

# PATRICK ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES PARK AND RECREATION INVESTMENTS IN GREATER BOSTON

MALDEN – Friday, October 17, 2014 – Massachusetts Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Maeve Vallely Bartlett today announced more than \$2 million in investments for parks, open space and recreation improvements in six Greater Boston region communities.

Secretary Bartlett made the announcements in Malden where a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant will fund new benches, tables, trees and play structure upgrades to Coytemore Lea Park. The new play structures will be fully accessible to children with disabilities and allow all children to play together in a fun, enriching environment.

“The Patrick Administration is committed to improving our parks and open spaces across the Commonwealth,” said Secretary Bartlett. “In addition to preserving open space, improving recreational opportunities and protecting the Commonwealth’s natural resources, these investments will create economic growth across the region.”

The PARC Program (formerly the Urban Self-Help Program) was established in 1977 to assist cities and towns in acquiring and developing land for park and outdoor recreation purposes. Any community with an up-to-date Open Space and Recreation Plan is eligible to apply for the program. Since taking office, Governor Patrick has made a historic investment of more than \$360 million in land conservation focused on three goals: investing in urban parks, preserving working farms and forests and protecting large natural landscapes for habitat. This investment has resulted in the permanent protection of more than 125,000 acres of land and the renovation or creation of more than 190 parks. The new parks and open space created are within a 10 minute walk of 1.5 million residents – about a quarter of the Commonwealth’s population.

The 2014 Grants for Greater Boston are:

City	Project	Grant Program	Funding	Project Description
Boston	LoPresti Park (Phase III)	PARC	\$400,000	The third phase of the project will include the renovation of the Harborwalk and Fishing Pier and development of a new scenic overlook, as well as installation of a new children's play area and a new adult exercise area.

Chelsea	Highland Hill Greenway	PARC	\$400,000	The project will include improvements to Bellingham Hill Park, including the installation of a spray feature, as well as the development of a new park at 97 Library Street.
Everett	Sacramone Park	PARC	\$400,000	This project will include the installation of a new splash pad, upgrades to the toddlers' play area, new lighting and construction of a new athletic field.
Malden	Coytemore Lea Park	PARC	\$136,000	The project will include the installation of a new inclusive play structure and a new swing structure, relocation of a wall climber, tables/benches and planting at least two new trees.
Medford	Krystle Campbell Peace Garden	PARC	\$299,350.14	The project will extend the Clippership Linear Park and Bikeway with a seating area focused on a fountain and interpretive elements representing victims of the Marathon bombings.
Somerville	Otis Playground	PARC	\$400,000	The project will include re-grading of the playground and installation of a water-permeable surface, upgrading play structures, installation of a water

				play feature, and upgrades to lighting and plantings.
TOTAL			\$2,035,350	