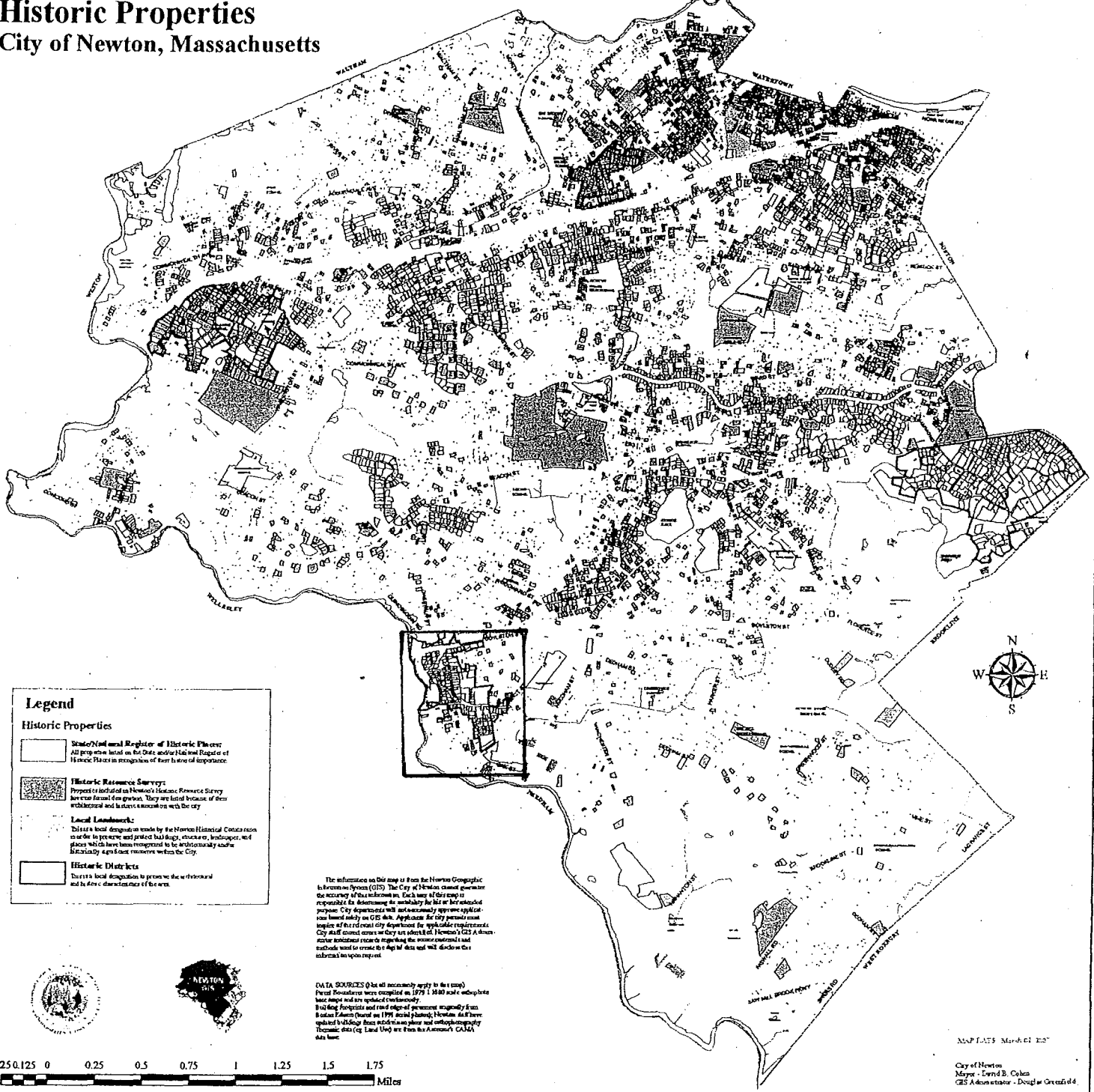


Historic Properties

City of Newton, Massachusetts



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Historic Properties

State/National Register of Historic Places: All properties listed on the State and/or National Register of Historic Places in recognition of their historical importance.

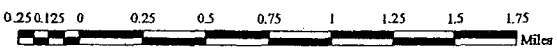
Historic Resource Survey: Property included in Newton's Historic Resource Survey inventories from 1991-1993. They are listed because of their architectural and historic association with the city.

Local Landmark: District's local designation made by the Newton Historical Commission in order to preserve and protect buildings, structures, landscapes, and places which have been recognized for their historical and architectural significance and resources within the City.

Historic Districts: District's local designation to preserve the architectural and historic character of the area.

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DATA SOURCES (do not necessarily apply to this map): Parcel boundaries were compiled in 1979 1:5000 scale orthorectified base maps and are updated periodically. Building footprints and road edge-of-pavement originally from Boston Edison (based on 1991 aerial photos); Newton, MA is derived by digitizing these records on-screen and orthorectifying. Thematic data (eg. Land Use) are from a Aerialcam's CAHA data base.



MAP LAY 5 March 2002
 City of Newton
 Mayor - David B. Cohen
 GIS Administrator - Doug W. Greenfield

Assessor's Map
Attachment 2

Click the Print button to print this map.



<p>Assessor's Map For: CITY OF NEWTON PLAYGROUND PENNSYLVANIA AVE Neighborhood: 2</p>	<p>Map for Reference Only NOT A LEGAL DOCUMENT</p> <p>Because of different update schedules, current property assessments may not reflect recent changes to property boundaries. Check with the Board of Assessors to confirm boundaries used at time of assessment.</p>	
<p>CITY OF NEWTON MASSACHUSETTS ASSESSING DEPARTMENT 1000 COMMONWEALTH AVE. NEWTON CENTRE, MA 02459 PHONE: 617-796-1160</p> <p>12/13/2007</p>		

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

that we, J. Edward Dudley, of Newton, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Helen A. Dudley, of Melrose, in said County of Middlesex, in consideration of one dollar and other good and valuable considerations to us paid by the City of Newton, a municipal corporation duly established according to law, situated in said County of Middlesex, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said City of Newton a certain tract of land situated in that part of said Newton called Newton Upper Falls upon the westerly side of Chestnut street, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the southeasterly corner of the granted premises at a stone bound and said Chestnut street and land of Elizabeth Marcy; thence southwesterly by said land of Elizabeth Marcy nine hundred and twenty-five and ninety one-hundredths (925.90) feet to a stone bound; thence southwesterly by said land of Elizabeth Marcy eighty-nine (89) feet to the thread of the Charles river; thence northerly by said thread of the Charles river, being the boundary line between the town of Needham and the City of Newton, about seven hundred and fifty (750) feet; thence easterly about ninety-five (95) feet by land of the heirs of William Keefe to a stone bound at said land of said heirs of William Keefe; thence easterly by said land of the heirs of William Keefe one hundred and twenty-one and thirty-eight one-hundredths (121.38) feet to a stone bound at the southeasterly corner of Keefe avenue and Pennsylvania avenue, both private ways; thence easterly by said Pennsylvania avenue two hundred and nine and ninety-nine one-hundredths (209.99) feet to a stone bound at land of John H. Smith; thence southerly by said land of John H. Smith one hundred and seven and sixty-five one-hundredths (107.65) feet to a stone bound; thence easterly by land of said John H. Smith one hundred and seventy-four and thirty-five one-hundredths (174.35) feet to a stone bound at said Chestnut street; thence southeasterly by said Chestnut street two hundred and thirteen and twenty-one-hundredths (213.20) feet to the point of beginning, and containing seven acres, forty-three thousand and eighty (43080) square feet of land more or less, and shown upon a plan to be recorded herewith, entitled "City of Newton, Massachusetts, Playground, at Chestnut Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Newton Upper Falls, July 14, 1909. Edwin H. Rogers, City Engineer". subject to the tax assessed thereon as of May 1, 1909.

For our title to said premises see deed of James F. C. Hyde assignee, to our father Ezra C. Dudley, dated May seventeenth, 1864, recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, book 928, page 6. Said land is known as "Dudley's Field."

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the granted premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said City of Newton and its successors and assigns, to their own use and behoof forever.

And we hereby for ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators covenant with the grantee and its successors and assigns that we are lawfully seized in fee simple of the granted premises that they are free from all incumbrances, that we have good right to sell and convey the same as aforesaid, and that we will and our heirs, executors and administrators shall WARRANT AND DEFEND the same to the grantee and its successors and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

And for the consideration aforesaid I, Alice F. Dudley, wife of the said J. Edward Dudley, hereby release unto the grantee and its successors and assigns all right of and to both DOWER AND HOMESTEAD and all other right, title and interest in the granted premises.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we the said J. Edward Dudley, Alice F. Dudley and Helen A. Dudley, being unmarried, hereunto set our hands and seals this fifteenth day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

Signed and sealed
in presence of,

Winfield S. Slocum

J. Edward Dudley

Helen A. Dudley

Alice F. Dudley

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk ss.

Boston, July 16, 1909.

Then personally appeared the above named J. Edward Dudley and Helen A. Dudley and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed.

Before me,

Winfield S. Slocum

Justice of the Peace.

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Statute Form of
Quitclaim Deed

George L. Marcy

To

City of Newton

Middlesex Reg. of Deeds

So. Dist.

Aug. 15, 1924.

8 H. 30 M. A.M

Recorded.

Cambridge, Aug. 15, 1924.

at 8 o'clock and 30 minutes A.M.

Received and entered with Middlesex

So. Dist. Deeds

Book 4759 Page 376

Attest: Thomas Leighton Jr.
Register.

From the Office of
Joseph W. Bartlett
45 Milk St., Boston

Compared

Newton Upper Falls



George L. Marcy, and Newton Savings Bank, Mortgagee,
of Newton.....Middlesex County, Massachusetts

being married, for consideration paid, grant to City of Newton
.....with quitclaim covenants
the land in said Newton, described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southwesterly line of Chestnut street at the division line between land of George L. Marcy and land of the City of Newton, Newton Upper Falls Playground; thence southeasterly 50.00 feet by said southwesterly line of Chestnut street to land of Fred Mascia; thence southwesterly 100.00 feet the last described line being parallel to and distant 50.00 feet southeasterly from said division line; thence southeasterly 50.00 feet, the last two described lines being by said land of Fred Mascia; thence southwesterly by a line parallel to and distant 100.00 feet southeasterly from said division line to the Charles River, the last described line being over said land of George L. Marcy; thence northwesterly by said Charles River to said division line; thence northeasterly 944.00 feet by said division line between land of the City of Newton, Newton Upper Falls Playground and land of George L. Marcy to the point of beginning.

The above described parcel of land is shown on a plan signed by the City Engineer of said city, dated June 16th, 1924, entitled "City of Newton, Massachusetts, Land Taken for Addition to Newton Upper Falls Playground" and recorded with the engineering department of said city as plan #18728, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds.

The grantors further release any and all claims for damages arising out of the taking of the above-described premises by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Newton by Order #54030, dated June 30th, 1924, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, July 24, 1924.

And for the consideration aforesaid the Newton Savings Bank, the holder of a mortgage by George L. Marcy to the Newton Savings Bank, dated June 20, 1923, recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 4,626, Page 562, releases to the City of Newton all interests acquired under said mortgage in the above described premises and further releases the City of Newton from any and all claims for damages arising out of the taking as aforesaid.

The above premises are subject to the taxes of 1924, which the grantor agrees to pay.....Dora B. Marcy...wife of said grantor release to said grantee all rights of dower and homestead and other interests therein.

Witness our hands and seals this 14th day of August 1924.

Esther Marcy

George L. Marcy
Dora B. Marcy
Newton Savings Bank,
Charles H. Clark
Treasurer

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk ss.

August 14, 1924.

Then personally appeared the above-named George S. Macey and acknowledge the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me,

Joseph W. Bartlett
Notary Public

My Commission expires 1/16/31.

THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSION.

January 1, 1914.

To His Honor, Edwin O. Childs, Mayor:

DEAR SIR:—Acting under the authority given them by the Legislature (Statutes of 1910, Chapter 508) the Board of Aldermen on March 18, 1912 passed order No. 36981 which provided: That a Playground Commission be, and the same is, hereby established to consist of five persons serving without pay and to be appointed by His Honor the Mayor. Said appointees shall serve temporarily until a permanent Playground Commission is established by ordinance of said City.

The Board of Aldermen appropriated \$5000 for the purpose of supervision of playground activities.

On April 2nd 1912, Mayor Charles E. Hatfield appointed the following as members of the Playground Commission:—

William C. Brewer, Chairman, Newton Centre.

Charles F. Johnson, Jr., Newton Highlands.

Albert P. Carter, Newtonville.

William F. Garcelon, Newton.

Mrs. George H. Wilkins, Newtonville.

The playground Commission met for the first time on April 16, 1912. On May 6, 1912 it was voted to offer the position of Superintendent of Playgrounds to Mr. Ernst Hermann of Cambridge. At the request of the Playground Commission, City Forester Charles I. Buckman, acting under the Mayor, designated the following playgrounds as the proper ones to be transferred from the care of his department to that of the Playground Commission:—

Newton Centre

Newton Upper Falls

Newton Highlands

Boyd Park, Nonantum

Waban

Newton Lower Falls

Stearns School, Nonantum

Cabot Park, Newtonville

Islington Park, Auburndale

West Newton Common



A GOOD AGE FOR STARTING THE OUTDOOR HABIT

Attachment 5
Community Support & Contacts

1. Jack Neville, President
Newton Upper Falls Community Development Corporation
P.O. Box 84
Newton Upper Falls, MA 02464
 2. Buzz Dunker
Newton South Little League
10 Southwick Rd.
Waban, MA 02468
 3. Elliot M. Loew, Director
Newton Babe Ruth League Baseball
c/o Law Offices of Elliot M. Loew, P.C.
51 Winchester St.-Suite 205
Newton, MA 02461
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

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RECREATION DEPT.

SENATOR CYNTHIA STONE CREEM

FIRST MIDDLESEX AND NORFOLK DISTRICT
ROOM 416B
TEL. (617) 722-1639
FAX (617) 722-1266
E-Mail: cynthia.creem@state.ma.us

COMMITTEES:

REVENUE (CHAIR)
PUBLIC HEALTH (VICE-CHAIR)
SENATE WAYS AND MEANS
JUDICIARY
BONDING, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
AND STATE ASSETS
TELECOMMUNICATION, UTILITIES
AND ENERGY

September 10, 2007

Robert O'Connor, Director
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Division of Conservation Services
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

RE: City of Newton Application, Newton Upper Falls Park/Playground Renovation –
Phase I Outdoor Recreation Program

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of a grant request from the City of Newton's Park and Recreation Department. The application is for funding for the first phase of renovation to the Upper Falls Playground from the Division of Conservation Services' FY08 Urban Self-Help and Federal Land and Water Conservation Programs.

The Upper Falls playground on Chestnut Street abuts the village's historic district. Newton residents have been gathering at the park for almost 100 years. Newton's baseball leagues and residents of all ages partake in recreational activities and pastoral environment. The grant will be used to improve the park's functionality, aesthetics and accessibility for all users. A new path by the river will provide access to fishing and wildlife viewing as well as being a segment in the proposed Charles River Pathway from nearby Williams Street.

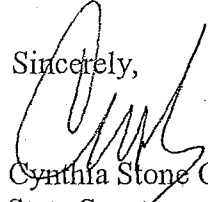
If funded, this project will dramatically benefit thousands of Newton residents and Massachusetts citizens. A renovated Upper Falls Playground will bring sorely need recreational benefits, both passive and active, to the immediate neighborhood and visitors.

cc: Bob

I know Newton's Parks and Recreation Department, which is a highly regarded organization, will work diligently to ensure the success of this project.

Thank you for your consideration to lend your support to the City of Newton's grant request for the Newton Upper Falls Park/Playground Renovation Outdoor Recreation Program.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Stone Creem
State Senator

Cc ✓ Fran Towle, Commissioner
Newton Parks and Recreation Department
70 Crescent Street
Newton, MA 02466

NEWTON BABE RUTH LEAGUE BASEBALL
Elliott M. Loew, Director
c/o LAW OFFICES OF ELLIOTT M. LOEW, P.C.
51 Winchester Street - Suite 205
Newton, MA 02461
(617) 969-2660 - (617) 964-8676 (FAX)

December 4, 2007

Newton Parks & Recreation Department
70 Crescent Street
Newton, MA 02466

ATTN: Commissioner Towle

RE: Newton Babe Ruth League

Dear Commissioner Towle:

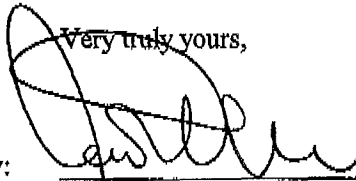
I am pleased to be writing to you as a director of the Newton Babe Ruth League in support of the currently pending plans to renovate the Bobby Braceland Playground in Newton Upper Falls. As you know from the recent discussions relating to the synthetic turf proposal, the baseball fields in Newton are in desperate need of renovation and rehabilitation, and the diminishing source of municipal funds and the difficult choices regarding the allocation of your resources have placed the baseball fields in various states of disrepair.

The Newton Babe Ruth League utilizes the Upper Falls playground, and other baseball fields from the middle of spring through the summer months. We provide a program in which attracts hundreds of children each year. It is most important to provide proper and adequate venues, especially during those months when the children are out of doors in the evenings and need safe and secure places to congregate and play. The Upper Falls Playground is certainly one of our baseball fields in the greatest need of repair.

Your efforts with the renovation plans are most appreciated and well-timed. Please be assured that the Newton Babe Ruth League supports these efforts.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

By: 
Elliott M. Loew

EML:ss
cc: Board of Directors

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**Newton Upper Falls Community Development Corporation
P.O. Box 84
Newton Upper Falls, MA 02464**

December 11, 2008

Ms. Fran Towle, Commissioner
Newton Parks and Recreation Department
70 Crescent Street
Auburndale, MA 02466

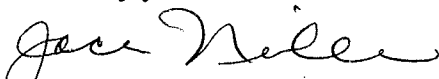
Dear Fran,

The Newton Upper Falls Community Development Corporation (NUFCDC) continues to endorse enthusiastically your proposal to seek CPA funds in order to improve the Bobby Braceland Playground, located on Chestnut Street and known in the neighborhood as "the lower playground." This playground has long been a resource not only for the residents of Newton Upper Falls but also for all citizens of Newton. The regulation baseball field is used by Newton South High School as well as by community permit holders. In the winter, the playground is used by cross-country skiers and sledders. The tennis courts are full year round, weather permitting.


The children's play area / Tot Lot which no longer conforms to state mandates will be replaced spring of 2008 with funds provided by the Newton Upper Falls Community Development Corporation, the City of Newton and local area businesses.

The NUFCDC is eager to work with the Parks and Recreation Department in improving the Bobby Braceland Playground.

Sincerely yours,


Jack Neville, President

NUFCDC


Michael Fleming, Treasurer
NUFCDC

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December 9, 2007

Newton Parks and Recreation Department

Attn. Fran Towle

Dear Fran,

I am writing on behalf of the Newton South Little League to express our whole hearted support of the Recreation Departments proposal to improve the Upper Falls playground. At our board meeting, I told our board members about your wanting to improve this playground, which is in our Little League district. They were all very excited and in fact, many wanted to also write letters in support. Our Little League has long wanted to assist the City in developing this site, to accommodate the growing needs of our league. I have spoken with representatives from the other little leagues as well as girls softball about perhaps building a field at this playground that everyone could enjoy, and they have all supported it.

I have lived in Newton my entire life, and have always felt that this location could really be improved to benefit the entire community. The Upper falls playground is currently greatly underutilized. In improving both the upper and lower playing fields along with the potential of developing access to the river along with walking paths, this park could become a great asset to our community.

Both our league as a whole and myself individually are very excited that something may be done to this location. Please let me know what I can do to move the process along. I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely,



Buzz Dunker
10 Southwick Rd.
Waban, MA 02468



CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Planning and Development

Michael J. Kruse, Director



newton
community
development
block
grant
program

David B. Cohen
Mayor

Mr. Robert DeRubeis
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Parks & Recreation
70 Crescent Street
Newton, MA 02466

Dear Bob,

I'm writing to give my enthusiastic support to your proposed Newton Upper Falls Playground comprehensive master plan.

I've visited the site with Carol Schein and was quite impressed with the plan to provide full access to the play areas for people with disabilities. The handicap accessibility features in the plan are well-designed and will make the playground available to all citizens, whether able-bodied or disabled.

Sincerely,

Lowell Haynes
Access Specialist
Division of Housing and Community Development
Department of Planning and Development
City of Newton