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By Alberto Surís

With the classic ribbon cutting ceremony, Mayor Michael J. Sullivan, Groundwork Lawrence and friends of Den Rock Park, inaugurated the completion of a new landscaped parking area and trail head at Den Rock Park this past Monday, September 27. They now have 16 parking spaces and one for handicapped plates.

This project is the culmination of many years of hard work and advocacy by dedicated citizens, community groups and the City of Lawrence. Den Rock is owned in part by the City of Lawrence and a large area is owned by the Watershed Council.

The new parking area has greatly improved public access to Den Rock Park, a 120-acre wooded preserve that is a regional destination for rock climbers, hikers, and naturalists.

According to Tennis Lilly, ten years ago this park came very close to being destroyed; there are sacred spaces that should be protected and this is one, "even if it takes putting your body in front of a bulldozer." He said that it was a pleasure working with Hector Cabrera of Precision Group, Inc. the landscapers doing the work. This Guatemalan owned company from Peabody has done other work in Lawrence.

They fixed up Costello Park and the beautiful benches along Essex St.

"We enjoyed working on this project because we also don't like removing any tree or shrub unless it is absolutely necessary," said Mr. Cabrera. "The way to enhance the beauty of an area is probably not touching to much of it, working with what you have," he added.

This project has been a partnership between the City of Lawrence and Groundwork Lawrence, with funding from Lincoln Properties. The main entrance to Den Rock Park is located on Route 114 (across from the North Andover Plaza).

"Hundreds of cars go by here hourly," said Mayor Michael J. Sullivan. "We need to accentuate Den Rock Park." The mayor acknowledged that Groundwork Lawrence has been the engine behind the money as well as "Tennis Lilly who is a real leader for the environment."

Senator Tucker remembered that 22 years ago, she hiked the park with Tennis Lilly and "I fell in love with Den Rock Park."

For directions or more information, contact Groundwork Lawrence at (978) 974-0770.



Maggie Super, of Groundwork Lawrence, spoke about the importance of maintaining this park and encouraged the public to use it.

Maggie Super, de Groundwork Lawrence habló sobre la importancia de cuidar de este parque y animó al público a usarlo.



Mayor Sullivan and Senator Sue Tucker listen to Tennis Lilly expressing his satisfaction with the outcome.

El Alcalde Sullivan y la Senadora Tucker escuchan a Tennis Lilly expresando su satisfacción con los resultados.