

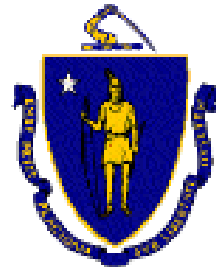


MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

Reconstruction of Foss Park Multi-Purpose Athletic Field



Somerville, MA
DCR Project Update
June 2020



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DCR Mission Statement

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

Purpose of Update

To provide an update on:

- Final design revisions and current construction schedule
- Impacts to the abutting areas of the park including the playground, swimming pool, and parking lot
- Future commitments and planning related to the new field construction

Project Team

Department of Conservation and Recreation
Owner

The Vertex Companies, Inc.
Civil, Structural and Site Engineers

Traverse Landscape Architects
Landscape Architects

Heimlich Landscaping & Construction Corp.
Contractor



Purpose of Project:

- Installation of a new synthetic turf athletic field to meet the current and future recreational demands at Foss Park



Foss Park Athletic Field Project Background

Key Objectives of Project:

- Establish a new multi-purpose athletic field suitable for the high levels of use at Foss Park
- Maintain public use of the field and improve circulation, drainage and lighting where needed
- Provide for 2:1 tree replacement as mitigation for impacts by the field construction (expected 15-20 new trees planted) and new shade pavilion adjacent to field
- Include appropriate turf field maintenance as a project priority to maintain long-term sustainability

Foss Park Athletic Field
Project Background



Planning & Design Process to date

- 2016: City completes Master Planning study
- 2017 – 2018: Two site walks and on-site meetings with City recreation staff
- Dec 2018: Public Meeting held as part of the Winter Hill Neighborhood Association

City of **Somerville**

Somerville to Host Community Meeting to Discuss DCR's Plans for Renovation of Foss Park, December 12

Sunday, December 02, 2018

The City of Somerville's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) invites all interested community members to an information session on Wednesday, December 12, to discuss upcoming renovations to Foss Park, planned by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). The meeting will be held at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St., from 6 to 8 p.m.

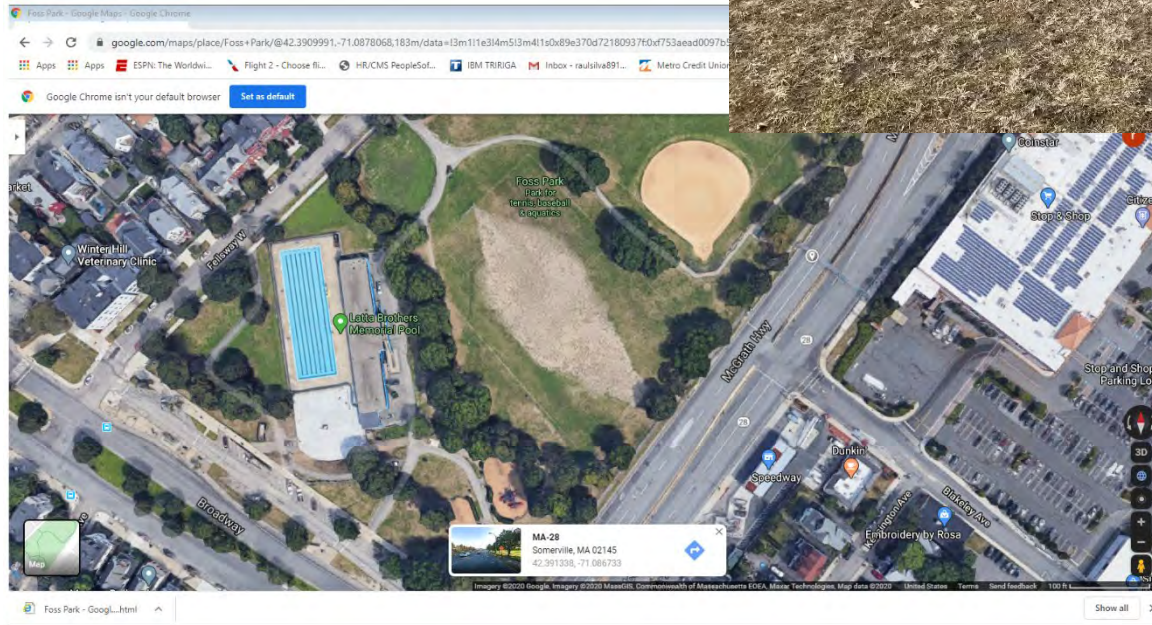
The DCR owns and operates Foss Park, and has announced that it will reconstruct the park's main rectangular playing field in 2019. City of Somerville staff and elected officials will host this community information session to discuss the field, the current state of the



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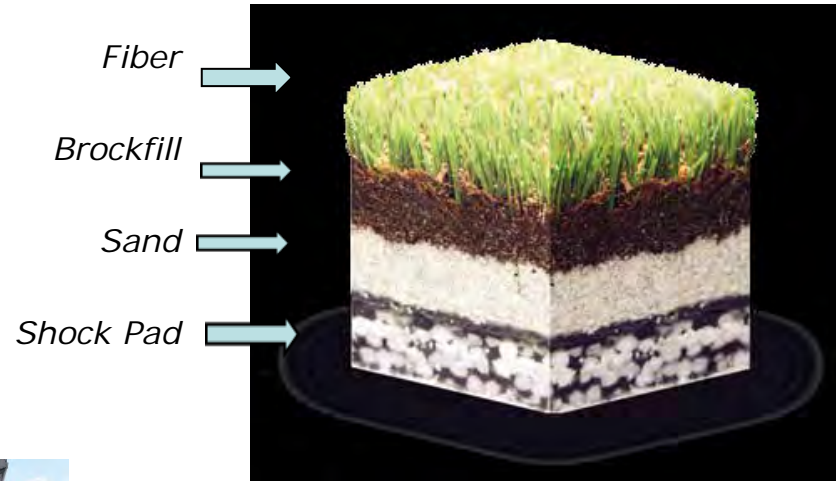
- Existing conditions are sub-standard due to high use, poor drainage, and failed irrigation system



Foss Park Athletic Field
Existing Conditions

Regulation size field

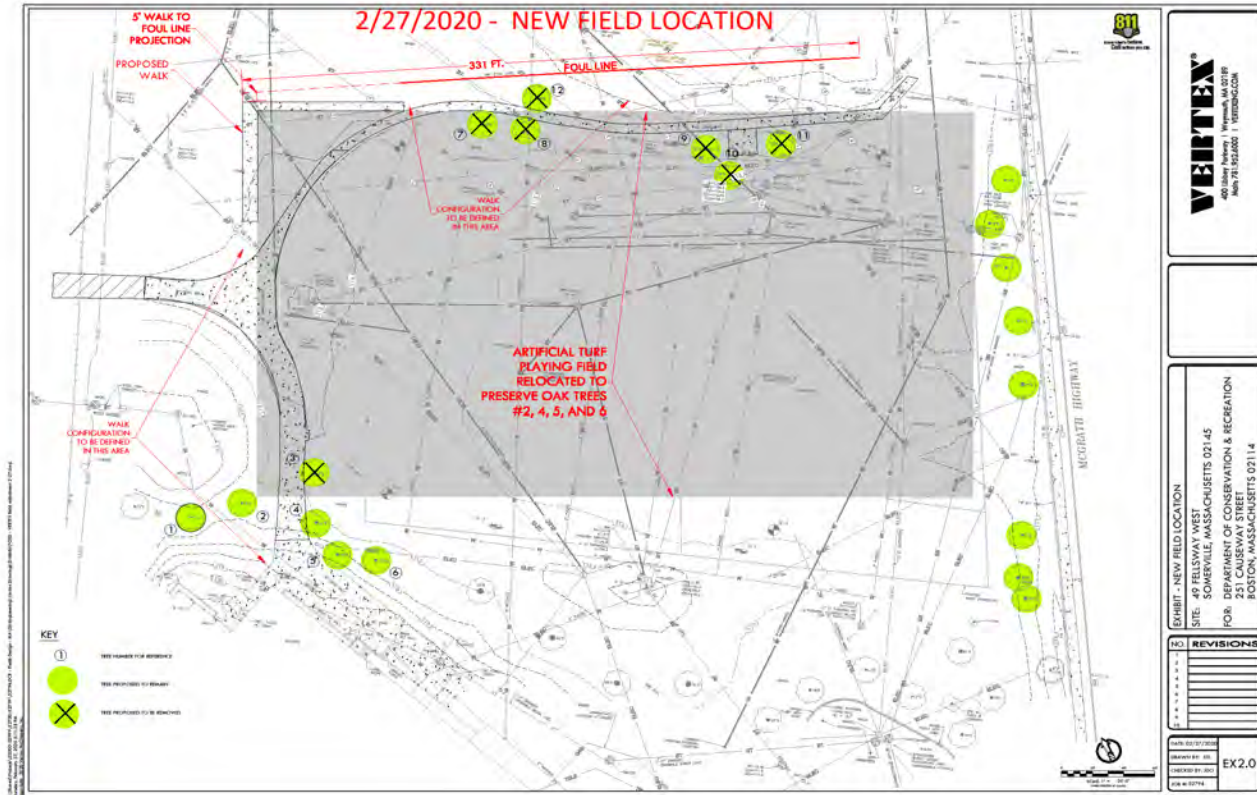
- Suitable for HS football and soccer, rugby and other activities
- 4ft fence perimeter (gated & unlocked) to prevent dog access and control balls, etc.



Brockfill System

- Organic, sustainably sourced alternative harvested from designated tree farms
- Highly rated for safety, performance, and durability

Foss Park Athletic Field Layout & Field Material



- We heard you! Field alignment changed in February to reduce total tree loss from 8 to 6 (and loss of oak trees from 5 to 1)

Foss Park Athletic Field Final Field Alignment



- Field alignment changed to reduce tree loss and maintain regulation field size, lighting and drainage

Foss Park Athletic Field Final Field Alignment



- 2:1 Mitigation for Impacted Trees
(expected to result in 15-20 new trees
planted within the park in Sept./Oct)

Foss Park Athletic Field Tree Mitigation/Planning

- Project fully-funded and ready for spring start
- \$2.5M Approved Funding (FY20/FY21)
- All work done within State and local COVID-19 construction guidelines
- Includes new field lighting, pathways, shade pavilion and an expected 15-20 new trees within park



Foss Park Athletic Field Approved Project Budget



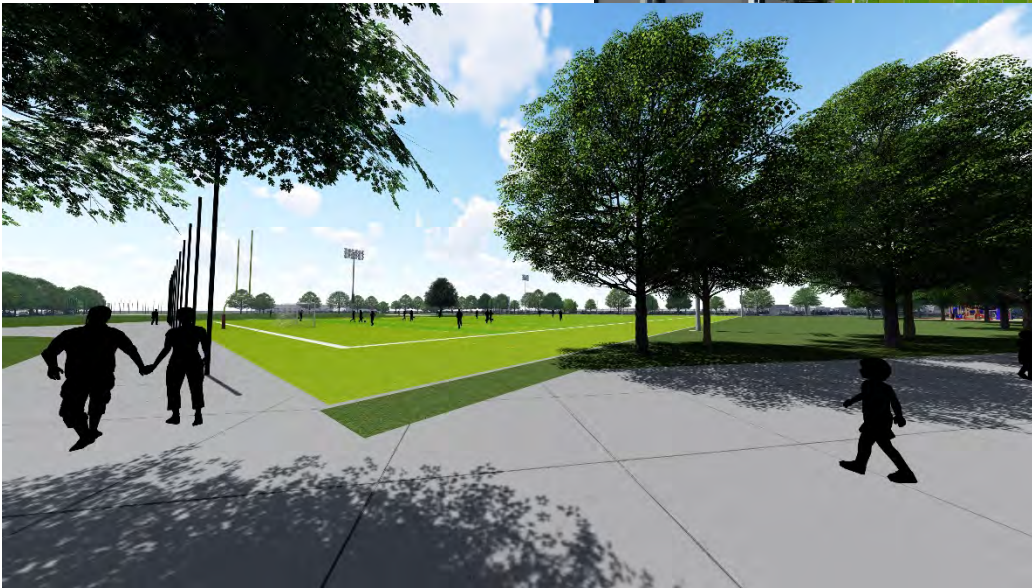
- June/July:
 - site preparation
 - Tree protection
 - demolition
- July/August:
 - foundations
 - drainage/utility systems
- September/October:
 - turf installation
 - lighting installation
- October/November:
 - fencing
 - seeding/paving
- Field completed and ready for public use by late November. Permitted use to begin in Spring 2021.

HARRISON LANDSCAPING & CONSTRUCTION FOSS PARK ATHLETIC FIELD - CONSTRUCTION PROJECT SCHEDULE FOSS PARK ATHLETIC FIELD - BARNSTABLE, MA (P20-3387-04A)				
	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020
1 Construction Reporting	03/02/20-03/15/20			
2 Material Control	03/09/20-03/20/20			
3 Construction Estimates	03/16/20-03/20/20			
4 Temporary Facilities / Tree Protection	03/16/20-03/20/20			
5 Demolition	03/16/20-03/20/20			
6 Site Preparation	03/23/20-04/10/20			
7 Masonry Foundations		04/06/20-04/17/20		
8 Drainage		04/06/20-04/24/20		
9 Concrete Work		04/13/20-04/24/20		
10 Concrete Work with Drain		04/20/20-05/01/20	04/20/20-05/01/20	
11 Utility / Deep Stone		04/27/20-05/08/20	04/27/20-05/08/20	
12 Masonry Light Install			05/04/20-05/19/20	
13 Fence Install			05/04/20-05/26/20	
14 Top Stone			05/11/20-05/19/20	
15 Turf Install			05/19/20-06/12/20	06/19/20-06/12/20
16 Athletic Equipment				06/01/20-06/12/20
17 Storage Units				06/01/20-06/12/20
18 Seeding / Paving				06/01/20-06/19/20

Foss Park Athletic Field Construction Schedule



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Foss Park Athletic Field
Completed and open for public use late Fall 2020



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Additional Information

For more information:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/foss-park-presentation>

If you have questions or concerns or wish to subscribe to a DCR general information or project-related listserv: contact DCR's Office of Community Relations at 617-626-4973 or **Mass.Parks@state.ma.us**.