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LYNN — Harbor Park, the 30-acre public space redeveloped last year at South Harbor, has won Project of the Year honors from the Environmental Business Council of New England.

The park received the James D.P. Farrell Award for Brownfields Remediation Project of the Year “in recognition of the vision, partnership, and perseverance that transformed a long-inaccessible waterfront into a valued public resource and a foundation for future investment and economic development,” according to the EBC.



Harbor Park was converted from a former municipal landfill and manufactured gas plant site along the Lynn waterfront into what officials described as a climate-resilient public park.

“The development of Harbor Park was made possible by a strong public-private partnership committed to creating more accessible green space to our residents,” said Mayor Jared Nicholson. “Earning this recognition is a reflection of those efforts to convert this space into the gem that it is.”

The park, which opened to the public last July, was developed through a partnership between the city, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Charter Development, EDIC/Lynn, and residents who helped shape the project through years of public engagement and planning.

The public space was once a site plagued by contamination and aging landfill infrastructure. During the remediation process, more than 1.3 million tons of regulated soil were reused to stabilize the site and construct resilient landforms designed to withstand future climate impacts. The EBC recognized the effort as “demonstrating an innovative and scalable approach to brownfields remediation.”

“This recognition reflects the collaboration, creativity, and persistence that made Lynn Harbor Park possible,” said Bob Delhome, Charter CEO. “We’re proud to have worked alongside the City of Lynn and our project partners to help create a resilient public space with long-term value for the community.”

Today, Harbor Park features nearly two miles of waterfront walking paths, basketball and pickleball courts, and an outdoor amphitheater. Officials said the park was designed to create new opportunities for walking, gathering, and public access to the shoreline.

The restoration of Harbor Park marks Phase 1 of a broader effort to revitalize South Harbor — a \$500 million project that EDIC/Lynn Executive Director James Cowdell previously described as “the largest investment in Lynn’s history.”

“We are extremely proud to have been part of the team that saw this project through, from vision to completion,” Cowdell said. “Between Harbor Park, the



Lynn ferry, and the development of residential and commercial space, there is great momentum on the waterfront.”

Aaron Clausen, Lynn’s principal planner, said, “Witnessing the transformation of a former landfill into a beautiful and now award-winning public park highlights the value of public open space as we transform the waterfront. We’re proud to see the positivity surrounding this area from residents and neighbors alike.”

Plans for the next phase of Harbor Park include a playground, outdoor fitness areas, and improved connections to Nahant Beach and Lynn Shore Drive. Once completed, the project is expected to create a continuous shoreline path through Lynn, linking neighborhoods and communities across the city.

“The Harbor Park has truly evolved our city and has become a staple for many of our residents already,” added Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan. “Receiving this recognition highlights our dedication to improving key areas across our community to deliver vibrant spaces for all to enjoy.”

The City of Lynn was named among the award recipients along with Charter Development, EDIC/Lynn, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, MassDevelopment, Brown, Richardson + Rowe, Inc., Dain, Torpy, Le Ray, Wiest & Garner, P.C., Langdon Environmental LLC, Haley & Aldrich, National Grid, Epsilon Associates, Inc., and Twin Elms Environmental Brokerage.