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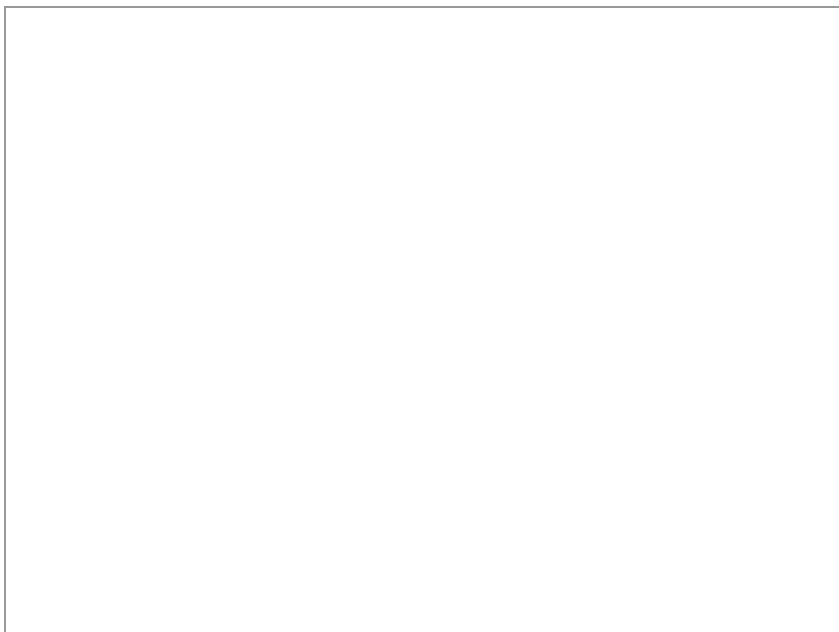
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JAMAICA PLAIN, ROXBURY

## State awards \$100K to courts, parks in Roxbury, Jamaica Plain

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(Courtesy: Office of Rep. Jeffrey Sánchez)

Sarah Freeman of Arborway Coalition, Sen. Chang-Diaz, ENC President Julie Crockford, Rep. Jeffrey Sánchez, and DCR Commissioner Edward Lambert

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A combined \$104,200 in matching state funds will help improve courts at Mission Hill Playground and landscaping along the Riverway and the Arborway, according to state officials.

A \$50,000 matching funds grant will go toward installing sports lighting for basketball and tennis courts at Mission Hill Playground; \$33,333 will go to the Emerald Necklace Conservancy to landscape and prune along the Riverway; and \$20,867 will go to the Arborway Coalition and Partners to prune and landscape Red Oaks along the Arborway, said a release from Rep. Jeffrey Sánchez.

Funding for the three projects, all within the representative's district, was allocated through the state conservation department's "Partnership Matching Funds Program," the announcement said.

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The program accepts applicants from friends groups and other park advocacy groups, officials said. The conservation department considers applications that will provide a match of non-state funds for capital projects in state parks.

"Parks are a natural asset to our community and are a great recreational source to the individuals in my district," Sánchez said in the release. "I would like that thank the organizations in my district who oversee these assets and DCR's matching funds program. This program is an excellent opportunity to help us improve our parks".

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