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Baker-Polito Administration Announces Playing Field Improvement Project at Lake Park in Worcester

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WORCESTER – The Baker-Polito Administration today announced that the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will replace the football field and the existing track located at Lake Park in the City of Worcester. The \$1.2 million project follows recent investments at the state park, which includes the installation of new field lighting, the resurfacing of the parking area, and entrance upgrades.

“The Baker-Polito Administration works incredibly hard to ensure that every region of the Commonwealth has great access to state recreational resources,” **said Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Leo Roy.** “We are delighted to continue to make important investments to Lake Park in the City of Worcester, and once completed I am certain the football field will be a centerpiece for the public to enjoy.”

In 1955, the DCR’s predecessor agency, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), acquired Quinsigamond State Park in Worcester, which consists of two separate areas known as Lake Park and Regatta Point, on approximately 110 acres of parkland. Currently, Lake Park’s football field features natural turf that has been used by the Worcester Wildcats, a semi-professional football team, and the Worcester Cowboys youth football program. Importantly, the project will focus on the installation of a synthetic field turf, improvements to the field’s drainage system, and the construction of a new walking track. The project has an anticipated start date of Spring 2019, and likely will be completed in late Fall 2019.

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