

## **SECTION 5**

### **INVENTORY OF LANDS OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION INTEREST**

#### **A. INTRODUCTION TO THE OPEN SPACE SYSTEM**

Brookline's open space system is a complex of publicly and privately owned land ranging from intensely managed landscapes to minimally managed woodlands and wetlands. The following inventory of open space parcels includes both lands legally protected for open space uses, and some lands without such legal protection. All open space parcels, whether private or public, protected or unprotected, have substantial value and provide incomparable services for Brookline residents and visitors. These open space assets provide environmental and public health benefits, and contribute to the aesthetic appeal of the community.

Publicly owned land in Brookline includes conservation areas, parks, playgrounds, recreation facilities, cemeteries, school yards, public works facilities and traffic circles. Many of these have legal safeguards to protect them as open spaces, but others are less protected or unprotected and could be used for different public purposes, such as additions to schools or Town buildings or could possibly be sold.

Privately owned lands which have open space values include agricultural and recreational land, institutional lands, and private estates of significant size. While the open space value of some of these private properties is protected, most is not. (Note that some significant private parcels with no protection whatsoever are not included in this Inventory but are described in the Needs Analysis of this Plan.)

Small unbuilt parcels, green frontage and streetscapes can have special significance to a neighborhood or to the Town as a whole, particularly when they are contiguous to other areas which have open space value in this densely populated urban setting. However, these are not listed in this inventory.

Taking into account all public open space, legally protected or not, as well as significant private open spaces, Brookline has approximately 1,215

acres of open space. This represents approximately 8 percent of the Town's land base. However, only approximately 505 acres, just over 11 percent of the Town's land base, has some legal protection as open space. Approximately 460 acres of significant open space is privately held and potentially subject to development. Town-owned conservation sanctuaries total only 56 acres, approximately 1 percent of the land base.

#### **B. OPEN SPACE PROTECTION IN THIS PLAN**

##### ***How Open Space is Protected***

Open space in Massachusetts may be protected under various legal principles and laws, resulting in different levels of security from alteration. These principles and laws are subject to court interpretation affecting lands throughout the Commonwealth. Most "protections" for publicly owned open space are not absolute but describe conditions or procedures by which open spaces can be converted to another use. Depending on its terms, a gift of land to a municipality for open space purposes may be treated differently than purchases of land by that town or city. Use of federal or state funds by a municipality to acquire or develop land for conservation or recreational uses affords "protection" by imposing strict requirements on any conversion to other uses.

Among the various ways in which open space can be legally protected, Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution has stood out as an often relied-upon source of protection for public open space in this state. Since the 2010 Open Space and Recreation Plan, there have been significant Massachusetts court cases interpreting the law in this area, but some issues remain unsettled. A more extensive discussion of Article 97 protection is presented below. Whether open space is protected under Article 97 is decided after a careful review of the facts surrounding its acquisition, dedication for public use, and actual use.

Mindful that the law in this area is currently in flux and has been so for the last few years, for this 2018 Open Space and Recreation Plan, the Brookline Conservation Commission chose to conduct further research for each public parcel listed in the Inventory so that the facts of its acquisition and use are as clear as possible. Towns may acquire

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property in several different ways: through gift, purchase or a taking. Typically there is a Town Meeting vote to accept the land and subsequently a deed is recorded. Legal issues may arise where a gift is conditional or hasn't been accepted by the Town or no deed was recorded. Uncertainty about status may also arise if land has been used as a park or open space for many years but was not acquired for that purpose. In addition, there is uncertainty about whether a "playground" is outside of the scope of Article 97 protection, and how to sort out the level of protection where the property includes several parcels acquired at different times.

In preparation for the 2018 Open Space and Recreation Plan, research was completed for each public open space parcel. This research included locating the deed, determining the results of the Town Meeting vote, and identifying any other information in Town records relating to how the parcel was acquired by the Town. Where available, funding sources for projects were identified and a site's historic significance was noted. This information has been summarized and included in the narrative portion of the Inventory entitled Deed/Title/Restrictions for each parcel. The documents themselves, such as the deeds and Town Meeting votes, were copied and collected in binders located in the Parks Department Office in Town Hall and are available for public inspection. Pending further clarification of the law by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, the 2018 Open Space and Recreation Plan is supported by the research and associated documents related to each public parcel. This factual information about acquisition may clarify the status of protection of any particular parcel in light of the applicable legal principles relevant to the circumstances of that parcel. Review of parcels in the Inventory to confirm whether adequate protection is provided or if further steps are warranted has been added to the Goals and Objectives section of this Plan, and also as an Action Item.

### **Article 97**

The Article 97 Amendment is a provision of the Massachusetts Constitution, added in 1972. It states:

*The people shall have the right to clean air and water, freedom from excessive and unnecessary noise, and the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic qualities of their environment; and the*

*protection of the people in their right to the conservation, development and utilization of the agricultural, mineral, forest, water, air and other natural resources is hereby declared to be a public purpose.*

*The general court shall have the power to enact legislation necessary or expedient to protect such rights.*

*In the furtherance of the foregoing powers, the general court shall have the power to provide for the taking, upon payment of just compensation therefor, or for the acquisition by purchase or otherwise, of lands and easements or such other interests therein as may be deemed necessary to accomplish these purposes.*

*Lands and easements taken or acquired for such purposes shall not be used for other purposes or otherwise disposed of except by laws enacted by a two thirds vote, taken by yeas and nays, of each branch of the general court.*

In sum, Article 97 establishes the public purposes for which a municipality may take or acquire land as open space, while at the same time setting up a procedure for removal of land from open space protection. Article 97 is similar to a doctrine known as "prior public use" which provides that public land cannot be diverted to an inconsistent public use without explicit legislation.

Although much about Article 97 is currently unclear, it is important to note that it does not explicitly prohibit the use of protected open space for other purposes. Instead, Article 97's protections are procedural only; the land can be sold or put to a different use if the requisite legislative votes are obtained.

In addition to legislative votes identified in the language of Article 97, EEA (then EOEA) promulgated a policy in 1998 that imposes additional restrictions on the conversion of land. It describes the votes at the local level that must be taken in addition to state legislative action in order to remove land from Article 97 protection. The Article 97 Land Disposition Policy states that its purpose is to ensure no net loss of Article 97 lands, and it applies to any transfer of ownership or control and any change in use. Among other requirements, land proposed for disposition must be replaced with land of an equal or greater monetary value and a significantly greater resource value. In addi-

tion, the policy states that municipalities must obtain a unanimous vote of the Conservation Commission that the land is surplus to open space needs, a unanimous vote of the Park and Recreation Commission if the land proposed is parkland, a two thirds vote of Town Meeting, as well as a two thirds vote of the Legislature described in the Article itself, and compliance with all funding sources (e.g., Self-Help, LWCF as described below).

A recent opinion issued by the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) in Smith v. Westfield, 478 Mass. 40 (2017) addressed the issue of whether proposed change of use of municipal parkland is governed by Article 97 where the land was not taken by eminent domain and where there was no recorded deed restriction limiting the use to conservation or recreation. A group of citizens had challenged the transfer by the City of Westfield of public land used as a playground for 60 years to the school department. The land originally had been acquired through a tax lien, but had been transferred to the playground commission, identified as protected open space, and improved through a grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The Appeals Court concluded that Article 97 applied only where land was taken or acquired for conservation purposes or was governed by a recorded deed restriction, circumstances not present in the Westfield facts (Smith v. Westfield, 90 Mass. App. Ct. 80 (2016)). The SJC, however, held that parkland may be protected by Article 97 without having been originally acquired for conservation or without a deed restriction. Instead, parkland may also be protected by Article 97 provided there has been a clear and unequivocal intent to dedicate the land permanently as parkland and the public accepts this use by actually using the land as a public park. The SJC found that the Westfield playground had been so dedicated and could not be converted to a school. While noting that the totality of the circumstances are taken into account, the Court viewed the acceptance of the LWCF grant as determinative, because that funding program requires a commitment of the land to conservation or recreational use in perpetuity absent permission from the Secretary of the Interior and a rigorous process that includes replacing the open space that would be converted.

### **Prior Public Use Doctrine**

The prior public use doctrine holds that the public lands devoted to one public use cannot be diverted to another inconsistent public use without plain and explicit legislation authorizing the diver-

sion. See Mahajan v. Department of Environmental Protection, 464 Mass 604 (2013). In Smith v. Westfield, the SJC recognized that this common law form of land protection, along with the doctrine of public dedication, undergird and support the constitutional protection provided by Article 97.

### **Public Charitable Trust**

The doctrine of public charitable trust is a long-standing legal principle. When a donor or seller expresses intent in plain words that donated land should be preserved in a particular condition in perpetuity and the municipality accepts the land, a public charitable trust is created and the municipality is bound contractually to honor the terms of the gift or sale. Neither the heirs of the grantor, the municipality nor the Legislature may change it. If, however, the deed language is descriptive or conditional as to uses, a charitable trust is not created.

In Cohen v. City of Lynn, 33 Mass. App. Ct. 271 (1992), a parcel was acquired by deed in 1893 stating that the land conveyed should be kept “forever for park purposes.” The court determined that this created a public charitable trust that dedicated the land permanently for park purposes, as a contractual matter.

By statute, MGL c. 84 Sec 23, restrictions of land given to a municipality for public purposes may be given in perpetuity and do not expire.

### **Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**

The LWCF has provided funding for conservation and recreation projects since 1965. Brookline has received numerous grants of this type over the years. The federal program is administered by the National Park Service, and within Massachusetts by the Division of Conservation Services of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Funding may be used for land acquisition and the renovation or improvement of park or recreation sites. Property acquired or developed with LWCF monies must be used or retained for public outdoor conservation or recreation and may not be converted for any other use(s) without the approval of the National Park Service and the provision of an equivalent replacement property.

The LWCF State Assistance Program Manual contains information about the program, including the requirements of ongoing stewardship of the site

after completion of the project and the consequences of a proposed conversion to another use. Because of these requirements and the difficulty of coming up with a replacement property, the protection afforded by this program while not absolute, is quite strong.

### ***State Funding Programs: LAND and PARC (Formerly Self-Help and Urban Self-Help)***

Massachusetts has two state financial assistance programs for municipalities administered by the Division of Conservation Services. The LAND program, formerly called Self-Help, was established in 1961 for the acquisition of land for conservation and passive outdoor recreation with only minor development. The PARC program, formerly called Urban Self-Help, was added in 1977 and provides funds for acquisition or development of active outdoor recreation that alters the natural landscape. Like most municipalities in the Commonwealth, Brookline has been a recipient of this funding.

The funding consists of matching grants to ensure municipal support for ongoing stewardship. Once funding is accepted and the project completed, the property must continue to be used for conservation and passive recreation or active recreation in accordance with the funding agreement. Conversion requires approval of the Secretary of EEA and the Legislature, as well as replacement with an equivalent site. Regulations for these programs are available at 301 CMR 5.00.

### ***Conservation Restrictions***

Conservation restrictions are legally enforceable agreements imposed through deeds that prevent development of privately owned open space under M.G.L. c.184 s.3 1-33. Brookline holds 19 such conservation restrictions (including a number of private properties, and three on Brookline Conservation Land Trust properties). One parcel, Fisher Hill Reservoir, is owned by the Town, with a conservation restriction held by the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance. Restricted property is generally taxed at a lower rate than any portion of the property not under a conservation restriction. The restriction may run in perpetuity or be time-limited. Public access is not a requirement. Conservation restrictions allow a property owner to retain control of the land, but ensure most of it is preserved as open space by prohibiting development. It is possible to negotiate for public access or a gift of land at a future date. The same statute also authorizes

preservation restrictions for properties with historical or cultural significance. In 2008, Brookline adopted a Conservation Restriction Policy to guide the creation of this type of open space protection.

### ***Brookline Conservation Land Trust***

The Brookline Conservation Land Trust is a private non-profit corporation established for the purpose of preserving open space. Gifts of land to the trust are charitable donations and carry tax advantages. Currently, the Brookline Conservation Land Trust protects four properties. Of these, the Trust owns three parcels with the conservation restrictions held by the Town, and the fourth parcel is privately owned with a conservation restriction held by the Brookline Conservation Land Trust.

### ***Special Taxation Programs***

Privately owned land which is used for agriculture or for recreation can be given tax advantages under M.G.L c. 61A and c. 61B. These statutes help preserve open space by relieving pressures on property owners. A condition of this preferential assessment is that the Town holds the first right-of-refusal on any sale. Allandale Farm is assessed under Chapter 61A and The Country Club is assessed under Chapter 61B.

These properties are not considered protected because the Town would have to come up with a relatively large sum of money in a short period of time (120 days) to exercise its right to purchase the properties. The owner may also remove the property from the program by rollback or conveyance taxes. Therefore, the Town must assume these properties are partially or fully developable at some time in the future. Together, Allandale and the Country Club total approximately 300 acres.

### ***National Historic Register/State Historic Register Listing***

Some Brookline open spaces are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and/or the Massachusetts Register. Properties on the National Register have been nominated and subsequently approved by the National Park Service, based on their historical significance to the nation, state or community. The Massachusetts Historical Commission administers the National Register in this state. When a property is listed it becomes eligible to be considered for federal grants-in-aid for historic purposes. In addition, if federal monies are

attached to an activity planned for the property, the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is allowed to comment on the proposed project. Listing on the National Historic Register means the property has resources deemed worthy of preservation and consideration in making planning and development decisions. The listing does not function as a prohibition or curb on any activity involving maintenance, management or disposition of the property by the owner as long as federal funds are not involved.

The State Register of Historic Places is a comprehensive listing of properties that have received local, state or national designations based on their historic or archeological significance. Any projects that require funding, licenses or permits from state agencies must be reviewed by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. As with the Federal Register, listing on the State Register confers no form of protection, but is a tool for planning and may be an avenue for grant funding of restoration projects.

### ***Unprotected Private Open Spaces***

Brookline has approximately 460 acres of private unprotected open space. This represents approximately 11% of the Town's land base. This private, unprotected open space includes agricultural and recreational land, large parcels owned by private institutions and private residential properties over three acres in size. Much of this open space is inaccessible to the public but has significant aesthetic and environmental value to the Town and the community. A significant portion of open space is controlled by private owners who may choose to develop or otherwise alter their property. Land throughout the Town that is taken for granted as open space may well disappear over time. As a consequence, the Town would not only lose the potential for new public parks, conservation areas, and recreation facilities, but would also experience a profound change in its visual and social character.

**C. INVENTORY**

The following inventory of lands of conservation and recreation interest has been derived from the following sources:

- Parks, Open Space and Recreation Strategic Master Plan 2006;
- Open Space and Recreation Plan 2010, 2005 and 2000;
- 2003 Brookline Parks and Open Space Inventory Database;
- Field Use Tables provided by the Town of Brookline, Division of Parks and Open Space;
- Other recreational facilities information provided by the Brookline Recreation Department;
- Aerial photographs provided by the Brookline GIS program;
- Field Inventory conducted by the project team in fall 2004, spring 2005, and fall 2018

**List of Properties by Category**

**Conservation Areas**

- D. Blakely Hoar Sanctuary
- Hall's Pond Sanctuary and Amory Woods
- Lost Pond Conservation Area and Lost Pond Reservation

**Historic Parks**

- Brookline Reservoir
- Emerald Necklace (1) – Riverway
- Emerald Necklace (2) – Olmsted
- Larz Anderson Park
- Longwood Mall
- Fredrick Law Olmsted National Historic Site
- Town Green

**Community Parks**

- Amory Playground
- Brookline Avenue Playground
- Cypress Street Playground
- Daniel W. Warren, Jr. Playground & Eliot Playground
- Fisher Hill Reservoir
- Harry Downes Field
- Skyline Park
- Soule Recreation Center
- Waldstein Playground

**Passive Parks**

- Dane Park
- Knyvet Square
- Linden Park
- Linden Square
- Little Field Park
- Mason Square
- Monmouth Street Park
- Philbrick Green
- Judge Henry Crowley Park at Saint Mark's Square
- Town Hall Lot

**Neighborhood Parks**

- Billy Ward Playground
- Boylston Street Playground
- Clark Playground
- Judge Summner Z. Kaplan Park at Coolidge Playground
- Corey Hill Park
- Daniel F. Ford Playground at Emerson Garden
- Griggs Park
- John E. Murphy Playground
- Juniper Street Playground
- Lawton Playground
- Lotta Bradburn Schick Park
- Margaret E. Robinson Playground
- Winthrop Square

**School Playgrounds**

- Baker School Playground
- Baldwin School Playground
- Coolidge Corner School Playground
- Driscoll School Playground
- Heath School Playground
- Longwood Playground
- Pierce School Playground
- Runkle School Playground
- William H. Lincoln School Playground (New)
- William H. Lincoln School Playground (Old)

**Cemeteries**

- The Old Burying Ground
- Holyhood Cemetery
- Walnut Hills Cemetery

**Golf Course**

- Robert T. Lynch Municipal Golf Course at Putterham Meadows

**Agricultural and Recreation Land**

- Allandale Farm
- The Country Club

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## Conservation Restrictions

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235-255 Goddard Avenue  
Town Houses at Larz Anderson  
Sears Estate  
Paine Estate  
133 Goddard Avenue  
Longyear Estate  
Goddard House  
Ivy Street, Map 9, Lot 1  
Ivy Street, Map 12, Lot 4A  
153 Rangeley Road  
Saint Aidan's  
170 Sargent Road  
Fisher Hill Reservoir  
35 Lapland Street  
57 Laurel Road  
0 Princeton Road

## Brookline Conservation Land Trust

Walnut Street  
Lot 1 Sargent Beechwood  
Lot 5 Cottage Street  
Richardson Property

## Traffic Medians, Circles and Triangles

Beacon Street Mall  
Blake and Gardner Circle  
Brington Road Island  
Chatham Circle  
Corey Farm Circle  
Dudley Triangle  
Dwight Square  
Eliot and Crafts Road Triangle  
Francis J. Hickey Square  
Francis X. Ryan Circle  
Freeman Square  
Hammond Pond Parkway  
Hancock Welland  
Horace James Circle  
John Street and Green Street Parklet  
Monmouth Court  
Paul Pender Rotary  
Pleasant Street Triangle  
Single Tree Road Circle  
VFW Parkway Median  
Webster Street Triangle  
West Roxbury Parkway

## Other Small Open Spaces

Clark Road Land  
Clark Road/MBTA Land  
Clinton Road Waterworks Land  
Health Department Lot  
Newton Street Parcel  
Reservoir Road Extension  
Reservoir Road Land  
Single Tree Reservoir

### Key

National, State and Local Protection of Park and Recreational Land

NR: National Register of Historic Places

SR: Massachusetts State Register of Historic Places

LHD: Local Historic District

LWCF: Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant

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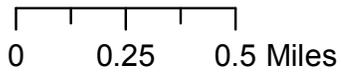
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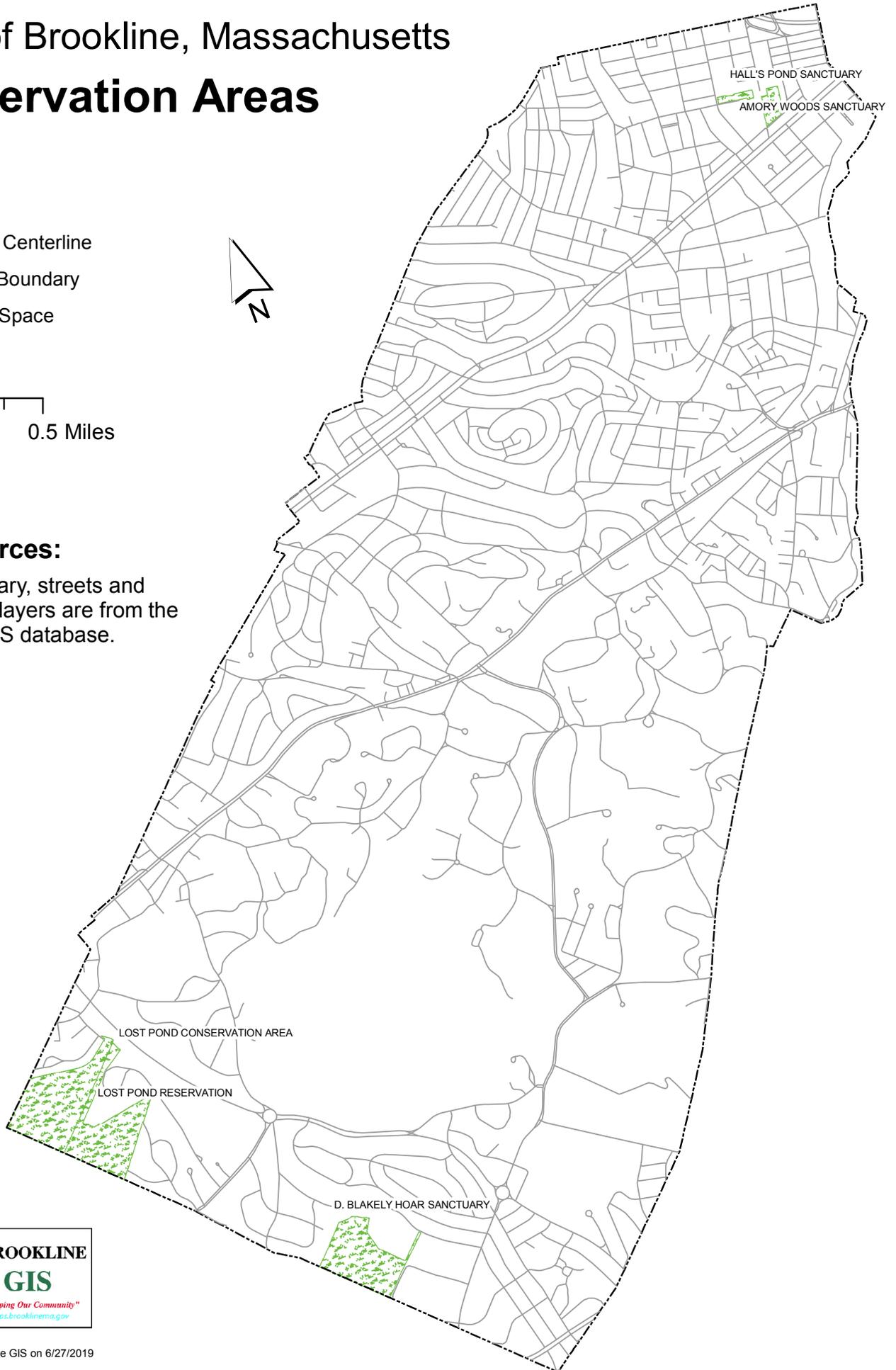
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-  Street Centerline
-  Town Boundary
-  Open Space



### Data Sources:

Town boundary, streets and open space layers are from the Brookline GIS database.



## A. CONSERVATION AREAS

### D. Blakely Hoar Sanctuary

<b>Category</b>	Conservation Area
<b>Size</b>	24.98 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97
<b>Manager</b>	Conservation Commission, Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Gerry Road
<b>Zoning</b>	S-10
<b>Precinct</b>	16
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/01/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	At the back of Baker School and in a single and multi-family neighborhood



#### OVERVIEW

D. Blakely Hoar Sanctuary forms a portion of the Charles to Charles Greenway, connecting communities in Boston, Brookline, and Newton through greenspace. The Sanctuary contains several typical plant communities. A trail with several boardwalks circles it, and the south branch of the Sawmill Brook flows through it from east to west. It cuts through an extensive red maple swamp and vernal pool habitat. Cliffs and outcrops of puddingstone, or Roxbury conglomerate, define the north edge of the sanctuary. A wooded upland is found in the northeastern part of the property.

Adjacent to Gerry Road is a grove of trees, once part of a beech-hemlock forest. Many of the hemlocks have been damaged by woolly adelgid, and wind damage has taken a toll on the larger trees. There has been extensive damage to the understory, shrub layer, and herbaceous plant layer, partly due to overuse. Dogs are not allowed.

#### PARK HISTORY

The Town acquired the sanctuary in 1961 with a bequest from D. Blakely Hoar, a noted Brookline lawyer and conservationist, who stipulated in his will that a portion of his estate be used to establish a bird sanctuary in Brookline. The Conservation Commission assumed responsibility for the Sanctuary in 1969.

#### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available.

#### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground structures, or irrigation in D. Blakely Hoar Sanctuary.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Pedestrian entrances from Gerry Road and behind Baker School are in good condition. The nature trail with boardwalk sections is in good condition. Parts of the nature trail lead to other natural areas in Boston.
- **Vehicular Access:** None into the sanctuary.

#### Buildings and Structures

- The wooden kiosk with sanctuary information at the entrance is in good condition.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Fencing:** The wooden fence at the entrance from Gerry Road is in fair condition.
- **Signage:** 1 metal signboard with regulatory and interpretive information at the entrance by Gerry Road is in excellent condition.

#### Special Features

- The wooded area with mature trees and the wetland provide good habitat conditions.

- There are prominent puddingstone outcrops in the property.
- At the entrance to the Sanctuary, the trail crosses a small bridge over the south branch of the Sawmill Brook. Formerly an open stream, the brook is now routed through a large pipe until it reaches the Sanctuary, gathering water from storm drains along the way. The brook flows through the Sanctuary from east to west, passing through a large wetland in the middle of the property.
- The hemlock grove near the Gerry Road entrance is monitored by the Town's Forestry Division for spread of woolly adelgid, an insect pest that threatens the life of these trees.

**Park Issues**

- Access to the sanctuary is difficult to find, as the residents must enter through the nearby Baker School or Gerry Road.



Aerial photo of D. Blakely Hoar Sanctuary (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Hall's Pond Sanctuary and Amory Woods

<b>Category</b>	Conservation Area
<b>Size</b>	Hall's Pond - 3.5 acres Amory Woods – 1.56 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, NR, SR, LHD, LWCF, Urban Self-Help/PARC
<b>Manager</b>	Conservation Commission, Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Behind 1120 Beacon Street
<b>Zoning</b>	S-7
<b>Precinct</b>	1
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/12/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Near Amory Playground, condominiums, single-family homes and a parking lot



### OVERVIEW

Hall's Pond is one of two natural ponds remaining in Brookline. The Sanctuary contains this Pond, in addition to wetlands, an upland area, and a formal garden area. A short trail with wetland overlooks circles the pond. Amory Woods was incorporated into and connected to Hall's Pond in 2000. Amory Woods has a small wetland, a handicapped accessible nature trail and a gazebo. Hall's Pond, Amory Woods and adjacent Amory Playground provide nearly 14 acres of varied habitat and contiguous recreational land that offer a diversity of uses for the densely developed northern Brookline community. The Pond and uplands provide habitat for a variety of birds, including great blue herons, black-crowned night herons, kingfishers, and red-winged blackbirds. With no spring or stream feeding the pond, the source of the water in the Pond is rain-water falling in the surrounding heavily developed urban land. The Sanctuary is used for environmental education purposes and dedicated to passive exploration. Active recreation, such as ball games, bicycling, and dog walking are not permitted inside the property.

### PARK HISTORY

Well into the 1800s, the Sanctuary was part of Cedar Swamp. It is historically significant as Minna Hall, a cofounder of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, owned it in 1896. In around 1910, Charles A. Newhall acquired the land between the Pond and Beacon Street, built apartment buildings, and created formal gardens. He designed the existing formal garden with a simple axial design with four corner beds framing a central oval. Hall's Pond was reduced to its present size in around 1948 when a dam was constructed to the west of the Pond and the land was filled to create Amory Playground. The Town purchased the property in 1975 as the first conservation land acquired by the Town. In 1976 the Friends of Hall's Pond was founded by Josephine Albrecht and other citizens to assist the Conservation Commission in managing it. A major component of its 2000 restoration was the unification of Amory Woods with this Sanctuary, enhancing the ecological integrity of the Sanctuary, and improving its water quality and wetland habitat. The Town acquired Amory Woods in 1977 from the Massachusetts Association for the Blind.

The Sanctuary saw extensive improvements in 2002, with existing wetlands restored and new wetlands created, improvements to drainage into Hall's Pond, new fencing, a new boardwalk around the pond, installation of commemorative granite piers, and the upland transformed by removal of invasive plant species and replanting with native species. The path system in Amory Woods was improved in 2005.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Sanctuary and Amory Woods are located within the Cottage Farm Historic District and are on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic facilities, playground equipment, or irrigation in Hall's Pond Sanctuary.

## Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** A cedar boardwalk, near Amory Woods, connects to Essex Street over the wetland. Nature trails around the Pond with boardwalk sections in the Sanctuary and Woods are in good condition. The woodchip and compacted stonedust walkways in the Hall's Pond section and asphalt and brick walkway in Amory Woods section are in good condition. The formal garden is easily accessed from the gated south entrance near Beacon Street and Amory Woods from the gated north entrance near Freeman Street.
- **Vehicular Access:** There is no vehicular access into the property. Amory Playground located adjacent to the sanctuary has on-site parking.

## Buildings and Structures

- 2 observation platforms overlooking the Pond are in good condition.
- The wooden gazebo in Amory Woods is in fair condition.
- Arched trellis in the formal garden is in good condition.
- Granite memorial dedicated to Josephine Albrecht, founder of Friends of Hall's Pond, in formal garden is in fair condition.
- Metal gates with inscribed granite posts at the entrances are in fair condition.

## Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 2 wood and steel benches along the walkway and wooden bench in the formal garden are in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal fencing along the boundary is in good condition.
- **Signage:** 2 metal signboards, one at the Beacon Street entrance and one at Amory Woods entrance, are in excellent condition. In both locations there is a map with regulatory and interpretive information. Two metal regulatory signs at both entrances are in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 1 steel and plastic Victor Stanley trash receptacle located near the Beacon Street entrance is in good condition.

## Special Features

- The wetland has both native and exotic species.
- Natural pond with vegetated bank is a little less than 1 acre in area with shoreline length of approximately 827 feet.
- An arcade of willow trees bordering the pond offers scenic views.
- The woodland with a variety of native trees and shrubs and a meadow contrasts the surrounding urban background.
- Friends of Hall's Pond actively maintains the formal garden in the Sanctuary.

## Park Issues

- There is occasional graffiti, which is addressed and removed as it is reported.



Aerial photo of Hall's Pond Sanctuary and Amory Woods (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Lost Pond Conservation Area and Lost Pond Reservation

<b>Category</b>	Conservation Area
<b>Size</b>	Conservation Area - 26.03 acres (owned by the Town of Brookline) Reservation – 33.34 acres (owned by Massachusetts DCR)
<b>Protection Manager</b>	Article 97, Urban Self-Help/PARC Conservation Commission, Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Off Newton Street
<b>Zoning</b>	S-15, I-1.0
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/05/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by single-family neighborhoods and Skyline Park



### OVERVIEW

The conservation area adjoins the Hammond Pond Parkway and the City of Newton's Kennard Conservation Area and Park. It is an excellent wildlife observation area accessible by trails. The Sanctuary has a rolling landform with massive rock formations. The state-owned Lost Pond Reservation property administered by the DCR lies adjacent to the Lost Pond Conservation Area. The Pond is located on the reservation property. Lost Pond is a "kettle hole" pond, formed around a mass of ice left by glacial activity 17,000 years ago. A quaking peat bog has developed on its northern edge. As with all the sanctuaries, dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

The Sanctuary was acquired by the Town in 1945 and was formerly part of the Town's incinerator and landfill site from 1952 to 1975. It was then used to house a Transfer Station for the Town's trash. Subsequent leaching from the landfill site near the Pond has caused a deterioration of water quality. The Town transferred the property to the Conservation Commission in 1982 for conservation and passive recreational use. Two citizens bought the reservation property and donated it to the state. It is now an important component of the complex of Brookline, Newton, and state owned conservation lands. A 1915 plan shows that the abutter, Frederick Kennard, a landscape architect, diverted the Lost Pond drainage to South Meadow Brook, which ran across his property. The back landfill which impinged on the Sanctuary is going through the landfill closure process. Debris has been excavated and pulled back from the Lost Pond Sanctuary, new trails have been established and a native landscape has been established.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in Lost Pond Conservation Area.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Access from Arlington Road (North) is in good condition. Nature trails with boardwalk sections are in fair condition. These trails are old bridal paths that have existed for many years. In keeping with the undeveloped natural character of the area, the trails are not improved.
- **Vehicular Access:** None into the property.

#### Buildings and Structures

- Low stone walls inside the property are in fair condition.
- A kiosk at the entrance with map and trail information is in fair condition.



# Town of Brookline, Massachusetts

## Historic Parks

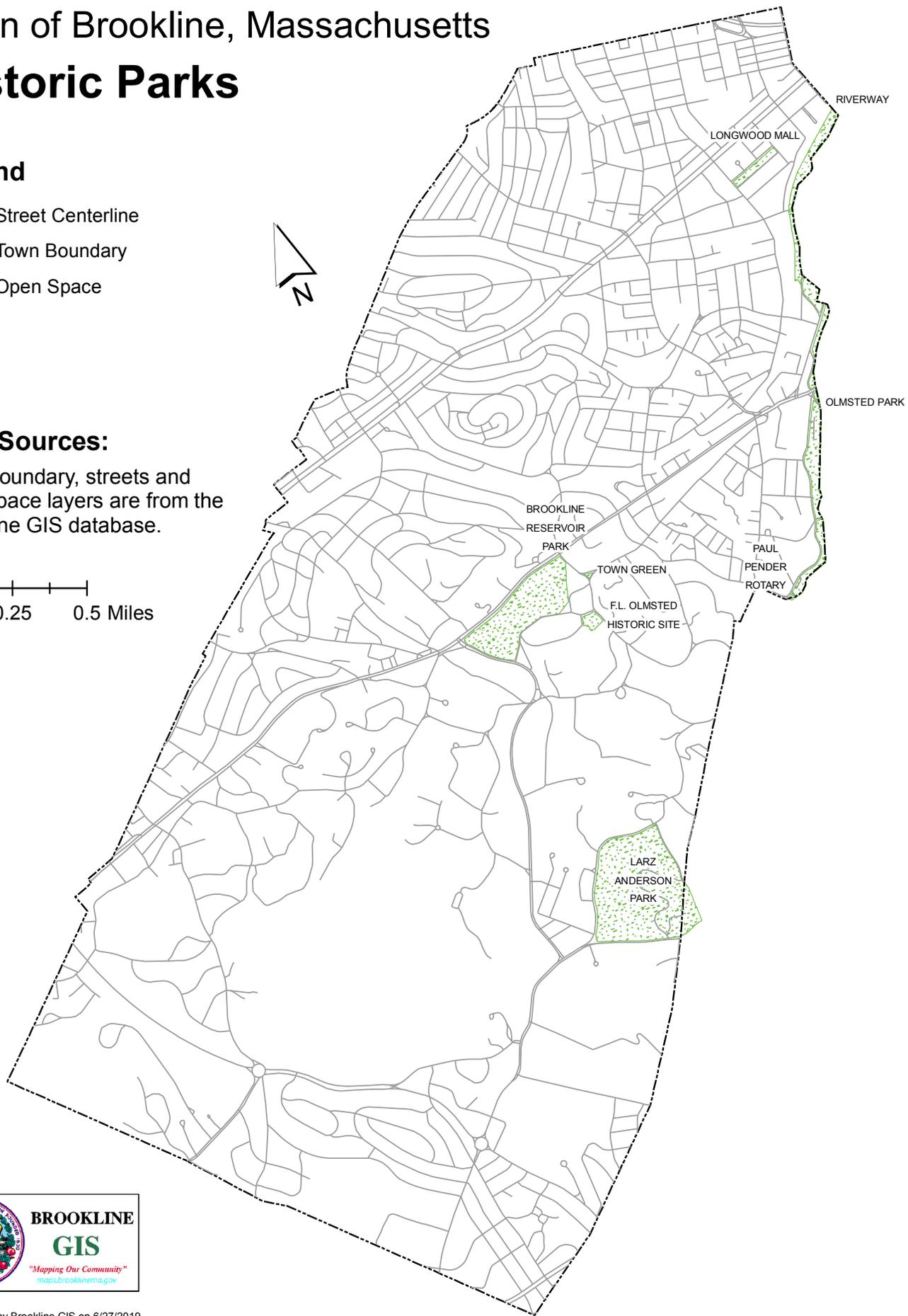
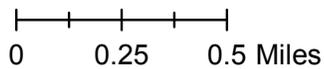
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Town boundary, streets and open space layers are from the Brookline GIS database.



## B. HISTORIC PARKS

### Brookline Reservoir Park

<b>Category</b>	Historic Park
<b>Size</b>	32.21 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, NR, SR, National Historic Landmark
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Along Route 9 between Lee and Warren Streets
<b>Zoning</b>	S-15
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/26/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Bordered by single-family houses along Warren Street, Boylston Street/Rte. 9, Dudley Street and Dudley Way, and Lee Street



### OVERVIEW

The waterbody and its surrounding vegetation characterize the Brookline Reservoir property. It is a man-made body of water approximately one mile in circumference. A stonedust jogging/walking track encircles the Reservoir. The entire park is visible from virtually the entire perimeter, while the details of the property become observable when walking along the circular path. The architecturally significant historic gatehouse is a prominent feature. Much of the park is set below the surrounding roads, creating a feel of separation between the park abutting lands. The exception to this is a stretch along Route 9 where the path is higher than the roadway and plantings currently screen it. Swimming and skating are not allowed on the property. The Reservoir is on the National and State Registers of Historic Places, and is a National Historic Landmark. Dogs are allowed on-leash. The Reservoir is stocked annually with fish by the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Wildlife and fishing is allowed by permit from the Town Clerk's Office.

### PARK HISTORY

The Reservoir was originally built as a drinking water supply for the City of Boston. It was acquired in 1903 for \$150,000, of which one-third was contributed by abutters. This area was once low-lying pastureland with a marsh in the center and stream running through it. In Revolutionary times, the land belonged to the Gardner family. By 1800, Richard Sullivan, a Boston merchant, had bought it and built a large house on the land off of what was then called the Sherburne Road. John Thayer, a Boston banker and a later owner, was preparing to build his home when the City of Boston took five acres of his land to construct a reservoir. The eventual size of the City's purchase was over thirty acres. The Reservoir was part of the Cochituate water system and was built to feed the Beacon Hill Reservoir that stood at the intersection of Hancock, Derne and Temple Streets. On October 14, 1848, at 11:45 a.m., the first water from Lake Cochituate was let through a small conduit to the thirty-inch main pipe, arriving at a fountain on the Boston Common at 2:00 p.m. On November 16, 1848, the Brookline Reservoir was filled to capacity.

The gatehouse, designed by Charles E. Parker, is a Classical Revival building with a closed pediment and quoins. It is built of two shades of granite that emphasize the quoins, stringcourse, window surrounds, niches, and doorway. The gatehouse has been used as a meeting place for a number of purposes. In 1902, the City of Boston decided to sell the Reservoir and its surrounding land. Prompted by rumors of undesired development, the neighbors, including Amy Lowell, John C. Olmsted, Walter Channing, Edward Atkinson, and George Lee, contributed more than \$50,000 towards the purchase price of \$150,000. The citizen contribution was accepted at the December 30th, 1902 Town Meeting. Although there were plans in the 1920s to build a beach and a bathhouse near Lee and Dudley Streets, as well as a wharf near the gatehouse, they were not realized. In 1926, the gatehouse was altered to provide rooms and toilet facilities for swim meets, skating events and other occasions. The Reservoir Park was considered briefly in 1956 as a possible location for a new Town Hall. The wooden pump house next to the gatehouse was built during World War II. It was removed in 2008 along with a small brick structure housing a transformer.

A public design review process was completed in 2018 for comprehensive improvements to the park and the gatehouse. Construction is scheduled for 2019. One of the issues to be addressed is the fact that the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Office of Dam Safety is requiring that vegetation other than grasses be removed from the dam structure in order to prevent failure of the dam structure and allow regular visual inspections. The Town is working with the DCR/ODS to determine the extent of vegetation removal required. In addition to these changes, the proposed design includes replacement of the pedestrian paths, accessibility improvements to path entries, refurbishment of site furniture, fencing, stormwater management through grading, planting, and bioswales, replanting of overly mature vegetation, removal of invasive vegetation, and repair of the stone armature at the reservoir basin.

In addition, improvements planned for the gatehouse include masonry repointing, new doors and windows, and installation of a restroom in the interior. Removal of aquatic invasive vegetation is also planned.

### **DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS**

The land was purchased from City of Boston in 1903 for \$150,000 with the condition of "operate and maintain to flow water through." The property is individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is adjacent to the Town Green Historic District, and was designated as a National Historic Landmark. An early nineteenth century Boston milestone was located below the gatehouse and will be reinstalled as part of the improvements package.

### **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES**

There is no playground equipment or irrigation at the Brookline Reservoir.

#### **Athletic Facilities**

- A walking and jogging path of bituminous asphalt and stonedust surface constructed around the Reservoir is in poor condition and will be replaced.

#### **Access**

- **Pedestrian Access:** Asphalt pedestrian path into the park from Dudley Street and Dudley Way intersection, concrete and asphalt pedestrian entrance from Dudley Way and Lee Street intersection, and the dirt and concrete pedestrian entrance from Dudley Street are all in poor condition and will be replaced. The worn concrete pedestrian access with stairs and railings from Walnut Street is in fair condition and may be replaced in the future. There is a pinch point in the stonedust perimeter path that creates a very awkward passing directly in front of the gatehouse on the water side. This will also be addressed by the improvements.
- **Vehicular Access:** Asphalt vehicular access from Warren Street with pedestrian path leading to the Reservoir is in poor condition and will be replaced. Continuous travel around the Reservoir is made impossible by the pinch point at the gatehouse. Parking is primarily along Dudley Street and Dudley Way, with limited parking at Warren Street.
- **Public Transit:** A new bus shelter with associated pedestrian entry is proposed for the corner of Route 9 and Warren Street, replacing the existing inaccessible shelter.

#### **Buildings and Structures**

- The historical lower gatehouse is in fair condition, and at one time was known as the Sportmen's Club. There is a significantly smaller upper gatehouse towards Lee Street.
- A granite retaining wall along the intersection of Boylston & Warren Streets, along the gatehouse, parts of Dudley St (stone), along Route 9 (closest to Lee St), around the actual reservoir is in fair to good condition and some masonry repair is planned as part of the bid package.
- The stone armature at the top of the inside of the Reservoir basin is in varied condition, and repairs are included in the proposed improvements.

#### **Site Furnishings**

- **Benches:** There are 55 benches in total along the path around the Reservoir, all with dedication plaques. They are made of wood and steel and are in varied condition. The manufacturers are either Boston Bench (also known as Bench Manufacturing) or Creative Pipe.

- **Fencing:** Metal fencing along Walnut Street is in good condition. Wood rail fence along Dudley Street and Dudley Way varies in varied condition, and repair is ongoing where needed.
- **Lighting:** 1 metal lamp post at the top of Warren Street entrance is in good condition.
- **Signage:** 2 wood and metal regulatory signs located at the entrances. 4 metal regulatory signs, 3 located at entrances, and 1 located at the intersection of the main path and the path from Warren Street, 1 metal interpretive sign containing reservoir information located on the path at Dudley Street and Dudley Way intersection. They are all in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** There are 14 steel and plastic trash barrels manufactured by Victor Stanley along the path around the Reservoir. They are in good condition.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** None.

### Special Features

- The Reservoir with a stone and vegetated edge is the most unique feature of the park.
- The lower gatehouse is an important historical architectural feature. Both the gatehouse and the Reservoir play a large role in the story of the first public water distribution system in the Boston area.
- The plantings include a variety of ornamental trees and shrubs, including signature Kwanzan cherry trees, mature evergreen and deciduous trees, and native plants.
- The character of the park and the opportunities for both active and passive uses make it a destination for Brookline residents and beyond.

### Park Issues

- The loss of vegetation required by the Office of Dam Safety will considerably change the character of the park, especially in its relationship to Route 9. Ornamental fencing is proposed to provide safety for those using the perimeter path close to and/or above Route 9.
- Providing accessible entrances for visitors wherever possible is a priority for the community.
- Removal of invasive species, both upland and aquatic, is needed at this point.
- Improvements to the gatehouse have the potential to make the structure a jewel of the park and the former water system.



Aerial photo of the Brookline Reservoir Park (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## **Emerald Necklace I - Riverway Park**

<b>Category</b>	Historic Park
<b>Size</b>	13.8 acres
<b>Article</b>	Article 97, NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Between Boylston and St. Mary's Streets
<b>Zoning</b>	M-2.0, T-5, S-10, SC-7, M-1.0, S-7
<b>Precinct</b>	1, 3, & 4
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/09/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by major streets, shopping center, Harvard Medical School, Emerson College, MBTA train track and apartment buildings



### **OVERVIEW**

The Riverway along with Olmsted Park form a green space link that runs through Boston and a portion of Brookline to the Commons and to Franklin Park. It forms the lower, narrower section of the Emerald Necklace Park System between Brookline Village and the Back Bay Fens. The park is located a few feet lower than the street along most of the Riverway. Stone bridges, vegetation, and landform hide the park away from the busy traffic routes around it. Riverway's eight acres of forest landscape with mature trees provide ample shade. Jogging and biking are the major activities in the park. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### **PARK HISTORY**

Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr., the celebrated designer of New York's Central and Prospect Parks as well as other parks and historic open spaces across the United States, was also the landscape architect for Boston's "Emerald Necklace," part of which is in the Town of Brookline. His plan for the "Sanitary Improvement of the Muddy River" (1881, revised 1890), which required close to fifteen years for implementation, can be divided into two components: the Riverway and Olmsted (originally called Leverett) Park. The "Riverway" Project included recontouring the banks on both sides of the Muddy River, then tidal marshlands and a breeding ground for disease, and planting them with native trees and shrubs, many of which were eventually chosen by Brookline Park Commissioner Charles Sprague Sargent.

Land for the park construction was purchased between 1881 and 1894 from private property owners. In 1929, funds were allocated by Town Meeting to clean and deepen the Muddy River, while in the mid-1980s, as part of the Massachusetts Olmsted Historic Landscape Preservation Program, the Commonwealth appropriated over \$1 million for the restoration of the Riverway and Olmsted Parks. In 2017, following a multi-jurisdictional Master Planning Process, the bicycle and pedestrian crossing and landscape improvements at Route 9 connecting Riverway Park and Olmsted Park reached substantial completion. This project was funded with a \$1.7 million grant from the Commonwealth. In 2018, the bicycle and pedestrian shared use path along Brookline Avenue was resurfaced to the Town line, and ramps were added down to the crossings on Aspinwall Avenue and the MBTA bus stop.

### **DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS**

The Town acquired the properties of both parks between 1863 and 1900 with 40 transactions. Most of the parcels were acquired "to be used for park purposes under the supervision of the Park Commissioner." Some of the original property owners included Trustees of Aspinwall Land Company, Trustees of the Brookline Land Company, Overseers of the Poor, City of Boston, House of the Good Shepherd, Trustees of A. Aspinwall estate, and Boston & Albany Railroad Company. The Emerald Necklace Park System, including Riverway and Olmsted Park, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

### **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES**

There is no playground equipment or irrigation system in the Riverway.

#### **Athletic Facilities**

- The bike / pedestrian path along the waterbody is in good condition and is heavily used by the com-

munity.

### **Access**

- **Pedestrian Access:** Concrete and asphalt entrance at River Road is in good condition. The gated asphalt entrance with railings and stairs from Longwood MBTA stop is in fair condition. The Carlton Street footbridge is in serious disrepair. Plans and specifications have been developed for its complete rehabilitation. It is currently under review as part of the TIP planning process and is expected to be under contract for restoration in 2019. Concrete and asphalt entrances with railings and stairs from Riverway and Longwood Avenue bridges are in good condition. The asphalt entrance from Netherlands Road is in good condition. Concrete and asphalt walkway from Park Drive to Chestnut Street is in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** Concrete and asphalt maintenance vehicle access from Netherlands Drive is in good condition. There is a maintenance vehicle access from River Road. Concrete maintenance vehicle access from Boylston Street is in good condition.

### **Buildings and Structures**

- Granite bollards blocking vehicles on the pedestrian bridges are in good condition.
- The Riverway contains a rich assemblage of original bridges and stairs, which are distinctive features of the park. Longwood Bridge, the Chapel Street Bridge with its arches over the watercourse and bridle path, the bridges at Netherlands Road, Brookline Avenue, the ramps to Route 9, and two pedestrian bridges to the island area are in good condition. The iron Carlton Street Bridge is in poor condition.
- The granite and concrete retaining walls at Route 9, Netherlands, River and Aspinwall Roads are in good condition.
- The drainage structures in the Riverway, including a 500-foot long culvert over the stream from Route 9 to Brookline Avenue, are in good condition.
- The Huntington Avenue (Route 9) Overpass has been maintained well.

### **Site Furnishings**

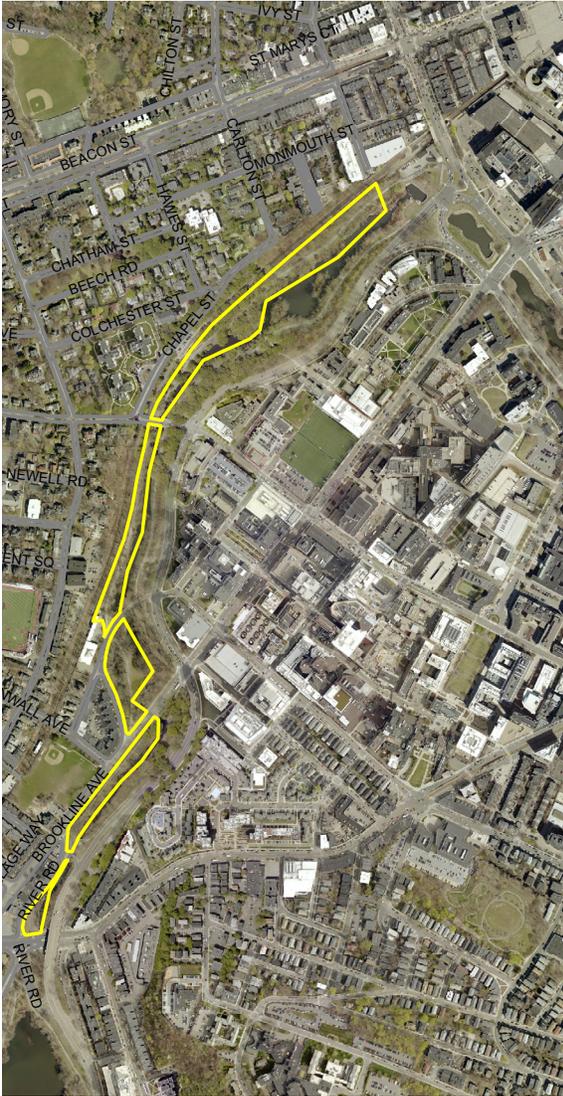
- **Benches:** The wood and steel benches in the park are in fair to good condition; 9 total along Riverway Park path of the same type, 3 along the path between Netherlands Road and Longwood Avenue, and 6 along the path between Longwood Avenue and Park Drive.
- **Fencing:** Metal fencing along Riverway Park that abuts the public transit line is in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 5 metal and wood lampposts along pathway between Netherlands Road and Brookline Avenue are in good condition.
- **Signage:** 2 metal regulatory signs, 1 at the Netherlands Road entrance, and 1 near Park Drive, are in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 2 sets of Big Belly trash compactors and recycling receptacles in good condition, 1 between Longwood Avenue and Park Drive, and 1 near the Netherlands Road entrance. 3 steel and plastic Victor Stanley trash barrels scattered along the walking path are in good condition.

### **Special Features**

- This is a nationally significant park.
- Bridges are distinctive architectural features of the park.
- Muddy River flows through the park defining the portion within the Town of Brookline.
- The park is vegetated with deciduous, flowering and native trees; deciduous and native shrubs; ground cover; and flowerbeds. It also contains some exotic and invasive species.

### **Park Issues**

- Security control is difficult.
- Lack of location maps.



Aerial photo of the Riverway (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Emerald Necklace II - Olmsted Park

<b>Category</b>	Historic Park
<b>Size</b>	12.94 acres
<b>Article</b>	Article 97, NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Between Chestnut and Boylston Streets
<b>Zoning</b>	S-7, T-5, M-1.0
<b>Precinct</b>	4 & 5
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/09/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by major streets, Brookline Village, and apartment buildings



### OVERVIEW

Olmsted Park has three major ponds, six historic pedestrian bridges crossing the watercourse joining its three major ponds, a stone retaining wall and several drainage structures. Olmsted Park, sheltered from the busy city by the densely wooded areas, forms the broader segment of the Emerald Necklace Park System. Olmsted Park is directly adjacent to Jamaica Pond. The park has the second largest historic forest in the Necklace with 17 acres of forest cover. Ward's Pond, a protected preserve in the park, has boardwalk access. It is very popular for dog walking and allows dogs on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr., celebrated designer of New York's Central and Prospect Parks as well as other parks and historic open spaces across the United States, was also the landscape architect for Boston's "Emerald Necklace," part of which is in the Town of Brookline. His plan for the "Sanitary Improvement of the Muddy River" (1881, revised 1890), which required close to fifteen years for implementation, can be divided into two components: the Riverway and Olmsted Parks. Olmsted Park was designed as a chain of picturesque fresh-water ponds, alternating with attractive natural groves and meads. Included in the plans for Olmsted Park was the creation of Leverett Pond from a malarial swamp near Brookline Village as well as the incorporation of many of the natural landscape features, which predate the park. Originally named Leverett Park, the park's name was changed in 1900 by the Boston Parks Commissioners to honor Olmsted. Charles Sprague Sargent, Director of the Arnold Arboretum and Chairman of the Brookline Parks Commission also contributed to the planting plan of the Brookline side of the Emerald Necklace.

Land for the park construction was purchased between 1881 and 1894 from private property owners. Seven "Natural History" ponds were created between Ward's and Willow Ponds in 1893 for Natural History Society educational programs. They were filled in during the last years of the nineteenth century. In the mid 1980s, as part of the Massachusetts Olmsted Historic Landscape Preservation Program, the Commonwealth appropriated over \$1 million for the restoration of the Riverway and Olmsted Parks. The Olmsted Master Plan was implemented in 1997 and 1998 with funds from the Community Development Block Grant. The Willow Pond and Ward's Pond footbridges were restored between 1983 and 1984 through a grant from the George B. Henderson Foundation to the Massachusetts Association for Olmsted Parks. Allerton Overlook was restored in 2003 and 2005 with partial funding from the Department of Environmental Management. The Babbling Brook was restored in 2006 with partial funding through a Community Development Block Grant.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town acquired the park property between 1863 and 1900 with 40 transactions. Most of the parcels were acquired "to be used for park purposes under the supervision of the Park Commissioner." Some of the original property owners included Trustees of Aspinwall Land Company, Trustees of the Brookline Land Company, Overseers of the Poor, City of Boston, House of the Good Shepherd, Trustees of A. Aspinwall estate, and Boston & Albany Railroad Company. The Emerald Necklace Park System, including Riverway and Olmsted Parks, is listed on the National and State Register of Historic Places.

## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There is no playground equipment in Olmsted Park.

### Athletic Facilities

- The bike / pedestrian path along the waterbody is in good condition and is heavily used by the community.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Concrete and asphalt entrances from Leverett Pond nearest to Route 9, Allerton Overlook, Cumberland Avenue, Riverdale/Willow Pond Road, and Chestnut Street Bridge are in good condition. Concrete and asphalt path from Boylston Street to Jamaica way is in good condition. The asphalt entrance from Ward's Pond is in good condition. Concrete and asphalt walkway from Park Drive to Chestnut Street is in good condition.
- Concrete and metal stairs with railings between paths at Route 9 parking lot are in good condition. Granite, concrete and asphalt stairs with railings at Allerton Overlook are also in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** Concrete and asphalt access from Leverett Pond near Route 9 is in good condition. Concrete maintenance vehicle access from Willow Pond Road is in good condition. Concrete and asphalt access from Jamaica Road to Perkins parking lot near Ward's Pond with 13 parking spots is in good condition.

### Buildings and Structures

- Metal memorial at Allerton Overlook is in fair condition.
- Granite bollards blocking vehicles on the pedestrian bridges are in good condition.
- The bridges, constructed with granite, concrete, and asphalt, crossing over the waterbody at Cumberland Avenue, Ward's Pond and Willow Pond are in good condition. The puddingstone foot-bridge at Ward's Pond is in good condition. These bridges are the dominant architectural features of the park.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 21 wood and steel benches, 5 along the path between Chestnut Street and Highland Road, 11 along the path between Cumberland Avenue and Route 9, 4 by the Allerton Overlook, and 1 near the path to Ward's Pond, ranging from good to fair condition.
- **Bike racks:** 5 Bike-Link bike racks, 3 at Route 9 parking lot, and 2 at Perkins parking lot are in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal fencing along North Leverett Pond is in good condition.
- **Signage:** 1 metal and wood interpretive sign in good condition by the path to Ward's Pond. 2 metal and wood regulatory signs in good condition, 1 by the Allerton Overlook and 1 by the parking lot at Leverett Pond. 12 metal regulatory signs in good condition located along the walking path.
- **Trash receptacles:** 4 sets of metal Big Belly trash compactors and recycling receptacles, 1 by the Route 9 crossing at River Road, 2 by the parking lot near the Allerton Overlook, and 1 near the Pond Avenue entrance, all in good condition. 1 steel and plastic Victor Stanley trash barrel along the path between Cumberland Avenue and Jamaica way in good condition. 2 plastic Rubbermaid trash receptacles by the Highland Road entrance also in good condition.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** Three installed for the shrub bed, lawn, and flowerbed at Allerton Overlook in 2001 are in good condition.

### Special Features

- The park is vegetated with deciduous, flowering and native trees; deciduous and native shrubs; ground cover; and flowerbeds. It also contains some exotic species.
- Ward's Pond, the park's southernmost waterbody, is much smaller and shallower than neighboring Jamaica Pond (2.5 acres compared to 64.3 acres) and is only 6.5 feet deep. Its shallowness invites eutrophication and abundant aquatic plant growth.
- Willow Pond encompasses 0.7 acres with a maximum depth of 6 feet. It is fed by Ward's Pond and a

stream.

- Leverett Pond encompasses 9.4 acres with a depth of up to 5.5 feet, and has gabion cribs allowing stable grassy banks to extend to the water's edge.

#### **Park Issues**

- Security control is difficult.
- Lack of location maps.



Aerial photo of Olmsted Park (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Larz Anderson Park

<b>Category</b>	Historic Park
<b>Size</b>	61.13 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, NR, SR, MHC preservation restriction on the top of hill, LWCF, Urban Self-Help/ PARC
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Newton Street
<b>Zoning</b>	S-40
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/01/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Single family houses, townhouses and private school.



### OVERVIEW

Larz Anderson Park, the largest park in Brookline, is listed on the National and State Register of Historic Places. The site, which was formerly the Larz Anderson estate, is composed of large expanses of lawn at the top of the hill, playing fields, and sweeping slopes. The park has an extensive and species-diverse tree population with a ground cover of grass with some moss. At the highest point (where the main house stood), there are exceptional views of Boston. The architecturally significant Carriage House remains and houses the Museum of Transportation, along with several houses the Andersons built that are located just outside the park. Contemporary uses include a hilltop outdoor skating rink in the former Italian Garden. Throughout other seasons, the ice rink is used for day camp, and both athletic and cultural events such as concerts and dances. The community garden area has 110 plots (including an accessible lot added in 2017) and there is a picnic shelter with grills located close to the newly restored pond and athletic fields. The park also houses maintenance and storage space for several Town offices, including the Division of Parks and Open Space and the Building Department. The hillside of the park participates in the Green Dog Program.

### PARK HISTORY

The land was once the property of the Goddard family and, during the Revolutionary War, it was known as Goddard Heights. It was named after the husband of the donor of the property, Isabel Weld Anderson, a granddaughter of William Fletcher Weld who was a successful merchant and shipbuilder. Weld purchased a number of parcels of land between 1841 and 1881 to create "Windy Top," his country estate. William Fletcher Weld II inherited the property upon the elder Weld's death. The son built a Shingle Style house in 1885, as well as the carriage house in 1889. Both were designed by Edmund Wheelwright. Weld also built one of the first private polo fields in New England on the lower fields, now the location of the athletic fields. Weld's cousin, Isabel Weld Anderson, secretly bought the property from his widow in 1899, after she inherited a substantial sum from her grandfather. Her husband served as an ambassador of the United States during the administrations of Presidents Taft and Harding.

After the Andersons acquired the property, they began to transform it into one of the showcases of New England. The Larz Anderson estate was developed during the "Country Place Era", which has been referred to as the golden age of American gardens. The initial character of the property was that of a self-sufficient agricultural estate with animals, farm-related buildings, crops and vegetable gardens. As a polo field, golf course, and deer park were added, the character of the estate began to change. With the help of some of the prominent designers of the time, it gradually transformed into a private estate garden that was frequently open to the public.

The present entrance to the Park's storage facility was once the entrance to the Rose Garden, designed by Fox and Gale in 1902. The storage yard is currently located on the site of the former vegetable garden. There was also an area called the Walled Garden, which included large greenhouses. The parking lot on the side of the hill across from the skating rink was a tennis court lined with columns, a balustrade, and a pergola, also designed by Fox and Gale. The skating rink is on the site of a formal Italian garden, designed

by landscape architect Charles Platt, who was responsible for bringing formal Italian Renaissance Revival style gardens to America. The Italian garden consisted of a bowling green, a pine grove with walks framed by statues, and a formal Italian garden with a pergola, as well as topiary, Italian pots, and an elaborate garden. The area just around the steps from the present parking lot on the top of the hill was a Japanese garden laid out in 1907 by the master Onchi San, whom Ambassador Anderson had convinced to travel from Japan to Brookline. Architects Little and Brown designed an addition to the house, the tempietto, or the "Temple of Love", and the lagoon, part of a Water Garden started in the spring of 1910. The lagoon had its own island, a sculptured causeway, and a fountain. There was also a hydrangea garden, a lilac garden and a pet cemetery for the dachshunds at the Goddard end of the Pond. The 1914 Neo-classical addition to the house was meant to resemble Lulworth Castle on the British Channel. The area that is now the Community Gardens was the site of an elaborate wooden trellis that had a Chinese pagoda with bells on top and covered with grapes.

Following Larz Anderson's death in 1937, Mrs. Anderson bequeathed the main portion of the estate to the Town in 1948. Her will stipulated that the buildings and land be used for educational and recreational purposes. Town Meeting accepted the gift in 1949. The Town report of that year states that the plants in the greenhouses were set in the Town's parks, squares and around public buildings. During 1950, the first full year of ownership, the Town's first recreational use consisted of a camping program. Boy and Girl Scout troops used the park. An open-air fireplace was constructed and a number of picnic tables and benches were placed nearby. Skiing, skating, and tobogganing were enjoyed, while floodlights were added around the lagoon to enhance skating. A private contractor was hired to cut and remove the hay in exchange for the value of the hay. Male recipients of Town welfare worked one hundred hours each, maintaining the beds of the Italian gardens and repairing the two ornamental spray fountains in the Lagoon for active use. Finally, it was decided to use the greenhouses to grow not only all the annual bedding plants for the public spaces of the Town, but also special plants for art exhibits in the public library. An exhibit of ceramic elves was held in the dome section of the greenhouse. In 1952, there was a fishing derby and a day camp, which included an animal show.

Not knowing what to do with the vacant house, the Town tore it down in 1955 and removed the Italianate garden to make space for the skating rink. The skating rink was built in 1958; the warming hut was added in 1958. In 1962, the picnic shelter by the lagoon was constructed and the Park Department building added in 1970-71. With funds provided by a Massachusetts Self-Help Grant, the Town preserved and stabilized the landscape and the gazebo as well as renovated the playground and picnic areas. In 1990, the Town developed a long range Master Plan meant to restore the park's historic features as well as integrate suitable active and passive recreational uses. With assistance from Urban Self-Help Funds and Town funding, Phase 1 of the restoration was accomplished. A new, relocated all-season pavilion replaced the existing warming hut in 1995. New lighting, hockey boards and a speaker system were also installed. The Town created a horticulture Master Plan during 2000-2003 and renovated the hill top, turf, playground and picnic shelter using Ryder Cup funds. It also replaced the concrete wall on Goddard Avenue in 2005. In 2003 the Massachusetts Arborists Association held its annual Arbor Day Celebration in the park, on which day members donated over \$200,000 worth of tree care.

### **DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS**

Isabel Anderson donated the land to the Town "for purposes of public recreation, or for charitable purposes, or for purposes of public education" in 1951. The property is on the National and State Register of Historic Places. There is a 1998 Massachusetts Historic Commission preservation restriction for the top of the hill.

### **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES**

#### **Athletic Facilities**

- **2 softball fields** close to Goddard Avenue with natural grass are in good condition. They are used for softball games in spring, summer, and fall recreational seasons.
- **Other field uses:** The ball fields are also used for Little League games in spring and summer seasons, soccer in three seasons, lacrosse in spring season, and field hockey in fall season.

- **Open space** with turf grass on the hill and near the pond is in good condition.
- **Ice rink** on top of the hill is lighted and in good condition. The rink has an artificial ice surface with an ammonia/brine cooling system. The ice surface measures 200' x 85' with an adjacent 140' x 25' and beginner's area. The rink includes hockey boards, backstops, and lights for night time skating. Winter programming includes public skating, skating lessons, and school, senior, and youth hockey leagues. The headers and supports at the rink were replaced in 2017.

### **Playground/Equipment**

- The play area is located near the ball fields and picnic area.
- The play equipment was renovated and a new toddler's structure added in 2005.
- 3 Columbia Cascade swing sets, with 4 flats seats, 2 flat seats, and 4 bucket seats respectively, are all in good condition. There is one handicapped accessible swing.
- 2 Timber Form climbing structures with combinations of slide, bridge, monkey bars, and rings are in good condition.

### **Access**

- **Pedestrian Access:** The gated asphalt entrance from Goddard Street is in good condition. The concrete and asphalt walk from Goddard Street to the play area is also in good condition. Asphalt walkways around the play area, field and pond are in good condition.
- Granite and concrete stairs at Goddard Street entrance and into playground area, rink, along pond pathway are in good condition and the stair to the rink from the parking area is lighted. Historic stairs in the rink and in the Bowling Green area, remnants from the Anderson period, constructed with granite and concrete are in poor condition.
- Concrete and wood ramps into the Carriage House and into rink are in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** ADA accessible asphalt entrance from Goddard Street to 16 parking spaces is in good condition. The asphalt access road from Newton Street is also in good condition. The asphalt access road from Newton Street exits onto Avon Street with 22 parking spots at top level and 46 spots inside the parking lot. The concrete and asphalt access from Avon Street to side of parking yard is in fair condition.

### **Buildings and Structures**

- The brick and concrete building in the storage area is in fair condition.
- Picnic area with a covered shelter contains grills and picnic benches overlooking the pond is in good condition. The grills under the shelter are in poor condition; the others are new and in good condition.
- The restroom facility near the ball fields is in fair condition and the doors need to be made handicap accessible.
- 2 foot bridges across the pond, constructed with granite and asphalt, are in good condition.
- The wooden picnic shelter by the athletic fields is in fair to good condition.
- The brick and concrete monument beside the pond (Temple of Love) had masonry repair work performed in 2006 and is in good condition.
- Historical Putterham School with slate retaining wall and wood fencing is in good condition.
- The Museum of Transportation located in the historical Carriage House is constructed with brick, and metal, and is in good condition.
- The ice-skating rink constructed with brick, metal, wood and concrete is in good condition.
- 1 fountain in the pond is new as of 2017 and is in good condition.
- Wooden pagoda near Avon Street exit is in good condition.
- The concrete sculptures left from Anderson ownership are in fair condition.
- Historical structures such as Martha house, gardener's house and tenement house are in fair condition.
- 4 office and storage buildings are in fair condition.
- Stone and cement retaining walls at baseball diamond, at rink, at top of hill, between pond and the Museum of Transportation are in good condition.

### **Site Furnishings**

- **Benches:** There are altogether 61 benches of 11 types. 1 wooden and 1 cement bench at Museum of

Transportation, 2 wood and metal benches in the rink, 6 cement benches from Anderson ownership in the rink, 2 Wabash Valley benches at each softball field, 10 Game Time benches in the rink, 6 cement benches at bowling green, 12 Victory Stanley benches in playground, 13 along pond pathway, and 2 wooden benches in picnic area. In general they are in good condition.

- **Drinking fountains:** 1 fountain between the picnic area and play area is in poor condition.
- **Grills:** There are 18 steel grills in the picnic area in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Fencing around the park boundary, wood from Goddard lot along Goddard and Avon Streets, wood and cement along Newton Street, high thick wall at Goddard Street along pond, is in good condition. Metal fencing around the play area and rink is in good condition.
- **Lighting:** The metal lights, several attached to skating rink office, 2 inside the parking lot, 4 flood posts over rink, and 2 at Newton Street entrance are in varied condition.
- **Picnic tables:** There are altogether 24 tables of in the picnic area; 15 stationary wood and metal in concrete, and 9 portable wood and metal tables. 1 metal picnic table is located in the community garden. All are in good condition. The handicap accessible benches are "Gretchen" by Landscape Forms.
- **Signage:** There are 42 signs within the park and most are in good condition. 18 metal regulatory signs: 1 near the softball field, 2 near the Goddard Avenue entrance, 4 at the top of hill area, 2 by the play area, 3 on the large bridge that extends over the center of the lagoon, 1 on the rear of the comfort station, and 5 by the ice skating rink, all in varied condition. 1 plastic regulatory sign by the ice rink is in good condition. 1 wooden bulletin board by the community garden is in fair condition. 20 metal interpretive signs: 2 by the Goddard Avenue entrance, 1 by the softball field, 2 by the Putterham School building, 4 by the Newton Street entrance, 1 on the outer wall of the Museum of Transportation, 1 by the Old Parks Yard building, 6 by the ice skating rink, 2 around the top of the hill, and 1 at the comfort station, all in varied condition. 1 metal and wood interpretive sign by the entrance to the ice skating rink in good condition. 1 stone interpretive sign at the back of the ice skating rink is in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 24 Victor Stanley steel and plastic trash barrels in good condition, 7 by various barbeque sites, 2 by the field near Goddard Avenue, 3 at the parking lot near Goddard Avenue, 3 at the picnic shelter, 2 at the top of the hill, 1 at the play area, 4 along the path around the lagoon, 1 by the Avon Street exit, and 1 outside the building department main lot. 2 pairs of metal big belly recycling receptacles and trash compactors, 1 along the path between the playground and the Goddard Avenue parking lot, and 1 outside the picnic shelter, both in good condition. 9 Rubbermaid plastic trash barrels, 3 by several barbeque sites, 2 by the softball field, 1 by the Museum of Transportation, 1 near the comfort station, and 2 by the skating rink in good to fair condition.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** The athletic fields by Goddard Street are irrigated.

### Special Features

- Putterham School moved to park grounds for 250th anniversary historic exhibit.
- Museum of Transportation in Carriage House.
- Park used for environmental education.
- Hosted Massachusetts Arborists Association 2003 Arbor Day Celebration.
- Community garden is highly used.
- Brookline Day is an annual celebration held in the park.
- Pond with grass and stones around it is in good condition.
- The park is planted with deciduous, evergreen, flowering, native, and specimen trees; evergreen, deciduous, native shrubs. It contains some exotic species.
- The upper parking lot provides exceptional views of the Boston skyline.

### Park Issues

- The outdoor skating rink is vulnerable to weather changes as it is difficult to maintain constant temperature and ice condition.
- Parks Division storage yard is visible from the entrance on Museum of Transportation side.
- The restrooms need to be updated.
- There is consideration of removing the former park maintenance facility and determining another use for the site.



Aerial photo of Larz Anderson Park (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Longwood Mall

<b>Category</b>	Historic Park
<b>Size</b>	2.55 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Kent & Beech Streets
<b>Zoning</b>	S-10
<b>Precinct</b>	1
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/01/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by single-family houses and Wheelock College's Brookline campus, near Beacon St.



### OVERVIEW

Longwood Mall consists of a linear park with historic beech trees, many of which were planted by David Sears. The mall is considered the oldest grove of European beech trees in the U.S. The rectangular park has no site furniture, and is located on relatively flat land. Visitor activities are restricted to protect the mature beech trees and dogs are not permitted.

### PARK HISTORY

Longwood Mall is one of the four parcels of open space parks that were the brainchild of David Sears (1787-1871). By the 1850's, he had planted fourteen thousand trees in the Longwood area, having ordered from Messrs. Cunningham and Son in Liverpool. This included three hundred European sycamores, three thousand English and Dutch elms, one thousand assorted oaks and one thousand Norway maples. Of the fourteen thousand planted, Sears recorded that ten thousand had survived. When the Town took possession of the oval park, it cut down the superfluous trees to give more room to the beech trees. In 1925, more beeches were set out and a drain constructed to carry off stagnant water that tended to rot the tree roots. In 1983, the Friends of the Longwood Mall, a neighborhood group, established a fund for long-term maintenance for the trees. This group was presented with a Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Award in 1984 for their work in saving this unique resource. All ground cover was treated with mulch and wood chips in 1996 and 1997. The park is within the Longwood National Register Historic District.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town acquired the property from Francis Shaw in 1902 with the condition that it "shall be laid out...as public parks...and shall never be used for the purpose of a playground, as distinguished from a public park." The park is on the National and State Register of historic places as well as located within the Longwood Historic District.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in Longwood Mall.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Park does not have fencing and hence is accessible from all sides. Asphalt walkway along Kent Street is in good condition
- **Vehicular Access:** Parking is available along Beech Street and Chatham Street.

#### Buildings and Structures

- None

#### Site Furnishings

- **Signage:** 4 wooden interpretive signs at Beech Road, Chatham Street, Hawes Street and Kent Street are in good condition. 2 wooden interpretive signs among the Beech trees are in fair condition. 1 metal interpretive sign at corner of Hawes and Chatham Streets is in fair condition.

### Special Features

- The historic beech trees give this park its unique and significant character.

### Park Issues

- The current program of carefully monitoring the beeches and replacing them when necessary is vital to preserving this exceptional park.



Aerial photo of Longwood Mall (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site

<b>Category</b>	Historic Park
<b>Size</b>	1.51 acres
<b>Protection</b>	National Park Service, National Historic Landmark
<b>Manager</b>	Federal
<b>Location</b>	99 Warren Street
<b>Zoning</b>	S-25
<b>Precinct</b>	14
<b>Inventory Date</b>	8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by single-family residential homes



### OVERVIEW

Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site preserves the home, office, and grounds of America's first landscape architect and his design firm. He moved his family and design firm here from New York City in 1883, and called the property Fairsted. The home and office were designated a National Historic Landmark in 1963 and became part of the National Park Service in 1979.

There are four distinct areas in the Fairsted landscape. First is the Carriage Turn, which is a circular drive coming off of Warren Street which allows drop-off at the front door of the house and office. In the middle of the turnaround is a plant bed with a major hemlock and understory plantings. The Hollow is a low-lying, contemplative area accessed by stone stairs and featuring native puddingstone boulders and picturesque plantings. The Rock Garden is on the other side of the Carriage Turn and is a small secluded woodland with a meandering path offering a variety of views. Finally, the South Lawn is an open, slightly bowl-shaped grass area bordered by dense plantings of trees and shrubs. The Olmsted elm is planted near the center of the South Lawn.

The grounds are open to the public year-round, and are used for a variety of visitor programs, including a program called Good Neighbors: Landscape Design and Community Building. This program introduces third graders from the Boston and Brookline public school systems to the work of the Olmsted firm and landscape architectural design.

In 2011, the historic Olmsted elm was removed due to its deteriorated condition. It was replaced by another elm in the same location in 2013, which is thriving.

### PARK HISTORY

Olmsted moved his family and firm to Fairsted for several reasons—his work at Central Park in New York City was nearing completion, his old friend and collaborator architect H. H. Richardson lived in Brookline, and the picturesque Green Hill neighborhood embodied his suburban ideals of outdoor opportunities and a sense of community. In 1883 he purchased a small farm and over the years applied his landscape design principals to the property. Members of the Olmsted family remained in the house until 1936, though the firm remained in the office wing through the 1960s. By the time the National Park Service purchased the entire property in 1979, the landscape had been significantly altered and both the buildings and the grounds were in serious disrepair. Beginning in 1991, the National Park Service and its partners developed a plan to restore the property to its circa 1930 appearance based on historic documents. Over time, significant numbers of non-historic plants were replaced with historically appropriate trees, shrubs, vines, and herbaceous plants.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available for the deed and title. Restrictions are provided through its being a National Historic Landmark.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in the Frederick Law Olmsted National

Historic Site.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Main pedestrian access is from the Carriage Turn, and is in good condition.  
**Vehicular Access:** Vehicular access is via the Carriage Turn for people with disabilities or via a small parking lot by the barn. Both are in good condition.

### Buildings and Structures

- The historic house and office wing have recently undergone major improvements, and are in good condition.
- The barn is due to have some improvements made in the near future.

### Site Furnishings

- None.

### Special Features

- The significance of this site in the history of American landscape architecture and the development of public parks across the country cannot be overstated. The number of successful design projects that were produced at this site over the years by Olmsted and his successors, both within his family and among the many talented employees who were mentored there, makes this place unique.

### Park Issues

- None at this time.



Aerial photo of Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Town Green

<b>Category</b>	Historic Park
<b>Size</b>	0.17 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, NR
<b>Manager</b>	Town of Brookline
<b>Location</b>	Walnut and Warren Streets
<b>Zoning</b>	S-15
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by residential homes and located in a National Historic District.



### OVERVIEW

This triangle is located at the intersection of Walnut Street and Warren Street. It consists of lawn with 3 young elm trees, donated by the Chestnut Hill Garden Club.

### PARK HISTORY

This was the original center of the Muddy River Parish. During the Revolution, local militia mustered on the green before marching to Concord and Lexington. The Town Green is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in the Town Green.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** It can be reached from all sides as it is not fenced.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be reached from Warren Street and Walnut Street.

### Buildings and Structures

- 1 stone monument with metal plaque in the northwestern corner of the triangle is in good condition.

### Site Furnishings

- None.

### Special Features

- The triangle is planted with deciduous trees.
- The area immediately surrounding the monument is landscaped.

### Park Issues

- Accessing the Green to read the monument plaque is difficult, as the triangle is located in a busy intersection.



Aerial photo of Town Green (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

# Town of Brookline, Massachusetts

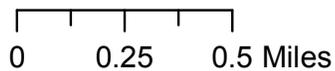
## Community Parks

### Legend

-  Street Centerline
-  Town Boundary
-  Open Space

### Data Sources:

Town boundary, streets and open space layers are from the Brookline GIS database.



## C. COMMUNITY PARKS

### Amory Playground

<b>Category</b>	Community Park
<b>Size</b>	8.28 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, NR, SR, LHD, Urban Self-Help/PARC transferred to LWCF
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Amory Street
<b>Zoning</b>	S-7
<b>Precinct</b>	1
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/12/04, revised 2/1/10, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located near Beacon Street and bordered by Hall's Pond Sanctuary, Amory Woods, single-family houses along Amory Street and a condominium building



### OVERVIEW

Amory Playground is located contiguous to Hall's Pond Sanctuary and Amory Woods, within the Cottage Farm Local Historic District. The park's topography consists of a vegetated bowl with each of the four sides exhibiting differing characteristics: 1) a line of mature oaks, 2) urban apartment buildings, 3) willows and Hall's Pond Sanctuary, and 4) the mixed woodlands of Amory Woods. A parking lot separates the playground from Amory Woods. The field is visually blocked from the single family houses by the mature trees and its sunken landform. The parking lot also serves Hall's Pond Sanctuary. Park recreational facilities include 6 clay tennis courts, 1 baseball and 1 softball diamond with the outfield areas also used for soccer. The park is also a popular dog walking area participating in the Green Dog Program.

### PARK HISTORY

Most of this area was originally a large wetland known as Cedar Swamp. The Massachusetts tribe maintained a palisade, or fort, constructed of cedar surrounded by a ditch three feet in depth and a parapet three feet in height. Remains of the fort were visible until 1845 when William Amory removed them. Over the years, the swamp slowly shrank. During the 1800s, the land was part of property owned by David Sears, which he divided and distributed amongst his children. The land was given to Anna Sears, who married William Amory; by the 1840s, the Amory family had built a large house. Their 25-acre property contained a hill, dale, grove, meadow, and stream and extended to Powell Street. The associated Gothic Revival house was located on a ridge of what is now Amory Street, and was reportedly built on the ruins of the Indian palisade. William Amory lived until 1884 and his widow until 1895. Their sons, William and Charles, resided here until c.1890, when they began to lease out the property. The hill was leveled, the trees cut down and a portion of the property was taken for Amory Street. It also included a section of Hall's Pond.

In 1903, the Town bought 8.2 acres from the Amory Land Trust to be used as a public playground with the option to erect a school on the property. The owners of the Pond on Ivy Street offered to the Town the deed to the pond and a strip surrounding it, if the Town would maintain it as a park. This proposal was not accepted.

The last renovation of the park was completed in 2009, and included rebuilding the ballfields and drainage, new irrigation, a continuous and accessible perimeter walking path that is bituminous concrete with rolled aggregate, an accessible path to the upper level restrooms at the tennis courts, a stair connecting to Amory Street, and new site furniture.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town purchased the property from Trustees of the Amory Land Trust in 1903 for \$62,363.34. The current deed states that the size 356,370 square feet is "more or less." The land is for use as a public play-

ground, "which use however shall not prevent the erection thereon of school houses". Slope rights to Freeman & Essex Street are reserved to the Grantor. The park is within the Cottage Farm Local Historic District in addition to being on the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

### Athletic Facilities

- **1 baseball field** in fair condition is located adjacent to the tennis courts and has a natural turf field with sand. The field is used for high school baseball during the spring, summer and fall recreation seasons.
- **1 softball field** in fair condition is used during the spring, summer, and fall recreation seasons.
- **Soccer:** The outfields of both ball fields are used for soccer during the spring, summer and fall recreation seasons. This is not a distinct field from the two ball fields.
- **6 clay tennis courts** are located close to Beacon Street. They require specialized intensive maintenance, but are currently in fair to good condition. The Town charges a fee for the use of the tennis courts.

### Playground/Equipment

- 1 sandbox with wooden sides is located on the hill near Amory Street.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** A continuous bituminous asphalt walkway with rolled aggregate in good condition runs from the parking lot along the perimeter to the tennis courts, along the tennis courts to the eastern entry to Hall's Pond Sanctuary, along the outside of the ballfields to the western entry to Hall's Pond, and back to the parking lot. Wood steps with a metal handrail in good condition connect the path around the tennis courts to a private drive, and separate composite steps connect the path to the restrooms to Amory Street.
- There is an accessible bituminous concrete path adjacent to a stone retaining wall accessing the restrooms above the tennis court storage building.
- **Vehicular Access:** There is a bituminous parking lot in fair to good condition with 25 parking spots including 2 ADA spots.

### Buildings and Structures

- **Restroom/storage building:** There is a brick and concrete storage building in fair condition located at the tennis courts which also houses the comfort station. On top of the garage is an ADA compliant restroom facility.
- **1 Versalok retaining wall** in good condition is located at the storage garage near the tennis courts.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** There are 8 Dumor steel backed benches in good condition, and four matching Dumor picnic sets in good condition. 2 metal Wabash Valley players' benches are located at the little league diamond, and 2 more are located at the baseball diamond.
- **Drinking fountains:** 2 Murdock drinking fountains in good condition. One is located at the parking lot and the other between the tennis courts and the baseball diamond.
- **Fencing:** Wood fencing along Amory Street and the parking lot is in good condition. The chain link fencing around the tennis courts, between the Sanctuary and the walkway, and back of the parking lot are also in good condition.
- **Lighting:** The pedestrian path from the Beacon Street entrance to the parking lot off of Amory Street is lit with metal pedestrian lights in good condition.
- **Signage:** There are 2 wooden interpretive signs, 1 located by Beacon Street entrance, and 1 located by Freeman Street entrance, both in good condition. 16 regulatory signs in good condition, 1 made of wood is located by the Beacon Street entrance, 4 metal and wood regulatory signs by the parking lot and baseball field, and 11 metal located by the parking lot, tennis court, and by both park entrances.
- **Trash receptacles:** There are 2 pairs of metal Big Belly trash and recycling receptacles, one at the parking lot and one by the tennis courts. There are 2 Victor Stanley steel and plastic trash receptacles, one near the entrance to Hall's Pond Sanctuary and one near the parking lot toward Hall's Pond, in

good condition.

### Infrastructure

- **Water spigots:** There are 4 water spigots in the tennis courts used for maintaining the clay surface. They are of seasonal use and in good condition.
- **Irrigation System:** The baseball and soccer fields are irrigated.

### Special Features

- There is a concrete art piece located on the hill by the Amory Street entrance in good condition.
- The clay tennis courts are a unique feature in Brookline and appreciated by residents.
- Amory has on-site parking.
- The mature oaks and mixed deciduous trees at the park's perimeter give the user the experience of being surrounded by nature while in fact being in a dense urban environment.
- The playground is a very popular destination for dog owners.

### Park Issues

- The clay tennis courts will eventually need to be replaced, and there may be reconsideration of how the adjacent building will be configured.
- Minor drainage issues remain along the path between the ballfields and Hall's Pond.
- The existing comfort station is not fully accessible and should be improved.



Aerial photo of Amory Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Brookline Avenue Playground

<b>Category</b>	Community Park
<b>Size</b>	4.05 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, National Register (eligible)
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Brookline Avenue
<b>Zoning</b>	M-1.0, M-2.0
<b>Precinct</b>	4
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/25/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by train tracks, apartment building, single-family neighborhood, James J. Lynch Recreation Center and Brookline Ave. One block away from Olmsted Park



### OVERVIEW

This property, along with Cypress Street Playground, was the Town's first land purchase for parks and recreation. This park is comprised of a large athletic field along Brookline Avenue. The park is relatively flat except for the slope below Aspinwall Avenue and is located partially within the 100-year floodplain of the Muddy River. There is a fenced playground near the Lynch Center used by the preschool. This park participates in the Green Dog Program.

### PARK HISTORY

The Brookline Avenue land was bought from Thomas Aspinwall in 1871. At the April 1871 Town Meeting, the members voted to buy two lots for playground purposes. The Town's first purchase of land for playground purposes was one of the first such municipal purchases of land in the country. The property was not used very much during the 1870s and in 1880 it was deemed unsuitable, or "altogether unfit for the purposes bought." By 1896, the users petitioned the Park Commissioners to pay for gymnastic apparatus. In 1898, the Commissioners authorized the purchase of 5 lbs. of dumbbells, one set each of #10 and #12 Indians, and rope to replace or repair the merry-go-round. An open-air gym was established in 1899. In 1905, a drinking fountain was put in. The Town bought another 10,351 square feet from the Holtzer-Cabot Company in 1915. The park was improved at a number of intervals over the years, including 1915, 1934, 1952, 1982, and 1997. It most recently underwent a total redesign and renovation in 2018.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town purchased 166,899 square feet of the property "to be by them used, improved, & maintained as and for a public square, park, or common" for \$33,379.80 from Thomas Aspinwall in 1871. Another 4,832 square feet of the property with no restrictions was bought from Trustees of the Aspinwall Land Company in 1887 for \$1,691.20 to be used for Winthrop School, the present Recreation Building next to the park. Another 10,351 square feet of land with no restrictions was purchased from Holtzer-Cabot Electric Company in 1915. Part of this land became The Water Department Pipe Yard and another part was added to the Brookline Ave Playground. The current park boundary was established in 1974.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **1 softball field** used for softball in spring, summer, and fall recreation seasons is in good condition. It is also used for baseball in spring season. It is lighted.
- **Other field uses:** The field is also used for soccer in spring, summer, and fall recreation seasons. It is used for lacrosse in spring and for football in fall seasons.

#### Playground/Equipment

- There are musical features, all in excellent condition, such as rolling bells and a rainmaker manufactured by Goric Marketing Group USA, Inc.. Additional musical elements include an Imbarimba, Weenotes Merry and Weenotes Griffin by Freenotes Harmony. There is also an Integration Carousel

- manufactured by Goric.
- Play equipment includes a sequoia log, acorn chairs, and pine cones by Themed Concepts, all glass fiber reinforced concrete, a steel Unity Rocker by Playworld, a steel and rope double pod swing by Elephant Play, and a composite play structure by Landscape Structures, Inc., all in excellent condition.
- Water play consists of a hydraulic activator by Vortex, a Farm Pump by Goric, and a SplashCRETE Coral Rock Table by Themes concepts which is accessible and in excellent condition.
- The poured-in-place resilient surfacing consists of a combination of three color mixes—50% brown/50% black, 50% yellow/50% eggshell, and 50% yellow, 50% bright green.

### **Access**

- **Pedestrian Access:** There is pedestrian access at the corner of Brookline Avenue and Aspinwall Avenue at a new paved plaza with a decorative archway and two benches, and also at the entrance to the play area from the Lynch Center. They all are in good condition. There is also a direct connection from the playground to the field. There is a concrete walkway from the Aspinwall entrance to the field and it is in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** There is gated grass covered maintenance vehicle access off Brookline Avenue near the recreation building and it is in good condition. A concrete vehicular access is located off south side of the recreation building.

### **Buildings and Structures**

- The recreation building, consisting of brick construction over concrete base, is in good condition.
- 1 Dyna/bilt Products metal storage facility is in good condition.

### **Site Furnishings**

- **Benches:** 4 aluminum players' benches located by the ballfield are in excellent condition. 2 steel Dumor, Inc. benches located within the play area are in excellent condition. Themed Concepts glass fiber reinforced concrete log benches in the play area are also in excellent condition.
- **Picnic Tables:** 3 steel Dumor, Inc. picnic tables, 1 by the ballfield backstop and 2 located in the play area, are in excellent condition. 2 Thomas Steele powder-coated steel café tables located within the play area – 1 with 2 seats and the other with 4 seats, are in excellent condition. There are 2 accessible Thomas Steel custom café tables just outside the play area at the edge of the field, 1 with 2 seats and 1 with 4 seats.
- **Bicycle Rack:** 3 Landscape Structures, Inc. steel leaf bicycle racks located near the café tables between the play area and the field are in excellent condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** 2 accessible drinking fountains by Most Dependable Fountains are in good condition. 1 is located near the backstop and players benches, and 1 is located just outside the play area fence at the edge of the field.
- **Fencing:** Metal fence around play area and field separating the two areas is in good condition.
- **Lighting:** The ballfield is lighted at its 4 corners with Musco Sports lights, all in good condition.
- **Signage:** There is 1 metal regulatory sign near the recreation parking lot and building, and another located at the Brookline Avenue and Aspinwall Avenue entrance, both in good condition. There are also 7 metal interpretive signs scattered throughout the park in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** There are 2 pairs of Big Belly trash receptacles, 1 at the entrance at Aspinwall and Brookline Avenue, and 1 at Brookline Avenue closer to the Lynch Center. They are all in good condition.

### **Infrastructure**

- **Irrigation System:** The field is irrigated.

### **Special Features**

- New plantings within the playground focus on nature and offer opportunities for exploration. The established meadow areas are a notable feature.
- Special effort was made in the redesign to go even beyond the Town's typical efforts to ensure inclusion of visitors of all abilities, physical and cognitive.

**Park Issues**

- The popularity of the field area among dog owners and the volume of dogs using the park can make for issues with soil and turf quality.



Aerial photo of Brookline Avenue Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Cypress Street Playground

<b>Category</b>	Community Park
<b>Size</b>	5.22 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, LWCF, Deed Restriction, National Register (eligible)
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Brookline Avenue
<b>Zoning</b>	T-6
<b>Precinct</b>	6
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/09/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Bordered by multi-family houses, Cypress Street and Brookline High School



### OVERVIEW

The playground is a long rectangular park located between multi-family houses to the north, Cypress Street to the east, the High School to the west, and the Main Gym and Kिरrane Aquatic Center to the south. The park has a clearly organized design. Athletic functions are combined with the play area and spray pool located at the bottom of the slope below Cypress Street. Organized recreational activities are concentrated in the western two thirds of the park with a basketball court and softball fields that are also used for the Little League, football, and soccer. The high school buildings and Main Gym / Kिरrane Aquatic Center overlook the park and create a campus character. New playground equipment was installed in 1999 and 2000. This area is used by the many preschool programs, neighborhood and community gatherings and camp programs in the summer. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

This site, along with Brookline Avenue Playground, was one of the first municipal purchases for playground purposes in the United States. In 1876, the new property was filled with loam from the Fairmont (now Dudley) Street pit, thirty young maples were planted and a spruce flagpole was erected. By 1880, the Brookline Athletic Club had built a track and seats for sports exhibitions. The playground was enlarged in 1886 when an additional 67,179 square feet were added. At some point, a bandstand had been erected, but it was removed in 1897. A new flagstaff by Boston Spar Co. was erected, built of Oregon pine and the top of spruce, part of an 1876 mast. The Town Report of 1904 stated that it was very difficult to keep order with the variety of uses in the park. The soil was sterile with small stones. In 1909, architect Guy Lowell's plans for a new bandstand were accepted. It is not clear if this structure was ever built, although the 1921 Town Report states that the Cypress Street bandstand was a disgrace. Over the years, the property has been the site of many activities, including ice skating, track meets, baseball, and football. In 1970, there was a proposal to use the site for a new Manual Arts Building.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town bought this land from William B. Craft for \$45,878.50 in 1871 as "public grounds to use, improve, and maintain for the public use forever, and as for a public square, park, common or playground, not otherwise."

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **2 softball fields** located in front of the high school are in fair condition and one of them is lighted. The field orientation of the south field is good and that of north field is acceptable for mid to late afternoon play. They are used in spring, summer and fall recreational seasons. One 70 x 110 yard field can be located between the 2 infields without overlapping them. The baseball backstop needs replacement.
- **Other field uses:** The fields are used for Little League and soccer in spring season, and for football and soccer in summer and fall seasons.
- **1 basketball court** with asphalt curbing and measuring 267 feet is located near Cypress Street. It is in poor condition.

### **Playground/Equipment**

- 1 playground area is located beside the basketball court, separated from the fields by a walkway.
- 2 Landscape Structures, Inc. climbing structures with combinations of slides, game panel, and bridge are in fair to poor condition.
- 2 Landscape Structures, Inc. swing sets, one with 2 bucket seats and the other with 2 belt seats, are in fair condition.
- 1 concrete spray pool with 4 spouts is in poor condition.

### **Access**

- **Pedestrian Access:** There is an asphalt pedestrian path from Davis Street and a concrete pedestrian walkway at Tappan Street across from the MBTA stop. Both of them have ramps, are ADA accessible and are in good condition. There is another pedestrian path along Tappan Street across from the pool. The park can also be accessed from the side walk of Greenough Street. The asphalt walkway from the Davis Street entrance to the Tappan Street entrance is in fair condition with some cracks. The circumferential walkway of the park with asphalt surface is in poor condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

### **Buildings and Structures**

- 1 metal utility box at Tappan Street pedestrian entrance opposite MBTA stop is in fair condition. Another metal utility box adjacent to Tappan Street, west of the MBTA stop, is in fair condition.
- 1 metal memorial with concrete base is located in the playground area and is in good condition.
- 3 metal bollards along Greenough Street are in good condition.
- 1 approximately 80 ft. flagpole with American flag located at the corner of Greenough Street and Tappan Street is in good condition.

### **Site Furnishings**

- **Benches:** There are altogether 20 benches of 4 varieties made of steel, wood, granite and aluminum. 2 Wabash benches are placed at each of the baseball diamonds; 1 large viewing bleacher made of aluminum at Cypress Street side baseball diamond; and 6 DuMor, Inc. wood and steel benches near the playground. 9 granite benches are located along Greenough Street are in good condition.
- **Picnic Tables:** 2 wood and metal picnic tables are located by the spray pool and are in good condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** 1 Murdock metal fountain with concrete base is located in the playground. It is in fair condition. Another fountain near the field is in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal fencing along Davis and Tappan Streets are in good condition. Concrete and wood fencing along Cypress Street is also in good condition.
- **Lighting:** There are 8 flood lights for the athletic fields and 3 metal lights along the path from Davis Street to Tappan Street. They are all in good condition.
- **Signage:** 7 metal and wood regulatory signs located near softball cages along Cypress and Greenough Streets, Davis Street entrance, corner of Davis and Greenough Streets are in good condition. 1 interpretive metal sign located at Tappan Street entrance opposite the pool is also in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 2 sets of metal Big Belly trash compactors and recycling receptacles are located by each of the softball fields and are in good condition. 6 steel and plastic Victor Stanley trash receptacles are in good condition, 1 by the entrance from Davis Avenue and 5 along Greenough Street.

### **Infrastructure**

- **Irrigation System:** The field is irrigated.

### **Special Features**

- The mature trees lining the perimeter separate the park from the busy roads surrounding it.
- Two ballfields permit simultaneous use of the park.

### **Park Issues**

- The very small outfield diminishes play and poses a safety hazard to nearby cars and adjacent residences.

- Lack of picnic tables. Additional seating and gathering spaces needed.
- Limited public use of the fields due to high school use.



Aerial photo of Cypress Street Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Daniel W. Warren, Jr. Playground

<b>Category</b>	Community Park
<b>Size</b>	11.1 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, LWCF
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Eliot Street
<b>Zoning</b>	S-10
<b>Precinct</b>	14
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/12/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by single-family houses, wooded areas and neighborhood streets



### OVERVIEW

Warren Field is one of the 3 largest playing fields in Brookline. It serves the Heath School and neighborhood as well as being a Town-wide facility for baseball, soccer, and softball. One baseball field and 1 Little League field, 3 tennis courts, 3 basketball courts, play equipment, water play, picnic areas and a perimeter walking path are located at this facility. A parking lot is provided off Eliot Street. The field and play areas were renovated in 2015. The park participates in the Green Dog Program.

### PARK HISTORY

Daniel W. Warren Field/Eliot Playground was formerly the second home of the Rivers School. The school was founded in 1915 by Robert Rivers who had married the daughter of Walter Channing, a physician with a clinic at the corner of Boylston Street and Route 9. Rivers was one of the first to establish a school based on the principles of an "open air school" beneficial to the students' health. The school buildings were built between 1918 and 1920 and were all designed by Putnam & Cox. In 1945, all the other buildings on this site were demolished except for the Rivers School recreational building. This now houses the Eliot Recreation Center. With the exception of a small addition in 1950, its exterior remains unaltered with its stucco finish, half-timbering, and gables reflecting the medieval style of building. The property is used as a neighborhood playground and a summer camp. In 1940, the Rivers School merged with the Greater Country Day School of Boston and became the Rivers Country Day School. It purchased the Andrew Adie Estate on Hammond Street and relocated to this site. This second location is now the Town's Soule Recreation Center. The Rivers Country Day School eventually moved to Weston.

The field was renamed Warren Field, after Daniel W. Warren, Jr., the Superintendent of the Park Department. A native of Brookline, Warren graduated from the School of Agriculture of the Massachusetts State College in 1932, majoring in horticulture. He then joined his father and brother in the local firm of D.W. Warren & Sons, landscape architects, working for 10 years. During that time he took other horticulture courses, receiving a certificate in tree surgery. He opened a florist shop in Brookline Village and later joined the Park Department as foreman of maintenance, becoming a superintendent in 1945. The Town Recreation Department moved into the building in 2004.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town acquired the property from Neillian Realty Co. in 1944 with no restrictions.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **3 basketball courts** with asphalt surface and 2 extra hoops, in front of Eliot Street parking lot, are in good condition.
- **3 tennis courts** with asphalt surface, at the end of Eliot Street parking lot, are in good condition.
- **1 baseball field** behind the tennis courts is in good condition. It is used during spring, summer and fall recreational seasons.
- **1 Little League field** along Chestnut Hill Avenue side of the park is in good condition and used in spring, summer, and fall recreational seasons.

- **1 batting cage** with enclosed chain link fence located between the tennis courts and baseball fields is in good condition.
- Both outfields are used for soccer during all the recreational seasons.

### **Playground/Equipment**

- Daniel W. Warren Field has 2 play areas, one in front near the recreation building and parking and the other in the center of the park near the ball fields.
- 1 Berliner climbing structure with combinations of slide, bridge, ladder, and playhouse panel for 5-12 year old children is in excellent condition. A netted climbing structure that spins by Elephant Play is in excellent condition. A sand play area with a wooden construction play table located in the front play area is in good condition.
- 1 Landscape Structures, Inc. swing set with 6 belt seats and 1 accessible swing near the parking lot is in good condition.
- The play area in the center of the park consists of a village of 5 wooden play houses all in good condition.
- Brick and cement spray pool with 4 spouts is in fair condition.
- 1 Columbia Cascade climbing structure in Eliot Playground with slides, game panels, and bridge is in excellent condition. An additional climbing structure in the shape of a car in Eliot Playground is in excellent condition. 2 netted climbing structures in the Eliot Playground are also in good condition.
- A swing structure for younger children with 2 belt seats, 2 bucket seats and 1 accessible swing in Eliot Playground is in excellent condition.

### **Access**

- **Pedestrian Access:** The gated asphalt access from Eliot Street to the play area is in good condition. Asphalt access from Eliot Street to rear of recreation building is in good condition. The ADA accessible paved entrance from Ackers Avenue is in good condition. The asphalt access path from Doran Road is in good condition. The paved walkway from the parking lot, past the basketball courts, to the center of the park and around the perimeter is in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** ADA accessible gated asphalt access to 20 parking spots from Eliot Street is in good condition.

### **Buildings and Structures**

- The wooden recreation building is in good condition.
- The wooden storage facility and metal storage facility are in good condition.
- 1 metal utility box by the play area near the spray pool is in poor condition.
- The metal and stone plaque memorial by the tennis courts is in fair condition.

### **Site Furnishings**

- **Benches:** Daniel W. Warren Field has 17 benches in total: 2 steel benches by the field, 2 wood and steel benches by the basketball courts, 3 steel benches by the spray pool, 2 Dumor, Inc. steel benches by the play area near the recreation building, 4 Wabash Valley players' benches by the baseball fields (2 at each field), and 1 set of steel bleachers for onlookers at the field adjacent to Ackers Avenue and 3 sets of bleachers for the field adjacent to the tennis courts, all in good condition. 2 steel benches are located in Eliot Playground.
- **Picnic Tables:** 3 wooden picnic tables by tennis courts, 1 by spray pool, 1 by the front play area near the recreation building and 1 ADA accessible steel and wood table near the swings, are all in good condition. 1 steel picnic table is located in Eliot Playground and is also in good condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** 1 Murdock water fountain between the basketball and tennis courts is in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal fencing around entire park, tennis court and play field are in good condition.
- **Signage:** 2 metal regulatory signs and 2 metal interpretive signs in good condition are located along the parking area. 1 metal interpretive sign is located by the play area near the recreation building and is in good condition. 1 metal interpretive sign in good condition is located by Eliot Playground.
- **Trash receptacles:** 1 metal Big Belly trash compactor and 1 metal Big Belly recycling receptacle are located at both entrances from the parking area to the park and are in good condition. 3 Victor Stanley

steel and plastic trash barrels are in good condition, 1 by the front play area, 1 by the baseball fields, and 1 by the recreation building entrance.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** The play fields are irrigated.

### Special Features

- The park is distinguished by the variety and number of recreation equipment and facilities.
- The park has large specimen trees that line its edges and provide shade in the play areas.

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Daniel W. Warren Field and Eliot Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Fisher Hill Reservoir

<b>Category</b>	Community Park
<b>Size</b>	9.93 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, Conservation Restriction, NRHL, Urban Self-Help/PARC, LWCF
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Fisher Avenue
<b>Zoning</b>	S-15
<b>Precinct</b>	14
<b>Inventory Date</b>	8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by single family homes and Newbury College



### OVERVIEW

The Fisher Hill Reservoir Park is a unique park in which the Town of Brookline converted the former MWRA Fisher Hill Reservoir into a 10-acre recreational facility with a historic gatehouse. After a lengthy planning process, the Town acquired the reservoir property from the state. The site achieves the original intent to be a scenic amenity and public park that incorporates an athletic field, passive recreation and open space, with emphases on compatibility with the neighborhood, universal accessibility, providing wooded areas and habitat, protecting the historic gatehouse, and providing pedestrian access.

The park offers both active and passive recreational opportunities to serve a multi-generational community. The park's construction included the preservation of the historic gatehouse and creative reuse of the reservoir berms and topography, and the establishment of a variety of plantings and wildlife habitat, including woodlands, a wet meadow, and an open lawn area. It also included the installation of amenities such as seating and accessible walking paths, a comfort station, and parking. Recreational opportunities include a new athletic field suitable for soccer, lacrosse and other sports. A significant portion of the reservoir berm is retained and serves as seating and open play space. Other play and gathering spaces exist throughout the site, including a hilltop seating area and viewing platform. By the Fisher Avenue side of the park, there is a promenade with benches, plantings, a water feature, and site interpretation. This space showcases the historic gatehouse, which was built in 1887, designed by Arthur Vinal, and is an important visual marker of the historic nature of the site. Stormwater management was carefully considered with the design of features such as a swale by the parking lot and a wet meadow, which will also provide wildlife habitat. A woodland area along the back and sides of the site includes a variety of native plantings in various layers from a woodland canopy to understory trees and shrubs to an herbaceous layer. Walking paths travel through the woodland as well as a boardwalk through the wet meadow. The park development entailed removal of a significant amount of invasive vegetation.

### PARK HISTORY

Built by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority in 1888, the reservoir and its gatehouse served as part of the water distribution system of Brookline until 1970 when it was no longer needed and maintenance was curtailed. The site was deeded to the town in 2011 to be a park with active and passive recreation. Overall, twenty years of planning led to the park design and construction, which was completed in 2016.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town worked closely with the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM) on the purchase of the property, and acquired the Fisher Hill Reservoir property in 2011. This parcel of open space is permanently protected as parkland. In the fall of 2010, Brookline Town Meeting voted to protect this open space under Article 97, and at the time of the acquisition, the Town also put a conservation restriction on the property in perpetuity. The Town partnered with a local non-profit, the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance (BGSA), to preserve and protect this open space and BGSA holds the conservation restriction, which covers 9.7 acres. The park and gatehouse have been designated a National Register Historic Landmark.

## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

### Athletic Facilities

- There is a multi-purpose athletic field in good to fair condition.
- There is an extensive system of walking paths through open and wooded areas in good condition.

### Playground/Equipment

- There are a series of play opportunities throughout the park, designed and constructed by artist Mitch Ryerson. They range in size from logs placed on the ground similar to a balance beam, to a major signature climbing structure. All are in good condition.
- There is a Columbia Cascade embankment “S” curved slide, stainless steel with 6 inch rails with transfer platform, in good condition.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Pedestrian access is possible from Fisher Avenue at three points, one adjacent to the parking lot, one leading directly to the historic gatehouse, and one towards the southern end of the park at the dry meadow.
- **Vehicular Access:** Vehicular access is off of Fisher Avenue to the parking lot at the northern end of the park.

### Buildings and Structures

- A historic gatehouse had repairs made as part of the park construction process, with masonry repointing and new windows and doors. The interior is currently unprogrammed and undeveloped, with some utility improvements.
- **Comfort Station:** A new comfort station with two restrooms and storage space was built alongside the park, and includes a bench along two sides of the building as a resting/meeting place.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** There are 3 glass fiber reinforced concrete benches by Tournesol at the top of Kite Hill, 8 Equiparc backless benches, 13 Equiparc backed benches, and 7 Equiparc side tables, all in good condition.
- **Picnic Tables:** There is a custom picnic table with a polished cement table top designed and built by Mitch Ryerson near the large play structure, in good condition. There are 4 picnic tables at the top of the promenade in good condition. There are portable wood picnic tables near the parking lot.
- **Bike Racks:** There is a Victor Stanley bicycle rack near the parking lot in good condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** There is a Most Dependable Fountain drinking fountain near the comfort station with a bottle filler in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Black vinyl coated chain link fence runs along the northern, western, and southern sides of the park, all in good condition. The original ornamental metal picket fence along Fisher Avenue was restored as part of the construction and is in good condition.
- **Signage:** All signage is in good condition. There are two places with identification signage, recessed lettering at the concrete wall parallel to Fisher Avenue, and at metal lettering attached to the fascia of the comfort station. There is a steel and laminate park map showing key features and describing the background of the park between the parking lot and the comfort station. There is a granite interpretive map set into the promenade paving showing the overall scope and history of the metropolitan water system and Fisher Hill's place in the system. Rules and regulations signage is located at the park entrances, a tavern style park ID sign is located on Fisher Avenue at the parking lot and enter/exit signage is located at the parking lot.
- **Trash receptacles:** There are 2 pairs of metal Big Belly trash and recycling receptacles, 1 near the comfort station, and 1 between the parking lot and the promenade. There are 2 Victor Stanley steel and plastic trash receptacles, both along the Fisher Avenue sidewalk, 1 at the pedestrian entry to the gatehouse and 1 at the entry to the meadow.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** The field is irrigated.

- **Field Drainage:** There is a Contech drainage system below the athletic field.

**Special Features**

- The park is distinguished by the variety and number of recreation equipment and facilities.
- The park has large specimen trees that line its edges and provide shade in the play areas.

**Park Issues**

- None.



Aerial photo of Fisher Hill Reservoir (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Harry Downes Field

<b>Category</b>	Community Park
<b>Size</b>	8.73 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, LWCF
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Pond Avenue
<b>Zoning</b>	T-5
<b>Precinct</b>	5
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/26/04, revised 2/1/10, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	In neighborhood of single and multi-family homes, surrounded by neighborhood streets, across from Olmsted Park



### OVERVIEW

Three edges of the site are surrounded by trees, creating a natural look. However, the nearby Jamaica Way Tower is very prominent and dominating, adding an urban visual element. The park currently includes a track, natural and synthetic fields, and one softball diamond. Work was completed in 2006 to install a synthetic turf field and resurface the track. There is a play area located at the southwestern end of the site and a restroom and storage building located behind the backstop at the northeastern end of the field. Mature oaks line the southern, northern and western edges of the property. As a whole, the field is attractive because of the significant number of trees and because the fence enclosing most of the site is a much less dominant feature. An overall renovation is scheduled to start in Spring, 2019. This renovation will include a new synthetic turf and infield, track resurfacing, natural field upgrades, comfort station upgrades, new play area, and pathways. This park participates in the Green Dog Program.

### PARK HISTORY

Although the Town voted to buy this Massachusetts Institute of Technology land on Pond Avenue at the end of 1906, the actual purchase did not take place until 1914. It was designated as Brookline Stadium. The name was reconsidered and this area became Brookline Field. It was decided to restrict its use to Brookline boys unless special authorization was given. Gates designed by the Town Engineer and built by the Park force were installed in 1918. A portion of the field was set aside for supervised play. A committee of five individuals was appointed at the 1924 March Town Meeting to develop the field. Based on the study, plans were made and the location and plan of the field house and grandstand were agreed upon. At the annual Town meeting, the Board chose architect Gavin Hadden of New York to make the plans. It was decided to replace the wooden grandstand with one of steel. The Town constructed the new field house in 1926. In 1929, there were plans to enlarge the field and to put in a running track. Permission was given to the Gaelic Athletic Association for Gaelic games in May 1932. In 1946, the engineering department drew up plans for a press box and broadcasting booth on the field grandstand. The 1979 improvements included a new tot lot, field house, bleachers, running track and 3 ball fields. Additional improvements occurred in 1983 funded by Land and Water Conservation Fund. Another reconstruction took place in 1994-95. Improvements planned for 2006 include a synthetic turf field and new track surfacing.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town purchased the property from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1914 for \$85,000. There are no known restrictions on the property.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **1 multi-purpose synthetic field** with a running track around it is located near Jamaica Road and is in good condition. It is used for football in summer and fall recreational seasons. It is also used for lacrosse in spring and soccer in all seasons. It accommodates long jumps, high jump, discus throw, and shot put.
- **1 multi-purpose natural field** near Pond Street is in good condition. It is used for softball, soccer,

lacrosse, and pop warner football.

### **Playground/Equipment**

- The fenced play area is located at the edge of the park along Riverway Park.
- 1 Landscape Structures, Inc. swing set with 2 bucket seats and sand base is in fair condition.
- 1 wooden sandbox with a play structure is in fair condition.
- 1 Landscape Structures, Inc. climbing structure with slide, ladder, bridge, and slide is in fair condition.

### **Access**

- **Pedestrian Access:** The gated concrete access from Highland Street, Jamaica Road and the play area on Jamaica Road are in poor condition. Concrete walkway outside fencing along Highland Street and Jamaica Road is in poor condition. Asphalt walkway in play area is in fair condition whereas the one near the storage area is in poor condition with cracks.
- **Vehicular Access:** The unpaved gated maintenance vehicle access from the running track to the playground is in fair condition with drainage problems. The asphalt and concrete maintenance vehicle access off Highland Street into storage area is in fair condition with some cracks. Parking is on-street.

### **Buildings and Structures**

- The concrete restroom and storage facility measuring 50' x 50' is in fair condition.
- The metal and stone memorial to Harry Downes at corner of Highland Street and Jamaica Road is in poor condition.
- Concrete retaining walls along Jamaica Road and Pond Street are in fair condition.

### **Site Furnishings**

- **Benches:** 8 benches of 3 types are in fair condition; 2 at corner of Jamaica Road and Highland Street made of wood and steel, 5 in the play area made of wood & steel, 1 bleacher at the track made of aluminum.
- **Picnic tables:** 1 wood and steel table located at corner of Jamaica Road and Highland Street is in fair condition. 2 wooden tables, 1 located near the drinking water fountain, and the other on the southern edge of the site by the shotput and discus throw, are in good condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** 1 water fountain in the field and another 1 in play area are in poor condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal fencing around the entire park and separating play area from the fields is in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 2 steel lights near the storage facility are in poor condition.
- **Signage:** 178 metal regulatory signs, 8 along Jamaica Road, 3 along the fence that separates the track and field, 1 on the backstop of the softball diamond, and 5 along Highland Road, all in good condition except for 1 metal regulatory sign along Jamaica Road in poor condition. 3 metal and wood regulatory signs along Jamaica Road are in poor condition. 1 interpretive metal sign along Jamaica Road in good condition. 1 interpretive wooden sign at the corner of Jamaica Road and Highland Road in poor condition, and 1 more located along Highland Road also in poor condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 2 sets of metal Big Belly trash compactors and recycling receptacles, 1 located by the northwest entrance off of Jamaica Road, and the other located by the middle entrance off of Highland Road, both in good condition. 2 Victor Stanley steel and plastic trash barrels, 1 located by the comfort station and the other located at the entrance to the play area, both in good condition.

### **Infrastructure**

- **Irrigation System:** The natural field is irrigated.

### **Special Features**

- This park is notable for devoting almost the entire available area to active recreation and its proximity to the passive Olmsted Park.

### **Park Issues**

- Location of a heavily used active recreation facility within a residential neighborhood.



Aerial photo of Harry Downes Field (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Skyline Park

<b>Category</b>	Community Park
<b>Size</b>	15.15 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, Urban Self-Help/PARC
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Newton Street to Incinerator Drive
<b>Zoning</b>	S-10, S-15
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/01/04, revised 2/1/10, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Adjacent to Lost Pond Conservation Area, single family homes and townhouses



### OVERVIEW

The former landfill and transfer station was capped for future land uses, including a public park. The Brookline solid waste transfer station, formerly an incinerator, is located within the property. The transfer station and abutting land is actively used by the Department of Public Works. The former front landfill property is now a multi-use park that includes an athletic field, pathways, playground, picnic shelter, benches, a wetland overlook, and a connection to Lost Pond Sanctuary. Skyline Park is situated on the top and sides of a gently sloping hill, allowing for scenic views of the surrounding area. Dogs are not allowed in Skyline Park.

### PARK HISTORY

A portion of the property abutting Lost Pond Sanctuary and next to the DPW Transfer Station was transferred to the Conservation Commission in 1982. Park construction was completed in 2008.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

There is an access agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to allow part of the park to be built on their property.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There is no irrigation in Skyline Park.

#### Athletic Facilities

- **Soccer:** The synthetic turf field is used for soccer during the spring, summer and fall recreation seasons.

#### Playground/Equipment

- There are two composite play structures made of steel and composite wood, one for ages 2-5 and one for ages 5-12, and a three-bay swing, all manufactured by Columbia Cascade. The structure for 2-5 includes interpretive panels illustrating native wildlife typical of the area. The equipment is in good condition.
- There are two pieces of equipment manufactured by Dynamo Industries, an Allegro spinning net structure and one Biggo Swing. The spinning net has a steel structure and rope enclosure, and the swing has a steel structure with a plastic dish seat. Both are in good condition.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Pedestrian access is from Newton Street along a sidewalk next to Incinerator Drive.
- **Vehicular Access:** Vehicular access is at one gated location off of Incinerator Drive.

#### Buildings and Structures

- There is a prefabricated building next to the field that has two restrooms and a concession/storage area. This building is lit. The building is in fair condition.
- There is a custom-built wood and steel shade shelter within the playground area that covers the picnic

tables.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** Within the fenced playground there are 2 8-foot backed benches and 3 accessible picnic sets, all made by Dumor. Around the athletic field and along the walking paths there are 8-foot backed benches, 8-foot backless benches serving as players' benches, and picnic sets made by Creative Pipe and closely matching the Dumor furniture. All the furniture is powder-coated steel. They are all in good condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** There is 1 accessible Most Dependable Fountain drinking fountain at the field entrance, in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Fencing throughout the park is black vinyl-coated chain link fence.
- **Signage:** 2 metal interpretive signs in good condition located by the play area. 1 metal and wood interpretive sign in good condition by Sawmill Road. 3 metal and wood regulatory signs, 2 near parking area in good condition and 1 at entrance to paths from Lost Pond Sanctuary in fair condition. 2 metal regulatory signs in good condition, 1 by the play area and the other by the comfort station.
- **Trash receptacles:** There are 2 pairs of Big Belly trash and recycling receptacles, 1 at the entrance to the field and 1 just outside the playground area.

### Special Features

- There is a custom steel archway at the field entrance announcing the park and recognizing the Friends of Brookline Soccer, who donated to the field. The design was done by architect Mark Faverman.

### Park Issues

- Planting is limited to areas with adequate planting medium over the liner for the landfill cap.
- When doing any kind of digging, care must be taken to avoid damaging the liner.



Aerial photo of Skyline Park (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Soule Recreation Center

<b>Category</b>	Community Park
<b>Size</b>	9.49 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, NR, SR, Urban Self-Help/PARC
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Hammond Street
<b>Zoning</b>	S-25, T-6
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/26/04, revised 5/1/11, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by Hammond, Heath, and Woodland Streets and wooded area with relatively new condominiums immediately adjacent



### OVERVIEW

Soule Recreation Center, named for Augustus Soule, a Brookline Park Commissioner, is located in the carriage house of the estate of John G. Wright and encompasses the Town's Recreation Department preschool. The surrounding site is comprised of a wooded area and an isolated land area subject to flooding, and has an interesting geological history. Not only are puddingstone and other rock outcroppings present, but the soil content is unique as well, with eleven feet of peat found in one of the fields. Additionally, the site has an interesting engineering history; during the mid-1800s a drain line was built in the lower field. The lower field is a small synthetic turf U10 soccer field off Hammond Street. The upper field, Robson Field, is located near the site of the original main house, has 1 soccer field. The entire recreation area also includes a splash pad, and playgrounds for ages 2-5 and 5-12. The latest overall renovation was completed in 2007, which focused on the two play areas, and the lower synthetic turf field installed around 2010 with support from the Brookline Soccer Club. The park participates in the Green Dog Program.

### PARK HISTORY

In 1961, the Town bought this property for recreational purposes. The main house burned in 1963. The carriage house continues to be used by the Recreation Department as well as other private organizations that rent the space. This building, a fine example of the Medieval Revival style, with half-timbering, and diamond paned upper sashes, as well as the non-extant main house and the gatehouse, were designed by the architectural firm of Chapman and Frazer in 1896 for John G. Wright. Wright, a wool merchant in Boston, had bought the property from Thomas Quimby, a farmer. The main house, which faced Woodland Road, was a large medieval castle. Andrew Adie, a subsequent owner, was the president of the Scotia Worsted Mills with an office at 60 Federal Street. The original design of the estate was by Olmsted, Olmsted and Eliot and contained a formal rose garden with a turnstile, a cow paddock, a hen house and vegetable gardens as well as a potting shed. The wall around #648 is part of the wall which surrounded the entire estate and was built in 1908 along with the house at #648. In 1908, there was also a plan for a pond near the Baldwin School area. Chapman & Frazer designed a greenhouse in 1916. In 1942, the carriage house and main building were bought by the Rivers School (now located in Weston) and converted into classrooms and administrative offices. The Rivers School had previously been located at what is now the Eliot Recreation Center. The school built the gymnasium in 1944. The small house at #648 Hammond was sold as a private residence in the 1940's. The field located near the site of the house was named after Nicholas E. Robson. Dedicated in 1980, the family contributed \$10,000 to renovate the field in memory of their son. The Baldwin School playground is contiguous with the recreation area. The area was renovated in 1995 and 1996 with Vilon Self Help State funds, and then again in 2007, with the synthetic turf installation in 2010.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town acquired the property from Rivers School in 1960 with no restrictions. This property is located in the Chestnut Hill Historic District, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

### **Athletic Facilities**

- **2 multipurpose turf fields**, one synthetic turf along Hammond Street and the other natural turf off of Heath Street, are in good condition. They are used for soccer and lacrosse in spring, summer, and fall recreation seasons. The entrance to the synthetic turf field is marked by a small plaza area with decorative paving, low stone walls, and decorative plantings.
- **Gym:** The indoor gymnasium inside the recreation center is in good condition.

### **Playground/Equipment**

- The playground has two play areas, one located near the parking lot and the other by the side of the building, separated by a change in elevation and a lawn area.
- The lower play area for ages 5-12 contains a large composite structure by Kompan USA plus some smaller stand-alone Kompan pieces. It also includes three Big Toys stand-alone pieces, and an older swing set by Landscape Structures dating to 1996. All are in good condition.
- The upper play area for ages 2-5 contains a variety of Kompan USA pieces in the Moments and Elements lines, including a composite structure, a play house, a multi-spring see saw, and a train, as well as smaller pieces. All are in good condition.
- The water play splash pad was manufactured by Vortex, and has a variety of ground jets and vertical features geared toward three different age groups. The water features rotate in their sequence. It is in good condition.

### **Access**

- **Pedestrian Access:** Asphalt walkways from parking lot to field and play areas are in fair condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** Asphalt vehicular access with parking off of Hammond Street is in good condition. The gated asphalt maintenance vehicle access from Heath Street is in poor condition.

### **Buildings and Structures**

- Recreation Department building is in good condition.
- Renovated gymnasium building is in good condition.
- Wooden retaining walls along play area and parking lot are in good condition.
- Wooden stairs between play areas and at upper play area are in fair condition.
- Garden plots defined by wood retaining walls between the upper play area and Robson Field are in good condition, but unused.
- Granite bollards located on the maintenance vehicle path are in good condition.
- The Recreation Department's Nature Center is located in a small building built at the time of the John G. Wright estate, and in the past served as a hen house and greenhouse.

### **Site Furnishings**

- **Benches:** 4 wood and steel benches, 2 at upper play area and 2 at lower play area, are in fair condition.
- **Picnic Tables:** 3 portable wooden picnic tables in the playground are in good condition, and there is 1 Dumor black steel picnic set near the 2-5 playground that is in good condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** 1 Murdock water fountain at lower parking lot is in good condition.
- **Lighting:** There are 3 small lights on Recreation Center building looking over parking lot and play area.
- **Fencing:** Metal fencing along driveway side of front field, back of property, and rear soccer field are in varied conditions. Wooden fencing opposite to the parking lot is in good condition.
- **Signage:** 6 metal interpretive signs in good condition, 3 located near the play areas and 3 near the upper field. 1 wooden interpretive sign by the Hammond Street entrance is in good condition. 1 wood and metal interpretive sign, also by Hammond Street, is in poor condition. 10 metal regulatory signs, 2 by the synthetic turf field, 4 by the splash pad, and 4 by the upper field, are in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 1 steel and plastic Victor Stanley trash barrel by the lower field in good condition. 7 plastic Rubbermaid trash barrels, 1 by the front entrance to the Soule Recreation Center, 1 by the rear entrance to the Soule Recreation Center, 1 by the upper playground, 1 by the lower playground, 1 on the path between both playgrounds, 1 by the entrance to the tennis court, and 1 by the entrance to the upper field, all in good condition. There are 2 sets of Big Belly trash compactors and recycling receptacles, 1 by the lower playground, and 1 by the upper playground, both in good condition.

### Special Features

- The architectural style of the Recreation Center is a fine example of the Medieval Revival style and gives the park a unique character.

### Park Issues

- Vehicular and pedestrian circulation needs to be redesigned—there are potential conflicts between the two, accessibility is an issue given the terrain, service to the building from the back is difficult, and there is paving in poor condition.
- Additional site furniture is needed.
- Robson Field should be expanded and regraded.
- The upper parking lot off of Heath Street should be expanded and paved.



Aerial photo of Soule Recreation Center (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Jean B. Waldstein (Dean) Playground

<b>Category</b>	Community Park
<b>Size</b>	5.63 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, LWCF
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Dean Road
<b>Zoning</b>	S-7, M-1.5
<b>Precinct</b>	14
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/02/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by oak trees, MBTA track, an apartment building parking lot, flanked by two churches



### OVERVIEW

Large mature oaks line the edge of this park. There is a division through the middle of the park, with open lawn on one side and an extensive array of recreational facilities on the other side. Hence, there is considerable contrast to the character of the park depending on the entrance point. From Dean Road, the park appears as a large green space. From Clinton Path, the park appears to be a dense recreational area. There was an overall renovation completed in 2016, with a reconfigured pedestrian path system that unified the park and provided a perimeter walking path. The renovation also provided a single new playground with water play, ornamental planting and new site furniture, resolved drainage problems, and included the replacement of the athletic field area, a basketball court and seven tennis courts with lighting. The park participates in the Green Dog Program.

### PARK HISTORY

This property was acquired in 1901. Originally, the Village Brook ran through it. The brook was covered and the lower side toward Beacon Street was filled to make way for playing fields. In 1918, tennis courts were built. Tournaments for tennis and croquet were held here. When Clinton Path was laid out c. 1903, a strip of land was bought from Boston and a flight of stairs from Dean Road was built. It was re-sodded in 1996 and the irrigation system was upgraded in 1997. The latest renovation was completed in 2016.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town acquired 247,760 square feet of the property from Susan Wadsworth et. al. under the condition that “no apartment buildings or stables to be erected there on.” This parcel was previously called Beacon Street Playground and later called Dean Park. This information came from the 1960 deed research but could not be located during the 2003 deed research. The Town purchased another 2,935 square feet from the City of Boston in 1903 with no restrictions.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **1 Little League field** near Dean Road is in good condition. It is used in spring, summer, and fall recreational seasons. It was reoriented during the recent renovation.
- **Other field uses:** The outfield is used for softball and soccer during spring, summer, and fall recreational seasons.
- **1 basketball court** with asphalt surface across from the tennis courts is new and incorporates perforated backstops, which mitigate the sound. The court is in good condition.
- **7 new tennis courts** with asphalt surface and lighting. Located near Strathmore Road, they are in good condition.

#### Playground/Equipment

- All of the play equipment was replaced in the recent renovation and located within a single fenced area, and all are in good condition.
- 2 composite structures with steel and recycled plastic posts by Columbia Cascade, 1 for ages 5-12 and

- 1 for ages 2-5.
- 2 steel swing sets by Columbian Cascade—one with 1 accessible swing and 5 belt swings, and another with 2 belt swings, 3 bucket swings, and 1 accessible swing.
- 1 Rocks 'n' Ropes installation of 1 Meteor Climber, 4 medium Hop Rocks, and 3 small Hop Rocks.
- Splash pad water play includes a number of ground jets for various ages, 2 tall structures that dump/spray water, and 1 activator bollard, manufactured by Vortex.

### **Access**

- **Pedestrian Access:** Entrance from Strathmore Road is in good condition. There are two access points from Dean Road with stairs and railings—the new one is in good condition, the older one has deteriorating concrete stairs. New concrete access with ramps from Dean Road is in good condition. Paths throughout the park were rebuilt during the renovation.
- **Vehicular Access:** Maintenance vehicles access from Beacon Street through the residential parking lot and off Strathmore Road. Both are in good condition, and both control vehicular access with steel bollards.

### **Buildings and Structures**

- Brick restroom facility with office space and a pro shop for the tennis program was renovated and is in good condition.
- 3 bollards at each vehicle entrance, with the middle bollard removable for access control.

### **Site Furnishings**

- **Benches:** There is a variety of seating placed throughout the park, all in the same family of the Dumor style 58 steel strap bench (except for 2 JayPro players benches), including 3 donor benches and 1 with a side table, 4 backless benches at the basketball court and 3 at the tennis courts; and 1 double radial bench with 2 donor plaques. The radial bench is accompanied by 4 individual seats with arms and 2 side tables. All are in good condition.
- **Picnic Tables:** These are all in the same Dumor family as the seating—3 café tables with a total of 10 moveable chairs in a plaza in the middle of the park; 4 picnic sets placed throughout the park, 1 of which is accessible. All are in good condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** 1 ADA Most Dependable Fountain at the midpoint of the park, and 1 bubbler with 2 bowls attached to the outside of the comfort station, also meeting ADA. Both in good condition.
- **Lighting:** Athletic lighting by Musco, 6 at the tennis courts, are in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Fencing around the park consist of 5 types; cement posts with wood rails by Dean Road, rusted chain link along the MBTA right of way, new black vinyl-clad chain link parallel to Beacon Street and around the tennis courts, old cement and chain along tennis courts, and metal picket along some of Strathmore Road. With the exception of the MBTA fence, all are in good condition.
- **Signage:** 1 metal and wood interpretive sign in the middle of fence along Dean Road is in good condition. 6 metal and wood regulatory signs, 1 at maintenance path off Beacon Street, and 5 near tennis courts and play area, are in good condition. 4 metal regulatory signs, 2 on tennis court fence, 1 by the play area, and 1 along Strathmore Road and Clinton Path, are in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 1 Rubbermaid plastic trash barrel at the tennis courts in poor condition, 2 Big Belly pairs of trash and recycling receptacles, 1 at the Strathmore Road entrance and 1 at Dean Road, which are in good condition.

### **Infrastructure**

- **Irrigation System:** The field is irrigated.

### **Special Features**

- The park provides numerous active and passive activities while maintaining its character and cohesiveness.
- The grassy slope off of Dean Road is popular for sledding and sun-bathing, almost acting as a “beach” in the summertime.
- The mature oaks around the perimeter of the park are an important definer of character; the recent renovation planted several new oaks to begin the next generation.

### Park Issues

- The older concrete stairs off of Dean Road should be repaired or replaced.
- There are opportunities for more café tables and chairs.



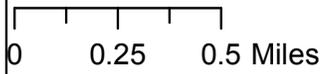
Aerial photo of Waldstein Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

# Town of Brookline, Massachusetts

## Passive Parks

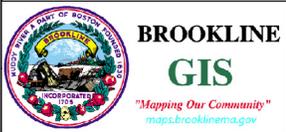
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-  Street Centerline
-  Town Boundary
-  Open Space



### Data Sources:

Town boundary, streets and open space layers are from the Brookline GIS database.



## D. PASSIVE PARKS

### Dane Park

<b>Category</b>	Passive Park
<b>Size</b>	17.23 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Hammond Street
<b>Zoning</b>	S-40
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/04/04, revised 2/1/10, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located near Putterham Woods



### OVERVIEW

Dane Park is the only passive woodland public park in the Town. It is located on former estate land and contains a variety of forms of volcanic debris. Specific formations in the park include a lava dome that was formed when molten lava was hurled out of an active volcano and the resulting lava pillows reached the edge of existing dry land and dropped into the sea. The formations have been studied by Boston College geology students for years, and hold exciting potential for educational opportunities for students in Brookline. The wooded park land acquired in 1953 has recreational trails. One side of the park is along private land with no public access. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

The park is comprised of two separate areas, one abuts Woodland Road and the other abuts the Central Maintenance Facility of the DPW. The two areas are separated by Putterham Golf Course. A complete renovation was undertaken in 2008 to address issues of circulation, interpretation, vegetation, access and use.

### PARK HISTORY

Dane Park is a unique natural and historic resource. Once part of the micro continent Avalon, the rock outcrops in the park have been documented by Professor James Skehan of Boston College as being particularly fine and accessible examples of 575,000,000 year old volcanic rock that support the theory of the formation of the North American continent.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town purchased 416,756 square feet of the property from Edward Dane for \$9,000 in 1953 with no restrictions. Edward Dane in turn donated another 318,512 square feet "for recreational or education purposes" the same year.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic facilities, playground equipment, or irrigation in Dane Park. There used to be play equipment at the park, but the Town removed it due to vandalism and lack of use.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** ADA accessible asphalt pedestrian access from Hammond Street is in good condition, supplemented by bark mulch woodland paths lined with cedar logs in both parts of the park. The renovation in 2008 greatly improved access throughout the park.
- **Vehicular Access:** There is no parking inside the park, and the only vehicle access is off of Hammond Street near Woodland Road.

### Buildings and Structures

- The stone slope at the back of the park near the Central Maintenance Facility is in fair condition.
- There are two stone fireplaces with chimneys that are in fair condition.

### Site Furnishings

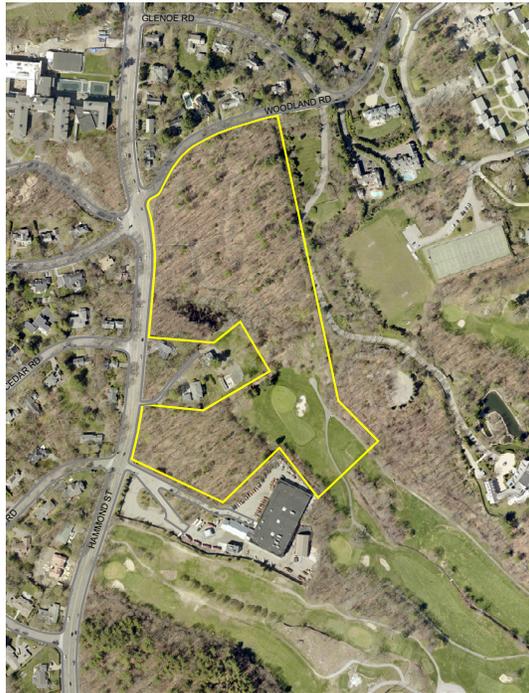
- **Benches:** 2 rustic wood benches along the woodland paths off of Hammond Street in good condition. There is a council ring made up of boulders off of Hammond Street in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal chain link fencing along Hammond Street and parts of Woodland Street is in good condition. Metal chain link fencing at the back of the park is in poor condition in areas where it is rusty and bent.
- **Signage:** Metal and wood interpretive signs, one at the Hammond Street entrance and five inside the park, are in good condition.

### Special Features

- Wetland habitat on the border of the park and golf course with a wooden overlook.
- Noteworthy rock formations with interpretive plaques.
- The site is planted with deciduous, evergreen, and native trees; deciduous and native shrubs; and groundcover. The park also has a variety of invasive exotic vegetation.

### Park Issues

- Removing invasive plant species and replanting with native species is an ongoing effort. The site is a popular location for volunteer groups to remove invasive vegetation.
- A detailed long-term planting plan featuring native plants was developed in 2018 by Landscape Architect Ginna Johnson, and is being implemented over time.



Aerial photo of Dane Park (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Knyvet Square

<b>Category</b>	Passive Park
<b>Size</b>	2.8 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	St. Paul and Amory Streets
<b>Zoning</b>	M-1.5
<b>Precinct</b>	1
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/12/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by single-family houses and apartment buildings with parking along one side.



### OVERVIEW

This park exhibits a flat, tilted plane patterned by regular, geometric shapes. Diagonal paths beginning at each of the four corners of the park intersect in the middle of the park and are flanked by regularly-spaced trees. There are three distinctive horizontal levels of vegetation; the upper layer of the deciduous trees, a middle layer of smaller, ornamental trees, and a lower level of evergreen and deciduous shrubs. The period site furniture adds to the urban feel of the passive park. It is used for walking, sunbathing and quiet contemplation. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

Knyvet Square is part of four parcels of open space parks that were the brainchild of David Sears (1787-1871). David Sears was a member of a wealthy merchant family of Boston that conducted trade in the East Indies and China. He began buying land in 1818 in the area known as Longwood, stretching from the Charles River to the Muddy River. By the late 1840s, Sears began laying out streets, lots and four squares or small parks. Knyvet Square was named after his own son. David Sears learned to appreciate the different species of trees during his numerous trips to England. The heirs of David Sears gave all four squares to the Town in 1902-1903 to be reserved for park purposes.

In 1961, lights were installed and paths were resurfaced. In 1963, an underground irrigation system was installed, and flowering trees were added around 1975. The Community Development Block Grant funded the 1995 renovation. The major elements of the 1995 renovation were safety related and included repaving of all the walkways trees at the end of their life. Stumps left from recently removed trees were taken out and the area was regraded. A drainage problem at the Amory Street corner was corrected. New landscaping and lighting was kept to a minimum. Brick pavement was added only under benches and in the middle circle. Lawn treatment is a combination of turf renovation and new sod.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

Francis Shaw-Heirs of David Sears, transferred the property to the Town with the stipulation that "the parcels of land...shall be laid out...as public parks...and shall never be used for the purpose of a playground, as distinguished from a public park."

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There is no playground equipment or irrigation in Knyvet Park.

#### Athletic Facilities

- **Open space** area for sunbathing, relaxing in the park is in good condition.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Asphalt entrances from corner of Thatcher and Amory Streets, from Amory Street, and from St. Paul Street are in good condition. Concrete and asphalt walk from the corner of St. Paul and Thatcher Streets is in good condition. The four asphalt walkways connect in the middle of the park.

- **Vehicular Access:** None into the park.

### Buildings and Structures

- None.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 6 sets, each set consisting of 3 wood and steel ADA accessible benches, are in good condition in the park. 2 sets are located in the middle of the park and 4 sets midway along the four pathways.
- **Fencing:** The post and cable fencing along the park edge is in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 3 single metal lamps in middle of the paths and 1 set of 4 lamps in middle of park are in good condition.
- **Signage:** 2 wooden signs with regulatory and interpretive information near Amory and St. Paul Streets are in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** Victor Stanley ADA accessible steel and plastic trash barrels are located at each of the 4 entrances and 2 in the middle of the park. They are all in good condition.

### Special Features

- The park is planted with deciduous, flowering, and specimen trees; and deciduous and evergreen shrubs.

### Park Issues

- Planting around the benches and in the center of the park is deteriorating.
- Views to parking affect the aesthetics of the park.



Aerial photo of Knyvet Square (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Linden Park

<b>Category</b>	Passive Park
<b>Size</b>	0.28 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Linden Street
<b>Zoning</b>	M-1.0
<b>Precinct</b>	4
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/26/04, revised 2/1/10, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	In a residential neighborhood



### OVERVIEW

The park reflects planned suburban subdivisions as advocated by Victorian landscape designer A.J. Downing. Its small scale, location, and site furniture make it an ideal community gathering point supported by the consistent quality and style of site furniture, as well as the well-positioned tables. Though the perimeter of the park is surrounded by busy local traffic, the ornamental fence creates an inviting feel while protecting park visitors, especially children. The vegetation is simple but works well. There are no programmed activities and the only equipment is a sandbox. The steel picket fencing, period lights, benches, tables, and new landscaping enhance the park's character. A large number of mothers and day care providers bring children for picnics and play. The fence and gates provide secure protection. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

Linden Park and Linden Square date from 1844 and are part of a residential development laid out by Thomas Aspinwall Davis and designed by Alexander Wadsworth. Davis was a jeweler who became Mayor of Boston in 1844, the year in which he died. Wadsworth was a civil engineer who worked on many projects, including Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. The land had originally been a cherry and apple orchard that had belonged to the Davis family, known as Holden Farm. In 1842, Thomas A. Davis bought three quarters of his mother's and James Holden's share of the land, "being and lying in the center of said Brookline being divided in two parts by the county road leading from Brookline to Cambridge and called Harvard Street and being the same land of the said Lucy held in virtue of her right of dower in the estate of her late husband Ebenezer Davis..." The next year, in 1843, Thomas A. Davis laid out this property in lots on a plan drawn by Alexander Wadsworth, and sold the lots at auction. Along with the land, Davis wrote in a number of restrictions related to the use of the lots and the open space that went along with the property. Each owner held a right in common to Linden Park and the Court (now Pierce Street) and Avenue (Linden Street). They were "to be forever kept open for the use and proprietors of Linden Place..." Each lot was sold with the condition that "no building shall be erected upon said tracts within thirty feet of Harvard Street or of the Court or Avenues laid down on said plan ...the only buildings to be erected upon said land or placed thereon, shall be dwelling houses and their appearances exclusive of all shop yards or conveniences for manufacturing or mechanical purposes." Of the three planned open spaces, only Linden Park and Linden Square remain. Davis built himself a Gothic Revival cottage that faced Linden Park. This house has been moved to #29 Linden Place. Several other houses of the original development remain. The houses in the area were "considered at the time of their erection to be beautiful structures and the colony was rather aristocratic. It was a beautiful section of town--the land to the north and west, now covered with houses, was then a beautiful woods, with a brook running through it." In 1899, the Proprietors of Linden Place released the title and presented the land to the Town. Renovation in 1991 with Community Development Block Grant funds increased user enjoyment.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town acquired the property from Stone, Fay, et al-proprietors of Linden Pl. in 1900 with the stipulation that it "shall remain as a public open space or park". It is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic facilities or playground equipment in Linden Park.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** The gated asphalt access from Linden Court is in good condition. Another gated asphalt access from corner of Linden Street and Linden Court is in good condition. Concrete walkways through the park connecting the entrances are in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be accessed from Linden Court, Linden Place and Linden Street.

### Buildings and Structures

- Metal bollards at Linden Place and Linden Street intersection and at the outer corners of the park are in fair condition.
- Stone wall at corner of Linden Place and Linden Court is in good condition.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 11 Bench MFG, Inc. wood and steel benches along the walkway are in good condition.
- **Picnic tables:** 1 ADA accessible Bench MFG, Inc. wood and steel table at Linden Place side of the park is in good condition. There are 2 wood and steel tables.
- **Fencing:** Metal fencing around the park is in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 3 pedestrian scale lights, 2 inside the park and 1 at southern entrance, are in good condition.
- **Signage:** 2 metal regulatory signs at the entrances are in good condition. 1 metal sign at Linden Street entrance is in good condition. The wooden bulletin board at Linden Street entrance is in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** A big belly trash receptacle located by the western entrance is in excellent condition.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** There is an irrigation system.

### Special Features

- The park is planted with deciduous, evergreen, flowering and specimen trees; and deciduous and evergreen shrubs.
- The brick paving around the sand box makes the park visually interesting.

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Linden Park (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Linden Square

<b>Category</b>	Passive Park
<b>Size</b>	0.19 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Linden Place
<b>Zoning</b>	M-1.0
<b>Precinct</b>	4
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/26/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	In a residential neighborhood



### OVERVIEW

Similar to Linden Park, Linden Square reflects a semi-urban character. The square has the same benches and fence as the Park, with the exclusion of picnic tables. Compared to Linden Park, the trees of the Square have more presence and are more mature. There is a clear, central focal point created by a circular seating area with benches and occasional tables. The lawn was refurbished in 2016 and had an irrigation system added. The square is surrounded by impressive architecture. This space feels more like a mini-park than an urban square. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

The park property was originally 1.5 feet below the surrounding streets. It was filled and curbstones set around. There were diagonal walks across; the remainder was either grass or shrubbery. The fencing was removed in Spring 1897. Linden Square remained connected with the Davis house. By 1869, both belonged to Asa Goodnow. At the April 1, 1895 Town Meeting, the Park Commissioners were authorized to accept this gift of land known as the “horseshoe lot”. This square shares its history with Linden Park. The square is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town acquired the property from Leonard Stone & Mary G. Stone in 1895 with the stipulation that it “shall remain as a public ornamental open space or park.” It is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There is no playground equipment in Linden Square.

#### Athletic facilities

- **Open space** with lawn is in good condition.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** The gated asphalt entrances from the corner of Perry Street and Linden Place, and the corner of Toxteth Street & Linden Place are in good condition. ADA accessible gated asphalt paths with ramps at northwest and northeast corners of Toxteth and Perry Streets are in good condition. Asphalt and brick walkways from the entrances are in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

#### Buildings and Structures

- Metal veteran’s memorial post located in the middle of the park is in good condition.
- Metal plaque on metal pole near the Toxteth Street entrance is in good condition.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 6 ADA accessible Bench MFG Corp. wood and steel benches within the square are in good condition.
- **Fencing:** The metal fencing around the park is in good/fair condition.
- **Lighting:** 4 metal lampposts within the park are in good condition.

- **Signage:** 3 metal regulatory signs at all the entrances except at Toxteth and Linden Place entrance. The metal interpretive sign at Linden Place and the interpretive sign at northeast corner are in fair condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 4 Victor Stanley steel and plastic trash barrels located at each entrance are in good condition.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** There is an irrigation system.

### Special Features

- Nicely landscaped seating area with brick paving and central planting bed.
- The park is planted with deciduous, flowering, and specimen trees; and evergreen and deciduous trees.

### Park Issues

- Even though the park does not allow dogs, they are frequently found in the park and have caused some damage to turf and vegetation.



Aerial photo of Linden Square (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Little Field Park

<b>Category</b>	Passive Park
<b>Size</b>	0.84 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Eliot Street
<b>Zoning</b>	T-5
<b>Precinct</b>	14
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/05/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	In a residential neighborhood, by Heath School Playground



### OVERVIEW

Eliot Street Park is a small piece of property located next to Heath School, with Eliot Crescent separating the two. The row of uniformly mature trees along the front of Heath School continues along the front of the park as well as around the rest of the perimeter. The park consists of trees over lawn with no other vegetation or site features. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

The Town acquired this property as two lots, one belonging to the City of Boston and the other to a private citizen.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town acquired 181,343 square feet of the property from the city of Boston. No deeds were found for this property transfer that took place between 1907 and 1913. The Town of Brookline divided the parcel into three properties: (1) Heath School, (2) Eliot Crescent, and (3) Eliot Street Park. In 1919, a donation from Andrew White added 957.7 square feet of land with no restrictions to the park. In 1964, the park size changed from 43,925 to 37,282 square feet.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There is no playground equipment or irrigation in Little Field Park.

#### Athletic facilities

- **Open space** with lawn is in fair condition.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Lack of fencing allows access along Eliot Street and Eliot Crescent. There are no paths.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

#### Buildings and Structures

- Concrete retaining wall at the rear of the park is in fair condition.
- **Monument:** Metal veteran's memorial post located by corner of Eliot Street and Eliot Crescent is in good condition.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Fencing:** Metal fences along south west side of Eliot Crescent and around back of the park are in fair condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 1 Victor Stanley plastic and steel trash receptacle at south west corner of Eliot Street and Eliot Crescent.

#### Special Features

- The park is planted with deciduous and specimen trees.
- The mature oak trees over lawn define the character of the park.

**Park Issues**

- None.



Aerial photo of Little Field Park (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Mason Square

<b>Category</b>	Passive Park
<b>Size</b>	1.14 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, NR, SR, LHD
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Cottage Farm Street
<b>Zoning</b>	S-7
<b>Precinct</b>	1
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/13/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by single-family houses



### OVERVIEW

Mason Square is unique because of the regularly spaced grid of mature trees located on a flat plane. This quiet park is distinguished by large Red oaks. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

Mason Square is one of the four park parcels that were the brainchild of David Sears (1787-1871). It was named after his wife's family.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town acquired the property from Francis Shaw-heirs of David Sears in 1902 under the condition that it "shall be laid out...as public parks...and shall never be used for the purpose of a playground, as distinguished from a public park." It is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places and is in the Cottage Farm Local Historic District.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There is no playground equipment or irrigation in Mason Square.

#### Athletic facilities

- **Open space** with lawn is in good condition.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** The park can be accessed from all sides but there are no paved paths in the park.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

#### Buildings and Structures

- Metal bollard located on Ivy Street is in poor condition with chipped paint.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Signage:** The wooden interpretive sign is in good condition. 2 metal regulatory signs are also in good condition.

#### Special Features

- The park is planted with deciduous trees.

#### Park Issues

- The existing trees are uniformly mature, and can be expected to decline at the same time. At that point there will need to be a strategy for replacement.
- A path is worn through the lawn by pedestrians cutting diagonally across the park.



Aerial photo of Mason Square (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Monmouth Street Park

<b>Category</b>	Passive Park
<b>Size</b>	0.16 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, NR, SR, LHD
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	86 Monmouth Street
<b>Zoning</b>	T-5
<b>Precinct</b>	1
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/05/04, revised 2/1/10, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Adjacent to the Brookline Art Center and in a neighborhood of primarily historic brick townhouses



### OVERVIEW

Striking 1800s architecture borders two sides of the park, while the other two sides are bordered by a modern apartment building and rear of a store complex. The small-scale ornamental fence adds significantly, framing the park and giving it a clear identity. The vegetation includes mature trees. It is located just a block away from Beacon Street. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

The park property was originally purchased as two lots. In 1864 the Town built Longwood School on one parcel, which was moved elsewhere on the property in 1886 to accommodate the building of a firehouse in the other parcel. Soon it was decided to make this company a chemical engine company, and in 1882 a chemical engine was bought and placed into the old wooden shed. There was much concern about the safety of the older building. Two options included building another building or renting the brick club stable building and fitting it up for fire use. The option to remain at the Longwood Club stable was taken for a few years before the Town decided to construct a new firehouse, one suitable for a chemical engine.

The new shingle and brick Shingle Style two story firehouse building was designed by Peabody & Stearns in 1886 and was tied to a lot at Monmouth and St. Mary's Street, next to the Longwood School which had been bought from William Lawrence and David Sears in 1863. The Longwood School was moved 25 feet and turned to face St. Mary's Street. The first story of the firehouse held the engine and horses and the second story was a tenement for the driver and his family. At the turn of the century, there were four large white horses, which were placed in automatic stalls. The company was transferred to Station #5 on Babcock Street when it opened in 1964. The old Chemical Fire House was remodeled and became the Brookline Arts Center in 1968. In Fall 2002, Town Meeting voted for both lots to be protected under Article 97. A full renovation of the park commenced in 2005 and was completed in 2006. The park renovation was funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies and included a small custom play structure for toddlers; the design of which was inspired by the former fire station, stone seat walls, a walking path traversing the park and leading to a small bluestone plaza at the art center, fence replacement, donor benches, and numerous ornamental plantings. New utilities included irrigation and pedestrian scale lighting.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town acquired the property from William R. Lawrence in 1864 for \$901.90. The existing firehouse building and the land under that building was exempted from Article 97 in 2002, while the rest of the property was set for park purposes only. It is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places and is recorded in the Longwood National Register Historic District.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic facilities

- **Open space** with lawn for free play.

### Playground/Equipment

- There is custom-designed toddler play equipment utilizing a fire house theme and incorporating salvaged fire equipment and a historic image of the old firehouse in good condition. The roof line of the play structure mimics the Arts Center. Design was by landscape architect Joanne Hiromura and fabrication was done by IDF, which is no longer in business.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Pedestrian access is ungated off St. Mary's Street and a bluestone plaza area shared with the Arts Center.
- **Vehicular Access:** Maintenance access is from the pedestrian paths.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 6 Dumor 118 steel donor benches in good condition line the path.
- **Fencing:** Ornamental metal picket fencing around the park mimics the previously existing historic fence and is in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 2 metal lights connected to the utility poles are in fair condition. 2 ornamental pedestrian scale lights are at the entries and are in good condition.
- **Signage:** 1 metal regulatory sign at the St. Mary's Street entrance in good condition. 1 wooden interpretive sign at the corner of Monmouth Street and St. Mary's Street in fair condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 2 Victor Stanley steel and plastic trash barrels, 1 at each entrance, are in good condition.

### Special Features

- The park is planted with deciduous, evergreen, flowering, and specimen trees; evergreen and deciduous shrubs; perennials, groundcovers, and bulbs.
- The park is often used by classes held at the Arts Center.

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Monmouth Street Park (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Philbrick Green

<b>Category</b>	Passive Park
<b>Size</b>	0.28 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, NR, SR, LHD
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Upland and Maple Streets
<b>Zoning</b>	S-10
<b>Precinct</b>	5
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/02/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	In a single-family neighborhood



### OVERVIEW

Philbrick Green is a small park with open lawn, benches, and significant mature trees gradually being replaced. Frederick Law Olmsted completed the original layout of this park in the 1880s as part of the residential plan for the area. The site is bordered by notable Victorian homes of brick, stone, and wood. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

In the 1880's, Edward Philbrick hired the Olmsted firm to lay out this park as part of a residential development. In 1901, Mabel Foster sold this property to the Town.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town purchased the property from Mabel H. Foster in 1901, to be "kept open and maintained as a public park." This land is located in the Pill Hill Local Historic District and in the Pill Hill National Register District. It is on the State and National Register of Historic Places.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There is no playground equipment or irrigation in Philbrick Green.

#### Athletic facilities

- **Open space** with lawn is in fair condition.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** The park can be accessed from all sides, though there are no paved paths.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 2 wood and steel benches located near Upland Road are in fair condition.
- **Signage:** 1 wooden interpretive sign is in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 1 Dumor, Inc. plastic and steel trash receptacle is located near Upland Road.

#### Special Features

- The original oaks are majestic and beloved by the neighborhood.

#### Park Issues

- The oaks are beginning to fail, and it will be years before the replacement oaks achieve the same size and character.



Aerial photo of Philbrick Green (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Judge Henry Crowley Park at Saint Mark's Square

<b>Category</b>	Passive Park
<b>Size</b>	0.40 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Park, Vernon and Marion Streets
<b>Zoning</b>	M-2.0
<b>Precinct</b>	10
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/12/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by neighborhood streets and across from St. Mark's Church building



### OVERVIEW

The geometry of this park is both small and striking with a triangular shape and paths. There is a slight elevation to the park, resulting in the bench placement being at a slight pitch. A plant bed, blocking the view into the park, dominates the front entrance at the tip of the triangle. The mature trees, ornamental site furniture such as benches, tables, and period light fixtures also define the character of this park. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

The Town accepted this triangle from the heirs of Marshall Stearns in 1897 with the restriction that no buildings are to be erected on the property. It was renovated in 1995.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town acquired the property from William Stearns and Hannah Swift in 1897 under the condition that "the premises shall be forever kept open for the benefit of light and air for the convenience and comfort of all..."

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There is no playground equipment in Saint Mark's Square.

#### Athletic facilities

- **Open space** with lawn is in good condition.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Concrete access from intersection of Marion and Vernon Streets is in good condition. Concrete entrances with ramps from corner of Marion and Park Streets, and corner of Vernon and Park Street are in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

#### Buildings and Structures

- Metal bollards at Marion and Vernon Streets intersection are in good condition.
- 1 metal utility box by the Park Street and Marion Street corner is in poor condition.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 25 ADA accessible steel benches by Bench Mfg Corp along the pathway are in poor condition and are angled toward each other to encourage conversation.
- **Picnic tables:** 3 steel and plastic tables along Park Street side are in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal fencing around the park except at Park Street side is in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 4 metal lampposts are in good condition.
- **Signage:** 2 metal regulatory signs at both Park Street entrances are in good condition. 2 wooden interpretive signs at both Park Street entrances are in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 3 Victor Stanley steel and plastic trash barrels, 1 at each entrance, are in good condition.

**Infrastructure**

- **Irrigation System:** The shrub bed is irrigated.

**Special Features**

- The park is planted with deciduous, flowering, and specimen trees; and deciduous and evergreen shrubs.

**Park Issues**

- None.



Aerial photo of Judge Henry Crowley Park at Saint Mark's Square  
(Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Town Hall Lot

<b>Category</b>	Passive Park
<b>Size</b>	1.99 acres
<b>Protection</b>	NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Washington Street
<b>Zoning</b>	G-2.0
<b>Precinct</b>	6
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/02/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	By the Town Hall, in a commercial and residential mixed use area



### OVERVIEW

Located in front of the Town Hall, this is a highly used public space. The landscape is well maintained with vegetation, benches, and walkways. Dogs are allowed on-leash. Suggestions for redesign or refinements for this area have been made in the Main Library/Town Hall Grounds Master Plan completed in 2005.

### PARK HISTORY

This area was completely redone in 1998 with a new layout and site furniture. The Veteran's Memorial had a new planting design completed and installed in 2011.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

It is listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in the Town Hall Lot.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** There are 5 access points, 2 from Washington Street, 2 from Holden Street and 1 from the corner of Pierce Street and Holden Street. The surfaces consist of materials including concrete, asphalt, and brick. All are in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** It is accessible from the parking lot on Pierce Street and from Washington Street.

#### Buildings and Structures

- There is a historic bell hung at ground level with concrete supports at the entrance.
- Concrete monument with metal plaque, "Town of Brookline Incorporated 1705" in good condition, located by front doors to Town Hall.
- **Electric Vehicle Chargers:** There are 2 Charge Point dual electric vehicle chargers in excellent condition in the Pierce Street parking lot located near the Pierce Street and Holden Street intersection.
- **Parking Meters:** There are 2 Digital Payment Tech. parking meters in good condition. 1 is located adjacent to the Town Hall entrance and Pierce parking lot. The other is located at the Pierce Street and Holden Street intersection, in the Pierce parking lot.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 8 wood and steel Victor Stanley benches are located in the plaza in front of Town Hall and are in good condition. 2 wood and steel backless benches are also located in front of Town Hall and are in fair condition (have some signs of worn paint/wood).
- **Picnic tables:** 2 wood and metal picnic tables are located in the open space adjacent to Holden Street in poor condition.
- **Bike racks:** 1 metal Brandir bike rack in front of the portico is in good condition. 1 Hubway solar-powered 15-bike rental station is located near the entrance to Town Hall.
- **Ash Tray:** One ash tray located in the plaza in front of Town Hall by the central shrub bed is in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 14 decorative style streetlights in good condition are located in front of Town Hall and around

the parking lot area. 4 of the streetlights have small flags and memorial plaques.

- **Signage:** 17 metal rules and regulations signs are located within the Town Hall public parking lot are in good condition. 5 interpretive plastic or metal signs are located either in the parking lot or attached to the side of the Town Hall building.
- **Trash receptacles:** 1 steel and plastic Victor Stanley trash barrel located by the side of the portico is in good condition. 1 concrete trash barrel with plastic insert is located outside the doors to Town Hall and is in good condition.

### Special Features

- The lot has an interesting paving pattern using different colors of concrete unit pavers.
- The site contains many deciduous trees and shrubs in planters, plus seasonal annuals and bulbs.
- Monument made of concrete and metal engraved to veterans of WWI, WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War located at intersection of Washington Street and Holden Street is in good condition. A metal plaque is located on the back, "Newsboys Memorial to Albert Edward Scott".

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Town Hall Lot (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

# Town of Brookline, Massachusetts

## Neighborhood Parks

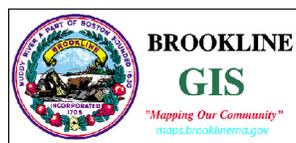
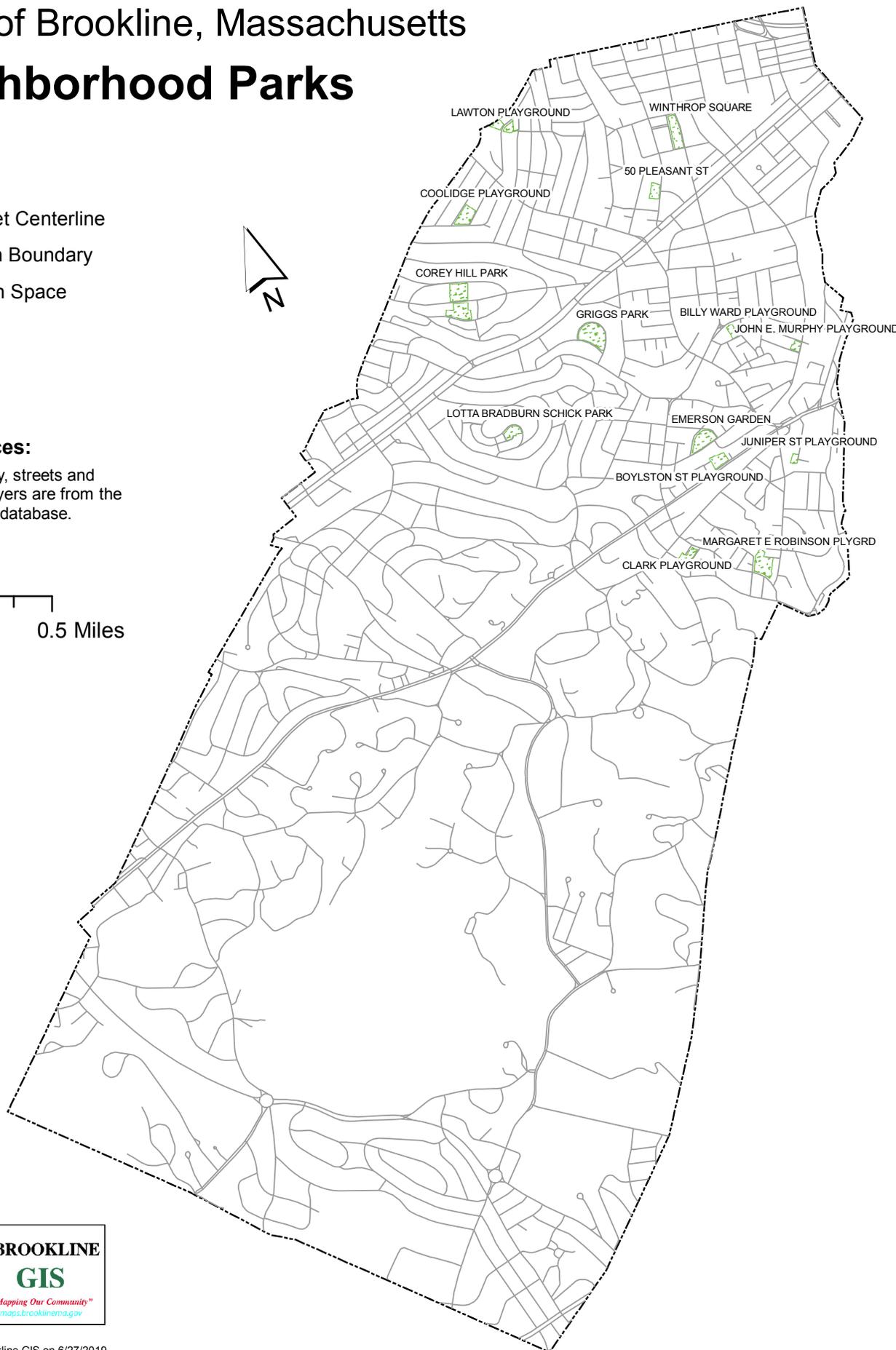
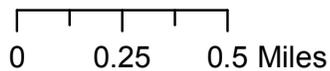
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## E. NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

### Billy Ward Playground

<b>Category</b>	Neighborhood Park
<b>Size</b>	0.54 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Brook Street and Aspinwall Avenue
<b>Zoning</b>	M-1.0, T-5
<b>Precinct</b>	6
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/27/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	In a single- and multi-family neighborhood, between Aspinwall Avenue and Brook Street



#### OVERVIEW

The Town acquired this park by purchasing four lots over a period of seventy years. This history, combined with change in elevation, has influenced the character of the park. There is a seven foot change in elevation between the upper level at Aspinwall Avenue, where the water play, open lawn, and play equipment for ages 2-5 are located, and the lower level at Brook Street where the play equipment for ages 5-12 is located. The two levels are connected by a handicap ramp, stairs, and a spiral slide. The most recent renovation was completed in 2014. Dogs are not allowed.

#### PARK HISTORY

The Town acquired this playground between Aspinwall and Brook Streets in 1914 from William and Thomas Aspinwall. At this time, the playground was less than one quarter of its present size and contained a large elm tree and swing set. In 1972, the Town purchased the adjacent lots, demolished the existing houses, and constructed a playground, which was funded by the federal Cities and Parks Program. The renovation created a grass sitting area, a sunken house foundation for gardening and play, a sand area, spray pool, and a half basketball court. In 1992, after a two-year design review process, the playground was renovated again to include updated equipment for tots and older children, a new spray pool, a down-sized basketball key and considerable landscaping and screening. The name of the playground was changed at its dedication from Brook Street Playground to Billy Ward Playground. The latest renovation, completed in 2014, replaced all of the play equipment, made travel throughout the park accessible, replaced all the play equipment and site furniture, replaced the water play and brought water and drainage utilities up to date, and installed an ornamental metal picket fence along Brook Street similar to the existing fence at Aspinwall Avenue.

#### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town purchased 4,604 square feet of the land from Thomas and William Aspinwall in 1914 for \$423.54. George Belcher Cutts et. al. transferred to the Town 14,716 square feet as two parcels to the Town in 1972 for \$46,600.00. The deed has a "Cancelled" stamp on it, but the land remains in Town ownership. The Town acquired another 4,934 square feet from S. and A.C. Curtis in 1972. No deed records exist for this purchase, but the land plans and atlas confirm the transfer of land.

#### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

##### Athletic Facilities

- **Open space** located near Aspinwall with turf grass offers open play. The lawn is in good condition.

##### Playground/Equipment

- All of the play equipment (at both levels) is in good condition.
- The upper play area for younger children has a Vortex splash pad water play system with a series of ground jets, a Big Toys steel and recycled plastic composite structure, a Landscape Structures steel toddler swing with two bucket seats, a Kompan USA engine and train made of various materials and

colored green like the nearby MBTA Cleveland Circle trains, and a sand box within the prior stone house foundation.

- The lower play area has Landscape Structures powdercoated steel equipment in an Evos composite structure and a two-bay swing set with four belt seats.
- Connecting the two levels is a Columbia Cascade powdercoated steel spiral slide with a transition platform at the top of the slide flush with the pavement and a stainless steel bed, and the vertical concrete retaining wall doubles as a climbing wall with Atomik hand holds.

#### **Access**

- **Pedestrian Access:** Pedestrian access throughout the park consists of asphalt pathways and cement concrete stairs, landings, and handicap ramp with handrails and/or guardrails. All are in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** Both pedestrian entrances double as vehicular access for maintenance.
- Both entrances are gated.

#### **Buildings and Structures**

- There is a poured-in-place concrete retaining wall, and cheek walls for the handicap ramp and stairs, that connect the two levels and are in good condition. The face of the concrete is treated with a SilPro concrete finishing product to minimize the abrasiveness of the wall, which is in good condition.

#### **Site Furnishings**

- **Benches:** There are 9 total Dumor steel backed benches, all in good condition. Two are located at the lower level with a side table. At the upper level, there are three at the water play with a side table, one at the lawn area near Aspinwall, two at the play equipment with a side table, and one just outside the gate between the sidewalk and the fence.
- **Picnic tables:** 1 steel ADA Dumor picnic table set is located in the upper level near the play equipment and sand box, and is in good condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** There are two accessible Most Dependable Fountain drinking fountains, one at each level. They are in good condition.
- **Fencing:** An older decorative metal picket fence and double gate at Aspinwall Avenue remains. A newer decorative metal picket fence and double gate is at Brook Street. Black vinyl-covered chain link fence runs along both sides. All are in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 1 metal light post with concrete base is located at the corner of the park at Brook Street and is in good condition.
- **Signage:** 2 wooden bulletin boards, 1 at the Aspinwall Avenue entrance and 1 at the Brook Street entrance, both in good condition. 4 metal and wood regulatory signs in good condition, 1 at the Aspinwall Avenue entrance, 2 at the Brook Street entrance, and 1 at the basketball court. 2 metal regulatory signs on the Aspinwall Avenue entrance in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** There are two pairs of metal Big Belly trash compactors and recycling receptacles, one at each entrance. They are in good condition.

#### **Infrastructure**

- **Irrigation System:** The lower lawn area is irrigated.

#### **Special Features**

- There are several significant mature trees at the upper level, particularly an oak and a yellowwood which are in relatively good condition.
- The climbing wall is unique.
- The Kompan train pieces in the upper area were chosen to remember Billy Ward, for whom the park is named. He was a beloved neighbor and had worked for years as a driver for the MBTA on the Cleveland Circle train line.

#### **Park Issues**

- None.



Aerial photo of Billy Ward Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Boylston Street Playground

<b>Category</b>	Neighborhood Park
<b>Size</b>	1.16 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, LWCF
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Boylston Street
<b>Zoning</b>	M-1.0 (CAM)
<b>Precinct</b>	6
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/27/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located between the MBTA D-line, Davis Path and Boylston Street



### OVERVIEW

The Boylston Street Playground property was acquired by the Town in 1851. It contains a very small playing field, which is suitable as a 40' x 60' youth soccer field and for softball and little league baseball practices. The park has a backstop for softball but no infield. It also has a basketball court with 4 hoops and a small play area. It is linked to the neighborhoods by a pedestrian bridge over the MBTA tracks. Boylston Street Playground participates in the Green Dog Program.

### PARK HISTORY

This playground was originally the site of the new South Primary School. The school was used by multiple occupants until 1971 when the building was torn down and the area was converted into playground space. The Playground was further developed in 1978. The play equipment, irrigation, and turf were most recently renovated in 2002.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town purchased 42,528 square feet of the property from Elijah Emerson in 1868 for \$7,089.42. Later another 17,046 square feet were purchased from James H McGivney and Ellen J Mealey McGivney in 1901. From this area 3,200 square feet was taken for a street & Davis Path. A size discrepancy dates from 1964 with total area becoming 50,884 square feet. The property has no known restrictions.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **1 T-ball field** used for baseball and soccer in spring, summer and fall recreation seasons and also for Little League in fall season. It does not have an infield and is in fair to poor condition.
- **1 full basketball court** with 2 extra hoops and asphalt surface is in fair condition. There is a drain in the middle of the court.

#### Playground/Equipment

- The playground is located behind the basketball court along the MBTA track edge.
- 1 Game Time steel, metal and plastic climbing structure with slide, bridge, rings and game panel for toddlers was installed in 2002. It is in fair condition.
- 1 cement basin spray pool is in poor condition.
- 1 Gametime Powerscape Swing and 1 Add-A-Bay swing set with basket and flat swings made of metal. Though the play area has some drainage problems, it is in fair condition.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** There is one pedestrian access from Route 9 with concrete stairs, asphalt ramp and railings leading to the field and another one to the basketball court. Davis Path connects the White Place stairway to the Boylston stairway. Its concrete stairs have steel handrails.
- The asphalt ramp from the basketball stair case to the toddler area is in fair condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** The gated pedestrian access with stamped concrete paving at the end of Cameron Street is also used by maintenance vehicles. It is in good condition.

### Buildings and Structures

- Granite entry posts at the end of Cameron Street.
- An ornamental gate at the end of Cameron Street.
- Granite retaining wall along Route 9 is in fair condition.
- Granite bollards at the three entrances are in fair condition.
- A circular cement planter by the spray pool is in poor condition.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 3 wood and concrete benches located by the basketball court are in fair condition. There is a curved wood bench by Sitecraft, Inc. by the play area in good condition. 2 steel and aluminum players' benches manufactured by Wabash Valley are located within the field and are in fair condition.
- **Picnic tables:** 2 Game Time manufactured wood and steel picnic tables near toddler area are in fair condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** 1 Murdock metal fountain cemented to the ground is in poor condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal fencing around the entire park. Colorguard Corporation manufacture steel and plastic fence between field and basketball court. They are both in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 1 metal light at Davis Path is in good condition.
- **Signage:** 4 metal regulatory signs are in good condition: 2 on the fence adjacent to the play area, 1 by the Route 9 entrance, and 1 on the fence next to the baseball field.
- **Trash receptacles:** 1 Game Time manufactured steel trash barrel near toddler area in fair condition. A Rubbermaid plastic trash receptacle at the Route 9 entrance is in fair condition.

### Special Features

- Interesting pavement with bluestone, scored concrete, and bituminous surfaces.
- Mature Sycamore trees and giant Yews.
- The park is planted with deciduous, evergreen, and specimen trees.
- The path from Route 9 next to the hotel to the base of the stairs/bridge to White Place is in excellent condition.

### Park Issues

- There is no parking and the park is hard to reach by bike.
- No sound screen between the park and the noisy train track.
- The drain grate in the center of the basketball court affects the play.
- The stairs and bridge over the MBTA tracks to White Place are in poor condition.
- The park is reserved for School Department use during school hours when the Old Lincoln School is occupied with any combination of K-8 classrooms.



Aerial photo of the Boylston Street Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Clark Playground

<b>Category</b>	Neighborhood Park
<b>Size</b>	1.08 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, LWCF
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Cypress Street
<b>Zoning</b>	M-1.0
<b>Precinct</b>	5
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/27/04 revised 2/2/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Bordered by Cypress, Edwin and Mulford Streets



### OVERVIEW

This small neighborhood playground with multiple components appeals to various age groups. There is an area at the front of the park with café tables, seating around a central lawn area with one large linden tree, and at the rear of the park a basketball court, water play, and two play areas, one for ages 2-5 and one for ages 5-12. The 5-12 year old play area incorporates a large outcropping of puddingstone, and imported boulders were added as play elements and to reinforce this theme. A walking path circumscribes the central lawn area with seating around it. The most recent renovation was completed in 2013. This renovation moved the active play to the back of the park in order to populate this area. In the past the area was isolated and attracted negative behavior. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

The Town bought this land, including the large boulder from the Vass, Clark, and Cutler families in 1913. The property was designated as Clark Playground and was rebuilt in 1990. The Clark family was part of the Brookline community for several centuries. Samuel Clark, who died in 1727, was a wheelwright. Samuel II was a carpenter who built the first Meeting House on Walnut Street. He became a deacon in 1766. The Clark homestead was located at the corner of Walnut and Chestnut Street. Samuel Clark IV (Harvard 1895) taught at the old brick schoolhouse.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town purchased 26,864 square feet of the property from Helen Cutler & Annie Clark and 22,498 square feet from Harriet Vass in 1913. The deeds had the stipulation "to be acquired for playground purposes."

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **1 basketball court** with asphalt surface and perforated sound-mitigating backboards by TrueBounce is in good condition. It is in the southwest corner of the park directly adjacent to residential abutters, and is heavily screened with plantings. The court is slightly undersized.
- **The central open lawn** area is used for free play.

#### Playground/Equipment

- All of the play equipment is in good condition.
- The water play is by Vortex, with 2 bollard activators, ground jets, and elevated basins to allow manipulative play.
- The 2-5 year old play area includes a steel Big Toys swing with 2 bays and 4 bucket swings, a steel and recycled plastic Big Toys play house, and a large steel-framed Kompan Garden Seesaw that accommodates more than four children.
- The 5-12 year old play area includes a steel and rope Berliner Cosmo structure, a steel Big Toys tire swing, and a steel and rope Elephant Play Rotating Basket.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Access from Cypress, Mulford, and Edwin Streets occurs at breaks in the ornamental fence. The bituminous walkway that loops around the park is in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** There is vehicular access from Edwin Street.
- **Bicycle Access:** There is a bike sharing station directly in front of the park at Cypress Street.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** There are a variety of benches throughout the park, from the front to the perimeter of the lawn area to the play areas at the back. All are steel and made by Dumor, and are in the family of the style 58 bench. All are in good condition. There is a double radial donor bench and a glider at the front of the park, There are a pair of single chairs with a side table, and a pair of 8 ft. backed benches with a side table around the lawn area. There is a backless radial bench separating the water play from the lawn area. There is a single 8 ft. backed bench at the basketball court, and a pair of 8 ft. backed benches with a side table at the play area.
- **Picnic tables:** There is 1 accessible steel Dumor picnic set in the play area, and 3 café tables with a total of 10 backed chairs at the front of the park.
- **Drinking fountains:** Haws manufactured steel water fountain with concrete base located at the end of Mulford Street is in good condition.
- **Fencing:** There is black vinyl-coated chain link fence at the back of the park, and custom ornamental metal fencing along the three streets with breaks in the fence at entry points, except for one gate at the end of Mulford Street. The entirety of the fence is in good condition.
- **Signage:** There is one sign in the park, at one of the pedestrian entrances along Cypress Street, and it is in good condition. It is a small laminate sign acknowledging that the park renovation was funded in part by the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
- **Trash receptacles:** There are two steel and plastic Victor Stanley trash receptacles in good condition, one at the corner of Edwin and Cypress Streets, and one at the Mulford Street entrance. There is one Big Belly pair of trash and recycling receptacles between the water play and the basketball court, also in good condition.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** A new irrigation system was installed during the recent renovation at the central lawn area only.

### Special Features

- A large puddingstone outcropping in the rear of the park adds interest and provided a theme for adding boulders throughout the park.
- The small scale of this park and the proximity of the surrounding homes give it an intimate feeling.

### Park Issues

- Maintenance of the elevated bowls at the water play requires attention because objects like bark mulch are often placed in the bowls.



Aerial photo of Clark Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Judge Sumner Z. Kaplan Park at Coolidge Playground

Category	Neighborhood Park
Size	1.68 acres
Protection	Article 97
Manager	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
Location	Columbia Street
<b>Zoning</b>	T-5
Precinct	9
Inventory Date	10/27/04, revised 8/15/18
Vicinity	Located in a single-family and multi-family neighborhood



### OVERVIEW

The playground was acquired in 1905 and was rehabilitated by the Town in 1966, 1990, and 2004. It functions as a small park with a meadow-like lawn area, pine grove, and mature plantings. This park accommodates several uses and functions successfully because the diverse range of uses does not create conflicts. Park recreational facilities include tots' and older childrens' play areas, spray pool, tennis court, basketball court, and an open lawn area. The park renovation funded by a Community Development Block Grant in 1990 added two play structures and perimeter landscaping; relocated the playground entrance; and relocated the basketball court to the opposite side of the playground. This park participates in the Green Dog Program.

### PARK HISTORY

After the Town acquired the property in 1905, it made arrangements to fill it with material from the excavations of the high-level sewer built by the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board. The playground was improved and developed in 1965-66 with an overall site design by the Olmsted firm. The Town renovated the park in 1990 with funds from the Community Development Block Grant. The Town updated the park again with new play structures, pedestrian scale lighting, and improvements to lawn, tennis court, and path in 2004.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town purchased 18,690 square feet of the property from Henry S. Coolidge and 54,452 square feet from Henry, Ellen, and Walter Coolidge in 1905. The property was purchased to develop "for park, playground or public purposes only."

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **1 tennis court** located near Kenwood Street and with asphalt surface is in fair condition.
- **1 basketball court** with 2 hoops and located near Columbia Street has asphalt surface. Though the lines have faded, the court is in good condition.
- **Open space** with turf grass and located near Russell Road is in fair condition.

#### Playground/Equipment

- 2 play areas are located along Kenwood Street.
- The Kompan structures in the toddler play area, including a composite play structure and 2 swing sets, 1 with 2 flat swings and the other with 2 bucket swings, are in good condition.
- Landscape Structures, Inc. plastic and steel 12 ft. high swing set with 2 belt seats in the play area by Columbia Street is in good condition.
- Kompan composite play structure, balancing beam structure, and spinner in the play area by Columbia Street are in good condition.
- The cement sand box by the toddler play area is in fair condition.
- The spray pool for toddlers is in good condition. The pool is surrounded by an accessible concrete pavement.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** The asphalt pedestrian access from Kenwood Street, Russell Street, Columbia Street, and corner of Columbia and Russell Streets are all ADA accessible and in good condition. The concrete and asphalt walkway that loops around the park is in fair condition with some surface cracks.
- **Vehicular Access:** There is no vehicular access into the park.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** There are 11 Dumor steel benches in good condition, 4 at the spray pool, 3 at the toddler play area, and 4 at the older childrens' play area.
- **Picnic tables:** 2 wood picnic tables, 1 in the play area and 1 near the spray pool, are in good condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** 1 Dependable metal fountain with concrete base is in fair condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal fencing around the tennis court, between the playground and open space, and around play area is in good condition.
- **Signage:** There are 6 regulatory metal signs in good condition, 2 by the Kenwood Street entrance, 1 by the Columbia Street entrance, 1 by the spray pool, 1 by the corner of Columbia and Kenwood Street, and 1 by the Russell Street entrance. 1 plastic regulatory sign in good condition is located on the tennis court storage shed door. 2 wooden interpretive signs, 1 is located at the corner of Columbia and Kenwood Street and is in good condition, 1 is located by the tennis court entrance and is in poor condition. 1 wooden bulletin board by the Kenwood Street entrance is in fair condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** There are 4 plastic and steel Victor Stanley trash barrels; 1 at the corner of Columbia Street and Kenwood Street, 1 at the Russell Street entrance, 1 at the Kenwood Street entrance, and 1 at the Columbia Street entrance.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** The open lawn is irrigated.

### Special Features

- Mature Red Horse Chestnut trees.
- Tot lot with interesting stone seat wall and decorative sandblasted granite piers.
- Interesting entrance paving pattern.
- The park is planted with deciduous, evergreen, flowering, and specimen trees and deciduous, and evergreen shrubs.

### Park Issues

- Basketball court needs new paint.
- Pine trees are slowly failing due to disease.



Aerial photo of the Judge Sumner Z. Kaplan Park at Coolidge Playground (Town of Brookline, GIS, 2017)

## Corey Hill Park

<b>Category</b>	Neighborhood Park
<b>Size</b>	4.16 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Summit Avenue
<b>Zoning</b>	S-7
<b>Precinct</b>	11
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/28/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Bisected by Summit Avenue on top of the hill, surrounded by a single-family neighborhood and condo buildings



### OVERVIEW

The most significant attribute of this park is its hilltop location and striking view of Boston and Cambridge. The park is divided in two by Summit Avenue. This potential disruption is ameliorated by the mature oaks and maples that line both edges of the street; clearly defining the sides of the park. The park property was acquired through two transactions. The southern parcel contains a playground and the northern parcel has a sundial and large open sloped lawn with site furniture. This park participates in the Green Dog Program.

### PARK HISTORY

The first improved road to the park property was built in 1869. Corey Hill Park was purchased in several transactions between 1900 and 1917. In 1925, the view from the park was threatened by a proposal to construct buildings on lots on the north side. As a result, the Town recommended protecting the park and view by acquiring its adjacent lots. The Town reconstructed both sections of the park between 1985 and 1989, and again in 2018. The original sundial memorial in the northern parcel was dedicated to Shirley Sidd, former Town Treasurer. In 2018, both sides of the playground were fully renovated. Renovations to the northern half included accessible walking paths, site furniture, new ornamental plantings, and a new sundial. Renovations to the southern portion included all new site furniture, play equipment and surfacing, exercise equipment, art features, ornamental plantings, a drinking fountain, trash receptacles, and curbs and paving. The existing ornamental metal fence was maintained. The focus of the park improvements included an emphasis on nature and maximizing the city views.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town purchased 46,021 square feet of the property from Gardner Beals in 1900 “to be kept open for 20 years,” which later formed part of the northern parcel of the park. Another 92,778 square feet purchased from William Maynard in 1916 to be “kept open for park purposes for a period of not less than twenty years from the date hereof” later formed the southern parcel. However, there is an anomaly regarding Lot 20 and a Frances Richards regarding the selling and reselling of the property for \$41.10 in 1917. The Town purchased 24,450 square feet from Old Colony Tr. Co. et. al. and another 20,450 square feet from Gilbert V. Pennock. Both these lots were added to the northern parcel and their transactions were undated.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There is no irrigation in Corey Hill Park.

#### Athletic Facilities

- **Open Space** with turf grass stretching across both sides of Summit Avenue on a steep hill is in fair to good condition.

#### Playground/Equipment

- All new play equipment was installed in 2018 in the southern portion of the park and is in good condition.
- New play equipment includes a Landscape Structures, Inc. steel swing set with 3 bays (2 toddler seats, 3 belt swings, 1 handicapped swing).

- Other equipment includes a concrete and rope Rocks & Ropes structure, and 3 Play Ventures, Inc. wooden play houses sharing a common platform.
- Water play consists of a Vortex bollard activator and twelve-jet donut spray, a Goric Farm Pump, a stone-lined water channel, and an above-grade cabinet for the water meter and back flow preventer. No controller is needed because the water play is hydraulically activated.
- Custom art/play features include a Willow nest and fort by Freedom Bair, a council ring of wood stumps, and bird houses and a wooden door by Jennifer Lockwood in the southern part of the park.
- Steel exercise equipment manufactured by Park and Facilities was installed near the playground as a destination for people who use the park as part of their exercise routine.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** 2 concrete pedestrian entry points to the southern parcel from Summit Avenue are in good condition. This side of the park is fenced but the entries are not gated. Access to the northern lot is from the sidewalk off Summit Avenue. The recent renovation greatly improved pedestrian accessibility to and within both sides of the park.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

### Buildings and Structures

- There are 2 stone-faced seat walls in both parts of the park which were maintained during the park renovation.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** In the southern section of the park, there are 4 backed benches by Maglin Corporation. In the northern section of the park, there are 4 chaise lounges, 3 Ogden benches joined together, also by Maglin Corporation. There are also 2 rope hammocks with cedar posts. All benches and seating furniture are in good condition.
- **Picnic tables:** In the northern section of the park, there are 3 café sets, one of which is accessible by Maglin Corporation, in good condition. In the southern section of the park, there are 3 accessible picnic sets by Maglin Corporation also in good condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** 1 MDF fountain with a bottle filler and pet bowl on the southern side of Summit Avenue is in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Ornamental metal fencing bordering the southern parcel along Summit Avenue is in good condition.
- **Signage:** There are 2 metal regulatory signs on the corner of the northern side of the park, 1 is in good condition, and 1 is in poor condition. 1 wooden bulletin board is on the southern side of the park and is in fair condition. 1 wooden interpretive sign is on the southern side of the park and is in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 1 Victor Stanley steel and plastic trash barrel in good condition is located in the northern parcel. There is 1 pair of Big Belly trash compactors and recycling receptacles in the southern parcel.

### Special Features

- The new large sundial plaza in the north parcel of the park.
- Spectacular view of Boston and Cambridge skylines and beyond from the open space.
- The park is planted with ornamental trees, shrubs, and perennials. The mature oaks are notable and characteristic of the park.
- Stone boulders and rock outcroppings in the playground.

### Park Issues

- The rope portions of the hammocks are proving to be difficult to maintain so far, and we are exploring alternative manufacturers.



Aerial photo of Corey Hill Park (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Daniel F. Ford Playground at Emerson Garden

<b>Category</b>	Neighborhood Park
<b>Size</b>	2.05 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Davis Avenue
<b>Zoning</b>	T-5
<b>Precinct</b>	6
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/09/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by Davis Avenue and Emerson Street



### OVERVIEW

Surrounded by single and multi-family homes and often hosting community events, Emerson Garden is not only a beautiful site but also a gathering area for nearby residents. The diverse perimeter plantings and clearly marked, inviting entrances render a gardenesque character to the park. The present uses of the park include ball playing, sunbathing, water play and tot play. The park has specimen trees, interesting shrubs and perennials, a circular path used for walking and casual open space use. Donor benches are at intervals around the walking path, and group seating is at the water play and playground. Though the park is simple in shape the curvilinear paths create interest. Playground facilities include a variety of equipment, including custom equipment. This park participates in the Green Dog Program.

### PARK HISTORY

Emerson Park was formerly the site of the estate of Elijah Emerson who owned much of the land in the area. The land had originally been part of the 250 acre land grant that belonged to Reverend John Cotton. By 1746, it belonged to the Davis family who owned it until 1822. By 1846, Emerson had begun to acquire parts of this tract. He was a wealthy merchant, director of the Second National Bank, and president of the Middlesex Horse Railroad. His 1846 Gothic Revival house and barn stood in the center of the park, but was later moved. While Emerson lived on the property, the area contained 2 houses, outbuildings, and a small dumbbell shaped pond. After Emerson's death, his two daughters sold two acres of their father's estate to the Town. In 1908, it was designated as Emerson Garden. Charles Sprague Sargent of the Park Commission was put in charge of design and construction of the park. Two sand pits were built in 1910. The Park Commission asked the Playground Committee to remove the volleyball net because it decided that the grounds and shrubbery were damaged by organized play and voted not to permit any organized play that involved the use of apparatus, including croquet and volleyball. It was one of the earliest parks with a spray pool, after which most of the Town's spray pools were fashioned. In 1995, the park and equipment were renovated, and the most recent renovation was completed in 2018.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town purchased the property from Sarah C. Davis et al for \$45,000 in 1907 with the stipulation that "no building exceeding 600 square feet ground area to be erected for 25 years, and must be for the purpose for which tract was purchased". The park is on the National and State Registers of Historic Places as well as being located in the Cypress-Emerson Historic District (National Register of Historic Places).

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **Open Space** with turf grass will be used for outdoor concerts and for informal sports practice.

#### Playground/Equipment

- The playground is located at the corner of Emerson Street and Davis Ave. All of the equipment is new and in good condition. It is a single fenced-in area.
- There is a steel, wood, and rope composite structure and a single bowl swing made of steel and rope by Berliner Seifabrik.

- There is a steel roller embankment slide with concrete mushroom steppers and a concrete boulder, as well as a tot swing with an ADA seat, a belt seat, and a bucket seat, both by Landscape Structures.
- There is custom equipment made out of wood by artist Mitch Ryerson, including a house with a dock and a boat in sand.
- Throughout the play area are a number of boulders, and wood stumps and logs.
- Water play is by Vortex and includes ground jets with a bollard activator.

### **Access**

- **Pedestrian Access:** There are 3 pedestrian access points into the park--from the corner of Waverley Street and Davis Avenue, the corner of Waverley and Emerson Streets, and the corner of Emerson and Thayer--and they are in good condition. The asphalt walkways along the park edge and inside the park are in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** Maintenance vehicle access with asphalt surface at the corner of Emerson Street and Davis Avenue is in good condition.

### **Buildings and Structures**

- The stone retaining wall along the edge of Davis Street is in good condition.
- There is a pair of square granite bollards at each entrance, all in good condition.

### **Site Furnishings**

- All site furniture is new except for reconditioned wood and steel donor benches, which were removed during construction and reset. All furniture is in good condition.
- **Benches:** There are 3 Maglin S benches made of wood slats and steel supports, one at the Emerson/Davis entrance and the other 2 at the play area. There are 6 wood and steel Columbia Cascade donor benches along the path. There are 15 Walpole Woodworkers wood Adirondack chairs that are moveable and are found throughout the park.
- **Picnic tables:** There are 3 types of picnic or café table and chair sets, all by Thomas Steele. There are 2 wood slat and steel frame ADA tables between the Emerson/Davis entrance and the play area; there are two oval steel tables with 8 attached seats within the play area; and there are 3 round steel tables with 3 freestanding backed seats each at the water play.
- **Bicycle racks:** There are 4 Maglin steel bike racks at the Emerson/Davis entrance.
- **Drinking fountains:** There is 1 Most Dependable Fountain steel accessible water fountain at the Emerson and Davis Streets entrance.
- **Fencing:** There is black vinyl-clad chain link fence around the park and at the playground, except at the entrances, where there is low metal ornamental fence. Metal fencing around the park is in good condition.
- **Signage:** All signage is in good condition. There are 2 metal regulatory signs, one near the entrance at Davis and Waverly, and one near the entrance at Davis and Emerson. There is one laminate regulatory sign at an entrance to the playground.
- **Trash receptacles:** There are 3 pairs of metal Big Belly trash and recycling receptacles, one at or near each entrance.

### **Infrastructure**

- **Irrigation System:** The open space is irrigated.

### **Special Features**

- Much of the character of the park is provided by the variety of mature trees, and colorful shrubs and perennials. In addition, several specimen trees were recently added, including a European beech, a katsura tree, a sugar maple, and a weeping spruce.
- The custom wood play equipment is unique in town, though there are other installations by Mitch Ryerson.

### **Park Issues**

- None.



Aerial photo of the Daniel F. Ford Playground at Emerson Garden  
(Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Griggs Park

<b>Category</b>	Neighborhood Park
<b>Size</b>	3.34 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, National Register (eligible)
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Griggs Road
<b>Zoning</b>	T-6
<b>Precinct</b>	10
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/27/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Half a block away from Washington Street



### OVERVIEW

Griggs Park is located on a former wetland, in an enclave surrounded by houses and apartment buildings. Willow trees line the circular form of the park and a memorial garden overlooks the wetland. The vegetation and wetland make the park visually interesting. The vegetated wetland attracts birds, providing ample interest for amateur ornithologists, particularly during warm seasons. The pathway is circular, rounding a collection of trees and vegetation situated next to the wetland in the middle of the park. The trees blocking the cross view of the park, combined with the meandering pathway, render a more spacious effect than many other parks. Facilities include a paved path, seating, picnicking and playground. Griggs Parks participates in the Green Dog Program.

### PARK HISTORY

The Town acquired the park land in parts between 1901 and 1905 although the earliest plan exists from 1897. It was developed as a playground in 1903. Thomas B. Griggs, from whom the Town purchased a large section of the land, was a member of an established family in Brookline and a prominent developer. His house was located nearby on Washington Street. In February 1914, it was officially designated as Griggs Park. The renovation in 1997-98 addressed the drainage problem, added new plantings, and improved the pathways and sitting areas. A park neighbor donated the benches.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town purchased 8,471 square feet of the property from Lewis Conant and Carrie Conant; 5,221 square feet from Samuel Williams; 16,464 square feet from Mary Russell; and 1,652 square feet from Johns Parsons in 1901. There were no known restrictions on these lands. In the same year Thomas Griggs transferred two parcels to the Town, 90,660 square feet with no restrictions and 23,600 square feet "to be used only as a public park and playground for at least 10 years." Deed research conducted in 1960 found Griggs to have donated 182,235 square feet of land, with a portion taken for Griggs Street and Marion Path. The deeds from research conducted in 2003 showed a total of 151,014 square feet. The remaining size discrepancy is most likely due to a missing deed from a large portion of land from F. Haven. The Town acquired additional 2,473 square feet from William Miller in 1903, and another 2,473 square feet from Carrie Burton Jr. in 1905 for \$370.95.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There is no irrigation in Griggs Park.

#### Athletic Facilities

- **Basketball:** 2 hoops with grass surface located near the play area are in fair condition.
- **Open space:** The area around the wetland is in good condition.

#### Playground/Equipment

- The playground located along the eastern edge of Griggs Terrace is not fenced.
- The wooden sandbox is in good condition.
- 2 Landscape Structures, Inc. swing sets, one with 6 belt seats and the other with 2 bucket seats, are in good condition.

- The fire truck climbing structure is in poor condition with paint chipped at spots and rusty. 2 Landscape Structures, Inc. climbing structures with combinations of slide, ladder, game panel, and swing are in good condition.
- A Landscape Structures net climber was added in 2012 for 5-12 year olds.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** The ADA accessible asphalt entrances, one at corner of Griggs Road and Griggs Terrace, and the other off Griggs Terrace, are in good condition. The entrance off Griggs Terrace has a vinyl-coated chain link fence gate. There is an asphalt walkway around park perimeter and connecting the entrances.
- **Vehicular Access:** ADA accessible and maintenance vehicle access with asphalt surface at the corner of Griggs Road and Griggs Terrace is in good condition.

### Buildings and Structures

- A memorial metal plaque on a stone reads "Doris Vercoe Solomon" at the center of the park overlooking the wetland is in good condition.
- The wooden 2 foot high post with dedication, "Tree Dedicated to Sarita Tisser 1996", is in good condition.
- 6 granite bollards, 2 each at each entrance, are in good condition.

### Site Furnishings

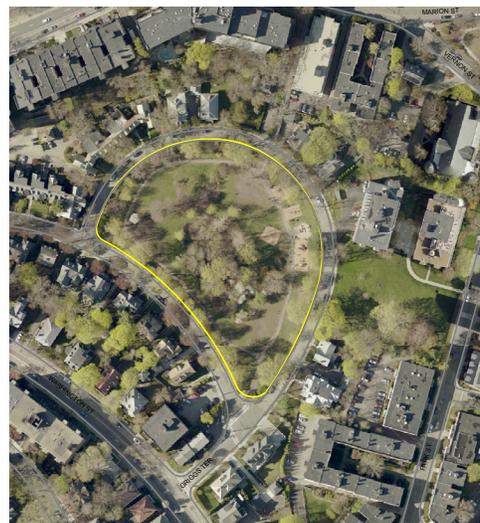
- **Benches:** 9 S-style wood and steel benches are in fair condition and distributed within the park. 2 green steel benches with concrete bases are in good condition in the memorial garden. These benches are part of the memorial to D.V.Solomon. 2 Dumor, Inc. wood and steel memorial benches are located along the path and are in good condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** 1 Murdock steel fountain with concrete base in the play area is in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal fencing around park perimeter is in good condition.
- **Signage:** There are 2 regulatory metal signs, one at each entrance. There are 3 wood interpretive signs, one at each entrance. There are 5 metal Green Dog signs located at the entrances of the parks and on the fence behind the sand box. There is also an additional Green Dog brochure holder on the western entrance. All signs are in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 2 Victor Stanley steel and plastic trash barrels are in good condition; 1 at the northern entrance and the other at the west entrance. There is also a Big Belly steel trash compactor and recycling receptacle at the southern entrance.

### Special Features

- Scenic landscape views.
- The wetland with vegetation and stones at its edge acts as a stormwater retention basin.
- The park is planted with a variety of trees and shrubs, but the Willows contribute most to its character.

### Park Issues

- Basketball court surface is deteriorated.
- The scattered arrangement of play equipment breaks the continuity of the play area.
- Play area is not fenced.



Aerial photo of Griggs Park (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## John E. Murphy Playground

<b>Category</b>	Neighborhood Park
<b>Size</b>	0.51 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, LWCF
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Kent and Brook Streets
<b>Zoning</b>	T-5
<b>Precinct</b>	4
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/27/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by neighborhood streets



### OVERVIEW

The park is bowl shaped with a noticeable grade change, retaining walls on three sides and a sloped grass surface. Play equipment, furniture, and entry points are located on two sides. Park recreational facilities include basketball key, tot lot, and spray pool. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

Originally the Brook Street lot, the Town bought this site in 1915. In 1971, it was named after John E. Murphy, a former Park and Recreation Commissioner. The playground changed substantially in 1971 when tot play equipment, a basketball hoop and swings were added. In 1993, it was rebuilt under the Town mandated design review process using Community Development Block Grant funds. In 1998, the drainage problem in the play area was corrected by the Water and Parks Divisions of the DPW.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town purchased the property from Harriet A. Howe & Percival S. Howe in 1915 with no known restrictions.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **1/2 basketball court** with asphalt surface is located on sloping ground with worn paint and is in fair condition.
- **Open space** with turf grass located at corner of Bowker and Kent Streets is in fair to mediocre condition due to poor drainage and sloping ground.

#### Playground/Equipment

- The playground has two play areas, one in the front of the park at Brook Street and the other at rear at Bowker Street.
- 2 Landscape Structures Inc. swing sets - one with 3 bucket seats and one accessible seat in back play area, and the other in front play area with 2 belt seats - are in fair condition.
- 3 Landscape Structures, Inc. climbing structures - two in front play area and one in back play area with combinations of slide, bridge, ladder, and game panel - are in fair condition.
- 1 wooden sand box in hexagonal shape in back play area is in fair condition.
- 1 cement spray pool is in poor condition.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** ADA accessible asphalt access from Brook Street is in fair condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** Asphalt surface maintenance vehicle access from Bowker Street is in fair condition. It is also ADA accessible.

#### Buildings and Structures

- Murphy monument made of metal, granite, and cobble stone is in good condition.
- Wooden retaining walls along Brook Street, and play areas are in poor condition.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 10 ADA accessible steel and wood benches are in fair condition; 2 at Bowker Street entrance, 4 in the fenced play area, 3 at spray pool, and 1 at the unfenced play area. 1 steel bench outside fenced play area.
- **Drinking fountains:** 1 Murdock water fountain at Bowker St. entrance is in fair condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal fence around the entire park and separating toddler area are in fair condition.
- **Lighting:** 2 flood lights, at Brook Street and Bowker Street, are in good condition.
- **Signage:** 8 metal regulatory signs at Bowker Street entrance are in fair condition. 3 metal regulatory signs at Brook Street entrance are in fair condition. 1 regulatory sign on gate to toddler play area is in fair condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 2 Victor Stanley steel and plastic trash barrels, one at the Bowker Street entrance and the other at the unfenced play area, are in good condition.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** The lawn is irrigated.

### Special Features

- The park is planted with deciduous and flowering trees, deciduous and evergreen shrubs, and ground-cover.

### Park Issues

- Sloping ground surface affects some of the play activities.



Aerial photo of Murphy Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2018)

## Juniper Street Playground

<b>Category</b>	Neighborhood Park
<b>Size</b>	0.41 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Juniper Street
<b>Zoning</b>	M-2.0
<b>Precinct</b>	4
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/26/04, revised 2/1/10, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Bounded by cooperative housing on Juniper Street and Housing Authority property



### OVERVIEW

Juniper Street Playground is dominated by a steep slope planted with trees, shrubs, and groundcover, except for the slope to the south which is covered with rectangular granite slabs. The last renovation was done in 2009. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

This playground is situated directly behind one of Brookline's public housing complexes. The Brookline Housing Authority was established in 1948. It directs the building and managing of public housing for the Town. The housing unit was designed by Richmond & Goldberg. It is also directly across from condos that were originally affordable housing units.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

Brookline Redevelopment Authority donated the land to the Town in 1967. The deed & land size does not include the adjoining public housing complex.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic facilities or irrigation in Juniper Street Playground.

#### Playground/Equipment

- All play equipment is in good condition.
- There is a single playground area enclosed with by the sloped embankment or a low black vinyl-clad chain link fence.
- Play equipment for ages 5 to 12 consists of a Landscape Structures tire swing and a custom Evos composite structure.
- Play equipment for ages 2 to 5 includes a Landscape Structures double T swing with two bucket seats, a Kompan farmhouse composite structure from the Moments line, a Kompan fire engine from the Moments line, two Landscape Structures saddle spinners, and a Kompan spring toy.
- Water play is a hydraulically activated Vortex fire hydrant with push button and three sprays.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** ADA accessible concrete and asphalt entrance path from Juniper Street and front parking lot are in good condition. Concrete walkway with ramps, railings, and stairs from the housing complex is in fair condition. Path with ramps, stairs, and railings from High Street is in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** The gated maintenance vehicle access from Juniper Street is in good condition.

#### Buildings and Structures

- Concrete retaining walls to the west and south are in good condition.
- Slope with granite slabs is in good condition.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 4 Dumor steel backed benches are in good condition. One Dumor steel single seat with a side table is in good condition.

- **Picnic tables:** 1 Dumor steel picnic table set, accessible, is in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Black vinyl-clad chain link fencing with gates around play area is in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 1 metal lamp post in the rear play area.
- **Signage:** 2 plastic interpretive signs near the play equipment are in good to fair condition. 1 metal regulatory sign by the Juniper Street entrance is in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** There are two steel Victor Stanley trash receptacles, one at each pedestrian entrance.

### Special Features

- The park is planted with deciduous and flowering trees, deciduous and evergreen shrubs.

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Juniper Street Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Lawton Playground

<b>Category</b>	Neighborhood Park
<b>Size</b>	1.08 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, LWCF
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Lawton Street
<b>Zoning</b>	T-5, G-2.0, M-2.0
<b>Precinct</b>	9
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/27/04, revised 2/1/10, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Bisected by Lawton Street; surrounded by multi-unit buildings



### OVERVIEW

This playground is divided by Lawton Street with two areas of almost equal size on both sides of the street. The north side is used for basketball and a 24-plot community garden. The south portion is a playground for young children. The woodland feel of this portion is due to its small-scale and dense plantings. The location of the spray pool within a collection of pines creates the feel of a forest clearing. The perimeter of the northern side is lined with trees. Dogs are allowed on leash.

### PARK HISTORY

This property was originally the Highway Department yard. Recreational use began in 1956. The Olmsted firm designed the southern side of the park in the 1960s. The first renovation was done in 1971 and included a spray pool, sand box, and play equipment on the south side and a basketball court on the north side. A path to Thorndike Street was added in 1972. The last playground renovation was complete in 2007, and the community garden was installed in 2017.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town acquired 23,459 square feet of the property from Lane in 1940. No deeds exist recording this, but atlas & land plans show this information. Another 20,101 square feet was acquired from Lawton Realty Trust in 1961 for \$6,250 “for recreational purposes.”

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **A basketball court** with two extra hoops is located in the north side of the park, and part of the exterior wall of the adjacent building is accessible for wall ball. The court is in good condition.

#### Playground/Equipment

- The playground is located in the southern part of the property.
- 1 cement spray pool is in good condition.
- Custom play equipment was designed by Joanne Hiromura, play equipment designer, and fabricated by IDF (no longer in business). Custom equipment includes a T swing with 2 bucket seats, a web nest for sand play, a small low composite structure, and a climbing structure similar to a tree house. This equipment is in fair condition.
- An additional piece of equipment is a Berliner Tannebaum elevated rotating structure, which is in good condition.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** ADA accessible asphalt access from Lawton Street to the southern half of the park at two points is in good condition. The asphalt access off Thorndike Street is in good condition. The asphalt path to the basketball courts and community garden is in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** There is no vehicular access into the southern portion of the park, but there is to the north.

### Buildings and Structures

- A stone seat wall with a bluestone cap in the southern portion is in good condition.
- A wooden storage shed for the community garden was custom built and is in good condition.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** In the southern portion of the park, there are 10 benches, which are Dumor steel backed benches. 2 pairs of benches have side tables between them. There is also a pair of single seats, again Dumor and steel. In the northern portion of the park there is one backless Dumor bench at the basketball court. All are in good condition.
- **Picnic tables:** 1 Dumor steel picnic set is next to the community garden and is in good condition. There are two tables resembling lady bugs in the playground area that are made of steel and laminate, which are in poor condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** The Haws fountain is in good condition and is accessible.
- **Fencing:** Black vinyl-coated chain link fencing around the both parts of the park is in good condition. A wood board fence at the northern edge of the northern portion is in good condition.
- **Lighting:** There are 3 pedestrian scale steel ornamental lights by Lumec in the southern portion of the park in good condition.
- **Signage:** There are 5 metal signs in total, 4 regulatory and 1 interpretive, all in good condition. The Lawton Street entrance with the large granite gate has 1 metal regulatory sign and 1 interpretive sign. The other Lawton Street entrance has 1 regulatory sign. The entrance to the basketball court has 1 regulatory sign. There is one additional regulatory sign by the Thorndike Street entrance.
- **Trash receptacles:** There are 3 steel and plastic Victor Stanley trash barrels located at the entrances to the park—one at the main entry to the south, one centrally located in the southern portion, and one at the basketball court. All are in good condition.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** Irrigation exists in the southern portion of the park and a water source was added for the community garden in 2017.

### Special Features

- The southern half of the park contains significant mature pines, sycamores, and Kwanzan cherries.
- There is an Asian-style large granite gate at the main Lawton Street entry to the playground that was funded as part of Brookline's 300th anniversary and designed and built by Murray Dewart.
- The custom play equipment has a fairy woodland theme.

### Park Issues

- There are persistent issues in the northern part of the park with people trying to cut through the fence to access the park and Lawton Street from Commonwealth Avenue.



Aerial photo of Lawton Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Lotta Bradburn Schick Park

<b>Category</b>	Neighborhood Park
<b>Size</b>	1.1 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, LWCF
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Addington Road
<b>Zoning</b>	SC-7
<b>Precinct</b>	12
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/27/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located on top of the hill



### OVERVIEW

There are three defining features to this park: its location on top of a hill, enclosure by an attractive stone wall, and a charming shelter with blue stone paving. It is part of the Green Dog Program.

### PARK HISTORY

The park is one among the six lots bought by the Town atop Aspinwall Hill in 1945 for recreational purposes. Formerly known as Addington Park, this property was opened for recreational purposes in October 1950. In 1955, the park was rededicated and named after Lotta Bradburn Schick, a woman long involved in municipal affairs in Brookline. She was a member of the School Committee for 15 years and a Town Meeting member from 1925. She first ran for School Committee in 1925, being endorsed by the Brookline Public School Association. She was voted in the 1929 election. She was born in Connecticut, attended Wellesley College where she received her masters in French. She taught French in New Jersey for several years. Her father was a pioneer paper manufacturer of Holyoke who moved to Hartford. In the mid-1920s, she established the Katherine Bradburn Cup (in memory of her daughter) for the senior girl in the High School excelling in scholarship and athletics. She was a pioneer in the movement for school pensions; chairman of the scholarship fund committee of the Brookline Women's Club; she provided money for eleven girls to attend college; other interests included advocating school control of lunchrooms with standard menus (vs. concessionaires); maintenance of adequate medical and nursing services; and provision of proper recreational facilities and classes for students needing special instruction. She was also instrumental in the formation of the Aspinwall Hill Associates and started the movement for a municipal golf course. In 1932 and 1934, Lotta Schick ran in the primary for a seat in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. In 1942, she ran for Selectman. She drove the first ball at the official opening of the Putterham Meadows Golf Course, being honored as the person who was the moving spirit in its establishment. The park was completely renovated in 1997 and 1998 with Town funds.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town acquired the property from George B. Sargent with no restrictions in 1946.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **A basketball court** with asphalt surface is located next to the play area and is in fair condition.
- **Open space** with turf grass located along Addington Road is in good condition.

#### Playground/Equipment

- The playground with covered picnic shelter is located along Addington Road.
- 2 Landscape Structures, Inc. composite splay structures with combinations of game panel, slide, bridge, pool slide, and ladder, are in good condition. 1 climbing structure with monkey bars is in good condition.
- 2 Landscape Structures Inc. swing sets, one with 2 belt seats and the other with a tire seat, are in good condition.
- A sand box is located in the toddler play area and is in good condition. This structure functions as a

safety surface for play equipment, in addition to serving as an independent play feature.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Asphalt access from the Addington Road rear entrance with ramps and railings is in fair condition. The gated concrete access from the Addington middle entrance with stairs and railings is in fair condition. Asphalt access from rear parking lot is in fair condition. Asphalt walkways from entrances into the playground area are in fair condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** The gated maintenance vehicle access with asphalt surface from Addington Road is in fair condition.

### Buildings and Structures

- There is a metal and granite memorial at the top of the stairway entrance on Addington Road.
- Wooden retaining wall at the play area is in fair condition.
- 6 concrete bollards at base of stairs are in fair to poor condition.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 15 wood and steel benches distributed within the park are in good condition.
- **Picnic tables:** Sheltered wood and steel picnic table between play stations is in good condition. 1 concrete checkerboard game table next to toddler play area is in fair condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** 1 Murdock water fountain is in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal fencing around the park, basketball court, and the toddler play area is in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 1 flood light for the open space is in good condition.
- **Signage:** Metal and wood regulatory signs, 4 at ramp off Addington Road, 1 at maintenance entrance, 2 at Addington Road field entrance, 2 at toddlers' area fence, and 1 at Colbourne Crescent entrance is in good condition. Wooden bulletin board at the maintenance entrance is in fair condition. 1 plastic/wood sign on fence at Addington Road entrance is in fair condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 4 Victor Stanley steel and plastic trash barrels located by entrances to park.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** The lawn is irrigated.

### Special Features

- The park is planted with deciduous, evergreen, and flowering trees and deciduous shrubs.
- The park's terrain and hilltop location are noteworthy.

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Lotta Bradburn Schick Park (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Margaret E. Robinson Playground

<b>Category</b>	Neighborhood Park
<b>Size</b>	2.38 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Cypress and Franklin Streets
<b>Zoning</b>	M-1.0,S-7
<b>Precinct</b>	5
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/09/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located along Cypress Street



### OVERVIEW

Playground facilities include a youth baseball/softball infield, large paved basketball court, and a play area in a pleasant wooded bowl in the northwest corner. It is separated from the Walnut Place conservation restriction by one lot. This park has a variety of edge conditions: one is sloped, one lined with trees, two sides are lined with houses, and two with streets. There is a wide variety of fencing types. The vegetation is not notable except along the perimeter, where it is very mature. This park participates in the Green Dog Program.

### PARK HISTORY

In 1874, this property belonged to Mrs. William Wilson who had a house across the street. The Mary E. Robinson Playground was the site of the car barn lot for the Boston Elevated Railway Company in the 1890s. The original car barn opened in November 1894 by the West End Street Railway; an addition was put on in 1897. It was closed on December 3, 1933 after 39 years of service. The car house served as the terminus of several lines. After the peak year in 1929, the car requirements declined to 35 in the fall of 1933 and only 19 were stored here. Over the years, this car house served the following routes: the Boston & Worcester Railway; the "Ipswich Street" Route (Chestnut Hill to Park Street); the Huntington Avenue Route (Cypress Street to Park Street via Huntington); and the Allston Station-Dudley Station Route.

Edward H. and Elizabeth B. Hill sold it to the Town for playground purposes in 1939. Margaret Robinson, born Moloney, was the chair of the Democratic Town Committee and former member of the school committee for 6 years. She lived at 230 Cypress Street. She served as a town meeting member, the president of the Democratic Women's Club, a member of the Women's Relief Corps, former president of the American Legion Auxiliary of the Brookline Post, and a member of the National Civic Foundation. She had been a prime advocate of the William H. Lincoln School on Boylston Street.

In 2001, a new irrigation system and field were installed with funds from the Community Development Block Grant.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

Edward H. & Elizabeth B. Hill donated 92,029 square feet of the property to the Town in 1939 "for playground purposes." John L. Newell et. al. transferred another 14,113 square feet of the property to the Town with no restrictions in 1965.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **1 Little League field** located at corner of Cypress and Franklin is in fair condition. It is used in spring, summer, and fall recreational seasons.
- **Soccer:** The outfield of the Little League field is also used for soccer in spring, summer, and fall seasons.
- **1/4 basketball court** located at the end of High Street Place with asphalt surface is in fair condition.
- **1 inline skating/hockey rink** located at end of High Street Place is lighted and in poor condition with

asphalt surface.

### Playground/Equipment

- The play area is tucked away in the northern corner of the site.
- 1 spray pool constructed with cement and brick is in poor condition.
- 1 Landscape Structures Inc. climbing structure with slide, bridge, pool slide, monkey bars, and ladder is in fair condition.
- 1 Landscape Structures Inc. swing set with 3 belt seats and 1 bucket seat is in fair condition.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** The concrete path from Franklin Street is in fair condition. Asphalt walkway from Cypress Street is in poor condition. The concrete and asphalt walk from High Street Place is in fair condition.
- Asphalt ramp from Franklin Road maintenance entrance is in fair condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** The gated concrete and asphalt maintenance vehicle access road from Franklin Street is in fair condition.

### Buildings and Structures

- Metal plaque memorial in the concrete path is in good condition.
- Wooden retaining walls near the play area are in fair condition.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 2 team benches by Wabash Valley are in fair condition at the ballfield. 7 wood and steel benches, 4 around field perimeter are in poor condition and 3 around play area are in fair condition.
- **Picnic tables:** 2 steel and wood picnic tables next to the field in fair condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** 1 Murdock metal fountain in the play area is in fair condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal fencing around most of park is in fair to good condition. Chainlink fencing along the perimeter near high street is in excellent condition, Chainlink fencing near the back corner of the park next to the inline skating/hockey rink is in poor condition.
- **Lighting:** 8 metal lampposts around park boundary are in good condition.
- **Signage:** 1 metal regulatory sign and 1 wooden interpretive sign located near the Cypress Street entrance are in good condition. 2 metal regulatory signs at Franklin Street pedestrian entrance and 1 at the Franklin Street vehicle entrance are in good condition. 2 regulatory metal signs near the basketball court are in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 1 Rubbermaid plastic trash barrel located at the Franklin Street entrance in good condition. 6 Victor Stanley plastic and steel trash receptacles: 1 at Cypress Street entrance, 1 by the play field, 1 around the spray pool, and 2 by the Franklin Street entrance by the baseball diamond (1 of which is labeled as a recycling receptacle) in good condition.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** The play field is irrigated.

### Special Features

- The park is planted with deciduous, flowering, and native shrubs; deciduous and native shrubs.

### Park Issues

- Benches need repair.



Aerial photo of Margaret E. Robinson Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Winthrop Square

<b>Category</b>	Neighborhood Park
<b>Size</b>	1.93 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	St. Paul Street
<b>Zoning</b>	M-1.0
<b>Precinct</b>	2
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/13/04, revised 3/1/11, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by single-family houses, town houses and apartment buildings



### OVERVIEW

This park has a courtyard feel with three sides lined by brick apartment buildings and a clearly-defined perimeter fence. There are two sections to the park, one open area and one densely vegetated area with amenities (playground equipment, water play, benches, and a rose garden). Though the park is compartmentalized in function and use, the perimeter fence and mature shade trees composed primarily of maples and oaks unify its character. The rose garden, raised flower beds, and trellis are additional character-defining elements. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

Winthrop Square/Minot Rose Garden was acquired by the Town in four parts. The Winthrop Square property was part of four parcels of open space parks that were the brainchild of David Sears (1787-1871). It was named after his mother's family. A section running through the middle of the park was not originally a pathway called Anne Street, annexed by the Town to the park. The Minot Rose Garden section of this park contains an arbor that had been part of the Larz Anderson estate. The park was improved in 1965 with tot equipment. No major improvement was made until 1984. This included a spray pool, new play equipment, a renovated field with irrigation system, new swing, drinking fountain, and rose garden irrigation. In 1994, the park was renovated with the addition of benches, play structures, lighting, and landscaping. The Town replaced the older childrens' wooden play structure in 2004. The rose garden was replanted in 2005. Landscape improvements, including the renovation of the irrigation system, pathway replacement, new plantings and the removal, replacement and expansion of playground equipment for 2-5 year olds and site furnishings, were completed in 2010.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town acquired 46,470 square feet of the property from Francis Shaw-heirs of David Sears in 1902 under the condition that it "shall be laid out...as public parks...and shall never be used for the purpose of a playground, as distinguished from a public park." The Town purchased another 10,816 square feet from Robert and Anne Warner in 1909 "to be maintained as a public playground, in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of Chapter 28 of the Revised Laws." Another 19,991 square feet was transferred from Edward P. Shaw et al in 1906 "to be maintained as public playground." This information was located in the 1960 deed research and is confirmed by the land plans. It was not located during the 2003 research.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **1 multipurpose turf field** located at the northern part of the park is in good condition. It is used for soccer during spring, summer, and fall seasons.

#### Playground/Equipment

- 3 Landscape Structure Inc. swing sets, one with a tire swing, another with 4 belt seats and the last one with 3 bucket seats and 1 chair seat, are in good condition.
- 1 sandbox with cement border is in good condition.
- 2 spring toys for toddlers are in good condition.

- 1 cement spray pool is in good condition.
- 4 Landscape Structure Inc. climbing structures with wooden railroad ties as border and combinations of slide, monkey bars, bridge, and game panel, are in good condition.
- 4 Landscape Structure Inc. stand-alone listening devices are in excellent condition.

#### **Access**

- **Pedestrian Access:** Concrete access between playground and field is in good condition. The gated concrete accesses from Still Street into the field and into the play area are in good condition. The gated concrete accesses from Browne Street, Freeman Street and St. Paul Street are in good condition. The concrete and asphalt walkway that loops through and down the center of the park area is in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** None into the park.

#### **Buildings and Structures**

- Metal plaque on granite memorial located near the swings is in good condition.
- Metal tool shed to the east of the Minot Rose Garden in good condition.

#### **Site Furnishings**

- **Benches:** 28 steel and wood benches located around the walking path and play area are in good condition. There are 4 steel occasional benches in good condition between the benches located around the Minot Rose Garden. There are also 2 individual steel and wood chairs surrounding a steel occasional table by the Minot Rose Garden in good condition.
- **Picnic tables:** 1 wood and metal picnic table is in fair condition. There are 2 steel ADA accessible tables located near the play area in excellent condition.
- **Bike rack:** 3 steel posts by Still Street entrance to the playground area in good condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** 1 water fountain located along the side of St. Paul Street is in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal picket fence around the park, metal picket fencing around the Minot Rose Garden, and metal chain-link fence around the field are in good condition.
- **Signage:** 2 metal and wood regulatory signs, one between park and field and the other at Still Street entrance, are in good condition. 4 metal regulatory signs at St Paul Street entrance, Still Street entrance, Browne Street entrance, and in the play area are in good condition. The age appropriate plastic and steel sign in the play area is in good condition. There are 2 steel bulletin boards, both in excellent condition: 1 is located by the Minot Rose Garden, the other by the Still Street entrance to the playground area. There is 1 metal interpretive sign attached to the Minot Rose Garden trellis in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 1 Victor Stanley steel and plastic trash barrel located at the Still Street entrance to the field, and another located at the entrance between the playground and field, both in good condition. 3 pairs of Big Belly trash compactors and recycling receptacles in excellent condition: 1 pair located at the St. Paul Street entrance to playground area, 1 pair at the Still Street entrance to playground area, and 1 pair at the Browne Street entrance to park.

#### **Infrastructure**

- **Irrigation System:** The rose beds and field are irrigated.

#### **Special Features**

- The park is planted with deciduous, flowering, and specimen trees; deciduous shrubs; flowerbeds; and groundcover.
- Planned layout of the playground allows easy movement through it.

#### **Park Issues**

- The turf field is visually separated from rest of the park by the high fence.
- Dog rules are confusing because the park contains signs that both prohibit and allow dogs.



Aerial photo of Winthrop Square (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

# Town of Brookline, Massachusetts

## School Playgrounds

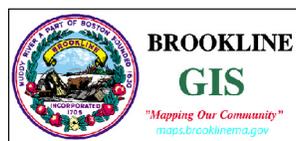
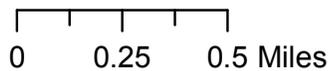
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-  Street Centerline
-  Town Boundary
-  Open Space



### Data Sources:

Town boundary, streets and open space layers are from the Brookline GIS database.



## F. SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS

### Baker School Playground

<b>Category</b>	School Playground
<b>Size</b>	11.27 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Beverly Road
<b>Zoning</b>	S-10
<b>Precinct</b>	16
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/01/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located adjacent to D. Blakely Hoar Sanctuary in a single and multi-family neighborhood



### OVERVIEW

Baker School Playground is notable for its significant grade change. The highest point is in the front playground and field area, with a steep drop into D. Blakely Hoar Sanctuary. The topography divides the playground into separate areas, with each area having its own use and activity. Additional character definition is provided by the mature oaks and garden located at the front of the property. The recreational facilities include 5 tennis courts, a play equipment area, one and one-half basketball courts, and a softball infield. School and physical education programs occupy the fields from 8 AM to 4 PM during weekdays while youth baseball, youth soccer, and men's softball use field areas at other times. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

This 11.27 acre property was purchased in 1935 in conjunction with the building of the Baker School. The designers for the school were Kilham, Hopkins, and Greeley. Numerous additions were completed by the same architects over the next 20 years. In 1949, the Town constructed five tennis courts with a special mixture of asphalt and cork and then with green asphalt called "altos". The playground is located on a flat site above the school. It was renovated in 1999-2000. The tennis courts were resurfaced in 2004. Picnic tables were donated after 2010 for the playground area and the memorial garden dedicated to Mary Allen, and funded by Robert Allen, was updated in 2015 with a sculpture from Gary Price Studios of 3 children playing and plantings. The front of the school has a small bluestone plaza for gathering and a statue from Gary Price Studios of 2 children reading. The renovation of this area was donated by Edward Zuker of Chestnut Hill Realty around 2003.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The land was acquired in 1935 as a donation/bequest from its original owner, Management Corp. No restrictions apply to this property.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **1 softball field** with turf, clay and sand surfaces is used for softball in spring, summer, and fall recreation seasons. It is in good condition.
- **Soccer:** The softball outfield is also used for soccer in fall and spring seasons and for lacrosse in spring.
- **1 basketball court** with asphalt surface and 4 extra hoops is in good condition. It is located next to the school and measures 250 ft. The extra hoops are located close enough to each other to inhibit play.
- **5 tennis courts** with asphalt surface are located behind the school. They are in good condition.

#### Playground/Equipment

- The playground has two play equipment areas, one located in the front near the basketball and tennis courts for ages 5-12 and a separate toddler structure to the side near the entrance to D. Blakely Hoar Sanctuary.

- 2 Landscape Structures, Inc. steel and plastic climbing structure with combinations of slide, bridge, monkey bars, and game panel in the front play area are in good condition. One of them was installed during the 1995 renovation. Landscape Structures, Inc. steel and plastic climbing structure in the side play area is in good condition and includes slide, bridge and a game panel.
- Landscape Structures monkey bars in playground connected to basketball court are in good condition.
- Toddler swing set with 2 seats is in good condition.

#### **Access**

- **Pedestrian Access:** Concrete walk off of Beverly Road to kindergarten play area is gated. Bituminous pathway off Gerry Road located behind school leads to tennis courts. Both are in good condition.
- The concrete stairways from the school to the basketball/playground area, from the tennis courts to the back of the school, and from the kindergarten play area to the back of school are in good condition. There is a concrete walkway around the tennis courts to the school and playground area.
- Concrete ramp from school to playground is in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** U turn for drop off access at school with asphalt surface has ramp and stairs. Vehicular access with 40 car parking spots for school employees off of Beverly Road is in good condition.

#### **Buildings and Structures**

- The school buildings mainly consist of brick and concrete. They are in good condition.

#### **Site Furnishings**

- **Benches:** There are 9 benches in good condition made from various manufacturers and materials. 1 granite memorial bench overlooks the tennis courts. 2 Dumor steel memorial benches are located between the school and basketball/playground area and a 3rd is located within the playground by the older childrens' play area. 2 cement benches (sitting walls) are located in the playground area (one installed in 1995). There is also a three-tiered cement riser in front of school. 2 steel player's benches are located on either side of the baseball field.
- **Picnic tables:** There are 7 picnic tables made of wood and metal, 3 of which are ADA accessible and in good condition: 1 is in the kindergarten area behind the school and 2 are in the playground/basketball area. 2 picnic tables are located at the far end of the basketball court and 2 are located near the older childrens' play area.
- **Bike racks:** There are 2 GameTime steel bike racks in good condition. 1 is located between the school and playground/basketball area and 1 is in front of the school.
- **Drinking fountains:** There is 1 Haws drinking fountain located between the playground and basketball court in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Fence around the entire park, which is in good condition, separates field from playground area with 2 gated pedestrian entrances and 2 vehicle maintenance gates. From the playground to Beverly Road there is 1 pedestrian gate. There is also chain link fence in good condition around tennis courts with 2 gated entrances.
- **Signage:** There are 39 signs in total. Regulatory signs made of wood and/or metal at locations including entrances to the tennis courts, main entrances, along Beverly Road, parking lot, front of the school are in good condition. Interpretive signs made of wood and metal at locations including Beverly Road, school parking lot, Gerry Road, main entrances, and front playground are also in good condition. There are 2 bulletin boards in good condition, 1 made of plastic by the front entrance to the school, another made of wood by the Gerry Road entrance.
- **Trash receptacles:** There are 3 Rubbermaid plastic trash barrels in good condition. 1 is by the stairs near the basketball court. 2 others are located at the baseball diamond. There are 2 sets of Big Belly trash compactors and recycling receptacles in excellent condition. 1 set is located by the entrance to the field from the playground. The other is located at the entrance of the basketball court/playground. 1 Victor Stanley steel trash barrel is located at the front entrance to the school and is in good condition.

#### **Infrastructure**

- **Irrigation System:** The softball field, the garden within the front circle, and the older childrens' play area are irrigated.

### Special Features

- Sculpture of children reading made of metal in a ceremonial area with seat walls and ornamental plantings is located in front of school and in good condition.
- Monument made out of granite, "In Memory of Roseanne Allen", is located at corner of the playground near Beverly Road and is in good condition.
- Granite bench-memorial to Schreiber family located overlooking tennis courts & tennis entrance is in good condition.
- Monument made of metal, "The Sheila Poras Garden", is located in the greenspace within the front circular driveway and is in good condition.
- White flag pole is located in the greenspace within the front circular driveway and is in good condition.
- Vegetation includes deciduous, evergreen, flowering, and native trees; deciduous, evergreen, and native shrubs; flowerbeds; and groundcover.

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Baker School Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Baldwin School Playground

<b>Category</b>	School Playground
<b>Size</b>	1.25 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, NR, SR, LWCF
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Heath Street
<b>Zoning</b>	T-6
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/26/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/115/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Abuts Soule Recreation Center at the back of Baldwin School



### OVERVIEW

The Baldwin School property is defined by its rolling topography, mature oaks over expansive lawn, and considerable variation between highest and lowest elevation levels. The playground includes two fenced tot lots, climbing structures, a sand box, swings, a tennis court and mature oaks with a sloped lawn area. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

One part of this property, bought in 1871, had been a fire station, which was moved to Hammond Street and is now Fire Station 6. Another part of this park was bought in 1898 and was originally Thomas Winter's estate. These two parcels are now the site of the Baldwin School.

In 1898, architect George F. Johnson designed a new two story fire station to stand on the land the Town had purchased the year before at the corner of Heath and Oak Streets. It was a combination of hose wagon and chemical company. The old wagon which had been at the Devotion Street station was moved here. It remained in active use until it was replaced by the new Colonial Revival fire station and training facility built in 1938-39. The Oak and Heath Streets lot became the site of the Baldwin School and Chestnut Hill Library (no longer extant).

The Baldwin School building originally contained a school and a branch library. The red brick Colonial Revival school and library, designed in 1926 by Kilham, Hopkins, and Greeley, opened on September 12, 1927. The building held a kindergarten, three classrooms, and a playground. This school was forced to close in 1981 due to the financial constraints of Proposition 2 1/2. It is now used for Winthrop House, an alternative program of Brookline High School, and for a preschool, the Brookline Schools Staff Children's Center.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town bought 53,655 square feet of the park from the Rivers School in 1941 for \$3,500.00. Deed research conducted in 1960 found this information which is confirmed by land plans. The deed was not located during the 2003 research. The Town bought a parcel of 51,726 square feet from Mary McCormack in 1871. Another land parcel of 12,155 square feet was bought from John & Margaret O'Handley in 1898. It is on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There is no irrigation in the Baldwin School Playground.

#### Athletic Facilities

- **Open Space** with rolling lawn behind the school is in good condition. Mature oaks provide shading to this area which is a good location for childrens games.
- **The tennis court** is in fair condition.

### **Playground/Equipment**

- The playground has two play equipment areas, one in front of the school and the other behind it.
- The playground equipment in front play area has been recently replaced and is used by the Brookline Schools Staff Children's Center.
- Wooden house located in front play area is in poor condition.
- Rock climbing structure in the front play area is in good condition.
- Sand box made of wood in front play area is in fair condition.
- 2 slides made of plastic in front play area are in fair condition.
- Steel and plastic swing set with 2 bucket seats in front play area is in fair condition.
- Climbing structure, consisting of wooden house with 2 slides in rear play area, is in fair condition.
- 2 steel and plastic swing sets, 1 with with 2 belt seats and the other with 2 bucket seats, in rear play area are in good condition.
- Wooden sand box, measuring 9 x 12 feet, in rear play area is in fair condition.

### **Access**

- **Pedestrian Access:** A concrete pathway leading to front play area with railings and steps is in fair condition as its surface has some cracks. There is a concrete walkway in good condition from street side (front play area) to side of school.
- The wooden staircase to tennis courts is in fair condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** Concrete road along the side of the school leading to back play area and maintenance parking area is in good condition. Public parking is provided on site with 7 parking spots and also on street.

### **Buildings and Structures**

- Storage facilities made of wood located near the play area behind the school are in good condition.
- The office is located in the school building which is made of brick and is in good condition.
- Stone retaining walls near the front play area and in front of the school are in good condition.
- Metal flagpole in front play area in good condition.

### **Site Furnishings**

- **Benches:** 1 wooden bench located inside rear play area is in fair condition.
- **Picnic tables:** 2 wooden picnic tables located next to rear play area are in fair condition. 1 wooden picnic table located inside the rear play area is in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal fence around the front play area is in good condition whereas the one around the back play is in fair to poor condition. The metal fence surrounding the tennis courts is in good condition. The metal fence enclosing parts of the school premises is bent and rusty.
- **Lighting:** Metal lights attached to 2 school entrances provide illumination for the front play area and to a little extent for the back play area and they are in good condition.
- **Signage:** 2 regulatory metal signs located in front and to the side of the school are in good condition. The regulatory metal sign in the front parking lot is also in good condition. The metal sign with Brookline tennis rules near the tennis courts is in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 2 steel and plastic Victor Stanley trash barrels located in the rear field are in fair condition.

### **Special Features**

- The park has a wide array of vegetative species including deciduous, evergreen, and small flowering trees; deciduous and evergreen shrubs; raised flower bed and ground cover. The most significant vegetation is the collection of mature oaks.
- The site has interesting rock outcroppings.

### **Park Issues**

- The parking area is poorly defined and creates conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians.



Aerial photo of Baldwin School Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Coolidge Corner School Playground

<b>Category</b>	School Playground
<b>Size</b>	6.72 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Devotion Street
<b>Zoning</b>	T-5
<b>Precinct</b>	8
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/13/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by single and multi-family homes and the school building



### OVERVIEW

This site has numerous noteworthy features: a Little League field, 2 basketball courts, 3 tennis courts, play equipment in 4 areas, an outdoor education area with garden plots, a historic house, and a large school. The most recent renovation, associated with the school building renovation, was completed in 2018. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

The Town acquired this land as part of the acquisition of the school in 1891. In the mid-1890s, a portion of it served as the nursery for the Tree Planting Committee. The Department of Public Works kept a stable here and a firehouse was located here from 1893 to 1965. In 1948 the Town acquired an additional 27,720 square feet from the Bouve-Boston School to complete its design in 1949. A modern-at-the-time, hard surface play area was put in with three additional tennis courts. Floodlights were erected. It became a multiple-use play area with playground equipment as well as paddle tennis, basketball, softball, roller-skating, and ice-skating in the winter. In 1965, the site was improved and the Fire Station was demolished. The Town renovated the playground in 1999 with relocation of the backstop for safety, installation of irrigation system and field sod. The current renovation is nearing completion.

The Town bought land from Nahum Smith for a new primary school in the Coolidge Corner area in 1891. The school was named after Edward Devotion, an early settler who bequeathed a legacy to the Town to maintain a school. In 2018 the decision was made to change the name of the school to Coolidge Corner School, at least for the interim, as Edward Devotion was a slave owner. The architects Loring & Phipps, and later Kilham & Hopkins, designed the original buildings. By 1974 three of the four original buildings had been demolished and replaced. The Fire Station at what is now the Devotion Playground was built in 1892-3. Alexis French, the Town Engineer, was the engineer and perhaps the architect. It was dedicated in 1893. In 1898, a new Holloway combination wagon and chemical engine was bought. The old one went to the new fire house at Oak and Heath Streets.

The Devotion House was acquired when the Town bought Nahum Smith's lot in 1891 for the Devotion School. Probably built c.1740, this gambrel roof house with its central chimney is one of the few and best examples still standing of mid-18th century Georgian architecture in Brookline. When first built, it was only one room in depth; the section on the west was a later addition. The Devotion family was a prominent Brookline family from the initial settlement of the Town. Edward Devotion, Sr., born in 1641, was living in the Muddy River Parish by 1645. He was a French Huguenot immigrant from La Rochelle, France. After arriving in Brookline he became a freeman and member of the church. John Devotion, born in 1659, served as had his father and his own son Edward, Jr., in such capacities as constable, tithing man, and perambulator of the town boundaries. John and his son signed the petition for Brookline's separation from Boston. Edward Devotion, Jr., bequeathed numerous gifts to the church and Town, with his residual estate being designated for the building and maintenance for a school near the center of Town. The intent of the will was disregarded for many years.

Solomon Hill next purchased the house and farm and then sold it to Nathaniel Wheelwright. Wheelwright went bankrupt and sold the land to William Marshall in 1786. By 1815, Ebenezer Francis owned the prop-

erty; and he sold it to three men: Israel Thorndike, David Sears, and Ebenezer Francis. Thorndike took the old Devotion property and rented it out to George Babcock who soon bought it outright. During the nineteenth century, this property was known as the Babcock farm. By 1891, Nahum Smith owned the property, and sold it to the Town. When the Town took over the building, several repairs were made under the supervision of architect William G. Preston. The house was raised by about four feet from its original foundations and new sills were put in. Many clapboards had to be replaced, but the old nails were saved and reused. At first, the Selectpeople did not know what to do with the house and offered it to anyone who would move it and use it as an historical site. Since no one wanted it, the Selectpeople transferred the responsibility of the house to the Brookline Historical Society. It now serves as a house museum and contains many heirlooms donated by descendants of the Devotion family. A re-enactment of William Dawes' ride takes place annually on April 19th. Dawes rode from Roxbury stopping at the Devotion House to warn the inhabitants of the arrival of the British. The curator and her family lived in part of the house.

### **DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS**

The Town acquired 296,931 square feet of the property from Nehum Smith. This deed was not located during the 2003 research, but was part of the 1960 findings and is confirmed by land plans. Devotion Street was extended through this property for firehouse access to Stedman Street and then abandoned to enlarge the park when the firehouse was abandoned. The firehouse was located on 10,000 square feet of this property, which has now been absorbed by the park grounds. Another 27,720 square feet was purchased from Bouve-Boston School of P.E. in 1948 for \$8,600. There are no known restrictions on the land.

### **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES**

#### **Athletic Facilities**

- **2 basketball courts** near Stedman Street with asphalt surface are in good condition.
- **3 tennis courts** with asphalt surface and located behind the basketball courts are in fair condition.
- **1 Little League field** located between the play areas and the basketball courts is a new synthetic field and will be used in all seasons.
- **Soccer:** The outfield of the ball field will also be used for soccer games in spring and fall seasons.

#### **Playground/Equipment**

- The playground has 4 play areas, one in front of the school and 3 in back of the school. They are all in good condition.
- There is a play area in front of the school accessed from Harvard Street for the youngest preschool children. It contains 2 small composite structures and a one bay toddler swing with 2 bucket seats, all by Landscape Structures.
- The play area for the oldest children is at the back of the school building to the south, and contains a tire swing, and a composite structure, both by Landscape Structures.
- The play area for intermediate age children is off the building in the middle and also contains a Landscape Structures tire swing and composite structure.
- The kindergarten play area, to the north at the back of the building, contains 1 composite structure, a 2 bay swing with 4 belt seats, by Landscape Structures.
- Natural play areas include a rain garden with a wooden deck, plantings, and stones of various sizes, and there are stumps, logs, and boulders located throughout the site, including the garden plots.
- There is a small area for water play manufactured by Vortex, with a bollard activator and ground jets, off of Stedman Street at the end of the field.

#### **Access**

- **Pedestrian Access:** Access from Harvard Street goes through the garden plot area or along Stedman Street. Access from Babcock Street via Devotion Place into the playground gives the user a choice of a concrete ramp or concrete stairs with railings, all in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** Vehicular access is off of Stedman Street and is in good condition.

#### **Buildings and Structures**

- Brick and concrete school building with some patinated copper cladding is in good condition.

- The wooden structure of historical Devotion House is in good condition.
- There are numerous steel Dumor bollards distributed across the site, all in good condition.
- There are 16 wood/composite garden beds, one of which is accessible, and a work table. There is also a steel trellis. These are all in good condition.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** All benches are in good condition. There are 8 backed benches by Dumor made of steel and wood. 2 are in the small play area in front of the building, 2 at the oldest childrens' play area, 2 at the water play, and 2 at the basketball court. There are 5 matching backless benches, 3 in the garden plot area and 2 at the kindergarden play. The concrete retaining wall at the south of the site offers concrete seat walls as part of the structure. 1 large wood and concrete bench is under construction and will mark the entry on Stedman Street.
- **Bike racks:** There are 10 Dero steel bike racks at the front of the building, 5 at the back of the building, and 5 at the Stedman Street entrance, all in good condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** There are 4 steel Elkay drinking fountains, all accessible with bottle fillers and all in good condition. One is at the play area in front of the building, one is in the garden plot area, one by the field, and one by the basketball courts.
- **Fencing:** Black vinyl-clad chain link fencing around the property is for the most part in good condition.
- **Signage:** There are 3 metal regulatory signs at the lower tennis courts, 2 at the upper tennis court, 2 surrounding the field, 3 near the Stedman Street entrance to the basketball court, 4 by the vehicle access gate on Stedman Street, and 2 along Harvard Street near the front toddler play area. 2 metal interpretive signs, 1 in the kindergarden play area, and the other at the Harvard Street entrance to the front toddler play area.
- **Lighting:** Metal streetlights with concrete base overlooking pathway from Devotion Street to Stedman Street are in good condition. 1 pedestrian scale lamp at Devotion House is also in good condition. There are 8 pole lights in front of the building and 8 matching lights at the field. There are 17 bollard lights lining the walk along the garden plots.
- **Trash receptacles:** There are 5 Victor Stanley steel and plastic trash receptacles, 1 at the play area at the front, 2 at the school building entrance at the back, and 2 at the Stedman Street entrance, all in good condition.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** There is an irrigation system installed all around the school except for the island where Devotion House is located.

### Special Features

- The outdoor education offered by the garden plots should prove very valuable.
- The plantings throughout are lush and very attractive.
- The rain garden is unique among the Brookline schools.

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Coolidge Corner School Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Driscoll School Playground

<b>Category</b>	School Playground
<b>Size</b>	4.03 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Washington Street
<b>Zoning</b>	T-5
<b>Precinct</b>	13
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/02/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by commercial buildings, and apartments, near Beacon St.



### OVERVIEW

Renovated in 1993 and again in 2009, the park includes 2 tennis courts, a play equipment area, and multipurpose field. Orientation of the school and grounds is somewhat counterintuitive, as the front of the school faces Westbourne Terrace while the back of the school, and the school grounds, face Washington Street. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

The Driscoll playground is the site of four houses that were razed in 1955. In order to relieve congestion at the Runkle School, the Driscoll School was opened in 1911 with 6 classrooms and town kindergartens, designed by architects Kilham & Hopkins. The school was named after Michael Driscoll who was born in 1844 in Brookline and served on the School Committee for 52 years. Additions were made in 1929, 1953, and 1979. The field was renovated in 2001. In 2009, the play area was expanded and rubberized surfacing was added, in conjunction with the addition of new handicapped accessible play equipment for ages 2 to 5.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town acquired 24,584 square feet from Henry W. Estabrook; 36,000 square feet from James B. Bell; 23,129 square feet from Daniel Dewar; and 23,129 square feet from Brookline Savings Bank in 1910. No known restrictions applied to these lands. Another 50,333 square feet was purchased from A. Wolfman, H. & H. Crawford, M.Harris, A. & C. Barr in 1954 for \$125,000.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **1 and ½ basketball courts** with asphalt surface, located near the school is in good condition and lighted.
- **2 tennis courts** located off Westbourne Terrace, with asphalt surface is in good condition.
- **Open space** with asphalt surface near basketball and tennis courts is in good condition.
- **1 multipurpose turf field** near Washington Street is in poor condition with worn patches due to extensive use. It is used for T-ball and soccer in spring, summer, and fall seasons.

#### Playground/Equipment

- 2 swing sets, one with 6 belt seats and the other with 1 bucket seat and 1 accessible swing, are in good condition.
- 2 Landscape Structures, Inc. climbing structures, 1 with slide, bridge, game panel, and rings, and 1 with slide, monkey bars, and sway fun glider, are in good condition.
- Landscape Structures, Inc. track ride is in fair condition.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** ADA accessible concrete pedestrian access from Washington Street is in good condition. Concrete access with stairs and railings from Westbourne Terrace is in good condition.

Concrete and asphalt walkways from connecting streets to playground, through park, and around school are in good condition.

- Concrete stairs, 1 connecting parking levels, 2 along Westbourne Terrace, and 1 going into school from playground, are in good condition.
- Concrete ramp from playground into school is in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** Asphalt vehicular access from Bartlett Street to the 50 parking spots in two levels is in good condition.

### Buildings and Structures

- The brick school building on concrete base is in good condition.
- Concrete bollards between upper parking lot and school are also in good condition.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 2 steel benches, 1 in the play area and 1 by the Bartlett Street entrance are in good condition. 4 wood benches in the play area are in good condition. 2 wood and steel benches by the Westbourne Terrace entrance are in good condition.
- **Picnic tables:** 5 wood and steel tables, 4 in the play area and 1 on the asphalt play surface, are in good condition.
- **Bike racks:** The steel bike rack located near upper parking lot is in good condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** 1 Murdock fountain in the play area is in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal fence around the park is in good condition.
- **Lighting:** The floodlights overlooking the field and the two streetlights over the upper parking lot are in good condition.
- **Signage:** 10 metal regulatory signs, 2 by the Westbourne Terrace entrance, 6 by the tennis courts, 1 by the entrance to the play area, and 1 by the Washington Street entrance, are in good condition. 1 metal interpretive sign by the Washington Street entrance is in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 1 metal Big Belly trash compactor and 1 Big Belly recycling receptacle by the play area are in good condition. 2 steel and plastic Victor Stanley trash barrels are in good condition: 1 by the basketball court and 1 by the Westbourne Terrace entrance.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** The multipurpose field is irrigated.

### Special Features

- Good visual access of the playground from the street.
- The park is planted with evergreen, deciduous, flowering, and specimen trees; evergreen and deciduous shrubs; flower beds; and groundcover.

### Park Issues

- Due to the sloped topography and the location of the school building, the northern and western sides of the property create challenging conditions for plant growth.
- There is a lack of shaded areas in the playground.
- The amphitheater is in poor condition.



Aerial photo of the Driscoll School Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Heath School Playground

<b>Category</b>	School Playground
<b>Size</b>	6.51 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Eliot Street
<b>Zoning</b>	T-5
<b>Precinct</b>	14
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/13/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Direct access to Boylston Street; single- and multi-family houses around all sides of the park



### OVERVIEW

This playground is defined by a row of uniformly mature oaks along the front entrance of the school at Eliot Street, the slope at the rear of the property, and the planted courtyard in the school atrium. Currently the playground has landscaping, two basketball half-courts, and an informal turf field. It was renovated in 1996. More recently, new play equipment for ages 5 to 12 was installed in 2005, and there were further improvements associated with work on the school building in 2013. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

In 1902, the Town bought the Reed lot at the corner of Boylston and Reservoir Lane for a school. The Town hired Peabody & Stearns to design the building and bids were opened in November 1902. The lot was improved and a terrace built before the building opened on September 12, 1904. The new red brick school contained a manual training room on the first floor. One hundred oak trees were planted and 6500 square feet were set aside for a school garden in 1905. In the 1920s, shower baths at the Heath School were made available to residents of the area; they were kept open two evenings a week during the winter and one afternoon a week in the summer. In 1929, the attendance in the shower baths was 7,942. The Peabody and Stearns school was torn down for the new Heath School designed by Hugh Stebbins in 1958.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town purchased the property from Eben W. Reed et. al. in 1902 with no restrictions. It was sold as two parcels, with 520 square feet taken for Boylston Street widening. One parcel as 22,279 square feet and the other was 6 acres. Deed totals 283,639 square feet approximately, but 1900 land atlas sets land as 284,552 square feet (factoring in Boylston widening). 15,448 square feet was added from Aqueduct location bringing the 1927 property to 300,000 square feet. 31700 square feet was taken for Fire Station 4 leaving 268,300 square feet in 1930. Size changed to current size in 1972 with the abandonment of part of Eliot Street for parking and looped entrance to the school.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **Basketball:** 2 hoops by the side of the school with asphalt surface are in good condition. The upper parking lot has one hoop in fair condition which is lighted.
- **Open space** with turf in front of the school is in fair condition with patches of worn areas.
- **Pavement games** are painted on the asphalt next to the two basketball hoops in the lower playground.

#### Playground/Equipment

- The playground has two play areas, one lower one in front of the school and the other by the side of the school up the slope.
- 1 Landscape Structures swing set with 3 tire swings at the lower play area is in good condition.
- 1 composite steel Landscape Structures piece of equipment for ages 5 to 12 in the front play area is in good condition.
- The steel Landscape Structures play equipment for younger children on the slope is in fair to good

condition, and is aged.

- There is a composite gaga pit near the 2-5 year old play equipment in good condition.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Concrete ADA accessible entrance in front of the school is in good condition. Concrete gated access from Eliot Street parking lot is in good condition. Asphalt path from the corner of Boylston Street and Reservoir Drive is in good condition. Gated unpaved access from the corner of Eliot Street and Eliot Crescent is in good condition. Concrete and asphalt walkways around the school, from Eliot Crescent, and from Route 9 are in good condition.
- Granite and concrete stairs from school to Reservoir Road are in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** ADA accessible vehicular access with asphalt surface from Eliot Street to front of the school is in good condition. Vehicular access to the 20 parking spots near Reservoir Drive is in good condition, though the pavement is in poor condition in places.

### Buildings and Structures

- The school building is in good condition.
- The concrete retaining wall with granite cap at the rear of the school is in good condition, and the concrete stairs with granite risers traversing the slope in the back is in good to fair condition.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 2 DuMor, Inc. steel backed benches along Eliot Street are in good condition, and 2 more at the lower playground are also in good condition. 2 benches made of steel pipe and wood slats in the lower play area and 2 steel pipe and wood benches in the upper play area are in good condition. 2 steel Dumor backless benches at the lower playground also in good condition.
- **Picnic tables:** There are two steel Dumor picnic sets, not accessible, outside the cafeteria and in good condition.
- **Bike racks:** At the lower level beyond the main entry there are 9 Dero bicycle racks in good condition. At the entry closest to the lower playground there are 11 Dero bike racks in good condition. At the rear of the building there is a ribbon rack closest to the play equipment, and 5 Dero racks at the other end of the building, all in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal chain link fence running around the school except on Reservoir Drive side is in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 2 metal lights at the upper parking lot are in good condition. The lower play area is lit off the building.
- **Signage:** 1 metal regulatory sign is located at the Eliot Street entrance and is in poor condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** There are 4 Victor Stanley steel and plastic trash barrels, 1 by the Eliot Street parking lot and 3 by the front entrance to the school, all in good condition. 1 Rubbermaid plastic barrel is located next to the play area and is in good condition.

### Infrastructure

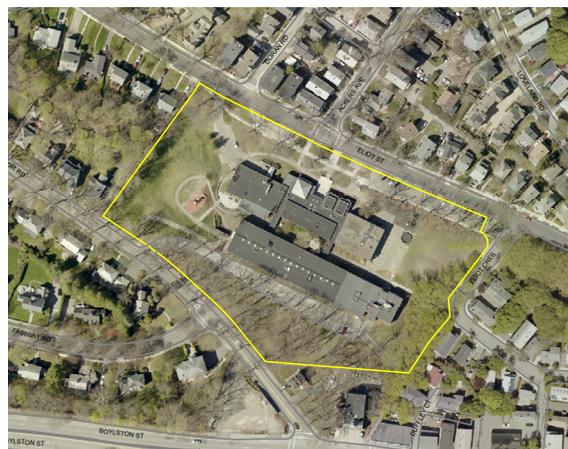
- **Irrigation System:** The open space is irrigated.

### Special Features

- The courtyard has a collection of boulders situated around a centerpiece and a granite bench.
- The playground has good visibility.
- The park is planted with deciduous, flowering, and specimen trees; deciduous and evergreen shrubs; flowerbeds; and groundcover.

### Park Issues

- Poor condition of lawn areas in front of the school due to eroding slopes and heavy foot traffic.
- The rubber tiles at the lower playground are difficult to maintain.



Aerial photo of the Heath School Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Longwood Playground

<b>Category</b>	School Playground
<b>Size</b>	4.99 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, LWCF
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Longwood and Francis Streets
<b>Zoning</b>	T-5, M-1.5
<b>Precinct</b>	3
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/02/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located in single- and multi-family neighborhood



### OVERVIEW

Situated in a bowl, the perimeter of Longwood Playground is lined with mature trees. The consistent site furniture provides continuity, while the variety of plantings creates interest. The recreational facilities are multiple yet organized; the slopes of the land dictate the location of the field, and all other facilities are located around the field. Stone, boulder, and brick retaining walls add quality to the park. There are several pleasant seating areas sprinkled throughout the park. During the week, the park serves the Lawrence School's recess periods, physical education and after school programs. The park is developed with 2 separate play areas, one designed for school age children and the other for toddlers. Three tennis courts are located at the eastern edge of the playground. Two short combination softball and youth baseball infields are provided, however the area is too small for simultaneous play and men's softball in either field. A well-developed pedestrian path system exists around the field. The only purpose for 2 infields would be to provide additional space for youth baseball practice. The site can accommodate a 40 x 60 yard soccer field. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

The property was a deep marsh that had to be filled in, taking many years to settle. Olmsted and Eliot were hired to improve it in 1895. In 1928, Town Meeting authorized the Select Board to petition the General Court to allow a small area of the playground to be taken for the school building. A tennis field house was constructed in 1929. It was upgraded again between 1949 and 1950. A section on Francis Street was also bought, replacing the Riverdale Casino.

The first Lawrence School was built on land on Francis Street acquired in 1873 from Winifred McLean. The Town hired Peabody & Stearns to design a school for the Longwood area to relieve congestion at the Harvard Street School. It was a Stick style building constructed of brick and wood. A new kind of desk and seat was used. In 1884, the School Committee recommended the enlargement of this school rather than enlarging the Pierce School. The next year, Peabody & Stearns were hired to enlarge the school by adding two rooms with a hall in the center--doubling its previous size. In 1889, Mrs. Amos A. Lawrence gave the school a portrait of her late husband, after whom the school was named, as well as a valuable set of physical apparatus. G. Clough enlarged the building again in 1891 according to plans. In 1916, Kilham & Hopkins were hired to renovate and improve the domestic science area and equipment.

By 1929, the Town felt the need to build an entirely new structure. During the construction period, Temple Ohabei Shalom put its new school building at the disposal of the Lawrence students--the students used the large lot directly behind the Temple as a playground. The building, designed by R. Clipston Sturgis, was opened on September 6, 1930. In 1965, the building was remodeled to provide two rooms, the art and science rooms as well as an industrial arts room and an enlarged library. Portable classrooms were added in 1967 and 1968. Smith, Sellow, & Doherty and Ashley, Meyer & Smith made alterations and an addition in 1972. The portable classrooms were relocated to the New Lincoln School and the Runkle School. The school building and the park were completely renovated in 1994 and again in 2003.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

Samuel McLean transferred 57,031 square feet of the property to the Town in 1873. The Town purchased

170,099 square feet from Henrietta W. Thomas in 1891 and another 27,629 square feet from Charles H. Stearns et. al. in 1898 with the stipulation that "no building shall be placed within 20 feet...no building of a value less than \$45,000, no apartment house, no building for carrying on any mechanical trade or for manufacturing purposes." The Town acquired 18,150 square feet of the property from Knights of Columbus/ Building Corporation in 1959. Original deed was not available, only a duplicate certificate of Title from 9/30/1977 was available.

## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

### Athletic Facilities

- **2 Little League fields** in good condition are used in spring, summer, and fall recreational seasons.
- **Other field uses:** The fields are used for softball in all seasons and for soccer in spring and fall seasons.
- **3 tennis courts** located across Newell Street are in good condition.
- **1 basketball court** located behind the ball fields is in good condition.

### Playground/Equipment

- The playground has two play areas, one for children aged 5 to 12 located close to Francis Street and the other for toddlers near the tennis courts.
- 1 Landscape Structures, Inc. spring toy in the toddler area is in good condition.
- 3 Landscape Structures, Inc. climbing structures, two for the older children and one for the toddlers, are in good condition.
- All 3 Landscape Structures, Inc. swing sets are in good condition.
- 1 Landscape Structures, Inc. sand box in the toddler play area is in good condition.
- 1 Landscape Structures, Inc. see-saw structure in the toddler play area is in good condition.
- 1 cement spray pool is in good condition.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Pedestrian entrances from Francis Street, Longwood Avenue and Stearns Road are in good condition. The bituminous path around the ball fields connects the basketball court, tennis courts and playground with the school.
- Ramp and stairs from Longwood Avenue entrance is in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** Vehicular access with asphalt surface provided around the school building is in good condition.

### Buildings and Structures

- The school building is in good condition.
- The stone retaining wall near the Francis Street play area is in good condition.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 18 Dumor 118 metal benches are in good condition; 7 along the path, 3 in the front play area, 2 in the rear play area, 2 between the spray pool and rear play area, and 4 near Francis Street entrance. 3 wood and metal benches around the spray pool are in good condition. 4 metal players' benches, 2 near one of the field bases, and 2 near the basketball court, are in good condition.
- **Picnic tables:** 3 wooden picnic tables in good condition, 1 by the toddlers play area and 2 by the 5-12 year old play area.
- **Bike racks:** 22 bike posts at the pedestrian entrance from Francis Street are in good condition.
- **Drinking fountains:** 1 Hawes Corporation water fountain beside the spray pool is in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Metal fences along the park boundary, around the tennis courts, separating the ball fields from the play areas, are in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 9 acorn lights, 8 along the walkway and 1 in the front play area, are in good condition.
- **Signage:** 3 metal regulatory signs, 1 on gate to tennis court in good condition, 1 by the Francis Street pedestrian entrance in fair condition, and 1 by the 5-12 year old play area in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 7 Victor Stanley plastic and steel trash barrels are in good condition; 5 around the path and 2 by the Longwood Avenue entrances. 2 sets of Big Belly metal trash compactors/recycling

receptacles are in good condition – 1 by Stearns Road entrance and the other by Francis Street entrance.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** The Little League fields are irrigated.

### Special Features

- The mature oaks at the park's perimeter add greatly to its character.
- A circular perennial garden off the west of the school building is planted and maintained by a friends group and adds color and interest, as well as being a point of pride for the community.
- The park is an especially active social gathering spot for the local community, and a pass-through for pedestrian commuters.

### Park Issues

- The small turf area near Francis Street is difficult to maintain.
- Additional plantings would enhance the west side of the school building and perhaps offer learning opportunities.
- The area directly north of the tennis courts is currently unused.



Aerial photo of Longwood Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Pierce School Playground

<b>Category</b>	School Playground
<b>Size</b>	2.37 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, LWCF
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Between School Street and Harvard Avenue
<b>Zoning</b>	M-1.0
<b>Precinct</b>	7
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/02/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Enclosed by multi-unit buildings on all sides with a parking lot to the south.



### OVERVIEW

The park has an upper level with play equipment and a lower level with a ball field, with a steep grassed slope in between. The curvilinear paths and semicircular walls reinforce the pattern of rounded shapes in the upper level. The playground and field are located behind residences along School Street. The playground is enclosed by multi-unit buildings. This green space serves as the school yard for the Pierce School which connects to the site by means of a pedestrian bridge over School Street. The school does not own the playground. The field is used extensively for youth baseball during the spring. The playground also includes basketball courts, play areas, seating and picnic area, open oval lawn area, and a spray pool. The park was last renovated in 2016. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

This property was purchased, taken, and given in 6 separate plots to serve as a playground.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town purchased 11,304 square feet of land from Charles Leavitt with no restrictions in 1927 and Mr. Leavitt donated 1,996 square feet with no restriction the same year. Fannie Hall Fegan donated 36,575 square feet of land in 1927 and Anna M. & William J. Ward donated some land in 1928 to the Town with the "plan of land to be conveyed to the Town of Brookline for the Pierce School Playground." In 1951, the Town acquired another 29,306 square feet from Trustees of Fannie Hall Fegan and another 19,487 square feet from Jacob Ditch in 1962 to be developed "for recreational, school, playground purpose."

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **1 and ½ basketball courts** with asphalt surface are located near School Street. The court is lighted and in good condition. Pavement games are also painted on part of the court.
- **1 Little League field** located in the lower part of the park is in good condition. It is used in spring, summer, and fall recreational seasons.
- **Soccer:** The outfield of Little League field is used for soccer in all recreational seasons.
- **Open space** with turf grass is lighted and in good condition. It is used for passive recreation.

#### Playground/Equipment

- The playground has two play areas located in the upper part of the park, one for school-aged children and one for preschool children. All of the equipment is in good condition.
- The play area for school-aged children is fenced only along Harvard Avenue and includes a Landscape Structures, Inc. steel, rope, and rubber climbing structure, a refurbished two bay set of Landscape Structures tire swings, an Elephant Play steel and rope rotating structure, a geometric climbing structure and two individual spinners by Kompan USA, and an embankment slide by Custom Fabrication Incorporated built into the slope between the two parts of the park. A climbing rope by Berliner Seifabrik accompanies the embankment slide.
- The play area for preschool children is entirely fenced and includes a composite structure, tot swing, spring toys (for one child and for multiple children), and a saddle spinner, all by Landscape Structures.

- Cement spray pool in the play area is in fair condition.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** The two gated access points from Harvard Avenue are in good condition. Concrete and asphalt access from School Street is in good condition. Concrete access with stairs from Pierce School walking bridge is in good condition. Asphalt walkways connecting the entrances and looping through the park are in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** Asphalt access to School Street parking lot is in good condition, though the parking lot pavement is in poor condition and there are opportunities for pedestrian/vehicle conflicts there.

### Buildings and Structures

- The metal storage bin next to the basketball court is in good condition.
- Metal and granite memorial located under a tree along Harvard Avenue is in fair condition.
- Retaining walls, constructed with granite, wood, and concrete, at the corner behind the play field, alongside of Harvard Avenue apartment complexes, along Harvard Avenue, and along play area are in fair to good condition.
- Granite bollards along Harvard Avenue are in good condition.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** All benches are in good condition. There are 5 steel benches by Landscape Forms in the older childrens' play area, 2 benches in the preschool play area, four benches around the oval lawn next to the preschool area, 3 benches at the basketball courts, and one outside the fence at the School Street entrance. There is one steel and permalene Kaleidoscope bench by Landscape Structures in the preschool area. There are 2 steel and aluminum players benches by Jaypro Sports, and an all aluminum bleacher by Jaypro at the ballfield.
- **Picnic tables:** There are 3 picnic sets by Landscape Structures in good condition made of anodized aluminum and lpe slats, in the picnic area between the two play areas.
- **Drinking fountains:** There are two Most Dependable Fountains steel fountains in good condition, one near the play equipment and one near the basketball courts.
- **Fencing:** Metal fencing, around entire park except along Harvard Place, is in fair to good condition.
- **Lighting:** 14 metal lights, 2 light posts over basketball court, 4 over baseball diamond, 1 over field, 4 over pathway looping through sitting area, and 3 over playground area, are in good condition.
- **Signage:** 3 interpretive signs, 2 wooden signs at School Street entrance and 1 metal and wood sign at Harvard Avenue gated pedestrian entrance, are in good condition. 2 metal regulatory signs, one at School street entrance in fair condition, and the other at Harvard Avenue in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 3 pairs of Big Belly trash and recycling receptacles, 2 at the upper entrances and one at the lower entrance by the basketball courts, are in good condition.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** The play field is irrigated.

### Special Features

- The park receives very heavy use from the school and the community.
- The sledding hill separating the play area from the field is beloved.

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of the Pierce School Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Runkle School Playground

<b>Category</b>	School Playground
<b>Size</b>	3.05 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Clinton Road
<b>Zoning</b>	S-7
<b>Precinct</b>	12
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/02/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	In a mostly single-family neighborhood, surrounded by neighborhood streets and school.



### OVERVIEW

There are a number of components to this park. The gardenesque front entrance has two pathways, one stair and one ramp, that originate at opposite points and converge at the front doors to the school. There is a memorial composed of a bench and Japanese lantern and an amphitheater decorated with tiles used for school ceremonies. In the back of the school, there are three levels descending to Clinton Road. The first level is comprised of play equipment for younger children along Chesham Road. The second holds the play equipment for older children and the basketball court, while the third level contains an expansive lawn. Retaining walls manage the changes in elevation. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

Land for the playground at Runkle School was purchased in 1903. Renovation of the play area started in 1999 with additional improvements to play equipment implemented in 2000. The most recent full renovation, which was associated with the building renovation, was completed in 2012. A central courtyard for nature-based learning was constructed during this renovation.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town purchased 50,000 square feet for the property with no restrictions in 1895 and another 46,389 square feet in 1903 “for playground use” from Lisette De Wolf Rotch. Deed information came from 1960 deed research. Another 36,699 square feet was purchased from the same person in 1908 with the stipulation that “no building within 25 ft. of Chesham Road, and on Buckminister Street no buildings under \$8,000 in cost shall be erected, manure shall be kept covered at all times, etc.”

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

#### Athletic Facilities

- **Basketball:** 1 full court with two extra hoops is located at the end of Clinton Street driveway and is in good condition.
- **Open field** with natural grass above Clinton Road is in good condition.

#### Playground/Equipment

- Play equipment for older children off the back of the building consists of a very large Landscape Structures composite structure made of steel and netting, with an artificial boulder and a separate Evos structure. There is a steel climbing structure, and a steel 3-bay swing with an accessible swing and 5 belt swings, all by Landscape structures. These are all in good condition.
- Play equipment for smaller children, off of Chesham Road, is all in good condition. There is a Kompan USA composite structure, a Spica spinning piece, and play house. There is a Landscape Structures group bouncing piece and tire swing.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** The concrete walkway and bluestone path in front of the school are in good condition. Pedestrian circulation throughout the play areas and field are primarily cement concrete paths,

ramps, and stairs, and are in good condition.

- **Vehicular Access:** Concrete and asphalt maintenance vehicle access from Clinton Street is in good condition. Concrete access from Druce Road is in good condition.

### Buildings and Structures

- 1 Japanese stone lantern with dedication is in good condition.
- The school building is in good condition.
- There are a variety of retaining walls throughout the site on the side and in the back—concrete with a stone veneer, concrete with a brick veneer, poured-in-place concrete, and concrete block—which are all in good condition. There are a low stone retaining wall and freestanding wall in the front of the building which creates a performance space and amphitheater. These are decorated with hand-made tiles and are in good condition.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 9 Dumor steel benches in good condition throughout the play areas—5 at the older childrens' equipment, 2 at the field, and 2 at the smaller childrens' play area.
- **Picnic tables:** There is a moveable picnic table which seats 7 people between the play areas and the field, in good condition.
- **Bike racks:** The bike racks on site are all in good condition. There are 11 U-shaped metal bike racks between the basketball and older childrens' play equipment, and 7 Dero bike racks near the small childrens' play area.
- **Drinking fountains:** There is a Haws drinking fountain at one entrance to the field, in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Fencing around the park consists primarily of both older and newer ornamental metal picket fencing. There is wood board fencing on both sides of the back abutting residential properties, and a black vinyl-clad chain link fence in the small wooded area running parallel to the field.
- **Lighting:** 3 fixtures are located in front of the school.
- **Signage:** 1 metal regulatory sign is located at the Chesham Road entrance and is in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 4 Victor Stanley steel and plastic trash receptacles are found near the building entry at the back of the school and at the building entry off of Chesham Road. They are all in good condition.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** The open field and the interior courtyard are both irrigated.

### Special Features

- There are two memorial cherry trees in addition to a memorial bench. An additional cherry tree was donated by the Runkle family and is planted near the memorial bench.
- The seat wall decorated with tiles at the amphitheater provides a useful and attractive area for school ceremonies.

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Runkle School Playground (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## William H. Lincoln School Playground (New)

<b>Category</b>	School Playground
<b>Size</b>	4.24 acres
<b>Protection</b>	NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Kennard Road
<b>Zoning</b>	S-10
<b>Precinct</b>	5
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/12/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Surrounded by single-family houses, the Old Burying Ground, and the Brookline music School; one block away from Boylston Street



### OVERVIEW

This site is interesting for its variation in scale. Parts of the property appear constrained: the entrance point is tightly organized and both playground areas are confined within a small space. As one walks southerly around the school the grounds open up into a large, open sloped lawn and a big terrace located at the side of the school. The perimeter of the lawn area is an old, charming brick wall that was restored in 2005. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

The New Lincoln School was established as a Brookline school in 1969. It is located on the site of the Hill-Kennard-Ogden House (known as "The Maples" in the 1890s). This Greek Revival/Regency house, located at 25 Kennard Road and one of Brookline's prominent architectural resources, was built in 1843-44 by architect Gridley J. Fox Bryant for Jeremiah Hill. Bryant was also the architect of the old Boston City Hall, the Mercantile Wharf Building, and the original building of Boston City Hospital. The Kennard House is unusual for the wide architrave and the curved two-story bay on one side. It is a contributing building of the Town Green National Register District. Hill, a commission merchant and partner in Hill, Chamberlain & Company, died in 1862. His daughters had financial difficulties and were forced to sell the property in 1869 to Martin Perry Kennard. Kennard was a partner in the firm of Bigelow & Kennard (jewelers and silver-smiths) and a Custom House collector and Sub-Treasurer of the United States for 13 years. In 1888, C. N. Webster described the estate in his "Thirty-Five Brookline Residences" as a "most charming realization of a gentleman's country abode". By 1897, Kennard began to subdivide his property, and subsequently Hedge and Kennard Roads were laid out and developed. After Kennard died in 1903, his heirs sold the house to Colonel Hugh Ogden in 1906. Ogden was a Boston lawyer with extensive business and financial interests. Ogden built the brick wall around the property as well as the wooden Colonial Revival carriage house in 1910. Three dormers were added in 1905; another two in 1916. The piazza of the main house was enclosed in 1916.

The Park School Corporation bought the house and grounds in 1927 for educational purposes. Originally started by Caroline Pierce in 1888, the school became known as The Park School in 1913. Julia B. Park had taken over as headmistress in 1910 when Miss Pierce retired. The school moved to #31 Hedge Road in 1915. In 1978 the Town of Brookline demolished this large shingle style house, built in 1905 after designs of Wheelwright & Haven for Mary C. Brandegee as a private school, in 1978. Expanding enrollment forced The Park School to buy the property across the street. The school at #31 Hedge Road was kept for the kindergarten and the first grade; the Kennard house was used for the administration and the upper grades; and the carriage additions to the main house were added for additional classroom space, one in 1929 and one in 1930. An addition was made to the carriage house in 1956. In the late 1960s, the Faulkner family gave a large parcel of land on Goddard Avenue to the Park School, and a large school building was erected on the new site. The old Hill-Kennard place was then bought by the Brookline School Department, which used it for the primary grades of the Lincoln School. The new school and grounds were completed in 1994 and included extensive play structures and a multi-use field. The Hill-Kennard house became the home of the Brookline Music School. Portions of the brick perimeter wall were replaced in 2005.

## DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town acquired the property as two parcels from Park School Corporation for \$400,000 in 1970 "for the purpose of the public schools." The property is located within the Town Green Historic District and is on the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

### Athletic Facilities

- **1 basketball court** beside the school with asphalt surface is in fair condition.
- **Open space** with turf grass beside the school is in fair condition with large worn patches in the lawn.

### Playground/Equipment

- The playground has two play areas, one near the front entrance of the school and kindergarten accessed by steps from the parking area and the other one behind the school near the open space.
- 2 Landscape Structures, Inc. climbing structure with combinations of slide, monkey bars, bridge, ladder, game panel, and track ride, 1 in front play area and the other in rear play area are in fair to good condition.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Concrete access from Kennard Street with railings and stairs is in good condition. Concrete and asphalt access with stairs from Walnut Street is in good condition. Concrete and asphalt walkways from vehicular and pedestrian entrances into and through play areas are in good condition.
- Concrete stairs from vehicular drives to school and play areas are in good condition.
- Concrete ramps from vehicular paths to school and play area are in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** ADA accessible concrete and asphalt access from Hedge Street to the school employee parking lot with railings and ramp is in good condition. Asphalt vehicular access from Kennard Street to the circular drive in front of the school with 10 parking spots is in good condition. Pedestrian access from this drive leads to upper and lower play areas are ramped.

### Buildings and Structures

- The school building is in good condition.
- Flag pole located in the front parking lot is in good condition.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 8 wooden benches, 2 at the school front are in good condition, and 4 "Country Casual" in upper playground are in fair condition. 2 steel benches at the rear entrance to the school are in good condition.
- **Bike racks:** 3 steel bike racks, 2 at front of school and 1 at rear of school, are in good condition.
- **Fencing:** Brick wall around Walnut Street and Kennard Street is in fair condition. Metal and wood fencing around rear and front parking lots are in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 3 Sternberg lights and 1 other type light in rear parking are in good condition. 7 Sternberg Lanterns Inc. lights at front school entrance area are in good condition.
- **Signage:** None.
- **Trash receptacles:** 3 steel and plastic Dumor, Inc. trash barrels, 2 located by the front entrance to the school and 1 located by the rear entrance to the school building, are in good condition. 2 Victor Stanley steel and plastic trash barrels are located in the rear of the school, 1 by the basketball court, and 1 by the rear play area, are also in good condition.

### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** The open space and shrub bed are irrigated.

### Special Features

- The park is planted with deciduous, evergreen, and flowering trees, deciduous and evergreen shrubs; and groundcover.

**Park Issues**

- None.



Aerial photo of William H. Lincoln School Playground (New) (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## William H. Lincoln School Playground (Old)

<b>Category</b>	School Playground
<b>Size</b>	1.51 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	194 Boylston Street
<b>Zoning</b>	G-1.0, G-2.0
<b>Precinct</b>	5
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/26/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	On both sides of the school building



### OVERVIEW

There is a small play area located to east of the building, which now serves as a temporary location for schools or Town offices during construction. This area is entirely asphalted and sits above an enclosed garage. There is also an open sloped lawn area to the west of the school building which is not developed or improved. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

The first Lincoln School was dedicated in 1888. In 1890, the Town bought the lot next door for a new building and a playground. The old schools were razed in 1931 and the new school constructed in 1932. The building is now used as a back-up facility when other Town buildings are under construction.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town acquired 35,244 square feet of the property from Sarah D. and Susan B. Clark in 1886. It added another 20,705 square feet from Alfred Winsor and Horace D. Chaplin, executors of the will of Edward S. Philbrick, in 1890. Both parcels had the stipulation that “no stable to be erected hereon for 25 years.”

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There is no playground equipment or irrigation in the Lincoln School Playground.

#### Athletic Facilities

- **Basketball:** One portable, weighted basketball stanchion and hoop in the asphalted area east of the building is in good condition.
- **Pavement games** in the asphalted area.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** From the school building or up the ramp or stairs from Boylston Street. There is access from Walnut Path via a set of stairs.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** There are two steel and wood benches, one towards the east and one near the western school entrance, both in good condition.
- **Picnic tables:** There are eight café tables with attached seats east of the building in good condition, purchased from W. B. Mason.
- **Fencing:** Black vinyl-coated chain link fence around the asphalted area is in good condition.
- **Signage:** None.
- **Trash receptacles:** There are no trash receptacles currently on site.

#### Special Features

- The play areas are located at a significant elevation above Boylston Street.

#### Park Issues

- Development of the school grounds for outdoor play is limited by the fact that the asphalted area is

over structure and the sloped lawn area is very steep.



Aerial photo of William H. Lincoln School Playground (Old) (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

# Town of Brookline, Massachusetts

## Cemeteries

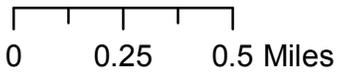
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## G. CEMETERIES

### The Old Burying Ground

<b>Category</b>	Cemetery
<b>Size</b>	1.54 acres
<b>Protection</b>	NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Walnut Street
<b>Zoning</b>	S-10
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	N/A
<b>Vicinity</b>	Near Route 9, surrounded by a mix of both residential and commercial buildings



#### OVERVIEW

Brookline's first cemetery, consecrated in 1717. Many past prominent citizens of the Town are buried here.

### Holyhood Cemetery

<b>Category</b>	Cemetery
<b>Size</b>	36.2
<b>Protection</b>	NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Private, Non-Profit
<b>Location</b>	Heath Street
<b>Zoning</b>	S-15
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	N/A
<b>Vicinity</b>	Adjacent to Beaver Country Day School, surrounded by single-family homes

#### OVERVIEW

The cemetery was founded in 1857 by the Catholic parishes of Brookline and Brighton and is on the National Register of Historic places.

### Walnut Hills Cemetery

<b>Category</b>	Cemetery
<b>Size</b>	45.26 acres
<b>Protection</b>	NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Newton Street
<b>Zoning</b>	S-10
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	N/A
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located between Allandale Farm and Putterham Branch Library



#### OVERVIEW

The park-like setting with mature trees and puddingstone outcrops makes this area an attraction for walkers and birders. Many past prominent citizens, including Trinity Church architect H. H. Richardson, are buried here.

## H. GOLF COURSE

### Robert T. Lynch Municipal Golf Course at Putterham Meadows

<b>Category</b>	Golf Course
<b>Size</b>	119.90 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline Recreation Department
<b>Location</b>	1281 West Roxbury Parkway
<b>Zoning</b>	S-15
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/27/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located near The Country Club and Pine Manor College



#### OVERVIEW

The 18-hole golf course is the largest Town-owned greenspace. In addition to the golf course, the property includes Putterham Woods and wetlands. The property also contains a practice putting green, a chipping green, a driving range which was recently constructed in 2016 and two outdoor food and beverage pavilions. The clubhouse has an administrative office, a large foyer, a full-service grillroom with kitchen, and a full-service golf pro shop.

#### PARK HISTORY

The land now used as the Putterham Golf course was originally bought for playground purposes over a period of several years. The first purchase was in 1899-1900 of 62 acres. The next parcel of 62.6 acres was bought in 1901. The Town bought several smaller lots from 1902 to 1939. Much of the land was historically a wetland. A portion of this property was taken for the 1917 incinerator and fire Station 6 on Hammond Street.

In 1900, a thinning of the wood was personally supervised by Charles Sprague Sargent, Director of the Arnold Arboretum and a member of the Park Committee. In 1921, 2000 Red Pines were planted at Putterham. The golf course was designed by Stiles and Van Kleek during the Depression and opened in 1933. The preservation of the natural and scenic beauty was a concern and the design preserved as many trees as possible. The clubhouse was designed by Kilham and Hopkins at the same time.

#### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

The Town purchased the property with no known restrictions. It was designated park land in 1907.

#### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There is no play equipment in Putterham Golf Course.

## I. AGRICULTURAL AND RECREATION LAND

### Allandale Farm

<b>Category</b>	Agriculture
<b>Size</b>	70.11 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Private
<b>Location</b>	Allandale Road
<b>Zoning</b>	S-40
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/27/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located near The Country Club and Pine Manor College



#### OVERVIEW

One of the oldest farms in continuous operation in Massachusetts, Allandale cultivates its land organically and operates a farmstand. The fields and wetlands provide valuable wildlife habitat. The property is located in the Charles-to-Charles Corridor. Because it is assessed under G.L. C.61A, the Town has first right-of-refusal on any sale.

### The Country Club

<b>Category</b>	Recreation
<b>Size</b>	230.76 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Private
<b>Location</b>	Clyde Street
<b>Zoning</b>	S-40
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	10/27/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located near The Country Club and Pine Manor College.

#### OVERVIEW

The largest single area of open space in Brookline, The Country Club is contiguous to Robert T. Lynch Golf Course at Putterham Meadows. The Country Club is a private not-for-profit organization. In the past, agreements were made with The Club to allow residents to use parts of the course for cross-country skiing. The property has a private development restriction over 222.774 acres.

# Town of Brookline, Massachusetts

## Conservation Restrictions

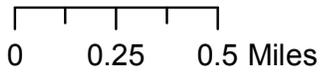
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## J. CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS

### SARGENT POND

**Size** 5.00 acres  
**Manager** Sargent Road Trust  
**Location** Sargent Road  
**Zoning** S-25  
**Grantor** Sargent Road Trust  
**Year Granted** 1973

### HELLENIC ASSOCIATION

**Size** 1.20 acres  
**Manager** Hellenic Association of Boston  
**Location** 162 Goddard Avenue  
**Zoning** S-40  
**Grantor** Hellenic Association of Boston  
**Year Granted** 1977

### WALNUT PLACE

**Size** 1.20 acres  
**Manager** Browne et al.  
**Location** 55-100 Walnut Place  
**Zoning** S-10, S-7, T-5  
**Grantor** Kingsbury Browne, Jr. et al.  
**Year Granted** 1979

### 235-255 GODDARD AVENUE

**Size** 11.69 acres  
**Manager** Park School  
**Location** 235-255 Goddard Avenue  
**Zoning** S-40  
**Grantor** Mary duPont Faulkner  
**Year Granted** 1980

### TOWN HOUSES AT LARZ ANDERSON

**Size** 3.21 acres  
**Manager** Townhouses at Larz Anderson Trust  
**Location** 275 Goddard Avenue  
**Zoning** S-25, S-15  
**Grantor** Townhouses at Larz Anderson  
**Year Granted** 1980

### SEARS ESTATE

**Size** 0.51 acres  
**Manager** Various  
**Location** 287 Kent Street  
**Zoning** SC-7  
**Grantor** Parencorp  
**Year Granted** 1983

### PAINE ESTATE

**Size** 1.74 acres  
**Manager** Various  
**Location** 325-335 Heath Street  
**Zoning** S-40, S-25  
**Grantor** Heath Limited Partnership  
**Year Granted** 1986

### 133 GODDARD AVENUE

**Size** 8.41 acres  
**Manager** H. Kimball & Nancy W. Faulkner  
**Location** 133 Goddard Avenue  
**Zoning** S-40  
**Grantor** H. Kimball & Nancy W. Faulkner  
**Year Granted** 1990

### LONGYEAR ESTATE

**Size** 6.00 acres  
**Manager** Longyear Properties, L.L.C.  
**Location** Seaver Street  
**Zoning** S-0.5P  
**Grantor** Longyear Properties, L.L.C.  
**Year Granted** 1998

### GODDARD HOUSE

**Size** 2.30 acres  
**Manager** Goddard House  
**Location** 201 Huntington Ave, J.P.  
**Zoning** S-25  
**Grantor** Goddard House  
**Year Granted** 2001

### IVY STREET, MAP 9, LOT 1

**Size** 0.029 acres  
**Manager** John J. and Shiyong Roh Weiter  
**Location** Ivy Street  
**Zoning** S-7  
**Grantor** John J. and Shiyong Roh Weiter  
**Year Granted** 2001

### IVY STREET, MAP 12, LOT 4A

**Size** 0.05 acres  
**Manager** Kenneth and Ruth C. Scheer  
**Location** Ivy Street  
**Zoning** S-7  
**Grantor** Kenneth and Ruth C. Scheer  
**Year Granted** 2001

## J. CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS

(Continued)

### 153 RANGELEY ROAD

**Size** 0.605 acres  
**Manager** Creative Development Associates LLP  
**Location** 153 Rangeley Road  
**Zoning** S-15  
**Grantor** Creative Development Associates LLP  
**Year Granted** 2001

### SAINT AIDAN'S

**Size** 0.48 acres (4 areas total)  
**Manager** St. Aidan's Realty Trust  
**Location** Intersection of Freeman Street, Pleasant Street, and Crowninshield Road  
**Zoning** S-7, M-1.5  
**Grantor** Lisa B. Alberghini, Trustee of St. Aidan's Realty Trust  
**Year Granted** 2005

### 170 SARGENT ROAD

**Size** 1.82 acres  
**Manager** Summera Realty Trust  
**Location** 170 Sargent Road  
**Zoning** S-40  
**Grantor** Andrew J. Ley, Trustee of Summera Realty Trust  
**Year Granted** 2008

### FISHER HILL RESERVOIR

**Size** 9.65 acres  
**Manager** Brookline DPW, Parks and Open Space Division  
**Location** 100 Fisher Avenue  
**Zoning** S-15  
**Grantor** Town of Brookline  
**Year Granted** 2011

### 35 LAPLAND STREET

**Size** 5.267 acres  
**Manager** David Bakalar, Trustee of the Bakalar Investment Trust  
**Location** 35 Lapland Street  
**Zoning** S-40  
**Grantor** David Bakalar, Trustee of the Bakalar Investment Trust  
**Year Granted** 2017

### 57 LAUREL ROAD

**Size** 0.29 acre  
**Manager** Joseph and Kerrienne Ciccone  
**Location** 57 Laurel Road  
**Zoning** S-15  
**Grantor** Joseph and Kerrienne Ciccone  
**Year Granted** 2013

### 0 PRINCETON ROAD

**Size** 6,695 sq. ft.  
**Manager** Todd Sheinkopf, Manager of Prince Realty LLC  
**Location** 0 Princeton Road  
**Zoning** S-15  
**Grantor** Prince Realty LLC  
**Year Granted** 2012

## **K. BROOKLINE CONSERVATION LAND TRUST**

### **WALNUT STREET**

**Size** 1.01 acres  
**Manager** Brookline Conservation Land Trust  
**Location** Walnut and Warren Streets  
**Zoning** S-15  
**Year Property Acquired by BCLT**  
1981 (from Marion Parson Alden)  
**Protection** Conservation Restriction  
**Grantor** Trustees of Brookline  
Conservation Land Trust  
**Year Granted** 2010

### **LOT 1 SARGENT BEECHWOOD**

**Size** 0.92 acres  
**Manager** Brookline Conservation Land Trust  
**Location** Sargent and Beechwood Roads  
**Zoning** S-40  
**Year Property Acquired by BCLT**  
1996 (from Gertrude H. Donald)  
**Protection** Conservation Restriction  
**Grantor** Trustees of Brookline  
Conservation Land Trust  
**Year Granted** 2010

### **LOT 5 COTTAGE STREET**

**Size** 2.02 acres  
**Manager** Brookline Conservation Land Trust  
**Location** Cottage Street  
**Zoning** S-40  
**Year Property Acquired by BCLT**  
1998 (from Clarita H. Bright)  
**Protection** Conservation Restriction  
**Grantor** Trustees of Brookline  
Conservation Land Trust  
**Year Granted** 2010

### **RICHARDSON PROPERTY**

**Size** 1.83 acres  
**Manager** Margaret Richardson  
**Location** Boylston Street (Route 9) opposite  
Brookline Reservoir  
**Zoning** S-15  
**Protection** Conservation Restriction  
**Grantor** Margaret Richardson  
**Year Granted** 2003

# Town of Brookline, Massachusetts

## Traffic Circles & Other

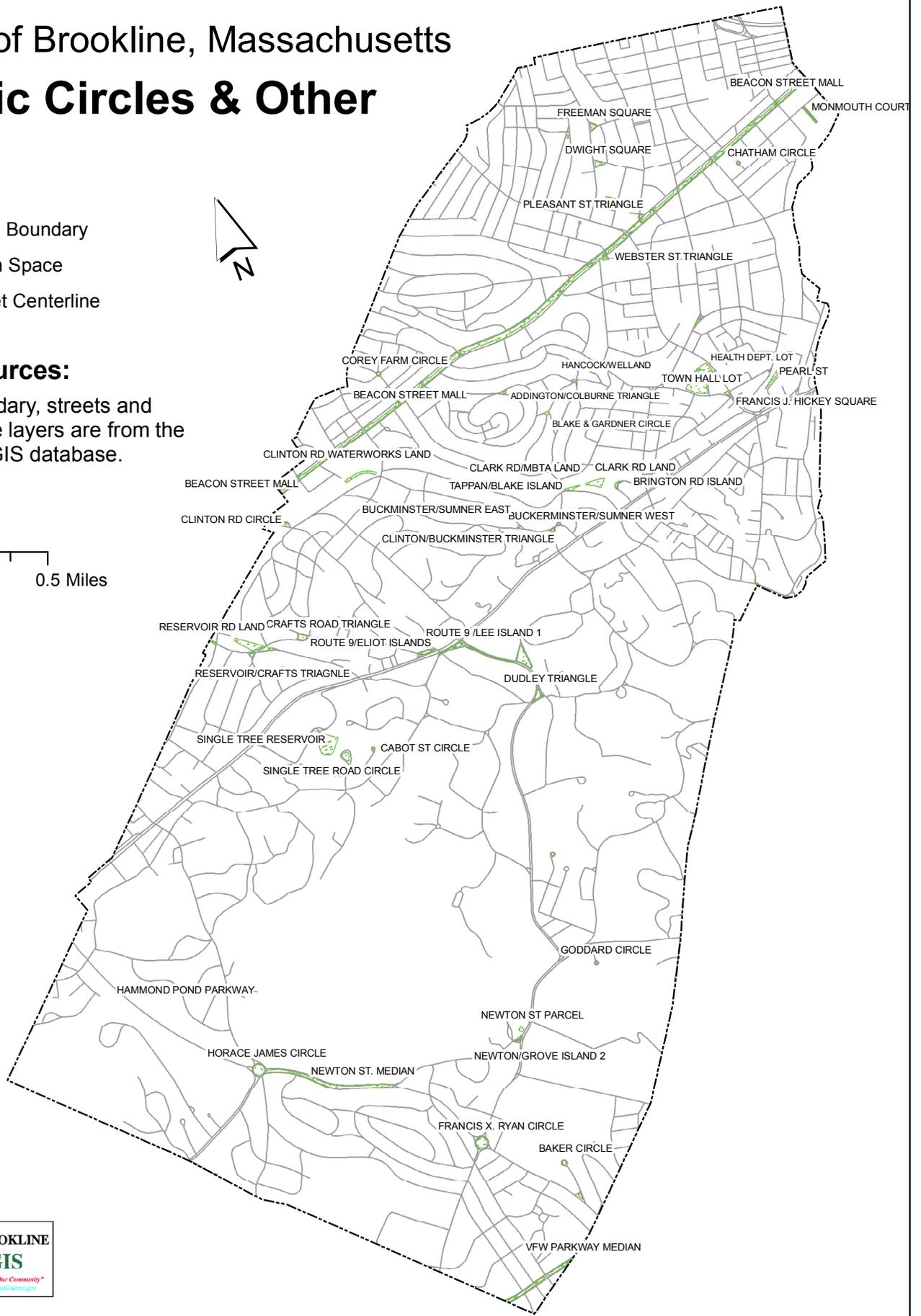
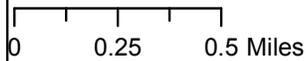
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## L. TRAFFIC MEDIANS, ISLANDS, AND OTHER PROPERTIES

### Beacon Street Mall

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	14.25 acres
<b>Protection</b>	NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Beacon Street
<b>Zoning</b>	L-1.0, M-1.5, M-2.0, G-1.75 (CC), M-2.5, G-1.75 (WS)
<b>Precinct</b>	1, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/06/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Median of Beacon Street



### OVERVIEW

Located in the most urban area of Brookline the mall acts as a median of Beacon Street and carries the MBTA Cleveland Circle trolley line down its middle. The mall consists of landscaped islands and parking lots abutting the MBTA right-of-way.

### PARK HISTORY

Beacon Street was laid out as a narrow county lane in 1850-1851 to link North Brookline to Boston. Forty years later Frederick Law Olmsted's design transformed it into a grand boulevard including a mass transit system that was the second electric trolley line in the country (and the oldest still in operation). This design included various lanes for designated means of travel, separated by rows of trees. Improvements to plantings, lighting, and street furniture were completed in 2009 as part of the Beacon Street Enhancements Project.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available beyond the State and National Register status.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in Beacon Street Mall.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** The mall can be reached from the roads intersecting Beacon Street though pedestrian use of the mall is restricted. A short stretch of asphalt pedestrian path along the train track separated by a row of *Potentilla* plantings is in fair condition.
- Concrete steps with steel pipe railings, negotiating the level difference for pedestrian crossing between the two sides of Beacon Street, are in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** Vehicular access is present wherever there is parking adjacent to the mall.

### Buildings and Structures

- There are many MBTA waiting shelters made of fiberglass in the mall in good condition plus a restored historic shelter at Coolidge Corner.

### Site Furnishings

- **Fencing:** Steel picket fencing bordering various sections of the mall is in good condition.
- **Lighting:** Single head cobra lights for Beacon Street located inside the mall are in good condition.
- **Signage:** There are many metal regulatory signs in good condition along the mall. There is a decorative steel sign kiosk in good condition at Coolidge Corner used to display information related to local events and programs

### Special Features

- The line of mature trees covering almost 80% of the mall is a distinctive feature which alleviates the

urban transportation character of the mall. Ornamental trees and shrubs supplement the shade trees, as well as seasonal bulb plantings.

**Park Issues**

- None.



Aerial photo of Beacon Street Mall (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Blake and Gardner Circle

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.1 acre
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Intersection of Gardner and Blake Roads
<b>Zoning</b>	S-7, T-6
<b>Precinct</b>	12
<b>Inventory Date</b>	8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Residential neighborhood



### OVERVIEW

The circle with trees and shrubs is surrounded by single family houses. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in Blake and Gardner Circle.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** It can be accessed from all sides.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be accessed from circular road around it.

#### Buildings and Structures

- None.

#### Special Features

- The circle with shrubs and perennials with granite curbing resembles a circular planter in character.
- There is a stamped cement border around the circle.

#### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Blake and Gardner Circle (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Brington Road Island

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.08 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Brington Road
<b>Zoning</b>	T-6
<b>Precinct</b>	6
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/04/04 revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Residential neighborhood.



### OVERVIEW

Located in a residential setting, the island has a small patch of perennial shrubs and 2 shade trees. It does not have enough area for physical public use. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information located.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, site furnishings, or irrigation in Brington Road Island.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** It can be accessed from all sides.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be accessed from Brington Road.

#### Buildings and Structures

- There is a fire hydrant and a wooden utility pole located inside the island.

#### Special Features

- The island with shade trees, shrubs, groundcover and granite curb resembles a linear planter in character.

#### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Brington Road Island (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Chatham Circle

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.03 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Chatham Circle
<b>Zoning</b>	S-10
<b>Precinct</b>	1
<b>Inventory Date</b>	8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Residential neighborhood



### OVERVIEW

This circle is located at the end of a dead end road in a residential neighborhood.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment or irrigation in Chatham Circle.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** It can be accessed from all sides.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be accessed from circular road around it.

#### Buildings and Structures

- **Lighting:** 1 cobra head lamp post is located inside the median and is in fair condition.

#### Special Features

- None.

#### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Chatham Circle (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Corey Farm Circle

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.06 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Intersection of Williston, Evans, and Downing Roads
<b>Zoning</b>	S-7
<b>Precinct</b>	13
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/04/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Residential neighborhood



### OVERVIEW

The circle with shrubs is surrounded by single family houses. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

The circle was constructed by Brookline in 1998 in response to a traffic calming initiative by the Salisbury Road-Corey Farm Neighborhood Association.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information located.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in Corey Farm Circle.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** It can be accessed from all sides.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be accessed from circular road around it.

#### Buildings and Structures

- None.

#### Special Features

- The circle with shrubs and perennials with granite curbing resembles a circular planter in character.

#### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Corey Farm Circle (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Dudley Triangle

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.81 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Intersection of Dudley and Lee Streets
<b>Zoning</b>	S-15
<b>Precinct</b>	14
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/04/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Residential neighborhood adjacent to the Brookline Reservoir and the approach road to Route 9



### OVERVIEW

The triangle with mature trees and open lawn act as a landscaped park. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

In the 1800s, this property was a Town gravel pit.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in Dudley Triangle.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** It can be accessed from all sides.
- **Vehicular Access:** It is accessed mostly from the side road as Dudley Street and Lee Street are busy roads.

#### Buildings and Structures

- There is a fire hydrant located inside the triangle.

#### Special Features

- Mature oaks over lawn.

#### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Dudley Triangle (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Dwight Square

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.16 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Intersection of Dwight and Babcock Streets
<b>Zoning</b>	T-5
<b>Precinct</b>	8
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/04/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located in a residential neighborhood; one block from Devotion School playground



### OVERVIEW

This is a small landscaped parcel surrounded by residential buildings. It has a mix of shade and flowering trees, flowering shrubs and groundcover, and seating. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields or playground equipment. The square was renovated in fall 2005 and irrigation installed.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** It can be accessed from all sides. There is a concrete sidewalk along Babcock Street and a secondary concrete walk with benches leading into the park.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be accessed from all sides.

### Buildings and Structures

- **Seat Wall:** A fieldstone seat wall was installed in fall of 2005.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** There are four Dumor steel benches along the secondary path.

### Special Features

- There is a fire hydrant and mail box located along the side of Babcock Street.
- Mature trees are located along the edge of the triangle.

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Dwight Square (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Eliot and Crafts Road Triangle

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.26 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Intersection of Eliot Street and Crafts Road
<b>Zoning</b>	S-10
<b>Precinct</b>	13
<b>Inventory Date</b>	12/08/05, revised 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located in a residential neighborhood near the Eliot Recreation Center



### OVERVIEW

This is a small landscaped parcel surrounded by single family homes. It has a mix of evergreen, shade and flowering trees over lawn and some flowering shrubs around a utility box. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

At one time there was a formal rose garden at the corner where Crafts Road meets Eliot Street.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in Eliot and Crafts Road Triangle.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** It can be accessed from all sides.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be accessed from all sides.

#### Buildings and Structures

- A utility box maintained by RCN is in the center of the island.

#### Special Features

- The mature trees, especially the White Pine, are significant amenities.

#### Park Issues

- Additional planting is needed to screen the utility box.
- The evergreen Yews are fully mature and will need to be replaced at some point.



Aerial photo of Eliot and Crafts Road Triangle (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Francis J. Hickey Square

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.06 acres
<b>Protection</b>	NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Intersection of Harvard and Washington Streets
<b>Zoning</b>	G-2.0
<b>Precinct</b>	6
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/02/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Commercial land use



### OVERVIEW

The square is located in a busy urban area with a commemorative plaque, benches, and planters. It is a highly used public space. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### PARK HISTORY

The square was renovated in 2016, with new paving, plant beds, and refurbished site furniture.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

It is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in Francis J. Hickey Square.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** It can be accessed from all sides. The sawcut concrete paving in the square is in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be accessed from Harvard Street and Washington Street, though there is no parking directly adjacent to the square.

#### Buildings and Structures

- There is a stone and bronze monument to Francis Hickey, for whom the square is named.
- The period reproduction clock at the center of the square is in good condition.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 8 wood and metal refurbished benches placed in a variety of orientations are in good condition.
- **Lighting:** There are 4 historic metal and glass lamp posts within the square in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** One pair of Big Belly trash and recycling receptacles is in good condition.

#### Special Features

- The redesign has meant that the square is used more for socializing in a positive way.

#### Park Issues

- None



Aerial photo of Francis J. Hickey Square (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Francis X. Ryan Circle

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.71 acres
<b>Protection</b>	NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division (owned by Commonwealth of Massachusetts)
<b>Location</b>	Intersection of West Roxbury Parkway and Grove Street
<b>Zoning</b>	S-10
<b>Precinct</b>	16
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/02/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Roundabout of busy streets next to Temple Emeth, a shopping area, and residences



### OVERVIEW

This landscaped island is also known as Putterham Circle. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

It is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields or playground equipment in Francis X. Ryan Circle.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** It can be accessed from all sides. A bituminous walkway bisects the circle.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be accessed from West Roxbury Parkway and Grove Street.

#### Buildings and Structures

- There are two metal posts near the flower bed at the center of the circle.

#### Site Furnishings

- **1 Veteran's Memorial post** is in good condition.

#### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** The Circle is irrigated.

#### Special Features

- The circle is planted with deciduous trees, deciduous and evergreen shrubs, and ground cover.

#### Park Issues

- Painted crosswalks providing access to circle are in poor condition. Busy vehicular traffic makes pedestrian crossing potentially hazardous.



Aerial photo of Francis X. Ryan Circle (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Freeman Square

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.15 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Intersection of Freeman and Babcock Streets
<b>Zoning</b>	M-1.5
<b>Precinct</b>	8
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/04/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located in a residential neighborhood; one block from Dwight Square



### OVERVIEW

This is a small landscaped parcel surrounded by residential buildings.

### PARK HISTORY

The park was renovated in the fall of 2005, with new irrigation, plantings, a seat wall and benches, and a secondary path.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields or playground equipment in Freeman Square.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** It can be accessed from all sides. There is a concrete sidewalk in good condition along Babcock Street.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be accessed from all sides.

#### Buildings and Structures

- **Seat wall:** A stone seat wall is in good condition.

#### Site Furnishings

- **1 Veteran's Memorial post** is in good condition.
- **Benches:** 4 steel benches located on the path within the square are in good condition.

#### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** The Square is irrigated.

#### Special Features

- There is an emergency light post located along the side of Babcock Street.
- Mature trees are located along the edge of the triangle.
- The veteran's memorial sign at the center of the triangle is surrounded by shrubs.

#### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Freeman Square (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Hammond Pond Parkway

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	25.66 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97
<b>Manager</b>	Commonwealth of Massachusetts
<b>Location</b>	Hammond Pond
<b>Zoning</b>	S-15
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/01/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Busy road lined with trees



### OVERVIEW

This busy street, some of which is adjacent to woods. The property is part of the MWRA parkway system.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in Hammond Pond Parkway.

### Access

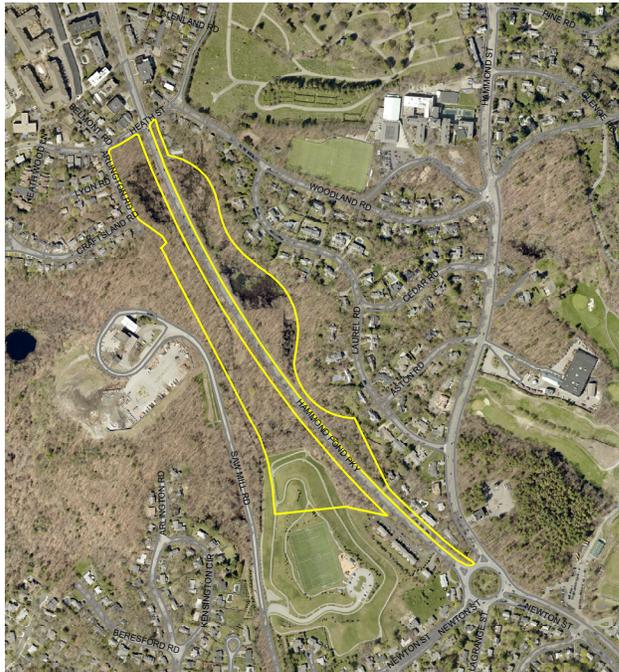
- **Pedestrian Access:** It can be accessed from the pedestrian crossing across Hammond Pond Parkway.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be accessed from Hammond Pond Parkway.

### Special Features

- Mature trees are located along a large extent of the Hammond Pond Parkway.

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Hammond Pond Parkway (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Hancock Welland

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.19 acre
<b>Protection</b>	None.
<b>Manager</b>	Commonwealth of Massachusetts
<b>Location</b>	Hammond Pond
<b>Zoning</b>	S-7, T-6
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/01/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Busy road lined with trees



### OVERVIEW

This open space exists as two parcels, one at the intersection of Gardner Road and Winthrop Road, and the other at the intersection of Welland Road and Gardner Road. They are located in a residential neighborhood.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in Hancock Welland.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** There is access from all sides.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

### Special Features

- None.

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Hancock Welland (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Horace James Circle

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.71 acres
<b>Protection</b>	NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division (owned by Commonwealth of Massachusetts)
<b>Location</b>	Intersection of Hammond Pond and West Roxbury Parkways
<b>Zoning</b>	S-15
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/01/04 revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Busy roads lined with thick vegetation in a residential neighborhood



### OVERVIEW

This is a landscaped island at the intersection of Hammond Parkway, West Roxbury Parkway, Newton Street, Hammond Street, and Lagrange Street. It functions well as a traffic island with aesthetically appealing landscaping. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

The Massachusetts Horticultural Society awarded a Blue Ribbon Certificate to the Tree Planting Committee in 1937 for its implementation of Sidney Shurcliff's landscape design.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

It is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields or playground equipment in Horace James Circle.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** There is access from all sides at the pedestrian crossings on the roads.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be accessed from all the roads that intersect at the circle.

#### Buildings and Structures

- None.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Lighting:** The single cobra head lamp posts for the roads are located inside the circle and are in good condition.

#### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** The Circle is irrigated.

#### Special Features

- The circle has mature deciduous trees. They are in good condition along with the deciduous and evergreen shrubs and open lawn.

#### Park Issues

- There is a need to evaluate possible issues related to vehicular sight-lines.
- Pedestrian access is dangerous.



Aerial photo of Horace James Circle (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## John Street and Green Street Parklet

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.19 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Intersection of John and Green Streets
<b>Zoning</b>	M-1.0
<b>Precinct</b>	8
<b>Inventory Date</b>	8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located in a dense residential area, near Harvard and Beacon Streets



### OVERVIEW

This is a landscaped seating area located at the intersection of John Street and Green Street. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment or irrigation in John and Green Street Parklet.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** There is access from both John and Green Street at the pedestrian crossings on the roads.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

#### Buildings and Structures

- None.

#### Site Furnishings

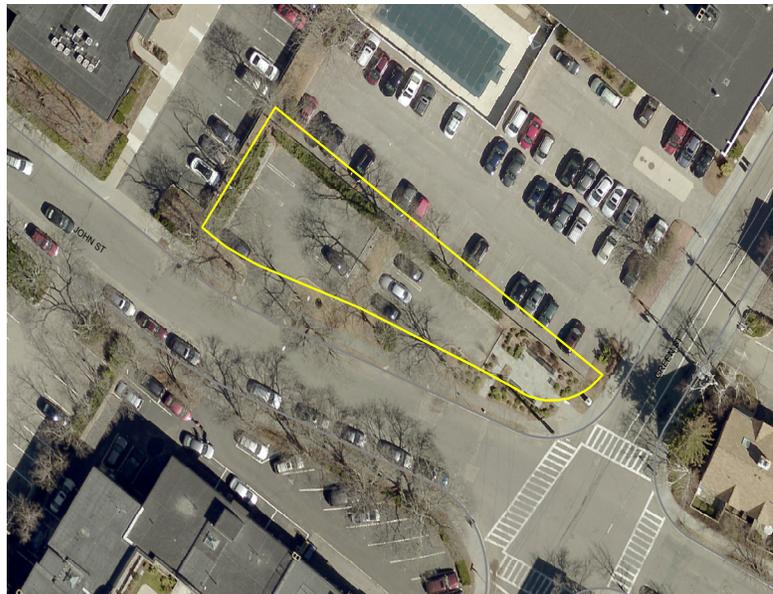
- **Benches:** 2 steel backless benches, 2 steel chairs, and 2 steel backed benches are located in the center of the parklet.
- **Trash receptacles:** 1 metal big belly trash compactor is located adjacent to Green Street.

#### Special Features

- The circle has young deciduous trees and shrubs. They are in good condition.

#### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of the John and Green Street Parklet (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Monmouth Court

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.11 acre
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Monmouth Court
<b>Zoning</b>	T-5
<b>Precinct</b>	1
<b>Inventory Date</b>	8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located in a residential neighborhood



### OVERVIEW

This landscaped median consists of a variety of different trees and is edged with granite curb.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment or irrigation in Monmouth Court.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** There is access from all sides.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

#### Buildings and Structures

- **Fencing:** Bollards with a steel chain, located on both ends of the median, are in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 3 cobra head lamp posts are located inside the median. They are in fair condition.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Lighting:** The single cobra head lamp posts for the roads are located inside the circle and are in good condition.

#### Infrastructure

- **Irrigation System:** The Circle is irrigated.

#### Special Features

- There is 1 fire hydrant located inside the median.

#### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Monmouth Court (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Paul Pender Rotary

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.10 acre
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Intersection of Chestnut Street and Pond Avenue
<b>Zoning</b>	M-1.0
<b>Precinct</b>	5
<b>Inventory Date</b>	8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Busy roads lined with thick vegetation at the terminus of Olmsted Park



### OVERVIEW

This is a landscaped island at the terminus of Olmsted Park, close to Jamaica Pond.

### PARK HISTORY

The rotary was redesigned and planting completed in 2009.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in the Paul Pender Rotary.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** There is no formal pedestrian access from any approach.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be accessed from all the roads that intersect at the circle.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Lighting:** One street light is in good condition.

#### Special Features

- The rotary is named for a Brookline resident and former fire fighter who was also a successful professional boxer.
- The plantings are attractive and in good condition.

#### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Paul Pender Rotary (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Pleasant Street Triangle

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.05 acres
<b>Protection</b>	NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Pleasant Street
<b>Zoning</b>	G-1.75 (CC)
<b>Precinct</b>	10
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/04/04 revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located in a commercial area along Beacon Street



### OVERVIEW

This triangle located north of Coolidge corner on Beacon Street consists of planters located on paved surface. It is heavily used by pedestrians and functions as a small urban park. Dogs are allowed on-leash.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

It is listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

It is listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in Pleasant Street Triangle.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** The triangle is accessible from the pedestrian crossing across Pleasant Street and is completely paved.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be accessed from Beacon and Pleasant Streets.

### Buildings and Structures

- There is a big granite cobble planter at the center of the triangle.

### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 3 wood and metal benches located across the central planter are in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 3 modern metal lights, each with double luminaries are located at each corner of the triangle
- **Trash receptacles:** 1 steel trash receptacle near the benches is in good condition.

### Special Features

- The evergreen shrub planting acts as a fence along the edge of the triangle.

### Park Issues

- The Yew planters affect the vehicular sight lines from Pleasant Street.



Aerial photo of Pleasant Street Triangle (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Single Tree Road Circle

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.33 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Single Tree Road
<b>Zoning</b>	S-25
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/04/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	End of a cul-de-sac in residential neighborhood



### OVERVIEW

The property is located at the end of a dead end road in a residential neighborhood. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in Single Tree Road Circle.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** It can be accessed from all sides as it is not fenced.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be accessed from Single Tree Road.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Lighting:** The single cobra head lamp posts for the road are located inside the circle and in good condition.

#### Special Features

- There are 2 fire hydrants and 1 emergency lamp post located along the edge of the circle.

#### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Single Tree Road Circle (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## VFW Parkway Median

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	1.17 acres
<b>Protection</b>	NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division (owned by Massachusetts DCR)
<b>Location</b>	VFW Parkway
<b>Zoning</b>	S-7, M-0.5
<b>Precinct</b>	16
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/04/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Residential neighborhood



### OVERVIEW

This linear median consists of mature oaks over lawn and is edged with granite curb.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

It is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in VFW Parkway Median.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** It can be accessed from both sides of the roads except at one location where timber fencing is present to discourage crossing over.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be accessed from the travel lanes of VFW Parkway.

### Site Furnishings

- **Fencing:** One part of the median has timber fencing in good condition.
- **Lighting:** The shoebox pole lights for the parkway are located inside the median on either side. They are in good condition.

### Special Features

- The mall of mature trees in the median renders a scenic effect to the Parkway.

### Park Issues

- Pedestrian access is dangerous. This is primarily a visual amenity.



Aerial photo of VFW Parkway (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Webster Street Triangle

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	0.08 acres
<b>Protection</b>	NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Webster Street
<b>Zoning</b>	G-1.75 (LSH)
<b>Precinct</b>	10
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/04/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Commercial and urban location in Coolidge Corner



### OVERVIEW

The triangle was designed as part of the entry to the Marriott Hotel and provides sculptural seating and planters. The site is heavily used by pedestrians and is located in an urban setting. It functions as a small urban park. Dogs are allowed on-leash. The Marriott Hotel has an agreement with the Town to maintain the plantings.

### PARK HISTORY

The new design replaced a former small gathering area with benches and a granite cobble planter.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

It is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in Webster Street Triangle.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** The triangle is located along the sidewalk of Beacon Street and can be accessed from the brick walkway in good condition.
- **Vehicular Access:** It can be reached from Beacon and Webster Streets.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 2 wood and metal benches, and 3 granite seats are in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 3 metal lamps of antique design are in good condition.
- **Signage:** The metal and fiberglass information kiosk with 3 faces acts as a major feature of the triangle announcing community events.
- **Trash receptacles:** 1 metal trash receptacle is in good condition.

#### Special Features

- The design and material of the triangle improve the streetscape of Beacon Street.
- It has planters with ornamental plantings along the road side.

#### Park Issues

- The brick pavement has slight drainage problems leaving water puddles after rain events.



Aerial photo of Webster Street Triangle (Town of Brookline, 2017)

## West Roxbury Parkway

<b>Category</b>	Medians and Traffic Islands
<b>Size</b>	2.16 acres
<b>Protection</b>	NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division, with assistance from Chestnut Hill Realty (owned by Commonwealth of Massachusetts)
<b>Location</b>	West Roxbury Parkway
<b>Zoning</b>	None
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/05/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Median passing Robert T. Lynch Golf Course at Putterham Meadows and single-family houses



### OVERVIEW

The parkway starting at Horace James Circle is part of Newton Street before South Street intersection. The median is lined with mature trees and planted with shrubs. It exists as two parcels, the division occurring where Wolcott Road meets the parkway. The terrain of the median varies from steep slope to relatively flat.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

It is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in the West Roxbury Parkway median.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** None.
- **Vehicular Access:** Maintenance vehicles access the median by parking on the unpaved shoulder of the road.

#### Buildings and Structures

- Stone retaining walls at one section of the median, where the slope the median varies between the opposite travel lanes, are in good condition.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Fencing:** Wood and metal guard rails along the median edge bordering the travel lane at higher elevation are in fair condition.
- **Lighting:** Single head cobra lights for the travel lanes located inside the median are in good condition.
- **Signage:** The wooden interpretive sign in the middle of the median is in good condition. It can be visible only from one travel lane as tall shrubs are planted behind it.

#### Special Features

- There are some rock formations with trees growing beside it in one part of the median.
- The ornamental plant beds and flowering trees improve the visual aesthetics of the parkway.
- There are several fire hydrants located along the median.

#### Park Issues

- Maintenance is difficult due to the undulating terrain.
- There are some overly mature trees.



Aerial photo of West Roxbury Parkway (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## OTHER SMALL OPEN SPACES

### Clark Road Land

<b>Category</b>	Buffers
<b>Size</b>	0.66 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Clark Road
<b>Zoning</b>	T-6
<b>Precinct</b>	6
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/04/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located between residential buildings and MBTA right-of-way



### OVERVIEW

The property is behind a residence and adjacent to MBTA subway line, and consists of fenced wooded area with very little active maintenance. It offers no physical or visual access to it and acts as a buffer zone between the subway line and the residential area. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, site furnishings, or irrigation in Clark Road Land.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** There is no public entry as the property is fenced.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

### Special Features

- The property contains mature trees.

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Clark Road Land (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Clark Road, MBTA Land

<b>Category</b>	Medians, Traffic Circles, and Other
<b>Size</b>	0.2 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	MBTA (owned by Commonwealth of Massachusetts)
<b>Location</b>	Clark Road
<b>Zoning</b>	T-6
<b>Precinct</b>	6
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/04/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Adjacent to Clark Road Land



### OVERVIEW

This property is located on a very steep slope and enclosed by a fence. It lies adjacent to a bridge over the MBTA subway line. The steep slope restricts physical access to the site. It acts as a buffer to negotiate the change in grade at the bridge.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information located.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, site furnishings, or irrigation in Clark Road, MBTA Land.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Can be accessed from Clark Road.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

### Special Features

- None.

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Clark Road, MBTA Land (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Clinton Road Waterworks Land

<b>Category</b>	Buffers
<b>Size</b>	0.53 acres
<b>Protection</b>	NR, SR
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division (owned by Commonwealth of Massachusetts)
<b>Location</b>	Clinton Road
<b>Zoning</b>	S-7
<b>Precinct</b>	14
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/04/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Connects to Clinton Path and to Waldstein Playground



### OVERVIEW

The property is fenced off and behind a residence from Clinton Road with no public access. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTION

It is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, site furnishings, or irrigation in Clinton Road Waterworks Land.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** The property is fenced, restricting public entry.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

### Special Features

- The property contains mature trees.

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial of Clinton Road Waterworks Land (Town of Brookline GIS) 2017

## Health Department Lot

<b>Category</b>	Medians, Traffic Circles, and Other
<b>Size</b>	0.74 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Beside Health Department building on Harvard Street
<b>Zoning</b>	G-2.0
<b>Precinct</b>	6
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/04/04, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located adjacent to Pierce School and Health Department



### OVERVIEW

Landscaped green space surrounds the Health Department building. The property with sloping ground is provided with drains to control stormwater.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTION

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in Health Department Lot.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Can be accessed from Harvard Street and Pierce Street.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

#### Buildings and Structures

- **1 memorial** with stone monument, bench and two chairs, dedicated to Jennifer Lynch, in good condition.
- 1 flag pole located by Harvard Street in good condition.
- Several utility boxes located behind the Health Department building in good condition.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Benches:** 1 wood and steel bench located adjacent to the parking lot is in good condition. 1 steel bench, and 2 steel chairs are located by the access path from Harvard Street and are in good condition.
- **Lighting:** 2 decorative metal lamps are in good condition.
- **Trash receptacles:** 1 Victor Stanley metal trash receptacle near parking area is in good condition.

#### Special Features

- None.

#### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial of Health Department Lot (Town of Brookline GIS) 2017

## Newton Street Parcel

<b>Category</b>	Buffers
<b>Size</b>	0.11 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Newton Street
<b>Zoning</b>	T-6
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/04/04 revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located between residential buildings and Newton Street



### OVERVIEW

The property is fenced and located on a sloping terrain along Newton Street with no public access. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

This land was part of the original site of the Putterham School. The school building was moved to Larz Anderson Park in 1965.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTION

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, or irrigation in the Newton Street Parcel.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** The concrete walkway along Newton Street gives direct access to the property.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

#### Buildings and Structures

- There is a concrete plaque on the ground just outside the fenced area.

#### Site Furnishings

- **Fencing:** The chain link fence running around the property is in good condition.

#### Special Features

- There are mature trees and shrubs on the property.
- The site also has a few rock outcroppings among the uneven terrain.

#### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Newton Street Parcel (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Reservoir Road Extension

<b>Category</b>	Medians, Traffic Circles, and Other
<b>Size</b>	0.092 acres
<b>Protection</b>	Article 97, NR, SR, LHD
<b>Owner</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Reservoir and Middlesex Roads
<b>Zoning</b>	S-10
<b>Precinct</b>	13
<b>Inventory Date</b>	12/7/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Residential neighborhood next to MBTA tracks



### OVERVIEW

This was once the extension of Reservoir Road to a vehicular bridge over the Green Line MBTA tracks. The roadway was replaced with a pedestrian path and bridge with native plants surrounding it.

### PARK HISTORY

Town Meeting in November of 2004 voted to discontinue a portion of Reservoir Road leading to the bridge over the MBTA tracks and designate the area for a park. This portion of the road had been out of use since 1978, when the road was closed due to the bridge being unsafe. The MBTA has since replaced the bridge with a new pedestrian-only bridge.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

It is listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places, as well as the Local Historic District Register.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, site furnishings, or irrigation in Reservoir Road Extension.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** Can be accessed from concrete walkway to footbridge.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

### Buildings and Structures

- None.

### Special Features

- None.

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Reservoir Road Extension (Town of Brookline, 2017)

## Reservoir Road Land

<b>Category</b>	Buffers
<b>Size</b>	0.98 acres
<b>Protection</b>	NR, SR, LHD
<b>Owner</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Unconstructed Reservoir Lane
<b>Zoning</b>	S-10
<b>Precinct</b>	13
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/04/04 revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Isolated location



### OVERVIEW

This unimproved property is located at the intersection of Reservoir Road and the unconstructed Reservoir Lane. It is a fenced property sloping down from the road level with no public access. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

No information is available.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

It is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places and is in the Chestnut Hill North Local Historic District.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic fields, playground equipment, site furnishings, or irrigation in Reservoir Road Land.

#### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** The property is fenced, restricting public access.
- **Vehicular Access:** None.

#### Buildings and Structures

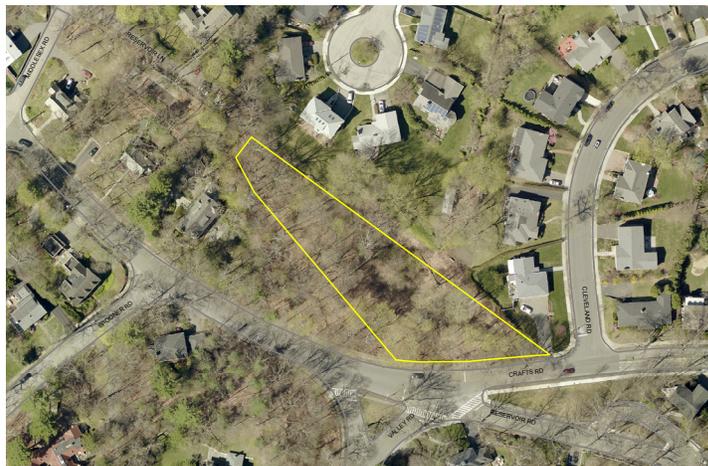
- There is an historic granite structure on the site, Weber's Waste, which was formerly associated with the Chestnut Hill Reservoir.

#### Special Features

- Timber fencing along the edge of Reservoir Road allows clear views into the property.
- The property contains mature trees.

#### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Reservoir Road Land (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

## Single Tree Reservoir

<b>Category</b>	Reservoir and Water Supply Lands
<b>Size</b>	2.76 acres
<b>Protection</b>	None
<b>Manager</b>	Brookline DPW, Parks Division
<b>Location</b>	Behind Chestnut Hill Benevolent Association
<b>Zoning</b>	S-25
<b>Precinct</b>	15
<b>Inventory Date</b>	11/04/04, revised 2/1/05, 8/15/18
<b>Vicinity</b>	Located off of Route 9; approach is adjacent to Chestnut Hill Benevolent Association



### OVERVIEW

The site contains a large green water tank and is part of the Town's water distribution system. Public access to the property is restricted. Dogs are not allowed.

### PARK HISTORY

No information prior to 2010 is available. In the fall of 2010, Town Meeting voted to amend the Zoning By-Law to create a new Renewable Energy Overlay District (Solar Overlay District) on the Single Tree Reservoir site, which allows ground-mounted solar photovoltaic panels to be potentially installed on the site in the future.

### DEED/TITLE/RESTRICTIONS

No information is available.

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SITE FEATURES AND AMENITIES

There are no athletic playfields, playground equipment, site furnishings, or irrigation in Single Tree Reservoir.

### Access

- **Pedestrian Access:** There is no public access. The property is fenced and gated.
- **Vehicular Access:** Asphalt surface maintenance vehicle access through the road accessing Chestnut Hill Benevolent Association parking lot is in good condition.

### Buildings and Structures

- Metal water tank located at the gated entrance dominates the view into the property.

### Special Features

- Stone walls and concrete steps are used to negotiate the grade changes within the property.

### Park Issues

- None.



Aerial photo of Single Tree Reservoir (Town of Brookline GIS, 2017)

**Weld Garden**

*WELD GARDEN glows with crimson velvet flowers  
And yellow flowers like the setting sun;  
The fountain sings in silver, splashing showers;  
Along the crannied tiles green mosses run.*

*Vines curl upon the slender marble figures  
Until the west wind strips them to the sky  
All naked: then they face the autumn rigors  
Till snow clothes them in ermine by and by.*

*The hilltop seaward looks across the plain  
Where fogs descend and where the salt sea shoals;  
There in the rift the white sails cleave the main,  
Hither and thither blown like human souls.*

Isabel Anderson

\* "Weld" was Larz and Isabel Anderson's estate, currently Larz Anderson Park.