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### **Ponkapoag Pond Master Plan and Fisherman's Cove Improvements**

Comments submitted by the Friends of the Blue Hills

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We would like to thank the DCR and consultant team for including the Friends of the Blue Hills as part of the Ponkapoag Pond Master Plan working group.

We were pleased that the plan includes improving Fisherman's Cove parking lot. We also appreciate the efforts to make the parking lot and park more accessible and provide portable restrooms at Fisherman's Cove. We also appreciate efforts to protect the wetlands at the beach.

The proposal for improved signage in Randolph would also benefit visitors so that people will know how to access the park and feel more welcome.

We appreciate DCR's prioritization of improving Fisherman's Cove parking lot. We would like to encourage the DCR to also prioritize improvements to Ponkapoag Boardwalk. The proposed low-impact installation of a raised boardwalk would protect the sensitive habitat, if implemented correctly, and make the Boardwalk more accessible. In our previous comments, we offered suggestions for helping to protect the bog habitat during construction.

Thank you again for the effort and commitment to improving Ponkapoag Pond for visitors while also protecting its sensitive habitat.