

Ribbon-cutting Ceremony, Levingston Cove Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture

On the afternoon of November 15, 2023, Mayor Ruthanne Fuller, Director of Parks and Open Space, Luis Perez Demorizi, Parks, Recreation & Culture Commissioner Nicole Banks, and other Newton officials gathered to celebrate the opening of the improvement and redesign of Levingston Cove. Levingston Cove is a portion of the Crystal Lake shoreline west of the bathhouse. It includes benches, a platform used for fishing, and an unofficial swimming area. In 1982, the cove was named in honor of Louise Levingston.

The Parks and Recreation Commission approved the improvements in May of 2018, with Newton Conservation Commission approving permits for the improvements in September 2021.

In October 2021, the City Council authorized spending \$1.4 million in Community Preservation Act funds for the “Levingston Cove Improvements Project.” The project’s goals were to “correct erosion damage, install new features to better deal with runoff, and construct new accessible walkways.” (In February 2021, the Newton Conservators Board of Directors urged the City Council to approve the project.)

Construction began in November 2022 and was completed in November 2023. Read about this project in our winter of 2023, “Levingston Cove: Improving Recreational Offerings, Enhancing Wildlife Habitat,” by Newton PRC’s Director of Parks and Open Space, Luis Perez Demorizi. ♦

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Mayor Ruthanne Fuller introduces the gathering at the ribbon cutting.



Luis Perez Demorizi addresses the celebration attendees.



Mayor Ruthanne Fuller cuts the opening day ribbon helped by Luis Demorizi, with Darryl Settles and his wife Lisa Owens, the parents of Preston Blair Settles, a devoted patron of Crystal Lake who died unexpectedly in 2022. Also present are Mike Poirier (in the power chair) and his grandson DJ.



Commissioner Banks and the City Hall Strummers welcome attendees.