



*City of Beverly, Massachusetts*

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**RE: BEVERLY TO BEGIN FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR OBEAR PARK, REQUESTS COMMUNITY INPUT**

**BEVERLY, MA** – The City of Beverly was recently awarded a \$58,340 grant through the Office of Coastal Zone Management’s (CZM) Coastal Resilience Grant program for an Obear Park feasibility study and conceptual design. The study and designs will determine appropriate methods to install natural protections and make improvements that are necessary to stop erosion and the degradation of Obear Park. The City has recently contracted with engineering consultant CDM Smith for the project and begun work on the plan. The first phase of the project includes data collection and environmental assessments of the park, including shoreline erosion and sea level rise assessments.

The City is asking for assistance from the community to better understand Obear Park, the Danvers River and the surrounding area. Do you see impacts to Obear Park’s coastline and beach, park equipment, or marsh? Do you have pictures of Obear Park during or after storm events, king tides, or other event? Both current and historical photographs will help the City to evaluate how Obear Park has changed over time and what needs to be protected.

Please share your photos through MyCoast: Massachusetts, StormReporter tool (<https://mycoast.org/ma>). You can submit your pictures, including the date and specific location, through this website on your computer or through your phone with the MyCoast mobile app.