

---

---

## PRESS RELEASE

---

---

**For Immediate Release  
January 14, 2005**

**For More Information  
Kevin Conlon – 617-722-1114**

### **State To Grant Money for Park Improvement**

BOSTON – The Fall River Legislative Delegation is pleased to announce the awarding of a \$175,000 urban self-help grant from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to the City of Fall River. The grant is slated to be used for improvements at Kennedy Park.

"The city's parks are so important to us all in Fall River" noted Senator Joan M. Menard (D-Fall River). "Kennedy Park has provided generation upon generation of Fall River residents with an urban sanctuary – a place where kids can play, adults can exercise and relax, and where everyone can go to enjoy the scenery. This grant will be able to help beautify and preserve this place that we care for so deeply."

Mayor Edward M. Lambert, Jr. of Fall River said, "I would like to thank Senator Menard and our entire legislative delegation for their continued hard work. Working together we have had much success with securing grant funding for our parks. Among other things, we have been able to move forward successfully with revitalizing and restoring Kennedy Park, which is one of Fall River's Olmsted parks. This funding will allow us to continue our work at Kennedy Park and in the future we hope that we can apply that model to Fall River's other Olmsted parks and then throughout the entire park system."

State Representative David B. Sullivan, also of Fall River, echoed those sentiments. "We need to continue to maintain our treasured parks and this grant will provide the resources to do just that."

"Generations ago our City fathers recognized the need in our urban centers to provide green space and opportunities for families to enjoy the outdoors" Added Representative Michael J. Rodrigues (D-Westport). "It is now our responsibility to ensure that these landmarks are maintained for generations to come."