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Acknowledgments

Many people contributed to the development of this Feasibility Study and the recommendations contained herein are an outgrowth of an expansive and comprehensive public process and associated dialogue. It is fair to state that nearly all participants shared a common goal, and that was to find ways to achieve meaningful improvement to one of the city's most important and iconic park, open space, and active sports and recreation properties. So much is expected within this 19-acre site, yet conditions are not such that they satisfy the needs of the myriads of users seeking respite from daily life in the form of programmed and informal sports, passive recreation, and environmental enhancement and protection. The hope is that this plan establishes a reasonable strategy for achieving meaningful improvement over the next decade in ways that are important to city residents.

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Introduction

After a procurement process that began in December 2019, Weston & Sampson was selected to complete the work of this feasibility study, collaborating with the West Knoll Feasibility Study Committee. As project work began, the COVID-19 pandemic began taking shape, and the means for coordinating as an integrated team, engaging the public and key stakeholder groups, and completing all tasks associated with the study required adjustment to comply with evolving federal, state, and local protocols for slowing the spread of the disease.

Despite certain obstacles, the work of the intended feasibility study effort has been satisfactorily completed and by shifting to a virtual format, regular committee meetings were held to chart progress and receive input, and a very constructive community engagement strategy was established and executed, where many Melrose residents generously shared their hopes and aspirations for this important, and frequently utilized park, athletic facility, and open space resource.

Some of the information below has been excerpted from the city's Request for Proposal, which identified basic goals and objectives for this study while highlighting the key aspects of the intended scope of work.

Ell Pond is a 19.1-acre active and passive recreation facility that surrounds Ell Pond near downtown Melrose. The land to the north of Ell Pond is utilized by the Melrose School Department during school hours, while the Melrose Park Department manages and maintains the property year-round, and assigns permits for various recreational activities during after school use hours. While not contiguous, it was also noted that work would include the Cabbage Patch Field, located to the north of Ell Pond Park and Lynn Fells Parkway, in front of the Melrose Veterans Memorial Middle School (MVMMS).



Prior to commencing the work of this feasibility study, the City of Melrose had documented a great need for additional playing fields in the community. Since the availability of land is limited, exploring the options for improving the functionality of existing grass fields by converting them to synthetic turf was a high priority of the study. Such a conversion will improve the longevity of those fields, reduce maintenance costs, and provide more opportunities for use. The city specifically stated a desire to understand the feasibility of adding synthetic turf to the West Knoll and Cabbage Patch fields.

Beyond assessing the viability of synthetic turf, the intent was to take a holistic approach to understanding the needs of Ell Pond Park, especially as it relates to stormwater management complications, access, parking, utilities, and the mobility of pedestrians and bicyclists. It was noted that the 23-acre Ell Pond is an impaired water body due to the host of pollutants that flow into it from the surrounding, developed areas. The protection and improvement of the pond ecosystem has been a long-stipulated goal of the city and many key stakeholder groups.



In summary, the primary goals of the feasibility study were to consider and to evaluate the following elements:

- One full and one-half synthetic turf field at West Knoll
- One full synthetic turf field at Cabbage Patch
- Lights for Lewis-Monk Field and Lyons Tennis Courts
- A modified entrance to the parking area around the Memorial Knoll and additional parking spaces, including some designated for the Melrose Dog Park
- Water accommodations to serve future irrigation needs, possibly off Tremont Street
- ADA accessible trail around Ell Pond
- A bike loop from Tremont Street to Crystal Street, including parallel to Lynn Fells Parkway
- Green infrastructure improvements to the benefit of Ell Pond
- Outdoor work area(s) with exercise stations
- Locker/storage features and drinking fountains

The preferred master plan, developed during the advancement of the feasibility study, identifies provisions to address all stated project goals and objectives. While some elements are relatively small (water service, storage lockers, drinking fountains) and not necessarily specifically called out on the plan(s), costs have been included and the intention would be to implement these during subsequent design phase efforts.

To establish a preferred master plan, and all associated phasing and cost strategies, the following work was completed:

- Field reconnaissance to examine the physical condition of all passive and active recreation facilities located within the confines of Ell Pond Park and at Cabbage Patch Field and to identify potential opportunities and challenges
- On-site investigations to determine soils characteristics and identify preliminary options for mitigating historic flooding and wet playing conditions
- Frequent meetings with the core feasibility study committee (approximately 17 meetings were held) to review advancing work and receive input of conceptual master plan options
- Multiple city-wide public engagement sessions to gather public insight and opinion and preferences on the evolving conceptual master plan
- Separate meetings with key stakeholder groups (Park Commission, Conservation Commission, etc.) to gather insight
- Confirmation of a preferred conceptual master plan, to identify the full potential scope of physical park improvements with associated costs and potential phasing strategies

Thanks to the significant contribution of ideas and the wide range of viewpoints shared by dozens of staff members, commission members, and residents during various phases of the feasibility study advancement, the preferred master plan identifies a series of site improvements that seek to honor basic tenets as follows:

1. Provide meaningful, site appropriate and long-lasting upgrades to playing fields to better serve the myriad of sports playing groups (school and city sports and recreation programs) who have long been held back by frequent game and practice cancellations and a general lack of playing field options.
2. Provide additional property upgrades that enhance public use and enjoyment of the unique passive recreational opportunities offered by Ell Pond Park and the surrounding public lands.
3. For all improvement projects, embed new infrastructure to reduce and mitigate adverse impacts to the environmental resources associated with Ell Pond and that help to improve water quality.
4. Implement a series of site improvements to improve access, parking, pedestrian and bicycle circulation, ADA compliance and opportunities for multi-generational use and enjoyment within a park setting that is equitable and inclusive.

Public Participation

To arrive at a conceptual master plan that attempts to represent the needs, hopes, and aspirations of the Melrose community, the project team embarked on a public engagement process that included:

- Frequent meetings with a Study Committee/Working Group (the Committee included representatives from Public Works, Parks Department, Recreation, School Department, Planning and Community Development, Conservation, and the Ell Pond Improvement Council) to advance all work efforts
- City-wide public engagement sessions to present information and receive input
- A city-wide preference survey to frame up basic resident preference and compile project goals and objectives
- A city-wide follow-up survey to provide feedback on the advancing conceptual design plans (3 concepts were presented)
- Presentation to select City boards and commissions (Park Commission, Conservation Commission, etc.)
- Informal input provided by various constituents and stakeholders throughout the process

The table below identifies the primary meetings that were held over an approximately 18-month period. Originally, it was anticipated that the feasibility study would be completed in a more expedited fashion, yet the worldwide pandemic created impediments to a more efficient progression of work tasks, and to comply with social distancing protocols, which were in effect throughout most of this time, all meetings shifted to a virtual, on-line format.

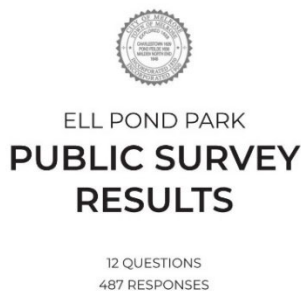
Meeting Type	Date	Topic/Purpose
Kick-off Meeting [1]	8/13/2020	Project schedule, goals
Working group Meeting [2]	8/27/2020	Draft survey questions and field use form
Working group meeting [3]	9/10/2020	Progress/coordination
Site visit- Met Joan on site	9/16/2020	Site inventory
Working Group Meeting [4]	9/28/2020	Reviewed site visit observations
Working Group Meeting [5]	10/14/2020	Reviewed draft concepts
Working Group Meeting [6]	10/26/2020	Reviewed evolving concepts
Working Group Meeting [7]	11/9/2020	Submitted draft presentation for public meeting
Working Group Meeting [8]	11/16/2020	Reviewed final draft presentation for public meeting
Public Engagement Meeting	11/19/2020	Reviewed project status, initial findings, survey responses, and draft improvement concepts
Working Group Meeting [9]	12/2/2020	Discussed outcomes and debriefed from public meeting
Working Group Meeting [10]	1/6/2021	Discussed newly revised concepts
Park Commission Meeting	2/1/2021	Reviewed project status, and concepts with Commission, discussed potential permitting challenges

Working Group Meeting [11]	2/17/2021	Reviewed presentation for Conservation Commission
Conservation Commission Meeting	2/18/2021	Reviewed project and concepts with Commission, discussed environmental enhancement and protection strategies
Working Group Meeting [12]	3/31/2021	Discussed outcomes and debriefed from public meetings (Parks Commission and Conservation Commission)
Working Group Meeting [13]	8/3/2021	Reviewed permitting challenges and revised concepts
Working Group Meeting [14]	9/6/2021	Submitted/reviewed preferred concept plan
Working Group Meeting #15	10/20/2021	Reviewed refined/preferred concept plan
Working Group Meeting #16	11/22/2021	Outlined draft and final report requirements and intentions
Working Group Meeting #17	TBD	Discuss draft report

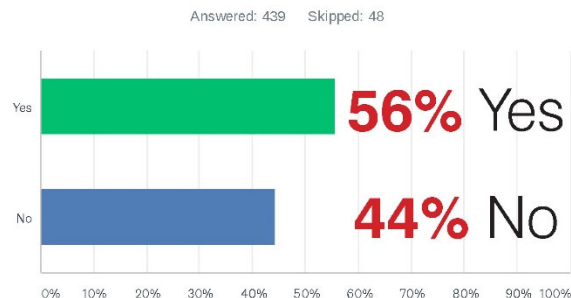
Dozens of Melrose residents participated in the three public meetings, and many were very generous in sharing their thoughts. Based on input received from the various surveys, public meetings, and insights gathered at the working group sessions, preferred concept plans were developed and then advanced. In general, those who participated in the process and contributed their hopes and ideas tended to fall into three “camps” as follows:

- Advocates for improved sports + recreation facilities
- Advocates for enhanced and protected environmental resources
- Advocates supporting both viewpoints above and generally in support of advancing the property’s passive and active recreational facilities and environmental assets

The preferred plan, discussed later, is an attempt to balance the various viewpoints referenced above in a way that is fair and equitable to all Melrose community members who continue to seek the benefits at this important city park, sports and recreation facility, and environmentally sensitive property.



Q2 Are existing sports and recreation facilities at Ell Pond Park (fields and/or courts) sufficiently meeting the needs of your organization or program in terms of availability and performance?



The images above are taken from the first on-line Ell Pond Park survey, with 487 residents responding and a sample response tally sheet. Refer to the Appendix for the complete results.

The images below have been excerpted from the second on-line survey where residents were asked to rank their favorite scheme and contribute additional thoughts about what they liked/did not like. The preferred master plan, included in this feasibility study, contains aspects of all three of the original concept plans (1-3 “respectfully” as they appear below) in an effort to honor various viewpoints.

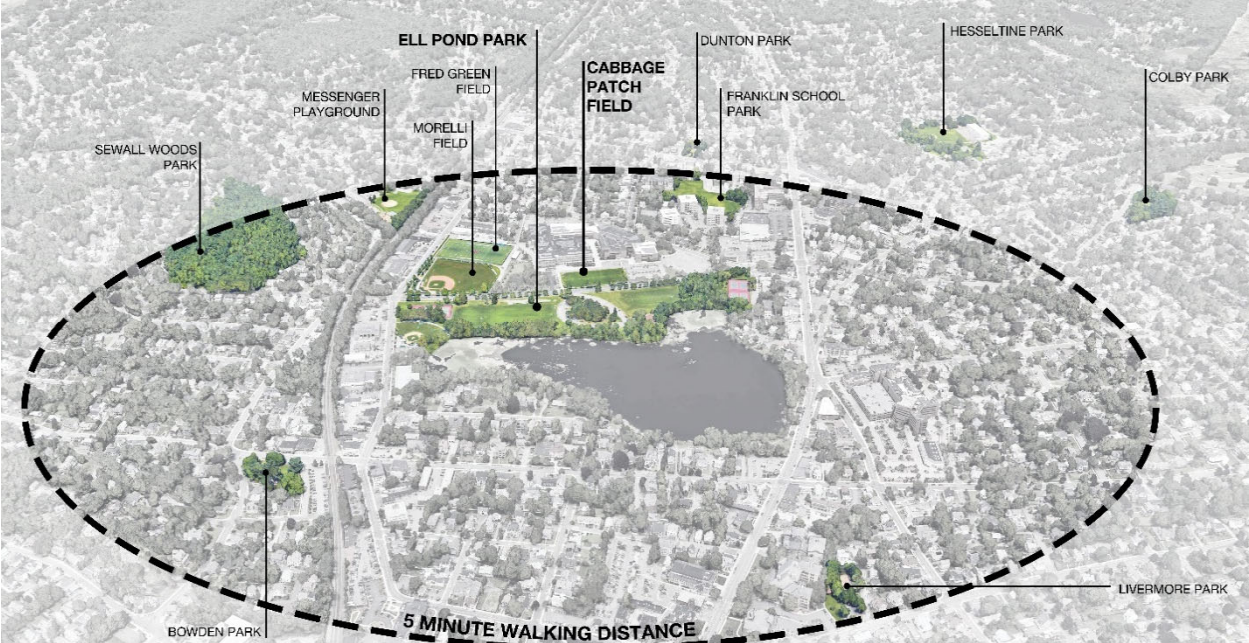


Existing Conditions

The Site

Ell Pond Park covers approximately 19.1 acres of land bordering the northern edge of Ell Pond in the central region of Melrose. Long embraced by the community for its passive and active recreation amenities, Ell Pond Park is easily accessed as it's bordered by three heavily used streets, Tremont Street to the west, Crystal Street to the east, and Lynn Fells Parkway along the northern edge.

Due to its central location, Ell Pond Park is surrounded by many critical gathering places for the community, such as, Melrose High School, Melrose Veterans Memorial Middle School (MVMMS), Melrose Public Library, Melrose Wakefield Hospital, and various commercial businesses. Multiple fields and parks fall within a five-minute walking distance from Ell Pond as well, including Morelli Field and Fred Green Field which were both renovated in 2011, Cabbage Patch Field, Franklin School Park, Messenger Playground, Bowden Park, Livermore Park, and Sewall Woods Park.



Birdseye view of a five-minute walking distance from Ell Pond Park

Within Ell Pond Park there are eight tennis courts in total, with four courts located on the east and west sides of the park respectively, a little league field known as Lewis Monk Field, two multi-use rectangular fields known as West Knoll Field and East Knoll Field, a dog park, an informal pond edge trail and a parking lot surrounding the historic memorial knoll. Please refer to the detailed site inventory located in the appendix. The park is maintained by the DPW Green Team who also provide the maintenance and prep for all parks in Melrose with exception to Mount Hood.



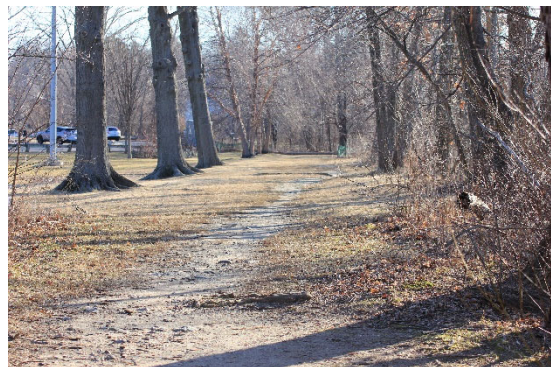
Aerial image of the project limits including Ell Pond Park and Cabbage Patch Field.

Access + Circulation

Pedestrians can access the park off of Tremont Street, Crystal Street and through the main entrance along Lynn Fells Parkway. A four-foot high chain link fence follows the park perimeter limiting access along Lynn Fells Parkway to the parking lot entrance and two smaller openings on either side. The parking lot entrance represents the single vehicular entrance/exit into the park. Sidewalks line all three edges of the park and include handicap ramps and warning signals at high traffic pedestrian crossing areas.



Within the park, there is only one paved walkway located around the Lyons Street Tennis Courts perimeter and providing a connection between Tremont Street and Lynn Fells Parkway. A foot trail has been worn into the landscape leading from the right foul line of Lewis Monk Field and following the pond edge up to the eastern edge of East Knoll Field.



The wetland inlet located between East Knoll Field and the Crystal Street Tennis Courts prevents internal access to the courts from the larger park area. Access can only be achieved by the perimeter sidewalk along Lynn Fells Parkway.

Vegetation & Wildlife Habitat

Ell Pond Park has a variety of vegetation ranging from northern hardwoods, with oak as the predominate species, to lowland wetland shrubs. Within the park there are mass groupings of trees comprised of deciduous species including red oak, white oak, red maple, beech, birch, and poplar as well as numerous evergreens including a variety of spruces, hemlocks, and pines. There have been efforts made in the past years to improve the vegetation throughout the park. The city has utilized numerous grants as well as coordinated with the Ell Pond Improvement Council (EPIC) who arranges an annual “Green and Clean” day which involves the planting of hundreds of native shoreline trees and shrubs.

Certain invasive species have long populated the site, most notably oriental bittersweet and water chestnut.

The site is populated by a wide variety of wildlife including birds, waterfowl (ducks, herons, swans, and Canada geese), squirrels, racoons, chipmunks, opossum, and the occasional fox and coyote as well as a variety of turtles, amphibians, and fish. The swans in particular have been well loved by the community and have claimed the northeastern edge of the pond as their permanent nesting ground. Groups within the community have documented multiple generations of swans who have called Ell Pond their home. On the other hand, geese have become troublesome in recent years and have been overpopulated at Ell Pond. In efforts to control the goose population, the Melrose Health Department has an on-going contract with the DEP to perform an annual control method which includes adding the eggs in the spring, then coming back and using nuisance methods and trapping to remove a percent of them off site. This method has had successful results in the past few years and will be continued.

Ell Pond

Ell Pond is approximately 22 acres and sits at the lowest elevation in Melrose. Historically, the water quality at Ell Pond was not closely monitored, resulting in poor water quality per current standards. The city has now established an annual program to improve water quality



through chemical treatments to help reduce the algae blooms. As a result, and in a way that was not intended, the reduced algae levels made room for the invasive water chestnut to overtake the pond. In the past 3-5 years approximately one quarter of the pond has been overtaken by this invasive species. There have been efforts made by EPIC to remove the water chestnuts during the “Green and Clean” volunteer days and the Mystic River Watershed Association conducts annual hand-pulling drives between mid-June and mid-August. Additionally, the city is starting a three-year plan to control the water chestnuts in Ell Pond overseen by the Conservation Commission.

The pond has also struggled with chronic low water depth since 2008. The levels have been on average a foot lower than historic levels causing the shallower areas of the pond to appear more swamp-like.



Pond Access

Pond access is informal and generally uncontrolled. It's a short walk to the pond edge from the parking area where a few worn down foot paths have created clear and relatively easy access to the pond for boats or fishing. The uncontrolled nature of access to the pond edge has caused damage to banks, adjacent resource areas, and the quality and condition of the vegetation.

Existing Parking

The existing parking lot is located in the center of the park and is a one-way counterclockwise loop, around the memorial knoll. The parking lot is approximately one acre and accommodates 126 cars. The bituminous concrete surface is in poor condition with cracks and settlement issues throughout. The parking lot is



extremely busy during the school year because it is located right across the street from the high school and is used as the student parking lot. With only one entrance/exit, the lot becomes disorganized, chaotic, and inefficient during busy hours. During times of heaviest use, students (typically) make use of undesignated areas to store their vehicles.

The city has established a relationship with Farm Direct Coop, a hybrid organization that is part CSA, part food hub, that helps bring produce from local farms to the community. Farm Direct Coop currently stores their container adjacent to the knoll parking lot where they distribute their food weekly. As part of this study, it is important to note, the city intends to maintain this relationship and keep the container at the park.

Memorial Knoll

The memorial knoll sits in the center of the park surrounded by the parking lot. There are five memorials located at the perimeter base of the knoll. The first memorial is closest to the entrance of the park and includes a bronze plaque on a granite boulder with granite bricks laid out in front with names etched into them. This World War I memorial honors the 32 Melrosians who lost their lives in that conflict.

The World War II memorial is located on the east side of the knoll and features design elements and key symbols from the national monument in Washington, D. C., including a water feature, Atlantic

and Pacific wreaths and the “Kilroy was here” symbol engraved on one of the benches. This monument was dedicated on November 11, 2017 (Veteran’s Day).

The Korean War memorial is located on the southeast side of the knoll and is carved in jet black granite with etched portraits of the 6 Melrose residents who lost their lives fighting for our country. This memorial was dedicated by the citizens of Melrose on May 24, 2015.

The latest memorial, pictured to the right and located on the southwest side of the knoll, was installed in the summer of 2020 and is the Vietnam Reflect Area. It includes an American flag made out of stone, 3 granite benches and surrounding landscape plants.



The fifth memorial the student respect garden and consists of a gravel walkway leading to two rows of granite bricks with inspiring words etched into the tops of them. The bricks lead to a boulder with planting behind it and flags around it. This memorial is located on the east side of the knoll, adjacent to the entrance monument.

Additionally, the trees located on the knoll were planted to commemorate Melrose residents lost to War.

There are also informal stone stairs that provide pedestrian access to the top of the Memorial Knoll. They have been maintained throughout the years and remain in good condition.



The image on the left is the World War I Memorial and on the right is the World War II Memorial

Fields

There are three fields at Ell Pond Park. The Lewis Monk Field is a 60' Little League field located in the southwestern edge of the park. This field includes two dugouts, five spectator bleachers, team benches, batting cages, and a small support building for storage. The field is irrigated, helping to keep the natural turf in good condition throughout the summer months.



To the west of the memorial knoll lies West Knoll Field. Used mainly for soccer, this field is over utilized and often has an expansive worn area running longitudinally down the center of its crowned grade. The field has two footprints that can be played on at the same time. Closer to the parking lot, there is a 360'x240' field space with four associated sports lights. The eastern side of

the field is utilized as a 150'x120', U9-U10 soccer field. During the site visit, the field had been resting due to the pandemic restrictions and the natural turf was in notably improved condition. Confirmed through visual observation and anecdotal information provided through the Parks Department and community feedback, the field frequently exhibits major drainage issues and turf conditions are less than ideal during the regular season due to overuse.

The third field (shown in the photo to the left) is located on the eastern side of the knoll and is referred to as East Knoll Field. This field is approximately 300'x175'. This field is used mainly for youth soccer and middle school football practice. There is a low-lying area along the western boarder of East Knoll Field which often encounters standing water during the peak season of desired use. The city tried to mitigate the drainage issue a few years back by adding in a catch basin, but the problem has persisted and has led to scheduling issues related to the field use.

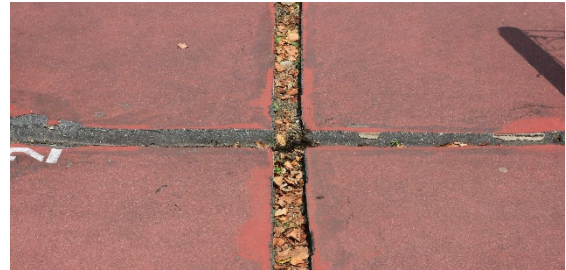


View of West Knoll Field from the top of the knoll (it is important to note that COVID pandemic restrictions caused the extent of programmed sports and recreation activities to plummet. Not surprisingly, this had a positive impact on the quality of turf conditions that were evident throughout the study period).

Courts

There are two sets of four tennis courts (eight courts total) at Ell Pond Park. The Crystal Street Tennis Courts run parallel with Crystal Street at the eastern side of the park. This region of the park is cut off from the rest of the park by a drainage inlet to Ell Pond and associated wetlands and can only be accessed by the perimeter sidewalk at the Lynn Fells Parkway. The Lyons Tennis Courts are located in the northwest corner of the park at the intersection of Tremont Street and Lynn Fells Parkway.

The Lyons Tennis Courts were refinished in 2015 and are in good condition with only minor crack and color sealcoat repairs expected within the next ten years. The Crystal Street Courts are in fair condition. The ten-foot-high fencing and amenities are in good condition, but the surface contains 3"-6" cracks at the pavement seams. These cracks constitute tripping hazards and should be addressed in the near future.



The image on the left is of the Lyons Tennis Courts and the image on the right depicts the existing surface conditions at the Crystal Street Courts.

Preferred Master Plan

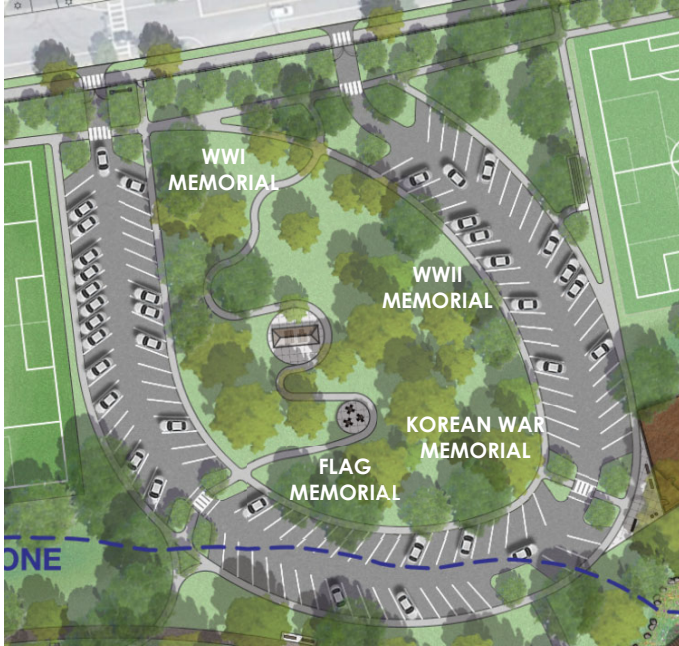
The preferred master plan was established by the consultant team in direct response to the ideas and preferences put forth by representatives of Public Works and Parks departments, the Conservation Commission, engaged community members, and other key stakeholders. As previously noted, dialogue at the three public meetings was thoughtful, with participants generally interested in striking a balance in the approach to refurbishing and enhancing this important property and recreational resource. To find that balance, project proponents established a number of central themes, and these are summarized below:

- The site is very much loved as it is, so the master plan should include preserving and enhancing all that is great.
- In order to improve universal access for all site amenities, walkways and paths must be incorporated throughout the park.
- Desired improvements to the active recreation facilities include turf quality, grading, drainage, amenities, the addition of synthetic turf at West Knoll Field, and court improvements
- Desired improvements to passive recreation include pedestrian access, trails, and enhancement of other green spaces scattered throughout
- Preserving the overall natural feel of the park
- Improvements to the parking lot and its circulation for more efficient parking and for safety
- Improvements to the stormwater management
- Wetland rehabilitation and pond edge improvements
- Other landscape improvements including protection of the existing tree canopy and expansion of the canopy
- Other site improvements that promote climate resiliency, sustainability, and social equity

The master plan was designed to strike the right balance between active and passive recreation as it introduces a relatively modest array of improvements that are in keeping with the preferences of master planning participants, and with the City of Melrose’s capacity to maintain and operate the property in good order, while protecting and improving natural resources.



EII Pond Park Preferred Master Plan. Refer to appendix for full size rendering



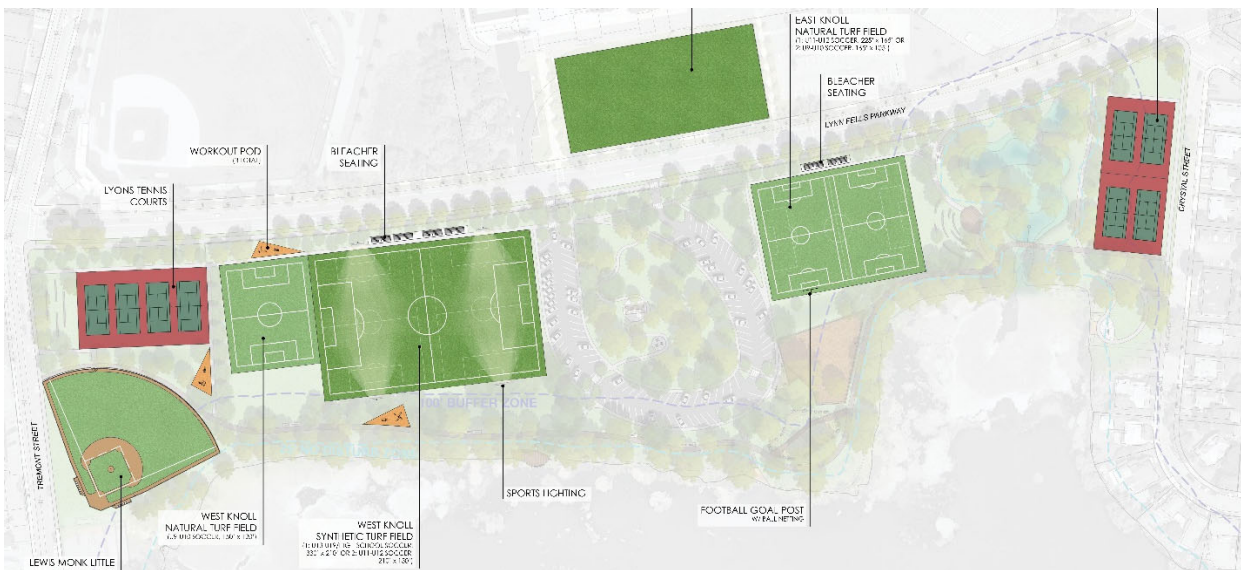
Parking and Arrival

Based on community feedback and in-person observations, it was evident that the existing parking configuration is not efficient and does not adequately meet current parking needs. Being mindful of the historic memorial knoll, a parking configuration was established during the master planning process to have minimal impact on the memorials and general location and form of the knoll.

The proposed parking follows the general curve of the existing parking, but where possible, straight runs and gentler curves were incorporated to improve lines of sight and facilitate movement. The parking remains one-way and formalizes the striping for better organization. The most

significant introduction includes a separate entrance and exit. This will alleviate the interior congestion that occurs at the existing single entrance/exit and reduce street traffic on Lynn Fells Parkway. The proposed lot increases the number of spaces from 126 to 128 and includes 5 handicap spots. An alternative configuration was also established that includes shifting the exit further to the east, providing greater separation between the two points of ingress and egress. This configuration would not follow the existing shape of the knoll as well, like the one shown above, but it provides traffic calming and a safer driving experience. This concept can be found in the appendix.

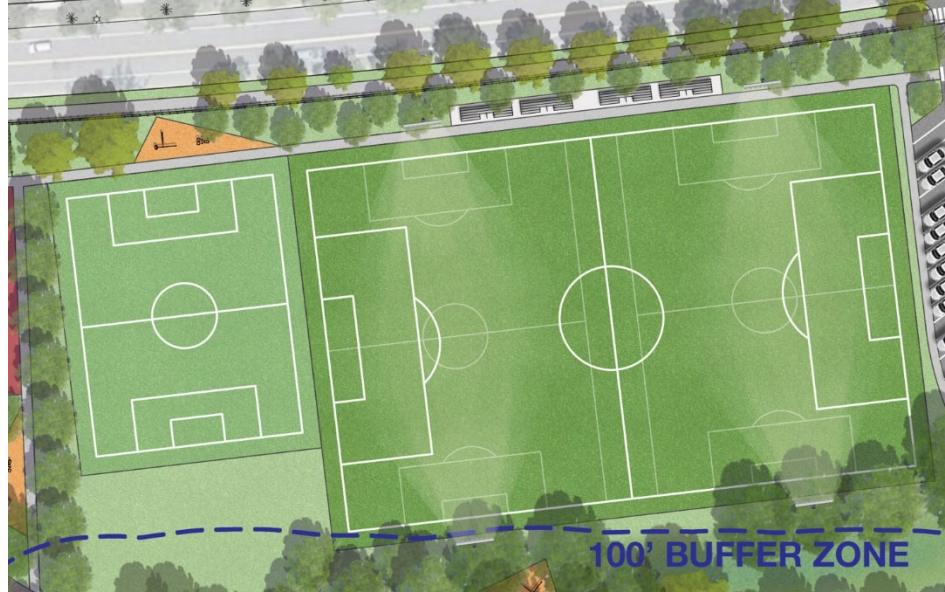
Active Recreation



Proposed active recreation amenities at Ell Pond Park. Refer to appendix for full size rendering. It is important to note that a major impetus for this study was the chronic shortage of sports fields in Melrose, which leaves large numbers of residents seeking sports and recreation outlets underserved and results in the poor condition of the fields at Ell Pond Park.

West Knoll Field

In order to maintain optimal field conditions without reducing the amount of use West Knoll field accommodates, a 330'x210' synthetic turf field is proposed. The field would be in the same location as it is now, but slightly reoriented to follow the angle of the road and would include lighting, additional spectator seating and accessible perimeter walks. A 150'x120' natural turf field is proposed to the west of the synthetic turf field footprint to maintain existing recreational needs. Please refer to the appendix for additional information on synthetic turf and infill options.

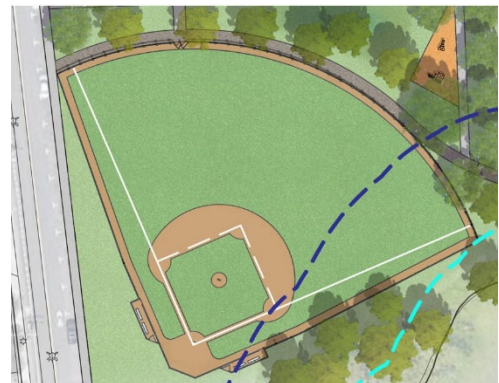


East Knoll Field

East Knoll Field is recommended to remain in its existing location as a natural turf field. The proposed field is slightly smaller than the existing field, reducing from 300'x175' to 225'x165'. The same sports can still be accommodated by this reduction and additional green space is gained. The football post is relocated to avoid conflicts with parked cars and includes 20' ht. sports netting behind the post to capture stray balls. Three bleacher systems are proposed at this location, two along the northern side for when the field is played the long way and one along the eastern side for the short-sided games.

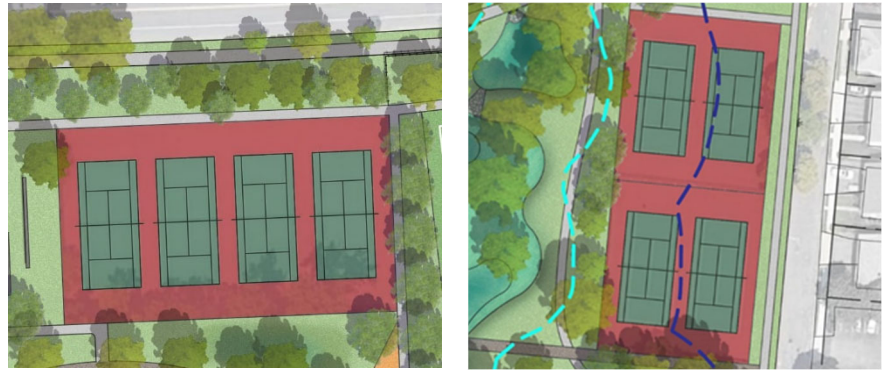
Lewis Monk Little League Field

Lewis Monk Field is in good condition. Minor accessibility improvements are recommended behind the dugouts and backstop. It was also discussed during the preliminary master planning process to formalize the footpath along the right foul line that connects to the Ell Pond Trail. This would require additional permitting as it would extend into the 25' no disturb zone around the pond.



Lyons Tennis Courts and Crystal Street Tennis Courts

The existing tennis courts are to remain in place. The fencing and amenities are in good condition. In order to avoid the tripping hazards created by the large cracks at the Crystal Street Tennis Courts, milling and overlay of the asphalt surfacing and installation of new color sealcoat and line painting is recommended. The Lyons Tennis Courts were refurbished in 2015 and are expected to need minor crack and color sealcoat repair over the next ten years.



Cabbage Patch Field

Cabbage Patch Field will maintain its existing footprint of 315'x150', but it is recommended to be converted to synthetic turf. This will alleviate the constant wear and tear the natural turf is experiencing and provide a uniform surface for the permitted sports as well as the middle school and high school gym classes.

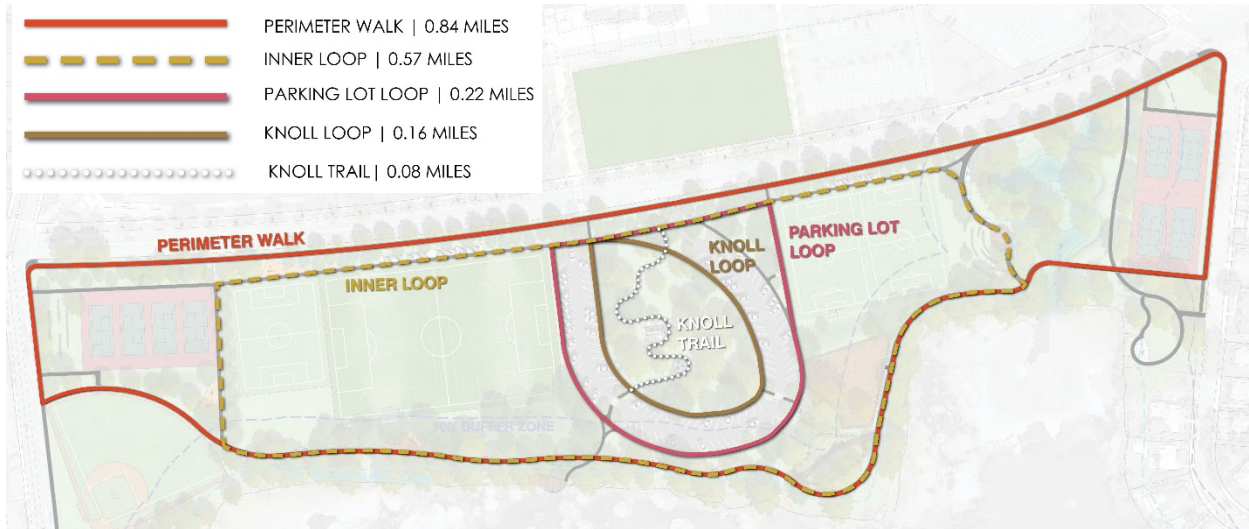
Passive Recreation



Proposed passive recreation amenities at EII Pond Park. Refer to appendix for full size rendering

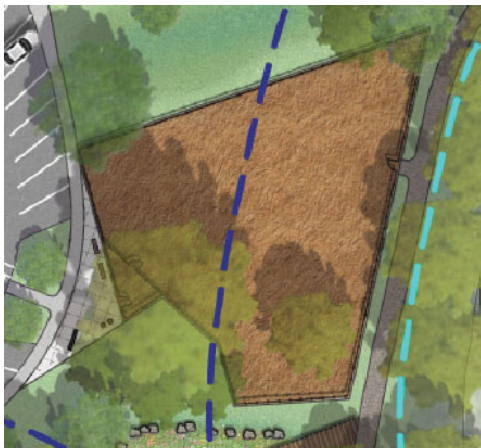
Walking Paths and Circulation

The existing park has minimal internal walking paths. Bituminous concrete pathways have been recommended throughout the entire park to provide ADA compliant access to all park amenities and to make the park more multi-generationally friendly. The Ell Pond Trail that runs along the pond edge is suggested to be more formally constructed of a permeable material to avoid additional water runoff into the pond. The following plan shows major walking loops within and around Ell Pond Park.



Pavilion and Memorial Knoll

In order to preserve the knoll's historic value, the proposed plan incorporates the knoll's existing character, location, and existing memorials with minor improvements including an accessible walk to the top of the knoll, a pavilion and seating area at the top of the knoll to take advantage of the beautiful views, and the addition of a perimeter walk that allows access to the memorials and acts as a barrier between the knoll landscape and the parking area.

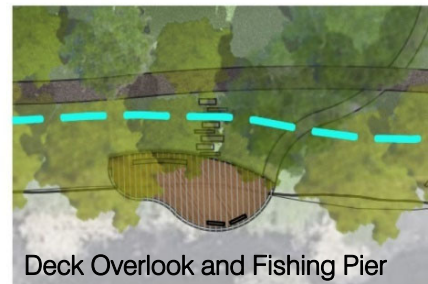
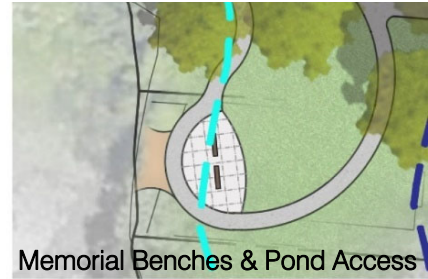


Dog Park

Based on the feedback from the community and city representatives, the dog park is frequently utilized, and considerable time was expended fitting it into the space in which it currently resides. The recommendations for the dog park are minimal and include a new double gate entrance to avoid dogs running free beyond the fenced area, a doggy bag dispenser, a small entry space for signage, rules, and seating, and adjusting the entrance to be ADA compliant.

Pond Access

Existing pond access is minimal and informal. There is an intention to formalize specific access at three locations. The first access point is at the boat launch. The plan now shows a direct path to the parking lot making traveling with a boat to the launch much easier. The second new access point is a deck overlook and fishing pier located near the southeast corner of the West Knoll Field. This deck area would include railings, seating, and informational signage about the pond and its ecology. It would be accessed through a new accessible paved path, using porous material, leading from the parking lot, and also could be accessed by a new series of granite steppingstones that meander through the trees from the Ell Pond Trail. The third point would be located off of the memorial benches south of the Crystal Street Tennis Courts. The benches are existing but overgrown by the vegetation in that area. Designing ADA compliant access to the benches would make them a great spot for more appealing pond access, whether for fishing, boating, or just to skip stones.



Rain Garden

The proposed rain garden would be in addition to the recently installed existing rain gardens at the park. It would serve as a designated area to store surface runoff while also providing a space for an array of native, water loving plant species. The rain garden would be bordered by boulders to better distinguish between the surrounding lawn. A boardwalk is proposed to meander through the rain garden providing visitors the opportunity to interact within

this space and the opportunity for educational signage about rain gardens, their purpose, and why they are so important especially within the Ell Pond Park landscape.

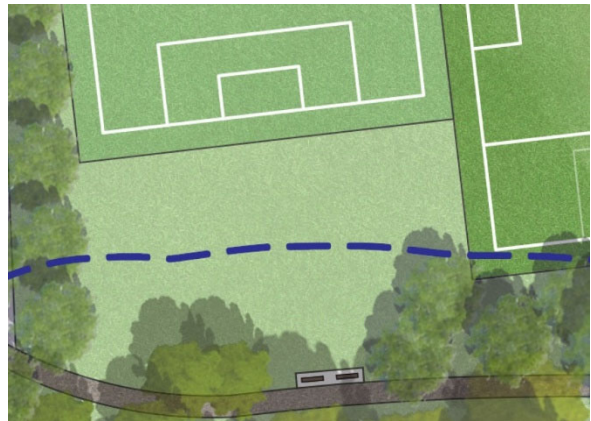


Outdoor Classroom

The open space to the east of East Knoll Field is the perfect area for an outdoor classroom. Its proximity to the wetland area provides opportunities for educational signage and interaction with the wetland ecology. An adjacent open lawn with curved wall seating would allow this space to be used in many ways including as an outdoor classroom or event space. The small deck area acts as the stage and has a couple of steps which could be used as seats to take in the views of a newly rehabilitated wetlands resource area.

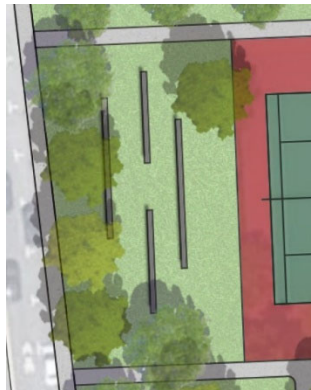
Informal Open Green Space

There are many little pockets of green space throughout the park, and the one south of West Knoll Field is the largest. There was a strong desire from the community to include informal open lawns for pickup games, picnics, or just to have a space to run around. The location of this space keeps the balance between the active recreation and the passive recreation and allows it to be as flexible as the users desire.



Park Seating

Seating at Ell Pond Park was a frequent discussion point during the preliminary stages of this master plan. Currently the park has very little seating and most community members resort to bringing their own lawn chairs. The plan incorporates five seating areas along Ell Pond Trail which overlook the pond. Seating has also been increased at the



fields by the addition of bleachers. Terraced seat walls are proposed at the Lyons Tennis Courts and efforts to improve the memorial benches at the southeast corner of the park have also been included. Picnic tables have also been included at the seating area on top of the memorial knoll.

Trees and Plantings

A significant master plan goal is to maintain and improve the level of natural landscape that prevails at Ell Pond Park. The city has made many efforts to keep existing trees and plant new trees through the “Green and Clean” days and their tree dedication program. The addition of trees is crucial to maintaining the natural feel one gets when entering Ell Pond Park. The graphic below highlights the 145 proposed tree plantings that are recommended.



Subsurface Soil Conditions

In order to better understand current drainage characteristics and associated issues, subsurface investigations were completed to determine soil profiles and potential options for storing and recharging stormwater below ground. A total of 8 test pits were excavated on July 13, 2021, to observe soil conditions and evidence of seasonal high groundwater during the investigation. Each test pit was backfilled and re-graded upon completion. The image below shows a map of the test pit locations.



The following soil profile observations were made,

- The topsoil at the athletic fields varied between 3” and 9” in depth.
- Below the topsoil, a layer of fill mixed with soil was observed and averaged a thickness of 3 feet across the site.
- Layers of ash fill were observed ranging in thickness from 1’-3” to 4’. The ash layers were encountered 1’ to 1’-6” below the ground surface.
- An impermeable layer of peat was observed in test pits 4, 5, and 7, ranging in thickness from 2’-9” to 5’. The peat layer was encountered 2’ to 3’ below the ground surface.

The following seasonal high ground water investigations were made,

- All test pits, with the exception for test pit 6, were saturated.
- Standing water was observed in all test pits except for test pit 4.
- Water weeping from test pit walls was observed in all test pits.

Soil Condition Conclusions

The lands that make up EII Pond Park and other nearby lands are low-lying topographically and were historically part of a much larger wetlands complex. Given the existence of peat below the surface of the park, it is likely that wetland marshes encompassed much of the property. These areas were filled over time to allow for construction of the park and other city infrastructure that is geographically

contiguous to the park. The historical wetland marsh condition is likely the source of the poor drainage and saturated soil conditions that prevail today.

Based on the soil profile and groundwater observations, it is estimated that the seasonal high groundwater varied across the site from 1.0 to 4.2 feet below ground surface. The groundwater elevation is relatively close to the surface likely due to the park's low elevation in general, paired with side effects of the impermeable peat layer found throughout the site. It should be noted these are observations conducted at specific locations across the site and may not reflect the subsurface conditions that exist between exploration locations. For detailed soils descriptions and conditions, test pit logs are attached in the appendix.

Stormwater Management Recommendations

Construction of the preferred plan would result in a net increase to impervious area of approximately 50,000-square feet. This project will be subject to the requirements of the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook since the project will fall within the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act. Per the Handbook, there are three major standards that would be the primary drivers for the design of stormwater management best management practices (BMPs). These are paraphrased below:

- Standard 2: Stormwater management systems shall be designed so that post-development peak discharge rates do not exceed pre-development peak discharge rates.
- Standard 3: Loss of annual recharge to groundwater shall be eliminated or minimized through the use of infiltration measures.
- Standard 4: Stormwater management systems shall be designed to remove 80% of the average annual post-construction load of Total Suspended Solids (TSS).

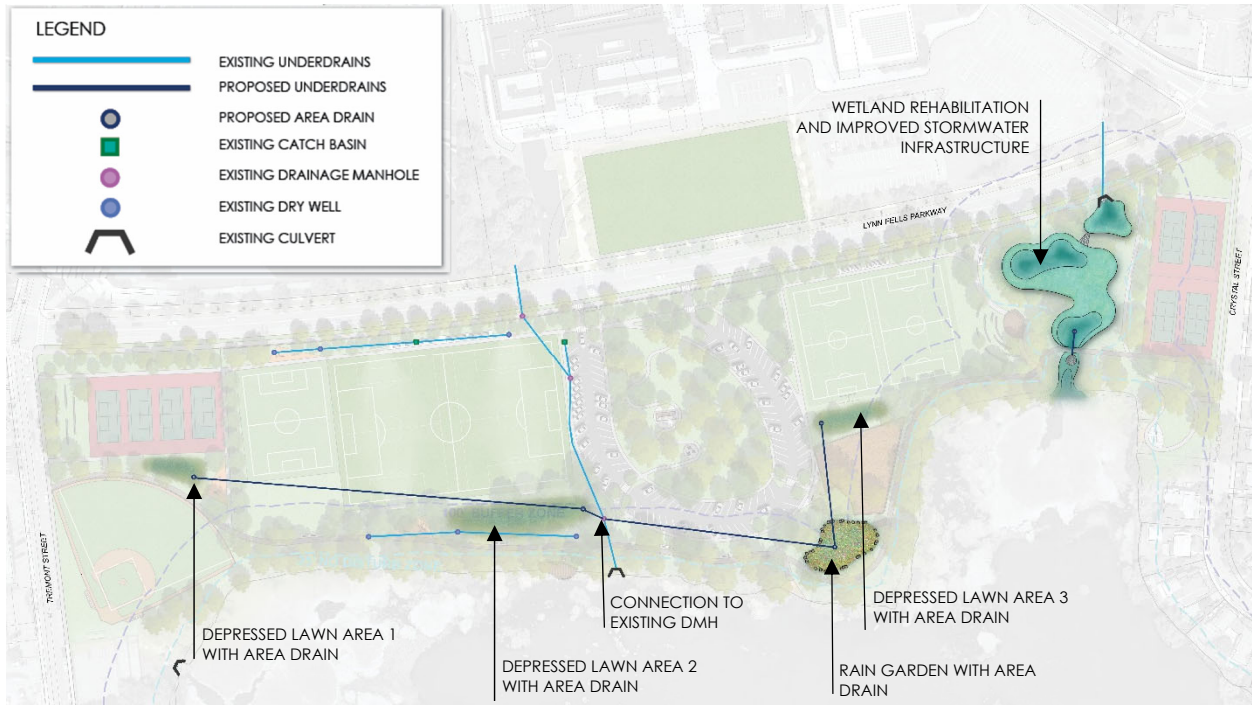
All three of these standards are generally triggered when the net impervious area of a jurisdictional site is increased. There are a variety of strategies that could be implemented in order to address these standards in the design of onsite BMPs. It should be noted that there are allowable exceptions to compliance with Standard 3, generally in cases where sites have poorly draining soils, contamination hazards and/or high groundwater. Based upon the information about the site that is known at this time, some potentially feasible BMPs are identified as follows.

- Pervious pavement: pavement consists of asphalt concrete, Portland cement concrete, or permeable paver surfacing with voids that allow water to penetrate the surface like a sieve. However, the water can go both ways, requiring additional review for this location.
- Stormwater detention basins: low areas on a site that are designed to receive stormwater from a site during storm events and to slowly release the stormwater to the downstream water body or other receptor.
- Deep sump hooded catch basins: A catch basin that has a deep sump and outlet hood to act as a sediment and oil pollutant trap before conveying stormwater through pipe outlets.
- Bioretention areas: vegetated areas that are graded to allow water to pool and infiltrate into underlying soil media. The plants and soil media act together to filter stormwater.
- Underground stormwater chambers: open-bottomed plastic or concrete chambers that provide underground storage for stormwater and can be located underneath parking or recreational spaces pending final determination of subsurface soil characteristics.

Through preliminary calculations of additional impervious surfacing based on the preferred master plan, estimated stormwater retention calculations were accounted for and addressed in four areas in the park. In the graphic on the following page, three depressed lawn areas are called out. These basins are designed to look like open lawn when the site is dry, but during storm events they will

hold and recharge the water until it reaches the raised area drain which would outlet excess water into the underground stormwater system. This will provide intentional areas within the park to handle the bulk of the surface water, leaving the other recreational amenities available for use as desired.

The rain garden is also designed to act in the same manner and will be planted with appropriate species to help filter and clean stormwater entering the groundwater system.



Stormwater improvements plan. Refer to appendix for full size rendering

Resource Area Mitigation Considerations

The outfall near the corner of Lynn Fells Parkway and Melrose Street has played a major role in the deterioration of the wetland inlet. According to the 2021 City of Melrose Stormwater Management Program Update, high levels of chlorophyll-a, phosphorus, solids, fecal coliform, and secchi disk/turbidity were detected, making improvements to this structure a high priority for the city.

The city is currently conducting a Citywide illicit discharge detection and elimination program that works to identify sources of contamination in the municipal storm drainage system resulting from improperly connected or aging sewer services and cross connections. Understanding how the stormwater system is being contaminated and addressing the issues upstream of the outfall which discharges directly into the wetland inlet at Ell Pond Park is a great start to cleaning up this critical resource at Ell Pond Park.

Additional actions can be taken within the park to improve wetlands, educate the public on the importance of this natural resource, and improve the overall water quality in Ell Pond.

Invasive Species Management

As part of one or more phases of improvement to Ell Pond Park, invasive plant species within the work area would be managed and removed. Replanting of these areas with native species is recommended. It is also recommended that the most aggressive invasive plants be prioritized. There are a number of different applications available for the management and removal of invasive species, which are broken down into the following two categories: mechanical and chemical.

Each category has its own advantages and disadvantages, and each can be applied in specific cases where other methods may not be as applicable. Mechanical methods include any type of physical removal of the plant biomass, including pulling, mowing/cutting, digging, and burning. Chemical treatments include the application of herbicides. This technique is often used in conjunction with mechanical removal. For instance, cut and dabbing is the process of cutting invasive species to ground level and then dabbing the stems with an herbicide.

Mechanical Methods - Mechanical methods are usually the first approach to handle most invasive species because they require no special licensing or handling of chemicals. Most of the work can be done with little to no permitting and with the assistance of either volunteers or a hired landscape crew. However, mechanical removal methods require a long-term commitment and will require continued maintenance of the invasive species zones to ensure that they do not grow back. Depending on the breadth and extent of the population, mechanical methods may also require large areas of disturbance, especially when digging is required. Disturbed areas can become prime breeding grounds for re-growth or encroachment of other invasive species. Two types of methods that have proven effective are highlighted below:

- **Pull or Dig:** Large herbaceous and woody plant species can often be pulled out and have their roots dug up, if found in limited quantities. When utilizing this method, it is important to remove as much of the plant material as possible including root mass, stolons, and rhizomes. Some species can re-infest an area if as little as a small root is left behind (i.e., Japanese knotweed). Instead of using a shovel, digging with a fork or similar tool may be preferred. Shovels can often cut through a root, leaving a portion behind, where as a fork will

tend to pull the entire root system. In some instances where large stands are present, it may be beneficial to work with a small excavator or bobcat to remove large portions of infested soil. This work could be completed in the early spring where seeds have yet to mature, and the soil is still moist. The moist soils will allow for easier pulling of most species and, if the seeds are yet to mature, it will reduce the risk of seed transport to other areas.

- **Light Barriers:** The introduction of light barriers is a method used to remove small seedlings and other small herbaceous plants that cannot readily be pulled. This method involves the placement of any light blocking material (usually plastic sheeting or weed block) over the infestation. It should be staked or weighed down and extend outside of the infestation area. Light barriers can either be left in place or loamed and seeded over. This technique will kill all species, both invasive and native, that are trapped under the barrier.

Chemical Methods (i.e.: Herbicides) - Herbicides are one of the most effective ways to treat invasive species, however, careful consideration should be taken when using any chemicals, especially when adjacent to a resource area such as in this case. Chemical methods are usually applied in two ways: large scale spraying (often seen on power line easements) and small-scale localized applications.

Due to the location of the invasive species, large scale spraying is not recommended for this project. Instead, localized applications would be more effective, if chemical treatment is at all preferred. Localized applications would be conducted alongside a mechanical method such as cutting. With chemical treatments, it is important to interrupt the life cycle of the species, and therefore timing is paramount to any successful chemical treatment. Two chemical treatment methods that have proven effective are highlighted below:

- **Small-scale Spray Applications:** Utilizing a backpack sprayer or equivalent, such as a small handheld sprayer, chemical treatments of monocultures or individual invasive plants can be conducted. Spray applications have proven useful against herbaceous species, such as purple loosestrife, that are often tough to manage with mechanical methods. It is also a practical alternative for some woody species, such as Japanese barberry, Japanese honeysuckle, and Asian bittersweet, that grow in dense stands. It is generally recommended that the mixture contain no more than 5% of the active ingredient and that treatment occur in early spring when the plants are growing. This will break up their life cycle and stop future growth. It is also recommended that spraying take place when no rain is forecast for several days afterward to ensure that the treatment does not wash away.
- **Cut and Dab:** The cut and dab method essentially combines a mechanical and chemical treatment together. The goal is to avoid large ground disturbance caused by digging up roots and to instead apply a chemical treatment to a cut stems or roots. These treatments require a higher concentration of the active ingredient than is used in small scale spray applications. A 25-35% solution of the active ingredient should be used. Stems would be cut as close to the ground as possible and herbicide would be applied directly to the cut surface. This application would be completed as soon as possible after the plant is cut to ensure effectiveness of the herbicide. The herbicide can be applied in many different methods including spray bottle, rag, brush, or sponge. The cut surface must be thoroughly wet such that the herbicide gets into the plant. This technique is most effective in late summer or early fall.

Physical Design Improvements to Wetland Resource Areas

Designing zones of the wetland resource areas at Ell Pond Park to have specific purposes can reduce pollution and improve water quality. As part of a high-level overview of possible solutions to improving the wetland area in the northeastern corner of Ell Pond Park, a conceptual plan and corresponding section view of a natural solution to improving the function of the inlet was developed. The main source of pollution in this area comes from the existing culvert on the northern edge of the wetland, abutting Lynn Fells Parkway. This culvert is outletting stormwater from a large watershed north of Ell Pond Park and has had a large effect on the ecology of the inlet. Most of this stormwater originates as roadway runoff and thus carries a high pollutant load to Ell Pond. See the plan of the improved wetland inlet and the corresponding section below.



Refer to the appendix for the full-size rendering

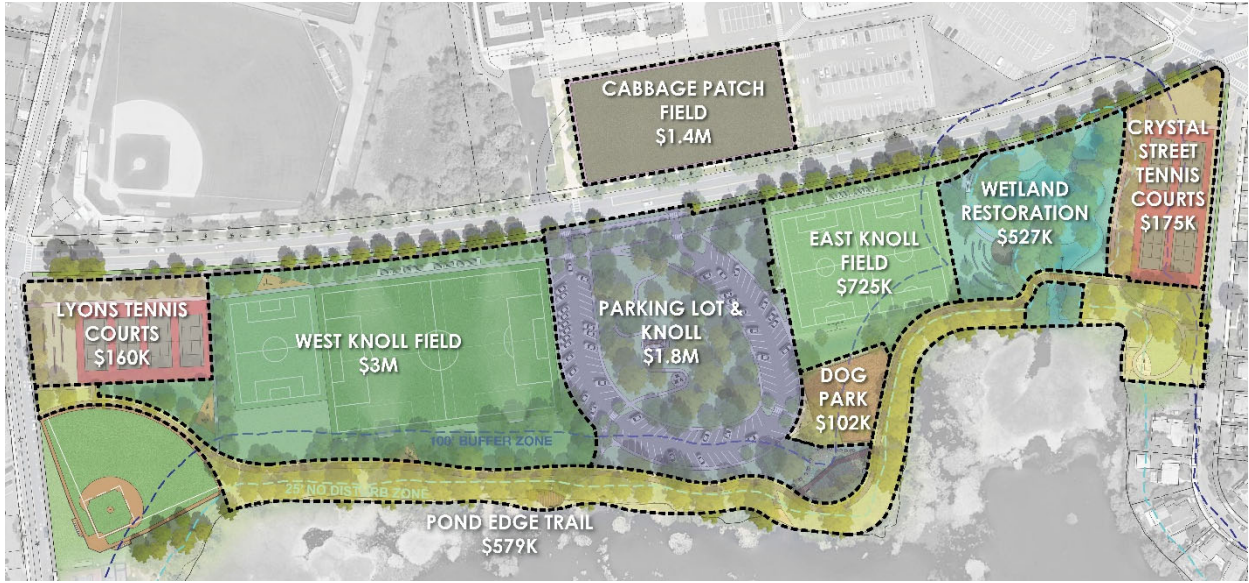
Once the stormwater is discharged from the culvert outlet structure below Lynn Fells Parkway, it is proposed to filter through a bed of rip rap. This rip rap will act as a sediment forebay, catching trash and larger particles or debris. Then the water will enter the sediment basin. In the sediment basin, the larger particles sink to the bottom allowing the cleaner water to pass through the rip rap berm. Then it will enter the larger inlet pool where it will have enough time for smaller sediment particles to sink to the bottom and once again allow the cleaner water on top to pass over the vegetated plateau. The plateau will be planted with native wetland plants and will help filter the water passing through to the outlet pool. Once the water reaches a specific elevation, it will outlet through a pipe into the last rip rap apron and into Ell Pond.

This conceptual design is intended to naturally filter polluted stormwater before entering Ell Pond. While this method will improve the water quality, considerations should also be made to improve the stormwater system upstream of this culvert to reduce polluted stormwater from entering the wetland.

Budget Considerations

The following budget outline identifies basic work efforts related to the potential refurbishment of Ell Pond Park. Costs could vary considerably the manner in which the improvements are grouped, the time it takes to implement the full extent of improvements and based on the material selections and design detailing of the actual improvements. As with the plans themselves, the estimates are conceptual in nature and will require confirmation and refinement as actual improvement programs push forward.

A potential project phasing strategy has been identified and is based on the specific needs and preferences expressed by members of the community through discussions at public hearings and through discussions with city representatives. Additional considerations for the order and limits of each phase include the logical groupings of park elements, minimizing the time each recreational asset is unavailable to the community, and construction considerations like balancing cut and fill excavation work as it relates to permitting. The graphic below shows each proposed phased area and the associated cost to complete improvements as an individual project. The following chart provides a short excerpt of the improvements included in each phase.



Phase	Cost	Description
East Knoll Field	\$725,000	Demo & site preparation, grading, root zone mix, seeding, drainage, accessible bleacher areas, football goal post and netting, fencing, and tree plantings
West Knoll Field	\$3,031,000	Demo & site preparation, grading, drainage, synthetic turf, root zone mix, seeding, irrigation, stormwater chambers, sports lighting, workout pods, accessible bleacher areas, fencing, and tree plantings

Parking Lot & Knoll	\$1,839,000	Demo & site preparation, grading, bituminous concrete, sidewalks, fencing, line striping, rain garden with boardwalk, pavilion and tables at knoll, entrance signage, parking lot lighting, stormwater chambers, drainage, and tree plantings
Lyons Tennis Courts-Refurbishment	\$160,000	Minor crack repair, color sealcoat, perimeter walks, terraced seating, and tree plantings
Crystal Street Tennis Courts-Refurbishment	\$175,000	Mill and overlay bituminous concrete, color sealcoat, perimeter walks, and tree plantings
Pond Edge Trail	\$579,000	Demo & site preparation, grading, permeable bituminous concrete, boardwalk at wetland crossing, fishing pier, benches, signage, invasive plant management along the pond edge, boat launch area, and tree plantings
Dog Park (Optional)	\$102,000	Demo & site preparation, grading, fencing, gates, benches, and signage
Wetland Restoration	\$527,000	Demo & site preparation, grading, invasive plant management, walkways, outdoor classroom with wall seating, drainage, wetland seeding, and tree plantings
Cabbage Patch Field	\$1,407,000	Demo & site preparation, grading, synthetic turf, drainage, stormwater chambers, and sports lighting
*Total:	\$8,545,000	

*Projects are costed out individually. If projects were to be combined in any manner, certain economies of scale could be realized.

Funding + Construction Approaches

Construction Means

There are different ways to construct the actual improvements, with the first approach as listed below (traditional public bidding) by far being the most common approach. Construction approaches include:

Traditional Public Bidding- Develop plans, specifications and estimates for the desired improvements, publicly advertise, receive bids, and award a construction contract to the lowest qualified bidder. Projects typically range from small (approximately \$50,000 minimum) to very large (multi-million dollars) and make use of city capital funds and other potential sources that might be leveraged.

In-house Services- Implement improvements making use of city labor forces, materials, and equipment. This method is typically appropriate for projects that are limited in scope, such as the construction of a parking area, driveway, or sidewalk; refurbishment of a baseball infield or sections of a soccer field (goal mouths, center field areas etc.). As funding, materials, equipment, and human resources permit, other minor improvement efforts can be planned and undertaken. The installation of player's benches, small bleacher systems, trash receptacles, limited fencing runs, and signage are examples of the types of minor enhancements that can be provided using city forces and materials.

Mitigation Projects, Donated Services, Community Build- Implement improvements for projects through a variety of means that might include construction of a field or ancillary facility with funding generated through linkage or mitigation arrangements (often originating from the approval of a large in-city development). In certain cases, improvements can also be undertaken by contractors looking to donate services, equipment, or materials and smaller initiatives may be accomplished by residents with support from city forces/equipment.

Funding Alternatives

The use of municipal capital funding for all aspects of a project or to leverage other funds from other sources (see below) is the most common approach to implementing improvement projects like those contemplated for Ell Pond Park.

Multiple other public and private funding sources allocate millions of dollars per year for parks, open space, and athletic facility improvement programs, although competition can be intense. Actual improvements are then implemented through a public design, bid and construction process as described above. Funding sources include:

LAND and PARC Programs

The LAND Grant Program helps cities and towns acquire land for conservation and passive recreation purposes. The grants reimburse cities and towns for the acquisition of land in fee or for a conservation restriction.

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/local-acquisitions-for-natural-diversity-land-grant-program>

The PARC Program was established to assist cities and towns in acquiring and developing land for park and outdoor recreation purposes. These grants can be used by municipalities to acquire parkland, build a new park, or to renovate an existing park.

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/parkland-acquisitions-and-renovations-for-communities-parc-grant-program>

Land & Water Conservation Fund

The Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund provides up to 50% of the total project cost for the acquisition, development, and renovation of parks, trails, and conservation areas.

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massachusetts-land-and-water-conservation-fund-grant-program>

Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

The DCR's Trails Program seeks to provide a safe, quality recreation experience for a diverse range of trail users while practicing sound stewardship of the Commonwealth's natural and cultural resources.

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/masstrails-grants>

Massachusetts Department of Environmental (DEP)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through the DEP and a host of other agencies and departments offers a wide range of planning, design, and implementation grant funding for stormwater related projects. Improvements to park and open space assets surrounding a challenged water body and natural resource area such as Ell Pond would be suitable for many of the programs including, 604B, Coastal Zone Management (CZM) grants, and Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grants in particular. The link below provides additional information related to a host of different sources.

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/available-funding-for-stormwater-projects-in-massachusetts>

U.S. Soccer Foundation

The U.S. Soccer Foundation has awarded grants to over 600 non-profit organizations since 1995. They support soccer programs and field building initiatives in the U.S. with a goal of promoting more active, healthier, and safer communities. Two types of grants are awarded each year. The first grant is called *Safe Places to Play* which assists the grantees with synthetic turf fields, lighting, irrigation, and sports courts. The second is called a *Program Grant* which assists with equipment and operating costs. Visit <http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/> for further information and requirements of each grant.

United States Tennis Association

USTA's mission is to promote and develop the growth of tennis. In order to follow this mission, they have developed a USTA Facility Assistance program. They assist grantees with anywhere from tennis court repairs to new construction. For further requirements and details, visit http://www.usta.com/About-USTA/Tennis-in-the-Parks/Tennis_In_The_Parks/.

Partnerships

Partnerships can also play an important role in plans to improve, manage and maintain park properties. As an example, in many surrounding cities/towns there are numerous privately managed sports leagues with impressive track records for supporting certain maintenance and capital improvement initiatives for numerous facilities. Communities are increasingly relying on public/private partnerships to create facilities and the desired playing conditions needed to support sports programming.

Next Steps

With this comprehensive master plan document in hand and adopted, the city is now well positioned to begin implementation of various phases of work. Phases do not necessarily need to be accomplished in the order identified in the master plan, and multiple phases can be combined if funding can be secured. A certain economy of scale can be realized if multiple phases are constructed under a single procurement effort. It will also be important to monitor pricing, as at the time the plan is being finished, we have entered a period of instability economically with inflation increasing.

Funding can be pursued through a host of state and federal sources and their respective programs focused on environmental protection and enhancement, and park, recreation, and open space preservation, refurbishment, and development. State and federal dollars can be leveraged through the advancement of compelling projects that use local funds from various sources. Also, at the time of this writing, many cities and towns in Massachusetts are making use of federal funding that has been distributed under the guise of COVID-relief for park, open space and sports and recreation facility upgrades.

To advance each phase of desired park improvements, the city will embark on final design, bid, and construct processes that will:

- Confirm, refine, expand, and finalize design concepts contained in the master plan
- Allow for continued public dialogue and feedback
- Require permitting at the local and state level
- Include specific measures to protect and enhance the unique environmental resource that is represented by Ell Pond
- Achieve meaningful improvements to the intrinsic active and passive recreational value of the property.

Appendix A

Preferred Master Plan



ELL POND PARK | PREFERRED PLAN | PARKING OPTION 1

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ELL POND PARK | PREFERRED PLAN | ACTIVE RECREATION
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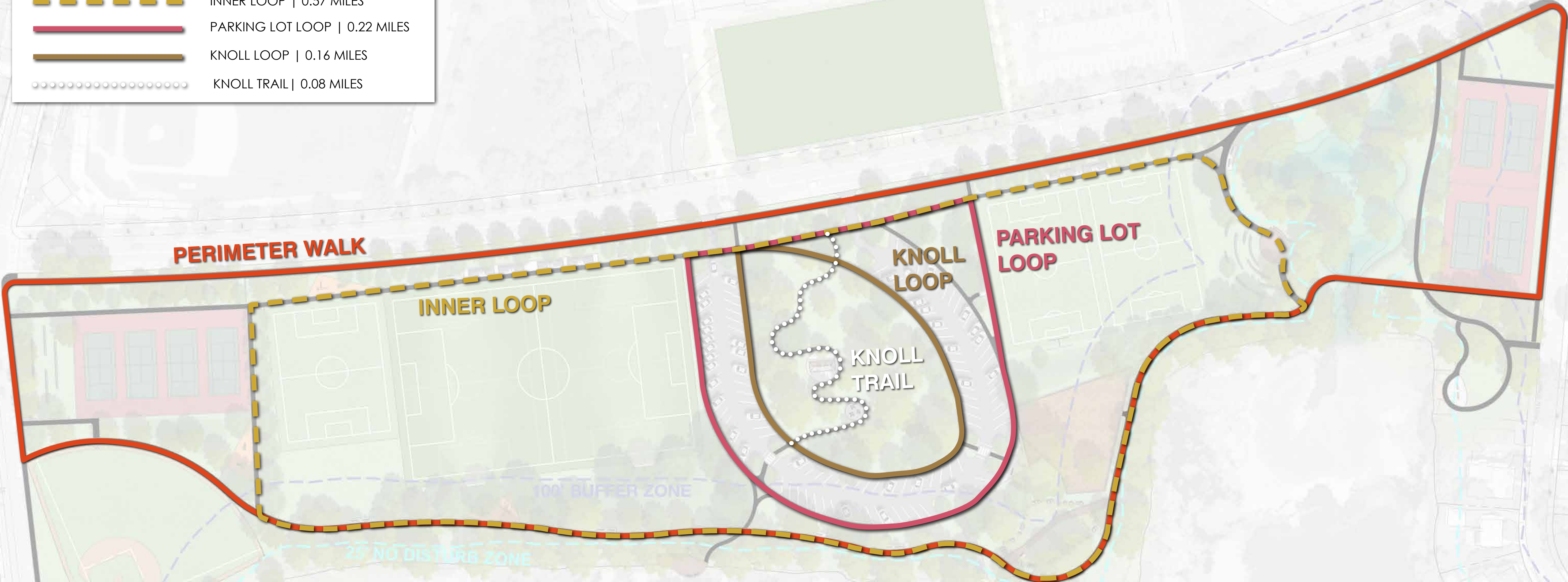


ELL POND PARK | PREFERRED PLAN | PASSIVE RECREATION

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LEGEND	
	PERIMETER WALK 0.84 MILES
	INNER LOOP 0.57 MILES
	PARKING LOT LOOP 0.22 MILES
	KNOLL LOOP 0.16 MILES
	KNOLL TRAIL 0.08 MILES



ELL POND PARK | PREFERRED PLAN | CIRCULATION PATHS
 CITY OF MELROSE, MASSACHUSETTS



LEGEND








- EXISTING UNDERDRAINS
- EXISTING CATCH BASIN
- EXISTING DRAINAGE MANHOLE
- EXISTING DRY WELL
- EXISTING CULVERT



ELL POND PARK | PREFERRED PLAN | EXISTING STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE
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LEGEND

-  EXISTING UNDERDRAINS
-  PROPOSED UNDERDRAINS
-  PROPOSED AREA DRAIN
-  EXISTING CATCH BASIN
-  EXISTING DRAINAGE MANHOLE
-  EXISTING DRY WELL
-  EXISTING CULVERT

WETLAND REHABILITATION
INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL & STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

AREA DRAIN
LOCATED AT HIGHER ELEVATION THAN
BOTTOM OF WETLAND

AREA DRAIN
LOCATED AT HIGHER ELEVATION THAN
BOTTOM OF BASIN

LYNN FELLS PARKWAY

EAST KNOLL FIELD

WEST KNOLL FIELD

25' NO DISTURB ZONE

AREA DRAIN
LOCATED AT HIGHER ELEVATION THAN
BOTTOM OF BASIN

DEPRESSED LAWN AREA 1
FOR STORMWATER RETENTION

DEPRESSED LAWN AREA 2
FOR STORMWATER RETENTION

CONNECTION TO
EXISTING DMH

AREA DRAIN
LOCATED AT HIGHER ELEVATION THAN
BOTTOM OF BASIN

AREA DRAIN
LOCATED AT HIGHER ELEVATION THAN
BOTTOM OF GARDEN

RAIN GARDEN
W/ BOARDWALK
CROSSING
& EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE

DEPRESSED LAWN AREA 3
FOR STORMWATER RETENTION

ELL POND

TREMONT STREET

CRYSTAL STREET

ELL POND PARK | PREFERRED PLAN | STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

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TREMONT STREET

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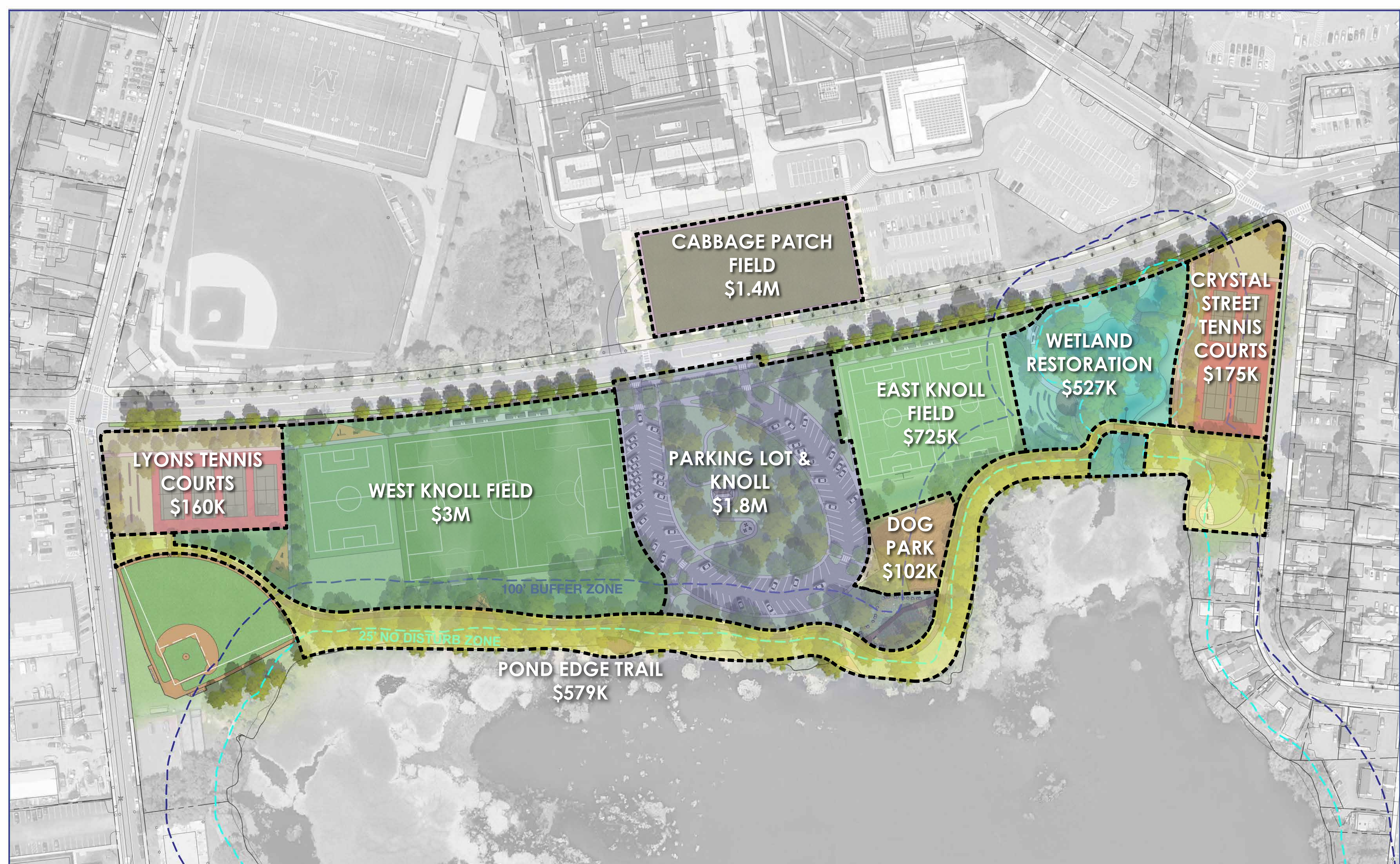
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ELL POND PARK | PREFERRED PLAN | PROPOSED TREES

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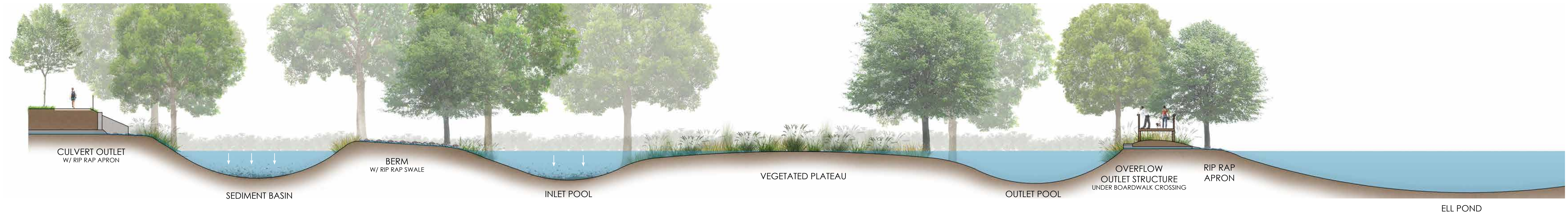




ELL POND PARK | PREFERRED PLAN | PHASING

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ELL POND PARK | PREFERRED PLAN | WETLAND INLET ENLARGEMENT & ELEVATION
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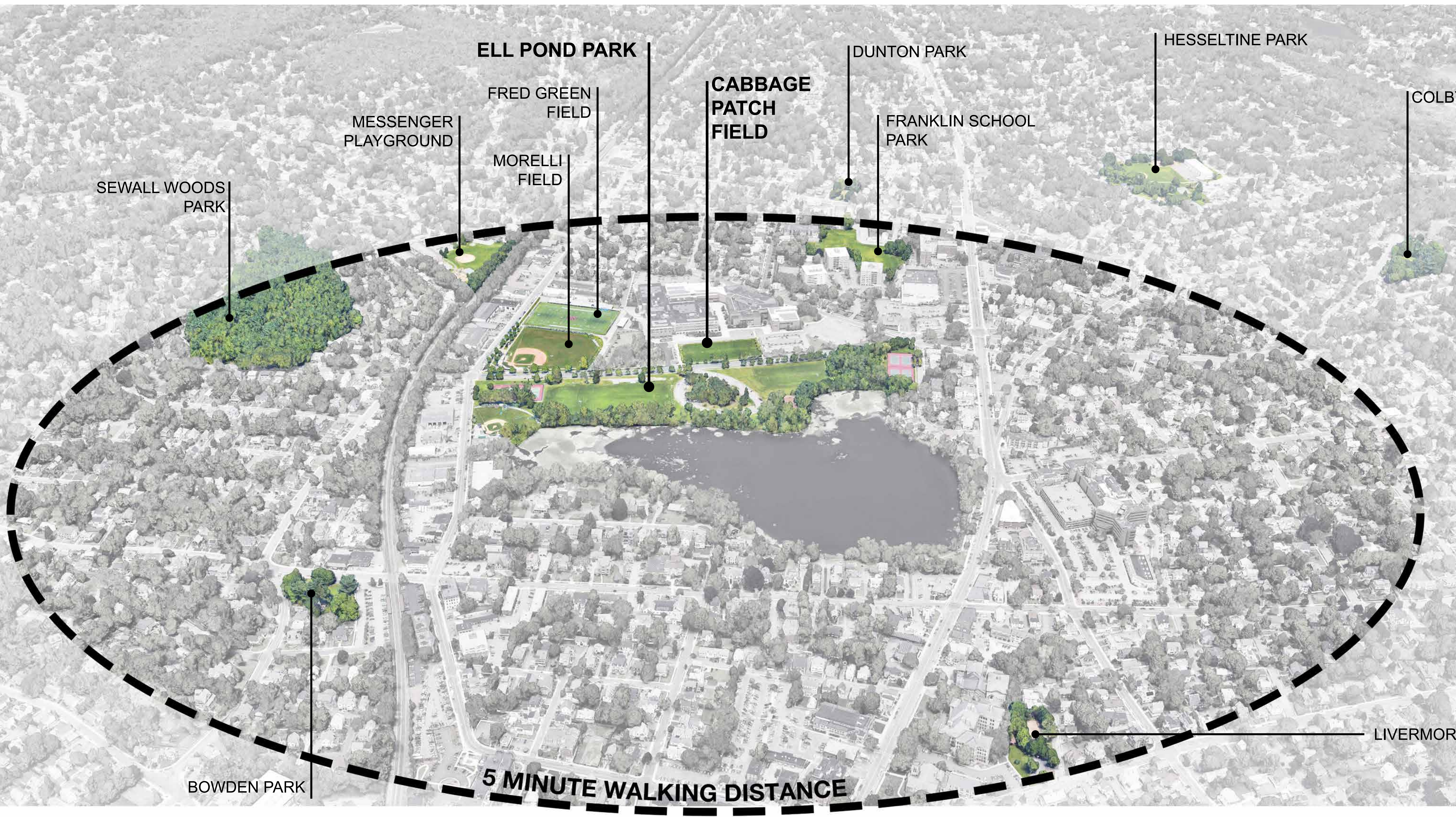
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Appendix B

Existing Conditions Plan



ELL POND PARK

DUNTON PARK

HESELSTINE PARK

COLBY PARK

**CABBAGE
PATCH
FIELD**

**FRANKLIN SCHOOL
PARK**

**FRED GREEN
FIELD**

**MESSENGER
PLAYGROUND**

**MORELLI
FIELD**

**SEWALL WOODS
PARK**

LIVERMORE PARK

BOWDEN PARK

5 MINUTE WALKING DISTANCE

ELL POND PARK | CONTEXT MAP
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ELL POND PARK | EXISTING CONDITIONS
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Appendix C

Public Meetings and Community Input



Presentation Outline

1. Introductions / Project Team	City
2. Project Goals / Project Mission	City and W&S
3. Inventory of Physical Features + Conditions	W&S
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active sports facilities Parking, access, circulation + the Knoll Environmental resources 	W&S
4. On-line Park User Survey	W&S
5. Concept Diagrams	W&S
6. Next Steps	W&S
7. Questions + Discussion	City to Moderate



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Introductions

CITY OF MELROSE	
Elena Proakis Ellis	Public Works Director
Samantha Flanagan	Public Works Administrative/Solid Waste + Recycling Coordinator
Denise Gaffey	Planning and Community Development Director
Emma Schnur Battaglia	Planning and Community Development Sr. Planner
Joan Bell	Recreation Director
Stephen Fogarty	Melrose HS Director of Wellness, Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities
Eric Devlin	Conservation Agent
Dave Dickerson	EII Pond Improvement Council President
WESTON & SAMPSON	
Gene Bollinger	Principal-in-Charge
Amanda Gaal	Project Manager



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Basic Project Goals

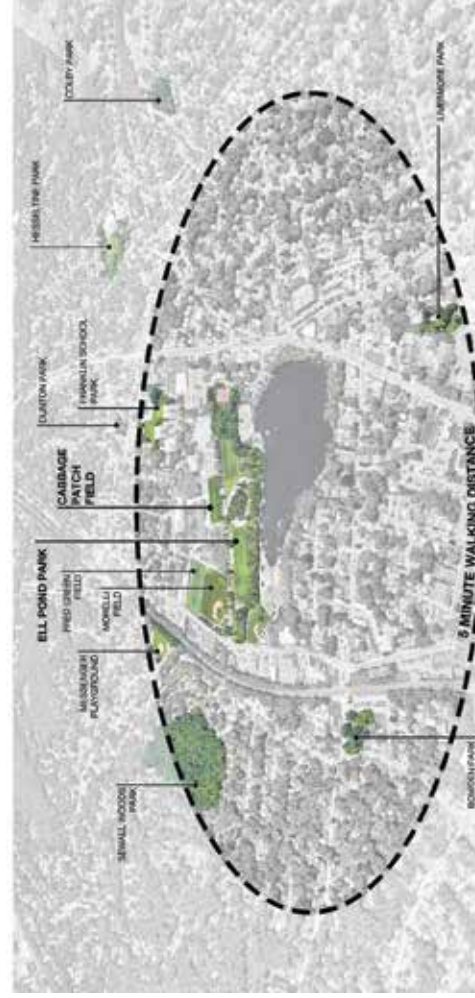
- Add pathways to allow for safer, more convenient connections to various park assets
- Improve multi-generational and ADA qualities of the site
- Improve water quality through innovative stormwater management design
- Improve passive recreation opportunities
- Improve natural resource areas and the inherent landscape qualities of the site, including the Knoll and integral monuments/memorials
- Improve access to/from and within the parking lot and improve safety for pedestrians



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Project Locus

Basic Project Goals

- Overarching
- Improve the performance of all site features and amenities (fields, courts, natural resources, parking area, circulation systems, general landscape)
 - Strike a balance as we seek to improve both man-made and natural resources
- More Specifically
- Improve fields (turf quality, grading + drainage)
 - Accommodate higher level of usage
 - Add sports lighting and player/spectator accommodations



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Master Plan Process + Purpose

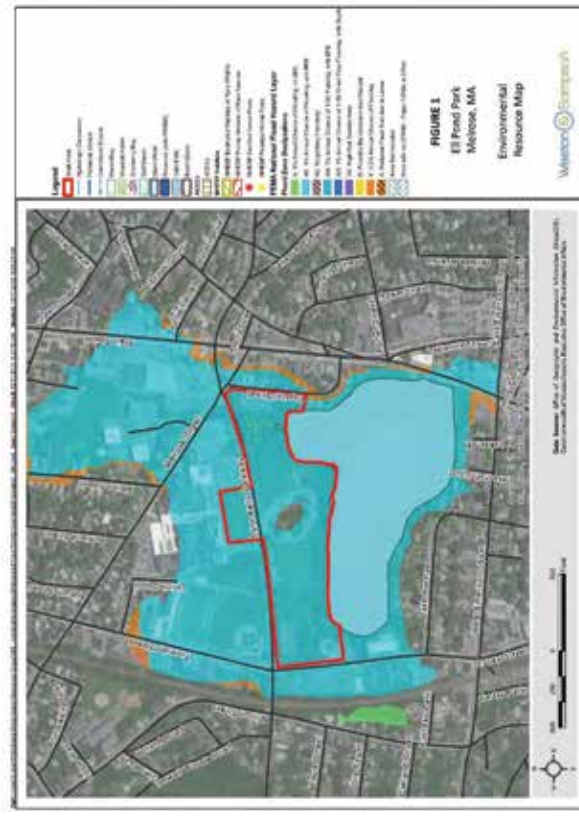
- Establish a roadmap for implementing future improvements to various park elements at EII Pond
- Coordinate and advance work efforts with the project team
 - Complete field reconnaissance work
 - Collect public input
 - Develop and present conceptual designs that identify potential improvements
 - Establish a **Preferred Plan**
 - Cost estimates, phasing and funding strategies
 - **THEN – Secure funding and begin implementation**



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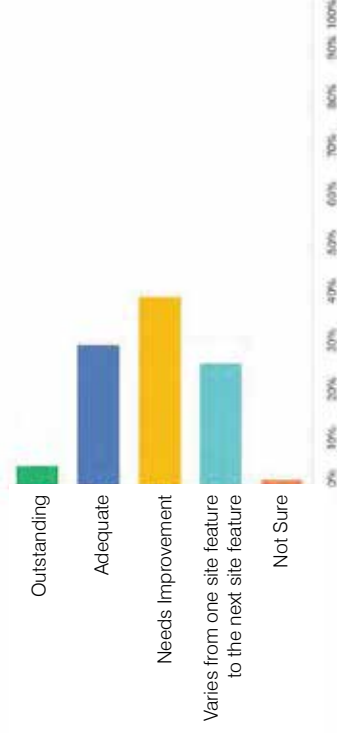
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Q1 How would you describe your overall experience with existing facilities at Eil Pond Park?

Anonymous 478 | Skipper 9



39% Need Improvement



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Q2 Are existing sports and recreation facilities at EII Pond Park (fields and/or courts) sufficiently meeting the needs of your organization or program in terms of availability and performance?



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Q3 Check any site features and/or facilities that you or your family use (Check all that apply). Refer to the site map above.



Waterfront Access

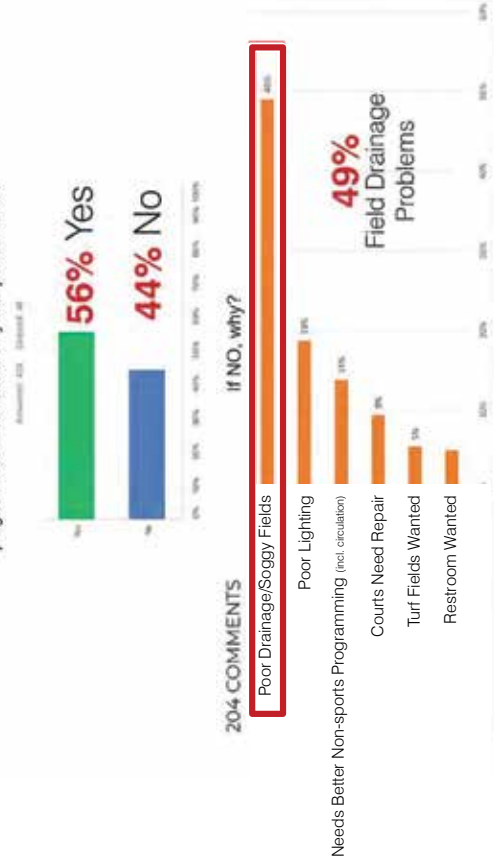
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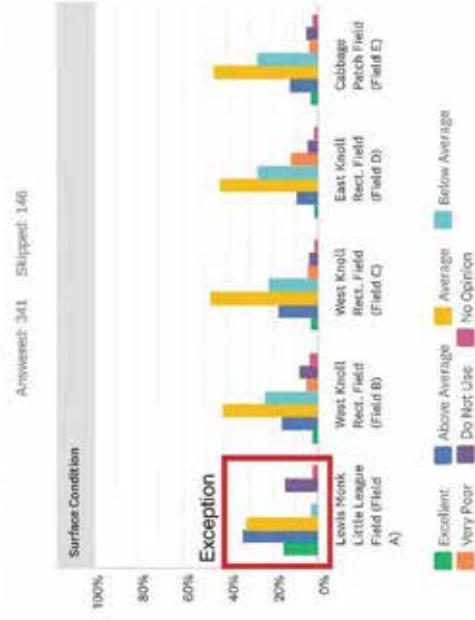
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Q5 Please rate the fields you use based on the criteria listed.



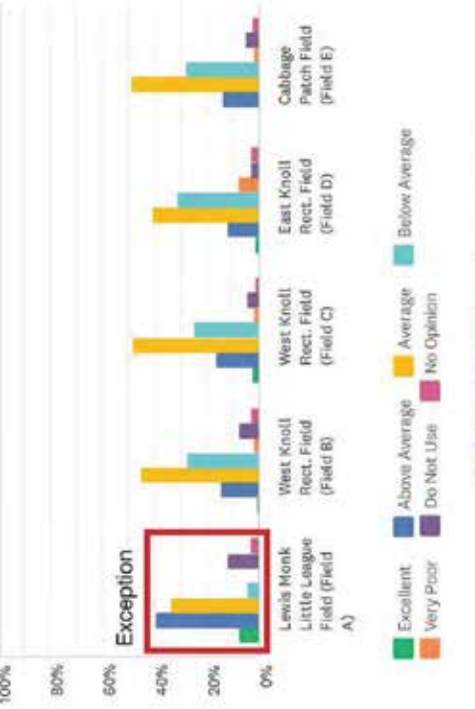
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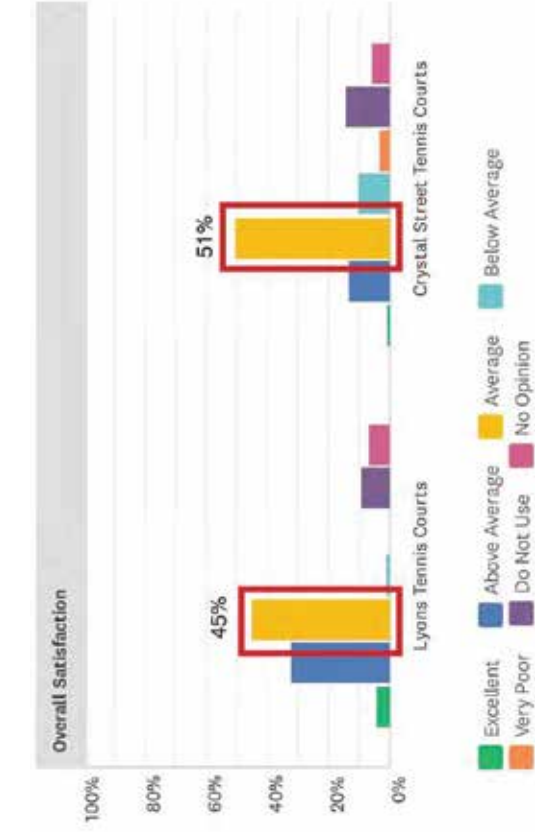


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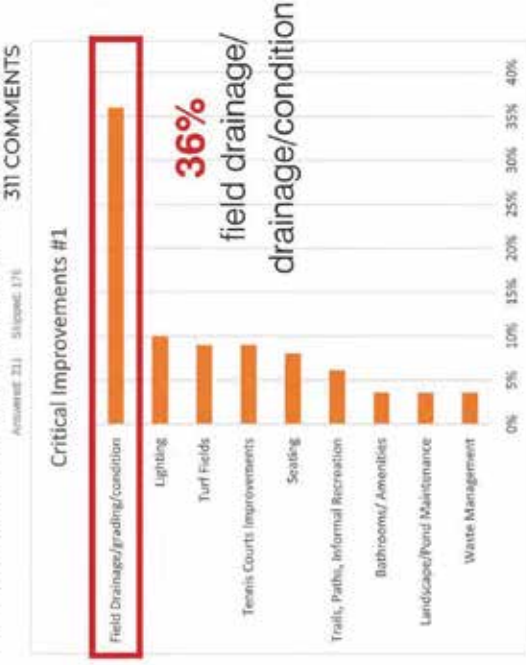
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Q8 What are the two (2) most critical improvements that you would like to see done to the existing athletic fields and/or outdoor courts?

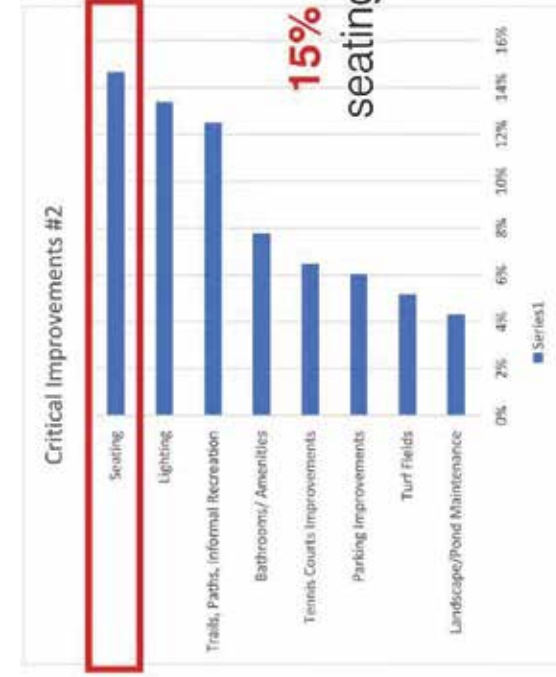


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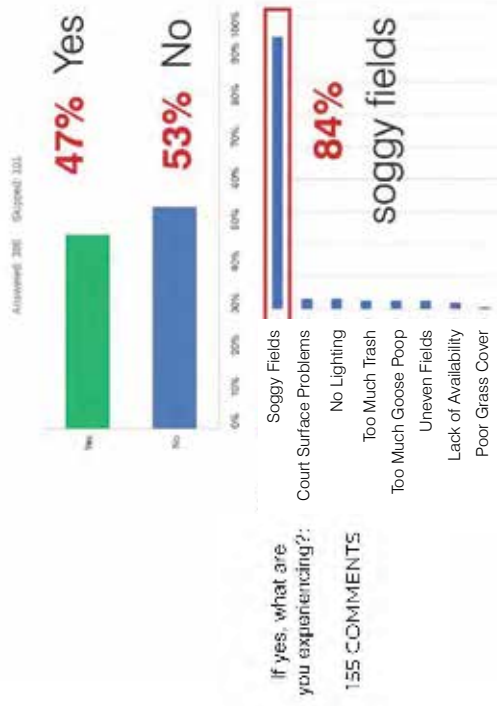
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Q9 Do field conditions limit your use of athletic fields and/or outdoor courts?

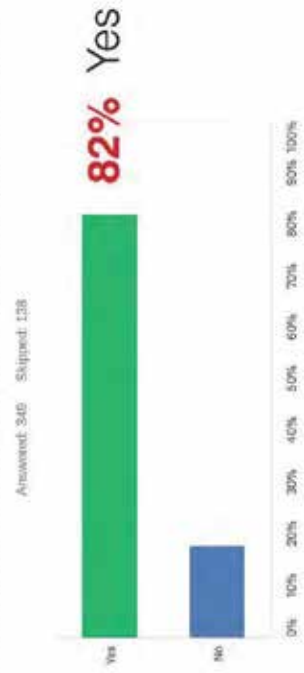


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Q10 Are fields and outdoor courts available at times you need them?



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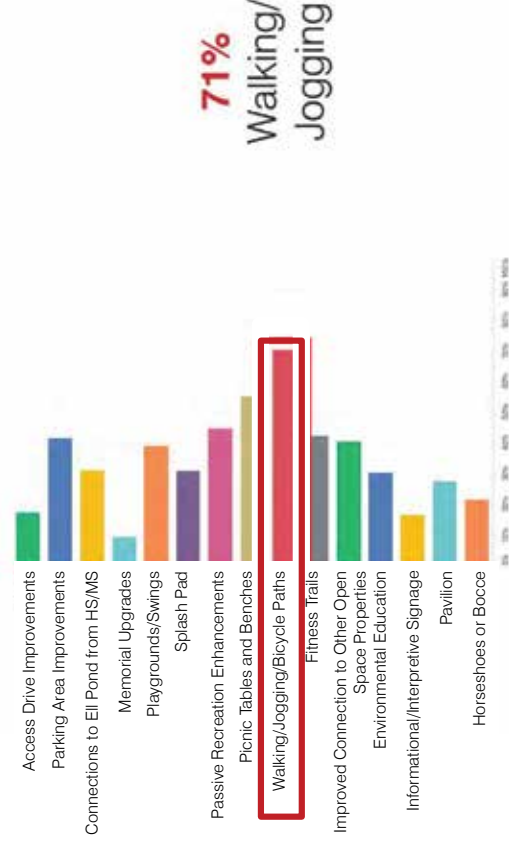


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Q11 Please check additional site elements you would like to see at EII Pond Park (check all that apply).

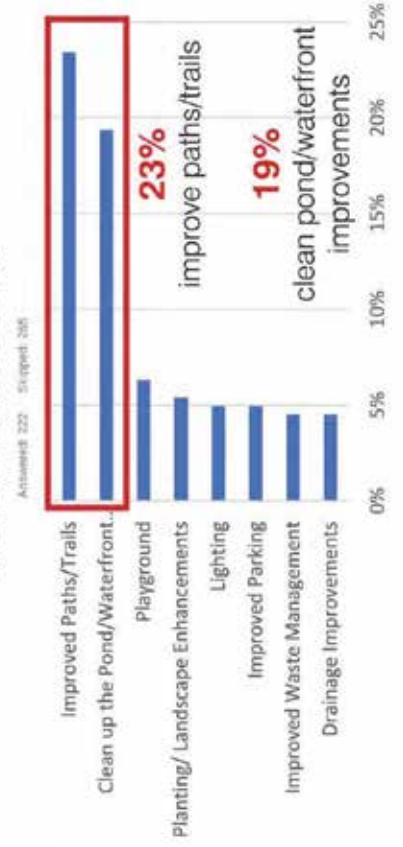


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Q12 In relation to this master planning effort, please identify other facility or site improvements that would help to meet the needs of you, your family and/or other Melrose residents.



Answers: 222 Skipped: 385



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OVERALL TAKE-AWAYS

WHY ARE PEOPLE COMING TO ELL POND PARK?
Field use and walking

FIELDS:

Average condition, accessibility, & satisfaction. Poor drainage

COURTS:

Average condition, accessibility, & satisfaction

WHAT IS DESIRED?

Better drainage of fields
More seating
Improved walking paths/trails
Improvements to pond & waterfront



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Concept Diagram | 1



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Concept Diagram | 2



CATEGORY	EXISTING	CONCEPT 1	CONCEPT 2	CONCEPT 3
Parking	156 Spaces 47,285 sf One-way Loop 1 Entrance/Exit 3 Speed Tables/Overmarks 1 Overmark	126 Spaces 46,895 sf Two-way Loop 1 Entrance/Exit 3 Speed Tables/Overmarks 1 Overmark	126 Spaces 46,895 sf Two-way Loop 1 Entrance/Exit 3 Speed Tables/Overmarks 1 Overmark	126 Spaces 46,895 sf Two-way Loop 1 Entrance/Exit 3 Speed Tables/Overmarks 1 Overmark
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Playset/Play	13,312 sf	13,312 sf	13,312 sf	13,312 sf
Walking Loop	47,115 sf	47,115 sf	47,115 sf	47,115 sf

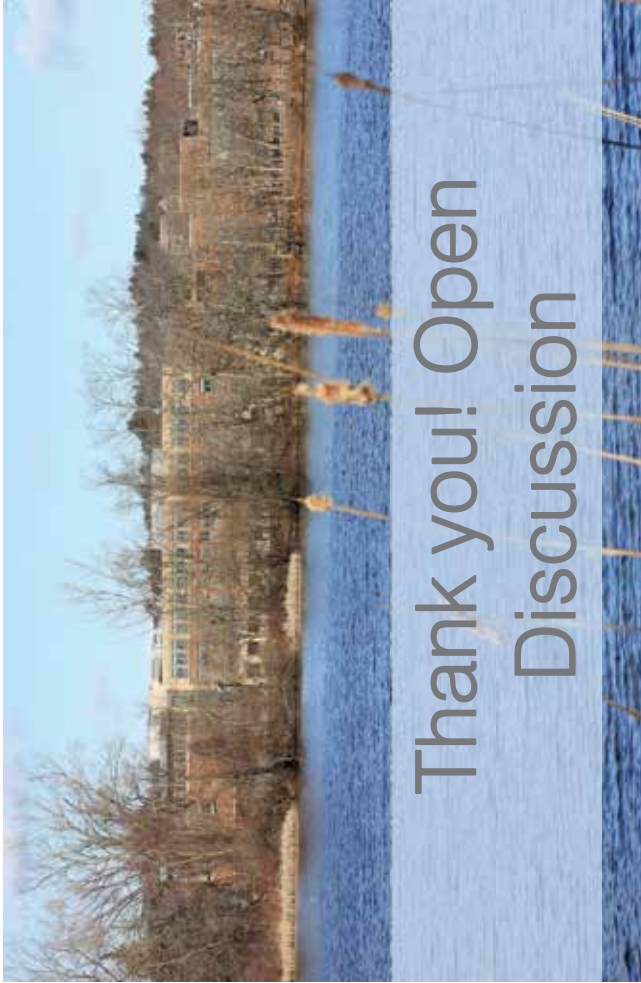
Stormwater Management Techniques/Goals

- Subsurface Stormwater Chambers
- Sediment Forebays
- Deep Sump Catch Basins
- Rain Gardens
- Invasive Species Removal/Treatment
- Porous Pavements
- Expansive Native Tree and Shrub Plantings



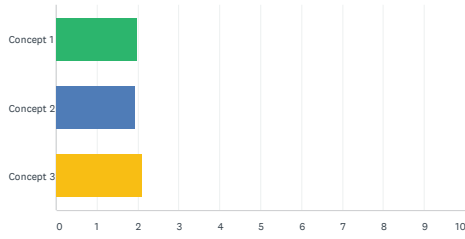
- Next Steps**

 - Continue to Receive Public Input
 - Establish a **PREFERRED CONCEPT PLAN**
 - Prepare Budget Guidance
 - Establish a Phasing + Funding Strategy
 - Finalize the Master Plan Report
 - Secure Funding
 - Begin Implementation



Q1 Rank the concepts in order of preference (1 being most desired, 3 being least desired)

Answered: 265 Skipped: 10



	1	2	3	N/A	TOTAL	SCORE
Concept 1	34.50% 89	26.74% 69	36.05% 93	2.71% 7	258	1.98
Concept 2	22.27% 57	46.48% 119	27.34% 70	3.91% 10	256	1.95
Concept 3	41.70% 108	22.39% 58	30.50% 79	5.41% 14	259	2.12

Q2 What do you like about your preferred concept?

Answered: 240 Skipped: 35

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56	2 synthetic fields - the natural turf on the west knoll will be a problem parking layout is better	12/16/2020 10:44 AM

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1	Synthetic turf, managing invasive species, not expanding outfield to allow for other priorities that can be enjoyed by all including separate entrance/exit	1/4/2021 4:09 PM
2	It is less crowded and leaves more open space	1/4/2021 11:57 AM
3	The most important thing in my mind is having artificial turf on the most field space. Cabbage Patch, East Knoll and West Knoll are all terrible in the rain and are extremely hard to utilize on a regular basis. If all these fields are turf, Melrose as a whole will benefit the most.	1/1/2021 10:49 AM
4	Synthetic turf on West Knoll is ideal and it would be best if the area was laid out as in Concept 1 but in synthetic turf rather than grass. Even the best grass surfaces are unplayable if it's been rainy and wear spots in the grass exacerbate the situation. Also, issues with weeds have come up frequently. Synthetic turf doesn't have those issues.	12/31/2020 4:24 PM
5	Size and turf field	12/31/2020 4:14 PM
6	I Like the park promenade, increased informal open space and the one way parking lot (seems safer). I do wish it had a waterfront pavilion.	12/29/2020 10:25 AM
7	Allows more youth and JV soccer fields so all in one area. Avoids transfer of JV team to Pine Banks for games and practice. New Pavilion for mixed use. Maintains large student parking lot and use for events. Bigger baseball field	12/28/2020 12:52 PM
8	Concept 3: looks like more naturalized space which is nice. We already devote so much space/resources to athletics, why not just include a little open, naturalized space? I do like the idea of an outdoor classroom space in Concept 2. I like the idea of a walking loop around the pond if that could be worked into the plan.	12/28/2020 11:14 AM
9	One way parking lot	12/28/2020 11:08 AM
10	Maximized turf space and more fitness pods	12/27/2020 1:29 PM
11	The most parking spaces and the rain garden and the most fields	12/26/2020 7:19 PM
12	Fitness pod, outdoor amphitheater	12/24/2020 10:49 PM
13	Outdoor classrooms	12/23/2020 10:35 PM
14	Amphitheater and outdoor classroom	12/23/2020 7:23 PM
15	The synthetic turf field at West Knoll will make the field more reliable for usage since the weather in MA has proved to be unfriendly to grass fields.	12/23/2020 5:44 PM
16	Number of trees planted	12/23/2020 5:12 PM
17	More field space for the kids	12/23/2020 9:51 AM
18	More field space and less artificial turf	12/22/2020 11:53 PM
19	I like the promenade	12/22/2020 8:04 PM
20	The parking	12/22/2020 7:05 PM
21	Increased informal open space. I would like to use this area more but am not involved in any sport activities.	12/22/2020 6:53 PM
22	Outdoor classroom, keeping turf natural, synthetic cabbage patch But dislike 2 way parking loop	12/22/2020 5:10 PM
23	amphitheater	12/22/2020 3:53 PM
24	The musical pavilion, and a fair distribution between sports and arts. Also the ada access for all areas	12/22/2020 2:23 PM
25	A place for live music	12/22/2020 1:05 PM
26	I like that concept 1 retains the grass on the West Knoll field.	12/22/2020 1:01 PM
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56	2 synthetic fields - the natural turf on the west knoll will be a problem parking layout is better	12/16/2020 10:44 AM

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57	Sports fields are not crammed in / as dense, to allow for more landscaping and non-sports activities. I prefer the current elliptical plan of the parking lot.	12/16/2020 8:51 AM
58	more synthetic turf, better treatment of knoll and water front	12/16/2020 8:42 AM
59	BUffer btwn Lyons tennis and soccer fields and Monk baseball	12/15/2020 7:57 PM
60	smallest sports footprint, allowing room for other space uses..... please consider other gathering uses such as small concerts, theatre in the park, outdoor art exhibits, a sculpture?	12/15/2020 8:09 PM
61	Open space, promenade	12/15/2020 2:50 PM
62	I like maximizing playing surfaces and the turf on the cabbage patch	12/15/2020 2:46 PM
63	It maximizes the space	12/15/2020 12:51 PM
64	Maximizes fields for youth sports. Waterside pavilion would be a nice addition.	12/15/2020 11:46 AM
65	The waterfront pavilion and use of the natural turf fields.	12/15/2020 11:31 AM
66	More field space which is at a premium in Melrose	12/15/2020 11:20 AM
67	more soccer fields	12/15/2020 11:16 AM
68	separation of spaces	12/15/2020 10:01 AM
69	Maximizes opportunity for organized youth sports activities (eleven practice/playing surface configurations)	12/15/2020 9:34 AM
70	Accessibility	12/15/2020 9:07 AM
71	Do not want the fence at Lewis Monk pushed back to 225 (Little League fields should be 200 ft from home plate)	12/15/2020 9:01 AM
72	maximizes playing surfaces	12/15/2020 8:59 AM
73	Maximizes playing surfaces for the children of melrose.	12/15/2020 8:55 AM
74	Pavilion, fitness pods, and 200' fence at ballpark	12/15/2020 8:53 AM
75	It maximizes playing surfaces.	12/15/2020 8:52 AM
76	Maximizes the playing surfaces in the space	12/15/2020 8:42 AM
77	Increased informal open space, Promenade, separate park entrance and exit. Larger Knoll.	12/14/2020 5:45 PM
78	Single traffic entrance, the knoll is not reduced.	12/14/2020 5:19 PM
79	The greatest usable space for High School, Middle School and city sports. There aren't enough playing fields in Melrose to accommodate the need.	12/14/2020 4:33 PM
80	increased informal space, ASA access to all amenities which is in all of them	12/14/2020 2:43 PM
81	space for full sized field	12/14/2020 2:32 PM
82	I would suggest pickle ball courts are added to any /all concepts.	12/14/2020 1:58 PM
83	maximizes open space	12/14/2020 1:57 PM
84	turf	12/14/2020 1:25 PM
85	This concept, if the park promenade is removed or reduced, will allow for a full soccer field. This is absolutely necessary for our high school and city/travel soccer programs.	12/14/2020 12:14 PM
86	Separate entrance/exit from parking at knoll	12/14/2020 10:54 AM
87	Best balance	12/14/2020 10:47 AM
88	Synthetic turf for the field.	12/13/2020 6:42 PM
89	More soccer fields (tho it is impossible to read the descriptions) and the waterfront pavilion	12/13/2020 5:05 PM
90	We need more synthetic turf fields in our community	12/13/2020 12:03 PM

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117	Waterfront pavilion, fitness pods, one way loop parking.	12/11/2020 12:44 PM
118	Turf filed at the West Knoll	12/11/2020 12:03 PM
119	I really like the idea of the 4 fitness pods and the outdoor classroom.	12/11/2020 11:54 AM
120	Turf field on the west side knoll	12/11/2020 11:51 AM
121	remove or reduce the Park Promenade. This would provide the additional space to extend the field to an appropriate length (e by 30 feet).	12/11/2020 11:26 AM
122	Synthetic turf fields at Cabbage Patch & West Knoll.	12/11/2020 11:20 AM
123	Promenade; Knoll Turf field; parking lot design (single entrance/exit).	12/11/2020 11:02 AM
124	Turf soccer field will prevent rainouts and be safer.	12/11/2020 11:00 AM
125	The turf field and walkway in-between the courts and field	12/11/2020 10:33 AM
126	It has a regular soccer varsity field size on West Knoll	12/11/2020 9:20 AM
127	Turf field with maximum playing time for all ages	12/11/2020 9:16 AM
128	The turf high school field; most opposing teams play on turf so we are very used to it. Also, turf allows playing in harsher weather that grass would not. Practices and games on the Knoll are often canceled when it is raining, which is preventable with turf.	12/11/2020 9:10 AM
129	One way parking with less spaces.	12/11/2020 9:01 AM
130	Turf soccer field creates all-weather playing; fields for all ages	12/11/2020 8:52 AM
131	Synthetic fields	12/11/2020 8:52 AM
132	Maximizing field space for kids sports	12/11/2020 8:31 AM
133	Good mix of formal and informal field usage	12/11/2020 8:25 AM
134	Turf field at the Knoll for soccer.	12/11/2020 8:22 AM
135	Fewer ball fields, more trees & natural areas, 1way Knoll with separate entry/exit. Should add waterfront pavilion.	12/11/2020 8:19 AM
136	I think it addresses the soggy soccer field issue, has the pavilion	12/11/2020 7:19 AM
137	Outdoor classroom, natural turf West Knoll field	12/11/2020 7:01 AM
138	turf field, formalized memorial knoll w/pavilion	12/10/2020 10:19 PM
139	Good amount of soccer field; outdoor classroom.	12/10/2020 10:06 PM
140	Turf WSK field with lights.	12/10/2020 9:53 PM
141	Minimized natural turf Informal space Less fitness pods	12/10/2020 9:23 PM
142	I feel we improved the fields, created a nice pavilion that I'd like to use for Girl Scouts and it has an outdoor classroom.	12/10/2020 9:16 PM
143	More trees, more informal open space	12/10/2020 8:29 PM
144	Easy U shaped parking with in and out entrance/exit. I also like the pavilion on the memorial knoll.	12/10/2020 8:13 PM
145	The additional sports field.	12/10/2020 8:11 PM
146	More trees and native vegetation	12/10/2020 8:02 PM
147	turf soccer fields and one way parking	12/10/2020 7:52 PM
148	Keeping the fence at Lewis Monk at 200'.	12/10/2020 7:36 PM
149	I like the utilization of the space with the use of natural turf for most fields.	12/10/2020 7:28 PM
150	Turf soccer field, stormwater/ invasive species management	12/10/2020 7:23 PM
151	Most playing space for athletes, passive recreation can be at Mt. Hood or the Fells	12/10/2020 7:08 PM

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91	Most Turf	12/13/2020 11:41 AM
92	It doesn't benefit one user group over another - it benefits all groups - passive users, sports, veterans, dog owners. It also creates a safer parking experience	12/13/2020 9:35 AM
93	I like the (2) entrance / exit at the knoll. It will greatly improve traffic flow. I like more synthetic turf, to minimize upkeep. I do not like the park promenade. It doesn't go anywhere. I like the outdoor classroom idea from concept 2.	12/12/2020 9:17 PM
94	maximized field space with natural grass, and turf at cabbage patch, which seems to not do well with natural grass	12/12/2020 8:09 PM
95	outdoor classroom, more fitness pods	12/12/2020 4:37 PM
96	Keeps largest field on west side. It should be 360 yards long	12/12/2020 4:57 PM
97	I like the amount of green space between the dog park and the jut out to Ell Pond. Assuming this could be well taken care of and wouldn't be swampy.	12/12/2020 4:49 PM
98	Artificial turf on the West Knoll	12/12/2020 4:31 PM
99	Results in the most available field space.	12/12/2020 12:46 PM
100	It maximizes the creation of available field space for which demand has and will continue to rise. Would prefer to see synthetic turf on the West Knoll fields.	12/12/2020 12:39 PM
101	I like the idea of a park promenade which makes this space more multi functional and not just a sports complex.	12/12/2020 7:36 AM
102	Amphitheatre is a great idea! I love seeing a continuous walking path to connect crystal st to tremont in all three alternatives. This path should be at least 8 feet wide to accommodate people riding bikes and people walking, to minimize conflict. Consider a paved path with a natural surface "shoulder" if environmental requirements preclude 8" wide paved path (e.g. decomposed granite). Consider use of pervious pavement to reduce run off and encourage storm water infiltration.	12/12/2020 7:23 AM
103	More space for parking and can make traffic flow nicely	12/11/2020 10:19 PM
104	Lots of trees. Lots of unstructured green space/grass. Natural looking.	12/11/2020 8:50 PM
105	Less crowded, but I prefer natural turf in the west knoll field	12/11/2020 8:28 PM
106	Walking paths	12/11/2020 8:27 PM
107	Outdoor Classroom / Amphitheater and the Oval Parking.	12/11/2020 7:54 PM
108	Turf fields on west knoll. Whenever wet sports always being canceled. Like separate in and out far parking.	12/11/2020 6:03 PM
109	Maximized fields. Two entrance/exit system for the parking lot.	12/11/2020 5:03 PM
110	Synthetic turf for the high school soccer field.	12/11/2020 4:02 PM
111	Soccer Field is adequate for older kids/ hs. Need to expand the length to meet needs.	12/11/2020 3:24 PM
112	It maximizes the much needed field space this city needs. Fields in this city are overrun by high school athletics, there needs to more space for teams/people associated with high school athletics.	12/11/2020 3:11 PM
113	We need a full sized synthetic soccer turf field for the High School that can be used for as long as possible during the calendar year. For younger ages the field can be divided as shown, but we need the full sized field. As a parent of middle school and high school boys playing soccer, many games and practices were cancelled in the past because of rain. Also because many age groups use these fields the natural turf is very easily damaged, resulting in a dangerous playing surface.	12/11/2020 2:26 PM
114	More synthetic turf space which will allow best drainage and maximized use of the athletic fields for children and students in Melrose between the ages of 4-18	12/11/2020 2:19 PM
115	most active safer one-way parking lot waterfront pavilion	12/11/2020 2:07 PM
116	everything, but please make soccer field 360 ft long.	12/11/2020 12:48 PM

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152	Two turf fields	12/10/2020 6:30 PM
153	Concept 3 West Knoll being a turf field	12/10/2020 6:20 PM
154	Turf fields. These fields are unusable too often due to flooding which will be largely solved by turf fields.	12/10/2020 6:18 PM
155	I like the adjustment to the parking lot with one entrance and one exit.	12/10/2020 6:10 PM
156	greater utilization of space for fields/parking etc	12/10/2020 6:05 PM
157	Turf for high school soccer and one way parking lot	12/10/2020 5:54 PM
158	I would like to see the area for passive recreation maximized.	12/10/2020 5:39 PM
159	The upgraded turf fields. The outdoor classroom as well in option 2	12/10/2020 5:22 PM
160	formal promenade, increased informal space	12/10/2020 5:20 PM
161	Synthetic Turf on West knoll and promenade area. Good mixed use of space.	12/10/2020 5:18 PM
162	The outdoor classroom	12/10/2020 5:18 PM
163	the turf on the west side knoll	12/10/2020 5:14 PM
164	There would be a high school turf soccer field	12/10/2020 5:11 PM
165	the outdoor classroom	12/10/2020 5:11 PM
166	The West Knoll Field having synthetic turf	12/10/2020 5:10 PM
167	More open space between the elements; the additional plantings between the tennis court/fields; U-shaped driveway uses available space better and likely safer.	12/10/2020 5:00 PM
168	Synthetic turf.	12/10/2020 4:54 PM
169	By having the field synthetic at the west knoll if opens up much more opportunity for youth sports to have field availability given our New England weather.	12/10/2020 4:49 PM
170	maximized field space, limited turf surface	12/10/2020 4:45 PM
171	outdoor classroom, exercise pods	12/10/2020 4:32 PM
172	I like option #1 the best of the three but I would like to see more turf fields if we are investing this much money	12/10/2020 4:29 PM
173	Well balanced between active and passive recreation	12/10/2020 4:20 PM
174	waterfront pavilion 3 exercise pods	12/10/2020 3:52 PM
175	Most flexible field space design, maximizes fields for youth soccer, but still allows for excellent walking paths and good size dog park.	12/10/2020 3:36 PM
176	Rehabilitation of pond trail; focus on waterfront; balance between active and passive recreation; outdoor classroom	12/10/2020 3:16 PM
177	KEEPS THE MOST NATURAL/NON-PLAYING FIELD LANDSCAPING. STILL TOO MUCH PARKING IN THE WETLANDS BUFFER ZONE (ESPECIALLY WITHIN 50')	12/10/2020 3:14 PM
178	I'd like to maximize playing surfaces for kids. I'm also concerned about the health of El Pond and I'm glad to see that sewage and invasive species management are part of all 3 concepts.	12/10/2020 3:12 PM
179	Walking trails along the water, a pavilion that is by the water	12/10/2020 2:42 PM
180	Turf soccer fields, one way parking.	12/10/2020 2:28 PM
181	I like the idea of fitness pods, and the waterfront pavilion.	12/10/2020 2:14 PM
182	The three concepts are all very similar, would be helpful to see a broader range of adjustments.	12/10/2020 2:09 PM
183	Turf on cabbage patch which has the worst drainage issue. maximize the number of playing surfaces elsewhere.	12/10/2020 1:49 PM
184	It had a park promenade. Increased informal open space. Larger formalized Memorial Knoll	12/10/2020 1:30 PM

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	with pavilion. All of these changes will allow more people to use the facilities.	
185	-one way parking lot -synthetic turf fields	12/10/2020 1:24 PM
186	more green space	12/10/2020 1:19 PM
187	Natural Turf + Pavilion	12/10/2020 1:18 PM
188	amphitheater/outdoor classroom, pavilion/picnic area at Knoll, moderate turf use, improvements to existing path near Little League field	12/10/2020 1:02 PM
189	It appears to have more soccer fields	12/10/2020 12:59 PM
190	Waterfront pavilion, one way driving	12/10/2020 12:48 PM
191	Maximum number of trees, natural landscape	12/10/2020 12:45 PM
192	Synthetic turf at the Cabbage Patch, one way traffic in the lot, more rec and pleasure opportunities	12/10/2020 12:37 PM
193	Has the most space for sports.	12/10/2020 12:24 PM
194	I like the conversion to turf fields. I like the outdoor classroom/amphitheater, I like the increased fitness pods/fields to accommodate more games at once.	12/10/2020 12:14 PM
195	Concept 3 feels like the spaces are oriented to all users. Concept 1 feels like the emphasis is to create a city sports complex to the detriment of all users. Concept 3 better manages the flow of traffic from the main road to the parking area and makes the Memorial Knoll feel more inviting as opposed to being an island surrounded by parking. The promenade feature links the walking trails and makes the space feel more welcoming and useable.	12/10/2020 11:54 AM
196	More open space. I don't think the parking needs to be expanded, but repairs on the existing one. Pods and classrooms would be nice, but not necessary if costly.	12/10/2020 11:26 AM
197	I don't necessarily have a preference. The plans all look really great for improving the area.	12/10/2020 11:10 AM
198	Outdoor classroom, ADA accessibility	12/10/2020 11:02 AM
199	One way parking lot, waterfront pavilion, use of fields	12/10/2020 10:59 AM
200	Maximized athletic area. More space for town leagues & pick-up games.	12/10/2020 10:55 AM
201	more soccer fields, one way parking loop, waterfront pavilion	12/10/2020 10:54 AM
202	Knoll parking rationalized. Fewer soccer fields on East Knoll. Promenade between courts and soccer field on West Knoll.	12/10/2020 10:53 AM
203	I really like the idea of the outdoor amphitheater. It would be a wonderful entertainment space for the entire community to use for concerts and performances. I also feel the loop should be kept one way. I like the idea of a picnic space/pavilion area. Also, why not put another pavilion as shown in concept 1. So have 1 in the circle and one farther down.	12/10/2020 10:51 AM
204	More soccer playing space	12/10/2020 10:49 AM
205	Being able to access multiple synthetic turf fields is essential. I think having the west knoll accessible and safe to use for high school and youth sports better benefits the community.	12/10/2020 10:49 AM
206	maximizes usage while distributing wear and tear over different parts of the soccer fields.	12/10/2020 10:46 AM
207	more fields in concept 1 - better configuration for two larger fields	12/10/2020 10:37 AM
208	I like the outdoor classroom concept in concept 2. I like the waterfront pavilion in concept 1. I like the fitness pod concept.	12/10/2020 10:29 AM
209	The turf fields are critical-I would urge you to make the East Knoll fields turf as well. Let's do it all, once, correctly. The changes to the Knoll, proper, especially the parking, is much needed. I'd like to think the pavilion offers shelter (and cooking areas) for folks having outdoor picnics and cookouts. Schenectady's Central Park has a pavilion like this. I don't see anything about bathrooms. Perhaps they're in the pavilion? I think it would be a mistake to not include adequate facilities or rely on portable toilets which, historically, are inadequate, overused, and under serviced.	12/10/2020 10:29 AM

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239	Synthetic Turf on West Knoll	12/10/2020 9:36 AM
240	Outdoor classroom space	12/10/2020 9:30 AM

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210	I like the pavilion being on the waterfront so people can watch the birds/wildlife	12/10/2020 10:26 AM
211	I'm a little torn between 2 and 3. I like the outdoor classroom in #2, but I like the 1-way parking lot in #3 (as well as the turf field at the Knoll)	12/10/2020 10:26 AM
212	Full sized turf soccer field - is field lighting part of this installation? How about bleacher space?	12/10/2020 10:25 AM
213	park promenade	12/10/2020 10:23 AM
214	Less football practice area, less synthetic turf, fitness pods, outdoor classroom. Do not like the two-way loop	12/10/2020 10:22 AM
215	Smaller parking lot which might encourage people to walk (decrease Melrose carbon footprint). Feels like more open space.	12/10/2020 10:20 AM
216	Outdoor classroom/amphitheater & additional fitness pods	12/10/2020 10:19 AM
217	Good balance between the field options and other uses.	12/10/2020 10:18 AM
218	Space for spectators at fields. Fitness pods.	12/10/2020 10:14 AM
219	Ell Pond is one of our most beautiful natural resources. Though I have kids that play sports (and would benefit from the additional field space provided in #1) I like that plan 3 leaves more unstructured space and more trees! Furthermore, I like the traffic layout in plan 3 and the improvement to the WW1 memorial.	12/10/2020 10:13 AM
220	It feels more like a park that people can walk through as opposed to a pure sports space. I also prefer preserved more trees and wooded areas. I like the U shaped parking arrangement, which I feel will function better than the existing single point of entry design.	12/10/2020 10:13 AM
221	More sport-related spaces. Most vehicular parking. The smaller Memorial Knoll does not seem that much smaller.	12/10/2020 10:12 AM
222	Two artificial fields, more parking, better access in/out of the Knoll.	12/10/2020 10:09 AM
223	Outdoor classroom	12/10/2020 10:09 AM
224	outdoor classroom	12/10/2020 10:07 AM
225	Natural surfaces, please	12/10/2020 10:06 AM
226	Maximizes parking and natural turf space	12/10/2020 10:04 AM
227	the way the athletic fields are structured and outdoor classroom	12/10/2020 10:01 AM
228	I like that's a clear division between the soccer fields and the addition of fitness pods and pavilion	12/10/2020 9:59 AM
229	waterfront pavilion, one way parking	12/10/2020 9:58 AM
230	Maximizes field space and parking.	12/10/2020 9:56 AM
231	More space for sports. More parking.	12/10/2020 9:56 AM
232	I believe that maximizing the sports areas will be the better choice due to high level of kids and people who like to do sports in Melrose	12/10/2020 9:56 AM
233	Best combination of field use allowing some empty space between facilities.	12/10/2020 9:53 AM
234	Maximum natural field space, minimize synthetic turf	12/10/2020 9:52 AM
235	Where are the girls field hockey and lacrosse fields? Why does the field hockey team have to go to Pine Banks. Please plan to have field hockey closer to MHS.	12/10/2020 9:51 AM
236	Maximized natural turf	12/10/2020 9:51 AM
237	Concept 3's separate entrance/exit for parking seems safer/easier to use, and safer for pedestrian & bicycle traffic on LFP. Concept 3 could be combined with larger baseball field (225) from Concepts 1 and 2?	12/10/2020 9:50 AM
238	quality of the fields, improvement to the knoll area with improved parking love the walking paths in all worried about having less fields in number 3 but I don't think I have ever seen them all used at once so likely ok.	12/10/2020 9:49 AM

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Q3 What do you dislike most about your least favorite concept?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No separate exit/entrance, waterfront pavilion, expanded outfield, water drainage issue on field persist (not enough synthetic)	1/4/2021 4:09 PM
2	Too much is crammed into it	1/4/2021 11:57 AM
3	Two things. First is keeping grass which I think would be a huge mistake. Second is not utilizing all the space. There is some unused grass space around some of the fields.	1/1/2021 10:49 AM
4	On all concepts the length of the full size 11v11/high school field is short. That field should be 120 yards (360 feet) and wider than 70 yards (210 feet) if feasible. I dont really get the Park Promenade in Concept 2.	12/31/2020 4:24 PM
5	Size of the soccer fields	12/31/2020 4:14 PM
6	Fewer soccer fields. Pavilion on top of hill without ability for public to be close to shows. Not sure fitness pods will be used as folks already use the fields in the off hours for exercise.	12/28/2020 12:52 PM
7	It looks primarily like big athletic fields. Sports are great! But maybe we should have more space for other things? Nature, walking loop, outdoor classrooms, playspace, an arts amphitheater or performance center? This could be a big boost to the performing arts in our city.	12/28/2020 11:14 AM
8	Not as many trees	12/28/2020 11:08 AM
9	Minimized turf space	12/27/2020 1:29 PM
10	no outdoor classroom/amphitheater, and it would be nice to have an in and out entrance to the parking lot. students are the one who use the parking the most so it should be the most accessible to them. also what is a fitness pod? maybe less of those and more natural spaces	12/26/2020 7:19 PM
11	Missing third spaces for community activities	12/24/2020 10:49 PM
12	It seems that there isn't a change to the existing parking lot. It can be improved.	12/23/2020 10:35 PM
13	Lack of childrens park	12/23/2020 7:23 PM
14	nothing, I think it is a very solid option	12/23/2020 5:44 PM
15	Synthetic turf	12/23/2020 5:12 PM
16	Wasted space	12/23/2020 9:51 AM
17	Less field space	12/22/2020 11:53 PM
18	I disliked the focus on athletics	12/22/2020 8:04 PM
19	Basically the same as what is already there	12/22/2020 7:05 PM
20	Not enough informal open space.	12/22/2020 6:53 PM
21	Turf on west knoll, less parking	12/22/2020 5:10 PM
22	it's basically a sports complex	12/22/2020 3:53 PM
23	Too much focus on sports only	12/22/2020 2:23 PM
24	Minimizing the field	12/22/2020 1:58 PM
25	No place for future concerts	12/22/2020 1:05 PM
26	I do not want synthetic grass to be put on the West Knoll field.	12/22/2020 1:01 PM
27	It's ALL about sports! Cant there be a space for live music and theater? And also more space for eating outdoors? Why is this all about MORE sports fields??	12/22/2020 12:12 PM
28	Maximized turf field	12/22/2020 12:08 PM
29	Two-way formal loop parking reduces the number of parking spaces and will impact congestion and the flow of traffic	12/22/2020 11:57 AM
30	I think concept 1 is all about sports and not much else. Melrose is a place where people enjoy sports, music, art, etc. so our space should cater to a broader grouping of people.	12/22/2020 11:34 AM

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62	do not like pushing Lewis Monk to 225 feet, it should be kept at 200. The additional area could be used for more socially distant seating and natural space	12/15/2020 2:46 PM
63	Baseball fields needs to stay little league regulation size at 200 feet. Do not see it addressing drainage problem and still see no lights for evening games. Soccer fields still seem to have drainage issues in all plans. Knoll is not set up well in any plan	12/15/2020 12:51 PM
64	Moving the baseball fence back to 225 feet. The little league standard is 200 feet. Also, I don't think adding a second entrance/exit to the parking lot is necessary. Put that money to a better use.	12/15/2020 11:46 AM
65	There seems to be "wasted" space. The open space that is not utilized for a specific activity is a disservice to the city's youth. There is a limited amount or practice space in the city. To use this space for open grass areas and walkways would be negligent, in my opinion.	12/15/2020 11:31 AM
66	Lack of fields and smaller ball park at Lewis Monk	12/15/2020 11:20 AM
67	less soccer fields	12/15/2020 11:16 AM
68	small fields at east knoll	12/15/2020 10:01 AM
69	Unclear how this improves drainage on the grass fields	12/15/2020 9:34 AM
70	Do not want the fence at Lewis Monk pushed back to 225 (Little League fields should be 200 ft from home plate)	12/15/2020 9:11 AM
71	Maintain Little League Outfield Fence (200'). Lewis-Monk is one of the best little league baseball fields in the area and the envy of surrounding towns / cities. Let's keep it that way if we can.	12/15/2020 9:07 AM
72	Do not want the fence at Lewis Monk pushed back to 225 (Little League fields should be 200 ft from home plate)	12/15/2020 8:59 AM
73	Lack of open space.	12/15/2020 8:53 AM
74	Failure to maximize playing surfaces in concept 2. Use of synthetic turf in concept 3.	12/15/2020 8:52 AM
75	Do not want the fence at Lewis Monk pushed back to 225 (Little League fields should be 200 ft from home plate)	12/15/2020 8:42 AM
76	No Pavilion on the pond trail.	12/14/2020 5:45 PM
77	Reduced knoll, synthetic turf, separate in and out entrances which could cause problems on Parkway.	12/14/2020 5:19 PM
78	Another curb cut on the Fellsway and a reduction of sports fields.	12/14/2020 4:33 PM
79	Do not need outdoor classroom	12/14/2020 3:47 PM
80	only two pods	12/14/2020 2:32 PM
81	None	12/14/2020 1:58 PM
82	Maintains too much parking - parking is almost totally unused outside of small fraction of students who want to drive to school.	12/14/2020 1:57 PM
83	wet grass	12/14/2020 1:25 PM
84	configuration of soccer	12/14/2020 10:47 AM
85	Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports and I don't see this sport being included. I request the team to atleast include permanent markings within tennis courts so that the courts can be used in a shared manner.	12/13/2020 10:55 PM
86	Too tight and won't help the high school as we need the field to be at least 360ft.	12/13/2020 6:42 PM
87	We do not need to expand the Memorial beyond what is already present.	12/13/2020 12:03 PM
88	Least turf	12/13/2020 11:41 AM
89	Fewer parking spaces	12/13/2020 9:35 AM
90	I think fitness pods are a waste of money.	12/12/2020 9:17 PM

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31	It feels to bare and has less things to do.	12/22/2020 11:24 AM
32	More natural turf feels less environmentally friendly.	12/22/2020 11:18 AM
33	No space for the arts to perform such as Band for opportunity to hold outdoor music events	12/22/2020 11:04 AM
34	Lack of synthetic turf	12/22/2020 9:50 AM
35	Too much soccer field space	12/20/2020 11:15 PM
36	It gets rid of two soccee field	12/19/2020 6:04 PM
37	I do not think the city will reap good returns from maxing out on areas designated for athletic play. I played a lot of sports growing up, and we played on fields that were not very fancy. You make it work with what you have. I understand the need for good drainage, etc, to keep the fields playable. However, if you increase the athletic field space by 10%, or the open space by 10%, I believe you will get much more community benefit, and it will be more accessible for families with children, seniors, etc from the 10% open space. Especially in the summer, the need for green shaded space is absolutely critical. There should be more of it.	12/18/2020 9:51 PM
38	More space taken for the memorial knoll and additional egress.	12/18/2020 3:34 PM
39	not enough fields no accessible pavilion or other gathering space on water level	12/18/2020 1:06 PM
40	I dislike Concept Three most because of the lack of field space.	12/18/2020 7:59 AM
41	no outdoor classroom or waterfront pavilion	12/18/2020 12:02 AM
42	Lack of turf for soccer	12/17/2020 9:34 PM
43	One way traffic for parking.	12/17/2020 8:45 PM
44	Nothing in particular, I just like some of the other options better..	12/17/2020 7:37 PM
45	Do not want the fence at Lewis Monk pushed back to 225 (Little League fields should be 200 ft from home plate) More turf fields for drainage would better	12/17/2020 3:26 PM
46	the 2 way parking lot	12/17/2020 1:09 PM
47	What's a "fitness pod"?	12/17/2020 9:25 AM
48	Too much space devoted to the veterans memorials. This space to glorify war seems too prominent and not reflective of the community values. Also, these memorials are very poorly designed now, aesthetically offensive and inconsistent with the natural space around it.	12/16/2020 10:49 PM
49	One way in one way out parking lot	12/16/2020 7:25 PM
50	Least playing field space	12/16/2020 6:07 PM
51	Larger formalized memorial knoll w/pavilion. I think the amount of memorials we have in Melrose is sufficient. I dont think we need to increase it	12/16/2020 5:53 PM
52	The parking lot	12/16/2020 4:12 PM
53	I really like all of the concepts, I would prefer the space to be used in new ways rather than increasing field space for athletic play or expanding parking.	12/16/2020 1:45 PM
54	Do not want the fence pushed back to 225	12/16/2020 1:00 PM
55	Too much space for playing fields	12/16/2020 11:51 AM
56	Only 2 fitness pods and insufficient field space. I would really like to option 1 or 2 modified to have an additional synthetic field	12/16/2020 10:44 AM
57	Sports fields are too dense.	12/16/2020 8:51 AM
58	not enough synthetic	12/16/2020 8:42 AM
59	Too large a sports footprint	12/15/2020 5:09 PM
60	Dislike that all 3 have artificial turf on the cabbage patch.	12/15/2020 4:02 PM
61	Would all these fields be used?	12/15/2020 2:50 PM

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91	less playing fields... seems like the space is less utilized.	12/12/2020 8:09 PM
92	No benches; Still too much parking; no playground; no picnic tables; no bike racks (that I can see at least)	12/12/2020 4:37 PM
93	There is the least amount of non-turn green space.	12/12/2020 1:49 PM
94	Least amount of usable field space	12/12/2020 1:31 PM
95	Results in the least available field space.	12/12/2020 12:46 PM
96	Minimized field space and W Knoll field length for 11 v 11 field is to short. Should aim for 360'.	12/12/2020 12:39 PM
97	I like the waterfront pavilion but worry that it will not get a lot of usage due to lack of access from the street.	12/12/2020 7:36 AM
98	Crowded with active recreation space at the expense of other features. Too much parking in all the alternatives. Do not add more vehicle entrances to Lynn Fells Parkway, maintain one small driveway to minimize conflicts with people walking/biking on the path along LFP.	12/12/2020 7:23 AM
99	Empty space	12/11/2020 10:19 PM
100	Too many sports fields. Not enough natural space. Too angular.	12/11/2020 8:50 PM
101	Too crowded	12/11/2020 8:28 PM
102	NA	12/11/2020 8:27 PM
103	Too many soccer fields seem crammed together.	12/11/2020 7:54 PM
104	Wondering if an outdoor classroom will be used and think a 2 way loop would be chaotic with crazy high school drivers	12/11/2020 6:03 PM
105	Minimized turf fields.	12/11/2020 5:03 PM
106	Very skeptical that natural grass fields will hold up well that close to the pond.	12/11/2020 4:02 PM
107	Need to expand the soccer field.	12/11/2020 3:24 PM
108	Least synthetic turf, no outdoor classroom, 225' foot Little League field is too large and unnecessary	12/11/2020 2:19 PM
109	less safe two way parking lot dead space adjacent to soccer field	12/11/2020 2:07 PM
110	synthetic turf playing fields	12/11/2020 12:44 PM
111	I don't like the idea of three smaller fields on the west knoll.	12/11/2020 11:54 AM
112	Dog Park is too small	12/11/2020 11:51 AM
113	Fewer big changes: just more soccer fields.	12/11/2020 11:02 AM
114	No turf field	12/11/2020 11:00 AM
115	no turf	12/11/2020 10:33 AM
116	The varsity soccer field size is too short! Needs to add 30 feet to be regulation.	12/11/2020 9:20 AM
117	Short field on west knoll	12/11/2020 9:16 AM
118	No turf high school field on West Knoll, odd setup on East Knoll that is better designed in the other concepts.	12/11/2020 9:10 AM
119	Too sport centric	12/11/2020 9:01 AM
120	It would be ideal to have a full length turf soccer field for the high school level	12/11/2020 8:52 AM
121	Not as many fields	12/11/2020 8:52 AM
122	Taking away field space for kids sports etc.	12/11/2020 8:31 AM
123	Wider-space used for parking around knoll	12/11/2020 8:25 AM
124	No turf option at the Knoll.	12/11/2020 8:22 AM

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125	Too focused on organized sports. Traffic & parking concerns related to the intensity of the field use.	12/11/2020 8:19 AM
126	2 way parking. This just seems like it would be a mess.	12/11/2020 7:19 AM
127	O-shaped parking lot (prefer u-shaped), lack of increased informal open space (like the park promenade of concept 3)	12/11/2020 7:01 AM
128	smaller memorial knoll	12/10/2020 10:19 PM
129	Minimized soccer space; separate parking entrance and exit.	12/10/2020 10:06 PM
130	Would like to see WSK turf size of 360 x 222 (120 x 74 yards)	12/10/2020 9:53 PM
131	Maximized natural turf Parking loop	12/10/2020 9:23 PM
132	The increased informal open space.	12/10/2020 9:16 PM
133	Maximized field space	12/10/2020 8:29 PM
134	Two way loop parking will cause traffic tangles.	12/10/2020 8:13 PM
135	It lacks a street hockey rink.	12/10/2020 8:11 PM
136	too much turf	12/10/2020 8:02 PM
137	it's almost the exact same as it is now	12/10/2020 7:52 PM
138	The separate entrance and exit at the Knoll. Not sure you need to have them separated. I think it works fine and you are increasing the scope of the project for little benefit and could cause additional traffic issues on the LFP.	12/10/2020 7:36 PM
139	The circular parking around the knoll.	12/10/2020 7:28 PM
140	Size of soccer field on ESK	12/10/2020 7:23 PM
141	Not enough turf fields	12/10/2020 6:30 PM
142	Concept 2 The configuration of West Knoll field, keeping it grass field but losing the U12/U13 field	12/10/2020 6:20 PM
143	No turf fields, no outdoor educational pavilion.	12/10/2020 6:18 PM
144	It looks like the priority is athletic fields instead of a more varied use area.	12/10/2020 6:10 PM
145	Not enough increase in outdoor field space	12/10/2020 6:05 PM
146	2 way parking lot.	12/10/2020 5:54 PM
147	The reduced area for passive recreation.	12/10/2020 5:39 PM
148	It doesn't address the safety of the fields for our children	12/10/2020 5:22 PM
149	how close the soccer fields come to the wetland rehab area	12/10/2020 5:20 PM
150	East knoll fields should be laid out in the same direction. If all fields are in use the ball is more likely to make its way onto other fields. Too many soccer fields. Should make use of space for something outside of soccer.	12/10/2020 5:18 PM
151	Less parking	12/10/2020 5:18 PM
152	less soccer fields on the knoll	12/10/2020 5:14 PM
153	There would not be a turf field on the knoll	12/10/2020 5:11 PM
154	not much changed	12/10/2020 5:11 PM
155	The large soccer field on the East Knoll is far too narrow to legitimately host games with high-school aged players.	12/10/2020 5:10 PM
156	Oval designs not appealing; option 1 seems too cramped. Fits a lot in, but at a cost.	12/10/2020 5:00 PM
157	Lack of turf on HS field.	12/10/2020 4:54 PM
158	The only option for synthetic field is the cabbage patch, which eliminates a good percentage of	12/10/2020 4:49 PM

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184	Nothing	12/10/2020 10:59 AM
185	Too much informal space that won't get much use.	12/10/2020 10:55 AM
186	misses the outdoor classroom which sounds awesome	12/10/2020 10:54 AM
187	Too many soccer fields.	12/10/2020 10:53 AM
188	Concept 3 was my last favorite.no need to waste te pace with one-way parking and 2 entrances if you make traffic flow one way as shown in concept #2.	12/10/2020 10:51 AM
189	Less space for soccer	12/10/2020 10:49 AM
190	I prefer the turn field or having a larger grass surface.	12/10/2020 10:49 AM
191	artificial turf	12/10/2020 10:46 AM
192	two many trees breaking up the fields	12/10/2020 10:37 AM
193	Doesn't do nearly enough. Post pandemic we will be entering an era in which people do even more outside activities. We really need to make Ell Pond Park a destination.	12/10/2020 10:29 AM
194	Pavilion isn't on waterfront; no outdoor classroom. I'm not sure what is meant by "Park Promenade", but it does sound nice	12/10/2020 10:26 AM
195	Natural grass soccer fields at the Knoll are often unusable due to flooding and require too much maintenance.	12/10/2020 10:25 AM
196	3 soccer counts in East knoll is too close together.	12/10/2020 10:23 AM
197	The football practice area and synthetic turf	12/10/2020 10:22 AM
198	Looks very crowded and planned (less multiuse space)	12/10/2020 10:20 AM
199	pavilion seems small and located in a place where it doesn't get much "attention"	12/10/2020 10:19 AM
200	Concept 1 seems to prioritize the square footage of playing fields at the expense of everything else. The other options are more balanced.	12/10/2020 10:18 AM
201	No increase at Lewis monk.	12/10/2020 10:14 AM
202	I dislike the pavilion being at the center of the parking lot and the suggestion of the 2 way traffic in that loop (that seems bound to create a mess!) I do like the idea of an outdoor classroom though.	12/10/2020 10:13 AM
203	It creates big empty spaces of little interest, it caters to sports play and little else.	12/10/2020 10:13 AM
204	Small outfield at Lewis Monk. Two curb-cuts for parking increases vehicle/pedestrian interaction.	12/10/2020 10:12 AM
205	Not sure the Little League field really needs to expand.	12/10/2020 10:09 AM
206	less open space	12/10/2020 10:09 AM
207	Synthetic surfaces	12/10/2020 10:06 AM
208	Minimizes natural turf space. Those fields are used and needed	12/10/2020 10:04 AM
209	no waterfront pavilion	12/10/2020 10:01 AM
210	Don't like at all adding more parking between courts and the soccer field. That'd Totally change the beauty of that Park besides more traffic on Lynn Fells	12/10/2020 9:59 AM
211	two way parking, no waterfront pavilion	12/10/2020 9:58 AM
212	Fewest formalized fields	12/10/2020 9:56 AM
213	Knoll is too big and space is not useful.	12/10/2020 9:56 AM
214	We have too many people (kids and adults) that enjoy practicing sports in Melrose. Concept 3 minimizes those area too much.	12/10/2020 9:56 AM
215	Two way parking. I am assuming this means traffic moving in both directions. If so, I think this should remain limited to one-way traffic. It's unclear to me that outdoor classroom is a good	12/10/2020 9:53 AM

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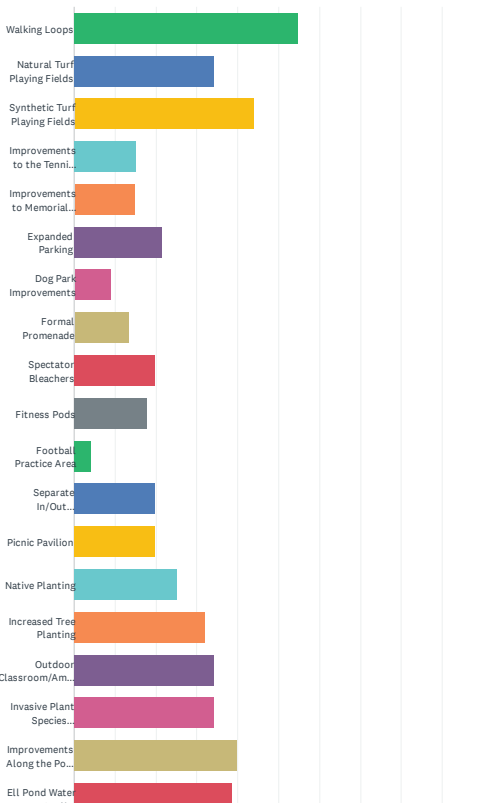
159	youth sports teams from playing formal games on synthetic turf and ability to practice in new england weather.	12/10/2020 4:32 PM
160	synthetic tuft	12/10/2020 4:29 PM
161	Not enough field space or turf fields.	12/10/2020 4:29 PM
162	Limited amount of passive recreational space.	12/10/2020 4:20 PM
163	2 fitness pods	12/10/2020 3:52 PM
164	Lack of turf field addition to west or east knolls and lack of lights for cabbage patch or east knoll	12/10/2020 3:36 PM
165	Squeezing in too many athletic fields, excessive parking	12/10/2020 3:16 PM
166	TOO MUCH USE AND NON-NATURAL PLANTING/LANDSCAPING ON THE SITE. TOO MUCH PARKING WITHIN THE 100' AND 50' WETLANDS BUFFER ZONE.	12/10/2020 3:14 PM
167	I'm dissappointed that there is no plan for artificial playing surfaces for the knoll side. I think it would offer more playing time for kids and may help keep geese away. I also dont see the need for more war memorials in Melrose as we seem to have plenty of those throughout the city.	12/10/2020 3:12 PM
168	I dislike swapping the pavilion for the classroom. I am unsure if the picnic tables on top of the Knoll will get used as much. I always have viewed that spot as sacred...growing up here, as if you should no walk up there.	12/10/2020 2:42 PM
169	Minimalizes the soccer field options.	12/10/2020 2:28 PM
170	I don't feel that a "formal" outdoor classroom is necessary to identify- an outdoor classroom could be almost anywhere outside of the buildings.	12/10/2020 2:14 PM
171	Parking in the center, I know that is how it is now but if we are doing an overhaul isn't this the time to fix it.	12/10/2020 2:09 PM
172	I dislike a second turf field and the fewer total playing surfaces for potential use depending on age range.	12/10/2020 1:49 PM
173	Didn't have as much informal open space. It didn't have a park promenade.	12/10/2020 1:30 PM
174	-two way parking lot	12/10/2020 1:24 PM
175	less green space	12/10/2020 1:19 PM
176	no amphitheater/outdoor classroom, no pavilion/picnic area at Knoll, max turf use,	12/10/2020 1:02 PM
177	It appears to have fewer features in general	12/10/2020 12:59 PM
178	Same as all: not inviting from the street to attract users toward the lake	12/10/2020 12:48 PM
179	Too much open space and artificial surfaces, not enough greenery	12/10/2020 12:45 PM
180	Two way traffic in the lot	12/10/2020 12:37 PM
181	Additional 'add-ons' for more walkways and parking, but the addition of these does not offset the reduction in sports turf.	12/10/2020 12:24 PM
182	If we are going to revamp this area we should go all in.	12/10/2020 12:14 PM
183	In all of the concepts - is it a given that a minimum of 126 parking spaces are required? Parking is such a prominent feature in all three designs and bisects what could be such a wonderful open space. Joni Mitchell would agree that we are paving paradise for parking. Does analysis of parking demand show that so much parking is needed? I would be in favor of giving up a little of the space dedicated for football and the dog park for an additional fitness pod or some other use. Concept 3 increases the size of the dog park significantly. Why synthetic fields? IS that the only way to fix the drainage at the Cabbage Patch? A synthetic field at the West Knoll would be a way to ensure that field hockey players and youth soccer players have more of a chance to play on a quality field unaffected by weather events. Overall - a nice job thinking about how the complex could be more of an asset for all of us!	12/10/2020 11:54 AM
184	dont think expanded road is necessary	12/10/2020 11:26 AM

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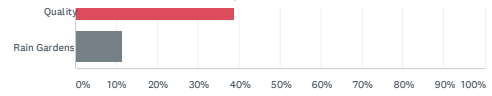
216	spend. Perhaps it could be a public-use space?	12/10/2020 9:51 AM
217	See above.	12/10/2020 9:51 AM
218	We have lots of informal open space in Melrose. Doesn't seem to add much	12/10/2020 9:51 AM
219	Two way traffic in parking loop seems undesirable	12/10/2020 9:50 AM
220	doesn't appear to really change. i like a bit more turf for better quality fields and hopefully less cancellations due to fields for the kids!	12/10/2020 9:49 AM
221	Larger Memorial - We need dmore green/outdoor space for family use.	12/10/2020 9:46 AM
222	Too much going on at the West Knoll, if you want to line the field like that synthetic turf will be much easier to manage	12/10/2020 9:36 AM
223	Not sure	12/10/2020 9:30 AM

Q4 Please check the 5 features that are the most important to you.

Answered: 268 Skipped: 7



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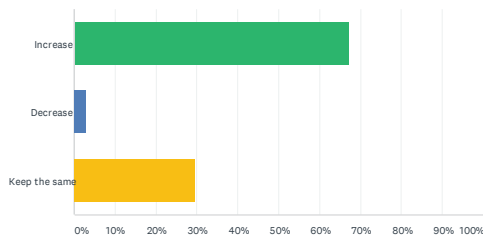


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Walking Loops	54.85% 147
Natural Turf Playing Fields	34.33% 92
Synthetic Turf Playing Fields	44.03% 118
Improvements to the Tennis Courts	15.30% 41
Improvements to Memorial Knoll	14.93% 40
Expanded Parking	21.64% 58
Dog Park Improvements	8.96% 24
Formal Promenade	13.43% 36
Spectator Bleachers	19.78% 53
Fitness Pods	17.91% 48
Football Practice Area	4.10% 11
Separate In/Out Entrances to Parking	19.78% 53
Picnic Pavilion	19.78% 53
Native Planting	25.37% 68
Increased Tree Planting	32.09% 86
Outdoor Classroom/Amphitheater	34.33% 92
Invasive Plant Species Management	34.33% 92
Improvements Along the Pond Edge	39.93% 107
Ell Pond Water Quality	38.81% 104
Rain Gardens	11.19% 30
Total Respondents: 268	

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Q5 How should improvements to Ell Pond Park address passive recreation opportunities such as picnic areas, walking paths, and seating?

Answered: 265 Skipped: 10

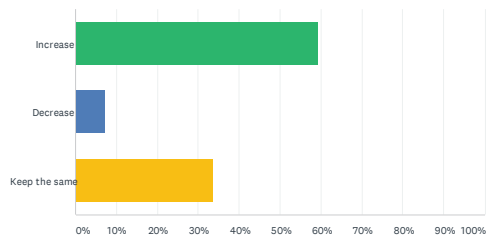


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Increase	67.17% 178
Decrease	3.02% 8
Keep the same	29.81% 79
TOTAL	265

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Q6 How should improvements to Ell Pond Park address active recreation opportunities such as fields, courts, and spectator seating?

Answered: 267 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Increase	59.18% 158
Decrease	7.12% 19
Keep the same	33.71% 90
TOTAL	267

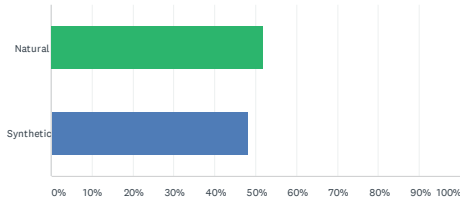
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Q7 Assuming drainage problems are addressed, would you prefer a natural or synthetic turf field at West Knoll?

Q8 Is there anything you would like to be included in the Master Plan that is not shown in any of these concepts?

Answered: 262 Skipped: 13

Answered: 159 Skipped: 116



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Natural	51.91% 136
Synthetic	48.09% 126
TOTAL	262

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Improved cleanliness of the park / litter removal. It's really unpleasant to see used condoms, broken glass and loads of trash on walking paths along the shore. I no longer take my child or my dog there for recreational purposes because of the litter problem	1/4/2021 4:09 PM
2	Yes, in plan 3 instead of the football practice area, use the 3 fields for East Knoll from plan 1 or 2	1/1/2021 10:49 AM
3	The full size soccer field on West Knoll should be optimized for high school and adult use and be expanded in length to 360/120 yards and wider than 210/70 yards if possible. This would also allow for a better buffer between the crossing U12/9v9 fields. Synthetic field turf is optimal.	12/31/2020 4:24 PM
4	Performance space or an outdoor amphitheater.	12/28/2020 11:14 AM
5	maybe 2 high school/regulation size fields? so multiple teams could play at once	12/26/2020 7:19 PM
6	A park for children	12/23/2020 7:23 PM
7	More place for farmers markets	12/23/2020 5:12 PM
8	I would like to see more benches or other seating for casual walkers, especially closer to the pond, not just the existing bleacher type seating currently in place for athletic fields. Cant tell if benches are included in any of the plans presented.	12/22/2020 6:53 PM
9	one way with #2 for parking loop	12/22/2020 5:10 PM
10	Can we get the amphitheater AND the promenade?	12/22/2020 3:53 PM
11	I would like to be involved in this process if there is a need for volunteer help or work to be done	12/22/2020 2:23 PM
12	Bandstand for music	12/22/2020 2:21 PM
13	Adding an amphitheater or pavilion to incorporate an outdoor space that could host performing arts such as theater productions, orchestra and concert band, etc.	12/22/2020 1:35 PM
14	I'd like the promenade to extend around the pond, not the ball field to maximize the experience of walking "around" the pond.	12/22/2020 1:01 PM
15	Again, something for live music and outdoor theater.	12/22/2020 12:12 PM
16	I will share again my hope that the chosen plan will cater to the diversity of the Melrose community.	12/22/2020 11:34 AM
17	Nothing	12/22/2020 11:24 AM
18	It would be amazing for the community to have an outdoor performing space for music and theater. An amphitheater or some such. Would love to see that happen!!	12/22/2020 11:18 AM
19	More opportunities for bike bath/walking path, somewhere for the arts to play (ex: band or musicians)	12/22/2020 11:04 AM
20	An amphitheater/ performing arts space!	12/22/2020 10:58 AM
21	Simplified parking.	12/22/2020 9:50 AM
22	Shade at the dog park	12/20/2020 11:15 PM
23	No	12/19/2020 6:04 PM
24	From the plans, it is a little unclear if they all involve improvements to the existing path which goes behind the DCR pool. I understand that the DCR property is not in the project area, but the plans should acknowledge the connection, and I hope to see the trail improved all the way over to the property edge. I suppose in addition to the apparent trail beyond the outfield wall at the Little League field. I am also in favor of aggressively screening the Lynn Fells Parkway from the park. I believe there is space to do a 5-10ft "hedgerow" on the park side of the fence, along the entire perimeter of the park. Space can be reserved for this an appropriate native species selected. This will make the park more pleasant as well as improve the area for wildlife.	12/18/2020 9:51 PM

25	Pickleball lines on the Tennis courts.	12/18/2020 8:50 PM
26	trash receptacles	12/18/2020 1:06 PM
27	Lights on little league field. Improvement to the access to the pool and skate park area	12/18/2020 7:59 AM
28	Remove the park promenade Increase the turf soccer field to 360'	12/17/2020 9:34 PM
29	Could the classroom also be suitable for a performance pavilion?	12/17/2020 7:37 PM
30	Improving the drainage/field recovery at Lewis Monk Lights at Lewis Monk	12/17/2020 3:26 PM
31	no	12/17/2020 9:25 AM
32	1) The plan should include professional design firm all structures and landscaping—a qualified landscape architect not a landscaper like DPW or Done Right. The details of design make all the difference in the experience of the area. And unfortunately the area is a mess currently. The ugly brick flag by the pond must go, I'm embarrassed it was allowed to exist. 2) the invasive species management in the pond and surrounding area must be prioritized 3) the dog park is too large and too close to the water. In the litter cleanups, I find dog waste and balls carelessly discarded in the area.	12/16/2020 10:49 PM
33	No	12/16/2020 7:25 PM
34	Bike racks, ability to support farm share or similar (farmers markets, pop up shops, etc)	12/16/2020 6:07 PM
35	Please remove or reduce the Park Promenade (only shown in Concept 3). This would provide the additional space to extend the synthetic field to the required length (e by 30 feet).	12/16/2020 5:53 PM
36	A Softball field	12/16/2020 4:12 PM
37	Lighting at Lewis Monk, Improving the drainage/field recovery at Lewis Monk	12/16/2020 1:00 PM
38	A wildflower growing area or pollinator space. Maximize the space that supports nature. We dont need just grass outside the area of the playing fields.	12/16/2020 11:51 AM
39	No	12/16/2020 10:44 AM
40	Walking trails rekey. Can they go all around the pond?? That would be fantastic.	12/16/2020 9:03 AM
41	Outdoor performance venue, which could host summertime theater and music. Space for farmers market. Public Bathrooms. Integrated storm water recharge.	12/16/2020 8:51 AM
42	Pickleball courts. The tennis courts could be lined for pickleball requiring temporary nets for pickleball play or there could be dedicated courts.	12/16/2020 8:42 AM
43	Lights and better drainage at Monk baseball	12/15/2020 7:57 PM
44	Other uses besides recreation. Space for the arts... music, outdoor theatre especially.	12/15/2020 5:09 PM
45	Area for public floggings.	12/15/2020 4:02 PM
46	improving the drainage, field recovery, and installation of lights at Lewis Monk	12/15/2020 2:46 PM
47	Lights for more of the fields, especially baseball	12/15/2020 12:51 PM
48	Improving the drainage/field recovery at Lewis Monk Lights at Lewis Monk	12/15/2020 11:46 AM
49	Lighting at Lewis Monk for increased ball time especially during the early spring and late fall.	12/15/2020 11:20 AM
50	lights at lewis monk and walking loop	12/15/2020 10:01 AM
51	For concept 1; I do not want the fence at Lewis Monk pushed back to 225. 200 feet from home plate is Little League regulations.	12/15/2020 9:34 AM
52	Improving the drainage/field recovery at Lewis Monk Lights at Lewis Monk	12/15/2020 9:11 AM
53	1. Improving the drainage / field recovery at Lewis-Monk 2. Lights at Lewis-Monk	12/15/2020 9:07 AM
54	Lights at Lewis Monk Field Improved drainage at Lewis Monk Field	12/15/2020 9:03 AM
55	Improving the drainage/field recovery at Lewis Monk was not addressed. Lights at Lewis Monk were not addressed.	12/15/2020 8:59 AM

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56	Improving the drainage/field recovery at Lewis Monk Lights at Lewis Monk	12/15/2020 8:55 AM
57	Improving the drainage/field recovery at Lewis Monk Lights at Lewis Monk. Please modify concept 1 to reduce Little League field at Lewis Monk to 200 ft from home plate.	12/15/2020 8:52 AM
58	Improving the drainage/field recovery at Lewis Monk Lights at Lewis Monk	12/15/2020 8:42 AM
59	A basketball court and playground equipment.	12/14/2020 5:45 PM
60	I'd like to see a 200 seat amphitheater at the center of the Knoll for community use that ties in the memorials located around the base. The back of the top tier ring of the Amphitheater should have tall flagpoles for each branch of US service, similar to the memorial recently built by the City of Woburn. The tennis courts should be made for dual use, as in other nearby communities, for both tennis and Pickleball players. Two Pickleball courts can be overlaid onto one Tennis court. Pickleball doubles play would increase the number of active players to 8 versus only 4 players on a doubles tennis court.	12/14/2020 4:33 PM
61	That Crystal St courts become Pickleball courts or at least lined for Pickleball. This is fastest growing sport especially over 50. I do not see tennis courts getting full use.	12/14/2020 3:47 PM
62	remove park promenade and make the field full sized (+30 feet)	12/14/2020 2:32 PM
63	Yes, pickleball courts	12/14/2020 1:58 PM
64	Parking and associated impervious surface should be eliminated within the 100 ft buffer zone.	12/14/2020 1:57 PM
65	box nets netting behind goals	12/14/2020 1:25 PM
66	Pickleball courts	12/14/2020 10:47 AM
67	The tennis courts on Crystal Street made safe by eliminating the expansion areas and fixing the cracks.	12/14/2020 8:40 AM
68	I would love to see pickleball courts instead of one of the tennis courts!	12/14/2020 7:35 AM
69	Pickleball courts	12/13/2020 10:55 PM
70	Recommending that they remove or reduce the Park Promenade for Concept 3 so that the field will be the required 360ft, instead of the 330ft shown.	12/13/2020 8:42 PM
71	The East Knoll and Football Practice area should also be converted to synthetic turf.	12/13/2020 12:03 PM
72	Maximize playing surface Wall for soccer	12/13/2020 11:41 AM
73	Better siting of the porta-potty. Also, an additional use not mentioned is by the Farm Direct Coop, a 300 member CSA that owns the storage container and that's been using the Knoll as a depot location for several years in cooperation with all of the other user groups. Twice weekly, members stop in to pick up their shares and connect with each other. It's a great community resource that supports local farms.	12/13/2020 9:35 AM
74	Water Activities and Bath House. There used to be a public beach here. Will swimming or boating ever return to the pond?	12/12/2020 9:17 PM
75	I didn't notice specifics about field lighting. I presume those details are available, but not shown on these drawings	12/12/2020 8:09 PM
76	Benches along the trail and by the water. At least one bike rack; picnic tables; not sure if this is the case, but it doesn't seem like there are any places to sit right by the water, like benches or picnic tables, and I often (in the warmer months) see people bring their own chairs because there aren't any there.	12/12/2020 4:37 PM
77	360 yard full sized soccer field	12/12/2020 1:57 PM
78	A permanent bathroom structure.	12/12/2020 1:31 PM
79	Demand for field space continues to grow and this is a critical chance to meet that demand.	12/12/2020 12:46 PM
80	Combine usable field space of concept 1 with synthetic turf.	12/12/2020 12:39 PM
81	Please continue the Ell Pond Trail along Ell Pond. In all three concepts the Ell Pond Trail diverges from the pond and continues around the baseball field. Today the trail follows the waters edge and crosses a small bridge connecting the trail user to the back of the DCR pool.	12/12/2020 7:47 AM

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	Ell Pond is one of the few natural resources in Melrose and a circumferential trail would open opportunities for people to use this amazing municipal asset.	
82	Bicycle access improvements, bicycle parking, bicycle "fix-it" stations.	12/12/2020 7:23 AM
83	Brick wall for lacrosse wall ball	12/11/2020 10:19 PM
84	Pickle ball.	12/11/2020 8:50 PM
85	There is currently no pickleball courts shown on the concepts. Pickleball is a fast growing sport for the whole community. Pickleball courts can be stand alone or lines can be added to a tennis court to create two pickleball courts. The current pickleball lines at Washington park are on a basketball court which is in rough shape and sloped.	12/11/2020 8:27 PM
86	Would have loved a sprinkler park for little kids	12/11/2020 6:03 PM
87	A bike path along the Lynn Fells Parkway to get to this area and bike racks please.	12/11/2020 5:03 PM
88	Lights for the Lyons tennis courts.	12/11/2020 3:24 PM
89	Please remove or reduce the Park Promenade (only shown in Concept 3). This would provide the additional space to extend the HS soccer field to an appropriate length (ie by 30 feet). Again, we need a full sized soccer synthetic turf field that can be used by all ages throughout the year.	12/11/2020 2:26 PM
90	Additional lighting for walking trails, tennis courts and fields - West Knoll, Lewis Monk, Cabbage Patch, etc.	12/11/2020 2:19 PM
91	periodic granite blocks as benches along walking paths	12/11/2020 2:07 PM
92	lengthen soccer field to 360 feet	12/11/2020 12:48 PM
93	If there way a way to incorporate a picnic area in Concept #1 that would be excellent!	12/11/2020 12:44 PM
94	Remove or reduce the promenade	12/11/2020 11:51 AM
95	Water bottle fillers. Some sculpture and night lighting on walking paths.	12/11/2020 11:00 AM
96	no	12/11/2020 10:33 AM
97	Regular length varsity soccer field on West knoll needs to be 360 feet in length	12/11/2020 9:20 AM
98	Extend the synthetic turf area on west knoll to accommodate a full size soccer field. If we're going to spend the money, just do it the right way	12/11/2020 9:16 AM
99	No.	12/11/2020 9:10 AM
100	A full-length synthetic soccer field	12/11/2020 8:52 AM
101	Increase the size of the turf field in concept 3 by 30 feet in length to 360 feet for a proper soccer field.	12/11/2020 8:22 AM
102	I think it addresses the running/walking path but that is unclear. It would be great to improve it so it wraps all the way around. It doesn't need to be perfect though, maybe evening it out a bit but the bumpy nature of it isn't a bad thing.	12/11/2020 7:19 AM
103	field lighting for lewis monk and improved lighting for soccer fields	12/10/2020 10:19 PM
104	Modern playground	12/10/2020 9:23 PM
105	Solar collection in the roof of the pavilion for lights. Natural play area near pavilion- high school students design and create after interviewing younger population)	12/10/2020 9:16 PM
106	Include a street hockey rink. There are 8 tennis courts, however roller hockey cannot be played on the tennis courts. There is no enclosed safe location for kids to play roller hockey. I believe that one tennis court can be replaced with a roller hockey rink.	12/10/2020 8:11 PM
107	Lights at Lewis Monk Field and the Tennis Courts.	12/10/2020 7:36 PM
108	No.	12/10/2020 7:28 PM
109	I liked the idea of ESK having a full size field but that 55 yards was too narrow	12/10/2020 7:23 PM

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110	Electronic scoreboards	12/10/2020 6:30 PM
111	Running track, bike trail, bathrooms	12/10/2020 6:18 PM
112	I know we need athletic fields, but I love the focus on passive recreation as well.	12/10/2020 6:10 PM
113	better access point to the water like a pier or a place to rent kayaks	12/10/2020 5:20 PM
114	Currently, the path along the edge continues past the Little League area and exits behind the swimming pool area - I think this connection should be maintained, the areas should continue to be linked. Increases ease of access to the pool and increases walking path lengths.	12/10/2020 5:00 PM
115	If Option 3, a snack barn/concession stand	12/10/2020 4:49 PM
116	Both active and passive recreational needs could be enhanced by reducing parking. Disappointed that no option does this.	12/10/2020 4:20 PM
117	Improved tennis courts- Crystal Street Backboard installed on one or both courts	12/10/2020 3:52 PM
118	Walking path does not connect through to DCR pool, no notes of additional field lighting or tennis court lighting.	12/10/2020 3:36 PM
119	I know it's outside of city jurisdiction, but would like to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to the park along LFP.	12/10/2020 3:16 PM
120	MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON PROPOSED WETLANDS MITIGATION TO COMPENSATE FOR PARKING/FIELDS IN THE BUFFER ZONE	12/10/2020 3:14 PM
121	the huge, beautiful tree, which is near Lewis Monk and the West Knoll fields...that if unique and beautiful...I would love to it to be incorporated into any walking path or field of promenade...not cut down. It could even have built in seating around...could continue to be a marker of the space.	12/10/2020 2:42 PM
122	On site bathroom, and dressing room facilities for sports teams.	12/10/2020 2:28 PM
123	As an avid and longtime local tennis player, I would like to see the installation of night lights at the Tremont St. tennis courts. Tennis has become a highly popular sport over the past few years, and night lights would enable players to play at night- with lights turning on an off on an automated system.	12/10/2020 2:14 PM
124	Parking instead of in the middle of the park clustered on the edge. Currently it creates a bifurcation of the park and its site lines. It also allows for hard parking surface which contains oil and containment's to get close to the pond.	12/10/2020 2:09 PM
125	For the fall and spring it would be good to allow lights on the tennis courts until at least 7:30PM. Please resurface the courts on Crystal Street.	12/10/2020 1:30 PM
126	Add a garden area with native plants/flowers, possibly between East Knoll fields and Dog Park.	12/10/2020 1:02 PM
127	Playgrounds, other elements to make it inviting for non-competitive sports activities. Encourage use for community activities.	12/10/2020 12:48 PM
128	Public bathroom with water filling station	12/10/2020 12:14 PM
129	Overall - some very good concepts. It would be great if there could be some areas where heritage tree plantings could occur - a nice beech tree planted to commemorate the park improvements and to grow over generations.	12/10/2020 11:54 AM
130	Unsure what is more friendly to the pond. Synthetic or Natural? I am guessing maybe Synthetic because the natural grass would have runoff with fertilizer and chemicals - but don't know what they use to keep it green.	12/10/2020 11:26 AM
131	I wasn't able to attend the meetings and am coming here as a dog owner and daily user of the dog park. The area is very low-lying at wet. I'd love to see it filled with stones similar to Pine Banks park. Or, a plan to mulch it and even out the ground more often. Additionally, the fences should be about two feet taller (or more?) and I'd love to see non-metal benches installed. Dangerous for racing pups. Thanks for your consideration!	12/10/2020 11:10 AM
132	restrooms	12/10/2020 10:59 AM
133	Redo crystal st courts!	12/10/2020 10:59 AM

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134	I'm hoping further improvements will be made to Ell Pond shore by Main Street in future projects. How about a boating pavilion? Kayak access and or tie boat rentals.	12/10/2020 10:53 AM
135	A path around ALL of the pond.	12/10/2020 10:51 AM
136	New courts for Crystal	12/10/2020 10:49 AM
137	A storage place for lacrosse, soccer, football, and field hockey would be great.	12/10/2020 10:49 AM
138	more trees	12/10/2020 10:46 AM
139	Adequate facilities/restrooms. Install/add synthetic turf fields at the East Knoll.	12/10/2020 10:29 AM
140	That the walking path continue to the red bridge that's by the swimming pool with a boardwalk as it can become quite muddy along there. It would be great to have a dock or a pier with benches so people can fish or just enjoy overlooking the water.	12/10/2020 10:26 AM
141	Are there additional bike racks here for people who may want to bike to the fields?	12/10/2020 10:26 AM
142	Field lighting	12/10/2020 10:25 AM
143	A kids playground and/or splashpad	12/10/2020 10:22 AM
144	1. Inclusive planning/signage to support all Melrose residents with multiple ability levels. 2. Rotating Community Art Installment?	12/10/2020 10:20 AM
145	A zip line from the top of Knoll across Ell Pond :)	12/10/2020 10:18 AM
146	Small natural performance area.	12/10/2020 10:14 AM
147	I would love to know more about the impact on Ell Pond water quality for each of the three plans.	12/10/2020 10:13 AM
148	A playground of some form. I would love to see a natural materials play space.	12/10/2020 10:13 AM
149	BASKETBALL COURT for recreation use! We have 8 tennis courts. Baseball Field. 4 soccer/lacrosse/football fields. Dog park. We have covered every sport that the Recreation Department and High School offers to student-athletes except for Basketball	12/10/2020 10:09 AM
150	Please consider how to integrate pickleball into the existing tennis courts - it's easy to add lines to the courts without distracting from tennis play. Usage would increase - Melrose is missing out!	12/10/2020 10:06 AM
151	walking loop around ALL of Ell Pond that connects	12/10/2020 10:01 AM
152	It would great to have at least a small playground somewhere! Super important. I live very close to Ell Pond. There're not playgrounds around and many little kids! Please add a playground!!	12/10/2020 9:59 AM
153	7a. I would prefer synthetic turf at the East Knoll.	12/10/2020 9:56 AM
154	lights at the monk	12/10/2020 9:56 AM
155	Please include lights for all tennis courts so people can play tennis up to 9pm	12/10/2020 9:56 AM
156	Even more forest	12/10/2020 9:52 AM
157	Girls Field Hockey and Lacrosse Fields. Please plan for these so that the girls don't have to travel across town to practice. Very unfair!!!	12/10/2020 9:51 AM
158	More fishing spots along the pond	12/10/2020 9:46 AM
159	Outdoor Basketball Court(s) with lights? Many surrounding communities have this and it seems to be very popular.	12/10/2020 9:36 AM

Q9 Additional Comments?

Answered: 95 Skipped: 180

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We support Melrose Youth Soccer (maximize synthetic fields) and improving the pond (clearness/water quality and especially getting the invasive weeds under control). Thank you for all the thought that has gone into these proposals!	1/4/2021 4:09 PM
2	Please get this as soon as possible. This would be a huge boost to so many people in Melrose!	1/1/2021 10:49 AM
3	As for East Knoll, the field should be made as big as the space will allow. Because it's grass, the layout can be (and should be) changed periodically to account for different field needs and to preserve the grass. Moving the goal areas each season will allow the grass to recover and not lend itself to excessive wear patterns.	12/31/2020 4:24 PM
4	Thank you for the opportunity to comment. This looks like a great opportunity! Ell Pond is such a wonderful asset to our community with lots of potential. I'm looking forward to hearing more about it.	12/28/2020 11:14 AM
5	I liked the classroom	12/23/2020 5:12 PM
6	I realize that much of this area has been and probably will continue to be used for athletic activities. However, it would be wonderful if the redesign could accommodate more walking paths for those of us older folks who often walk by the fields along the sidewalk but don't currently have an easy way to walk through the area to the pond.	12/22/2020 6:53 PM
7	There's no question we need to work on the athletic fields, but I'd like to see this be more of a mixed use area. Melrose doesn't have a centralized grassy common area like many of our neighbors (e.g. Wakefields's Quannapowitt, Stoneham's common). I'd like to see Ell Pond become our place to stroll, have small concerts, run into neighbors and stop to watch a random youth sports game (even if one of our kids isn't playing in it). I'd like to see it become the center of Melrose's community activities. I don't think that will happen if it's just soccer fields and tennis courts crammed in as tight as possible. Also, I don't think two-way traffic is necessary in the parking lot if that means we can get more spaces. Also, also, do we have data from other communities re: how often fitness pods actually get used? I see them in many communities and they're usually idle. No matter what the final plans, I'm excited to see this area get revitalized! Thanks for taking on this project.	12/22/2020 3:53 PM
8	Great idea and I think middle school and high school student input would be helpful here as this could be a place for the students to congregate. I bet they would have some great ideas!	12/22/2020 2:23 PM
9	Thank you for your work on this.	12/22/2020 1:01 PM
10	Thank you for your thorough review of these options and seeking our input.	12/22/2020 11:34 AM
11	None	12/22/2020 11:24 AM
12	Less priority on football field, more on building new opportunities for arts and walking around ell Pond	12/22/2020 11:04 AM
13	Improved drainage and lights at Lewis Monk. Keep the Lewis Monk field fence at 200 ft.	12/22/2020 9:50 AM
14	The study should include discussion on shrinking the existing parking lot. This is most heavily used as high school student parking. Building and maintaining a parking lot for 16 and 17 year olds is not really something that can plausibly be argued as a policy goal of the city. The existence of the lot does directly conflict with numerous public health goals, with the NetZero plan, and ultimately is not necessary to achieve any of the goals embedded in the park designs. The city may wish to retain vehicular access to the Memorial Knoll, particularly for seniors. This can be accomplished with a much smaller lot - probably 5-10 spaces.	12/18/2020 9:51 PM
15	Pickleball is becoming a very popular sport among all age groups but especially seniors. It should be considered when planning recreational changes.	12/18/2020 8:50 PM
16	Commitment to adequate operating budget and acceptable maintenance practices after completion.	12/18/2020 7:59 AM
17	I don't see the value in putting turf on the cabbage patch. It's not lined for sports.	12/17/2020 9:34 PM
18	Always great to see the city paying attention to the little open/green space we have. we should do more to protect/expand them!!	12/17/2020 7:37 PM

19	The Ell Pond area has tremendous potential to be a treasured destination that gives recreation and relaxation to everyone, young to old. Please don't waste this opportunity. I really do feel that the increased parking over the years given to veterans memorials is not serving the community's best interests	12/16/2020 10:49 PM
20	This is a wonderful project for Melrose	12/16/2020 7:25 PM
21	I really like the bridge connection to the courts.	12/16/2020 6:07 PM
22	I think less emphasis on parking and sitting, and more emphasis on encouraging our kids and adults to exercise and be outdoors is healthy for everyone	12/16/2020 5:53 PM
23	I continue to be amazed by our city and the lack support for our young girls in regards to softball fields in the city. We have a great program through MYS but due to the limited number of fields and the fact they some of them are multi use and/or not kept in good shape we can not keep the program going strong as the girls get older. We currently have 1 of the best 14U programs in eastern MA as the team from MYS summer softball program has won the summer championship 3 of the last 4 years. MYS also has won younger divisions. Due to the lack of fields and time on them the volunteer coaches of MYS are not able to teach the girls all of the needed fundamentals to succeed as they get older. For example our Varsity high school team has never won a single conference championship. More needs to be done to support the young women of our community and the softball program that has been there trying their best to help them grow.	12/16/2020 4:12 PM
24	Is there a need for soo much parking? Can people park on Lynn fells or use the school lots? If these facilities are going to be used for recreation on the weekends and in the evenings, why not use the huge parking lot in the school? If the school parking lot is going to sit empty on the weekends then let's not waste town land and resources providing additional unnecessary parking space. On either side of Lynn Fells Parkway is a school and community space for children and families. Lynn Fells Parkway has the feel of a race track. The design of wide road which invites people to drive fast is not great from a safety perspective. The speed limit in this town is 25mph, we dont need to design roads that encourage drivers to think differently.	12/16/2020 11:51 AM
25	I think all of the options are great for the trail along the pond and opportunities for additional plantings, etc. But the field situation is really important - they need to be functional - wet fields covered in goose droppings is not workable, which is why I like the synthetic field options much more.	12/16/2020 10:44 AM
26	Thx!	12/15/2020 7:57 PM
27	While I like the idea of the outdoor classroom, I wonder how much it would be used. Can this idea be incorporated into idea one at a later date? Also the 1 way detection of the parking area should be the only option. I feel that a bidirectional parking area will take up too much of the field areas that are already there.	12/15/2020 11:31 AM
28	Drainage is the big issue for me on the grass playing surfaces. Natural grass is preferred but not if it means cancellations when it has rained. If the drainage is not improved to the point that it will not greatly reduce cancellations due to field conditions then I prefer synthetic turf. Also, lights at Monk Field would be great!	12/15/2020 9:34 AM
29	As a Melrose resident who utilizes the entire Ell Pond area this is a welcome study and my family thanks the City for this effort.	12/15/2020 9:07 AM
30	Do not want the fence at Lewis Monk pushed back to 225 (Little League fields should be 200 ft from home plate)	12/15/2020 8:59 AM
31	Do not want the fence at Lewis Monk pushed back to 225 (Little League fields should be 200 ft from home plate)	12/15/2020 8:55 AM
32	Why is the cabbage patch being changed to synthetic turf in all options?	12/15/2020 8:52 AM
33	The playing fields are very important to me, maximizing the availability would be the best use of the space.	12/15/2020 8:42 AM
34	My main hope is to improve walking/running and picnic areas for passive use. This is an exciting project, long overdue. My schedule did not allow for the 11/19 meeting. I'm sorry to have missed it, I would like to have understood things like the pavilion, parking lot and outdoor classroom areas better.	12/14/2020 5:45 PM

35	You probably know this, but the fields need to be fixed. When it rains they become swamps.	12/14/2020 5:19 PM
36	Ell Pond's nutrient management plan must include a soils management plan that does not impact the pond. That includes private properties and public tributary to Ell Pond, such as the Knoll, High school and Franklin fields. Sincerely, JN	12/14/2020 4:33 PM
37	I don't feel you need many fitness areas, from seeing other parks after a year not used or run down and not repaired.	12/14/2020 3:47 PM
38	Most towns Melrose competes with for soccer have turf fields. Our programs are at a distinct disadvantage without a full-size turf field for our teams. This absolutely needs to be addressed.	12/14/2020 12:14 PM
39	Dedicated Pickleball courts would be best	12/14/2020 10:47 AM
40	Please make the High School field 360ft	12/13/2020 6:42 PM
41	No	12/13/2020 11:41 AM
42	It makes sense to have fields and courts that support the high school and rec department. More engagement with the waters edge would be nice. The pond is not being celebrated in any of these concepts.	12/12/2020 9:17 PM
43	I don't see how money can be spent on the fields without addressing the invasive growth in the pond. Please prioritize water quality in Ell Pond.	12/12/2020 8:09 PM
44	Please add some people to sit, like benches or picnic tables. Passive recreation includes sitting and enjoying nature and we need public seating areas to make this park as accessible as possible to all Melrosians. I would also like to see a bike rack (we often bike there but don't have an easy spot to park and lock our bike).	12/12/2020 4:37 PM
45	The synthetic turf field at West Knoll should be 360 feet long.	12/12/2020 1:31 PM
46	Thank you!	12/12/2020 12:46 PM
47	Appreciate the work and opportunity to comment.	12/12/2020 12:39 PM
48	The designation of parking for high school students at the knoll is ridiculous. Some parking for students who may need to drive to get to jobs outside Melrose, or perhaps carpool with other students, is reasonable. Melrose is small enough that we should be emphasising biking and walking, not driving to primary destinations like our middle/high school complex.	12/12/2020 7:23 AM
49	Lots of trees! Especially trees that get very tall.	12/11/2020 8:50 PM
50	Natural grass please!!!	12/11/2020 8:28 PM
51	Plans look great, concept 1 in particular. Thank you.	12/11/2020 5:03 PM
52	Option 3 but without reducing the size of the baseball field.	12/11/2020 4:02 PM
53	Looks great - thanks for the opportunity for feedback.	12/11/2020 11:02 AM
54	Eliminate the promenade on concept 3 so turf field can be regulation size. The field will lose possible rental income if it is not regulation size.	12/11/2020 11:00 AM
55	no	12/11/2020 10:33 AM
56	Varsity soccer field needs to be 360 feet in length!!!	12/11/2020 9:20 AM
57	No.	12/11/2020 9:10 AM
58	Thanks for making Melrose even more wonderful!	12/11/2020 8:52 AM
59	The Knoll should be reduced in size to allow more uniformed parking etc	12/11/2020 8:31 AM
60	Why is the dog park so close to a pond (partially in the important buffer zone!) with severe water quality issues? Can it be moved through this redesign process? Also, Melrose doesn't have many low-stress natural walking areas (Conservation lands are hilly and can be very uneven). Walking area along pond should be as accessible as possible & not paved. Stone dust is fine.	12/11/2020 8:19 AM
61	I really want to see Melrose think outside the box. Include the schools and community in an art project to be created/displayed with this improvement and incorporate as much as we can to	12/10/2020 9:16 PM

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	improving the earth. (recycle collection, solar power)	
62	Please consider that Ell Pond is an important stopping point for many migratory birds. We must be mindful of the water quality and the effect of too much human activity around the pond.	12/10/2020 8:29 PM
63	Replace one of the eight tennis courts with a roller hockey rink.	12/10/2020 8:11 PM
64	Why would you push the Center Field fence back to 225 feet at Lewis Monk in two concepts? The size of that field is fine now. As it is with the new USA bats that were introduced two years ago, Home Runs have been drastically reduced. Why make the field even bigger? That doesn't make sense. I missed the meeting so I don't know why two concepts have the field being extended. It just seems so unnecessary.	12/10/2020 7:36 PM
65	I like the idea of an outdoor classroom.	12/10/2020 7:28 PM
66	Synthetic Turf is better for our youth athletes, more economical and durable also	12/10/2020 7:08 PM
67	A combination of Concept 2 and 3 would be great here's why. The west knoll turf field provides a weather proof game and practice surface. The added West Knoll walking path, seating and Pavilion look really nice and provide a nice buffer between tennis courts and ball field The draw back is you lose the U12/13 field Set up East Knoll by Concept 2, you have a configuration with nice large field and 3 smaller fields. The buffer area between dog park will minimize any balls from going into dog park.	12/10/2020 6:20 PM
68	Thank you!	12/10/2020 6:10 PM
69	Please do this, WE NEED THIS	12/10/2020 5:30 PM
70	the more soccer fields the better!	12/10/2020 5:14 PM
71	Will the West Knoll be lined only for soccer?	12/10/2020 5:10 PM
72	Like to understand the reasons for the poor water quality. This area has great potential for Melrose - seeing how Wakefield has used Lake Q as a location for multiple town events makes me think Melrose could do the same.	12/10/2020 5:00 PM
73	The city needs more space for kids to practice sports and a synthetic field would ensure that seasons dont start with delays for practice and teams will have a spot to play.	12/10/2020 4:49 PM
74	I really like the proposed bridge/path towards Crystal. All of the concepts have too much parking, in my opinion	12/10/2020 3:16 PM
75	I love the idea of an outdoor classroom. Serving the kids should be the priority in my opinion	12/10/2020 3:12 PM
76	I would love to know more about the outdoor classroom concept...is this open to all grades...or just for the science center? Would this space be able to be used by families if not used for an actual class or camp?	12/10/2020 2:42 PM
77	Happy to see this progress, and would contribute to any fund raising campaign.	12/10/2020 2:28 PM
78	Please make a cost analysis of the need for tennis court lighting.	12/10/2020 2:14 PM
79	Over more planting of trees, shrubs and a layered ground cover approach. Need a tree inventory of what is there now and what this park could look like in 25/50 years.	12/10/2020 2:09 PM
80	For Concept 2, plant trees on either ends of West Knoll fields (as shown in Concept 3), so more shade for parking at Knoll and for Tennis courts.	12/10/2020 1:02 PM
81	Where possible, consider all users and minimize pavement.	12/10/2020 11:54 AM
82	Biggest desire is for the pond to be in good condition. My family enjoys being able to watch a variety of bird species - even migratory birds in the winter. Walking in a cleaned up path around the pond would be nice.	12/10/2020 11:26 AM
83	Thanks for doing this!	12/10/2020 10:49 AM
84	This is very exciting and I hope that the City moves forward with these plans.	12/10/2020 10:29 AM
85	I am so excited about these plans! I am particularly excited about the bridge that connects the path to the Crystal St. tennis courts and was happy to see that included in all three plans.	12/10/2020 10:26 AM

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86	This plan may need to be integrated with the planned improvements of the intersection of the LFP and Melrose Street. That process is underway with the DCR. It seems like that intersection is free and clear of an additional work in all three of these plans, but just wanted to bring that up.	12/10/2020 10:26 AM
87	Love all of the environmental considerations. Although they will be ruined without proper waste management options. There is currently trash everywhere all around the pond. Really like concept two except for the two-way loop. Do not see a need for a synthetic field in the Cabbage Patch. Really do not see a need for additional Football practice area. Like the Park Promenade idea in concept 3.	12/10/2020 10:22 AM
88	Great idea. This is a real gem in Melrose that is underutilized. Thank you for considering this as an improvement project for the city.	12/10/2020 10:20 AM
89	Any of these would be a huge improvement on the existing!	12/10/2020 10:18 AM
90	Thank you for considering public comment on this important city resource!	12/10/2020 10:13 AM
91	Practice football area should not be a stand alone in question 4. All sports should be able to play on these surfaces.	12/10/2020 10:09 AM
92	A playground please	12/10/2020 9:59 AM
93	are lights not part of the scope of this?	12/10/2020 9:56 AM
94	see above. Thank you for the opportunity to respond.	12/10/2020 9:51 AM
95	Drawings are beautiful, exciting to see the planned improvements	12/10/2020 9:50 AM



Power of culture

March 31, 2021

Elena Proakis Ellis
Director of Engineering and Public Works
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Dear Elena Proakis Ellis and Members of the Ell Pond Feasibility Study Project Team,

The preliminary renderings to revitalize the area around Ell Pond has prompted the Melrose Cultural Council to again recognize the vast richness of the performing and visual arts in Melrose and the significant need for outdoor performing space in the city. We, the members of the Melrose Cultural Council, believe a unique opportunity now exists to create an outdoor performing space as part of any Ell Pond revitalization effort, and we strongly endorse any and all efforts to incorporate such an outdoor space as plans are developed by the Ell Pond Feasibility Study Project Team.

As you know, the Melrose Cultural Council is the local affiliate of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Each year, we review a wide variety of grant applications to underwrite music and dance performances, art exhibits, programs for children and seniors, and many other community projects in the arts. And each year, we encounter a growing number of applicants who seek outdoor venues for their performances and programs. As a result of the pandemic, social distancing guidelines and the desire to be outdoors, we recognize this need more than ever. In fact, results from our 2020 feedback survey of city members showed a strong desire for attending outdoor events within the community.

The call for outdoor space designated for performing and visual arts also aligns perfectly with the "Melrose Forward" Master Plan (p. 36)

- *Action 5.1.3: Continue to explore City-owned buildings and parkland to use for arts and cultural centers to provide performance, practice, studio, and community gathering space.*

We, the Council, strongly encourage the City to seek creative solutions to develop such an outdoor gathering location to meet the needs and interests of all community members. Ell Pond is a valuable natural resource and landmark open space for recreation, conservation and health lifestyle activities.

With some creative thinking, it could also accommodate the growing needs of performing and visual arts in Melrose and become a critical outdoor gathering space in the city.

Thank you for your efforts to incorporate the needs of the arts community into the Ell Pond (or any other) planning process. An outdoor amphitheater as indicated in the plans with a stage like area or landscape feature, would benefit the music and the performing arts in the City, and further strengthen the overall desirability and sense of community in the City of Melrose.

Kind Regards,

Sincerely,

Arleen Frasca, Chair
And Members of the Melrose Cultural Council

Council Members

Jason Webb, Treasurer; Eileen Christiansen, Secretary; Diane Wall, Martina Tramontozzi, Jeff Winey, Chiara Pleri, Luke Miller, Adrienne Wood, Ruby Robicheau, Nirvana Ragland, Laura Azevedo

cc: Mayor Paul Brodeur
Denise Gaffey

Hi everyone. Like a lot of Melrosians, I've spent a lot of time at the Knoll and Monk and the tennis courts. I've been a spectator at soccer and baseball and I've helped and coached at baseball and soccer too. (And FYI, I'm writing as a parent/citizen, not as a Melrose Youth Soccer board member.) But I've also spent a lot of time thinking about what is wrong with the Knoll and the various parks in that area and how things could be better.

Last year when I heard that the MBTA might be wanting to use some of the field space for temporary staging and that we might get some funding for improving the park, I decided to put my ideas into a mock-up of what the park could look like. I've attached that here. But before describing the mock-up, first I'll review what I see as some of the problems. And while I know that what I describe here can't be done with a snap of fingers, having a long term plan in mind when making decisions in the short term will help facilitate that long term plan.

The main problem I see is how poorly we as a city have handled the veterans memorials. That WWII memorial is nice within its perimeter, but behind it is a scrubby hill and in front of it and around it are parking spaces. The siting is just not right for a memorial. The other memorials around the knoll suffer similarly. And now there's another memorial going in that's being hidden in the back. Rather than being in a parking area, I think the memorials deserve to be in a park-like setting and considering that we have the pond right there, I think we should use the backdrop of the pond for that.

Next up, we have a general problem with parking. The parking in the Knoll loop is really inefficient for how to fit in cars, it is difficult for cars to navigate, and it is difficult to enter and exit since there is a traffic light that is offset with respect to the entrance to the parking area. I believe we could substantially improve the parking capacity, flow, and access by redoing the parking area entirely.

When it comes to fields, they have frequently been difficult to keep in good shape and require a lot of water which doesn't seem right to add to the water table so close to the pond. This summer, the fields were actually in decent shape but it was largely because it was the first time in a while when they weren't heavily used in the spring. Heavily used is good for making the most of the space but lousy for trying to grow grass. Turf seems like an obvious solution, as long as the drainage can be done environmentally safely without adding chemicals into the ground water.

The fields are also somewhat inefficiently laid out. There is an area along the West Knoll field that has chunks of rocks for some sort of drainage purpose, I presume. Although I've never seen water there and now there is grass growing through the rocks which turns the hazard for kids into an eyesore. The East Knoll fields have a lot of space between the soccer field and the dog park and there's a lot of space between Ell Pond and the West Knoll field. In both cases, the lawn areas are larger than needed for a field but not large enough or shaped correctly to fit in a second field. I think we can do better in how to program the space.

And finally, our high school and middle school don't have a track that the various sports can walk to from the schools. Instead, they need to get themselves to Pine Banks which puts additional burden on the kids doing track and their parents and coaches.

In my mock-up I've tried to address all of the above.

First, I've moved the Veterans Memorials areas to the shore of Ell Pond. I've left trees in the image but probably better would be a lawn (real grass) extending from the parking area all the way to the pond

edge with the memorials placed separately along the pond path. I imagine entering the parking area and seeing it extend with a lawn to the pond and the memorials getting full exposure and the benefit of the improved setting.

Next, the parking. Yes, the knoll itself is gone and yes, it has been a feature of the park for a while. But mainly, it's a clump of scrappy trees and rocks that has accidentally become the defining feature of the location- nobody goes to the Knoll for the knoll. We will want to keep an equivalent amount of trees elsewhere in the park area but the knoll should be replaced by a traditional parking lot. During the day, there'd be ample capacity for the schools (without students needing to be creative about how to park as it is now) and it would be large enough to handle the increased usage that the fields would generate. The size of the parking lot is whatever will fit after giving enough space for the veterans memorials lawn and the athletic fields but I think what I've mocked up is pretty reasonable for space and adds a lot of parking over what is there now. And a key feature is that the entrance and exit to the parking is at the same traffic light as is there now so the exit from the parking could be part of that signal.

The next obvious thing you'll see in the mock-up is that I've worked to fit in a track. It is the same track as (literally pasted from) Pine Banks so if it is good enough for Pine Banks, it should be good enough for here. I'm not sure it could fit an 11v11 soccer field inside it but that's not the way it is at Pine Banks so I've kept the 11v11 field separate and went with a 9v9 field in the track. There is still space for a 7v7 soccer field too. The arrangement of the fields isn't too important - the 11v11 field could be turned 90 degrees and move the 7v7 field to along the Parkway, for example. And it'd be good to put stands up for the 11v11 field so that might necessitate the rotation. But overall, it shows that the field allocations match the field allocations before but with the addition of the track. Presumably the 11v11 soccer field and the track and field within it would be turf fields. The 7v7 field could be turf too.

The dog park could end up anywhere - I've got it along the pond edge but that might not be environmentally smart (and it might be an issue where it is now for the same reason). But the good thing about the dog park is that it doesn't need to be squarish like it is now so it could fit in a number of places. And it would be ideal if it was not adjacent to the veterans memorials to help dog owners resist the temptation to let dogs run around the memorials and relieve themselves on the memorials. So I've included "Dog Park" there temporarily, but really it could go anywhere that space allows after settling on field locations and orientations. It could even work at the corner of Tremont and the Parkway.

I've moved the Lyons tennis courts to be near the other courts. This would allow for people to park once and use either set of courts rather than driving back and forth to see which is available. (I know they can be reserved online but a lot of people don't do that.) This is one area that there could be an issue since there might be wetlands concerns there. But it'd be worth investigating what can be done in that location and whether the wetlands areas could be altered in some way that is a net positive environmentally and functionally.

With the improved location for the memorials and this effort to integrate everything from Tremont Street to Crystal Street, I'd propose changing the name of the park from the Knoll to Melrose Veterans Memorial Park. That would help place an emphasis on the memorials that would now be sited well and link it to the middle school across the street.

Thanks for reading and of course I'd be happy to talk about any of this with any of you.

Ken Truesdale





Date: January 23rd, 2021
To: Members of the Ell Pond Feasibility Study Project Team
CC: Mayor Brodeur; Patrick Prendergast
Re: Ell Pond Park Feasibility Study

Dear members of the project team,

The members and officers of the Melrose Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBC) have prepared the following letter to **share our collective feedback regarding the initial stages of the Ell Pond Park Feasibility Study**. The PBC is a volunteer group of Melrose residents who encourage, and advocate for, safer walking and bicycling conditions in the city of Melrose. Walking and bicycling are inherently local, and our advocacy, at its core, is about building a stronger, more sustainable city, powered by community activation and engagement. In developing our recommendations, we focused on ways to ensure Ell Pond Park, one of the most important public spaces in our community, remains open, inviting, and accessible to as many current and future Melrose residents and visitors as possible.

At this stage, our main recommendations to the project team are as follows:

- 1. Choose a design which maximizes the amount of open space and passive recreation opportunities for the community.** For over a century, Ell Pond Park has served as the city's recreational crown jewel. In the coming decades, as our community continues to grow and expand, the park's importance will grow accordingly. Under any realistic growth scenario, the vast majority of future housing units built within Melrose will be located within multi-unit structures which may not have access to the sorts of private outdoor spaces that single-family homeowners in Melrose typically enjoy. Ensuring access to open space is a public health imperative¹, and we are obligated, as a city, to ensure our parks are available for the enjoyment of as many as possible.

While Melrose is equipped with many small parks and playgrounds as well as more rugged public spaces like the Middlesex Fells, Ell Pond Park is the sole amenity in the city which fits the conventional definition of an urban public park, offering substantial open space for gathering and passive recreation. We therefore strongly recommend that the city not expand the total footprint of the existing organized sports fields, and instead focus on designs which improve the condition of existing fields while maximizing community gathering spaces (such as pavilions and picnic tables) as well as shaded areas, walking loops, and benches, which are of particular importance to elderly residents and parents of small children. These spaces should draw people inward, toward the pond edge, which for decades was the recreational focal point of the park. At present, the most commonly-used "informal" space within the park is likely the small shaded area next to the existing rain gardens. Here, for most of the year, you can find

¹ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/07/31/public-parks-health-coronavirus/>

investment in automobile infrastructure which primarily serves a school age population, do not facilitate a proper community conversation around this point. We believe such a conversation is critical within the context of this project. Reducing or eliminating parking spaces within the project area would decrease direct capital costs, discourage local vehicle trips, encourage active travel modes, and send a signal that Melrose takes seriously its responsibility to prioritize sustainable mobility options and reduce local Vehicle Miles Traveled. Equivalent funds could then be spent improving non-automotive access to the school.

- 5. Work with DCR to integrate the park into the Lynn Fells/Melrose St redesign.** The Department of Conservation & Recreation has recently begun public outreach efforts on a redesign of the intersection of Lynn Fells Parkway, Melrose Street, and Crystal Street. This intersection lies directly on the northeastern edge of the park. Our committee has proposed a number of conceptual ideas for this work², including one which simplifies the intersection by using hardscape to close the southerly intersection of Lynn Fells Parkway and Melrose Street to vehicular traffic. A hardscape plaza at this location would extend the border of Ell Pond Park and improve traffic safety while maintaining emergency vehicular access. The city could then work with DCR to shorten the crossing across Lynn Fells Parkway at the northeasterly corner while creatively using plantings to extend the "experience" of the park through the redesigned intersection.

We recognize that the design of a public space like Ell Pond Park, located at the heart of the community and serving many purposes, will inevitably involve balancing the needs of many different users. With that in mind, we feel that the current design alternatives place too little emphasis on open space and passive recreation, and insufficiently invite access to the park via walking and bicycling.

The PBC appreciates the city's efforts to focus public attention, engagement, and ultimately investment toward this valuable city resource. We thank you for the opportunity to provide comment and look forward to seeing the work of the project team continue.

Sincerely,

Jonah Chiarenza, Chair;
Dan Krechmer, Vice Chair;
Ryan Williams, Secretary;
Finn McSweeney, Communications Coordinator;
And our members.

⁴ <https://pedbikemelrose.org/?p=265>

residents of the Fitch Home sitting on folding chairs, enjoying the shade, while parents relax on nearby blankets with their small children. Spaces like these are invaluable to the community², and demand for them is all but certain to grow over time.

- 2. Maximize connectivity via off-street pathways.** We embrace the creation of a bridge connecting the Crystal Spring courts to the rest of the park, creating a true mixed-use off-street connection between Crystal Street and Tremont Street. In time, this creates an opportunity for a safer cycling loop utilizing Tremont, West Emerson, and Main Streets. Within the park, we recommend that the pathways be constructed wide enough to allow cyclists and pedestrians to occupy separate sides, or lanes, within the pathway. It is important to note that paths along the pond edge should be constructed so as to avoid disturbing existing vegetation wherever possible, and we urge that the construction of the footbridge be highly sensitive to the local environment, which is already under considerable pressure. We also recommend a formal connection to the bridge which connects to the DCR pool property.
- 3. Enhance screening along the road edge to better insulate the park from drivers on Lynn Fells Parkway.** Drivers on Lynn Fells Parkway expose park users to substantial amounts of noise and air pollution, while at the same time presenting a visual distraction which hinders enjoyment of the park. Any park redesign should consider ways to further enhance screening of auto traffic, which will improve these dynamics. One potential idea is to reserve a strip of land for the creation of a hedgerow³, which the city could work with community groups like the Ell Pond Improvement Council (EPIC) and MHS Environmental Club to plant with native species. This approach would not only improve the dynamics from within the park, but would create a more inviting visual scene from outside. At present, when viewed from Lynn Fells Parkway, the property has the look of a sports complex rather than a public park. Screening of the sports fields from the roadway will make the property seem more like a multipurpose public park, which will help to invite more diverse and equitable community engagement.
- 4. Explore options which reduce, or eliminate, the "Knoll" parking lot.** Melrose is a dense, walkable suburb, one which claims for itself a reputation of being forward-thinking on decarbonization strategies. Melrose was among the state's first 35 municipalities to be certified as a "Green Community" by the Department of Energy Resources, was a signatory to the 2015 MAPC Metropolitan Mayors Coalition "NetZero 2050" pledge, and is one of three communities currently working with MAPC to establish a framework for how cities and towns can achieve "net zero" within the next three decades. Under any realistic plan to achieve that goal, Melrose absolutely must shift as many trips as possible to non-automotive modes⁴. The current plans, by assuming a considerable

² http://cloud.tpl.org/pubs/benefits_HealthBenefitsReport.pdf

³ <https://www.ecolandscaping.org/06/designing-ecological-landscapes/native-plants/native-hedges-and-hedgerows-beauty-and-biodiversity/>

⁴ <https://www.mapc.org/resource-library/vehicle-miles-traveled-emissions/>

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2 - EPIC believes the existing "great lawn" area between the knoll and the shoreline (the area with the two benches and boulder abutting the dog park) currently strikes the right balance between active/passive recreation and natural resources. As such we wouldn't recommend additional features (pavilion, fitness) in this area, especially given its history of flooding.

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Dave D

President
Ell Pond Improvement Council, Inc.

Gaal, Amanda

From: Proakis Ellis, Elena <eproakis@CityofMelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 4:32 PM
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Subject: RE: Ell Pond Park Draft Concept Plans

Hi All,

To add to Dave's thoughts, I do want to reiterate that we need to ensure we are taking advantage of the opportunities that arise from this project to improve stormwater management on the parcel, whether than be something below ground or above ground. I wonder if part of the restoration of the area with the invasive species could also provide some level of stormwater mitigation, and if anything can be done in the vicinity of the other outfalls as well. I just don't want to miss an opportunity, since the health of the pond is so severely impacted by stormwater.

Thanks.
Elena

From: David Dickerson [mailto:ddickerson112@gmail.com]
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On Mon, Nov 9, 2020 at 2:14 PM Gaal, Amanda <GaalA@wseinc.com> wrote:

Hi All,

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I have attached the draft concepts plans we went over in todays meeting. Feel free to send comments/concerns/questions anytime.

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The other documents (survey results, comparison chart, field dimensions, & presentation outline) will be in a following email.

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Best regards,

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March 7th, 2021

To: Members of the Ell Pond Feasibility Study Project Team
CC: Mayor Brodeur, Patrick, Prendergast
Re: Ell Pond Park Feasibility Study

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the members of Zero Waste Melrose, understand that the City seeks community input on the potential redevelopment of the Ell Pond Park. Zero Waste Melrose (formerly the Melrose Recycling Committee) is an organization dedicated to reducing the generation of waste and advocating for responsible waste management. The irresponsible generation of waste and its disposal has a harmful effect on public health and the environment. We believe that when we address these issues, we achieve our ultimate goals of reducing our environmental impact, saving money, and keeping Melrose beautiful. Zero Waste Melrose works independently and in collaboration with the City to advocate for these goals.

We recommend that the Ell Pond Park redesign incorporate zero waste principles into the full lifecycle of the park, from construction, to active use, to end-of-life for the materials used in the park. Specific recommendations are:

1. Plan the park redesign and construction with a goal of zero/low waste. The project should minimize the materials sent to landfill/incineration during the construction process.
2. Use recycled materials wherever possible in the park. For example, source park benches and playground equipment that are made from recycled or reclaimed materials. Only use materials for which there is a known recycling/reuse option for end of life. (See below regarding synthetic turf fields).
3. Include park amenities that reduce waste generation. Specifically, the redesigned Ell Pond should include multiple water stations to allow park users to access water without the need for single-use plastic bottles. Plastic litter is a major problem in and around Ell Pond. The redesign should provide the opportunity to reduce usage of plastic bottles in the area. Water bubblers were once common in municipal parks in Melrose and the rest of the state, but they have been taken out over the years. Cities like Concord have shown that water bottle filling stations in outdoor recreational spaces increase public enjoyment and health and reduce the need for plastic water bottles. By selecting the right equipment and with proper maintenance, water bottle filling stations can function well for years in the outdoors.
4. Avoid the use of synthetic turf. Synthetic turf, typically made of shredded tires and other plastics, is essentially a carpet of plastic. Over years of active use and environmental exposure, the plastic turf breaks down and small plastic particles make their way into the surrounding environment and become permanent plastic pollution. While the manufacturers and installers claim these materials are recycled at end-of-life, multiple sources have disputed claims about the practical recyclability of synthetic turf fields. In addition, synthetic turf contains lead, mercury, cadmium and other toxic substances.

Unlike natural grass/turf, synthetic turf does not absorb heat or help to cool the environment. (Sources regarding synthetic turf fields concerns are: <https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2019/12/artificial-turf-fields-are-piling-no-recycling-fix/603874/> and <https://www.safchealthplayingfields.org/environmental-hazards/>).

5. Make the strategic placement of a sufficient number of waste receptacles part of the plan design. While a small detail in the overall redesign, waste receptacles (preferably for trash, recyclables, and organic waste) are essential to capture waste and prevent littering in and around Ell Pond. The New York City Central Park Conservancy published a Trash Management and Recycling Handbook. The handbook discusses their strategies for capturing waste/litter in a high-usage urban park. While we recognize that Ell Pond is not Central Park, it is heavily used and will become more so in the years to come. https://dl17wvnyj890hh0.cloudfront.net/new_images/report/CPC-Institute-Trash-Management-Recycling-Handbook.pdf?mtime=20190327134318 . Given the popularity of the Melrose Dog Park, dog waste composting should also be considered. Here is an example of an existing program: <https://www.cityoflafayette.com/dogwaste/> .

6. Prevent litter from entering Ell Pond with the use of landscaping or other features. Zero Waste Melrose and other community groups participate in regular litter clean ups of the Ell Pond area. The amount of trash that enters the pond and can't be removed is significant and degrades the health of the pond ecosystem. Consider opportunities to use plants or fencing to screen the waterway from trash, yet still allow for the enjoyment of the pond.

Grant funding is available for many of these initiatives. For example, Keep America Beautiful has grant funding for trash and recycling receptacles and cigarette butt collection containers. Water filling stations have been funded by grants as well. Recycling Works in Massachusetts offers free consulting services and technical assistance for waste stream management. <https://recyclingworksma.com/about-recyclingworks/> Zero Waste Melrose can work with the City to identify relevant grants.

According to the Ell Pond Park Feasibility Study, the overarching goals of the project are to “improve the performance of all site features and amenities” and “Strike a balance as we seek to improve both man-made and natural resources.” Our recommendations about waste reduction are consistent with the overall project goals, and also reflect the goals of our membership and many in the broader Melrose community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into this planning process. Zero Waste Melrose is committed to collaborating with the City of Melrose on this project. We look forward to the next steps in the process.

Sincerely,

ZERO WASTE MELROSE

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Appendix D

Preliminary Subsurface Investigations

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Gene Bolinger & Amanda Gaal
From: Nathaniel Parker
Date: 08/02/2021
Subject: Summary of Subsurface Conditions
 East & West Knoll Fields at Ell Pond, Melrose, Massachusetts

This memorandum summarizes test pitting excavations and observations conducted from July 13 to July 15, 2021. The investigation area is located north of Ell Pond and south of Lynn Fells Parkway in Melrose, Massachusetts (see Figure 1 – Site Map). The investigation area is public space and primarily comprised of athletic fields. Other spaces are utilized for a dog park and common grassy areas.

A total of 8 test pits were excavated to observe soil conditions and evidence of seasonal high groundwater during the investigation. Test pits were excavated with a Case 580 Super N backhoe/loader operated by a Melrose Department of Public Works operator. Observations were conducted by a Weston & Sampson certified soil evaluator. Each test pit was backfilled and re-graded upon completion.

A summary of work completed during the investigation is shown in Table 1 below. A total of three monitoring wells were installed, and one percolation test was conducted during the investigation (see Figure 1). Monitoring wells were constructed of 5-foot lengths of 2-inch PVC. Slot sizes on the screens were 0.010 inches. All monitoring wells were finished at grade with steel boxes.

Table 1: Test Pitting Summary

Test Pit ID	Final Depth (ft bgs ¹)	Monitoring Well Installed	Perc Test
TP-1	5.5	Yes	-
TP-2	5.3	-	-
TP-3	5.3	-	-
TP-4	7	Yes	-
TP-5	5.5	-	-
TP-6	5.5	-	-
TP-7	6	Yes	-
TP-8	4.5	-	Yes

Notes: 1) ft bgs = feet below ground surface

Results

Soil Texture Observations

- Topsoil within the athletic fields varied in thickness from 0.25 to 0.75 feet and consisted of sandy loam and loam. Average thickness of the topsoil was 0.5 feet. Topsoils at TP-6 and TP-7 were approximately 1.5 and 1.25 feet thick.
- Layers of fill composed of soil were observed below topsoils in all test pits except for TP-7. Thicknesses of soil fill varied between 0.5 and 4 feet thick across the site. The average thickness of soil fill was 3 feet.
- Layers of ash fill were observed in test pits TP-1, TP-5, and TP-7. Thicknesses of the ash layers varied between 1.25 and 4.0 feet, depending on the termination of the excavation. The average thickness of ash layers was 2.5 feet. Ash layers were encountered 1.0 to 1.5 feet below ground surface (ft bgs).
- Peat was observed in test pits TP-4, TP-5, and TP-7. Thicknesses of peat varied between 2.75 and 5.0 feet, depending on the termination of the excavation. The average thickness of peat was 3.6 feet. Peat was encountered 2.0 to 3.0 feet below ground surface (ft bgs).

For detailed soils descriptions and conditions, test pit logs are attached to this memorandum.

Groundwater Observations

Estimates of seasonal high groundwater and groundwater observations are summarized in Table 2 below. Estimates of seasonal high groundwater were made in all test pits and determined from soil color, standing water, and weeping water from test pit walls. Estimated seasonal high groundwater (ESHG) varied across the site from 1 to 4.2 ft bgs (see Figure 1). Average ESHG across the site is 3.2 ft bgs.

Table 2: Groundwater Summary

Test Pit ID	Est. Seasonal High Groundwater (ft bgs)	Standing Water (ft bgs)	Weeping from Pit Face (ft bgs)	Final Depth (ft bgs)
TP-1	1.5	2.2	2.2	5.5
TP-2	4.2	5.25	5.3	5.3
TP-3	3.3	5	4.5	5.3
TP-4	1	-	1	7
TP-5	3.3	3.3	2.3	5.5
TP-6	4.6	4.6	4.8	5.5
TP-7	3.75	3.75	2.8	6
TP-8	4	4	0.8	4.5

Depths of ESHG, standing water and weeping water are detailed on test pit logs attached to this memorandum.

Percolation Test at TP-8

One percolation test was conducted during this investigation. The hole for this test was excavated in the most restrictive soil layer observed during the excavation of test pit TP-8. The dimensions of the hole for the percolation test were 12 inches wide and 18 inches deep. The top of the hole was 1.5 ft bgs, and the bottom of the hole was 3.0 ft bgs.

After the percolation test hole was exhumed, water was poured into the hole to a depth of 12 inches and maintained at this level for 15 minutes. After this initial soak period concluded, the percolation test was initiated and changes in water levels were timed and monitored.

After 20 minutes of monitoring, water levels in the percolation test hole did not drop, and a water level of 12 inches was maintained. The test was concluded after this period, and subsurface materials were found to be impermeable to water at this location.

Conclusions

Except for test pit location TP-6, surface conditions at all test pit locations were saturated. Subsurface materials at all test pit locations were considered fill. Depths of estimated seasonal high groundwater (ESHG) varied across the site from 1.0 to 4.2 feet below ground surface (ft bgs). Standing water was observed in all test pits except for test pit location TP-4. Water weeping from test pit walls was observed in all test pits. Impermeable layers of peat were observed in test pits TP-4, TP-5, and TP-7 and encountered 2.0 to 3.0 ft bgs.

Limitations

The information presented herein and attached is for use by the City of Melrose and members of the design and construction teams for the subject project only. The information herein can be used for estimating purposes, but our report, conclusions, and interpretations should not be construed as a warranty of the subsurface conditions and are not applicable to other sites.

Soil test pits indicate soil conditions only at specific locations and only to the depths penetrated. They do not necessarily reflect subsurface conditions that may exist between exploration locations. If subsurface conditions differing from those described are noted during additional excavations and construction, reevaluation may be necessary.

Within the limitations of scope, schedule, and budget, our services have been executed in accordance with generally accepted practices in this area at the time this report was prepared. No warranty or other conditions, expressed or implied, are given.

Attachments:

- Site Map
- Test Pit Logs
- Photographs

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SITE MAP



FIGURE 1
CITY OF MELROSE, MA
WEST KNOLL & ELL POND FEASIBILITY STUDY

SITE MAP

JULY 2021 SCALE: NOTED

Weston & SampsonSM

TEST PIT LOGS

CONTRACTOR: Excavated by City DPW	TEST PIT LOCATION: Athletic Field	DATE START: July 13, 2021
OPERATOR: Nick Vrooman	PLAN DIMENSIONS: Length: 5.0 ft. , Width: 2.0 ft.	DATE FINISH: July 15, 2021
LOGGED BY: Nathaniel Parker	SEEPAGE REMARKS: Moderate Seepage Below 2.2 ft.	GROUND EL: 13.9 ± (NAVD88)
CHECKED BY: Amanda Gaal	CAVING REMARKS: No Caving Observed	FINAL DEPTH: 5.5 ft.
EQUIPMENT: Hydraulic Excavator, Medium	BACKFILL MATERIAL: Excavated Soil	GRID COORDS: N/A
BUCKET TYPE: Toothed, 24-in. (6.4 cubic-ft.)	OTHER COMMENTS: Monitoring well installed 0 - 5 ft	GRID SYSTEM: NAD83 State Plane (MA)

DEPTH BELOW GROUND SURFACE [VERTICAL FT.]	SAMPLE TYPE GRAPHIC	STRATIGRAPHY LOG	STRATUM IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION SCALE SHOWN TO NEAREST FT.	REMARKS, OTHER TESTS, AND INSTALLATIONS
			Surface: Grass field.		Note: Values in brackets preceding a remark indicate depth below ground surface (in feet) corresponding to the remark. [1.5 - 2.0] Ash matrix of concentrated iron 5YR 4/6 - 100%.
			Brown , 10YR 2/2, fine to medium sandy loam; granular, very friable; roots to 3.0"; [FILL] .		
			Brown, 10YR 5/4, gravelly fine to coarse loamy sand; massive, very friable; [FILL] .		
			Gray, white and black, gravelly fine to coarse ash, trace brick and glass; firm in place; [FILL] . Estimated seasonal high groundwater at 1.5 ft. Standing water in pit at 2.2 ft.	▼	
5				9	Exploration ended at 5.5 ft.



CONTRACTOR: Excavated by City DPW	TEST PIT LOCATION: Athletic Field	DATE START: July 13, 2021
OPERATOR: Nick Vrooman	PLAN DIMENSIONS: Length: 5.0 ft. , Width: 2.0 ft.	DATE FINISH: July 13, 2021
LOGGED BY: Nathaniel Parker	SEEPAGE REMARKS: Moderate Seepage Below 5.3 ft.	GROUND EL: 13.7 ± (NAVD88)
CHECKED BY: Amanda Gaal	CAVING REMARKS: No Caving Observed	FINAL DEPTH: 5.3 ft.
EQUIPMENT: Hydraulic Excavator, Medium	BACKFILL MATERIAL: Excavated Soil	GRID COORDS: N/A
BUCKET TYPE: Toothed, 24-in. (6.4 cubic-ft.)	OTHER COMMENTS:	GRID SYSTEM: NAD83 State Plane (MA)

DEPTH BELOW GROUND SURFACE [VERTICAL FT.]	SAMPLE TYPE GRAPHIC	STRATIGRAPHY LOG	STRATUM IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION SCALE SHOWN TO NEAREST FT.	REMARKS, OTHER TESTS, AND INSTALLATIONS
			Surface: Grass field.		Note: Values in brackets preceding a remark indicate depth below ground surface (in feet) corresponding to the remark. [0.8 - 2.0] 5% mottled soil matrix; iron concentrations 2.5YR 3/6. .
			Brown, 10YR 2/2, sandy loam; granular, roots to 3"; [FILL] .		
			Brown, 10YR 2/2, gravelly, fine to coarse sandy loam, trace ash, broken glass; massive, very friable; [FILL] .		
			Brown, 10YR 5/4, gravelly, fine to coarse sand with cobbles; massive, friable; [FILL] .		
			Brown, 10YR 3/3, gravelly, cobbly, fine to coarse sandy loam, trace ash, wood, glass, brick; massive, firm in place; [FILL] .		
5			Estimated seasonal high groundwater at 4.2 ft.	9	
			Standing water in pit at 5.25 ft.		Exploration ended at 5.3 ft.
				4	



CONTRACTOR: Excavated by City DPW	TEST PIT LOCATION: Athletic Field	DATE START: July 13, 2021
OPERATOR: Nick Vrooman	PLAN DIMENSIONS: Length: 5.0 ft. , Width: 2.0 ft.	DATE FINISH: July 13, 2021
LOGGED BY: Nathaniel Parker	SEEPAGE REMARKS: Moderate Seepage Below 4.5 ft.	GROUND EL: 13.8 ± (NAVD88)
CHECKED BY: Amanda Gaal	CAVING REMARKS: No Caving Observed	FINAL DEPTH: 5.3 ft.
EQUIPMENT: Hydraulic Excavator, Medium	BACKFILL MATERIAL: Excavated Soil	GRID COORDS: N/A
BUCKET TYPE: Toothed, 24-in. (6.4 cubic-ft.)	OTHER COMMENTS:	GRID SYSTEM: NAD83 State Plane (MA)

DEPTH BELOW GROUND SURFACE [VERTICAL FT.]	SAMPLE TYPE GRAPHIC	STRATIGRAPHY LOG	STRATUM IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION SCALE SHOWN TO NEAREST FT.	REMARKS, OTHER TESTS, AND INSTALLATIONS
			Surface: Grass field.		Note: Values in brackets preceding a remark indicate depth below ground surface (in feet) corresponding to the remark. Exploration ended at 5.3 ft.
			Brown, 10YR 3/2, fine to coarse sandy loam; granular; roots to 3"; [FILL] .		
			Brown, 10YR 5/4, fine to medium loamy sand; massive, very friable; [FILL] .		
			Brown, 10YR 4/4, gravelly, cobbly, bouldery, fine to coarse sand, trace brick, wood; massive, friable; [FILL] .		
			Brown, 10YR 2/2, gravelly, fine to coarse loam, trace brick, wood, ash; massive, friable; [FILL] . <i>Estimated seasonal high groundwater at 3.3 ft.</i>		
5			<i>Standing water in pit at 5.0 ft.</i>	9	
				4	



CONTRACTOR: Excavated by City DPW	TEST PIT LOCATION: Athletic Field	DATE START: July 15, 2021
OPERATOR: Nick Vrooman	PLAN DIMENSIONS: Length: 5.0 ft. , Width: 2.0 ft.	DATE FINISH: July 15, 2021
LOGGED BY: Nathaniel Parker	SEEPAGE REMARKS: Slow Seepage Below 1.0 ft.	GROUND EL: 13.9 ± (NAVD88)
CHECKED BY: Amanda Gaal	CAVING REMARKS: No Caving Observed	FINAL DEPTH: 7.0 ft.
EQUIPMENT: Hydraulic Excavator, Medium	BACKFILL MATERIAL: Excavated Soil	GRID COORDS: N/A
BUCKET TYPE: Toothed, 24-in. (6.4 cubic-ft.)	OTHER COMMENTS: Monitoring well installed 0 - 5 ft	GRID SYSTEM: NAD83 State Plane (MA)

DEPTH BELOW GROUND SURFACE [VERTICAL FT.]	SAMPLE TYPE GRAPHIC	STRATIGRAPHY LOG	STRATUM IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION SCALE SHOWN TO NEAREST FT.	REMARKS, OTHER TESTS, AND INSTALLATIONS
			Surface: Grass field.		Note: Values in brackets preceding a remark indicate depth below ground surface (in feet) corresponding to the remark.
			Brown, 10YR 3/2, fine to coarse sandy loam; granular, friable; roots to 3.0"; [FILL] .		
			Brown, 10TR 3/2, gravelly, cobbly, fine to coarse sand with boulders, trace brick, glass; massive, firm in place; [FILL] .		Exploration ended at 7.0 ft.
			Brown, 2.5YR 3/2, gravelly, cobbly, fine to coarse sand with boulders, trace brick, glass; massive, firm in place; [FILL] .		
			<i>Estimated seasonal high groundwater at 1.0 ft.</i>		
			Brown, 10YR 3/2, gravelly, cobbly, fine to coarse sand with boulders, trace brick, glass; firm to very firm; [FILL] .		
			Brown, 10YR 3/2, peat; massive, friable.		
5				9	
				4	



CONTRACTOR: Excavated by City DPW	TEST PIT LOCATION: Athletic Field	DATE START: July 13, 2021
OPERATOR: Nick Vrooman	PLAN DIMENSIONS: Length: 5.0 ft. , Width: 2.0 ft.	DATE FINISH: July 13, 2021
LOGGED BY: Nathaniel Parker	SEEPAGE REMARKS: Slow Seepage Below 2.3 ft.	GROUND EL: 14.0 ± (NAVD88)
CHECKED BY: Amanda Gaal	CAVING REMARKS: No Caving Observed	FINAL DEPTH: 5.5 ft.
EQUIPMENT: Hydraulic Excavator, Medium	BACKFILL MATERIAL: Excavated Soil	GRID COORDS: N/A
BUCKET TYPE: Toothed, 24-in. (6.4 cubic-ft.)	OTHER COMMENTS:	GRID SYSTEM: NAD83 State Plane (MA)

DEPTH BELOW GROUND SURFACE [VERTICAL FT.]	SAMPLE TYPE GRAPHIC	STRATIGRAPHY LOG	STRATUM IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION SCALE SHOWN TO NEAREST FT.	REMARKS, OTHER TESTS, AND INSTALLATIONS
			Surface: Grass field.		Note: Values in brackets preceding a remark indicate depth below ground surface (in feet) corresponding to the remark. [1.5 - 1.8] 50% mottled soil matrix; iron concentrations 7.5YR 4/6.
			Brown, 10YR 2/2, fine to medium loam; granular, friable; roots to 3"; [FILL] .		
			Brown, 10YR 3/1, gravelly, fine to medium sandy loam, trace ash, glass, wood; massive, friable; [FILL] .		
			Gray, white and black, gravelly, fine to coarse ash; massive, firm in place; [FILL] . <i>Estimated seasonal high groundwater at 1.5 ft.</i>	▼	
			Brown, 10YR 2/1, peat; massive, friable.		
5			<i>Standing water in pit at 3.3 ft.</i>	9	
					Exploration ended at 5.5 ft.



CONTRACTOR: Excavated by City DPW	TEST PIT LOCATION: Central Knoll	DATE START: July 15, 2021
OPERATOR: Nick Vrooman	PLAN DIMENSIONS: Length: 7.0 ft. , Width: 2.0 ft.	DATE FINISH: July 15, 2021
LOGGED BY: Nathaniel Parker	SEEPAGE REMARKS: Slow Seepage Below 4.8 ft.	GROUND EL: 14.7 ± (NAVD88)
CHECKED BY: Amanda Gaal	CAVING REMARKS: No Caving Observed	FINAL DEPTH: 5.5 ft.
EQUIPMENT: Hydraulic Excavator, Medium	BACKFILL MATERIAL: Excavated Soil	GRID COORDS: N/A
BUCKET TYPE: Toothed, 24-in. (6.4 cubic-ft.)	OTHER COMMENTS:	GRID SYSTEM: NAD83 State Plane (MA)

DEPTH BELOW GROUND SURFACE [VERTICAL FT.]	SAMPLE TYPE GRAPHIC	STRATIGRAPHY LOG	STRATUM IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION SCALE SHOWN TO NEAREST FT.	REMARKS, OTHER TESTS, AND INSTALLATIONS
			Surface: Grass area.		Note: Values in brackets preceding a remark indicate depth below ground surface (in feet) corresponding to the remark. [2.7 - 5.5] 10% mottled soil matrix; iron concentrations 5YR 4/6.
			Brown, 10YR 3/1, gravelly, fine to medium sandy loam, trace cobbles; granular; roots to 12"; [FILL].		
			Brown, 10YR 5/2, gravelly, fine to medium sand, trace cobbles; single grain; firm in place; [FILL].		
			Brown, 10YR 5/2, gravelly, fine to coarse sand, trace cobbles; single grain, firm in place; [FILL]. <i>Estimated seasonal high groundwater at 2.7 ft.</i>		
5			Standing water in pit at 4.6 ft.	10	
					Exploration ended at 5.5 ft.
				5	



CONTRACTOR: Excavated by City DPW	TEST PIT LOCATION: Athletic Field	DATE START: July 15, 2021
OPERATOR: Nick Vrooman	PLAN DIMENSIONS: Length: 8.0 ft. , Width: 2.0 ft.	DATE FINISH: July 15, 2021
LOGGED BY: Nathaniel Parker	SEEPAGE REMARKS: Slow Seepage Below 0.8 ft.	GROUND EL: 14.1 ± (NAVD88)
CHECKED BY: Amanda Gaal	CAVING REMARKS: No Caving Observed	FINAL DEPTH: 4.5 ft.
EQUIPMENT: Hydraulic Excavator, Medium	BACKFILL MATERIAL: Excavated Soil	GRID COORDS: N/A
BUCKET TYPE: Toothed, 24-in. (6.4 cubic-ft.)	OTHER COMMENTS:	GRID SYSTEM: NAD83 State Plane (MA)

DEPTH BELOW GROUND SURFACE [VERTICAL FT.]	SAMPLE TYPE GRAPHIC	STRATIGRAPHY LOG	STRATUM IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION SCALE SHOWN TO NEAREST FT.	REMARKS, OTHER TESTS, AND INSTALLATIONS
			Surface: Grass field.		Note: Values in brackets preceding a remark indicate depth below ground surface (in feet) corresponding to the remark.
			Brown, 10YR 3/1, fine to medium sandy loam with gravel; granular, friable; roots to 6"; [FILL] .		
			Grayish brown, 10YR 4/1, gravelly, fine to coarse sandy loam with cobbles and boulders, trace ash, wood, brick, glass; massive, firm in place; [FILL] .	▼	
			<i>Estimated seasonal high groundwater at 3.0 ft.</i>		[1.5 - 3.0] Perc test conducted; water levels did not drop from 12".
			<i>Standing water in pit at 4.0 ft.</i>	10	
5					Exploration ended at 4.5 ft.
				5	



PHOTOGRAPHS

Photograph 1: TP-1 and Monitoring Well Installation



Photograph 2: Standing Water Absent at TP-4



Photograph 3: Ash and Iron Concentrations with High Chroma in TP-7



Photograph 4: Percolation Test in TP-8



MEMORANDUM

To: Gene Bolinger & Amanda Gaal
From: Nathaniel Parker
Date: 10/07/2021
Subject: Summary of Groundwater Monitoring
East & West Knoll Fields at Ell Pond, Melrose, Massachusetts

This memorandum summarizes groundwater monitoring conducted from August 04 to October 05, 2021. During this period, three wells were monitored north of Ell Pond and south of Lynn Fells Parkway in Melrose, Massachusetts (see Figure 1 – Site Map). The wells were installed during test pitting investigations that occurred between July 13 and July 15, 2021. Each well was flush-mounted at ground surface with protective outer casings and constructed with 2-inch PVC with 0.010-slot size screens. The names of each well are as follows:

- MW-1
- MW-4
- MW-7

To monitor groundwater levels, Solinst pressure transducers were installed within each test well and programmed to record pressure readings every 15 minutes. The transducers were installed on August 04 and removed on October 05, 2021. After the data was downloaded from each transducer, the recorded pressure data was converted to groundwater levels within each well. Charts illustrating groundwater level data within each well are attached to this memorandum. Groundwater levels on the attached charts are shown in feet below ground surface. A total of four (4) charts are attached – one chart showing groundwater from all wells and a subsequent three (3) charts showing groundwater from individual wells.

Attachments:

- Figure 1 - Site Map
- Groundwater Level Charts

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SITE MAP



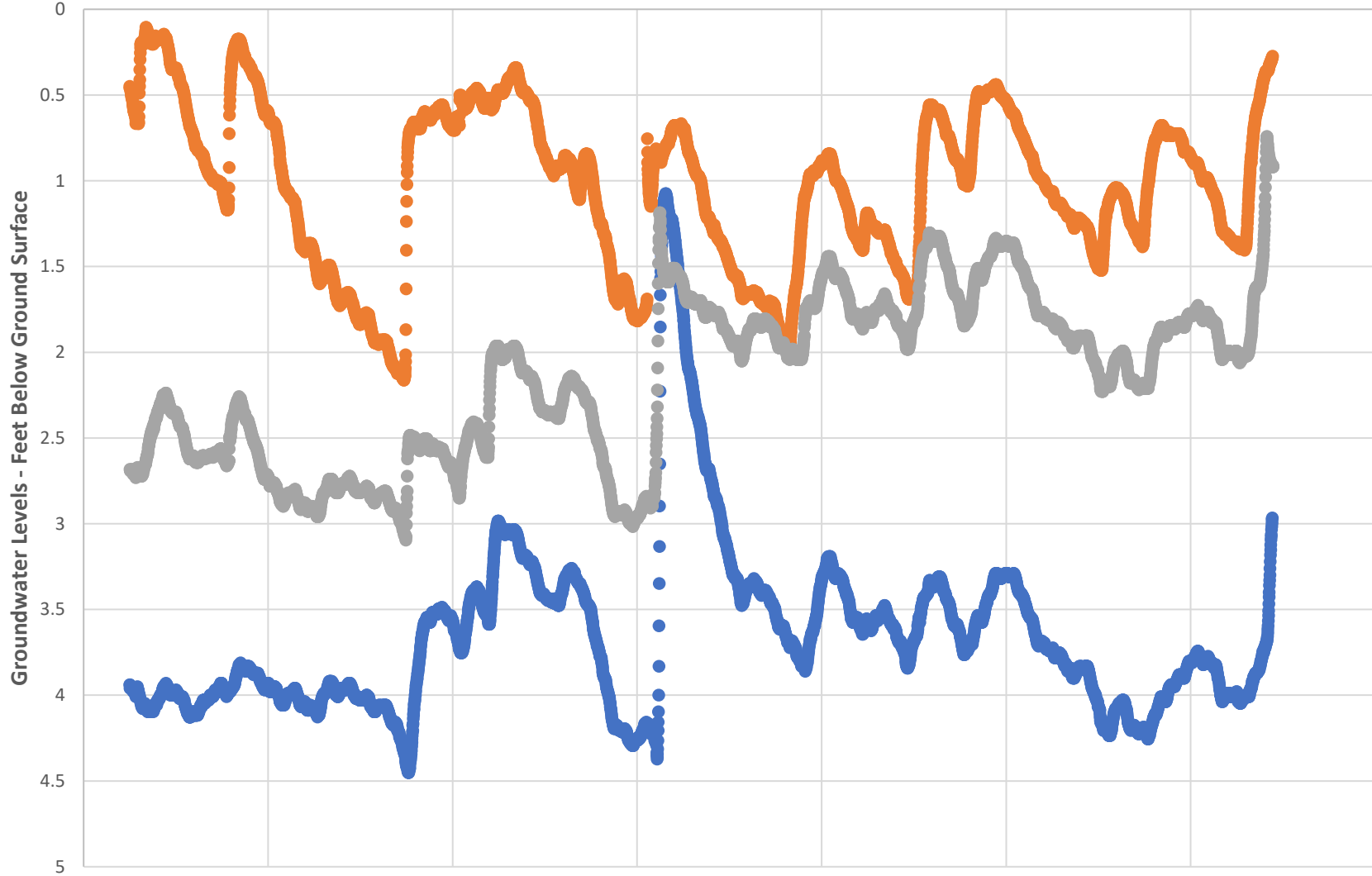
FIGURE 1	
CITY OF MELROSE, MA	
WEST KNOLL & ELL POND FEASIBILITY STUDY	
SITE MAP	
OCTOBER 2021	SCALE: NOTED

Groundwater Monitoring Charts

Groundwater Levels in All Wells: West Knoll & Ell Pond Feasibility Study

Date and Time

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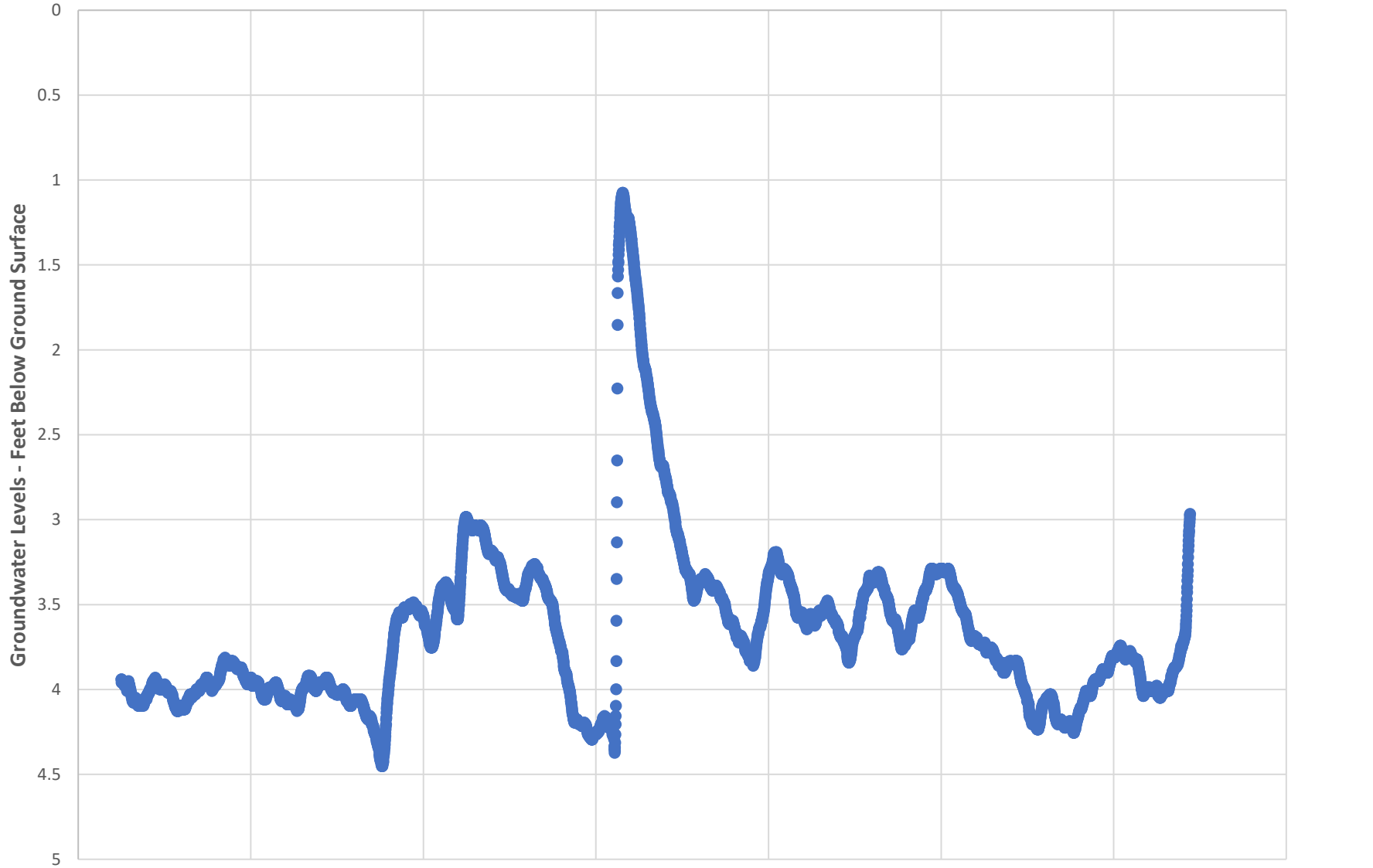


● MW-1 ● MW-4 ● MW-7

Groundwater Levels in MW-1: West Knoll & Ell Pond Feasibility Study

Date and Time

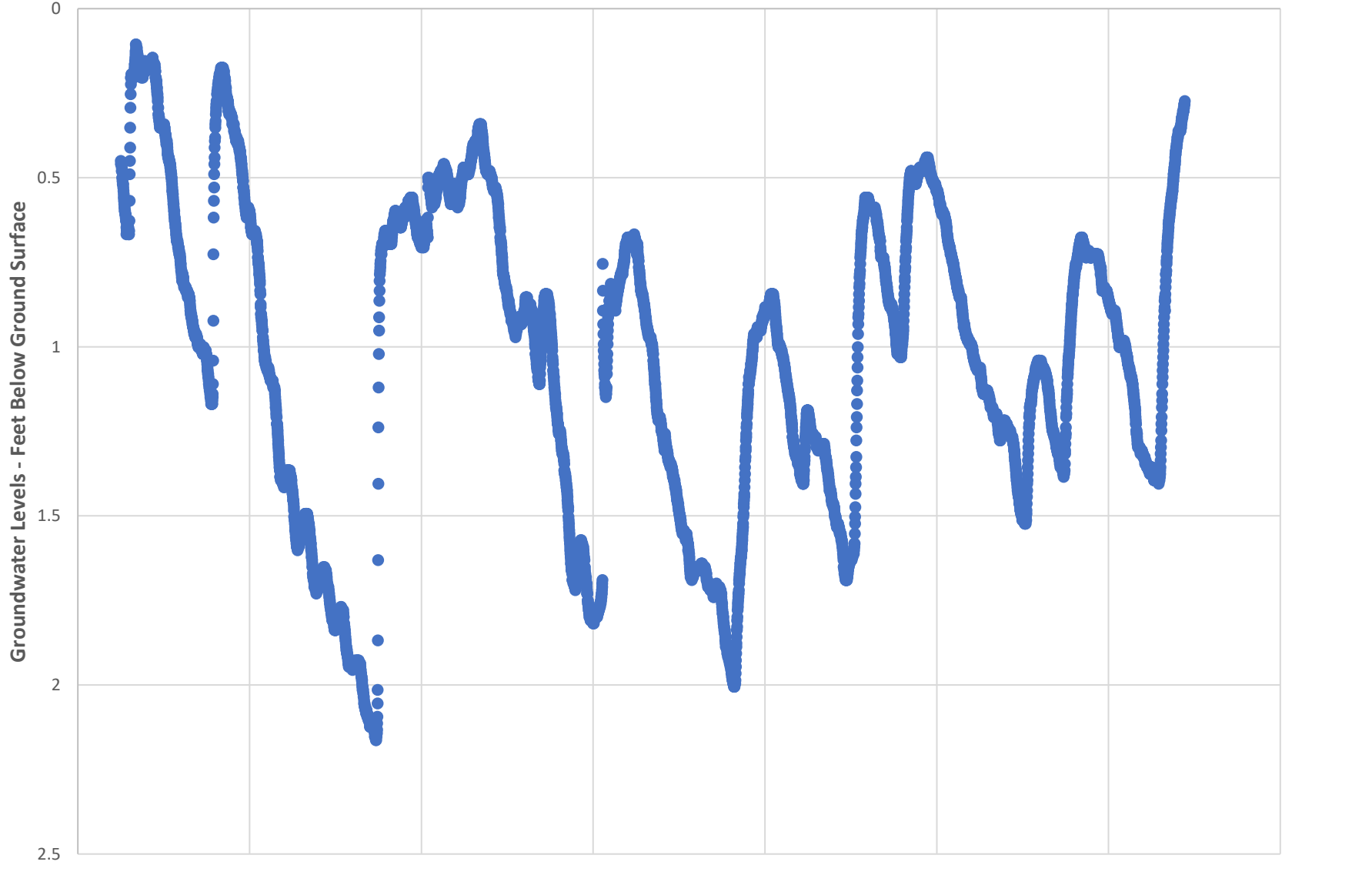
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Groundwater Levels in MW-4: West Knoll & Ell Pond Feasibility Study

Date and Time

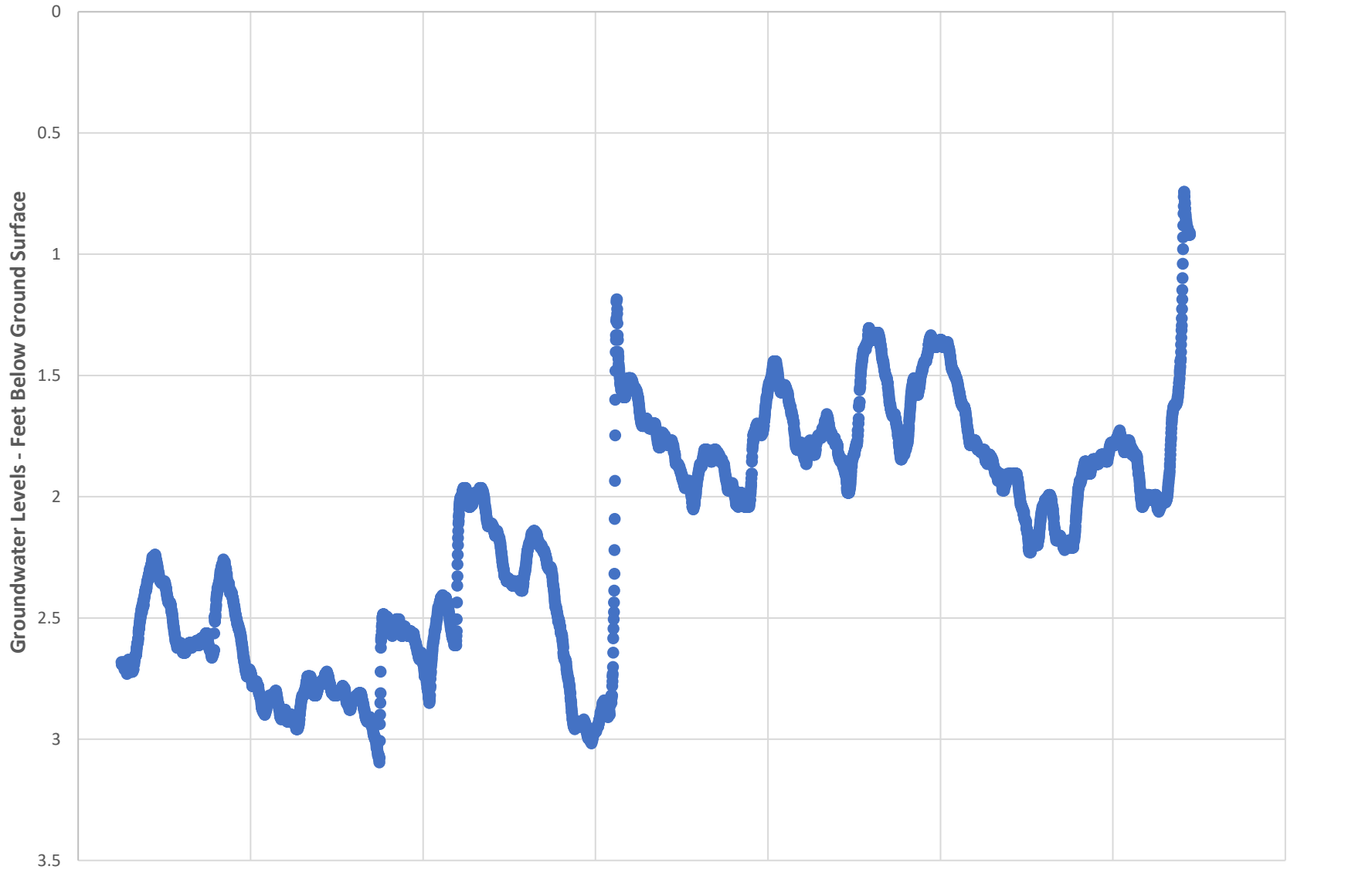
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Groundwater Levels in MW-7: West Knoll & Ell Pond Feasibility Study

Date and Time

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Appendix E

Site Inventory Analysis

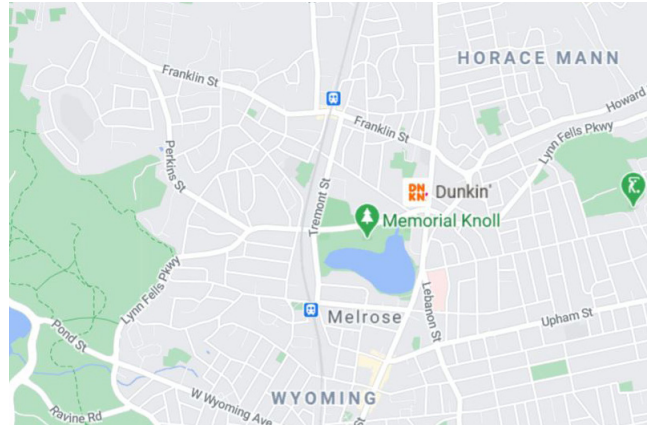


The City of MELROSE

PARK: Ell Pond Park & Cabbage Patch Field
 ADDRESS: 350 Lynn Fells Parkway
 ACRES: 19.1

INVENTORY: Little League Field
 Multipurpose Fields
 Memorial Knoll
 Dog Park
 Tennis Courts

DATE: September 16, 2020



Locus Map



Aerial Photograph

PARK CONDITIONS

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Intensity of Use

- High
- Medium
- Low

Notes

Across the street from the High School and Middle School. Parking lot is often packed and park is used by schools throughout the day.

Context

- Residential
- Mixed Use
- Commercial
- Industrial

Notes

User Groups

- Neighborhood
- City
- Regional
- Children/Family
- Teens
- Adults/elderly
- Sports Leagues
- Other Schools

ROADS

<u>Material</u>		<u>Condition</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Asphalt	_____	1- excellent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Porous Asphalt	_____	2- acceptable
<input type="checkbox"/>	Concrete	_____	3- needs repair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Porous Concrete	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gravel	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____	_____	

Notes

Roadways along perimeter of park have recently been redone and are in great condition. No roads are present with in the park. Refer to Parking section.

RAMPS

YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slope Max. 1:12
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Min. Width 4'-0" between handrails
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handrails on both sides (if longer than 6')
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handrails - height- 34" & 19" height
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handrails - extends 12" beyond top/bottom
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handrails - oval or round cross section
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handrails - smooth and continuous
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handrails - diameter between 1-1/4" and 2"
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handrails - Clearance at least 1 1/2" from wall/rail
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Surface- non slip
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Level Platforms- 4'x 4' every 30', top/bottom/change

Notes

No ramps are located with in the park, but concrete ramps are present at the pedestrian crossing between Ell Pond Park and the school property. They are in good condition and have adequate accessible features.

PARKING

# of Spaces	# ADA Spaces	# Van Spaces	Condition	
121	5	_____	3	1- excellent 2- acceptable 3- needs repair

YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HC Space located closest to Accessible entrance
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HC Space is more than 200', is there a drop off
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HC Dimensions - 13' total (8' +5' aisle)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HC Van Space Present
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HC Van Space Dimensions - (8' + 8' aisle) or (11' + 5')
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HC Sign at each HC Space
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HC Sign Dimensions - (5' min. - 8' max)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HC Surface, evenly paved or packed hard (no cracks)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HC Surface, slope less than 1:20 (5%)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HC Curbcut from parking to path at each space
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HC Curbcut Dimensions - 3'wide, sloped side (1:12 max), textured or painted yellow

Notes

Parking lot has extensive wear and cracking. In some areas there looks to be about only 1" thick of bituminous concrete with the gravel base surfacing in other areas. There is a mix of parallel spaces, perpendicular spaces, and angled spaces. It is a one way loop and has severe settlement issues resulting in excessive slopes. There are no curbs between the paved lot and the lawn areas. Granite blocks have been placed to prevent cars from driving into lawn.

PATHS/ACCESSIBLE ROUTES

<u>Material</u>	<u>Condition</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt	_____	1- excellent 2- acceptable 3- needs repair
<input type="checkbox"/> Porous Asphalt	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chip seal	_____	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete	2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Porous Concrete	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pavers	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gravel	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Stone dust	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Boardwalk	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> HDPE	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Accessible Beach mat	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	_____	

Notes

The concrete sidewalks are located at the perimeter of the park along the street. They are in good condition. There is an informal trail path that runs along the water. The trail surfacing is compacted earth from constant use. The vegetation along the trail is has become overgrown in some areas.

YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Site Access - path from drop-off to access entrance
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Site Access - drop-off at accessible entrance
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Site Access - surface uniformly paved/hard packed
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Site Access - No standing water over 1/8" deep
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Path of Travel - stairs
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Path of Travel - stable, firm, slip resistant
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Path of Travel- 3' min. width
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Path of Travel - Slope 5% max, & 2% cross pitch max.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Path of Travel - level changes not greater than 1/2" vert.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Path of Travel - protruding objects dectable w/cane
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Path of Travel -curb cuts at drives/parking/drop-off

Notes

These are relating to the interior walks. Currently the path of travel is through the parking area. Any access to other amenities requires walking on lawn.

Notes:

No interior walkways to park amenities.

OTHER PAVED AREAS

<u>Material</u>	<u>Condition</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt	_____	1- excellent 2- acceptable 3- needs repair
<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pavers	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Porous Pavers	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Stone dust	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	_____	

Notes

Not applicable

EXTERIOR STAIRS

<u>Material</u>		<u>Condition</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Concrete	_____	1- excellent 2- acceptable 3- needs repair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Metal	_____	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stone	<u>2-3</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brick	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____	_____	

Notes

Stone stairs provide pedestrian access to the top of the Memorial Knoll. They are sturdy and maintained, but do not meet traditional stair regulations.

YES NO

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No open risers
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nosing projecting
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Treads less than 11"
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handrails- both sides
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handrails- 34"- 48" above tread
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handrails- extends 12" beyond top/bottom riser
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handrail- oval or round
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handrail- diameter 1-1/4" - 1-1/2"
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handrail- 1-1/2" clearance from wall

Notes

Notes:

PARK ACCESS

<u>Access Type</u>		<u>Proximity</u>		
YES	NO			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Transit Stop	<u>2</u>	1- 0'-100' 2- 100'-500' 3- 500'+
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bike Route	<u>1</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Street Parking	<u>1</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Parking Lot	<u>1</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bike Rental	_____	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sidewalks	<u>1</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trail Connections	<u>1</u>	

Notes

Bus stop located at the intersection of Main St. and Melrose St., one block away from Ell Pond Park. Bike route runs along western side of the Park. Street parking along Lynn Fells Pkwy and Tremont St.

FENCING

<u>Material</u>		<u>Condition</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chain Link	<u>2-3</u>	1- excellent 2- acceptable 3- needs repair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vinyl-Coated Chain Link	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ornamental	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wood	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wood Guardrail	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Metal Guardrail	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____	_____	

Notes

4'ht. chain link fence along Lynn Fells Pkwy, in fair condition, some rust present, but over all structurally sound. 10'ht. BVCL fence at tennis courts in good condition.

SITE ELEMENTS

PICNICKING FACILITIES

Quantity Condition

Notes

<u>10+</u>	<u>good</u>	Trash Cans	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent to accessible paths	<hr/>
		Grills	<hr/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent to accessible paths	
<u>1</u>	<u>good</u>	Benches/Seatwalls	<u>Located by the LL outfield</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent to accessible paths	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Access to open space	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Back and arm rests	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent companion seating available	
		Picnic Tables #ADA <u> </u>	<hr/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Clearance 30" W x 19" D x 27" H	
		<input type="checkbox"/> No toe clearance 28" H x 30" W x 24" D	
		<input type="checkbox"/> 26" Clear around Perimeter	
		<input type="checkbox"/> 32" above grade max. table surface	
		<input type="checkbox"/> evenly graded/slip resistant 2% max slope	
		Shade Shelters	<hr/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent to accessible paths	

SITE ELEMENTS

OTHER AMENITIES

Quantity Condition

Notes

		Bike Racks	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent to accessible paths	<hr/>
		Pedestrian Lighting	<hr/>
		Security Cameras	<hr/>
		WiFi	<hr/>
<u>1</u>	<u>good</u>	Flag Poles	<hr/>
			<hr/>

STRUCTURES

		<u>Condition</u>		<u>Notes</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amphitheater	_____	1- excellent	<u>Concession and storage are combined at little league field.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Buildings	_____	2- acceptable	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gazebo/ Pavilion	_____	3- needs repair	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Restrooms (Permitted)	_____		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Portable Toilet (seasonal)	_____		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shade Shelter	_____		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Shade Sail	_____		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Concessions Stand	<u>2</u>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Storage Container	<u>2</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Press box	_____		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____	_____		

FIELD # A: Lewis Monk Little League Field

<u>Field Type</u>				<u>Surface</u>	<u>Condition</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Football	<input type="checkbox"/>	90' Baseball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natural Turf <u>Good</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Babe Ruth Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Synthetic Turf _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lacrosse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Little League	<u>Fencing</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Field Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tee-ball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chain Link _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cricket	<input type="checkbox"/>	Softball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vinyl Coated Chain Link <u>Fair</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____			<input type="checkbox"/>	Ornamental _____
				<input type="checkbox"/>	Sports Netting _____
				<input type="checkbox"/>	Bull Pen _____
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Batting Cage <u>Poor</u>
<u>Seating</u>				<u>Lighting</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Team Benches	<u>Good</u>	<u>2</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Field Lighting _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dugouts	<u>Good</u>	<u>2</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Security Lighting _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bleachers	<u>Good</u>	<u>5</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LED Fixtures _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shade	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accessible route	<u>Poor</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	ADA Access _____
<u>Notes</u>				<input type="checkbox"/>	Scoreboard _____
<u>Infield was fixed last year. This field is used all summer.</u>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Irrigation <u>Good</u>

FIELD # B/C: West Knoll Field

Field Type

<input type="checkbox"/> Football	<input type="checkbox"/> 90' Baseball
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/> Babe Ruth Baseball
<input type="checkbox"/> Lacrosse	<input type="checkbox"/> Little League
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/> Tee-ball
<input type="checkbox"/> Cricket	<input type="checkbox"/> Softball
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

<u>Seating</u>	<u>Cond.</u>	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>ADA</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Team Benches	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dugouts	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bleachers	<u>Good</u>	<u>2</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Shade	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Accessible route	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes

Field is used for U14, U10, high school soccer, and PE class. The 4 sports lights are over 20 years old. In 2011, they were retrofitted for a MUSCO system. Field is crowned but has drainage problems in the center. Most problematic and under utilized because of over use and rain. Used to have a baseball field in the southwest corner. New drainage basins have been installed to assist with the drainage problems.

<u>Surface</u>	<u>Condition</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Turf	<u>Good</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Synthetic Turf	_____
<u>Fencing</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chain Link	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Vinyl Coated Chain Link	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Ornamental	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Netting	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bull Pen	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Batting Cage	_____
<u>Lighting</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Field Lighting	<u>Fair-Poor</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Security Lighting	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> LED Fixtures	_____
<u>Other</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Access	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scoreboard	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irrigation	_____

FIELD # D: East Knoll Field

Field Type

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Football	<input type="checkbox"/> 90' Baseball
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/> Babe Ruth Baseball
<input type="checkbox"/> Lacrosse	<input type="checkbox"/> Little League
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/> Tee-ball
<input type="checkbox"/> Cricket	<input type="checkbox"/> Softball
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

<u>Seating</u>	<u>Cond.</u>	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>ADA</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Team Benches	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dugouts	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bleachers	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Shade	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Accessible route	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes

4 soccer goals and 1 football goal post present. Used for middle school football practice and U12 soccer. Some drainage problems on western edge. Catch basin was added last year.

<u>Surface</u>	<u>Condition</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Turf	<u>Good</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Synthetic Turf	_____
<u>Fencing</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chain Link	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Vinyl Coated Chain Link	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Ornamental	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Netting	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bull Pen	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Batting Cage	_____
<u>Lighting</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Lighting	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Security Lighting	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> LED Fixtures	_____
<u>Other</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Access	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Scoreboard	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irrigation	_____

FIELD # E: Cabbage Patch Field

Field Type

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football | <input type="checkbox"/> 90' Baseball |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> Babe Ruth Baseball |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lacrosse | <input type="checkbox"/> Little League |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Field Hockey | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tee-ball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cricket | <input type="checkbox"/> Softball |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other | <u>Flag-Football and Cheer</u> |

Seating Cond. Qty. ADA

- | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Team Benches | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dugouts | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bleachers | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shade | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible route | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Notes

Field is used for U10 soccer, high school field hockey, and PE class. 2 soccer goals and 2 field hockey goals present.
Signs of drainage issues. Entire field pitches south. 3 catch basins were recently installed along with a trench drain.
Field stripped for field hockey- 312'x144' (yellow) and soccer- 124'x156' (white).

Surface

- | | |
|--|-------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Turf | <u>Good</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Synthetic Turf | _____ |

Fencing

- | | |
|---|-------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chain Link | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vinyl Coated Chain Link | <u>Good</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ornamental | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Netting | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bull Pen | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Batting Cage | _____ |

Lighting

- | | |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Lighting | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Security Lighting | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LED Fixtures | _____ |

Other

- | | |
|--|-------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADA Access | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scoreboard | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irrigation | <u>Good</u> |

COURT # Crystal Street Tennis Courts

Court Type

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handball | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Street Hockey | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shuffleboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-sport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | _____ |

Seating Cond. Qty. ADA

- | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Team Benches | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bleachers | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shade | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible route | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curb-cut to court surface | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Notes

Used by the high school and middle school and open to the public. Large, deep cracks located in between each court and down the center lines are dangerous and are at high risk of causing injuries.

Surface

- | | |
|---|-------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface | <u>Poor</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Color/Lines | _____ |

Fencing

- | | |
|--|-------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chain Link | <u>Fair</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vinyl Coated Chain Link | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ornamental | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Netting | _____ |

Lighting

- | | |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Lighting | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Security Lighting | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LED Fixtures | _____ |

Other

- | | |
|--|-------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADA Access | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scoreboard | _____ |

COURT # Lyons Tennis Courts

Court Type

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handball | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Street Hockey | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shuffleboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-sport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Surface

- | | |
|---|-------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface | <u>Good</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Color/Lines | _____ |

Fencing

- | | |
|--|-------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chain Link | <u>Good</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vinyl Coated Chain Link | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ornamental | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Netting | _____ |

Lighting

- | | |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Lighting | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Security Lighting | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LED Fixtures | _____ |

Other

- | | |
|--|-------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADA Access | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scoreboard | _____ |

Seating Cond. Qty. ADA

- | | | | |
|--|-------|----------|--------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Team Benches | _____ | <u>5</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bleachers | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shade | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible route | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curb-cut to court surface | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Notes

Used by the high school, the middle school, senior leagues, and open to the public. Team benches are located outside of the fenced in courts.

OTHER ACTIVE USE

Element

Condition

Notes

- | | | |
|--|------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skate park | _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf/ Driving Range | _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frisbee Golf | _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Rink | _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness Elements | _____ | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dog Park | <u>Fair-Good</u> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sledding Hill | _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Farm | _____ | |

Dog park is well used. Wood fiber mulch surfacing with multiple obstacle courses for the dogs. Areas with shade and full sun. Approximately 0.35 acres. No ADA access from parking lot to fenced in area.

PASSIVE RECREATION

Element

Condition

ADA Access

Notes

- | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sledding Hill | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodlands | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overlook | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Register | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Art | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Trees | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Trees | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other | <u>Knoll</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Spruces, Oaks, Birches, and various evergreens are dappled a top the Memorial Knoll. Other specimen trees are scattered throughout the park with identifying tags.

RESILIENCY

RESILIENCY

Porous Pavement

- Asphalt _____
- Concrete _____
- Pavers _____

Condition

Storm Event Control

- Floodable Spaces _____
- Floodplain Management Plans _____
- Evacuation Routes _____

Condition

Stormwater

- Small- Rain Gardens _____
- Large- Retention Basins _____
- Bio-swales _____
- Street Stormwater Treatment _____

Other

- LED Lighting _____

Notes

2 large gravel retention basins have been installed on the northern and southern edges of the West Knoll Field. They have become difficult for maintenance to keep up (weeds, kids throwing stones elsewhere, trash, etc).

TRAILS

TRAILS

Element

- Signage _____
- Bike Racks _____
- Seating _____

Condition

ADA Access/Alternative Format

-
-
-

Notes

Ell Pond Trail runs along the water edge of Ell Pond. No signage is present and surfacing is compacted dirt.

SIGNAGE/
MONUMENTS

MONUMENT

Type

- Historic Monument
- Other

Condition

Good

ADA Access

-
-

Description

The first monument at the entrance to the park includes a bronze plaque on a granite boulder with granite bricks laid out in front that have names etched into them. This World War I memorial honors the 32 Melrosians who lost their lives in that conflict. The monument is surrounded by flags and shrub plantings.

SIGNAGE/
MONUMENTS

MONUMENT

Type

- Historic Monument
- Other

Condition

Fair

ADA Access

-
-

Description

Located on the east side of the knoll, adjacent to the entrance monument, and includes a gravel walkway leading to 2 rows of granite bricks with inspiring words etched into the tops of them. The bricks lead to a boulder with planting behind it and flags around it.

MONUMENT

Type	Condition	ADA Access
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic Monument	<u>Good</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Description

Located on the east side of the knoll, this World War II monument features design elements and key symbols from the national monument in Washington, D. C., including a water feature, Atlantic and Pacific wreaths and the "Kilroy was here" symbol engraved on one of the benches. This monument was dedicated on November 11th, 2017 at the Knoll in Melrose, MA.

MONUMENT

Type	Condition	ADA Access
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic Monument	<u>Good</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Description

Located on the south east side of the knoll, this Korean War monument is carved in jet black granite with etched portraits of the 6 Melrose residents who lost their life fighting for our country. Dedicated by the citizens of Melrose on May 24, 2015.

SIGNAGE

Signage	Condition	Alternate Format	ADA Access
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regulatory Signage	<u>Good</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretive Signage	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wayfinding Signage	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes

Very few signs around the park. Multiple regulatory signs present at parking lot and field signs located at the Lewis Monk Little League Field

OTHER ELEMENTS

Element	Condition	ADA Access	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Ell Pond (approx. 24.21 acres) constantly replenished by 3 streams (all now buried in underground pipes), an underground spring, and storm drainage. There is an annual clean up of the pond where volunteers help remove invasive species. This is improving the water quality, but the EPA has still deemed it "unswimmable". Non-motorized boats and fishing are allowed on the pond.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Splash Pad	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ornamental Fountain	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ornamental Water Body	<u>Fair</u>		

BOAT LAUNCH

Type

- Concrete
- Gravel
- Dock
- Ground Slope

Condition

Additional Information

- Accessible Route
- Handrails

Notes

Informal boat launch along Ell Pond Trail.

Photos

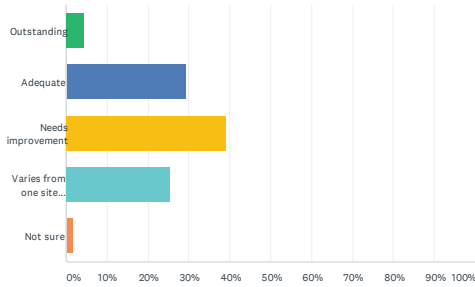


Appendix F

Public Survey Results

Q1 How would you describe your overall experience with existing facilities at Ell Pond Park?

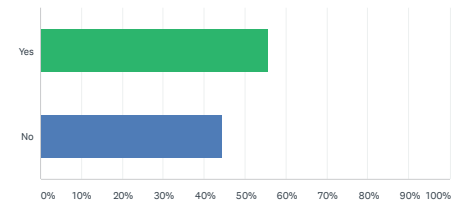
Answered: 478 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Outstanding	4.39% 21
Adequate	29.29% 140
Needs improvement	39.12% 187
Varies from one site feature to the next site feature	25.52% 122
Not sure	1.67% 8
TOTAL	478

Q2 Are existing sports and recreation facilities at Ell Pond Park (fields and/or courts) sufficiently meeting the needs of your organization or program in terms of availability and performance?

Answered: 439 Skipped: 48



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	55.58% 244
No	44.42% 195
TOTAL	439

#	IF NO, WHY?	DATE
1	Baseball is great, but some of the soccer fields hold a lot of water.	10/22/2020 8:27 PM
2	Too wt in spots and lots of geese poop	10/21/2020 2:00 PM
3	Inadequate lighting at the cabbage patch field and terrible drainage at the cabbage patch and knoll fields	10/21/2020 1:58 PM
4	Water mgmt Need lighting	10/20/2020 5:31 PM
5	Based on my many years of personal experience with youth soccer, the fields seemed to always be in bad condition or flooded. I think they have made some improvements however it will probably not benefit my children as they are almost done with high school.	10/20/2020 9:58 AM
6	I feel like there needs to be more things added that make it more inviting	10/20/2020 9:13 AM
7	Crystal Street tennis courts are in drastic need of repair and refurbishment. Large cracks are a potential injury hazard (almost twisted ankle running into one).	10/19/2020 9:19 PM
8	Crystal Street courts need work to repair cracks.	10/19/2020 3:09 PM
9	would really like a full path around the pond and lights on the fields	10/19/2020 12:53 PM
10	Holds too much water.	10/19/2020 7:20 AM
11	I don't use the fields or courts.	10/18/2020 11:48 PM
12	Frequently close due to poor drainage and flooding. There is not enough space for all of the teams. The tennis courts have uneven surfaces and are too few for a town of this size.	10/18/2020 6:39 PM
13	The fields are muddy, not flat and can be dangerous to players.	10/18/2020 5:16 PM
14	I primarily use it for soccer, and the fields are often closed because of inclement weather; and in a typical year (when the fields are in more use than they have been due to COVID), West Side Knoll field (field C) is especially over-used and beat up - very dusty and patchy. East Side Knoll (field D) gets so wet and saturated when there is even moderate rain that it is often unusable.	10/18/2020 4:54 PM
15	The fields at Ell Pond are not the best to play soccer on because they are bumpy and some patches don't have grass.	10/18/2020 4:37 PM
16	Fields are in rough shape	10/18/2020 4:35 PM
17	The fields are always flooded and there is way more pollution in years past (dunks cups, fishing line, trash bags, plastic, straws). Ell Pond needs to be cleaned up and treated with more care. The ecosystem is dying and the fields are a mess.	10/18/2020 4:31 PM
18	Can't play during or after rain.	10/18/2020 11:32 AM
19	West side knoll can't be played on when it rains a lot. Parking lot at knoll could be fixed too and the easy side needs work	10/18/2020 10:12 AM
20	It seems like an afterthought...fields should be changed to turf and have better seating and restrooms.	10/18/2020 9:20 AM
21	Courts on crystal are cracked and in disrepair. There are large cracks between courts that are a hazard. Some of gait latches are ineffective and need adjusting. Could use a walking track in area. The tennis courts should be lit for night time play to allow Melrose residents greater opportunities to exercise and maintain optimal health. Also a wall to hit a tennis ball against would be helpful for warm up or allow a new child a surface to hit ball against. This would allow children to learn sport and create lifelong exercisers. Pickle ball and paddle board are becoming more popular also	10/17/2020 8:16 PM
22	The East knoll and cabbage patch get so wet!	10/17/2020 6:30 PM
23	Crystal St courts need to be redone. Lights should be added at Tremont Street.	10/17/2020 6:05 PM
24	Cracks in Crystal Street tennis courts are truly hazardous! Gate is broken.	10/17/2020 11:47 AM
25	Unable to use if they are too wet	10/17/2020 8:09 AM

26	The tennis courts on Crystal Street are dangerous. The expansion gutters are a danger. Many individuals have tripped and fallen playing tennis. Some were hurt enough they missed several weeks of tennis.	10/17/2020 8:05 AM
27	Too sports focused	10/16/2020 8:52 PM
28	Only tennis available.	10/16/2020 7:51 PM
29	No bleacher seats Score is outdated C and D no scoreboard Soccer field WSK needs turf C Silver field ESK needs turf D Tennis courts is sometimes used as dog park Needs lock	10/16/2020 4:30 PM
30	The cracks on the tennis court are dangerous when running for a ball you could get a bad injury if your foot lands in the hole	10/16/2020 4:16 PM
31	Cracks in crystal street court surface is a falling danger	10/16/2020 4:02 PM
32	water drainage is often poor and lack of evening lighting	10/16/2020 3:18 PM
33	Cabbage patch is always wet,	10/16/2020 3:10 PM
34	Tennis courts are full when I want to play	10/16/2020 1:38 PM
35	It seems like the west knoll field often has to be closed. On the chart it would be field C.	10/16/2020 12:12 PM
36	Tennis courts need windscreens, lights and a paint job to put up to current standards (blue courts)	10/16/2020 11:45 AM
37	The little league field needs better drainage. Parents have to use blowers on game days to dry out the field.	10/16/2020 10:10 AM
38	drainage is an issue, multi use needs not met It would be really great an make the area more special if there was a full and improved trail around properties to use the beautiful spot better	10/16/2020 10:07 AM
39	Drainage on fields is poor and they are often unplayable. Geese also inhabit. Baseball fields in good shape but lighting would allow for hours more of usage. A nice trail around the pond would also be good recreation	10/16/2020 10:00 AM
40	While mostly ok, the drainage issues and geese detract from their potential.	10/16/2020 9:56 AM
41	The fields are usually soggy.	10/16/2020 9:49 AM
42	It can be swampy after rains more drainage is needed Lightd at Lewis Monk field would expand use especially in the late summer and fall months. The dirt pathways around the Ell Pond complex could be improved Dr	10/16/2020 9:38 AM
43	I do not play tennis or soccer	10/16/2020 9:36 AM
44	East Knoll field is constantly wet and thus very often unusable. West Knoll field needs better stands for spectators. Dog park is outstanding. Parking is adequate. Trail and pond access could be improved by adding better access, seating areas, and informational displays.	10/16/2020 9:30 AM
45	It would be very nice for Melrose to have turf fields so that during a rainy season we do not have to cancel all sports practices that are on East, West, and Cabbage Patch fields.	10/16/2020 9:29 AM
46	There are not enough tennis courts and I wish there were night lights on the tennis courts as they have on the baseball field. As a new generation of people are moving to Melrose, it seems like tennis is very popular sport/activity to play and it should be reflected in the park with updates.	10/16/2020 9:28 AM
47	Crystal Street courts need to be resurfaced. Fields still flood w/heavy rains.	10/16/2020 9:27 AM
48	Crystal St tennis courts need to be resurfaced. They are in really bad shape. It would also be nice to have night lights installed at the Lyons tennis courts (and potentially at the Crystal St tennis courts) so people can use the courts until at least 10pm. As the days start to be so short, it becomes impossible to play later in the afternoon (after work).	10/16/2020 9:19 AM
49	drainage issues	10/16/2020 9:17 AM
50	The soccer field still flood and are filled with geese and their poop.	10/16/2020 9:15 AM
51	cabbage patch takes a long time to drain crystal st courts have large gaps	10/16/2020 9:09 AM

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52	There is only one baseball field. The remaining fields that are used for baseball, soccer, lacrosse are unreliable because those fields are prone to flooding with minimal rain.	10/16/2020 9:09 AM
53	Need more turf fields	10/16/2020 9:08 AM
54	Our family is not using them as we were in the past, but they seemed adequate at the time.	10/16/2020 9:04 AM
55	Seems to get saturated after rainfall.	10/16/2020 9:00 AM
56	Drainage of East Knoll Field is an issue	10/16/2020 8:56 AM
57	There is no balance for all sports. Multiple tennis courts with no basketball courts.	10/16/2020 8:55 AM
58	Would like pickleball courts	10/16/2020 8:50 AM
59	The drainage is an issue. Ponding in all fields occurs and remains after rain events. Also, knoll parking lot is in disrepair.	10/16/2020 8:39 AM
60	If it rains the fields have to close because of poor drainage	10/16/2020 8:35 AM
61	The fields and surfaces are well maintained by the DPW. However, drainage is an issue at Lewis Monk, West & East Knoll and the Cabbage Patch. A moderate to heavy rain can cancel activities the day of the rain and the following day in many instances. Uneven playing surfaces from wear and tear are often found. Lighting is always a problem too, limiting opportunities to play on surfaces, especially in spring and fall	10/16/2020 8:34 AM
62	I would like to see Improved drainage enabling Lewis Monk and the Cabbage Patch to recover faster from the spring rain. I've had soccer practices and tee ball games cancelled when it's sunny Improved drainage enabling Lewis Monk and the Cabbage Patch to recover faster from the spring rain. Field lighting at Lewis Monk which will expand use especially in the summer and fall months. The expanded time on Monk will free up game and practice time across the city for our children. Pathways around the Ell Pond complex, creating a safe connection around the Lewis Monk home plate area to the outfield/West Knoll space. because those fields are still wet from rain. Field lighting at Lewis Monk would be great. The expanded time on Monk will free up game and practice time across the city for our children. Pathways around the Ell Pond complex, creating a safe connection around the Lewis Monk home plate area to the outfield/West Knoll space.	10/16/2020 8:32 AM
63	These fields frequently flood or get excessively wet with minimal rain and be one unusable for soccer or other activities.	10/16/2020 8:31 AM
64	Poor drainage on field C after precipitation events. Would be great if there were more recreational facilities for young children, such as a playground.	10/16/2020 8:26 AM
65	Lights at the Monk Ell Pond trail needs improvements	10/16/2020 8:24 AM
66	Fields become unusable after too much rain.	10/16/2020 8:21 AM
67	Add more tennis courts in sector B.	10/14/2020 10:25 PM
68	Tennis is often a wait for s court. Too much of The facilities are used for kids activities, not adequate provision for adult recreation.	10/14/2020 10:25 PM
69	Not enough Tennis Courts available for Melrose residents	10/13/2020 11:41 AM
70	Should be replaced with more green space, meadows, and forests, baseball fields, tennis courts, soccer fields, and dog parks have no place near the pond.	10/11/2020 6:41 PM
71	I am not involved with sports but would like to enjoy the park. Why aren't there any picnic tables or a paved path to walk on?	10/10/2020 5:54 PM
72	East Knoll (D) has very poor drainage. Cabbage Patch as well.	10/8/2020 12:05 AM
73	The fields are often flooded or soggy. The baseball field has limited availability due to lack of lighting.	10/6/2020 8:55 AM
74	Crystal Street courts need resurfacing	10/6/2020 7:14 AM
75	More lighting in the baseball field and tennis courts would really enable more games and practices to be played. Given that our young person population is only growing, sports league enrollment has gone up. Having more play opportunities would be great.	10/5/2020 9:00 PM

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76	Fields are often wet	10/5/2020 9:41 AM
77	The field on the east side knoll is inconsistent and often damp. Some areas you sink in. The west side knoll has over use at different points in the season and would benefit using fake grass/turf. Area B on the map is an outright mogul course, very bumpy.	10/5/2020 8:55 AM
78	Requires a modern playground for younger children. Requires a bike path around the pond.	10/4/2020 8:54 AM
79	Would like to see: Field lighting at Lewis Monk Field, as well as improved drainage for the Field as well as the Cabbage Patch. Also, a better connector from Tremont through the ballfield to the paths around the pond itself.	10/3/2020 4:20 PM
80	because East Knoll easily floods, practices and games are often cancelled. West Knoll often has divots and dirt strips down the middle of the field affecting play there as well. Additionally if the ball gets kicked too far, it is easy to lose it in the vegetation or in the water.	10/2/2020 5:47 PM
81	When I used the tennis courts, they were more than adequate for my needs. I haven't used most other features.	10/2/2020 3:26 PM
82	It would be nice to have some improvements for the bridge and where the flooding on the path occurs	10/2/2020 10:49 AM
83	Most towns have lights for their baseball fields, which allows for extended play in the spring and fall. Schedules and games are often cramped due to the lack of daylight during the shoulder months.	10/2/2020 10:38 AM
84	Fields can get very wet. Could use better drainage	10/1/2020 9:59 AM
85	A lack of bathrooms available, specifically at Lewis Monk field makes little league games challenging for younger kids.	10/1/2020 9:57 AM
86	i don't use the fields or courts	9/30/2020 11:55 PM
87	Would love to see better drainage, bike racks and for the cabbage patch a porta potty.	9/30/2020 9:32 PM
88	water drainage issues on soccer and baseball fields, plus need field lighting at Lewis Monk for evening play	9/30/2020 1:37 PM
89	Its time to turf some of these fields....cabbage patch was horrible for MS field hockey and youth soccer. Monk would be great with lights!	9/30/2020 11:45 AM
90	drainage issue near east knoll field	9/30/2020 11:08 AM
91	We need LIGHTS! ;)	9/30/2020 11:06 AM
92	While Lewis Monk and Tennis courts are in good shape I feel the knoll is a money pit in turf upkeep and a more complete pathway connecting the entire area from end to end would greatly improve the layout. Pedestrians (who currently use the Fellsway) would much prefer a path by the pond to get from east/west.	9/30/2020 11:05 AM
93	We need a path around all of Ell Pond or at least where it touches public (local/state) lands.	9/30/2020 9:28 AM
94	Drainage. East Knoll's poor drainage in the area near the parking lot makes the field unusable for at least a couple of days after heavy rains. West Knoll field near the tennis courts has similar drainage issues as does Cabbage Patch. Monk does not drain well in left field.	9/30/2020 9:26 AM
95	For little league, it would be helpful to have the following: Improved drainage enabling Lewis Monk and the Cabbage Patch to recover faster from the spring rain. Field lighting at Lewis Monk which will expand use especially in the summer and fall months. The expanded time on Monk will free up game and practice time across the city for our children. Pathways around the Ell Pond complex, creating a safe connection around the Lewis Monk home plate area to the outfield/West Knoll space.	9/30/2020 9:22 AM
96	Not always in the best conditions.	9/30/2020 8:29 AM
97	Drainage issues on the East and West Knoll fields. Makes soccer season difficult to play. Field is torn up after a few weeks.	9/29/2020 11:04 PM
98	Flood too often	9/29/2020 9:01 PM
99	Often the playing fields retain water and are not always in good shape because of it. Also there must be a better way to configure the parking to allow for more cars.	9/29/2020 8:36 PM

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100	Yes, but they could be better.	9/29/2020 8:15 PM
101	Our family is actively involved in Melrose Little League baseball and Soccer. The baseball field could use lighting to expand their utility and the soccer field could use better drainage.	9/29/2020 8:10 PM
102	We need better drainage on Lewis and monk . And lights for night games.	9/29/2020 7:57 PM
103	Poor drainage causes schedule problems. Lack of lights does not allow enough people to play games in the area.	9/29/2020 6:33 PM
104	tennis courts are falling apart - Lyons courts	9/29/2020 5:49 PM
105	We could get significantly more games in if we had the access to better drainage and lighting. Baseball is a character sport and the more exposure these kids can get the better	9/29/2020 5:33 PM
106	Need lights at Lewis Monk	9/29/2020 5:27 PM
107	Drainage can be an issue for spring soccer limiting use for the season if there is a lot of rain. It would be great to get lights at the Monk so kids could play later at night in the spring and longer into the fall.	9/29/2020 5:16 PM
108	Drainage is quite poor. Lighting would be great to avoid playing in scorching hot sun and could allow for more make up games and extra practice time.	9/29/2020 5:01 PM
109	It does, but it's fragmented and there is no cohesive design of an area that could provide so much more for the community	9/29/2020 4:55 PM
110	Lighting is a concern. Drainage is a major concern for the baseball field. Compared to some similar communities that we have visited, there is also a lack of amenities such as rest rooms. Some indoor space. Additionally there seems to be a real chance to improve the layout and infrastructure of the baseball field and west knoll.	9/29/2020 4:52 PM
111	many games and practices are often cancelled in the spring when the fields are too waterlogged for play ... this is so disappointing for the players and a challenge for the league (and families) to reschedule ... can the drainage be improved to alleviate this stress all around?	9/29/2020 4:35 PM
112	Due to drainage issue, Cabbage Patch stays wet. Lewis Monk field would be better if it had lights.	9/29/2020 4:24 PM
113	would be great to add lighting at the Monk baseball field which would enable more teams to practice and play games and would help extend season for the kids. the soccer fields are great.	9/29/2020 4:17 PM
114	There's no croquet. How am I supposed to continue to live in this community with out properly maintained croquet lawns?	9/29/2020 2:27 PM
115	The fields are generally meeting the basic needs of the programs my children participate in but I would like to see the space improved on	9/29/2020 1:21 PM
116	Because Melrose lacks sufficient green space, the fields for organized sports are in competition with the health of the abutting pond.	9/29/2020 1:19 PM
117	Although the sports facilities work well, they dominate the overall use of the park. The fact that the park borders Ell Pond is largely ignored. The park's site borders the Pond and should take advantage of making the Pond more accessible for families, environmental learning experiences, and the celebration of an important eco-environmental feature of Melrose.	9/29/2020 12:16 PM
118	they easily flood. many practices and sporting events are cancelled.	9/29/2020 10:37 AM
119	There are no basketball courts for the youth to play. Camps and clinics were cancelled this year yet other sports (outdoors) we still available. There are 8 tennis courts and not one basketball court	9/29/2020 10:07 AM
120	Please add solid stone blocks as benches along Ell Pond Trail, along Lynn Fellis Parkway, and other locations throughout the park. Solid stone blocks as benches are naturally beautiful and are zero maintenance so they don't fall apart or look bad after a couple of years. Adequate seating availability is supremely important for quiet contemplation or for walking trails, especially for seniors.	9/29/2020 9:39 AM
121	We've never used the area for sports. Seems kinda boring for recreation and not really a	9/29/2020 9:24 AM

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122	"destination" for meeting friends to sit and talk. (It's not inviting.) Good spot for the CSA farmer's stand, though, and the dog park.	
122	Maintenance is inadequate. Sites are not appealing partly due to poor maintenance. lack of clear indication of places to walk, blockage of views of Ell Pond from many places along "path", trash, polluted water. The close perimeter of the pond is especially unclear, from Crystal Street to the Knoll.	9/29/2020 9:09 AM
123	The East Knoll is routinely unusable. Typically due to muddy fields.	9/29/2020 8:37 AM
124	East Knoll fields and the Cabbage Patch are often unplayable after rain while the West Knoll is very bumpy - not a great surface.	9/29/2020 8:15 AM
125	East Knoll is a nightmare with any amount of rain. It becomes completely water logged very easily. Cabbage Patch is almost as bad.	9/29/2020 6:49 AM
126	Needs basketball courts	9/29/2020 3:59 AM
127	Crystal St. courts have a split on the surface that pose as a tripping hazard. Due to Covid, courts are hard to book. Trails are inadequate.	9/28/2020 11:04 PM
128	N/A	9/28/2020 10:19 PM
129	The Crystal Street tennis courts need to be resurfaced. It would be nice if one set of tennis courts had lights for night time playing.	9/28/2020 9:13 PM
130	The soccer field can be improved... there are no clear dimensions between field B and C, the nets are tore... We need a playground and more benches and/or tables for recreation.	9/28/2020 7:10 PM
131	N/A	9/28/2020 6:03 PM
132	Hardly any seating and no bathrooms	9/28/2020 6:00 PM
133	Online court reservations would be good	9/28/2020 4:40 PM
134	Spring and Fall can see wet fields. Sometimes when the fields are wet, we have activities cancelled.	9/28/2020 4:20 PM
135	We want a skatepark!	9/28/2020 4:13 PM
136	Crystal st tennis courts are in severe need of repavement.	9/28/2020 3:38 PM
137	Fields drain poorly; any rain results in field closures. A running path or track would be nice for the HS indoor track team since they have no indoor track and running at Pine Bank track is not ideal. It is unhealthy for the kids to run at Pine Banks and walk back in the cold and dark	9/28/2020 3:25 PM
138	The fields close too much because of rain. If we had more turf surfaces we would have more usage.	9/28/2020 3:15 PM
139	Fields need to be completely regraded and crowned for proper drainage, there are holes in some. The grass is incredibly healthy this year, most likely due to no sports in the spring. Lighting on field E and/or D would be fantastic.	9/28/2020 2:55 PM
140	The soccer field at East Knoll floods easily.	9/28/2020 2:45 PM
141	Field drainage is poor	9/28/2020 2:25 PM
142	Soccer fields can get very muddy when it rains. Cabbage Patch, too.	9/28/2020 2:25 PM
143	Fields not in great shape	9/28/2020 2:04 PM
144	There should be an outdoor volleyball court. With COVID forcing cancellation of varsity seasons this is a great opportunity to create a sand volleyball court somewhere around the knoll - this would not only serve high school needs but recreation departments can also use the court for their own offerings	9/28/2020 2:02 PM
145	The grass fields are usually not playable. The parking lot is a disgrace. The memorials are scattered around the Knoll itself - why not one quality memorial at the top representing all our veterans. The entire complex is run down. Fields are regularly not playable due to terrible conditions - synthetic turf is a must. Improved bleachers/seating for spectators needed. Clean up trails and the pond for recreation/fitness. This area has been neglected for a long time - this would be a great opportunity to fix it for all the citizens of Melrose.	9/28/2020 1:54 PM

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146	Flooding	9/28/2020 1:46 PM
147	East Knoll could use some work, it gets very wet over there at certain times of the year. The trail along the water is fine, but with some work (clearing the path a little more), it could be even better. It would also be GREAT if there were a well maintained bathroom facility.	9/28/2020 1:40 PM
148	Fields and area near pond needs improvement. Space is overgrown and could be cleaned up to make more space for park and recreational area.	9/28/2020 1:40 PM
149	The entire area is sufficient, but it needs refreshing. Fencing at the west knoll, soccer field, and lewis monk needs improvements. Landscaping and tree trimming needed around knoll, tennis courts, monk, and especially around the walking trail along the banks of ell pond. Lighting is a concern after dusk year round. It would be great to be able to use tennis courts on crystal and fellsway, as well as other recreational areas at night.	9/28/2020 1:14 PM
150	Tennis courts are fine, grass fields need improvement esp drainage issues, very wet and muddy after rain and seem to remain that way for at least 2 days after a day of rain - longer if rain if for more than 1 day.	9/28/2020 1:08 PM
151	I've been a longtime member of the Farm Direct Coop. Their weekly pickup location from June to December is located at the Knoll. It's a great partnership and a perfect central location for the 300 or so Melrose members who participate.	9/28/2020 12:54 PM
152	There are multiple football, soccer, baseball field and tennis court and even dog park but zero basketball court. It would be nice if one of the tennis court (either Lyons or Crystal street) could be turned into a basketball court, this will definitely bring lot of vibrant to our city. We literally have drive around to find a decent basketball court and its a shame.	9/28/2020 12:54 PM
153	I feel like we'll we're not utilizing all the space we have in a way that benefits the families in Melrose.	9/28/2020 12:40 PM
154	I would like to see some outdoor basketball courts here. Dedicated courts would be the best but you could have some of the tennis courts become multi use courts.	9/28/2020 12:31 PM
155	The use of the park is fine, but there is no use of the pond itself. It might be nice to have a few boats to float around on.	9/28/2020 12:21 PM
156	fields not being utilized all year around.	9/28/2020 12:08 PM
157	I've lived in Melrose for over 20 years and never heard the area around Ell Pond referred to as "Ell Pond Park". Is this a new term? The only thing the area needs is a beach and better parking for the high school students.	9/28/2020 11:41 AM
158	Not applicable to me.	9/28/2020 11:41 AM
159	N/A	9/28/2020 11:40 AM
160	Not much available for younger kids (3-7) to participate with/in.	9/28/2020 11:39 AM
161	More trash and recycling containers ; more benches	9/28/2020 11:35 AM
162	Knoll Fields are always wet and do not properly dry.	9/28/2020 11:19 AM
163	Access to the west knoll is limited at best. The east knoll is not usable or safe on most occasions.	9/28/2020 11:12 AM
164	Fields have significant drainage issues and should be upgraded. Trail is hidden and pond is underutilized.	9/28/2020 11:10 AM
165	The soccer field next to the dog park gets flooded and isn't always available for use.	9/28/2020 11:09 AM
166	Fields are unusable almost 50% of the time in season	9/28/2020 11:07 AM
167	Can you improve cabbage patch? Maybe some bigger trees. Make it look nicer. Looks rundown sometimes. Maybe some picnic tables for the kids at recess or lunch time during covid.	9/28/2020 11:02 AM
168	There is a lot of flooding and muddy grounds after rainfall thus requiring most sports to cancel.	9/28/2020 10:58 AM
169	The fields are always soaking wet and muddy, even if it hasn't rained.	9/28/2020 10:57 AM
170	Limited scope of sports. No real designation between areas or walking paths between them.	9/28/2020 10:54 AM

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196	Walking and biking path around entire pond would enhance the area.	9/28/2020 9:56 AM
197	Need outside theatre	9/28/2020 9:56 AM
198	Could be cleaner and more up to date	9/28/2020 9:55 AM
199	When my kids played soccer the fields were adequate -- not great, but adequate.	9/25/2020 2:19 PM
200	flooding/sogginess. B, C & D are nearly always soggy (seems to be moreso than when they used to flood with giant puddles - somehow the puddles drained and left dry ground, but now it's always soggy with minimal puddles). E gets giant puddles. I dont have enough experience with A to say one way or another.	9/25/2020 4:16 PM
201	the West Knoll is usually a mess and we should have a working bathroom.	9/25/2020 12:37 PM
202	It would be helpful to have lights at at least one little league sized field in Melrose.	9/25/2020 11:59 AM
203	More diverse offerings need. Too much focus on tennis & soccer.	9/25/2020 11:10 AM
204	The soccer fields are a mess. Tennis seems fine. Baseball also fine but the MLL volunteers are responsible for that, in my opinion.	9/25/2020 11:04 AM

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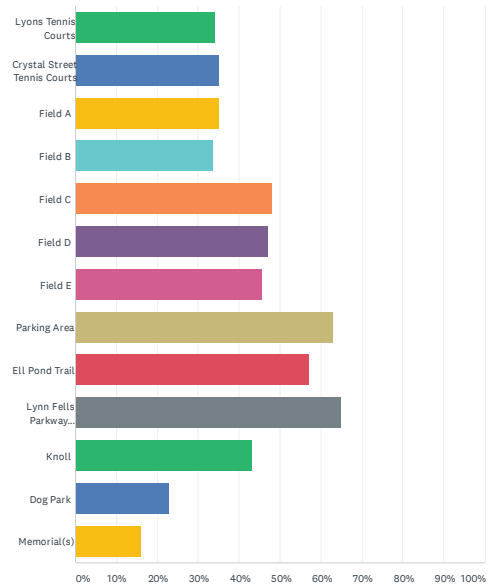
171	Many times the fields are flooded during rain events making it impossible for us to play in the fields.	9/28/2020 10:52 AM
172	Recommend lighting the baseball field for night use, and possibly adding a second baseball field (also with lights).	9/28/2020 10:50 AM
173	Parts of the Ell Pond trail (around the foot bridge) are in need of improvement. Tennis courts and fields look lovely as are the memorials. Dog park is excellent. The pond itself looks like it has invasive species starting to creep in.	9/28/2020 10:46 AM
174	Tennis courts are not usually available and condition of the courts is fair.	9/28/2020 10:43 AM
175	Needs a restroom facility. Basketball court or other teen-focused recreational opportunities would also be great given proximity to the secondary schools.	9/28/2020 10:36 AM
176	flooding and competing schedules	9/28/2020 10:36 AM
177	The drainage issues on the soccer fields, especially at the Cabbage Patch and on the East Knoll field are problematic.	9/28/2020 10:31 AM
178	Flooding in rainy seasons, most specifically for soccer	9/28/2020 10:22 AM
179	The soccer field gets flooded and muddy. There seems to be random trash as well.	9/28/2020 10:15 AM
180	We would like to add pickleball lines to the tennis courts	9/28/2020 10:15 AM
181	More tennis courts and add Basketball courts	9/28/2020 10:15 AM
182	We would benefit from Lewis Monk having lights. Also, some better shoreline access might make Ell Pond more usable for boating and fishing.	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
183	The knoll fields are often wet to be playable in spring/fall and the heavy use that is put on them frequently leave them in bad shape. At least one of these fields should be made turf with a track. Where are the girls sports represented, this "campus" has top flight boys facilities and zero for the girls, the little league and baseball fields are top flight, the football team has all it needs. Meanwhile girls softball and other sports have almost zero viable representation on this campus. They are sent off across town and disconnected from the school. There needs to be an effort to reconnect hem to campus. Pine banks and other fields are nice but lack the connection.	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
184	consistency is an issue because of drainage issues.	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
185	Bathrooms or porta potties would be great	9/28/2020 10:08 AM
186	I believe the west or East knoll would be better served as a turf field for extended and more consistent use	9/28/2020 10:08 AM
187	non motorized water craft should be allowed	9/28/2020 10:07 AM
188	cancelled often due rain and muddy conditions	9/28/2020 10:03 AM
189	Quality of the soccer fields can be relatively poor and prone to flooding, leading to canceled games and poor playing surfaces	9/28/2020 10:01 AM
190	Monk needs better drainage and adding lights would be great.	9/28/2020 10:00 AM
191	Baseball field should have lights and proper drainage. West and East knolls should be turf. Cabbage patch should also have proper drainage.	9/28/2020 10:00 AM
192	If there were lights at Lewis Monk Field and the Lyon Tennis Courts that would allow for expanded use of those facilities.	9/28/2020 10:00 AM
193	Permanent on-site restrooms are needed.	9/28/2020 9:59 AM
194	parking and vehicle access are poor at the knoll entrance; the baseball field orientation is poor for evening games with the sun in the eyes of outfield and lots of foul balls on to Tremont street	9/28/2020 9:58 AM
195	Basketball courts in the area would be incredible. I know of multiple groups that go to Wakefield to play regularly, and there is often groups waiting to get on. Last time we had to change parks (both parks in Wakefield) and entire group is from Melrose. And this is during COVID.	9/28/2020 9:57 AM

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Q3 Check any site features and/or facilities that you or your family use (Check all that apply). Refer to the site map above.

Answered: 472 Skipped: 15



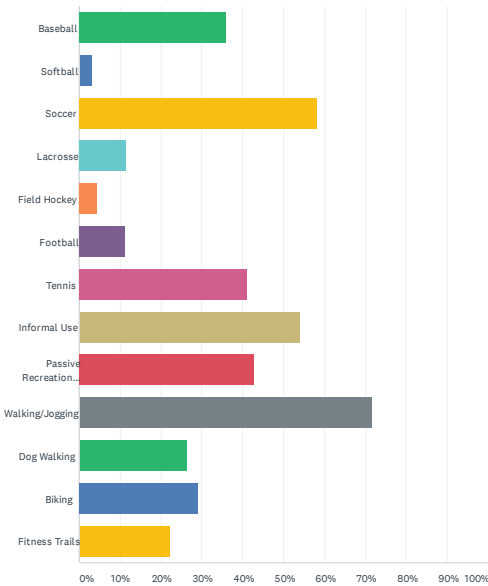
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lyons Tennis Courts	34.11%	161
Crystal Street Tennis Courts	34.96%	165
Field A	35.17%	166
Field B	33.69%	159
Field C	47.88%	226
Field D	47.03%	222
Field E	45.55%	215
Parking Area	62.92%	297
Ell Pond Trail	57.20%	270
Lynn Fells Parkway Sidewalk	64.83%	306
Knoll	43.01%	203
Dog Park	22.88%	108
Memorial(s)	15.89%	75
Total Respondents: 472		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	As an older person with mobility issues the thing I think would be nice along the trail would be benches, especially where there is a view of the lake.	10/17/2020 4:38 PM
2	skate park should be included in this	10/16/2020 2:53 PM
3	Fishing	10/16/2020 2:27 PM
4	Baseball Field	10/16/2020 10:10 AM
5	Crystal street park should also be evaluated. Its a mess	10/16/2020 10:00 AM
6	I like fishing at Ell Pond	10/16/2020 9:36 AM
7	Skate Park	10/16/2020 8:35 AM
8	Why is the skate Park not part of the plan?	10/15/2020 9:14 AM
9	crystal st. park	10/9/2020 8:59 PM
10	Benches and park area on Crystal St.	10/8/2020 11:01 AM
11	Farm Direct Coop pick up site across from the Knoll	10/5/2020 7:43 AM
12	The bridge to area behind the pool	10/2/2020 10:49 AM
13	waterfront grassy area near knoll/ dog park	9/30/2020 11:08 AM
14	skate park!	9/29/2020 4:35 PM
15	Walk around pond	9/29/2020 4:31 PM
16	My adult sons and I like to set up a duck blind in the woods by the pond and just watch traffic go by. Maybe have an egg sandwich or three.	9/29/2020 2:27 PM
17	Ell Pond Trail	9/29/2020 12:16 PM
18	Open grassy area between the dog park and the pond.	9/29/2020 12:15 PM
19	My family would use an outdoor basketball courts in the center of town like other communities. Crystal tennis courts would be ideal location	9/29/2020 10:07 AM
20	None	9/29/2020 3:59 AM
21	Melrose Rotary Skatepark	9/28/2020 4:13 PM
22	Plus the crystal tennis courts	9/28/2020 2:02 PM
23	fishing at bank	9/28/2020 1:58 PM
24	Grassy area, Ell Pond docking area, benches with mosaics where Beach House used to be.	9/28/2020 1:27 PM
25	Farmers market	9/28/2020 1:26 PM
26	As stated above, the FDC's depot location is at the Knoll on Ell Pond.	9/28/2020 12:54 PM
27	Monk park, Fred Green field	9/28/2020 12:54 PM
28	Fishing	9/28/2020 12:12 PM
29	Bench near Crystal St. Tennis Courts next to pond.	9/28/2020 11:40 AM
30	Ell Pond Trail connection to the community pool	9/28/2020 11:39 AM
31	Just sit by the water near the knoll sometimes	9/28/2020 9:52 AM
32	We also used to use the passive rec area off Crystal St. to the south of the courts. Fact it isn't even listed here underscores how neglected it has become.	9/26/2020 2:19 PM
33	Open grassy area in between knoll parking lot & Ell Pond	9/25/2020 11:40 AM

Q4 Check any activities that you or your family pursue at Ell Pond Park (Check all that apply).

Answered: 471 Skipped: 16



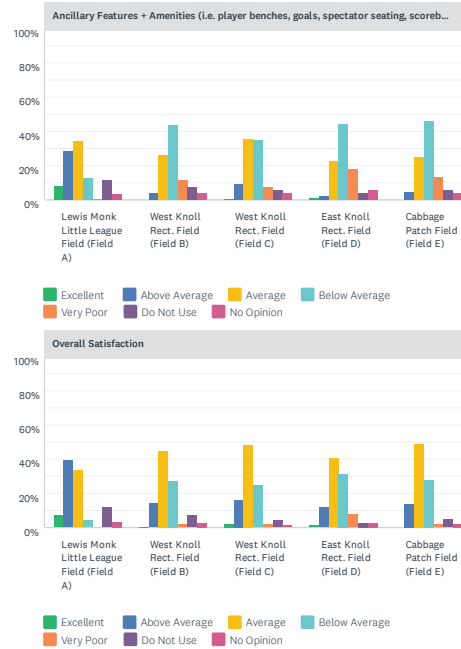
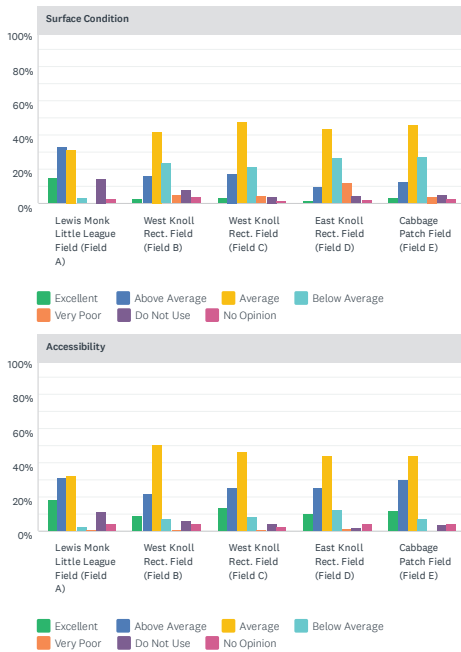
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Baseball	35.88%	169
Softball	3.18%	15
Soccer	58.17%	274
Lacrosse	11.46%	54
Field Hockey	4.46%	21
Football	11.25%	53
Tennis	41.19%	194
Informal Use	53.93%	254
Passive Recreation (reading, relaxing, picnics)	42.89%	202
Walking/Jogging	71.55%	337
Dog Walking	26.33%	124
Biking	29.09%	137
Fitness Trails	22.08%	104
Total Respondents: 471		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Rec department (Fall 2020)	10/20/2020 1:42 PM
2	Fishing	10/19/2020 3:09 PM
3	I didn't know there was a fitness trail	10/17/2020 8:16 PM
4	fishing	10/17/2020 12:25 PM
5	skateboarding	10/16/2020 2:53 PM
6	fishing	10/16/2020 1:06 PM
7	Farm share pickup	10/16/2020 10:48 AM
8	Fishing	10/16/2020 9:36 AM
9	Fishing	10/16/2020 9:32 AM
10	Fisbee (Ultimate and recreation)	10/16/2020 9:28 AM
11	Fishing	10/16/2020 9:19 AM
12	Fishing	10/16/2020 8:58 AM
13	Fishing	10/16/2020 8:39 AM
14	Skate/Bike Park	10/16/2020 8:35 AM
15	Flying kites, running the kids around	10/16/2020 8:26 AM
16	Birdwatching	10/15/2020 6:28 PM
17	FDC pick up site across from the knoll	10/5/2020 7:43 AM
18	Dog park	10/1/2020 7:34 PM
19	Skate park	10/1/2020 9:59 AM
20	coop farm pickup Tues afternoon June-Oct	9/30/2020 11:55 PM
21	farm share pick-up	9/30/2020 9:32 PM
22	play dates for young kids, nature walks	9/30/2020 11:08 AM
23	Farm share pick up	9/30/2020 9:22 AM
24	Farm share pickup, camp transportation meeting site	9/30/2020 8:34 AM
25	skate park!	9/29/2020 4:35 PM
26	Fishing	9/29/2020 4:31 PM
27	I frequently break up with significant others on the bench overlooking the pond.	9/29/2020 2:27 PM
28	We would use it more for Passive Recreation if it had better access to the Pond.	9/29/2020 12:16 PM
29	Fishing, Farm Direct Coop pick up	9/29/2020 12:15 PM
30	CSA farmer's market pickup	9/29/2020 9:24 AM
31	Botany Study, Bird watching, Study of Pond Eutrophication, Photography,	9/29/2020 9:09 AM
32	FDC Pickups	9/29/2020 8:05 AM
33	birding	9/29/2020 6:43 AM
34	None	9/29/2020 3:59 AM
35	Skate Park	9/28/2020 11:04 PM
36	Farm share pickup	9/28/2020 9:53 PM
37	Memorial services for veterans	9/28/2020 9:45 PM

38	Access to viewing the pond	9/28/2020 7:52 PM
39	Fishing	9/28/2020 6:54 PM
40	Fishing	9/28/2020 6:05 PM
41	Birding	9/28/2020 6:03 PM
42	Pickleba	9/28/2020 4:40 PM
43	Would love to do some fishing in Ell Pond	9/28/2020 4:20 PM
44	Skateboarding	9/28/2020 4:13 PM
45	I take my toddler there to play and get outdoor time. We stop to see the swans and she throws rocks in the water. It would be nice to have a playground there too.	9/28/2020 3:39 PM
46	get togethers with socially distanced people	9/28/2020 3:35 PM
47	fishing	9/28/2020 1:58 PM
48	Fishing	9/28/2020 1:50 PM
49	Dog Park very socially, daily with other families, very engaging	9/28/2020 1:27 PM
50	Annual clean up and pulling water chestnuts from the pond in a kayak.	9/28/2020 12:54 PM
51	Please add basketball court	9/28/2020 12:54 PM
52	Melrose Rec Gym class	9/28/2020 12:25 PM
53	Cheerleading	9/28/2020 12:16 PM
54	Need to clean up the pond!!!!	9/28/2020 12:12 PM
55	Would love to fish with my kids there	9/28/2020 11:39 AM
56	Marching Band	9/28/2020 11:33 AM
57	Farm Share Pick Up	9/28/2020 11:32 AM
58	Farm Direct Coop pickup	9/28/2020 10:18 AM
59	Summer Cheer Clinic	9/28/2020 10:00 AM
60	Birdwatching	9/28/2020 9:59 AM
61	Unsure what are the fitness trails?	9/28/2020 9:56 AM
62	Now that kids are grown I'd like to be able to enjoy the passive-rec possibilities of the Park more. In particular, the entire shoreline could really stand to be beautified.	9/26/2020 2:19 PM
63	We used to use the exercise equipment before it was torn down for the dog park. We miss that.	9/25/2020 4:16 PM
64	Farm Direct Coop (Tues & Thurs 2:30-7pm June-Oct)	9/25/2020 11:40 AM

Q5 Please rate the fields you use based on the criteria listed.

Answered: 341 Skipped: 146



Surface Condition	Surface Condition							TOTAL
	EXCELLENT	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	VERY POOR	DO NOT USE	NO OPINION	
Lewis Monk Little League Field (Field A)	14.93% 33	33.03% 73	31.67% 70	3.17% 7	0.00% 0	14.48% 32	2.71% 6	221
West Knoll Rect. Field (Field B)	2.35% 5	15.96% 34	41.78% 89	23.47% 50	5.16% 11	7.98% 17	3.29% 7	213
West Knoll Rect. Field (Field C)	2.92% 7	17.50% 42	47.50% 114	21.67% 52	4.58% 11	4.17% 10	1.67% 4	240
East Knoll Rect. Field (Field D)	1.69% 4	9.32% 22	43.64% 103	26.69% 63	11.86% 28	4.66% 11	2.12% 5	236
Cabbage Patch Field (Field E)	2.80% 7	12.40% 31	46.00% 115	27.20% 68	4.00% 10	5.20% 13	2.40% 6	250

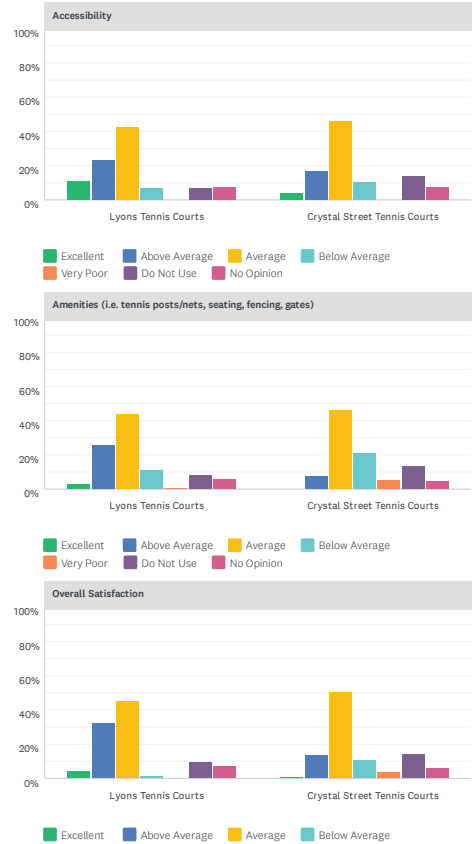
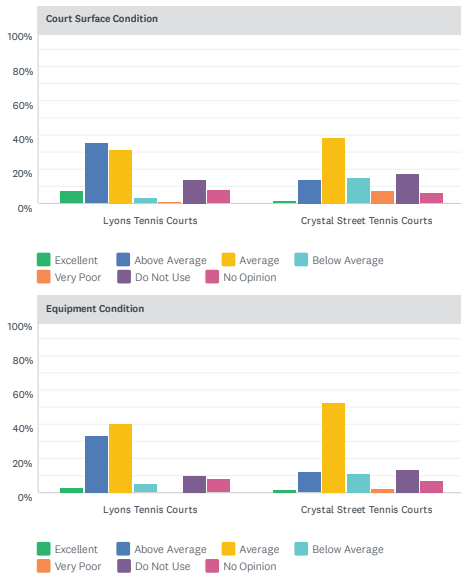
Accessibility	Accessibility							TOTAL
	EXCELLENT	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	VERY POOR	DO NOT USE	NO OPINION	
Lewis Monk Little League Field (Field A)	18.28% 34	31.18% 58	32.26% 60	2.69% 5	0.54% 1	11.29% 21	3.76% 7	186
West Knoll Rect. Field (Field B)	9.09% 16	22.16% 39	50.57% 89	6.82% 12	1.14% 2	6.25% 11	3.98% 7	176
West Knoll Rect. Field (Field C)	13.30% 27	25.12% 51	46.31% 94	8.37% 17	0.49% 1	3.94% 8	2.46% 5	203
East Knoll Rect. Field (Field D)	10.10% 20	25.25% 50	43.94% 87	12.63% 25	1.52% 3	2.02% 4	4.55% 9	198
Cabbage Patch Field (Field E)	11.79% 25	30.19% 64	43.87% 93	7.08% 15	0.00% 0	3.30% 7	3.77% 8	212

Ancillary Features + Amenities (i.e. player benches, goals, spectator seating, scoreboards)	Ancillary Features + Amenities (i.e. player benches, goals, spectator seating, scoreboards)							TOTAL
	EXCELLENT	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	VERY POOR	DO NOT USE	NO OPINION	
Lewis Monk Little League Field (Field A)	8.33% 15	28.33% 51	34.44% 62	12.78% 23	0.56% 1	12.22% 22	3.33% 6	180
West Knoll Rect. Field (Field B)	0.00% 0	4.65% 8	26.74% 46	44.19% 76	12.21% 21	8.14% 14	4.07% 7	172
West Knoll Rect. Field (Field C)	1.02% 2	9.64% 19	36.04% 71	35.03% 69	8.12% 16	6.09% 12	4.06% 8	197
East Knoll Rect. Field (Field D)	1.56% 3	2.60% 5	22.92% 44	44.27% 85	18.23% 35	4.17% 8	6.25% 12	192
Cabbage Patch Field (Field E)	0.00% 0	4.88% 10	25.37% 52	46.34% 95	13.66% 28	5.85% 12	3.90% 8	205

Overall Satisfaction	Overall Satisfaction							TOTAL
	EXCELLENT	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	VERY POOR	DO NOT USE	NO OPINION	
Lewis Monk Little League Field (Field A)	7.65% 14	39.34% 72	33.33% 61	4.37% 8	0.00% 0	12.02% 22	3.28% 6	183
West Knoll Rect. Field (Field B)	0.56% 1	14.61% 26	44.94% 80	27.53% 49	2.25% 4	7.30% 13	2.81% 5	178
West Knoll Rect. Field (Field C)	2.43% 5	16.50% 34	48.54% 100	24.76% 51	1.94% 4	4.37% 9	1.46% 3	206
East Knoll Rect. Field (Field D)	1.51% 3	12.06% 24	40.70% 81	31.66% 63	8.04% 16	3.02% 6	3.02% 6	199
Cabbage Patch Field (Field E)	0.00% 0	13.94% 29	49.04% 102	27.88% 58	1.92% 4	4.81% 10	2.40% 5	208

Q6 Please rate the outdoor courts you use based on the criteria listed.

Answered: 246 Skipped: 241



Court Surface Condition								
	EXCELLENT	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	VERY POOR	DO NOT USE	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Lyons Tennis Courts	7.25% 15	35.27% 73	31.40% 65	2.90% 6	0.97% 2	14.01% 29	8.21% 17	207
Crystal Street Tennis Courts	1.38% 3	14.22% 31	38.53% 84	15.14% 33	7.34% 16	17.43% 38	5.96% 13	218
Equipment Condition								
	EXCELLENT	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	VERY POOR	DO NOT USE	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Lyons Tennis Courts	3.11% 5	33.54% 54	40.37% 65	4.97% 8	0.00% 0	9.94% 16	8.07% 13	161
Crystal Street Tennis Courts	1.76% 3	11.76% 20	52.35% 89	11.18% 19	2.35% 4	13.53% 23	7.06% 12	170
Accessibility								
	EXCELLENT	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	VERY POOR	DO NOT USE	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Lyons Tennis Courts	11.18% 17	23.68% 36	42.76% 65	7.24% 11	0.00% 0	7.24% 11	7.89% 12	152
Crystal Street Tennis Courts	4.29% 7	17.18% 28	46.63% 76	10.43% 17	0.00% 0	14.11% 23	7.36% 12	163
Amenities (i.e. tennis posts/nets, seating, fencing, gates)								
	EXCELLENT	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	VERY POOR	DO NOT USE	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Lyons Tennis Courts	2.76% 4	26.21% 38	44.14% 64	11.72% 17	0.69% 1	8.28% 12	6.21% 9	145
Crystal Street Tennis Courts	0.00% 0	8.13% 13	46.25% 74	21.25% 34	5.63% 9	13.75% 22	5.00% 8	160
Overall Satisfaction								
	EXCELLENT	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	VERY POOR	DO NOT USE	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Lyons Tennis Courts	4.55% 7	32.47% 50	44.81% 69	1.30% 2	0.00% 0	9.74% 15	7.14% 11	154
Crystal Street Tennis Courts	1.23% 2	13.50% 22	50.31% 82	10.43% 17	3.68% 6	14.72% 24	6.13% 10	163

Q7 What works well at the existing fields and/or outdoor courts that you would like to see more of?

Answered: 181 Skipped: 306

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Seating for soccer fields.	10/23/2020 3:54 AM
2	Lots of options and often available. Nice grass and turf.	10/22/2020 8:27 PM
3	Open availability is great. We love to be able to go down there on a weekend afternoon knowing there will be space somewhere.	10/21/2020 2:00 PM
4	The access ability is nice, lots of field options for various sports	10/21/2020 1:58 PM
5	There stands/seating at Field C which is nice; as well as the parking along the Fells is OK.	10/20/2020 9:58 AM
6	I would like to see more benches, picnic tables and a basketball court	10/20/2020 9:13 AM
7	Good amount of parking.	10/19/2020 11:01 PM
8	seating.	10/19/2020 9:15 PM
9	The facilities are kept clean and in good condition.	10/19/2020 10:47 AM
10	More bleachers and benches	10/18/2020 8:50 PM
11	Easy to get to.	10/18/2020 6:39 PM
12	I like the amount of room there is for spectators of games on the fields. Maybe more spread out seating will better the spectator experience.	10/18/2020 5:58 PM
13	There is usually plenty of parking, but the lot is not in great shape.	10/18/2020 4:54 PM
14	Lights	10/18/2020 4:40 PM
15	The bleachers work well because they give families places to sit and watch.	10/18/2020 4:37 PM
16	Some benches, well kept and groomed!	10/18/2020 11:32 AM
17	I like that the fields are grass. I do not like turf and do NOT want to see these fields replaced with it.	10/18/2020 10:46 AM
18	Parking	10/18/2020 10:12 AM
19	Space for everyone	10/18/2020 9:20 AM
20	More cages for hitting near Morelli and Monk.	10/17/2020 10:20 PM
21	Handicap accessible, seating, keep nets at correct height. I believe there were new nets this year but still with holes	10/17/2020 8:16 PM
22	Love to see picnic area seating near field B or along lake for families to enjoy	10/17/2020 7:46 PM
23	Lights on fields B&C should be extended to tennis courts.	10/17/2020 6:05 PM
24	For able bodied people the facilities are okay, but for people with mobility issues there are challenges at times getting from the vehicle to the area where the games can be watched	10/17/2020 4:38 PM
25	The surface and gates at Lyons courts are much better than Crystal	10/17/2020 11:47 AM
26	Well maintained	10/17/2020 9:11 AM
27	Lights for tennis courts	10/17/2020 8:05 AM
28	would like to see more seating appreciate how accessible they all are need more waste cans and recycling cans	10/16/2020 7:35 PM
29	More bleacher seats and benches	10/16/2020 4:30 PM
30	Benches	10/16/2020 2:27 PM
31	Public access. Reservation system.	10/16/2020 12:52 PM
32	I love how we have tennis courts in the middle of town. They are well-used and sometimes we can't get a court. Course side seats might be helpful (changing sneakers, for example). Lights are probably out of the question but I'll throw it out there. :)	10/16/2020 12:12 PM

33	Trash should be removed from the water more often. Brush removal from the shore would make it look better. Trails around the waters edge for running would be well utilized.	10/16/2020 10:10 AM
34	Better trails, picnic area and/or seating	10/16/2020 10:00 AM
35	Regular mowing of the fields - that is important for usability. This is done well now, so keep doing it.	10/16/2020 9:32 AM
36	I would like to see turf and more spectator options	10/16/2020 9:29 AM
37	1) More tennis courts and a bocci court or two (very inexpensive and extremely fun). 2) An outdoor skating rink in the winter on Field C. There are certainly enough people in Melrose who skate and would appreciate such a facility. 3) And with all due respect to the Memorial Knoll, it is a bit of a blight. I'd like to see that flattened so we have one continuous connecting field. 4) A big children's playground/swingset in one of the fields. There are plenty of small school ones in the area but a nice big one would be really great.	10/16/2020 9:28 AM
38	More naturally built in the landscape paths as seen in other towns. Not paved but gravel, natural grasses. A more natural approach connecting Multiple fields as done in other local towns	10/16/2020 9:15 AM
39	benches outside of the crystal st courts.	10/16/2020 9:09 AM
40	Nothing. More developed fields and a more developed walking trail. Also cleaning the pond.	10/16/2020 9:09 AM
41	Fields are in great condition, are set in a beautiful environment and are easily accessible.	10/16/2020 9:01 AM
42	More benches/seating.	10/16/2020 9:00 AM
43	The city needs to add 2 basketball courts so our youth do not need to go to neighboring communities to play and attend outdoor clinics and recreation play.	10/16/2020 8:55 AM
44	Would love to see pickleball courts	10/16/2020 8:50 AM
45	Seem to always be in good condition, easy parking. Turf fields would be great as the soccer fields get a lot of water it seems but other than that no concerns	10/16/2020 8:42 AM
46	Parking.	10/16/2020 8:39 AM
47	The size of the fields and open area is a big plus	10/16/2020 8:35 AM
48	Accessibility, cleanliness, commitment by the city to keep these outdoor spaces up to date and well maintained	10/16/2020 8:34 AM
49	The ability for them to be used by anyone. The limited use of the other tennis courts means we don't use them often.	10/16/2020 8:31 AM
50	There seem to be enough fields and for the most part they seem well cared for and accessible.	10/16/2020 8:30 AM
51	Cleanliness, maintenance, commitment by the city to keep these outdoor spaces up to date and well maintained	10/16/2020 8:27 AM
52	More Stands for spectators	10/15/2020 9:14 AM
53	It provides tennis facility.	10/14/2020 10:25 PM
54	Tennis Courts	10/13/2020 11:41 AM
55	Central parking	10/9/2020 12:05 AM
56	Some of the fields have lights, which I would like to see more of.	10/6/2020 8:55 AM
57	The grass is usually in great shape. Things are usually mostly neat and clean.	10/5/2020 9:00 PM
58	Crystal Street courts need attention. Surface conditions are poor. Lighting for the courts is needed.	10/5/2020 9:00 AM
59	The fields are being used which is great. I hate the idea of seeing an empty field on a beautiful day.	10/5/2020 8:55 AM
60	Trash cans	10/4/2020 8:54 AM
61	Fields are in great condition - the surrounding area could use improvements. the trails and areas for relaxing are usually overcrowded.	10/3/2020 9:04 PM

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62	Easy to get to and decent parking nearby	10/3/2020 6:08 PM
63	Having bleachers and a score board (when it's on) on W.Knoll is very nice. A better bathroom facility would be nice.	10/2/2020 5:47 PM
64	Proximity of fields to each other. The fields close to the DPW always seem well maintained (e.g. Lewis Monk)	10/2/2020 10:38 AM
65	Open space	10/1/2020 9:59 AM
66	Adequate parking is very nice for these facilities. The fields, especially Lewis Monk field, has some soft spots in the outfield - in general the field is in nice shape, however the spongy grass is a hazard and should be addressed.	10/1/2020 9:57 AM
67	Good multi-use fields, for different sports and different ages. Tennis courts on both sides works very well.	9/30/2020 9:32 PM
68	Traffic control	9/30/2020 8:03 PM
69	Good Space. Parking a bit of an issue.	9/30/2020 11:45 AM
70	mixed use	9/30/2020 11:08 AM
71	accessibility is great. More seating and lights for when its dark would be great at Monk	9/30/2020 11:06 AM
72	They've improved greatly throughout the year for sure but an interconnectedness has always been lacking.	9/30/2020 11:05 AM
73	The lighting at West Knoll is great, especially in the fall when daylight diminishes. Expanding the lighting to Monk Field would be a big benefit and East Knoll if possible.	9/30/2020 9:26 AM
74	more seating	9/30/2020 9:01 AM
75	Monk is a nicely maintained field	9/30/2020 8:34 AM
76	Lights for night use	9/30/2020 8:01 AM
77	Much more efficient draining is necessary. Turf is needed. Walkways between fields is needed.	9/30/2020 6:13 AM
78	Great condition!!	9/29/2020 9:34 PM
79	Availability is open	9/29/2020 8:48 PM
80	Grass is well maintained although sometime it gets a little long before it is cut so when you play games the playing surface is slowed down.	9/29/2020 8:15 PM
81	Care and maintenance by DPW.	9/29/2020 8:10 PM
82	Condition and maintenance are great. Spectator accommodations and drainage could be improved.	9/29/2020 8:02 PM
83	Better drains for rain. Lights for safety and opportunity to have more games for all kids (not just older kids)	9/29/2020 6:33 PM
84	The maintenance is great would like to see better defined pathways along the pond connecting to the field	9/29/2020 6:07 PM
85	Weekly upkeep	9/29/2020 5:33 PM
86	If we could use bleachers it seems like the ones at the monk are in good condition, but difficult to see around left field dugout.	9/29/2020 5:16 PM
87	Accessibility and condition of the Sport fields	9/29/2020 4:55 PM
88	The DPW and volunteers upkeep is excellent	9/29/2020 4:52 PM
89	The baseball field at Monk is great. The kids love it and it makes them feel like they're 'big time's when they play on it	9/29/2020 4:36 PM
90	All would be improved with a cleaned pond. Dredge?	9/29/2020 4:31 PM
91	Better setting at the Monk.	9/29/2020 4:24 PM
92	better field conditions at cabbage patch and spectator seating. Monk field could use lights -	9/29/2020 4:17 PM

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121	We need more turf surfaces. more lights for evening usage.	9/28/2020 3:15 PM
122	There seems to be enough parking.	9/28/2020 2:45 PM
123	Memorial Knoll is very nice	9/28/2020 2:04 PM
124	Volleyball court! Other high schools have them! Why not Melrose?	9/28/2020 2:02 PM
125	Space for family members incl dogs to be spectators	9/28/2020 2:02 PM
126	More outdoor potties, seating, community organized garden/landscaping, a focus feature to connect waters edge instead of "hopping the fence" off parking lot (like the bandstand on other side or a dock... overall wayfinding language and paths, drinking fountains, crosswalk to Cabbage patch is sufficient if not minimal to get to middle school... permanent seating maybe	9/28/2020 1:58 PM
127	The fields are a disgrace. Seldom even playable.	9/28/2020 1:54 PM
128	All but the east knoll are well maintained, easy to access, and in a central location.	9/28/2020 1:40 PM
129	More space for park and recreation around the pond. Walking/running trail goes around the pond.	9/28/2020 1:40 PM
130	DPW is excellent at maintaining the lawns and picking up after bad storms - tree branches etc., PLOWING in winter, emptying Trash - EXCELLENT job - DPW!	9/28/2020 1:27 PM
131	More seating for players, adult spectators	9/28/2020 1:26 PM
132	Playing surfaces in general are good at most fields. Field closest to dog park is in tough condition. Cabbage patch has improved in recent years. There is room for improvement though, including at Lewis monk, which may be the field in the best condition in this knoll area.	9/28/2020 1:14 PM
133	Location	9/28/2020 1:08 PM
134	Trash and recycling barrels, improved parking such as more efficient use of available space, better space lining, removal of boulders, and changes to vehicle exit and entry - right turn only at exit.	9/28/2020 12:54 PM
135	Maybe turn Crystal street tennis court into basketball court, in that way we have all outdoor sports activities in the Ell Pond park area	9/28/2020 12:54 PM
136	More seating and bike racks	9/28/2020 12:40 PM
137	The amount of public green space is great. You can always find some open space to recreate in the area.	9/28/2020 12:31 PM
138	The soccer pitch is pretty nice, a water fountain might be useful	9/28/2020 12:21 PM
139	On line sign up	9/28/2020 12:12 PM
140	like to see trail alongside the pond upgraded to try and connect with other walking paths.	9/28/2020 12:08 PM
141	Sharing fields across different populations	9/28/2020 12:01 PM
142	Accessibility via walking and driving (easy parking)	9/28/2020 11:52 AM
143	More parking for high school students.	9/28/2020 11:41 AM
144	Keep up the maintenance. Public Works staff does a great job given what they have to work with.	9/28/2020 11:41 AM
145	Easy access to fields. Paved & dirt paths around fields	9/28/2020 11:39 AM
146	Grass is lush and full	9/28/2020 11:35 AM
147	People enjoying these spaces	9/28/2020 11:33 AM
148	Lights for later practices/games.	9/28/2020 11:24 AM
149	More lawn care on all fields including proper drainage, weed maintenance, surface conditions, grading, etc.	9/28/2020 11:19 AM
150	They are available fields. That's about it.	9/28/2020 11:10 AM
151	Green space, trees.	9/28/2020 11:09 AM

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	would be used very much.	
93	I would like to see improvements as follows: Improved drainage enabling Lewis Monk and the Cabbage Patch to recover faster from the spring rain. Field lighting at Lewis Monk which will expand use especially in the summer and fall months. The expanded time on Monk will free up game and practice time across the city for our children. Pathways around the Ell Pond complex, creating a safe connection around the Lewis Monk home plate area to the outfield/West Knoll space.	9/29/2020 4:14 PM
94	More of something? How about less people. I'm sick of seeing all these smiling fools wandering around.	9/29/2020 2:27 PM
95	The ongoing maintenance by the DPW	9/29/2020 1:21 PM
96	Better pond access, places for family picnics, and grassy areas for the informal play of young kids.	9/29/2020 12:16 PM
97	accessibility, benches for seating	9/29/2020 10:37 AM
98	The accessibility is great in that I can often find space for myself and my child to kick around periodically. Also, while the usability of East Knoll and Cabbage Patch are affected by really poor ability to handle water, the area is very beautiful and nice to look at.	9/29/2020 6:49 AM
99	There is parking around and nearby	9/29/2020 6:27 AM
100	Basketball	9/29/2020 3:59 AM
101	The plantings near Monk Field are appealing. The space could use more plantings. The memorial park is in good condition.	9/28/2020 11:04 PM
102	There are a large number of fields that can be used for many different purposes.	9/28/2020 9:54 PM
103	They seem well maintained, from what little I can tell.	9/28/2020 9:53 PM
104	Lighting	9/28/2020 9:45 PM
105	not sure	9/28/2020 8:30 PM
106	The field access works well. I would like to see this continued	9/28/2020 7:18 PM
107	The benches in front of the courts are pretty good and the fact that residents can make reservations in advance.	9/28/2020 7:10 PM
108	The playcolt sign up feature for the courts is excellent.	9/28/2020 6:55 PM
109	Bike racks	9/28/2020 6:54 PM
110	When watered, raked, and over seeded the fields are usually in good shape. East Knoll still has poor drainage and should be converted to artificial turf	9/28/2020 6:05 PM
111	Should have more seating	9/28/2020 6:00 PM
112	Lyons courts; maybe add a see through barrier between courts so that balls stay in your own court. Also, when the sprinklers go off court 3 gets water running through the middle of it which is quite a bummer.	9/28/2020 5:42 PM
113	Usually net/ fence is good condition	9/28/2020 5:19 PM
114	some areas do not have benches or spectator seating which would be nice.	9/28/2020 4:53 PM
115	They are free, and they are fine. Tennis surfaces could be re-done, maybe security cams installed to prevent misuse.	9/28/2020 4:44 PM
116	There is a lot of space for many activities to be going on without competing for space.	9/28/2020 4:20 PM
117	A new skatepark and a playground	9/28/2020 4:13 PM
118	Repaving is needed and lights would be great !	9/28/2020 3:38 PM
119	More seating. Availability to book online	9/28/2020 3:26 PM
120	I like that the fields are grass - not synthetic turf.	9/28/2020 3:25 PM

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152	No major dirt patches. Mostly even	9/28/2020 11:07 AM
153	The fields are well maintained	9/28/2020 11:01 AM
154	Natural landscape in addition to open space for recreational use. Walking trail.	9/28/2020 10:57 AM
155	LIGHTS! We should have lights at lewis monk - too many games had to be cut short because of lack of daylight. Lights for the tennis courts that you can turn on if you need to, but that will automatically turn off each night at 9pm.	9/28/2020 10:52 AM
156	Benches/ seating for spectators at Monk is great Monk is clean and well taken care of	9/28/2020 10:52 AM
157	Plenty of parking with lots and street	9/28/2020 10:50 AM
158	The baseball field should be modernized with fenced on deck circles and lights.	9/28/2020 10:50 AM
159	Restore courts at remote locations like Horace Mann. These courts are highly visible and attract players from outside of Melrose.	9/28/2020 10:43 AM
160	I don't know	9/28/2020 10:36 AM
161	Monk - As a long time MLL Baseball coach, the most value this park could see is lights. It would allow us to play two 1:45 minute games during the week and practice later in the shoulder seasons when darkness sets in earlier. East Knoll is constantly soaked, 30 yards in from the parking area to the dog park and onto the corner of the field. This causes practices and games to be delayed or cancelled. West Knoll is better but the lights being shut off at 8 every night seems early. As we travel to other towns, Medford, Waltham, Everett, Wilmington, we are constantly seeing fields that have gone to turf, allowing for quick drying times (usually can play 30 minutes after 1" of rain). Melrose seems to be constantly struggling with this at our sports fields. Maybe we need to fill and elevate some fields, maybe we need turf. We need to find some balance as a tax base where our sports complexes are modernized, while maintaining the integrity of the beautiful park. Finally, use for non-sports related members of the community might bring more attention to the need. Paint Pickleball onto one of two courts. Add a pavilion and picnic tables maybe by the knoll by the dog park, or behind the Monk. add a little stage so a band could play, or an outdoor theatre performance could take place. And last, please, add a few bocce courts, every town is doing this and is a great communal activity.	9/28/2020 10:35 AM
162	How the many fields and courts are grouped together to make getting multiple kids to multiple events easier.	9/28/2020 10:31 AM
163	Seating, bathrooms	9/28/2020 10:22 AM
164	Ability to actually use them. There seems to be enough free time (not scheduled) that allows for just "popping" over and enjoying the space.	9/28/2020 10:20 AM
165	I'd love to see more seating options. I enjoy the benches at the waterfront over by the dog park, but I wish there was more of that over by Field C and the trail.	9/28/2020 10:16 AM
166	General maintenance Users should maintain the fields and clean up after themselves	9/28/2020 10:15 AM
167	East Knoll field D is a great example, along with B to a lesser degree, of a general purpose field that soccer, football and non-organized sports and recreation purposes can utilize, especially at the younger ages	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
168	Poor drainage at Lewis Monk and big lip on edge of infield	9/28/2020 10:09 AM
169	Need more seating for spectators. Need better parking. Need nicer looking fields more shrubs, lights, gravel, walkways	9/28/2020 10:05 AM
170	DPW does a fantastic job of caring for Monk Field. It is an excellent little league field, particularly when compared to fields in nearby towns	9/28/2020 10:01 AM
171	The existing fields work well for their location, sandwiched between Ell Pond and the Lynn Fells Pkwy.	9/28/2020 10:01 AM
172	Well maintained and convenient with ample parking	9/28/2020 10:00 AM
173	Lights at the soccer fields should extend to baseball field and cabbage patch.	9/28/2020 10:00 AM
174	the online reservation system	9/28/2020 9:58 AM

175	We need more parking.. It would also be good to have more trashcans (that are emptied)..	9/28/2020 9:55 AM
176	Parking (except for the Cabbage Patch) is a disaster. That is the #1 thing that should be improved. I would also like to see the trails around Eli Pond to be connected/extended around the entire loop.	9/28/2020 9:55 AM
177	Improve the Memorial Knoll so that it and what it signifies are more appreciated by those who use the athletic facilities to either side of it. During my kids' soccer games I used to stroll around it occasionally, but I never saw anyone else do so, ever.	9/26/2020 2:19 PM
178	Would like marked, clean walking paths	9/25/2020 9:37 PM
179	Good and interesting games.	9/25/2020 3:32 PM
180	the parking lot paved and restrooms better bleachers and a turf field	9/25/2020 12:37 PM
181	Centrally located in the City, lots of parking. Signage would be nice (I have lived in Melrose since 2003 and just figured out where the "West Knoll" is)	9/25/2020 10:58 AM

Q8 What are the two (2) most critical improvements that you would like to see done to the existing athletic fields and/or outdoor courts?

Answered: 311 Skipped: 176

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Critical Improvement 1	100.00%	311
Critical Improvement 2	74.60%	232

#	CRITICAL IMPROVEMENT 1	DATE
1	Ensure soccer fields are graded to be as flat as possible (not tilted to one side)	10/23/2020 3:54 AM
2	Drainage	10/22/2020 8:27 PM
3	water-- too damp after rain	10/21/2020 2:00 PM
4	Drainage	10/21/2020 1:58 PM
5	Lighting	10/20/2020 5:31 PM
6	west side knoll	10/20/2020 11:31 AM
7	Surface/condition	10/20/2020 9:58 AM
8	More seating	10/20/2020 9:13 AM
9	Fields flood easily	10/19/2020 11:01 PM
10	Resurfacing of Crystal tennis courts	10/19/2020 9:19 PM
11	Fix the cracks on Crystal Street	10/19/2020 3:09 PM
12	More places to bike	10/19/2020 10:47 AM
13	Add a walking trail that stretches around the whole pond!	10/19/2020 9:08 AM
14	They get very muddy when it rains	10/18/2020 8:50 PM
15	better surfaces that don't flood and are even and therefore are safer for players and refs	10/18/2020 6:39 PM
16	Something to move the poop all over field D	10/18/2020 5:58 PM
17	Turf	10/18/2020 5:16 PM
18	Make the athletic fields turf so they can be used more often.	10/18/2020 4:54 PM
19	The cabbage patch gets very muddy and the knoll fields flood easily	10/18/2020 4:42 PM
20	Add a turf field or improve drainage	10/18/2020 4:40 PM
21	Having a less bumpy field and have grass on all parts of the field	10/18/2020 4:37 PM
22	Better (flatter) surface	10/18/2020 4:37 PM
23	Turf	10/18/2020 4:35 PM
24	Trash upkeep	10/18/2020 4:31 PM
25	Artificial Turf	10/18/2020 11:32 AM
26	Better fields, drainage	10/18/2020 10:12 AM
27	Turf fields	10/18/2020 9:20 AM
28	kids playground	10/17/2020 10:20 PM
29	Surfaces on crystal	10/17/2020 8:16 PM
30	New tennis courts	10/17/2020 7:46 PM
31	Crystal Street Courts redone	10/17/2020 6:05 PM
32	Trash and recycling facilities, dog waste accommodations	10/17/2020 12:25 PM
33	Resurface Crystal Street Courts	10/17/2020 11:47 AM
34	More benches for spectators	10/17/2020 9:11 AM
35	Field Surfaces	10/17/2020 8:09 AM
36	Fix expansion gutters at Crystal Street Tennis Courts	10/17/2020 8:05 AM
37	Drainage	10/16/2020 10:01 PM

38	more seating for fans	10/16/2020 7:35 PM
39	Repair Crystal tennis courts	10/16/2020 4:32 PM
40	Turf fields	10/16/2020 4:30 PM
41	Courts need to be repaired	10/16/2020 4:16 PM
42	field surfaces, water drainage	10/16/2020 3:18 PM
43	Regulate the water	10/16/2020 3:10 PM
44	benches for the players	10/16/2020 3:00 PM
45	Lighting - play after sun down	10/16/2020 2:23 PM
46	Install a Burmese Tiger pit in the dog park	10/16/2020 2:10 PM
47	seating	10/16/2020 1:06 PM
48	would love to see some boards to hit against on the tennis courts. really helpful to kids learning the game	10/16/2020 12:36 PM
49	Drainage	10/16/2020 12:12 PM
50	Wind screens	10/16/2020 11:45 AM
51	Garbage cans at each field. Seating at field d.	10/16/2020 10:48 AM
52	trails	10/16/2020 10:35 AM
53	Drainage	10/16/2020 10:10 AM
54	lengthened and improved trails	10/16/2020 10:07 AM
55	Field drainage	10/16/2020 10:00 AM
56	improve drainage	10/16/2020 9:56 AM
57	Drainage- especially D they're soggy and awful	10/16/2020 9:49 AM
58	If there is room, please add stadium bench to field D	10/16/2020 9:38 AM
59	Trail improvements around Elle Pond	10/16/2020 9:32 AM
60	Better drainage on D if possible	10/16/2020 9:32 AM
61	Drainage on East Knoll field	10/16/2020 9:30 AM
62	Turf	10/16/2020 9:29 AM
63	More tennis courts, lights, and surface conditions	10/16/2020 9:28 AM
64	No more play local. Residents are being screwed from use of courts when they pay the taxes they do	10/16/2020 9:27 AM
65	New surface at Crystal St tennis courts	10/16/2020 9:19 AM
66	better fields - games are always canceled because of rain...need turf!	10/16/2020 9:17 AM
67	Better drainage	10/16/2020 9:15 AM
68	Drainage for fields	10/16/2020 9:13 AM
69	solve the drainage issue at cabbage patch	10/16/2020 9:09 AM
70	Field conditions	10/16/2020 9:09 AM
71	More turf fields for sports	10/16/2020 9:08 AM
72	Make fields synthetic turf	10/16/2020 9:05 AM
73	Parking lots near the knoll were in need of repair, hadn't been there in a year or so.	10/16/2020 9:04 AM
74	Lights for evening use	10/16/2020 9:01 AM

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75	management of geese on fields as they leave their droppings.	10/16/2020 9:00 AM
76	East Knoll Field condition	10/16/2020 8:56 AM
77	add 2 basketball courts near dog park or at crystal st tennis courts. 8 tennis courts we currently have between the 2 sites. zero basketball courts	10/16/2020 8:55 AM
78	Field D is often really soggy--if there is anything that can be done about that	10/16/2020 8:51 AM
79	pickleball (new courts or convert existing)	10/16/2020 8:50 AM
80	tennis wall/backboard	10/16/2020 8:48 AM
81	More frequent landscaping	10/16/2020 8:47 AM
82	Turf soccer fields	10/16/2020 8:42 AM
83	Proper Drainage.	10/16/2020 8:39 AM
84	Better paths around the whole park	10/16/2020 8:39 AM
85	Better playing surface	10/16/2020 8:35 AM
86	Better drainage	10/16/2020 8:34 AM
87	Bathroom and concession stand facilities.	10/16/2020 8:31 AM
88	More seating.	10/16/2020 8:30 AM
89	add recycling receptcles	10/16/2020 8:27 AM
90	Pathway improvements for better pedestrian access from Tremont Street	10/16/2020 8:26 AM
91	Lights at the Monk	10/16/2020 8:24 AM
92	Add artificial turf	10/16/2020 8:21 AM
93	Irrigation issues fixed	10/16/2020 8:16 AM
94	Less Geese	10/15/2020 9:14 AM
95	Water management so fields are not flooded	10/15/2020 7:28 AM
96	Cutting brush near pond	10/14/2020 10:25 PM
97	Fields are often littered with trash by kids and families.	10/14/2020 10:25 PM
98	Fix the Crystal tennis courts before someone gets injured	10/13/2020 11:41 AM
99	Remove them, replace with native tree species	10/11/2020 6:41 PM
100	Walking trail surrounding pond needs work (drainage, properly fixing bridge)	10/11/2020 5:18 PM
101	Switch East Knoll to turf.	10/8/2020 12:05 AM
102	trail improvement along el pond	10/6/2020 4:47 PM
103	drainage	10/6/2020 8:55 AM
104	Resurfacing Crystal Street tennis courts and Knoll driveway loop	10/6/2020 7:14 AM
105	Better lighting for night games	10/5/2020 9:00 PM
106	Add lighting for the Lyons tennis courts	10/5/2020 9:00 AM
107	Turf the Knoll Fields its long overdue.	10/5/2020 8:55 AM
108	Playground	10/4/2020 8:54 AM
109	Bathroom	10/4/2020 7:10 AM
110	more benches for non sporting participants.	10/3/2020 9:04 PM
111	Better drainage for East Knoll field so it's less swampy	10/3/2020 6:08 PM
112	Lighting at Lewis Monk Field	10/3/2020 4:20 PM

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151	Lights for baseball	9/29/2020 5:27 PM
152	Improved drainage enabling Lewis Monk and the Cabbage Patch to recover faster from the spring rain. Field lighting at Lewis Monk which will expand use especially in the summer and fall months. The expanded time on Monk will free up game and practice time across the city for our children.	9/29/2020 5:20 PM
153	Drainage at fields	9/29/2020 5:16 PM
154	Drainage	9/29/2020 5:01 PM
155	Fines for people leaving dog mess behind	9/29/2020 4:56 PM
156	Make it an integrated plan where people like to go to for informal recreation	9/29/2020 4:55 PM
157	Drainage	9/29/2020 4:52 PM
158	The baseball field at Monk could use lights. It would get a lot more use in the bumper season.	9/29/2020 4:36 PM
159	drainage	9/29/2020 4:35 PM
160	Clean up the pond	9/29/2020 4:31 PM
161	field lighting at Monk	9/29/2020 4:24 PM
162	Lights at Monk and better drainage on field	9/29/2020 4:17 PM
163	drainage issues at monk	9/29/2020 4:15 PM
164	pave the entire area	9/29/2020 2:27 PM
165	Field Drainage	9/29/2020 1:21 PM
166	Less geese and their droppings	9/29/2020 1:19 PM
167	Deal with the trash problem - this connects to working with the school system.	9/29/2020 12:42 PM
168	Better pond access	9/29/2020 12:16 PM
169	Drainage improvements	9/29/2020 12:15 PM
170	fix the flooding	9/29/2020 10:37 AM
171	circular path around the entire park area, for walking, jogging or little kids on bikes. this would be helpful for general use, but also for when a sibling has a practice or game.	9/29/2020 9:39 AM
172	Anything that can be done to improve the drainage on the East Knoll or to improve the playing surface (turf instead of grass?)	9/29/2020 8:37 AM
173	The Fields need to be better sloped for drainage	9/29/2020 8:24 AM
174	Better Drainage	9/29/2020 8:15 AM
175	Drainage!!	9/29/2020 8:05 AM
176	Turf as much of the fields as you can.	9/29/2020 6:49 AM
177	Surface/grounds improvements	9/29/2020 6:27 AM
178	Bball courts	9/29/2020 3:59 AM
179	complete facelift	9/28/2020 11:39 PM
180	Drainage	9/28/2020 11:15 PM
181	Crystal St. courts surface gaps should be addressed.	9/28/2020 11:04 PM
182	addition of pickle ball courts as an option at Crystal St	9/28/2020 10:19 PM
183	Resurfacing Tennis Courts	9/28/2020 9:54 PM
184	No opinion	9/28/2020 9:53 PM
185	Turf field	9/28/2020 9:45 PM

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113	field condition	10/2/2020 5:47 PM
114	Lights at Lewis Monk Field	10/2/2020 10:38 AM
115	Drainage improvements	10/1/2020 7:34 PM
116	Dedicated bike lane on Fells. VERY busy street and with cars parked there kids are left exposed. Alternative is to ride on sidewalk which isn't good for pedestrians. Need a bike lane	10/1/2020 9:59 AM
117	Bathrooms	10/1/2020 9:57 AM
118	Better drainage to the fields.	9/30/2020 9:32 PM
119	Amenities lighting,	9/30/2020 8:03 PM
120	field maintenance and lighting for all fields	9/30/2020 1:37 PM
121	Improve Ell Pond Trail	9/30/2020 1:01 PM
122	Turf some of the fields	9/30/2020 11:45 AM
123	need a solid wall for single person tennis	9/30/2020 11:08 AM
124	Lights at Monk and the Knoll	9/30/2020 11:06 AM
125	Revamped pathway and landscaping pond side	9/30/2020 11:05 AM
126	Drainage.	9/30/2020 9:26 AM
127	Better Drainage	9/30/2020 9:22 AM
128	more seating in soccer areas	9/30/2020 9:01 AM
129	permanent restroom facilities with running water (sinks, fountains)	9/30/2020 8:42 AM
130	lights to allow evening baseball play	9/30/2020 8:34 AM
131	Proper drainage	9/30/2020 8:29 AM
132	Lights at Lewis Monk field	9/30/2020 8:01 AM
133	drainage	9/30/2020 7:46 AM
134	Drainage	9/30/2020 6:13 AM
135	Turf or drainage	9/29/2020 11:04 PM
136	Porta potties	9/29/2020 9:34 PM
137	better drainage; cabbage patch remains very wet long after rain	9/29/2020 9:21 PM
138	Lights for Monk	9/29/2020 9:15 PM
139	Flood control	9/29/2020 9:01 PM
140	Wet fields	9/29/2020 8:48 PM
141	Drainage	9/29/2020 8:21 PM
142	Lights at Field A	9/29/2020 8:15 PM
143	Lights on baseball fiels	9/29/2020 8:10 PM
144	Drainage improvements	9/29/2020 8:02 PM
145	Better drainage	9/29/2020 7:57 PM
146	drains	9/29/2020 6:33 PM
147	drainage issues	9/29/2020 6:07 PM
148	update Lyons courts	9/29/2020 5:49 PM
149	Less muddy	9/29/2020 5:47 PM
150	Lightning	9/29/2020 5:33 PM

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186	Improvement to knoll	9/28/2020 9:45 PM
187	Resurface Crystal street courts	9/28/2020 9:13 PM
188	They are always very wet. Perhaps a need for better drainage.	9/28/2020 8:35 PM
189	not sure	9/28/2020 8:30 PM
190	Field Drainage	9/28/2020 7:18 PM
191	Dimensions or Limits between the fields and new gol keepers.	9/28/2020 7:10 PM
192	resurface crystal st courts	9/28/2020 6:55 PM
193	Fix nets	9/28/2020 6:54 PM
194	Benches, trash receptcles, bathroom access	9/28/2020 6:05 PM
195	more seating	9/28/2020 6:00 PM
196	More bench seating better nets for soccer	9/28/2020 5:42 PM
197	Ease of walk-up/little notice for rental	9/28/2020 5:19 PM
198	Field D could use some shade structures. Sun can be brutal	9/28/2020 4:53 PM
199	get rid of goose crap, trash and debris	9/28/2020 4:44 PM
200	Drainage	9/28/2020 4:20 PM
201	better maintenance of the fields	9/28/2020 4:17 PM
202	Improvement of skatepark	9/28/2020 4:13 PM
203	Drainage is still an issue	9/28/2020 3:43 PM
204	Repaving	9/28/2020 3:38 PM
205	Improve drainage on the fields	9/28/2020 3:25 PM
206	Protected bike lane along Lynn Fells	9/28/2020 3:19 PM
207	more lighting for nighttime use	9/28/2020 3:17 PM
208	Turf field B and the cabbage patch with lights	9/28/2020 3:15 PM
209	Regrade and proper crown for drainage	9/28/2020 2:55 PM
210	make them turf	9/28/2020 2:54 PM
211	There are no benches at fields D and E.	9/28/2020 2:45 PM
212	Drainage on fields	9/28/2020 2:25 PM
213	Turf Fields	9/28/2020 2:04 PM
214	volleyball court	9/28/2020 2:02 PM
215	Upgrades to crystal tennis courts	9/28/2020 2:02 PM
216	looks dated at knoll... really dated and too much blacktop on entry	9/28/2020 1:58 PM
217	synthetic turf - all fields - do it right do it once	9/28/2020 1:54 PM
218	better drainage for field A both in the outfield and in spectator area behind home plate	9/28/2020 1:50 PM
219	Stop flooding	9/28/2020 1:46 PM
220	improve East Knoll field conditions	9/28/2020 1:40 PM
221	Park next to pond	9/28/2020 1:40 PM
222	DOG PARK needs desperate attention, mulch weekly, they used to it, then stopped 2020, its disgusting!	9/28/2020 1:27 PM
223	Benches	9/28/2020 1:26 PM

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224	Multi use turf field for soccer field to add use for multiple sports during multiple seasons	9/28/2020 1:14 PM
225	better playing surface for soccer fields	9/28/2020 1:08 PM
226	Improved field maintenance and/or	9/28/2020 12:54 PM
227	Turn Crystal street tennis court into basketball court, in that way we have all outdoor sports activities in the Ell Pond park area	9/28/2020 12:54 PM
228	Accessibility	9/28/2020 12:40 PM
229	some of the older bleachers around Monk field are wooden and have holes.	9/28/2020 12:31 PM
230	improved parking	9/28/2020 12:29 PM
231	Backboard at tennis courts!	9/28/2020 12:25 PM
232	Better drainage on playing fields	9/28/2020 12:14 PM
233	Clean up the pond	9/28/2020 12:12 PM
234	turf recreation field to allow all year usage	9/28/2020 12:08 PM
235	more access for informal use	9/28/2020 12:06 PM
236	stands to watch games	9/28/2020 12:01 PM
237	More spectator seating	9/28/2020 11:52 AM
238	Lights	9/28/2020 11:48 AM
239	water drainage for cabbage patch	9/28/2020 11:43 AM
240	Parking for high school	9/28/2020 11:41 AM
241	Seating for spectators especially when a sporting event is happening.	9/28/2020 11:41 AM
242	Public restrooms and water fountains	9/28/2020 11:40 AM
243	Connection to Ell Pond (visual & usable)	9/28/2020 11:39 AM
244	Goose problem.	9/28/2020 11:38 AM
245	more seating	9/28/2020 11:35 AM
246	Some seating	9/28/2020 11:33 AM
247	Better landscaping	9/28/2020 11:33 AM
248	more consistent field quality	9/28/2020 11:32 AM
249	Restrooms	9/28/2020 11:24 AM
250	Drainage	9/28/2020 11:19 AM
251	Turf the knolls	9/28/2020 11:12 AM
252	fix drainage	9/28/2020 11:10 AM
253	Drainage at field D	9/28/2020 11:09 AM
254	West and East knoll should be turf	9/28/2020 11:07 AM
255	Lit tennis courts would be amazing	9/28/2020 11:02 AM
256	Drainage	9/28/2020 11:01 AM
257	Better drainage system for rain water	9/28/2020 10:58 AM
258	Improve drainage	9/28/2020 10:57 AM
259	Clear designation of spaces	9/28/2020 10:54 AM
260	Lights	9/28/2020 10:52 AM
261	Remove the goose poop	9/28/2020 10:52 AM

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299	Basketball courts	9/28/2020 9:57 AM
300	better drainage on the Knoll fields	9/28/2020 9:57 AM
301	Better paths	9/28/2020 9:56 AM
302	More trash/recycling bins - close to walking path and fields	9/28/2020 9:55 AM
303	Reducing litter	9/28/2020 9:55 AM
304	Parking	9/28/2020 9:55 AM
305	add a baseball field	9/28/2020 9:21 AM
306	Improve and beautify surrounding passive-recreation resources, particularly along the shoreline.	9/26/2020 2:19 PM
307	No field will be 100% dry, but they shouldn't ALWAYS be so soggy that they make your socks wet	9/25/2020 4:16 PM
308	Lights at Lewis Monk	9/25/2020 11:59 AM
309	Diversity of fields	9/25/2020 11:10 AM
310	Improved field conditions for sports	9/25/2020 11:04 AM
311	Outdoor exercise equipment (similar to what's at Flynn Rink)	9/25/2020 10:58 AM

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262	Slow traffic down on Fells	9/28/2020 10:50 AM
263	Incorporation of Lloyd Memorial Pool into this plan. That facility does not meet the needs of the community because of inadequate seating.	9/28/2020 10:50 AM
264	Better defined jogging walking trail	9/28/2020 10:49 AM
265	Clean up of pond.	9/28/2020 10:46 AM
266	resurface courts	9/28/2020 10:43 AM
267	Restroom facility	9/28/2020 10:36 AM
268	stop flooding	9/28/2020 10:36 AM
269	Turf and fast drainage on possible East, Cabbage Patch and West Knoll in that order. Lights for Monk.	9/28/2020 10:35 AM
270	Drainage	9/28/2020 10:31 AM
271	Drainage	9/28/2020 10:22 AM
272	Courts are fine. Spend the town's money elsewhere.	9/28/2020 10:20 AM
273	Better drainage for athletic fields	9/28/2020 10:20 AM
274	Removal of invasive species of plants (on land and in water)	9/28/2020 10:16 AM
275	Keep the geese off the fields	9/28/2020 10:15 AM
276	pickleball lines please	9/28/2020 10:15 AM
277	More Parking	9/28/2020 10:15 AM
278	Improve water quality of the pond	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
279	Better maintenance for grass at cabbage patch a/k/a Field E	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
280	field b/C shifted to a track/turf field that is more able to withstand the heavy use	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
281	drainage	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
282	Gravel jogging trails	9/28/2020 10:09 AM
283	Lights at LM	9/28/2020 10:08 AM
284	more seating	9/28/2020 10:07 AM
285	Better drainage	9/28/2020 10:05 AM
286	Seating	9/28/2020 10:05 AM
287	artificial turf fields	9/28/2020 10:03 AM
288	Improved drainage	9/28/2020 10:01 AM
289	Improve drainage	9/28/2020 10:01 AM
290	Better bleachers and restroom facilities to support the HS soccer teams.	9/28/2020 10:01 AM
291	More seating	9/28/2020 10:00 AM
292	Drainage	9/28/2020 10:00 AM
293	Lights at all fields	9/28/2020 10:00 AM
294	Lights	9/28/2020 10:00 AM
295	Drainage	9/28/2020 9:59 AM
296	Redoing the surface of the Crystal Street courts/new nets	9/28/2020 9:58 AM
297	full overhaul of all of the fields and locations and parking	9/28/2020 9:58 AM
298	better drainage	9/28/2020 9:57 AM

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#	CRITICAL IMPROVEMENT 2	DATE
1	Add/redo parking in between soccer fields for the most efficient parking.	10/23/2020 3:54 AM
2	Lights for baseball field	10/22/2020 8:27 PM
3	Canada geese poop	10/21/2020 2:00 PM
4	Lighting	10/21/2020 1:58 PM
5	Water drainage	10/20/2020 5:31 PM
6	trails	10/20/2020 11:31 AM
7	Better lighting	10/20/2020 9:13 AM
8	Seating or concessions	10/19/2020 11:01 PM
9	Installing lights at Crystal courts	10/19/2020 9:19 PM
10	Safer crossing across the fells way	10/19/2020 10:47 AM
11	The grass is always long	10/18/2020 8:50 PM
12	Amenities for players and fans - restrooms and concessions	10/18/2020 6:39 PM
13	More bleachers	10/18/2020 5:58 PM
14	Seating	10/18/2020 5:16 PM
15	Better restroom facilities.	10/18/2020 4:54 PM
16	There's some cracks/ empty lines on the tennis courts that could be filled	10/18/2020 4:42 PM
17	Lights at East knoll	10/18/2020 4:40 PM
18	Seating on field D	10/18/2020 4:37 PM
19	shorter grass	10/18/2020 4:37 PM
20	Parking lot paving	10/18/2020 4:35 PM
21	Water shed management	10/18/2020 4:31 PM
22	Parking	10/18/2020 11:32 AM
23	Bleachers for spectators and bench for players	10/18/2020 10:12 AM
24	Restrooms	10/18/2020 9:20 AM
25	maybe a basketball court?	10/17/2020 10:20 PM
26	Lighting on tennis courts for longer play time	10/17/2020 8:16 PM
27	Lights on Lyons Courts	10/17/2020 6:05 PM
28	bathrooms and seating	10/17/2020 12:25 PM
29	Fix gates at Crystal St. 1 doesn't open hardly at all	10/17/2020 11:47 AM
30	No bathrooms available	10/17/2020 9:11 AM
31	Lights	10/17/2020 8:09 AM
32	Fix cracks on Crystal St Tennis courts	10/17/2020 8:05 AM
33	Drainage	10/16/2020 10:01 PM
34	more waste cans	10/16/2020 7:35 PM
35	Score boards	10/16/2020 4:30 PM
36	lighting for evening play	10/16/2020 3:18 PM
37	scoreboard repair	10/16/2020 3:00 PM

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38	aesthetics	10/16/2020 1:06 PM
39	Lights	10/16/2020 11:45 AM
40	Fix flooding issues at field d. Some areas are very squishy	10/16/2020 10:48 AM
41	Added bleachers	10/16/2020 10:10 AM
42	drainage	10/16/2020 10:07 AM
43	Baseball lights, better scoreboards for soccer	10/16/2020 10:00 AM
44	get rid of geese	10/16/2020 9:56 AM
45	See: critical improvement #1	10/16/2020 9:49 AM
46	Pond cleanup.	10/16/2020 9:32 AM
47	Turf surface for at least one soccer field for increased usability	10/16/2020 9:30 AM
48	Spectator options	10/16/2020 9:29 AM
49	Children's dedicated playground/play area	10/16/2020 9:28 AM
50	Night lights at both tennis courts locations	10/16/2020 9:19 AM
51	need turf.	10/16/2020 9:17 AM
52	Better pathways	10/16/2020 9:15 AM
53	Level	10/16/2020 9:13 AM
54	resurface crystal st courts	10/16/2020 9:09 AM
55	Clean it up	10/16/2020 9:09 AM
56	Memorial Knoll parking surface	10/16/2020 8:56 AM
57	add a turf field to the cabbage patch or across the street. longer usage of play due to weather.	10/16/2020 8:55 AM
58	extend trails & make more friendly to biking (trunks and drop offs in path)	10/16/2020 8:50 AM
59	wood chips in the dog park so dogs don't get so dirty	10/16/2020 8:42 AM
60	Re-surfacing of tennis courts.	10/16/2020 8:39 AM
61	Better drainage	10/16/2020 8:35 AM
62	Lighting	10/16/2020 8:34 AM
63	Turf fields.	10/16/2020 8:31 AM
64	n/a	10/16/2020 8:27 AM
65	Solve drainage issues on fields	10/16/2020 8:26 AM
66	Better trail and walking path around the fields	10/16/2020 8:24 AM
67	Add more artificial turf	10/16/2020 8:21 AM
68	Keep geese away	10/16/2020 8:16 AM
69	More Stands for spectators	10/15/2020 9:14 AM
70	Remove European water chestnuts before we have ell pond swamp	10/11/2020 6:41 PM
71	Improve drainage of possible	10/8/2020 12:05 AM
72	lighting	10/6/2020 8:55 AM
73	More trash and recycling bins	10/6/2020 7:14 AM
74	Upgrade walking trail near pond. Is it possible to connect it from DCR pool all the way to Crystal Street? That would be a nice longer trail.	10/5/2020 9:00 PM
75	Resurface the Crystal Street courts	10/5/2020 9:00 AM

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114	better drainage at cabbage patch field, soggy big puddles after it rains for weeks	9/29/2020 4:56 PM
115	Make it a hub for everyone to serve a greater part of the Melrose community	9/29/2020 4:55 PM
116	Improve amenities including rest rooms snack bars storage	9/29/2020 4:52 PM
117	drainage at Monk could be improved to help make it more playable after rain	9/29/2020 4:36 PM
118	more seating	9/29/2020 4:35 PM
119	Clean up the pond	9/29/2020 4:31 PM
120	better drainage at Monk and Cabbage Patch.	9/29/2020 4:24 PM
121	lights at monk	9/29/2020 4:15 PM
122	install barbed wire	9/29/2020 2:27 PM
123	Increased Lighting to extend use of the fields	9/29/2020 1:21 PM
124	Less parking near the water	9/29/2020 1:19 PM
125	improve trail maintenance.	9/29/2020 12:42 PM
126	Informal grassy play areas	9/29/2020 12:16 PM
127	fix the surfaces, make them even, get rid of the geese poop	9/29/2020 10:37 AM
128	There needs to be more courts, they are mostly all used.	9/29/2020 8:24 AM
129	Better turf at West Knoll	9/29/2020 8:15 AM
130	Parking lot	9/29/2020 8:05 AM
131	Creating a nicer path around the pond and move the memorials there so we can convert the memorial hill into a better parking lot. IMO the memorials will do better as part of a nice walking path around the pond.	9/29/2020 6:49 AM
132	Bench/seating/equipment	9/29/2020 6:27 AM
133	Hand ball	9/29/2020 3:59 AM
134	new surface on tennis courts	9/28/2020 11:39 PM
135	Parking	9/28/2020 11:15 PM
136	Playground should be installed.	9/28/2020 11:04 PM
137	improved paths for walking and biking	9/28/2020 10:19 PM
138	No opinion	9/28/2020 9:53 PM
139	Access from sidewalks safer - decking bridges over drainage stones	9/28/2020 9:45 PM
140	Dog park	9/28/2020 9:45 PM
141	Add wind screens to Lyons courts	9/28/2020 9:13 PM
142	not sure	9/28/2020 8:30 PM
143	Field Condition	9/28/2020 7:18 PM
144	We need a playground in this area. We need more benches and/or tables for recreation	9/28/2020 7:10 PM
145	better wind screens at crystal	9/28/2020 6:55 PM
146	Maintaining integrity of grass especially during rainy and dry weather.	9/28/2020 6:05 PM
147	snack shacks	9/28/2020 6:00 PM
148	Improve ground condition for East knoll near dog park, the grass is always soggy. Plus towards the melrose st side of the East knoll extend the high fencing so you don't lose so many soccer balls behind it. You can't get behind it to search for lost balls as there is a thick brush with thorns etc.	9/28/2020 5:42 PM

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76	Add Amenities (similar to fred green, enclosed bathrooms.	10/5/2020 8:55 AM
77	Bike path	10/4/2020 8:54 AM
78	Field drainage	10/4/2020 7:10 AM
79	Better drainage	10/3/2020 4:20 PM
80	field condition again	10/2/2020 5:47 PM
81	Improved drainage	10/2/2020 10:38 AM
82	Stage/gazebo with electricity	10/1/2020 7:34 PM
83	Improve drainage on fields near Ell Pond	10/1/2020 9:59 AM
84	Field Maintenance	10/1/2020 9:57 AM
85	Porta potty at the cabbage patch.	9/30/2020 9:32 PM
86	Benches, walking routes, pavement	9/30/2020 8:03 PM
87	drainage	9/30/2020 1:37 PM
88	Put lights in Monk	9/30/2020 11:45 AM
89	address swampy water issue between parking lot and east knoll field	9/30/2020 11:08 AM
90	Seating	9/30/2020 11:06 AM
91	Field Turf overhaul	9/30/2020 11:05 AM
92	Expanded lighting.	9/30/2020 9:26 AM
93	Lights for nighttime use	9/30/2020 9:22 AM
94	drainage	9/30/2020 8:42 AM
95	safe and clean restrooms	9/30/2020 8:34 AM
96	Better drainage in Knoll fields and cabbage patch	9/30/2020 8:01 AM
97	seating	9/30/2020 7:46 AM
98	Turf for fields.	9/30/2020 6:13 AM
99	spectator space	9/29/2020 11:04 PM
100	Seating	9/29/2020 9:34 PM
101	lights	9/29/2020 9:21 PM
102	Accessibility between parks	9/29/2020 9:15 PM
103	Cracked tennis courts	9/29/2020 8:48 PM
104	Improve drainage at Fields A, D and E.	9/29/2020 8:15 PM
105	Drainage on soccer fields	9/29/2020 8:10 PM
106	Safe, continuous path along waterfront allowing movement between fields/features and water access/view	9/29/2020 8:02 PM
107	Lights	9/29/2020 7:57 PM
108	lights	9/29/2020 6:33 PM
109	Pathways	9/29/2020 6:07 PM
110	Field conditions	9/29/2020 5:33 PM
111	Better drainage on all especially baseball field	9/29/2020 5:27 PM
112	Lights at Monk	9/29/2020 5:16 PM
113	Lights	9/29/2020 5:01 PM

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149	Trash/recycling receptacles & disposal	9/28/2020 5:19 PM
150	passageway between Field A and B could be better maintained	9/28/2020 4:53 PM
151	Seating for spectators	9/28/2020 4:20 PM
152	better amenities	9/28/2020 4:17 PM
153	Would be great to have more spectator seating	9/28/2020 3:43 PM
154	Repaving	9/28/2020 3:38 PM
155	More / better marking of trails	9/28/2020 3:19 PM
156	better walking paths and parking around knoll	9/28/2020 3:15 PM
157	Lighting and seating	9/28/2020 2:55 PM
158	lights for all fields	9/28/2020 2:54 PM
159	repave parking lot	9/28/2020 2:25 PM
160	port toilets and drinking fountains / water	9/28/2020 1:58 PM
161	better drainage for field E one good rain and its wet for weeks	9/28/2020 1:50 PM
162	add a bathroom	9/28/2020 1:40 PM
163	Walking/running path next to and around the pond	9/28/2020 1:40 PM
164	WEST KNOLL field: Trash blows into the trees needs desperate attention weekly	9/28/2020 1:27 PM
165	Lights	9/28/2020 1:26 PM
166	Lighting improvements throughout complex	9/28/2020 1:14 PM
167	better player accomodatin at soccer fields	9/28/2020 1:08 PM
168	Artificial turf on field C	9/28/2020 12:54 PM
169	Baseball field grass needs to be cut shorter	9/28/2020 12:54 PM
170	Seating	9/28/2020 12:40 PM
171	a 3 season bathroom option	9/28/2020 12:31 PM
172	improved recreation surrounding the fields for siblings	9/28/2020 12:29 PM
173	Please add outdoor exercise equipment	9/28/2020 12:25 PM
174	Repair cracked surfaces at crystal	9/28/2020 12:14 PM
175	Clean up the pond	9/28/2020 12:12 PM
176	upgrade walking trail around perimeter of fields	9/28/2020 12:08 PM
177	Repair parking lot	9/28/2020 12:01 PM
178	Drainage	9/28/2020 11:48 AM
179	sitting area for cabbage patch (benches)	9/28/2020 11:43 AM
180	Town Beach	9/28/2020 11:41 AM
181	Access to clean bathrooms (portajohn).	9/28/2020 11:41 AM
182	Additional seating locations	9/28/2020 11:40 AM
183	Better trail maintenance including Better views ell pond	9/28/2020 11:35 AM
184	Better clean up	9/28/2020 11:33 AM
185	player benches/amenities	9/28/2020 11:32 AM
186	Lawn Maintanece	9/28/2020 11:19 AM

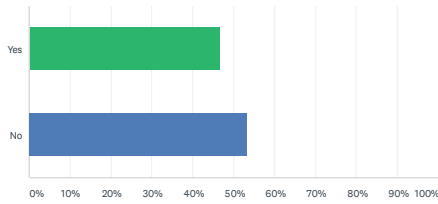
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187	make west knoll accessible and available to everyone not just soccer.	9/28/2020 11:12 AM
188	Updated seating	9/28/2020 11:09 AM
189	Drainage if grass stays. Should be turf	9/28/2020 11:07 AM
190	Walking bridge to connect to HS /ms. Would be much safer	9/28/2020 11:02 AM
191	Better paths	9/28/2020 11:01 AM
192	Increased seating for spectators	9/28/2020 10:58 AM
193	Rubbish bins	9/28/2020 10:57 AM
194	Paths between	9/28/2020 10:54 AM
195	Better drainage	9/28/2020 10:52 AM
196	Replace cracked - damaged - broken pavement, fences, and structures (esp Crystal street courts)	9/28/2020 10:52 AM
197	Improve signage to fitness trail	9/28/2020 10:50 AM
198	Lights on baseball field	9/28/2020 10:50 AM
199	One field become turf	9/28/2020 10:49 AM
200	Clean up of El Pond trail	9/28/2020 10:46 AM
201	replace nets	9/28/2020 10:43 AM
202	Basketball court	9/28/2020 10:36 AM
203	accessibility and seating for fans	9/28/2020 10:36 AM
204	Pavilion and picnic tables	9/28/2020 10:35 AM
205	A play area for toddlers/children to keep them occupied during older siblings' games	9/28/2020 10:31 AM
206	Repave parking lot	9/28/2020 10:22 AM
207	Remove/Replace chain link fencing	9/28/2020 10:20 AM
208	Crosswalks from the fields to the Knoll	9/28/2020 10:16 AM
209	General maintenance	9/28/2020 10:15 AM
210	More basketball/Tennis	9/28/2020 10:15 AM
211	Improve accessibility for recreational use	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
212	Do not remove or reduce any more parking, Melrose has gone crazy with this trend of reducing parking in many areas (see Franklin St, downtown)	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
213	more access for softball, and track on the school "campus"	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
214	seating	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
215	Parking on knoll	9/28/2020 10:09 AM
216	LM is wet and sinking on the Tremont side. Bleachers are a mess	9/28/2020 10:08 AM
217	more parking	9/28/2020 10:07 AM
218	Field improvement	9/28/2020 10:05 AM
219	shade structure	9/28/2020 10:03 AM
220	Ideally invest in turf for soccer fields, but realize this is a massive expense	9/28/2020 10:01 AM
221	Lighting	9/28/2020 10:01 AM
222	Lights	9/28/2020 10:00 AM
223	Turf and proper drainage	9/28/2020 10:00 AM

224	New Fencing needed at Lewis Monk Field	9/28/2020 10:00 AM
225	less bird poop	9/28/2020 9:57 AM
226	Volleyball would be amazing, considering HS wins state nearly every year.	9/28/2020 9:57 AM
227	more sitting areas / benches close to fields and by pond	9/28/2020 9:55 AM
228	Cleaning the pond	9/28/2020 9:55 AM
229	Eli Pond Trail	9/28/2020 9:55 AM
230	Improve spectator experience by installing some seating and planting trees for shade on hot days.	9/26/2020 2:19 PM
231	Spectator seating and parking	9/25/2020 11:04 AM
232	Re-pave parking lot	9/25/2020 10:58 AM

Q9 Do field conditions limit your use of athletic fields and/or outdoor courts?

Answered: 386 Skipped: 101



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	46.63%	180
No	53.37%	206
TOTAL		386

#	IF YES, WHAT ARE YOU EXPERIENCING?	DATE
1	Drainage sometimes a problem	10/22/2020 8:27 PM
2	wet fields	10/21/2020 2:00 PM
3	Sponglike after even a light rain	10/21/2020 1:58 PM
4	rain makes soccer harder	10/20/2020 11:31 AM
5	Many games and practices had to be cancelled.	10/20/2020 9:58 AM
6	The grounds are not maintained,there are holes and unlevelled ground	10/20/2020 9:13 AM
7	Flooding	10/19/2020 11:01 PM
8	Must stop play at Crystal tennis courts at dusk	10/19/2020 9:19 PM
9	if they are too muddy we cannot use them.	10/19/2020 9:15 PM
10	When it rains, we're not allowed to use certain areas of the field, or the fields are entirely closed for use.	10/18/2020 4:54 PM
11	Nicer grass and fields	10/18/2020 4:42 PM
12	One night the lights didn't turn on for practice so we had to practice in the dark	10/18/2020 4:37 PM
13	Flooding/ cracking in court	10/18/2020 4:31 PM
14	Can't play during or after rain	10/18/2020 11:32 AM
15	Rain limits use of fields	10/18/2020 10:12 AM
16	Flooded, holes	10/18/2020 9:20 AM
17	Not a lot of options to take batting practice without a scheduled field.	10/17/2020 10:20 PM
18	Not great quality	10/17/2020 7:46 PM
19	Large gaps in the. Crystal St courts are dangerous.	10/17/2020 6:05 PM
20	on occasion the grass is too long and drainage is poor (especially cabbage patch)	10/17/2020 12:25 PM
21	During and after rain the fields are extremely wet	10/16/2020 10:01 PM
22	very poor drainage .	10/16/2020 3:56 PM
23	lack of light in evening and wet surfaces	10/16/2020 3:18 PM
24	muddy / swampy areas	10/16/2020 12:38 PM
25	Grass gets ruined and then they close the field.	10/16/2020 12:12 PM
26	See above	10/16/2020 10:10 AM
27	wet	10/16/2020 10:07 AM
28	drainage issues	10/16/2020 10:00 AM
29	Rain and drainage make the fields unusable.	10/16/2020 9:55 AM
30	Wet soggy unusable turf even when it's not raining	10/16/2020 9:49 AM
31	Wet fields	10/16/2020 9:30 AM
32	Occasionally, as they don't drain well	10/16/2020 9:27 AM
33	Not having night lights limits the amount of time available to play once the days start to be short	10/16/2020 9:19 AM
34	too wet	10/16/2020 9:17 AM
35	Muddy	10/16/2020 9:15 AM
36	Games and practices often cancelled due to flooding	10/16/2020 9:13 AM

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37	large gaps in crystal st courts and canceled games & practices at cabbage patch on 65 degree sunny days	10/16/2020 9:09 AM
38	Can't be used after minimal rain.	10/16/2020 9:09 AM
39	Poor drainage and surface on the cabbage patch field	10/16/2020 9:08 AM
40	Field quality	10/16/2020 9:05 AM
41	Fields can be too wet to play.	10/16/2020 9:00 AM
42	Field D is really soggy	10/16/2020 8:51 AM
43	Drainage	10/16/2020 8:34 AM
44	More parking, more benches to sit and watch games	10/16/2020 8:33 AM
45	Flooding of fields because they are low lying	10/16/2020 8:31 AM
46	Sometimes it's hard to know where to set up safely beside a field hockey game.	10/16/2020 8:30 AM
47	Wet fields after rain events	10/16/2020 8:26 AM
48	Drainage can be a problem on the knoll fields when there is lots of rain	10/16/2020 8:24 AM
49	Too much rain the fields are unusable	10/16/2020 8:21 AM
50	Cx sports due to water	10/15/2020 7:28 AM
51	Cracks on the Tennis courts	10/13/2020 11:41 AM
52	poor drainage	10/6/2020 4:47 PM
53	saturated fields, ponding, lack of lighting	10/6/2020 8:55 AM
54	Lots of goose poop, adn wet	10/5/2020 9:41 AM
55	the slightest bit of rain or if you have an early mornign practice and the sprinklers went off then the east knoll is useless.	10/5/2020 8:55 AM
56	Gym class cancelled for our son after rain	10/3/2020 6:08 PM
57	In the spring, yes, because the drainage is poor	10/3/2020 4:20 PM
58	soggy fields at E.Knoll, dry dusty fields at W.Knoll	10/2/2020 5:47 PM
59	It doesn't take much rain for puddling on Lewis Monk field or for games to be cancelled on the soccer fields	10/2/2020 10:38 AM
60	Wetness	10/1/2020 7:34 PM
61	Wet / soggy at times	10/1/2020 9:59 AM
62	Rain makes the outfield at Lewis Monk field spongy.	10/1/2020 9:57 AM
63	Drainage is an issue.	9/30/2020 9:32 PM
64	Cabbage patch is wet	9/30/2020 5:28 PM
65	wet condions day after rain and unmanicured grass	9/30/2020 1:37 PM
66	puddles on field D	9/30/2020 1:01 PM
67	There's a lack of "welcomeness" to much of the knoll especially	9/30/2020 11:05 AM
68	Large puddles & mud patches.	9/30/2020 9:26 AM
69	Flooding of fields in rain, slow to drain	9/30/2020 9:22 AM
70	drainage issues can make fields unplayable for days	9/30/2020 8:42 AM
71	Soaked fields	9/30/2020 8:29 AM
72	If it rains, the fields may be closed even when weather improves	9/30/2020 8:01 AM
73	Wet fields	9/30/2020 6:13 AM

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110	Very dangerous someone will brack an ankle the expansion joints are 6"	9/28/2020 3:38 PM
111	Due to flooding	9/28/2020 3:26 PM
112	Fields closed due to rain	9/28/2020 3:25 PM
113	fields get closed a lot with the rain.	9/28/2020 3:15 PM
114	Flooding	9/28/2020 2:55 PM
115	Rain outs	9/28/2020 2:45 PM
116	It doesn't take long for soccer fields to get chewed up if they're played on when they're wet, and sometimes they don't recover	9/28/2020 2:25 PM
117	poor conditions - the fields are regularly off line	9/28/2020 1:54 PM
118	Both field A & E do not drain well after the rain.	9/28/2020 1:50 PM
119	Water	9/28/2020 1:46 PM
120	sometimes unable to practice on parts of East Knoll, job around it or get feet wet when exercising.	9/28/2020 1:40 PM
121	East Knoll is under water, literally, 80% of the time. Walking across it, water is easily over your sneakers.	9/28/2020 1:27 PM
122	wetness, overgrown grass slowing pace soccer balls and baseballs	9/28/2020 1:08 PM
123	Cancelled or moved soccer games due to weather and field conditions	9/28/2020 12:54 PM
124	the cabbage patch is filled with trash	9/28/2020 12:01 PM
125	years past when my kid was at age using cabbage they couldn't use portions of the field because of water puddles. Made it difficult to find area when there were so many puddles.	9/28/2020 11:43 AM
126	But there can be excessive bird and dog droppings.	9/28/2020 11:41 AM
127	flooded field and uneven ground based on the drainage.	9/28/2020 11:12 AM
128	Frequently wet	9/28/2020 11:10 AM
129	Too wet	9/28/2020 11:07 AM
130	The fields can be muddy sometimes after it rains	9/28/2020 11:01 AM
131	Cancellations after rain	9/28/2020 10:58 AM
132	Swampy watery mud puddles	9/28/2020 10:57 AM
133	Field D is often soggy	9/28/2020 10:56 AM
134	Poor draining in the soccer fields.	9/28/2020 10:52 AM
135	Excessive Goose poop seriously discourages our use of the fields in this survey.	9/28/2020 10:52 AM
136	flooding and schedule conflicts	9/28/2020 10:36 AM
137	Monk doesn't dry after a rain storm. East Knoll is constantly soaked with water.	9/28/2020 10:35 AM
138	Water on the fields	9/28/2020 10:31 AM
139	Poor drainage, trash	9/28/2020 10:15 AM
140	post-rain soccer restrictions	9/28/2020 10:15 AM
141	Poor drainage from rainstorms - though not much can be done	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
142	wet fields, overuse of grass fields often creates mud and bare spots	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
143	drainage issues	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
144	fields more so than courts	9/28/2020 10:03 AM
145	Canceled soccer games	9/28/2020 10:01 AM

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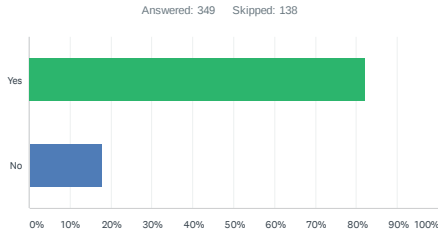
74	cabbage patch too soggy	9/29/2020 9:21 PM
75	Water logged	9/29/2020 8:48 PM
76	Poor conditions when it rains	9/29/2020 8:36 PM
77	For the most part no. This dry summer it was very playable but when there is rain the fields can be slow to be playable.	9/29/2020 8:15 PM
78	Occasional flooding and muddy conditions	9/29/2020 8:10 PM
79	Wet conditions on fields after rain due to suboptimal drainage	9/29/2020 8:02 PM
80	Puddle	9/29/2020 7:57 PM
81	Gets soaked too easily and games cancelled due to it	9/29/2020 6:33 PM
82	Too much water in fields	9/29/2020 6:07 PM
83	Poor drainage	9/29/2020 5:20 PM
84	Field closures due to rain.	9/29/2020 5:16 PM
85	Poor drainage	9/29/2020 5:01 PM
86	cancellation is field is too wet, can take over a week to dry out	9/29/2020 4:56 PM
87	Upkeep and drainage problems create rain pits	9/29/2020 4:52 PM
88	water logged fields in the spring result in less playing time when there are too many cancelled games/practices to reschedule	9/29/2020 4:35 PM
89	Less time for older children to practice baseball.	9/29/2020 4:24 PM
90	Monk not usable after heavy rain	9/29/2020 4:17 PM
91	drainage at Monk can be problematic	9/29/2020 4:15 PM
92	the field is not very conducive to ice skating so less grass more ice.	9/29/2020 2:27 PM
93	Lewis Monk retains water in the outfield	9/29/2020 1:21 PM
94	trash	9/29/2020 12:42 PM
95	flooding	9/29/2020 10:37 AM
96	The East Knoll is awful	9/29/2020 8:37 AM
97	They are too wet at times.	9/29/2020 8:24 AM
98	Many fields can't be used after a rain storm	9/29/2020 8:15 AM
99	practices/games being cancelled after rain	9/29/2020 8:05 AM
100	Any amount of water and the fields are unusable	9/29/2020 6:49 AM
101	Soggy field	9/28/2020 11:15 PM
102	wet mucky walking paths	9/28/2020 10:19 PM
103	Wet slippery conditions	9/28/2020 9:45 PM
104	Try wet	9/28/2020 8:35 PM
105	Wet, soggy and/or uncut grass	9/28/2020 7:18 PM
106	My family uses the facilities very often, we live right in the corner. Fields B and C are not well	9/28/2020 7:10 PM
107	Soggy ground conditions on East knoll, short fencing leading to loss of many soccer balls	9/28/2020 5:42 PM
108	When spring and fall are wet, we have wet, muddy, slippery practices or we have practices canceled.	9/28/2020 4:20 PM
109	Too small	9/28/2020 4:13 PM

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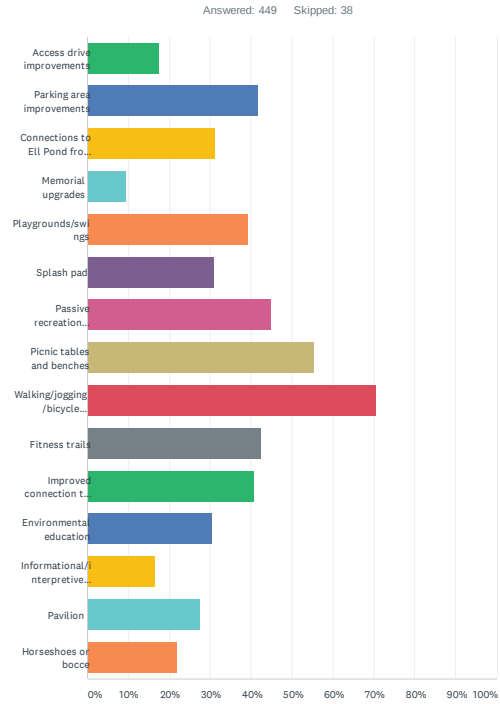
146	Fields do not have proper drainage	9/28/2020 10:00 AM
147	Too marshy	9/28/2020 9:59 AM
148	lack of lights at Lewis Monk; sprinkler equipment in the field at East Knoll, too much water in ground near the dog park	9/28/2020 9:58 AM
149	Lack of basketball courts	9/28/2020 9:57 AM
150	bad drainage on the fields	9/28/2020 9:57 AM
151	Uneven fields	9/28/2020 9:56 AM
152	often closed for rain	9/28/2020 9:21 AM
153	When my kids played soccer the wetness and goose droppings were problems.	9/26/2020 2:19 PM
154	Hard to go for an enjoyable walk when you're walking on a wet sponge	9/25/2020 4:16 PM
155	the knoll is underwater 1/2 the year	9/25/2020 12:37 PM

Q10 Are fields and outdoor courts available at times you need them?

Q11 Please check additional site elements you would like to see at Ell Pond Park (check all that apply).



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	82.23% 287
No	17.77% 62
TOTAL	349



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Access drive improvements	17.37% 78
Parking area improvements	41.65% 187
Connections to Ell Pond from High School/Middle School	31.18% 140
Memorial upgrades	9.35% 42
Playgrounds/swings	39.20% 176
Splash pad	30.96% 139
Passive recreation enhancements (reading/relaxing)	44.77% 201
Picnic tables and benches	55.23% 248
Walking/jogging/bicycle (multi-use) paths	70.60% 317
Fitness trails	42.54% 191
Improved connection to other open space properties	40.53% 182
Environmental education	30.29% 136
Informational/interpretive signage	16.48% 74
Pavilion	27.39% 123
Horseshoes or bocce	21.83% 98
Total Respondents: 449	

Q12 In relation to this master planning effort, please identify other facility or site improvements that would help to meet the needs of you, your family and/or other Melrose residents.

Answered: 222 Skipped: 265

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I would like to see trash cans near Whole Foods and Ell Pond.	10/23/2020 3:54 AM
2	Improvements to Conant Diamond	10/22/2020 8:27 PM
3	Expansion and/or update of the Dog park. Also added seating near Pond edge.	10/22/2020 10:21 AM
4	I hope that field space is not taken for some of the activities listed above. We don't need a splash pad, etc. Leave the fields open.	10/21/2020 2:00 PM
5	Benches for players and people to use during athletic activities and available for recreational uses	10/21/2020 1:58 PM
6	More bike racks to lock bikes up throughout the city	10/20/2020 9:13 AM
7	Remove dog park trash more often	10/19/2020 9:29 PM
8	We have small children so a place for them to play would be amazing, but just wandering on the paths and in the field is valuable too!	10/19/2020 9:15 PM
9	Overall increase the bike paths for safe bike/run/walk around the city	10/19/2020 10:47 AM
10	I didn't realize (but I now see it on the map) that there is a trail near the dog park to near Crystal St without going out to the Fellsway sidewalk. Maybe this section of the trail needs to be improved. I also agree that the plant growth in the pond needs serious attention. I would love to be able to swim at the pond one day.	10/18/2020 11:48 PM
11	It would be wonderful to have an area, such as in Wilmington or Woburn where there are bathrooms and concessions so that fans and players can have access during game days and a true sense of community is built around both playing and spectating. It would encourage younger kids and their families too watch the older players and vice versa esp. if their were clean restrooms and some healthy food to eat in side of having to dash off - obviously once COVID is history. Thank you.	10/18/2020 6:39 PM
12	More parking spaces and more bleachers or benches for watching sports events.	10/18/2020 5:58 PM
13	Turf as much as you can so the fields can be used more regularly. This is particularly important in the fall when there are so many high school sports taking place. High school teams should be able to be on campus, as opposed to having multiple programs at Pine Banks.	10/18/2020 4:54 PM
14	There is no mention of the pond itself! The water quality needs improvement. Follow the inlet at the bridge where the problem exists. If it continues the esthetic value of the park would diminish even more! There could be some boating there or ice skating or even fishing. What about the swimming pool is that part of the Ell pond? Since the dog park is there there it is less accessible for nature lovers and bird watchers at least during school periods.	10/18/2020 4:48 PM
15	Parking area needs to be greatly improved. The trails also need some care and it would be especially nice if the other open Public spaces around the pond could connect if possible. If the addition of a playground is part of the project, it would be nice if it were something that could be used by older kids and adults for fun and exercise - something along the lines of a par course exercise or some ninja warrior inspired upper body stations like higher monkey bars or rings that an adult or older child can also climb on.	10/18/2020 10:46 AM
16	no real particular area that I need to see improved. I'd prefer a revamp that makes it a bit nicer with some updates and maybe a couple additions.	10/17/2020 10:20 PM
17	How about using ell pond for paddle boarding or non motor boating	10/17/2020 8:16 PM
18	I love the idea of making Ell Pond something that people could more easily walk full circle around...or go to for weekend recreation other than sports such as park, picnic, walking, etc.	10/17/2020 7:46 PM
19	I would like to see a smooth walking path and occasional benches to rest on around the edges of the lake so those of us who have a love of the outdoors, but difficulty walking on uneven or rough surfaces could take advantage of a lovely area to enjoy.	10/17/2020 4:38 PM
20	It would be nice if the growth in some of the parks was cut back to be able to see the water.	10/17/2020 3:34 PM
21	Many of the areas around Ell Pond could be greatly improved with some landscaping and routine maintenance. The hill, trails and shoreline could be much nicer and turned into a proper	10/17/2020 12:25 PM

44	Ell Pond is a beautiful feature to Melrose and I think it would be amazing to make a trails around it that are marked and advertised. I think there should be environmental education around the swans and other wildlife that inhabit there. As well as education as to why we should not feed the wildlife there. More benches looking out onto the pond and a splash pad would be so crucial to our younger kids!	10/16/2020 9:29 AM
45	My family and I really enjoy this area. Glad to see Melrose is considering improvements!	10/16/2020 9:28 AM
46	I would steer away from adding another kids playground, splash pad, pavilion as mentioned above. There are plenty of playgrounds throughout town. This area should be built and geared to higher elementary, middle school, high school, and adult usage. It is needed while younger kids have many local parks and playgrounds to use. There should also be signage that the track is not a place for kids to ride bike and ruin the track (understand not part of study as it's across the street)	10/16/2020 9:15 AM
47	Repair the bridge by the pool; Add a water fountain in Ell Pond; propose project to make ELL pond swimmable again.	10/16/2020 9:01 AM
48	Similar to the lake in Wakefield, which gets an extraordinary amount public use, Ell Pond should have a fully accessible path that circumnavigates the water. In the case of this study the critical links are at each end of the project. On the west/southwest edge the path should connect to both the baseball field and the DCR pool. From there the path would continue to the East/southeast along the water's edge and connect to Crystal street. In addition this study should consider adding a dock or pier of some sort for folks to fish off of or just sit and relax. And if something in-water is not part of the scope then a patio or wall that folks can fish or relax on. These features will help connect the park to the water front, which has otherwise been neglected. It is somewhat out of site out of mind.	10/16/2020 8:58 AM
49	As a resident of Melrose, generally speaking, baseball and soccer are the sports that have the biggest participation numbers. Basketball is played more in the neighboring communities. A main factor is the availability to recreation courts and indoor facilities. We need to have a central court that is highly visible in Melrose. My 2 children use Wakefield courts and attend clinics in Stoneham as well. We need to add 2 courts to the Crystal street location or add courts near the dog park.	10/16/2020 8:55 AM
50	I would love a boardwalk that goes around Ell Pond and is handicap/wheelchair accessible. It could even go over a section of the pond (from Crystal St. to the pond side of the dog park) and have an outcrop with benches where people could fish from.	10/16/2020 8:51 AM
51	Would be great to get a community center with upgraded indoor pool.	10/16/2020 8:42 AM
52	The water chestnut infestation in Ell Pond is an issue that needs to be addressed, although it is outside the scope of this study.	10/16/2020 8:39 AM
53	Larger Skate/BMX park	10/16/2020 8:35 AM
54	It would be great to have field c a dedicated soccer field with a top notch playing surface and improved lighting	10/16/2020 8:35 AM
55	Better drainage, improved accessibility, ability to use these spaces on more of a year round basis (to the best of our northeast climate will allow). Improved drainage and lighting will allow more use in April, September, October and November, months that are usually unavailable due to weather or darkness	10/16/2020 8:34 AM
56	Be more like Pine Banks. No need for a track but provide trail with distance markers, bathroom facility, concession stand for teams playing there, turf and lights are the most importance so the fields could be used longer and every day for high school, middle school, and youth sports which often are cramped for space because the grass fields close frequently. One of the advantages of turf is also use of the fields for sports activities during the colder weather without damaging the grass. We have often gone to pine banks or Wakefield schools with turf during inclement weather it when the grass fields are closed. Turf fields can be used for tournaments and things that might bring in more residents from local towns to boost the economy in Melrose as well.	10/16/2020 8:31 AM
57	Some of the "trail" is not really a trail. It would be nicer to walk on if there were an actual trail all the way around the pond.	10/16/2020 8:30 AM
58	More bike lanes	10/16/2020 8:27 AM

22	I would love it if at least one of the tennis courts had a backboard you could use to practice individually	10/17/2020 11:47 AM
23	The Pond area is dirty and we have seen large rats on the trails. The fields flood when it rains.	10/17/2020 9:59 AM
24	Better water access, i.e. boat dock, boat launch ramp, boat rental, etc.	10/17/2020 9:50 AM
25	Our kids are past this age but I have always found Melrose somewhat lacking in playgrounds.	10/17/2020 8:47 AM
26	If you don't have a dog or play tennis, there is no reason to go to the pond area. Playground, a better trail that circumvents the entirety of the pond and connection to the greater Fells would be great. The parking seems dangerous from my experiences with going to the Farm Share pickup. Elm Pond has poor site connections, a overlook or destination.	10/16/2020 7:51 PM
27	dog park needs some sprucing up would be nice for the trail around the pond to be cleared and improved the sitting area by the pond and Crystal street courts (area on crystal street) needs serious clean up	10/16/2020 7:35 PM
28	Ell pond water improvement Fencing to help with trash into Ell pond Dog park waste barrels	10/16/2020 4:30 PM
29	ban fishing (line and hooks are often left lying around or tangled in foliage, wild life has been injured due to being tangled in line or pierced with discarded hooks)	10/16/2020 3:00 PM
30	improved skate park that is actually policed.	10/16/2020 2:53 PM
31	Boating facilities/rental better trails/"cinder" track exercise stations big dock with seating area splash pool/sprinkler water bottle fill station snack bar/cafe extend to connect/coordinate with DCR pool	10/16/2020 1:27 PM
32	Questions about availability of fields are misguided a bit. Fields are mostly used by school/league soccer teams. What I would like to see is some exercise equipment similar to what exists in other parks, which could be used by anyone (https://www.weekendnotes.com/im/002/08/health-and-fitness-personal-development-self-help-6L.JPG). In regards to parking, the city needs to enforce existing rules which HS students violate daily.	10/16/2020 12:52 PM
33	The parking lot needs resurfacing in some areas.	10/16/2020 12:38 PM
34	CREATIVELY think about playground spaces/equipment. Not the same old same old at every park. Take a look at the Cambridge Common park for instance for something different and more creative.	10/16/2020 12:36 PM
35	Seating for game viewing on east knoll. That any playground prioritize natural elements in keeping with the natural feel of the area. Making the whole area more welcoming for multi-use. It is a wonderful area by a pond and it focuses on sports (which is mainly how we use it) but I'd love to see trails and walkways and bikeways enhanced as my children bike and walk all over town. Thanks for asking.	10/16/2020 12:12 PM
36	Turn off baseball field lights when nobody is playing	10/16/2020 11:45 AM
37	Parking lot needs to be repaved with clear signage, better curbs and more spaces. Limit time high school kids can park there.	10/16/2020 10:48 AM
38	Invasive plants need to be removed from pond	10/16/2020 10:00 AM
39	It would be great if the city could establish some open space areas for organized group activities (e.g., boot camps, yoga, etc.), with a reservation system to allow for group use.	10/16/2020 9:56 AM
40	Improved/enlarged dog park area (current dog park typically floods during any rain and becomes extremely muddy).	10/16/2020 9:50 AM
41	Can we clean up Ell pond water?	10/16/2020 9:38 AM
42	I wish the fishing areas were better	10/16/2020 9:36 AM
43	Flagg across area needs trail maintenance and additional work to improve existing and opening of new trails. Happy to volunteer as a trail Steward.	10/16/2020 9:32 AM

59	Recreational facilities geared to younger children (5 and under) - adventure structures. More/better bike racks.	10/16/2020 8:26 AM
60	Would be great to see the area extended to include the skate park and the bridge behind connecting to the DCR pool. The Knoll, parking and variety of random memorials deserves a well-thought-out overhaul. A pavilion atop the knoll with picnic tables and open grilling spots would help turn it into a real destination in the heart of the City.	10/16/2020 8:21 AM
61	I would like to see a clear walking path around the pond.	10/15/2020 7:29 AM
62	Splash pad/waterpark is so needed in Melrose	10/15/2020 7:28 AM
63	The whole area is kind of grim and sad. The veterans memorials are a nice idea but the design is really poorly done and an eyesore. Does not fit with the natural area. The dog park people are very lazy with their fecal litter. The trails along the pond need to be better defined and landscaped. I'd like to see a trail connect from the crystal street courts to the rest of the park and fields. The park area around crystal st is very sad and yet has a ton of potential.	10/14/2020 10:25 PM
64	Having better connection areas to the actual pond would be nice for sitting, reading, picnic, etc	10/14/2020 10:18 PM
65	Need more Tennis courts	10/13/2020 11:41 AM
66	The city needs more natural space around our natural crown jewel of the city, and not any man made enhancements to this area. Any man made enhancements to this area when it is already struggling would be a terrible mistake.	10/11/2020 6:41 PM
67	Please work with the local Master gardeners to create some native plant areas--native trees, shrubs, and plants that nurture the local wildlife. Also, I'm concerned about the invasive species along the edge of the pond on the east side (nearest Main St.) - such as Japanese knotweed, purple loosesstrife, and honeysuckle. If those and others are not attended to they will take over the pond, choking out natives that nurture wildlife.	10/9/2020 8:59 PM
68	The central parking area and knoll are in bad shape. It just looks very run down, and the hill itself seems like it could use some improvement, such as better curbing, grass, and paths. Benches at top would be nice as well.	10/5/2020 9:00 PM
69	Enhanced access to and around the pond. The Ell Pond Trail is a feature that gets limited use. Interpretative signage needed. The parking area is in extremely poor condition and access drive improvements are sorely needed. Thank you.	10/5/2020 9:00 AM
70	The area where the fields are should be used primarily for sporting events as we have limited space. If we start to use it for multi-recreational purpose (like splash pad, bocce courts, picnic) it could add to the conglomeration of parking, pick up and drop off. However, if the splash pad is planned for the Pool Are and picnic table/bocce courts near the gazebos then that would be a nice addition to those areas.	10/5/2020 8:55 AM
71	Trash cans. Too much trash around the pond.	10/4/2020 8:54 AM
72	Bathroom	10/4/2020 7:10 AM
73	It would be amazing to be about to walk all the way around Ell Pond!! Not sure if this is possible due to property ownership but it would be a gem for Melrose.	10/3/2020 6:08 PM
74	A place that the whole city could use, to have concerts, for example. Like a small pavilion. Would also be great if the city made it a priority to clean up the pond, from the invasive growth to overall cleanliness.	10/3/2020 4:20 PM
75	I know quite a few families that would really like a volleyball net somewhere in Melrose! Please!	10/2/2020 5:47 PM
76	We recently saw the setup at American Legion Park in Georgetown and how beautiful they made their waterfront property and what potential there is for Ell Pond. While that could be a long term goal, I see immediate needs to be lighting and drainage so residents can maximize their use of the space	10/2/2020 10:38 AM
77	Cleaner, clearly defined walking paths would get my vote. But in general, if some of the flooding in the park could be curbed, that would be great.	10/1/2020 9:05 PM
78	Would like to see the park planned as part of an overall effort to improve the quality and access to Ell Pond itself. My dream is to have a beautiful walking trail around the entire	10/1/2020 10:17 AM

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	shoreline of the pond, though I realize private property on the south shore makes this difficult. But even without a shoreline loop, I would like to see better connections with Main St, the Library, and the pavilion at the corner of Emerson	
79	Ell pond water improvement	9/30/2020 8:03 PM
80	Continue to look for ways to improve outside facilities...they are some of the most used in the city. Thank you!	9/30/2020 11:45 AM
81	wouldn't want to see the are too built up	9/30/2020 11:08 AM
82	We need a path around all of Ell Pond or at least where it touches public (local/state) lands.	9/30/2020 9:28 AM
83	Thank you for your efforts to improve this facility!	9/30/2020 9:26 AM
84	It would be nice to have better seating and fenced in areas.	9/30/2020 8:29 AM
85	The pond water needs lots of attention!	9/29/2020 9:34 PM
86	Installation of Turf fields for East and West Knolls (B,C,D)	9/29/2020 8:36 PM
87	Pathways around the Ell Pond complex, creating a safe connection around field A home plate area to the outfield/West Knoll space.	9/29/2020 8:15 PM
88	Additional parking. Clean up of Ell Pond. Addition of beach with canoe or kayak rentals. Basketball courts.	9/29/2020 8:10 PM
89	public art	9/29/2020 5:49 PM
90	There needs to be a clean up effort for Ell pond water. It's become overgrown with some invasive plant species. There's pollution and the water quality has declined.	9/29/2020 4:59 PM
91	Use Georgetown MA American League park as your blue print. It's just lovely. My son played An away baseball game there and all parents agreed "this is what Ell Pond should be!" See link to map and plan below: https://www.georgetownfun.org/FunPlaces/americanlegionpark.html	9/29/2020 4:55 PM
92	Our family uses the area a lot. We have always wondered if the city has considered an outdoor street hockey court or an outdoor skating rink in the area. Both would be great additions. Also lighting one of the tennis court areas would be nice. Thank you	9/29/2020 4:41 PM
93	it would be nice if there was more of a path from Monk to the west knoll	9/29/2020 4:36 PM
94	please please please put some resources into the skate park! it is a space that is HIGHLY used and loved by many kids and adults and could use some serious TLC. thank you!	9/29/2020 4:35 PM
95	Pump track! Small 2 seater paddle peddle boats or some other fun boating thing. Fishing	9/29/2020 4:31 PM
96	lighting at Monk field and better drainage. Better seating at Monk.	9/29/2020 4:24 PM
97	A walking/jogging/multiseuse path along the edge of Ell Pond would be great.	9/29/2020 4:22 PM
98	Lights and better drainage at Monk field and more seating at cabbage patch	9/29/2020 4:17 PM
99	We should make more effort to afford residents access to Ell Pond. Can we have some sort of dock or pond-view park on the north side of the pond? What about row boats?	9/29/2020 4:14 PM
100	Let's get serious. We need a watch tower, a banana stand, several mayonnaise dispensers, a carousel. You know, the normal stuff people need in a field. Get those illegal Canadian geese out of there. I mean it's just time to grow up and really lean into some solutions here.	9/29/2020 2:27 PM
101	• Improved drainage enabling Lewis Monk and the Cabbage Patch to recover faster from the spring rain. • Lighting at Lewis Monk which will expand use especially in the summer and fall months. The expanded time on Monk will free up game and practice time across the city for our children. • Pathways around the Ell Pond complex, creating a safe connection around the Lewis Monk home plate area to the outfield/West Knoll space.	9/29/2020 1:21 PM
102	The growth of invasive aquatic and land plants must be controlled. Environmental education at the middle and high schools must be connected to studies of Ell Pond. Education and awareness of the pond area as a natural resource should be promoted. The pond area is a treasure that must be protected from development. Protecting the environment starts locally -- think globally but act locally. Keep Ell Pond a Well Pond!	9/29/2020 1:19 PM

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103	Foster walking/ biking/ running.	9/29/2020 12:42 PM
104	A walking path around the entire pond would be ideal, but may not be achievable. However, from the aerial photo in this survey, it appears the walking path could be extended to both the east and west. Elevated walkways through the marshlands would make a great place to walk and learn about the marsh environment.	9/29/2020 12:16 PM
105	Improvements to enhance passive recreation and improved access to enjoy the pond would be nice.	9/29/2020 12:15 PM
106	animal control...geese droppings control...flooding control	9/29/2020 10:37 AM
107	Outdoor basketball courts. Hesselstine park is not ideal or visible and overcrowded. Its also outdated. One at Ell Pond would be ideal. The city of Melrose has students leave to go to other communities to play (Wakefield and Stoneham). More so, then leave to attend alternate High Schools as they feel the sport isnt a priority. It trickles down to how many children are excited about playing? Not enough as other communities and it starts with accessibility and options for them to play No community center, boys and girls club, and a visible playground at Ell Pond location. Ie Wakefield Galvum Courts are on Main Street and each day has Melrose residents there. Melrose residents have attend outdoor clinics at this site. Its a destination spot due to its visibility.	9/29/2020 10:07 AM
108	Add Pickleball Court's. This is a fast growing sport and we should have courts available for the many players in Melrose.	9/29/2020 10:07 AM
109	Increase coordination between city, users, Ell Pond committee, and other entities to more actively and more often do maintenance.	9/29/2020 9:09 AM
110	how polluted is the pond and can this be addressed	9/29/2020 8:52 AM
111	There are a variety of trails, paths and walkways around Ell Pond. For the walkers and joggers could we mark off the distance (using Lake St. and Crystal St. as part of that)? Maybe a marker every 1/4 of a mile? Or a measurement of how far one loop is?	9/29/2020 8:37 AM
112	We have such a great town, and these areas are potentially under utilized since there are only the fields. Excited to hear what others think and the financial feasibility of the suggestions.	9/29/2020 8:24 AM
113	Fan benches for sports	9/29/2020 8:05 AM
114	I am no architect, but I truly believe you could make an amazing walking path with memorials around the pond and then re-leverage the memorial hill to make a more functional parking lot and then convert at the very least East Knoll and Cabbage Patch to turf.	9/29/2020 6:49 AM
115	It is great to be able to escape to the pond. We are glad that the trails around it are left slightly wild. Please dont put in paved trails, etc. If anything, preserve and expand the space around the pond for wildlife, exploration, and getting away from the city and all the managed parks.	9/28/2020 11:33 PM
116	Pavilion/outdoor amphitheater. Sculpture/art installations. Basketball court Additional trees/planting/landscaping	9/28/2020 11:04 PM
117	addition of pickle ball courts improved biking and walking trails	9/28/2020 10:19 PM
118	I am very interested in a way to make the area more walkable instead of walking on the very busy Lynn Fells Parkway	9/28/2020 9:54 PM
119	It would be great to have an offroad bike path around the pond if possible, though I don't know where it would be located.	9/28/2020 9:53 PM
120	Lighted Turf soccer field	9/28/2020 9:45 PM
121	More trash bins And signs to reduce litter. Better walking paths and extended right through the park. Improve the crystal street park.	9/28/2020 8:35 PM
122	Need to improve the trail beside Ell Pond, ie. put gravel base and level surface, so no muddy spots, or roots to trip on. Maybe extend this pond trail to continue from the dog park area to the bench area past the Crystal Street courts, so people don't have to take a big detour on Lynn Fells and around GS courts. Of course, this is a wooded, swampy? area, so it might require some sort of boardwalk. Or maybe this isn't a good idea to develop this area if it could potentially disturb the swans' nesting area (ie. more accessible to humans). The knoll itself	9/28/2020 8:30 PM

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	could use some improvements, ie. better steps, control slope erosion, perhaps some shrubs and/or garden area, a bench or two at the top.	
123	Knoll is covered in broken glass. How about paddle boat rental on the pond for summer/fall weekends.	9/28/2020 7:31 PM
124	Get rid of the water chestnuts	9/28/2020 6:54 PM
125	None of your questions mention the pond, the central feature of the park. It's critical that the city actively monitor the gate by the gazebo and the water level. It's equally important that vegetation providing a buffer for wildlife be maintained along the shoreline. The pond is a popular spot for fishing and birdwatching. I have zero interest in the athletic fields. My concern is the health of the pond.	9/28/2020 6:20 PM
126	A splash pad is something that's sorely missing in Melrose.	9/28/2020 6:07 PM
127	The park area is fine. I'd like to see efforts to improve the pond itself which is choked out with algae and invasive water plants. It looks and smells terrible in the summer. I used to enjoy fishing there with my kids but no longer.	9/28/2020 6:05 PM
128	I like to walk around Ell Pond. Labeling and maintaining those paths are important to me.	9/28/2020 6:04 PM
129	Improved signage and enforcement to protect wild life. NO DOGS IN WATER!!! No feeding of water fowl.	9/28/2020 6:03 PM
130	More bicycle parking. More clean up of trash.	9/28/2020 5:48 PM
131	A game room such as billiards and Foosball tables and pinball machines, a place for 12-16 year olds to hang out.	9/28/2020 5:42 PM
132	Clean up the actual pond. We are losing it to invasive plants. Bring back boating and ice skating. We are losing one of the cities gems.	9/28/2020 5:37 PM
133	Accessible to all ages/abilities/interests. More clear traffic flow in/out of Knoll area. More enforcement for dog leash & fouling outside of dog park.	9/28/2020 5:19 PM
134	Knoll could be a nice shaded gathering area. It seems not very well maintained up in there.	9/28/2020 4:53 PM
135	better landscaping. Just make it look nicer, cleaner. Nothing too expensive.	9/28/2020 4:44 PM
136	Sign ups for tennis courts Pickleball	9/28/2020 4:40 PM
137	Points for fishing in Ell Pond	9/28/2020 4:20 PM
138	We are a skateboarding family and would love to see the city pay more attention to the melrose rotary park. It needs improvement and Daily cleaning. Skateboarding brings so many cultures and diversity to the city. And melrose needs to open to other sports, and life styles. We are such a minority but hopefully my voice will be counted and heard from this survey.	9/28/2020 4:13 PM
139	would love to see a recreational path (running/walking) that goes all the way around Ell Pond.	9/28/2020 3:43 PM
140	Repaired steps to top of knoll. Benches at top of knoll. Algae off the pond. Cleaner pond water. Dock or pier on pond for canoe, kayak entry.	9/28/2020 3:35 PM
141	invasive plant remediation, increased attention to maintaining the native landscape.	9/28/2020 3:27 PM
142	Dugouts cleanout	9/28/2020 3:26 PM
143	The water quality in Ell pond needs to be improved. It really has become unattractive and unpleasant.	9/28/2020 3:25 PM
144	With the push towards zero waste and reusable water bottles water filling stations / drinking fountains would be greatly appreciated, not just at Ell Pond but at other City public spaces.	9/28/2020 3:19 PM
145	Summer outdoor movie nights on the lawn.	9/28/2020 3:17 PM
146	Conant Field and Lebanon St Park need more attention	9/28/2020 3:15 PM
147	Better access to the pond itself would be great!	9/28/2020 3:09 PM
148	Upgrade drainage on fields, improved playing surfaces	9/28/2020 2:25 PM
149	Seriously, you are suggesting horseshoes and bocce (above) when you can offer a volleyball	9/28/2020 2:02 PM

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	court to help the school? Really?	
150	Not part of the study area but Ell Pond is not an attractive center piece and needs restoration. Too much invasive and eutrophication, no inciting shoreline access.	9/28/2020 2:02 PM
151	Thanks for issuing a survey!	9/28/2020 1:58 PM
152	This area should be a focal point for the entire city - it is presently an eyesore. A complete over haul of the facility will benefit all of Melrose.	9/28/2020 1:54 PM
153	Lights on field A would be great, too many games / practices are cut short in the spring & fall because of darkness	9/28/2020 1:50 PM
154	Walking path with fitness stops would be highly utilized I'm certain! And ideas for picnic/pavilion are wonderful, but Melrose has a HUGE trash/ignorance problem with littering - so trash cans and signs must be a part of program! Thank you so much!	9/28/2020 1:27 PM
155	Accessible sidewalks, curb cuts, and restrooms	9/28/2020 1:14 PM
156	restroom facility centrally located for use be soccer and baseball fields	9/28/2020 1:08 PM
157	Right turn only at exit from the Knoll parking for student parking would solve traffic issues	9/28/2020 12:54 PM
158	Basketball court and I believe that Melrose elementary school, middle school and high school kids definitely utilize and benefit out of it. We literally go to other neighboring town to play basketball games and practice and we could have literally do it here in our town if we can have the basketball court build	9/28/2020 12:54 PM
159	as a parent with 4 children, we are at these fields several times per week. There is very little for our younger children to do, so any activities for them would be great	9/28/2020 12:35 PM
160	A basketball court in the area would be well used by the middle and high school students.	9/28/2020 12:31 PM
161	Energy should be focused on the Ell Pond itself and access to the pond by Melrose residents for fishing and non-motorized boat use.	9/28/2020 12:29 PM
162	Water source would help with the plastic water bottle trash! Would also be great to see water fountains at other parks such as Bowden and the Commons.	9/28/2020 12:25 PM
163	We need to think about educating our youth. A pavilion could have solar panels and show how much energy it is capturing. The have plugs to charge devices. Nature scavenger hunt signs that teach the importance of trees, animal habitat and water pollution. Place for outdoor performances? Gaga pit for youth to play.	9/28/2020 12:16 PM
164	A pump track would be incredible. Otherwise we need to clean up the pond!!!!	9/28/2020 12:12 PM
165	connected walking paths around melrose.	9/28/2020 12:08 PM
166	Wider sidewalk by lynnfells so there is room for people in both directions on each side. Connect to bike path down lynnfells to breakheart	9/28/2020 12:01 PM
167	A walking trail around the pond. A place where dogs could swim. The dog park needs to have regular maintenance including dumps of wood chips and better drainage.	9/28/2020 11:48 AM
168	Upgraded trail paths that go around the pond	9/28/2020 11:43 AM
169	Fix the parking for high school students.	9/28/2020 11:41 AM
170	Need to clean up the pond. Remove the pond vegetation and bottom muck to help mitigate algae blooms in summer. Need to screen the storm water entering the pond. Upstream runoff will always bring more nutrients. Investigate feasibility of solar aerators or other options to help mitigate the heavy nutrient addition. Also provide some secluded shore areas for the resident swans to build their nest. Fantasy wish, incorporate a running track so the track team and residents don't need to go to Pine Banks. Finally fix the intersection at Melrose St/Crystal St/Fellsway/entrance to Whole Foods etc. That is totally unsafe for pedestrians/cars/bikes. Good luck.	9/28/2020 11:41 AM
171	traffic lights for in and out of parking lot with better signage	9/28/2020 11:35 AM
172	The trails need to be cleaned up and made safer for people to use. Lighting and clear paths would help.	9/28/2020 11:33 AM

173	I have never used the park because that parking lot is totally unusable and there aren't any recreational activities other than baseball and tennis. Would be great to see multiple playgrounds, splash pad, picnic tables, more shade in the field areas and better parking.	9/28/2020 11:24 AM
174	Turf the knolls.	9/28/2020 11:12 AM
175	Consider a walkway all the way around Ell Pond, creating/utilizing signage, roads, walkways, etc. as needed. Presumably constructing a footbridge over portions of pond would be too costly and trigger disputes with abutting landowners.	9/28/2020 11:10 AM
176	TURF TGE SOCCER FIELDS. ADD STANDS	9/28/2020 11:07 AM
177	? Lights on more fields. They seem to only light one field but there are night practices on other fields that are in the dark in the fall. Playground and splash pad would be amazing! Walking path and over head bridge to high school.	9/28/2020 11:02 AM
178	I think the park is pretty good shape and I wouldn't want to see too many changes. It would be cool if there could be a bike path or recreation trail that circles the entire ell pond.	9/28/2020 11:01 AM
179	Accessible area for fishing. More emphasis on outdoor recreation for our youth- shouldn't only be organized sports!	9/28/2020 10:57 AM
180	The foliage in the pond needs to be addressed before it takes over the pond.	9/28/2020 10:56 AM
181	Cleaning the pond, give the ability to kayak.	9/28/2020 10:55 AM
182	The bridge near the pool desperately needs to be fixed!	9/28/2020 10:54 AM
183	The trail needs better maintenance - also a dock where people can fish off of would be nice. A couple of trash barrels near the fishing areas would be idea given the amount of trash in the area. Additional seating near the tennis courts would be nice.	9/28/2020 10:52 AM
184	My family began to use the Ell pond paths as a safe, outdoor destination for short outings during the covid 19 lockdown/ remote school spring. We rode our bikes around the pond, observed the life cycle of hatching cygnets, and would practice nature sketching on a daily basis. My children and I loved the convenience and natural beauty of the pond in March/ April, at spring's first blush. Unfortunately, our use of the Ell pond paths was short lived. As the spring progressed, the aglae bloom in the pond made the stench on the trails intolerable, and made the pathways and fields infested with mosquitos. It also destroyed any experience of visual pleasure related to the pond. Dog walkers' inconsistent removal of their pets excrement accumulated to make the paths littered and polluted. Overtgrown brush and protruding roots on the dirt paths lining playing fields A B and C, made biking and safe walking impossible. The footbridge is also sorely in need of repair - it's painted state is in shambles, and the dirt paths leading to and from it have so eroded, that they no longer align with the bridge, which creates a serious tripping hazard, and impedes bike riding. Finally, the goose poop became so pervasive that, when combined with the above mentioned factors, any and all enjoyment regarding the pond area was completely compromised and we stopped going altogether for the rest of the summer. If the paths were properly maintained, and resourcefully linked to greater Melrose bike circuits, they would provide an immeasurable contribution to the public recreational offerings in Melrose - imagine a 360 walking/biking loop which could easily link to existing bike paths on Main street and Tremont. Convenient bike routes would link to the Flynn Memorial Pool and would help decongest parking and traffic on Tremont and the Fellsyway during summer pool and sports season. Safe and maintained bike paths would encourage our children to bike to and from sports practices and games, which would improve health and wellness, and encourage autonomy and responsibility in our most impressionable citizens. It would decongest traffic because of reduced use of cars for drop offs and pick ups. The pond and its paths have the potential to positively affect several strata of the Melrose community. I see bike paths and pond quality management as primordial to our identity, well being, and civic pride.	9/28/2020 10:52 AM
185	The Lloyd Memorial Pool should be incorporated into this plan. That facility does not meet the needs of the community because of inadequate seating. Families must purchase memberships in the Saugus YMCA to use a pool facility that meets their needs.	9/28/2020 10:50 AM
186	Melrose already has many playgrounds geared toward small children. Given proximity to the high school and middle school, I would prefer to see teen focused facilities such as basketball courts and an improved skate park. If a playground is erected, please consider an adventure-type playground rather than standard playground equipment that is already in every other park.	9/28/2020 10:36 AM
187	The area around the MDC Pool needs to be cleaned up. There are plenty of playgrounds	9/28/2020 10:36 AM

188	around town. We need a rec area for adults and teens. Like the bocce idea. Maybe shuffleboard too, large chest board games like at Market St in Lynnfield.	9/28/2020 10:35 AM
189	From a major planning perspective, would we ever consider building one large indoor facility? Combining Crystal Tennis, East Knoll and relocating dog park? Think of a real investment in the community with a swimming center, indoor tennis/racquet ball, a soccer field, gym, maybe a performance space, basketball courts, rock climbing walls, etc, really putting Melrose on the map and adding value to all in the community and not just families whose youth play sports on these fields? Thinking of Swampscott YMCA on steroids. A place where community could gather for events and as our climate changes (colder and warmer) that our youth could have a place to practice in the offseasons/shoulder seasons?	9/28/2020 10:30 AM
190	I'd like to see a beach created and the pond cleaned up for swimming.	9/28/2020 10:22 AM
191	Ice skating rink in winter	9/28/2020 10:20 AM
192	Longer/continuous hiking trail around the pond. Safe trails/pathways leading to other parks/green spaces in and around Melrose. Dedicate space for bee/butterfly-friendly gardens (as well as bird houses) to help our ecosystem thrive. (Provide educational signage for these areas)	9/28/2020 10:15 AM
193	Pickleball courts or at least adding lines to the existing courts.	9/28/2020 10:15 AM
194	I'd like to see the top part of the Knoll hill area improved.	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
195	"Please" - do NOT change the park solely for the sake of changing the park or someone's pet political project. PLEASE also do NOT base decisions based on public feedback that is inherently limited by people who complete surveys like this. PLEASE supplement with field observations and actual/in-person interviews. PLEASE engage with youth sports leagues as well as school programs to gauge usage over seasons & know that those should be the primary drivers for any use in this City.	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
196	- develop a more defined path around the pond that is run able or walk able and connected to downtown - improve the durability of the fields at the knoll and patch -add a track and softball field so school sports in those aspects can be brought back to campus and better connected to the school community. Baseball and little league have top flight facilities at the campus while the girls programs are cast off to low quality sites around town. This "campus" should be for all students to use and be connected to their school but the current perception is that girls sports are not part of the campus but boys football/baseball are. -move tennis one set of tennis courts to another location in town and better utilize that space. In conjunction expand the remaining set	9/28/2020 10:10 AM
197	If COVID continues - consider outdoor pavilions or heating or something to keep folks outside and safe.	9/28/2020 10:03 AM
198	a dock would be great to help launch row boats, kayaks, or canoes	9/28/2020 10:03 AM
199	Access, visibility to water front from knoll areas	9/28/2020 10:02 AM
200	Swimming? Boating?	9/28/2020 10:01 AM
201	Focus on biodiversity, improving water quality. Understanding and appreciating the wildlife that Ell Pond attracts.	9/28/2020 9:59 AM
202	It would be so wonderful to have a paved path around the pond for walking, running etc like Lake Q in Wakefield. It would bring more traffic to our downtown area to have a resource like this.	9/28/2020 9:59 AM
203	The trail around Ell Pond is very difficult to navigate due to raised tree roots. Also, the pond itself seems very polluted and it would be wonderful if we could clean it up, maybe have canoe/kayak rentals?	9/28/2020 9:58 AM
204	I mocked up a full site plan of what the Knoll parks could look like! I did this last year and would like to share it with this team.	9/28/2020 9:58 AM
205	litter clean-up (on paths and in water); water chestnut clean up of pond itself; better connections to trail/bridge behind swimming pool; additional pond lookouts?;	9/28/2020 9:57 AM
206	Landscaping work... connection of crystal tennis courts to fields...Deck onto Ell pond for walking sitting...	9/28/2020 9:57 AM

206	Basketball courts seem needed. Volleyball would be amazing if possible too.	9/28/2020 9:57 AM
207	The invasive species behind crystal street courts and all around edge of pond are out of control. It's not shown in the map, but done brush clearing and fence up garages would really improve the area of elk pond facing Main Street. I look back in postcards of when this was a public boating pavilion with great nostalgia. Wish we could go something like that again. Wish there were picnic tables near gazebo and edge of pond was cleared like Lake Quannapowitt.	9/28/2020 9:55 AM
208	Clean up the pond. Perhaps Kayak usage..	9/28/2020 9:55 AM
209	Better and cleaner trails around all of Ell pond	9/28/2020 9:55 AM
210	I would love to have improved views and access to the pond and amenities so a family could come and spend time at the park. A small playground and splash pad, picnic tables, maybe a place for outdoor gatherings, etc. think of it as a city common similar to the Common Park on the other side of Melrose.	9/28/2020 9:52 AM
211	The passive recreation area for viewing Ell Pond off Crystal Street to the immediate south of the tennis courts is currently in disgraceful condition - the bench is defaced with graffiti, and the shore line is so overgrown that the Pond can barely be seen at all. The deterioration of the space over the last 10-15 years is shocking.	9/26/2020 2:19 PM
212	I would love to see a playground/ot lot or splash pad here, and/or an adult fitness feature (like near the Flynn rink). Aside from walking through, there is not much I can use this space for either with young children or as an individual trying to get some unscheduled exercise. Also, as a pedestrian walking from the south it is difficult to access the fields and recreation area-additional clear walking paths from Tremont would be appreciated rather than entering from Lynn Fells Pkwy.	9/26/2020 1:44 PM
213	Basketball court, food stand or coffee shop.	9/25/2020 9:37 PM
214	Better walking trails (do NOT mean paved - packed dirt/gravel is easier on the joints). But walking trails should feel safe to lone women.	9/25/2020 4:16 PM
215	Domed stadia with concession stands and sports apparel and hot air balloon rides throughout the year, except during snowstorms. Thanks. (BTW, the pond itself is full of slime, but a large blue heron does not seem to mind.)	9/25/2020 3:32 PM
216	Control of the invasive water chestnut taking over Ell Pond	9/25/2020 2:59 PM
217	Clearing up dead trees and other obstructions in the trail area	9/25/2020 2:35 PM
218	I love the idea of increased environmental education happening at Ell Pond, including engaging students across the street. I would welcome a playground or splash pad here, or elsewhere in Melrose. However, I would not want to see existing trees, waterfront and passive use space removed to create any of these features.	9/25/2020 11:40 AM
219	Discourage driving to the park and encourage walking and biking. The more people you have who are passively recreating, the less trash you will see getting brought into the parks, and the more community appreciation. Also the city should think about banning shore fishing. It's a substantial source of shoreline pollution and likely causes more harm than the value or provides. This can be reassessed in the future.	9/25/2020 11:27 AM
220	Melrose needs area to play outdoor hockey. Lacking facility for kids to play	9/25/2020 11:10 AM
221	The pond and the surrounding embankments need to be cleaned up. The pond should be dredged so that people can wade in the pond. The pond is filthy	9/25/2020 11:05 AM
222	These fields should be turf and the drainage issues should be corrected. The fact that we only have shared turf fields with another city is ridiculous.	9/25/2020 11:04 AM