

Park and Open Space Division

# Capital Improvement Plan

## FY2022-FY2027

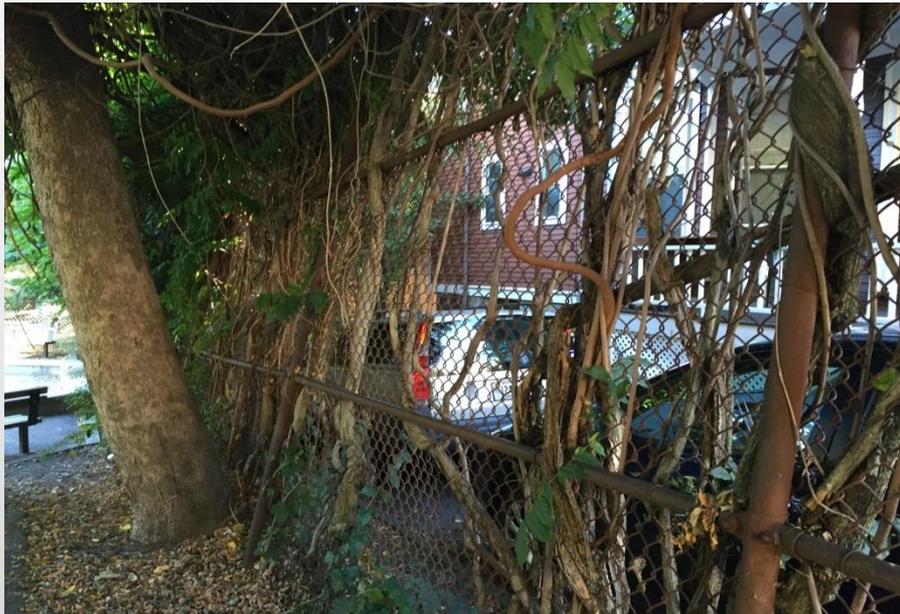
Park & Recreation Commission

July 14, 2020

# Capital Planning

- Capital Asset Conditions Assessment
- Safety & Accessibility
- Life Cycle Analysis
- Preliminary Cost Estimates
- Public Input & User Needs
- Site Visits
- Advertise & Public Hearing
- Vote of the Park & Recreation Commission
  - Discussion August 8, 2020
  - Vote September 8, 2020

# Murphy Playground



# Murphy Playground



# Robinson Playground



# Robinson Playground



# Schick Park



# Schick Park



# Boylston Street Playground



# Boylston Street Playground



# Boylston Street Playground



# Boylston Street Playground



# Skyline Park



# Skyline Park



# Skyline Park



# Griggs Park



# Griggs Park



# Amory Parking/Tennis



# Amory Tennis Courts



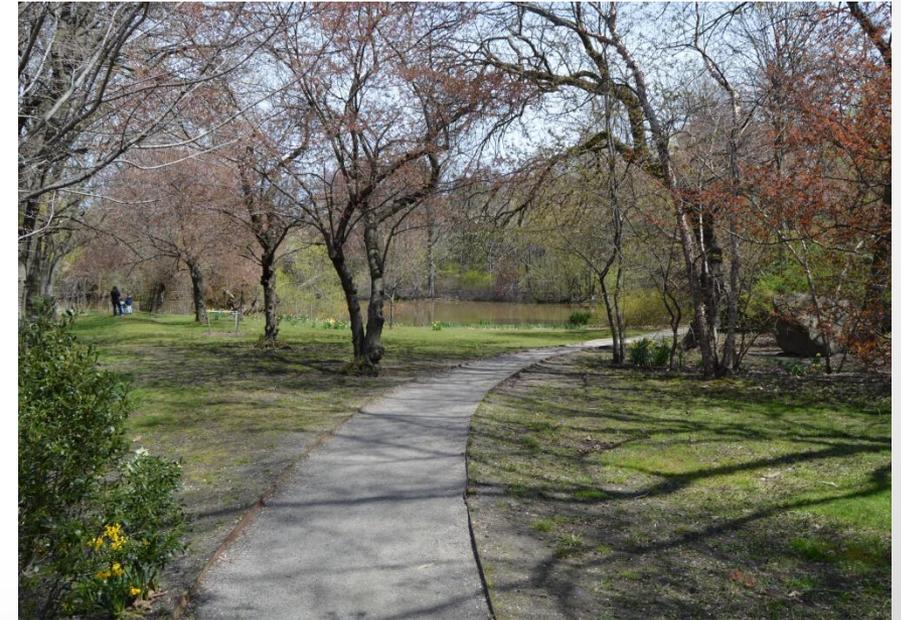
# Amory Playground



# Amory Playground



# Halls Pond



# Soule Playground



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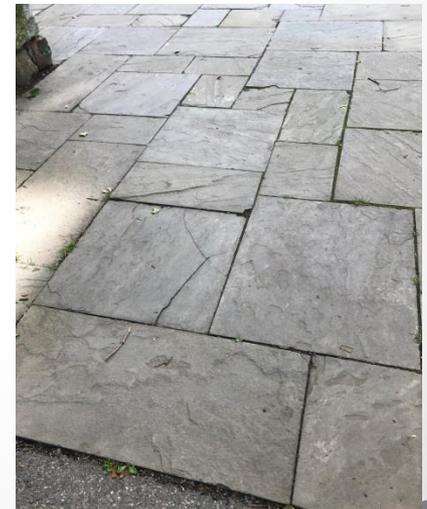
# Monmouth Park



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# Riverway Park



# Riverway Park



# Riverway Park



# Larz Anderson Ice Rink



# Proposed Capital Improvements FY22-27

	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	Future Years
	Amount						
<b>Parks and Playgrounds</b>							
Larz Anderson Park			2,500,000	1,000,000	3,500,000		5,800,000
Murphy Playground	1,030,000						
Robinson Playground	1,335,000						
Schick Playground		170,000	1,150,000				
Boylston St. Playground	200,000	1,400,000					
Skyline Park: Synthetic Turf Replacement & Improvements		480,000		2,400,000			
Griggs Park				220,000	1,460,000		
Amory Tennis Court/Parking/Boardwalk			310,000	2,090,000			
Fisher Hill Gatehouse Safety & Structural Improvements						425,000	
Soule Playground/Athletic Fields					490,000	4,100,000	
Riverway Park			625,000				
Monmouth Park					90,000	600,000	
Willow Pond Environmental Restoration & Bank Stabilization	280,000		2,800,000				
Athletic Fields/Outdoor Pool/Ice Skating Rink Feasibility Study	625,000						
Larz Anderson Ice Rink Skating Facility	800,000						

## School Grounds

New Lincoln School Playground	2,400,000						
Heath School Playground		2,900,000					
Baker School Playground			3,800,000				
Lawrence School/Longwood Playground				2,700,000			

# School Grounds Capital Projects

## **School Playgrounds In Need of Renovation**

- New Lincoln – 1992/94
- Heath School – 1995/2005/2015
- Baker School – 1996/1999
- Lawrence School/Longwood – 2004
  
- Old Lincoln School-Constructed 1932

## **Planned (previously) for Renovation**

- Baldwin School
- Driscoll School

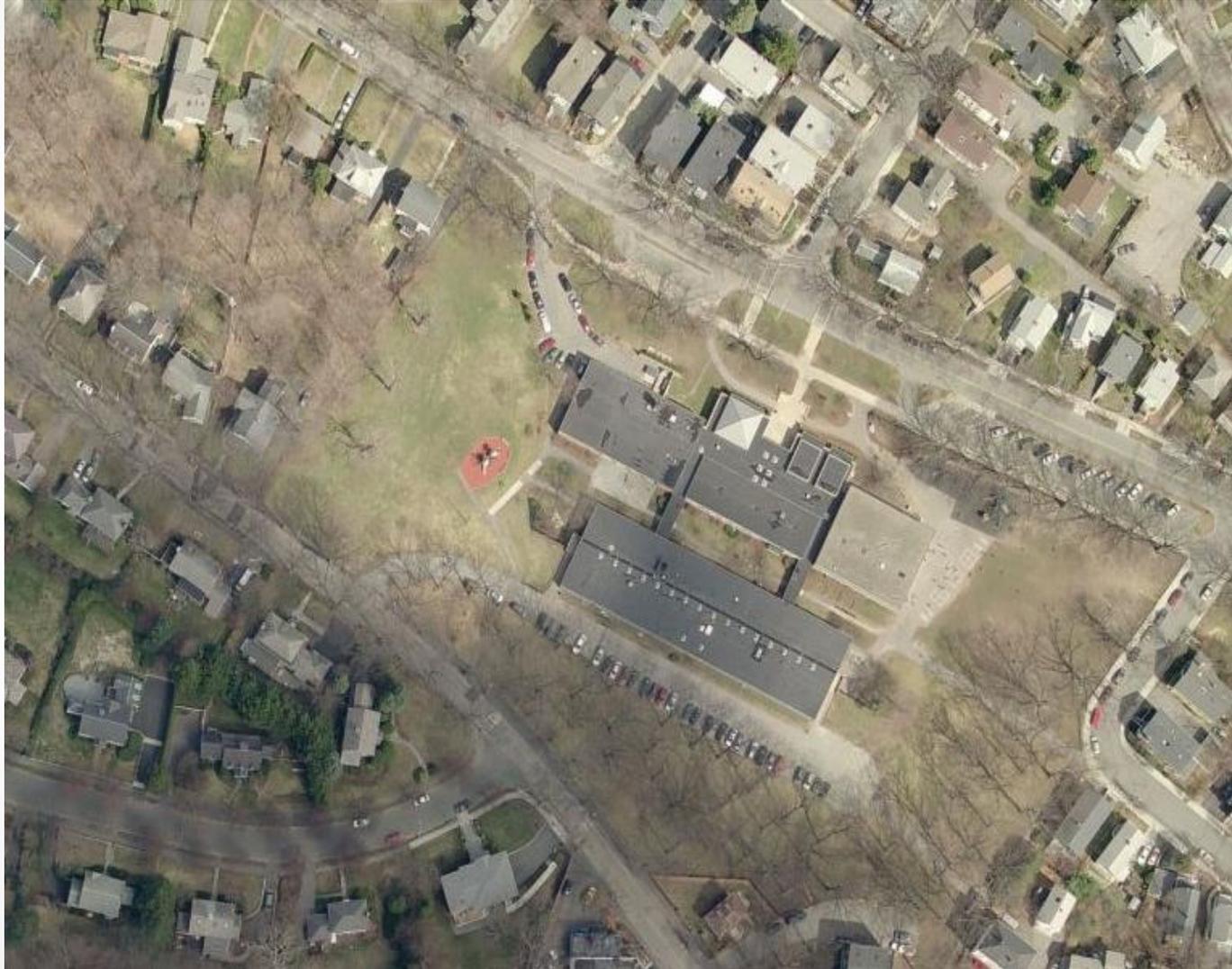
## **Recently Renovated**

- Runkle School
- Coolidge Corner School
- Pierce School

# New Lincoln School



# Heath School



# Baker School



# Lawrence School



# Proposed Capital Improvements FY21-26

	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Future Years
	Amount						
<b>Parks and Playgrounds</b>							
Larz Anderson Park	3,100,000			3,500,000		2,500,000	5,800,000
Murphy Playground		995,000					
Robinson Playground	1,270,000						
Schick Playground	160,000	1,070,000					
Boylston St. Playground		195,000	1,300,000				
Skyline Park: Synthetic Turf Replacement & Improvements		360,000		2,490,000			
Griggs Park				195,000	1,300,000		
Amory Tennis Court/Parking/Boardwalk			230,000		1,800,000		
Fisher Hill Gatehouse Safety & Structural Improvements						425,000	
Soule Playground/Athletic Fields	150,000				415,000	4,155,000	
Riverway Park					625,000		
Monmouth Park					90,000	610,000	
Athletic Fields/Outdoor Pool/Ice Skating Rink/Master Plan Feasibility Study & Putterham Woods Master Plan	625,000						

## School Grounds

New Lincoln School Playground	2,200,000						
Heath School Playground		2,500,000					
Baker School Playground			2,960,000				
Lawrence School/Longwood Playground				2,400,000			

# Athletic Facility Feasibility Study

## **Park & Recreation Fields & Facilities**

Park, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan (Update)  
Needs Analysis  
Programming Shortfalls  
Community Survey  
Public Meetings  
Facility Inventory

## **Deficit**

Outdoor Pool  
6 Rectangular Fields  
6 Ballfield Diamonds  
Indoor Rink  
Indoor Gym Space  
Community Center  
Skate park/Dog Park

## **Feasibility Study**

Combination of Fields & Facilities  
Community Parks/Large Parcel Study  
Costs/Trade-offs/Priorities



# TOWN OF BROOKLINE

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Conceptual Parks and Recreation Pool Test Fit Studies



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# Soule Playground



# SOULE PLAYGROUND

Existing Conditions

Scale: 1" = 80'-0"

Conceptual Test Fit Study





RESTROOMS,  
CHANGING  
ROOMS AND  
CONCESSIONS  
(1,875 SF)

POOL COMPLEX  
(10,000 SF)  
-DIVING AREA  
-ZERO ENTRY  
-LAP POOL

# SOULE PLAYGROUND

Concept 01      Scale: 1" = 80'-0"

Conceptual Test Fit Study





# SOULE PLAYGROUND

Concept 02      Scale: 1" = 80'-0"

Conceptual Test Fit Study



# Larz Anderson Park



**LARZ ANDERSON**

Existing Conditions

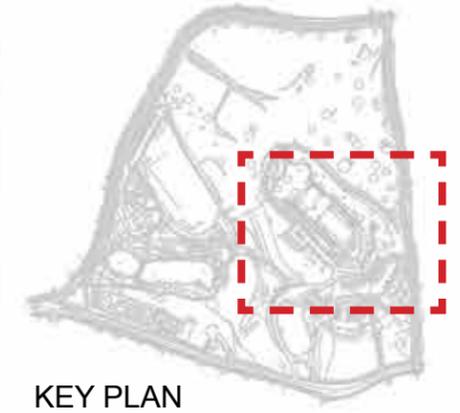
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Conceptual Test Fit Study

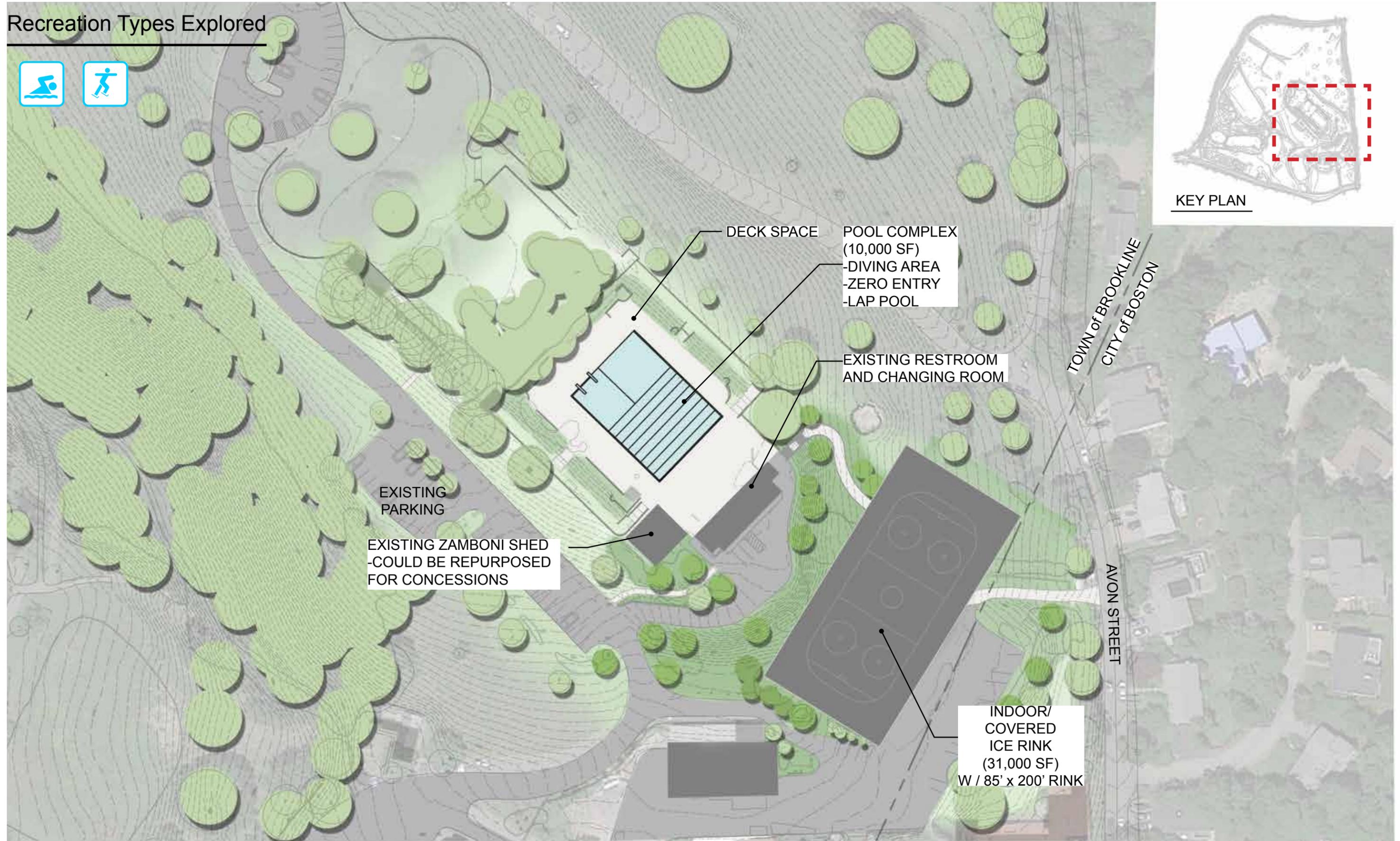
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# Recreation Types Explored



KEY PLAN



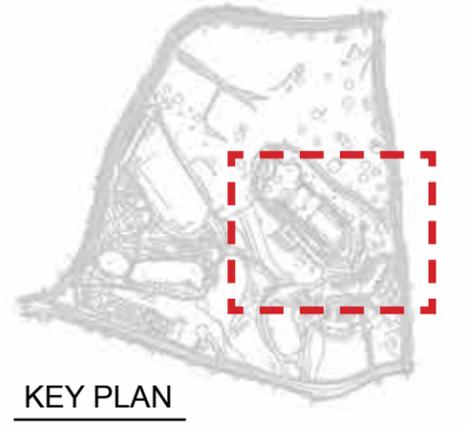
LARZ ANDERSON

Concept B-1

Scale: 1" = 80'-0"

Conceptual Test Fit Study





KEY PLAN

TOWN of BROOKLINE  
CITY of BOSTON

AVON STREET

RESTORED  
ITALIANATE  
GARDEN

EXISTING  
PARKING

PICNIC AREA

POOL COMPLEX  
(10,000 SF)  
-DIVING AREA  
-ZERO ENTRY  
-LAP POOL

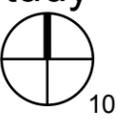
INDOOR/  
COVERED  
ICE RINK  
(31,000 SF)  
W / 85' x 200' RINK

LARZ ANDERSON

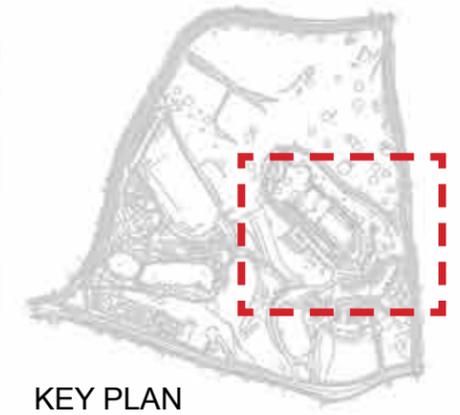
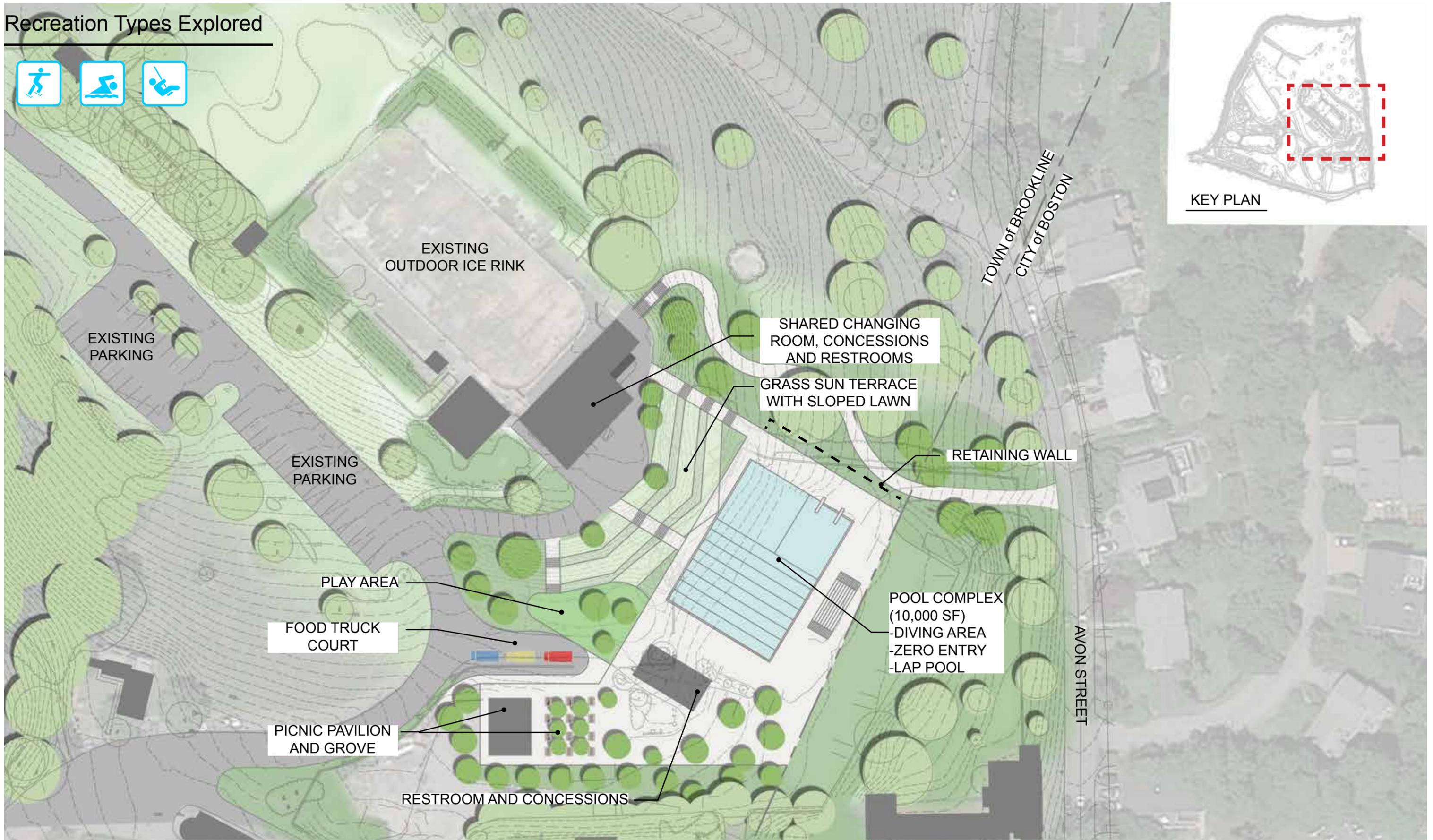
Concept B-2

Scale: 1" = 80'-0"

Conceptual Test Fit Study



# Recreation Types Explored



KEY PLAN

**LARZ ANDERSON**

Concept C-1

Scale: 1" = 60'-0"

Conceptual Test Fit Study



# Amory Playground



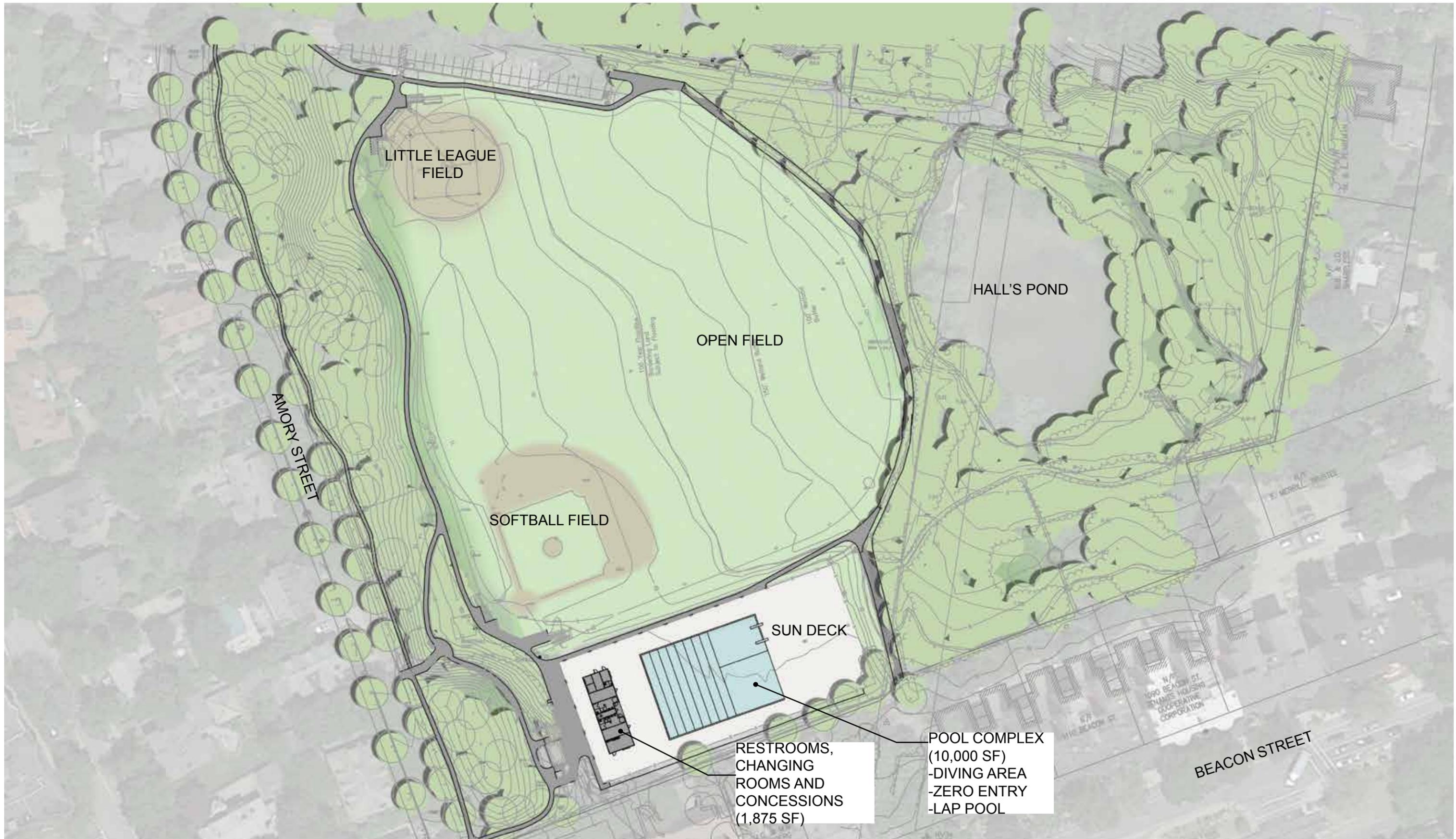
# AMORY PLAYGROUND

Existing Conditions

Scale: 1" = 80'-0"

Conceptual Test Fit Study





# AMORY PLAYGROUND

Concept 01

Scale: 1" = 80'-0"

Conceptual Test Fit Study



# Putterham Woods Golf Course



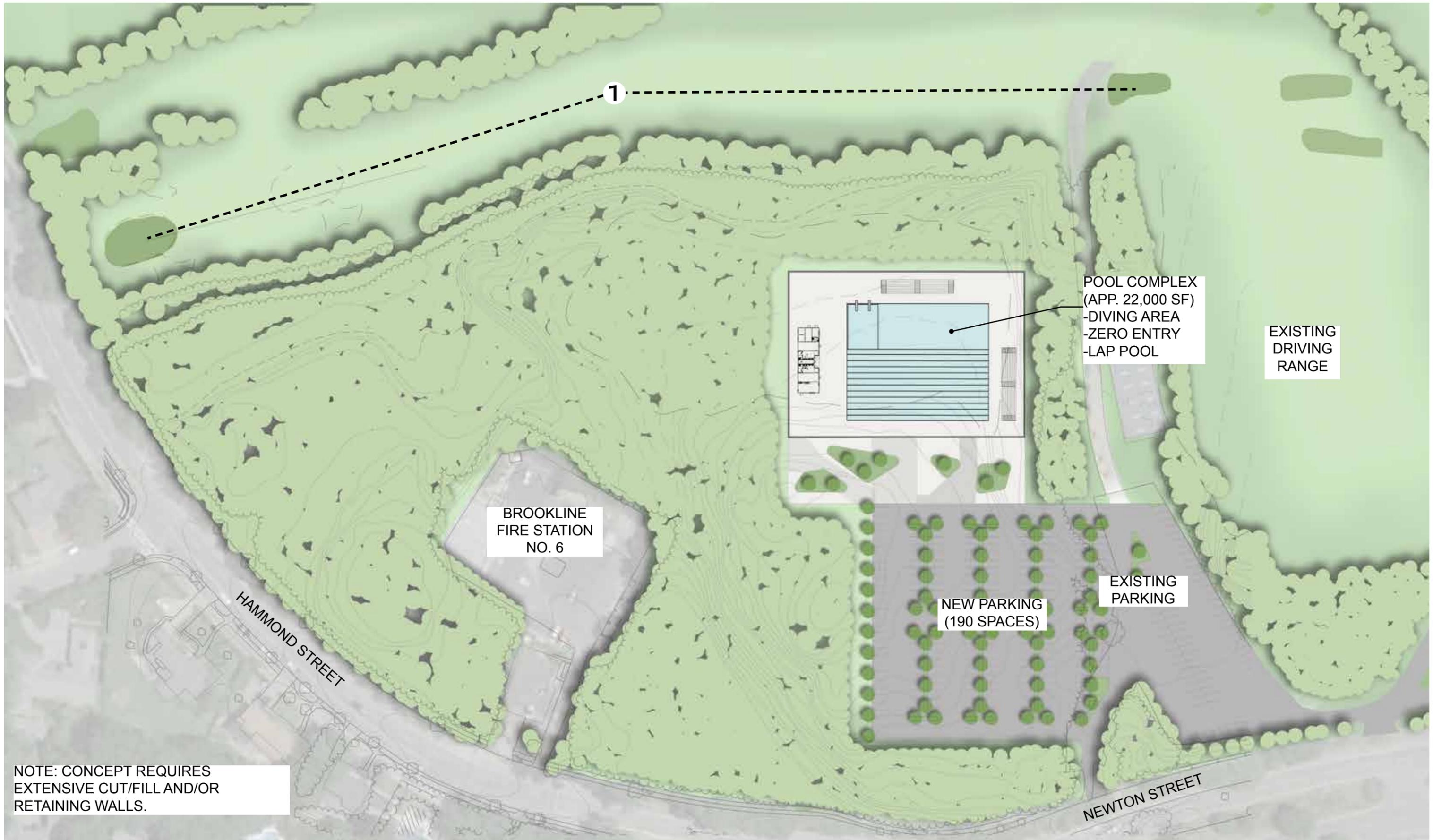
# PUTTERHAM WOODS

Existing Conditions

Scale: 1" = 300'-0"

Conceptual Test Fit Study





POOL COMPLEX  
(APP. 22,000 SF)  
-DIVING AREA  
-ZERO ENTRY  
-LAP POOL

EXISTING  
DRIVING  
RANGE

BROOKLINE  
FIRE STATION  
NO. 6

NEW PARKING  
(190 SPACES)

EXISTING  
PARKING

HAMMOND STREET

NEWTON STREET

NOTE: CONCEPT REQUIRES  
EXTENSIVE CUT/FILL AND/OR  
RETAINING WALLS.

# PUTTERHAM WOODS

Concept 01 Scale: 1" = 100'-0"

Conceptual Test Fit Study



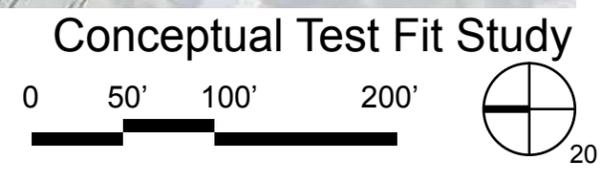
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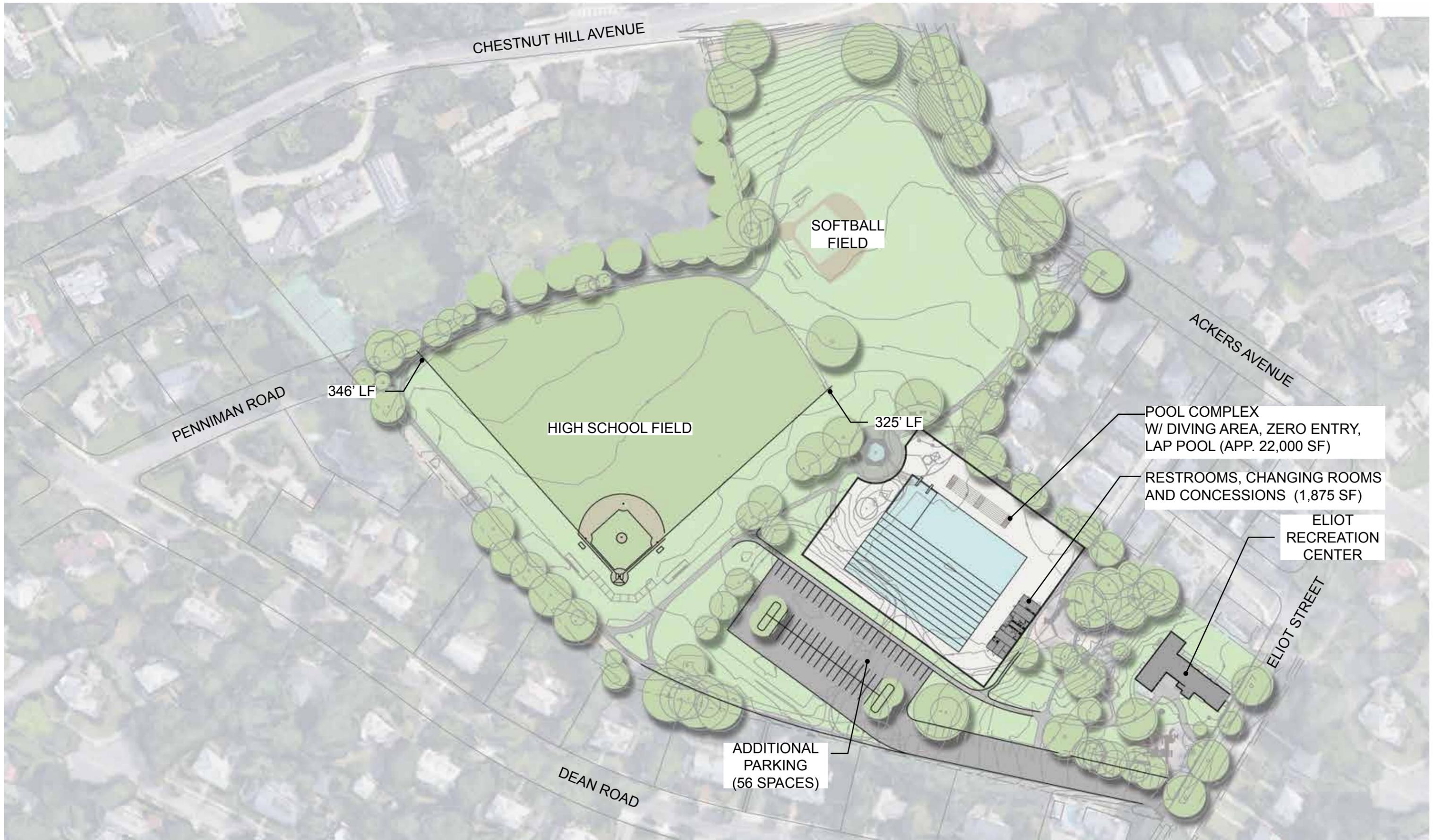


**DANIEL W. WARREN, JR. FIELD / ELIOT PLAYGROUND**

Existing Conditions

Scale: 1" = 100'-0"





# DANIEL W. WARREN, JR. FIELD / ELIOT PLAYGROUND

Concept 01

Scale: 1" = 100'-0"

Conceptual Test Fit Study



# Brookline Avenue Playground



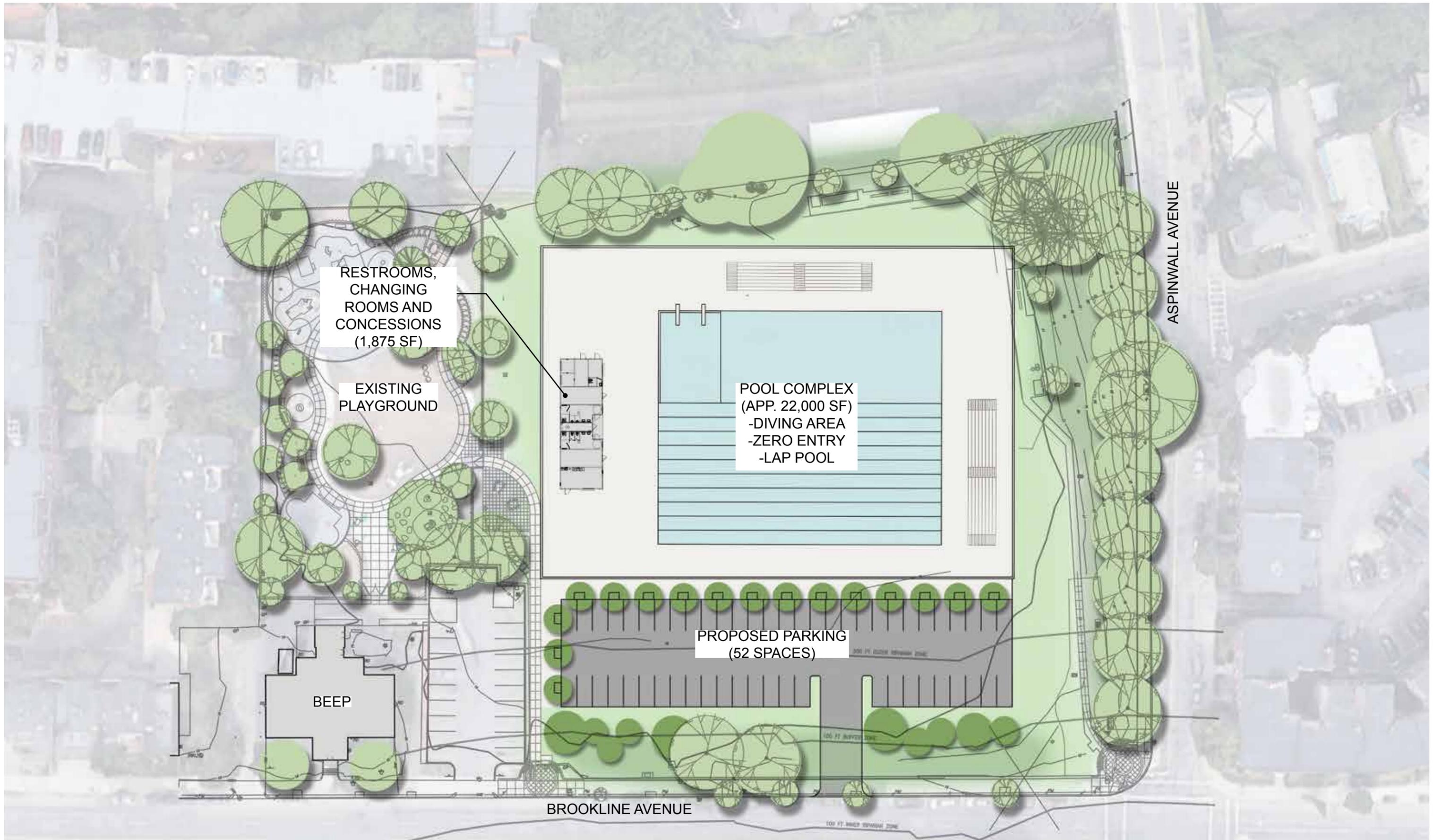
# BROOKLINE AVE PLAYGROUND

Existing Conditions

Scale: 1" = 50'-0"

Conceptual Test Fit Study





RESTROOMS,  
CHANGING  
ROOMS AND  
CONCESSIONS  
(1,875 SF)

EXISTING  
PLAYGROUND

POOL COMPLEX  
(APP. 22,000 SF)  
-DIVING AREA  
-ZERO ENTRY  
-LAP POOL

PROPOSED PARKING  
(52 SPACES)

BEEP

BROOKLINE AVENUE

ASPENWALL AVENUE

# BROOKLINE AVE PLAYGROUND

Concept 01

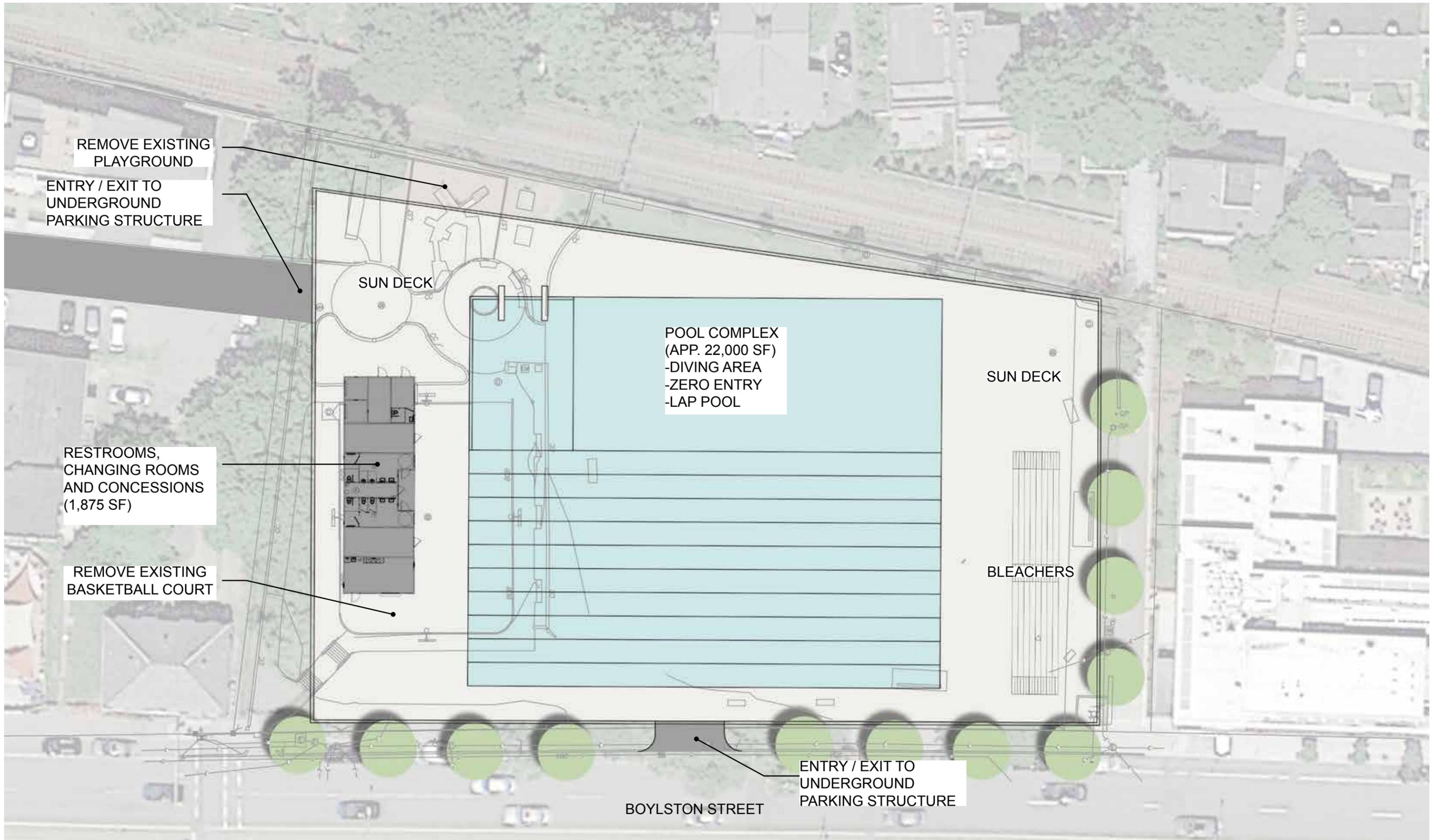
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Conceptual Test Fit Study



# Boylston Street Playground





REMOVE EXISTING PLAYGROUND

ENTRY / EXIT TO UNDERGROUND PARKING STRUCTURE

SUN DECK

POOL COMPLEX  
(APP. 22,000 SF)  
-DIVING AREA  
-ZERO ENTRY  
-LAP POOL

SUN DECK

RESTROOMS,  
CHANGING ROOMS  
AND CONCESSIONS  
(1,875 SF)

REMOVE EXISTING BASKETBALL COURT

BLEACHERS

ENTRY / EXIT TO UNDERGROUND PARKING STRUCTURE

BOYLSTON STREET

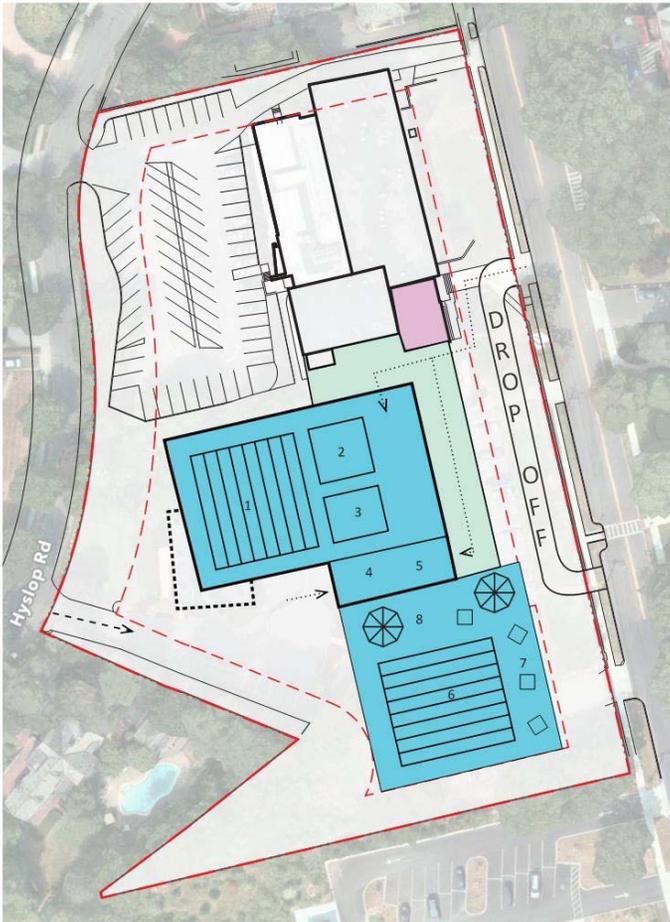
# BOYLSTON STREET PLAYGROUND

Concept 01

Scale: 1" = 30'-0"

Conceptual Test Fit Study





INDOOR OUTDOOR SWIM FACILITY to consolidate a growing program.

### SITE PROGRAM

A new Pool facility can be located on the existing Academic Center parking lot with a connecting concourse running along Fisher Ave between existing building, access to indoor pool and extending to an outdoor pool. Locker rooms are situated between the indoor and outdoor pools for shared use. A drop-off lane parallel to the road can accommodate all uses on the site.

- CORNER CAFE
- CONNECTOR VESTIBULE
- PUBLIC INDOOR POOL (SCHEME 9):
  - (1) 8 LANED, 25 YARD POOL
  - (2) 12 YARDS x 12 YARDS, 12 FEET DEEP DIVING WELL
  - (3) 10 FEET x 12 FEET, 0 FOOT DEEP ENTRY to 4 FEET DEEP
  - (4) MENS AND WOMENS LOCKER ROOMS
  - (5) SWIMMING EQUIPMENT AND STORAGE
- PUBLIC OUTDOOR POOL:
  - (6) 8 LANED, 25 YARD POOL
  - (7) TABLES WITH SEATING
  - (8) GAZEBOS WITH SEATING
- DEMOLITION OF "WEST HALL" BUILDING
- CAR ENTRANCES/EXITS
- PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCES/EXITS



## 9 INDOOR – OUTDOOR SWIM FACILITY

# Brookline Reservoir



APP. 1 MILE WALKING TRACK

GATEHOUSE

BOYLSTON STREET

WARREN STREET

BROOKLINE RESERVOIR

WALNUT STREET

LEE STREET

DUDLEY WAY

# BROOKLINE RESERVOIR

Existing Conditions

Scale: 1" = 200'-0"

Conceptual Test Fit Study





# BROOKLINE RESERVOIR

Concept 01

Scale: 1" = 60'-0"

Conceptual Test Fit Study





# BROOKLINE RESERVOIR

Concept 03

Scale: 1" = 60'-0"

Conceptual Test Fit Study



Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes 7/14/20

Park and Recreation Commission	Meeting Minutes
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**Date:** July 14, 2020, 6:00 PM

**Place:** Zoom Meeting

**Commissioners Attending:** John Bain, Nancy O’Connor, Clara Batchelor, Wendy Sheridan, Antonia Bellalta, Dan Lyons and Jim Carroll

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Staff:** Erin Gallentine, Parks and Open Space Director, Leigh Jackson, Recreation Director, Jessica White, Parks and Open Space Assistant

TOPIC	KEY POINTS/DISCUSSION
Chairman’s Welcome Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>J. Bain opened the meeting. J. Bain moved for approval of the June 9, 2020 minutes. Seconded by N. O’Connor. All in favor.</li> </ul>
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Public Comment.</li> </ul>
Per May 2019 Town Meeting Warrant Article 30 Initial Presentation of Fit Test for Possible Outdoor Pool Locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E. Gallentine introduced herself. This evening she is going to present very preliminary test fits for possible outdoor pool locations. E. Gallentine reminded the meeting participants that Town Meeting had passed a resolution asking that her Division look at possible locations for the Commission and public to discuss and review. A feasibility study and design would need to be funded if the Commission and public found a location that they wanted to present to Town Meeting. Following her presentation, the Commission will have an opportunity to ask questions and then E. Gallentine will take questions from the attendees/public. E. Gallentine provided background information into Warrant Article 30 from the May 2019 Town Meeting and the discussion around the need for an outdoor community pool. She added that the need for or deficit of an outdoor swimming pool was also identified by the community and project team during the 2006 Park and Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.</li> <li>E. Gallentine stated that assessment that has been done, and will be presented this evening, simply looks at spaces across town and in public parks where a pool could be located. S. Landgren created the template that was used. She stated that it is just a template and basic test fit. She stated that we started looking at a 25 yard pool, with a dive pool and a smaller</li> </ul>

	<p>recreation/lesson pool and then modified that to a 25 and 50 meter lap pool depending on location. In this case they are all combined and are very much being used as a template. She stated that a bath house was included in the template. If the Town were to move forward with a feasibility study they would want to refine the actual program for the pool that would impact design. S. Landgren had developed this template following guidance by the national federation of high school, court and field diagram reference and architecture graphic standards for a 25 yard/25 meter pool.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• E. Gallentine listed all the possible sites. She stated that she is not proposing any of these sites, this is a starting point for conversation.</li><li>• E. Gallentine presented two options at Soule. The first option is a 10,000 square foot footprint plus or minus, with an 8-lane pool and bathhouse. She showed this concept at the lower Soule field. Alternatively at the Upper Soule Field a larger pool complex could fit with approximately 22,000 square feet. This template has 10 lanes, a diving pool and a leisure component.</li><li>• There are several options at Larz Anderson Park. The first model shows a template at the Park Division Maintenance Area. A second option shows the pool within the Italianate Garden area and repurposing some of the building/pavilion. Another option would involve restoring the Italianate Garden and having shared space in the Park Division Maintenance area and having an ice rink and pool combination facility. The final option has the pool facility and support infrastructure in the maintenance area. All of these options are staying on the Brookline side of the property line.</li><li>• The option at Amory Playground calls for a fenced in pool 8-lane, ten thousand square foot pool facility that could fit within the existing tennis court fenced in space.</li><li>• The option at Putterham Woods expands the parking lot coming into the woods and having a large 22,000 square foot pool complex nestled into that space.</li></ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The option at Eliot Playground looks at repurposing the basketball and tennis courts to provide parking, and having an outdoor pool complex.</li><li>• The option at Brookline Avenue shows parking right off Brookline Avenue and a 22,000 square foot, diving and zero entry plus lap pool.</li><li>• The options at Boylston Street Playground show for a pool complex at grade or underground parking and a roof pool structure.</li><li>• An indoor and outdoor pool combination complex from Newbury Coolidge was shared.</li><li>• The idea for Brookline Reservoir would be a recreational swim area which would have beach entry with concessions. This is a concept conceived in the mid 1900's and was abandoned.</li><li>• All of the sites are locations where a pool could possibly fit, there is no feasibility study that has been done and she feels that the Park and Recreation Commission and petitioners would really want to think about the program goals for future consideration that would refine possible sites that would meet those program goals. Additional steps regarding feasibility, design and construction would need to be budgeted in the Town's CIP. She thinks that there is more work to be done before this is ready to move towards feasibility. She thinks the Commission would need to agree that they want to propose the construction of an outdoor pool, have a good understanding of the programs and goals of the pool, have a basic understanding of the management costs and operation of pool facility and then have 1 -3 locations to be considered for the pool.</li><li>• J. Bain stated that we would need to put together a task force or working group to overlook the site and discuss this with petitioners and those interested in looking into this possibility.</li><li>• N. O'Connor doesn't have questions. She thinks there are some interesting ideas here to get started. She stated that when we have a working group there are some of these you can take off the table right away and others that can be</li></ul>	
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	<p>explored further. She thinks that with the space we have in town she worries about the existing programming in certain areas. This needs to be looked at in terms of what is going on. She thinks we need to look at creative options and even combining with rink area and it needs to be a thoughtful process. She thinks that it is a great first step and she looked forward to discussing it further.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• L. Jackson is excited about this idea and exploring all these opportunities. She is looking forward to hearing from the community, the Commission and coming up with ideas that make the most sense.</li><li>• Clara Batchelor wonders how it would be financed and if it would be part of study. E. Gallentine stated that it would be part of the feasibility study, but ultimately a Town Meeting decision.</li><li>• E. Gallentine wanted to remind the Commission that when this warrant article was being discussed, we also talked about a Strategic Plan Update and an Athletic Fields Needs Assessment Mater Plan happening simultaneously and there was interest in merging those efforts. The Park and Recreation Commission approved A Test Fit analysis of all the needs that have been previously identified, looking at all parks and open space sites over 2 acres. She stated that the work has started but this is pulling out items specific to the pool. She stated that we provided some leeway in terms of thinking creatively.</li><li>• Wendy Sheridan wanted to thank E. Gallentine for this presentation. She thinks that it is exciting to consider an outdoor recreation facility that does not exist in town. She is excited about a working group getting together to explore the potential of what this could look like, where it could be and who it could serve. She wants to be thoughtful and stated that based on a prior needs assessment we know we have a shortage of field space and she would encourage everyone to look at spaces where we are not losing field space. She is most excited about exploring Newbury College if and when that is a possibility, but also Putterham and Larz</li></ul>	
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	<p>Anderson. It's a way of getting creative and at the same time not taking away from a recreation facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alisa Jonas addressed the Commission. She stated that it is an exciting presentation. She loves Larz Anderson and thinks that making use of that space for recreation would be fantastic. She would not want to take away space from other uses/people, and she knows the issue is public transportation and thinks there is a creative way to deal with that. She is really excited. She thinks it's a basic amenity the town should have. She stated it gets hot in the summer and having an outdoor place to swim is an important aspect of recreation that the town should provide.</li><li>• Mike Toffel addresses the Commission. He stated that this is all very exciting. He agreed that it would be best not to impact athletic fields or Amory tennis courts. He wonders if there are other options at the Putterham Golf Course and he finds some urgency from his perspective about advancing even the preliminary pieces about this work and a comprehensive plan. He stated that as you may know the discussions on whether or not to purchase Newbury are somewhat predicated on what we might do with it. E. Gallentine stated that we showed one option in Putterham Woods with parking and a large aquatic facility. She stated that the last item is a good point in terms of thinking about best and highest use and what the overall needs are coming out of the strategic plan update and how that might fit into Park and Recreation Commission recommendations moving forward. M. Toffel stated that he was thinking of making the Golf Course 9 holes and putting the pool/recreation center at the other end.</li><li>• Lynda Roseman addressed the Commission. She wanted to echo what has been said about doing our best to avoid taking away amenities we currently have in order to build a swimming pool. She is very excited and thinks it's terrific.</li><li>• E. Gallentine wanted to recognize S. Landgren for all the work he did on this.</li><li>• Richard Robinson addressed the Commission. He has lived in Brookline for 40 years and he</li></ul>	
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was a lifeguard in another lifetime so he knows how much people enjoy swimming, and he is delighted with what he has heard tonight already. He stated that there is an area across from Newbury college/open field, and he wonders if there any thought to using that land. He thinks there needs to be adequate parking, and wonders if there would be fees charged to use the pool. He also thinks there needs to be adequate shade. He thinks it would be better to have a stand alone pool in terms of traffic. He would like to thank everyone who has worked on this and would love to serve on the task force. E. Gallentine stated that the property next to Newbury College West is Fisher Hill Reservoir Park. She stated that there would be shade, there would be parking and stated that it is very typical to charge fees but that would be done as part of the feasibility study.

- Richard Nangle addressed the Commission. He stated that is was an interesting presentation and does support the idea of not tapping into existing resources that are heavily used. He stated that along that line how would this fit in with discussions about restoring trials of Putterham Woods. He stated that the test fit would take quite a bit of those woods. He stated there is also fire and training facility adjacent to that. E. Gallentine stated that those are all good points that need to be explored.
- J. Bain stated that he hears a lot of parking but thinks we need to find a site with public access. He thinks in terms of the working group for the pool we need to have people who have interest. He thinks we need to have citizens write in/request to serve on this working group for the pool. He thinks we need to have at least 4 Commissioners.
- J. Bain, N. O'Connor, A. Bellalta, D. Lyons and C. Batchelor expressed interesting in serving on the subcommittee.
- W. Sheridan made a motion to set up a working group/subcommittee for the Larz Anderson Skating Rink. Seconded by C. Batchelor. All in favor. A roll call was taken and the aforementioned 5 Commissioners appointed.

<b>Appoint Larz Anderson Ice Skating Rink Task Force</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• J. Bain stated that W. Sheridan will be chairing this task force and has done a great job to date.</li><li>• W. Sheridan thanked J. Bain for the exciting opportunity to chair the Jack Kirrane Ice Rink Task Force. She looks forward to taking on the role with guidance, leadership and help from the Commission. She wanted to start by going over the objectives of the task force and then she will present her recommendations. She is proposing a task force made up of commissioners that have expressed interest as well as 4-5 members of the public. She is also going to propose to have two associate nonvoting members on the task force who have applied and are nonresidents, but bring something to the table. She stated that the goal is to study, research, plan and do work. The expectation is to have each member do work on coming up with the plan, the research, the goals and ultimately a recommendation to the full Park and Recreation Commission. She foresees the task force considering costs, benefits associated with maintaining an ice rink facility, research, repair, and replacement options for the rink, evaluate short and long terms community needs in regards to the rink, strategize opportunities for strategic partnerships and come up with temporary options/solutions. She would like to propose a kick off meeting for the task force within the next 2-3 weeks. She is hopeful to schedule to meet every other week and come back to the full commission with an update within three months of the first meeting. She hopes to bring a final report in January to the full Commission. She is hopeful all the task force members she is recommending to the Commission are prepared, and able to be active willing participants to get this facility up and running as soon as possible.</li><li>• She stated that she had an incredible level of interest. She was pleased and encouraged with intense desire to help and participate in this task force. She stated that we received 25 letters of interest to serve on the task force. She stated that there was a wide range of interest. She would like to start by going over the 4 or 5 recommendations that she has and see if there</li></ul>	
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	<p>are any comments from her fellow Commissioners. She would also like to encourage anyone that applied and did not make the task force to stay actively involved and engaged in the process. She stated that even though you are not a voting member your attendance at meetings is critical to have a successful outcome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• W. Sheridan listed her recommendations of those she would like to see appointed to the Task Force. W. Sheridan gave some background information into her choices. She recommended Jeff Thaibault, Julie Jette, Priscilla Karnovsky, Avi Urbas and Isabelle Iguchi. W. Sheridan stated that there are two other applications she would like to discuss. She would like to propose that the Commission appoints two non-voting associate members of the task force. She thinks they bring different views/expertise that would be valuable. The recommendations are Bob Little and Paisley Boney. W. Sheridan gave the backgrounds of both non-voting associate members.</li><li>• J. Bain stated that it was very thoughtful on how she described each applicant. He is very confident W. Sheridan will shine on this particular project.</li><li>• C. Batchelor thought W. Sheridan did a great job on looking at everyone. She asked W. Sheridan if that B. Little was a nonresident. W. Sheridan replied with a yes.</li><li>• J. Carroll stated that W. Sheridan did a great job and mainly the people she suggested were on his list. He understands the thought process of having associate non-voting members.</li><li>• N. O'Connor thanked W. Sheridan and stated that she has selected wonderful applicants and thinks to have insight and knowledge /partnership with Mr. little and Mr. Boney are a great way of having them involved. She stated that W. Sheridan picked a nice variety of participants. She knows almost every applicant has a great connection to the park and had great insights. She hopes that we can encourage everyone to stay connected and participate.</li><li>• A. Bellalta stated that W. Sheridan did a great job. She had most of those people on her list</li></ul>	
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	<p>and the only one she had a question about is the person with the association with BU. She stated that if we are looking at creative partnerships it sounds like he is more sports orientated. She wondered what W. Sheridan’s thoughts were on him. W. Sheridan stated that she thought Ryan would be a terrific candidate as well, but she felt like we needed to narrow down to 4-5 task members to have an efficient task force. She stated that it was a tough decision to narrow it down.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D. Lyons stated that W. Sheridan did a great job and he is particularly intrigued with alternate non-voting members and what they will bring to the table. The both are from two different fields and are well connected to Brookline. He thinks W. Sheridan has done a great job with all their choices.</li> <li>• The Commission had unanimous acceptance of W. Sheridan’s’ recommendations to serve on the Larz Anderson Skating Rink Task force.</li> <li>• The Chair appointed the members to the Task Force as recommended by W. Sheridan.</li> <li>• E. Gallentine would like to emphasize that the letter sent to the commission from Julie Jette was a letter in support for the Jack Kirrane Rink and was signed unanimously by precinct 15 and 16. This letter will be on file.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>FY22-27 Capital Improvement Plan Presentation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E. Gallentine stated that a draft FY 22-27 CIP plan was delivered to every Commissioner. There were project descriptions and a spread sheet per park. The spreadsheets were estimates based on repair or replacements of items within the park. Scott Landgren went through each park, visited them and updated all of the spreadsheets based upon current bid prices. The costs have been updated based on the cost of inflation and existing conditions. This is a draft and based on a 6 year plan that is discussed each year. She stated that she is sharing this information, it can be talked about again at the August meeting with a vote taken in September.</li> </ul> <p>CIP Process and Planning</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conditions Assessment</li> <li>2. Safety and accessibility</li> </ol>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Life Cycle Analysis</li><li>4. Preliminary cost estimates</li><li>5. Public input and user needs</li><li>6. Site visits</li><li>7. Advertise and public hearing</li><li>8. Vote by the Park and Recreation Commission<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• E. Gallentine presented the Commission with images from the parks that are in the 6 year CIP. These images demonstrate some of the conditions that will be improved or addressed by each of the projects.</li><li>• Images from Murphy were shown. This park is currently in the design review process. She stated that the money in this line item will improve accessibility into and through this park, improve basketball courts, improve drainage and address the edge conditions and water play. She stated that the playground is in need of full replacement. Murphy is currently planned for construction funding in FY22.</li><li>• Images of Robinson Playground were shown. Robinson is in near completion of the Design Review Process. There has been a robust process with the neighborhood. She listed all the items that will be addressed as part of the renovation. This park is the heart of the neighborhood. This project was scheduled to be funded in the FY21 budget, but due to CV19 and other Town needs was pushed out one year to help cover other costs for the Town.</li><li>• Images of Schick Park were shown. This park has funding for design in FY23 and money for Construction is in FY24. E. Gallentine detailed conditions that need to be addressed/updated.</li><li>• Images of Boylston Street Playground were shown. E. Gallentine listed the needs for updates in this park. N. O'Connor stated that there is a lot of new housing in this area. E. Gallentine agreed and stated that there is a lot of interest in terms of what the space could be. E. Gallentine discussed the fencing that could be moved. E. Gallentine discussed the footbridge and how the town is looking at options for a temporary bridge structure and or permanent replacement. She stated that whatever we do, we need to think about coordinating the efforts because it will have a</li></ul></li></ol>	
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	<p>significant impact on the park. She is unsure of timing but wants to be sure we are pulling it together to get the best outcome for park/community. J. Carroll stated that from his point he doesn't want to invest park/design money of this location if it is kept on pool selection list. E. Gallentine stated that it's a good point, it is in design money in FY22 and its something to talk about in August and in September. W. Sheridan stated that it seems that this park has reached the end of its life cycle and it is a park in neighborhood, which her kids have played at. She knows how well loved this park is, but does want to point out that the closest parks to this neighborhood include Emerson, Cypress, Clark and Robinson which serve a similar community of users. She agrees it has reached the end of its life and she is sensitive to all needs in all parts of town and feels like there might be other parts of Town that need investment. E. Gallentine stated that we have made a great deal of investment in N. Brookline parks and maybe time it is time to map the parks and the year of investment to see it in a different way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A. Bellalta wanted to remind everyone that this park was connected with the study for Route 9 and the future of open space on Route 9. She thinks opening edge and inviting people in would be great to get more people movement.</li><li>• N. O'Connor stated that these are all good points, but wanted to emphasize that parks have a life cycle and it's at the end. She stated that there are multiple residences and apartments besides the condos that have been built back there. She agreed that we need to take a map and start figuring out when things were done. She doesn't want to cut the place short, it is really well used and loved. E. Gallentine stated that it was around 1998 when the park was last renovated. It's been over 20 years. N. O'Connor stated that E. Gallentine had mentioned that Robinson and Murphy would be under construction in 2022, and she wondered if we had capacity to do two at once. E. Gallentine stated that they will be designed, the</li></ul>	
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	<p>question is construction oversight. She thinks it is a good question.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Images of skyline were shown. E. Gallentine stated that we are due for a full carpet replacement for the synthetic turf field. E. Gallentine listed the tears/repairs that have happened with the turf at Skyline. She stated that the operations staff is worried about making it to FY25. This is a great facility that has served the Town very well. She stated that we will continue to do the best we can, it's important we keep replenishing with infill and grooming to promote the life span of the field. E. Gallentine listed the other upgrades that are included in CIP for Skyline. She stated that overall Skyline is in great shape but we need to replace some elements. W. Sheridan asked E. Gallentine if she has a strategy for reaching out to partner programs for a situation like this. E. Gallentine reached out to the former president who was going to start conversation for level of interest for fundraising opportunities.</li><li>• Images of Griggs Park was shown. This is a great neighborhood and Friends Group. There is money in FY25 for design and money in FY 26 for construction. E. Gallentine listed the upgrades included in the budget line item for this park. It's a park that serves all ages and it's time for a full renovation.</li><li>• Images of Amory Parking/Tennis Courts were shown. She stated that the line item includes rebuilding Amory tennis courts, refurbishing the parking lot and rebuilding the boardwalk at Halls pond. E. Gallentine detailed what was included in rebuilding the courts. She stated that we are looking to rebuild the two infields and the parking lot needs to be resurfaced. E. Gallentine stated that there will be upgrades to comfort station, pro shop and maintenance storage space. N O'Connor stated that she is looking at sheet detailed for Amory and does not see the two infields listed. E. Gallentine stated that she will add that in and explained the work being done.</li><li>• Images of Soule Playgrounds were shared. E. Gallentine listed the upgrades included in the CIP budget line item. There is design money in</li></ul>	
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	<p>FY26 and has Construction money in FY27. She stated that the splash pad surfacing is in need of total replacement. This project is to deal with drainage, formalizing parking, replacing stairs, making accessible entrances and widening the field up above to accommodate more sports. The replacement of the lower turf field is included in this total.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Images of Monmouth Park were shown. E. Gallentine listed the work included in the CIP Line item. She stated that it is possible that the play equipment might need to be removed before this construction begins.</li><li>• Images of the Riverway were shown. The Olmsted Flood Control Project Phase 2 will start this season. They are mobilizing with construction fence. Olmsted Park is one of the first areas that are going to dredge as part of phase two. This involves removing the sand/bar island. E. Gallentine detailed the area they will be working in. Riverway Park is not a significant part of the project, there are a few areas for spot dredging for flood control. However, the bank-to-bank dredging, environmental restoration and bank stabilization is not happening as part of the US Army Corps project and really needs to be done. She stated that it is very important green infrastructure for the Town and is a very important community asset. She stated that we will work on that next phase and are proposing in FY24 to do design work and work on bank stabilization. It is complicated because it will require a lot of coordination and communication. C. Batchelor wanted to give kudos to this year's Studios Without Walls. It was great and very well attended. E. Gallentine stated that they did a great job and seem to keep getting better every year.</li><li>• There are several new items added to the CIP for the Commission's consideration. The first item is Willow Pond Environmental Restoration and Bank Stabilization. This was impacted by an underground storage tank that leaked. This site has contamination and we need to remove that contamination in compliance with MASS DEP. She discussed</li></ul>	
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	<p>the source of the leak. A feasibility study was done, there are sediment samples, there are costs and there is understandability around the depth of removal. This is something that needs to be brought to completion. The next item is the Athletic Fields/Outdoor Pool/Ice-skating Rink Feasibility Study that has a holding spot in FY 22. The Larz Anderson Ice Rink facility place holder was detailed. It may or not be recommended, but E. Gallentine wanted a place holder and for the Commission to have the opportunity to discuss. The Task Force may come up with a completely different recommendation. N. O'Connor agrees that we need a place holder. W. Sheridan and N. O'Connor discussed the privacy issues with the warming pavilion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Fisher Hill Gate House Safety and Structural Improvements line item was discussed.</li> <li>• E. Gallentine would like the Commission to digest, look over and provide any feedback/information.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Recreation Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W. Sheridan had stated that there are a lot of outstanding questions about the golf course budget from when T. Ellis last presented to the Commission. He was supposed to report back answers but never did, she thinks it's a good idea to have the next pro come back and answer those questions. She also wanted to remind commission about a commitment that was made to men's softball to look for other places to play considering Cypress is coming off line.</li> <li>• Recreation has adjusted the plans for reopening for business. There is a phased opening plan. Camp started on July 6th. It is going well. She does plan to open Soule with the school year, leadership will be back august 1st and their staff will be brought back august 15<sup>th</sup> to be ready for the school year. The aquatics center leadership has an estimated time of august 1<sup>st</sup> to be brought back and they will work to bring back their teams as they choose the appropriate programs and adjust for governor guidelines for indoor pools.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• L. Jackson would like to welcome Tyler Radicioni to the Recreation Team, Resource Manager. Tyler joined Recreation on the leadership team on July 1, 2020. He is responsible for Facility Operations: Custodial oversight responsibility, facility oversight responsibility – including work orders, capital improvement, procurement and Covid Safety Lead fall to within his role. He will be incorporated into strategic department budget and visioning planning.</li><li>• Brookline Day and the summer concert series have been canceled due to CV19 concerns and safety. The budget will be repurposed and utilized for other programs.</li><li>• Town Community Engagement Planning is underway, options for involvement starting July 17, 2020 and is being led by the diversity department. She stated that each department is going to be charged with Coming up with goals and implementing those goals throughout year. She is excited about working group and setting goals for recreation.</li><li>• Athletic fields are being permitted. The permitting is going well. She will be working with E. Gallentine and J Bain to bring back the task force to discuss fees.</li><li>• Recreation Leadership is currently in process of planning opening procedures for Evelyn Kirrane Aquatic Center, TBD – Employees to return August 1, 2020; opening with adjusted hours and new guidelines on safety, instruction, and capacity.</li><li>• She stated that she working with the HS Expansion project and it includes a shared access entrance to Tappan and a recreation community room to be scheduled by recreation. J. Bain and N. O’Connor have been involved in this process from beginning and W. Sheridan has recently offered design input. The meeting schedule was discussed.</li><li>• The FY20 has ended and the golf course finished strong. The enterprise did not have to borrow money from the town. The enterprise balance fund was detailed. There is enough to cover the master plan if the Commission decided to move forward with that CIP project.</li></ul>	
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	<p>The revolving fund retained earning has been drained to 10,000 due to CV19. The Soule capital improvement project FY21 will need to be pushed out to future year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• She hopes to bring capital improvement projects next month for the Commission to consider.</li><li>• In the coming months Leigh Jackson will be calling together the Full Commission to work on the Memorandum of Agreement with Public Schools to update the 1995 Agreement between Schools and Parks and Recreation Commission. She will working on this to determine the best time to get this on the agenda for the Commission and bring together that task force.</li><li>• She will be working with J. Bain and E.Gallentine to bring back the Athletic Field &amp; Court Subcommittee Task Force to continue working on setting fees. She stated that we had a Vote on athletic policy scheduled for March and unfortunately due to CV19 that meeting was postponed.</li><li>• Summer camp is going well. The kids are happy and healthy. Camps are running smoothly and the kids are having a great time.</li></ul> <p>Grand total for (current) week 2= 172 campers Week 3 registration below: Camp Chestnut (gr. K-1) 74 kids with no waitlist. 80 kids is “full”. Camp Coolidge (gr. 2-4) 54 kids registered with 24 on the waitlist. 80 kids is “full” Note* all waitlist people have been offered the spots, but they have not registered. Camp Washington (gr. 5-8) 33 kids registered with 16 on the waitlist. 40 kids is “full “Note* all waitlist people have been offered the spots, but they have not registered. Nature Camp- 10 kids registered. They are booked “full” Summer camp registration was detailed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• N. O’Connor stated that we were talking about the Pavilion and how it needs to be retrofitted in some way for privacy issues. She thinks it would be a Recreation CIP item and believes that we need to be thinking about that. W. Sheridan stated that it will be looked at by the task force. N. O’Connor wants to make sure we</li></ul>	
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	<p>are thinking about real solutions of privacy issues of all the skaters. N. O'Connor stated that in regards to memorandum with schools she wants to approach it in a sensitive way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• L. Jackson stated that Recreation is excited to announce Justin Lawson as our new General Manager. Justin's first official day in position was 7/13/2020. Justin Lawson joins us from Nashua Country Club (Nashua, NH), where he served for the last 5 years, most recently as the Director of Golf Operations. Justin is a PGA of America Class "A" Member since 2005 and has a Bachelor's of Science in Professional Golf Management /Hospitality Administration. His achievements in leadership, budget administration, customer service, capital projects, merchandising and tournament operations will undoubtedly serve us well in the near future. Justin has high recommendations from current golfers at Robert T. Lynch and staff. He has already taken initiative to develop a Golf Course Operation Plan with initial ideas, and L. Jackson will be working through the content with him in the coming weeks.</li><li>• In June, The golf course saw 4,956 rounds of golf played. By comparison, the same month in 2019 saw 4,945 rounds. Utilizing the COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines as a moment to reset the golf experience, they are starting to see dramatic improvements to pace of play, guest satisfaction and course conditions. The Golf Course was fiscally prudent to close out the 2020 fiscal year and were able to refrain from the depletion of retained earnings and protected their future. D. Lyons played there for the first time last week, he stated that they are doing work constantly out there. He stated that the course conditions are great, golfers are happy and Vine Ripe is happy. Justin is great with the public and thinks he's a tremendous choice. J. Carroll agrees with everything D. Lyons said. He has had a few interactions with Justin and stated that the course is in great shape. He stated that he wanted to bring up the condition of the structure at the turn, it is dilapidated at this point. The roof tiles are</li></ul>	
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coming off and is becoming an eye sore. She thanked J. Carroll for the comments and she will bring that up with Justin and present some ideas. N. O'Connor asked L. Jackson if the lunch grill at the driving being used. L. Jackson stated that it is and she will have Justin provide and update on the phased plan for the turn on the green and for the driving range grill for an update next month. J. Bain stated that Justin is first class.

Golf Operations

- Unveiling of an employee made Policy & Procedure manual to ensure operational consistency
- Developing a financial plan to ensure operational success, asset improvement and long-term sustainability of the Golf Course.
- Evaluating and adding seasonal staff to ensure proper staffing levels to facilitate a safe experience year round.
- L. Jackson stated that we are continuing to work with our point of sale partners to offer all of our rates. The only rates that are not being offered at the moment is the student rate and the 3 hole rates. Due to the COVID mandate of having all transactions be online has allowed our staff to provide a better golf experience. The plan going forward will be to continue this practice for the foreseeable future.
- The Driving Range is very busy on a daily basis. Golfers are able to use this amenity safely.
- Mike Murphy and is team have been doing incredible work and providing great conditions all year. The team is focused on long term health and details throughout the property. Some of the rock outcroppings are being exposed to showcase the beauty of the property. Additionally, native areas are being maintained to provide a better golf experience.
- A food and beverage update was given; there is a weekly meeting with Vine Ripe on improving operational focus on the golfers.

Topics for next month:

Leigh Jackson – Recreation Update

	<p>Justin Lawson – Introduces Himself &amp; Discussion of his goals                  Jon Lewitus - update us on Recreation programming                  Parks and Recreation Subcommittee Presents – Review of and Vote of Athletic Field and Court Policy – Discussion and Vote (From March 2020 Agenda).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W. Sheridan stated that when rounds are golf are presented for her it is not that meaningful unless you know how many rounds of 9 vs 18, or there is some other way to define success at a golf course? It feels arbitrary of what you pull out to define success. W. Sheridan stated that L. Jackson brought up that the golf course budget has been successful enough to put back in the CIP master plan what she recalls was a 200,000 line item, so her question is did L. Jackson have to tap into retained earnings at the golf course during CV19. L. Jackson will bring back W. Sheridan specific numbers. W. Sheridan stated that there are more and more design review committees, task forces, working groups and other town committees and Recreation proposing additional groups. She wonders as a group how many of the Commissioners should serve on these types committees. She is wondering what other people’s perspective are on that. She stated that we told Men’s softball we would get back to the once they were removed from cypress and we need to come up with an action plan for how we might do that.</li> <li>• A. Bellalta stated that her heart dropped knowing we are not having Brookline day. She discussed in Atlanta because of CV19 they have opened the golf course to the public and you are able to roam in a huge open space. It could get people to walk, you are able to maintain social distance, and it would get more people to golf course. Instead of Brookline day we have golf course day. She thinks it is something to think about. L. Jackson would love to see the article.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Parks and Open Space Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E. Gallentine stated that at the Brookline Reservoir work completed and the auto door locks are being planned for at the Comfort Station by the Building Department. The lighting still needs to be installed and they are waiting for components to be delivered. The grasses/weeds at the Reservoir were discussed.</li> </ul>	

	<p>There is a consultant coming to look at the weeds. The geese are incredibly difficult and a real problem. The Rangers are going to the Reservoir every day and raking the path. It has been a tremendous challenge. She discussed the geese maintenance protocols. She has been working with Dennis DeWitt on a plan to forward interpretive signage that would link the Chestnut Hill Reservoir, Fisher Hill Reservoir and Brookline Reservoir. This is something that can be worked on over the winter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• She stated that in regards to Olmsted Park there are a few interesting partnerships with friends groups and businesses that she has been working with. She stated that we are struggling with a capacity of maintenance. There is a hiring freeze and vacancies, and we don't have enough staff to provide a basic level of service. She stated that we are working with Wynn Development and they will be assisting the Town with maintenance for Pearl Street. Wynn is also looking to improve a little space that is owned by them and has a MBTA right of way beyond it to create an accessible pocket park. They will continue to work on 700 Brookline Avenue and they will be helping with Riverway behind their section of the hotel. She stated that we will continue to work with friends groups to try and increase our collective capacity. She stated that there are all opportunities for improvements for Coolidge Library and John and Green Street parking lot with the Waldo Durgin project</li><li>• The next Robinson Design Review Committee will be held in August and then come before the full Park and Recreation in September.</li><li>• The Next Murphy Design Review Committee Meeting is October 3, 2020. However, J. Waisnor will be setting up in park meetings with the neighborhood.</li><li>• E. Gallentine stated that we continue to work on the Urban Forest Climate Resiliency Master Plan. The consultant team has completed a stem by stem tree assessment. A community survey will be sent out.</li><li>• E. Gallentine stated that we are working with the Teen Center on a summer leadership</li></ul>	
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	<p>program. They are focusing on community service and social justice issues, there were over 70 teens at Halls Pond last week. There is a 6 week program for this group and they are spending 2 days per week with Brookline Parks. She stated that Park Ranger, Alex Cassie is doing an well incredible job at making this meaningful work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N. O’Connor asked if there was a way to forgo the temporary structure and work on a permanent structure for the Davis Path bridge. E. Gallentine thinks regardless we have to present that options with cost and time. N O’Connor and E. Gallentine discussed who makes the ultimate decision.</li> <li>• E. Gallentine wanted to again recognize S. Landgren on all his work on the CIP and fit tests. She stated that we are very fortunate to have his expertise.</li> <li>• S. Landgren stated that this is first year in doing the CIP. He is thinking that in future years it would be easier to update and even take it to another level in excel. A. Bellatla asked S. Landgren if part of this cost estimate involves looking at the repairs not only for the repairs for the playground and renovation, but to also budget for new opportunities. E. Gallentine thinks not enough goes into flexible budgeting, she stated that we always have a contingency but some items such as drainage and utilities have been eating up the budget. She thinks we need to make sure we are funding it adequately. Pedestrian scale lighting is something E. Gallentine is being asked for more and more. A. Bellalta thinks we need to account for stone wall/additional retaining wall/steps. S. Landgren stated that it occurred to him that it might be helpful have a 10 percent design to think about accessibility, walls drainage, utilities and have a plan associated with all these to better develop the budget.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new business</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C. Batchlelor moved to adjourn. Seconded by D. Lyons. All in favor.</li> </ul>	

**Next Meeting: August 11, 2020 Location: Zoom**

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