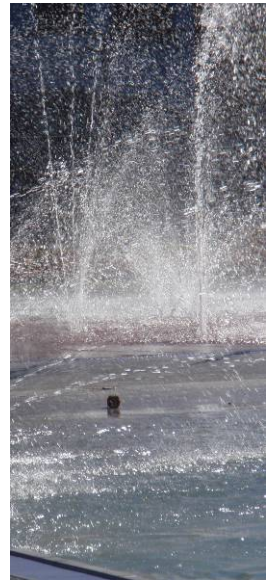




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Crompton Park is a critically important park and open space resource and we believe that this Master Plan strikes the right balance between protecting and enhancing what is best about the park (facilities, landscape and historical/social assets) while providing an achievable strategy for dramatically enhancing both passive and active recreational amenities. To those who participated in this process, the Crompton Park of our hopes will be filled with park patrons of all ages engaged in positive activities that help to maintain good health, good will and good cheer within our society.

We wish to express our appreciation to members of the Worcester City Council, Worcester Statehouse Delegation, Worcester City Manager's Office, Worcester Department of Public Works and Parks, other committed public and private servants who contributed in so many ways to the development of this Master Plan.

Thank you,

The Weston & Sampson Project Team



A 1951 image showing park patrons skating at Crompton Park

Introduction | Executive Summary

During the fall of 2010, the City of Worcester Department of Public Works and Parks- Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Division engaged Weston & Sampson and began collaboration with community stakeholders to develop this comprehensive Master Plan for Crompton Park.

Between November 2010 and March 2011, representatives of the Worcester Department of Public Works and Parks- Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Division and Weston & Sampson developed conceptual and final master plans, which were generated in response to the expressed needs and desires of residents, sports leagues and various other Crompton Park stakeholders. A series of public hearings were hosted at the Green Island Community Center, and participation was impressive with approximately 40 to 75 individuals attending each of the three major meetings. At the meetings, many, many opinions were voiced on a wide range of topics ranging from park maintenance and programming issues to security matters, to being “greener” and to existing facility conditions and new facility needs. With such extensive input, the task of the designer is somewhat simplified because so many of the preferences and priorities of the key constituent groups are known and understood.

The Final Master Plan, as represented in this document, is to be presented to the Worcester Parks & Recreation Commission during a March 2011 public hearing. The plan represents the preferred alternative, but might also be called the “consensus plan” as it matches the goals and aspirations of the majority of the individuals that participated in the planning process. It is understood that the plan will be implemented over a period of time and when improvements are fully realized it will have achieved a number of primary community objectives including:

- Improved recreational facilities including fields, courts and playgrounds
- Improved aesthetics throughout the site
- A comfortable balance between active and passive recreation facilities
- New facilities that foster community interaction
- A cleaner, safer park
- A “greener” park
- Improved access and circulation
- A setting that is multi-ethnic and multi-generational and ADA compliant
- A plan that recognized the important historical and cultural connections between this park and the surrounding Green Island neighborhood
- Improved perimeter security around the park (physical barrier)



The preferred Master Plan, which is described in great detail later in this report, includes numerous big ideas that represent significant changes when compared to current conditions. These big ideas or major themes of the preferred plan are summarized in quick form below (refer to a more complete explanation of each element beginning of Page 16).

- **Field Complex-** The field complex remains in the same location, but the space-intensive baseball field is removed and two smaller diamonds and a rectangular shaped playing venue are retained. The reduction of one field footprint will reduce the intensity of use, allow for a more flexible space overall and allow for better conditions to be maintained.
- **Courts-** the plan identifies a two-court complex in the northeast corner of the park and maintains the important Cousy Court at its current location. A single, tennis court and a new handball court are established near the new pool complex, in the southwestern corner of the park.
- **Playground-** an innovative spine of children’s play spaces are established within a single, central corridor that runs north-south through the middle of the park.



The Preferred Master Plan

- **Community Spaces-** are established throughout the core of the park and in close proximity to important proposed or existing community facilities including the Green Island Community Center and the children’s play corridor referenced above.
- **Parking | Access-** new, expanded parking within the confines of a former tennis court and a new vehicular access point are established to the west of the new pool complex, with connections to the Green Island Community Center. Importantly, conflicts between vehicles and park pedestrians are greatly lessened under this scenario.
- **Park Entrances and Edges-** the plan incorporates meaningful aesthetic and functional improvements at major points of entry and around all four sides of the park.

- **Landscape Enhancements-** to meet the hopes and desires of many stakeholders, the plan envisions aesthetic enhancements throughout the property to include new shade tree plantings to take the place of old and diseased species and the installation of park furnishings like benches and trash receptacles.

This report represents the culmination of the master planning process. The document contains narrative and graphic depictions of the preferred Master Plan with relevant sections dedicated to identifying the full extent of potential improvements, potential phasing scenarios and implementation strategies. The general theme was to improve facilities and programming opportunities, foster community interaction, improve park aesthetics, and improve environmental stewardship.

Implementation of the improvements outlined in this Master Plan will require significant effort. The Funding Opportunities section of the report identifies potential granting agencies, non-profit entities and other sources of capital dollars or in-kind services that might help with the refurbishment of various spaces and facilities.

It is important to note that a “Master Plan” is typically general and that recommendations are not “cast in stone”. It is fully intended and anticipated that as particular projects are implemented the actual, detailed scope of improvements will generally follow the recommendations contained in this report, but they will be refined or adjusted in order to meet actual site conditions and funding idiosyncrasies.

Project Background

This master plan was undertaken on behalf of the Worcester Department of Public Works and Parks –Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Division on behalf of the residents of the Crompton Park community and was completed by our core team of landscape architects and park planners. The specific tasks that were accomplished included:

- Deed research, utility compilation and field survey work to provide complete and recordable property line and topographic/detail base mapping of Crompton Park
- Inventory of all existing site facilities, features and conditions
- Participation in a public outreach process through the hosting of a series of public hearings and stakeholder interactions
- Development of preliminary and final master planning documents
- Presentation of the finished master plan to the Worcester Parks Commission and City Council

The Master Plan addresses the entire Crompton Park parcel, which encompasses approximately 15 acres of land, including the recently constructed municipal pool complex located adjacent to Canton Street. The park is approximately 50% developed with formal (fields and courts for instance) recreation facilities, while the remaining 50% of the property is dedicated to open space and informal landscape zones. Developed sections of the park contain the following major facilities:

Crompton Park - Major Facilities
Baseball Field Softball Fields (2) Multi-purpose Field (football)
Basketball Court Tennis Courts (2)
Municipal Pool Complex
Community Center Building
Children’s Playground

The image contained on the following page identifies the locations of these primary facilities and the current configuration of the site prior to the rehabilitation of the pool complex which started in March 2010.



Community Participation

In order to develop a master plan that met the recreational needs of the surrounding neighborhood, Worcester residents at large and a variety of other community organizations; the Department of Public Works and Parks- Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Division and Weston & Sampson conducted a series of public hearings to present ideas and receive community input. Over the course of four months, the Department of Public Works and Parks- Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Division and Weston & Sampson representatives met with residential and institutional abutters, as well as other interested parties to present concept plans for the property, receive comments, and address a variety of concerns. Following is a listing of the major public forums that were held. Each meeting attracted between 40 and 75 community members.

Public Input Meetings		
Date	Public Hearing Location	Meeting Purpose / Participants
November 1, 2010	Crompton Park / Green Island Community Ctr.	Introduction to the master planning process, initial public input
November 29, 2010	Crompton Park / Green Island Community Ctr.	Presentation of initial concepts, reactions from meeting participants to the concepts, other general public input
January 20, 2011	Crompton Park / Green Island Community Ctr.	Presentation of preferred master plan, reactions from meeting participants to the concepts and other general public input
March 31, 2011	Green Hill Park	Worcester Parks & Recreation Commission Public Hearing to present final preferred master plan
February 28, 2012	City Council	Present final preferred master plan

It is important to note that discussions were very spirited and touched on a wide range of topics. A very comfortable and open atmosphere prevailed during the meetings and attendees of all ages were able to express their thoughts and concerns and aspirations for this important public open space. All age groups were represented and included toddlers, school age children, young and middle aged adults and senior citizens. Attendees were also ethnically diverse. Attendees primarily represented the following groups:

- Crompton Park neighbors
- Community organizations based in Green Island
- Sports league representatives
- Elected and appointed officials



Public hearings were held at the Green Island Community Center and were generally well attended, with overflow crowds each evening. The diversity of the neighborhood was reflected at all meetings.

Although meeting attendees ranked the importance of various potential improvements in accordance with their own personal preferences and priorities, there were few out and out disagreements in regard to requests for specific types of retained or new facilities with perhaps the following limited exceptions:

- **Tennis Courts-** it was noted that the existing tennis courts are not frequently in use. Some indicated that this was due to the poor condition of the courts, while others maintained that it is a lack of interest among park patrons that is to blame. There were mixed opinions as to whether a new tennis court or courts should be included in the proposed plan. As a compromise, a single court has been included and it will double as an ice skating venue during winter months.
- **Skatepark-** the potential to create a skatepark was widely supported by some and opposed by others. In the end, a location at the extreme northwest corner of the property was identified as being suitable for a modest “street course” style skatepark since there are no residential abutters immediately adjacent.

The Crompton Park Master Plan attempts to bridge the differences referenced above and other minor disagreements and reach that common middle ground that allows significant improvements to be identified in a way that provides maximum benefit to the largest number of stakeholders. In the end, the master plan represents a balance between active and passive recreation, natural and developed landscapes, formal and informal, and form (aesthetics) and function.

Existing Conditions

During the early stages of the project, representatives of Weston & Sampson gathered all available mapping and plan information to support the master planning study and development efforts. The City provided GIS mapping for the property and aerial photography was obtained for the development of all conceptual master plans and drawings. Weston & Sampson staff also completed deed research and performed on the ground property line and topographic surveys of the property. The plans that were yielded through these efforts will be suitable for development construction documents for all future improvement programs.

Weston & Sampson representatives also undertook a considerable amount of field reconnaissance work to observe how facilities are used, better understand the physical characteristics of the site and to record the conditions of all natural and man-made features at the property. The following is a summary of our findings.

Topography

With the exception of a small knoll or hill at the southeastern corner of the site, the topography (terrain) is relatively flat, with little change in elevation evident over large swaths of area. In fact, much of the property is located within a floodplain associated with the Blackstone River, which winds its way through the Green Island neighborhood below ground.

The flatness of the field complex in particular, combined with heavy use and lack of formal drainage systems makes it difficult to maintain good playing conditions, and water ponds and puddles over large expanses of the field during major storm events.

The small knoll (or hill) located at the southeastern corner of the park creates visual interest and offers opportunities for passive use during warm weather months, sledding in winter months and a chance to view out over the park landscape from the elevated situation. The top of the knoll is elevated approximately 16 feet above the surrounding park landscape. Elevations from select locations of the park are indicated below:

Representative Park Location	Elevation
Southwest Corner	+ 443 FT
Southeast Corner	+ 448 FT
Northeast Corner	+ 449 FT
Northwest Corner	+ 444 FT
Pool Complex	+ 445 FT
Middle of Field Complex	+ 444 FT
Basketball Court	+ 448 FT
Top of Knoll	+ 461 FT

Work within floodplains is tightly controlled to ensure that future developments at the park do not worsen neighborhood flooding during rain storms. As actual improvement projects are outlined and implemented, permits will be required through the Worcester Conservation Commission. In essence, no net loss of storm drainage storage area within the Crompton Park property will be permitted. To this end, if a new project requires a certain amount of fill and a corresponding rise in the ground elevation, there will be a net loss of storage and seasonal flooding problems could be worsened. As a result, an equal amount of excavation would be required to create new storm drainage storage in order to offset any filling needed at other locations.



The image above shows walkers passing by the base of the knoll or small hill located in the southeastern section of Crompton Park. Children have sledded from the top of the hill out onto the fields below for generations.

Vegetation

Existing vegetation at the Crompton Park property is characterized and summarized as follows:

- Mostly deciduous shade trees made up of Maples (Norway, Red and Sycamore), with some Oak, Horse Chestnut and Ash.
- Limited evergreen plantings that include mostly Spruce with some White Pine.
- Very limited plant diversity overall.
- A significant number of mature or over-mature shade trees that are in a serious state of decline.
- A general lack of new shade tree plantings to take the place of those trees that have been removed in recent years and that will continue to die off in future years.

Some large trees located at the property are in particularly poor condition and in danger of being damaged in storms. The City is assessing the condition of various trees and will continue to remove damaged trees or branches as conditions warrant.

As future projects are planned, it will be essential to include major tree planting components in order to provide an attractive park landscape for future generations. Tree plantings are critical elements in any park setting as they provide:

- Shade for those seeking relief from the hot summer sun
- A place for a picnic or social gathering
- Aesthetic qualities that benefit a neighborhood
- Refuge for birds/Wildlife
- Visual screening to reduce impacts of various park activities to surrounding properties



Deciduous shade trees constitute much of the plantings at Crompton Park. Many of the mature trees are in a state of rapidly declining health and more recent tree plantings need to be supplemented with even more plantings to ensure continuity within the park landscape.

Neighborhood Setting



The aerial image above is looking south and it gives a good overview of neighborhood context surrounding Crompton Park. Industrial uses (sewage pump station and former NSTAR facility) and a Providence + Worcester rail yard form the west (right in image) side of Crompton Park. Mixed residential, business and commercial properties form the other sides of the park within the Green Island Neighborhood and major transportation corridors including Route 290 and 146 are located nearby.

Crompton Park is located less than a mile south of Worcester Center (City Hall) and is surrounded by four streets as follows:

Quinsigamond Avenue- a major thoroughfare with excellent access to Route 146 and to Southbridge Street and downtown Worcester. The City of Worcester is planning major utility and roadway upgrades to this important corridor and the Worcester Regional Transit Authority plans to construction a \$35M bus maintenance facility on the former NSTAR gasification plant site that sits directly across from Crompton Park.

Harding Street and Millbury Street- one-way streets that form the eastern side of the park and provide direct connections (in a north and south direction) to Union Square. The streets contain generally small neighborhood businesses, other commercial enterprises and multi-family residential dwellings.

Canton Street and Endicott Street- short, neighborhood streets that form the south and north edges of the park respectively and contain mostly multi-family residential properties with a few mixed commercial properties. Many homes are occupied by long time residents within the neighborhood.

Many residents from Canton Street and Endicott Street in particular attended the community meetings. These residents generally expressed their affection for this important public open space, but also outlined the downside of living across from Crompton Park in regard to being impacted at times by noise, trash, vandalism, crime and traffic.

It was frequently noted that the City is looking to form and maintain partnerships with local park stewards in order to achieve the basic goals of a cleaner and safer Crompton Park. The preferred master plan facility and feature alignments that grew out of the public process have been configured in a manner that will help to foster these goals.

From a demographic perspective, incomes of residents within the surrounding Green Island neighborhood are significantly lower compared to the City as a whole. The passive and active recreational amenities located at Crompton Park are therefore of critical importance to residents who may have limited options for their recreational pursuits.

Parking, Access and Park Circulation

Within the actual confines of the park, parking is limited to approximately 12 spaces in the area surrounding the Green Island Community Center. But significant parking is available at Endicott Street, Canton Street and Quinsigamond Avenue as follows:

Endicott Street- 93 spaces (including 5 accessible) extending into the park at 90 degrees from the street

Quinsigamond Avenue- 26 parallel parking spaces that are specifically marked out/delineated

Canton Street- 22 (+/-) parallel parking spaces, none of which are specifically delineated

In total, there are more than 150 parking spaces located within or immediately adjacent to the park. Many of the parking spaces at Endicott Street are occupied on a daily basis by local residents. It was noted that these particular spaces are actually located within the confines of a public park and as such use is controlled by the City through the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Endicott Street spaces were formalized and improved in the early 1990's for use by park patrons.

Some residents expressed concern that parking might be at a premium during peak periods of use, particularly with the new Crompton Pool complex coming on line during summer 2011. But it was also recognized that the

peak use period for the pool complex will not overlap many other peak periods of use for the fields, which account for most of the other high demand activities at the site.



Photo at left showing the 90 degree parking stalls that form the northern edge of the property at Endicott Street. Note the major pedestrian access point opposite the end of Bigelow Street as articulated by the mid-block cross walk at Endicott Street. Photo at right showing the pool complex under construction and the limited parking located within the core of the park at the Green Island Community Center. The driveway at Canton Street provides access for service vehicles.

Pedestrian access into Crompton Park is available from many locations as identified on the illustration on the following page and as summarized below:

Canton Street- pedestrian access is provided at the southwest corner of the park at Quinsigamond Avenue, and to the east of the pool complex at several locations.

Quinsigamond Avenue- unlimited pedestrian access is provided along this edge of the park since there is no fencing in place. But there are also no formal entrances or connector paths, which means that pedestrians must travel across uneven grass surfaces to gain access to the field or tennis court complexes.

Endicott Street- pedestrian access is provided at three main points along Endicott Street including at the corner of Quinsigamond Avenue, mid-block at Bigelow Street and at Harding Street. At Quinsigamond Avenue, there is no formal entrance and no formal pathways connecting to the interior of the park. The mid-block entrance and the Harding Street entrance are the two most heavily used pedestrian access points with direct connections to most major park facilities via the internal park pathway network.



From left to right, images of existing park entrances near the corner of Quinsigamond Avenue and Canton Street, mid-block at Harding Street and at the corner of Harding and Endicott Streets.

Harding Street- pedestrian access points are provided at two mid-block locations and at the corner of Endicott Street. One mid-block entrance provides direct access to the basketball court. Another mid-block entrance is located across from Seymour Street, where upon entering the park, there are no formal pathways linking to other park facilities so pedestrians must travel across uneven grass surfaces to connect to interior spaces.



Park Edges



The photo at left showing a view of the Canton Street park edge with a concrete sidewalk running the entire length of the block. New fencing and landscaping will help to improve the look of the pool complex, which was under construction when this photograph was taken in October 2010. But other lengths of chain length fence and a lack of definition at pedestrian access points adversely impact site aesthetics and function. An asphalt pathway forms the exterior edge of the park at Harding Street. Old shade trees form part of this edge and a wood post and chain link fence give an improved look but old chain link fence stills forms part of the park edge.

At community meetings it was noted that many of the park edges lack character and definition. In places, old shade trees help to form the park edge which yields more positive feelings. Along many other edges, a lack of

definition at park entrance locations and deteriorated fencing systems give an appearance that is less pleasing. In order to clarify park entrance points, improve park aesthetics and neighborhood aesthetics community members seek to include park edge improvements under future park improvement efforts.

Recreation Facilities

The chart below identifies conditions summaries for the major facilities and features that are located at Crompton Park. In general, conditions of most park facilities are fair, and suffer from a lack of recent capital improvements and deterioration that is beyond what can be corrected through on-going maintenance efforts by city parks forces. The children’s playground and the tennis courts were noted to be in the poorest condition and as a result use of these features by local residents is very limited at this time.

Facility	Condition Assessment
Baseball Field / Softball Fields (2)	The infield is in fair condition, the outfield grass areas are in poor condition due to heavy use and poor drainage. Grading is irregular in places and heavy use has further impacted this fact by compacting and depressing large extents of the field. The backstop is in generally poor condition and players’ benches are in fair condition but without protective fencing and pads, which makes maintenance difficult. Lighting systems are in fair condition and in need of upgrading for improved performance and reduced maintenance.
Multi-purpose Field	The multi-purpose field is used primarily for football and it is located generally toward the center of the field complex and overlaps all three baseball/softball diamonds. The turf conditions are fair or poor because of heavy use, irregular grading and poor drainage. Football goal posts are erected at either end of the field on an annual basis for fall season activities.
Basketball Court	The basketball court is very heavily used and in generally fair condition. There are no major problems that serve as detriments to continued use and enjoyment. Fencing, the backboard and rim, and court surfaces are all in fair condition. Color sealcoating is worn and requires replacement.
Tennis Courts	The tennis court complex is in fair to poor condition. Perimeter chain link fencing is in poor condition and impacts the visual qualities of the park and particularly the Canton Street park edge. Tennis nets and posts are absent. In recent years, the court has been flooded and then maintained by local volunteers for winter skating. Paved surfaces are in fair to poor condition and sealcoating is faded.
Playground	The children’s playground is in poor condition and all equipment requires replacement. Playground edging, surfaces and furnishings are also in poor condition and the City already has announced plans to significantly upgrade children’s play facilities.
Pedestrian Pathway Network	Most pathways are constructed of asphalt and are in fair to good condition. In places, minor cracks have been noted. The pathway system is not extensive, and access to many park locations is not available. The lighting system that follows the major pedestrian paths is not functioning and upgrades are required to make the park more secure.
Pool Complex	The City of Worcester is completing a \$2.5M makeover of the municipal pool complex, with the facility scheduled to open for use in June 2011. The facility includes a new bathhouse, zero-depth pool entrance, wading areas, lap section, water slide, and extensive decking with shade shelters and related site furnishings.
Community Center	The Community Center is well used. Analysis of building conditions was not specifically part of the master planning process, but the community indicated the need to refurbish and expand the building in order to better support a wide array of community events and activities.
Site Furnishings	Benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles, fences and other site furnishings vary in condition from generally good to poor and in need of removal and replacement. Additional site furnishings are desirable in order to support daily use and special events at the park.

Following are a series of photographs that serve to document the existing conditions of various park facilities and furnishings.

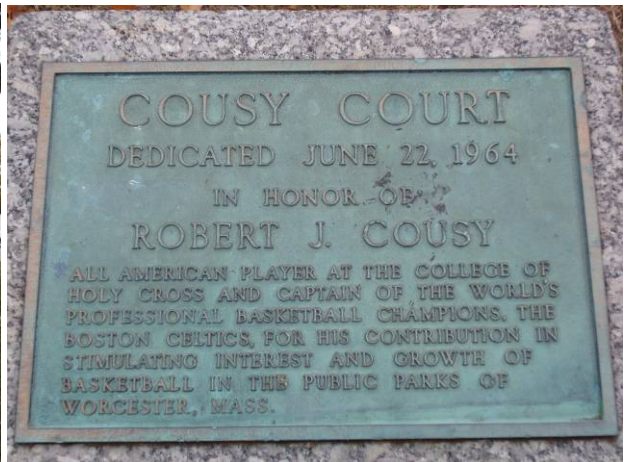




Part of the park pathway network, paved spaces near the playground and community center are in need of repair or replacement.

Signage | Historical and Informational

There are many historical markers and informational signs located within the confines of Crompton Park. The informational provides valuable connections between park, neighborhood and larger city. The western edge of the park at Quinsigamond Avenue forms part of the Blackstone River Bikeway and signage denotes this fact. A granite post in this same vicinity probably dates to the establishment of the site as a park (ca. late 1800's). A bronze plaque adjacent to the basketball court highlights the contribution of Celtic great Bob Cousy to the city in general and to the youth of the city in particular. Numerous other interesting plaques and monuments highlight individuals that made contributions to the park, neighborhood and city. These elements make up part of the fabric that is unique to the park and its surrounding community and each element should be preserved and enhanced as future improvements are planned and implemented.



Preferred Master Plan Recommendations

There is a great opportunity to improve passive and recreational facilities and other site features at Crompton Park so that the neighborhood and the city as a whole can benefit and be better served. This section of the master plan identifies the basic scope of recommended park improvements. It is important to note that the range of these improvements has been validated by public interaction and comment from the public hearing process.

Basic themes for improvements are summarized below and generally respond to:

- The need to reach a balance between active and passive recreation and the right mix of developed and undeveloped space within the park landscape
- A basic desire to upgrade field conditions for improved performance
- A desire to provide improved and expanded facilities for basketball
- A very significant need to provide new and code compliant children's play facilities
- A desire for new handball courts
- A desire to provide other refurbished or new facilities including a tennis court and skate park
- A need to provide new and improved/expanded outdoor and indoor gathering spaces to support the full range of desired community events and activities
- Park edges in need of improvement & the securing of the park from vehicles.
- Park entrances in need of greater visual articulation and improvement
- A pedestrian pathway system that requires upgrade including significant lighting improvements for improved user safety and convenience
- Parking that remains a priority, so plans must look to maintain or slightly increase the total number of parking spaces available to park users
- A desire to upgrade park aesthetics overall
- A critical need to design all future facilities in a way that recognized the city's ever evolving ability to provide strategic and specifically targeted maintenance and upkeep services

Everyone that participated in the master planning process recognizes that the costs associated with major renovation of all park areas is well beyond the financial means of the city at this time, and that under the best of scenarios improvements must be prioritized and implemented under many phases. A time frame of at least ten years will likely be needed to accomplish the majority of desired improvements.

Specific Site Improvements

The narratives that follow describe the basic scope of improvements to be undertaken within the Crompton Park property. It is important to note that the potential scope of improvements has been presented to the public at numerous forums and that a great deal of comment has been received. The Master Plan itself represents a good-faith attempt to provide new and refurbished recreation improvements in a manner that improves conditions for park users and residential abutters alike. The narratives that follow are intended to describe and support graphic plan images that are included throughout this section. These plans are conceptual in nature and likely to be refined and expanded upon during future, actual final design and implementation phases of work.

The overall Crompton Park Preferred Master Plan is presented on the following page. The plan shows the preferred and recommended range of improvements for the entire property. We then use excerpts from that plan to identify and describe in more detail the full range of intended improvements. An 8 ½ X 11 inch version of this plan is contained in the Appendix.



The plan above represents the final, preferred master plan with a range of improvements that best meets the wants, needs and aspirations of the Crompton Park and Green Island neighborhood and the city as a whole.

Recreation Facilities | Fields

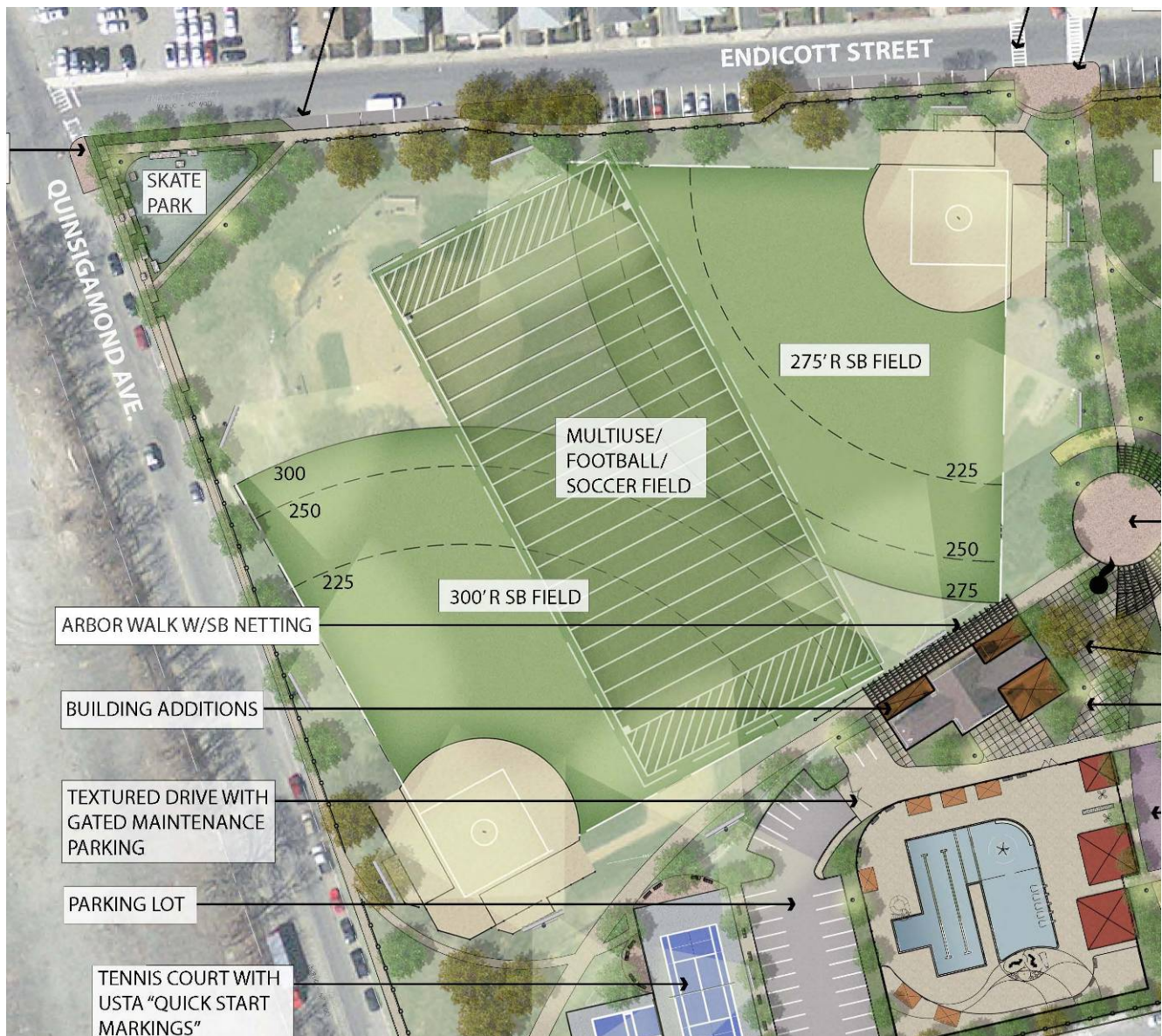
Primary recommendations for the field complex include reorienting the multi-purpose football and soccer field and eliminating the large baseball diamond. The reoriented field will result in less sun interference to players and make for improved performance and safety. The loss of the baseball field is possible due to the fact that the city has just constructed a major new baseball facility at nearby Vernon Hill Park. Activities that would have made use of the Crompton baseball field will now be shifted to Vernon Hill.

It is envisioned that the two resulting softball fields will accommodate most levels of play. The softball fields will also be available for use at the same time, as neither footprints overlap. In general, the reduction of the major baseball field footprint is anticipated to dramatically reduce the intensity of use, which will allow for better overall conditions to be maintained. Renovated fields are intended to support both neighborhood and city-wide recreational needs.

Specific improvements that are likely to be part of a major field renovation project will include the following:

- New backstop and fencing
- New player’s benches/dugouts
- New bleachers

- Re-grading throughout and new infield and outfield
- Removable goal posts and goals for football / soccer
- Drainage systems
- Irrigation systems
- Cut-off, directional sports lighting systems
- Pathway connections to parking areas, park entrances and other facilities
- Other utility systems
- Tree planting to form outer edges of the field complex and to improve park edges and separation from neighborhood uses surrounding the park



The plan excerpt above identifies the preferred configuration of the field complex. The elimination of the major league baseball field creates greater flexibility and less overlap of various field footprints. An open area at the upper left allows for informal activities outside of the programmed field areas.

Recreation Facilities | Courts



Recognizing the wide support for basketball at Crompton Park, it is recommended that the important, historical location of the single Cousy Court be retained and that a second full basketball court be constructed. This would improve opportunities for hosting outdoor tournaments and also support increased use by neighborhood residents. A potential improvement program would include reconstruction of the Cousy Court, and construction of a second, similar court alongside. Specific improvements under this recommended effort would include:

- Reclaiming and recycling of existing pavements
- Installation of new pavement and color sealcoating
- Installation of player’s benches and bleachers for spectators, fencing upgrades
- Lighting system upgrades
- Connections to adjacent park facilities and park entrances via new pathways
- Retaining of the grassy hillside slopes for informal viewing of games
- Incorporation of historical plaques into the new designs
- Other landscape enhancements
- Tennis courts to include new USTA quick start markings for youth development

At the southwestern edge of the park (in the same general location as the existing two court tennis complex), it is recommended that a new handball court and a single tennis court be constructed. Although tennis was not universally supported by community meeting attendees, there was enough support to warrant keeping a single court, which would double as an ice skating venue during winter months. Handball has proven to be popular throughout the city and for this reason a two court amenity is identified adjacent to the tennis court. Similar to the basketball court, specific improvements would generally include:



- Reclaiming and recycling of existing pavements
- Installation of new pavement and color sealcoating
- Installation of seating for players
- Connections to adjacent park facilities and park entrances via new pathways
- Lighting of the tennis court/ice skating venue
- Water service connection for seasonal flooding of the court for skating

At the northwestern corner of the property, space has been allocated for a future skate park. With the busy and primarily non-residential Quinsigamond Avenue corridor immediately adjacent and a commercial property across Endicott Street, a modestly scaled skate facility at this location would provide few distractions to neighbors. It was envisioned that the skate park would be a “street style” course constructed with modular units on a basically flat surface. The area required is similar in size to a single basketball court. The skate park would be aimed at beginner and intermediate boarders and not include the deep basins that are part of City’s Green Hill Park skate park.

Recreation Facilities | Children's Playground

There is a critical need to implement a series of playground initiatives to replace the deteriorated play equipment that was removed under the Crompton Pool improvement project and to also replace outdated play equipment that remains in the vicinity of Endicott Street. The City plans to embark on the first playground improvement initiative immediately following the adoption of this master plan. Basic goals, as depicted in a very conceptual way on the adjacent plan excerpt, will include the following:

- The established of a dynamic and highly interactive play corridor leading from near the pool complex at Canton Street in a northerly direction toward the central core of the park and a the large proposed community gathering space
- Incorporation of both traditional (using manufactured play equipment) and non-traditional play experiences (using other landscape features) that promote creative play, use of imagination and provide enjoyment for children of a variety of ages and abilities
- Establishment of tree plantings, gathering spaces of various sizes, shade shelters and other park furnishings that support parents, grandparents and supervisors and a range of outdoor activities



More specifically, it is anticipated that the playground and ancillary spaces would encompass up to two acres of area and include the following basic amenities:

- Age appropriate play equipment for children with differing abilities
- Age appropriate signage
- Access ramps, walks and transfer stations for ADA compliance
- Resilient surfacing
- Gathering spaces and nodes with benches, tables, trash receptacles and other furnishings
- Landscaping and related site amenities

Other Park Improvements | Entrances

As part of park improvement undertakings it is recommended that park entrances be upgraded to be more visible, more attractive and logically situated to provide safe, convenient and ADA compliant access to all park locations and facilities. The preferred master plan identifies the need for primary entrances at six locations as follows:

- Corner of Quinsigamond Avenue and Canton Street
- To the east of the new municipal pool complex
- From the new parking area to the Community Center
- Mid-block at Harding Street to the new performance space
- Corner of Harding and Endicott Street
- Mid-block at Endicott Street

Secondary entrances are suggested at the tennis court, at the corner of Quinsigamond Avenue and Endicott Street and at the basketball complex. Improvements at primary entrance locations might typically include:

- New pavements
- New park signage
- New gateway features (piers, columns, arbors etc)
- Tree plantings
- Benches
- Other landscape enhancements

Other Park Improvements | Edges

At present, park edges are quite varied. In places, they are somewhat undefined with no fencing and informal shade tree plantings. Unfortunately, many of the plantings are old and damaged or diseased. In other locations, old rusted chain link fence helps form one's first impression of this wonderful property. In most places, the edge of the park does not enhance the overall aesthetic qualities of either the park or the surrounding neighborhood. In conjunction with recommendations to improve entrances into the park, it is similarly suggested that a more thoughtful, consistent approach to upgrading the four park edges be employed. Work at these locations would include:



- Suitable fencing or wood guardrail
- Shade tree plantings
- Evergreen tree plantings
- Avoidance of shrubbery for reasons of security and because maintenance resources are limited
- Lawn/turf improvements
- Interior pathways that help to form a continuous loop

Other Park Improvements | Pathway Systems

Interior Paths- at present, Crompton Park has several key pedestrian pathways that primarily link the park entrances at Endicott Street (across from Bigelow) and at the corner of Harding Street to the Community Center and then diagonally toward the corner of Quinsigamond Avenue and Canton Street. Recommendations contained on the preferred master plan include the establishment of additional pathways to connect to important park facilities and to provide improved ADA compliance. The plan also suggests that major existing pathways be upgraded to include increased widths and significant shade tree and park bench installations to improve park aesthetics and the enjoyment of park patrons. A two-tiered hierarchy of pathways is envisioned with the added width and amenities typical along the two main, primary pathways and narrower, unembellished pathways serving as secondary connectors. The two proposed primary pathways connect Endicott Street to Canton Street through the central part of the park in a north-south direction and connect the corner of Endicott and Harding Streets to the corner of Quinsigamond Avenue and Canton Street in a northeast-southwest direction.

Loop Path- The Master Plan identifies the potential for creating a loop path that encircles the entire property. Loop paths have proven popular at other parks in the city and in urban parks throughout the region. At Crompton Park, the loop path would make use of interior sections of park pathways (existing and proposed) as well as existing sidewalks located outside the park along city streets. The length of various path sections would be identified for patron use. The perimeter loop path provides opportunities for park users to walk, run, jog or hike largely within the confines of a pleasant park and open space setting and away from the busy urban environment that surrounds much of the property. The path would be surfaced with asphalt for maximum use flexibility and ease of maintenance. Park benches would be strategically located around the loop pathway system at pedestrian nodes to provide a meeting place or place for rest. Interpretive signage could present information related to exercise and good health.

Other Park Improvements | Gathering Spaces

Inherent to any successful urban park space are gathering areas that help to support a wide range of park activities and community events and that foster social interaction and camaraderie among park stakeholders. Similar to the concept for an expanded and refined pathway network, the preferred master plan suggests establishing a simple hierarchy of primary and secondary gathering spaces. Primary spaces are situated near the core of Crompton Park adjacent to the community Center. These primary spaces are also just a short distance away from the geographic center of the park and located at the intersection of the two primary pathways.

Specific improvements within community gathering spaces are likely to include the following:

- Special pavement treatments
- Furnishings such as benches, tables
- Arbors, pergolas, shade shelters
- Interpretive signage
- Electrical system hook-ups
- Water system hook-ups
- Shade tree plantings



At Crompton Park, secondary gathering spaces are identified at park entrances, where one might pause to meet a friend or observe the activities going on within the busy streetscape surrounding the park.

Other Park Improvements | Structures

Many members of the public expressed an interest in expanding the Green Island Community Center building. Of note, for each public meeting crowds filled the main meeting space and overflowed into adjacent hallways. While not an express charge of this master plan, it was noted that an expanded building might provide additional space for the following uses:

- Expanded community meeting space
- Storage for sports leagues that is accessible from both interior/exterior spaces
- Restrooms that are accessible from both interior/exterior spaces
- A concession space that is accessible from both interior/exterior spaces

It is also desired that the building would support community events and provide easy access between both interior and exterior community gathering spaces. This would require a memo of understanding with neighborhood organizations or another document that would identify maintenance, operating costs, insurance, security, future capital needs & general operating criteria before these areas would be considered for construction.

Other suggested structures are shown on the preferred master plan. The structures would help support daily use and special events at the site and include the following elements:

- Open-air shade shelters at community gathering spaces at locations indicated on the plan
- Pergola to be located along the northern side of the community building to shade and enclose potential entrances to restrooms and a new concession facility
- An open air shelter at the base of the slope on the Harding Street side of the park to serve as a community performance space and shade shelter on a daily use basis

Other Park Improvements | Parking

Providing and maintaining sufficient parking facilities within the Crompton Park vicinity is important to local residents, as during peak periods of park use it can be difficult to obtain a parking space. However, at present, there are approximately 150 parking spaces within or immediately adjacent to the park. This is substantial number of parking spaces compared to other similar Worcester Parks. It has also been noted that during peak periods many spaces are occupied by neighborhood residents, even though they are intended solely for park use. Under the proposed plan, approximately 29 spaces are gained by creating a 32 car parking area located to the west of the new municipal pool complex. This lot replaces the much smaller parking lot that is presently located to the east of the pool complex. By shifting the primary interior parking area in this fashion, uninterrupted pedestrian circulation and access is provided between the pool complex and the community center and other existing/future children’s playground and community gathering spaces located toward the north and east. The benefits of this adjustment are significant.



At the northern edge of the property along Endicott Street, approximately 18 parking spaces are proposed to be eliminated in order to implement improvements to the field complex, establish and maintain important pedestrian connections and to improve overall park aesthetics. The spaces lost at this location are more than made up for at the proposed interior parking area off of Canton Street adjacent to the new pool complex. No changes are proposed to parallel parking areas located along Quinsigamond Avenue and Canton Street.

Other Park Improvements | Landscape Enhancements

While major master plan recommendations are discussed in more elaborate detail above, there are other miscellaneous improvements that if incorporated into larger park improvement initiatives would help to dramatically transform the overall look, feel and function of Crompton Park. These improvements include:

- Installation of new shade trees to replace and supplement the large number of trees that are mature, damaged or diseased
- Installation of new park furnishings including benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles, bike racks, fences and informational signage
- Installation of interpretive signage to convey the unique cultural, social and historical aspects of the property

Summary

Through the community process it became evident that:

- Crompton Park is much-loved by the diverse community that lives in the surrounding neighborhoods
- There are many individuals (stakeholders) that are committed to the continued upkeep and improvement of this important public park and open space resource
- The city is committed to upgrading the park through a series of park improvement programs
- Improvements will help to establish or reestablish a wide range of passive and active recreational amenities that meet the hopes and needs of the community, for both daily use and special events
- The full renovation of the park will take many phases and many years to be fully realized
- Community stakeholders must continue to be vigilant in protecting their park as improvements begin to shape

Crompton Park will continue to be a busy and vibrant park with facilities and programs that contribute in a very positive way to the daily lives of so many of Worcester's residents. It was agreed by all, that a park that hosts activities for residents aged 1 to 91 is the type of place that is desired and that the appropriate uses that are intended within this great park setting are what will tend to discourage inappropriate use and help to ensure the maintenance of a safe and healthy environment for generations to come.

Budgets and Phasing

The Budget Summary included below identifies the initial breakdown of costs associated with the various improvement programs. All costs are in current (2011) dollars, have been rounded and are estimated based on the preferred master plan designs that has been endorsed by the community.

Park Improvement Element	Budget Cost	Notes
Contractor's General Conditions	\$300,000	Bonds, insurance, project management
Demolition and Site Preparation	\$230,000	Removal of existing site elements
Relocate Football & 2 Softball Fields	\$350,000	(Include skinned infield & fine grading)
Drainage and Irrigation at Fields	\$250,000	
New Fencing for Softball Fields	\$80,000	
Basketball Courts with Bleachers	\$200,000	\$100,000 each
Tennis Court	\$100,000	
Handball Courts	\$150,000	
Skatepark	\$170,000	
Players Benches & Bleachers	\$80,000	(with concrete pads)
Specialty Pavement areas	\$140,000	
Path Systems	\$150,000	
New Parking Area	\$200,000	
Building Additions	\$760,000	(1,872 SF)
Performance Pavilion	\$240,000	
Arbor and Shelter Structures	\$120,000	
Playground & Game Areas	\$250,000	19,000 SF* Total (combination of safety surface &
Benches, trash receptacles, bike racks...	\$100,000	
Perimeter Guardrail	\$110,000	(2,800 LF- wood guardrail)
Pedestrian Lighting	\$400,000	(40 light poles incl. trenching and wiring)
Sports Field Lighting	\$400,000	10 poles
Court Lighting	\$150,000	7 poles
Utility Services	\$80,000	Upgraded electric service for lighting systems
Landscaping and Misc. Elements	\$240,000	(Inc. loam & seed disturbed areas)
Subtotal	\$5,250,000	
Contingency (20%)	\$1,050,000	
Grand Total	\$6,300,000	

Given such a large dollar value associated with the total potential improvement program, it is critical to establish basic priorities so that the most critically needed improvements are undertaken as part of the earliest initiatives. To this end, the city has already earmarked funding for a first round of playground improvements. This work is identified as Phase 1, below.

Park Phase	Description
1. Children’s Playground Upgrades	Replace existing playground located at Endicott Street, first of several phases related to children’s playground upgrades
2. Park Edge Improvements	Construct improvements around the four park street edges (at Canton, Quinsigamond, Endicott and Harding) concurrent with other improvements
3. Parking Area and Tennis Courts	Allows for elimination of existing parking areas, continued children’s playground improvements and increased on site parking capacity
4. Field Complex	Construction of upgraded softball fields (2) and reoriented football field including subdrainage and irrigation systems
5. Children’s Playground Upgrades	Continued expansion of children’s playground throughout the central play corridor
6. Basketball Courts Handball Courts	Renovation of existing Cousy Court, installation of new court to increase park programming and installation of new handball facility
7. Gathering Spaces and Park Entrances	Construct the central gathering space, other minor spaces and new park entrance zones
8. Building Expansion (*)	Refurbish the existing community building to include expanded community room, restrooms, and concessions.
9. Skate Park	Construct a “street course” type skate park at the edge of Quinsigamond Avenue and Endicott Street

* This requires a memo of understanding with neighborhood organizations or another document that would identify maintenance, operating costs, insurance, security, future capital needs & general operating criteria before these areas would be considered for construction.

Funding Considerations

There are many potential sources of funding from both public and private entities that could help to pay for potential improvements to Crompton Park. Donations, both large and small, can be lumped together to create the financing needed to undertake meaningful improvements. The Worcester Department of Public Works and Parks will aggressively pursue a variety of funding and implementation strategies that could 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 (say \$50,000 or so) to very large (many hundreds of thousands of dollars).
- **In-kind 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 or driveway, or refurbishment of adjacent city sidewalks. As funding, material, equipment and human resources permit, other minor improvement efforts can be planned and undertaken. The removal of dead or diseased trees, pruning of healthy trees, and the installation of other limited site or utility elements are examples of work efforts that can sometimes be completed by using city forces and materials.
- **Donations / Corporate Sponsorships / Community Build-** Implement improvements for projects through a variety of means that might include, construction of a children’s playground by a corporation or community group or construction of a park feature or facility with funding generated through linkage or mitigation arrangements (often originating from the approval of a large area development). In certain cases, improvements can also be undertaken by contractors looking to donate their services.

For consideration, a number of potential funding sources and mechanisms have been identified. Many of the governmental sources identified allocate millions of dollars per year for parks, open space and athletic facility improvement programs, but competition is intense. The actual improvements are then implemented through a public design, bid and construct process.

Partnerships

Partnerships can also play an important role in the overall plan to improve, manage and maintain various park properties. As an example, there are many privately managed sports leagues in Worcester with a history of supporting certain maintenance and capital improvement initiatives. City’s and Town’s are increasingly relying on these types of public/private partnerships to create the types of facilities and related playing conditions that are needed to support sports programming.

The City might also consider partnerships with such entities as the Holy Cross with its obvious connection to Crompton Park and the Cousy Court facility.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Division of Conservation Services (DCS)

This state agency has funded hundreds of park, open space and recreation projects throughout Massachusetts over the past several decades. Each June, the agency receives applications from municipalities for improvements to parks, playgrounds, athletic facilities or assistance in the acquisition of open space properties. DCS administers several programs including the “**LAND**” program, which generally funds acquisitions and limited enhancements to open space properties. The funds for acquisitions are designed to protect natural resources by eliminating threatened development. The “**PARC**” program typically funds the renovation of parks, playgrounds and athletic facilities in larger communities that have fewer outlets for

recreation. Demographics play a role in the grant award process. Communities that are more urban in nature with high percentages of low-income residents tend to fair better in the decision-making process as compared to smaller communities or larger communities with higher income levels. Worcester has a very successful track record in applying for and receiving funding from both of these long established programs.

DCS also receives Federal Land and Water Conservation Funds for distribution to communities that are considering park improvements or land acquisitions as described above. The allocation for Massachusetts for the upcoming year has not been determined, although the funds, when available, may be used to supplement both the Self-help and Urban Self-help programs.

Other Alternative Methodologies for Implementing Improvements

The City of Worcester, through the Department of Public Works and Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division, receives annual quotations for a variety of public improvements that can be ordered on an as-needed basis. The installation of fencing, bituminous concrete pavements for roadways/parking areas, and curbing are examples. As deemed appropriate, ordering work through this method could be used to complement or support other improvements that are accomplished through other means.

Crompton Park Master Plan

APPENDIX



CROMPTON PARK. - 1/4 3/4 - 1961

Year 1888. Acreage 12.72
Bought of Mary Crompton et ali. Deed Book Page 61.
Cost \$44,350.56 and taxes, \$532.80. *Park Property*

Year 1897.

John S. Ballard,		\$13,750.00	Deed Book Page	109.
Wm. Scott,	2.53	4,659.55	" " "	111.
Ella F. Hoppin,		<u>4,065.60</u>	" " "	113.
		\$22,475.15		

1912.

Total Acreage, 15.25 acres.

Total Cost, \$67,358.51

1939

19,014 sq.ft. (.436A.) sold to Andrew Gebski
price - \$2,850.00 - with restrictions (See Over)
Total Acreage 1939 14.81 *over*

Applies to

(1939 sale of 19,014 sq. ft.)

The aforesaid premises are conveyed subject to the conditions that they shall not be used:

1. For a gasoline station, public garage or automobile repair shop.
2. Nor shall they be used as a driveway to an adjoining lot used for any of the aforesaid purposes.

1958 7,977 sq. ft. (.18 acres) sold to Commonwealth of Massachusetts - per Assessors Records



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Crompton Park Master Plan Public Hearing # 1

Green Island Community Building - Monday, November 01, 2010 @ 6:30 PM

Robert C. Antonelli Jr., Assistant Commissioner

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Crompton Park Master Plan Public Hearing # 2

Green Island Neighborhood Center - Monday, November 29, 2010 @ 6:30 PM

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Crompton Park Master Plan Public Hearing # 3

Green Island Neighborhood Center - Monday, January 20, 2011 @ 6:30 PM

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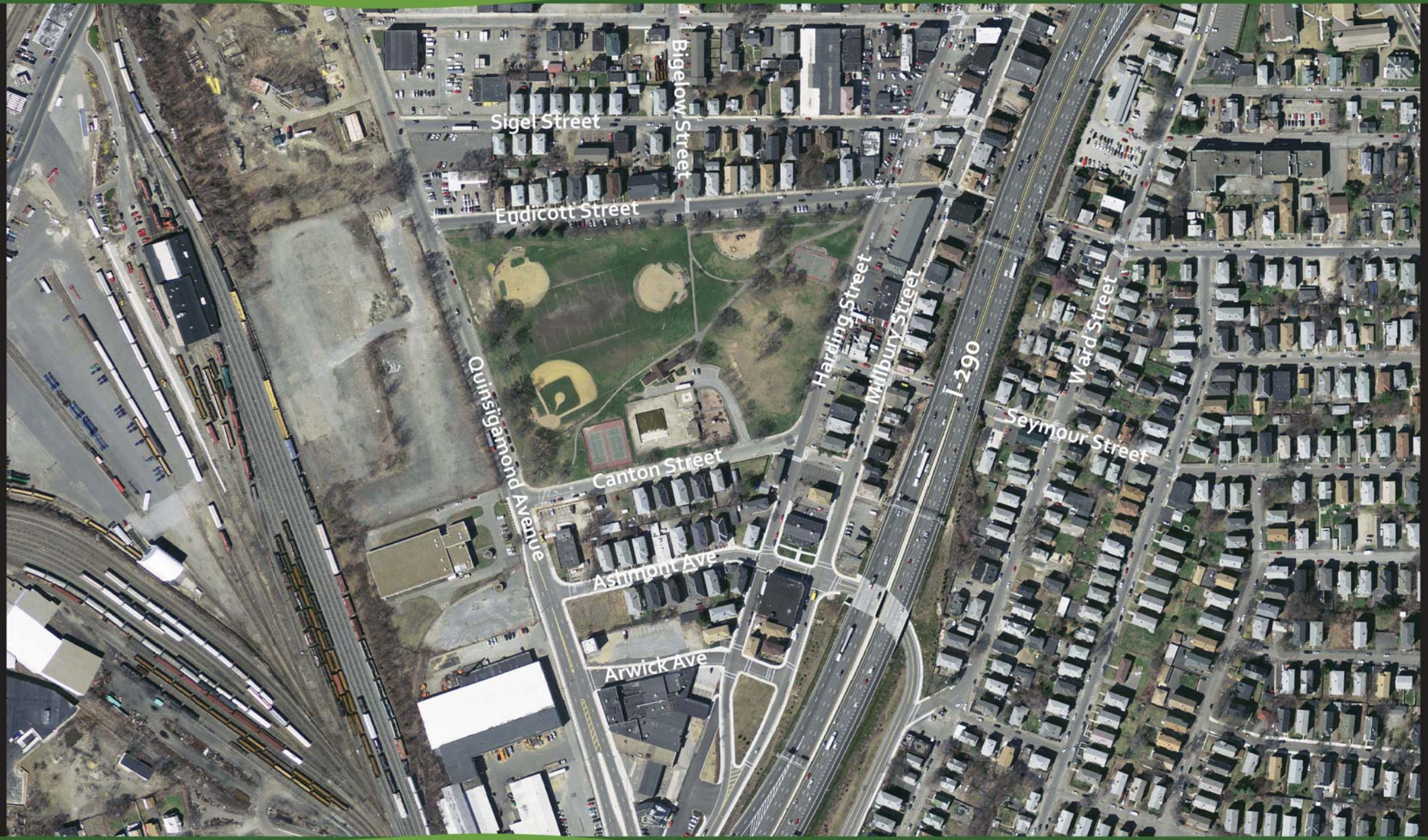


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Crompton Park

Existing Conditions Aerial





New Pool Complex



Green Island Community Center



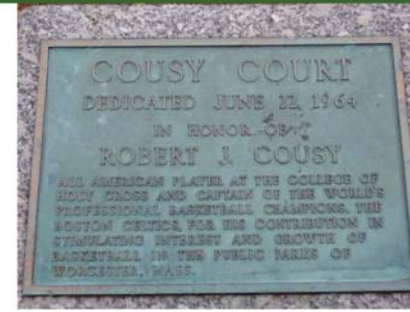
Fields & Courts



Lighting



Playground Area



Plaques, Signs & Historic Markers



Park Entrances & Edges



Landscape & Trees

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:

- CORNERS OF PARK WOULD BENEFIT FROM MORE DEFINITION.
- LIGHTING SYSTEMS ARE IN FAIR CONDITION AND UPGRADES ARE NEEDED.
- VALIDATE INTERNAL PATHWAY SYSTEM AND CONNECTIONS.
- MEMORIAL STATUES AND MARKERS ARE NOT INTEGRATED INTO THE OVERALL PARK DESIGN.
- MANY PARK EDGES ARE POORLY DEFINED AND UNAPPEALING TO PASSERSBY.



TURF FIELDS BADLY WORN THROUGHOUT HEAVY USE AREAS

CONSIDER CONSOLIDATING PARKING TO IMPROVE PARK EDGES

PLAYGROUND IN POOR CONDITION. LOCATION AND PROGRAMMATIC REQUIREMENTS TO BE EVALUATED

FENCE ALONG ENDICOTT ST IS IN GOOD CONDITION

WOOD POST AND CHAIN IN GOOD CONDITION

EVALUATE FIELDS FOR OPTIMAL LAYOUT AND ORIENTATION

BASKETBALL COURT AND FENCING IN FAIR CONDITION

MOUND AND AMPHITHEATER NOT USED TO FULL POTENTIAL

FENCE ALONG HARDING ST. IS IN POOR CONDITION

PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS ARE NEEDED

EVALUATE CONDITION OF ALL SHADE TREES.

COMMUNITY CENTER

CRUMPTON POOL NOW RECONSTRUCTED

EVALUATE LOCATION AND NUMBER OF TENNIS COURTS. COURTS IN FAIR CONDITION.

Crompton Park



Skate Park



Play Go



Memorial Plaza



Arbors



Performance Venue

Crompton Park

Existing Conditions Aerial





ENTRANCE

SKATE PARK

FOOTBALL
RUGBY
SOCCER

SOFTBALL

ENTRANCE

OPEN LAWN /
PLAY AREA

ENTRANCE

RECONSTRUCTED BASKETBALL
HANDBALL COURTS & YOUTH
1/2 BASKETBALL COURTS

SLEDDING HILL

PEDESTRIAN NODE WITH
GRANITE SEAT WALL

PAVILION

ENTRANCE

RESTROOMS

UNSCRIPTED NATURAL
PLAY CORRIDOR

TEXTURED PAVING

TENNIS COURT

ONE WAY ACCESS DRIVE
WITH ANGLE PARKING

POOL

PLAY AREA

Canton Street

Canton St

Harding Street

I-290

Master Plan Approved by Worcester Parks Commission
March 31, 2011

Master Plan Approved by Worcester City Council
February 28, 2012

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