



CITY OF CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS

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Parks & Open Space

Funding

PARC Grants:

- Annual State grant, usually due in June, awarded in fall
- Reimburses community between 50 and 70% of cost of acquisition and/or construction up to \$400,000
- Funds available over two years; first year design, second year construction
- Chelsea receives 70% reimbursement
 - \$400,000 of reimbursement at 70% rate leverages a total budget of approximately \$570,000 (design & construction)

City Funds:

- Annual CIP allotment of \$170,000 for grant “match”
- Annual operating budget allotment of \$19,000 for conceptual plans and cost estimate

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Funding (cont.)

CDBG:

- Program between \$150,000 and \$180,000 to upgrade a park
- Team with local nonprofit (The Neighborhood Developers) to develop a park in conjunction with the development of affordable housing

Other Funding:

- Other grants
- Foundations
- Donations (money/land)
- Possibly CPA

Other:

- Design Review
- Development Agreements



Parks & Open Space Design

**On-call landscape
architect on 3 year
contract**

**RFP design for CDBG
projects**

**Public
hearings/workshops**

Work with:

Residents

Abutters

Nonprofits

Salvation Army

Seniors

Developers

Housing Authority

Schools

DPW



TEAMWORK

Overcoming differences to work towards a common goal.

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Parks

Highland Street Green Corridor:

- Shurtleff-Bellingham neighborhood deficient in park space
- Need to connect neighborhood to the Silver Line & associated multi-modal path
- Create Green corridor connecting existing and new park with streetscape features to provide the continuous connection
- PARC & local funds
- \$625,000
- Completed by June 30th
- Future plans to extend the Corridor down the other side of the hill to the Salt Pile park



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Salt Pile Park:

- Oil storage tank site purchased for expansion of road salt storage
- Agreed to construct a park on 32,000 sq ft of the site; expands to approx. 1.5 acres during the off-season
- Constructed & maintained by the property owner, but programmed by the City
- Reused some of the site features to reflect its history
- Provides much needed access to the river



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Mystic River Overlook Park:

- Approximately two acre City-owned site under the Tobin Bridge
- Overlooks the Chelsea River/Mystic River confluence
- Passive recreation to be connected to a future walking path under the length of the bridge
- PARC grant/City funds
- \$800,000
- Completion June, 2017
- Will also include a dog park funded (hopefully) by the Stanton Foundation



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Chelsea Commons Park:

- Developer donated 40,000 square feet
- \$1.4 million: Urban Self-Help, CDBG, City funds, foundations, local business donations
- Passive recreation to be connected to a future walking path under the length of the bridge
- Completion June, 2010

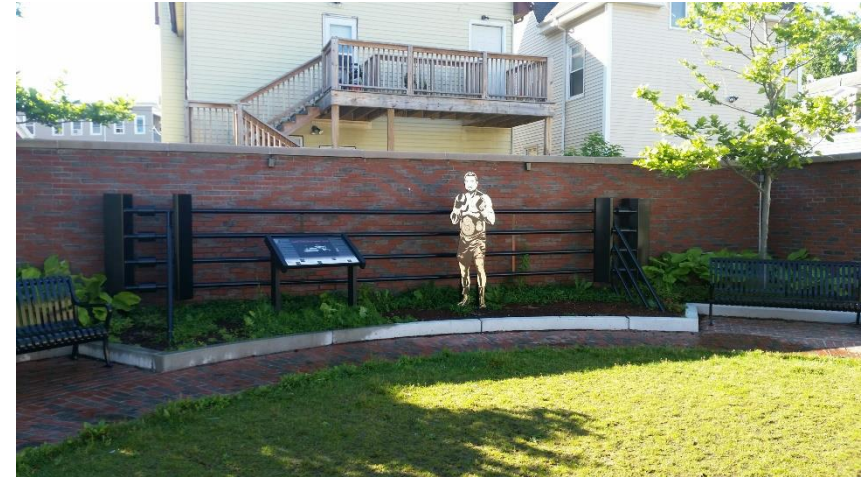


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Ruiz Park:

- Approximately 25,000 sq ft City-owned site
- Dedicated to John Ruiz, former middle-weight boxing champion
- Includes body-building exercise equipment
- PARC grant/City funds
- \$700,000
- Completion June, 2014



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Kayem Park:

- Approximately 5,000 sq ft MassPort-owned site
- Took 15 years to build
 - Clean-up the neighborhood
 - Build infrastructure
 - Convince MassPort to donate the land
- Urban Self-Help Grant/City funds
- PARC grant/City funds
- \$570,000
- Completion June, 2011

Before



After



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Requests we are working on:

- Skate Park
- Dog Park
- More exercise equipment
- Use of colors/textures for seniors with dementia and Alzheimer's
- Local artists
- Parks for older children (10-17 year olds)
- More waterfront access



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