Bowen Park Initiative

November, 2005







280 Cypress Street

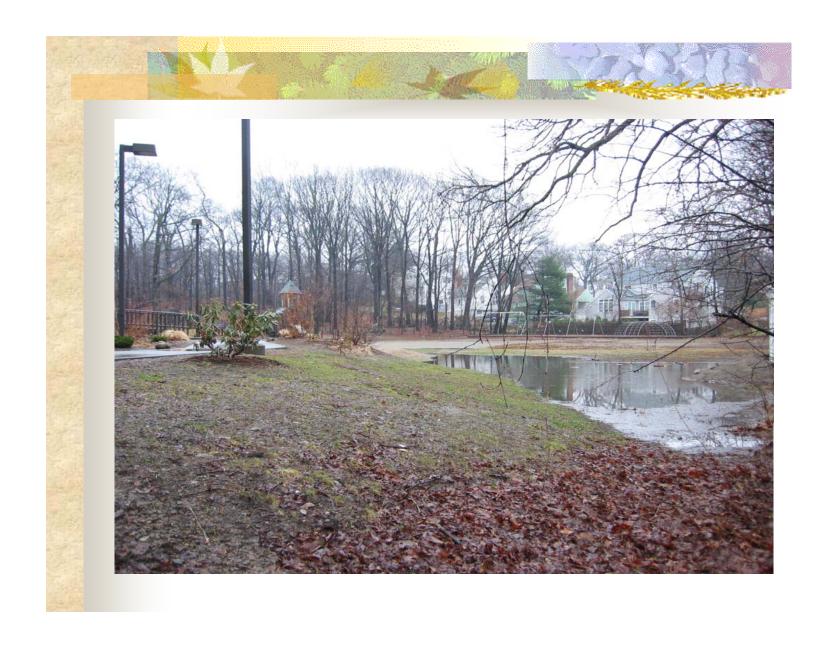




- Newton Terraces
- Other townhomes on Langley, Jackson
- Hebrew College
- The Residences
- Another Avalon project



- Loss of scrub and trees
- Congestion traffic, schools
- Potential loss of leafy appeal of "the Garden City"
- Aggravated drainage problems









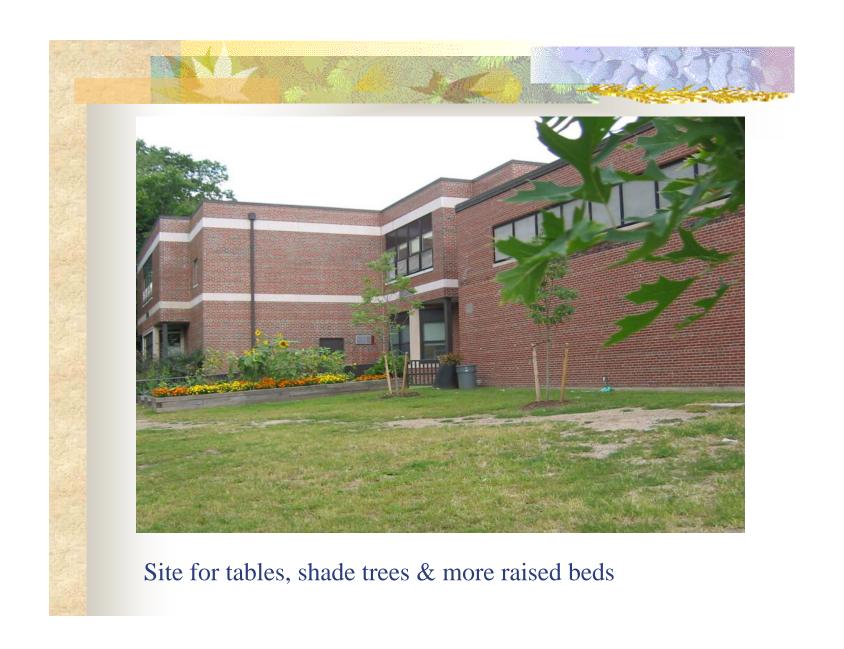
Bowen Woods Restoration meets Open Space goals:

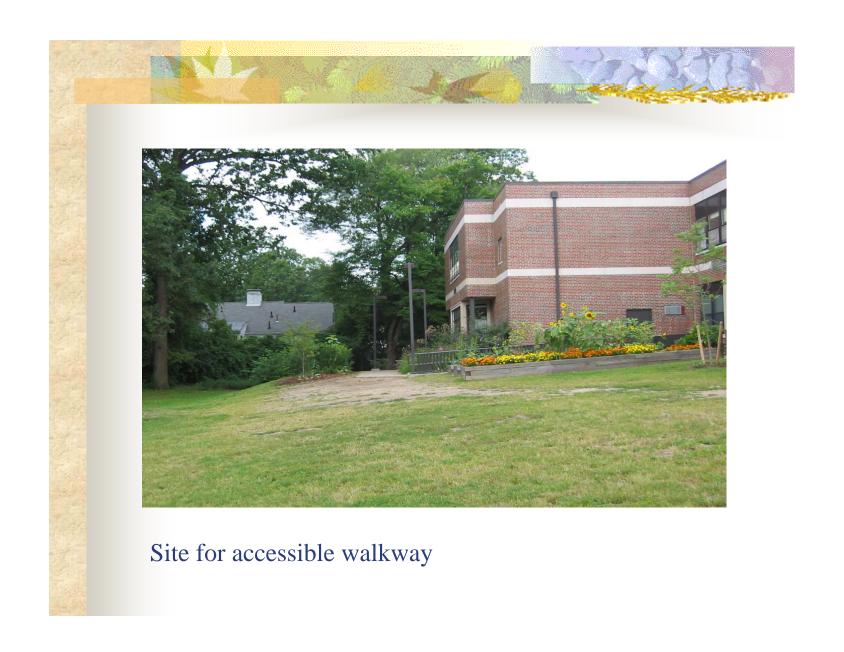
- Enhancing biodiversity
- Mitigating flooding
- Creating outdoor classrooms
- Protecting rock outcroppings and canopy
- Creating a small green corridor











Bowen Park Meets CPA Recreation goals:

- Diverse and many users
 - Bowen Elementary students
 - Bowen After School Program students
 - Area toddlers and teenagers
 - Spill-over from upper field games and practices
 - Seniors
 - Neighbors, dog walkers

Bowen Park & CPA Recreation goals:

- Diverse and many users
- Increasing active/passive recreation options
 - More and better play equipment
 - Enhanced basketball court
 - Better fields for sports
 - Birdwatching
 - Picnicking
 - Nature Walks
 - Outdoor classroom opportunities
 - Community Gardening

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- Increasing the variety of active and passive recreation options
- Increasing accessibility

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- Increasing the variety of active and passive recreation options
- Increasing accessibility
- Preserving sightlines



Other Benefits of Bowen Park Initiative

- Conservation Practices
 - No irrigation
 - Minimal pesticide use
 - Composting program
 - Rain barrels to collect roof run-off

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Conservation Practices

Education

Weather
Life Cycles
Botany
Scientific Inquiry
Plant & Animal
Interrelationships
Nutrition
Farming Practices
Soil Composition
Colonial Life





Other Benefits of Bowen Park Initiative

- Conservation Practices
- Education
 - Developing standards-based curriculum materials
 - Dedicated team

Budget

■ Total Expenses:	\$235,550
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•Professional Services	\$21,850
•Demolition & Repaving	15,830
•Regrading	9,000
•Lawn, loam and seed	25,000
•Playground equipment	58,020
•Walkway	18,300
•Amphitheatre	7,500
•Benches & Tables	16,715
•Plantings	16,590
•Other Construction	22,000
•Other Equipment	3,335
•Contingency (10%)	21,410

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■ Total Expenses: \$235,550

■ Income:

Raised by PTO: \$14,340

■ In-kind gifts: \$26,870

■ Marathon fund: \$12,500

\$53,710

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■ Total Expenses: \$235,550

■ Income: (\$ 53,700)

■ CPA Funds Requested \$181,840

Additional Revenue

■ Drainage repair: \$24,000

■ Grants pending: \$4,440

■ Recent donation: \$5,000

Confirmed pledges: \$10,000

Current and future fundraising

- Local business and institution fundraising
- Spring '06 Bowen PTO outreach
- Nursery letter campaign
- Educational mini-grants

Timeline

Now through Winter '06:

- Develop drainage and construction specs.
- Draft RFPs for construction services

Spring '06:

- Woods restoration begins
- Educational activities begin
- Bids out

Summer '06:

- Drainage installation
- Demolition and construction

Fall '06:

- Lawn installation / Playground Equipment "community build" Spring '07:
 - Bowen Woods Restoration pull invasives again



- Mayor David Cohen
- Parks and Recreation Department
- Superintendent Jeffrey Young
- School Committee
- Bowen / Thompsonville Neighborhood Assoc.
- Green Decade Coalition
- Newton Community Farm Group
- Bowen School families

