



# ATHLETIC FIELDS MASTER PLANNING

## Staff Report: Sept 2016 Update

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# Background

- City staff undertook an Athletic Fields Master Planning effort in late 2015 and early 2016, which included two community meetings and a presentation to the Board of Aldermen.
- This presentation is a second update to the plan. It is an abbreviated version of previous presentations, which are available online:
  - June 2016 update:  
<http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2016%20Fields%20Master%20Planning%20Staff%20Report%20Update%20June.pdf>
  - March 2016:  
[http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2016%20athletic%20fields\\_v2\\_DRAFT.pdf](http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2016%20athletic%20fields_v2_DRAFT.pdf)
- September 2016 updates are in orange
- June 2016 updates are in purple

# Fields Master Plan Summary: September 2016 Update\*

## Dilboyl Aux

[2a] : stripe S rectangle on B (summer 2016)

COMPLETE

[7] : turf A & B; convert B to M rectangle; add lights (pending DCR approval)

Dilboyl Stadium

Dilboyl Auxiliary Fields

Triangle Field

Hodgkins Curtin

## Trum

[2b] : Stripe XS rectangle for limited use (fall 2016) COMPLETE

Trum Field

## Healey School

[6] : Create XS/S turf rectangle; renovate schoolyard (summer 2018)

## Winter Hill

[4] : Create XS turf rectangle; renovate schoolyard (spring 2017)

Draw Seven Park

## Draw 7

[8] : Ideal: turf XL field & add lights; alternate: interim improvements (pending DCR approval)

## Conway

[5] : convert multipurpose M rectangle to turf multipurpose L rectangle (2017 or 2018)

Conway Park

## Winter Hill

[4] : Create XS turf rectangle; renovate schoolyard (spring 2017)

## Foss

[9] : Rehabilitate entire park (pending DCR approval)

## Nunziato

[3] : stormwater project; rebuild grass field (spring 2017)

Nunziato Field

Capuano Field

## Lincoln

[1] : renovate park, convert rectangle to regulation M grass field (summer 2016)

Lincoln Park

\*Dates are ideal construction start dates

# Step 1: Lincoln Park renovation

1. Description: rehabilitate entire park, including massive stormwater storage project
  - a. Convert non-regulation L rectangle to M rectangle
  - b. New drainage, irrigation & lighting for rectangle & diamond fields
2. Recommended surface: grass
3. Ideal timeline:
  - a. Construction summer 2016 through fall 2017
    - a. **Schoolyard & underground stormwater storage system complete**
  - b. Field rest through summer 2018
  - c. Field online fall 2018
4. Displaced uses: SHS girls soccer, SHS ultimate frisbee, SYSL, SHS softball, SYSBL
  - a. **All displaced uses relocated**
5. Requires cooperation from non-City party: no

# Step 2a: Dilboy Aux B interim improvements

1. Description: **stripe S rectangle** over field
  - a. Provides swing space for Lincoln construction
2. Recommended surface: n/a
3. Ideal timeline: summer 2016
  - a. **Completed August 2016**
4. Displaced uses: essentially none due current underutilization of Dilboy B
5. Requires cooperation from non-City party: no

## Step 2b: Limited rectangle use at Trum

1. Description: stripe **XS** rectangle at Trum
  - a. Provides swing space for displaced play from Lincoln
2. Recommended surface: n/a
3. Ideal timeline: fall 2016
  - a. **Completed August 2016**
4. Displaced uses: none
5. Requires cooperation from non-City party: no

# Step 3: Nunziato renovation

1. Description: rehabilitate entire park, including massive stormwater storage project
  - a. Rebuild S grass rectangle with new drainage, irrigation, and lighting
2. Recommended surface: grass
3. Ideal timeline:
  - a. Design summer 2016 through winter 2017
    - i. Design services contract being executed
    - ii. Kickoff meeting Tuesday, 9/27
  - b. Construction late spring/summer 2017 through spring 2019
  - c. Field rest fall 2019 through spring 2020
  - d. Field online fall 2020
4. Displaced uses: SHS ultimate frisbee, SYSL U8
5. Requires cooperation from non-City party: no



# Step 4: Winter Hill XS field

1. Description: construct XS rectangle on lowest level of Winter Hill schoolyard
  - a. Provides swing space for Nunziato construction
  - b. Provides opportunity to rehabilitate Winter Hill schoolyard
2. Recommended surface: turf
3. Ideal timeline:
  - a. Field design summer 2016
    - i. Survey complete
    - ii. Design services contract being executed
    - iii. Kickoff meeting soon
  - b. Field construction spring 2017
  - c. Field online summer 2017
  - d. Schoolyard project fall 2016 through end of 2017
    - i. City applying for CPA funds for schoolyard construction
4. Displaced uses: none
5. Requires cooperation from non-City party: no



# Step 5: Conway renovation

1. Description: convert M multipurpose field to L multipurpose field, including new drainage, irrigation, and lighting
  - a. Maintain 2 S diamonds
  - b. Repair retaining wall
  - c. Remediate potential soil contamination
  - d. Add storm water storage
2. Recommended surface: turf
3. Ideal timeline:
  - a. Begin construction 2017 or 2018
    - i. City pursuing survey & geotech analysis (pending BOA funding approval)
4. Displaced uses: SHS football, SYSL
5. Requires cooperation from non-City party: no

# Step 6: Healey School XS/S field

1. Description: construct XS or S rectangle at Healey School
  - a. Provides additional capacity
  - b. Provides opportunity to rehabilitate Healey schoolyard
2. Recommended surface: turf
3. Ideal timeline:
  - a. Design summer 2017 through spring 2018
    - a. CPA-funded Healey to Mystic planning study completed summer 2016
    - b. City applying for CPA funds for schoolyard design
    - c. City pursuing survey & geotech analysis (pending BOA funding approval)
  - b. Construction summer 2018 through summer 2019
  - c. Field online fall 2019
4. Displaced uses: none
5. Requires cooperation from non-City party: no

# Step 7: Dilboy Aux renovation

1. Description: rehabilitate Dilboy Aux A & B with new irrigation, drainage, and lighting
  - a. Permanently convert underutilized S diamond to M rectangle
2. Recommended surface: turf
3. Ideal timeline: fall 2019
4. Displaced uses: SHS soccer, SYSL
5. Requires cooperation from non-City party: yes

On hold pending conversations with DCR

# Step 8: Draw 7 renovation

1. Description: renovate entire park, including creation of XL rectangle field with new irrigation, drainage, and lighting
2. Recommended surface: turf
3. Ideal timeline: spring 2020 through fall 2020
4. Displaced uses: none
5. Requires cooperation from non-City party: yes

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# Step 9: Foss renovation

1. Description: Rehabilitate entire park with new playing fields, irrigation, drainage, and lighting
2. Recommended surface: To be determined
3. Ideal timeline: To be determined
4. Displaced uses: To be determined
5. Requires cooperation from non-City party:  
yes

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# Field Maintenance Updates

- BOA approved Administrative Order to include fields maintenance under a new Parks & Recreation department
- BOA approved Fields Division budget in the FY17 Budget
  - Director of Operations interviews scheduled
- City issued a RFP for Maintenance Plan consultant August 2016; responses due week of 9/26
  - Assessment of current conditions due December 2016
  - Maintenance plan due April 2017
  - Staff training spring 2017

# Key next steps

1. Flexible RFQ issued for design services for up to 4 projects (Winter Hill, Nunziato, Conway, Healey). **Complete**
2. BOA request for design funds for Winter Hill & Nunziato. **Complete → kickoff meetings soon**
3. Incorporate projects into FY17-FY26 CIP. **Ongoing**
4. Issue RFP for fields maintenance plan. **Complete**
5. Continue conversations with DCR re: Draw 7, Dilboy & Foss. **Ongoing**
6. **Pursue surveys and geotech analyses at Conway and Healey, pending BOA funding approval**

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