

## MOAKLEY PARK PRELIMINARY PLAN FAQ

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### ***How can the community continue to provide input on the Moakley Park Plan?***

Over the last two years, Boston Parks and the design team have engaged with many community members, organizations, and stakeholders. As the Moakley Park Plan progresses, we will continue to go back to the community to make sure we got it right. A few near-term ways to join the virtual conversation include:

- [Sports and Active Recreation Talk, November 10](#)
- [Community and Play Talk, November 17](#)
- [Public Health and Environment Talk, November 24](#)

We welcome ideas of how to better provide engagement which is accessible to all and everyone feels heard. If you have ideas please share, [allison.perlman@boston.gov](mailto:allison.perlman@boston.gov).

### ***What considerations have been made for park safety?***

The Moakley Park Plan includes improved lighting, thoughtful sight lines, increased programming to activate the park. Boston Parks will continue to work with the community, local organizations and the District C-6 community liaison to provide a safe environment for all.

### ***What considerations were taken in respect to lighting?***

The lighting approach takes into consideration both creating a luminous environment for a sense of safety and security while being responsible with not over lighting in regards to light pollution concerns in the neighborhood or for wildlife.

Lighting controls are planned to accommodate dimming, synchronizing park activity with park hours and hardware is added to light fixtures to ensure lighting is directed downward to minimize light spill and maximize glare control.

### ***How does the Moakley Park Preliminary Design address all ages?***

The Moakley Park Preliminary Plan currently has place holders for multiple playgrounds, flexible gathering areas with tables and chairs, and passive areas with gardens and boardwalks. As we move into Schematic Design, please share your thoughts on what is most important to you at Moakley Park and join us for the [Community and Play Talk, November 17](#).

### ***How was the current sports layout determined and is there any flexibility in the plan?***

The preliminary design is based on years of technical investigations, working closely with city and state departments and engaging with many community members and organizations. We want to be respectful of this process to date and also acknowledge our goals are to provide an activated park filled with kids and residents morning through evening. In order to achieve these goals, the city is interested in the specific needs of the leagues and coaches. Help us understand how to expand use, provide necessary support facilities, and in the end design fields and courts which can serve a diverse sports community by attending the [Sports and Active Recreation Talk, November 10](#).

***What field dimension are you using for in the preliminary plan?***

Our goal is to provide fields tailored to the community's needs and provide maximum flexibility for park users. We welcome your input on this and other specific sports field design and support facilities at the [Sports and Active Recreation Talk](#) occurring on November 10th, 2020 at 6pm.

***How will skate be integrated into the park?***

There is space dedicated to a skatepark in the current design. The design team is looking for input on what the Boston skate community would like to see within this space. We are very early in the design process so please share your ideas and join us for the [Community and Play Talk](#) on November 17th.

***What types of multi-use pathways are planned for the park?***

The current design provides a dedicated bike path and running track around the periphery of the park, running and walking loops within the park and boardwalks along the waterfront.

***How does the design consider existing trees?***

Boston Parks recognizes the importance of tree canopy within our city and the protection they provide on hot summer days, during storm events and how they improve air quality. Our team has designed with this significance in mind - shifting programming and grading to protect and retain as many existing healthy trees as possible. We are also aiming to double the tree canopy in the long term and making sure the plants we introduce in the years to come will be adaptive to the future climate challenges we face.

***Are there plans to improve park access?***

Moakley Park is uniquely situated near many modes of transportation:

- T – Red line Andrews Square and JFK stations are just a 5-10 minute walk
- Bus routes 10, 11, 16, 41 and 8 run near the park

- Harbor Walk is accessible from adjacent Carson Beach
- Areas of Roxbury, Dorchester and South End are within a 10 minute bike ride

Yet many of the access routes do not feel safe or enjoyable. As the Moakley Park Plan evolves, Boston Parks will work with pedestrian-focused advocacy groups and the public to understand the real access issues from public transit and pedestrian/ bicycle routes to the park. Your help and insight, will help us understand how to advocate for better and safer connections to Moakley Park and Carson Beach. Please join us in the Public Health and Environment Talk on November 24 and share your ideas on how these areas can become connective rather than barriers.

***How does the Moakley Park Preliminary Design address seasonal use?***

Multi-functionality is a primary goal of the project to expand use of the park throughout the seasons. The waterfront plaza serves as event location, water play area, flood protection and may even be able to provide ice skating in the winter. The changing topography within the central park area provides sloped seating for sunbathing or sports spectator seating while providing sledding hills in the winter. We would love to hear from you, how else would you like to use the park in different seasons? Please join us for the [Community and Play Talk](#) on November 17th.

***How long will construction take?***

The Moakley Park plan sets forth an unprecedented Boston waterfront park which looks to expand and elevate park use and experience while also integrating resiliency measures to help the community adapt to flooding and extreme temperatures. This plan will likely be a phased construction over a 10- 15 year period and rely on varied funding sources to implement. The first phase is not yet determined but will be dependent on overall funding availability, maintenance needs, and consideration of impacts to existing park uses.

***What is the operation plan for the park?***

The Parks and Recreation Department acknowledges the Moakley Park Plan set forth will require enhanced maintenance, increased programming and partnership. As we further develop a sustainable operation plan issues such as park rules, hours, and permitting will be addressed.

***How is the City ensuring the park will benefit the existing community?***

The Moakley Park preliminary plan has been guided by the continuing public input we receive at each phase of the design. In addition, Boston Parks is working in collaboration with other City departments who focus on housing and neighborhood stability to ensure

that improvements to Moakley Park will benefit the residents who already live nearby. Investing in existing city assets and infrastructure - whether parks, roads, transit, schools, or community facilities - are investments in neighborhoods.