

# Reservoir Park at Heartbreak Hill

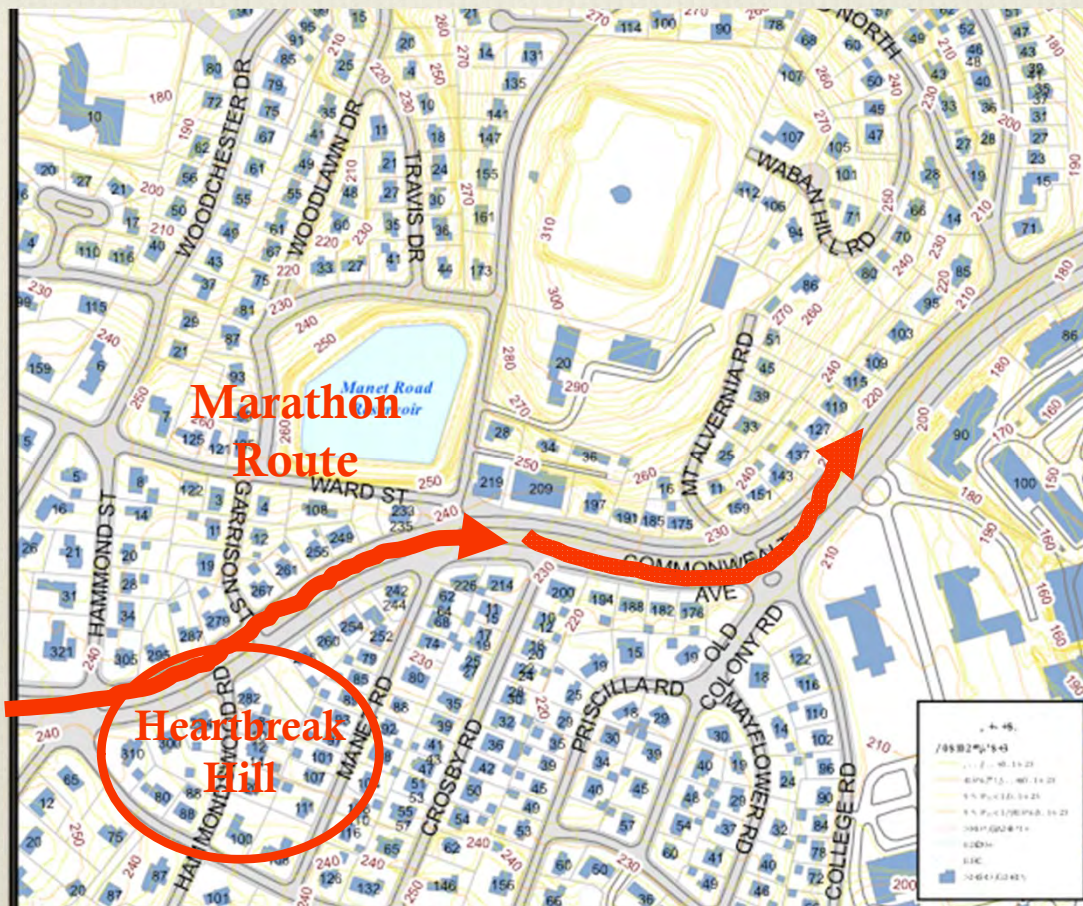
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# THE RESERVOIR'S LOCATION IN NEWTON



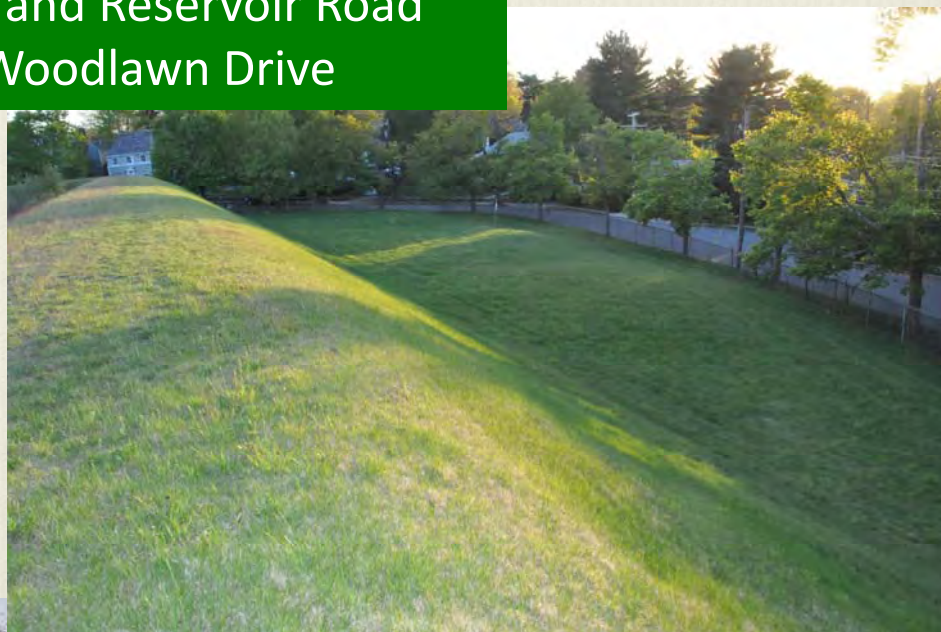
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From Manet and Reservoir Road looking toward Commonwealth Avenue



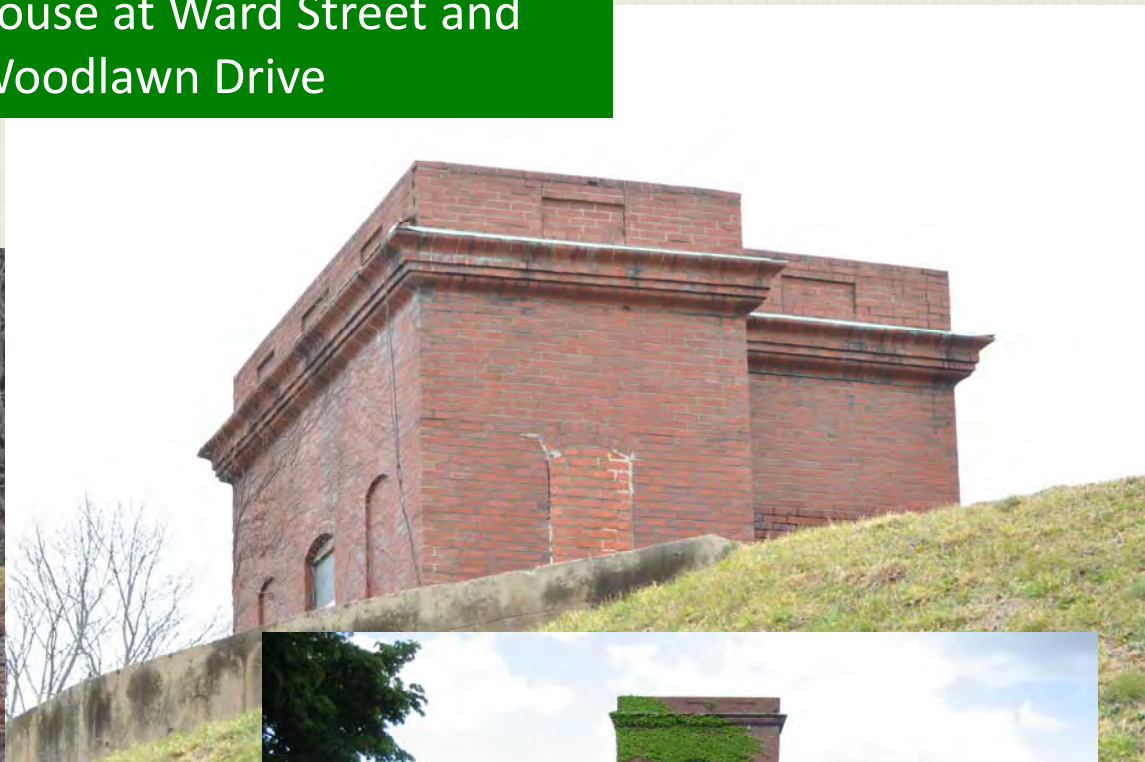
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From Manet and Reservoir Road  
toward Woodlawn Drive



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The Gatehouse at Ward Street and  
Woodlawn Drive



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# IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTICS

- ❖ Water
- ❖ Sunsets
- ❖ Half-Mile Loop Path
- ❖ Open Lawn Area
- ❖ Heartbreak Hill
- ❖ History
- ❖ Neighborhood that Wants to Share this Resource



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# RETAIN WATER AS A SIGNATURE FEATURE



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Examples of water features that can act as a magnet

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CREATE PATHWAYS AND  
OVERLOOKS TO SHARE SPACE  
AND ART



Benches and pergolas to  
provide seating and  
shade



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# A GATEWAY TO NEWTON AND A POWERFUL MARATHON CONNECTION TO THE WORLD



Establish a permanent marathon connection

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# NEWTON'S FIRST PLAYGROUND WITH A WATER THEME



Possible additional water features



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A waterpark for the  
youngest residents of  
Newton



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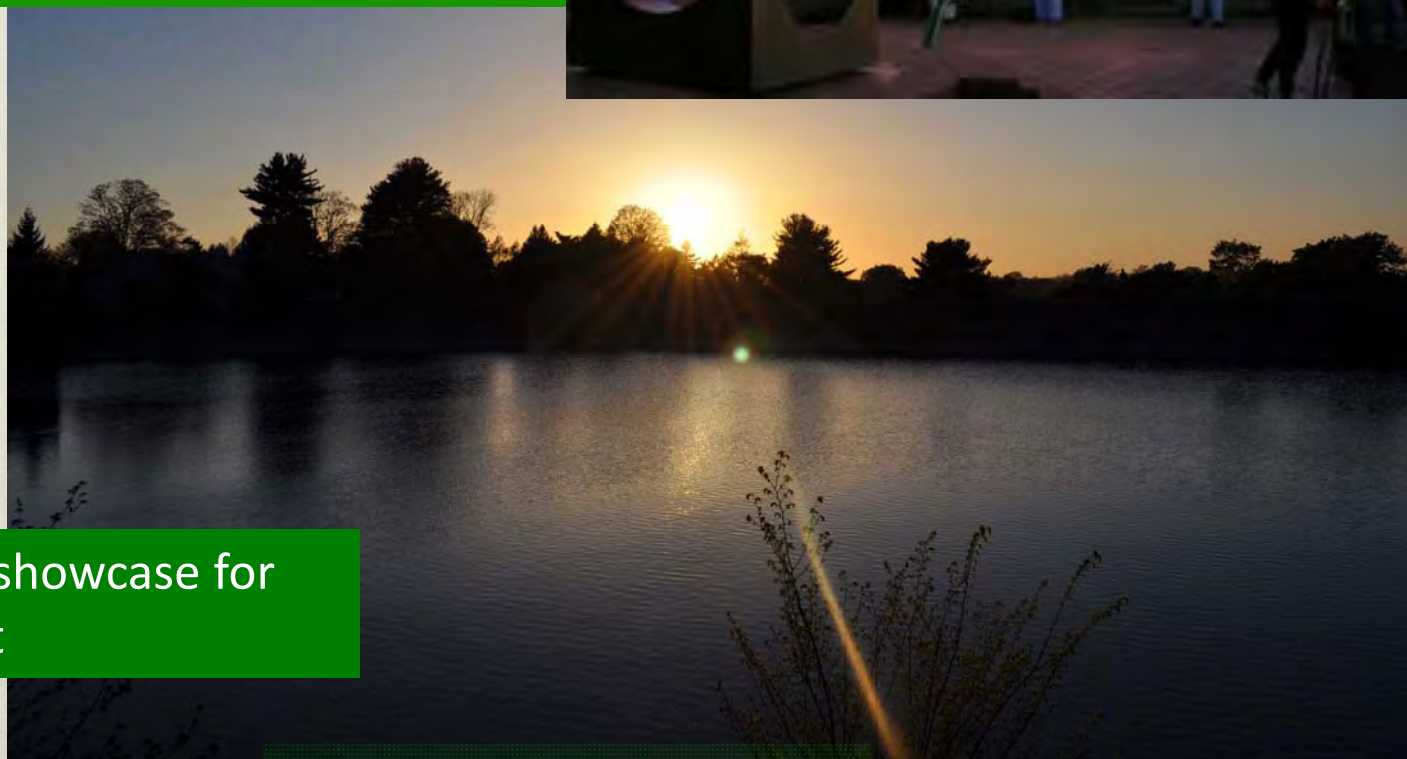
Incorporate the berm  
into the play area

INSTALL AN  
IMAGINATIVE  
PLAYGROUND



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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A  
UNIQUE  
LOCATION TO VIEW THE  
SUNRISE  
AND SUNSET



Create a showcase for  
public art

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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A  
NATURAL HIGH SPOT WITH  
SEATING IN A  
MINI-AMPHITHEATER



Create a new citywide  
gathering spot

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CONVEY HISTORY OF SITE  
THROUGH SIGNAGE



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## PARTNER WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS



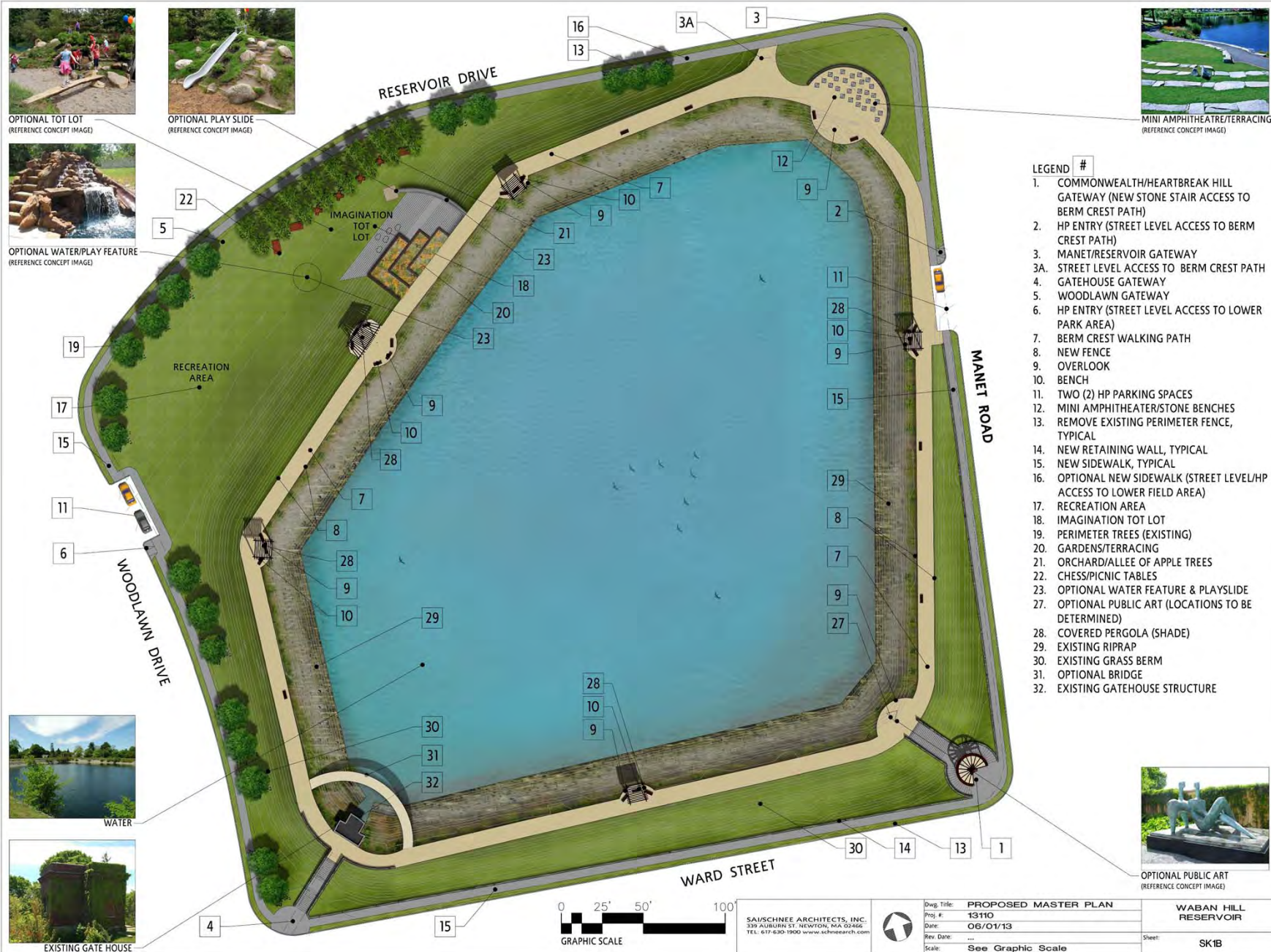
NEWTON COMMUNITY FARM

GREEN DECADE

BOSTON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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# A Future Site Plan



- LEGEND #**
1. COMMONWEALTH/HEARTBREAK HILL GATEWAY (NEW STONE STAIR ACCESS TO BERM CREST PATH)
  2. HP ENTRY (STREET LEVEL ACCESS TO BERM CREST PATH)
  3. MANET/RESERVOIR GATEWAY
  - 3A. STREET LEVEL ACCESS TO BERM CREST PATH
  4. GATEHOUSE GATEWAY
  5. WOODLAWN GATEWAY
  6. HP ENTRY (STREET LEVEL ACCESS TO LOWER PARK AREA)
  7. BERM CREST WALKING PATH
  8. NEW FENCE
  9. OVERLOOK
  10. BENCH
  11. TWO (2) HP PARKING SPACES
  12. MINI AMPHITHEATER/STONE BENCHES
  13. REMOVE EXISTING PERIMETER FENCE, TYPICAL
  14. NEW RETAINING WALL, TYPICAL
  15. NEW SIDEWALK, TYPICAL
  16. OPTIONAL NEW SIDEWALK (STREET LEVEL/HP ACCESS TO LOWER FIELD AREA)
  17. RECREATION AREA
  18. IMAGINATION TOT LOT
  19. PERIMETER TREES (EXISTING)
  20. GARDENS/TERRACING
  21. ORCHARD/ALLEE OF APPLE TREES
  22. CHESS/PICNIC TABLES
  23. OPTIONAL WATER FEATURE & PLAYSLIDE
  27. OPTIONAL PUBLIC ART (LOCATIONS TO BE DETERMINED)
  28. COVERED PERGOLA (SHADE)
  29. EXISTING RIPRAP
  30. EXISTING GRASS BERM
  31. OPTIONAL BRIDGE
  32. EXISTING GATEHOUSE STRUCTURE



OPTIONAL TOT LOT  
(REFERENCE CONCEPT IMAGE)



OPTIONAL PLAY SLIDE  
(REFERENCE CONCEPT IMAGE)



OPTIONAL WATER/PLAY FEATURE  
(REFERENCE CONCEPT IMAGE)



MINI AMPHITHEATRE/TERRACING  
(REFERENCE CONCEPT IMAGE)



WATER



EXISTING GATE HOUSE



OPTIONAL PUBLIC ART  
(REFERENCE CONCEPT IMAGE)



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The reservoir is an important resource that should belong to the City of Newton



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