



Johnson Field Playground

Boxford, MA

Initial Rec Committee Efforts



Summer 2022

Requests to look into the area next to Johnson field.

Conducted a survey to gauge interest and information on design.

Fall 2022

Submitted Community Preservation Committee (CPC) application for funding for the project

Additional investigation



Spring 2023

Received support and funding from CPC and the Town of Boxford via Town Meeting in the amount of \$25,000 **to fund the preparation of engineering plans, wetland delineation, survey plan, concept designs, preliminary project plan and any other permitting costs** for construction of a new playground to replace the existing playground.

Summer/Fall 2023

Further discussion with Boxford BOH indicated Mass Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) would be willing to look into assessing the site to further assist with planning.

Collaborated with the Boxford BOH, DPW Superintendent and Permanent Building Committee (PBC) to determine a plan to assess the site for landfill.

New CPC application was submitted by Rec Comm to fund renovation of playground.

Additional Investigation and work

February 2024: Test digs completed. Playground design initiated. Donation fund established.

March 2024: Meetings with PBC regarding playground design. CPC meetings for funding request.

April 2024: Engineer working with town committees and departments regarding playground location and permitting. Active fundraising efforts.

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Project Cost



Total Equipment	\$170,507
Total Install Estimate	\$128,200
TOTAL PROJECT	\$298,707
Soft costs:	
As-built survey and closeout & NPSI inspection:	\$2500
Contingency: \$2987.07 = 10% contingency (actual cost for installation and site prep not known until project goes out to bid)	



In summary

Johnson Field is an ideal area for community gathering.

With its close proximity to the softball fields, town soccer fields, tennis courts, Town Hall, Police Department, and Library, it is a hub of activity in our town.

We envision a newly designed space that is intentionally and thoughtfully planned. Our draft plan includes a preschool play area for ages 2-5 and an elementary age play area for ages 5-12.

The area isn't just for children. In our quest to increase gathering areas for our community, it will have benches and picnic tables to encourage social outings.

Thank you!



Community Preservation Committee members

Permanent Building Committee members

Matt Coogan, Town Administrator

Chris Olbrot, DPW Superintendent

Boxford Board of Health

Site Specifics

Boxford Athletic Association

Boxford Men's Softball League

Tri Town School Union

Boxford PTO

Weston and Sampson

Williams and Sparages



Thank you for your consideration.

Questions?