

# Kennedy Playground



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

**Tuesday August 5, 2014, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

ABCD's Mattapan Family Service Center  
353 River Street, Mattapan, MA 02126



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Governor

**Deval L. Patrick**

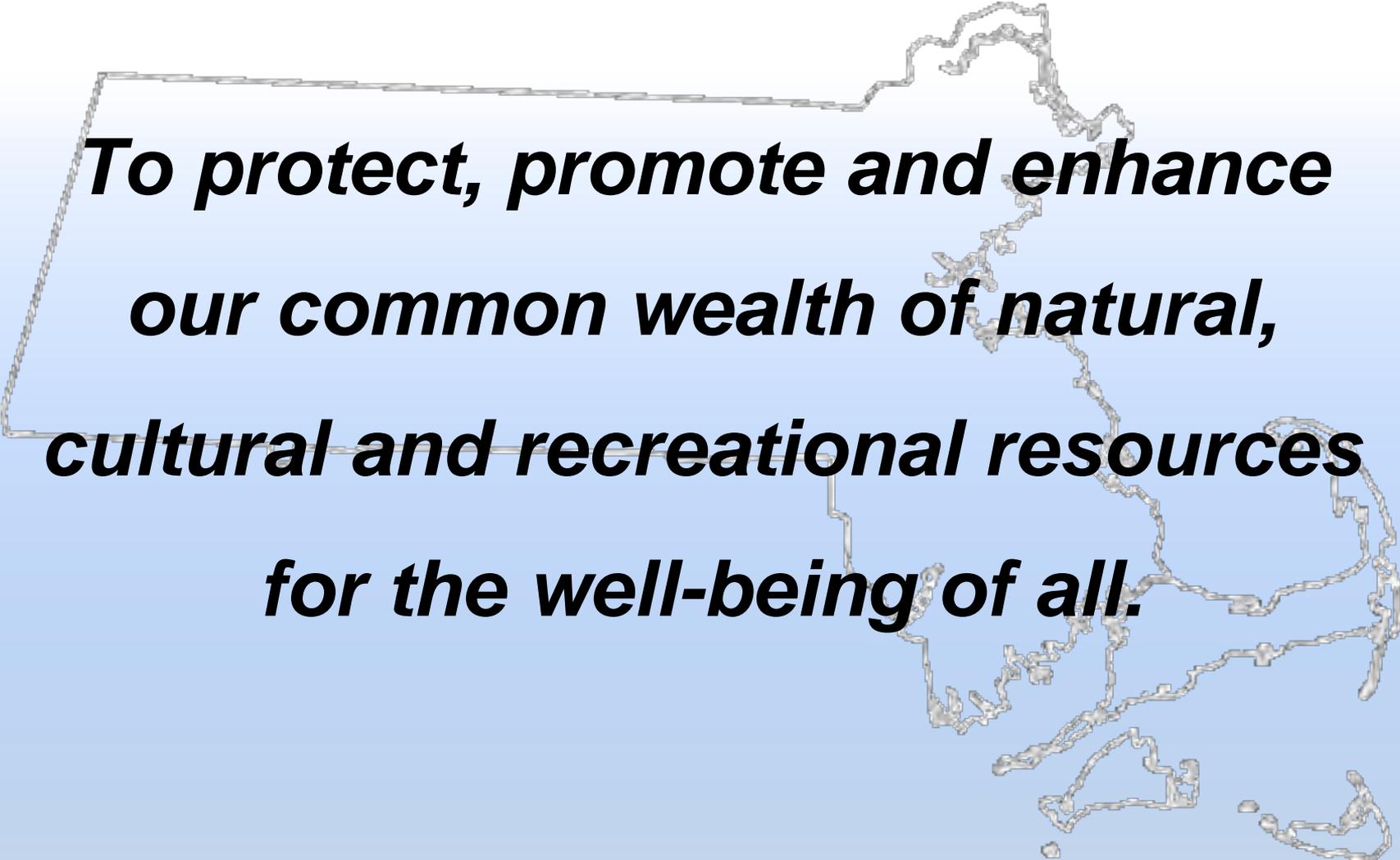
Energy and Environmental Secretary

**Maeve Vallely Bartlett**

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner

**John P. Murray**

# DCR Mission Statement



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

# Purpose of Today's Meeting

To present the design and construction plans for the Kennedy Playground within the Neponset River Reservation.



# Recent DCR Investments In Area

## Neponset Greenway

### **Martini Shell Restoration**

Hyde Park

Completed 2010

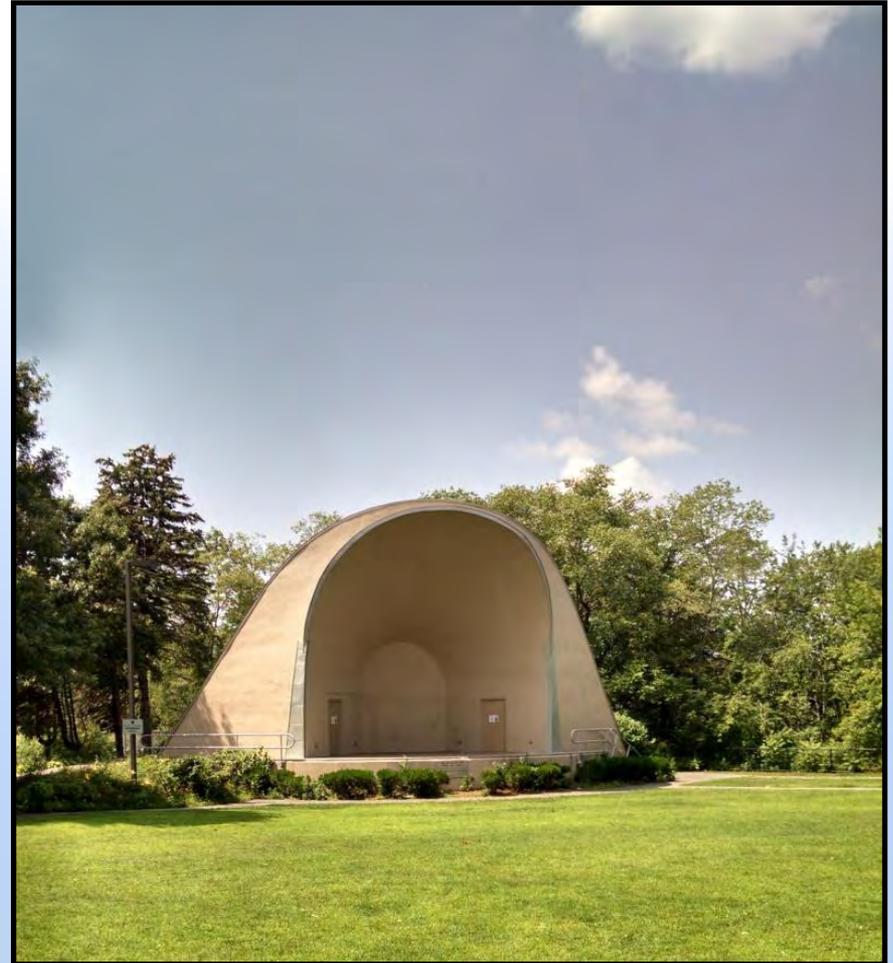
\$480,000

### **Neponset Esplanade**

Hyde Park, Milton

Completed 2012

\$850,000



# Recent DCR Investments In Area

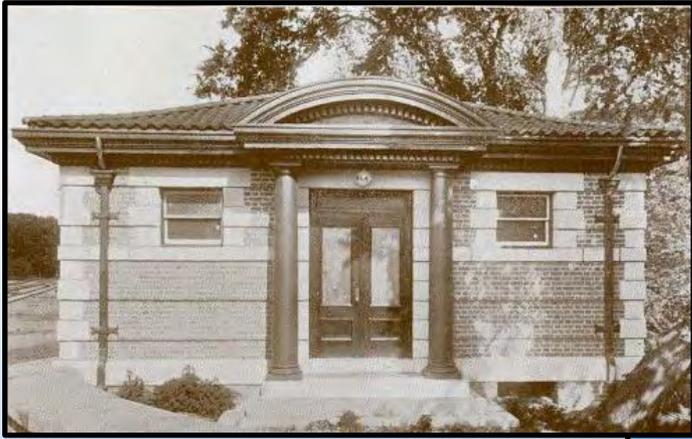
Ryan Wading Pool, Mattapan

Completed 2013, \$1 Million



# Recent DCR Investments In Area

Trail House, Mattapan Square  
Completed 2014, \$530,000



# Recent DCR Investments In Area

## Neponset Greenway

### Project I

Hyde Park/Milton

Construction starts August 2014

\$600,000

### Project II

Mattapan/Milton

Out to Bid Fall 2014

\$15.5 million

### Project III

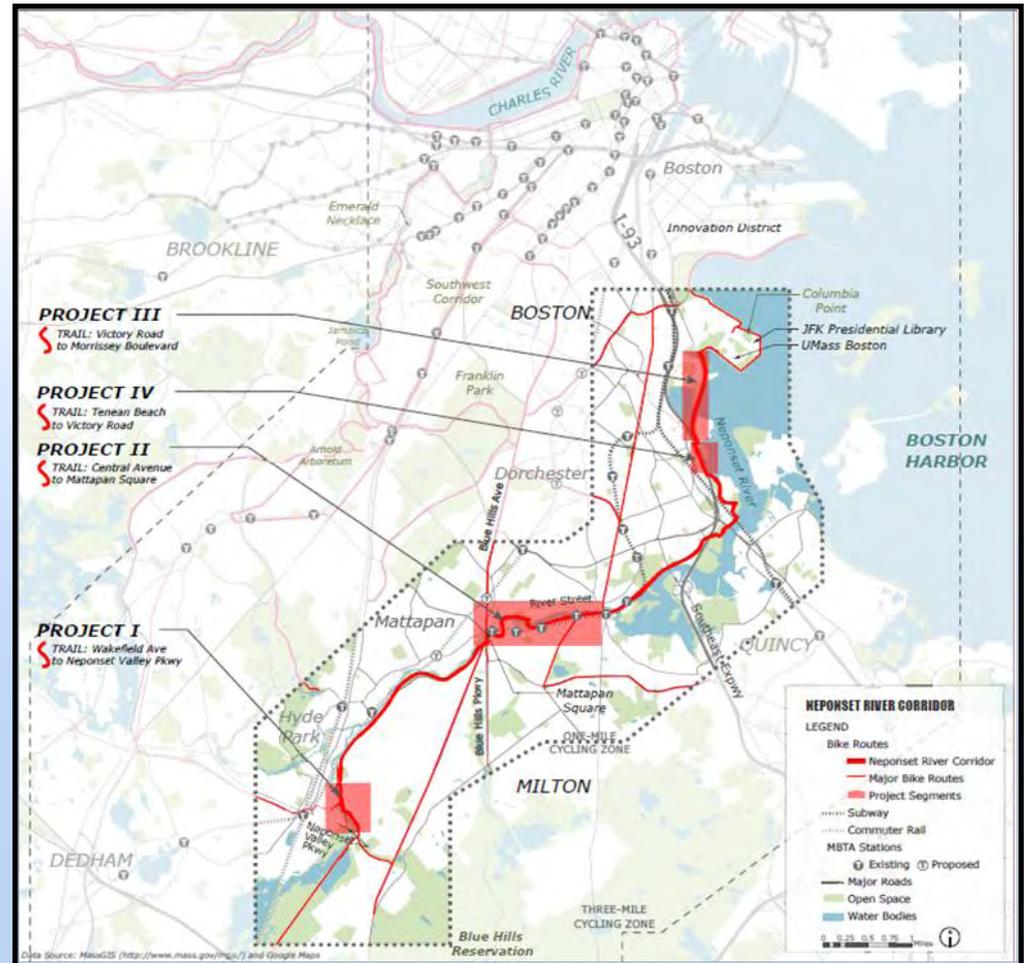
Dorchester

In Design

### Project IV

Dorchester

In Design



# Aerial View of Area



# Street View of Kennedy Playground



# Project History

- Original playground dismantled in the early 1990s
- Community Garden established in the late 1990s
- Use of the green space discussed in various planning efforts over the years
- Local groups met with DCR in 2011, 2012
- DCR to construct new playground in 2014



# Project Goal

- To improve public recreational opportunities for two to five-year-olds



# Existing Conditions

- Native Species
- Nursery run by BNAN
- Community gardens
- Neponset River



Kennedy Playground →

# Existing Conditions

- Flat, grassy lawn
- Tree-lined
- 2' wall for seating and visibility
- 7,200 SF greenspace

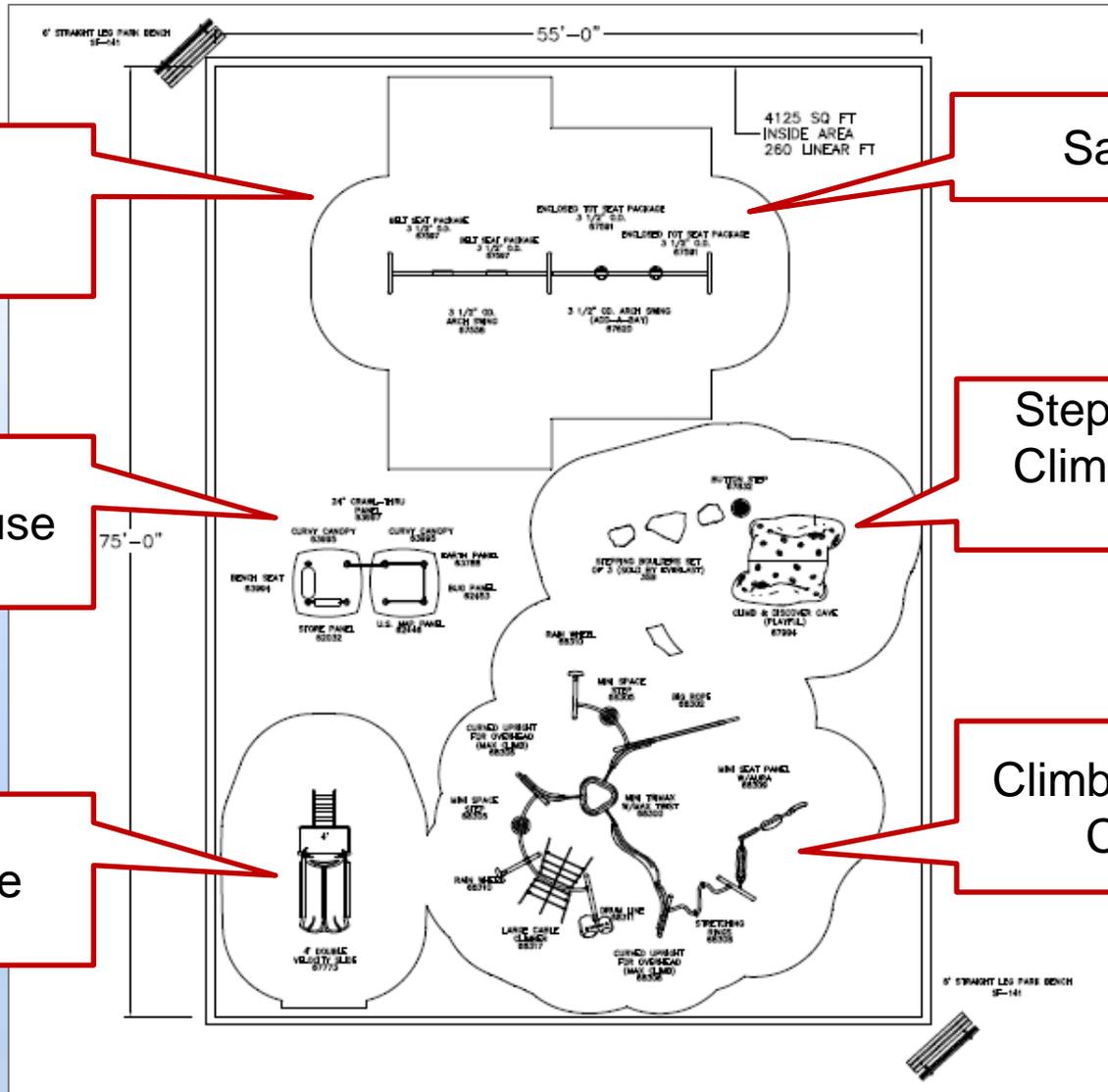


# Elements of Plan

- 3,600 SF playground area
- Retain current lawn in areas not in playground
- Accessible path from sidewalk
- Poured-in-place playground surface
- Two benches
- Resurface top of lowered wall and repair damaged areas



# Elements of Plan



4 Swings

Safety Zone

Activity Playhouse

Stepping Stones/  
Climb & Discover  
Cave

4' Double Slide

Climbing Structure/  
Cargo Net

# Elements of Plan

## Playground Equipment

- Double slide
- 4 swings
  - 2 tot seats
  - 2 strap seats



Tot Seat



# Elements of Plan

## Playground Equipment

- Activity playhouse

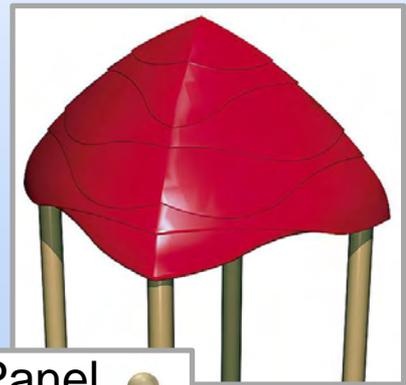
Crawl Through Panel



Store Panel



2 Curvy Canopies



US Map Panel



Earth Panel



Bug Panel



# Elements of Plan

## Playground Equipment

- Stepping Stones
- Climb and Discover Cave
- Button Step



# Elements of Plan

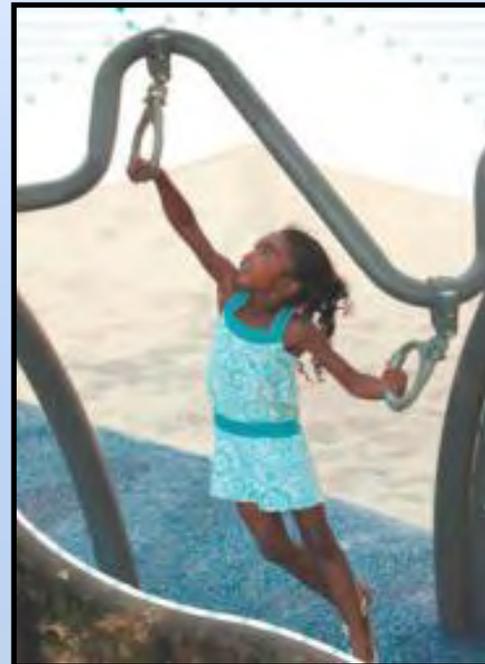
## Playground Equipment

- Climbing Structure with Cargo Net

Cargo Net



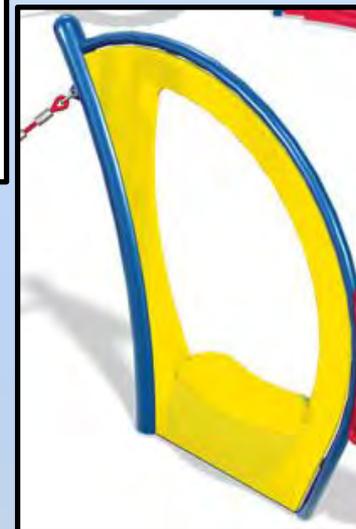
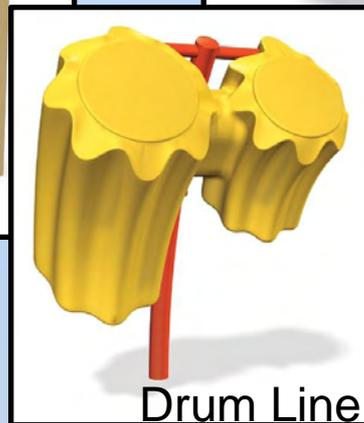
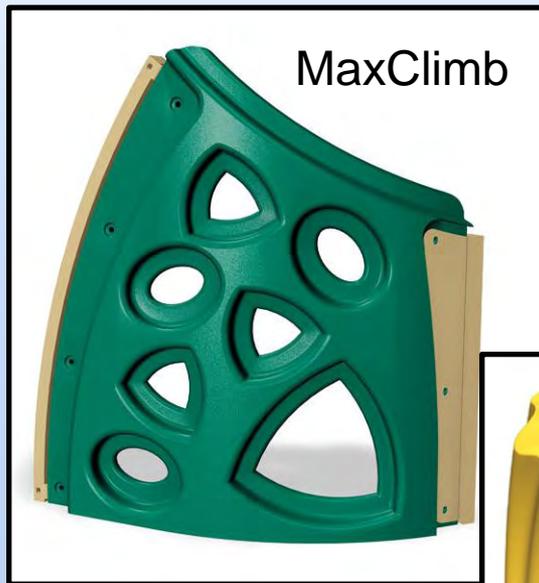
Stretching Rings



# Elements of Plan

## Playground Equipment

- Climbing Structure with Cargo Net



# Project Schedule

- Design decisions from public meeting incorporated into RFP.
- Construction contract awarded 1 week after bid deadline.
- Construction to begin late summer or early Fall 2014.
- Site preparation and landscaping as soon as contractor can mobilize.
- Equipment installation about 3 weeks.
- Playground open for public use by end of October.

# Kennedy Playground - DCR Funding

- DCR Capital Money
- Approximately \$120,000



# Construction Plan & Impacts

- Construction Hours: Mon-Fri 7am-3pm
- Minimal impact to traffic and local businesses



# Question and Answer

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# Discussion

- Location of Playground within the space  
Garden end, canoe launch end,  
centered?
- Color of Poured-in-Place surface  
One or two colors?  
Which colors?
- Bench Locations?
- Water fountain?

# Additional Information

- For more information:
  - **Web:** <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/>
- If you have comments:
  - **Email:** [dcr.updates@state.ma.us](mailto:dcr.updates@state.ma.us)
  - **Call:** 617-626-4974
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