CHARLESGATE ALLIANCE LEADERSHIP MEETING
Dec. 10, 2018

AGENDA
• Announcements
• Year in Review
• Charlesgate Alliance organizational structure
• Treasury Report
• Committee Reports
  • Charlesgate Watch
  • Dog Park
  • Earth Fest
  • Events
  • Muddy Water
  • Art
  • Marketing
• Landing Studio Update
  • Column wraps
  • Muddy River cleanup concepts
  • NFWF investigation
  • Next steps
The earmark has come through!

“...not less than $250,000 shall be expended for design and engineering work by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, inc., for improvements to the Charlesgate park in the city of Boston...“

Thanks to elected representatives Brownsberger, Livingstone, and Rushing!
YEAR IN REVIEW

• Community Building
• Advocacy
• Relationship Building
• Physical Improvements
• Institutional Development
• Funding
• Public Outreach
The watershed cleaned, photo by George Lewis
Community advocates work with state to clean polluted Charlestown

Marie Coggeson used the water barrier to clean the Headley River.
New life for an Olmsted gem at Charlesgate
UPCOMING EVENTS

• January 27 – Second Annual Charlesgate Alliance Silent Auction

• March 11 – Public Meeting

• April 27 – Extravaganza!
  • Cleanup with ENC and CRWA
  • Charlesgate Alliance Earth Fest at the Muddy River
  • Charlesgate in Bloom Cocktail Party and Fundraiser
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Earth Fest planning, photo by Hélène Vincent
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LANDING STUDIO UPDATE

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Project area and view – 4 columns along Comm Ave, ~$800 each
Dogs of Charlesgate
History of Charlesgate

“Charlesgate Park

In the 18th century Charlesgate was a

fashionable area. The park was

planned as a public space for the

elite to relax and socialize.”

“Would you like

a coffee? It’s

the perfect
time.”

“Who’s this?

They look

old-fashioned.”

“Just a moment, I’ll get you

some coffee.”

“Thank you for

the coffee. It’s

amazing.”
Water-life of Charlesgate
LANDING STUDIO UPDATE

- Muddy River watershed cleanup concepts
Thinking back to the 1967 park design...
Which did not address the realities of the overpass above
A photo of the same area: none of the planting, paving, and benches still exist!
Improve access point to water – protect tree roots
Improve access to water - fence obstruction
Improve access point to water – diminish steepness
Consider laydown and vehicle access requirements.
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DESIGNING FOR THE CLEANUP will help keep costs of cleanup down, and allow for more regular cleaning!
LANDING STUDIO UPDATE

• Muddy River watershed cleanup concepts
  • Boat launch – improve access points for equipment/vessels into river
    • Lower slope
    • Clear of plantings to avoid trampling
    • Stable ground surfacing
  • Laydown area – temporary location for trucks, dumpster, bobcats
  • Vehicular routes from street to boat launch
LANDING STUDIO UPDATE

- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) grant investigation in partnership with the Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA)

“The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program seeks to develop nation-wide-community stewardship of local natural resources, preserving these resources for future generations and enhancing habitat for local wildlife. Projects seek to address water quality issues in priority watersheds, such as erosion due to unstable streambanks, pollution from stormwater runoff, and degraded shorelines caused by development.”
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Overall green stormwater infrastructure system in concept plan
LANDING STUDIO UPDATE

• Next steps with the earmark
  • Focus on the area ‘South of Beacon’
  • Design budget ~$650,000
  • Construction estimate ~$8 million for over 5 acres
• Assemble design/engineering team
• Updates on team to follow at next Leadership Meeting
THANK YOU!