

PRESS RELEASE: CONSERVATION COMMISSION GRANT

The Duxbury Conservation Commission is pleased to announce receipt of a \$10,000 grant from the Massachusetts Environmental Trust (Trust). This funding will be used to perform additional hydrological studies of the South River near Temple St. This hydrological study is estimated to cost \$25,000. An additional \$10,000 grant was received from the Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration, and \$5000 is being contributed from the Town of Duxbury Conservation Commission. The goal is the restoration of connectivity in the South River system, including possible removal of the earthen dam on conservation land off the former River Street.

The Trust gets its funds from specialty license plates. The standard registration fee for a Massachusetts plate is \$60, the fee for a special plate \$100; the additional \$40 goes to the Trust. According to Trust Program Director, Kim Tilas, the Trust is providing roughly \$500,000 in grants to 15 organizations this year, thanks to motorists who choose to purchase one of the Trust's specialty license plates. "Trust plates, including our signature Whale Plate, are the only specialty plates that exclusively fund environmental initiatives," said Tilas. "When you purchase a specialty plate for \$100 from the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the \$40 specialty plate fee goes directly to the Trust to fund water-focused environmental programs. These plates are available at the Registry of Motor Vehicles and online at www.massrmv.com. Further information about the Trust can be found at www.state.ma.us/eea/met.

