

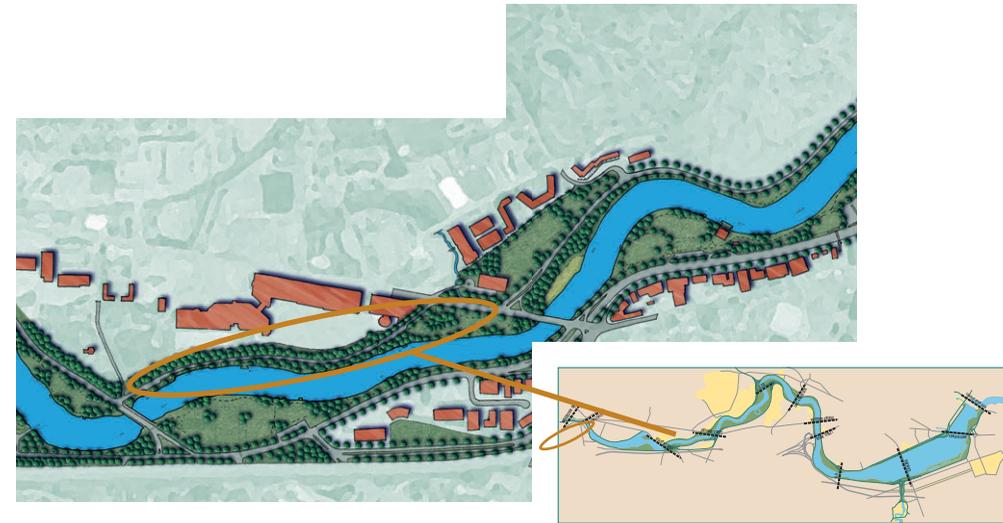
where the development screens Birmingham Parkway from view and is most intrusive. Because the two parkways are to some extent redundant they could be reconfigured or partially eliminated. Material from the cut embankment behind the commercial strip could be used to grade the entire area. The landscaped slopes would provide a stunning setting for the pathway and parkway along the river and for several athletic fields.

- **Relocate the Brighton/Allston Pool complex and reconfigure the road system in front of it to improve the safety and the image of the parkway.** Relocate the pool to the GSA site. Further study is required to evaluate potential roadway configurations.



This long-term alternative would involve acquisition of up to four private properties, demolition of five structures and 5,000 linear feet of parkway, construction

of 3,500 linear feet of new parkway, provision of new signage and signals, and creation of a new, twenty-acre park. This alternative could cost between \$30 million and \$40 million to implement and more than doubles the cost of revitalization for the Basin.



GREENOUGH BOULEVARD, WATERTOWN (9N)

Greenough Boulevard between Arsenal Street and North Beacon Street

KEY RESOURCES

- *Possible prehistoric sites*
- *Seawall (prior to 1906)*
- *Seawall extension (1907)*
- *Greenough Boulevard (1909)*

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

This section of Greenough Boulevard, once named Charles River Road, comes close to the vision of the original planners: a tree-lined pleasure drive with views of the river. It is spared from heavy traffic because of its location. Small turnouts provide limited parking facing the river.

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND ISSUES

The continuous fence along the Arsenal site detracts from the setting and cuts the Arsenal parkland off from the reservation. Vegetation is so heavy in some sections that the river's presence is totally concealed. The old Arsenal seawall stands in contrast to the wooded banks and opens up views to the river and the North Beacon Street Bridge. Trees are starting to grow from the cracks in the seawall but pose no immediate threat to its integrity. The trees and ground next to the seawall are in poor condition. Paths seem arbitrarily laid out.

GOALS

- Preserve the parkway in its current state.
- Integrate the Arsenal Park (see Segment 10N) with the reservation.
- Open views to the river.
- Reconfigure the area near the seawall as a special overlook.

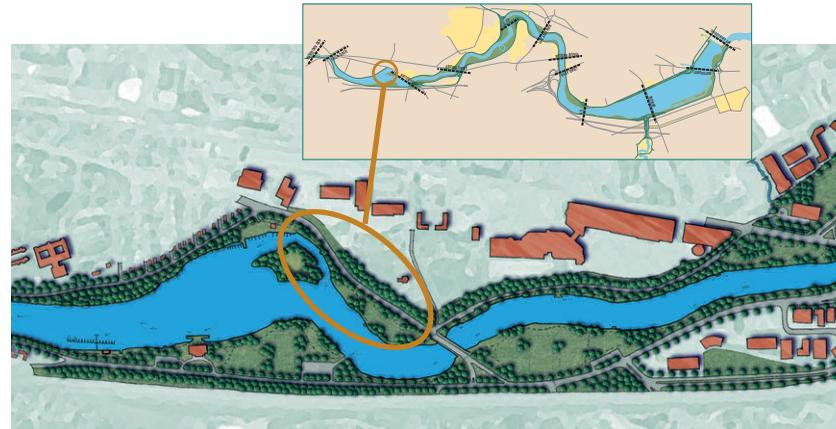
RECOMMENDATIONS

- Remove the boundary fence along the north side of the parkway, thin the woodland slope to open views and promote better growth, and provide direct pedestrian access between Arsenal Park and the reservation.



THE ARSENAL SEAWALL ALONG THE WESTERN STRETCH OF GREENOUGH BOULEVARD.

- Establish a reconfigured overlook at the seawall with interpretive elements relating to the Arsenal. Maintain the seawall and remove trees and shrubs growing from cracks.
- Broaden the field at the eastern end of Greenough Boulevard and re-shape the paths and plantings to create a park within the reservation.



SQUIBNOCKET PARK (10N)

North Beacon Street between North Beacon Street Bridge and Watertown Yacht Club

KEY RESOURCES

- Sunrise Island
- North Beacon Street (1902)
- North Beacon Street Bridge (1917)
- Watertown Yacht Club (1942)

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

Densely wooded ridges frame this part of the Charles River Basin. Squibnocket Park includes a three-and-one-half-acre field on a filled terrace and two and one-half acres of woodland along the shore. The honey locusts scattered throughout the field create a lovely pastoral setting. This