

Improvements to
McConnell Park
Community Meeting #3



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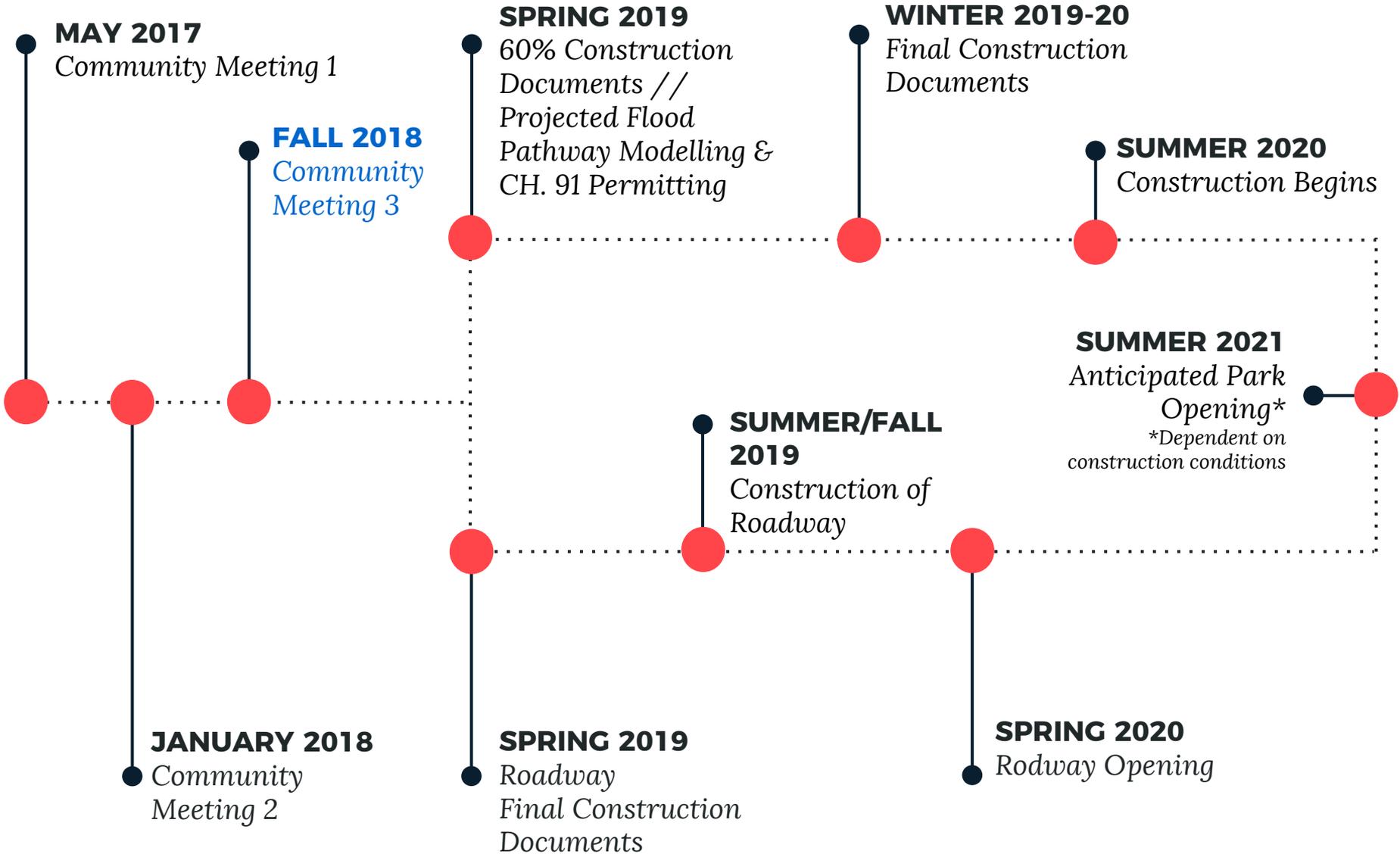
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LISTENING & DISCUSSION

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. The image shows a mix of houses and multi-story apartment buildings. A baseball field is visible on the left side, and a beach is at the bottom. A dashed white line outlines a specific area within the neighborhood. The text 'BUILDING A NEW PARK TOGETHER' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font on the left side of the image.

BUILDING A NEW PARK TOGETHER

PROJECT SCHEDULE



Community Meeting #2 - What we heard from you

- **Parking is an ongoing issue - unorganized, unenforced, and lacks emergency access**
- **Field layout should remain focused on Little League and Softball as the primary uses; Strong preference for Official Little League field**
- **Improve field drainage and/or provide Synthetic Turf surfacing**
- **Provide a Challenger League ball field with appropriate surfacing**
- **Modernize sports lighting and keep from spill-over into neighborhood**
- **Playground should be imaginative and interactive with increased accessibility and perimeter fencing**
- **Create more spaces for users of all age groups; ADA access throughout the site**
- **Ongoing Coordination:**

Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)	Public Works Department (PWD)
Boston Police Department (BPD)	Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC)
Boston Transportation Department (BTD)	Climate Ready Boston
MassDOT	Climate Ready Dorchester
Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS)	Conservation Commission



SITE ANALYSIS

1. The Ballfields and Play Area read and feel like two separate parks.
2. Opportunities exist to enhance the connection between the park and waterfront.



NORTH



DORCHESTER BAY

RECENT STORM EVENTS



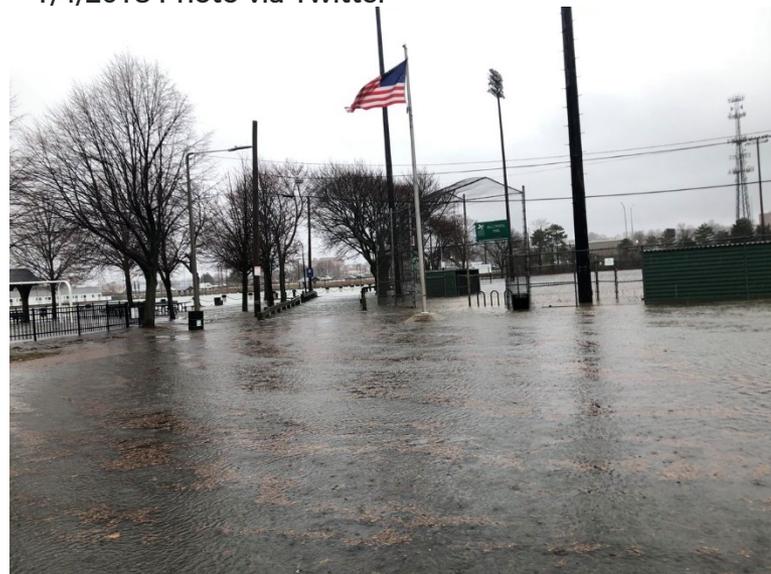
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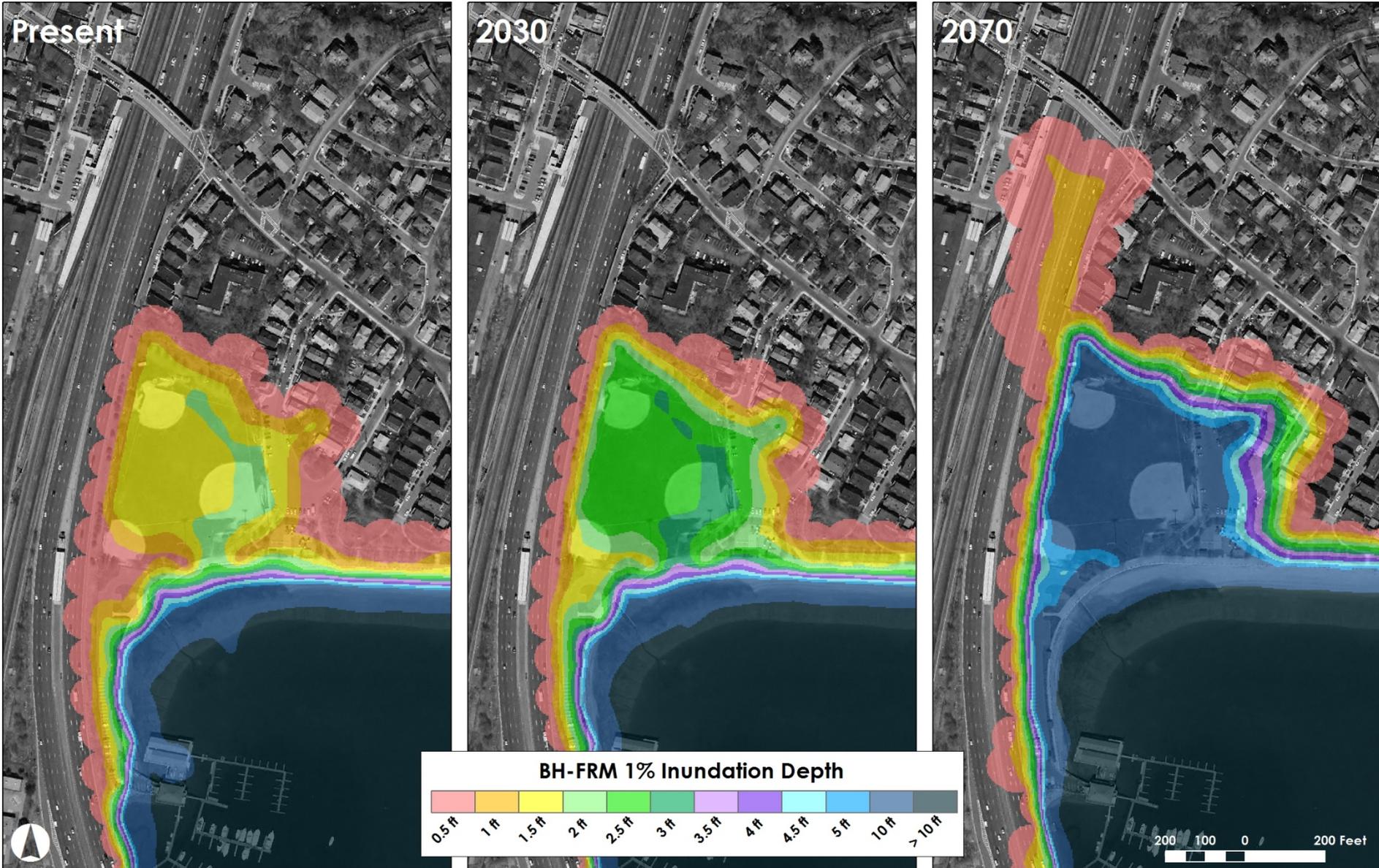


Nor'easter 3/3/2018
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CLIMATE RESILIENCY



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Present



2030



2070



BUILDINGS



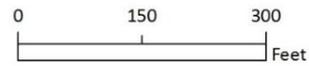
FLOOD PROGRESSION



1% FLOOD EXTENT



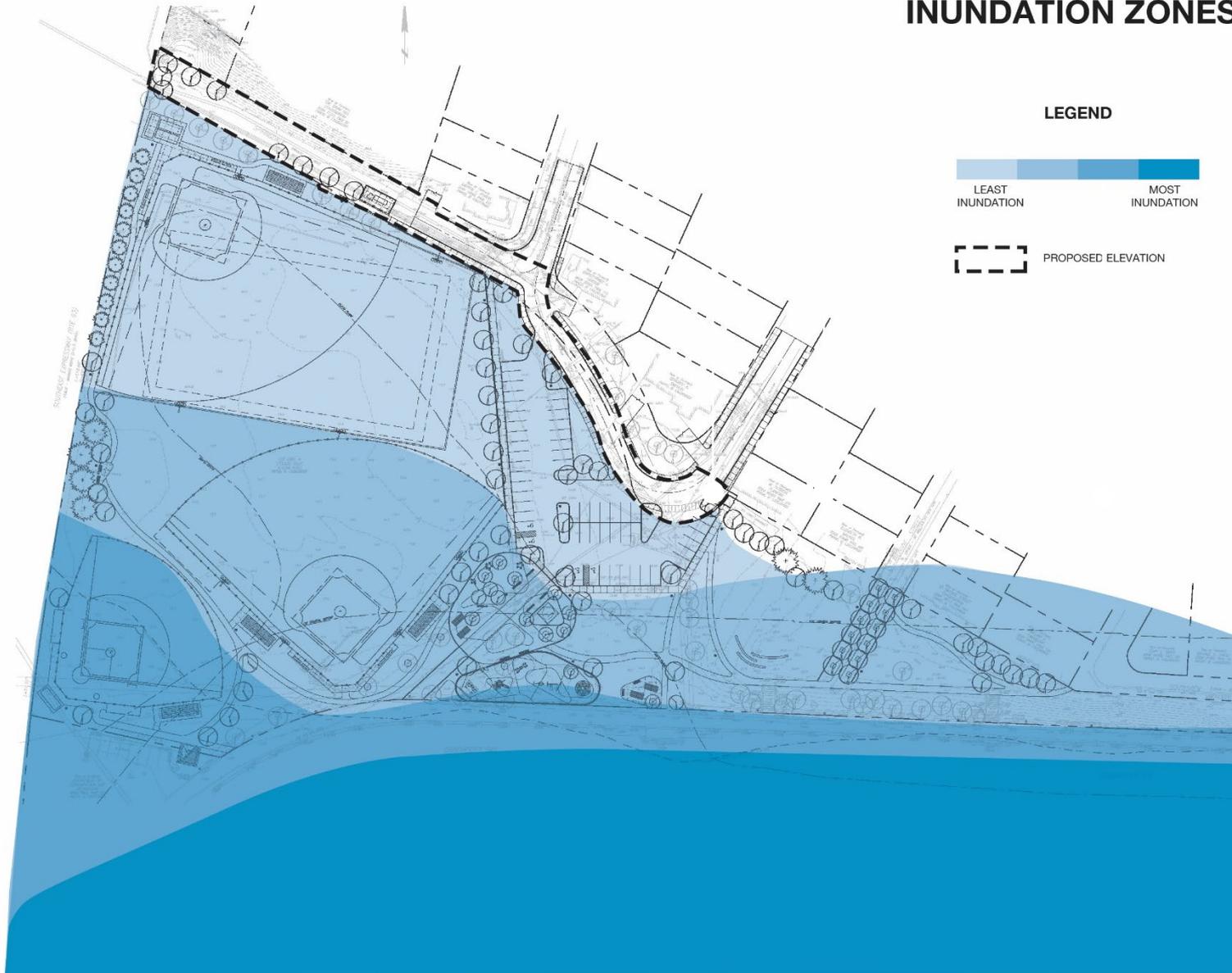
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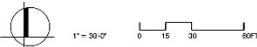
CLIMATE RESILIENCY

INUNDATION ZONES

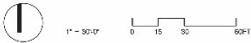
LEGEND



PREFERRED SITE PLAN



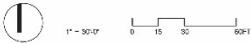
PREFERRED ROADWAY ACCESS



- NOTES:**
- KEEPS ROAD AS CLOSE TO PARK EDGE AS POSSIBLE
 - DOES NOT ALLOW ROAD TO CROSS ϵ OF SPRINGDALE STREET
 - CAN ACCOMMODATE:
 - 24'-6" INSIDE RADIUS
 - 51'-9" OUTSIDE RADIUS
 - 5' SIDEWALK
 - 54 TOTAL PARKING SPACES
 - PROTECTS EXISTING TREES (2) AND VIEW SHED AT 44 SPRINGDALE
 - RE-GRADE ROAD TO LIMIT FLOOD PATH



PREFERRED BALL FIELD LAYOUT



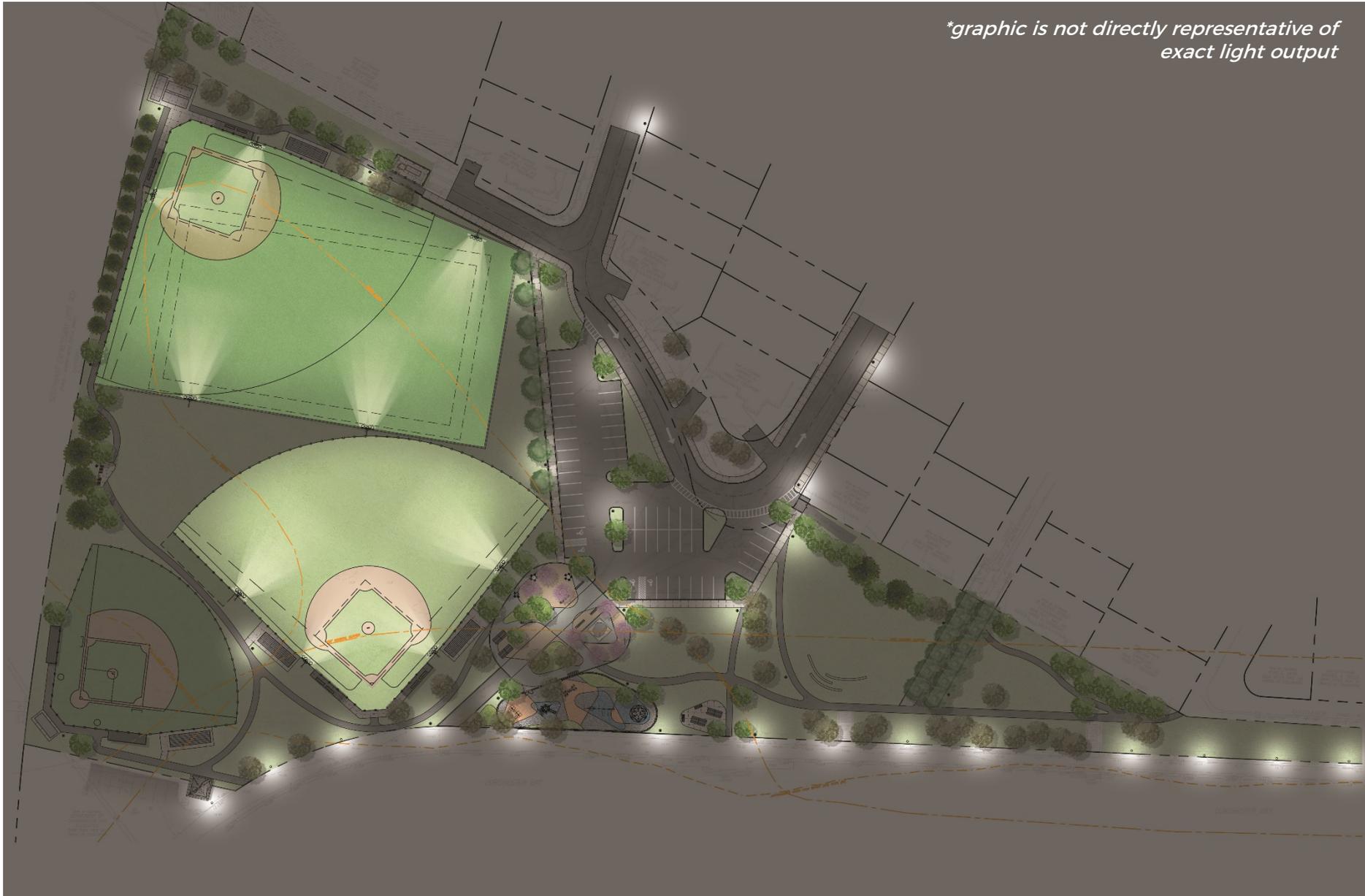
SITE LIGHTING - PEDESTRIAN

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SITE LIGHTING - ATHLETIC FIELDS + PARKING

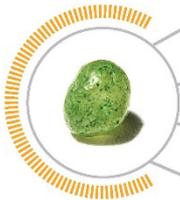
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PRECEDENT IMAGES - FIELDS



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- Maximum playability.** Athletes benefit from Envirofill's firm, fast, and safe surface. Its highly rounded quartz core resists compaction so the surface plays consistent.
- Low maintenance.** Envirofill is field-owner friendly. It is free of watering, doesn't require frequent top-off and eliminates stress. These factors and more make it the infill of choice for facilities that want to focus on game time strategy rather than costly field recovery.
- It's cleaner.** Microban® antimicrobial protection is infused into Envirofill during the manufacturing process to help prevent the growth of bacteria, mold, and mildew that can cause stains, odors, and product deterioration.
- It's reusable.** Because of its superior durability, Envirofill can be repurposed for multiple turf lifecycles with no decrease in performance.



PRECEDENT IMAGES - PLAYGROUND



PRECEDENT IMAGES - PASSIVE / PLAZA



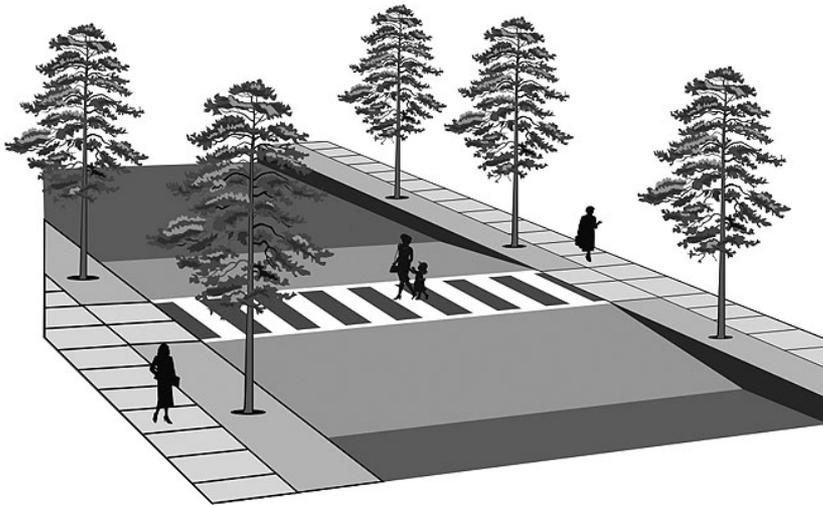
UNVEIL TABLE TO CAPT McCONNELL
More Than 10,000 Attend Exercises at Field at
Dorchester Named in His Honor



Left to Right—Private Garrison, Capt. McConnally, and the Mayor McCannell, Last Member of
A Company, 18th Infantry. Inset—The Old Clarendon Edwards. In the Background—Brass tablet in
memory of Capt. McConnell.



PRECEDENT IMAGES - PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



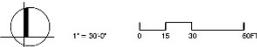
LISTENING & DISCUSSION

Playground Equipment:

- What type of structures would you like to see?
 - Post-and-Platform
 - Rope
 - Sculptural
 - Nature-based

Other thoughts or concerns?

PREFERRED SITE PLAN





THANK YOU!

For questions, maintenance requests or
concerns regarding any of our
parks contact 311



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