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### The Excitement is Building at the New Garden Rink

**Worcester, MA** (June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016) – The environmental cleanup of the former Presmet/GKN Sinter Metals industrial complex is in full-effect and construction has begun for the \$18 million Garden Rink project headed by Marathon Sports Group of Boston. Lieutenant Governor Karyn Poltio, Congressman Jim McGovern and officials from Worcester Railers Hockey Club joined Marathon Sports Group of Boston on May 20<sup>th</sup> for the official groundbreaking.

The facility, boasting more than 100,000 sq. ft. of space, will house a multitude of full-service, athletic oriented opportunities including two hockey rinks, a state-of-the-art athletic training center, oversized locker rooms, meeting rooms, concession stands, a Pro Shop, and nearly 40,000 sq. ft. of retail space. Also featured in the final design is a strength and conditioning center, enabling the ability for teams, classes, and individuals alike to participate in performance enhancement training, re-conditioning, and personal training at all levels.

The New Garden Rink Facility promises to create a cutting-edge, multi-purpose center for the utilization of both youths to adults, and amateur to professionals, from local youth Hockey Teams, figure skating programs, sport camps, and training programs alike. Early estimates predict nearly 50,000+ users to the rinks on an annual basis, with local patrons given a second public rink in the area aside from the Buffone Arena. Both rinks at the New Garden facility are set to operate, on average, about 18 to 20 hours a day, seven days a week, year round. The opening date is currently scheduled for August 2017.

Marathon Sports Group was founded in 2015 to meet the growing demand of the sports and recreation industry. Marathon Sports Group is a full-service company that offers a variety of strategic and operational services to include cooperative consulting, space planning and design, project construction and development, budget management and financial advisement, as well as the creation of facility schedules and programs. The primary goal is to create cutting-edge sports phenomena across the nation by providing facilities that offer recreation to both youths and adults, from amateur to professional, through the development of sports programs and organized leagues to service the local community. For more information, visit [MarathonSportsGroup.com](http://MarathonSportsGroup.com).

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