

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced today that the House of Representatives has approved funding for the restoration of Nashawannuck Pond in Easthampton, Massachusetts. The funding was included in the Energy and Water Appropriations conference report for fiscal year 2003. "Nashawannuck Pond has the potential to be a great resource for Easthampton and Hampshire County," Olver said. "The project will include dredging of accumulated sediments and their disposal, and will be conducted over the next several years." Located in the center of downtown Easthampton, the 31-acre Nashawannuck Pond was developed in the 1950s. Adjacent to the pond is Nonotuck Park, a 200-acre park developed along the pond's southwestern shore. Last year (FY03), Olver secured \$115,000 for restoration of Nashawannuck Pond and \$200,000 for the construction of a new sewage treatment plant. The conference report approved by the House yesterday is the reconciled version of separate House and Senate reports.

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