

Fields Master Plan Update, October 2, 2019

Last update sent to Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, July 2019

Summary

City staff undertook an Athletic Fields Master Planning effort, including a robust community process and thorough data analysis , starting in late 2015. A draft of the plan was released in March of 2016. This presentation is the fifth update to the final plan, released in June of 2016. (Updates were submitted in September and November 2016, May 2018, July 2019 and today). All reports and presentations, and the data which inform them, are available online in the “Plans and Reports” section of the Public Space and Urban Forestry webpage:

<https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/public-space-and-urban-forestry>

The data shows that: 1) the demand for field hours is greater than supply, 2) the majority of field permits are issued to youth groups and, 3) the majority of use are for rectangle fields during peak hours.

Somerville’s natural grass fields, which have been cared for organically for over 3 years, continue to improve with regular aeration, top dressing and slice seeding. Infiltration rates have increased dramatically and soil health is much improved.

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***10 Dilboy Stadium** ●
Redo turf & track

Dilboy Aux ●
[2a] Allow rectangle uses at Dilboy B ✓

[7] Renovate fields, add lights & irrigation ●

Trum ✓
[2b] Allow rectangle uses at Trum

Conway ●
[5] Convert multipurpose M rectangle to turf multipurpose L rectangle, contaminated

Healey School ●
[6] Create M turf rectangle; renovate schoolyard

Winter Hill ✓
[4] Create XS turf rectangle 2017

Nunziato
[3] Stormwater project; renovate entire park, on hold

Draw 7 ●
[8] DCR leading design effort

Foss ●
[9] DCR to build synthetic turf field; renovate entire park

***11 - ESCS & Capuano** ✓
Rehabilitate turf fields

Lincoln ●
[1] Park renovated, fields being used

✓ Completed

● In progress

* Added May 2018 update

July 2019 Project Status

- ✓ Completed
- In progress
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1. Lincoln Fields: anticipate opening in fall, dependent on healthy grass cover ●
- 2a. Dilboy Aux: field in use ✓
- 2b. Trum: outfield in use ✓
3. Nunziato: delayed ●
4. Winter Hill XS Field: completed & in use since Aug 2017 ✓
5. Conway Field: working with EPA & DEP on remediation plan ●
6. Healey School: in design, community process ●
7. Dilboy Aux: designed, needs construction funding ●
8. Draw 7: DCR leading design effort ●
9. Foss Park: DCR leading design effort for synthetic turf fields ●
- *10. Dilboy Stadium Improvements: pending DCR approval and funding ●
- *11. ESCS & Capuano synthetic turf fields being renovated (summer 2019) ●