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Last evening, DCR held a third Community Planning Workshop aimed at actively engaging the public in planning for the future of the Dillaway-Thomas House and the surrounding Roxbury Heritage State Park (RHSP.) At this workshop, the attendees reviewed, and provided feedback on, the preferred alternative design for the exhibits, house, and park. The discussion was lively and informative.

We are encouraging the community-at-large to view last evening's presentational materials at www.mass.gov/dcr/rhsp-project and to provide us with their input by emailing DCR.Updates@state.ma.us, noting "RHSP" in the subject line, or by writing to the DCR Office of Public Outreach, 251 Causeway Street, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02114. The deadline for public comments on the preferred alternative design presented last evening is Thursday, June 5.

After the input is reviewed, the final design will begin. It is anticipated that the project will go out to bid and construction will start in August, and that the project will be substantially complete, and a ribbon-cutting held, in December 2014. Prior to going out to bid, DCR will be holding a public meeting to share the final design and to provide an overall project update.

We hope you will join us and share this information with others who might have an interest in this project.

In closing, we want to thank you for your ongoing support and involvement that has been enormously helpful as DCR plans for the realization of the Roxbury Heritage State Park as a resource center that celebrates the rich and diverse history that surrounds it.