

Create opportunities in Needham Park to build community



SWING BENCHES



METAL OR WOOD BENCHES



ENERGY DISSIPATOR TO PREVENT SOIL EROSION AND TREE LOSS



Clearly identified entrance with safe paths that are accessible for all



Measures to slow traffic and ensure safe crossings

Provide safe access to, circulation through, and community awareness of Needham Park



PERMEABLE PATH MERGING INTO BOARDWALK



BOARDWALK MADE OF DURABLE CONCRETE DECKING

ACCESSIBLE PATHS AND ENTRANCES

PARK ENTRANCE SIGN & RULES



HABITAT RESTORATION AND INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL



STREAMBANK RESTORATION



Protect, preserve, and enhance Needham Park's tree canopy, stream system and natural habitat



ON-STREET PARKING WITH PERMEABLE PAVERS TO INFILTRATE STORMWATER AND REDUCE EROSION

Create a peaceful, safe, and educational place to enjoy nature



SOFT SURFACE WOODLAND TRAILS PLANNED ON NATURAL CONTOURS FOR MINIMAL IMPACT



WALKING TRAILS THROUGH WILDLIFE HABITAT



RUSTIC BENCHES IN WOODLAND



WOODLAND LEARNING CIRCLE WITH CLIMBING LOG

VISION PLAN FEATURES

- New entrance into park on McLendon Drive, with low impact ADA-compliant walkway, providing safe welcoming access to the meadow area, the bridge, and woodland trails
- Habitat restoration, removal of invasive species and poison ivy, protection of existing canopy trees. New plantings of native understory, shrubs, and trees
- Stream restoration to lessen soil erosion and slow stormwater
- Outfall repair on McLendon Drive, install energy dissipator and boulders, regrade and stabilize banks, evaluate white oak during process
- Enhance the connection between the woodland and meadow areas of the park by replacing the existing bridge with a more durable material, raised to meet the grade of the parking area and connect to the north side with a platform and ADA-compliant boardwalk over wet area at end of existing bridge to prevent compaction and erosion
- On-street parking on Needham Drive; permeable pavers and improved drainage channel to better control stormwater from E. Ponce de Leon Avenue
- Soft-surface loop trail through woodland side of park, with smaller footpath connections
- Crosswalk to park across McLendon Drive, with rapid-flash beacons to slow traffic
- Implementation to happen over time as a series of projects as shown in the project diagram

NEEDHAM PARK 2019 Vision Plan



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