

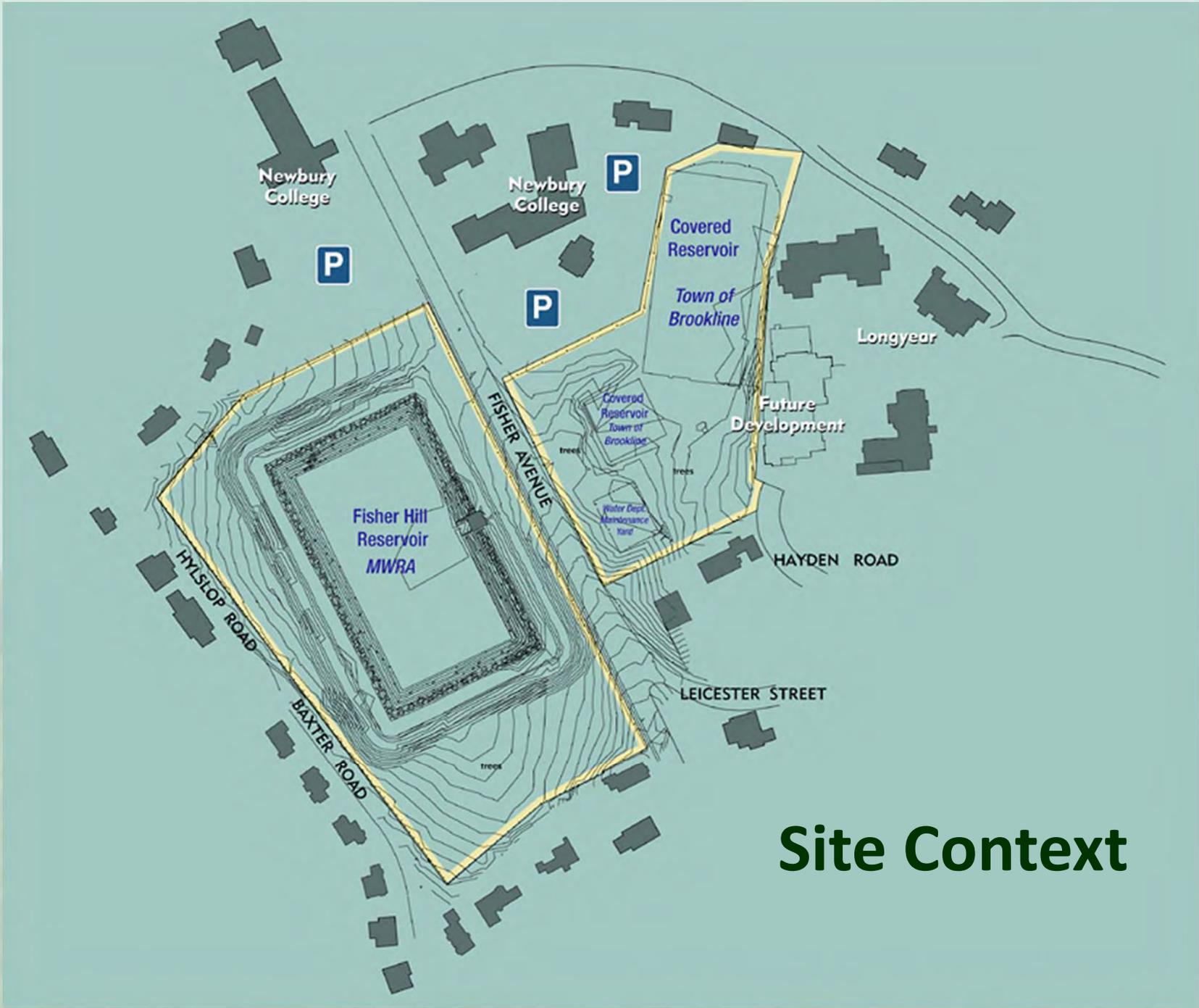


FISHER HILL RESERVOIR
PARK
PARK AND RECREATION
COMMISSION
DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS START-UP

March 30, 2011

A photograph of a two-story stone building with a gabled roof and a chimney, situated on a grassy hillside. The building features a prominent arched doorway on the ground floor and a smaller arched window above it. The background shows a dense forest of trees and a hazy sky. The text "History of the Project" is overlaid in a bold, dark green font across the center of the image.

History of the Project



Site Context

FISHER HILL RESERVOIRS



MASTER PLANNING: CHRONOLOGY

JUNE 2001: Department of Capital Asset Management notifies the Town that the state-owned, former Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) reservoir property on Fisher Avenue declared surplus. Town responds with a proposal to conduct a master plan study for both the state-owned reservoir and for the Town-owned reservoir directly across the street.

DECEMBER 2001: A Fisher Hill Master Plan Committee is established by the Board of Selectmen to evaluate the reuse potential of the two reservoir sites.

DECEMBER 2002: After meeting over the course of a year, The Fisher Hill Master Plan Committee recommends to the Board of Selectmen that the state side should be reused as a scenic amenity and public park that incorporates an athletic field, passive recreation and open space.

JANUARY 2003: After reviewing the December 2002 recommendation of the Fisher Hill Master Plan Committee, the Board of Selectmen acts on the Committee's recommendation to form two new committees to study separately the potential uses of the two sites. The Selectmen subsequently appoint State site and Town site committees.

STATE RESERVOIR



State Reservoir



STATE SITE PLANNING: CHRONOLOGY

SEPTEMBER 2003: The state site Selectmen's committee meets over the course of a year and presents a conceptual park design and associated budget to the BOS.

Soil testing/Test Pits

MAY 2005: Town of Brookline passed a home rule petition and filed enabling legislation for the purchase of the state surplus Fisher Hill Reservoir.

MAY 2007: Brookline Town Meeting approved funding for purchase of the site and preliminary improvements in the form of a \$1.35 million bond authorization.

JAN-FEB 2008: A bill to authorize the disposition of the land was approved by the Massachusetts Legislature in January and was signed by Governor Patrick in February.

SEPT. 2008: Environmental Notification Form Submitted to EOEEA with a Certificate issued to the Town in November 2008.

JANUARY 2009: Boundary site survey completed.

STATE SITE: CHRONOLOGY CONTINUED

SEPTEMBER 2009: Appraisal completed on the Fisher Hill site and reviewed by the IGs office.

NOVEMBER 2009: Warrant Article reviewed by Town Meeting authorizing the BOS to move forward with the purchase of the Fisher Hill Reservoir.

JUNE 2010: Grant Submitted for Land and Water Conservation Grant Funding.

NOVEMBER 2010: Draft Deed Language and associated land plan for the site.

DECEMBER 2010: MOU with Brookline Greenspace Alliance and Conservation Restriction Finalized.

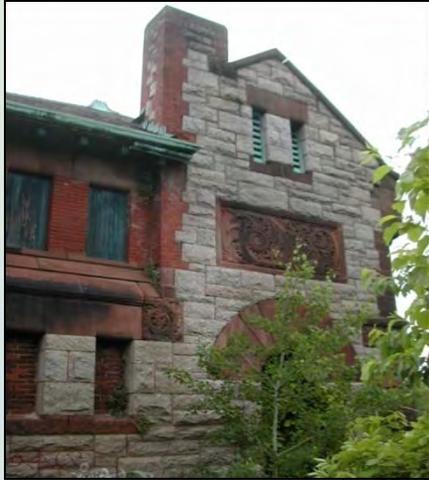
JANUARY 2011: Grant for a feasibility study for the Fisher Hill Reservoir Gatehouse submitted.

FEBRUARY 2011: Purchase and Sale for the Fisher Hill Reservoir Park Final

PRELIMINARY DESIGN PROCESS

- Four public meetings with the BOS Master Plan Committee
- Development and review of several design alternatives with associated costs
- Final approval by Park and Recreation Commission and BOS

STATE RESERVOIR



EXISTING CONDITIONS





FISHER HILL RESERVOIR



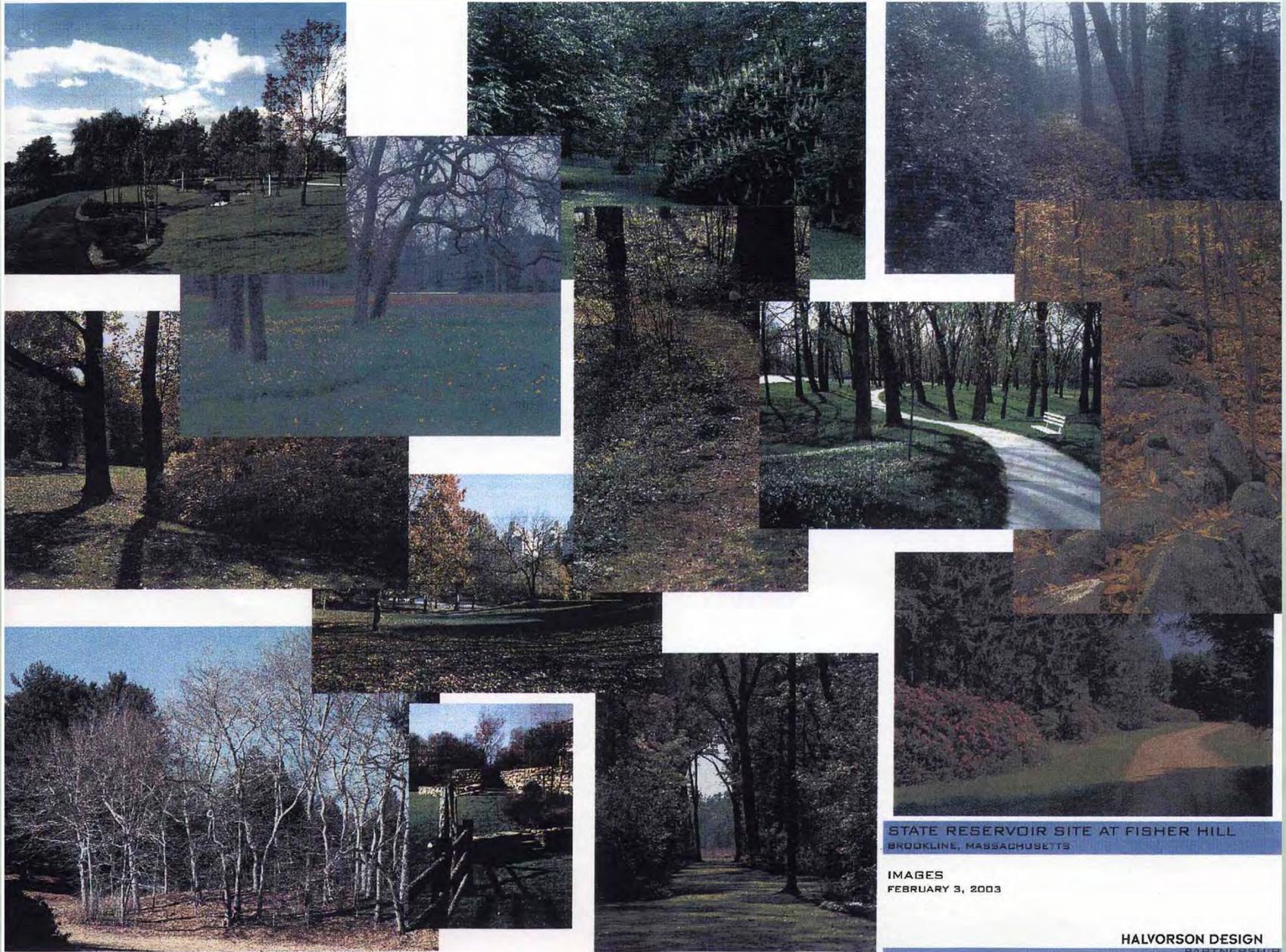
EXISTING CONDITIONS

STATE RESERVOIR REUSE



Fisher Hill Reservoir Park Conceptual Plan

- Athletic Field/Great Lawn
- Walking Paths
- Woodland Restoration and Habitat
- Parking
- Benches/Park Furniture
- Preservation of the Historic Gatehouse
- Storage Area for W&S Division
- Accessible Paths and Parking
- Grading/Planting to Define Views
- Restrooms and Equipment Storage



STATE RESERVOIR SITE AT FISHER HILL
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

IMAGES
FEBRUARY 3, 2003

HALVORSON DESIGN
PARTNERSHIP

A stone building with a gabled roof and a chimney, situated on a grassy hillside. The building has several windows and a small arched doorway. The background shows a line of trees and a hazy sky. The text "Process for Going Forward" is overlaid in a bold, dark green font across the middle of the image.

Process for Going Forward

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

- Three neighborhood/community representatives
- Five Park and Recreation Commissioners
- One Brookline Greenspace Alliance representative
- One Conservation Commissioner
- One Preservation Commissioner

SELECTION OF DESIGN CONSULTANT TEAM

- Request for Proposals
- Designer Selection Committee same as Design Review Committee
- Criteria for selection
- Disciplines to include landscape architecture, preservation architecture, engineering, noise analysis, and traffic and parking analysis

OPPORTUNITIES

- Meet town-wide needs for athletic field play
- Offer the opportunity to experience nature
- Creation of wildlife habitat with native plantings
- Universal accessibility for all abilities and age groups
- Consideration of various elements, such as a water feature, grading, layout, circulation, site lines, plant palette, historic interpretation, reuse of site materials
- Balance of active and passive recreational uses
- Build a place of natural beauty
- Provide a place for community gathering and social interaction

PROJECTED SCHEDULE

Spring 2011

- Start-up DRC meeting
- Appoint DRC
- Survey for base plan
- Design team selection
- Clear path around basin
- Site walk w/public and design team on 4/27
- Prune street trees
- Mark trees to be saved
- 2nd public DRC meeting

Summer 2011

- Design team begins work—familiarization with project, generates alternatives and costs
- Structural assessment and feasibility study for gate house

Projected Schedule, cont.

Fall 2011

- 3rd & 4th DRC meetings, further design development
- Noise analysis
- Traffic & parking study
- Coordinate with Olmsted Hill

Winter 2011-12

- 5th & 6th DRC meetings
- Complete design development and cost estimating
- Establish priorities for bid package
- DRC and Park and Recreation Commission vote approval
- Preservation Restriction on Gate House

Projected Schedule, cont.

Spring-Fall 2012

- Project is bid and awarded
- Construction begins

Spring 2013

- Construction complete (tentative)
- Opening celebration