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It was wonderful to see the Swimmable Charles Initiative as a reason Boston is such a great city ["The 61 New Best Things About Boston," April], but the initiative is far bigger than just the Charles River Conservancy. The EPA, the Charles River Watershed Association, the Conservation Law Foundation, and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority spent years working to raise the water quality of the Charles to the point where we could even talk about bringing public swimming back to the river. The initiative itself was launched by the EPA in 1995, and finally realized last year with the Charles River Master Swim Race, organized by the Charles River Swimming Club.

A working group with representatives from all these organizations, plus several others, continues the effort to bring swimming back to the Charles. For information, contact Ben Martens at bdm@thecharles.org. See you on the river!

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