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## CEI Working to Improve Boat Launch Facility at Cochituate State Park



CEI is currently working with the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to make improvements to the boat ramp at Cochituate State Park located in Natick and Wayland, MA. CEI recently worked with DCR to make water quality improvements by designing stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) at the adjacent parking area. Since the boat ramp was constructed over 50 years ago, it was tailored towards smaller boats and vehicles. The ramp is steeper than current standards, making boat launches difficult for some vehicles. The current project will extend the boat ramp to decrease the launch angle and delineating five separate launch lanes to facilitate efficient loading and unloading.



A separate area will be maintained exclusively for launching carry-down vessels such as canoes and kayaks. The project will also construct a large observation pier for fishing, picnicking and other passive uses by park patrons directly adjacent to the lake. Pedestrian improvements, including a dedicated sidewalk and crosswalks will also be constructed to connect the overflow lot east of the site with the primary parking lot and beach area to the west. Finally, the entire area will be made ADA-accessible by implementing dedicated parking.

For more information on this project or about CEI's services, please contact Nick Cristofori, P.E. [ncristofori@ceiengineers.com](mailto:ncristofori@ceiengineers.com) or 800.725.2550.

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