Improvements to
RYAN PLAYGROUND
IN CHARLESTOWN
Community Meeting No. 3

March 15, 2022
Boston Parks and Recreation
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- JOINING VIA PHONE?
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AGENDA

1. WHAT WE HEARD AT MEETING NO. 2

2. EXISTING CONDITIONS & CLIMATE RESILIENCY

3. PREFERRED SITE PLAN

4. LISTENING & DISCUSSION

5. CLOSING REMARKS & NEXT STEPS
PROJECT TEAM AND PROJECT GOALS
PROJECT TEAM

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PROJECT SCHEDULE

**SPRING 2023**
Phase 1 Construction Begins

**SUMMER 2022**
Permitting

**MAR 2022**
Ryan Playground Community Meeting 3 – Schematic Design Proposed

**DEC 2021**
Ryan Playground Community Meeting 2 – Design Concepts

**OCT 2021**
Sullivan Square Open Space Meeting – Ryan Playground, Hood Green, and Rutherford Avenue Joint meeting for Programming

**SEPT 2021**
Ryan Playground Community Meeting 1 – Site Analysis
City of Boston Priorities

Safety + Regulatory Guidelines

Parks + Recreation Goals

Community Input

PARK

DESIGN
WHAT WE HEARD AT MEETING NO. 2
SUMMARY OF ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

How do you get to the park?

- 70% by foot
- 20% by car
- 5% by bike
- 5% by MBTA

If you drive to Ryan Playground, where do you prefer to park?

- 47.5% Outside of Ryan at Schrafft's parking lot
- 10% Street Parking
- 12% Within Ryan at the existing lot
- 30% N/A

Do you have a preference between grass and synthetic turf fields?

- 22.5% I have no material preference
- 20% I prefer grass for all sports fields
- 15% I prefer turf for all sports fields
- 15% I prefer turf for all fields but am open to grass if the league requires it
- 7.5% I prefer grass for all fields but am open to turf if it accommodates multi-use

If Ryan Playground had a multi-use field, what sports field lines should be painted onto the turf?

- 70% Soccer
- 15% Other
- 7.5% Lacrosse
- 5% Football
- 2.5% Field Hockey

Popular write-in responses: No paint - temporary lines; Rugby
Beyond field sports, what active recreation are you interested in?

- Pickleball: 55%
- Bocce: 40%
- Basketball: 40%
- Tennis: 37.5%
- Fishing: 30%
- Shuffleboard: 22.5%
- Other: 15%
- None of the above: 5%

Popular write-in responses: Paddle Tennis, Dog Park

What type of play space do you prefer?

- Traditional Playground: 52.5%
- Nature Inspired Playground: 22.5%
- Contemporary Playground: 15%
- Other: 10%

How would you rank these park amenities?

1. **Sports Fields**
2. **Waterfront Access**
3. **Places to quietly enjoy being outside**
4. **Children's play equipment**
5. **Increased variety of activities**
6. **Tree Planting Shade**
7. **Connectivity to Sullivan Square**
COMMUNITY PREFERENCES

**VIEWS**
“Prioritizing water views across the park. LOVE stadium seating!”

**TREES**
“The trees – you’re really getting to a scale that can contribute to urban canopy and heat island.”

**NEW ACTIVITIES**
“The pickleball court is great for all ages, as well as the game tables both offer new activities.”

WAS ANYTHING MISSING THAT YOU’D LIKE TO SEE AT RYAN PLAYGROUND?

“Noise barrier from Alford St.”

“More dog recreation. More space for gathering, as opposed to athletics.”
EXISTING CONDITIONS & CLIMATE RESILIENCY
EXISTING SITE (WITH PROPOSED EXTENSION)
PROPOSED FLOOD PREVENTION
PREFERRED SITE PLAN
PHASING

PHASE 1 (2023)
RYAN PLAYGROUND

PHASE 2 (2027)
PROPOSED EXTENSION
• Defining qualities: Canopy Trees, views of the Mystic, Additional space for gathering

• Amenities: Game tables, bocce courts, hockey rink, playing fields, multi-purpose turf field, playground, splash pad, batting cage, pickleball courts, storage, harbor walk, adult fitness, fishing

• Type of waterfront experience: hard and soft edges - cantilevered harbor walk, viewing decks, native coastal planting

• Existing Trees: 71

• Existing Trees to Remain: 28

• New Trees Added: 122
SITE LIGHTING – SPORTS FIELDS & WATERFRONT

*graphic is not directly representative of exact light output
ACTIVE RECREATION

NATURAL GRASS FIELDS

MULTI-USE FIELDS
ACTIVE RECREATION

OUTDOOR GAME TABLES (PHASE 2)

ADULT FITNESS

FISHING

Pickleball Courts

BoCce Courts (Phase 2)
PASSIVE SPACE

OVERLOOK AREAS

EMBANKMENT SEATING

PASSIVE LAWN

PLAZAS
PLAY PREFERENCES

ROPE AND CLIMBING FOCUSED PLAYGROUND

SENSORY FOCUSED PLAYGROUND

SLIDES AND PLATFORM FOCUSED PLAYGROUND

SPLASH PAD
COLOR AND MATERIAL PREFERENCES

WARM TONES

COOL TONES

NEUTRAL TONES

NATURAL MATERIALS

TRADITIONAL MATERIALS
LISTENING & DISCUSSION

Help us build great parks.
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THANK YOU!

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