



Action Alert

Our Rivers, Our Communities, Our Watershed

We Need YOUR Voice to Protect Public Parklands!

Last summer, CRWA reported a troubling situation with Daly Field, 7+-acres of public parkland along the Charles River off Nonantum Road in Brighton. A bill filed near the end of the legislative session was enacted, allowing (but not requiring) the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to enter into a long-term lease of this Charles River parkland for Simmons College to build a high intensity sports complex for its use. This development would complete **the privatization of 1/3 mile of riverfront public trust land** (Article. 97 land). The proposed complex includes two artificial turf fields, a baseball diamond, 5 tennis courts, a running track, locker rooms, concessions stands, and football stadium lighting. **None of these athletic uses require proximity to the river; this complex could be located anywhere in Boston.**



The existing Daly Field (left), and Simmons' proposed sports complex (right).

The Act gives Simmons, Brighton High football and Allston-Brighton Little League **exclusive use** of fields at prime recreation times, excluding the public.

The law authorizing the transfer of Daly Field:

- Was passed before public or environmental reviews
- Shuts the public out of weeknights and afternoons in the spring and fall and limits weekend use
- Calls for a 30-year lease for a one-time payment of \$500,000, or **less than \$1,400/mo** for this parkland!

What Can You Do?

Let your voice be heard!

DCR will host a listening session on Thursday, May 30, at 6:30 p.m. regarding the transfer of this land – land held in trust for **all** of the citizens of Massachusetts.

This meeting provides an opportunity for the public to demand a robust public process for the transfer of public parkland to a private entity and to demand fair public access and use.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION LISTENING SESSION
Thursday, May 30, 2013, 6:30 to 8:00pm
Community Rowing Boathouse
20 Nonantum Road, Brighton, MA ([map](#))

You can also submit written comments on Daly Field by **June 6, 2013** to Richard Sullivan, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114, referencing the **project # 15039**.

CRWA and the Environmental League of Massachusetts recently submitted comments regarding the environmental review that should occur under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). Read our comments [here](#).

For more information on Daly Field, please contact [Margaret Van Deusen](#), CRWA General Counsel.