



Metropolitan Beaches Commission
The State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Senator Jack Hart
Co-Chairman

July 28, 2006

Representative Anthony Petrucci
Co-Chairman

Dear Friend:

Kip Becker
Boston University

Earlier this year the Legislature created the Metropolitan Beaches Commission to examine the Commonwealth's beaches from Lynn to Hull, to see what's working well and what is not, to make specific recommendations for short and long-term improvements to our beaches, and to look for innovative strategies to enhance the value of these important assets.

Mark Cullinan
Nahant Town Manager

Rosanne Foley
DotWell

As Co-Chairs of the Commission, we are each convinced that the region's beaches are central to the quality of life we enjoy here. They are a critical recreational resource for our residents and an important economic driver in many communities.

Paul Grogan
The Boston Foundation

Douglas Gutro
Quincy City Council President

We are writing to you today to invite you to join us on **Thursday evening August 10th from 5:30-8:00pm at the Savin Hill Yacht Club, 400 Morrissey Boulevard in Dorchester** for a public meeting of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission. The public has invested more than \$4.5 billion dollars in water quality improvements to Boston Harbor and Massachusetts Bay over the past two decades, and we have spent millions more on our region's beaches themselves. Our cleaner harbor and bay – and our beaches – belong to all of us. We all have a shared responsibility to protect and strengthen them for the public to use and enjoy.

Carol Haney
Revere Beach Partnership

Senator Robert Hedlund
Plymouth & Norfolk

This Commission provides us with a "once in a lifetime" opportunity to address the challenges we face, lay out a blueprint to improve our region's beaches, and enable us to attract the young workers and families who are so important to our region's future.

Representative Bradford Hill
Fourth Essex

Salvatore LaMattina
Boston City Councilor

Your participation in this process is very important to us: There will be time set aside for you to tell the Commission what you like best about the beach and how we can make it better.

Anthony Lozzi
City of Lynn

Senator Thomas McGee
Third Essex & Middlesex

We hope to see you on the 10th. Please RSVP your availability to Peter Kershaw at (617) 451-2860 x102.

Daniel O'Connell
Meredith and Grew

All the best,

Joseph O'Keefe
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

Christopher Olivieri
Chairman, Hull Board of Selectmen

Joseph Orfant
Department of Conservation and Recreation

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Representative Kathi-Anne Reinstein
Sixteenth Suffolk

P.S. We have asked Save the Harbor/Save the Bay to serve as the lead consultant and manage the Commission's inquiry.

Richard White
Winthrop Town Manager