

# Patrick-Murray Administration Awards Grant to Marshfield to Complete Widened South River Channel

MARSHFIELD—Monday, April 8, 2013— Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Rick Sullivan today awarded a \$200,000 grant to the town of Marshfield to remove unnecessary piling debris from under the Sea Street Bridge. Widened in 2011, the cleared channel now allows for full use of the river by boaters. The grant is an inter-agency effort between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).



Secretary Rick Sullivan delivers remarks announcing today's grant, with state and local officials looking on.

"Our agencies always seek to partner with the towns of the Commonwealth to ensure safe opportunities for recreation and everyday activities," said Secretary Sullivan, whose office oversees DCR. "On behalf of MassDOT and DCR, I'm proud to award this grant to Marshfield and thankful for those in the state legislature who never cease to advocate for the people of Massachusetts."

MassDOT did the original replacement and widening work, updating the Sea Street Bridge and opening the channel by 25 feet. The grant money will ensure completion of the removal project and safe passage under the new Sea Street Bridge by removing the old piles.

"This grant illustrates the benefits of cooperation between our state agencies," stated Senator Robert Hedlund, "Boaters from Marshfield and around my district will undoubtedly appreciate the safety improvements that this grant will fund".

"Safe navigation to our waterways is essential to the quality of life for not only my constituents but for all Massachusetts residents," said Representative Jim Cantwell. "This grant is a tremendous demonstration of cooperation between state and local officials that will address a serious public safety hazard for commercial and recreational boaters alike. I greatly appreciate Secretary Sullivan and Secretary Davey's personal involvement in making this grant a possibility."

In addition, DCR's Division of Waterways issued a separate grant for \$25,000 to the town of Marshfield to assist in the development of surveys and designs, as well as permitting, for the proposed maintenance and improvement dredging of the South River. The nearby town of Scituate also received a Division of Waterways grant in 2012 for \$50,000 to allow for the dredging of the North River and its tributaries.