

# Daniel F. Ford Playground at Emerson Garden

Brookline, MA



Daniel F. Ford Playground at Emerson Garden

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016



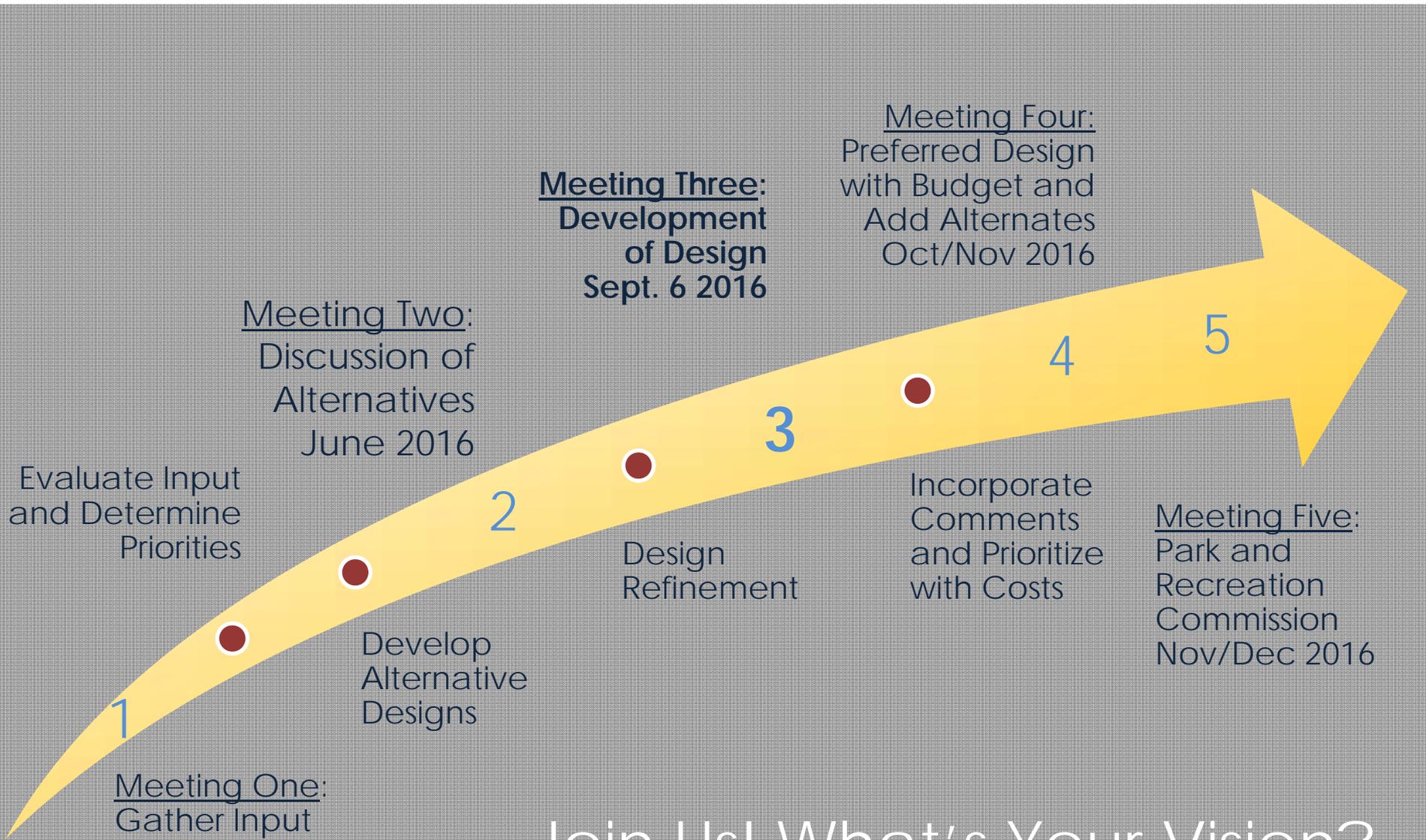
# Welcome Everyone!

## We are here to listen to you!

### AGENDA

- Project Overview
- Goals and Public Comments
- Design Concepts and Options
- Open Discussion
- Conclusion



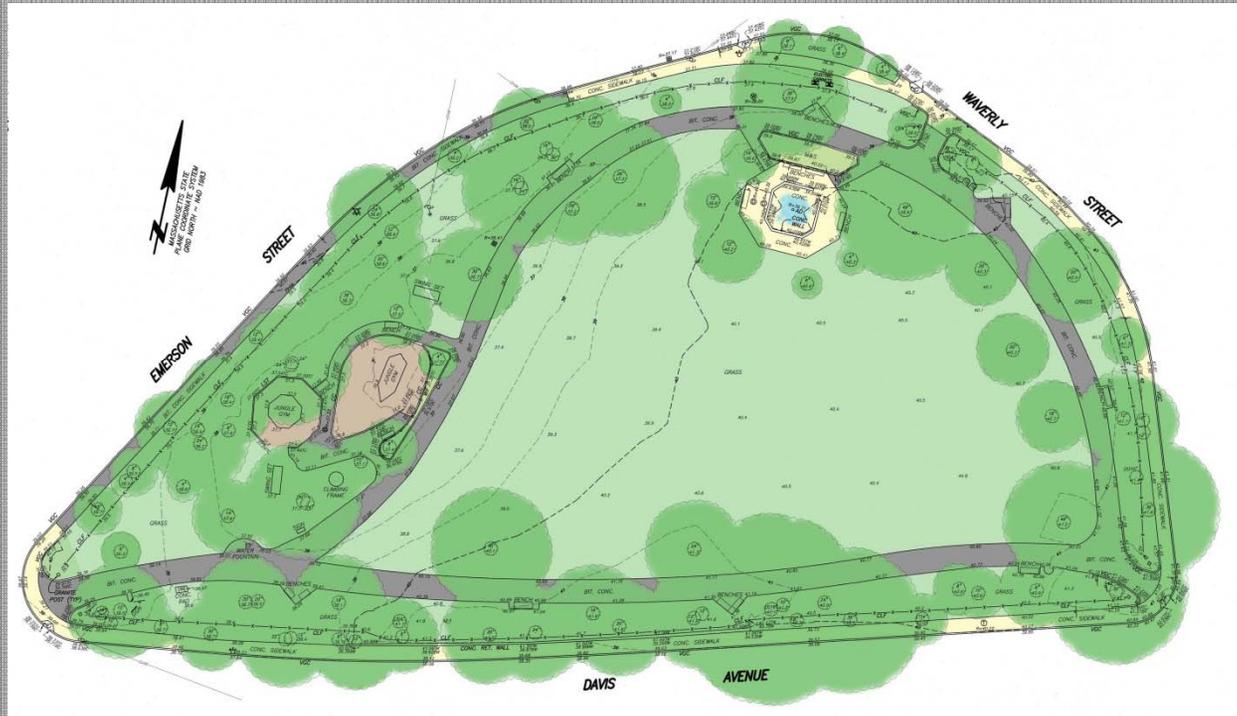


Join Us! What's Your Vision?



# Project Goals

- Improve Accessibility: ability for all ages and abilities to access the park
- Improve Safety: address site safety issues: play equipment, trip hazards, etc.
- Improve Grading and Drainage: adjust site elevations to allow stormwater to flow to working catch basins
- Upgrade Infrastructure: repair, refurbish or replace infrastructure that is in poor condition
- Accommodate multiple generations: placemaking as a way for everyone to feel like there is a place for them in the park.



# Baseline Improvements



- Maintain the open lawn space, re-grade for stormwater and add adequate drainage



- Repair walkways to drain and be free of cracks



- Replace/supplement entry planting and provide appropriate irrigation and drainage



- Replace play equipment with elements and surfacing that meets current regulations



- Succession planting for trees



- Repair and/or replace utilities as needed



- Supplement/replace site furnishings



# Summary of Public Comments and Correspondence

- Balance types of uses (passive and active)
- Accommodate all age groups including teens
- Expand play area for a mix of age groups
- Drainage needs to be improved
- Plantings: native, irrigated, variety
- Consider historic context
- Consider fencing/gates to protect children from busy adjacent streets
- Consolidate signage
- Provide water fountain with bottle filler and dog fountain



# Summary of Public Comments and Correspondence

## General Consensus:

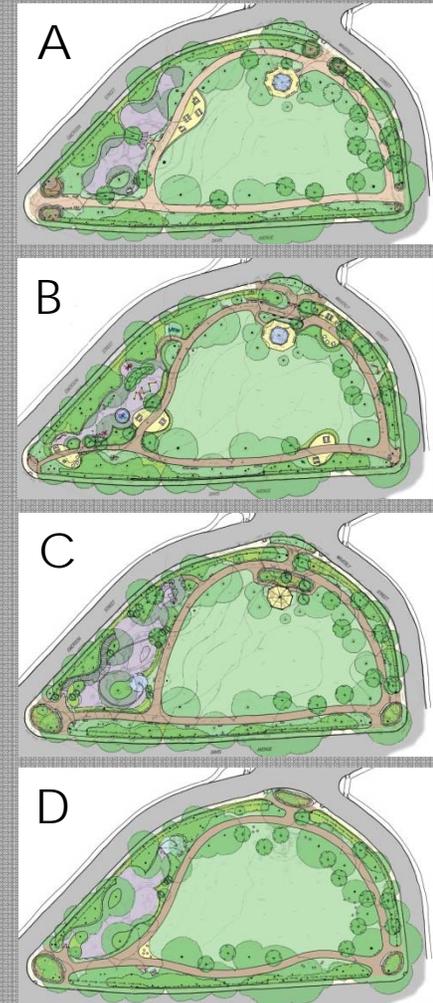
- Entrances: signature garden
- Circulation: simple, similar to existing walkways
- Gathering areas: picnic to be permanent locations on pavement and maintain memorial benches
- Use Zones: keep open space for passive activities and playground for play (do not expand play throughout the park)

## Mixed thoughts on:

- Layout of entrances, fences and gates
- Character/number of gathering spaces
- Play equipment that is imaginative/sculptural, challenging, naturalistic and/or traditional
- Spray pad: to move or not to move

## Additional comments:

- Limited exercise equipment
- Timeless/Unique play equipment
- Play amongst the plants/trees
- Limited sand



# CONCEPT A

## ENTRANCES

- o Existing and extended curb and garden
- o Short ornamental fence & existing bollards
- o Seating and signage

## GATHERING / SEATING

- o Two picnic areas, plus one in playground
- o Memorial benches
- o Bicycle racks

## APPROACH TO PLAY

- o New spray pad in playground
- o 4' ht. fence, all around
- o Double-swing gate



CONCEPT A  
1"=20'-0"  
Date: 09/06/16



# CONCEPT B

## ENTRANCES

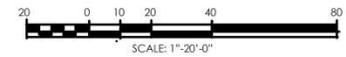
- o Existing curb, accentuated with garden
- o Ornamental 14' fence & reset existing bollards
- o Seating and signage

## GATHERING / SEATING

- o Rhythm of memorial benches
- o One large picnic area
- o Picnic in play area

## APPROACH TO PLAY

- o Existing splash pad & new concrete space
- o 4' ht. fencing at sides & central low mound
- o Single gate at each side entry



CONCEPT B  
1"=20'-0"  
Date: 09/06/16



# CONCEPT C

## ENTRANCES

- Short wall and curb garden entries
- Reset existing bollards
- Seating and signage

## GATHERING / SEATING

- Scattered picnic areas
- Variety of seating options

## APPROACH TO PLAY

- Existing spray pad
- Fencing around ends of playground
- No gates



CONCEPT PLAN C  
1"=20'-0"  
DATE: 09/06/16

Daniel F. Ford Playground at Emerson Garden

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016



# EMERSON GARDEN OPTIONS

Existing



A



B



C



Daniel F. Ford Playground at Emerson Garden

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016



# EMERSON GARDEN OPTIONS

Existing



A



B



C



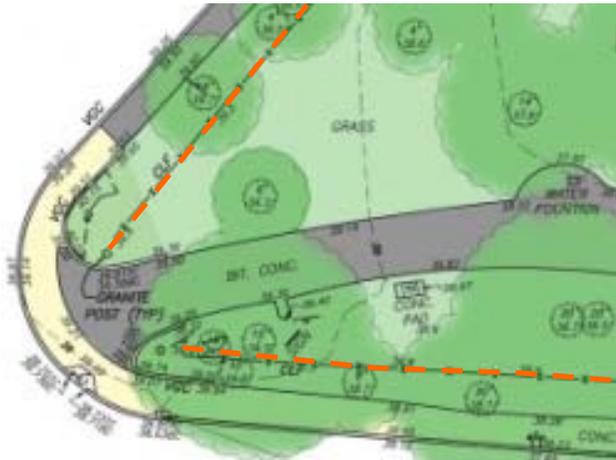
Daniel F. Ford Playground at Emerson Garden

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016



# PROPOSAL FOR TYPICAL ENTRANCES ALONG DAVIS

Existing



A



B

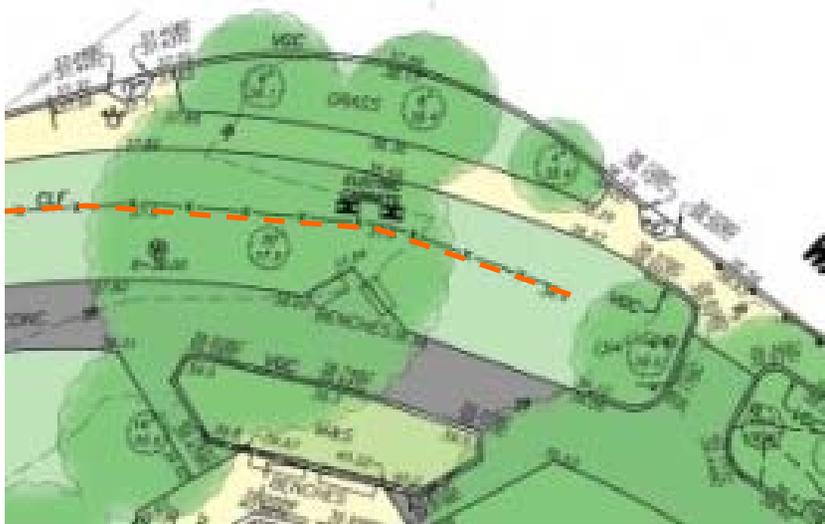


C



# PROPOSED ENTRANCES AT EMERSON/WAVERLY/THAYER

Existing



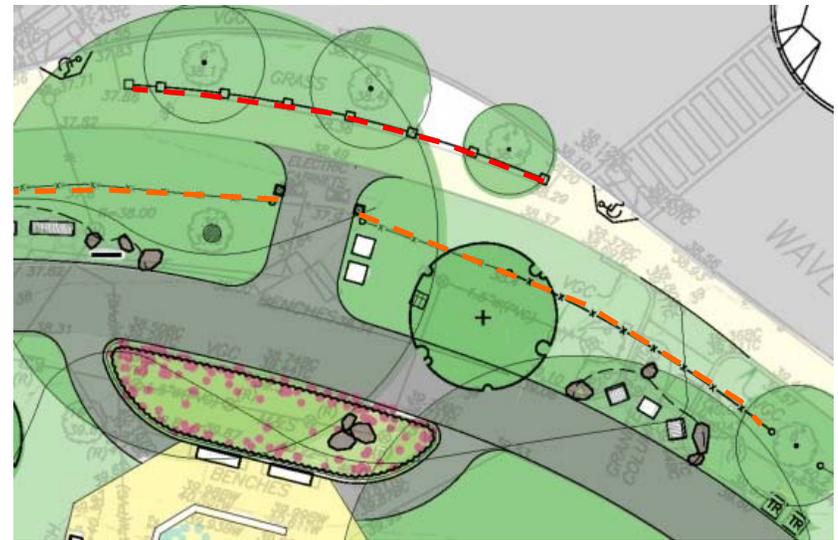
A



B



C

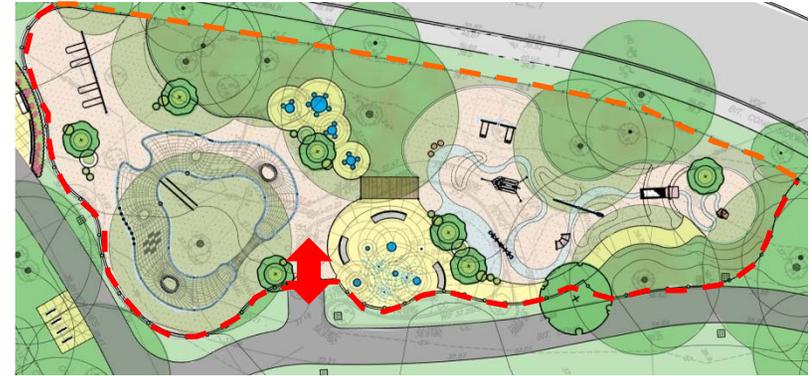


# APPROACHES TO PLAYGROUND FENCING

Existing



A



B



C



# OPTIONS FOR SPRAY PAD

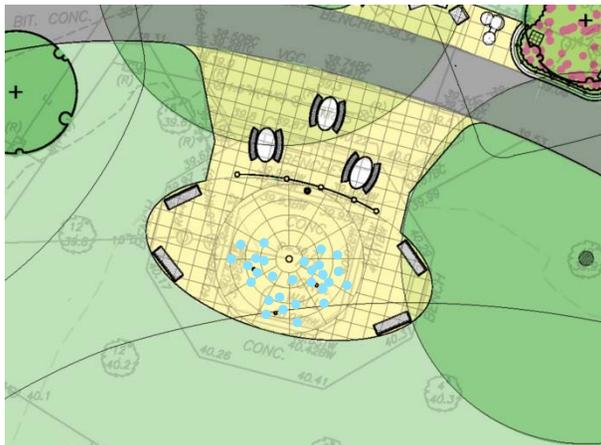
Existing



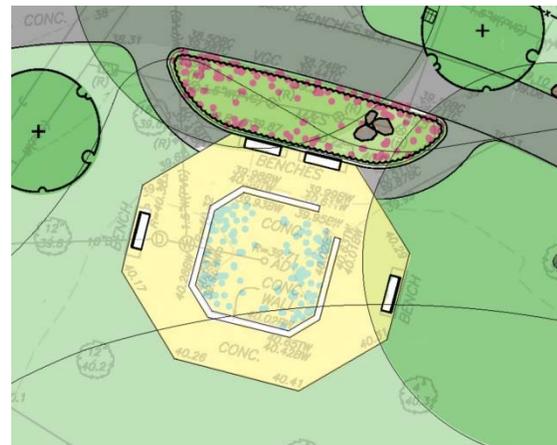
A



B



C



# Open Discussion

Daniel F. Ford Playground at Emerson Garden

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016



## Contact Information

Your input is valuable - Please  
contact us with your ideas!

Parks and Open Space Division  
Town of Brookline  
Kathleen Fasser, Landscape Architect/ Planner  
333 Washington Street  
Brookline, MA 02445

Telephone: 617-730-6490  
Email: [kfasser@brooklinema.gov](mailto:kfasser@brooklinema.gov)

