



Upper Falls Playground &
Newton Highlands Playground
Proposal for Strategic Design

G O A L S

◆ Develop strategic plan for each park

- Professional analysis
- Thorough evaluation
- Community surveys

◆ Maximize each park's potential

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- Layout
 - Usability
 - Design

◆ Strong community support

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- Parks & Recreation Commission initiative
 - Neighborhood-wide surveys
 - Attention to community needs



Five Year Park Assessment and Development Planning and Evaluation

◆ Evaluated entire Citywide park system

◆ Comprehensive evaluation methods

◆ Provides information for strategic planning

◆ Guide for decision makers

Three Areas of Focus

- Existing Amenities Conditions
- Development Potential
- Handicap Accessibility



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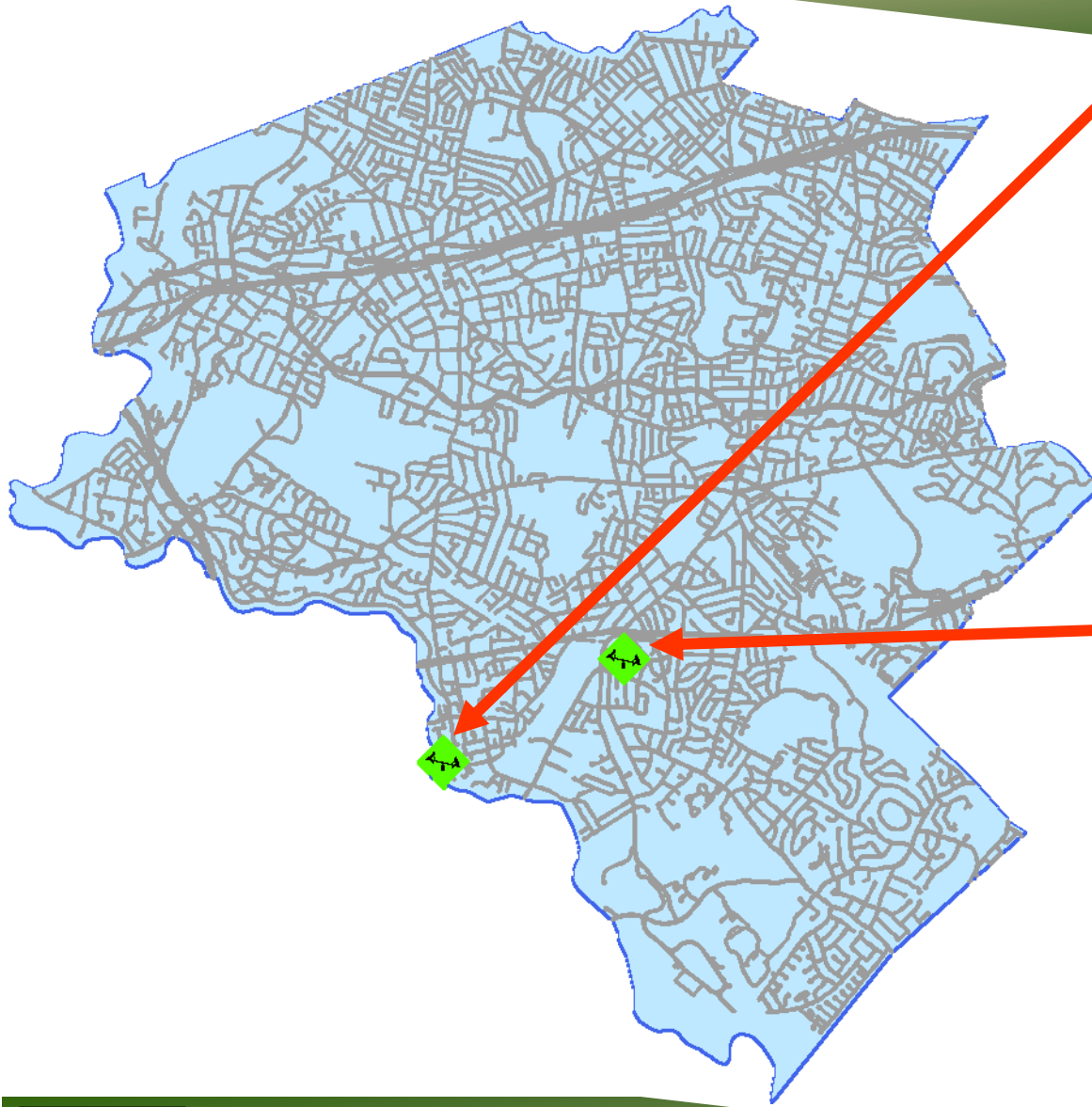
Upper Falls

- Ranked 70th out of 71
- Poor tennis and basketball courts
- Outdated play equipment
- Poor uneven turf surfaces
- Unusable site structures

Highlands

- Ranked 68th out of 71
- Poor tennis and basketball courts
- Outdated play equipment
- Poor uneven turf surfaces
- Ineffective field lighting





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