



December 19, 2014

RE: Remediation and Reuse of Port Norfolk Park

Dear Friend,

On the evening of December 11, 2014, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) held a public meeting at the Port Norfolk Yacht Club to present the final design for the new Port Norfolk Park, as well as the plans for construction and for addressing construction impacts.

The overall project involves remediation of contaminated areas within the approximately 14-acre former industrial site (including the former Shaffer Paper property), followed by the creation of an aesthetically pleasing passive park. In addition to creating increased open space for the community, the park will act as an important connection to regional bike paths, providing a link between the Harbor Walk and the Neponset River Greenway. It will also result in the continuation and restoration of salt marsh along the Neponset River.

DCR has committed \$4.25 million to complete the project that is targeted to begin, pending completion of permitting, during the 2015 construction season and to conclude in the spring of 2016.

To view the presentation that was made at the recent public meeting, visit <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings>. If you have questions or concerns about the project, please email MassParks@state.ma.us or call 617-626-4973. In addition, if you would like to be added to an email list to receive updates on the project, please send an email to MassParks@state.ma.us, indicating "Port Norfolk Park" in the subject line.

We appreciate your continued interest and support as we move forward with efforts to enhance the natural, cultural, and recreational resources within the area of the Neponset River Reservation for future generations to enjoy for years to come.

Sincerely,

John P. Murray
Commissioner

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