This year, the public release event for MassWildlife's Northern Red-bellied Cooter headstart program will be held on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the Burrage Pond Wildlife Management Area in Hanson/Halifax. Program cooperators and members of the public are invited to help MassWildlife staff and biologists release headstarted Cooters at Burrage Pond and learn more about MassWildlife's headstart program. Attendees will have the opportunity to help release approximately 50 endangered Northern Red-bellied Cooters.

**When:** Friday, May 26, 2017, 10:00 AM

Where: Burrage Pond Wildlife Management Area; 11 Hawkes Avenue, Hanson, MA

**Who:** Division of Fisheries and Wildlife staff and biologists

**Headstart Program Cooperators and Volunteers** 

**Directions:** Hawkes Avenue is off Pleasant Street near where the commuter rail tracks cross Pleasant Street. Turn into the dirt driveway and turn past the metal barn and into the property through the gate. There will be signs at the Pleasant St/Hawkes Ave intersection, and there will be DFW staff available to guide people in to the release site.

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