CHARLES GATE 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
During watershed cleaning, photo by Randall Albright
Community advocates work with state to clean polluted Charlestowne

Matthew Chapman used the water harvester to clean the Muddy River.
SPS staging area cleared, photo by Derek Lee
New life for an Olmsted gem at Charlestage

Boston Globe editorial
UPCOMING EVENTS

• January 27 – Second Annual Charlestown Alliance Silent Auction

• March 11 – Public Meeting

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

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- Dog Park
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- Muddy Water
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LANDING STUDIO UPDATE

• Column wraps

• Muddy River watershed cleanup concepts

• NFWF investigation

• Next steps
Project area and view – 4 columns along Comm Ave, ~$800 each
People of Charlesgate

Finally, Charlesgate will be restored as a healthy park to serve the community!

I can't wait to play under the shade of the beautiful trees at Charlesgate Park!

Want to learn more about the new vision for the park? See more information here!
Dogs of Charlesgate
History of Charlesgate

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NEW VISION FOR MY PARK? PLEASE READ HERE!

LOOK AT THIS POSTCARD I FOUND. IT'S FROM BEFORE THE BOWLER WAS BUILT!

IT IS OUR JOB TO PROTECT BOSTON'S BEAUTIFUL PARKS! WE NEED TO PRESERVE THIS AMENITY FOR ALL CITY RESIDENTS!

Charlesgate Park is really in the shadow of the Bowler Overpass now... It needs our help!

What a beautiful new park right at our doorstep!

Look here! I have a bird’s eye view. It illustrates how Charlesgate Park connects Boston’s different park systems!
Water-life of Charlesgate

Quack quack.

My new home will be a clean, safe place to lay my eggs!
LANDING STUDIO UPDATE

- Muddy River watershed cleanup concepts
Thinking back to the 1967 park design…
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.”
LANDING STUDIO UPDATE

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Overall green stormwater infrastructure system in concept plan
Green storm water infrastructure (GSI) concept
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!