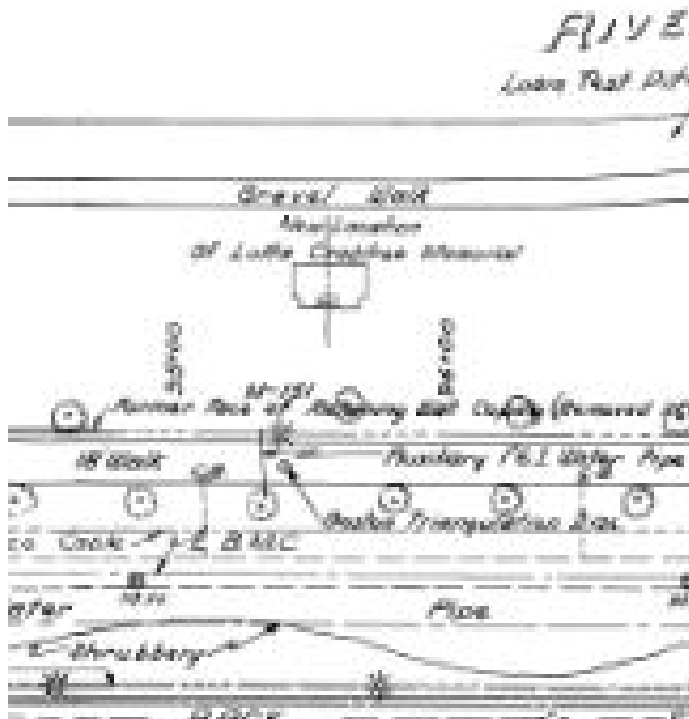
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History – 1949 Relocation

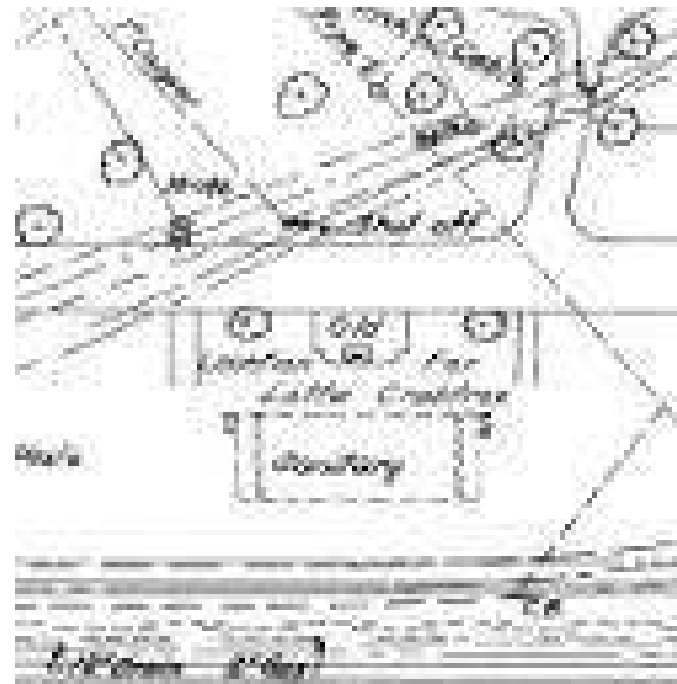


History – 1949 Relocation



1949 location

- Farther east
- Set off from path
- Closer to river



1939 location

- Closer to music oval
- Immediately adjacent to path
- Closer to road



Part of Boston Landmark property

One of the park's unique and significant historic features

Design – Issues



Design – Project Goals

- Preserve significant historic fountain
- Restore drinking basin for dogs
- Improve accessibility
- Conserve stone work
- Enhance landscape
- Add lighting and signage



Existing Conditions



Site Plan



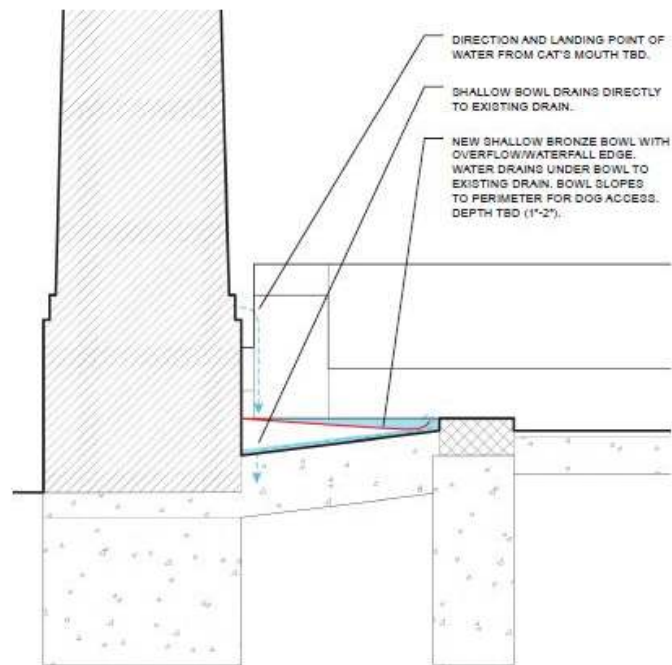
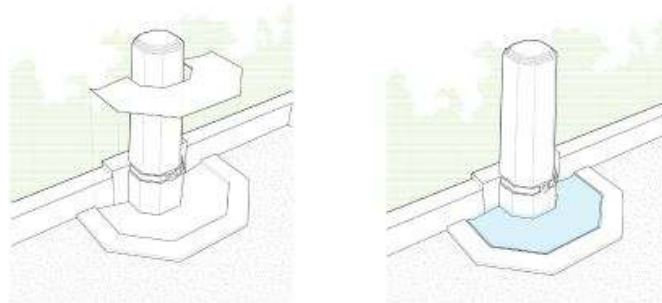
Restore Drinking Basin



Basin

LOTTA FOUNTAIN BOWL MODIFICATION

OPTION 1: BRONZE INSERT



CATHERINE TRUMAN ARCHITECTS

Accessibility



Conserve Stonework



- Repair missing sculptural elements

Conserve Stonework



**Clean and
repoint all
stonework**

**Replace slate with
bluestone slabs to
match original**

**Install bronze
caps over old
bubblers**

Landscape and Lighting



Construction Plan

- Contractor: Valley Crest Landscaping
- Stone Conservator: Ivan Myjer
- Schedule
 - Finalize plans and secure permits June
 - Construction Start Late July
 - Construction end Fall 2016
- Operator hours: Monday – Friday 7:30am – 3:00pm

Construction Impacts & Mitigation

- Temporary use of pathways for vehicle access
 - Signage and pedestrian controls as needed
- Vehicle parking, staging, laydown areas
 - Parking and laydown areas on mats placed on grass next to fountain
- Erosion
 - Controlled by silt fencing
 - Irrigation control to avoid runoff into river
- Security, dust
 - 6' chain link fence with mesh fabric

Results

- Preservation of historic fountain, Esplanade landmark
- Return of water fountain for dogs, as intended by Lotta Crabtree
- Universal access to fountain
- Improved landscape and setting



Additional Information

For more information:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/>

If you have questions or concerns or wish to subscribe to a DCR general information or project-related listserv: contact DCR's Office of Community Relations at 617-626-4973 or Mass.Parks@state.ma.us.