Boston Parks and Recreation is developing a comprehensive Vision Plan for the future of Moakley Park that is vibrant and resilient. The Moakley Park Vision Plan seeks to create a comprehensive long-term plan which balances outdoor recreational needs and community gathering spaces, with protection against climate-change impacts such as flooding from increased rainfall and sea level rise. The plan will provide a vision for programmatic development of the park that ensures a diverse and balanced mix of uses, increases active recreational opportunities, cultural amenities and safety. At the same time, it will consider how the design of the park can help increase the neighborhood’s resilience against coastal flooding and reduce the impact of rainfall on active recreational fields.

The planning process itself seeks to stimulate meaningful and inclusive community engagement and identify both a long-term design approach to the park that encourages a wide range of users as well as early catalyst’s projects and partnerships to help promote and sustain future park renovation projects. The vision will seek to increase connectivity between Moakley Park and adjacent neighborhoods as well as Carson Beach and the Boston Harbor Islands, just steps away.

The Vision Plan process spans the course of the year, beginning in March and ending in December 2018. Four community events are planned during this time. Through these meetings the design team and Parks Department will seek to inform the community about the planning process, engage in a discussion of challenges and opportunities, share design ideas and gain feedback to help refine these ideas, and present the final plan and next steps at the end of the process. A Community Advisory Group will be created early on and will help to inform the design team of questions, concerns and aspirations of the current and future users of Moakley Park.
RECENT FLOOD CONDITIONS AROUND MOAKLEY PARK

The high water mark during the March 2018 Nor’Easter Riley was nearly equal to a 100-year storm event.

During March 2018 Nor’Easter Riley - Boston reached its 3rd highest tide observed since records began in 1928, highest tide observed was 11.3 ft with the recorded storm surge of 3 ft.

MOAKLEY PARK
March 2018

BAYSIDE EXPO PARKING
March 2018

MORRISSEY BLVD
March 2018

DAY BLVD
March 2018

WHERE DO WE FIT IN?

Climate: Ready Boston studied the future impacts of climate change on Boston: sea level rise, extreme precipitation and temperature increase. Moakley Park and nearby areas were identified as being at risk to flooding in the near- and long-term future due to climate change. As part of our efforts to integrate climate resiliency into all city planning efforts, we have the opportunity to build a more resilient future for this area of Boston through the Moakley Park Vision Plan.

THREATS TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

SEA LEVELS IN BOSTON WILL CONTINUE TO RISE

THE NUMBER OF VERY HOT DAYS WILL INCREASE

STORMWATER FLOODING WILL INCREASE

WHERE DO WE FIT IN?

2015 2020 2025 2030 BEYOND

Resilience Strategy: The Blueprint
2015 Climate Action Plan Update
Imagine Boston 2030
Climate Ready Boston
Retrieve your 4 tags that have your visitor number on one side, and are blank on the other.

Choose one sticker that describes how you typically arrive at the park.

Choose three stickers that describe what you do in the park.

Place those stickers on your tags and pin them onto the map.

Tell us which existing activities you like, would like us to improve, or add to the park.

BONUS! Choose one of your tags to draw a custom program that we’re missing.
ENVISION YOUR MOAKLEY PARK

WHAT NEW ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT MOAKLEY PARK?

1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th NO

- Yoga
- Martial arts
- Rentable games
- Rock climbing
- Cycling
- Ice skating
- Market
- Restroom
- Outdoor education
- Festival
- Food trucks
- Public art
- Outdoor cinema
- Performing arts
- Nighttime activities
- Sports clinics
- Exercising
- Winter activities
- Bocce
- Volleyball
- Pickleball
- Ping pong

ARE WE MISSING ANYTHING?
PROTECT!
WE SHOWED YOU THE CLIMATE IMPACTS ON BOARD #2. NOW LET’S SHOW YOU WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT!

HERE IS A SET OF CRITERIA WE USE TO EVALUATE THE SUCCESS OF OUR DESIGN SOLUTIONS:

**DESIGN LIFE AND ADAPTABILITY**
- Design life
- Performance horizon
- Adaptability/flexibility
- Phase-ability and time to implementation
- Maintenance requirements

**SOCIAL IMPACT**
- Recreational
- Cultural
- Aesthetic

**FEASIBILITY**
- Stakeholder support
- Constructability
- Permitting
- Affordability: Cost of construction
- Affordability: Cost of maintenance
- Replicability

**EFFECTIVENESS**
- Maximum level of protection (% probability / SLR scenario)
- Reduction in flood extent
- Avoided damage and loss
- Residents protected
- Critical assets protected

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**
- Water and air quality
- Habitat value
- Human health benefits

**EQUITY**
- New and equitable access to water
- Educational opportunities
- Community partnerships
- Preservation / addition of open space

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**COASTAL/ TIDAL**

- **BERM-DUTCH DIKE**
- **TERRACED SEATING**
- **MARSH / WETLAND**
- **FLOODABLE FIELD AND BERM**
- **DUNE / BOARDWALK**
- **FLOOD WALL**

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**STORMWATER/ INLAND**

- **STREET TREES**
- **SWALE**
- **STORMWATER WETLANDS**
GO BIG!
WE’RE STUDYING PARKS WITH QUALITIES THAT COULD INFORM THE VISION PLAN.
WHICH DO YOU LIKE OR DISLIKE?

ACTIVE RECREATION
DRAPERS FIELD, LONDON

ACTIVE RECREATION
PENN PARK, PHILADELPHIA

WATERFRONT
BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK, NEW YORK CITY

WATERFRONT
CHELSEA WATERSIDE PARK, NEW YORK

WATERFRONT
CRISPY FIELD, SAN FRANCISCO

WATERFRONT
SPRUCE STREET HARBOR PARK, PHILADELPHIA

RESILIENT
YANWEIZHOU PARK, CHINA

ACTIVE STREET
ROSE FITZGERALD KENNEDY GREENWAY, BOSTON

LEGACY PARK
CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK

LEGACY PARK
MILLENIUM PARK, CHICAGO

RECREATIONAL WATERFRONT
GRAND PARK, SOUTH CAROLINA

RECREATIONAL WATERFRONT
LOPRESTI PARK, BOSTON

ARE THERE OTHER RELEVANT PARKS WE SHOULD BE STUDYING?
HELP US GET IN THE LOOP!
ON WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

UPCOMING PARK REPAIRS

Even prior to the start of the Moakley Park Vision Plan, Boston Parks Department has been planning the following park repairs and renovations:

- Rubber surfacing repairs at Dottie Curran Playground

Spring/summer (Fiscal Year 2018)

- Fitzgerald BB field/ King BB field/ Little #1: infield reshaping, pitcher’s mound/ home plate shaping, infield mix replenishment, sodding baselines as needed.
- Hockey court renovation.

Fall work (Fiscal Year 2019)

WHAT ARE WE MISSING?

GET INVOLVED!

Interested in getting involved in future Moakley Park planning? Let us know if you'd like to volunteer for upcoming community events below.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!