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MOORE ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR UPTON STATE FOREST PROJECT

Upton – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) has announced that the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will award \$1.34 million in matching funds for 29 improvement projects in state parks and other facilities across the Commonwealth, including the repair of the historic administration building at Upton State Forest. The money is allocated through DCR's Partnerships Matching Funds Program.

The Partnerships Matching Funds Program accepts applications from Friends groups and other park advocacy groups, civic and community organizations, institutions, businesses, and individuals with an interest in improving the Commonwealth's natural, cultural, and recreational resources. DCR considers applications that will provide a match of non-state funds for capital projects in state parks. For each approved project, DCR assigns a project manager to oversee implementation of the project in close consultation with the partners making contributions.

For the Upton project, DCR will issue a \$6,668 matching grant to bring total funding for the project to \$10,002.

The program received 33 applications this year, some of which may be encouraged to reapply next year. For more information on the Partnerships Matching Funds program, and to receive an application for Fiscal Year 2011, call 617-626-4964. Information and applications also are available at www.mass.gov/dcr.

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