

THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

February 14, 2014

Secretary Richard K. Sullivan Jr.
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Ref: EEA #15039

Dear Mr. Secretary,

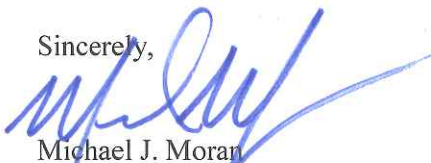
We are writing in support of the Final Environmental Impact Report submitted by the Allston Brighton Friends of Daly Field for the Daly Field Restoration Project.


These fields have been in very poor condition for many years. Legislation passed in 2012 allows DCR to enter into a lease with the Friends of Daly Field to renovate and maintain the Daly Field complex. This non-profit, community-based organization is made up of representatives from the Allston and Brighton neighborhoods, the surrounding communities, Brighton High School, and Simmons College.

We are writing as members of the community and in response to feedback that we have received from fellow community members and local youth organizations. Much of the available field space in the Allston Brighton neighborhood has steadily decreased over the past decades. Many of our youth residents also do not have access to an up-to-date field to play team sports in their own community. The Daly Field facility will provide enhanced community resources such as a new walking path along the Charles River and a new support building with publicly accessible restrooms. It will also serve as a hub for a variety of community sports and recreation activities, including football, soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, softball, and tennis. This is an extremely important and valuable resource in meeting the needs of the community members of all ages in order to successfully promote health, wellness and community cohesion and to support a bright future for our young citizens.

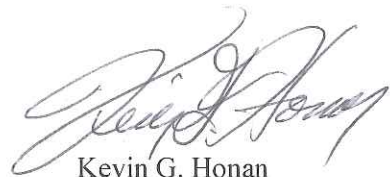
We strongly urge you to take favorable action on the Final Environmental Impact Report and allow this important project to proceed.

Sincerely,


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