

BOSTON COMMON

MASTER PLAN

Open House
15 January 2020



AGENDA

Project Background

Guiding Principles

What We've Heard So Far

Project Goals

Opportunities

Breakout Stations – How you can help tonight!

Report Out

General Q&A



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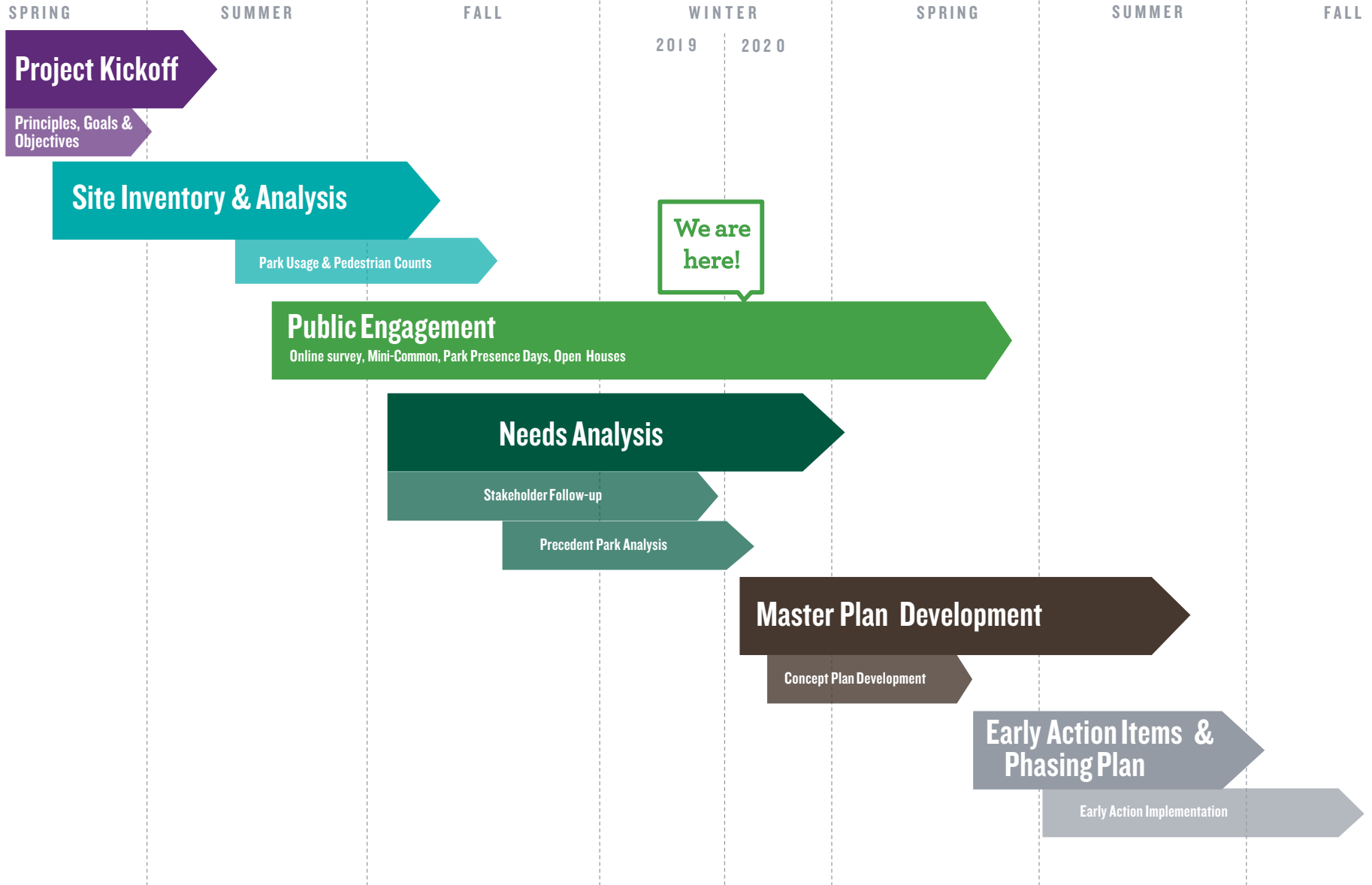
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PROJECT SCHEDULE

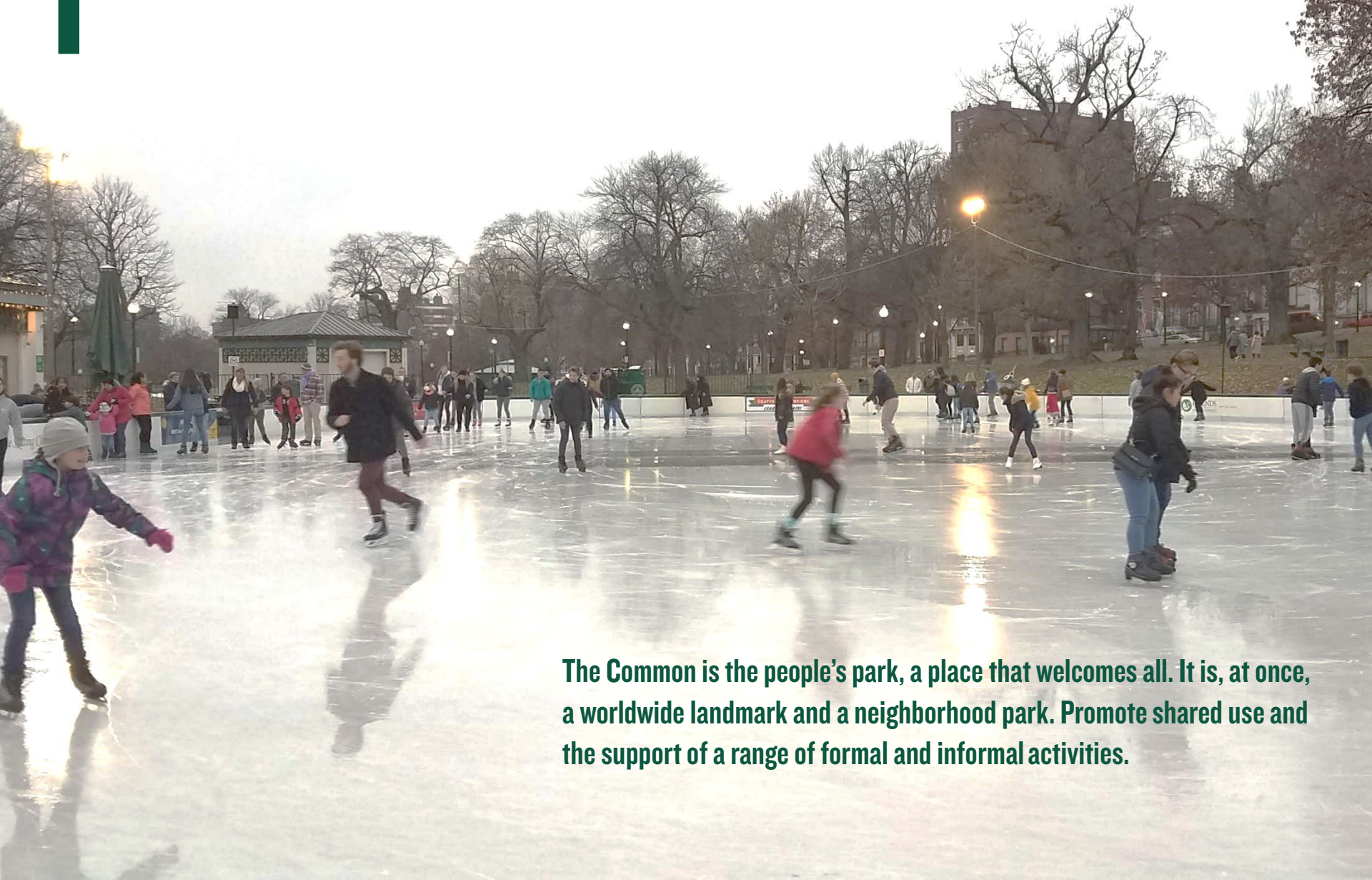


Guiding Principles



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1 MANY THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE



The Common is the people's park, a place that welcomes all. It is, at once, a worldwide landmark and a neighborhood park. Promote shared use and the support of a range of formal and informal activities.

2 DESTINATION AND CROSSROADS

Design for pedestrians. Provide “breathing room” and a connection to the natural world for those who visit, meet at, or pass through the Common daily while also offering a rich and inviting experience for those who visit the park for its cultural, historical, recreational, and social value.



3 HISTORIC AND CONTEMPORARY

Acknowledge the Common's layers of history, both visible and invisible, while shaping it into a landscape that serves modern park users in a 21st century city. Protect and enhance the Common's historic character.



Boston Common Etching, 1860

Image Courtesy of Digital Commonwealth.

**West Point Cadets
October 18, 1930**



4 BALANCE PARK USE AND CARE

Strike the right balance between intensity of use and upholding the highest standards in park care and maintenance. Implement best practices and use requirements.



5 CHAMPION RESILIENT STRATEGIES

Incorporate innovative strategies for managing climate change, on-site stormwater, zero waste, and other methods to enhance park health, safety, and quality within the context of this historic environment.



MINI COMMON POP UPS

@ Boston Common

1. African Festival
8/10 11AM - 3PM
2. Frog Pond Movie Night
9/6 4:30PM - 8:30PM
3. Brewer Plaza
9/17 10AM - 2PM

Maverick Station
8/19 3PM - 7PM

Beacon Hill Fall Fest
9/22 12PM - 3PM

Open Newbury
8/25 11AM - 3PM

Roxbury Crossing
Farmer's Market
9/13 3PM - 7PM

Chinatown
Lantern Festival
9/7 11AM - 3PM

Egelston
Farmer's Market
10/12 10AM - 2PM

Roslindale Village
Farmer's Market
10/5 9AM - 1PM



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OPEN HOUSE #1



CULTURE, HISTORY,
& MONUMENTS

TREES & SITE FEATURES

ACCESS C

PUBLIC FEEDBACK

PARK MAP
/ HANDOUT

INTERNAL WALKING ROUTES

DESTINATION &
NOT JUST A CUT THROUGH

PICNIC
AREAS

**BETTER FOOD
OPTIONS**

IMPROVE
SAFETY /
SECURITY

**MORE
RESTROOMS**

SPLASH
FEATURES AT
FROGPOND

NO SMOKING/
DESIGNATED
SMOKING AREA

MORE
LOCAL
ART

LIGHTING/
VISIBILITY
AT NIGHT

BIKE LANE AT PARK
PERIMETER

IMPROVE PAVEMENT

ADA
ACCESSIBILITY

**FENCED-IN
DOG PARK**

WAYFINDING
/ SIGNAGE

**MORE
TREES**

EVENTS TO
PROMOTE SENSE
OF COMMUNITY
& YOUTH
ENRICHMENT

BETTER
LAWN

BETTER BENCHES /
MORE SEATING
OPTIONS

KEEP THE
COMMON FREE

NATURAL PLAY
/ TREE HOUSE

**MORE FREE
EVENTS**

SEASONAL /
HOLIDAY
INSTALLATIONS
& ACTIVITIES

**BIGGER
PLAYGROUND**

MORE SHADY
PLACES TO SIT



Project Goals





Support and sustain a multi-functional park for a variety of users.



Strengthen the park's natural, cultural, and visual landscape character.



Improve the natural and physical infrastructure of the Common for quality and resilience.



Expand amenities to support park visitors.



Improve safety, maintenance, and management of the Common.



Opportunities (by geographic area)

I PARADE GROUND ZONE



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PARADE GROUND

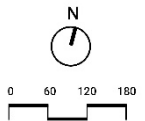


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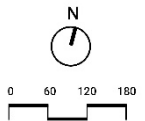
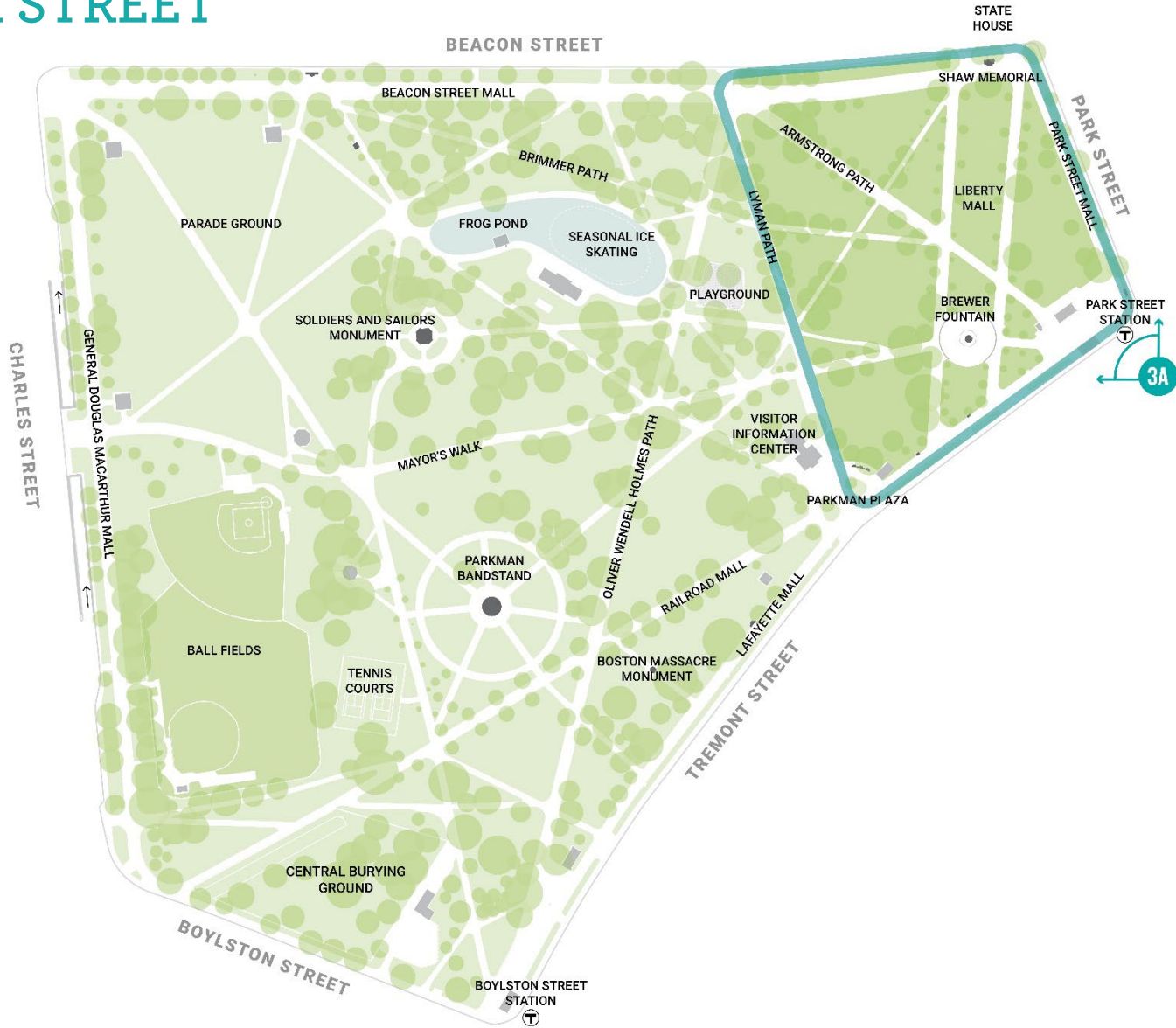
FROG POND



2 FROG POND





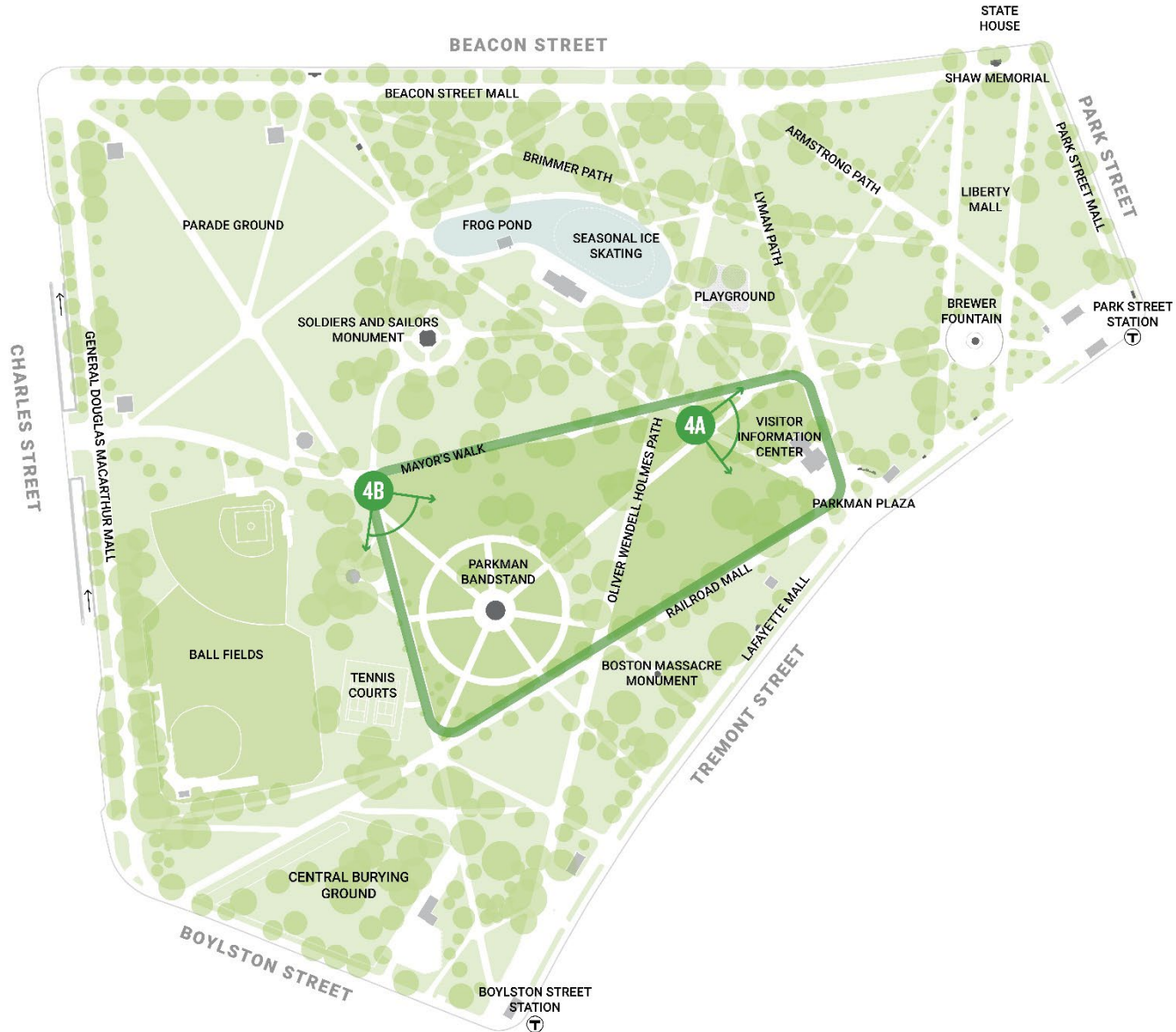








VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER (VIC)-PARKMAN



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VIC-PARKMAN



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BOYLSTON STREET



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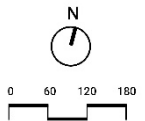
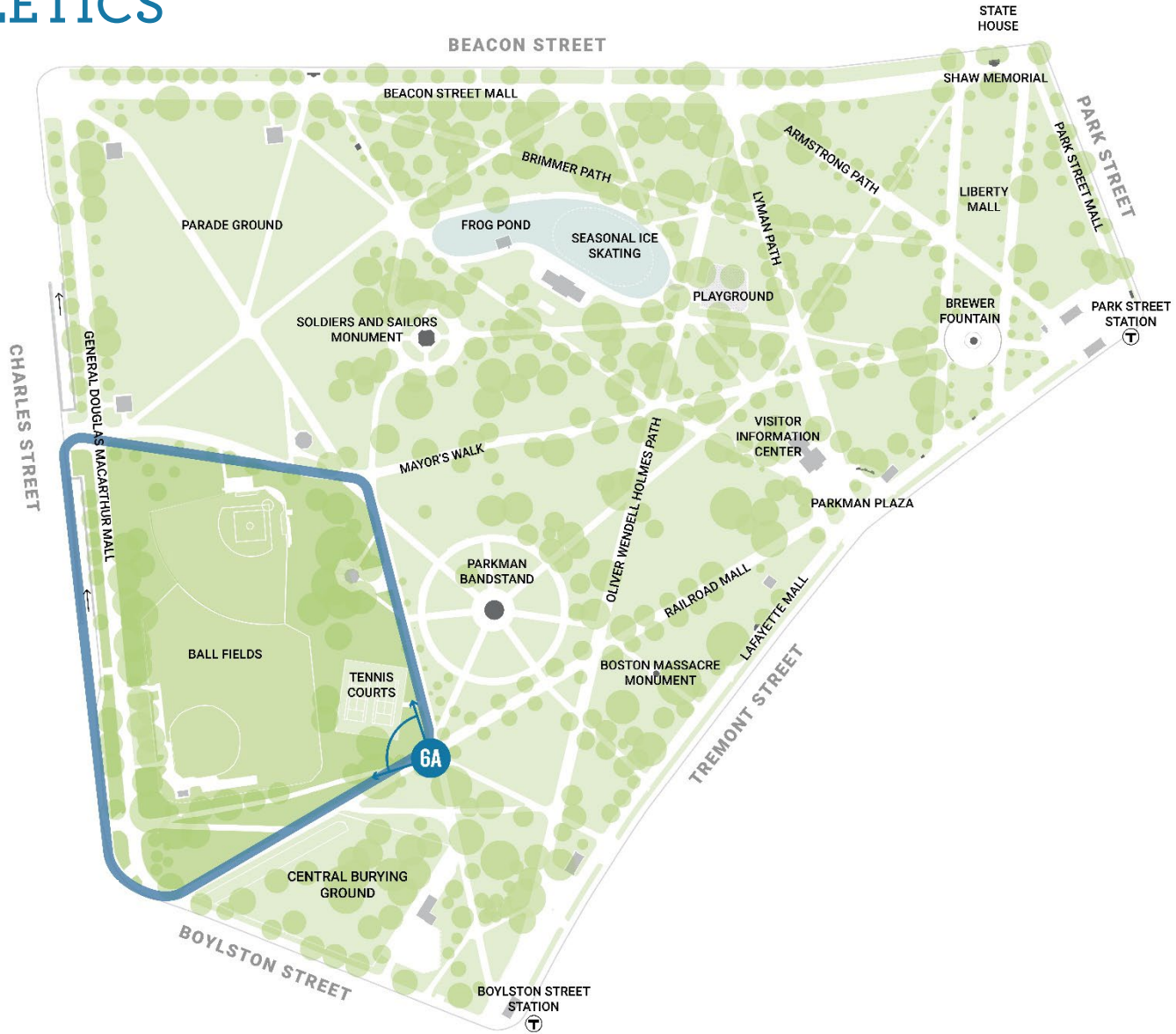
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ATHLETICS









HOW YOU CAN HELP TONIGHT & BEYOND!

PICK THREE TABLES TO VISIT

1 Parade Ground

2 Frog Pond

3 Park Street

4 VIC-Parkman

5 Boylston Street

6 Athletics

More questions or thoughts following this meeting? Email or call BPRD Project Manager Nate Frazee at nathan.Frazee@boston.gov or call 617-961-3167

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