

PROSPECT HILL PARK

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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North Entrance: 314 Totten Pond Road

273.07 Acres

South Entrance: Prospect Hill Road

Acquired 1893

Amenities: Undeveloped land for passive recreation; picnic sites, walking trails and scenic vistas; (2) Recreation Buildings, children's area, Maintenance Building, (3) Clivus Units; Putt and Amusements at Prospect

Time available to the public:

Facilities open dawn to dusk, year round.

Picnic permits available to reserve a picnic site, otherwise picnic areas available on a first-come first-serve basis.

Vehicle Access Road is closed November through March. Pedestrian traffic is allowed year round, dawn to dusk.

Usage:

Neighborhood Park

Summer: Waltham Recreation Department Summer Fun Program held on site, late June - late August

Master Plan for the Restoration and Improvements of Prospect Hill Park

Created in 1997

HIGHLIGHTS

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Recommended Improvements	Resolution
Vehicular Circulation	Base Area Improvement 2021
Boundary Survey	Ongoing Project with Park Ranger
Improvements to Entrances	Base Area Improvement 2021
Uniformed Paved Roadways	
Pedestrian Circulation	Base Area Improvement 2021
Improvements to Trail Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year round use and multi age/size groups• Trail Signage• Trail Maps	Ongoing Project with Park Ranger
Handicap Accessibility	Base Area Improvement 2021
Limit active recreation to existing recreation areas	Base Area Improvement 2021
Implement a traffic study	Base Area Improvement 2021
Remove graffiti and remove trash from dumping sites	Ongoing Project with Park Ranger

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<u>Restoration and Clearing of:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pavilions• Vistas• Stone Stairs• Care Takers Cottage• Picnic Areas	Ongoing Project with Park Ranger
Improve Children's Play area	Base Area Improvement 2021
<u>Removal:</u> Radar Station Fire Tower Dale St Water Tank	Demolition of Fire Tower 2011 Demolition of Communication Tower 2017
Provide Rest Room Areas	2- Clivus Units installed at the Summer House Pavilion 1- Clivus Unit installed at the Base Area

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT HISTORY

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- 1996 - Play Structure Installed
- 1997/1998 - Master Plan
- 1999 - Animal Farm closed
- 2000 - Air Force released ownership of Tower (Prospect Hill Radio Observatory) to be used as an emergency transmitter for Waltham's emergency services. Air Force restored surrounding area to its natural habitat. (Removing buildings, septic, pavement and fencing)
- 2002 - Phase I – Pavilion Restoration, Additional Pavilions, Vista Clearing, Road Improvements, Park entrance improvements
- 2003 - Phase II – Trail Development, Historical Restoration, Information Kiosk Built

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- 2012/2013 - (2) Clivis Units at Summer House
- 2015 - Mini Golf (Putt at Prospect)
- 2015 - ADA Upgrades
ADA Ramp, crosswalk, pavers, ADA parking area
(1) Clivis Unit installed at Base area
- 2015 - City acquires Berry Park
- 2017 - Design Contract with Marshall/Gary LLC
- 2018 - Amusement attractions purchased
- 2018 - Recreation Buildings: Roof Improvements
(2) Recreation Buildings and (1) Maintenance Building
- 2018 - Hedlund Design Group hired to design Base Area Improvements
- 2019 - Park Ranger hired
- 2021 - Green Acres Landscape & Construction hired
for Base Area Improvements

PROPOSED FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS

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- ✦ Continue Roadway improvements throughout Park
- ✦ Trail Improvement Projects
- ✦ Vista Clearings
- ✦ Additional informational kiosks installed
- ✦ Replacement/Update Vehicle gates within Park
- ✦ Improvements to Picnic Areas
- ✦ Security/Video Surveillance
- ✦ Removal of Old Water Tank on Dale St
- ✦ Development of Berry Park; entrance and development of trails
- ✦ Additional Site Amenities