

Ryan Park and Wading Pool Improvements Public Comments
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Name (First)	Name (Last)	Comment	City	State	Zip
Muriel	Leonard	I'm happy to see the expansion of the wading pool and parking lot. Please remember to update the gates to the playground between the wading pool and the parking lot. Currently dogs are able to get into the area if the gates are left open. Right now the latches are in disrepair. An automatically locking latch would protect the grounds.	Boston	MA	02126
Kathryn	Webber	I'm grateful that you are listening to community members. I think some amount of parking is necessary there, even if it is only the 9 existing spaces. It is not a densely populated area and not many people are biking up the Greenway with their kids. Ryan playground is meant for younger children and they are not able to walk huge distances (even from the Mattapan trolley).	Dorchester	MA	02124
Jeffrey	Marr	Support! Long overdo. Build it! this will generate community and foster outdoor recreational enjoyment. It will also encourage more people to use the Neponset Greenway. But please improve maintenance! The path is a treasure, but the pavement by Milton Station is in poor shape and needs to be resurfaced. Weeds and brush are encroaching onto the path. Jeff Dorchester, Ma	MILTON	MA	02186
Leslie	Euston	Excited about the park improvements - a great connection to the Neponset River Trail and public transit. I want to bring up the issue of shade in the park; we've had a number of hot, dry summers lately and having areas throughout the park that are shaded by trees or structures is really important to the use of this space. For parking I support either accessible parking only or no parking; let's keep as much space for park amenities that will be used by all - not just drivers who can park on nearby streets instead.	Hyde Park	MA	02136
VALERIE	BURTON	Dear DCR, I like the improvements you made to Ryan Park and Wading Pool. The only concern that I have is the minimal parking. Is there a way you can utilize the adjacent wooded area that abuts the present parking lot? Thanks for your time and consideration. Valerie Burton	MATTAPAN	MA	02126
Muriel	Leonard	I support the proposed improvements to the Ryan Park Area. I do not support limiting parking to fewer cars than are currently available. We need off street parking. I would suggest a speed bump so that cars exiting the lot can get out AND a crosswalk at the wading pool entrance.	Boston	MA	02126

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Mathew	Gabak	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I'm excited that this park is receiving the attention it deserves. As a Mattapan resident, I have two comments which are listed below.</p> <p>1) The addition of a dog park would be a great benefit to the community and help bring people together that otherwise may not visit Ryan Park. The wooded area adjacent to the parking area, playground, and basketball court would work well and not take away from other features of the park. Please seriously take this under consideration.</p> <p>2) All of the parking options besides the "Improved Parking Lot" are fine. The "Improved Parking Lot" literally only adds 1 parking space and takes away from the playground. Leave the parking as is.</p> <p>Thank you, Matt</p>	Boston	MA	02126
Jenn	Cartee	<p>I am writing to express gratitude to DCR for your community engagement since last October regarding the upcoming renovation at Ryan Park. I also am impressed with the community members who showed up for this, both the earlier stakeholders meetings and the public listening session in May. People were thoughtful and had several great insights. And unlike similar meetings about creating more housing so we can welcome new neighbors/prevent displacement of existing ones, everything felt respectful of differing points of view.</p> <p>I want to emphasize to points:</p> <p>* The latest slide deck did not mention the improvements to the trailhead, including relocating the current signage and dumpster away from each other. I remind you that the Neponset River Greenway Council is willing to take on stewardship of a locking community bulletin board of some kind there to publicize upcoming events in the park and on the trail.</p> <p>* With the expansion of the wading pool and full update of the park, Ryan will attract even more visitors from near and far. That is wonderful! I urge you to NOT give up recreation space to create a truly tiny parking lot; if there are a handful of spaces available, folks will continuously unreasonably hope to get one. If there are none, more people are likely to mode shift altogether and everyone who drives will need to make a plan. I liked the idea of a circular drop off loop, if you're traffic people think it would flow appropriately. I thought Rep Fluker Oakley's suggestion to locate curbside ADA spaces at the other entrance on Meadowbank Ave excellent; google street view shows both houses that abut have large driveways. If you do not do the drop off circle, there could also be 2 ADA spaces parallel to the curb on River Street if you create a "bump in" (opposite of bump out) at the current parking lot entrance.</p> <p>Thank you for your work on all of this and I excited to see the outcome, hopefully next summer!</p>	Dorchester	MA	02124
Elizabeth	Plange	<p>Would love the increased parking, expansion of wading pool while also ensuring there are some spray deck options. Addition of fitness equipment would also be a bonus!</p> <p>Ensuring playground equipment offers opportunities for a wide range of kids. Additional picnic benches for lunch when at wading pool or dinner at the park.</p>	Dorchester	MA	02124
Edwina	Rudy	<p>I support every effort to expand the wading pool and other improvements proposed at Ryan park. Drowning is a serious public health issue and our urban children of color are at most risk. Accessible facilities like the Ryan will help young children build the skills that are the foundation for learning to swim and approach water safely throughout their lives.</p>	Boston	MA	02124
Katy	Gall	<p>Thank you for expanding this great neighborhood resource. Kids and families in Mattapan lack access to other public swimming or other facilities, and the wading pool is such a draw on a hot day!</p>	Dorchester	MA	02124

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Fatima	Ali-Salaam	- The overall design is appreciated and glad to see that the early action items will be addressed as - presented on page 8. - Wading Pool: glad to see the surface around the wading pool be changed to be rubberized. (p 9-17) - questions on the before and after of the photo depiction of the trees. The orientation is different. - -- Please have shade for caregivers and the children when they are sitting on the grass. - Parking: this park is a central local park. There is plenty of nearby on-street parking for the able-bodied. There is not much consideration given to those who aren't, nor is there any enforcement of parking. I vote for more parking for those who need it because of physical limitations.	Mattapan	MA	02126
Shamieh	Wall	I'm very excited about this. Children have after school meet ups here. It is a toddler hot spot. I've been to four birthday parties at this park and am excited for the expansion. I would just like to remind that this should service babies through young children and be safe for all. Thank you for your time.	Boston	MA	02122
Leah	Madsen	Hello - I support the expansion of the pool area at Ryan Park. Thank you for listening to the community's feedback.	Boston	MA	02124
Rene	Haile	I support the enlargement of the wading pool. This has been a critical place for safe play and cooling off in the summer for our community.	Boston	MA	02124
Muriel	Leonard	I am commenting on Ryan wading pool. I see a plan fitness equipment. What equipment. Please do not take space away from the tennis court and basketball court areas. We need those courts.	Boston	MA	02126