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Baker-Polito Administration Celebrates Opening of the Riverfront State Park Playground in Lawrence

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LAWRENCE — During a ribbon cutting ceremony, the Baker-Polito Administration today celebrated the opening of a newly renovated playground at Riverfront State Park in the City of Lawrence. Approximately, \$375,000 was invested in the playground, which is directly next to the Merrimack River, and will be maintained and managed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for the benefit of the residents of the Commonwealth.

“The Baker-Polito Administration remains dedicated to improving our state’s outdoor recreational opportunities and natural resources for people of all abilities to enjoy and benefit from,” **said Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Leo Roy.** “The significant improvements to the playground facility at Riverfront State Park in Lawrence will be a welcome addition, enabling children to foster a healthy lifestyle by incorporating additional outdoor exercise into their daily lives.”

Details of the Riverfront State Park playground project include:

- The installation of new playground equipment and structures;
- The repairing of pathways and approaches to the playground;
- The creation of ADA access and parking spaces;

- The replacing of playground surfaces with engineered wood fiber (playground mulch);
- The repairing of the memorial plaque;
- The refurbishing of the gazebo and benches; and,
- The replacing of fencing around the park.


The newly improved playground features will assist in the development of depth perception, spatial awareness, enhance gross and fine motor skills, and improve upper and lower body strength in children in an inclusive play environment. For information regarding Riverfront State Park, which is located at the westernmost section of Lawrence Heritage State Park, please visit the DCR's [website](#).

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