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## Beach:Ability event at Constitution Beach in East Boston promotes greater accessibility



**BOSTON** — More than 125 people with disabilities were able to enjoy a fun-filled day at the beach in Boston with floating wheelchairs, sand wheelchairs and mobility maps.

Triangle, Inc. hosted its second Beach:Ability event at Constitution Beach in East Boston on Saturday.

The event was made possible through a grant from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Better Beaches program and supported by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's Universal Access program.

Organizers brought floating wheelchairs, sand wheelchairs and mobility mats to the beach to allow those with disabilities a chance to enjoy the water on what was a hot summer day.

"I think the highlight of today is going to be when you see someone who may have never been in the ocean before get into one of these floating wheelchairs and touch the water," said Chris Mancini, executive director of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay.

As part of this year's event, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay donated sand and beach wheelchairs to three local nonprofit organizations serving the community of those with disabilities in Greater Boston.

The goal of Beach:Ability is to highlight the programs that make Massachusetts public beaches accessible for those with disabilities, and to one day make special mobility devices available year-round at all public beaches.