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Photo Release: State and Local Officials Break Ground on New DCR Maintenance Facility in Revere

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REVERE — Officials from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today joined Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives Robert DeLeo and state and local officials to break ground on the DCR's new maintenance facility in the City of Revere. The \$11.4 million project will provide the agency's operations staff for Revere Beach State Reservation and surrounding region with a permanent work location following many years occupying temporary facilities. Recognizing the need for increased public recreation opportunities, the new facility incorporates public access improvements, including public restrooms that will be open year-round. Additionally, the new maintenance facility will be named the Captain Arthur "Icy" Reinstein Memorial Maintenance Facility, in honor of the former Metropolitan District Commission police captain and lifelong resident of the City of Revere.

"The Department of Conservation and Recreation's staff works hard to keep our state park lands maintained, ensure our parkways are safe during storm emergencies, and assist with special events, such as the International Sand Sculpting Festival, concerts, and numerous walks and runs," **said DCR Commissioner Leo Roy.** "The investment by the City of Revere

supports the long term maintenance and operation of well-loved local parks, and DCR thanks our friends in the City of Revere for helping to make this important project a reality."

"Our shared open spaces are among Massachusetts' most valuable resources, they are community gathering places, tourist attractions, precious ecosystems, and engines for local economies," **said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop)**. "Our investments keep these spaces vibrant and accessible, and I'm looking forward to coming back here in the spring when we celebrate a naming ceremony of the new maintenance facility in honor of Captain Arthur "Icy" Reinstein."

"For the hundreds of thousands who visit Revere Beach, this building will be an oasis, modern and convenient, and thanks to the enhanced efficiency that the facility will provide to the DCR, we can all look forward to even better maintenance of the beach that has welcomed millions in its long and storied history. This building stands as an example of what can be accomplished through local and state level cooperation" **said Mayor Brian Arrigo**.

The project will provide a long awaited permanent operational hub for DCR's Revere Beach State Reservation and surrounding parklands district, allowing the agency to better serve constituents and maintain DCR properties in the area, while improving beach access and bathroom availability. Immediately north of the existing Massachusetts State Police Station, the new facility will include new paved parking, driveway and pedestrian ways, landscaped areas, as well as a new salt shed, fueling station, wash down bay and storm water management system. Work will incorporate public access improvements by installing public restrooms, drinking fountains, bike

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