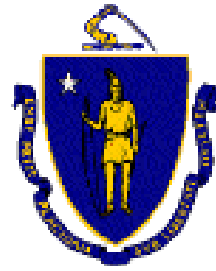




DCR Project Shade

Pope John Paul II Park

Public Meeting
June 2, 2025



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Governor

Maura Healey

Lieutenant Governor

Kim Driscoll

Energy and Environmental Secretary

Rebecca L. Tepper

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner

Brian Arrigo



DCR Mission Statement

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

- You will have the opportunity to submit comments over the course of the next two weeks at:
 - DCR Public Comments
<https://www.mass.gov/forms/dcr-public-comments>
- Two ways to ask questions during the meeting
 - Use chat feature
 - Raise your hand using the Zoom function, and you will be given permission to unmute and speak.

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

Agenda

- Introduce the Project Team (DCR)
- Introduce Project Shade (DCR)
- Concept Shade Plan (BETA)
- Discussion

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Ginna Johnson, PLA, Project Manager

Sarah White, Dir. Office of Climate Resilience

Celeste De Palma, Climate Resilience Program Coordinator

Daniel Cushing, Director, Public Engagement

BETA Group, Inc.

Scott Ridder, PLA, Project Manager

Alyssa Gomes, PLA, Landscape Architect

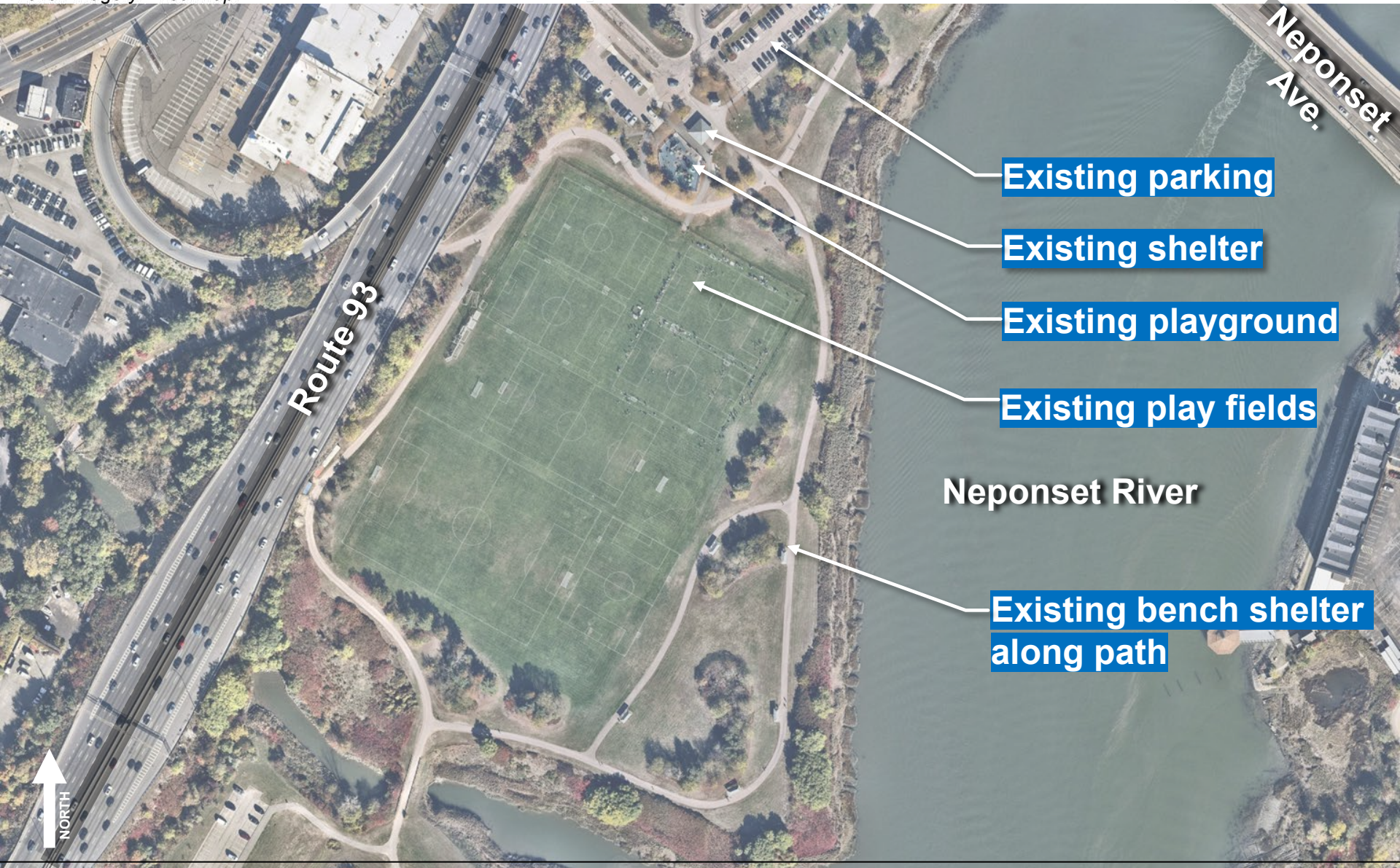
VISION STATEMENT

To create a network of resilient and shaded gathering places across Commonwealth parks that provide safe, comfortable, and equitable outdoor spaces for all, especially vulnerable communities, during extreme heat events.



Pope John Paul Park- Existing Aerial

Aerial Imagery: Nearmap



Existing parking

Existing shelter

Existing playground

Existing play fields

Neponset River

Existing bench shelter
along path

Pope John Paul Park- Existing Park Elements

Existing Shelter

Repair and paint
existing shelter



Pope John Paul Park - Overall Plan

1. Existing parking
2. Existing pavilion
3. Proposed pavilion
4. Existing paved path
5. Proposed native tree and meadow plantings



Pope John Paul Park - Enlargement Plan

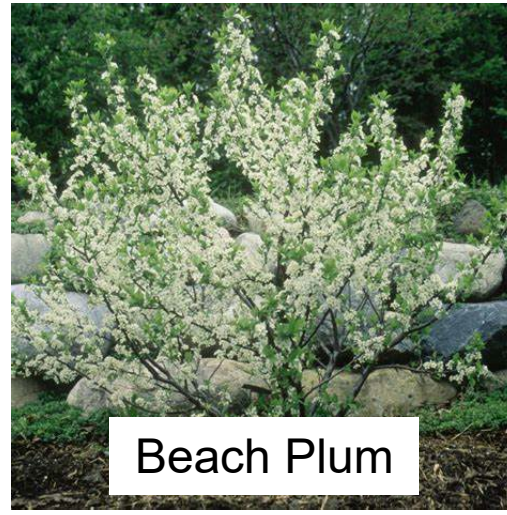
1. Existing playground
2. Existing pavilion
3. Proposed pavilion
4. Proposed shade shelters and accessible path
5. Proposed native meadow and tree plantings
6. Proposed native meadow in existing vegetated area



Shade Shelter Options



Plantings



Next Steps

**Permitting
Summer 2025**



**Bid Phase
Fall 2025**



**Construction and
Planting
Spring / Summer 2026**

Discussion

- Questions about Project Shade?
- Do you have any concerns?
- Comments?
- What do you like about this park?

Additional Information

- Recording and tonight's slide deck will be available at:
 - www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings
- If you have comments on this project:
 - *Submit online:* www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment
 - *Deadline:* **Tuesday, June 16, 2025**

Please note: the contents of comments submitted to DCR, including your name, town and zip code, will be posted on DCR's website. Additional contact information provided, notably email address, will only be used for outreach on future updates to the subject project or property.

- If you wish to subscribe to a DCR general information or project-related listserv: contact DCR's Office of Community Relations via email at mass.parks@mass.gov

An aerial photograph of a park area. In the center, there are two large green soccer fields with white markings. To the left of the fields is a multi-lane highway with several cars. Above the highway is a parking lot and some buildings. To the right of the fields is a body of water, likely a lake or river. The park is surrounded by trees with some autumn-colored foliage. A blue rectangular box with the text "Thank You" is overlaid on the center of the image.

Thank You