



**November 21, 2011**

**RE: Charles Eliot Memorial Improvement Project**

Dear Friend,

On November 15, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and The Esplanade Association (TEA) held a public meeting at Community Boating regarding the Charles Eliot Memorial Improvement Project. The purpose of the meeting was to present, and obtain public input on, DCR's recommended design for the site.

As background, the objectives of the project are to enhance the area surrounding the Charles Eliot Monument on the Charles River Esplanade; create a demonstration landscape project to improve the ecology of trees, lawn, and shrubs; tell the story of Charles Eliot and the Metropolitan Park System; and improve the entrance to Community Boating. The project design has been moving forward through a DCR-TEA partnership that has worked in collaboration with several area stakeholder organizations.

If you were unable to attend the public meeting, we encourage you to view the presentation that was made by visiting <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/parklandspast.htm> and to provide DCR with your comments via email to [dcr.updates@state.ma.us](mailto:dcr.updates@state.ma.us) or via mail to the Office of Public Outreach, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114. Input received will be reviewed during the development of the final design.

We look forward to working together with our other partners to identify necessary funding to complete the future phases of the project, and will keep you informed on progress.

We appreciate your interest in the Charles Eliot Memorial Improvement Project and appreciate your participation in DCR and TEA's ongoing dialogue with the public officials, stakeholders, and the public regarding the stewardship of the Charles River Esplanade.

Sincerely,

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Edward M. Lambert, Jr.  
Commissioner  
Massachusetts DCR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sylvia Salas".

Sylvia Salas, Executive Director  
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