







# Open Space and Recreation Plan

Malden, Massachusetts

2017







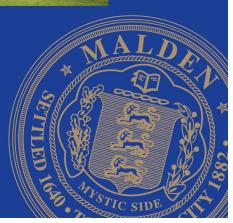


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## **Plan Summary**

The 2017 Malden Open Space and Recreation Plan updates and revises the 2010 Open Space and Recreation Plan approved by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. This Plan Update was prepared by the Malden Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Committee and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, with the assistance of Malden residents, members of City boards, committees and staff, including the Malden Redevelopment Authority.

Over the last seven years, the City has worked to implement many of the action steps identified in the 2010 Plan, spending more than \$20 million on open space and recreation projects. These improvements include completion of the Northern Strand Community Trail (\$1.1 M); Macdonald Stadium Upgrades (\$2.1M); High Rock Acquisition (\$1.8M); Howard Park (\$7.6M) and Waitts Mount (\$1.5M). A table of projects completed since the last Open Space Plan Update is on Page 19.

This Plan Update provides current information about the community's growth, open space and recreation needs and goals, and develops an action plan for meeting those needs.

## Important Issues and Critical Needs

Major issues and critical needs identified at community forums, meetings of the Malden Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Committee and through the Open Space and Recreation survey include:

- Develop the Malden River as new open space.
- Enhance the recreational opportunities of the existing Northern Strand Community Trail.
- Ensure adequate open space is provided as the City expands housing opportunities and other development occurs.
- Develop and distribute new open space and recreational opportunities as equitably as possible across all neighborhoods.

- Outreach and education efforts to help residents become knowledgeable about Malden's open space resources.
- Management planning for sports fields to ensure that there are adequate fields and that they
  are available for Malden teams and receive sufficient maintenance and upgrades as
  necessary.

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

A Vision Statement to guide this Open Space Plan Update was developed based on community input from a survey, public forums, comments by City officials, and review by the Open Space Committee.

## Malden's Open Space and Recreation Vision

Malden will provide a network of well-maintained open spaces available and accessible to all ages and interests. Malden will continue to identify, protect, improve, and connect its open space and recreational resources.



Credit: /City of Malden

Some of the open space opportunities available in Malden, from top left clockwise: Fellsmere Park, splash pad at Lincoln Commons, Middlesex Fells, and Northern Strand Community Trail.

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## Introduction

## Statement of Purpose

This document will replace Malden's 2010 Open Space and Recreation Plan and will serve to guide the City's decisions on open space and recreation resources, including spending, for the next seven years. The Plan is designed to provide a road map of open space and recreation priorities to ensure that the needs of the Malden community are met. Through a public process, the community's needs were identified, and goals and action steps to address those needs were developed.

This 2017 Plan Update has been compiled in accordance with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) and Division of Conservation Services (DCS) requirements and guidelines. In order to be eligible for state and federal grant aid offered through the EOEEA, an approved Open Space and Recreation Plan is required. These grant programs have assisted the City to upgrade and improve parks and recreation facilities.

## What is Open Space?

Open space is land that is undeveloped, usually without buildings or structures, and that is typically accessible to the public. Open space is generally divided into two categories: conservation lands and recreation resources.

Conservation land is usually left in its natural state and is often, but not always, open to the public. Conservation lands may include animal and plant habitats, water resources/aquifer protection, and other natural, historical or cultural features.

Recreation resources involve activity. Active recreation activities include team and individual sports taking place in or on developed facilities. Passive recreation is defined as any activity that can be performed outdoors with a minimum disturbance to an area's natural resources. Informal sports activities on an open field are considered passive activities. Conservation lands can offer passive recreation opportunities.

This Plan will inventory all forms of open space including conservation lands, active and passive recreation areas, and cemeteries that serve as historical/cultural resources. The Inventory of Malden's recreation and open space resources is contained in Chapter 5.

## Planning Process and Public Participation

## Planning Process

Mayor Gary Christenson appointed City officials and residents to serve as members on the Malden Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Committee ("the Committee").

The members of the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Committee, and their affiliations and wards are below:

Deborah A. Burke, Executive Director, Malden Redevelopment Authority, Committee Chair

Andrea Antonucci, Malden Youth Soccer, Ward 6

Brian Creamer, Walkability Committee, Ward 1

Brian DeLacey, Resident, Ward 3

Jason Hamelin, Resident, Ward 6

Bob Knox, Director, Malden Public Works Dept., Ward 8

Joseph Levine, Malden Recreation Department Coordinator, Ward 2

Barbara Murphy, Malden City Councilor, Ward 5

Michelle Romero, Malden City Planner, Ward 3

Robert Rotondi, Malden Babe Ruth League, Ward 4

Marie Shea, Challenger League, Ward 5

Prisco Tammaro, Resident, Ward 3

Steve Winslow, Bike to the Sea, Ward 6

Maria Luise, Special Assistant to Mayor Christenson (Ex-Officio Member), Ward 8

The Committee began meeting in January, 2017. The Committee met one to two times a month for nine months. The Committee meetings were posted and were open to members of the public to attend. The Committee worked to gather, analyze, and discuss information to include in the Plan. Its work included review of the 2010 Open Space Plan, the Malden Master Plan, and various other studies, plans and reports regarding open space. A list of reports consulted is contained in Chapter 11. The draft Plan was delivered to City, state and regional stakeholders for review. Formal comments on the Plan are included in Chapter 10. Following completion of the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update, the City will continue to inform the community as it implements the action steps outlined in this Plan and monitor overall progress toward meeting the Plan's goals.

## **Public Participation**

In addition to public meetings of the Committee, two public forums were held and a survey was conducted to gather community input for the Plan. The forums and survey were advertised to the public through flyers, on the City's website, committee outreach, through sports teams and social media.

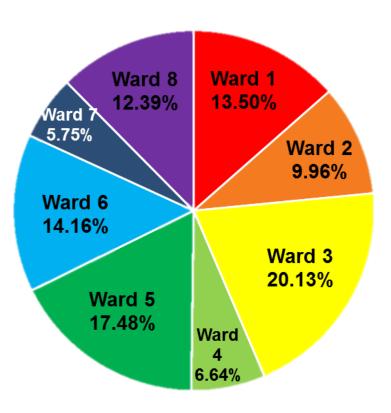
The first forum was held at the Malden Senior Community Center on March 9, 2017. This forum included a table exercise with maps to identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) to Malden's open spaces and recreation areas. The tabulated SWOT results are shown in Chapter 7.

The second public forum was held at the Malden YMCA on May 3, 2017. This forum was held to obtain comments and prioritize draft goals and action steps for the Plan. A summary of the priorities and public comments generated during the group exercises is shown in Appendix A

The Committee developed an open space and recreation survey to obtain public input. The survey was posted on the City's website and translated into various languages. The availability of the survey was also advertised at the first public forum. The survey was completed by 491 residents and selected highlights from the survey are also presented as part of the Needs Analysis, Chapter 7.

Residents from each neighborhood in the City responded to the survey.

## Survey Responses by Ward



## **Environmental Justice Enhanced Outreach**

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) and other state agencies have been implementing an Environmental Justice (EJ) Policy since 2002 to help ensure that all Massachusetts residents experience equal protection and meaningful involvement with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies and the equitable distribution of environmental benefits. This policy was instituted because the Commonwealth realized that low-to-moderate income residents in densely populated older industrial areas often lack open space and recreation resources and may live near old, abandoned, and/or contaminated sites that can pose risks to public health and the environment.

Environmental justice is an integral consideration in all EOEEA programs, to the extent applicable and allowable by law. As one agency within the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass DEP) helps carry out the Commonwealth's Environmental Justice goals. The Environmental Justice Executive Order No. 552 requires Secretariats to take action in promoting environmental justice. The Executive Order requires new environmental justice strategies that promote positive impacts in EJ communities.

For example, EOEEA has now amended the PARC and LAND program regulations to incorporate EJ in the award scoring system. Similarly, the Riverways and the Massachusetts Environmental Trust will work with EOEEA to develop systems for incorporating environmental justice as a criterion for awarding grants. The EOEEA also has determined to target its resources to more effectively create, restore, and maintain open spaces located in neighborhoods where EJ populations reside.

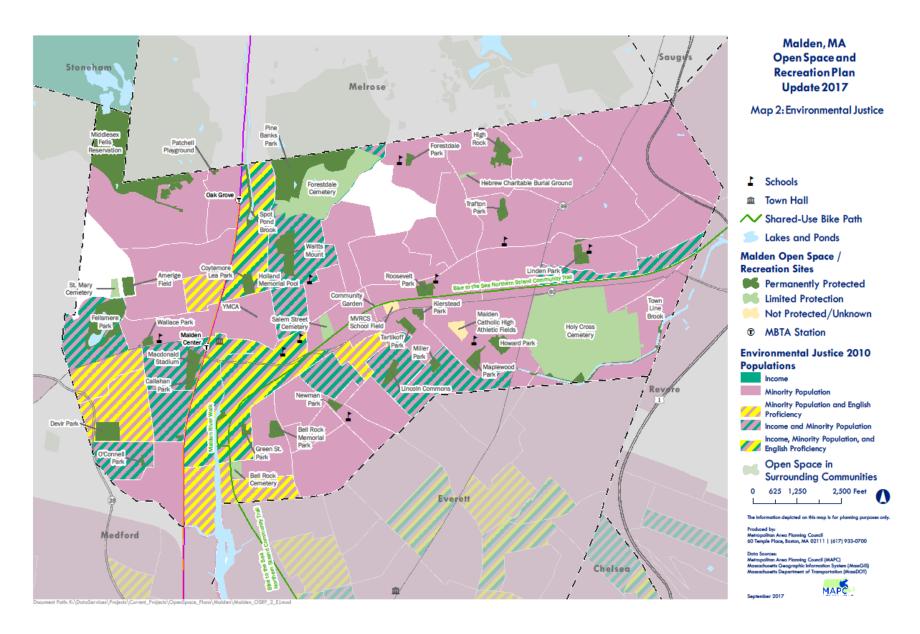
Malden is one of 137 communities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that includes an EJ population, as identified through analysis by MassGIS. EJ populations in Massachusetts are determined by the following criteria:

- Households earn 65% or less of the statewide household median income; or
- 25% or more of the residents are minority; or
- 25% or more of the residents are foreign-born; or
- 25% or more of the residents are lacking English language proficiency.

The EJ Populations by Census Block Group Map indicates that 97% of Malden's population is located in EJ block groups. All except for two block groups (not colored on the following map) include 25% or more residents of Malden that meet one or more criteria that define an EJ population, as depicted on the following map. (For larger map, see Appendix B).

The significance of this designation for open space is to make sure that information about open space/signage is available in appropriate languages; activities enjoyed by a particular group are taken into account for park planning and programming; and that as new open spaces are acquired any unserved areas, particularly vis a vis EJ communities, are addressed.

In terms of enhanced outreach to the EJ populations for the public process used for this Plan, forum notices indicated that accommodation services, including translation services were available. The notices and survey were translated and the location of the second public forum at the Malden YMCA was chosen because of its central location and diverse programming.



# **Community Setting**

## **Regional Context**

Malden is located five miles north of Boston and is bordered by Stoneham, Melrose and Saugus to the north, Revere to the east, Everett to the south and Medford to the west. Malden is included in Middlesex County and comprises 5.12 square miles or 3,244 acres of land.

Malden has proximity to major highways, rail transit, and Boston's Logan International Airport. It is minutes from major urban attractions including theaters, professional sports sites, museums, and numerous colleges and universities.



A lively and diverse City, Malden is home to 59,450 residents who live in distinct neighborhoods in a variety of housing, ranging from elegant Victorians to contemporary apartments. The equally diverse business community includes 1,800 firms specializing in such areas as finance, light manufacturing, education, biotechnology, food industry, social services and retail.

Malden's proximity to natural resources has been a driving force behind its commercial and economic success since its founding. Early settlers relied on the Malden and Mystic Rivers for industry and commerce. That tradition continues today. River's Edge, the tri-city redevelopment of a 30-acre former brownfields site alongside the Malden River, is a shining example of continued economic development success. This multiuse, transit-oriented waterfront development continues to be developed in the spirit of "smart growth," guided by the Mystic Valley Development Commission, created by the cities of Malden, Medford and Everett, and developed by Preotle Lane & Associates. The development includes an award-winning 10-acre park, with over 1/3 mile of river frontage, and featuring a mixture of open parkland strewn with over 8,000 plants, naturalistic trees, shrubs and flowers including approximately 2,000 plants in 1½ acres of wetlands; over a mile of paths for walking, running, and bicycling; an all-purpose sports field and the Tufts University Boathouse.



Credit: City of Malden
The Moose on the Malden Regatta

The eastern portion of Malden is located within the North Coastal Watershed which includes Rumney Marsh, a state-designated Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). In Malden, the Town Line Brook and the Linden Brook create connections to the tidal system in neighboring Revere. This tidal activity has an impact on drainage and stormwater management in many neighborhoods in the southeastern portion of Malden. Roseland Properties is developing a 100-acre residential and mixed-use project at the site of the former Rowe's Quarry in Revere and Malden. Along with the River's Edge Project, this represents another successful example of regional cooperation.

## Regional Planning Context: MAPC and MetroFuture

Malden is one of 101 municipalities served by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), the regional planning agency for greater Boston. Created by an Act of the Legislature in 1963, it is one of 13 regional planning agencies in Massachusetts. MAPC works with member communities to address issues of regional impact such as transportation, resource protection, housing and public policy.

## **Inner Core Subregion**

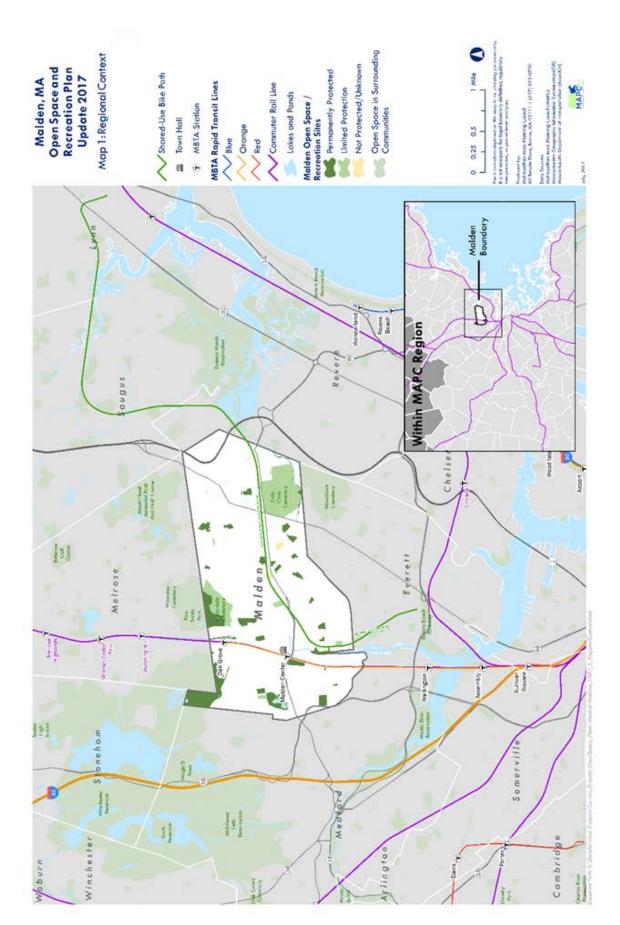
The City of Malden is also a member of the Inner Core Committee, which is one of eight MAPC subregions. The Committee is comprised of Malden and 19 neighboring communities. This group meets regularly to discuss their common interests, as well as regional planning issues and opportunities. This is a valuable forum where Malden can share and learn from other communities' experiences while working with neighboring municipalities to achieve regional open space goals such as the Northern Strand Community Trail (also known as "Bike to the Sea") and continued implementation of the Malden River Greenway.

#### MetroFuture

Metro Future is the official regional plan for Greater Boston, adopted in 2009 consistent with the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws. The plan includes goals and objectives as well as thirteen detailed implementation strategies for accomplishing these goals. The complete regional plan may be viewed by visiting the website at: <a href="http://www.metrofuture.org/">http://www.metrofuture.org/</a>.

The regional initiatives that Malden has worked on include the *Lower Mystic River Corridor Strategy Report*. MAPC worked with Malden and five other communities to develop a targeted strategy to advance the goal of realizing the full potential of the Lower Mystic River. The study area for this project includes the Malden River and the daylighted portion of the Malden River. The City of Malden was represented on the steering committee. One of the goals of this Plan Update is to continue to develop the Malden River Greenway.

Malden's regional planning context is depicted on the following map. (Larger map in the Appendix B)



## History of Malden

Malden was first settled by the English in 1634 when the town of Charlestown made farm sites in this area available to new settlers. Prior to English settlement, Malden and its surrounding communities were occupied by Algonquin Indians.

On May 21, 1649, the General Court certified Malden as a town. At that time, Malden included what are today parts of Reading, Stoneham, Melrose, and Everett. From 1634 to 1800, Malden grew slowly with agriculture and fishing as its economic base.

Malden's earliest factories were associated with the maritime trade of the nearby ports. These first industries were located along the banks of the Malden River and established the use of the river for industrial purposes. Due to Malden's early start in the shoe business, and backed by favorable labor supply, the town eventually became an important tanning and shoe manufacturing center. The Boston Rubber Shoe Company, established in 1853, became the largest factory of its kind in the world. Construction of the Boston & Maine (B&M) Railroad during this same period (from 1845 to 1860) ensured the transformation of this one-time agricultural hamlet into a leading manufacturing center.

In 1858, a town hall was erected near the center of town at the site of the Hill's Tavern, and by March of 1881, Malden was officially incorporated as a city. The population grew from 3,520 people in 1850 to 24,626 people in 1890; these numbers nearly doubled again by 1900. By that time, Malden had become the most prosperous city in Middlesex County. Local industry became more diversified and the downtown area of the City, around Pleasant and Main Street, became a major shopping area with the opening of numerous stores.



**Credit: City of Malden**City Hall Demolition

Following the end of World War I, many of Malden's wooden schools, churches, and bank buildings were replaced with more permanent masonry structures, most of which remain today. The Great Depression brought Malden's growth and progress to a halt. As in most American cities, recovery from this economic decline was a long, slow process.

On January 1, 1958 a streamlined governing structure consisting of a mayor and an 11 member city council was inaugurated, using the original charter. At that time, Malden's extensive urban renewal program was planned and initiated. This effort removed many blighted structures, adjusted street patterns, and reversed the negative trends of previous years. Even though "urban renewal" is no longer supported by the state and federal governments, planning work still continues in the vein of renewal and improvement and is today funded through various other government initiatives and programs.

In the 1970's, the establishment of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's (MBTA) Orange Line stations in Oak Grove and Malden Center encouraged the redevelopment of the City's downtown. The redevelopment included the construction of Malden Government Center (City Hall and Police Station) at 200 Pleasant Street and parking garages to accommodate commuters and Malden visitors. Since the 1990's, the City has undertaken several economic development projects in the downtown, in neighborhood squares and at the edge of the City in the tri-city River's Edge initiative. These projects have helped spur additional business activity and have become part of a major revitalization effort.

Today, Malden Government Center (City Hall and Police Station) at 200 Pleasant Street is currently being demolished, resulting in the reopening of Pleasant Street to through traffic and the connecting of downtown Malden to the Malden Center MBTA Station. The developer, Jefferson Apartment Group (JAG), will then transform the site into a mixed-use retail/residential/office development, including office space for a new City Hall and a publicly accessible area that will provide opportunities for civic events and outdoor dining for residents and visitors. The construction of a new Police Station at 800 Eastern Avenue was completed in October, 2016. As a result of a strong economy and efficient, reliable, public transportation connections, Malden continues to enjoy economic prosperity.



Credit: Jefferson Apartment Group Rendering of 184 and 200 Pleasant Street

## History of Malden's Park System

## Malden and Boston are the only Massachusetts communities to have Olmsted-designed park systems

When Malden was a small rural village, formal parks were much less important than they are today. Development was scattered and covered only a small percentage of land. The rest of the town was held in common ownership and open for all to use.

Between 1870 and 1910, Malden's population multiplied over six times. This population growth coupled with the rapid formation of new, dense Malden neighborhoods created by the division of common lands encouraged the desire for public parkland in Malden.

In 1889, the City of Malden formally accepted the Parks Act of 1882. The Parks Act of 1882 authorized Massachusetts' cities and towns to create public parks within their boundaries. By accepting this Act, Malden could appoint three commissioners to effectively plan a park system to meet the needs of its growing population and to purchase parkland in accordance with those plans. They could also develop the parks and establish rules for their use. Any lands taken under this Act were to "be forever kept open and maintained as a public park or parks." In 1892, the Malden Park Commission was formed.

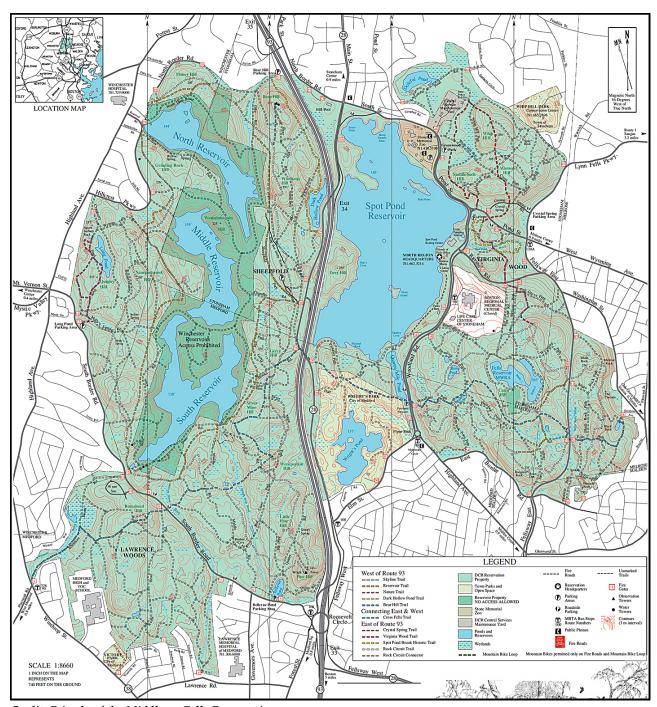
The 1880's also marked the beginning of the public parks movement in Massachusetts. In 1890, the private Trustees of Public Reservations (now the Trustees of Reservations) and in 1893, the Metropolitan Park Commission (now the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation) were created to preserve lands of natural beauty and history for the enjoyment of the general public. Through the work of the Trustees and the Metropolitan Park Commission many of Massachusetts' current regional natural resources, including the Middlesex Fells Reservation, were identified and protected.

Under the leadership of Sylvester Baxter, Malden's first Park Commission Chair, Malden's early park inventory began to take shape, primarily through philanthropic gifts. These first gifted parks inspired the City to set aside additional capital funds specifically earmarked for parkland acquisition, thereby beginning to balance the park inventory while interspersing parks throughout the City.

Also through Sylvester Baxter, the Malden Park Commission sought the consultation of Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr., and, later, the Olmsted Brothers landscape architecture firm on several park projects with the intention of developing a park system throughout the City. Of twelve original sites, Bell Rock Memorial Park and Fellsmere Park are the only two remaining examples, which survive intact today, of an Olmsted-planned passive park within the larger Malden park system.

## Park Acquisitions and Development

In 1883, the Metropolitan Park Commission acquired the Middlesex Fells Reservation. Both Fellsmere Pond and Pine Banks Park were philanthropic bequests of former mayors. Purchases of the Park Commission included Newman Park (Ferryway Green), John D. Devir Park, and Hunting Field.



Credit: Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation

Map of the Middlesex Fells Reservation



Credit: City of Malden
Fellsmere Pond

By 1910, additional parklands within Malden included Pearl Street (Macdonald Stadium), Coytemore Lea, Bell Rock Memorial Park, O'Connell Park, Harris Delta, Amerige Field, Roosevelt Park, Waitts Mount Park, and Linden Victory Delta. In 1917, a small piece of land at the top of a 250 foot hill known as High Rock was deeded to the City. MacArthur (Green Street) Park, Devir (Pearl Street) Playground, Wallace Park, Hawkridge Delta, Trafton Park, and Tartikoff Park were added in the 1920's.

Forestdale Park was added in 1947. The 1950's brought two more parks into the City's system – Oak Grove and South Broadway Park. The 1960's and the urban renewal of the Suffolk Square area brought four additional parks and open spaces: Miller Park, Grape Street Park, Kierstead Park, and Government Center Plaza. In 1975, Callahan Park was completed by the Malden Redevelopment Authority as part of the Industrial Park Urban Renewal Project.

In 1955, the Park Commission was combined with the Public Works Department to promote efficiency. However, in later years, park maintenance suffered considerably, and in 1977, the Park Commission was reestablished as a separate entity. In the 1970's, the City, often working with the Malden Redevelopment Authority, began a major improvement program with the assistance of federal funds administered through the Community Development Block Grant and Open Space programs. New equipment such as play equipment, benches, basketball and tennis courts, and lighting were added to many parks.

Until 1998, Malden faced a serious problem regarding the quantity and quality of classroom space available in its schools. The City commissioned a study of the existing school facilities and the projected needs, and decided that that best course of action was to build five new public school buildings. Because of Malden's extremely dense population and lack of readily available, buildable land resources, the City decided to use existing parkland to meet their needs. The 1998 study recommended that portions of Roosevelt Park, Newman (Ferryway Green) Park, and Hunting Field would be used for school construction with the condition that new parkland would be created to mitigate the loss of open space taken through school

construction. Another recommendation was that the remaining portions of the impacted parks should be completely renovated.

As a result of this school building initiative, two new park sites were identified for park construction: Lincoln Commons, the former site of the Lincoln Junior High School, and Maplewood Park, a new park site adjacent to the existing Richard C. Howard Park (formerly South Broadway Park). These two sites in addition to the renovated school sites represent 7.81 acres of newly designed parkland, a net gain of 1.63 acres of new open space within Malden's parkland inventory.

## Recent and Current Open Space Projects

In 2011, the City acquired the High Rock property, a 6.6 acre open space. The City has also completed several park improvement projects since 2010, at a cost of more than \$20 million. Funding sources included City resources, state grants, and federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars. All projects completed since 2010, with the exception of improvements to Amerige Park, are located in designated Environmental Justice areas.

The projects are listed in the following table:

| Name               | Address  | Improvements  | Cost        | Complete    | Funding Source   |
|--------------------|--|---|-------------|-------------|--|
| Amerige Park       | Fellsway East &<br>Highland Ave.                             | New tot lot; refurbished basketball/street hockey court.  | \$153,856   | July 2011   | City Bond  |
| Callahan Park      | Pearl Street & Charles Street (Rt. 60)                       | Fully rehabilitated softball field; new sodded playing field and skinned infield; field fencing and park perimeter fencing; player benches and dugouts; parking lot reconstruction and lighting; infrastructure for video surveillance cameras.   | \$788,271   | Spring 2016 | City's Capital<br>Improvement Plan<br>Funds  |
| Community Garden   | Off Faulkner Street<br>between<br>Rt. 60 and<br>Salem Street | Malden's 1st community garden; 27 gardening plots, common perennial border, sitting and gathering space.  | \$22,000    | Oct 2013    | Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); Private donations from Keurig, Inc. and non- profit Seeds of Change. |
| Coytemore Lea Park | Mountain Avenue  | Universal access playground   | \$200,000   | Dec 2015    | CDBG;<br>State Grant (PARC)  |
| Coytemore Lea Park | Mountain Avenue  | Gravel path replaced with an accessible asphalt pathway; benches and lawn seeding; outdoor garden.  | \$135,000   | Dec 2016    | CDBG funded path; Outdoor Garden privately funded  |
| Forestdale Park    | Goodhue Street   | ADA compliant path; chain link fencing; dugout shelters with ADA compliant player's benches.  | \$65,000    | Dec 2016    | CDBG   |
| Lincoln Commons    | Cross & Bryant<br>Streets                                    | Splash pad contains ground nozzles that spray water upwards with a draining system directly underneath; hand-activated motion sensor set to run for a limited time.   | \$186,000   | Summer 2015 | CDBG; State Grant  |
| Macdonald Stadium  | Rt. 60 &<br>Pearl Street                                     | The improvements include a new artificial turf field, a regulation size track and a new state-of-the-art scoreboard.  | \$2 million | Sept 2012   | City Funds Capital Improvement Bond  |
| Miller Park        | Harvard Street   | Improvements include new playground space with hopscotch and picnic tables and an open lawn area surrounded by a loop walk with benches, seat wall and plantings. Basketball court was seal-coated and restriped and ornamental pedestrian scale lighting along the walkways was installed offering illumination and site | \$340,000   | Jun 2015    | City's Capital<br>Improvement<br>Project Funds   |

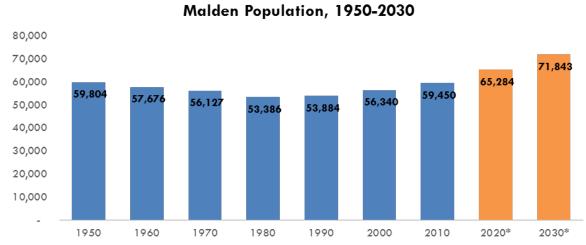
|   |  | security. Extensive repairs and replacement of existing chain link fencing was also done.  |                        |             |                                    |
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| Northern Strand<br>Community Trail                        |  | 3 mile bike path between Everett & Revere  | Approx.<br>\$1 million | Summer 2013 | City of Malden<br>Chapter 90 Funds |
| Pearl Street Playground<br>(Phase I)                      | Pearl Street   | ADA compliant basketball court with new hoops and replacement of playground stone surfacing with engineered wood fiber safety materials.   | \$116,000              | May 2016    | CDBG                               |
| Richard C. Howard<br>Park<br>(formerly South<br>Broadway) | Broadway   | A new synthetic turf field for baseball, soccer and lacrosse; dugouts; bullpens/batting cages; lights for night play; spectator seating; four tennis courts, also lit for night play; and a tot lot designed to accommodate a broad range of ages from toddlers to elementary school. The project also includes improved and lit parking areas; bike racks; pedestrian walkways; benches; site lighting and landscaping throughout the park; a utility building for maintenance equipment and storage; and a new roundabout at the terminus of Maplewood Street and the entrances to Broadway Plaza, the Park, Maplewood Park and Malden Catholic. | \$7.6 million          | Oct 2015    | City Bond<br>CDBG<br>State Grant   |
| Roosevelt Park  | Salem Street   | Installed a tot lot.   | \$60,000               | Feb 2013    | CDBG                               |
| Skateboard Park   | Willow Street & Lyme Street adjacent to Tartikoff Park | Fencing repairs, sealcoating and re-painting of the skateboard ramps.  | \$106,000              | Jun 2014    | CDBG                               |
| Tartikoff Park  | Willow Street and<br>Lyme Street                       | Veterans Monument, new playground, tot lot.  | \$140,000              | Nov 2013    | CDBG                               |
| Waitts Mount  | Leonard Street   | Significant clean up; completion of a loop walk; universally accessible walkway to the Tower Ring; adventure playground; picnic area.; obstacle course; hillside slide & log climb; balance beam; rock scramble. Play structure; basketball court; rain garden; interpretive signs.  | \$1.5 million          | Jun 2014    | Meals tax                          |

## **Demographic Characteristics**

## **Overall Population Characteristics**

Malden reached its maximum population of 59,804 in 1950. At that time, the demographics were comprised of a heterogeneous mix of all ages, incomes, and ethnic groups with a wide diversity of recreational needs. Since 1950, Malden's population declined to a low of 53,884 in 1990. It has been increasing since 1990 to its current level of 59,450 residents. The population is now growing and is expected to continue to do so.

The following chart shows Malden's population from 1950 to 2010, based on the US Census, along with MAPC's projections under the Stronger Region Scenario for 2020 and 2030 (shown as \*).



Source: U.S. Census; MAPC Population Projections

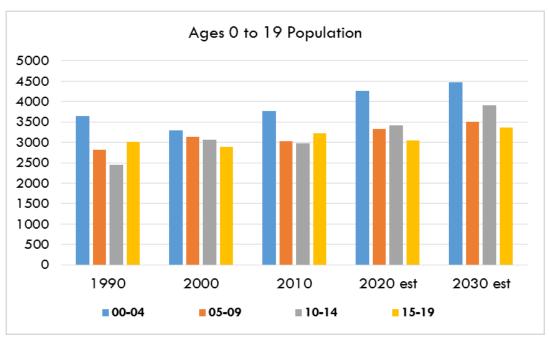
## Age Distribution

The following table shows the changes expected within various age groups. The age distribution of Malden's population may guide the future demand for various kinds of open spaces needed to serve all segments of the population.

| Malden Population by Age, Change from 2010 to 2030 |               |        |             |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|--------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
|  | 2010          | 2030   | % Change    |  |  |  |  |
| Birth-9  | 6,794         | 7,971  | 17%         |  |  |  |  |
| 10-19  | 6,204         | 7,275  | 17%         |  |  |  |  |
| 20-29  | 10,182        | 10,648 | 5%          |  |  |  |  |
| 30-39  | 9,928         | 12,040 | 21%         |  |  |  |  |
| 40-49  | 8,737         | 10,708 | 23%         |  |  |  |  |
| 50-59  | <i>7,77</i> 1 | 8,669  | 12%         |  |  |  |  |
| 60-69  | 4,836         | 7,567  | 56%         |  |  |  |  |
| 70-79  | 2,925         | 5,245  | <b>79</b> % |  |  |  |  |
| 80+  | 2,073         | 1,720  | -17%        |  |  |  |  |

Source: U.S. Census; MAPC Population Projections

A more detailed analysis reveals strong estimated growth in the youngest cohort, ages 0 to 4 years old among the child/youth demographic. This growth is shown in the following bar chart. Such analysis also helps inform planning for new open spaces, or timing of upgrades for existing recreational facilities.



Source: U.S. Census; MAPC Population Projections

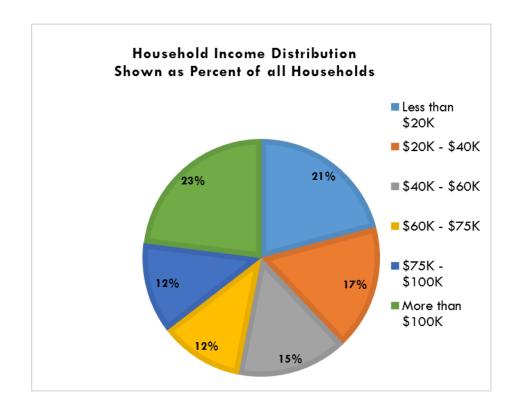
*Households*Malden's household composition, from the 2010 US Census:

| Total Households           | 23,673 | % of Total |
|----------------------------|--------|------------|
| Total family households    | 14,317 | 61%        |
| Total nonfamily households | 9,356  | 40%        |
| Households with senior(s)  | 5, 370 | 23%        |
| Households with children   | 7,016  | 30%        |

According to the 2010 US Census, there are 25,161 housing units in the City, approximately 40% owner-occupied and 60% are rental units.

Household income for Malden residents is shown in the table and accompanying pie chart, below. The percent of all Malden households falling within these income ranges reveals that there is an approximately equal number of households in the lowest range (almost 21% of households earn less than \$20,000 per year as in the highest category of households earning more than \$100,000 per year (23% of all households).

| Househol              | Household Income Distribution |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Annual Salary Range   | % <b>of</b>                   |  |  |  |
|                       | Households                    |  |  |  |
| Less than \$20K       | 20.8%                         |  |  |  |
| \$20K - \$40K         | 17.1%                         |  |  |  |
| \$40K - \$60K         | 15.2%                         |  |  |  |
| \$60K - \$75K         | 11.5%                         |  |  |  |
| \$75K - \$100K        | 12.4%                         |  |  |  |
| More than \$100K      | 23.0%                         |  |  |  |
|                       |                               |  |  |  |
| Source: American Comm | unity Survey 2011 - 2015      |  |  |  |



## Density

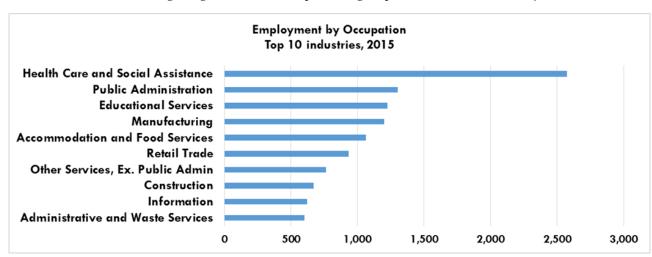
Malden is a densely populated City, housing approximately 18 people per acre. However, the residential population is not evenly distributed throughout the City, with the population decreasing from east to west. The higher density is a result of more multi-family housing located within proximity of the downtown and transit. Malden's open space statistics show that there are approximately 120 people per acre of existing open space or approximately 8.2 acres of open space per 1,000 people.



Credit: City of Malden Moongate at Coytemore Lea Park

## Jobs and Income

Malden has a diversified employment base, including industry and health care. Top employers in the City are Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, National Grid, Cambridge Health Alliance, Prospect Building Services Corporation, Super Stop and Shop and New England Coffee. The chart below breaks jobs down by occupational group. The Health Care and Social Assistance categories provide the largest employment opportunities in Malden, followed by Public Administration, Educational Services and Manufacturing. Together, these occupational groups account for over 5,000 jobs.



Source: Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD)

The table below shows the Malden Average Weekly Wages for 2015:

| Malden A | verage Weekly Wages                     |      |             |
|----------|---|------|-------------|
|          | , ,                                     | 2015 |             |
|          | Utilities                               | \$   | 2,200       |
|          | Information                             | \$   | 1,507       |
|          | Management of Companies and Enterprises | \$   | 1,449       |
|          | Public Administration                   | \$   | 1,424       |
|          | Construction                            | \$   | 1,259       |
|          | Wholesale Trade                         | \$   | 1,246       |
|          | Professional and Technical Services     | \$   | 1,246       |
|          | Educational Services                    | \$   | 1,123       |
|          | Finance and Insurance                   | \$   | 1,087       |
|          | Manufacturing                           | \$   | 1,075       |
|          | Real Estate and Rental and Leasing      | \$   | 838         |
|          | Administrative and Waste Services       | \$   | 81 <i>7</i> |
|          | Transportation and Warehousing          | \$   | 736         |
|          | Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation     | \$   | 658         |
|          | Health Care and Social Assistance       | \$   | 608         |
|          | Retail Trade                            | \$   | 581         |
|          | Other Services, Ex. Public Admin        | \$   | 548         |
|          | Accommodation and Food Services         | \$   | 367         |
|          | Total, All Industries                   | \$   | 940         |

Source: Massachusetts Labor and Workforce Development Employment and Wages ES-202 data

The Utilities category paid the highest average weekly wage, at \$2,200.00. It is interesting to note that the category with the largest number of jobs, Health Care and Social Assistance, paid average weekly wages of \$608.00, while the category with the second highest jobs, Public Administration, paid \$1424 on average per week.

The table below shows the number of Malden people employed in all industries from 2008 – 2015. There is an eleven percent (11%) decrease in the number of people employed during this time. This decrease is likely due to the ageing of the population, as the number of people reaching retirement age (age 60 and above) continues to grow.

| Malden: All employment, all industries from 2008 - 2015 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 2015   |
|   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Number persons  | 15,071 | 14,167 | 13,798 | 13,340 | 13,498 | 13,558 | 13,366 | 13,413 |
| Employed  |        | -      | ,      | ,      | -      | ,      | ,      | ,      |

Source: Massachusetts Labor and Workforce Development Employment and Wages ES 202 data

## **Environmental Justice Population Characteristics**

The entire City of Malden except for two census block groups includes populations termed Environmental Justice, or EJ. As explained in the Introduction, EJ populations are defined as minority or foreign born populations or residents lacking English proficiency exceeding 25 percent of the total block group or a household earning 65 percent or less of the statewide median household income according to the most recent arUS Census data. Fifty of the 52 census block groups within the City, are identified by MassGIS as EJ Communities. See *Map 2, Environmental Justice Populations*, for correlation and location.

Malden prides itself on being an ethnically and culturally diverse community. Over half of the City's population speaks a language other than English at home. The population includes residents who have come from many countries in Asia, Africa, South and Central America and the Caribbean. The second largest racial subgroup is Asian (24.44%), primarily Chinese.

| Race, as defined by US Census  | %     |
|--|-------|
| % White alone  | 46.95 |
| % Black or African American alone  | 13.97 |
| % American Indian and Alaska Native alone                                      | 0.18  |
| % Asian alone  | 24.44 |
| % Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone                             | 0.03  |
| % Non-Hispanic Some Other Race alone   | 0.84  |
| % Non-Hispanic Two or More Races   | 3.29  |
| % Hispanic or Latino   | 10.29 |
| Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015 5 year estimates | '     |

| Language spoken at home  | %  |
|--|----|
| People speaking English  | 48 |
| People speaking Spanish  | 8  |
| People speaking Indo-European languages  | 19 |
| People speaking Asian languages  | 20 |
| People speaking other languages  | 5  |
|  |    |
| Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015 5 year estimates |    |

## **Growth and Development Patterns**

Malden is a largely developed community with a limited amount of vacant land. New development occurs largely through a process of redeveloping existing land. The current pattern of land use is indicative of past trends and long-term future development patterns. The previous discussion of Malden's history includes detailed information on the City's growth and development patterns from colonial settlement to manufacturing powerhouse, made possible by the availability of water transportation using the Malden River and the railroad.

#### Infrastructure

## **Transportation**

Malden is part of the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. Malden is situated between two interstate highways. Route 1 is located along the eastern extent of the City and is a north-south corridor linking the Boston Metropolitan Area with northeastern New England and Interstate 95. To the West, Malden is accessible from Interstate 93, which also links the Boston region to points north and south.

## **Public Transportation**

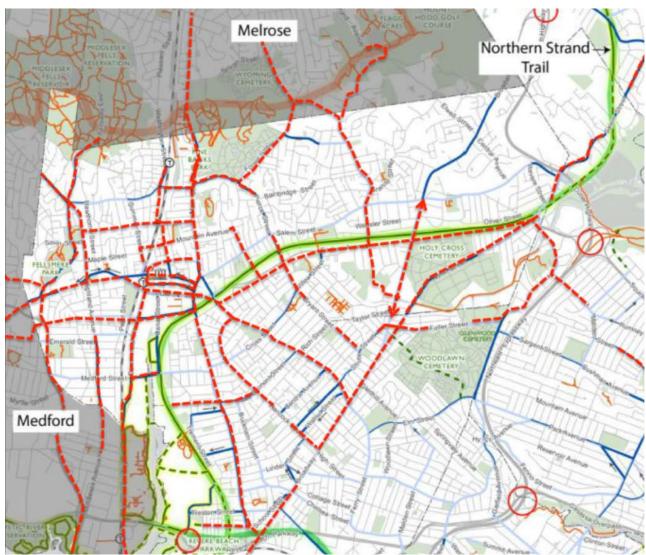
Public transportation includes two MBTA rapid transit stations, a commuter rail station and 19 bus routes. Malden Center Station, anchored in the heart of the City's downtown, is the 7th busiest Orange Line rapid transit station and, overall, the 16th busiest MBTA rail station. With an average weekday ridership of 11,600+, Malden Center Station ranks in commuter activity alongside the lively Haymarket, Copley Square and Davis Square Stations. Public transit connects Malden to Boston (a mere 12 minute ride to North Station) and to 10 other communities in Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex Counties. The Haverhill Line Commuter Rail, operating through Malden Center Station, provides accessibility between communities in Northern Essex County—just minutes south of the New Hampshire border—and Boston. Malden Center Station is also a regional bus hub.

## **Bicycles**

Over the past several years, plans and projects have started the effort to create an interconnected network of bicycle trails and bicycle routes in and around Malden.

The City has built three miles of the Northern Community Trail (also known as "Bike to the Sea"), a multi-use trail free of motorized vehicles that traverses the City. Once completed, the path will extend nine miles from Everett through Malden, Revere, Saugus, Lynn and Nahant. The MAPC has mapped out existing and currently planned trails in the Malden area.

Malden has bicycle lanes on lower Commercial Street and Pleasant Street with plans to add lanes on Exchange Street. Bike to the Sea, Inc. at the request of Mayor Christenson has created the "Malden by Bike" plan that shows the most used bicycle routes in Malden along with proposed improvements needed to create a safe and interconnected trail and bike route system.



**Credit: Bike to the Sea**Malden by Bike Plan

## Complete Streets

A Complete Streets Policy was adopted in 2016. The City is participating in this state initiative in order to improve safety, mobility and accessibility on Malden's streets. The policy is specifically designed to enhance safety and ease of access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, and for people of all ages and abilities.

## Walkability

In 2012, Mayor Gary Christenson commissioned a nine-member Advisory Committee on Walkability to address issues of pedestrian safety, mobility and access throughout Malden. The Committee meets monthly to share ideas, find solutions, and to strategize on long-term improvements to the City's streets, sidewalks and public paths. The goal of the group is to encourage walking, connect Malden's neighborhoods and promote access for all pedestrians.

In 2013, the Committee drafted its first report on walkability: *Making Malden Walkable*, which included recommendations for pedestrian improvements in the Malden Center area. The City has implemented a number of the suggestions and has also adopted a standardized crosswalk style throughout the community to increase pedestrian visibility. Additionally, wayfinding signs were designed to help pedestrians easily navigate the downtown area and each sign features the work of native world-renown 'Maldonian' artist Frank Stella. This initiative was expanded in 2015 to include key neighborhoods and intersections outside of Malden Center and mile markers on the Bike Path.



Credit: City of Malden Malden Walks Signage

The Committee has made great strides as it continues its work to improve the community's walkability to ensure that pedestrians enjoy safe and convenient travel. In turn, this will result in a sense of connectivity and enhance the health and well-being of residents.

#### Water and Sewer Services

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) provides water and sewer service to the City of Malden. The availability of this critical infrastructure has allowed Malden to create a diversified economy and support a range of housing types, including single-family homes and multifamily dwellings.

#### **Patterns and Trends**

The predominant land use in Malden is residential, comprising approximately 47% of the total land area. Other uses include commercial properties (10%); industrial properties (8%); transportation (20%); public and semi-public properties, including open spaces (10%); and vacant land is approximately 5%.

Within the residential sector, single and two-family houses predominate. Multi-family buildings are primarily grouped in the downtown area and along major roadways, however, they are also found scattered throughout the neighborhoods and comprise 30% of the residential housing stock. The two basic types of housing are the older, wood frame structures, which generally contain one to eight dwellings, and the newer masonry structures that contain eight or more units.

## Recent Growth that Provides New Open Space

#### Residential Growth

Since 2010, downtown Malden continues to experience tremendous residential growth around the MBTA Orange Line Rapid Transit, Commuter Rail and Regional Bus Station at Malden Center. Nearly 1,000 apartment units in multifamily dwellings have been constructed or under construction in the area, including 480 Main Street, 39 Florence Street, 100 and 150 Exchange Street, 126-150 Pleasant Street, 180 Eastern Avenue and 184-200 Pleasant Street.

All new residential developments provide open space for its residents, including indoor and outdoor passive and recreational facilities, and enhanced public streetscapes that include new sidewalks, landscaping, trees and period lighting.

The redevelopment of the former Malden Government Center site (City Hall and Police Station) and adjacent private church site (184-200 Pleasant Street) will provide 320 dwelling units, 22,000 SF of retail, 45,000 SF of office space, reopen and reconnect Pleasant Street, and provide a new 22,500 SF publicly accessible plaza on the north side of the site. Of this area, 8,500 SF comprises a softscape of perennials, shrubs and grasses and 5 large canopy Princeton Elms. The hardscape consists of a large plaza patterned with pavers and also providing multiple seating options. In recognition of the site's rich history, there are two walls in the plaza constructed out of reclaimed stone from the First Church of Malden's foundation walls and one of these walls acts to support the Church's reclaimed church bell. There is also a bicentennial time capsule buried beneath the plaza that was filled in 1976 and is to be reopened in the tercentennial year, 2076.

The last phase of residential development for the Overlook Ridge project (former Rowe's Quarry site) is currently underway. The development includes a variety of indoor and outdoor active and passive recreational facilities for its residents and two significant open space areas:

- a) 1.38 acre Overlook Ridge Central Park used for passive and active recreation, 60,000 SF of the park is located in Malden with the remainder located in Revere.
- b) A 7-acre stormwater/wetlands area, on Salem Street, near the site, used for passive recreation.

#### Commercial and Other Growth

New commercial developments across the City will often provide opportunities for public access to newly created open spaces.

Developments adjacent to the Malden River will provide public access for pedestrians to the riverfront, pursuant to the waterways licensing program, M.G.L. Chapter 91 (the Massachusetts Public Waterfront Act):

- 171 Medford Street/295 Canal Street: new office building (75,000 SF).
- 170 Medford Street: renovation of existing building and site by National Grid.

Other developments that will provide a variety of public and private open space:

- 800 Eastern Avenue: new Malden Police Station (24,000 SF) provides an indoor community room; access to the Northern Strand Community Trail; and a landscaped plaza with memorial.
- 359 Commercial Street: new ABCD Head Start daycare center (9,500 SF) provides indoor recreational spaces and an outdoor play space (1,800 SF).
- 277 Commercial Street: new South Cove Community Health Center (14,000 SF) provides enhanced landscaping onsite and adjacent to the street and possible use of staff meeting room for community meetings.
- 341 Forest Street: Development of former city-owned nursing home site for assisted living and memory care facility (80 units/86 beds) provides approximately 5,000 SF of open gathering and garden areas on the east end of the Forestdale Park development that will facilitate gardening opportunities and a multitude of intergenerational activities.
- 490 Eastern Avenue: new self-storage facility (125,000 SF) provides enhanced landscaped area adjacent to the street.
- 530 Eastern Avenue: Mystic Valley Regional Charter School's multi-use playing field (2.18 acres) provides enhanced landscaped area adjacent to the street.



Credit: City of Malden

## **Long Term Development Patterns**

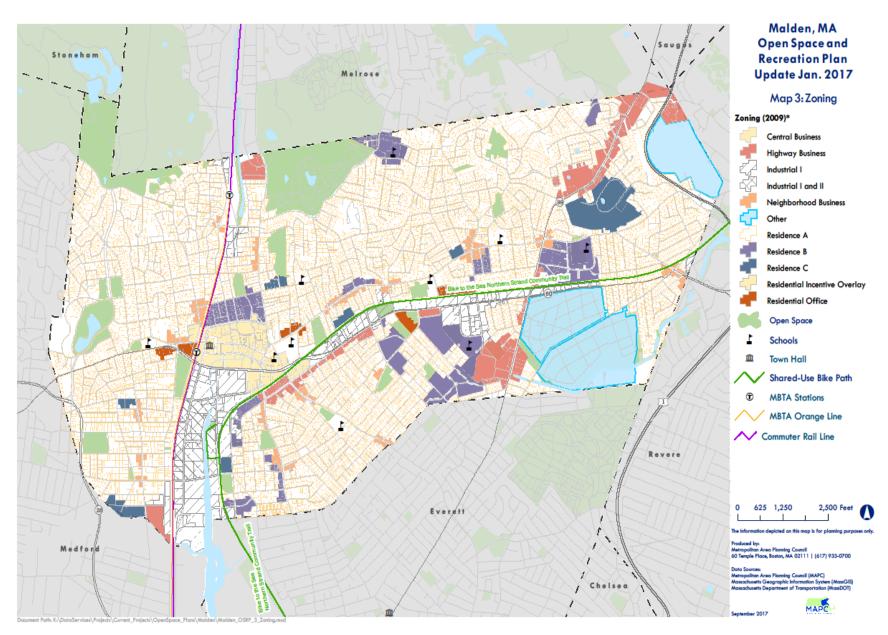
## Land Use Controls: Zoning

Since 2010, the City of Malden has made substantial revisions to its zoning ordinance regarding open space requirements for all types of residential uses, including the following:

- i. Greater minimum lot areas (25% increase).
- ii. Specifications that open space be pervious, visible to the public and a minimum of 50% located in yard setback areas.
- iii. Landscaping of a minimum of 50% of front yards, side yards and rear yards.

In 2015, the City ordained a one-year moratorium on permits for multifamily residential dwellings. The moratorium was extended in duration for a second year, until December 31, 2017, and expanded in scope, to include all property in the City. This is to allow the City time to undertake studies and obtain citizen input on the impacts of increased population and density and adequacy of the City's infrastructure, including all public resources, such as roadways, parking, schools, public safety and open space, and financial ability to support current residential growth and development. Conducted pursuant to the moratorium, a Community Survey obtained public input to prioritize types of open space, parks and facility upgrades, and a Growth Management Study included an open space analysis.

The following map depicts Malden's zoning and closely reflects current land use and development efforts. Residential zoning comprises the majority of the City along with a concentration of commercially-zoned land mirroring the existing development. (For larger map, see Appendix B).



## **Environmental Inventory & Analysis**

#### Geology, Soils, and Topography

#### Geology

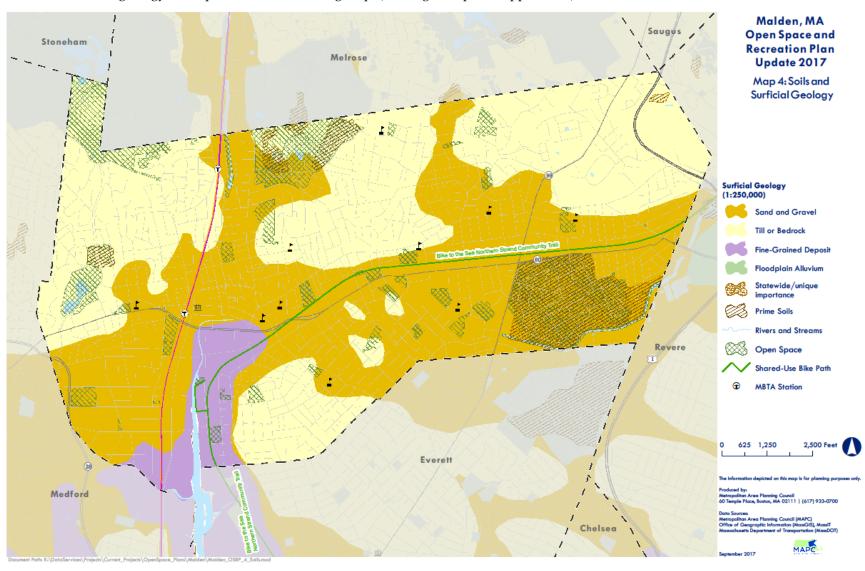
Most of Malden's topography is comprised of bedrock very near or at the surface. The bedrock was formed millions of years ago through volcanic action that has resulted in large rhyolite (equivalent of granite) deposits throughout the City. Many of these areas are located in the northern half of the City, and the rhyolite was mined at Rowe's Quarry in the northeastern section of Malden. All rhyolite is part of a larger geologic phenomenon called the Lynn Volcanic Complex. The Lynn Volcanic Complex defines the perimeter of activity for the ancient volcano that occurred in this specific region of New England and is responsible for the varied topography and specific types of soils that occur in Malden.

Following the Lynn Volcanic Complex, glacial activity resulted in the formation of drumlins within the Boston Basin. It was this activity that further defined Malden's topography by creating its highlands and lowlands. The southern portion of Malden is comprised mainly of urban soils that have been filled in or deposited throughout the City over its history and for its economic development. Many of these areas were filled to provide easier and more convenient access to the Malden River, which assisted Malden's thriving industry in the early to mid-1900's.

#### Soils

The distribution of soil types closely parallels the topographical character of Malden. Although the vast majority of the City is classified as "urban land," soil types vary markedly from north to south. North of the Pleasant-Salem Street line, soils are either shallow to bedrock or are very poorly drained organic types. Interspersed within this area are some sites containing well-drained or even dry gravel deposits left by the last continental glacier. Soils in the southern half of the City are even more urbanized than those in the north. They range from the well-drained gravely deposits of Belmont Hill to the moderately drained clay and organic deposits in the southeastern quadrant and along the Malden River. In the latter case, soils have been highly modified over the years by large quantities of urban fill.

#### Malden's soils and geology are depicted on the following map. (For larger map, see Appendix B)



#### **Topography**

Elevations and topography range between two extremes. The southern half and easternmost parts of the City are low and level, exhibiting only minor topographical relief and few natural ledge outcroppings. From a near sea level elevation at Town Line Brook on the Revere line, elevations rarely rise above 50 feet south of the Pleasant-Salem Street east-west corridor. The exception is in the Belmont Hill area, where a gentle glacially formed hill rises 110 feet to offer a pleasant view of the downtown Malden area.

Several small areas along the Town Line Brook in the southeastern corner of the City are undeveloped and are within a flood plain. The majority of land in the Town Line Brook Watershed is developed, the low lying land is within the flood plan.

The steep escarpments and ledge outcroppings north of the Pleasant-Salem Street corridor characterize the land morphology of the entire northern portion of the City and are in stark contrast to the benign topography of the south.

Where sedimentary deposits underlie the landforms to the south, volcanic action was responsible for the physical relief of the north. The rocky hills of Malden are part of a chain known as the "Lynn Volcanic Complex." These highly eroded and glaciated hills are all that remain today of once active volcanoes. Many of these hills offer impressive views of the surrounding countryside, particularly of the lowlands to the south and east. Elevations of more than 280 feet are found in the Middlesex Fells Reservation and in Maplewood Highlands. Elevations of over 150 feet are commonplace. Linden Highlands, in particular, with elevations of approximately 200 feet, offer dramatic views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Boston skyline.

There are three natural north-south "passes" through this line of hills. The broadest is the area between the MBTA railroad right-of-way and Main Street, following the course of Spot Pond Brook. A second narrower pass follows the old course of a major Indian trail through the eastern section of the City. This pass was utilized in the construction of the old "Newburyport Turnpike," now called Broadway, and designated as Route 99. Finally, a third winding pass exists along Lebanon Street in Maplewood, following the course of an old brook. Only the first of these passes maintained significant width, enabling the railroad to be constructed and major development to follow in the northern part of the City.

## Landscape Character, Scenic Resources, and Unique Environments

#### Landscape Characteristic

Malden's location at the northern edge of the Boston Basin provides a varied physical setting. The city is divided north to south between the rolling uplands of the Mystic River Watershed and the flatter lowlands of the Coastal Plain.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Division, the Boston Basin is "characterized by a relatively smooth plain with about 100 round and oval hills called drumlins that rise sharply above the plain." These drumlins were created through episodes of glacial activity where the glaciers moved over the terrain leaving behind large deposits of flat glacial till and higher areas of land with bedrock very close to the ground's surface. This type of geology is clearly demonstrated within Malden in its highlands (north section of the city) at the Middlesex Fells, Waitts Mount, High Rock, and in its lowlands (south section of the city) in the Edgeworth, Maplewood, and Linden neighborhoods. The drumlins in Malden are unique in that they occur within the only known drumlin field to intersect a coastline. These geographic highpoints are geologically related to the hills that were historically used to fill in the modern-day Boston shoreline, as well as the hills that comprise many of the Boston Harbor islands.

Today, these highpoints are predominantly undeveloped due to either steep grades, which make access difficult, or challenging subgrade conditions that are not conducive to economical construction. Waitts Mount, High Rock and much of the Middlesex Fells are heavily wooded areas where pockets of soil exist between exposed bedrock. The low, flat areas of Malden are predominantly comprised of residential neighborhoods. These areas were developed in the early 1900's to accommodate the growing population and were more easily developed than the steep, rocky slopes to the north. At this time, nearly all of Malden's flatter terrain has been developed.

#### Scenic Resources and Unique Environments

Malden contains a number of rock outcroppings that offer dramatic views of the City and its surrounding communities, the Boston skyline, and the Atlantic Ocean. These outcroppings include High Rock, Maplewood Highlands, Linden Highlands, Waitts Mount, and portions of the Middlesex Fells Reservation. High Rock, Waitts Mount, and the Middlesex Fells Reservation are permanently protected open spaces.

Malden enjoys many of the scenic advantages of the nearby Rumney Marsh Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) located on the fringe of Rowe Quarry.

#### Historic, Cultural and Archeological Resources

Established in 1634, Malden history is deeply rooted in business and commerce. Located just outside of Boston, early Malden settlers were too far from deep water for shipbuilding and the land proved too rocky for any significant, long-term farming. As a result, Malden became a mill and factory town. It is this focus on industry that has propelled Malden's evolution through its more than 380 years.

#### Malden Sites on the National Register of Historic Places

Since 1977, the City of Malden has surveyed more than 500 properties, areas and sites of architectural and historical significance throughout the City, including private residences, civic buildings, religious institutions, schools, parks, landscapes, neighborhoods and commercial properties. The most recent Citywide Inventory was recently completed in June 2017. All survey documentation is on file with the Malden Historical Commission and Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Recent City preservation activities have included restoration of surveyed sites that provide open space, including Bell Rock Memorial Park, Waitts Mount Park and the Hebrew Charitable Burial Ground.

The City of Malden has nine sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places:

- Bell Rock Cemetery (c. 1649) on Medford Street: Located at Green Street, Medford Street and Converse Avenue. Founded on the sandy banks of the Malden River, Bell Rock Cemetery is also known as the Common Burying Ground at Sandy Bank. Significant as a treasury of the early mortuary art of New England, the cemetery's surviving gravestones, nearly all of which date before 1820, constitute some of the finest and earliest decorative carvings in Massachusetts. The burial ground also claims the distinction of being the resting place of settlers from the Great Migration of 1630, of Michael Wigglesworth, and of veterans from three colonial wars. Over the centuries through today, the 3 acre grounds have served a secondary use as a recreational spot. Similar to burial grounds in rural England, Sandy Bank has long had a secondary use as a recreational spot. Throughout the 18th century, the town permitted livestock owned by widows to graze on the site. Cows and horses pastured there during most of the 19th century. In later years, employees from adjoining factories regularly spent lunch hours sitting and strolling among the moss-covered gravestones.
- Bell Rock Memorial Park (1908) on Main Street: A public open space since 1648, this park contains a significant natural rock outcropping that is known to be the site of Malden's first meeting house. In 1658, a bell was hung from a wooden scaffold atop the outcropping to summon the townspeople to worship, giving the park its name. Designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., the park is one of twelve known Olmsted-designed sites within the City, and home to the bronze monument designed and sculpted by Bela Lyon Pratt. The Monument, *The Flag Defenders*, is dedicated to the soldiers and sailors of Malden who served in the American Civil War. Overall, approximately 90% of the original park features are still in place and the original Olmsted "naturalistic design" remains clearly present. The walkways and terraced overlooks of this 3.41 acre park continue to serve the City for passive recreation and as a community meeting place for the commemoration of patriotic services, such as Flag Day.

- Marcia P. Browne Junior High School (1905) at 295 Broadway: This site was designed in the Colonial Revival style by Boston architect Edward I. Wilson and constructed in response to the rapid growth in the City's population due to industrialization. It was converted to its current use, elderly assisted living housing, in the 1990s.
- Converse Memorial Building (1884) at 36 Salem Street: Home of the Malden Public Library and Art Gallery; designed by well-known American architect, H.H. Richardson. It was given by Malden's first Mayor, Elisha S. Converse, as a memorial to his son slain by a bank robber.
- Charles A. Daniels School (1906) at 20 Daniels Street: Designed in Tudor Revival-style by the Boston architectural firm Brainerd and Leeds and constructed in response to the rapid growth in the City's population due to industrialization. It was named for Charles A. Daniels, former principal of Malden High School and Superintendent of Schools, considered the father of the Malden public school system. It was converted to its current use, residential condominium housing in the 1980s.
- Wilbur Fiske Haven House (c. 1866) at 339 Pleasant Street: One of the City's earliest examples of the high-style, Italianate/Mansard or Second Empire. This well-preserved mansion-scale residence was built by Malden carpenter/contractor George Hanson Fall for well-to-do Boston hardware merchant Wilbur Fiske Haven, a native Maldonian. The property has historical regional significance for its location in "Doctor's Row," the section of Pleasant Street named for the large concentration of physicians who maintained offices/residences in this area in the early 1900s. Also known for the professional achievements and contributions of later owners and occupants, including a street railway contractor/banker, doctors and funeral home directors. The property is currently used for professional offices.
- Odd Fellows Building (1907) at 442 Main Street: Designed in Second Renaissance Revival style by Boston architect and Malden resident, Louis C. Newhall, this prominent, brick, four-story building was built at the height of the community development as a street car suburb. Located in Converse Square, the building faces the historic crossroads at the commercial center of Malden: Main, Pleasant, Salem, and Ferry Streets, the earliest roads in the City, which remained the major routes in and out of town throughout its growth. The building was funded and historically occupied primarily by its namesake fraternal organization for offices and meeting halls. The building is currently occupied for retail, office and other commercial use.
- Saint Paul's Parish Church (1860) at 26 Washington Street: Designed in the Modern Gothic style by architect Ralph Adams Cram, of the prominent Boston firm of Cram, Goodhue and Ferguson, St. Paul's retains its architectural integrity and remains relatively unaltered from the time of construction. The Gothic Revival church is as an early 20th century landmark for its transitional neighborhood, separating downtown Malden and residential districts. Constructed in 1871, the Parish House Hall attached to the church is the original St. Paul's Church. Stained and decorative leaded windows were designed by the noted studio of Wilbur Herbert Burnham of Boston.
- Waitt Brick Block (1848) at 422-424 Main Street: Designed in Greek Revival style, this commercial block is the only surviving structure from the period, constructed during the economic development of Malden Square during the mid-19th century. Malden's oldest brick building, the block's curved facade still reflects the early street pattern of Main and Pleasant Streets. The property is named after its financer, Thomas Wait, Jr., a state representative, town clerk, and local Baptist deacon.

Six areas of the City are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, shared with abutting communities:

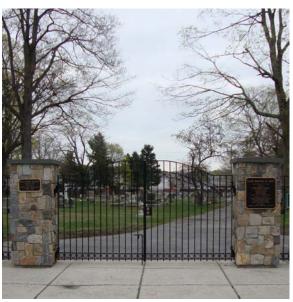
- Fells Connector Parkways (1895): The Fells Connector Parkways in Medford and Malden, consisting of the Y-shaped system of roadways known as The Fellsway, Fellsway East, and Fellsway West, is significant as one of the earliest connecting parkways designed for the Metropolitan Park Commission by Olmsted, Olmsted and Eliot and its successor firm, Olmsted Brothers. These heavily traveled, formal boulevards are curvilinear divided parkways that run north through early 20th-century residential and commercial neighborhoods. The Fells Connector Parkways connect the Middlesex Fells Reservation directly with Boston, the Mystic River Reservation and Parkway, and the Revere Beach Parkway.
- Fellsmere Park Parkways (1914): West Border Road and Boundary Road, two short border parkways, define the eastern and western boundaries of Fellsmere Park (1893), located approximately ½ mile south of the Middlesex Fells Reservation. These parkways have historical significance in the areas of community planning and development, conservation, engineering, entertainment/recreation, landscape architecture, and transportation. Fellsmere Park, a small park established in 1913, occupies land that was developed on either side of Fellsway East just south of the Middlesex Fells Reservation.
- Middlesex Fells Reservation Parkways (1896): Malden's East Border Road is one of the parkways of the Middlesex Fells Parkways system, designed by Olmsted, Olmsted and Eliot and its successor firm, Olmsted Brothers. It is significant in the areas of community planning and development, conservation, engineering, entertainment and recreation, landscape architecture, and transportation. The parkways within the reservation consist of an interconnected system of border and internal roads. Border roads were conceived by landscape architect Charles Eliot in the 1890s as a way of clearly delineating the boundaries of reservations and making them visible within the community. Internal parkways are roads interior to the reservation. The character-defining feature of these roads is the scenic setting of the reservation. The parkways travel through a mixed setting of wooded landscape, wetlands, and parks, and pockets of modern and historic residential and commercial development.
- Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston (1893): The regional park system established by the Metropolitan Park Commission is significant for its internationally recognized contribution to the American park movement of the nineteenth and early twentieth century. It is considered the first regional park and parkway system in the country and a work of visionary regional planning. The Metropolitan Park System represents the most significant accomplishment of landscape architect Charles Eliot, a partner in the Olmsted landscape architecture firm and journalist Sylvester Baxter of Malden, a long-time advocate for preservation of the Middlesex Fells. Middlesex Fells Reservation (c. 1895) is a natural and scenic reservation that crosses the boundaries of Malden and several other cities and towns, Medford, Melrose, Stoneham, and Winchester.

• Middlesex Fells Reservoirs Historic District (1893-1898): The District is located within the 2,060 acre Middlesex Fells Reservation, portions of which are located in Malden, Medford and Stoneham. A public utility and recreational resource "carefully landscaped to blend with the surrounding woodland environment," it is significant in the areas of conservation, engineering, landscape architecture, politics, government and recreation. Land in the District was acquired for the Boston metropolitan park system in 1894, and portions of the area were also developed by the Metropolitan Water Board (formerly known as the Metropolitan District Commission and now known as the Department of Conservation and Recreation) between 1898 and 1903 as a water supply distribution point for communities north of Boston. The District is one of eight districts in 23 cities and towns included in the Water Supply System of the Metropolitan Boston Thematic Resource Area (1845-1926).

This year the City filed a Nomination Application and National Register of Historic Places Registration Form for the Salem Street Cemetery. The Application is currently under review by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Other potential sites recommended for National Register nomination include the following properties that provide open space and were previously surveyed and documented by the City:

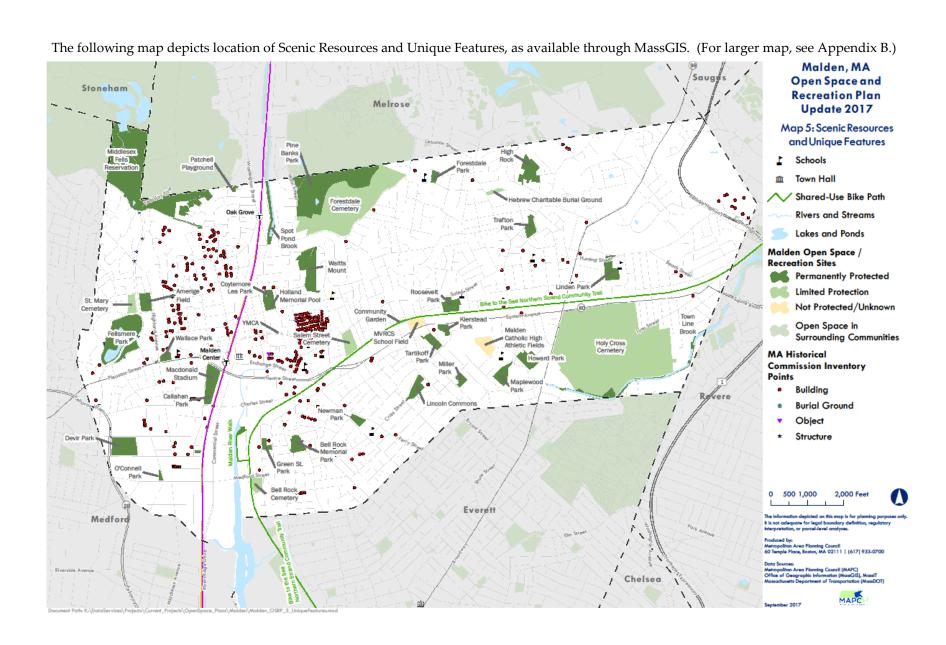
- > Fellsmere Park
- ➤ Forest Dale Cemetery
- ➤ Waitts Mount Park



Credit: Frank Russell Salem Street Cemetery

According to the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), Malden contains seven recorded archaeological sites. However, not many details are known about these sites as all of the current information was reported through amateur archaeologists. The MHC believes that these seven may only represent a fraction of the actual number of sites because Malden has never been subject to a systematic survey by professional archaeologists. The general locations of the known sites are within the upland areas on the north side of the City (Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 9, sections 26A, 27C, prohibit the exact locations of these sites from being made publicly known.) It is speculated that Native Americans may have been attracted to these areas for the easy access to stone at rock outcroppings. It was from this stone that they could craft their essential tools.

According to MassGIS, the source for the Unique Features map, there are no unusual geologic features in the Malden data layer. Several of the rock outcroppings like High Rock, Waitts Mount and Middlesex Fells are already shown on this map because they are permanently protected open spaces.



#### Water Resources

The eastern portion of Malden is located within the North Coastal Watershed, which is part of the Rumney Marsh Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). In Malden, the Townline Brook and the Linden Brook create connections to the tidal system in neighboring Revere. This tidal activity has an impact on drainage and stormwater management in many neighborhoods in the southeastern portion of Malden.

Malden does not contain any public water supply aquifers or recharge area. In addition to the wetland areas along portions of the Malden River, Town Line Brook, and the Forest Dale Cemetery, some isolated wetlands exist in the Middlesex Fells Reservation and the undeveloped highlands of Malden.

#### Malden River and other Surface Waters

The first Europeans in Malden settled along the banks of the Malden River. The River served as the major means of transportation and trade during Malden's early development. Today, the River is viewed as having great potential to become a recreational resource for the City.

The Malden River lies toward the southwestern part of Malden near Medford. The river once ran through the downtown section of Malden north of Charles Street until the 1960's when this section was placed in a closed culvert. The portion of the River near the Oak Grove MBTA station is located in an open culvert. South of Charles Street adjacent to Canal Street, the River continues as open water for 1.3 miles (0.7 miles in Malden) until joining the Mystic River near the Wellington MBTA Station. The River is fed by the Spot Pond Culvert, the Saugus Branch Culvert, and the Fells in Melrose.

The construction of the Amelia Earhart Dam in the 1960's changed the character of the Malden River. The dam blocked the tidal flushing of the river, so today; the river has characteristics more of a lake or a reservoir.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in partnership with the Mystic Valley Development Commission (MVDC) developed the "Malden River Ecosystem Restoration Detailed Project Report and Environmental Assessment." Restoration of the Malden River ecosystem to the "highest quality that it can reasonably support and sustain" is the overriding project goal for both the MVDC and the USACE. Numerous ecosystem restoration components were developed and evaluated as building blocks for a comprehensive strategy designed to restore the environmental quality of the Malden River ecosystem. These measures are directed toward three primary restoration objectives: wetlands restoration, aquatic habitat restoration and riverine migratory restoration.

The primary elements of the recommended plan were developed through the detailed evaluation of the Mystic/Malden River ecosystem characteristics. The elements are as follows:

- o Removal of 36,000 cubic yards of invasive species along 14.9 acres of the riverbank corridor and replanting with native wetland plant species;
- o Creation of 5.4 acres of emergent wetland within the existing oxbow;

- o Placement of 4,400 cubic yards of gravel/sand substrate to create 2.8 acres of fish spawning habitat;
- o Miscellaneous debris removal and disposal; and
- o Operational changes at the Amelia Earhart Dam to improve fish passage for anadromous species.

#### Town Line Brook

Town Line Brook lies on the east side of Malden near the border of Revere and Everett. The brook is a 1.7 mile (1.0 mile in Malden) long surface water body that runs from Broadway to Rumney Marsh in Revere.

Even though the predecessor agency to the current state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) placed the brook in an open concrete culvert for its entire length the brook remains subject to periodic tidal flows. DCR has completed an upgrade to the floodgate near the Revere Cinemas to better control flood tides and to allow regular tidal flows. The tidal flows greatly influence groundwater levels in some adjoining Malden and Revere neighborhoods. The Linden neighborhood could be subject to flooding if the tide gates become ineffective.

The brook runs along the southern edge of the privately-owned Holy Cross Cemetery. An unpaved DCR access road runs the length of the culvert and may offer the potential for a short linear park. A large strip of open land lies between the fence of the DCR land and a berm in the cemetery. A large undeveloped parcel (of approximately 2 acres) is also located along this access road.

#### Fellsmere Pond

Fellsmere Pond and Park are owned by the City of Malden. However, in 1905 the City of Malden Board of Aldermen voted "to transfer to the Metropolitan Park Commission for care and control, including police protection, Fellsmere Park." The Department of Conservation and Recreation is the statutory successor to the Metropolitan Park Commission. Nonetheless, the City of Malden maintains the Pond (and Park). There is an active Friends of Fellsmere Pond group that has worked to improve the park, including attempting to control the influx of Canada geese at the pond. The walking path along the shore has been repaved and erosion control measures have been completed.

#### Forest Dale Cemetery

A small surface pond that provides habitat to ducks and geese exists within the Forest Dale Cemetery. A small wetland area also exists between the cemetery and Pine Banks Park.

#### Pine Banks Park

Pine Banks Park features a small pond in the Melrose portion. Some unmapped wetland areas also exist within Pine Banks.

#### Aquifer Recharge Areas

Aquifers are water resources that lie underground and provide water to a community. There are no Surface Water Protection Zones nor Zone I/Zone II Aquifer Protection in Malden. Malden is an MWRA community with 100% of its residents on public water supply. There is no private well use for drinking water.

#### Flood Hazard Areas

#### Malden River

The channeling of the River and the Amelia Earhart Dam limit the extent of the River's flood zone to the area from bank to bank.

#### Town Line Brook

Lands along this brook in Malden are within the 100-year flood zones.

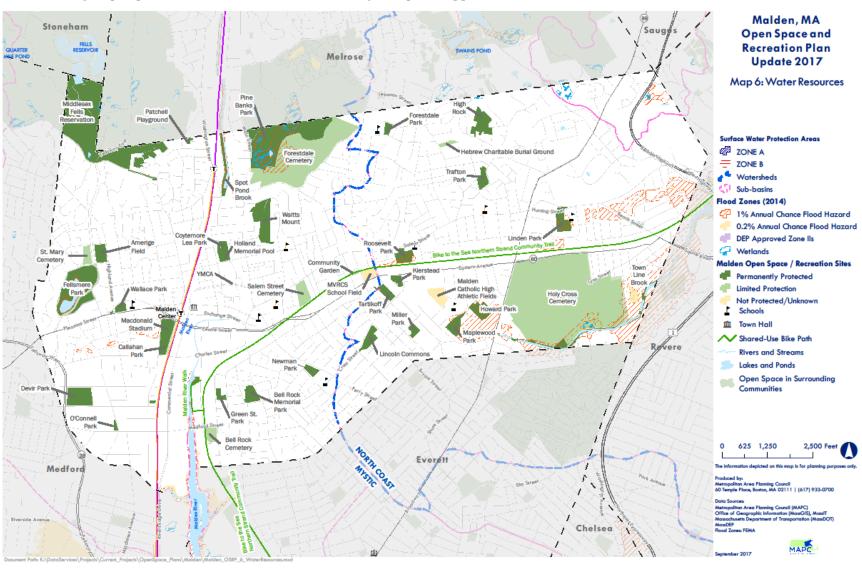
#### Linden Area

The area between Oliver and Salem Streets lies within the 100-year flood zone.

#### Other Areas

Areas of Forest Dale Cemetery and Roosevelt Park (immediately behind the Salemwood School) also are within flood hazard zones.

The following map depicts Malden's water resources (For larger map, see Appendix B).



#### Vegetation

Malden is a densely developed urban area with a limited amount of undeveloped or open land. The natural vegetation of Malden has been highly modified by the urban environment. Originally, almost completely forested by the central hardwoods group, only certain park, ledge, or wetland areas in the northern part of the City remain forested. The Middlesex Fells Reservation and adjacent private parcels are the largest areas of continuous natural forest within Malden. Pine Banks Park also contains a significant amount of forested land, including a number of large pines. These two areas comprise essentially all of the quality woodlands within Malden. Other wooded areas are smaller and of varying quality. Tree species native to the area include oak, maple, hickory, cherry, ash, locust, elm, birch, aspen, beech, pine, and willow. Elsewhere in the City, vegetation is restricted mostly to lawns, and ornamental and shade trees.

Malden does not have areas of wetland vegetation, or unique natural resources outside of already-protected open space, such as the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

While Malden does not have commercial agricultural land, it does have community gardens. These are municipal gardens along the Northern Strand Community Trail between Bryant and Faulkner Streets which are maintained by civic organizations and schools.



Credit: City of Malden

View of Malden to the northeast from Ferry, Salem, and Main Streets

#### **Tree Canopy**

Malden has been a Tree City USA since 2015. The State Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) administers the program in Massachusetts in partnership with the National Arbor Day Foundation. This nationwide movement provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees.

Municipalities are eligible for the designation if they comply with four requirements, all of which Malden has met. These are having a tree warden, following state law for regulating the community forest, celebrating Arbor Day and having an annual forestry budget that exceeds the required minimum of \$2 per capita. The Malden Department of Public Works plants approximately 150 new trees per year and the Director of the Department serves as the tree warden (Section 11.55, City of Malden Ordinances).



**Credit: City of Malden**City of Malden Arbor Day 2017

#### **Rare Plant Species**

The Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program lists the following Endangered (E), Threatened (T), or Special Concern (SC) species in Malden. Regrettably, many of them have not been seen in over 100 years:

| Taxonomic      | Scientific Name                      | Common Name                 | MESA*  | Most recent |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|-------------|
| Group          |                                      |                             | Status | observation |
| Vascular Plant | Ageratina aromatica                  | Lesser Snakeroot            | Е      | 1986        |
| Vascular Plant | Asclepias verticillata               | Linear-leaved<br>Milkweed   | Т      | 1879        |
| Vascular Plant | Liatris scariosa v.<br>novae-angliae | New England Blazing<br>Star | SC     | 1884        |
| Vascular Plant | Ophioglossum<br>pusillum             | Adder's-tongue Fern         | Т      | 1881        |
| Vascular Plant | Sphenopholis nitida                  | Shining Wedgegrass          | T      | 1853        |

\*MESA: Massachusetts Endangered Species Act

 $\underline{http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/natural-heritage/species-information-and-conservation/town-species-viewer.html}\\$ 

#### Fisheries & Wildlife

Wild bird and animal life in Malden are quite limited. The densely settled areas see only migratory song birds, while the more rural areas near the eastern, northern, and western City limits house small mammals and larger birds such as squirrels, rabbits, raccoons, woodchucks, pheasants, ducks, and hawks. Ducks (both domesticated and wild) are particularly common at Fellsmere Pond, Spot Pond Brook, and Pine Banks Park. As pollution issues continue to be addressed along the Malden River, shore birds and waterfowl are beginning to reappear there.

Goldfish, carp, shiners, sunfish, pickerel, bass, frogs, and turtles are found particularly in Fellsmere Pond, and to a lesser extent, in the pond at Forestdale Cemetery. Species that are more tolerant of urban conditions have begun to return to the Malden River.

Malden currently contains no active wildlife corridors, but as redevelopment along the Malden River occurs, the water quality of the river will likely improve and provide wildlife habitat.

#### **Rare Animal Species**

The Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program has listed the following Endangered (E), Threatened (T) or Special Concern (SC) species in Malden:

| Taxonomic      | Scientific Name     | Common Name    | MESA*  | Most recent |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------|--------|-------------|
| Group          |                     |                | Status | observation |
| Amphibian      | Ambystoma           | Marbled        | T      | 1932        |
|                | opacum              | Salamander     |        |             |
| Beetle         | Cicindela           | Twelve-spotted | SC     | 1903        |
|                | duodecimguttata     | Tiger Beetle   |        |             |
| Beetle         | Cicindela purpurea  | Cow Path Tiger | SC     | 1903        |
|                |                     | Beetle         |        |             |
| Beetle         | Cicindela           | Eastern Red-   | T      | 1926        |
|                | rufiventris hentzii | bellied Tiger  |        |             |
|                |                     | Beetle         |        |             |
| Butterfly/Moth | Metarranthis        | Barrens        | E      | Historic    |
| ·              | apiciaria           | Metarranthis   |        |             |
| Bird           | Vermivora           | Golden-winged  | E      | 1922        |
|                | chrysoptera         | Warbler        |        |             |

\*MESA: Massachusetts Endangered Species Act E= Endangered; T=Threatened; SC=Special Concern. For additional information, see

http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/natural-heritage/species-information-and-conservation/town-species-viewer.html

#### **Environmental Challenges**

#### Brownfields

At this time, there are 312 sites listed in the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Reportable Release database. There are 40 sites with Activities and Use Limitations. The City of Malden actively pursues the redevelopment and adaptive re-use of brownfield properties.

#### Solid Waste and Landfills

According to DEP's landfill listing, Malden has no major landfill disposal areas. Malden contracts to have solid waste sent to the Wheelabrator incinerator and landfill in Saugus. The Town of Saugus opposes any landfill expansion and requests closure of the landfill.

#### Pay As You Throw (PAYT) Program

The City of Malden expanded the Pay as You Throw (PAYT) solid waste disposal program to include residential property owners on October 6, 2008. Commercial businesses and larger residential property owners have been participating in the program since 2000. The benefits of this program include an increase in recycling and a reduction in solid waste disposal costs to the City.

#### Chronic Flooding

Malden's drainage system has experienced recent maintenance and cleaning that has eliminated some isolated street flooding. A continuing maintenance program is in place and is expected to prevent street flooding.

#### Sedimentation

Sedimentation has become a problem in the Town Line Brook. It is difficult to determine if the accumulation of sediments in the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) open box culvert is a result of irresponsible development practices or other activities along the banks of the brook. DCR is evaluating the removal of sediment from the brook in an effort to increase the capacity during storm events and to prevent additional flooding during high tides. DCR also installed new tide gates designed to control the level of water entering the brook in significant storm events.

Erosion has not been identified as a significant issue in open space planning, particularly given Malden's existing high percentage of impervious surface area.

#### Ground and Surface Water Pollution, including both point and non-point sources

Ground water contamination is much easier to identify and monitor than water pollution. The Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) has created a process for classification and remediation of contaminated sites. Water pollution is a much more difficult problem to assess as most contaminants have mixed with other sediments underwater. Two open space sites in Malden have been studied:

#### Malden River

The River's Edge Project, working with the US Army Corps of Engineers, has done analysis to determine the level of contamination that exists within the Malden River. One major component of the project is to restore the river as much as practicable and introduce recreational opportunities along its bank.

#### Fellsmere Pond

Located in Ward 3, Fellsmere Pond and its associated recreational parkland is a center piece of the City of Malden's open space plan. Designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted, Fellsmere Pond was constructed in the later 1800's as an emergency fire pond for the Boston Rubber Shoe. Today it serves to demonstrate the City's efforts not only to preserve its proud history, but its commitment to providing recreational opportunities for its residents for the years ahead.

The City has developed and implemented a management program for Fellsmere Pond that has resulted in a significant improvement in surface water quality and resource area preservation. This operation and maintenance program includes the following key tasks:

- Alkaline and herbicide treatment
- Installation and maintenance of irrigation fountains
- Bank stabilization and erosion control measures
- Hydro raking / vegetation removal
- Solid waste collection
- Animal waste control station
- Interactive signage to discourage feeding the water fowl population
- Surface water level management
- Educational programs and community outreach

In addition to the extensive recreational opportunities for its residents, the results of the City's ongoing management program are evidenced by a reduction in bacteria levels and turbidity in the pond, together with the emergence of sustainable fish populations.

#### Stormwater Management

Another environmental challenge is the need to ensure that stormwater management is adequately addressed through the development review process. The City recently updated its Stormwater Management and Land Disturbance Regulations (Section 11.74, City of Malden Ordinances). The City requires planned development of sites 1 acre and larger to submit a stormwater plan to meet the requirements of this ordinance.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection is revising the compliance schedule for the general permit for the Small Municipal Separate Storm Water Systems, known as the MS4 permit so that it will comply with the schedule of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. The EPA is postponing the effective date of the MS4 to July 1, 2018. The MS4 permit, which will regulate stormwater in more than 250 municipalities in Massachusetts, including Malden, was scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2017.

In addition to the requirements of the current permit, municipalities will be required to encourage Low Impact Development (LID) and Green Infrastructure (GI) practices for stormwater management with the new permit. This approach to stormwater management essentially captures and treats rain and snow melt close to where it falls in more natural decentralized systems. LID/GI projects could take the form of street trees, pockets parks, rain gardens, or other natural features that have the capacity to capture, treat and infiltrate stormwater. These strategies reduce polluted runoff to local wetlands, rivers, and ponds. There are additional benefits produced by establishing perennially vegetated landscapes for stormwater management, such as improving air and water quality and reducing cooling expenses in more urbanized areas that are warmer due to the "heat island effect," and mitigating the impacts of climate change.

#### **Development Impact:**

Various impacts of development on the environment are regulated through the local and state permitting processes and regulations. City zoning ordinances require any size residential development to provide open space; larger residential and commercial developments to mitigate traffic and other infrastructure impacts; and projects that involve the removal of ledge and alteration of grade to address erosion, stormwater management and drainage issues. The State waterways licensing program requires developments to provide public access to the Malden River, and local administration by the City's Conservation Commission of the state Wetlands Protection Act requires protection of areas in the flood plain. City Public Works ordinances require larger developments to address storm water management and land disturbance impacts.

For additional information, see Recent Growth that Provides New Open Space (pg. 30) section of this Plan.

#### Forestry Issues:

Whereas the largest areas of continuous natural forest within Malden are located in permanently protected regional parks, namely, the Middlesex Fells Reservation and Pine Banks Park, there are no concerns with deforestation. The care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting and removal of Malden's tree canopy, and any trees, shrubs, bushes and other woody vegetation located on public property is ensured through City ordinances that establish a Community Forestry Program, administered by the City's Tree Warden, and the Department of Public Works Commission.

Planting and removal of trees on private property is generally unregulated. The planting of trees and installation of other landscaping are routinely required during the permitting processes under the City zoning ordinance.

For additional information, see Vegetation (pg. 48) section of this Plan.

#### **Environmental Equity:**

Malden provides equal access to all its open space and recreational facilities. Open space and recreational facilities are distributed throughout the City. Malden's Environmental Justice populations cover the entire City (except two census blocks) and none of the EJ areas are lacking open space or recreational facilities. Because nearly the entire City includes Malden EJ populations, the ongoing efforts to revitalize and renovate existing parks and playgrounds throughout the City advances environmental equity for all citizens of Malden and EJ populations. In addition, given the particular location of the largest area in the City that meets all EJ population criteria (as described on **Map 2**, **Environmental Justice**, of this Plan), environmental equity is directly supported by and correlates with the City's efforts to develop the Malden River as open space, expand public access to the Malden River area and to improve and enhance the open space and recreational opportunities provided by the Northern Strand Community Trail/Bike to the Sea.

# Inventory of Lands of Conservation and Recreation Interest

#### Introduction

A current inventory of a community's open space and recreation assets is a requirement for updating the open space and recreation plan. As defined in Chapter 2 (Introduction), open space is land that is undeveloped, usually without buildings or structures, and that is accessible to the public. Open space is typically divided into two categories: conservation lands and recreation resources. The Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services, the agency responsible for the review and approval of the Open Space and Recreation Plan, expands that definition to also include "agricultural land, corridor parks and small parks and green buffers along roadways owned by an agency or organization dedicated to conservation."

The starting point of Malden's inventory of open space is the data maintained by the Commonwealth's Office of Geographic and Environmental Information (MassGIS). The MassGIS data and resulting maps were reviewed by the Open Space Committee and the public to revise and update the information.

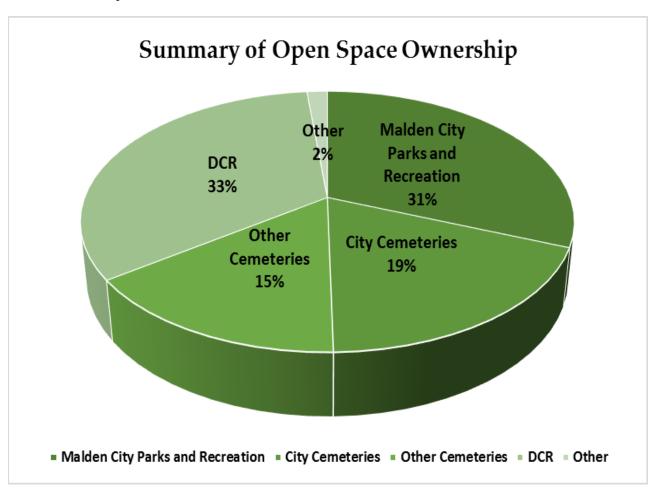
Open space protection is essential in the City of Malden because as a largely developed or "built out" community there are limited opportunities to create any new open spaces. Malden recognizes the significance of open space to the quality of life of its residents. Malden also recognizes the importance of open space to the business community to enhance economic development.

Malden's inventory includes both public and private lands. Open space resources are owned by the City of Malden, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, and religious organizations that maintain 138 acres of cemetery lands.

The following summary table of Malden's open spaces shows the total open space acreage by ownership, and as a percentage of the total land area in Malden.

| Owner   | Acreage | % <b>of City</b> Total Land<br>Area (3,244 acres) |
|---|---------|---|
| City of Malden  | 128.4   | 3.9   |
| Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) | 76.9    | 2.3   |
| City-owned Cemeteries   | 63.4    | 1.9   |
| Other Cemeteries  | 138.0   | 4.2   |
| Other/Private recreation                                      | 6.6     | .2  |
| TOTAL   | 413.3   | 12.5%   |

Ownership is illustrated by the following pie chart. Counting parks and recreation areas, and city-owned cemeteries, the City controls 50% of the open space. The State's Department of Conservation and Recreation controls 31%, and private entities another 17%.



#### Levels of Open Space and Recreation Land Protection

For planning purposes, the type or level of legal protection for each open space is indicative of future development potential, in the event ownership or other circumstances change. Information on ownership and the type of protection will assist the City to identify open space and/or recreation areas that may require additional efforts to ensure long-term preservation and protection. The following terms are used by MassGIS and the Division of Conservation Services to describe types of land protection.

#### Permanently Protected

Permanently protected land is also termed "protected in perpetuity." These parcels of land have a deed or other legal document that guarantees an open space or conservation use. Common examples include land that is deeded to and managed by the City Conservation Commission or Parks and Recreation Commission; land that is subject to a conservation restriction or easement in perpetuity; open spaces that received federal or state grant assistance for the purchase or improvement of the property; or land that is owned by one of the state's conservation agencies.

In all of these examples, the land is subject to Article 97 of the Articles of Amendment to the State Constitution. Article 97 protects publicly-owned or restricted lands dedicated to conservation or recreation purposes. If the land is proposed to be removed from recreation or conservation purposes, a 2/3 affirmative vote of a City council or town meeting followed by a 2/3 vote of the Massachusetts Legislature must occur. Lands purchased for general municipal purposes (such as a fire station or school) are not protected by Article 97. The community entity which owns (as opposed to manages) each open space is determinative as to this protection.

#### **Limited Protection**

This term is used for parcels that may have a conservation restriction for a set amount of time, or for city-owned properties that have been used for open space/recreation without being legally restricted or deeded to the conservation commission or parks commission. In Malden, the city-owned cemeteries and those owned by religious entities are considered to have limited protection. While not deeded for recreation or conservation, the historical and cultural use of the land will most likely preclude conversion/sale for other purposes, including development.

#### No Protection

Typically, these are privately owned open spaces, often recreational facilities. In Malden, these resources include the Malden YMCA, the Malden Valley Forum ice rink and athletic fields at the Mystic Valley Regional Charter School and Malden Catholic High School. This category is included for planning purposes.

#### Protection of Privately-owned lands

Private lands may be permanently protected through the following types of deed restrictions: Conservation, Agricultural Preservation, Historic or Wetlands. Deed restrictions running in perpetuity on private lands are also protected under Article 97, described above. Also, land acquired by local land trusts and other non-profits, such as the Trustees of Reservations may also have lands permanently protected and subject to Article 97. However, some of these holdings may have limited protections.

| Owner of Open Space                              | Entity that Owns  | Level of Legal<br>Protection   | Subject to Article<br>97  |
|--|---|--|---|
| City lands deeded for conservation or recreation | City Conservation Commission or Parks/Recreation Commission         | Permanently protected open space   | Yes   |
| Other city-owned lands (cemeteries, schools)     | Any other entity: School Department; Water Commission.              | Limited or No<br>Protection  | No  |
| State  | Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs (EEOAA) agencies | Permanent  | Yes   |
| State  | Non-EOEAA, such as<br>Corrections, Mental<br>Health                 | Limited or No<br>Protection  | No  |
| Federal  | National Park Service;<br>USDA Forest Lands                         | Yes  | Not applicable  |
| Federal  | Transportation, Defense Department                                  | No   | Not applicable  |
| Private owner                                    | Private   | Permanently protected  | Yes, if deed restriction in perpetuity for: conservation, agriculture, historic, wetlands |
| Private Non-profit with open space mission       | Local land trust; Conservation organizations such as Mass Audubon   | Varies, depending<br>on how land was<br>acquired/restricted/<br>deeded       | Varies  |
| Private non-profit                               | Religious organizations;<br>Private schools                         | Limited example:<br>cemeteries; No,<br>unless there is a<br>deed restriction | No  |

#### Inventory of Open Space and Recreation Resources

The Malden *Inventory of Public Open Space and Recreational Facilities* includes public land used for parks and recreational facilities. The Inventory shows a total of 40 parcels covering 52.6 acres of conservation and recreation land owned and managed either by the City or Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). The *Inventory* provides details about each property, and all properties identified in the inventory are depicted in *Map 7, Open Space Inventory*. (For larger map, see Appendix B.)

The Inventory matrix column headings are defined below:

- 1. Name of Site Names the open space site.
- 2. **Address** The street where the open space is located.
- 3. **Assessing Parcel # Map/Block/Lot** City assessing information.
- 4. **Owner** Indicates the owner of the property.
- 5. **Management (Mgt.)** The agency, department or entity responsible for managing and maintaining the parcel. Usually the same as the Owner.
- 6. **Acres** The size of the site, expressed in acres (1 acre=43,560 sq. ft).
- 7. **Funds Used** Source of funding for the acquisition of the site, as known.
- 8. **Protection Status** Legal level of open space protection.
- 9. **Public Access** States whether these open spaces are available to the public.
- 10. Current Use Details the main uses for the site.
- 11. **Condition** Identifies the site condition (excellent, good, fair or poor).
- 12. **Recreation Potential** For land not used for recreational purposes, potential for recreational activities is identified. Cemeteries have very limited recreational potential.
- 13. **Zoning** Identifies the zoning district in which the open space is located.

|   |  |                       | Invent | ory of Ma |           | able 5-1<br>Space an | d Recreation         | Facilities       |  |           |                         |        |
|---|--|-----------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|--|-----------|-------------------------|--------|
| Name of Site                            | Address  | Assessing<br>Parcel # | Owner  | Mgt.      | Acres     | Funds<br>Used        | Protection<br>Status | Public<br>Access | Current<br>Use*                              | Condition | Recreation<br>Potential | Zoning |
| Amerige Park                            | Fellsway<br>East/<br>Highland Ave                    | 018-040-<br>001       | COM    | MPRD      | 3.5       | LWCF                 | Permanent            | Yes              | Recreation<br>New tot<br>lot                 | Good      | Active                  | Res A  |
| Bell Rock Memorial<br>Park              | Main Street  | 065-312-<br>201       | COM    | MPRD      | 3.4       |                      | Permanent            | Yes              | Passive<br>Recreation                        | Good      | Passive                 | Res A  |
| Northern Strand<br>Community Trail      | Abandoned Railroad ROW (Boston-Maine Saugus Branch)  |                       | СОМ    | MPRD      | 3.5 miles | City                 | Permanent            | Yes              | Recreation<br>Bike trail/<br>walking<br>path | Good      | Active                  | Res A  |
| Callahan Park                           | Pearl Street   | 031-133-<br>301       | COM    | MPRD      | 2.3       |                      | Permanent            | Yes              | Recreation<br>Playing<br>fields              | Good      | Active                  | Res A  |
| Coytemore Lea<br>Park                   | Mountain<br>Avenue                                   | 048-864-<br>412       | COM    | MPRD      | 2.3       |                      | Permanent            | Yes              | Recreation<br>Playground                     | Good      | Active                  | Res A  |
| Devir Park/Bruce<br>Field               | Fellsway<br>West                                     | 037-184-<br>401       | COM    | MPRD      | 8.1       | LWCF                 | Permanent            | Yes              | Recreation<br>Fields                         | Good      | Active                  | Res A  |
| Fellsmere<br>Park/Pond                  | West Border<br>Road/Savin<br>Street/<br>Fellsmere Rd | 025-106-<br>601       | СОМ    | DCR       | 24.7      |                      | Permanent            | Yes              | Passive<br>Recreation                        | Good      | Passive                 | Res A  |
| Forestdale Park                         | Forest Street  | 108-783-<br>312A      | COM    | MPRD      | 1.3       |                      | Permanent            | Yes              | Recreation<br>Fields                         | Good      | Active                  | Res A  |
| Green Street Park                       | Green Street   | 060-242-<br>201       | COM    | MPRD      | 1.4       |                      | Permanent            | Yes              | Recreation                                   | Good      | Active                  | Res A  |
| High Rock                               | Rockingham<br>Ave                                    | 146-620-<br>002       | COM    |           | 6.6       |                      | Permanent            | Yes              | Passive<br>Recreation                        | Good      | Passive                 | Res A  |
| Howard Park<br>(South Broadway<br>Park) | Maplewood<br>Street/<br>Broadway                     | 125-481-<br>104       | COM    | MPRD      | 4.1       | PARC;<br>LWCF        | Permanent            | Yes              | Recreation<br>Playing<br>Fields              | Good      | Active                  | Res A  |
| Kierstead Park                          | Eastern<br>Avenue/<br>Willow St                      | 101-430-<br>011       | COM    | MPRD      | 1.7       |                      | Permanent            | Yes              | Recreation                                   | Good      | Active                  | Res A  |
| Lincoln Commons                         | Cross Street   | 098-451-<br>104       | COM    | MPRD      | 3.5       |                      | Permanent            | Yes              | Recreation<br>/Splash<br>Pad                 | Good      | Active                  | Res A  |
| Linden Park<br>Hunting Field            | Wescott<br>Street                                    | 154-506-<br>606       | COM    | MPRD      | 4.0       |                      | Permanent            | Yes              | Recreation                                   | Good      | Active                  | Res B  |
| Macdonald<br>Stadium                    | Route 60/<br>Pearl Street                            | 031-133-<br>302       | COM    | MPRD      | 5.5       |                      | Permanent            | Yes              | Recreation<br>Turf Field                     | Good      | Active                  | Res A  |

|   |                               |                            |       |       |       | able 5-1   |            |        |                          |           |                     |                     |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|------------|--------|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Name of Site                              | Address                       | Assessing                  | Owner | Mgt.  | Acres | Funds      | Protection | Public | Current                  | Condition | Recreation          | Zoning              |
|   |                               | Parcel #                   |       |       |       | Used       | Status     | Access | Use*                     |           | Potential           |                     |
| Maplewood Park                            | Maplewood<br>Street           | 121-481-<br>133            | COM   | MPRD  | 3.7   | USH        | Permanent  | Yes    | Recreation               | Good      | Active              | Highway<br>Business |
| Miller Park                               | Harvard<br>Street             | 100-445-<br>504            | COW   | MPRD  | 1.7   |            | Permanent  | Yes    | Recreation<br>Playground | Good      | Active              | Res A               |
| Newman Park<br>Ferryway Green             | Cross Street                  | 085-386-<br>601            | COM   | MPRD  | 1.7   |            | Permanent  | Yes    | Recreation               | Good      | Active              | Res A               |
| Patchell Park                             | Glen Rock<br>Road             | 007-061-<br>106            | COM   | MPRD  | 0.4   |            | Permanent  | Yes    | Recreation               | Good      | Active              | Res A               |
| Pearl Street<br>Playground                | Pearl Street                  | 038-207-<br>702            | COM   | MPRD  | 0.3   |            | Permanent  | Yes    | Recreation<br>Basketball | Good      | Active              | Res A               |
| Pine Banks Park                           | Main Street                   | 070-827-<br>702            | COM   | PBPBT | 29.0  | GC;<br>USH | Permanent  | Yes    | Recreation               | Good      | Active              | Res A               |
| Roosevelt Park                            | Salem Street                  | 117-728-<br>81 <i>5</i>    | COM   | MPRD  | 3.7   | LWCF       | Permanent  | Yes    | Recreation<br>Tot lot    | Good      | Active              | Res A               |
| Tartikoff Park                            | Willow St/<br>Lyme St         | 101-430-<br>007            | COM   | MPRD  | 2.5   |            | Permanent  | Yes    | Recreation<br>Playground | Good      | Active              | Res A               |
| Trafton Park                              | Granite<br>St/Jacob<br>Street | 142-669-<br>901            | COM   | MPRD  | 2.9   |            | Permanent  | Yes    | Recreation               | Good      | Active              | Res A               |
| Waitts Mount                              | Leonard St/<br>Park St        | 071-824-<br>460            | COM   | MPRD  | 10.4  |            | Permanent  | Yes    | Passive<br>Recreation    | Good      | Passive/<br>Walking | Res A               |
| Total City Park<br>Acres                  |                               |                            |       |       | 128.4 |            |            |        |                          |           |                     |                     |
| Middlesex Fells<br>Reservation            | East Border<br>Road           | 006-020-<br>003B           | DCR   | DCR   | 76.9  | USH        | Permanent  | Yes    | Recreation               | Good      | Active and Passive  | Res A               |
| Total DCR Acres                           |                               |                            |       |       | 76.9  |            |            |        |                          |           |                     |                     |
| <b>TOTAL Permanently</b>                  | Protected                     |                            |       |       | 205.3 |            |            |        |                          |           |                     |                     |
| CEMETERIES                                |                               |                            |       |       |       |            |            |        |                          |           |                     |                     |
| Bell Rock Cemetery                        | Green Street                  | 060-242-<br>201            | COM   | MCC   | 3.0   |            | Limited    | Yes    | Cemetery                 | Good      | Limited/<br>Passive | Res A               |
| Forest Dale<br>Cemetery                   | Forest Street                 | 070-827-<br>701            | COM   | MCC   | 56.0  |            | Limited    | Yes    | Cemetery                 | Good      | Limited/<br>Passive | Res A               |
| Salem Street<br>Cemetery                  | Salem Street                  | 087-263-<br>320            | COM   | MCC   | 4.4   |            | Limited    | Yes    | Cemetery                 | Good      | Limited/<br>Passive | Res A               |
| Total City Of<br>Malden Cemetery<br>Acres |                               |                            |       |       | 63.4  |            |            |        |                          |           |                     |                     |
| Holy Cross<br>Cemetery                    | Broadway/<br>Lynn St          | 124-490-<br>006A &<br>006B | RCAB  | RCAB  | 134.4 |            | Limited    | Yes    | Cemetery                 | Good      | Limited/<br>Passive | Res A               |

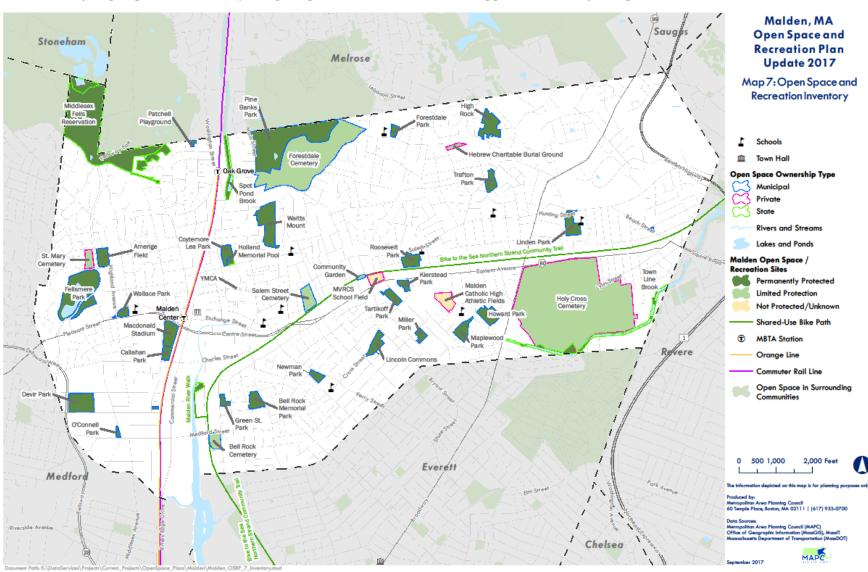
|  | Table 5-1 Inventory of Malden Open Space and Recreation Facilities |                       |       |       |       |               |                      |                  |                          |           |                         |              |
|--|--|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Name of Site   | Address  | Assessing<br>Parcel # | Owner | Mgt.  | Acres | Funds<br>Used | Protection<br>Status | Public<br>Access | Current<br>Use*          | Condition | Recreation<br>Potential | Zoning       |
| Hebrew Charitable<br>Burial Ground<br>(Maplewood<br>Cemetery)  | Lebanon<br>Street  | 140-792-<br>249       | JCA   | JCA   | 1.1   |               | Limited              | Yes              | Cemetery                 | Good      | Limited/<br>Passive     | Res A        |
| St. Mary's<br>Cemetery   | Fellsway East  | 018-041-<br>110       | RCAB  | RCAB  | 2.5   |               | Limited              | Yes              | Cemetery                 | Good      | Limited/<br>Passive     | Res A        |
| Total Other<br>Cemetery Acres                                  |  |                       |       |       | 138.0 |               |                      |                  |                          |           |                         |              |
| OTHER  |  |                       |       |       |       |               |                      |                  |                          |           |                         |              |
| YMCA   | Dartmouth<br>Street  | 049-279-<br>911       | YMCA  | YMCA  | 0.5   |               | Permanent            | Yes              | Recreation<br>Pool, etc. | Good      | Active                  | Res B        |
| Malden Catholic<br>High School Athletic<br>Fields              | Crystal St   | 128-438-<br>805       | RCAB  | RCAB  | 4.1   |               | None                 | Yes              | Recreation<br>Fields     | Good      | Active                  | Res A        |
| Mystic Valley<br>Regional Charter<br>School Athletic<br>Fields | Eastern<br>Avenue  | 102-429-<br>901       | MVRCS | MVRCS | 2.0   |               | None                 |                  | Recreation<br>Fields     | Good      | Active                  | Industrial 1 |
| Total Athletic Field   |  |                       |       |       | 6.6   |               |                      |                  |                          |           |                         |              |
| Acres TOTAL ALL  |  |                       |       |       | 413.3 |               |                      |                  |                          |           |                         |              |

\*Please note: Additional detailed information about recent improvements to the City-owned parks, including specific recreation uses, is on Pages 18 – 20 *Recent* and *Current Open Space Projects*. As the City upgrades its parks and open spaces, it determines on a project-by-project basis what specific amenities may be needed. Also see ADA Assessment for information that will assist the City in determining what universal access features to include in any open space upgrades.

#### Acronyms used in table above:

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston (RCAB); City of Malden (COM); Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of State Parks and Recreation (DCR-DSPR); Gateway Cites (GC); Jewish Cemetery Association (JCA); Land and Water Conservation Fund; (LWCF) Malden Cemetery Commission (MCC); Malden Parks and Recreation Department (MPRD); Mystic Valley Regional Charter School (MVRCS); Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC); Pine Banks Park Board of Trustees (PBPBT); Urban Self Help (USH)

The following map depicts the Inventory of Open Space and Recreation (Check Appendix B for larger map):



#### Malden's Deltas and Landscaped Islands

The City of Malden maintains 46 public spaces, comprised of islands and "deltas," named for the shape of the spaces which are often located at an intersection. The following list includes the deltas and landscaped islands. These unique open spaces are located in every ward of the City.

| Malden Deltas and Landscaped Island Locations  | WARD        |
|--|-------------|
| Commercial Street Islands (across from DPW)  | 1           |
| Main Street at Eastern Ave. and Madison St. (2 island locations) Dunki<br>(Medeiros Family)maintains | in Donuts 1 |
| Route 60 – Main Street (across from Walgreens)   | 1           |
| Route 60 — Canal St. (island)  | 1           |
| Route 60 - Commercial St. (island)   | 1           |
| Route 60 – Middlesex St. (island)  | 1           |
| Route 60 — One Centre St. (island)   | 1           |
| Route 60 — Stop & Shop at Jackson St. (island)   | 1           |
| Charles St. and Fellsway – Walden Memorial (delta)   | 2           |
| Highland Ave. at Pleasant St Wallace Monument (delta)  | 2           |
| Highland Ave. and Pleasant St Harris Delta   | 2           |
| Macdonald Stadium (Beds along fence on Route 60 and next to field Stadium maintains                  | house) 2    |
| O'Connell Park (Medford Street)  | 2           |
| Pearl St. at Centre St. (island)   | 2           |
| Pleasant St. opposite Dist. 3 Fire Station (delta)   | 2           |
| Route 60 – Pearl to MBTA cut off (island)  | 2           |
| Glenwood St. at and Summer St. (2 island locations)  | 3           |
| Highland Ave. at Fellsway Rotary (delta)   | 3           |
| Highland Ave. at Glenwood St. (island)   | 3           |
| Pleasant St. at Intersection of Elm (delta)  | 3           |
| Savin St. at Fellsmere Road (landscaped planting area)   | 3           |
| Washington St. at Glenwood St Vietnam Veterans Memorial (delta)                                      | 3           |
| Washington St. at Winter St. (4 median islands)  | 3           |
| Florence St. at Pleasant StMalden Station (delta)  | 4           |
| Florence St. Islands (8 island locations)  | 4           |
| Main St. at Salem St. (median islands in front of Dunkin Donuts)                                     | 4           |
| Malden High School – City Seal (delta) maintained DPW school accour                                  | nt 4        |
| Oak Grove Community Building – cutting grass   | 4           |
| Route 60 — Irving and Ferry St. (island)   | 4           |
| Route 60 – Malden High (rear) (island)   | 4           |
| Bainbridge Rd. at Pierce St. (delta) maintained by cemetery  | 5           |
| Bainbridge Rd. at Rockwell Ave. (delta) maintained by cemetery                                       | 5           |
| Forest St. at Pierce St., Cemetery Entrance (4 deltas) maintained by cer                             | metery 5    |
| Forest St. at Main St. (small delta) maintained by cemetery  | 5           |
| Salem & Lebanon - Maplewood Sq. (delta)  | 6           |

| Route 60 – Grossmans – Center (island)   | 7 |
|--|---|
| Route 60 – Grossmans – East (island)   | 7 |
| Route 60 - Grossmans — South (island)  | 7 |
| Route 60 - Grossmans – West (island)   | 7 |
| Willow & Eastern (corner across from Kierstead Park) (delta)   | 7 |
| Beach St. and Lawrence St. and Hall St Hawkridge Delta   | 8 |
| Beach St. at Lynn St. — Welcome to Malden Sign (delta) and Linden Square bus stop/sidewalk area, bushes along fence line at municipal parking lot adjacent to Welcome to Malden sign | 8 |
| Salem St. and Broadway - Community Gardens @ Maria's pizza   | 8 |
| Eastern Ave. at Lynn St. (delta)   | 8 |
| Linden Victory Delta (delta and grassy area)   | 8 |
| Oliver St. at Lynn St Waldron Island (island)  | 8 |

#### Summary of Malden's Open Spaces

Public Lands: Permanent, Limited and Unprotected

#### Permanent Protection

The open space inventory indicates a total of 205.3 acres permanently protected within the City of Malden. This includes 128.4 acres owned by the City and 76.9 acres owned by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation at the Middlesex Fells Reservation. These sites are protected under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution, described above. All of the city-owned permanently protected open spaces may be used for active and passive recreation. The Middlesex Fells is characterized as passive recreation, but because of the large acreage it also serves a conservation role. The largest parks are Pine Banks, at 29 acres and Fellsmere Park/Pond at 24.7 acres. The smallest is Patchell Park at 0.4 acres.

#### Limited Protection

The City of Malden owns 63.4 acres in public cemeteries, including Forest Dale Cemetery (56.0 acres), Salem Street Cemetery (4.4 acres) and Bell Rock Cemetery (3.0 acres). Forest Dale Cemetery is the only active cemetery of these three sites.

While not permanently protected by law as open space, these cemeteries can be considered to have a "limited" protection status because it is unlikely that the City will sell or redevelop these cemeteries. The cemeteries provide passive open spaces that afford places for walkers, joggers and other contemplative recreation. These sites are recognized as historically and culturally significant for the genealogical information provided by monuments and gravestones.

#### **Unprotected**

Malden owns approximately 60 acres of vacant land, mostly on small lots. Eight areas were identified for initial analysis, because they contained several vacant parcels, or were near to existing open spaces. Vacant lots may also provide temporary recreational space before viable development is possible.

Public school yards comprise another type of unprotected open space. The City of Malden owns 14.77 acres of school yards in elementary, middle, and high schools. The sites include school tot lots and playing fields. Not included in this calculation are the schools' indoor recreational facilities, such as gymnasiums, pools and the Salemwood Fieldhouse. These sites are not protected by law as public open space, however, serve as recreational resources to members of the school community and may be used by the public community at large.

The three miles of the Northern Strand Community Trail that traverses the City, although located in the abandoned railroad right-of-way, is not permanently protected. However, this trail is the subject of a 99-year lease between the City of Malden and state transportation authority (MBTA).

Private Lands: Permanent, Limited and Unprotected

#### Permanent

There are no privately-owned parcels with permanent conservation, wetlands, agriculture or historic restrictions within Malden at this time.

#### Limited

The cemeteries owned by religious entities may be considered to have limited protection because of their historical and cultural uses, and because the likelihood of re-use is very low. A significant amount of Malden's open space is comprised of privately-owned cemeteries. Holy Cross Cemetery, located in the southeast corner of Malden, is the larger (134.4 acres) of Malden's two private cemeteries owned by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston. The other is St. Mary's Cemetery (2.5 acres) located on the Fellsway East. The Hebrew Charitable Burial Ground, known as Maplewood Cemetery (1.1 acres) is located on Lebanon Street. Like the publicly-owned cemeteries, these open spaces provide passive recreational opportunities to Malden, and in the case of Holy Cross Cemetery, neighboring communities. Because of the cultural and logistical difficulties in transposing gravesites, it is unlikely that these types of open spaces will be lost.

#### **Unprotected**

Included on Malden's open space inventory list are the fields at Malden Catholic High School and the Mystic Valley Regional Charter School. Privately owned by the Catholic Archdiocese, Malden Catholic High School's recreational fields comprise 4.1 acres of land within Malden. Although this land is not protected under Massachusetts General Laws as public open space, the school often opens its fields to neighbors and organized sports clubs in addition to their own school-related use. Given the historical enrollment of Malden Catholic High School, it seems likely that this land will be maintained as open space in the foreseeable future.

River's Edge, the tri-city redevelopment of a 30-acre former brownfields site alongside the Malden River, provides privately-owned and managed open space that is open to the public. This multi-use, transit oriented waterfront development includes an award-winning 10-acre park, with over 1/3 mile of river frontage, and featuring a mixture of open parkland strewn with over 8,000 plants, naturalistic trees, shrubs and flowers including approximately 2,000 plants in 1 ½ acres of wetlands; over a mile of paths for walking, running, and bicycling; an all-purpose sports field and the Tufts University Boathouse.

#### **CHAPTER 61**

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 61, 61A, and 61B programs encourage the preservation of agricultural (61A), recreation (61B) and forest (61) lands in the Commonwealth for ten-year terms. Landowners receive a tax benefit if they agree to specific terms for each of these categories. If an owner decides to take property out of Chapter 61 designation, the community has the first right of refusal to purchase the property. There are no properties in Malden enrolled in any of the Chapter 61 programs.

#### A list and map of city-owned vacant lots follows: (for larger map, see Appendix B)



### City Owned Vacant Land 2017

| ParcelID     | StreetNum | StreetName    | Ownerı                          | Owner2                 | TotalAcres SQFT |         |
|--------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| 092 706 625  |           | BAINBRIDGE ST | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.04399         | 1,916   |
| 090 770 021  |           | BAINBRIDGE ST | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.00865         | 377     |
| 114 712 236  |           | BAINBRIDGE ST | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.05845         | 2,546   |
| 009 025 535  |           | BARNES AV     | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.26311         | 11,461  |
| 009 025 534  |           | BARNES AV     | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.13085         | 5,700   |
| 171 530 036  |           | BEACH ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.00478         | 208     |
| 147 621 134  |           | BEACHVIEW AV  | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.06169         | 2,687   |
| 147 621 113  |           | BEACHVIEW TR  | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.91827         | 40,000  |
| 165 509 924  |           | BELLVALE ST   | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.05806         | 2,529   |
| 074 260 010  |           | BICKFORD RD   | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.0219          | 954     |
| 074 260 009  |           | BICKFORD RD   | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.00976         | 425     |
| 167 542 245  |           | BLAINE ST     | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.12489         | 5,440   |
| 169 542 231  |           | BLAINE ST     | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.15225         | 6,632   |
| 148 628 832B |           | BLAKE ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.08838         | 3,850   |
| 148 628 835  |           | BLAKE ST      | MALDEN CITY HALL                |                        | 0.35526         | 15,475  |
| 150 628 826  |           | BLAKE ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.08609         | 3,750   |
| 148 628 837  |           | BLAKE ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.09676         | 4,215   |
| 150 628 823  |           | BLAKE ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.08609         | 3,750   |
| 148 628 832C |           | BLAKE ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.05051         | 2,200   |
| 150 628 819  |           | BLAKE ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.17218         | 7,500   |
| 148 628 832A |           | BLAKE ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.10875         | 4,737   |
| 173 173 200  |           | BRENTWOOD ST  | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.39798         | 17,336  |
| 104 712 223  |           | BRIGGS CT     | BRIGGS COURT                    |                        | 0.06944         | 3,025   |
| 125 481 104  |           | BROADWAY      | CITY OF MALDEN                  | SOUTH BROADWAY<br>PARK | 4.0907          | 178,191 |
| 152 570 020  |           | BROADWAY      | MALDEN<br>REDEVELOPMENT<br>AUTH |                        | 0.13788         | 6,006   |
| 169 542 223  |           | BROOKDALE ST  | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.30732         | 13,387  |
| 150 628 812  |           | CANYON ST     | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                        | 0.30831         | 13,430  |

| ParcelID     | StreetNum | StreetName     | Ownerı                          | Owner2                | TotalAcres SQF | ī .     |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------|
| 150 628 808A |           | CANYON ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.09183        | 4,000   |
| 150 628 811  |           | CANYON ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.33287        | 14,500  |
| 150 628 810B |           | CANYON ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.13774        | 6,000   |
| 150 628 807  | 28        | CANYON ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 1.16612        | 50,796  |
| 150 628 810  |           | CANYON ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.08609        | 3,750   |
| 108 783 312A |           | CARGILL ST     | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 1.825          | 79,497  |
| 035 100 001  |           | CHARLES ST     | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.01791        | 780     |
| 164 512 223  |           | CLAPP ST       | CITY OF MALDEN                  |                       | 0              | 0       |
| 165 508 814  |           | CLAREMONT ST   | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.0214         | 932     |
| 168 542 284  | 153       | CLEVELAND ST   | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.0727         | 3,167   |
| 168 542 239  |           | CLEVELAND ST   | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.27316        | 11,899  |
| 168 542 279  |           | CLEVELAND ST   | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.23873        | 10,399  |
| 015 009 923  | 21        | CLYDE ST       | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.1376         | 5,994   |
| 043 230 003  |           | COMMERCIAL ST  | MRA                             |                       | 1.13549        | 49,462  |
| 043 230 002  | 370       | COMMERCIAL ST  | MYSTIC VALLEY<br>DEVELOPMENT    | C/O MRA               | 1.33411        | 58,114  |
| об1 230 005  |           | COMMERCIAL ST  | MALDEN<br>REDEVELOPMENT<br>AUTH |                       | 0.77661        | 33,829  |
| 059 246 607  | 359       | COMMERCIAL ST  | MYSTIC VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COMM  | c/o JACK CARUCCI<br>I | 0.99844        | 43,492  |
| 138 787 718  |           | CRESCENT LN    | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.27245        | 11,868  |
| 098 451 104  | 333       | CROSS ST       | MALDEN CITY OF                  | LINCOLN COMMONS       | 3.84734        | 167,590 |
| 168 542 281  |           | DAVIS ST       | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.54644        | 23,803  |
| 168 543 321  |           | DAVIS ST       | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.2494         | 10,864  |
| 168 543 329  |           | DAVIS ST       | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.1385         | 6,033   |
| 168 543 331  |           | DAVIS ST       | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.13225        | 5,761   |
| 167 543 334  |           | DAVIS ST       | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.07808        | 3,401   |
| 167 543 336  |           | DAVIS ST       | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.13246        | 5,770   |
| 008 059 907  |           | DUTTON ST      | PASSAGEWAY TO GLEN<br>ROCK AVE  | 1                     | 0.05253        | 2,288   |
| 009 021 122  |           | EAST BORDER RD | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.05028        | 2,190   |
| 009 021 120  |           | EAST BORDER RD | MALDEN CITY OF                  |                       | 0.02893        | 1,260   |

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| 006 020 036  |           | EAST BORDER RD | PRIVATE PASSAGEWAY             |                     | 0.08871         | 3,864   |
| 006 020 041  |           | EAST BORDER RD | PASSAGEWAY                     |                     | 0.03673         | 1,600   |
| 086 268 821  | 210       | EASTERN AV     | CITY OF MALDEN                 |                     | 0.73462         | 32,000  |
| 101 430 011  | 635       | EASTERN AV     | MALDEN CITY<br>OF-KIERSTEAD PK |                     | 1.55234         | 67,620  |
| 165 500 024  |           | EASTERN AV     | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.11478         | 5,000   |
| 157 627 760  |           | ELWELL ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.01077         | 469     |
| 122 478 808  |           | ELWOOD ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.00459         | 200     |
| 134 654 423  |           | EMERSON PL     | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.00294         | 128     |
| 037 184 401  | 0         | FELLSWAY       | MALDEN CITY OF                 | (JOHN M DEVIR PARK) | 8.17075         | 355,918 |
| 051 252 201  |           | FLORENCE ST    | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.3253          | 14,170  |
| 070 828 830  |           | FOREST ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.18595         | 8,100   |
| 153 503 308  |           | FULTON ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.06887         | 3,000   |
| 108 783 321A |           | GIBSON ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.31612         | 13,770  |
| 108 783 321B |           | GIBSON ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.24169         | 10,528  |
| 111 783 324  |           | GIBSON ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | o.11754         | 5,120   |
| 111 783 325  |           | GIBSON ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 1.21671         | 53,000  |
| 008 059 906  |           | GLEN ROCK AV   | PAPER STREET                   |                     | 0.20294         | 8,840   |
| 007 061 106  |           | GLEN ROCK AV   | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.43044         | 18,750  |
| 008 060 001  |           | GLEN ROCK AV   | MALDEN CITY OF                 | GLEN ROCK CIRCLE    | 0.0551          | 2,400   |
| 163 573 323  |           | GLENDALE AV    | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.04534         | 1,975   |
| 163 573 332  |           | GLENDALE AV    | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.15799         | 6,882   |
| 183 573 360  |           | GLENDALE AV    | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.19137         | 8,336   |
| 156 570 053  |           | GLENMERE AV    | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.11019         | 4,800   |
| 014 033 322  |           | GLENWOOD ST    | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.02296         | 1,000   |
| 106 776 615  |           | GOODWIN AV     | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.02755         | 1,200   |
| 091 776 612  |           | GOODWIN AV     | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.06871         | 2,993   |
| 142 669 901  | o         | GRANITE ST     | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 3.07            | 133,729 |
| 060 242 201  |           | GREEN ST       | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 3.01648         | 131,398 |
| 063 307 701  |           | GREEN ST       | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 1.38138         | 60,173  |
| 124 490 024  |           | HADLEY ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.02475         | 1,078   |
| 124 489 903  |           | HADLEY ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                     | 0.01084         | 472     |
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| 100 445 504  |           | HARVARD ST   | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 1.63138         | 71,063  |
| 114 711 194  |           | HAVELOCK ST  | PAPER STREET                         |                 | 0.04132         | 1,800   |
| 001 015 562  |           | HAYWARD ST   | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.0109          | 475     |
| 029 145 522  |           | HIGHLAND AV  | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.03623         | 1,578   |
| 018 040 001  | 0         | HIGHLAND AV  | MALDEN CITY OF                       | (AMERIGE FIELD) | 2.41001         | 104,980 |
| 045 856 615  |           | HILLCROFT RD | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.36731         | 16,000  |
| 030 136 649  |           | HUBBARD ST   | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.00781         | 340     |
| 155 505 513  |           | HUNTING ST   | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.34435         | 15,000  |
| 150 628 825  |           | HURD ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.0438          | 1,908   |
| 150 628 822  |           | HURD ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.29787         | 12,975  |
| 150 628 821  |           | HURD ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.08609         | 3,750   |
| 150 628 818  |           | HURD ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.34435         | 15,000  |
| 150 628 813  |           | HURD ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.08035         | 3,500   |
| 150 628 816  |           | HURD ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.08609         | 3,750   |
| 150 628 810A |           | HURD ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.14922         | 6,500   |
| 182 573 380  |           | KENNEDY DR   | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.21134         | 9,206   |
| 113 806 604  |           | KIMBALL ST   | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.00459         | 200     |
| 160 625 503  |           | KNOLL ST     | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.2067          | 9,004   |
| 171 516 601  |           | LAWRENCE ST  | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.09093         | 3,961   |
| 136 660 046  | 118       | LEBANON ST   | CITY OF MALDEN                       |                 | 0.0955          | 4,160   |
| 111 783 327  |           | LEBANON ST   | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 1.69316         | 73,754  |
| 001 015 551  |           | LILLY ST     | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.00849         | 370     |
| 050 279 940  |           | LINDEN PL    | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.13019         | 5,671   |
| 168 542 254  |           | LOANDA ST    | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.23882         | 10,403  |
| 097 427 715  |           | LYME ST      | MALDEN<br>REDEVELOPMENT              | AUTHORITY       | 0.05432         | 2,366   |
| 123 486 616  |           | LYNN ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.19474         | 8,483   |
| 171 532 201  |           | LYNN ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                       |                 | 0.30744         | 13,392  |
| 045 856 624  | 964       | MAIN ST      | MRA                                  |                 | 0.14185         | 6,179   |
| 045 856 620  | 974       | MAIN ST      | MALDEN<br>REDEVELOPMENT<br>AUTHORITY |                 | 0.58473         | 25,471  |

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|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------|
| 065 316 617  |           | MAIN ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.07553         | 3,290   |
| 065 312 201  |           | MAIN ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                 | (BELL ROCK PARK)   | 3.40319         | 148,243 |
| 062 308 811  |           | MAIN ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.01515         | 660     |
| 062 239 914  | 0         | MAIN ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.14738         | 6,420   |
| 121 481 133  | 266       | MAPLEWOOD ST | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 2.96726         | 129,254 |
| 135 652 217  | 19        | MAPLEWOOD ST | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.25            | 10,890  |
| 165 509 917  |           | MAYNARD ST   | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.00622         | 271     |
| 165 509 915  |           | MAYNARD ST   | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.01722         | 750     |
| 050 279 909  | 105       | MOUNTAIN AV  | MRA                            |                    | 0.45817         | 19,958  |
| 048 864 412  | 94        | MOUNTAIN AV  | MALDEN CITY OF                 | COYTEMORE LEA PARK | 2.78675         | 121,391 |
| 140 792 283  |           | NICHOLS RD   | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.64279         | 28,000  |
| 090 770 006B |           | OAKLAND RD   | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.08416         | 3,666   |
| 090 771 109  |           | OAKLAND RD   | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.0194          | 845     |
| 148 630 020  |           | OLIVE AV     | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.00758         | 330     |
| 147 621 105  |           | OLIVE AV     | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 1,14784         | 50,000  |
| 146 620 005  |           | OLIVE AV     | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.30654         | 13,353  |
| 165 501 122  |           | OLIVER ST    | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.09183         | 4,000   |
| 136 660 042  |           | ORCHARD ST   | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.60135         | 26,195  |
| 071 824 460  |           | PARK ST      | MALDEN CITY<br>OF-WAITTS MOUNT |                    | 10.63744        | 463,367 |
| 038 207 702  | 264       | PEARL ST     | MALDEN CITY OF                 | DEVIR PLAYGROUND   | 0.28802         | 12,546  |
| 031 133 301  | 100       | PEARL ST     | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 2.60698         | 113,560 |
| 027 103 338  |           | PLEASANT ST  | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.18593         | 8,099   |
| 023 110 001  |           | PLEASANT ST  | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.12059         | 5,253   |
| 030 127 701  |           | PLEASANT ST  | MALDEN CITY OF                 | WALLACE MEMORIAL   | 1.61061         | 70,158  |
| 050 257 701  | 83        | PLEASANT ST  | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.33212         | 14,467  |
| 103 709 917  |           | PLYMOUTH RD  | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.37197         | 16,203  |
| 092 706 619  |           | PORTER ST    | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.09663         | 4,209   |
| 049 279 932  |           | RAMSDELL RD  | MRA                            |                    | 0.0551          | 2,400   |
| 049 279 931  |           | RAMSDELL RD  | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 2.57388         | 112,118 |
| 038 188 801  |           | RICHARD ST   | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0.02066         | 900     |
| 185 575 507  |           | ROBBINS ST   | MALDEN CITY OF                 |                    | 0               | 0       |
|              |           |              |                                |                    |                 |         |

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| 185 575 510  |           | ROBBINS ST       | PAPER STREET OWNED                | BY ALL ABUTTERS | 0.30992         | 13,500  |
| 146 620 001  |           | ROCKINGHAM AV    | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.15875         | 6,915   |
| 146 620 023  |           | ROCKINGHAM AV    | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.0329          | 1,433   |
| 146 620 003  |           | ROCKINGHAM AV    | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.34481         | 15,020  |
| 146 620 002  |           | ROCKINGHAM AV    | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 6.39619         | 278,618 |
| 030 134 405  |           | RUSSELL ST       | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.0303          | 1,320   |
| 105 711 103  |           | RUTLAND ST       | CITY OF MALDEN                    |                 | 0.22851         | 9,954   |
| 087 263 320  |           | SALEM ST         | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.4489          | 19,554  |
| 103 709 949  |           | SALEM ST         | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.00152         | 66      |
| 117 728 815  |           | SALEM ST         | MALDEN CITY OF                    | ROOSEVELT PARK  | 3.76247         | 163,893 |
| 116 715 554  |           | SALEM ST         | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.00696         | 303     |
| 132 679 906  |           | SALEM ST         | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.07231         | 3,150   |
| 168 542 241  |           | SCOTT ST         | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.15227         | 6,633   |
| 040 179 901  |           | SHERIDAN ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                    | OCONNELL PARK   | 0.48356         | 21,064  |
| 030 136 620  |           | STERLING ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.01488         | 648     |
| 006 020 025  |           | SUMMER ST        | PASSAGEWAY                        |                 | 0.05337         | 2,325   |
| 006 020 023  |           | SUMMER ST        | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.06899         | 3,005   |
| 006 020 022  |           | SUMMER STREET EX | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.49077         | 21,378  |
| 037 184 410  |           | THACHER ST       | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.02084         | 908     |
| 109 780 005A |           | UMLAH TR         | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.1862          | 8,111   |
| 047 862 206  | 0         | VERNON ST        | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.08322         | 3,625   |
| 129 687 705  |           | WAITE ST         | CITY OF MALDEN                    |                 | 0.03728         | 1,624   |
| 129 651 122  | 0         | WAITE ST         | CITY OF MALDEN                    |                 | 0.03049         | 1,328   |
| 070 828 825  |           | WALLACE ST       | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.37824         | 16,476  |
| 070 826 617  |           | WALLACE ST       | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.20592         | 8,970   |
| 050 279 941  |           | WAVERLY ST       | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.02996         | 1,305   |
| 139 787 741  |           | WILLIAMS ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.15266         | 6,650   |
| 101 430 007  | 84        | WILLOW ST        | MALDEN CITY OF<br>-TARTIKOFF PARK |                 | 2.08875         | 90,986  |
| 046 855 544  |           | WINTER ST        | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0               | 0       |
| 151 627 780B |           | WOODLAND ST      | CITY OF MALDEN                    |                 | 0.30696         | 13,371  |
| 148 627 794  |           | WOODLAND ST      | MALDEN CITY OF                    |                 | 0.21924         | 9,550   |

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As provided by the City of Malden, the total acreage of vacant parcels is 103.01562 which is the equivalent of 4,487,397. Note that this inventory includes parklands.



A park area behind the River's Edge development in Malden.

Credit: Suzanne Kreiter/Boston Globe

#### Other: Regional Open Space Resources

Malden residents have access to open space provided by multi-community or regional parks and resources that span more than one community, most notably:

- Pine Banks Park includes 29 acres in Malden and 100 acres in Melrose. The adjacent Wyoming Cemetery in Melrose provides an additional 45 acres of open space easily accessible to Malden residents.
- The Middlesex Fells, a state-owned and protected regional park with 67.5 acres in Malden (according to MassGIS), also provides open space on land located in adjacent communities: 190 acres in Melrose, 930 acres in Stoneham, 954 acres in Medford for a total of 2,074 acres. These abutting 2,000 acres are not included in Malden's inventory, but are seamlessly available to Malden residents to access.

## Park and Open Space Equity

Map 2 depicts the Environmental Justice (EJ) populations found in Malden based upon Mass GIS data. The map also shows the proximity of the City's open space and recreational resources. The EJ populations cover the entire City except for two clusters of census blocks. The map depicts census block groups and which EJ criteria each one meets. These criteria include a foreign born or minority population that exceeds 25% of the total; a population of people in which less than 75% have proficiency in English; and where the population falls below 65% of the statewide median household income. Four block groups meet the minority population criteria and three meet only the income threshold. The remaining 20 census block groups meet between two and all four of the criteria. Although the overall acreage of park and recreation facilities is relatively small, many of the City's residents have some access to a variety of open space resources.

Given the nature of Malden's densely developed and populated City streets, the City's best option is to try to identify vacant parcels that can be transformed into pocket parks or small community gardens or open spaces. While population projections indicate a demand for children's play areas, Malden has made a major effort since the last Open Space update to renovate and rehabilitate many of the parks and play areas throughout the City to serve its diverse population.

## Malden's Open Space Initiatives

Malden's key open space initiatives are the recently-completed 3 ½ mile Northern Strand Community Trail and the Malden River Walk. This section provides an update of these initiatives.



Credit: Bike to the Sea, Inc.

Malden Ribbon Cutting December 1, 2012

#### The Northern Strand Community Trail

The Northern Strand Community Trail (also known as "Bike to the Sea") is a major open space and recreation success for Malden. This public/private effort created a multi-use path from the former Saugus Branch of the Boston & Maine (B&M) Railroad, formerly a privately-owned abandoned railroad corridor. The 3.5 mile Malden section of the path will link with other sections in Everett, Revere, Lynn, and Saugus to create a 9 mile recreational and intermodal commuter trail. The route generally runs in an east-west direction that bisects Malden. This project was completed during the previous seven years' duration of the last Open Space Plan Update.



The Northern Strand Community Trail provides other opportunities to enhance open space and recreation:

- Network Connections: The Trail has potential to connect several of Malden's existing open spaces, including the River's Edge Project, Green Street Park, Malden High School, Kierstead Park, Roosevelt Park, Hunting Field, Linden Victory Delta, and Hawkridge Delta. The Trail also may provide a dedicated, community-wide pedestrian and bicycle connection to the Malden Public Library.
- Community Gardens: Malden's first community garden began in Fall 2013 with 25 plots. The garden is located on Railroad Avenue along the Northern Strand Community Trail between Bryant and Faulkner Streets. Today, the garden consists of approximately 50 gardening plots in 50 sq. ft. planting beds, a large common perennial border, and areas for people to sit and gather. In 2016, a garden board was established to manage the garden, discuss needs, resolve issues, and identify new programs. The present garden is fully occupied. The City hopes to expand the existing gardens to meet demand. The City is also exploring additional locations along the Northern Strand Community Trail to add gardens.



#### Malden River

Access to the Malden River remains a community priority. The City continues to initiate and partner with public and private entities to undertake and/or participate in studies and plans that engage citizens and other stakeholders and obtain public input through community forums and surveys. References to the various Malden River-related studies are contained in Chapter 11.

### Recent and on-going initiatives that identify the potential of the Malden River

**River's Edge** (2005 – present): The tri-city multi-use, transit oriented waterfront development includes a 10-acre park open to the public, with over 1/3 mile of river frontage and 1 ½ acres of wetlands. The site also includes the Shoemaker Boat House, home of the Tufts University crew teams.

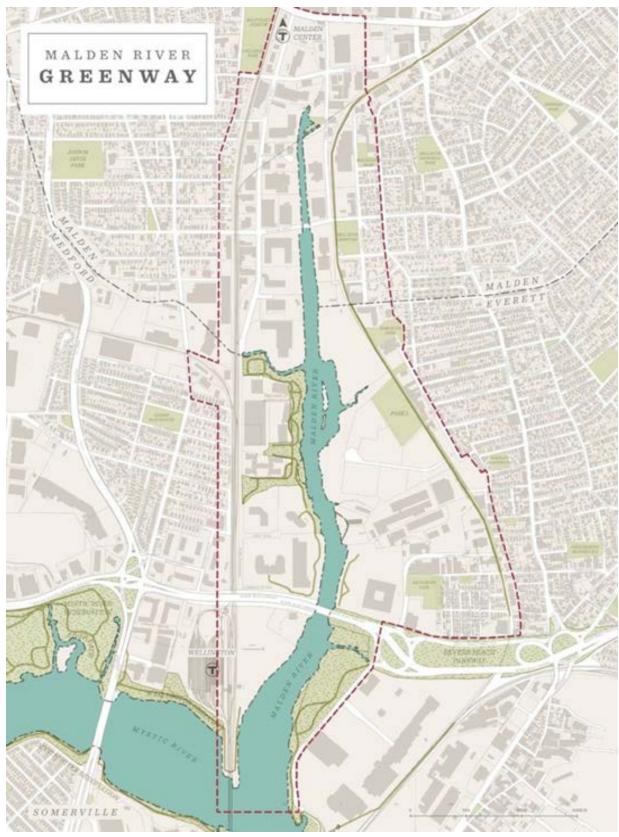
The Urban Land Institute's Advisory Panel/Transformative Development Initiative (Lower Commercial Street, Malden and Everett 2015): An Urban Land Institute (ULI) Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) examined how to promote development that would help the current jobs base thrive and improve connections to regional infrastructure and adjoining neighborhoods. In addition, the panel addressed how to utilize State, City, business, and nonprofit actors to catalyze private investment. The panel's recommendations included the need for a comprehensive economic development and land use plan that spans the Commercial Street Corridor.

**Malden River Route** (2013): A project of the Malden Board of Health in partnership with Mass in Motion/Malden is Moving, this initiative created a brochure and installed signage to trace the historic path of the Malden River from the Oak Grove MBTA station, through downtown Malden, to the River's Edge development. The path primarily uses local streets and sidewalks with some off-street pathways.

Plan Downtown Malden Blueprint for Action (2013): Metropolitan Area Planning Council, in conjunction with the City of Malden, Malden Redevelopment Authority, and the Harvard Graduate School of Design, developed a comprehensive planning strategy for downtown Malden. The plan recommends building off the existing River Route to create additional connections to activity centers, with new public art, green spaces, signage, and creative programing to enhance the route.

Commercial Street Corridor Framework Plan (on-going/ 2017): Led by the Malden Redevelopment Authority, partnering with MassDevelopment, the plan will explore how to promote jobs and economic development within the corridor. After the evaluation of current land and building uses, current and potential jobs, and improved access to the Malden River, the plan will identify strategies and develop a clear implementation plan. This will include both short- and long-term approaches for future development and strategies to support a diversified job retention and creation. Possibilities for the relocation of the existing public works facility will also be identified.

Malden River Greenway Vision and Master Plan (on-going/2017): Led by the Mystic River Watershed Association, the plan is a partnership among the cities of Everett, Malden and Medford, Bike to the Sea, Friends of the Malden River, the Solomon Foundation and others. This project is designed to develop a visioning process to improve public access to the river through the development of a waterfront park system with connected paths, public amenities and new open spaces.



Graphic courtesy of the Malden River Greenway project. https://mysticriver.org/maldenrivergreenway

#### Friends of the Malden River

This citizens group is committed to reviving the Malden River back to vibrant, civic life. The group was initiated in 2012 by community organizations, the former Tri-City Community Action Program, the Mystic River Watershed Association, environmental and urban justice advocates and Tufts University's interdisciplinary graduate program in Water: System, Science & Society. The group meets monthly to hear from local planners, waterfront developers and water quality experts, with the goal to develop a vision for the River's future. The Friends has four working groups which focus on water quality, public access, outreach and youth involvement. They seek to:

- Reconnect the community to the River
- Reclaim public access and extend existing walking and bike paths
- Build park areas along the River's banks
- Improve water quality and riverside habitats
- Advocate for new public boat launches
- Attract innovative, fun, locally owned businesses to the River's neighborhood

### Mystic River Watershed Association

Founded in 1972, the Mystic River Watershed Association's (MyRWA) mission is to protect and restore the Mystic River, its tributaries and watershed lands for the benefit of present and future generations and to celebrate the value, importance and great beauty of these natural resources. MyRWA accomplishes this work through both a professional staff and volunteers. MyRWA's programs include monitoring water quality, developing a system of connected greenways throughout the watershed, managing invasive plant species, fish monitoring, and other advocacy, planning, and environmental activities.

## Malden's Recreation Opportunities



Photo from Malden Advocate May 5, 2017

Marie Shea and Bernie Colbert from Malden's Challenger League accept a \$10,000 donation from Teamsters Local 25 Autism Fund President Sean M. O'Brien (center). Ms. Shea is a member of the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Committee.

#### Malden Recreation Department

The Malden Recreation Department was re-established in 2012 with the goal to create more inclusive and affordable programming and activities for residents of all ages. In the past few years, the Department has developed into a hub of activity supporting a healthy, active lifestyle while promoting community engagement through athletics. One goal of the program is to create safe spaces for youth to play while offering affordable options for families of all income levels. Some of the programs include tennis, basketball, youth and adult softball, adult soccer, track, Pickleball, field hockey, volleyball, gymnastics, wrestling, tai chi aerobics, and rowing.

The Program Coordinator oversees the development, management, and day to day operations of the Department as well as Macdonald Stadium and all the public parks. The management of the parks includes scheduling, the issuance of permits and working with the Director of Public Works on any renovations and improvements. The City has implemented the use of MyRec.com to facilitate the scheduling and issuance of permits to organizations and residents. This software allows for the public to view, in a calendar format, which fields have been reserved.

#### Organized Sports Programs for Malden Youth

The City of Malden offers a wide variety of organized sports programs. These programs are heavy-users of Malden's indoor and outdoor recreational facilities. As these programs grow and new programs are

introduced, there is even greater demand placed on Malden's facilities and therefore, the need to continuously improve the existing facilities and plan for new facilities.

#### **Tartikoff Skate Park:**

This park was recently renovated and has been a very popular spot for skaters. Most afternoons and evenings in the spring, summer and fall you will find residents taking advantage of the skate park.

#### Malden Youth Baseball:

There are currently 300+ kids enrolled in this program and the ages range from 5 to 13 years old. Malden Youth Baseball currently uses the following parks:

Bruce Field at Devir Park, Trafton Park, Kierstead Park, Forestdale Park, MacArther (Green Street) Park, and Lincoln Commons. Fields are used seven days per week/ 4 hours per day on the weekdays and 10 hours per day on the weekends

#### Malden Youth Hockey:

The Malden Youth Hockey program has 100 participants. The program has merged with the 70-participant East Boston program, through the Hockey East/Hockey America Program.

#### Malden Youth Lacrosse:

There are currently 120 participants in the Malden Youth Lacrosse program. This number is increasing every year. The Youth Lacrosse program currently uses the following parks:

Malden Catholic field for 10 hours per week; Howard Rotondi Field for 3 hours on Saturdays; Macdonald Stadium for 3 hours on the weekdays and MVRCS field during the week. The season for this program begins in April and runs through the beginning of July.

#### Malden Youth Soccer:

In 2016, there were 801 participants in the Malden Youth Soccer program, ages 4 to high school. This program uses multiple parks in the spring, summer and fall season. Some of these parks include Amerige, Devir, Howard, Linden, Roosevelt, Maplewood, and Pine Banks.

#### Malden Babe Ruth Baseball:

There are currently 250 participants in the Malden Babe Ruth Baseball Program. The ages are 13-15 years old. There are two older teams of 16-18 year olds. The Babe Ruth Program is currently using Maplewood Park, Howard Rotondi Field, and Pine Banks Fields 1 and 2. The program generally runs from March through August.

#### **Basketball:**

Malden has multiple organizations offering basketball throughout the year. These programs include the Al Locke Basketball League, Malden Neighborhood Basketball League, Malden Boys Travel Team, Malden Youth Basketball, as well as, AAU programs and private training. These programs range from 70-80 participants per season (Malden Youth Basketball being the only one that ranges between 130-150 participants per season). These programs currently use the gymnasiums at the Linden School, Salemwood School, Forestdale School, Beebe School, Ferryway School and Malden High School.

#### District 12 Challenger Division Little League:

There are currently 60 players enrolled in the challenger program. The challenger program is for children and adults with physical and/or mental disabilities. The league currently plays at Forestdale Park, which is handicapped accessible. Buddies help the players with all aspects of the game from fielding to hitting the ball.

#### Malden Girl's Youth Softball:

There are currently 175 participants in the Malden Girl's Youth Softball Program. The program currently uses Callahan Park, Roosevelt Field, and Pine Banks for practices and games. Use of the parks varies season by season depending on the schedule created with neighboring cities. The parks are used starting April 1st through the end of July.

#### Malden Pop Warner Cheerleading:

This program uses the gymnasiums at the Salemwood School four days per week/ 3 hours per day from September through November.

#### Malden Pop Warner Football:

There are currently 300+ participants in this program ranging in age from 5 to 15 years old. The program uses the following parks:

- Pine Banks: August 1 through the first week of September (15 hours per week).
- Linden-Hunting Field and Maplewood Park: September through the end of November (3 days per week/3 hours per day).
- Macdonald Stadium: For home games on four Sundays at 12 hours per game. The program rents gymnasium facilities throughout the City for off-season camps and conditioning programs.

#### Review of Field Usage by Permits Issued

Field usage of city-owned parks was reviewed by the Committee. Permit data was provided to the Committee by the Malden Recreation Department.

For the 2016-2017 Fall-Spring seasons, a **grand total of 12,192.65 hours** were permitted (3,734.97 hours in the Spring and 8,457.68 hours in the Fall). The greatest users were:

| Organization          | Hours    | % of Grand Total |
|-----------------------|----------|------------------|
| Malden Youth Baseball | 3,669.47 | 30%              |
| Malden High School    | 2,629.48 | 21%              |
| Malden Youth Soccer   | 2,167.48 | 18%              |
| Total                 | 8,466.43 | 69%              |

Field usage of the two city-owned multi-use/multi-turf fields located at Howard Park and Macdonald Stadium was also reviewed by the Committee.

## Permits Issued for Howard Park (Fall 2016)

| Organization                | % Total Hours Scheduled (614) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Malden High School          | 65%                           |
| Malden Youth Soccer         | 28%                           |
| Malden Babe Ruth Baseball   | 5%                            |
| Malden Catholic High School | 1%                            |
| Non-Malden Organization (1) | 1%                            |

## Permits issued for Macdonald Stadium (Fall 2016)

| Organization                 | % Total Hours Scheduled (443) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Malden High School           | 54%                           |
| Non-Malden Organizations (2) | 31%                           |
| Malden Pop Warner Football   | 10%                           |
| Malden Recreation Dept.      | 5%                            |

Permits Issued for Howard Park (Spring 2017)

| Organization                          | % Total Hours Scheduled (675) |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Malden Catholic High School           | 50%                           |
| Malden Babe Ruth Baseball             | 28%                           |
| Mystic Valley Regional Charter School | 15%                           |
| Malden Youth Lacrosse                 | 5%                            |
| Malden High School                    | 2%                            |

Permits Issued for Macdonald Stadium (Spring 2017)

| Organization                 | % Total Hours Scheduled (567) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Malden High School           | 57%                           |
| Non-Malden Organizations (3) | 22%                           |
| Malden Youth Soccer          | 14%                           |
| Malden Youth Lacrosse        | 6%                            |
| Malden Recreation Dept.      | 1%                            |

## Future Opportunities for New Open Space and Recreation Resources

Since 2010, the City has engaged in several initiatives regarding potential opportunities for new open space and recreation resources. For any privately-owned land that becomes available for sale, the City will review and consider for open space opportunities. The private redevelopment of any property in the City may yield opportunities to provide new passive open space and active recreation facilities for use by the owner-occupants and with potential public access for the community at large.

### Community Preservation Act

Malden voters approved the adoption of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) by ballot question in 2015. CPA funding may be used for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space in Malden.

# **Community Vision**

## Malden Open Space Vision Statement

Malden will provide a network of well-maintained open spaces available and accessible to all ages and interests. Malden will continue to identify, protect, improve, and connect its open space and recreational resources.



Credit: Paul Hammersley/City of Malden Coytemore Lea Park including Universal Access Playground

## **Description of the Process**

The Malden Open Space Vision and associated goals were developed after reviewing previous plans and studies, discussions with City and Malden Redevelopment Authority staff, the community outreach activities noted in Chapter 2, *Planning Process and Public Participation*, and review by the Open Space Committee.

More details about the survey, survey findings, a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) Analysis, and public comments obtained during the forums are available in Appendix A, page 115-162.

The community outreach activities include the survey and the two public forums. Information about the survey and the public forums was translated and distributed by newspaper articles, the City website, social media and postings at City offices.

## **Open Space and Recreation Goals**

The following are the City's long-term goals for the next seven years as to open space and recreation:

#### Goal 1:

Increase awareness, outreach and education to the community about parks and recreation resources.

#### Goal 2:

Develop comprehensive maintenance and management policies and plans to protect open space and recreational facilities.

#### Goal 3:

Increase recreational resources opportunities to provide a full range of access to all needs and all age groups and diverse population.

#### Goal 4:

Acquire/protect open space.

#### Goal 5:

Enhance and identify new opportunities for multimodal trail network.

#### Goal 6:

Continue to develop the Malden River as new open space.

#### Goal 7:

Increase opportunities for community gardening and urban agriculture.

## **Needs Analysis**

The purpose of this chapter is to examine what is needed to achieve Malden's open space and recreation goals. There are three general categories of needs this Plan is required to address: Resource Protection, which focuses on environmental issues, trail networks, riverways; Community Needs, which addresses issues raised by the demographic analysis, and through the survey and public forums; and Management Needs, which concerns staffing and the desire for facility management plans.

## **Summary of Resource Protection Needs**



**Photo credit Brynmore Williams**Great Blue Heron flying over the Malden
River

The resource protection needs of Malden are currently focused on expanding the opportunities identified for the Malden River. The River's Edge Project, involving the southwestern corner of Malden, Medford and Everett unlocked the potential for public access to the Malden River. Several studies and initiatives, previously discussed in this Plan, have been done or are underway to continue to develop this resource. In addition to public access, clean-up of adjacent lands and native plantings will help restore the health of the river.

There is potential for additional open space as housing is developed in the final phase of Overlook Ridge, at the former Rowe's Quarry, in Malden and Revere.

The vacant parcels owned by the City of Malden represent another type of resource protection. These parcels need to be inventoried and analyzed to see which ones could either be added to existing, nearby open space, or become new open space for the City. An analysis highlighted groupings of these parcels for priority consideration. Smaller, individual parcels also have potential, depending on location, to become tot lots, community gardens, or passive sitting areas. These may also be considered for shared opportunities between open space and development uses. Malden is fortunate to have attractive views of

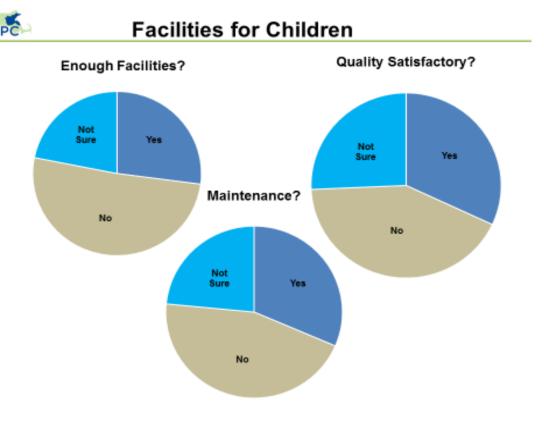
downtown Boston and surrounding areas. The potential to include additional viewing spots could also be explored.

## **Summary of Community Needs**

As part of this planning process, the Open Space Committee developed a survey and hosted two community forums. Many Malden residents participated in these activities and provided input regarding Malden's open space and recreational resources. This section summarizes key survey findings and highlights from the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) exercise conducted during the first community forum.

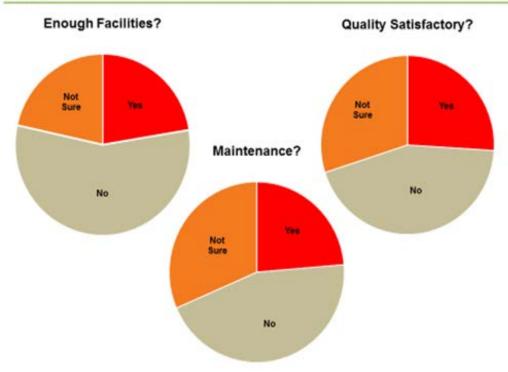
Malden Open Space Survey: Highlights of Results

**The Survey questions asked**: Are there enough facilities for children? Is the quality satisfactory for children? Is the overall condition and maintenance satisfactory for children? What about for adults?





## **Facilities for Adults**



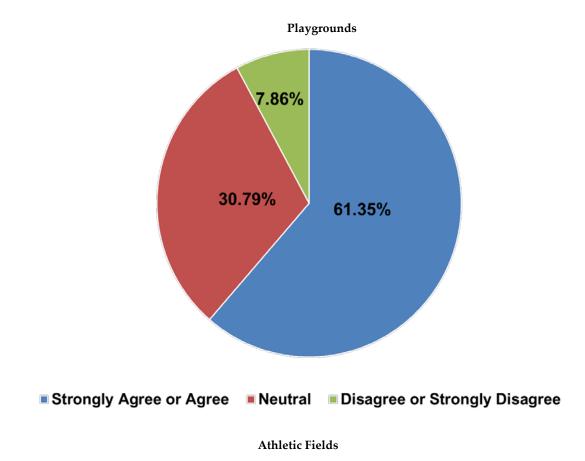
**The Survey question asked:** Choose up to 5 open space and recreation features that you'd like to see.

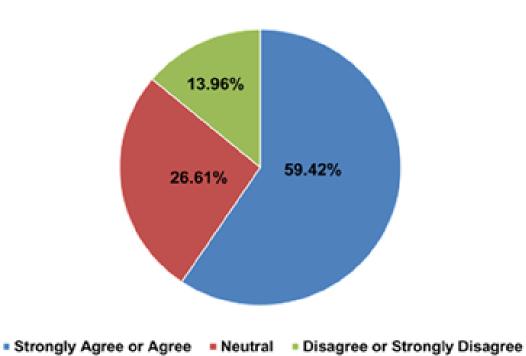


## **Features Respondents Want**

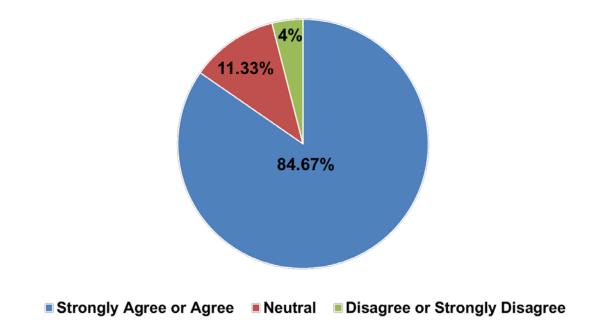


The Survey questions asked: Should we acquire more land for playgrounds, athletic fields?

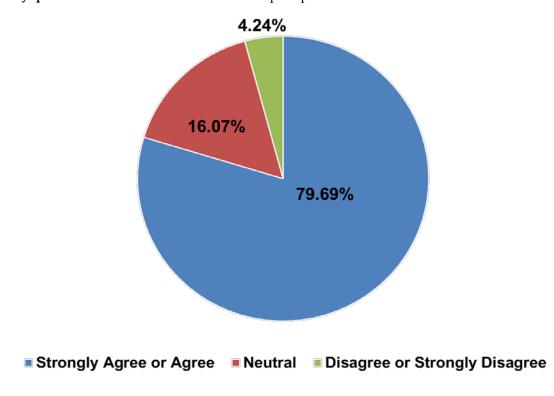




The Survey question asked: Should open space be included in the City's spending plan?



**The Survey question asked**: I would use Malden's open spaces if I knew more about them.



#### Youth

Analyzing the survey data in more detail, of the 486 people who answered the question about the ages of persons in their household (Question # 1) 26% of responding households included youths aged 11 – 13, and 23% included youths aged 14 – 19. Some households included youths in both age ranges. Total households with these age ranges were 237. There was no specific question asked concerning youth, but a brief analysis of answers shows that approximately 65% of respondents did not think there were enough facilities for "children."

Malden has spent over \$20 million to upgrade recreation facilities, including many playing fields suitable for this age range. This includes artificial turf at Macdonald Stadium, upgraded fields, etc. as summarized in the **Recent and Current Projects** on Page 19. In addition, Malden hosts a large variety of organized sports programs, many providing opportunities for teens/youth, such as Youth Baseball, Hockey, Lacrosse and Soccer. (See listing on Page 82)

Survey and public forum comments did not specifically mention this age group as lacking resources. Almost 60% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that Malden should acquire more land for athletic fields; presumably youths would be a target group that would benefit from any additional athletic fields.

#### Seniors

Malden's senior population is expected to increase significantly between 2010 and 2030 according to MAPC population projections. The projections indicate an increase of 56% in the 60-69 age group and a 79% increase in the ages 70-79. Reviewing the survey data, the responses for the 65 survey respondents ages 65 or older tracks with the percentages shown on Page 91 of all respondents who do not think there are enough facilities for adults, and believe the quality and maintenance are not satisfactory.

A majority of seniors ranked Malden River walkway as the top open space/recreation features they would like to have, along with separated trails and community gardens. Among the suggestions from this age group: "Indoor recreation areas for the elderly, especially for winter months;" and "we could use a historic trail."

Specific questions were not asked of this age cohort, but it will be very important to ensure accessible trails and comfort facilities to accommodate this group. It would be helpful to coordinate with the Council on Aging to help determine how best to meet the needs of senior residents.

First Community Forum (March 9, 2017): See Appendix A for Highlights of Results: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats Exercise



Credit: Brian DeLacey

Participants at the First Community Forum

Mr. DeLacey is also a member of the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Committee

## Second Community Forum (May 3, 2017): See Appendix A for Highlights of Group Discussions



Credit: Brian DeLacey

DPW Director Bob Knox answers questions at the Second Community Forum.

Mr. Knox is a member of the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Committee.

## **Summary of the Management Needs**

Management needs for existing open space and recreational facilities were discussed by the Open Space Committee and described as a community priority in both the public forums and the survey. Management needs identified include:

- Increase maintenance of the parks and recreation fields.
- Enhance maintenance schedule and identify need for trash receptacles for the parks.
- Support and improve Malden's Recreation Department system currently used to manage scheduling of public parks for sports programs, public and private.
- Coordinate city, state, land owners, private developers and non-profit and volunteer groups regarding improvements to the Malden River.
- Inform public of Conservation Commission work with the City engineering staff.
- Coordinate city and volunteer ("friends") groups with state Department of Conservation and Recreation to secure adequate funding for maintenance and repairs of the Middlesex Fells, the largest amount of permanently protected open space.

### **SCORP**



Photo credit: Beals and Thomas

The Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) is the state's equivalent of a municipal open space plan. SCORP plans are developed by individual states in order to be eligible for federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grants. In 2012, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs completed the Massachusetts SCORP to help guide the distribution of federal funding to state agencies and municipalities for the acquisition of open space, renovation of parks, and development of new parks. The SCORP is a planning document that discusses the available recreational resources in a state, as well as its needs, and identifies the gaps between the two.

The goals identified by the Massachusetts SCORP and the ways that Malden's Open Space and Recreation Plan aims to address them are shown in the following table:

| SCORP Goal   | Relation to Goals of Malden OSR Plan   |
|--|--|
| Increase the availability of all types of trails for recreation  | Enhance Northern Strand Community Trail and identify new opportunities for a multimodal trail network.                                 |
| Increase the availability of water-based recreation  | Develop the Malden River as new open space.  |
| Invest in recreation and conservation areas<br>that are close to home for short visits   | Continue to upgrade/maintain neighborhood parks.   |
| Invest in racially, economically, and age<br>diverse neighborhoods given their projected<br>increase in participation in outdoor<br>recreation | Ensure equal provision of open space resources, including universal access, programs for seniors, and outreach to justice populations. |



Credit: Bike to the Sea, Inc.

# **Goals and Objectives**

For Malden's open space and recreation plan update, the goals describe and prioritize six focus areas for the next seven years. As funding opportunities are identified, or the City updates its capital spending plan, or seeks mitigation for the impacts of development, these goals can guide decisions and ensure that the community's priorities for open space are being addressed. Specific action items were developed for each goal. These goals incorporate the previously-described input received during the preparation of the plan update.

## GOAL 1: Increase awareness, outreach and education to the community about parks and recreation resources.

- Public outreach and education about parks and recreation resources through social media and written materials.
- Create and facilitate programming throughout the City's open spaces.
- Partner with community groups to incorporate awareness of Malden's open spaces.
- Establish a Citizens' Open Space & Recreation Facilities Advisory Committee.

## GOAL 2: Develop comprehensive maintenance and management policies and plans to protect open space and recreational facilities.

- Create a comprehensive maintenance policy to protect open space.
- Create a comprehensive maintenance plan for recreational facilities.
- Work with Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and neighboring communities on programming, operation, and maintenance of the Middlesex Fells.
- Implement a litter mitigation strategy in open spaces city-wide.
- Install streetscape improvements to enhance the open space value of City streets and squares for passive use.
- Continue street tree program.

# GOAL 3: Increase recreational resources and opportunities to provide a full range of access to all needs and all age groups and diverse population.

- Plan, improve and oversee use of the City's open space and recreation assets in an open and inclusive manner that seeks to meet the needs of Malden's diverse population.
- Construct more fields:
  - Soccer fields
  - Multi-use fields
- Improve City's field scheduling system and process.
- Improve and increase access to existing recreational facilities.
- Improve and increase utilization of recreational facilities.
- Maximize the use of multi-use fields.
- Encourage increased usage during evenings, nights, and early mornings.
- Create and maintain entertainment plaza(s) for community arts and social activities throughout the City.
- Design facilities to serve the disabled, special needs, and elderly populations of Malden; remove barriers that prevent access to and use of existing parks.
- Any agreement for use of city-owned open or recreational assets will ensure that the use of the general public and environmental justice communities has been equitably treated.
- Maintain and make available the City's open space and recreation assets for use in a manner that serves Malden's diverse population.
- Require organizations which use the City's facilities to provide information regarding the number of participants who are Malden residents, and actions the organization takes to promote diversity of participation, including fee waivers for low and moderate income participants.
- Require all users of the City's open space and recreational facilities to execute a statement that they do not discriminate.
- Generate annual reports on seasonal users of the City's facilities.
- Develop and maintain a Recreational Facilities Master Plan:
  - o Inventory number of facilities
  - o Assess needs and determine demand through community survey and other public outreach
- Install signage for handicapped parking at all parks and recreation facilities.

## GOAL 4: Acquire/protect open space.

- Inventory all city-owned vacant land and identify parcels that may be designated for conservation and protected open space.
- Inventory all vacant land owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and identify parcels that may be designated for conservation and protected open space.
- For any privately-owned land that becomes available for sale, the City should review for new open space opportunities.
- For any privately-owned land that is already used for open space/recreational facility and that becomes available for sale, the City should review to maintain open space/recreational use.

- Pursue acquisition of other sites for open space and recreation development where available and appropriate.
- Maintain an inventory of existing open space.
- Acquire, design and maintain hill top park sites to preserve scenic views.
- Incorporate Malden's cultural and historic resources, including the city-owned cemeteries, in the open space system as feasible

## GOAL 5: Enhance and identify new opportunities for a multimodal trail network

- Improve and enhance Northern Strand Community Trail.
- Enhance existing and develop new walking routes to Malden River.
- Provide safe and secure pedestrian and bicycle connections to major open space and recreation opportunities, transit, and Malden's schools.
- Facilitate access to parks through pedestrian and bicycle improvements, and thereby assist in the rehabilitation of neighborhoods and the downtown.
- Use traffic calming to improve the safety of city streets and integrate streets into the public open space system.
- Use the open space system to help tie the City together. Develop physical connections of open spaces and promote events that attract residents from various neighborhoods city-wide.

### GOAL 6: Continue to develop Malden River as new open space.

- Work with local environmental groups to maintain and protect the Malden River area.
- Encourage public use of the Malden River area through public awareness and education efforts.
- Develop a comprehensive strategy to address the environmental, maintenance, and programming needs of the Malden River area.
- Expand public access and provide for improved open space in the Malden River area through enhanced development requirements:
- Create new City development standards in zoning and other ordinances, including setbacks and open space, for parcels located along the river.
- Leverage the State's Chapter 91 process s to enhance public access through new easements and the creation of pathways.

### GOAL 7: Increase opportunities for community gardening and urban agriculture.

- Maintain a city-wide plan to provide resources and availability of community gardening to residents.
- Expand open space available for community gardening.
- Facilitate exchange of community gardening knowledge between residents and community groups with expertise in this area.

## Seven Year Action Plan

### Introduction

The Seven Year Action Plan is designed to implement Malden's Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Action Plan directly addresses the aspirations and insufficiencies identified in the Needs analysis. The plan elements are based on information gathered from the city-wide survey and public forums, and the collective knowledge and experiences of the Open Space committee.

The Action Plan coordinates existing open space resources identified in the Inventory, Chapter 5; the needs and desires of the residents, as outlined in Chapter 7, and the goals and objectives described in Chapter 8.

Priority Action Items are identified for each goal in the following table:

|   | Table 9-1   |                              |            |
|---|---|------------------------------|------------|
| Seven-Year Action Plan  |   |                              |            |
| Goal/Action Item  | Who   | Potential Funding<br>Sources | Timeframe  |
| Goal #1: Increase public awareness, outreach and education to community about parks and recreation resources. |   |                              |            |
| 1.1 Engage those who attended the two forums through newsletters/ emails. They would become stakeholders.     | City of Malden thru website; sports leagues                                   | City operating funds/other   | Ongoing    |
| 1.2 Create an electronic newsletter and a website. Put location map of open spaces on the web.                | City Administration:<br>(On-line<br>Communications and<br>GIS)                | City funds/other             | Short-term |
| 1.3 Develop satellite locations for information about the City's open space and recreation.                   | City Administration:<br>(Recreation Department,<br>On-Line<br>Communications) | City funds/other             | Short-term |

| Table 9-1   |   |                                     |                |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Goal/Action Item  | -Year Action Plan<br>Who  | Potential Funding<br>Sources        | Timeframe      |
| 1.4 Develop informational signage, create uniform regulatory signage and wayfinding signage for parks and open space.   | City Administration:<br>(Recreation Department);<br>Walkability Committee<br>and Volunteers   | City funds/other                    | Mid-term       |
| 1.5 Hold a "pop up" event to promote/showcase open space.   | Open Space & Recreation<br>Facilities Advisory<br>Committee and<br>Volunteers   | City funds;<br>volunteer            | Short-term     |
| 1.6 Work with "Friends of" park groups on outreach and programming.   | Open Space & Recreation<br>Facilities Advisory<br>Committee and<br>Volunteers; City Council<br>Engagement Committee                           | N/A                                 | Mid-term       |
| 1.7 Establish a Citizens' Open Space & Recreation Facilities Advisory Committee.  | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office and City<br>Council Ordinance<br>Committee)   | N/A                                 | Short-term     |
| Goal #2: Create comprehensive maintenance a   | nd management policies  | s to protect open spa               | ice.           |
| 2.1 Create and implement a comprehensive plan for maintenance, repair, and acquisition and/or construction of adequate playing field capacity for the City.                   | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council, Recreation<br>Department); Malden<br>Redevelopment<br>Authority (MRA)               | City funds/other                    | Mid-term       |
| 2.2 Research a carry-in/carry-out program for the parks in regards to trash.  | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office,<br>Department of Public<br>Works (DPW))  | City funds/other                    | Short-term     |
| 2.3 Purchase Bigbelly barrels or install barrels that have permanently attached lids with small openings.   | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council, DPW)  | City funds/<br>sponsorship<br>signs | Short-term     |
| 2.4 Expand volunteer clean-up efforts to keep Malden's parks and open spaces clean.   | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council) Community<br>Groups and Volunteers;<br>City Council Citizen<br>Engagement Committee | Volunteer                           | Short-term     |
| Goal #3: Increase recreational resources and o  | pportunities to provide   | a full range of acces               | s to all needs |
| and age groups and diverse population.  | City Administration   | NI/A                                | Ongoing        |
| 3.1 Plan, improve and oversee use of the City's open space and recreation assets in an open and inclusive manner that seeks to meet the needs of Malden's diverse population. | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council, Recreation<br>Department)   | N/A                                 | Ongoing        |

| Table 9-1  |  |                              |            |
|--|--|------------------------------|------------|
| Goal/Action Item   | n-Year Action Plan<br>Who  | Potential Funding<br>Sources | Timeframe  |
| 3.2 Construct more fields: a. Soccer fields b. Multi-use fields  | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council, Recreation<br>Department); MRA | City funds/other             | Long-term  |
| 3.3 Improve and optimize utilization by conducting an analysis of permitting practices.  | Recreation Department,<br>Volunteers   | City funds/other             | Short-term |
| 3.4 Improve City's field scheduling system and process.  | Recreation Department  | N/A                          | Ongoing    |
| 3.5 Improve and increase access to existing recreational facilities.   | Recreation Department,<br>Open Space Advisory<br>Committee                               | N/A                          | Ongoing    |
| 3.6 Improve and increase utilization of recreational facilities.   | Recreation Department,<br>Open Space Advisory<br>Committee                               | N/A                          | Ongoing    |
| 3.7 Maximize the use of multi-use fields.  | Recreation Department  | N/A                          | Short-term |
| 3.8 Encourage increased usage during evenings, nights, early mornings.   | Recreation Department  | City funds/other             | Ongoing    |
| 3.9 Create and maintain entertainment plaza(s) for community, arts and social activities throughout the City.  | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council); MRA                           | City funds/other             | Long-term  |
| 3.10 Design facilities to serve the disabled, special needs, and elderly populations of Malden; remove barriers that prevent access to and use of existing parks.  | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council); MRA                           | City funds/other             | Long-term  |
| 3.11 Any agreement for use of city-owned open or recreational assets will ensure the use of the general public and environmental justice communities has been equitably treated.   | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council, Recreation<br>Department); MRA | N/A                          | Ongoing    |
| 3.12 Maintain and make available the City's open space and recreation assets for use in a manner that serves Malden's diverse population.  | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council, Recreation<br>Department); MRA | N/A                          | Ongoing    |
| 3.13 Require organizations which use the City's facilities to provide information regarding the number of participants who are Malden residents, and actions the organization takes to promote diversity of participation, including fee waivers for low and moderate income participants. | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council, Recreation<br>Department).     | N/A                          | Short-term |

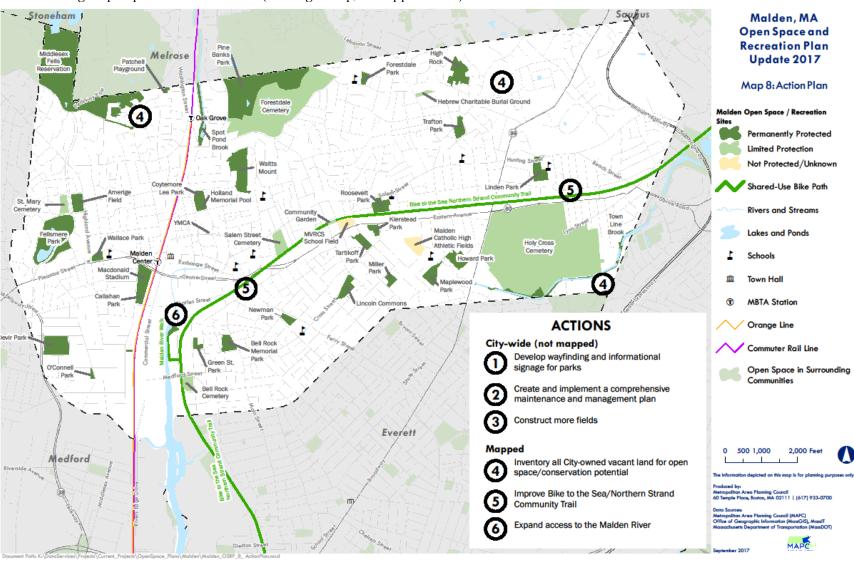
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| Goal/Action Item   | -Year Action Plan<br>Who  | Potential Funding<br>Sources | Timeframe  |
| 3.14 Require all users of the City's open space and recreational facilities to execute a statement that they do not discriminate.  | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council, Recreation<br>Department).  | N/A                          | Short-term |
| 3.15 Generate annual reports on seasonal users of the City's facilities.   | Recreation Department   | N/A                          | Short-term |
| <ul><li>3.16 Develop and maintain a Recreational Facilities Master Plan:</li><li>a) Inventory number of facilities.</li><li>b) Assess needs and determine demand through community survey and other public outreach.</li></ul> | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office,<br>Recreation Department,<br>DPW)  | N/A                          | Long-term  |
| 3.16 Install signage for handicapped parking at all parks and recreation facilities.   | City Administration:<br>(DPW); Traffic<br>Commission  | City funds/other             | Short-term |
| Goal #4: Acquire/protect open space.   |   |                              |            |
| 4.1. Inventory all city-owned vacant land and identify parcels that may be designated for conservation and protected open space.   | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office,<br>Permits, Inspections &<br>Planning); Open Space<br>Advisory Committee           | N/A                          | Ongoing    |
| 4.2. For any privately-owned land that becomes available for sale, the City should review for open space opportunities.  | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council)   | N/A                          | Ongoing    |
| 4.3 Encourage permitting boards to incorporate open space in project review and mitigation efforts.  | City Administration:<br>(Planning Board, Board<br>of Appeal, Permits,<br>Inspections &<br>Planning); Site Plan<br>Review    | N/A                          | Ongoing    |
| Goal #5: Enhance and identify new opportuni  | ties for multimodal trail   | network.                     |            |
| 5.1. Improve Northern Strand Community<br>Trail.   | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council); Community<br>Groups and Volunteers                               | City funds/other             | Mid-term   |
| 5.2. Enhance existing and develop new walking routes to Malden River.  | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council); Community<br>Groups, Mass in Motion<br>Program and<br>Volunteers | City funds/other             | Mid-term   |

| Table 9-1   |  |                              |            |
|---|--|------------------------------|------------|
| Seven-Year Action Plan  |  |                              |            |
| Goal/Action Item  | Who  | Potential Funding<br>Sources | Timeframe  |
| 5.3. Encourage walking and hiking for transportation and fitness.   | City Administration: (Recreation Department, Board of Health, School Department); Community Groups; Mass in Motion Program         | City funds/other             | Ongoing    |
| Goal #6: Continue to develop the Malden Rive  | er as new open space.  |                              |            |
| 6.1. Collaborate with local environmental groups to monitor water quality of the Malden River.  | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council)  | City funds/other             | Ongoing    |
| 6.2. Develop plan to conserve natural areas while encouraging public use.   | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council); Open Space<br>Advisory Committee  | City funds/other             | Mid-term   |
| 6.3. Facilitate creation of "Friends of Malden River" group to assist in maintenance and conservation.  | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council); Open Space<br>Advisory Committee  | Volunteer                    | Short-term |
| Expand public access and provide for improved open space in Malden River area through enhanced development requirements.  a) Create new City development standards in zoning and other ordinances, including setbacks and open space, for parcels located along the river.  b) Leverage the State's Chapter 91 process s to enhance public access through new easements and the creation of pathways. | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council, Planning<br>Board, Board of<br>Appeal); MRA                              | City funds/other             | Long-term  |
| Goal #7: Increase opportunities for communit  | y gardening and urban  | agriculture.                 |            |
| 7.1: Inventory all community gardens, in the City, public and privately-owned.  | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council); Community<br>Groups, and Mass in<br>Motion Program.                     | Volunteers                   | Short-term |
| 7.2: Assess suitability of municipally-owned parcels for food production; and prioritize these for establishing or expanding community gardens and urban agriculture  | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council, Board of<br>Health); Community<br>Groups, and Mass in<br>Motion Program. | NA                           | Short-term |

| Table 9-1<br>Seven-Year Action Plan  |  |                              |           |  |  |  |
|--|--|------------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|
| Goal/Action Item   | Who  | Potential Funding<br>Sources | Timeframe |  |  |  |
| 7.3: Partner with Malden community groups to develop a strategy for establishing and expanding community gardens and urban agriculture | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council, Board of<br>Health); Community<br>Groups, Volunteers and<br>Mass in Motion<br>Program. | City funds/other             | Mid-term  |  |  |  |
| 7.4 Ensure gardens are accessible to all   | City Administration:<br>(Mayor's Office, City<br>Council); Community<br>Groups, Volunteers and<br>Mass in Motion<br>Program.                     | City funds/other             | Ongoing   |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Goal 7 and associated recommended actions are aligned with the Massachusetts Local Food Action Plan. Specific references are: Action 3.2.8; Recommendation 3.16; and Action 3.16.1

The following map depicts the Action Plan. (For larger map, see Appendix A.)



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## **Letters of Approval**

- 1. Gary Christenson, Mayor
- 2. City of Malden Planning Board
- 3. Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)



### Gary Christenson, Mayor

November 12, 2017

Deborah A. Burke, Executive Director Malden Redevelopment Authority 17 Pleasant Street Malden, MA 02148

RE: 2017 Open Space and Recreation Plan

Dear Ms. Burke,

I have reviewed the draft Open Space and Recreation Plan Update (2017) ("Plan") prepared by your office with the assistance of the Open Space and Recreation Update Committee ("Committee") and I write to state my full endorsement.

I would like to thank you and the Committee for your efforts in developing this important planning tool. The Plan will serve to guide our City over the next seven years as funding opportunities are identified and ensure that the community's priorities for open space and recreation are addressed.

Again, I endorse the Plan and look forward to working with members of your staff, the City Council, Boards and Commissions serving our City and the residents of Malden in implementing the goals and objectives identified. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

GARY CHRISTENSON

Mayor

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November 9, 2017

Deborah A. Burke, Executive Director Malden Redevelopment Authority 17 Pleasant Street Malden, MA 02148

Re: Open Space & Recreation Plan Update (Draft dated November 2017)

Dear Ms. Burke:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Malden Planning Board regarding the *Open Space and Recreation Plan Update* (2017). The Board reviewed the draft *Plan Update*, and at a public meeting on November 8, 2017, the full Board voted unanimously to endorse the *Plan*.

Over the past year, the Board has followed the work and progress of the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Committee, including the community outreach and citizen engagement activities, such as the survey and public forums, and commends your efforts to lead the Committee.

We look forward to working with you, City staff and officials and citizens to implement the goals identified in the *Plan Update*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Ioven

Chairman

Malden Planning Board

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January 26, 2018

Deborah A. Burke, Executive Director Malden Redevelopment Authority 17 Pleasant Street P.O. Box 278 Malden, MA 02148

Dear Ms. Burke:

This letter will serve as MAPC's review of the City of Malden 2017 Open Space and Recreation Plan. MAPC enjoyed working with the City of Malden to develop this plan. It was written to comply with the Division of Conservation Services (DCS) guidelines and to integrate a regional perspective on the issues addressed during the planning process. We have also worked to make the plan consistent with the goals and objectives of *MetroFuture*, the regional policy plan for the Boston metropolitan area. We believe that the participation of City staff, the enhanced outreach conducted during the preparation of the plan, and MAPC's regional perspective have generated a plan that will help to guide the City in its continued efforts to improve open space and recreation opportunities and facilities in Malden.

MAPC wishes you the best of luck as you move forward with implementation of the plan.

Sincerely,

Marc D. Draisen
Executive Director

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#### References

#### References

The City continues to initiate and partner with public and private entities to undertake and/or participate in a myriad of studies and plans that have engaged citizens and other stakeholders and obtained public input through community forums, surveys and ballot questions. These studies and plans provide recommendations, identify new opportunities and support existing goals regarding various types and aspects of open space throughout the City.

Commercial Street Corridor Study (on-going/ 2017) Mass Development

Complete Streets Prioritization Plan (2017) http://cityofmalden.org

Growth Management Study (2017) Community Opportunities Group

Moratorium Land Use Survey (2017) Malden City Council

Urban Land Institute Advisory Panel (2015)

Metro North Land Use Priority Plan (2014) EOEEA and MAPC

Northern Strand Trail Communities Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan (2013) MAPC

Making Malden Walkable (2013) Mayor's Advisory Committee on Walkability

Malden River Route (2013) Malden Board of Health, Mass in Motion/Malden is moving

Lower Mystic River Potential Walking Routes Malden (2011) MAPC

Malden Master Plan (2010) Malden Planning Board and MAPC

Malden Vision (2008) Malden Planning Board and MAPC

Malden River Greenway Vision and Master Plan (ongoing/2017) Mystic River Watershed Association

Safe Routes to School (on-going/since 2012) WalkBoston

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Wellbeing of Malden Report (2015), Cambridge Health Alliance & Institute for Community Health

## Appendix A

#### **DOCUMENTS AND MATERIALS**

2017 Malden Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey

First Community Forum Results (March 9, 2017)

Highlights of Results: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats ("SWOT")
 Exercise

Second Community Forum (May 3, 2017)

#### Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

- Cover Letter; Maria Luise, ADA Compliance Officer
- Mayor's Letter designating the ADA Compliance Officer
- Public Notification that Malden does not Discriminate
- Grievance Procedures
- The ADA checklist and Self-Evaluations of each park
- ADA Compliance Officer's Statement about employment practices

#### 2017 Malden Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey

#### Q1. The ages of people in our household are: [Please choose all that apply.]

Answered: 487 Skipped: 5

| ANSWER CHOICES         | RESPONSES |     |
|------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Ages 0-5               | 20.99%    | 102 |
| Ages 5-10              | 39.30%    | 191 |
| Ages 11-13             | 25.72%    | 125 |
| Ages 14-19             | 23.05%    | 112 |
| Ages 19- 64            | 87.65%    | 426 |
| Ages 65 or older       | 13.37%    | 65  |
| Prefer not to answer   | 1.23%     | 6   |
| Total Respondents: 486 |           |     |

## Q2. I/We live in Ward [Ward 1 through Ward 8] (Ward Map at http://www.cityofmalden.org/sites/default/files/ward\_map\_2010\_2012.pdf)

Answered: 452 Skipped: 39

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| 1              | 13.50%    | 61  |
| 2              | 9.96%     | 45  |
| 3              | 20.13%    | 91  |
| 4              | 6.64%     | 30  |
| 5              | 17.48%    | 79  |
| 6              | 14.16%    | 64  |
| 7              | 5.75%     | 26  |
| 8              | 12.39%    | 56  |
| TOTAL          |           | 452 |

Q3. Are you/your family satisfied with Malden's recreational opportunities? [Please choose all that apply]

Answered: 483 Skipped: 8

|   | YES           | NO            | NOT<br>SURE   | TOTAL | WEIGHTED<br>AVERAGE |      |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|---------------------|------|
| Are there enough facilities for CHILDREN?                         | 27.08%<br>130 | 51.04%<br>245 | 21.88%<br>105 | 480   | 1                   | 1.95 |
| Is the quality satisfactory for CHILDREN?                         | 31.94%        | 42.38%        | 25.68%        |       |                     |      |
|   | 153           | 203           | 123           | 479   | 1                   | 1.94 |
| Is the overall condition and maintenance satisfactory for         | 31.45%        | 45.07%        | 23.48%        |       |                     |      |
| CHILDREN?   | 150           | 215           | 112           | 477   | 1                   | 1.92 |
| Are there enough facilities for ADULTS?                           | 22.38%        | 56.07%        | 21.55%        |       |                     |      |
|   | 107           | 268           | 103           | 478   | 1                   | 1.99 |
| Is the quality satisfactory for ADULTS?                           | 26.00%        | 44.03%        | 29.98%        |       |                     |      |
|   | 124           | 210           | 143           | 477   | 2                   | 2.04 |
| Is the overall condition and maintenance satisfactory for ADULTS? | 23.68%        | 44.82%        | 31.50%        |       |                     |      |
|   | 112           | 212           | 149           | 473   | 2                   | 2.08 |

Q4: I/we currently use/enjoy these park/recreation areas: See map [Please choose all that apply] Answered: 481 Skipped: 10

| ANSWER CHOICES                                    | RESPONSES |     |
|---|-----------|-----|
| Amerige Park (Fellsway East)                      | 50.52%    | 243 |
| Bell Rock Memorial Park (Main St.)                | 15.59%    | 75  |
| Bike to the Sea Northern Strand Community Trail   | 40.96%    | 197 |
| Callahan Park (Pearl St.)                         | 6.44%     | 31  |
| Coytemore Lea Park (Mountain Ave.)                | 18.71%    | 90  |
| Devir Park/Bruce Field (Fellsway West)            | 40.33%    | 194 |
| Fellsmere Park/Pond (West Border Rd./Savin St.)   | 40.96%    | 197 |
| Forestdale Park (Forest St.)                      | 19.33%    | 93  |
| Green Street Park (Green St.)                     | 12.06%    | 58  |
| High Rock (High Rock Rd.)                         | 4.99%     | 24  |
| Howard Park (Maplewood St./Broadway)              | 8.94%     | 43  |
| Kierstead Park (Eastern Ave./Short St.)           | 9.77%     | 47  |
| Lincoln Commons [includes Splash Pad] (Cross St.) | 16.84%    | 81  |
| Newman Park (Ferryway Green)                      | 4.78%     | 23  |
| Linden Park (Wescott St.)                         | 28.27%    | 136 |
| Macdonald Stadium (Rte. 60/Pearl St.)             | 31.81%    | 153 |
| Maplewood Park (Maplewood St.)                    | 10.19%    | 49  |
| Middlesex Fells Reservation (East Border Rd.)     | 33.26%    | 160 |
| Miller Park (Harvard St.)                         | 2.08%     | 10  |
| Patchell Park (Glen Rock Rd.)                     | 6.65%     | 32  |
| Pearl Street Playground (Pearl St.)               | 4.99%     | 24  |
| Pine Banks Park (Main St.)                        | 63.20%    | 304 |
| Roosevelt Park (Salem St.)                        | 7.90%     | 38  |
| Tartikoff Park (Willow St./Lyme St.)              | 2.91%     | 14  |
| Trafton Park (Jacob St./Granite St.)              | 25.16%    | 121 |
| Waitt's Mount (Leonard St.)                       | 22.04%    | 106 |
|   |           |     |

Q4 continued on next page

Other (list) 4.37% 21

Total Respondents: 481

| #  | OTHER (LIST)  | DATE               |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | Malden Community Garden   | 4/14/2017 3:04 PM  |
| 2  | Basically any place/park where we can fly our UMX RC airplanes. Some parks are locked up that we the tax payer pays for. Not right!   | 4/6/2017 3:36 PM   |
| 3  | Patchell Playground   | 3/27/2017 11:16 AM |
| 4  | The Middlesex Fells   | 3/11/2017 8:47 AM  |
| 5  | Parks need sprinklers   | 3/10/2017 2:03 PM  |
| 6  | What is the park area near River's Edge? Isn't that in Malden?? Our kids also got a lot of use out of the Skatepark.'   | 3/9/2017 7:32 PM   |
| 7  | Dear  | 3/9/2017 11:42 AM  |
| 8  | We enjoy the peace and quiet - and nature and wildlife - at the Forest Dale Cemetery  | 3/7/2017 4:32 PM   |
| 9  | Fellsmere Pond Park getting ignored-isn't DCR paying Malden care for this? Smells, people killing ducks for supper! Cleaning needles etc. from Wparks should be a priority! | 3/7/2017 3:39 PM   |
| 10 | Unfortunately all the parks are usually being used therefore I/we are unable to fly our RC UMX planes in any field.   | 3/5/2017 12:23 AM  |
| 11 | X   | 3/4/2017 3:48 PM   |
| 12 | Hall Memorial Pool  | 3/4/2017 2:09 PM   |
| 13 | We love Malden's parks and playgrounds and use them sometimes as often as every day.  | 3/3/2017 1:17 PM   |
| 14 | Malden bike path  | 3/3/2017 1:16 PM   |
| 15 | There is no park on Forest St. or Maplewood St.   | 3/3/2017 7:14 AM   |
| 16 | No park close to our ward   | 3/2/2017 1:03 PM   |
| 17 | are you calling Forest Dale Cemetery a park? or is this the Forestdale School playground on Sylvan?   | 3/2/2017 8:12 AM   |
| 18 | I enjoy them however there are few opportunities for little ones under 5 to use to play.  | 2/27/2017 12:03 PM |
| 19 | I mighe use more of these if I knew more about them.  | 2/23/2017 6:53 PM  |
| 20 | Roosevelt is deplorable.  | 2/18/2017 4:10 PM  |
| 21 | Testing others list   | 2/17/2017 12:51 PM |

## Q5: Choose up to five (5) open space/recreation features you would like to have, or have more of in Malden: Answer: 491 Skipped: 0

| ANSWER CHOICES  | RESPON | ISES |
|---|--------|------|
| Athletic fields (Such as Baseball, Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Open play/Turf areas, Rugby, Frisbee, Basketball): | 43.99% | 216  |
| Bike trails/Separated bike lanes  | 38.49% | 189  |
| Children's play areas   | 34.22% | 168  |
| Community gardens   | 31.36% | 154  |
| Conservation/wildlife habitat areas   | 26.88% | 132  |
| Dog Park  | 25.87% | 127  |
| Entertainment/plaza for arts, social activities, picnics, birthday parties  | 36.25% | 178  |
| Outdoor pool  | 13.85% | 68   |
| Park amenities (spectator seating, benches, shade areas, picnic tables, lighting)   | 35.03% | 172  |
| Putting greens  | 4.07%  | 20   |
| River walkway (Malden River)  | 37.27% | 183  |
| Rock climbing (outdoor)   | 11.81% | 58   |
| Skateboarding/In-line skating   | 5.09%  | 25   |
| Tennis court  | 8.55%  | 42   |
| Trails (hiking, nature, walking, cross country skiing)  | 28.51% | 140  |
| Volleyball  | 3.87%  | 19   |
| Water access (boating, canoeing, kayaking, fishing)   | 21.38% | 105  |
| Water play/splash park  | 22.81% | 112  |
| Universally (ADA) Accessible: trails, tot lots  | 7.94%  | 39   |
| Other (list)  | 10.79% | 53   |
| Total Respondents: 491  |        |      |
|   |        |      |

| # | OTHER (LIST)   | DATE              |
|---|--|-------------------|
| 1 | More soccer fields - this organization has like 800 youth involved and we need more fields or a dedicated soccer complex | 4/14/2017 9:11 PM |
| 2 | Badmintoon court would be great  | 4/14/2017 4:53 PM |
| 3 | Soccer   | 4/14/2017 4:23 PM |

| 4  | I would like the parks like Trafton to be fixed up. They look terrible and thibgs are broken. There is nothing good at the park   | 4/14/2017 3:05 PM |
|----|---|-------------------|
| 5  | Soccer fields   | 4/14/2017 2:32 PM |
| 6  | A designated area to fly our UMX [size] RC [elec] airplanes. This particular hobby is becoming more and more popular among retirees.  | 4/6/2017 3:36 PM  |
| 7  | outdoor gathering places for concerts, other community events, informal playing fields  | 4/5/2017 10:52 AM |
| 8  | Ice Rink  | 3/17/2017 8:53 PM |
| 9  | access to Howard Park; botanical garden (even if small)   | 3/16/2017 7:52 AM |
| 10 | More street lighting and police cameras   | 3/15/2017 3:18 PM |
| 11 | Bathrooms   | 3/10/2017 2:03 PM |
| 12 | track (similar to Pine Banks park or Macdonald Stadium) that is cleared in the winter   | 3/10/2017 8:49 AM |
| 13 | Fix existing parks to include water fountains.  | 3/9/2017 7:32 PM  |
| 14 | We need more neighborhood parks and open space  | 3/9/2017 9:56 AM  |
| 15 | more or enlarge neighborhood parks  | 3/9/2017 9:07 AM  |
| 16 | Recreation center   | 3/8/2017 7:01 PM  |
| 17 | Better soccer field   | 3/8/2017 1:58 PM  |
| 18 | an outdoor pavilion for social gatherings with sheltered roof! But most of all, PARKING AT THESE PLACES IS CRUCIAL.;) By the way, for Question #6, you didn't have an option for BASKETBALL COURTS. I'd choose basketball courts.   | 3/8/2017 1:48 PM  |
| 19 | Please increase the number and access to soccer fields.   | 3/8/2017 1:23 PM  |
| 20 | Historic trail - Malden has been around longer than the country.  | 3/7/2017 6:06 PM  |
| 21 | 1) adult exercise areas (for example, at Breakheart they have an area of stationary equipment for doing push-ups, pull-ups, etc. I've seen paved trails at other parks with this equipment positioned along the trail, so you run/walk a distance between exercise equipment). 2) Other family-friendly cities have small climbing structures sprinkled everywhere: not full-on playgrounds, but a climbing wall here, a see-saw here, for "play breaks" anywhere. My local park is Coytemore Lea, but it is often swamped with kids from the Y, so we usually avoid it, which is unfortunate because my son has a disability and the accessible play structure is perfect for him. 3) Green St. playground is nice for toddlers, but there's not nearly enough shade. By 11am in the summer, the equipment is too hot to the touch to play on. It would be great to plant a big tree or two in the central circle that holds the swing set and play structures. 4) in general, there is a lot of litter at the playgrounds I visit. We need more trash pick-up by the DPW. | 3/7/2017 4:05 PM  |
| 22 | Adult entertainment (like Ave D)  | 3/6/2017 4:54 PM  |
| 23 | I'd like to see the current facilities properly maintained so they are clean, functional, and usable by the community   | 3/6/2017 1:56 PM  |
| 24 | ENFORCED Dog-free parks and trails!   | 3/6/2017 1:28 PM  |
| 25 | Basketball courts Ward 6 has none   | 3/6/2017 12:10 PM |
| 26 | Need more sports fields for youth and adult use, particularly soccer. Appalling that adult baseball leagues are allowed to hit baseballs into youth soccer practices and games at Devir Park.   | 3/6/2017 11:57 AM |
| 27 | Basketball courts. They shouldn't be grouped with Athletic fields, as we have enough of the other ball fields already and the cost of having one is much less than the other fields.  | 3/6/2017 8:55 AM  |
| 28 | More organized activities   | 3/5/2017 11:17 AM |
| 29 | RC flying field OR rope off a part of the park where we can fly even for one day out of the week.   | 3/5/2017 12:23 AM |
| 30 | Indoor recreation areas (free) for children and elderly especially for winter months. Children's play areas that are toddler friendly or for young babies who are crawling.   | 3/4/2017 8:07 PM  |
| 31 | Sculpture Garden(s)   | 3/4/2017 5:52 PM  |
| 32 | More of the checked above and fewer APARTMENT BUILDINGS!!!!!!!!   | 3/4/2017 3:10 PM  |
|    |   |                   |

| 33 | Better soccer field   | 3/4/2017 11:40 AM  |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 34 | soccer fields   | 3/4/2017 9:43 AM   |
| 35 | Outdoor basketball  | 3/4/2017 4:30 AM   |
| 36 | Tennis practice WALL(As far as I know, there exists no one for now)   | 3/3/2017 5:47 PM   |
| 37 | Summer youth programs through 3rd party vendors   | 3/3/2017 2:27 PM   |
| 38 | Basketball courts   | 3/3/2017 2:17 PM   |
| 39 | special needs park. And more swings would be nice for older and younger children  | 3/3/2017 2:17 PM   |
| 40 | Basketball (this is listed under athletic fields but there's no check off on the next page)   | 3/3/2017 2:00 PM   |
| 41 | Outdoor track   | 3/3/2017 1:21 PM   |
| 42 | please extend the bike path. It would be great if we could ride on a path that led all the way to<br>Boston.  | 3/3/2017 1:16 PM   |
| 43 | SWIMMING ACCESS AT WRIGHT'S POND in the Fells Reservation, currently limited to Medford residents. To quote 45, "NOT FAIR!"   | 3/2/2017 10:02 AM  |
| 44 | SOCCER  | 3/1/2017 4:01 PM   |
| 45 | Lots of Green just to look at sit on some shade doesn't have to have picnic tables spectator seating  | 2/28/2017 9:27 PM  |
| 46 | More parking spaces & more snow emergency parking lots.   | 2/27/2017 4:27 PM  |
| 47 | Updated playground equipment with more climbing structures and physical activities.   | 2/27/2017 10:16 AM |
| 48 | THISis inspiring: https://vimeo.com/43583846 lts a 4:00 video of what theyre doing wiht an open space in Seattle using permaculture to bring together diverse cultures and help provide food for the community. Malden has ample open spaces to choose from to follow in thier footsteps. | 2/27/2017 9:56 AM  |
| 49 | water access boat ramp for the Malden River   | 2/24/2017 8:10 PM  |
| 50 | Places to walk in nature in the Linden area   | 2/23/2017 6:53 PM  |
| 51 | Of course I don't want to pay more taxes for any of this either   | 2/18/2017 4:10 PM  |
| 52 | Open play turf areas  | 2/18/2017 2:57 PM  |
| 53 | Testing others list again   | 2/17/2017 12:51 PM |
|    |   |                    |

#### Q6: Because you chose 'Athletic Fields' in the previous question, choose the types of Athletic Fields you would like to have or have more of.

Answered: 207 Skipped: 284

| ANSWER CHOICES         | RESPONSES |     |
|------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Baseball               | 28.50%    | 59  |
| Football               | 14.01%    | 29  |
| Lacrosse               | 11.11%    | 23  |
| Soccer                 | 80.19%    | 166 |
| Softball               | 14.49%    | 30  |
| Open Play/Turf Areas   | 53.14%    | 110 |
| Rugby                  | 2.90%     | 6   |
| Frisbee                | 8.70%     | 18  |
| Total Respondents: 207 |           |     |

## **Q7: Please choose what you/your family think(s) about these statements.** Answered: 453 Skipped: 38

|  | STRONGLY<br>AGREE | AGREE         | NEUTRAL       | DISAGREE     | STRONGLY<br>DISAGREE | TOTAL | WEIGHTED<br>AVERAGE |
|--|-------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------|
| We/I think buying open space should be included in the City's spending plan:                 | 54.89%<br>247     | 29.78%<br>134 | 11.33%<br>51  | 2.22%<br>10  | 1.78%<br>8           | 450   | 1.66                |
| Malden should acquire more land for athletic fields:   | 33.70%<br>152     | 25.72%<br>116 | 26.61%<br>120 | 8.20%<br>37  | 5.76%<br>26          | 451   | 2.27                |
| Malden should acquire more land for playgrounds:   | 27.87%<br>124     | 33.48%<br>149 | 30.79%<br>137 | 4.94%<br>22  | 2.92%<br>13          | 445   | 2.22                |
| We/I would use Malden's recreation and conservation lands more if we knew more about them:   | 42.86%<br>192     | 36.83%<br>165 | 16.07%<br>72  | 3.35%<br>15  | 0.89%<br>4           | 448   | 1.83                |
| We/I would like Malden to have a public outdoor skating rink:                                | 20.90%<br>93      | 25.84%<br>115 | 36.18%<br>161 | 10.11%<br>45 | 6.97%<br>31          | 445   | 2.56                |
| We/I would like Malden to have a continuous public path along the banks of the Malden River: | 47.78%<br>215     | 36.89%<br>166 | 13.33%<br>60  | 1.33%<br>6   | 0.67%<br>3           | 450   | 1.70                |

## Q8: Would you be willing to pay extra taxes or make a contribution for open space acquisitions/improvements?

Answered: 421 Skipped: 70

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| 0-\$99.00      | 68.17%    | 287 |
| \$100-\$250.00 | 21.62%    | 91  |
| \$251-\$500.00 | 10.21%    | 43  |
| TOTAL          |           | 421 |

**Q9:** What amenities would you like to see along the Bike to the Sea Northern Community Trail? Answered: 254 Skipped: 237

| #  | RESPONSES  | DATE               |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 1  | restrooms  | 4/14/2017 10:35 PM |
| 2  | Lights, benches, doggie bags   | 4/14/2017 9:15 PM  |
| 3  | Na   | 4/14/2017 4:55 PM  |
| 4  | Better accessibility   | 4/14/2017 4:40 PM  |
| 5  | Water bublers and benches  | 4/14/2017 4:26 PM  |
| 6  | More designed pathways connecting to the Trail.  | 4/14/2017 3:45 PM  |
| 7  | Benches, signs telling points of interest  | 4/14/2017 3:37 PM  |
| 8  | Bathrooms & water fountains  | 4/14/2017 3:19 PM  |
| 9  | Flowering shrubs or flowers, trees, removal of trash (there is so much trash especially between the high school and community garden), murals - paintings done by Malden Artists, outdoor stationary exercise structure (similar to what is on Memorial Drive in Cambridge by the Charles River) | 4/14/2017 3:14 PM  |
| 10 | Access to potable water  | 4/14/2017 3:13 PM  |
| 11 | Low level lighting, resting areas, grass, access to shops and restaurants  | 4/14/2017 2:56 PM  |
| 12 | Historic information about different locations in Malden   | 4/14/2017 2:51 PM  |
| 13 | Picnic tables, biking lanes, bikes parking spots and safety communications spots linked to the police department.  | 4/14/2017 2:45 PM  |
| 14 | Fitness equipment pull up bars etc   | 4/14/2017 2:41 PM  |
| 15 | benches to sit, a playground, trash barrels!!!   | 4/14/2017 2:37 PM  |
| 16 | Lighting, water fountains and emergency call boxes   | 4/14/2017 2:25 PM  |
| 17 | The trail begin fully completed to River beach. Water foundation maybe!  | 4/6/2017 5:56 PM   |
| 18 | UMX [size] RC airplane airfield.   | 4/6/2017 3:45 PM   |
| 19 | More lighting, help call boxes for emergencys, more police present   | 4/6/2017 3:37 PM   |
| 20 | benches  | 4/6/2017 2:53 PM   |
| 21 | drinking water   | 3/31/2017 11:37 AM |
| 22 | litter cleanup   | 3/27/2017 3:52 PM  |
| 23 | Fully paved - better/safer crossing areas - maps/notice boards areas to park/lock bikes  | 3/27/2017 11:18 AM |
| 24 | Easier crossings   | 3/25/2017 8:21 PM  |
| 25 | benches, flowers, access to food, more attractive buildings  | 3/23/2017 8:11 PM  |
| 26 | Water fountains, rest rooms  | 3/22/2017 10:23 PM |
| 27 | I would like to see benches and a clean area free of broken bottles/trash.   | 3/21/2017 11:29 AM |
| 28 | Public restrooms, playgrounds, water fountains, picnic benches, blue safety phone stations   | 3/18/2017 7:46 PM  |
| 29 | Clean ports potty  | 3/18/2017 10:36 AM |

| 30 | Shrub,flavors   | 3/17/2017 10:59 AM |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 31 | Covered/secured trash receptacles, benches, environmental signage where/when appropriate, lighting where appropriate, emergency phones (?) in poor coverage areas for cellular service.   | 3/17/2017 1:08 AM  |
| 32 | Plantings (trees, wildflowers); art fixtures; maps; outdoor sculpture; murals on some of the back walls of buildings; clean up of toxic waste; children's art mural   | 3/16/2017 7:58 AM  |
| 33 | REI store, hubway bike rack, paved trail, lighting, water fountains.  | 3/15/2017 3:25 PM  |
| 34 | PICNIC TABLES, WATER COOLERS , SHADED AREAS   | 3/15/2017 4:26 AM  |
| 35 | Benches, signs indicating the streets you are about to cross, more trash barrels, particularly by<br>Bread of Life, the Dockside and the Doo Wop Diner, something to put cigarette butts in by the<br>entrance to Bread of Life.  | 3/13/2017 7:58 PM  |
| 36 | Bike  | 3/13/2017 12:35 PM |
| 37 | Bathrooms   | 3/13/2017 6:14 AM  |
| 38 | Playground  | 3/12/2017 7:19 PM  |
| 39 | Obstacle course   | 3/12/2017 6:05 PM  |
| 40 | Police help boxes   | 3/12/2017 4:19 PM  |
| 41 | Water fountains.  | 3/12/2017 12:48 PM |
| 42 | Landscaping, trees, benches   | 3/11/2017 5:37 PM  |
| 43 | Improved plantings near intersections with the trail to make the trail more welcoming, e.g., flowering shrubs or large concrete planters. Cultivation of native plants, shrubs and trees along the trail. Klosks with environmental information such as descriptions of plants that may be spotted in the area. Seating, e.g., park benches for the elderly / infirm. Trash bins so that trash and dog waste is removed rather than becoming litter or a public health hazzard. Public bicycle repair stands. Public art, e.g., sculpture, inlaid mosaic, murals. | 3/11/2017 1:33 PM  |
| 44 | Shade trees, more connection with T, and ease of taking bikes on trains and busses<br>https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/docs/tmp/briefingbook/SEATTLE%20TMP%207%20BP%20 -%20m%20-%20Bike%20Access.pdf  | 3/11/2017 9:09 AM  |
| 45 | N/A   | 3/10/2017 7:34 PM  |
| 46 | not sure  | 3/10/2017 5:28 PM  |
| 47 | More nature!!!!! Trees and WILD flowers to try to hide the fence at least (Wild flowers do not require much maintanance or fertilizer)  | 3/10/2017 12:23 PM |
| 48 | Water, lights   | 3/10/2017 12:14 PM |
| 49 | signage, community gardens, pushcarts, lighting especially and maybe a blue light system like at colleges.  | 3/10/2017 11:20 AM |
| 50 | Connections to other bike paths (e.g., Lebanon St in Melrose). 1 or 2 built restroom/drinking fountain facilities (not portable toilets). Picnic tables and/or sitting benches scattered.   | 3/10/2017 8:56 AM  |
| 51 | A continguous route from Malden West to the bike trail. It's hard to get to. Greenery along the way.  | 3/10/2017 12:45 AM |
| 52 | To feel safer   | 3/9/2017 9:46 PM   |
| 53 | Community flower/vegetable gardens.   | 3/9/2017 9:14 PM   |
| 54 | Public restroom, benches  | 3/9/2017 7:43 PM   |
| 55 | Police on bikes to be patrolling area Also some trash bins for people with dogs to use.   | 3/9/2017 7:14 PM   |
| 56 | Water, lights and benches   | 3/9/2017 7:10 PM   |
| 57 | Any   | 3/9/2017 6:12 PM   |
| 58 | Benches, picnic areas, bike repair stations, water fountains, dog parks.  | 3/9/2017 6:00 PM   |
| 59 | benches, tables. drinking fountain  | 3/9/2017 5:54 PM   |
| 60 | Improved fencing and signage at points of interest.   | 3/9/2017 5:31 PM   |
| 61 | Water fountains   | 3/9/2017 5:10 PM   |
| 62 | non   | 3/9/2017 4:38 PM   |
|    | ?   | 3/9/2017 2:33 PM   |

| 64 | Resting areas with water fountain and toilet access   | 3/9/2017 1:30 PM  |
|----|---|-------------------|
| 65 | Water access, rest areas with benches.  | 3/9/2017 1:06 PM  |
| 66 | Lighting, Lighting, Benches, Dog waste stations, Signage indicating historical places of interest, Works of art, such as paintings and sculpture, Emergency stations in order to make a 911 call, Neighborhood watch, Signage to remind users to observe rules of courtesy, | 3/9/2017 12:41 PM |
| 67 | Wildlife habitat, sculpture garden  | 3/9/2017 12:38 PM |
| 68 | More Lights along the trail, especially where the community garden is located to prevent/stop theft, vandalism, and provide better security/safety for the general public.  | 3/9/2017 12:29 PM |
| 69 | Lights, scenery, benches  | 3/9/2017 10:46 AM |
| 70 | Parks and community space   | 3/9/2017 10:01 AM |
| 71 | Wild flowers pollinators benches and water fountains.   | 3/9/2017 9:36 AM  |
| 72 | no rats and needles :(  | 3/9/2017 9:18 AM  |
| 73 | more parks and community space  | 3/9/2017 9:17 AM  |
| 74 | Bathrooms   | 3/9/2017 8:49 AM  |
| 75 | Bathrooms, drinking fountains   | 3/9/2017 8:39 AM  |
| 76 | Trees   | 3/9/2017 7:33 AM  |
| 77 | Fruit/vegie stands  | 3/9/2017 5:58 AM  |
| 78 | Better oversight of the Dog Poo bags, I feel they are often empty. More people to pick up litter.   | 3/9/2017 1:34 AM  |
| 79 | N/a   | 3/8/2017 8:59 PM  |
| 80 | Drinking fountains, benches to rest.  | 3/8/2017 8:48 PM  |
| 81 | not very safe going through Malden square   | 3/8/2017 7:26 PM  |
| 82 | Cell phone charging benches   | 3/8/2017 4:00 PM  |
| 83 | The unused grass space could be used for recreation or at least made more accessible. Also, a more clear connection across major roads (such as near Malden High) could go a long way to encourage riders to use the full path.   | 3/8/2017 2:37 PM  |
| 84 | Washrooms, water fountains  | 3/8/2017 2:20 PM  |
| 85 | I would like the trail to be more visually appealing; it would be nice to have community murals and more trees.   | 3/8/2017 1:57 PM  |
| 86 | How about more murals on building walls facing the path! Local artists could exhibit their mural skills.  | 3/8/2017 1:53 PM  |
| 87 | Lighting, authority figures manning the trail, offer bike/roller skating rentals.   | 3/8/2017 1:38 PM  |
| 88 | Clean it up, fencing? Make it less gross. Right now it peddles through a third world country like area and it's depressing.   | 3/8/2017 1:34 PM  |
| 89 | Better lighting and widen the path to make passing easier.  | 3/8/2017 1:25 PM  |
| 90 | Better crossing over Pleasant Street/RTE 60   | 3/8/2017 1:20 PM  |
| 91 | LED lighting, particularly at roadway crosswalks, and larger garbage cans/recycling services.   | 3/8/2017 11:42 AM |
| 92 | MACHINES FOR WATERTRASH BENCHES   | 3/8/2017 10:29 AM |
| 93 | Trees/natural shade. Native plantings. Getting Saugus/Lynnfield/Nahant to complete the final bits through the marsh, etc. i would LOVE LOVE to bike all the way to Nahant Beach!  | 3/8/2017 9:34 AM  |
| 94 | A better connection to the T.   | 3/7/2017 9:01 PM  |
| 95 | bathrooms, water fountains  | 3/7/2017 7:59 PM  |
| 96 | benches and water fountains   | 3/7/2017 6:09 PM  |
| 97 | Native plant gardens installed for pollinators and birds.   | 3/7/2017 5:19 PM  |

| 98   |  |   |
|--|--|---|
|  | <ol> <li>adult exercise stations (pull-up bars, sit-up stations, etc).</li> <li>A garden of indigenous plants with<br/>educational signage.</li> </ol>   | 3/7/2017 4:20 PM  |
| 99   | Trash & recyle containers which are emptied in a timely manner. Possibly portable bathroom.  | 3/7/2017 12:53 PM   |
| 100  | Restroom opportunities, snack/treat vendors (e.g., ice cream, Del's frozen lemonade, etc.), bike tools/air for tire changes or other on-trail repairs  | 3/7/2017 12:44 PM   |
| 101  | Benches, murals  | 3/7/2017 12:19 PM   |
| 102  | paved all the way, perhaps nature stops/off road trails  | 3/7/2017 11:35 AM   |
| 103  | occasional shade, benches, lighting  | 3/7/2017 11:06 AM   |
| 104  | benches  | 3/7/2017 11:03 AM   |
| 105  | It needs to be updated and evened out closer to the beach. Once you get past Saugus it's kind of a mess and you can't tell where the trail goes. And it's rocky, you need a mountain bike. Better signage. I got lost the first time.  | 3/7/2017 10:43 AM   |
| 106  | Trash cans   | 3/7/2017 9:37 AM  |
| 107  | none   | 3/7/2017 9:29 AM  |
| 108  | Caution lights for cars at street crossings. Mile markers.   | 3/7/2017 8:37 AM  |
| 109  | Doggie poop bags Trash barrels Designated Scenic view points   | 3/7/2017 8:30 AM  |
| 110  | Low level lighting, better crosswalk lights to alert vehicles, water/ juice kiosk/ stand   | 3/6/2017 10:19 PM   |
| 111  | A restraunt/ cafe. More lighting/ lamps. A fruit/ juice kiosk. Benches. More attractive building fronts (not warehouse look). Flowers  | 3/6/2017 8:22 PM  |
| 112  | It's sketchy, too remote. There's no public visibility for safety purposes. The power lines make the walk less attractive. The new building going up on route 60 looks like it is going to cast a shadow on the community garden, so maybe keep an eye on relocating it if it's too much in the dark. Plants need light and it's a bad message to send kids about what living things need to survive. I live around Malden High and I still don't know exactly how the bike trail is supposed to cross route 60. It looks like the trail just dissolves. Also, the traffic light at the end of Holden isn't enough for safety. Cars going towards downtown on route 60 don't always use their turn signals when they go up Holden street. Also (off-topic), Holden street should be lit at night when the High School is in use. The lights everywhere else in the city are on but a pick-up spot for our kids is pitch black. I think speed bumps would be useful where the trail crosses the roads, in areas like the Bryant and | 3/6/2017 7:42 PM  |
|  | Faulkner. Bikers come into view for drivers too quickly.   |   |
| 113  |  | 3/6/2017 4:59 PM  |
|  | Faulkner. Bikers come into view for drivers too quickly.   | 3/6/2017 4:59 PM<br>3/6/2017 4:04 PM  |
| 114  | Faulkner. Bikers come into view for drivers too quickly.  Coffee shop/restaurant   |   |
| 114  | Faulkner. Bikers come into view for drivers too quickly.  Coffee shop/restaurant  Open green space  1. On-demand traffic light for safely crossing major streets (e.g. Broadway) 2. Problem is how to  | 3/6/2017 4:04 PM  |
| 114<br>115<br>116  | Faulkner. Bikers come into view for drivers too quickly.  Coffee shop/restaurant  Open green space  1. On-demand traffic light for safely crossing major streets (e.g. Broadway) 2. Problem is how to get to the bike trail safely with little kids. A map indicating places where to park (car) would help.   | 3/6/2017 4:04 PM<br>3/6/2017 3:55 PM  |
| 114<br>115<br>116  | Faulkner. Bikers come into view for drivers too quickly.  Coffee shop/restaurant  Open green space  1. On-demand traffic light for safely crossing major streets (e.g. Broadway) 2. Problem is how to get to the bike trail safely with little kids. A map indicating places where to park (car) would help.  Shade and water fountains. It gets SO hot in the summer!   | 3/6/2017 4:04 PM<br>3/6/2017 3:55 PM<br>3/6/2017 2:46 PM  |
| 114<br>115<br>116<br>117   | Faulkner. Bikers come into view for drivers too quickly.  Coffee shop/restaurant  Open green space  1. On-demand traffic light for safely crossing major streets (e.g. Broadway) 2. Problem is how to get to the bike trail safely with little kids. A map indicating places where to park (car) would help.  Shade and water fountains. It gets SO hot in the summer!  Bike racks, safe zones away from cars, lighting  | 3/6/2017 4:04 PM<br>3/6/2017 3:55 PM<br>3/6/2017 2:46 PM<br>3/6/2017 1:56 PM  |
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| 127 | fully paved & bike repair center.   | 3/6/2017 10:11 AM |
|-----|---|-------------------|
| 28  | trash/recycling receptacles. Water fountains, if feasable   | 3/6/2017 9:46 AM  |
| 29  | Lighting! It's very dark along parts of the tail early in the morning or at night. After that, some additional landscaping would be nice.   | 3/6/2017 9:08 AM  |
| 130 | Trail is fine. Maybe pedestrian lights to cross the many streets on the trail   | 3/6/2017 9:00 AM  |
| 131 | marked bike lanes, drinking fountains. Benches. Playground or swings  | 3/6/2017 8:57 AM  |
| 132 | Landscaping and sitting areas   | 3/6/2017 8:20 AM  |
| 33  | More trees and plants   | 3/6/2017 7:21 AM  |
| 34  | Benches , picnic benches, water fountain, toilets   | 3/6/2017 7:10 AM  |
| 35  | I think it would nice if there was lighting, signs and businesses that you could stop and support along the way.  | 3/5/2017 9:48 PM  |
| 36  | Historical notes or something about the community / Malden's past and future  | 3/5/2017 9:46 PM  |
| 37  | Benches, bathrooms, fruit/veggie stands, plant stands   | 3/5/2017 9:42 PM  |
| 38  | Trash cans  | 3/5/2017 7:10 PM  |
| 39  | Better quality trail, benches, water fountains, shade tree  | 3/5/2017 6:46 PM  |
| 40  | bike rentals  | 3/5/2017 5:51 PM  |
| 41  | Consistent Cleaning   | 3/5/2017 5:18 PM  |
| 42  | Community gardens, Benches to sit. Mileage markers. Community bulletin board with Northern<br>Community Strand updates and updates for other parks, open spaces in Malden. Some more<br>trees.                            | 3/5/2017 11:00 AM |
| 43  | Water stops   | 3/5/2017 9:23 AM  |
| 44  | a flying field  | 3/5/2017 12:29 AM |
| 45  | Community gardens, benches, art plazas, bike way-finding signs, farmers markets, food trucks, painted lines, lighting   | 3/4/2017 11:21 PM |
| 46  | More paved parts of the trail and safer street crossings. Preferably Hubway stations.   | 3/4/2017 10:55 PM |
| 47  | Drinking fountains  | 3/4/2017 10:38 PM |
| 48  | making sure it's safe so like a wall or something   | 3/4/2017 9:44 PM  |
| 49  | Trash and recycling bins  | 3/4/2017 5:58 PM  |
| 50  | Trails, Bicycle stands, Food stands,  | 3/4/2017 5:11 PM  |
| 51  | Playground  | 3/4/2017 4:20 PM  |
| 52  | Water stations  | 3/4/2017 4:16 PM  |
| 53  | Benches   | 3/4/2017 3:53 PM  |
| 54  | Benches, pretty plants and grounds if you walk with your dog.   | 3/4/2017 3:17 PM  |
| 55  | Benches, flowers , bushes   | 3/4/2017 2:56 PM  |
| 56  | benches, picnic tables  | 3/4/2017 2:38 PM  |
| 57  | Finish the Trail! Paved the whole way   | 3/4/2017 2:11 PM  |
| 58  | No comment  | 3/4/2017 1:54 PM  |
| 59  | Bathroom  | 3/4/2017 1:09 PM  |
| 60  | More trash bins, more lighting and police call boxes. The grounds should be landscaped on a regular basis.  | 3/4/2017 12:54 PM |
| 61  | N/A   | 3/4/2017 12:46 PM |
| 62  | The trail is great. I would like to see more buisnesses orient themselves to the trail. Much like the cvs on 99 does (at least they made a minor effort). Why this was not done with the new police station is a mystery. | 3/4/2017 12:05 PM |

| 163 | Water Stations - filling containers to drinking, cleaning scrapes, ect Community Gardens - along the sides, veggies, fruits, edibles to help food pantries   | 3/4/2017 12:00 PM |
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| 164 | N/A  | 3/4/2017 11:59 AM |
| 165 | Picnic areas, fully paved  | 3/4/2017 11:24 AM |
| 166 | I have never been there so I don't know what's there.  | 3/4/2017 11:19 AM |
| 167 | Encourage amenity businesses, ice cream shops, coffee shops, bike maintenance or similar.  | 3/4/2017 11:17 AM |
| 168 | Lights; safety features; fencing; maybe water stops  | 3/4/2017 11:13 AM |
| 169 | Garbage cans, water fountains  | 3/4/2017 11:12 AM |
| 170 | Bike rental  | 3/4/2017 11:00 AM |
| 171 | option to rent bikes the way they have them in Boston.   | 3/4/2017 9:20 AM  |
| 172 | Public water fountains. Places to lock a bicycle.  | 3/4/2017 8:29 AM  |
| 173 | Restrooms, water   | 3/4/2017 3:19 AM  |
| 174 | Soccer filed   | 3/3/2017 10:27 PM |
| 175 | Safer road crossings it is a bit hard in certain areas to cross the busy streets   | 3/3/2017 9:57 PM  |
| 176 | Fencing, well landscaped, and well lit.  | 3/3/2017 9:53 PM  |
| 177 | Gym  | 3/3/2017 9:26 PM  |
| 178 | Water fountains, access to restrooms, good lighting  | 3/3/2017 7:27 PM  |
| 179 | n/a  | 3/3/2017 7:02 PM  |
| 180 | Benches,picnic areas   | 3/3/2017 5:32 PM  |
| 181 | Landscaped with trees, flowers, grasses,etc, benches, water fountain, coffee/ice cream food truck.   | 3/3/2017 5:26 PM  |
| 182 | Water station, benches, art structures, dog park.  | 3/3/2017 4:22 PM  |
| 183 | Lighting, benches, trash bins  | 3/3/2017 4:21 PM  |
| 184 | there is nothing great about it nothing nice to look at when your out walking Malden is looking more like Boston with all the apt buildings going up   | 3/3/2017 3:24 PM  |
| 185 | More lights!!!   | 3/3/2017 2:22 PM  |
| 186 | street lights and barrels. there is always trash on the trail.   | 3/3/2017 2:19 PM  |
| 187 | Nice places to pause and take a break - drink or eat. Landscaping. Historical Markers where appropriate.   | 3/3/2017 2:12 PM  |
| 188 | A bicycle repair / rental kiosk More community gardens Less storage buildings, Safer crossings at Main Street and Broadway.  | 3/3/2017 2:05 PM  |
| 189 | water fountains, rest rooms  | 3/3/2017 2:03 PM  |
| 190 | There is opportunity for arts/sculpture, signage. I also like the proposal to the Malden Cultural Council to put Little Free Libraries along the trail. Also, gardens/plantings, benches — maybe climbing apparatus. It's called a bike trail, but I use it for running and I also see families walking on it. I'd also like to see the dog waste bag dispensers maintained with places to deposit the dog waste. Maybe a water fountain or two? | 3/3/2017 1:39 PM  |
| 191 | safe transitions at road crossings   | 3/3/2017 1:23 PM  |
| 192 | benches at scenic spots for resting (maybe with shade?)  | 3/3/2017 1:19 PM  |
| 193 | Water fountains. Somehow make it seem more secure. Sometimes I am afraid that if I go alone (as a woman) that I would be jumped. Somehow it does not seem very safe.   | 3/3/2017 1:18 PM  |
| 94  | Dog park, work out / exercise stations, sculpture park / art area,   | 3/3/2017 11:31 AM |
| 195 | bicycle repair stations water fountains better connection to Orange Line at Wellington/Malden  | 3/3/2017 10:08 AM |
|     | stations   |                   |

| 197 | Benches, flowers, gardens, sm popup ice cream- snack stand, historical or information markers,   | 3/3/2017 7:23 AM   |
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| 198 | Security cameras, emergency call boxes   | 3/2/2017 6:08 PM   |
| 199 | it has to be well for safety; bigger paths; more openings for entering and leaving   | 3/2/2017 2:23 PM   |
| 200 | Lane markers, wayfinding signs, bike repair shop, other places to shop, eat.   | 3/2/2017 1:53 PM   |
| 201 | Sculptures, murals, picnic tables and Adirondack chairs, plantings   | 3/2/2017 1:27 PM   |
| 202 | trees, bike repair shops, food trucks!   | 3/2/2017 1:16 PM   |
| 203 | benches, community gardens   | 3/2/2017 12:55 PM  |
| 204 | <ul> <li>a) improved Ferry Street crosswalk and improved Main Street crosswalk (traffic ignores bikes) b)<br/>water / refreshment stops</li> </ul>   | 3/2/2017 12:05 PM  |
| 205 | workout stations, sculptures, murals, water fountain or two  | 3/2/2017 10:08 AM  |
| 206 | Benches, lights, bikesharing/rental bikes, a bike shop.  | 3/2/2017 10:02 AM  |
| 207 | bike repair. food/restaurants. historical markers. more community gardens.   | 3/2/2017 9:38 AM   |
| 208 | Lighting for night riding  | 3/2/2017 9:37 AM   |
| 209 | Lighting, Picnic tables, parallel running trail (stone dust), signage to learn about Malden/the environment/bike safety, access to the Malden River, more car traffic control (blinking lights on Cross Street) (the cars barrel down that street) art sculptures, water park, recycling containers. bike tire pumps (fresh pond - Cambridge has a cool repair station, bike rentals, workshops for youth cyclists re: safety and learning to repair cycles, | 3/2/2017 8:29 AM   |
| 210 | More green space/ trees  | 3/1/2017 9:33 PM   |
| 211 | Benches  | 3/1/2017 6:23 PM   |
| 212 | Lights   | 3/1/2017 2:40 PM   |
| 213 | More lights for safety, flowers/gardens to make it friendlier, signs that makes cars stop at crossings.  | 3/1/2017 1:31 PM   |
| 214 | benches, shaded and rest area  | 3/1/2017 11:15 AM  |
| 215 | Finish and pave the trail and bring the trail to Boston.   | 3/1/2017 11:05 AM  |
| 216 | Plants that bloom every year, Grass' Small Bushes  | 2/28/2017 9:43 PM  |
| 217 | Rest rooms- benches for resting and relaxation   | 2/28/2017 9:30 PM  |
| 218 | Bathrooms and lights, maybe emergency call boxes   | 2/28/2017 9:03 AM  |
| 219 | Community gardens  | 2/27/2017 6:34 PM  |
| 220 | Bike racks and benches   | 2/27/2017 6:26 PM  |
| 221 | Path lighting for safety and visibility at night   | 2/27/2017 5:39 PM  |
| 222 | Have never heard of this.  | 2/27/2017 4:38 PM  |
| 223 | lights at the intersection, signs for walkers and bikers that an upcoming intersection is close, blue light poles for emergencies  | 2/27/2017 3:32 PM  |
| 224 | Community Gardens, more murals   | 2/27/2017 2:34 PM  |
| 225 | Lights at intersections to aid walkers/bikers with crossing; signs at intersections (on the bike path) to inform walkers/bikers to stop before entering intersections.   | 2/27/2017 2:06 PM  |
| 226 | More benches for walkers, bike lanes on nearby streets for access, better signage with directions to local attractions (restaurants, brewery, parks, neighborhoods)  | 2/27/2017 1:11 PM  |
| 227 | More security and brighter lights. I feel it is unsafe during the evening hours.   | 2/27/2017 12:07 PM |
| 228 | Art, Inspirational quotes, historic pics, flowers, bird feeders. Food forests. Wild edibles.   | 2/27/2017 10:08 AM |
| 229 | Maps that say you are here and stop points with shade or benches trash barrels. dog waste  | 2/27/2017 9:51 AM  |
|     | barrels.   |                    |

| 231 | Exercise Stations, Art Displays Areas, Dog Run/Park, Drinking Water Fountains   | 2/26/2017 2:34 PM  |
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| 232 | I would like to see Police on bicycles.   | 2/24/2017 8:10 PM  |
| 233 | Community gardens off of the Community Trail  | 2/24/2017 6:50 PM  |
| 234 | Places to properly dispose of trash or recycle  | 2/24/2017 12:32 PM |
| 235 | Lighting, maybe a blue light system or call box, a bench here and there   | 2/24/2017 10:03 AM |
| 236 | More pretty plantings   | 2/23/2017 10:25 PM |
| 237 | Benches to rest.  | 2/23/2017 8:07 PM  |
| 238 | More signage in the wooded area going from the bike path toward Saugus. Information on mileage would be nice, as would a bench here and there so I could sit and enjoy the woods.   | 2/23/2017 6:53 PM  |
| 239 | Don't know  | 2/23/2017 4:11 PM  |
| 240 | Lights  | 2/23/2017 2:51 PM  |
| 241 | Outdoor exercise equipment, benches, bike stands, corrals and specialized crosswalks to help with car traffic when the trail crosses the road   | 2/23/2017 1:28 PM  |
| 242 | more lighting   | 2/23/2017 1:28 PM  |
| 243 | maintained trash cans, useable porta potties, benches and tables  | 2/23/2017 12:58 PM |
| 244 | lighting, clean up  | 2/23/2017 12:20 PM |
| 245 | Art, Plantings, Rainwater Gardens, Parklets, Places to stop and relax, Informational Signs on Malden history, mile marker signs   | 2/23/2017 9:40 AM  |
| 246 | Benches, garbage cans, lighting fixatures, swings, bike racks, water fountains  | 2/22/2017 9:15 PM  |
| 247 | Garbage can, Picnic tables, lighting, benches, and playgrounds.   | 2/22/2017 9:13 PM  |
| 248 | It is fine. Your question above on Bike trails and lanes is put together to get the answer you want.<br>Bike Trails and Bike lanes is the same exact thing.   | 2/18/2017 4:10 PM  |
| 249 | Safety call boxes and benches   | 2/18/2017 2:57 PM  |
| 250 | I would use it more often if there was quicker access to Malden Center from the south. At this point, you have to be on city streets to reach the Stop n Shop plaza or T access instead of utilizing that stretch behind the industrial buildings. Having a cut-through at the curve of the path would cut about a quarter-mile off of my normal route Also, since that stretch feels unsafe as it is dark and hidden from plain sight. | 2/18/2017 8:32 AM  |
| 251 | I'd like more cutouts to roads and make it easy to cross Main St ( of note I walk the trail)  | 2/18/2017 8:04 AM  |
| 252 | Amenities will get there themselves. Work on expanding the trail into the neighborhoods.  | 2/17/2017 10:00 PM |
| 253 | Lighting  | 2/17/2017 9:49 PM  |
| 254 | testing for question 8  | 2/17/2017 12:51 PM |
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## Q10. What amenities would you like to see in our park and recreation areas? Answered: 275 Skipped: 216

| 44 | PERPONEES  | DATE               |
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| #  | RESPONSES  | DATE               |
| 1  | pinic tables, sitting, water fountations   | 4/14/2017 10:35 PM |
| 2  | Benches, lights, dog park or dog area like Melrose has   | 4/14/2017 9:15 PM  |
| 3  | Improved fields!!  | 4/14/2017 7:24 PM  |
| 4  | Na   | 4/14/2017 4:55 PM  |
| 5  | Better physical maintenance, trash pickup, cleanliness   | 4/14/2017 4:40 PM  |
| 6  | Lighting!  | 4/14/2017 3:45 PM  |
| 7  | Picnic areas, seating/benches  | 4/14/2017 3:37 PM  |
| 8  | Bathrooms & water fountains  | 4/14/2017 3:19 PM  |
| 9  | restrooms  | 4/14/2017 3:13 PM  |
| 10 | Lighting, seating, tables and concessions  | 4/14/2017 2:56 PM  |
| 11 | Basketball courts  | 4/14/2017 2:51 PM  |
| 12 | Slides, tennis courts, soccer fields, skating lanes, water sprinkles for summer.   | 4/14/2017 2:45 PM  |
| 13 | Fitness equipment/ pull up bars etc  | 4/14/2017 2:41 PM  |
| 14 | trash pick up and barrels, benches, trees, floral.   | 4/14/2017 2:37 PM  |
| 15 | UMX [size] RC airplane airfield.   | 4/6/2017 3:45 PM   |
| 16 | Cleaner bathroom facilities  | 4/6/2017 3:37 PM   |
| 17 | walking paths for walkers and runners  | 4/6/2017 2:53 PM   |
| 18 | litter cleanup   | 3/27/2017 3:52 PM  |
| 19 | toilets  | 3/27/2017 11:18 AM |
| 20 | More turf fieldscontin   | 3/25/2017 8:21 PM  |
| 21 | picnic tables, benches, performance area   | 3/23/2017 8:11 PM  |
| 22 | I would like to see the recreation areas and athletic fields properly maintained. The baseball fields are a disgrace, the infields are full of holes, ruts, and are not properly maintained at all. There is frequently broken glass on the fields. The grass areas of the out fields are also uneven, riddled with holes, and frequently have dangerous litter on them. | 3/22/2017 10:23 PM |
| 23 | I would like to see some different playground equipment such as in a park near Harvard Square in<br>Cambridge. I alos would like to see less glass and trash.  | 3/21/2017 11:29 AM |
| 24 | Upgraded and more playgrounds, open space for a variety of play, handicapped accessible play areas   | 3/18/2017 7:46 PM  |
| 25 | Same as above  | 3/18/2017 10:36 AM |
| 26 | Dog area   | 3/17/2017 10:59 AM |
| 27 | Benches, picnic tables, covered/secured trash receptacles, lighting, shade areas, recreational / playground equipment, occasional faucets, community gardens, guides (as in environmental signage, etc.) where appropriate.  | 3/17/2017 1:08 AM  |
| 28 | Some parks are locked. Why? (Howard) Picnic table and plantings at Trafton; some beatification of the hideous looking refreshment booth at Trafton; volley ball (would be awesome)   | 3/16/2017 7:58 AM  |
| 29 | More safety  | 3/15/2017 3:25 PM  |

| 30 | BASKETBALL COURTS. PLAYGROUNDS, GRILLING AND PICNIC AREA   | 3/15/2017 4:26 AM  |
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| 31 | Restrooms, picnic tables and trash cans.   | 3/14/2017 10:57 AM |
| 32 | More trash barrels, and bathroom facilities that are open.   | 3/13/2017 7:58 PM  |
| 33 | kids equipment   | 3/13/2017 12:35 PM |
| 34 | Bathrooms  | 3/13/2017 6:14 AM  |
| 35 | Splash park  | 3/12/2017 7:19 PM  |
| 36 | No drug paraphernalia  | 3/12/2017 6:05 PM  |
| 37 | Food Trucks and picnic tables  | 3/12/2017 4:19 PM  |
| 38 | Shade and water fountains.   | 3/12/2017 12:48 PM |
| 39 | Tot lots, picnic areas, gathering spots  | 3/11/2017 5:37 PM  |
| 40 | water fountains/features for the kids  | 3/11/2017 2:46 PM  |
| 41 | Improved lighting, signs, seating and picnic tables, as well as regular maintenance of such. Frequently monitored trash bins so that trash is removed rather than becoming litter. Dog waste bins and signs educating dog owners as to requirements with respect to dog waste. Occasional visits by a "park ranger" or equivalent for observation of current conditions and area useage, as well as public outreach with respect to responsible use of the area and solicitation of input on improvements to the area. | 3/11/2017 1:33 PM  |
| 42 | shade trees, benches. Proper separation between baseball fields and tot lots (Amerige can be dangerous for small children when adults are hitting balls!). Signs providing information about the history of the park or surrounding neighborhood, information about other nearby green spaces and how to get to them. Information about wildlife native to the area and how to live along side it: http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/fish-wildlife-plants/living-with-wildlife.html                             | 3/11/2017 9:09 AM  |
| 13 | not sure   | 3/10/2017 5:28 PM  |
| 44 | More trees and WILD flowers  | 3/10/2017 12:23 PM |
| 45 | Better playground equipment. Better fields, more lights  | 3/10/2017 12:14 PM |
| 46 | more trash/recycling barrels, signage, water fountains, better maintenance   | 3/10/2017 11:20 AM |
| 47 | More benches, better landscaping/better maintenance of landscaping, more picnic tables.  | 3/10/2017 10:53 AM |
| 48 | More trash cans (with lids or something to prevent them trash from blowing out)  | 3/10/2017 8:56 AM  |
| 49 | Playgrounds, drinking fountains, benches   | 3/10/2017 12:45 AM |
| 50 | Benches and landscaping  | 3/9/2017 11:23 PM  |
| 51 | Better up keep   | 3/9/2017 9:46 PM   |
| 52 | Natural grass turf.  | 3/9/2017 9:14 PM   |
| 53 | More basketball courts, hoops, swings, more wood chips or turf, more stuff for playgrounds,  | 3/9/2017 7:43 PM   |
| 54 | Water fountains  | 3/9/2017 7:35 PM   |
| 55 | Better and cleaner playgrounds for the kids. More barrels for trash and seating for adults   | 3/9/2017 7:32 PM   |
| 56 | Dedicated soccer fields  | 3/9/2017 7:17 PM   |
| 57 | I know as a soccer parent that we are expected to share fields with other sports. It would be nice to have the same practice/playing time as other sports in the city.   | 3/9/2017 7:14 PM   |
| 58 | Benches and tables   | 3/9/2017 7:10 PM   |
| 59 | Pine banks should be better developed! Paths/fishing/picnics   | 3/9/2017 6:57 PM   |
| 60 | Amy  | 3/9/2017 6:12 PM   |
| 61 | Dog parks  | 3/9/2017 6:00 PM   |
| 62 | benches, tables with shades, drinking fountain, portable restrooms.  | 3/9/2017 5:54 PM   |
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| 64  | Policing and clean up.  | 3/9/2017 5:31 PM  |
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| 65  | More soccer fields  | 3/9/2017 5:11 PM  |
| 66  | Water fountains, bathrooms  | 3/9/2017 5:10 PM  |
| 67  | seat toilette water fountains   | 3/9/2017 4:38 PM  |
| 68  | Need to take better care of fields  | 3/9/2017 3:48 PM  |
| 69  | Like to see the fields taken better care of sprinkler systems and better drainage for baseball fields some fields are a hazard holes in grass areas and even saw nails in pitchers mound last year.   | 3/9/2017 3:25 PM  |
| 70  | More playgrounds  | 3/9/2017 2:33 PM  |
| 71  | Shade areas, Sitting area, Toilet facilities.   | 3/9/2017 1:30 PM  |
| 72  | Soccer fields - especially turf or WELL maintained grass.   | 3/9/2017 1:06 PM  |
| 73  | Same as Question #10  | 3/9/2017 12:41 PM |
| 74  | seats on the swings year round. Maintained equipment and play surfaces. Shade trees.  | 3/9/2017 12:38 PM |
| 75  | BBQ/Picnic area   | 3/9/2017 12:29 PM |
| 76  | more bathrooms,   | 3/9/2017 11:03 AM |
| 77  | lights, benches, dog runs (to keep things more sanitary)  | 3/9/2017 10:46 AM |
| 78  | Water fountains and water bottle refilling stations   | 3/9/2017 10:01 AM |
| 79  | More natural flowers and plants - native species.   | 3/9/2017 9:36 AM  |
| 80  | Better equipment, inclusive equipment,  | 3/9/2017 9:31 AM  |
| 81  | performance area, benches, play areas   | 3/9/2017 9:18 AM  |
| 82  | water fountains / water bottle refilling stations   | 3/9/2017 9:17 AM  |
| 83  | Snack bar   | 3/9/2017 8:49 AM  |
| 84  | Bathrooms, drinking fountains   | 3/9/2017 8:39 AM  |
| 85  | Cleaner. Less trash.  | 3/9/2017 8:39 AM  |
| 86  | Trees   | 3/9/2017 7:33 AM  |
| 87  | Clean Bathroom NOT a portable toilet , & picnic tales   | 3/9/2017 7:23 AM  |
| 88  | Gardens, benches, bathrooms   | 3/9/2017 5:58 AM  |
| 89  | N/a   | 3/8/2017 8:59 PM  |
| 90  | More places where dogs are welcome, water faucets in dog parks.   | 3/8/2017 8:48 PM  |
| 91  | Basketball courts   | 3/8/2017 8:38 PM  |
| 92  | more equipment for the children to climb on.  | 3/8/2017 4:14 PM  |
| 93  | Cell phone charging benches Dog park  | 3/8/2017 4:00 PM  |
| 94  | Covered benches and picnic tables. Bathrooms.   | 3/8/2017 3:48 PM  |
| 95  | Pool  | 3/8/2017 3:23 PM  |
| 96  | More places to sit is always better!  | 3/8/2017 2:37 PM  |
| 97  | Benches, Recycle Bins, More Trash Barrels Not letting people have their dog do their business on the fields. Maybe doggy bag dispenser.   | 3/8/2017 2:25 PM  |
| 98  | Undated structure inclusive playgrounds   | 3/8/2017 2:20 PM  |
| 99  | Water park, soccer , football park  | 3/8/2017 2:06 PM  |
| 100 | Soccer fields - it's arguably the fastest growing sport among kids in Malden (as well is in the whole US), which is not surprising for Malden is a home for people from all over the world where soccer is sport #1, and we just don't have nearly enough of them. Howard Park multipurpose field is a good start, Pine Banks would be too though Melrose apparently has more rights to use it. | 3/8/2017 1:59 PM  |

| 101        | I would like to see more picnic tables and better facilities such as well-maintained basketball nets and tennis nets.  | 3/8/2017 1:57 PM                     |
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| 102        | Open pavilion for larger social gathering (100+ people). Ample parking for food truck festivals, open air markets, etc.  | 3/8/2017 1:53 PM                     |
| 103        | Water fountains, clean playground area, free summer sports   | 3/8/2017 1:38 PM                     |
| 104        | Support for dog owners is terrible. Waste bins say "no dog waste" (and you expect us to pick up after the dog?), and all parks say "No dogs"   | 3/8/2017 1:34 PM                     |
| 105        | I would love to see more soccer fields available. My 3 children play soccer and it is always a struggle to find a field to use. We constantly have to find time between everyone else trying to use the fields as well, then we don't get proper space to practice!  | 3/8/2017 1:28 PM                     |
| 106        | Irrigation and maintenance to keep the surface healthy, flat, lines marked and grass cut.  | 3/8/2017 1:25 PM                     |
| 107        | restrooms  | 3/8/2017 1:23 PM                     |
| 108        | More patrolling, up-keep   | 3/8/2017 1:20 PM                     |
| 109        | MORE ABOUT NATURE, TRAILS PARK INSTRUCTORS!!!  | 3/8/2017 10:29 AM                    |
| 110        | Bathrooms clean with soap and water  | 3/7/2017 11:01 PM                    |
| 111        | bathrooms, another splash park, more accessible play spaces  | 3/7/2017 7:59 PM                     |
| 112        | benches and water fountains  | 3/7/2017 6:09 PM                     |
| 113        | Decent water fountains   | 3/7/2017 5:19 PM                     |
| 114        | ADA compliance. Rest rooms. Picnic tables/benches/chairs/seats   | 3/7/2017 4:37 PM                     |
| 115        | <ol> <li>adult exercise stations (pull-up bars, sit-up stations, etc). A zip-line for kids (I've seen lots of<br/>these at other playgrounds, and the kids love them).</li> <li>it would be great to have more splash pads<br/>throughout the city for those kids who don't live in walking distance of Lincoln Commons but also<br/>don't have access to swimming in the summer.</li> </ol> | 3/7/2017 4:20 PM                     |
| 116        | Trash & recyle containers which are emptied in a timely manner. Possibly portable bathroom.  | 3/7/2017 12:53 PM                    |
| 117        | Picnic tables  | 3/7/2017 12:19 PM                    |
| 118        | bathroom at Devir!   | 3/7/2017 11:35 AM                    |
| 119        | REGULAR CLEANUP! (Community service hours for cleanup?) Windproof trash barrels. Need bigger/more signs and better enforcement for the "no dogs on playing fields" rules - BIG PROBLEM. Benches facing areas where our kids play. Busy parks that don't have active concession stands would be good places for food trucks.  | 3/7/2017 11:06 AM                    |
| 120        | picnic tables  | 3/7/2017 11:03 AM                    |
| 121        | Bathrooms, splash pads.  | 3/7/2017 10:43 AM                    |
| 122        | Enough outdoor lighting that kids can have enough play time when the days are shorter; Fall season   | 3/7/2017 10:39 AM                    |
| 123        | Better maintenance of baseball fields. Kierstead and Bruce have been improved. But the remaining fields are poorly maintained. Some are hazardous.   | 3/7/2017 10:26 AM                    |
| 124        | Trash cans   | 3/7/2017 9:37 AM                     |
| 125        | More trash cans.   | 3/7/2017 8:37 AM                     |
| 126        | More playground equipment for younger children.  | 3/7/2017 8:30 AM                     |
| 127        | Seating, shaded areas  | 3/6/2017 10:19 PM                    |
| 121        |  |                                      |
|            | A lake Picnic benches. Cafes. Swings   | 3/6/2017 8:22 PM                     |
| 128<br>129 | A lake Picnic benches. Cafes. Swings  Benches, trash receptacles, restroom/porta-potty access, have it unlocked so that the public can use it  | 3/6/2017 8:22 PM<br>3/6/2017 7:42 PM |
| 128<br>129 | Benches, trash receptacles, restroom/porta-potty access, have it unlocked so that the public can   |                                      |
| 128        | Benches, trash receptacles, restroom/porta-potty access, have it unlocked so that the public can use it  | 3/6/2017 7:42 PM                     |

| 133 | <ol> <li>Swings for kids (e.g. for bigger kids in Trafton park)</li> <li>Splash park</li> <li>More benches and<br/>shaded areas</li> <li>Enforce clean up after your dog (e.g. big problem in Amerige park)</li> <li>More dog<br/>parks might help.</li> </ol>  | 3/6/2017 3:55 PM  |
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| 134 | Garbage cans. There simply aren't enough especially in the off season and trash or doggie poop are then left on the ground.   | 3/6/2017 2:46 PM  |
| 135 | Bleachers at all the fields. Proper care and maintenance of the fields themselves. Parks that are free from dangerous litter.   | 3/6/2017 1:58 PM  |
| 136 | Flexible space for open play, lighting at night, benches  | 3/6/2017 1:56 PM  |
| 137 | Plenty of trash cans  | 3/6/2017 1:52 PM  |
| 138 | More shade trees, more pollinator sanctuaries (native wildflower meadows) natural play areas for kids with water and sand play features (like at Cambridge Common playground)   | 3/6/2017 1:48 PM  |
| 139 | Safety. More cameras and police presence. Removal of heroine needles.   | 3/6/2017 1:33 PM  |
| 140 | Real restrooms (ADA accessible) and trash/recycling cans  | 3/6/2017 1:29 PM  |
| 141 | bathrooms, another spray park   | 3/6/2017 1:04 PM  |
| 142 | Lighting for athletic field use until 9:00pm. Restroom facilities. If turf fields and no chairs are allowed on them, spectator seating.   | 3/6/2017 12:14 PM |
| 143 | Too many parks in Malden  | 3/6/2017 11:57 AM |
| 144 | Volleyball nets   | 3/6/2017 11:56 AM |
| 145 | picnic benches,   | 3/6/2017 10:13 AM |
| 146 | walking path, benches, trash/recycling bins, water fountain   | 3/6/2017 10:11 AM |
| 147 | trash/recycling receptacles   | 3/6/2017 9:46 AM  |
| 148 | public water fountains  | 3/6/2017 9:42 AM  |
| 149 | Better trash cleanup, more/better lighting  | 3/6/2017 9:08 AM  |
| 150 | Just keep them clean and well groomed   | 3/6/2017 9:00 AM  |
| 151 | drinking fountains, swings  | 3/6/2017 8:57 AM  |
| 152 | Seating areas   | 3/6/2017 7:21 AM  |
| 153 | More shade trees  | 3/6/2017 7:10 AM  |
| 154 | I think the in the ground slides at Robbins Farm Park in Arlington are fun and could see them being included here more in Malden. I think there are some small ones like that, that were put in on Waitts Mt recently, put a zip line that exists along the Esplanade and even climbing structures would be awesome if you have ever been down there near the community boat house. | 3/5/2017 9:48 PM  |
| 155 | another basketball court  | 3/5/2017 9:46 PM  |
| 156 | More seating, bocce, water fountains  | 3/5/2017 9:42 PM  |
| 157 | native plants, greenspace, environmentally sustainable design   | 3/5/2017 6:46 PM  |
| 158 | lights  | 3/5/2017 5:51 PM  |
| 159 | More trash containers   | 3/5/2017 5:18 PM  |
| 160 | Benches to sit. Trees for shade in the summer, access for special needs population such as handicap friendly swings. I would like to see some of the things that are Coytemore Lea also used in other playgrounds in the city.  | 3/5/2017 11:00 AM |
| 161 | a flying field  | 3/5/2017 12:29 AM |
| 162 | Community gardens, benches, tables, grills, farmers markets, lighting, food trucks, more access to sports like soccer nets and footballs to rent/buy, water bubblers, splash pads   | 3/4/2017 11:21 PM |
| 163 | Running track, bike/skatepark, softball field   | 3/4/2017 10:55 PM |
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| 165                  | set up similar to melrose common. more public bathrooms, potentially bbq spaces similar to park near arsenal mall  | 3/4/2017 8:11 PM                       |
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| 166                  | More trash and recycling bins (and more frequent collection and maintenance). I would absolutely pay more in taxes for better trash collection for litter.   | 3/4/2017 5:58 PM                       |
| 167                  | Bicycle stands, Lights, Food stands, playgrounds, swings, benches, chairs  | 3/4/2017 5:11 PM                       |
| 68                   | Shade and picnic areas. Bathrooms  | 3/4/2017 4:43 PM                       |
| 69                   | Better condition   | 3/4/2017 4:20 PM                       |
| 70                   | Par Courses  | 3/4/2017 3:53 PM                       |
| 71                   | dog park area  | 3/4/2017 3:17 PM                       |
| 72                   | More places to sit   | 3/4/2017 3:07 PM                       |
| 73                   | Teenage area, slides benches. Sprinklers   | 3/4/2017 2:56 PM                       |
| 74                   | Bathrooms  | 3/4/2017 2:48 PM                       |
| 75                   | tot lots, tables, dog parks, bathrooms   | 3/4/2017 2:38 PM                       |
| 76                   | I would like to see graffiti cleaned off our current parks and the school playgrounds cleaned up more.   | 3/4/2017 2:11 PM                       |
| 77                   | No comment   | 3/4/2017 1:54 PM                       |
| 78                   | Clean picnic benches, seating, bathrooms, water fountains  | 3/4/2017 1:36 PM                       |
| 79                   | Water fountains and more swings.   | 3/4/2017 1:21 PM                       |
| 80                   | Bathroom   | 3/4/2017 1:09 PM                       |
| 81                   | More benches, cleaner bathroom facilitys.  | 3/4/2017 12:54 PM                      |
| 82                   | N/A  | 3/4/2017 12:46 PM                      |
| 183                  | lighting, the fields are muddy, rocky, and sometimes unsafe with garbage, there is also not even close to enough space for all the teams. the kids are at a huge disadvantage during the games from lack of practice due to lack of practice space. I would also like to see indoor facilities for winter practice | 3/4/2017 12:13 PM                      |
| 184                  | Bathroom   | 3/4/2017 12:05 PM                      |
| 185                  | Malden is in need of a dedicated soccer field. Malden has gone overboard with baseball fields and<br>left growing sports such as lacrosse and soccer with sections, that are not maintained enough or<br>shared with Melrose.  | 3/4/2017 12:01 PM                      |
| 86                   | Seating Abstract structures - children can decide what they should be used for   | 3/4/2017 12:00 PM                      |
| 87                   | Tot lots, cleaner facilities. Less broken glass and trash at the current parks   | 3/4/2017 11:59 AM                      |
| 88                   | Enforcement of litter and vandalism infractions.   | 3/4/2017 11:58 AM                      |
| 89                   | Bathrooms  | 3/4/2017 11:24 AM                      |
| 90                   | More things to do. Like more places for activités, for example, a tennis court and or a running track.   | 3/4/2017 11:19 AM                      |
| 91                   | Maintenance is critical, some well maintained parks are better than lots of poorly maintained parks  | 3/4/2017 11:17 AM                      |
| 00                   | Better maintenance; areata for teams to sit; shade for spectators; better water resources and irrigation   | 3/4/2017 11:13 AM                      |
| 92                   |  |  |
|                      | Benches with shade   | 3/4/2017 11:12 AM                      |
| 93                   | Benches with shade  Tot lots/play areas fenced in most parks are on main/busy streets and there is a fence but no gate to keep children safe from running off  | 3/4/2017 11:12 AM<br>3/4/2017 11:00 AM |
| 93<br>94             | Tot lots/play areas fenced in most parks are on main/busy streets and there is a fence but no gate   |  |
| 93<br>194<br>195     | Tot lots/play areas fenced in most parks are on main/busy streets and there is a fence but no gate to keep children safe from running off  | 3/4/2017 11:00 AM                      |
| 93<br>94<br>95<br>96 | Tot lots/play areas fenced in most parks are on main/busy streets and there is a fence but no gate to keep children safe from running off  Adequate lighting to play sports after dusk   | 3/4/2017 11:00 AM<br>3/4/2017 11:00 AM |

| 199 | Clean portapotty, ester   | 3/4/2017 3:19 AM   |
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| 200 | Soccer filed  | 3/3/2017 10:27 PM  |
| 201 | Community gardens, large pergolas with adequate shade, and clean public restrooms.  | 3/3/2017 9:53 PM   |
| 202 | Gym   | 3/3/2017 9:26 PM   |
| 203 | Water fountains   | 3/3/2017 7:27 PM   |
| 204 | seating water bugbler   | 3/3/2017 7:02 PM   |
| 205 | Better benches to sit on  | 3/3/2017 5:32 PM   |
| 206 | Gazebos or other structure that could be used for public picnics such as birthday parties. Similar to pine banks.   | 3/3/2017 4:22 PM   |
| 207 | picnic areas benches  | 3/3/2017 4:21 PM   |
| 208 | They are just fine  | 3/3/2017 3:24 PM   |
| 209 | More swings and splash pads   | 3/3/2017 2:22 PM   |
| 210 | More benches and picnic areas - possibly some covered ones like the ones in Pine Banks (and does Coytemore Lea have one too?). Feels like the public pool could be bigger and/or spruced up. Basketball courts shouldn't be considered problem areas - kids need them, and a community needs to provide recreation for teens. | 3/3/2017 2:12 PM   |
| 211 | Summer recreation program Basketball courts Flex courts (basketball, mini-soccer area) More open play structures with slides, swings and bridges Less of the string climbing structures like at Trafton and Lincoln Park. Repair of the beautiful historic walls at Trafton Park  | 3/3/2017 2:05 PM   |
| 212 | Quality play structures, picnic tables, grills, basketballs and tennis courts   | 3/3/2017 2:03 PM   |
| 213 | More play areas, water splash spaces and kids training activities in various sports like soccer, badminton, tennis, etc.  | 3/3/2017 2:00 PM   |
| 214 | more picnic tables, shades, swings  | 3/3/2017 1:58 PM   |
| 215 | Picnic area, grilling area, bathrooms for changing small children,  | 3/3/2017 1:55 PM   |
| 216 | Again, I think there is opportunities for arts installations, like sculptures and murals, especially if the sculptures were interactive (like you push something and it moves, or people can climb on it).  | 3/3/2017 1:39 PM   |
| 217 | Access for all children with diversities  | 3/3/2017 1:35 PM   |
| 218 | picnic tables/better seating; less dirt more grass  | 3/3/2017 1:24 PM   |
| 219 | tennis courts - we have some and they are well used   | 3/3/2017 1:23 PM   |
| 220 | clean toilets (even if only portable ones are available) drinking fountains   | 3/3/2017 1:19 PM   |
| 221 | Better maintenance. Get rid of the gravel in Trafton Dog Park.  | 3/3/2017 1:19 PM   |
| 222 | outdoor pool.   | 3/3/2017 1:18 PM   |
| 223 | Adequate parking nearby, sitting areas, water fountains, surveillance cameras   | 3/3/2017 11:31 AM  |
| 224 | Stage for outdoor summer concerts   | 3/3/2017 11:10 AM  |
| 225 | benches gardens   | 3/3/2017 10:08 AM  |
| 226 | Indoor tennis court.  | 3/3/2017 8:57 AM   |
| 227 | Soft ground play area for tots, benches for spectators, Pickleball courts   | 3/3/2017 7:23 AM   |
| 228 | team benches, better fields (turf or level cared for playing fields)  | 3/2/2017 6:08 PM   |
| 229 | definitely lighting; better play structures; more grass; more benches; more shade   | 3/2/2017 2:23 PM   |
| 230 | More soccer turf fields   | 3/2/2017 1:38 PM   |
| 231 | Sculptures, murals, picnic tables and Adirondack chairs, plantings  | 3/2/2017 1:27 PM   |
| 232 | Grass, not rocky dirt; smooth grass, not with 3-12" holes and many low points.  | 3/2/2017 12:55 PM  |
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| 233 | none  | 3/2/2017 12:05 PM  |

| 235 | Food trucks, dog play areas   | 3/2/2017 10:06 AM  |
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| 236 | Most important would be safe ways for kids to actually get to parks on their own on bikes and on foot.  | 3/2/2017 10:02 AM  |
| 237 | wildlife and historical markers.  | 3/2/2017 9:38 AM   |
| 238 | areas to have more cultural events (pavilions), Malden River access and boating, better regulation of garbage (strict fines for dumping - every culture is guilty - not just one - I promise). better maintenance of our existing waters - storm water management, dredging from silt (fellsmere,forest dale cemetery), water park, native plantings, wetland native plantings to avoid runoffs of silt and garbage, fines enforcement for dog crap, coyote protection. | 3/2/2017 8:29 AM   |
| 239 | More walking/hiking trails  | 3/1/2017 6:23 PM   |
| 240 | dog parks separated from playgrounds and/or policing the current no dog policies  | 3/1/2017 2:43 PM   |
| 241 | Lights and field markings   | 3/1/2017 2:40 PM   |
| 242 | outdoor skating rink for the public.  | 3/1/2017 1:31 PM   |
| 243 | exercise station, benches, family gathering spots   | 3/1/2017 11:15 AM  |
| 244 | replay the old and rustic playsets and build water fountain, bathroom/restroom.   | 3/1/2017 11:05 AM  |
| 245 | Decent maintained Benches Maintained Equipment Safety Cleanliness   | 2/28/2017 9:43 PM  |
| 246 | Exercise equipments: Like stretching, pull-up benches and so on   | 2/28/2017 9:30 PM  |
| 247 | Restrooms and lights on athletic fields so they can be used even during times of year when daylight is sparse.  | 2/28/2017 9:03 AM  |
| 248 | Flowers and shared toys, bikes, etc that people pool funds for everyone to use.   | 2/27/2017 6:34 PM  |
| 249 | Bathrooms Picnic tables   | 2/27/2017 4:38 PM  |
| 250 | More benches, shade and sun   | 2/27/2017 2:34 PM  |
| 251 | More space for children play areas, sports.   | 2/27/2017 1:11 PM  |
| 252 | Places to run for the kids, picnic areas, more things for younger kids under 5 to use. We need family/kids parks  | 2/27/2017 12:07 PM |
| 253 | More climbing structures, zip lines and updated playground equipment. It would be nice to have shaded picnic areas or benches at the playgrounds as well.   | 2/27/2017 10:18 AM |
| 254 | Fruit trees, sugar maples for tapping in late winter, nut trees, other trees that attract wildlife. Areas to camp, tent platforms, fire pits and bbq. Food forests.   | 2/27/2017 10:08 AM |
| 255 | cleaner parks, updated seating and facilities   | 2/27/2017 9:51 AM  |
| 256 | Community gardens   | 2/24/2017 6:50 PM  |
| 257 | Clean public restrooms  | 2/24/2017 12:32 PM |
| 258 | More mixed use athletic fields. Fewer "swamps".   | 2/24/2017 10:03 AM |
| 259 | More shaded areas.  | 2/23/2017 8:07 PM  |
| 260 | Don't know  | 2/23/2017 4:11 PM  |
| 261 | No improvement needed   | 2/23/2017 2:51 PM  |
| 262 | Tables, benches, gardens  | 2/23/2017 1:28 PM  |
| 263 | water fountains   | 2/23/2017 1:28 PM  |
| 264 | maintained trash cans, useable porta potties, benches and tables  | 2/23/2017 12:58 PM |
| 265 | Art, Parcourse/exercise facilities, gathering spaces for concerts or outdoor movies (   | 2/23/2017 9:40 AM  |
| 266 | Swings, lighting fixture, ADA accessible ramps, picnic tables, garbage cans, water fountains, bike racks  | 2/22/2017 9:15 PM  |
| 267 | Garbage can, bike racks, water fountains, Picnic tables, lighting, benches, volleyball nets and playgrounds.  | 2/22/2017 9:13 PM  |

| 268 | more shaded areas, benches, and activities that can include the older children such as rock climbing and other challenging courses  | 2/19/2017 5:17 AM  |
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| 269 | Roosevelt Park fixed and turfed   | 2/18/2017 4:10 PM  |
| 270 | Safety call boxes and benches. Monitoring that people obey the rules. Especially at MacDonald stadium. Turf on track is already torn. Too many kids riding bicycles and scooters on the track, regardless of the signs.   | 2/18/2017 2:57 PM  |
| 271 | I use parks as pleasant ways to cut between neighborhoods instead of being on the street or sidewalk. Cleanliness and lighting are the most important things to me. But, having space to hold public events would be nice. Perhaps a place for a farmers market or something for local artists. | 2/18/2017 8:32 AM  |
| 272 | Rest rooms, benches, picnic tsbles  | 2/18/2017 8:04 AM  |
| 273 | More of it.   | 2/17/2017 10:00 PM |
| 274 | Maps, bathrooms   | 2/17/2017 9:49 PM  |
| 275 | testing question 9  | 2/17/2017 12:51 PM |
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## **Q11: What amenities would you like to see along the Malden River?** Answered: 231 Skipped: 260

| #  | RESPONSES   | DATE               |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | walking paths   | 4/14/2017 10:35 PM |
| 2  | Benches, lights, doggie bags  | 4/14/2017 9:15 PM  |
| 3  | Na  | 4/14/2017 4:55 PM  |
| 4  | Walking and biking paths  | 4/14/2017 4:40 PM  |
| 5  | benches   | 4/14/2017 4:26 PM  |
| 6  | Commercial development to augment residential usage.  | 4/14/2017 3:45 PM  |
| 7  | Benches, maps, signs telling history or points of interest  | 4/14/2017 3:37 PM  |
| 8  | Boating access/ramps  | 4/14/2017 3:19 PM  |
| 9  | walkway that extends along the Malden River with benches and shrubs that connects to the paths along the Malden River in Medford, public boathouse w/ rentable canoes, an annual arts event along the River with music and food to celebrate Malden and its incredible diversity  | 4/14/2017 3:14 PM  |
| 10 | Low level lighting, resting areas, grass, access to shops and restaurants   | 4/14/2017 2:56 PM  |
| 11 | Docks for kayaking, paddle boarding   | 4/14/2017 2:51 PM  |
| 12 | Food vendors, ice cream shops, bakeries, cleaned public toilets   | 4/14/2017 2:45 PM  |
| 13 | benches, dog bags, trash barrels.   | 4/14/2017 2:37 PM  |
| 14 | UMX [size] RC airplane airfield.  | 4/6/2017 3:45 PM   |
| 15 | •   | 4/6/2017 3:37 PM   |
| 16 | continuous walking path   | 4/6/2017 2:53 PM   |
| 17 | boating access, walking path  | 4/5/2017 10:54 AM  |
| 18 | litter cleanup  | 3/27/2017 3:52 PM  |
| 19 | walk/jogging path fully connected   | 3/27/2017 11:18 AM |
| 20 | Continuous trails   | 3/25/2017 8:21 PM  |
| 21 | artwork, benches, historical plaques, trash cans  | 3/23/2017 8:11 PM  |
| 22 | I would like to see an area that has access to fishing for children as well as adults.  | 3/21/2017 11:29 AM |
| 23 | Benches, local vegetation, cleaned up river   | 3/20/2017 6:30 PM  |
| 24 | Bathrooms, picnic tables, play space  | 3/18/2017 7:46 PM  |
| 25 | Path walk   | 3/17/2017 10:59 AM |
| 26 | Clean trails and waterways. Covered / secured trash receptacles. Trail maintained. Environmental signage sensitizing / educating the public about the importance of ecological resources / habitats specific to Malden. How trash impacts habitats, particularly around waterways and riparian areas! Education about potential impacts of climate change and weather events, including flooding, to the Malden River and other city waterways. | 3/17/2017 1:08 AM  |
| 27 | Walking path; cleanup; botanical explanations of the wildlife; history of native Americans that used the river extensively; and other history that might even include industry and how it was polluted; then history of how it was cleaned up; rental of canoes/kayaks; water taxi to Boston. Walking bridge over the river.  | 3/16/2017 7:58 AM  |
| 28 | Cafes, restaurants, bars  | 3/15/2017 3:25 PM  |
| 29 | BENCHES ALONG THE PATH, SOME EXERCISE PLATFORMS, FISHING PLATFORMS.   | 3/15/2017 4:26 AM  |
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| 30 | A trail so I can walk and run continuously along it and trash barrels and bathroom facilities.   | 3/13/2017 7:58 PM  |
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| 31 | green space  | 3/13/2017 12:35 PM |
| 32 | Canoeing   | 3/12/2017 7:19 PM  |
| 33 | Picnic spots, hubway bikes   | 3/12/2017 6:05 PM  |
| 34 | Fireworks  | 3/12/2017 4:19 PM  |
| 35 | benches along trail  | 3/11/2017 2:46 PM  |
| 36 | Boat launches for kayaks and canoes. Designated areas fishing and bird watching. Kiosks with environmental information such as descriptions of birds that may be spotted in the area. Seating, e.g., park benches for the elderly / infirm. Trash bins so that trash is removed rather than becoming litter. Public art. | 3/11/2017 1:33 PM  |
| 37 | Shade trees, benches. See above for ideas about signs that help to orient people to their<br>surroundings and to understand the history, flora and fauna, and connect to it more fully   | 3/11/2017 9:09 AM  |
| 38 | not sure   | 3/10/2017 5:28 PM  |
| 39 | pushcarts, signage, community gardens, bike rentals  | 3/10/2017 11:20 AM |
| 40 | Walking and bike paths, plazas, connections to commercial districts, vendors, farmer's market, benches, good lighting, easily accessible from main roads, parking areas, play structures, rocks for kids to scramble on.   | 3/10/2017 10:53 AM |
| 41 | Green area with walking/jogging trails (similar to Mystic Lakes & part of Mystic River, Horn Pond, or Lake Quannapowitt). Picnic tables and/or sitting benches scattered.  | 3/10/2017 8:56 AM  |
| 42 | Benches, drinking fountains, maps  | 3/10/2017 12:45 AM |
| 43 | Benches  | 3/9/2017 11:23 PM  |
| 44 | River walk, flower gardens, and benches. Athletic fields.  | 3/9/2017 9:14 PM   |
| 45 | More trash barrels   | 3/9/2017 7:43 PM   |
| 46 | More trash barrels and seating   | 3/9/2017 7:32 PM   |
| 47 | A little more secure area. Being available for people to enjoy the river area. Easy Accessible for all.  | 3/9/2017 7:14 PM   |
| 48 | Docks and access points  | 3/9/2017 7:10 PM   |
| 49 | Paths/fishing/should mirror the appearance of Sterrow Drive as best as possible.   | 3/9/2017 6:57 PM   |
| 50 |  | 3/9/2017 6:20 PM   |
| 51 | Any  | 3/9/2017 6:12 PM   |
| 52 | Benches  | 3/9/2017 6:00 PM   |
| 53 | benches  | 3/9/2017 5:54 PM   |
| 54 | restrooms, water fountains, picnic tables, bike paths  | 3/9/2017 5:45 PM   |
| 55 | Walkways and water access in the form of docks.  | 3/9/2017 5:31 PM   |
| 56 | More fish in the river they Dont live there because the river is to dirty  | 3/9/2017 5:11 PM   |
| 57 | seats  | 3/9/2017 4:38 PM   |
| 58 | Boat ramp  | 3/9/2017 2:33 PM   |
| 59 | water access for kayaking, canoeing and fishing.   | 3/9/2017 1:30 PM   |
| 60 | Food carts, water, benches   | 3/9/2017 1:06 PM   |
| 61 | Trail, public art  | 3/9/2017 12:38 PM  |
| 62 | Walk path with sufficient lights   | 3/9/2017 12:29 PM  |
| 63 | a solid path for walking/biking, benches, trash receptacles, beautification  | 3/9/2017 10:46 AM  |
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| 65  | Pollinators, natural plants, benches water fountains  | 3/9/2017 9:36 AM  |
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| 66  | picnic areas, playground, maybe a field for playing ball, performance area  | 3/9/2017 9:18 AM  |
| 67  | parks and habitat areas   | 3/9/2017 9:17 AM  |
| 68  | Boat houses , docks , boats , kayaks paddle boats   | 3/9/2017 8:49 AM  |
| 69  | Walking path, Bathrooms, drinking fountains, benches  | 3/9/2017 8:39 AM  |
| 70  | Trees   | 3/9/2017 7:33 AM  |
| 71  | Benches, bathroom   | 3/9/2017 5:58 AM  |
| 72  | Na  | 3/8/2017 8:59 PM  |
| 73  | needs to be cleaned up  | 3/8/2017 7:26 PM  |
| 74  | picnic benches  | 3/8/2017 4:14 PM  |
| 75  | I think the Malden River could be a good place for local businesses and maybe some kind of community garden or recreational area for sure. The question is, is the area accessible to people?   | 3/8/2017 2:37 PM  |
| 76  | Not sure  | 3/8/2017 2:20 PM  |
| 77  | accessible walkways that are clean, safely lit, and friendly to families with kids.   | 3/8/2017 1:53 PM  |
| 78  | More barrels and authority figures walking the paths  | 3/8/2017 1:38 PM  |
| 79  | paved path  | 3/8/2017 1:23 PM  |
| 80  | Complete path along river   | 3/8/2017 1:20 PM  |
| 81  | WATER RIDES, PADDLE BOATS CANOE RENTALS NATURE WALKS WITH GUIDE TO POINT OUT BIRDS, FLOWERS, HISTORY  | 3/8/2017 10:29 AM |
| 82  | A cleaner river. Less stagnation? More native plantings.  | 3/8/2017 9:34 AM  |
| 83  | More places to sit and/or to have a picnic.   | 3/8/2017 8:41 AM  |
| 84  | benches, fountains, food carts, performers  | 3/7/2017 6:09 PM  |
| 85  | Native plant gardens installed for pollinators and birds.   | 3/7/2017 5:19 PM  |
| 86  | History boards. Rest areas. Rest rooms.   | 3/7/2017 4:37 PM  |
| 87  | <ol> <li>adult exercise stations (pull-up bars, sit-up stations, etc).</li> </ol>   | 3/7/2017 4:20 PM  |
| 88  | Trash & recycle containers which are emptied in a timely manner. Possibly bathroom portable bathroom.   | 3/7/2017 12:53 PM |
| 89  | launch sites with parking   | 3/7/2017 11:35 AM |
| 90  | Benches, especially in shade  | 3/7/2017 11:06 AM |
| 91  | Benches, water fountains  | 3/7/2017 10:43 AM |
| 92  | Benches. Sitting places .   | 3/7/2017 10:39 AM |
| 93  | Kayak/canoe access. Walkways.   | 3/7/2017 10:26 AM |
| 94  | Boating related, birding, wildlife watching   | 3/7/2017 9:37 AM  |
| 95  | More/easier access.   | 3/7/2017 8:37 AM  |
| 96  | Walking path, rental of canoes or kayaks  | 3/6/2017 10:19 PM |
| 97  | Walkway and bike path. Birch trees.   | 3/6/2017 8:22 PM  |
| 98  | There are plenty of other areas across the city that need work. I'd rather see the city handle the amenities it has instead of start new projects that will become full time commitments on their own. Yes, it would be good for something to be there, but the city is notorious for letting projects fall to the wayside over supposed budget issues. | 3/6/2017 7:42 PM  |
| 99  | Public art  | 3/6/2017 5:53 PM  |
| 100 | Eateries. Something to make this a destination  | 3/6/2017 4:59 PM  |
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| 102                      | Potential for water based activities (kayaking, etc.)   | 3/6/2017 2:46 PM  |
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| 103                      | Bathrooms, trash, food/snack stands, park benches, good lighting for safety.  | 3/6/2017 2:10 PM  |
| 104                      | Benches, kayak and canoe takeoff areas, kayak and canoe rentals.  | 3/6/2017 1:56 PM  |
| 105                      | Trash cans, benches, picnic tables  | 3/6/2017 1:52 PM  |
| 106                      | Native habitat for wildlife   | 3/6/2017 1:48 PM  |
| 107                      | Trader Joes, Beer Garden  | 3/6/2017 1:33 PM  |
| 108                      | Real restrooms (ADA accessible) and trash/recycling cans  | 3/6/2017 1:29 PM  |
| 109                      | a path, boat rental   | 3/6/2017 1:04 PM  |
| 110                      | Benches to sit periodically.  | 3/6/2017 12:14 PM |
| 111                      | Walk path   | 3/6/2017 11:57 AM |
| 112                      | N/a   | 3/6/2017 11:56 AM |
| 113                      | more dog waste bags and trash cans, picnic benches I'm not aware of anything by the Malden River currently, so raising general awareness of this as well.   | 3/6/2017 10:13 AM |
| 114                      | walking path, benches, trash/recycling bins, water fountain   | 3/6/2017 10:11 AM |
| 115                      | trash/recycling receptacles   | 3/6/2017 9:46 AM  |
| 116                      | parking public boat launches  | 3/6/2017 9:42 AM  |
| 117                      | Anything! So sad that it's hidden behind all those industrial buildings. Right over the town line the<br>Park at Rivers Edge is Medford is so pleasant. A walking/biking path with lights would be lovely.  | 3/6/2017 9:08 AM  |
| 118                      | Walking, jogging and bike path wouls be great   | 3/6/2017 9:00 AM  |
| 119                      | walking trail, drinking fountains   | 3/6/2017 8:57 AM  |
| 120                      | Landscaping and sitting areas   | 3/6/2017 8:20 AM  |
| 121                      | Clean path  | 3/6/2017 7:21 AM  |
| 122                      | I can remember sneaking into the Malden River about 10 years ago and kayaking down to the locks? in Everett. It would be great if there were more places to put in (that it was okay to and you didn't feel like you were being illegal by doing so) and more businesses/ restaurants that looked out on it. I would love to see walking trails along it. | 3/5/2017 9:48 PM  |
| 123                      | Historical notes or something about the community / Malden's past and future  | 3/5/2017 9:46 PM  |
| 124                      | Seating, bathrooms, information stops to tell people about the history  | 3/5/2017 9:42 PM  |
| 125                      | a walking and bike path   | 3/5/2017 6:46 PM  |
| 126                      | Fishing spots. Would be nice to have it filled with fish (if it's possible)So Parent can fish with their kids   | 3/5/2017 5:18 PM  |
| 127                      | Places to sit.  | 3/5/2017 11:00 AM |
| 128                      | a flying field  | 3/5/2017 12:29 AM |
| 129                      | Community gardens, benches and tables, art plazas, informational signs about the river, paved path, green space, fishing spots, maybe a marina or at least somewhere to rent canoes or kayaks   | 3/4/2017 11:21 PM |
| 130                      | Bike path, and benches  | 3/4/2017 10:55 PM |
| 131                      | safety precuarions along the edges  | 3/4/2017 9:44 PM  |
| 132                      | Running path similar to what is on the Esplanade.   | 3/4/2017 7:32 PM  |
|                          | Trash and recycling bins. Minimalist- keep as much nature in-tact as possible. Landscape where  | 3/4/2017 5:58 PM  |
| 133                      | necessary (e.g. trimming weeds and small trees to keep river visible)   |                   |
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| 133<br>134<br>135<br>136 | necessary (e.g. trimming weeds and small trees to keep river visible)  Chairs, Benches, tables, Rafts, Playground, a trail, Food stands.  | 3/4/2017 5:11 PM  |

| 138 | Benches.  | 3/4/2017 2:56 PM  |
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| 139 | Seating   | 3/4/2017 2:48 PM  |
| 140 | benches and tables  | 3/4/2017 2:38 PM  |
| 141 | Walking paths   | 3/4/2017 2:11 PM  |
| 142 | No comment  | 3/4/2017 1:54 PM  |
| 143 | N/A   | 3/4/2017 12:46 PM |
| 144 | Public ramp for canoe/kyak. Perhapse rentals.   | 3/4/2017 12:05 PM |
| 145 | Just clean up for a nice walk (like around fellsmere pond.  | 3/4/2017 12:01 PM |
| 146 | green space, path, flowers, seating   | 3/4/2017 12:00 PM |
| 147 | A cleaner river   | 3/4/2017 11:59 AM |
| 148 | Police call boxes.  | 3/4/2017 11:58 AM |
| 149 | Picnic areas  | 3/4/2017 11:24 AM |
| 150 | I have never been there.  | 3/4/2017 11:19 AM |
| 151 | Footpath, non-power boating access, rental non-power boating  | 3/4/2017 11:17 AM |
| 152 | Love the current path would like to see it extended. I live on the Nirthern a Strand path and also work inMedgird near the river walk - they should be connected somehow if possible. Really would add to the appeal of our city. | 3/4/2017 11:13 AM |
| 153 | Seating lights  | 3/4/2017 11:00 AM |
| 154 | Swimming and paddle boating.  | 3/4/2017 11:00 AM |
| 155 | Soccer field  | 3/4/2017 9:47 AM  |
| 156 | a walk/ride pathway   | 3/4/2017 9:20 AM  |
| 157 | mulched or paved footpaths and recycle/trash bins   | 3/4/2017 8:29 AM  |
| 158 | Soccer field  | 3/3/2017 10:27 PM |
| 159 | Easy access to the river, like free parking and boat launches   | 3/3/2017 9:57 PM  |
| 160 | Fencing, well landscaped, and well lit.   | 3/3/2017 9:53 PM  |
| 161 | Gym   | 3/3/2017 9:26 PM  |
| 162 | Water fountains, access to restrooms, good lighting   | 3/3/2017 7:27 PM  |
| 163 | clean   | 3/3/2017 7:02 PM  |
| 164 | Flowers   | 3/3/2017 5:32 PM  |
| 165 | Landscaped rocks, plantings, quiet private resting, meditative, areas, benches.   | 3/3/2017 5:26 PM  |
| 166 | Access to water for canoeing  | 3/3/2017 4:22 PM  |
| 167 | picnic areas  | 3/3/2017 4:21 PM  |
| 168 | Clean it up it's a DUMP   | 3/3/2017 3:24 PM  |
| 169 | A walking path, benches, picnicking spaces, good drainage.  | 3/3/2017 2:12 PM  |
| 170 | Walkway from Charles Street or even Route 60 to Everett and Malden Viewing areas. Paddle boats  | 3/3/2017 2:05 PM  |
| 171 | benches, boat docks, picnic areas, playground equipment   | 3/3/2017 2:03 PM  |
| 172 | Not sure, but similar to what I suggested for bike trail and parks.   | 3/3/2017 1:39 PM  |
| 173 | Pinic & relaxing with benches   | 3/3/2017 1:35 PM  |
| 174 | launch spot for kayaks  | 3/3/2017 1:23 PM  |
| 175 | benches a path for biking/walking   | 3/3/2017 1:19 PM  |
| 176 | Bike path all the way to Boston.  | 3/3/2017 1:18 PM  |

| 177 | Walking trails, open vistas / access to water, public docks / boat (canoe) launch   | 3/3/2017 11:31 AM  |
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| 178 | public water recreation walking paths nature preserve   | 3/3/2017 10:08 AM  |
| 179 | Odorless water,   | 3/3/2017 7:23 AM   |
| 180 | Police on bicycles  | 3/2/2017 6:08 PM   |
| 181 | Pedestrian/bike path; places to eat, dance.   | 3/2/2017 1:53 PM   |
| 182 | Sculptures, murals, picnic tables and Adirondack chairs, plantings  | 3/2/2017 1:27 PM   |
| 183 | benches; historical signage   | 3/2/2017 12:55 PM  |
| 184 | more space to enjoy the area: grass land for playing or maybe outdoor yoga, benches, pretty landscaping.  | 3/2/2017 10:12 AM  |
| 185 | walking trails, bicycle trails  | 3/2/2017 10:08 AM  |
| 186 | Continuous biking trail   | 3/2/2017 10:06 AM  |
| 187 | Most important: Continuous access to the waterfront. Additional would-be-nice: benches, walkways, picnic areas.   | 3/2/2017 10:02 AM  |
| 188 | walking/biking paths. much more access to the river is needed! less industry and more open space! reconstruct the river through Malden!   | 3/2/2017 9:38 AM   |
| 189 | River Walk that accommodates everyone, Safe and friendly Access from neighborhoods, signage of environment, science center/pavilion/ Boating/Fishing access, Art sculptures, place for events, Storm water management to keep the River Clean. Better garbage management to reduce garbage blowing into the river and all around. Picnic areas, lighting, | 3/2/2017 8:29 AM   |
| 190 | Walking trails, benches   | 3/1/2017 6:23 PM   |
| 191 | public boat launches, fishing docks, garbage, walking path  | 3/1/2017 2:43 PM   |
| 192 | Lights  | 3/1/2017 2:40 PM   |
| 193 | Hiking trail, bike trail that connects to other bike trails.  | 3/1/2017 1:31 PM   |
| 194 | benches, shaded areas   | 3/1/2017 11:15 AM  |
| 195 | trash bin and dog litter bags   | 3/1/2017 11:05 AM  |
| 196 | Keeping the River itself and the area around it clean   | 2/28/2017 9:43 PM  |
| 197 | shaded Resting places, benches, Historical information and displays.  | 2/28/2017 9:30 PM  |
| 198 | A through walking/running/bike path would be nice   | 2/28/2017 9:03 AM  |
| 199 | More events and ethnicity fairs to draw people and more places to sit, dock, and enjoy the river.   | 2/27/2017 6:34 PM  |
| 200 | A landscaped walking bath   | 2/27/2017 6:26 PM  |
| 201 | Canoe/Kayak/stand up paddle boards rental, area to put in kayak's and stand up paddle boards.   | 2/27/2017 5:39 PM  |
| 202 | blue light poles for emergencies  | 2/27/2017 3:32 PM  |
| 203 | More benches, trails with flowering plantings   | 2/27/2017 2:34 PM  |
| 204 | Walking paths   | 2/27/2017 2:06 PM  |
| 205 | Walking path  | 2/27/2017 1:11 PM  |
| 206 | Fishing, park benches   | 2/27/2017 12:07 PM |
| 207 | Fruit trees, sugar maples for tapping in late winter, nut trees, other trees that attract wildlife. Areas to camp, tent platforms, fire pits and bbq. Wild edibles & food forests.  | 2/27/2017 10:08 AM |
| 208 | huge murals about malden's history or the rivers history that would prevent trash from going into the river. Also maybe a place to rent paddle boats or canoes.   | 2/27/2017 9:51 AM  |
| 209 | Art Displays, Information Kiosk with trail and habitat information.   | 2/26/2017 2:34 PM  |
| 210 | water access boat ramp for the Malden River canoe and rowboats  | 2/24/2017 8:10 PM  |
| 211 | Public path/walkway   | 2/24/2017 6:50 PM  |
| 212 | Nice places to sit  | 2/24/2017 12:32 PM |

| 213 | lighting, maybe food carts  | 2/24/2017 10:03 AM |
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| 214 | landscaper approved plantings with view of the river  | 2/23/2017 10:25 PM |
| 215 | Benches, outdoor picnic area  | 2/23/2017 8:07 PM  |
| 216 | Park  | 2/23/2017 7:29 PM  |
| 217 | I don't go there very often, but benches overlooking the water would be nice.   | 2/23/2017 6:53 PM  |
| 218 | Benches, lights   | 2/23/2017 4:11 PM  |
| 219 | Bike/Walking path. picnic tables, Bocce court, shuffleboard, tables for chess.  | 2/23/2017 2:51 PM  |
| 220 | Information about local plants and wildlife, trails, benches and tables   | 2/23/2017 1:28 PM  |
| 221 | paved continuous walkway  | 2/23/2017 1:28 PM  |
| 222 | maintained trash cans, useable porta potties, benches and tables  | 2/23/2017 12:58 PM |
| 223 | Continuous walking trail, parcourse exercise facilities, bike facilities, water fountains, pedestrian<br>scale lighting, native plantings, water access with small docks or overlooks, trail markers and<br>signs | 2/23/2017 9:40 AM  |
| 224 | Bike racks, lighting fixatures, garbage cans, water fountains   | 2/22/2017 9:15 PM  |
| 225 | Safe lighted area for both walking and riding. Seating along the way for families and elderly to pause. Educational information along the way identifying the environment and habitats for teaching and learning. | 2/19/2017 5:17 AM  |
| 226 | Path like in Medford  | 2/18/2017 4:10 PM  |
| 227 | Easy access for quick river visits for all ages, plus multiple access points and connections to make the stretch between Malden Center and Wellington more pedestrian friendly.                                   | 2/18/2017 8:32 AM  |
| 228 | Paths benches   | 2/18/2017 8:04 AM  |
| 229 | Boardwalk   | 2/17/2017 10:00 PM |
| 230 | Walkway   | 2/17/2017 9:49 PM  |
| 231 | testing question 10   | 2/17/2017 12:51 PM |
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Q13: Other Comments Answered: 113 Skipped: 378

| #  | RESPONSES  | DATE               |
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| 1  | We need more soccer fields ! We have a growing, very active, very high morale soccer community, and we need to support them.   | 4/14/2017 9:15 PM  |
| 2  | Na   | 4/14/2017 4:55 PM  |
| 3  | Thanks for asking us   | 4/14/2017 4:40 PM  |
| 4  | Youth baseball fields need to be properly maintained.  | 4/14/2017 3:19 PM  |
| 5  | I think that Amerige park is disgusting! As a soccer coach who had to play on it with huge holes that young kids were getting hurt made me angry. The city puts nice fields on Pine Banks but leaves Amerige in terrible shape. Coaches fron other teams didn't even want to play on the field because of all the holes. It is dangerous, amerige could also use some lights. There are a lot of teams that practice soccer there and when it gets dark early we can't see. Please fix Amerige like Pine Banks!  | 4/14/2017 3:12 PM  |
| 6  | Access to the existing Athletic fields has to be assigned more equitably and priority given to the Malden youth sports groups over non Malden based sports and adult sports groups and clubs. Conversion of existing single use fields to Multi use fields will allow for various youth sports use. Youth sports groups should have access to fields based or prioritized on need, i.e. the number of children playing vs dedicating field and access to smaller single season sports. Example: Soccer is the largest youth sport in the City and there is no access to the newest multi use park, Howard Park in the spring and only very limited time in the fall. Soccer is played primarily in the outfields of the many dedicated baseball fields in the City yet baseball is one of the smaller youth sports groups. | 4/14/2017 2:56 PM  |
| 7  | Malden could be such a better community if the children and families get to relax in playful, safe<br>and high quality environment   | 4/14/2017 2:45 PM  |
| 3  | Public Pool needs TLC!!! It's a great family place but needs serious updating!!!   | 4/14/2017 2:41 PM  |
| 9  | UMX [size] RC airplane airfieldPLEASE :-) We are all registered with the FAA. This should be a requirement. I am also an AMA member. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.  | 4/6/2017 3:45 PM   |
| 10 | Please urge the council and the mayor to take seriously the referendum vote to purchase portion of the hospital site   | 4/5/2017 10:54 AM  |
| 11 | Thanks!  | 3/27/2017 3:52 PM  |
| 12 | Open Space makes a city more beautiful, provides cleaner air and encourages community.   | 3/23/2017 8:11 PM  |
| 13 | Thank you for providing this very important survey. I believe that just because we live in an urban gateway does not mean that we cannot have additional green space.  | 3/21/2017 11:29 AM |
| 14 | Cleaning up Malden River would be an amazing improvement to the city.  | 3/20/2017 6:30 PM  |
| 15 | Open space benefits all, especially young families which will drive the future of Malden and the success of its schools and economy  | 3/18/2017 7:46 PM  |
| 16 | Please Malden, as a former code compliance officer for the City of Mill Valley in California who regularly followed up on complaints about trash in sensitive riparian streams and important waterways, not to mention storm drains and other important infrastructure, please, please address the need for environmentally responsible trash collection as soon as possible, given the city's collection contract. I know this city can do better, will look better and feel better all around with clean streets, public areas, and improved civic pride of place.   | 3/17/2017 1:08 AM  |
| 17 | I want to understand how the city is employing expertise in this plan. I also want to understand how it processes reports/assessments such as the Urban Land Institute report. I want to understand if the city pays money for such an assessment, what rationale does it have for following or not following some of the recommendations. It may be the city is smart in its thinking but just not communicative.   | 3/16/2017 7:58 AM  |

| 18 | Please don't scare new families away with anti-development activism. I care less about traffic and open space then empty storefronts and more low income housing. Hip stores keep opening up in other towns and cities except Malden, because Malden is too poor to afford nice things.  | 3/15/2017 3:25 PM  |
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| 19 | A PATH ALONG THE MALDEN RIVER WOULD BE NICE TO TAKE WALKS AND DO SOME EXERCISE, AS WELL AS HAVE A FEW SMALL AREAS THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE FOR FISHING.   | 3/15/2017 4:26 AM  |
| 20 | I specifically would like to see the high rock land piece cleaned up to be used for both conservation land and hiking trails. But first, the filing needs to be completed to protect the high rock parcel into perpetuity. From the open forum, it appeared that a lot of people do not know what is already available. Perhaps an interactive map could be developed for the city website and facebook page   | 3/14/2017 10:57 AM |
| 21 | I live in Ward 6. The West side of Malden has the Fells and Pine Banks. Where I live all the parks are sports fields. I would like to see more parks like Fellsmere, where I can have a friendly gathering for picnics, BBQs, Frisbee, kite flying, nature trails for walks. I think we have an oversaturation of sports fields and not enough open space for other outdoor recreation.  | 3/11/2017 5:37 PM  |
| 22 | More stands on which to safely lock bicycles will make users of the trail more likely to visit businesses and amenities near the Bike to the Sea trail and any future trails.  | 3/11/2017 1:33 PM  |
| 23 | When my children were younger, and played soccer, I was aware of the challenge the town league faced finding space to practice and play. That being said, I do NOT think that the city needs any more turf fields. They create an artificial environment inhospitable to birds and other creatures, and the EPA is (or wasthe research may have been scrapped by the current administration?) studying the chemical make-up of tire crumbs under various conditions, and potential health effects of exposure to it: From the EPA website: "Analysis of the tire crumb samples collected from fields and recycling facilities, and the exposure characterization component of the study will continue in 2017. Parts of the exposure study may be conducted during the hotter months of 2017. The CPSC playground study also will continue in 2017." | 3/11/2017 9:09 AM  |
| 24 | I have a plot of wooded land next to my house that is for sale. It is Ward 5, near Waits Mt (Winter Ave/Leonord St). I would like the city to buy this lot so we don't lose of of the last bits of nature that Malden has left.  | 3/10/2017 12:23 PM |
| 25 | Making the best use of the spaces we have should be priority, so a view to multi-use should be a guiding tenet.  | 3/10/2017 11:20 AM |
| 26 | Please stop building high rise, high rent apartment buildings. We need affordable housing for the residents of Malden, but we also need open, accessible space.  | 3/10/2017 12:45 AM |
| 27 | We need more open places or fields for children and adults, we have been seen only buildings everywhere, Malden is growing, restaurants and more restaurants but no recreational stuff for children! We need to go to another town to play in parks sometimes, parks are packed! Not enough stuff for the children to play!!! I am a mother of two children and very concerned about this situation!!  | 3/9/2017 7:43 PM   |
| 28 | Soccer is fastly becoming the sport of this generation. And the need for equal field time is greatly needed  | 3/9/2017 7:14 PM   |
| 29 | Pinebanks/Malden Res/Malden River should all be a focal point. They are hidden gems that attract the people that we want to live in malden.  | 3/9/2017 6:57 PM   |
| 30 | Improve maintenance. The fields at Amerige park are an absolute disgrace.  | 3/9/2017 6:20 PM   |
| 31 | children need more fields to practice and play soccer games.   | 3/9/2017 5:45 PM   |
| 32 | non  | 3/9/2017 4:38 PM   |
| 33 | Also when trees are taken down from streets Clifton st especially. They are not replanted. To help our environment and beautify the city trees should be replanted on sidewalk/streets   | 3/9/2017 3:48 PM   |
| 34 | Considering that Malden Youth Soccer now has well over 800 players, shouldn't some new park<br>space be primary use soccer fields? All soccer fields appear to also be baseball and softball fields<br>which makes access in the Spring VERY limited.  | 3/9/2017 1:06 PM   |

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| 54 | Outdoor lights wouldn't be a bad idea!  | 3/7/2017 10:42 AM |
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| 55 | A dog park in ward 5 would be great. A boating program would be lovely.   | 3/7/2017 9:37 AM  |
| 56 | Malden is adding many new apartment complexes, but what is being done to take care of the existing and possible new residents in terms of parks and fields?   | 3/6/2017 8:31 PM  |
| 57 | There are lots of single and married couples without children. Our tax dollars go to a lot of facilities/activites we do kot use. I don't mind. I do mind that things like this come up - the impulse is to create family space/activites. Do something for US.   | 3/6/2017 4:59 PM  |
| 58 | Malden is in dire need of open space! Please consider making more open spaces and preserving the spaces that we have.   | 3/6/2017 1:56 PM  |
| 59 | Malden has some beautiful mature shade trees which are getting cut down because of age. A plan to replace them needs to be a priority. Large native shade trees increase real estate values for entire neighborhoods, lower crime and asthma rates, absorb stormwater run off, clean air, cool and humidify the air during summer, decrease wind in winter, and help fight climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide. Trees are not just a decorative after thought, but are vital to the planning and infrastructure of a vibrant city.   | 3/6/2017 1:48 PM  |
| 60 | I am willing to pay more taxes for a new high school. Malden North and Malden South, just like they have in Newton. The people of Malden welcomed me to their city 5 years ago and I don't want to put more barriers to new people coming into our community. We need to build smart and not just put a barrier to new development. We need to increase our tax base so we can pay for real trash collection like the other towns/cities around us. Malden is poor we need to bring in more tax income and not scare away development. Open space is great but not at the cost of laying off teachers and have drug addicts use our parks!! | 3/6/2017 1:33 PM  |
| 31 | It's not the lack of park space it's the condition. My kids have been part of little league for over 8 years now and the fields and parks are an embarrassment. Alchol bottles, graffiti, broken equipment. Even the playing field compared to some surrounding communities are horrendous. And care is really only given most of the time to fields the older kids to play on. The new splash was great except I've been at that park many times and all you can smell is pot.   | 3/6/2017 12:50 PM |
| 62 | Malden has too many baseball/softball fields relative to those actually playing. If we have to prioritize use of limited fields, youth sports should take precedent over adult sport use of fields. Recreation Department needs a Director that does not show favoritism to pet programs and evaluate deployment of limited resources based on demand of participants present.  | 3/6/2017 12:14 PM |
| 33 | Many of the public trash cans placed near us and near the bike trail (Along Ferry street, Eastern Ave, etc.) say no dog waste, but there are no trash cans that DO allow dog waste. When I walk my dog along the bike trail, there are no cans anywhere, and when I leave the trail I'm not allowed to throw it out in those cans. There's also tons of trash everywhere in our neighborhood, so more of these trash cans coming down Ferry st toward the school would be appreicated.  | 3/6/2017 10:13 AM |
| 64 | The area along the Malden river is an underutilized gem and could come to life with some mixed use housing and small resturants, coffee shops, specialty markets.   | 3/6/2017 9:00 AM  |
| 65 | Please know I don't mind if the city were to use funds on recreation, but I care strongly about our schools. I would be happy to pay more for both. Sadly I am told over and over that others don't feel the same. Maybe a 501c(3) could be created for the Malden River and funds could be raised and I assume some of the money for the CPA if allowed could be used to make the river more accessible.   | 3/5/2017 9:48 PM  |
| 66 | Kids with Malden soccer youth play in the dark in Amerige Park in september, October and November   | 3/5/2017 11:04 AM |
| 37 | Thank you for asking for our feedback   | 3/5/2017 11:00 AM |
| 88 | A flying field for UMX RC airplanes. Build it and they will come :-) "Income" to the city that is:-)  | 3/5/2017 12:29 AM |
|    | I think these are important questions to ask, and i think Malden does have great open space, it   | 3/4/2017 11:21 PM |
| 39 | should just be utilized and appreciated by the city a little more   |                   |
| 70 | should just be utilized and appreciated by the city a little more  Clearly marked bike paths on streets needed, similar to what is done in Cambridge. And please bring Hubway stations here!  | 3/4/2017 10:55 PM |

| 72 | would like more indoor public spaces that could be used for arts & crafts, community building, play area for younger kids, potential party/event space for malden residents and organizations to use  | 3/4/2017 8:11 PM  |
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| 73 | Malden's biggest problem concerning its natural spaces is litter. More public garbage and recycling receptacles, as well as the funds to maintain them and clean the streets, is critical in dealing with increased population density and traffic.   | 3/4/2017 5:58 PM  |
| 74 | I do not believe we should have to pay more in taxes! We already have to pay for our trash bags!!<br>It is very disappointing to be asked to pay more in taxes when we pay for these bags and do not<br>see where that money is being spent! We need less apartments and more single family homes in<br>Malden  | 3/4/2017 3:17 PM  |
| 75 | We need a bigger later opened teen center. They have no where to Go! They need a hang out with games movie that's open late Fridays weekends. This is why they find other outlets to go to  | 3/4/2017 2:56 PM  |
| 76 | Ambridge field needs work   | 3/4/2017 1:54 PM  |
| 77 | Save Fellsmere Heights and block over development of Malden Hospital!   | 3/4/2017 1:36 PM  |
| 78 | The soccer fields are horrendous same with the baseball fields. Soccer starts with travel at the age of 9, it's embarrassing and at times dangerous to have kids from other cities play on Malden's fields. Same for some of the baseball fields.   | 3/4/2017 1:27 PM  |
| 79 | The city should really take better care of the current baseball fields. Trafton park is unplayable for baseball. Its a shame. People use the childrens fileds as dog parks and it ruins the fields for the kids. We are the only city in the area that does not have lighting for night games. The current fields need an over haul   | 3/4/2017 12:46 PM |
| 80 | I have thought about moving multiple times from malden and one reason slack of parks for my son to practice at  | 3/4/2017 12:13 PM |
| 81 | I have been pleased with the improvements to the equipment at the many malden playgrounds. i would like to see more maintenence- there is still a lot of trash, broken glass (tallest point in malden) in some Of the parks. The bike trail is an absolute jem. Too bad the other communites have not yet paved their section.  | 3/4/2017 12:05 PM |
| 32 | Our field needs to be better  | 3/4/2017 9:47 AM  |
| 83 | I would like to see more girls only sports options.   | 3/4/2017 9:20 AM  |
| 84 | lack of available soccer field for our kids. We have at time too many teams, practicing in one field, and too often have to concede space to other sports, while we are the fastest, largest growing Youth Sport in Malden  | 3/4/2017 3:17 AM  |
| 85 | I would like to see more dogs parks too and pools.  | 3/3/2017 10:27 PM |
| 86 | We need a rec center where adult clubs can meet. I'm in a serious writing group and finding inexpensive, open space to meet regularly is hard   | 3/3/2017 5:56 PM  |
| 37 | Two points: there is no tennis practice wall and indoor court for everybody   | 3/3/2017 5:52 PM  |
| 88 | I would like to see a gazebo at fellsmere pond. I think it was a lost opportunity for festivals and outdoor community events.   | 3/3/2017 4:22 PM  |
| 89 | Why is basketball court not included when you pick atheltic field and the follow up question doesn't include it?????  | 3/3/2017 3:40 PM  |
| 90 | I think Malden needs to stop building we are running out of room and there is enough parks for everyone   | 3/3/2017 3:24 PM  |
| 91 | I would like to see a central park in Malden - for example where National Grid is now - that people would pass through as they went from the T or the new shopping on Pleasant St to the grocery store or home. That would make the new apartments in the area more attractive to people looking to move to Malden, connect parts of downtown that feel unconnected, and give a focus to that part of the city, which just feels blank or filled with concrete and traffic now. It would be a great gathering space for community activities, and in addition to the newly opened Pleasant St, would give Malden a "heart of the city," which I think any city of our size should have. | 3/3/2017 2:12 PM  |
| 92 | I would like to take a moment to say that I do believe that the Malden Rec program has been doing a wonderful job with programs for all the students of Malden. This is something for everyone to participate in if they wish. Great job Joe Levine and staff. A valuable asset to the Malden Community.  | 3/3/2017 1:35 PM  |

| 93  | Would love to have an indoor tennis court.  | 3/3/2017 8:57 AM   |
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| 94  | There is a fence blocking access to about 5000 square feet of conservation land in the high rock area. The only way to get on the property is to trespass on private property. This fence needs to be removed.  | 3/2/2017 4:04 PM   |
| 95  | we definitely need more for soccer more lighting more practices and more indoor practices now too or even more fitness/fun for kids in malden; something to do.   | 3/2/2017 2:23 PM   |
| 96  | Please create more soccer fields (and repair current ones) so kids can play soccer. Malden is a very diverse community with a lot of foreign families that grew up playing soccer, now their kids also play soccer.   | 3/2/2017 1:16 PM   |
| 97  | where is info available about a city hall replacement?  | 3/2/2017 12:05 PM  |
| 98  | I would very much like to see painted bicycle lanes leading to and from the bike path to the downtown and other recreation and business areas It is not safe now to get to and from.  | 3/2/2017 10:08 AM  |
| 99  | Thanks for doing this!  | 3/2/2017 10:06 AM  |
| 100 | We have to rethink our recycling program. Open containers with wind denigrates our public space. We need to enforce proper recycling skills (no brainer). We need to enforce no dumping. We need to celebrate our river and our people. We need to improve the perception of value of our space and cross cultural lines.   | 3/2/2017 8:29 AM   |
| 101 | There seems to be a crisis, in term of field availability for sports in Malden. Especially when it comes to soccer, which may be the fastest growing sports in Malden. Conflict with Baseball and other sports. More of these field will help mitigate those conflicts.   | 3/1/2017 11:15 AM  |
| 102 | Our kids play Soccer, and soccer is one of the most popular sports in Malden- we've noticed that, our coaches are having a hard time finding fields for practice, as they loose them to other sports; such as Baseball, Lacrosse and so on It is estimated that Malden Youth soccer has 3 to 4 times, if not more players than any other sports in Malden, yet they seem to be the ones to suffer the most in term of available field for play and practice. This is not right, and I start to question our leaders in their decision making our kids are suffering compare to other town, were fields are widely available for practice. | 2/28/2017 9:30 PM  |
| 103 | Soccer fields are not kept up well. The grass fields have many dangerous pot holes presenting a public safety concern. Sprinkler head holes, sprinkler head covers in the the middle of the field. The maintenance of the grass fields is sub-par at best. Many of the fields need to be redone or replaced with artificial turf. Also, there are not enough soccer fields in town. We share Amerige with up to 5 teams for practice during the week which makes for a less than desirable experience for the players and not an ideal situation.   | 2/27/2017 5:39 PM  |
| 104 | The biggest problems i see all around Malden are: Lack of parking for our cars daily / snow<br>emergencies and the Trash always floating all over our streets, we need trash and recycle bins for<br>cleaner, neater streets. Thank you.  | 2/27/2017 4:38 PM  |
| 105 | I hope the city considers recreational open space at the Malden Hospital site   | 2/27/2017 2:34 PM  |
| 106 | Please visit these sites: http://beaconfoodforest.org/ http://www.shareable.net/blog/public-food-<br>forests-on-the-rise http://www.resilience.org/stories/2014-08-01/20-urban-food-forests-from-<br>around-the-world/  | 2/27/2017 10:08 AM |
| 107 | Question 7 is written so that you have to approve an increase in taxation to support this effort.<br>Those that choose it for the 0 also look like they are supporting a small increase. This writes in a bias to the answer.   | 2/27/2017 9:30 AM  |
| 108 | My primary concern, esp. as regards Bell Rock Park, is the broken glass surrounding the rocky areas.  | 2/25/2017 7:57 AM  |
| 109 | My main way to get exercise is to walk briskly. Anywhere I can do that safely, away from traffic, preferably in the woods, is great.  | 2/23/2017 6:53 PM  |
| 110 | Thank you!  | 2/22/2017 9:15 PM  |
| 111 | Your question on paying more taxes is also self serving. \$0-\$99. So if someone wants \$0 they check it and you say the people are willing to pay \$99. Come on now.   | 2/18/2017 4:10 PM  |
|     |   |                    |
| 12  | Bell Rock has a huge trash problem and the glass at Waitts Mountain is actually sad.  | 2/18/2017 8:04 AM  |

### First Community Forum (March 9, 2017)

### Highlights of Results: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats ("SWOT") Exercise

### Strengths

Community Garden (we need more), parks, fields, Bike Trail, Pine Banks, The Fells, Waitts Mount Park, Callahan Park, parks are welcoming, parks are well-distributed, the number of sports fields, recreational space is well maintained, lots of opportunity for green space, Community Preservation Act passed, community interest in recreation and open space, we have a great committed and diverse population, the restaurant meals tax benefits (Waitts Mount, South Broadway, the Stadium), community leaders support open space, the community groups/organizations/ youth sports.

#### Weaknesses

The need for a Parks & Recreation Department to manage the resources; MVCS uses park and residents can't (Trafton Park); Howard Park is locked; pedestrian safety getting to MacDonald Stadium and Callahan Park and from MBTA station to MacDonald Stadium, over Rte. 60; opportunities to purchase/reclaim land; lack of green space; the condition of sports fields (drainage); cleanliness of open spaces; steep staircases on Waitt's Mount; need for a dog park like the Melrose dog park; wooded trails; more playgrounds for ages 0 – 5; rubberized floor for splash pad; more lighting so field practices can take place at night; zoning ordinance change to force buildings to be shorter; the growing population and lack of space; need a tree warden recreational opportunities for less affluent areas of Malden; quality of sports playing fields; trash blowing around on streets; lack of maintenance; land owners not cooperating to offer space or access to what we have; trash (Waitts Mount mentioned specifically); dog park (Trafton); kids sports and practice spaces (if we have more areas, more kids can be encouraged to play); baseball seems to have priority over soccer; recreational fields not available to taxpayers at any time; poor lighting; some weaknesses can be opportunities for change; maintaining the parks and facilities; condition of the fields; lights and lighting at facilities; safety -- day and night: loitering, nefarious activities; dumping trash in park barrels and in facilities; communication of hours of operation and rules and regulations; lack of opportunities for growth; down one (1) park from school renovations; lack of funding to meet needs of all constituents; the condition and quantity of playing fields and the need for more free/open green space not necessarily turf, but well-maintained grass at Amerige Field, Hunting Field, John M. Devir Park, and Roosevelt Park.

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### Community Forum (March 9, 2017) (continued) Opportunities and Threats

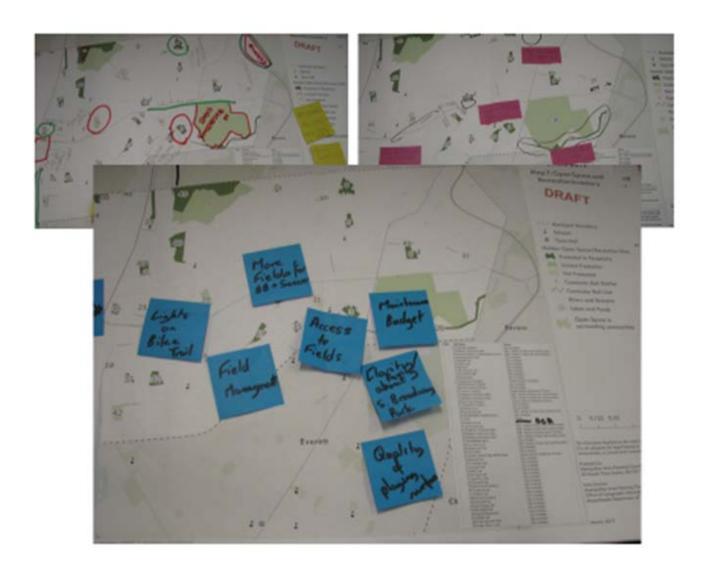
### **Opportunities**

Quarry at Revere Line; nature walks, tree studies at Forestdale Cemetery; rain gardens/ storm water management; add splash pads/spray park; open public pool earlier or add a feature to Suffolk Park; encourage people to use parks including new ones like Howard Park through signage, sign-ups, etc.; use the local artists for more public art (require as part of any new developments); amenities along the path (racks, signage, stores, link to business); walking along the river/access to Malden River; at new City Hall: better walkability and community space/theater/meeting space; when land becomes available, use it for open space; community outreach and education about existing open space; utilize library for communication about parks; interactive map on City website to detail parks; pamphlet with information about historical/recreation resources; better water access to Mystic River; old Malden Hospital as mixed use park and walking trails; development at Hospital site (also an opportunity in same comment); National Grid site; Field of Dreams (status – completion); create new parks, as opposed to renovating existing; dedicated soccer field (800 kids are enrolled); storm water utility; tree planting campaign; tree warden; new zoning for a Malden River walk; slow down development and create open spaces; there is CPA money from the State; City can work with what it already has in terms of open space that can be upgraded for low cost; more natural paths/bike trails; improve equity of resources among sporting groups; renovate spaces based on needs; renovate natural fields into multi-use turf fields; riverfront options: partner with DCR and Mystic Watershed Association; enhance Riverwalk; protect Fellsmere; Bike Path upgrades; Town Line Brook; Forestdale and Maplewood Highlands; Hospital Site; Rowes Quarry (MassDOT straightening Route 1); Multi-use Spaces.

### **Threats**

Community groups vying for space/permits; need for equity in assigning space including based on #s in an organization; facilitate co-operation among these organizations by increasing # of facilities and attitude of City staff; development at Hospital site (also an Opportunity - in same comment); loss of open space; condos without proper planning outside of Malden Center; loss of trees/planting more trees; growing population without consideration for parking and traffic; maintenance/upkeep/with overuse; short-sighted development; Casino population (traffic, safety); urban forest is in decline (lack of trees, pollution, respiratory health threatened); sea level rise (flooding); climate change; overbuilding; increase in population of children will require more fields for sports; more high rise and unaffordable housing; using artificial turf to replace natural grass; development of open space; lose Fellsmere; losing residents due to lack of open space; continuing erosion of the facilities.

This is a photo of some of the maps that were marked up in conjunction with the SWOT analysis at the March, 2017 *Open Space and Recreation Plan* Public Forum.



## Second Community Forum (May 3, 2017): Highlights of Group Discussions

| GOAL: Maintain and Manage<br>Malden's Parks                                     | #=Ranking ( )=number of votes             | Comments  |
|---|---|---|
| Provide for benches, picnic tables, sitting areas, trash barrels, lighting      | *Ranked #1 (on 6 sheets)                  | <ul><li> Lighting is a priority</li><li> Trash barrels are a priority</li></ul>   |
| Develop a system of scheduled maintenance and replacement for park equipment    | <b>#1</b> (1) <b>#2</b> (5)               | Scheduled maintenance is a priority so that all parks get attention   |
| Establish a Parks Department or Parks Division to maintain parks and open space | #1 (13)                                   | <ul><li> Establish a Parks Department</li><li> Establish a Parks Commission</li><li> Keep Howard Park accessible</li></ul>  |
| Strengthen the Conservation<br>Commission                                       | <b>#1</b> (1) <b>#3</b> (1)               | <ul> <li>Make sure Conservation Commission<br/>communicates with Parks Department</li> <li>All Departments should work together</li> </ul>  |
| Provide dedicated funding for open space  | <b>#1</b> (4) <b>#2</b> (2) <b>#3</b> (1) | Use of the Hospital site as per voters  |
| Ensure access for all to all of<br>Malden's open spaces                         | <b>#1</b> (1)                             |   |
| Other   | All of the above (1)                      | <ul> <li>Maintain and keep grass fields</li> <li>Develop a maintenance schedule</li> <li>Establish a Parks Commission or Department and have a schedule (make schedule publically available)</li> <li>Expand memorial bench program</li> <li>Clean-up glass at Waitts Mount</li> <li>Pop-up parks (Somerville uses parking lots) can use food trucks and set up a place to sit/eat/socialize</li> <li>Planned activities and events at parks, such as a Farmer's Market</li> <li>Create a "park usage list;" size, permits, activities, facilities, features/amenities</li> <li>Parks need to be open during the day</li> <li>Make a list of capital improvements</li> <li>Citizen input of where funds from grants go (not Melrose)</li> </ul> |

|  |   | <ul> <li>Feature parks and programs in newspapers, Twitter, FB (profile a park)</li> <li>Improve aesthetics</li> <li>Ensure safety</li> <li>Inventory land owned by the City</li> <li>Set aside land already owned and buy adjacent land</li> </ul>   |
|--|---|---|
| GOAL: Construct Additional:  | #=Ranking ( )=number of votes                                       | Comments  |
| Fields – Suggested locations?  Soccer: Open Play/Turf Area Baseball Softball Football Lacrosse | #1 (13) #2 (0) #3 (1)  #1 (3) #2 (0) #3 (2)  #1 (2)  #1 (1)  #1 (1) | <ul> <li>Need more soccer fields</li> <li>Secure and protect city-owned land for more fields and public space</li> <li>Possible locations: National Grid and Malden Hospital sites</li> <li>Pop-up parks in parking lots</li> <li>Rehab Roosevelt</li> <li>Renovations should preserve natural environment; real grass</li> <li>Soccer complex (possible revenue generator)</li> <li>Multi-use fields and space</li> <li>Hospital site for open space and fields</li> <li>Install tracks around fields</li> <li>Use of potential Field of Dreams</li> </ul> |
| Spray pads   | <b>#1</b> (5) <b>#2</b> (3)   | <ul> <li>Provides recreation for younger residents;<br/>possibly place near schools</li> <li>Should have at Roosevelt, Linden and at<br/>Coytemore Lea</li> </ul>   |
| Walking Trails   | <b>#1</b> (3) <b>#2</b> (2)   | <ul><li>Trails should be marked</li><li>The track at Pine Banks pulls in people</li><li>Connect trails to neighborhoods</li></ul>   |
| Other:   |   | <ul> <li>Use Malden Hospital site for a multi-use field</li> <li>Combine multiple fields on one large field; soccer, football, lacrosse and open turf</li> <li>Bike lanes on roads</li> <li>Grass fields are important</li> <li>Do something with High Rock</li> <li>Buy hospital site for mixed-residential/open space (Ranked #1 on 2 sheets)</li> </ul>  |

|  |   | <ul> <li>Need dog parks, i.e, Canal Street near Mystic Valley Gun Club</li> <li>Marking of soccer fields</li> <li>More small parks or outdoor social spaces</li> <li>Handicap accessibility</li> <li>Open space directory on website with interactive map</li> <li>Make use of unused cemetery spots</li> <li>Acquire land, private undeveloped woodland</li> <li>Protect publically owned and undeveloped woodland (grey areas on slide)</li> <li>Planned activities; "Shakespeare in the Park" (work with Malden Reads)</li> <li>Communicate how to reserve a park</li> </ul> |
|--|---|---|
| GOAL: Improve<br>Northern Strand Community<br>Trail                          | #=Ranking<br>( )=number of votes                              | Comments  |
| Furniture/Fixtures  • Benches/picnic tables/seating • Lights • Trash barrels | #1 (7) #2 () #3 (1)<br>#1 (13) #2 (2) #3 (1)<br>#1 (7) #2 (1) | i. Trees<br>ii. Keep dog poop bags available  |
| Signage  | <b>#1</b> (1) <b>#2</b> (4)                                   | <ul> <li>Ask companies along the trail to assist with paying for signage</li> <li>Mileage markers</li> <li>Directions</li> <li>Markings near the downtown area</li> </ul>   |
| Restrooms  | #1 (12 ) #2 ( ) #3 (1)  | • Port-a-potties  |
| Programs and Activities, Public Art  | #1 (2) #2 (4)   | <ul> <li>Sculptures, especially ones that can be used to climb on</li> <li>Public art is a priority</li> </ul>  |
| Encourage related uses, such as bike shop, rentals, etc.                     | #1 (4) #2 (2) #3 (1)  | <ul> <li>Encourage use of Bike path</li> <li>Bike shop, including for repairs</li> <li>A bike swap; a place for residents to bring bikes in good working order for recycling</li> <li>Connect the River walk to the Bike path</li> <li>Small businesses along the path; deli, coffee, bike shop</li> </ul>  |

| Write a plan to manage the trail                                      | <b>#1</b> (4) <b>#2</b> (2)                               | <ul><li> Make known what is permitted on the trail</li><li> Connect the trail</li></ul>   |
|---|---|---|
| Other   |   | <ul> <li>i. Safety phones</li> <li>ii. Security cameras</li> <li>iii. Beautify the trail (art murals, flowers, etc.)</li> <li>iv. Safer crossings (Ranked as #1 on 2 sheets)</li> <li>v. More community gardens</li> <li>vi. Improved crosswalks for pedestrians and cyclists</li> <li>vii. Food trucks or vendors on weekends</li> <li>viii. Connect more neighborhoods to the trail via bike lanes and signage</li> <li>ix. Tree coverings (shade)</li> <li>x. Habitat/plantings</li> <li>xi. Safety at street crossings (Ranked #1 on 1 sheet)</li> <li>xii. More memorial benches</li> <li>xiii. Ice cream stand</li> </ul> |
| GOAL: Malden River Walk<br>Continue to Develop this Open<br>Space     | #=Ranking ( )=number of votes                             | Comments  |
| Develop walking paths, trails to connect neighborhoods to the river   | <b>#1</b> (9) <b>#2</b> (3)                               |   |
| Provide access  • For boats: powerboats, kayaks, canoes • For fishing | #1 (2) #2 (4) 3# (1)<br>#1 (2) #2 (3)                     | <ul> <li>Provide access, not power boats</li> <li>Only non-motor</li> <li>May require rezoning, addressing pollution, working with developers, safer crossings</li> </ul>   |
| Benches, picnic tables/seating  | #1 (3) #2 (1) 3# (1) *Noted as a 6 <sup>th</sup> priority | <ul><li> This should be a goal</li><li> Memorial benches</li></ul>  |
| Rezone to require setbacks from the river                             | # <b>1</b> (12) # <b>2</b> (2)                            | <ul><li>River zoning</li><li>Overlay</li><li>6-7 ft. set back; 8 ft.</li><li>What is allowable?</li></ul>   |

|   |  | Rezoning will force developers to<br>accommodate setbacks   |
|---|--|---|
| Maps and signage, educational materials | #1 (1) *Noted as a 5 <sup>th</sup> priority  | iii. Include history  |
| Public artwork                          | #1 (3) #2 (0) #3 (1) *Noted as a 4 <sup>th</sup> priority *Noted as a 7 <sup>th</sup> priority | iv. Artwork made by City students   |
| Collaborate with neighboring cities     | #1 (1) *Noted as a 4th priority  | v. Medford and Everett  |
| Other                                   |  | <ul> <li>Need River Zoning</li> <li>Need a Public Health Risk Assessment</li> <li>Clean the water</li> <li>Address pollution</li> <li>Needs rezoning</li> <li>Bring back River festival with Medford and Everett</li> <li>Boating access would require cleaning the river</li> <li>Why are yellow buses there (DPW)</li> <li>Clean-up of the water/river</li> <li>Need a toxicity study</li> <li>Additional planners to assist</li> </ul> |



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### Gary Christenson, Mayor

TO:

Whom It May Concern

FROM:

Maria A. Luise, ADA Compliance Officer

RE:

ADA Self-Evaluation

DATE:

August 10, 2018

The City of Malden is planning to update the ADA Self-Evaluation Report that was included in the 2009-2015 Open Space and Recreational Plan. Additionally, it will be re-evaluating and assessing its current buildings, services and programming in order to identify those that are not consistent with the requirements of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). It is anticipated that a consultant will be retained to assist in this endeavor. By way of an update, the following documents are attached:

### 1. Administrative Updates:

Designation of an ADA Compliance Officer.

 Public Notification that the City of Malden does not discriminate on the basis of disability. A notice was posted in the Clerk's office, at City Hall and published on the City's website. The notice is also available in audio format.

Grievance Procedures (also published on the City website and available in audio format).

### 2. Accessibility:

The City of Malden Engineering Department has completed a self-evaluation of our parks and recreational spaces and the recommendations are attached. The evaluations have been reviewed by Ms. Kelli Collomb who is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and the Transition Coordinator at Malden High School. She further suggested the addition of universal signage identifying accessible facilities, parking spaces and entrances. As upgrades and improvements are completed in parks throughout the City, the goal is to incorporate the recommendations so that Malden becomes more accessible for all persons. Several of the accessibility issues identified in the last plan have been addressed and upgrades made, including at Forestdale, Coytemore Lea, South Broadway, Callahan, Miller and Pearl Street parks as well as Lincoln Commons, Anderson Field and Waitts Mount.

### 3. Employment Practices:

ADA Compliance Officer's Statement and Review

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### Gary Christenson, Mayor

January 22, 2018

Anthony Chiccuarelli, Director Human Resources 17 Pleasant Street Malden, MA 02148

RE: Designation of ADA Compliance Officer

Dear Anthony,

In accordance with Section 5.2 of the City of Malden Ordinances, I hereby designate Attorney Maria Luise, Special Assistant to the Mayor as the ADA Compliance Officer.

Attorney Luise shall receive and investigate complaints of violations of the American Disabilities Act and state and/or federal fair housing laws. She will also enlist the assistance of the City's Human Rights Commission when necessary to resolve issues and complaints.

Additionally, the Malden City Council has recently accepted the provisions of M.G.L.c. 40 §8J which allows us to establish a Disability Commission. I will be making appointments to this Commission and Attorney Luise will also be able to rely on their recommendations for assistance.

Sincerely,

GARY CHRISTENSON Mayor, City of Malden

ce: Thomas Brennan, City Clerk

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# AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COMPLIANCE

## **NOTICE**

The City of Malden does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. The City of Malden does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices.

This Notice is provided as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act 1990.

Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act may be forwarded to the City of Malden's designated ADA Compliance Officer:

Maria Luise, ADA Compliance Officer

Office of the Mayor 110 Pleasant Street Malden, MA 02148

Telephone contact: 781-397-7000, Ext. 2005 or

mluise@cityofmalden.org.

Individuals who need accommodations and auxiliary aids for effective communication in programs and services of the City of Malden are invited to make their needs and preferences known to the ADA Compliance Officer.



### **ADA Grievance Policy**

### For the General Public

The following procedures are established to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in employment practices and policies or the provision of services, activities, programs and benefits of the City of Malden. These procedures do not supersede applicable employee grievances rights in collective bargaining agreements.

- 1. The complaint, grievance, or request for program policy interpretation and/or clarification should be in writing and include the name, address and telephone number of the complainant with the location and description of the problem (a form is available). The complainant may remain anonymous, if he/she so chooses. Reasonable accommodations, such as personal interview, tape recording or other alternative means of filing, will be made available for persons who are unable to submit a written complaint.
- 2. The complaint should be submitted by the complainant and/or his/her designee as soon as practicable but no later than 60 calendar days after the alleged violation to:

Office of the Mayor ATTN: Maria Luise, ADA Compliance Officer 110 Pleasant Street Malden, MA 02148

or emailed to: mluise@cityofmalden.org.

Telephone contact: Maria Luise at 781-397-7000, Ext. 2005

3. Within 14 calendar days after receipt of the complaint, the ADA Compliance Officer will meet with the complainant to discuss the issues and possible resolution. The Officer may reach out to the Human Rights Commission or the Disability Commission for advice and assistance. Within 14 calendar days after the meeting with the complainant, the Officer will respond in writing or in a format that is sensitive to the needs of the recipient, i.e. verbally, an audiotape, enlarged type face, etc. Copies of the complaint and response will be forwarded to the appropriate City departments.

4. If the grievance is not resolved at this level, the complainant and/or his/her designee may appeal the decision of the ADA Compliance Officer to a designee of the Malden City Council within 14 calendar days after receipt of the response. The City Council President shall appoint a designee of the City Council to meet with the complainant to review the complaint and discuss possible resolutions. Within 14 calendar days after the meeting, the City Council designee will respond with a **final** resolution, in writing, or in a format that is sensitive to the needs of the recipient, i.e. verbally, an audiotape, enlarged type face, etc. Copies of the response will be forwarded to the appropriate City departments.

All written complaints, responses, appeals and other documentation shall be kept by the City of Malden for at least 3 years.

## Malden Open Space and Recreation Plan Appendix A

### Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

Representatives from the City of Malden and MAPC conducted the ADA evaluations, based on the categories provided in the Open Space Workbook. Not all categories in the checklist applied to every property. A summary chart of parks/playground with available facilities is below; followed by the ADA evaluation, including recommendations/transition plan for each open space.

| Location   | Parking | Site<br>Access<br>Trail | Toilet<br>Facility | Feature(s)  | Picnic<br>Area |
|--|---------|-------------------------|--------------------|---|----------------|
| Amerige Park   |         | •                       | •                  | Playground, tennis courts,<br>baseball/soccer field,<br>basketball court, street<br>hockey rink |                |
| Northern Strand<br>Community Trail/Bike to Sea<br>Path           | •       | •                       |                    | Bike and pedestrian asphalt paved path  |                |
| Callahan Park  | •       | •                       | •                  | Softball/soccer field   |                |
| Coytemore Lea Park   |         | •                       |                    | Universally accessible playground, basketball court, gazebo, open grass area                    | •              |
| Devir Park (includes Bruce<br>Field & Larson Field)              | •       | •                       | •                  | Baseball, basketball, tennis courts, playground   | •              |
| Forestdale Park  |         | •                       | •                  | Playground, baseball field, open grass area   |                |
| Green Street Park (includes<br>Choppa Field & Mazonson<br>Court) |         | •                       | •                  | Baseball field, basketball court, playground  |                |
| Howard Park (aka South<br>Broadway Park)                         | •       | •                       | •                  | Tennis courts, synthetic turf<br>baseball/soccer/multi-<br>purpose field, playground            | •              |
| Hunting Field/Linden Park  |         |                         |                    | Basketball court, fields,<br>street hockey rink,<br>playground                                  |                |
| Kierstead Park   |         | •                       | •                  | Baseball field, playground  |                |
| Lincoln Commons (includes<br>Anderson Field)                     |         | •                       | •                  | Baseball field, playground, splash park, open grass area  |                |
| Macdonald Stadium  | •       | •                       | •                  | Rubberized regulation sized running track, synthetic turf multi-purpose field, bleachers        |                |
| Maplewood Park   |         |                         |                    | Synthetic turf baseball field   |                |

| Location                       | Parking | Site<br>Access<br>Trail | Toilet<br>Facility | Feature(s)   | Picnic<br>Area |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|----------------|
| Miller Park                    |         | •                       | •                  | Basketball court,<br>playground, open grass and<br>field area                                    | <b>✓</b>       |
| Newman Park/ Ferryway<br>Green |         | •                       | •                  | Softball field, soccer field, playground area  |                |
| Patchell Park                  | •       | •                       | •                  | Playground, basketball court   |                |
| Pearl Street Playground        |         | •                       |                    | Playground, basketball court   |                |
| Pine Banks Park                | •       | •                       | •                  | Playground, 2 synthetic<br>multi-sport fields, 3 natural<br>grass fields, pond, hiking<br>trails | •              |
| Roosevelt Park                 | •       | •                       | •                  | Baseball field,<br>football/soccer field,<br>playground, open grass area                         |                |
| Tartikoff Park                 | •       | •                       | •                  | Skateboard park, small tot lot   |                |
| Trafton Park                   | •       | •                       | •                  | Baseball field, tennis court, playground, dog park   |                |
| Passive Recreation Park        |         |                         |                    |  |                |
| Bell Rock Memorial Park        | •       | •                       |                    | Paved walkways, terraced overlooks   |                |
| Fellsmere Park/Pond            | •       | •                       | •                  | Historic, paved walkways,<br>terraced overlooks, pond<br>with fountains                          | •              |
| High Rock                      |         |                         |                    | Wooded conservation land   | •              |
| Waitts Mount                   | •       | •                       | •                  | Basketball court, walking trail, playground  | •              |

Amerige Park is bordered by Fellsway East, Highland Avenue, Savin Street, and Pine Street (Parcel ID# 018 040 001). The park consists of 3.5 acres and is comprised of a baseball field and soccer field. The northerly portion includes tennis and basketball courts, a street hockey rink, and playground.

| Facility                                    | Evaluation   |
|---|--|
| Parking                                     | <ul><li>On-street parking</li><li>No designated universal access spots on-street</li></ul>   |
| Site Access                                 | <ul><li>Poor asphalt sidewalk along the Fellsway</li><li>Non-compliant handicap ramp</li></ul>   |
| Toilet Facility                             | One portable toilet; it is not wheelchair accessible   |
| Children Playing<br>Area/ Playing<br>Fields | <ul> <li>Tot lot</li> <li>There is a playground, tennis court, baseball field, soccer field, and basketball court</li> <li>No handicap ramp into the playground</li> </ul> |

- Upgrade ADA compliant ramp on Savin Street at Fellsway, on Fellsway, on Pine Street and Fellsway and on Pine Street and Highland Avenue.
- Install wheelchair accessible ramp leading into the playground.
- Install two (2) universal access parking spaces on Fellsway and add Universal Access signage.
- Install wheelchair accessible toilet facility.
- Furnish and install standard "Malden" park sign.

The Northern Strand Community Trail (also known as "Bike to the Sea") is a nine (9) mile (3 miles in Malden) bike and pedestrian pathway that stretches from the Malden-Everett line through Malden to Revere and Saugus toward the Lynn waterfront. In the summer of 2013, the three (3) mile Malden portion was paved.

| Facility        | Evaluation   |
|-----------------|--|
| Parking         | <ul> <li>Parking is available at Main Street/Charles Street parking lot</li> <li>Parking is available at Beach Street</li> <li>No designated universal access spots on-street</li> </ul>   |
| Site Access     | <ul> <li>@ Medford Street crossing</li> <li>@ Main Street crossing</li> <li>@ Ferry Street crossing</li> <li>@ Route 60/Holden Street crossing</li> <li>@ Bryant Street crossing</li> <li>@ Maplewood Street crossing</li> <li>@ Broadway crossing</li> <li>@ Beach Street crossing</li> </ul> |
| Toilet Facility | • None   |
| Playing Fields  | • None   |

### **Recommendations:**

Malden Complete Streets 5-year plan recommends the following at-grade crossings:

- @ Medford Street crossing, add pedestrian signal for bikes/pedestrians traveling northbound on Canal Street/Trail; add four-foot high push buttons on the trail for easier use; add "Stop Here on Red" sign to ensure vehicles do not block crosswalk/trail.
- @ Main Street crossing, add refuge island on Main Street northbound leg, to protect
  pedestrians/cyclists with curb; move stop bar behind new crosswalk; add bike/pedestrian
  crossing signs; upgrade pedestrian signals to Audible Pedestrian Signal; square off southwest
  corner curb to reduce speed for those vehicles turning right from Charles Street with flex
  posts and paint; add "No Turn on Red."
- @ Route 60/Holden Street crossing, add curb ramp to Holden Street right turn slip lane median; extend the right turn slip lane median on Centre Street's eastern leg; add pedestrian/bicycle signals to median on Centre Street.

Callahan Park is located adjacent to Macdonald Stadium, on Pearl Street and Charles Street (Parcel ID# 031 133 301). This park consists of a softball and soccer field. There are three parking areas that are shared between the two open spaces. The major feature of the park is the newly-rehabilitated softball field.

| Facility        | Evaluation  |
|-----------------|---|
| Parking         | <ul> <li>The largest parking area is next to Callahan Park with 54 spaces and five universal access parking spaces</li> <li>Three (3) of the spaces are located close to an accessible path</li> <li>One space is adjacent to the driveway</li> <li>The second lot is between Callahan Park and Macdonald Stadium and there are 23 spaces, with one universal access parking space</li> <li>Vans can be accommodated as required</li> <li>Pavement of the lots is in good condition; no issues with sloping</li> <li>Universal access sign is painted on the pavement; no separate sign.</li> </ul> |
| Site Access     | <ul> <li>There is a sidewalk that leads to the ballfield in Callahan Park</li> <li>The slope of the sidewalk is less than 5%</li> <li>Pathway to the children's play area is in excellent condition, no slope</li> </ul>  |
| Toilet Facility | See information on Macdonald Stadium. Toilet facilities are located in the field house near the stadium which is close enough to share with Callahan Park   |
| Playing Fields  | The field is accessible   |

- Add universal access parking signage.
- City should consider installing consistent signage identifying all named city parks

Coytemore Lea Park is located between Mountain Avenue and Clifton Street (Parcel ID# 048 864 412). It consists of 2.8 acres and includes a small neighborhood children's park/play area that was reconstructed in 2015. Its play structures are universally accessible. The park also features a basketball court, gazebo and open grass area.

| Facility                                 | Evaluation   |
|--|--|
| Parking                                  | <ul><li>On-street parking</li><li>No designated universal access spots on-street</li></ul>   |
| Site Access                              | <ul> <li>There is a pathway that leads through the block-long park</li> <li>Curb cuts permit universal access</li> <li>Pathway is in excellent condition, no slope</li> <li>Meets requirements for path of travel</li> <li>Includes specific equipment for children in wheelchairs or with mobility</li> </ul> |
| Play equipment                           | <ul><li>challenges</li><li>Gazebo is accessible</li></ul>  |
| Picnic Tables/<br>Children Play<br>Areas | <ul> <li>Universal access playground</li> <li>Accessible asphalt pathway</li> <li>Tables and benches located adjacent to accessible paths</li> <li>There is access to open spaces</li> <li>No back or arm rests</li> <li>5% are accessible, meeting the specifications</li> </ul>                              |

- This park was renovated to include universal access features.
- The City should consider designating some on-street universal access parking spots that are near the park, at least during the hours the park is open.
- The City should also consider installing consistent signage identifying all named city parks.

Devir Park is located on the Fellsway West and Malden Street and includes two named playing fields: Bruce Field and Larson Field (Parcel ID# 037 184 401). This open space consists of a playground, basketball court, four (4) tennis courts, and soccer and baseball fields. There is one parking area serving this park.

| Facility                             | Evaluation  |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Parking                              | <ul> <li>Nine (9) spaces, no universal access spaces marked or signed</li> <li>Parking is located at one end of the fields and close to the entrance to the ballfields</li> <li>Paving is in good condition</li> </ul>              |
| Site Access                          | <ul> <li>There are paved pathways to the ballfields, tennis and basketball courts and the children's play area</li> <li>Pathways are sound and not sloped greater than 5%</li> <li>Meets requirements for path of travel</li> </ul> |
| Toilet Facility                      | One portable toilet; it is not wheelchair accessible  |
| Children's Play<br>Area              | The play area itself is accessible; the play equipment is not   |
| Playing Fields/<br>Picnic Facilities | <ul> <li>Ballfields, basketball and tennis courts are located adjacent to accessible paths</li> <li>There are berm cuts onto courts</li> <li>Spectator seating allows for universal access at the end of bleachers</li> </ul>       |
| Concession Stand                     | Accessible via pathway  |

- Provide a designated universal access parking spot, with signage.
- Provide an accessible portable toilet, particularly because this location annually hosts the Challenger League.
- City should consider installing consistent signage identifying all named city parks.

Forestdale Park is adjacent to the Forestdale School on Sylvan Street and Goodhue Street (Parcel ID# 108 783 312A). It consists of 1.86 acres and features a baseball field, playground and open grass area. The baseball field is used by the Challenger League.

| Facility        | Evaluation  |
|-----------------|---|
| Parking         | <ul> <li>On-street parking on Goodhue Street</li> <li>No designated universal access spots on-street</li> </ul>   |
| Site Access     | <ul> <li>Good access to the ballfield</li> <li>Good sidewalk and pathway condition; no slope issue</li> <li>There is one wheelchair accessible ramp from Goodhue Street; no slope issue</li> <li>Non-compliant handicap ramp at rear entrance to the school/playground</li> </ul> |
| Toilet Facility | One (1) portable toilet; it is wheelchair accessible  |
| Playing Fields  | <ul> <li>Playground</li> <li>Baseball field (includes dugout shelters with ADA compliant player's benches)</li> </ul>   |

- Repair wheelchair accessible ramp behind school.
- Install wheelchair accessible ramp into the playground.
- Add one wheelchair-accessible parking space with signage.

Green Street Park, which includes Choppa Field and Mazonson Court, is bordered by Green Street, Wadsworth Street and Madison Street (Parcel ID# 060 242 201). The park consists of 1.38 acres and features a baseball field, playground and basketball court.

| Facility               | Evaluation  |
|------------------------|---|
| Parking                | <ul> <li>There is on-street parking</li> <li>No designated universal access spots on-street</li> </ul>  |
| Site Access            | <ul> <li>No handicap ramp to the park from Green Street</li> <li>No handicap ramp into the playground</li> <li>One handicap ramp from Madison Street at entrance to playground from Wadsworth Street</li> </ul> |
| <b>Toilet Facility</b> | <ul><li>No wheelchair accessible toilet available</li><li>One regular portable toilet</li></ul>   |
| Playing Fields         | <ul><li>Baseball field</li><li>Basketball court</li></ul>   |

- Install one wheelchair accessible ramp into playground area.
- Install one wheelchair accessible ramp on Green Street side.
- Install one designated wheelchair accessible parking space on Green Street.
- Furnish and install standard "Malden" park sign.

### Name of Park/Open Space:

### Howard Park a.k.a. South Broadway Park

Howard Park includes Rotondi Field and is located at the end of Maplewood Street and near Broadway (Parcel ID# 125 481 104). Consisting of 4.1 acres, this park was fully renovated and completed in 2015. It features four (4) tennis courts; synthetic turf baseball, soccer and multi-purpose field; playground; and pedestrian walkways. Both the field and tennis courts are equipped with lighting.

| Facility                                | Evaluation  |
|---|---|
| Parking                                 | <ul> <li>Newly renovated park with 42 parking spaces</li> <li>Van accessible</li> <li>Two (2) handicap parking spaces close to the field</li> <li>Universal access parking sign is painted</li> </ul> |
| Site access                             | <ul> <li>Good access to fields and tennis courts</li> <li>No slope issues</li> <li>Playground is accessible</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Toilet Facility</b>                  | One portable toilet; it is not wheelchair accessible  |
| Children's Play Area/<br>Playing Fields | <ul> <li>Tot lot</li> <li>Tennis court</li> <li>Synthetic turf baseball field</li> <li>Synthetic turf soccer field</li> </ul>   |

### **Recommendations:**

• City should consider installing consistent signage identifying all named city parks.

Hunting Field, also known as Linden Park, is located behind the Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy (Parcel ID# 154-506-606) and is accessed from Salem Street and Wescott Street. It consists of 5 acres and accommodates multiple sports. The park features a playground as well as a multi- use field, basketball court, and street hockey rink.

| Facility        | Evaluation  |
|-----------------|---|
| Parking         | <ul> <li>There are shared parking spaces with the school parking lot</li> <li>Universal access parking spaces are designated for the school building</li> <li>There is on-street parking on Hunting Street</li> </ul> |
| Site Access     | <ul> <li>There is a sidewalk that leads to the ballfield, basketball courts, hockey rink, but no wheelchair accessible ramps</li> <li>Sidewalk has no slope issue</li> <li>Playground is accessible</li> </ul>        |
| Toilet Facility | One portable toilet; it is not wheelchair accessible  |
| Playing Fields  | <ul> <li>Basketball courts</li> <li>Shared baseball field/soccer field</li> <li>Hockey rinks</li> <li>Two (2) playgrounds</li> </ul>  |

- Need Universal access parking and wheelchair ramp accessibility to the baseball field.
- Need new wheelchair ramp off of Hunting Street.
- City should consider installing consistent signage identifying all named city parks.

Kierstead Park is located on Eastern Avenue and Willow Street (Parcel ID# 101 430 011). It consists of 1.5 acres and features a baseball field and playground.

| Facility                                   | Evaluation   |
|--|--|
| Parking                                    | <ul> <li>On-street parking along Eastern Avenue</li> <li>There is a parking lot in the back which belongs to the apartment building, but provides access to the park</li> <li>No designated universal access spaces on-street</li> </ul> |
| Site Access                                | <ul><li>No site access from Eastern Avenue</li><li>Pavement to the ballfield is not in good condition</li></ul>  |
| Toilet Facility                            | No wheelchair accessible toilet available  |
| Children's Play<br>Area/ Playing<br>Fields | <ul><li>Baseball field</li><li>Playground</li></ul>  |

- Create a wheelchair accessible ramp from Eastern Avenue.
- Repave existing asphalt walkway to playground from Eastern Avenue side and extend to the baseball field.
- Furnish and install standard "Malden" park sign.

Lincoln Commons, which includes Anderson Field, is located at Bryant and Cross Streets (Parcel ID# 098 451 104). Consisting of 3.5 acres, Lincoln Commons sits on the site of a former elementary school. The park includes portions of the old school's footprint and features a splash park, playground, baseball field and open grass area. There are also benches installed along the walkway and on top of a nearby slope. A restoration project was completed in 2015.

| Facility                                   | Evaluation   |
|--|--|
| Parking                                    | <ul><li>On-street parking</li><li>No designated universal access spots on-street</li></ul>   |
| Site Access                                | <ul> <li>Good ramp from the Bryant Street entrance</li> <li>Good ramp from Cross Street</li> <li>No ramp leading into the playground</li> <li>Good pavement all around the park</li> </ul> |
| Toilet Facility                            | One portable toilet; it is not wheelchair accessible   |
| Children's Play<br>Area/ Playing<br>Fields | <ul><li>Baseball field</li><li>Playground</li></ul>  |

- Install two (2) wheelchair accessible parking spaces.
- Install one (1) wheelchair accessible ramp into the playground.
- Install wheelchair accessible toilet facility.
- Furnish and install standard "Malden" park sign.

Macdonald Stadium (the "Stadium") is located adjacent to Callahan Park and is bordered by Route 60 and Pearl Street (Parcel ID# 031-133-302). Both open spaces share three parking areas. The Stadium features a synthetic turf, multi-purpose field; rubberized regulation-sized running track; field house and bleachers.

| Facility     | Evaluation  |
|--------------|---|
| Parking      | <ul> <li>The lot closest to the stadium has seven (7) parking spaces, plus two (2) universal access spaces</li> <li>The second lot is between Callahan Park and the Stadium with 23 spaces, including one (1) universal access space</li> <li>Vans can be accommodated, as required</li> <li>Pavement of the lots is in good condition; no issues with sloping</li> <li>Universal access sign is painted on the pavement; no separate sign</li> </ul> |
| Site Access  | <ul> <li>Paving around the Stadium permits access</li> <li>Meets requirements for path of travel</li> </ul>   |
| Shower Rooms | Open room, no stalls  |
| Restrooms    | <ul> <li>Accessible stall swings in, rather than out, and is not self-closing</li> <li>Toilet is 12" from nearest side wall (18" required)</li> <li>Toilet paper dispenser is 38" above floor (24" required) and is obstructed by a trash receptacle</li> <li>Small threshold at entrance to restroom</li> <li>All other requirements met</li> </ul>  |
| Stadium      | The bleachers include end seating that could accommodate wheelchairs  |

- The Stadium field has had recent improvements. Add universal access signage in the parking lot
- When the field house is renovated, all universal access requirements for the toilets and showers should be fully met.
- City should consider installing consistent signage identifying all named city parks.

Maplewood Park is located at the end of Maplewood Street, near Malden Catholic High School and consists of 3 acres (Parcel ID# 121-481-133). The park features a synthetic turf baseball field that was renovated in 2007.

| Facility        | Evaluation  |
|-----------------|---|
| Parking         | <ul> <li>Newly renovated with shared parking with Malden Catholic High School</li> <li>Van accessible</li> <li>Two (2) universal parking spaces located close to the field</li> <li>Universal access sign is painted</li> </ul> |
| Site Access     | <ul><li>Good access to all fields</li><li>No slope issue</li></ul>  |
| Toilet Facility | One portable toilet; it is not wheelchair accessible  |
| Playing Fields  | Baseball field  |

### ${\bf Recommendations:}$

• City should consider installing consistent signage identifying all named city parks

Miller Park is bordered by Harvard Street and Sammett Street (Parcel ID# 100 445 504) and consists of 1.6 acres. The park offers open grass and field area, a playground, basketball court and covered picnic table area. A restoration project was completed in 2015.

| Facility                                   | Evaluation  |
|--|---|
| Parking                                    | <ul> <li>No parking spaces in the park</li> <li>Sixteen (16) on-street spaces located along Sammett Street and Harvard Street</li> <li>No designated universal access spots on-street</li> </ul>  |
| Site Access                                | <ul> <li>No curb cuts in front of both sides of the park, (Sammett Street and Harvard Street)</li> <li>Pathway to the children's play area is in excellent condition</li> <li>No handicap ramp into the playground area</li> <li>Slope of the sidewalk is less than 5%</li> </ul> |
| Toilet Facility                            | <ul> <li>No wheelchair accessible toilet available</li> <li>One (1) portable toilet on the Harvard Street side entrance</li> </ul>  |
| Children's Play<br>Area/ Playing<br>Fields | <ul> <li>Basketball court is accessible</li> <li>Playground</li> <li>Two (2) picnic tables</li> </ul>   |

- Create two (2) curb cuts, one on Sammett Street and one on Harvard Street.
- Install one (1) wheelchair accessible ramp into the playground area.
- Install one (1) wheelchair accessible parking space on the street.
- Install one (1) wheelchair accessible portable toilet.
- Furnish and install standard "Malden" park sign.

Newman Park ("Ferryway Green") is located next to the Ferryway School, bordered by Walnut Street and Ferry Street (Parcel ID# 085 386 601). The park consists of 2.3 acres and features a softball field, soccer field and playground area.

| Facility               | Evaluation   |
|------------------------|--|
| Parking                | <ul> <li>On-street parking is available</li> <li>No designated universal access spots on-street</li> </ul>   |
| Site Access            | <ul> <li>At the wheelchair access ramps on both sides of Main Street, truncated domes are required</li> <li>The access ramp on Hill Street to Judson Street needs additional shimming to the base of the ramp at the street grade</li> </ul> |
| <b>Toilet Facility</b> | One portable toilet; it is not wheelchair accessible   |
| Playing Fields         | This is a softball field and is accessible at multiple locations   |

- Install universal access parking space.
- Needs an ADA-compliant portable toilet.
- City should consider installing consistent signage identifying all named city parks.

William F. Patchell Park ("Patchell Park") is situated on Glen Rock Avenue (Parcel ID# 007 061 106). The park consists of 0.5 acres and includes a playground, basketball half-court, and picnic and grass area.

| Facility               | Evaluation  |
|------------------------|---|
| Parking                | <ul> <li>On-street parking on Glen Rock Avenue</li> <li>No designated universal access spots on-street</li> </ul>   |
| Site Access            | <ul> <li>No handicap ramp into the playground</li> <li>No handicap ramp into the park</li> <li>Poor pavement condition at the entrance to the park</li> </ul> |
| <b>Toilet Facility</b> | One portable toilet; it is not wheelchair accessible  |
| Playing Fields         | <ul><li>Basketball hoop</li><li>Playground</li></ul>  |

- Pave the front entrance into the park.
- Create a wheelchair accessible ramp into the playground.
- Create one wheelchair accessible parking space.
- Furnish and install standard "Malden" park sign.

Pearl Street Playground is situated on Pearl Street and consists of 12,500 sq. ft. (Parcel ID# 038 207 702). This is a small, mostly concrete open area and features one basketball court for youth ages 13 and under and a small playground. The playground surface was upgraded in 2016 to an engineered wood fiber safe surface to create an accessible, safe area.

| Facility                                   | Evaluation   |
|--|--|
| Parking                                    | <ul><li>On-street parking</li><li>No designated universal access spots on-street</li></ul> |
| Site Access                                | Ramp into the park from Pearl Street   |
| Toilet Facility                            | One portable toilet; it is not wheelchair accessible                                       |
| Children's Play<br>Area/ Playing<br>Fields | <ul><li>Basketball court (ADA compliant)</li><li>Playground</li></ul>                      |

- Repave driveway access to the basketball court.
- Furnish and install standard "Malden" park sign.

Pine Banks Park is located on Main Street in both Malden and Melrose and consists of 107.5 acres (Parcel ID# is 070 827 702). The park has a small playground, two (2) synthetic multi-sport fields, three (3) natural grass fields, hiking and walking trails, picnic area, and pond. Pine Banks is managed by a non-profit corporation comprised of a seven-member board of trustees from the two cities.

| Facility               | Evaluation   |
|------------------------|--|
| Parking                | <ul><li>Available parking is away from the playground</li><li>No designated universal access spots</li></ul> |
| Site Access            | Long drive uphill to access the playground   |
| <b>Toilet Facility</b> | No wheelchair accessible toilet available  |
| Children's Play Area   | <ul> <li>Playground</li> <li>A few covered picnic tables available</li> </ul>                                |

- A wheelchair accessible ramp is needed for playground access.
- City should consider installing consistent signage identifying all named city parks

Roosevelt Park is situated adjacent to the Salemwood School on Salem Street and Dell Street (Parcel ID# 117 728 815). It consists of 3.76 acres and includes a baseball field, football/soccer field, playground and open grass area.

| Facility                                   | Evaluation  |
|--|---|
| Parking                                    | There are four (4) handicapped spaces available on the school side of the park  |
| Site Access                                | <ul> <li>Sidewalk access is available on the Dell Street side</li> <li>Need to widen access for sidewalk entrance by removing a portion of the chain link fence</li> <li>Access at the school side is acceptable</li> </ul> |
| Toilet Facility                            | One portable toilet; it is not wheelchair accessible  |
| Children's Play<br>Area/ Playing<br>Fields | <ul> <li>Playground/Tot lot</li> <li>Baseball and soccer field is accessible at multiple locations</li> </ul>   |

- Widen access for sidewalk entrance by removing a portion of the chain link fence.
- A wheelchair accessible portable toilet is needed.
- City should consider installing consistent signage identifying all named city parks.

Tartikoff Park is located on Willow Street and Lyme Street (Parcel ID# 101 430 007) and consists primarily of a skate park with small tot lot.

| Facility          | Evaluation   |
|-------------------|--|
| Parking           | <ul><li>On street parking</li><li>No designated universal access spots on-street</li></ul>   |
| Site Access       | <ul> <li>Non-compliant handicap ramp along Willow Street (greater than 1/7.5 slope)</li> <li>Asphalt paving leading into the park is not in good condition</li> <li>Sidewalk near the handicap ramp, at corner of Willow and Lyme Streets, is not in good condition</li> </ul> |
| Toilet Facility   | No wheelchair accessible toilet available  |
| Recreational Area | <ul><li>Skateboard park</li><li>Tot lot</li></ul>  |

- Install wheelchair accessible ramp at Willow and Lyme Street.
- Repair sidewalk near ramp.
- Repave the entrance to the park.
- Furnish and install standard "Malden" park sign.

Trafton Park is located on Jacob Street and Granite Street and consists of 3 acres (Parcel ID# 142 669 901). This park features a little league baseball field, playground, tennis courts and a dog park.

| Facility        | Evaluation  |
|-----------------|---|
| Parking         | <ul> <li>On-street parking</li> <li>No designated universal access spots on-street</li> </ul>   |
| Site Access     | <ul> <li>Asphalt is not in good condition</li> <li>Sidewalk along Jacob street is not in good condition</li> <li>Slope is 4.3 to 6.7 at the backside of handicap ramp</li> <li>Good access to playground</li> </ul> |
| Toilet Facility | No wheelchair accessible toilet available   |
| Children's Play | Baseball field  |
| Area/ Playing   | Tennis court  |
| Fields          | Playground  |

- Repair two (2) of the wheelchair accessible ramps along Jacob Street.
- Designate one (1) universal access parking space along Jacob Street.
- Repave asphalt leading to the field.
- Repair sidewalk along Jacob Street.
- Furnish and install standard "Malden" park sign.

Bell Rock Memorial Park is bordered by Main Street, Wigglesworth Street, Meridian Street, and Ellis Street (Parcel ID# 065 312 201) and consists of 3.4 acres. This park features open green space, walking paths, terraced overlooks and memorials.

| Facility        | Evaluation  |
|-----------------|---|
| Parking         | <ul><li>On-street parking available</li><li>No designated universal access spots on-street</li></ul>  |
| Site Access     | <ul> <li>The handicap accessible ramp meets slope but needs a defined landing</li> <li>Concrete sidewalk needs to be replaced</li> <li>Sidewalk paths to and around the monument need to be reconstructed to meet ADA requirements</li> </ul> |
| Toilet Facility | No wheelchair accessible toilet available   |
| Playing Fields  | • None  |

- The wheelchair accessible ramp meets slope but needs a defined landing.
- The sidewalk paths to and around the monument need to be reconstructed to meet ADA requirements.
- A serviceable portable toilet is needed and should meet ADA requirements.
- A wheelchair accessible parking spot should be designated.
- City should also consider installing consistent signage identifying all named city parks.

#### Name of Park/Open Space:

#### Fellsmere Park/Pond

Fellsmere Park is bordered by the Fellsway, West Border Road, Fellsmere Road and Savin Street (Parcel ID# 025 106 601) and consists of 20 acres. This park is of historic significance and features open space, a pond with water fountains, walking paths, terraced overlooks, wooded area and memorials.

| Facility        | Evaluation  |
|-----------------|---|
| Parking         | <ul><li>On-street parking available</li><li>No designated universal access spots on-street</li></ul>  |
| Site Access     | <ul> <li>The sidewalk along West Border Road is not compliant and is two narrow for wheel chair access at multiple locations</li> <li>The perimeter path is not ADA accessible at multiple locations</li> <li>There are no ADA ramps available</li> </ul> |
| Toilet Facility | One portable toilet; it is not wheelchair accessible  |
| Playing Fields  | This area features a pond, no sports fields are on the site   |

- A minimum of one universal access parking spot is needed.
- Wheelchair accessible ramps are required as there are none present with the exception of one driveway entrance for maintenance use.
- An ADA compliant portable toilet is needed.
- City should consider installing consistent signage identifying all named city parks.

High Rock Park is located on Rockingham Avenue and consists of 6.4 acres (Parcel ID# 146 620 002). This park is undeveloped and features wooded conservation land and a memorial.

| Facility        | Evaluation              |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Parking         | No parking available    |
| Site Access     | No constructed pathways |
| Toilet Facility | • None                  |
| Playing Fields  | • None                  |

### **Recommendations:**

• City should consider installing consistent signage identifying all named city parks

Waitt's Mountain ("Waitts Mount") is on Leonard Street and Park Street and consists of 9.69 acres (Parcel ID# 071 824 460). The top of Waitt's Mount features expansive views of the Boston skyline. It also includes a basketball court, playground area and walking trails.

| Facility                | Evaluation  |
|-------------------------|---|
| Parking                 | <ul> <li>Six (6) parking spaces, one accessible space</li> <li>Parking space at end of parking row is large enough to accommodate a van and is located next to the paved entrance</li> <li>Paving is sound, in excellent condition</li> <li>Universal access sign is painted on the pavement; no separate sign</li> </ul> |
| Site Access             | <ul> <li>There is a paved pathway to a play area, and the pathway continues to the top of Waitts Mount</li> <li>Pathway to the top has a slope of approximately 10% to 18%</li> <li>Pathway to the children's play area is in excellent condition, no slope</li> </ul>  |
| Toilet Facility         | One portable toilet; it is not wheelchair accessible  |
| Children's Play<br>Area | The play area itself is accessible; the play equipment is not   |

- Waitts Mount was recently reconstructed. An accessible bench or picnic table, as funding allows, could be added.
- A universal access sign and a universally-accessible portable toilet should also be considered.
- City should consider installing consistent signage identifying all named city parks.



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### Gary Christenson, Mayor

TO: Whom It May Concern

FROM: Maria A. Luise, ADA Compliance Officer

RE: ADA Compliance

DATE: May 23, 2018

This is to confirm that I am the ADA compliance Officer for the City of Malden. I have reviewed the hiring and employment practices of the City and discussed same with Human Resources Director Anthony Chiccuarelli.

I am also confirming that the City of Malden does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and reasonably accommodates the disabilities of qualified applicants or employees. An Equal Opportunity Employer clause is included in all recruitment materials or publications.

The City of Malden is in compliance with ADA laws and the Human Resources Department maintains an updated record of said laws and monitors compliance.

# Appendix B

### MAPS 11" X 17"

**Map 1: Regional Context** 

**Map 2: Environmental Justice** 

Map 3: Zoning

Map 4: Soils

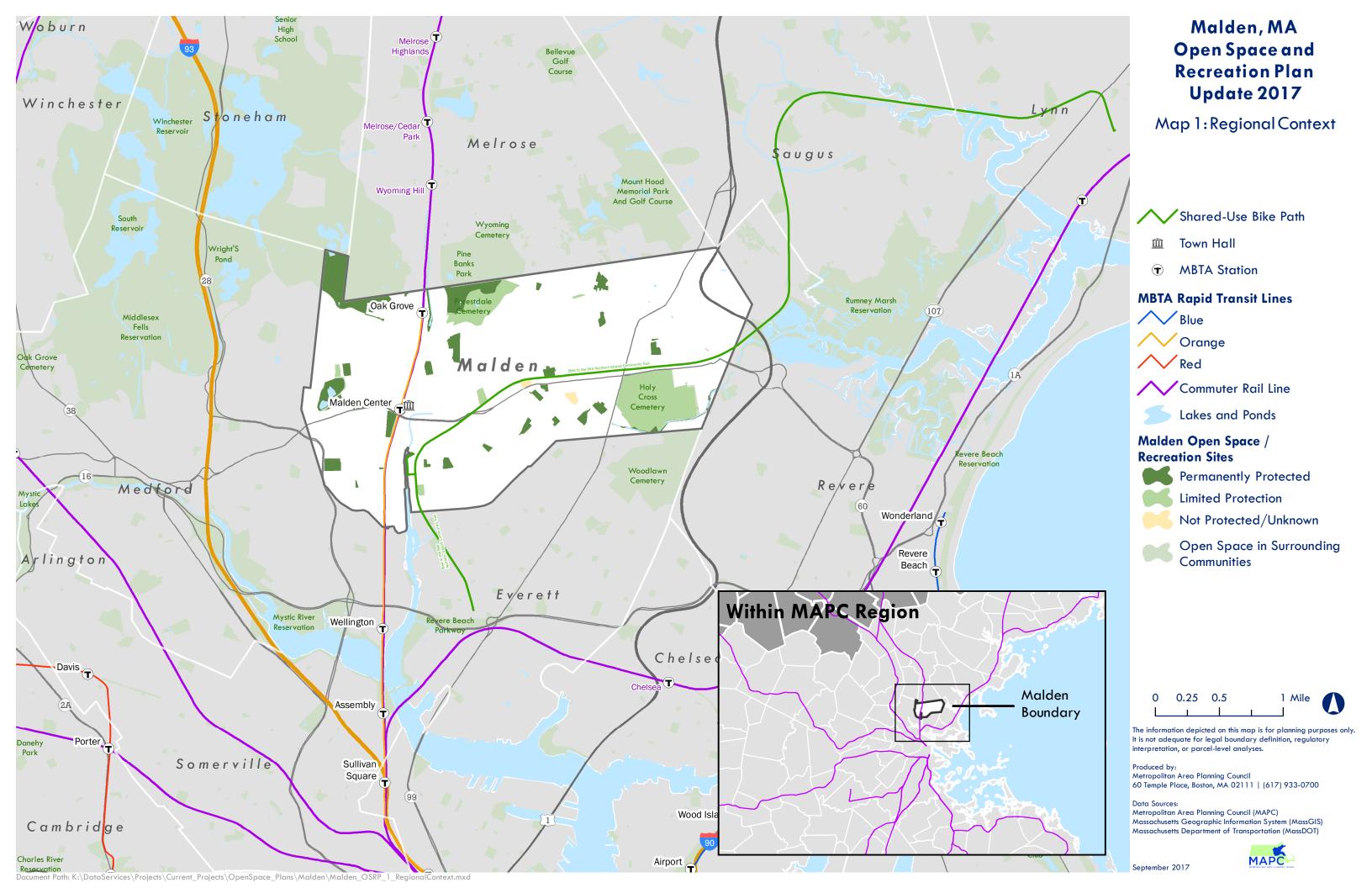
**Map 5: Unique Features** 

**Map 6: Water Resources** 

Map 7: Inventory

Map 8: Action Plan

Malden OSRP City Vacant Land





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Map 2: Environmental Justice

- Schools
- Town Hall
- ✓ Shared-Use Bike Path
- Lakes and Ponds

### Malden Open Space / **Recreation Sites**

- Permanently Protected
- Limited Protection
  - Not Protected/Unknown
- MBTA Station

### **Environmental Justice 2010 Populations**

Income

**Minority Population** 

Minority Population and English Proficiency

Income and Minority Population

Income, Minority Population, and English Proficiency



2,500 Feet

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