

Newton Centre Playground

Phase One: Major Access Improvements

Application to the
Community Preservation Committee

by the
Newton Parks and Recreation Department

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Project goals:

- ◆ make the playground accessible;
- ◆ reinforce an overall image in keeping with the park's historic background;
- ◆ provide for increased passive recreation opportunities while maintaining the active components.

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Play Ground overlooking Tennis Courts, Newton Centre, Mass.



Significant Historic Resource

- ◆ 1890 – initial design by Frederick Law Olmsted & Co., master landscape architects;
- ◆ uniquely designed as active recreation grounds and an ornamental park;
- ◆ Newton's first playground; one of the first in the nation.



... Parts of the ground not needed for games and athletic exercises are to be treated with a view to securing as much beauty as practicable, of a natural character.



... walks shown are designed to be used for rambling, but are so laid out as to serve as means of convenient communication between the entrances from public streets and different features of interest within the ground.



Existing conditions: access and circulation



Final Accessibility and Rehabilitation Plan



Prioritized Phased Plan



