



MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

Halibut Point State Park Visitors Center and Landscape Improvements



Tuesday, September 17, 2019 – 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Rockport Middle School-High School Cafeteria
24 Jerdens Lane, Rockport



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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

Provide update on improvements at Halibut Point State Park, including:

- Visitors Center renovation
- New exhibit fabrication
- Proposed landscape improvements

Landscape Design

October 2018 – Public Input Meeting

- Concerns regarding lighting
- Suggestions for a ‘less cultivated’ look
- Lower key entry signage
- Decrease pedestrian/vehicle crossings
- Overall emphasis on use of native plantings and Cape Ann granite

Project Partners



Senator Bruce Tarr





Project Funds

Friends of Halibut Point SP:

- \$25,000 match to a DCR Partnership grant of \$50,000
 - Visitors center conditions assessment
 - Exhibit design
- *Another* \$25,000 match to a DCR Partnership grant of \$50,000
 - Design, fabrication and installation of interpretive signs

DCR Investments:

- Design, Construction, Exhibit: \$1.8 mil
- Landscape Improvements - \$1 mil in FY20 cap plan

Project Goals

- ✓ Renovate Visitors Center
 - Install an updated exhibit
 - Highlight the building as an artifact
- Improve overall park access
- Create a sense of arrival
- Provide opportunities for indoor and outdoor programming space

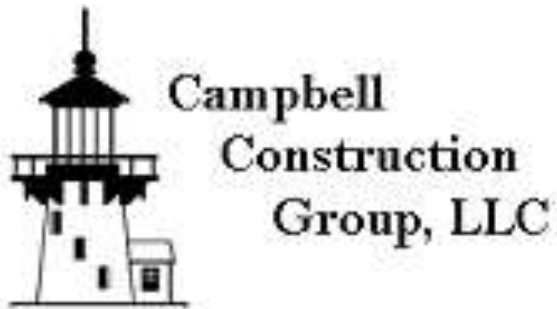
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Project Team



Plan - Level 1



Interior



Plan - Level 2



Interior



New Exhibit

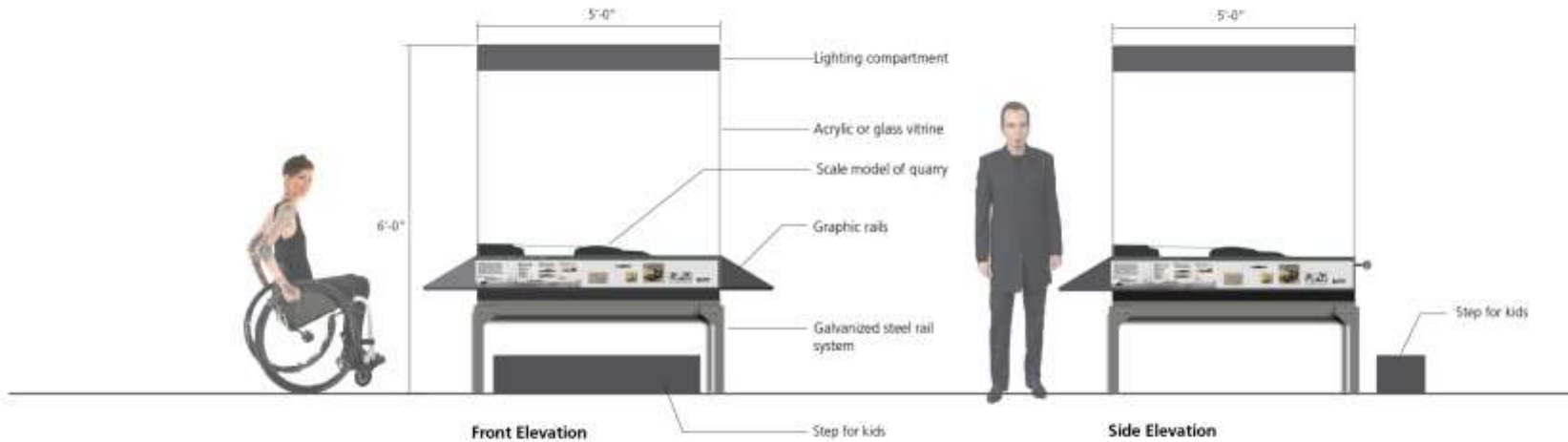
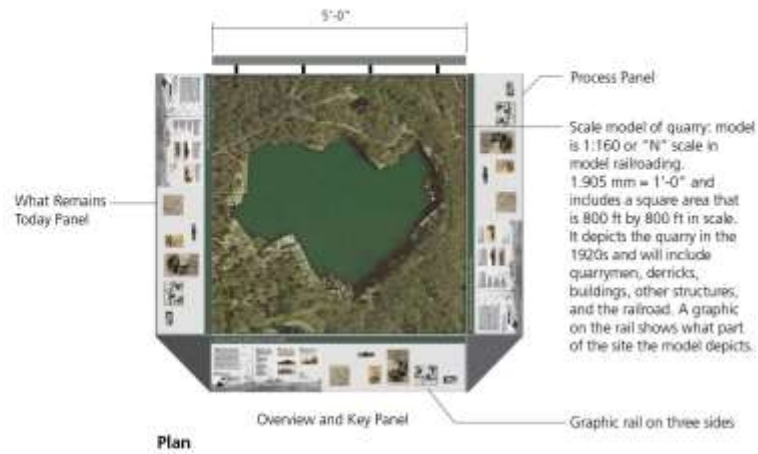


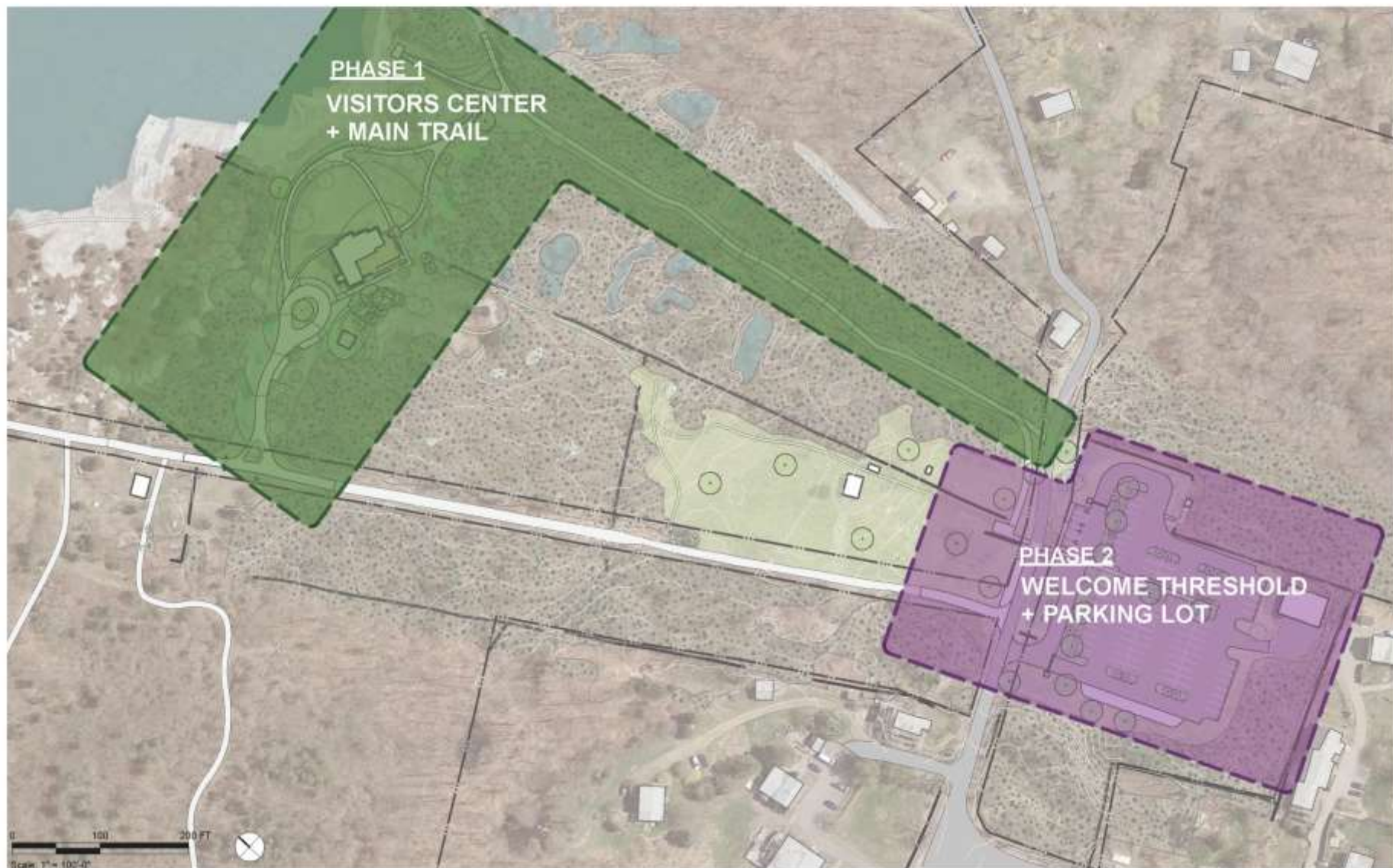
Exhibit – in fabrication



Existing Site



Proposed Phases

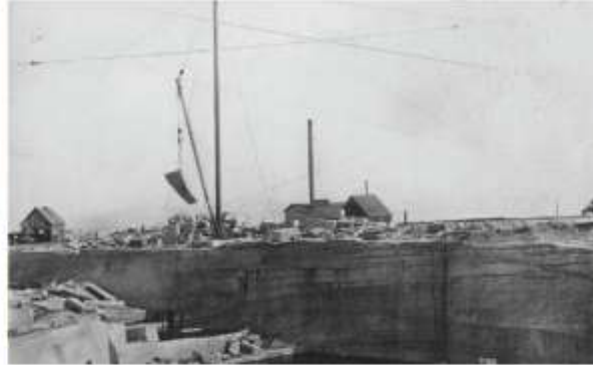


Inspiration Images

New England Meadow



Historic Site Use



Existing Site Features



Visitors Center Landscape

Aerial



Visitors Center Landscape

Existing Plan

Design Goals:

- Indoor/Outdoor programming space
- Provide ADA paths
- Usable lawn space
- Defined overlook
- Sense of arrival
- ADA drop-off
- Staff Parking



Visitors Center Landscape

Proposed Plan

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Main Trail Accessibility

Existing Trail

Design Goals:

- Comply with ADA path standards
- Mitigate unintentional path edge creep



Existing Edge Condition



Mulch Depth Testing

Main Trail Accessibility

Proposed Trail

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Existing Stone Paths around Quarry



Proposed Stabilized Stonedust Edge Condition

Welcome Threshold

Existing Entry View



Design Goals:

- Sense of arrival
- Uniform landscape character
- Clear wayfinding

Welcome Threshold

Scale Studies



Signs Currently on Site

Large Scale Walls in Surrounding Area

Welcome Threshold

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Proposed Entry View



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Welcome Threshold

Signage Study



Welcome Threshold

Wall Materials



Material Currently on Site



Olde New England Granite- reclaimed Cape Ann granite

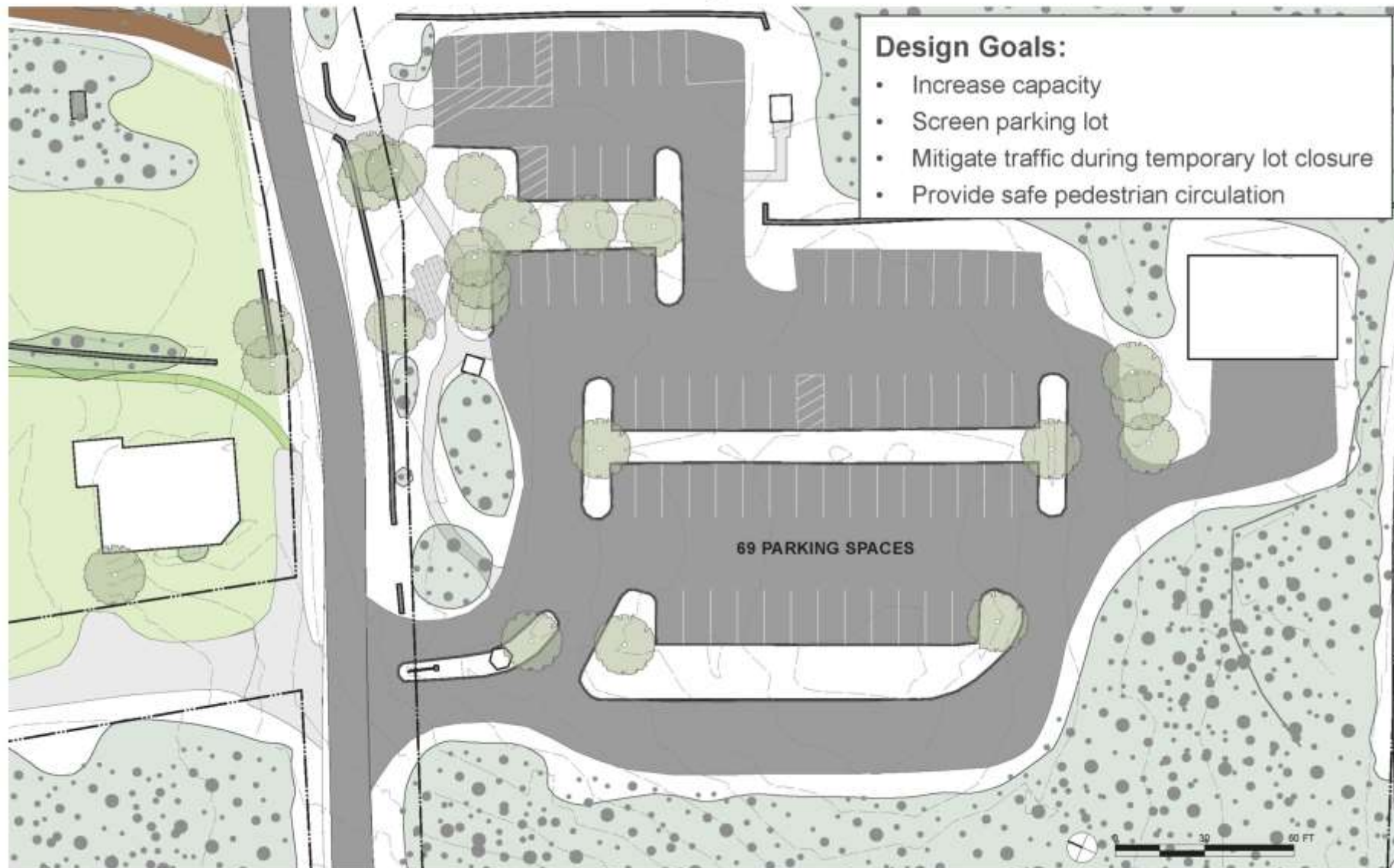
Parking Lot

Aerial View



Parking Lot

Existing Plan



Parking Lot

Proposed Plan



Parking Lot

Proposed Plan - Circulation





Parking Lot

Screening Study



Proposed Site Plan





Project Schedule

- October/November 2019: New Exhibit installed; landscape design and permitting for pathways completed
- December 2019: Visitor Center fully reopens!
- Spring 2020: Pathways construction
- Fall 2020: Entry and parking lot construction

Project Feedback and Q & A

Additional Information

For more information:

www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings

If you have comments or suggestions on this project:

Submit online: www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment

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

Deadline: Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Note: Public comments submitted to DCR may be posted on the DCR website in their entirety, and no information, including contact information, will be redacted.

If you 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@mass.gov.