



Conley Stadium - Providence, RI

DESCRIPTION:

CSI worked with the design team at Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger and performed destructive exploratory testing to assist in obtaining vital information required to develop the repair procedures.

This critical information will assist in the complete restoration and revitalization of the historic stadium, the first stadium in which the New England Patriots (originally Boston Patriots) played.

Patriots make donation to revamp field

Team owner Robert Kraft pledges \$100,000 to renovate Conley Field for Providence's youth.

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PROVIDENCE -- Nearly 45 years ago, in August 1960, the fledgling Boston Patriots trotted onto a football field in Providence and made their New England debut, before a crowd of more than 4,700 fans.

The Patriots won that preseason contest over the Denver Broncos, 43-6.

Yesterday, the Patriots' organization returned to Mount Pleasant High School to join Mayor David N. Cicilline in announcing plans to restore Conley Field & Stadium -- the historic facility behind the school where that game was played.

Working in partnership with the city, New England Patriots owner and chairman Robert Kraft pledged to contribute \$100,000 and donate 10 postseason tickets that will be used to raise another \$100,000 to make the improvements.

Kraft made the donation on behalf of the Kraft family and New England Patriots Charitable Foundation to further the development of youth sports in the city.

The Champlin Foundations have also pledged to donate \$100,000 to the effort and Councilman Patrick Butler has pledged to contribute \$100,000 of city bond money allocated to his ward to help renovate the facility. The city Parks Department is also raising money for the project.

But it was the Patriots' commitment to its onetime practice field that heralded the lion's share of attention yesterday.

"We are incredibly moved by the commitment Robert Kraft, his family and the New



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Robert Kraft, center, chairman and owner of the New England Patriots, greets Willie Turner and Mount Pleasant High School football players during a news conference at the school yesterday to announce the team's donation. At right is Providence Mayor David N. Cicilline.

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