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DCR Provides Matching Grants to Local Organizations

Mission Hill Basketball and Tennis Courts Project, Emerald Necklace Conservancy, and Arborway Coalition & Partners all receive matching grants for their projects

BOSTON-The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Edward Lambert has awarded \$104,200 in matching funds for three improvement projects in the 15th Suffolk District represented by Jeffrey Sánchez. The money was allocated through DCR's Partnership Matching Funds Program.

The matching funds will be used to improve the South West Corridor Park, the Arborway, and the Jamaica Way. Mission Hill Basketball and Tennis Courts Project was awarded \$50,000 to install sports lighting for two tennis courts in the Roxbury section of the Southwest Corridor Park. The Emerald Necklace Conservancy was awarded \$33,333 to landscape and prune along the Riverway of the Jamaica Way. And finally the Arborway Coalition and Partners were awarded \$20,867 to prune and landscape the Red Oaks along the Arborway.

The Representative extends his congratulations to the Mission Hill Basketball and Tennis Courts Project, the Arborway Coalition and Partners, and the Emerald Necklace Conservancy for their time and effort in applying for DCR matching funds. The Partnerships Matching Funds Program accepts applicants from friends groups and other park advocacy groups. DCR considers applications that will provide a match of non-state funds for capital projects in state parks.

"Parks are a natural asset to our community and are a great recreational source to the individuals in my district," said Sánchez. "I would like to thank the organizations in my district who oversee these assets and DCR's matching funds program. This program is an excellent opportunity to help us improve our parks".

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