

# MAGAZINE BEACH

## COMPLETION OF PHASE 2 DESIGN



### **DCR Public Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 30, 2015 - 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**Cambridge Citywide Senior Center Ballroom – Central Square – 806**  
**Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA**



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# Cambridgeport Neighborhood Association

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**Jay Shetterly**

To promote public participation and a sense of community within and for the benefit of the Cambridgeport neighborhood and to provide a forum for dialogue and action to improve and maintain the quality of life in the neighborhood.

Magazine Beach Committee

**Decia Goodwin, Brian Conway, Richard Garver, Max Moore,  
Olivia Fiske, Marge Amster, Peter Klinefelter, and Cathie Zusy**

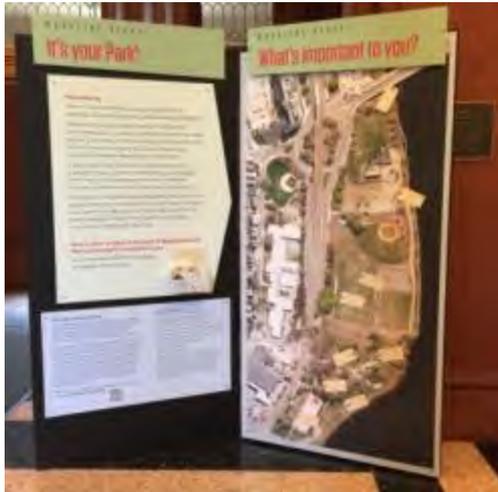


## **DCR Mission Statement**

*To protect, promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources for the well-being of all.*

## MEETING PURPOSE

REVIEW COMPONENTS OF  
PREVIOUS DESIGN (2008)



PRESENT PROPOSED UPDATES BASED ON

- SITE CHANGES
- ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INPUT TO DATE

SOLICIT COMMUNITY INPUT ON  
PROPOSED PHASE 2 DESIGN  
PROGRESS



## AGENDA

- SCHEDULE
  - BIDDING DOCUMENTS DECEMBER 31
- FUNDING
- OTHER RELATED PROJECTS
  - POWDER MAGAZINE
  - SPLASH PAD
  - POOL

## DESIGN AGENDA

- MAGAZINE BEACH-PHASE II DESIGN
  - PROJECT SCOPE
  - HISTORY
  - CURRENT DESIGN
  - PROJECT ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION
    - PARKING
    - SPRAY DECK LOCATION
    - PLAY FEATURES
    - OTHER ITEMS

# PROJECT INTRODUCTION SCOPE & ANALYSIS





SITE LOCATION



PROJECT LIMITS



EXISTING CIRCULATION

- BOAT

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- VEHICULAR

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- PEDESTRIAN

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- VEHICULAR ACCESS
- SERVICE

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- VEHICULAR PARKING

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- PEDESTRIAN ACCESS
- CYCLIST CIRCULATION

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- TRAILER PARKING

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- VEHICULAR ACCESS
- PEDESTRIAN ACCESS
- CYCLIST ACCESS
- BOAT ACCESS

EXISTING CIRCULATION



Gravel Maintenance Drive



Bituminuous Pathways



Decorative Cobble Paving



Parking Near Magazine St



Parking + Trailer Parking



Remnant Parking

**PAVEMENTS and PARKING  
EXISTING ELEMENTS + AMENITIES**

PARKING:

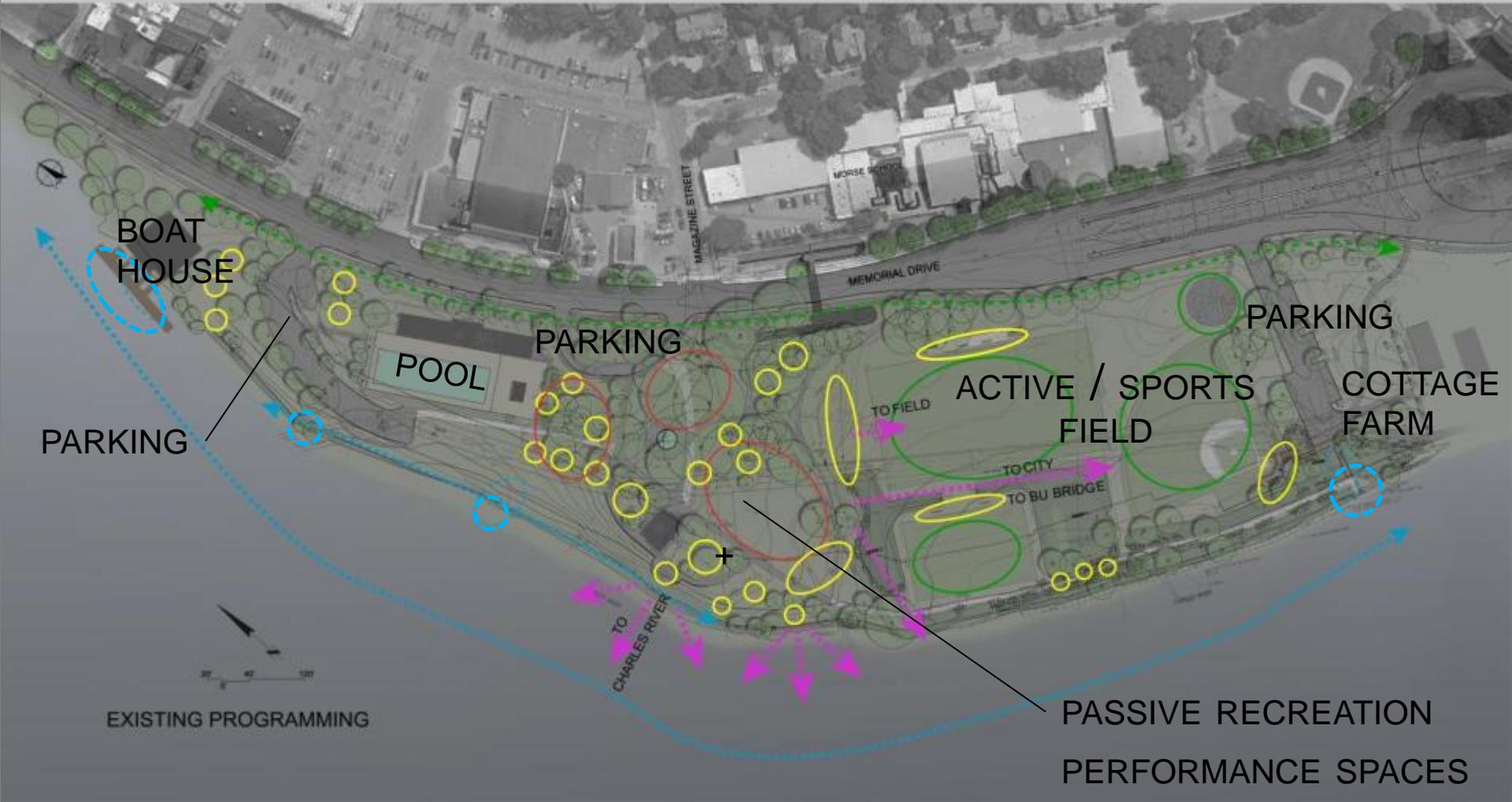
LARGER GATHERING SPACE:

RIVER RELATED:

SMALLER GATHERING SPACE:

SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES:

VIEWS



EXISTING PROGRAMMING

PASSIVE RECREATION PERFORMANCE SPACES



LARGER and SMALLER GATHERING SPACES  
EXISTING PROGRAMMING



SPORTS AND ACTIVE USE  
EXISTING PROGRAMMING



View to Downtown Boston



Western Sunset



BU Bridge View



Riverview and Allston

**VIEWS**  
EXISTING PROGRAMMING



RIVERSIDE  
BOATHOUSE

POOL

CANOPY

Magazine

PARKING +  
KAYAK LAUNCH

APPROXIMATE PROJECT LIMITS

EXISTING SITE PLAN

# EXISTING ELEMENTS + AMENITIES



Dense Canopy



Canopy Framing Views



Ornamental Trees



Street Edge + Open Lawn

**PLANTING**  
EXISTING ELEMENTS + AMENITIES



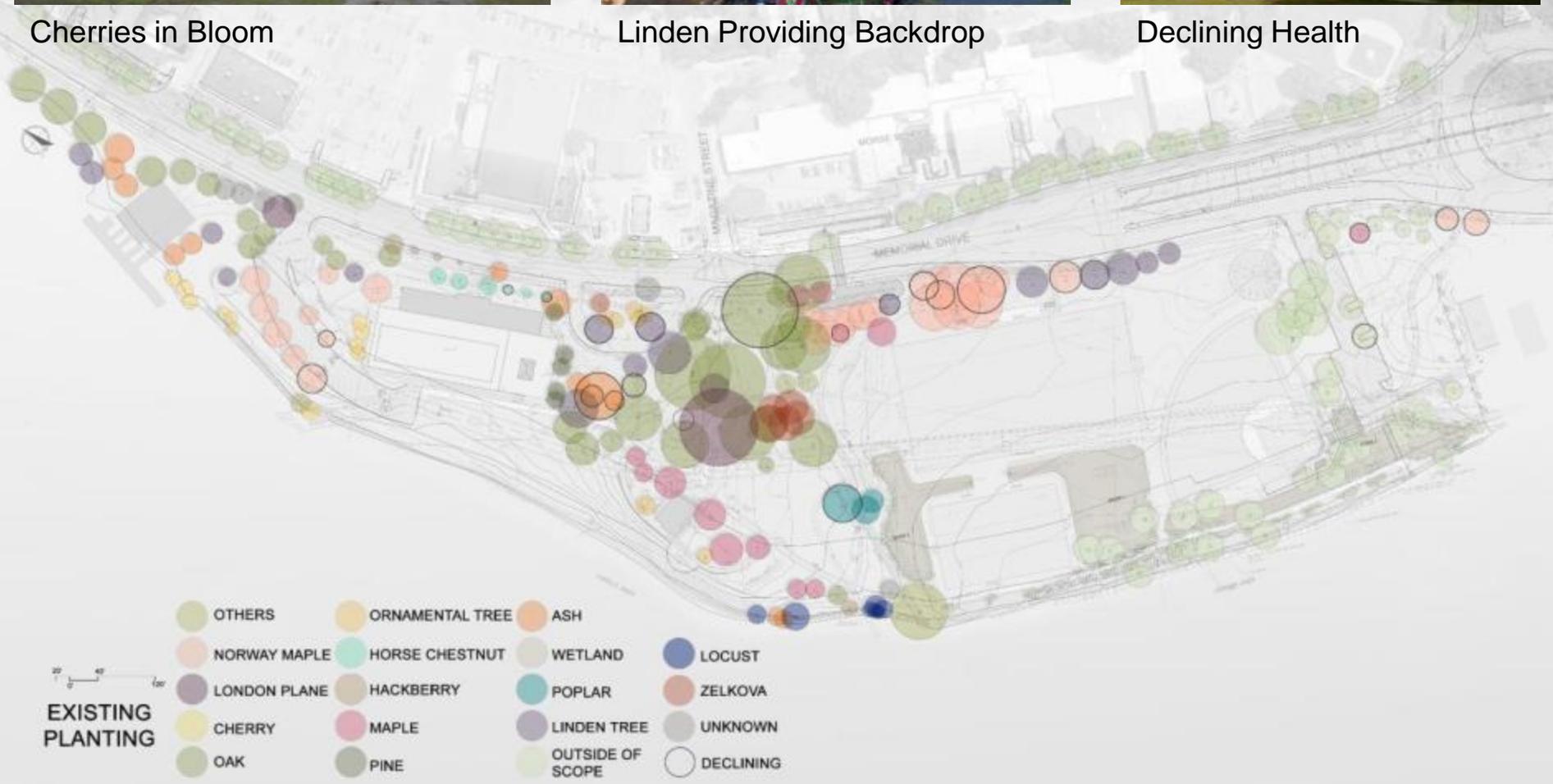
Cherries in Bloom



Linden Providing Backdrop



Declining Health



EXISTING PLANTING



Baseball Field



Exercise Area



Tables - Outdated



Seating - Outdated



New Bench w/  
Interpretive Paint



Soccer Goals

## FURNISHING AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT EXISTING ELEMENTS + AMENITIES



Magazine



Riverside Boathouse



Pool



Existing Boardwalk to Kayak Launch



Wading Pool



Retaining Wall / Terrace

## EXISTING STRUCTURES EXISTING ELEMENTS + AMENITIES



Utility Poles



Irrigation Boxes



Dumpster



Remnant Electrical Boxes



Bubblers

## UTILITIES / INFRASTRUCTURE EXISTING ELEMENTS + AMENITIES



# LANDSCAPE CHARACTER



Canopy



Water Front



Parking



Area of Prospect



Declining



Wet Area / Bioswale

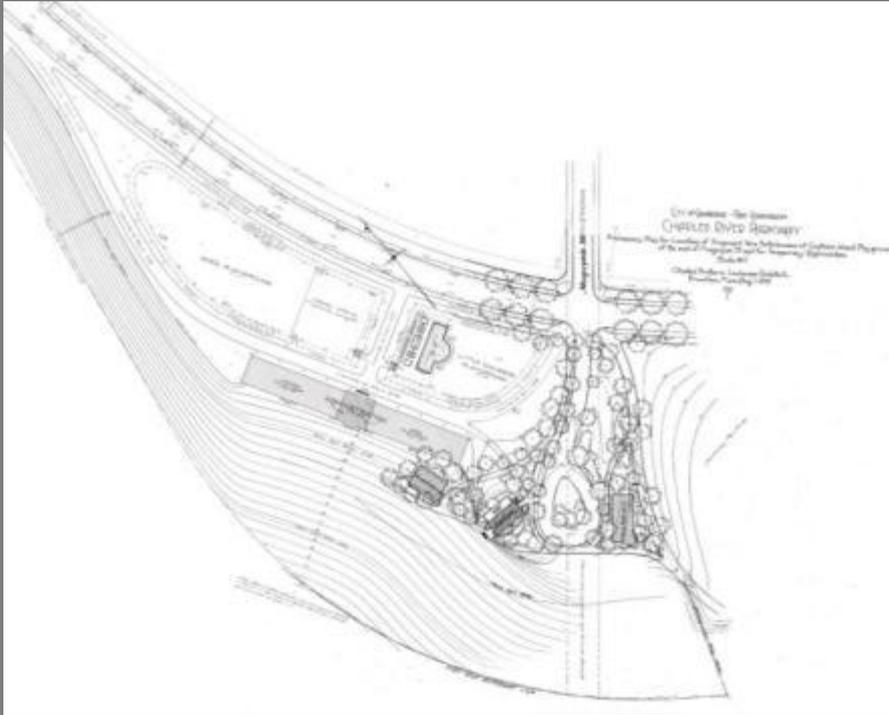
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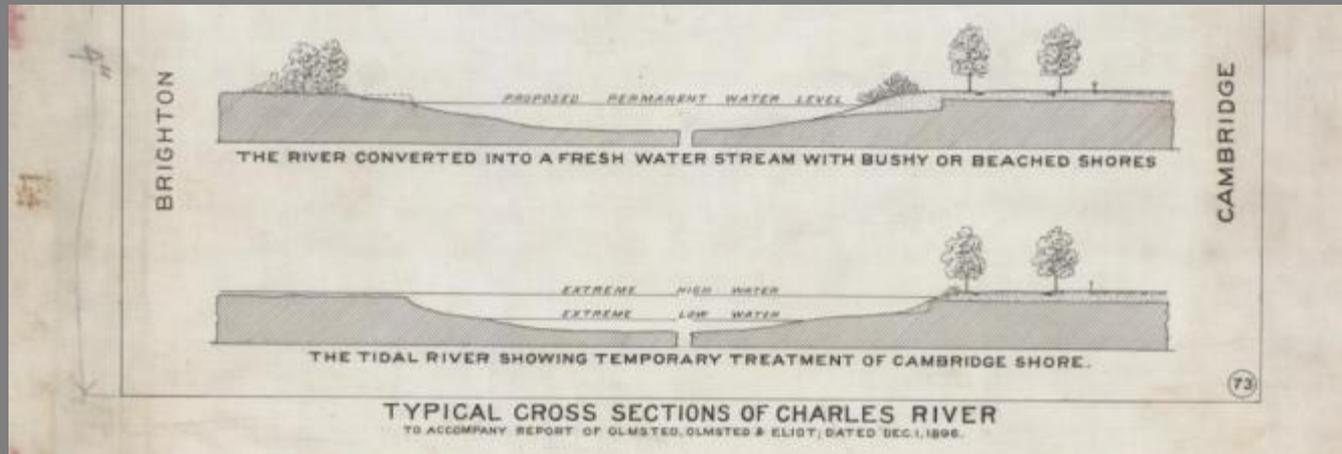
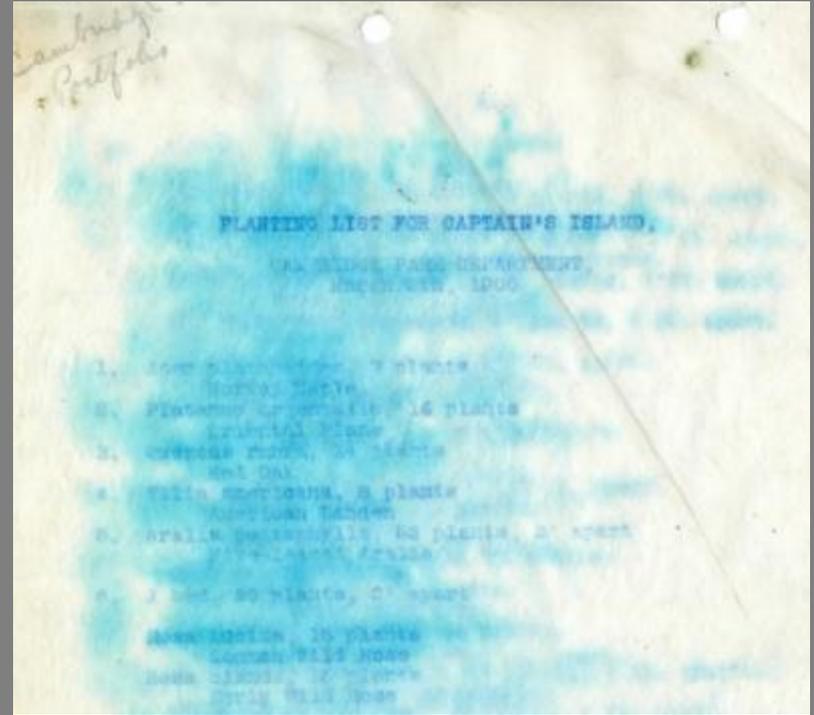
Large Lawn



Buffer / Green Edge



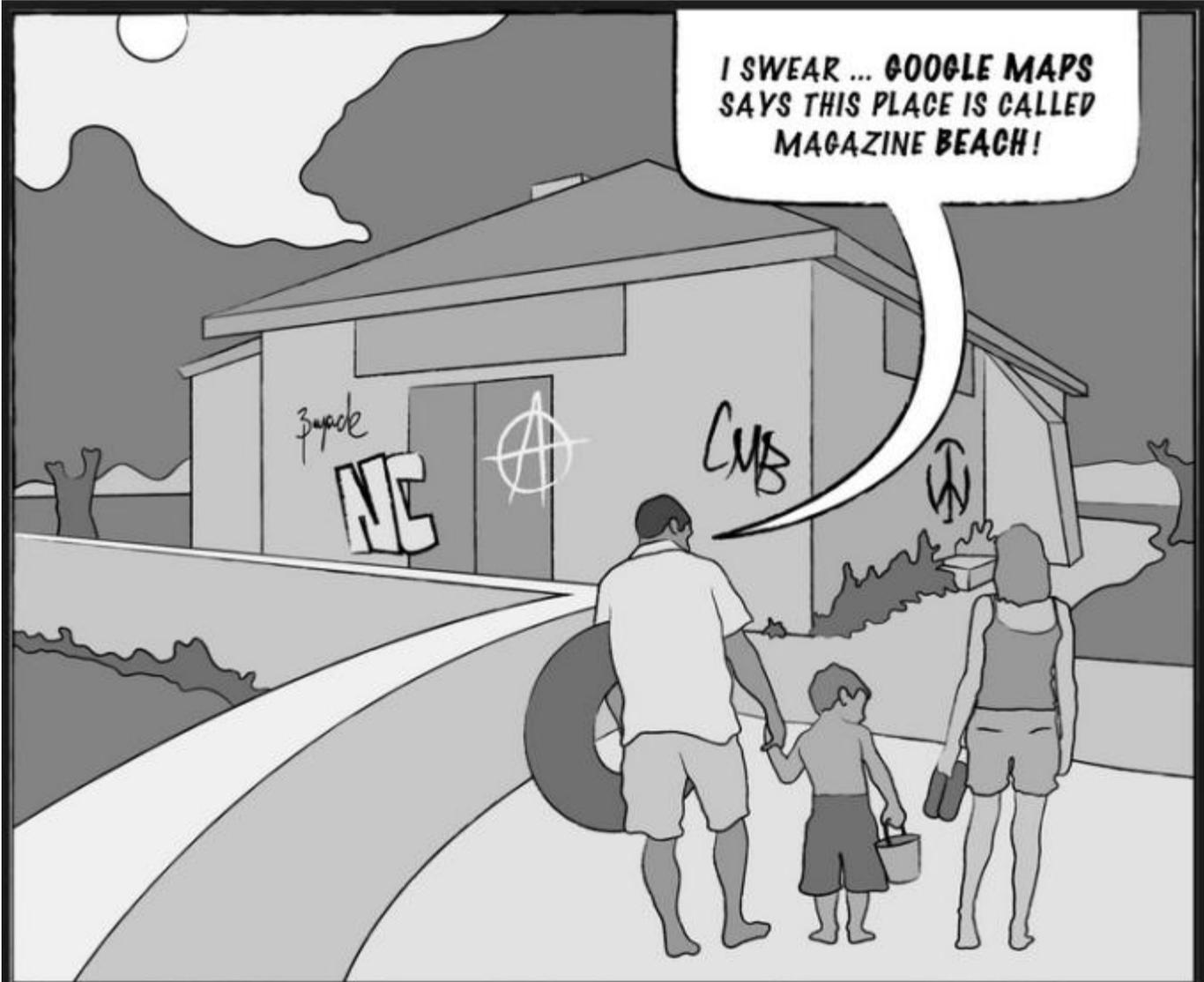
CAPTAINS ISLAND PLAY GROUND  
PROPOSAL, 1899



HISTORICAL LANDSCAPE

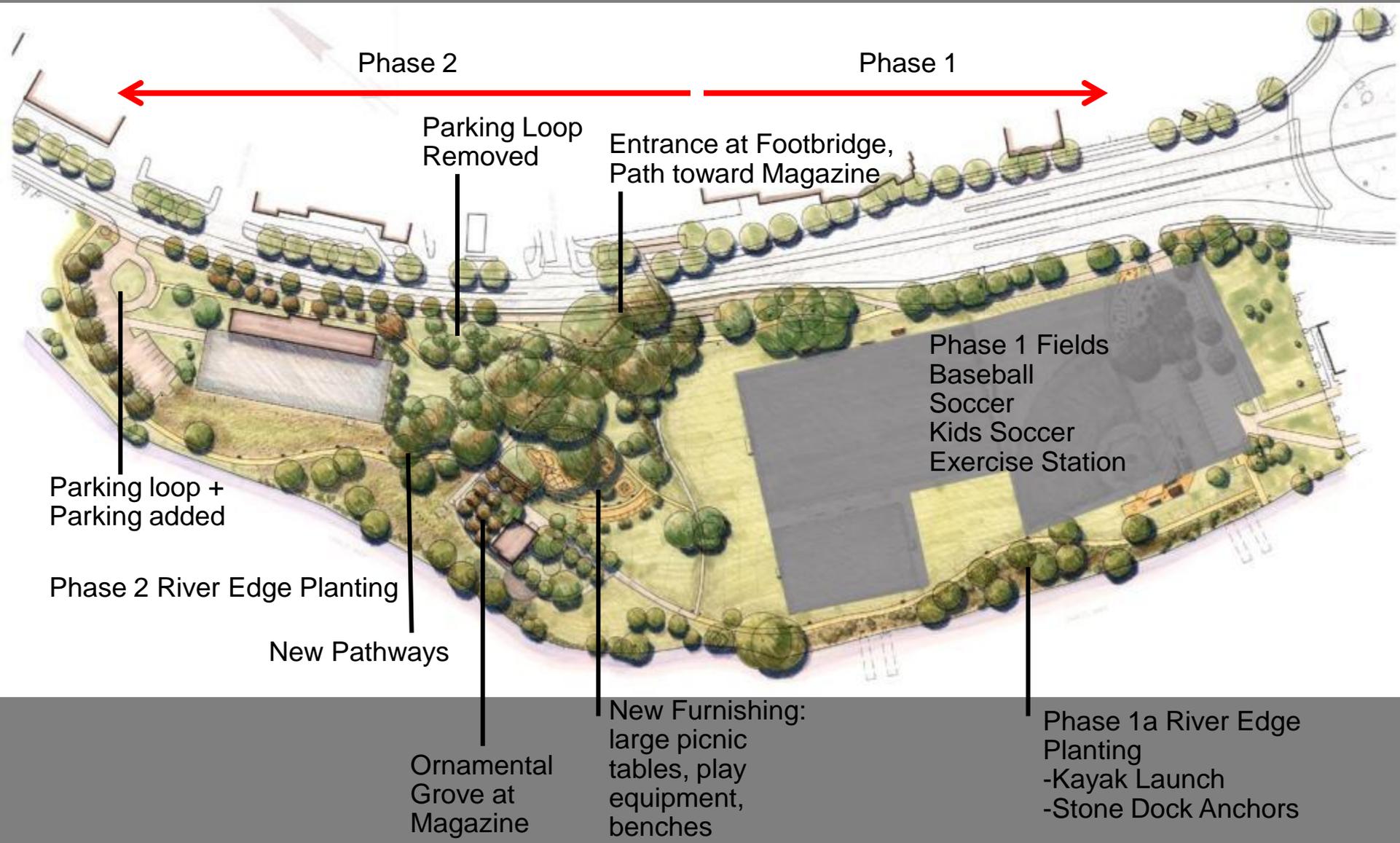
# CONCEPT IDEA AND PHASE 2 DESIGN PROPOSAL





I SWEAR ... GOOGLE MAPS SAYS THIS PLACE IS CALLED MAGAZINE BEACH!





Phase 2

Phase 1

Parking Loop  
Removed

Entrance at Footbridge,  
Path toward Magazine

Phase 1 Fields  
Baseball  
Soccer  
Kids Soccer  
Exercise Station

Parking loop +  
Parking added

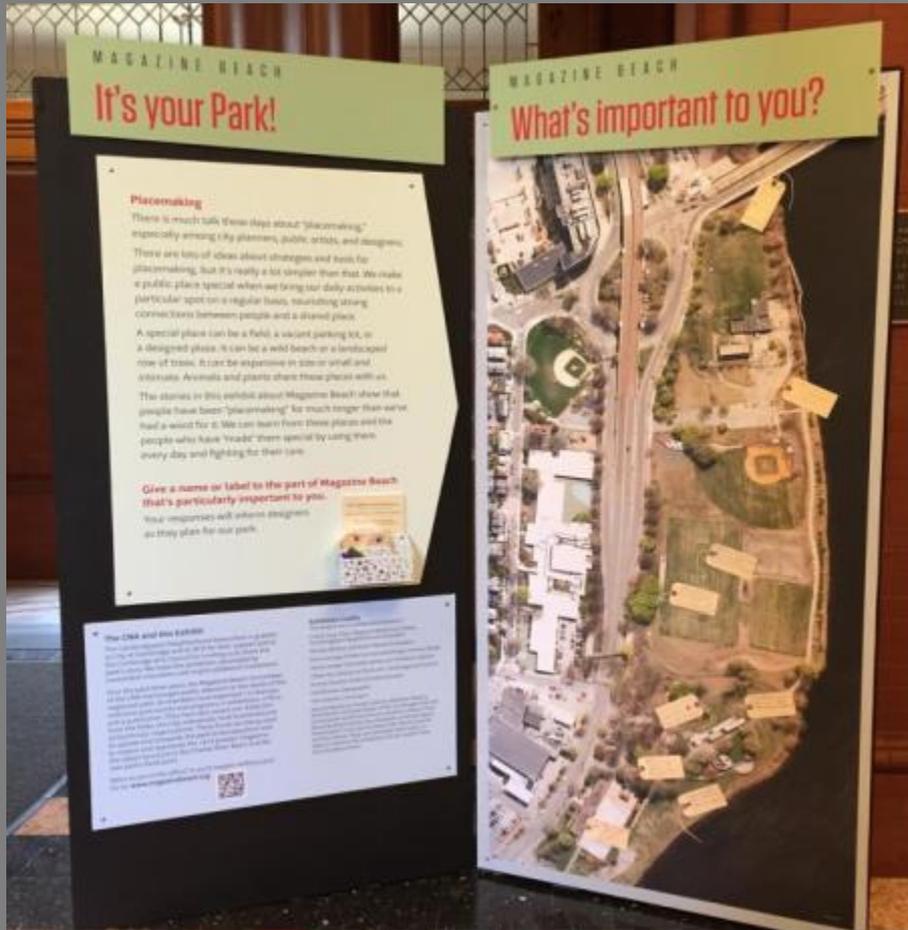
Phase 2 River Edge Planting

New Pathways

Ornamental  
Grove at  
Magazine

New Furnishing:  
large picnic  
tables, play  
equipment,  
benches

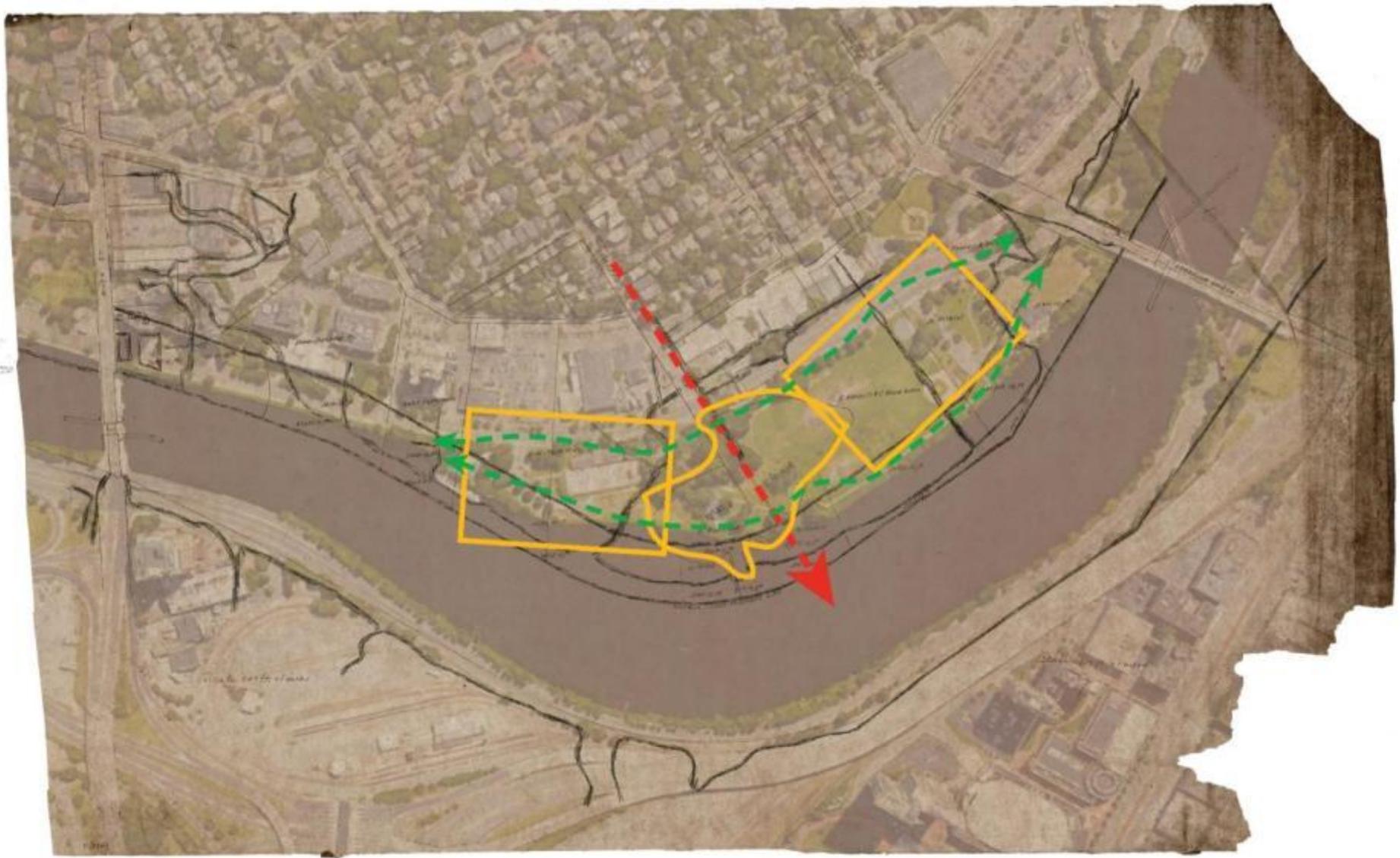
Phase 1a River Edge  
Planting  
-Kayak Launch  
-Stone Dock Anchors



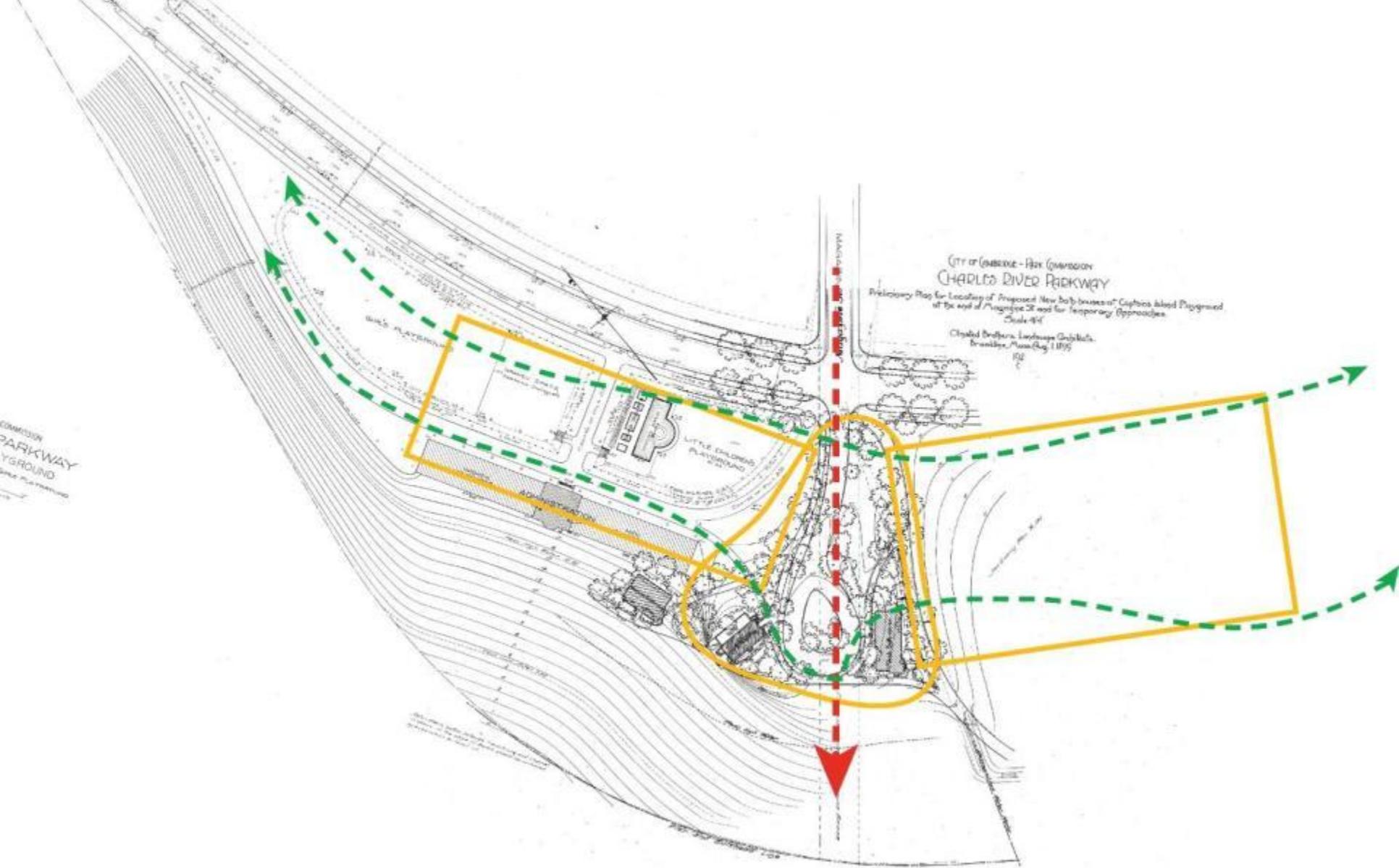
Why not just build the 2008 plan?



PRE 1899 SURVEY AND EXISTING AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH  
DESIGN IDEAS GENERATION



ADDITIONAL CONCEPT  
DESIGN IDEAS GENERATION



CAPTAINS ISLAND PLAY GROUND PROPOSAL, 1899  
DESIGN IDEAS GENERATION



PROPOSED PRELIMINARY LANDSCAPE PLAN



Shaped Lawns



Raised Canopy at River Edge



Interplanted Grove



In-River Planting TBD



Picnic Meadow



Interplanted Grove Precedent

PLANTING  
PROPOSED DESIGN



Standard DCR Bench



Standard DCR Picnic Table



Hubway Location TBD



Standard Bike Parking



Custom Bike Parking

**FURNISHING**  
**PROPOSED DESIGN**



Stabilized Stonedust Pathways



Small Boardwalk "Bridges"



Concrete Plazas



Bonded Rubber Pathways



Accessible Accent Pavements

PAVEMENT  
PROPOSED DESIGN

**DETAIL DESIGN**  
**+**  
**PRECEDENT**  
**IMAGES**





Trimming Post + Course Markers



Boston Esplanade Dock



Planted Edge "Vision"



RIVER EDGE  
Detailed Design



River Overlooks



Kayak Launching/Landing



Existing Space at Riverside Boathouse



Sculptural / Place based Furnishing



Sculpture as Furnishing



Furnishing with Mass and Direction



Placemaking Signage



ENTRANCES  
PRECEDENT DESIGNS



**BEACH** Large Umbrellas  
PROPOSED DESIGN



Moveable Furnishing



Portable Furnishing,  
Vendor Dependent



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Terrace Precedent



MAGAZINE  
PROPOSED DESIGN



Spray that can be patio



Dispersed Plan



Singular Location

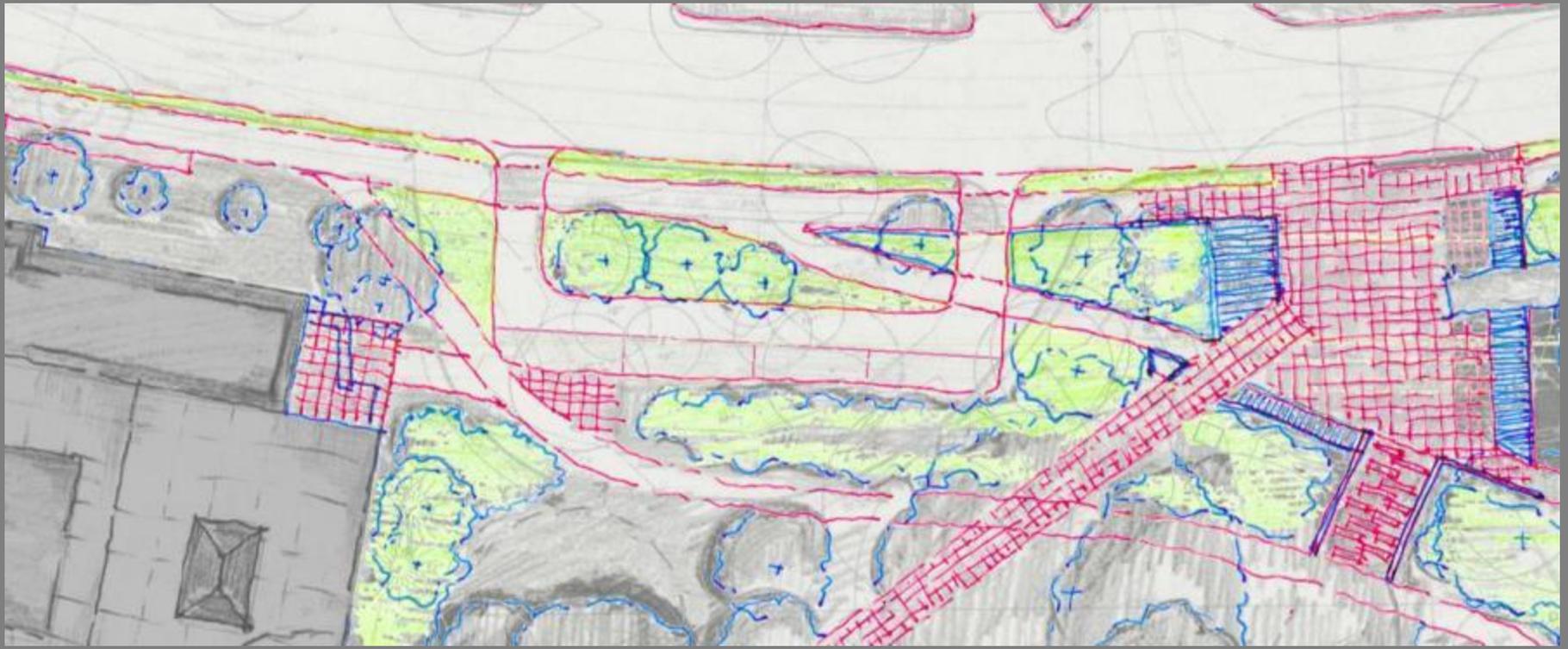


Play Types  
PROPOSED DESIGN

# DISCUSSION

PROPOSED PARKING  
SPRAY DECK LOCATION  
PLAY AREA LOCATION & TYPE  
OTHER COMMENTS ON THE PLAN





Food Truck, Pickup / Drop Off and 2 Accessible Spaces  
West Lot

**PARKING SCHEME**  
QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED



SPRAY FEATURE  
QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED



PLAY FEATURE FLAVOR - DISPERSED  
QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED



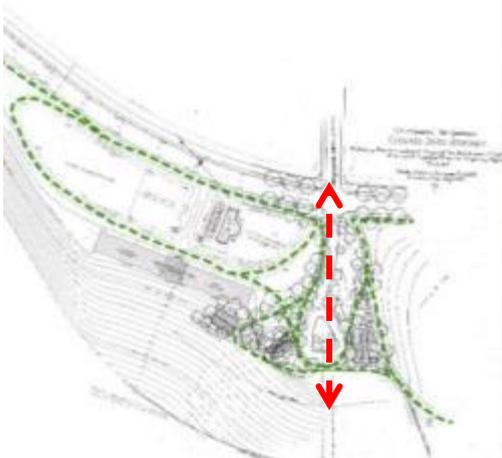
PLAY FEATURE FLAVOR – LARGE CENTRAL FEATURE  
QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED



MAGAZINE ACCESS – PRE 1899



PROPOSAL - 2015



ACCESS – PROPOSED 1899



MAIN LINKAGE PATH  
DESIGN IDEAS GENERATION



## PROPOSED PRELIMINARY LANDSCAPE PLAN

OTHER QUESTIONS?  
QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED



# Additional Information

## For more information:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/>

## If you have comments or suggestions:

Submit Online: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/submit-public-comments/>

Write: Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Office of Public Outreach  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600  
Boston, MA 02114

Deadline: **Friday October 16, 2015**

*Note: Public comments submitted to DCR may be posted on the DCR website in their entirety.*

**If you have questions or concerns, or wish to subscribe to a DCR general information or project-specific listserv:** contact

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**THANKS**

