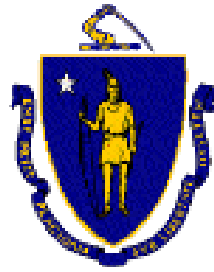


Amory Park Improvements



DCR Public Meeting
Tuesday, May 31, 2022 -- 6:00 - 7:30pm
Virtual Meeting



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DCR Mission Statement

*To protect, promote and enhance our
commonwealth of natural, cultural
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for the well-being of all.*

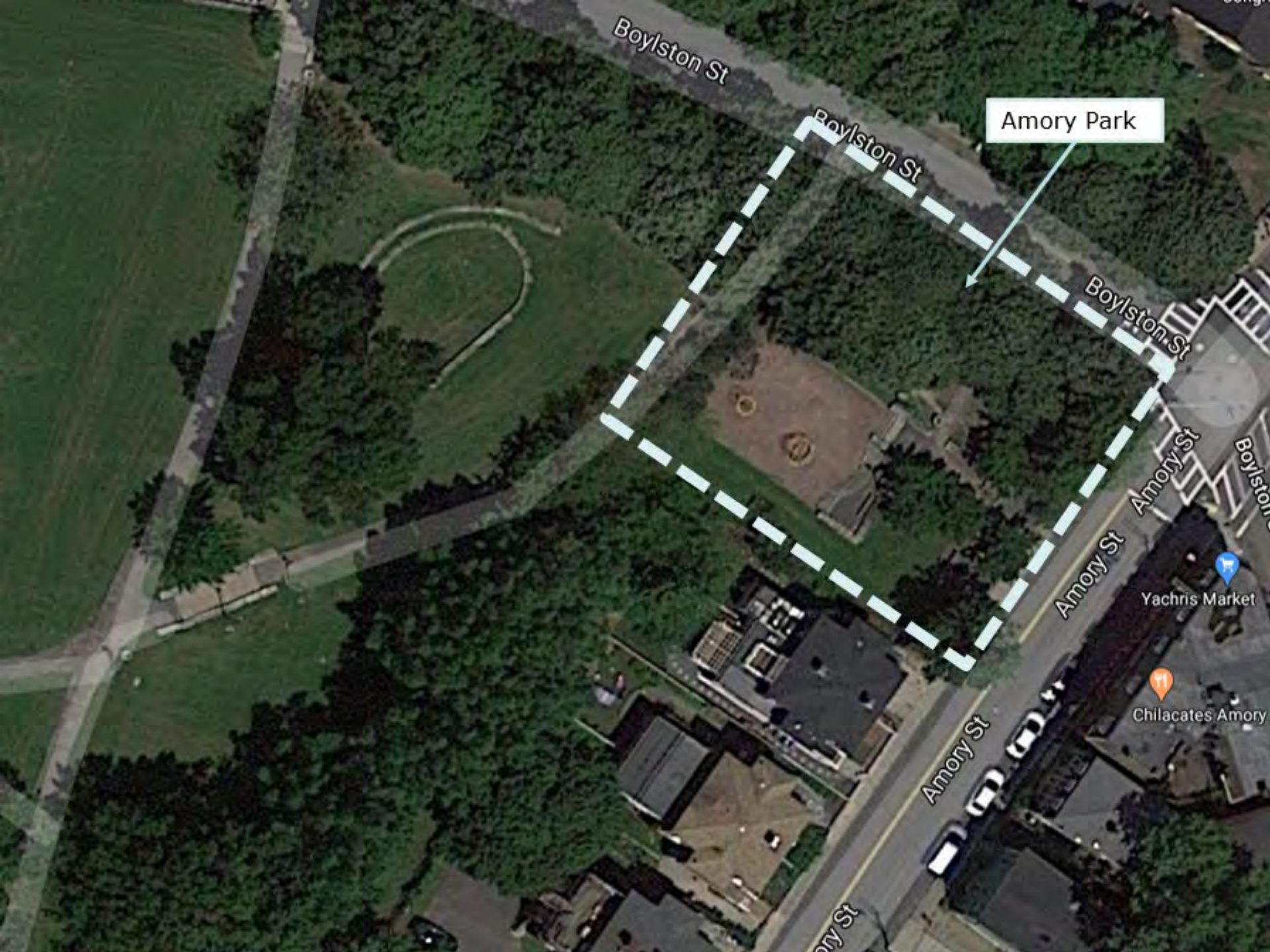
Meeting Logistics

- All participants should remain muted during the presentation
 - The Moderator will unmute participants during the Question & Answer Period
- There are two ways to ask questions:
 1. Raise your hand
 2. Enter your question into the Meeting chat

Please note that this meeting will be recorded; the recording will be a public record

Purpose of the Meeting

- Provide a refresher on current conditions
- Introduce the Consultant Team
- Discuss inspirations for the concept plans
- Present the two proposed concepts
- Review the Project Schedule
- Question & Answer Period



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Existing Conditions

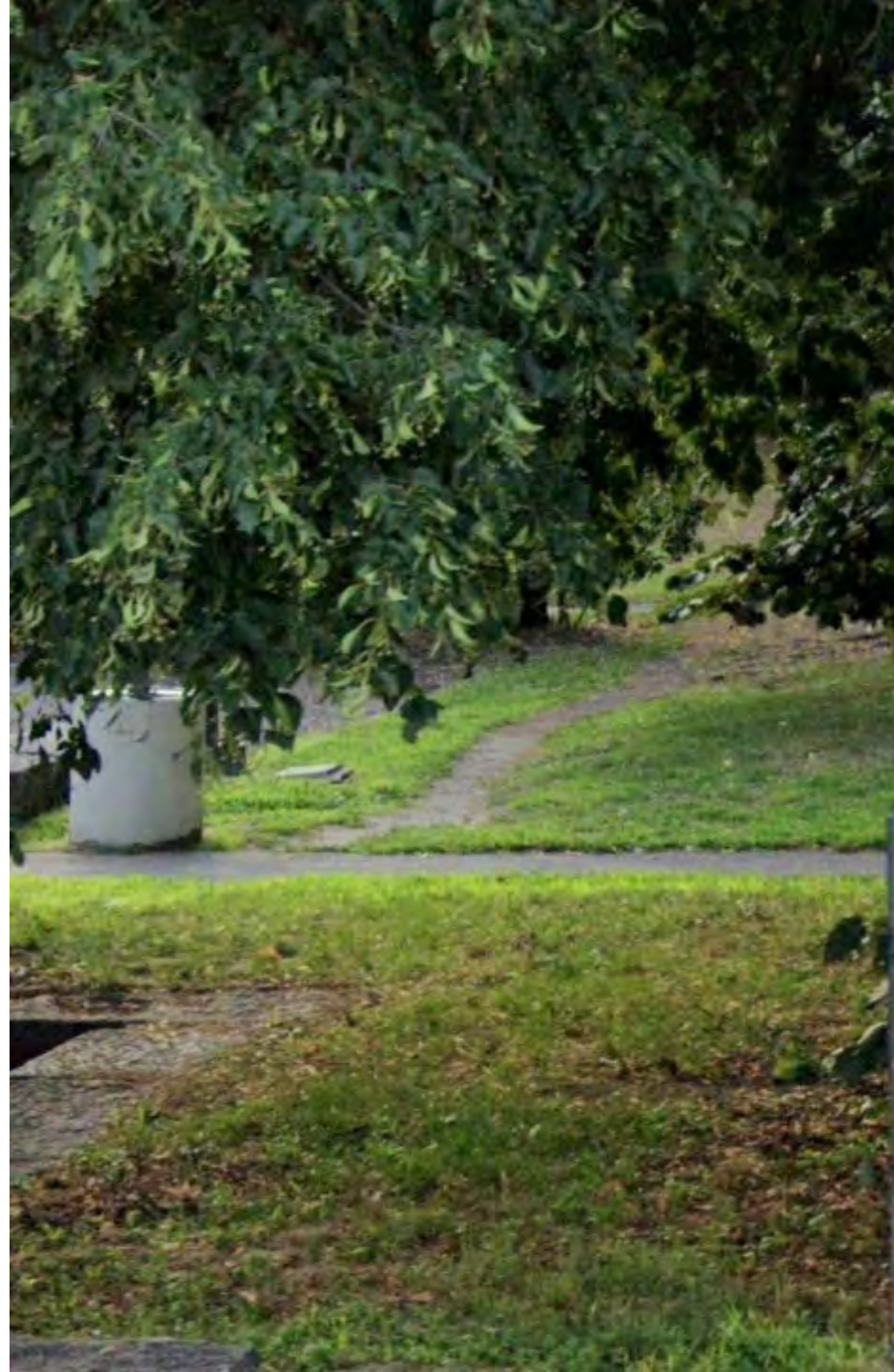
- Pathways
 - Site is not universally accessible
 - Site needs better circulation and connectivity
- Visibility and Connectivity
 - Vegetation/tree work is needed to open sight lines
- Play Equipment
 - Removed because the Manufacturer has gone out of business and the play equipment could no longer be repaired





Desire Line Path

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Design Goals

- Create an improved entrance to Southwest Corridor Park
- Evaluate and formalize desire line paths
- Install universally accessible pathways connecting city sidewalks and existing park pathways
- Manage stormwater using green infrastructure
- Implement landscape improvements (e.g. native plantings)
- Update site furnishings (e.g. seating)

The Consultant Team

- The Collaborative
 - Landscape Architecture
- Nitsch Engineering
 - Survey & Engineering

Amory Park

Site History

Park is located along former meandering Stony Brook that begins in today's Stony Brook Reservation in Hyde Park and flows north to the Charles River

In Jamaica Plain, Stony Brook was bordered by wetland meadows

Nearby Stony Brook Station named in honor of the waterway



1820s

Amory Park

Cultural History

Stony Brook Valley was also an industrial corridor

Due to crystal-clear water from the Stony Brook aquifer and artesian wells around Mission Hill there were 24 breweries in Jamaica Plain and Roxbury

- Haffenreffer Brewery (Amory St.)
- Franklin Brewery (Washington St.)
- Highland Spring (Heath/Parker St.)

The area also used flow powered mills and water for leather tanneries



Option 1

- Curving paths lined by “Stony Brook” stones recalls the natural history
- Interpretive engraving on stones that reference freshwater riverine and meadow habitat
- Park elements representing historic breweries and feats of civil engineering



Option 1



Granite blocks & boulders



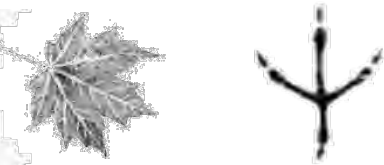
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Seating or seat wall



Culvert arch gateway



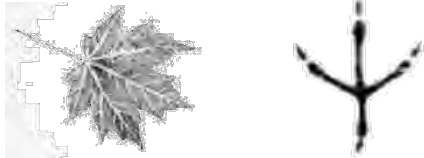
Interpretive stones & pillars

Option 2

- Gathering area with seating made from various stream elements (wood, stones, etc.)
- Stormwater green infrastructure features planted with native wetland meadow species
- Picnic tables brought inside the park, along to the main pathway



Option 2



Interpretive stones & pillars



Picnic tables



Rain Garden



Granite blocks & boulders



Seating & stream elements

Anticipated Project Schedule

Date	Activity
May 31, 2022	Public Meeting
July 2022	DCR Completes Design
2022	DCR Completes Permitting
TBD	Construction Start

Question & Answer Period



Option 1



Option 2

Additional Information

Meeting Recording and Slide Deck will be available at:
www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings

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