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5 WAYS THAT GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CAN IMPROVE MOAKLEY PARK

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**GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE EXPERIMENT!**

*TEST SOME MATERIALS YOU CAN FIND IN DIFFERENT KINDS OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE!

STEP 1
Fill the pitcher with water.

STEP 2
Pour water onto all four surfaces

STEP 3
Determine how much water flows into box vs the tub overflow

Impervious paving doesn’t drain
Pervious paving drains slowly
Play surfaces can be permeable
Infiltration of planting allows the park to act as a sponge
**GOALS FOR MOAKLEY PARK**

- Retain and enhance the active recreation capacity of Moakley Park
- Increase the usability of fields and diversify the types of athletic and non-athletic activities that can be enjoyed at Moakley
- Implement climate resilient measures that help prevent the fields from flooding during rain storms, and protect the park and neighborhood from future sea level rise and storm surge.

**WE CAN ACHIEVE THESE GOALS THROUGH . . .**

**ATHLETICS**

**NEW PROGRAMS**

**RESILIENCY**

**FUTURE SCENARIOS: HELP US ORGANIZE PROGRAM AND COASTAL PROTECTION AT MOAKLEY!**

Below are 4 options of how to arrange athletics, new program, and resiliency measures in Moakley.

1. Pick up a comment card and pen
2. Take a look at the 4 options below.
3. Fill out your comment card with what you like about the plan, what aspects you dislike, and what part is your favorite!

**A** INTERSPERSED COMMUNITY & ATHLETIC PROGRAM, RAISED ATHLETIC FIELDS WITH HARBOR VIEW

Several small zones for community activity separate fields and play areas into multiple areas of the park with terraced views.

**B** CENTRAL COMMUNITY AREA, RAISED BALL FIELDS, AND FITNESS TRACK

Community and play areas are at the park’s center and a fitness track runs in and among athletic and community program areas.

**C** BEACH-SIDE COMMUNITY AND PLAY SPACE SURROUNDED BY ATHLETIC FIELDS AND FITNESS TRACK

The various play zones nestle against the raised berm at the center of the park, while athletic program moves closer to Old Colony and Columbia Rd.

**D** COMMUNITY THOROUGHFARE TO BEACH

A community thoroughfare connects Old Colony Ave to Carson Beach Boathouse, adds larger stormwater collection and dispersed athletics throughout.
STORMWATER WETLAND

PLAY STRUCTURES

WATER PLAY

SKATE PARK

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Martin J. Walsh, Mayor

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### Program & Resiliency

*Will provide better space for active recreation, play, community, and ecological diversity.*

#### Athletics

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#### Additional Features

- Food Truck Area
- Program Center
- Large Event Space
- Small Community Space

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**Step 2:** Place your green stickers on images you like.

**Step 3:** Place your red stickers on images you dislike.
LET US KNOW YOUR LIKES AND DISLIKES OF EACH SCENARIO BELOW

COMMENT ON THE DIFFERENT COASTAL PROTECTION SCENARIOS!

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WHAT KINDS OF TURF WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AND WHAT FIELDS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE LIT?

DESCRIBE YOUR IDEAL FACILITY CONDITION!

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STEP 2
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