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To: Honorable Town Council

From: Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager

Date: July 7, 2016

RE: Agenda Item - Informational Presentation

As you are aware, one of the Honorable Town Council's conceptual recommendations on the Fiscal Years 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Program is to proceed with a proposed loan order for improvements to the Filippello Park Grove Street entrance, subject to the Administration holding community meetings to develop a design proposal prior to an informational presentation to the Town Council.

As a follow up to this conceptual recommendation, enclosed please find correspondence from Steven Magoon, Director of Community Development and Planning/Assistant Town Manager along with a copy of a PowerPoint presentation related to proposed improvements to the Filippello Park Grove Street entrance.

Therefore, given the above, I respectfully request an Informational Presentation on this matter be placed on the July 12, 2016 Town Council Agenda. The Informational Presentation will be given by Glen Howard, CDM Smith.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

cc: Steven Magoon, Director of Community Development and Planning/Assistant Town Manager
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To: Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager

From: Steve Magoon, DCDP Director, Assistant Town Manager

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Subject: Draft Filippello Park design

The Honorable Town Council has requested that the administration prepare a design for the remainder of Filippello Park. The attached presentation will provide the history of the administration's efforts to complete this project

The presentation by CDM Smith, the design consultant for the project outlines the history of arriving at the current design. This includes their efforts from 2012 to today, which has included many meetings with a variety of interested parties and the public. The design of the Park has evolved substantially, and while all requested uses couldn't be accommodated, the current design balances the various interests as much as possible and creates an exciting future for this underutilized portion of Filippello Park.

Therefore, I would request that this be placed on the July 12, 2016 Town Council agenda for a presentation and discussion.

Grove St. Entrance Improvements At Filippello Park

Town of Watertown

Town Council Presentation

July 12, 2016

CDM Smith

Site History

- Filippello Park - 50 acre former landfill operated 1961-1975
- 195 Grove Street – former incinerator site – demolished 2003
- Town operated recycling center
- Landfill capped and Filippello Park designed by John Wacker Associates – Early 1980's

Existing Conditions

WATERTOWN, MA
FILIPPELLO PLAYGROUND EXISTING CONDITIONS

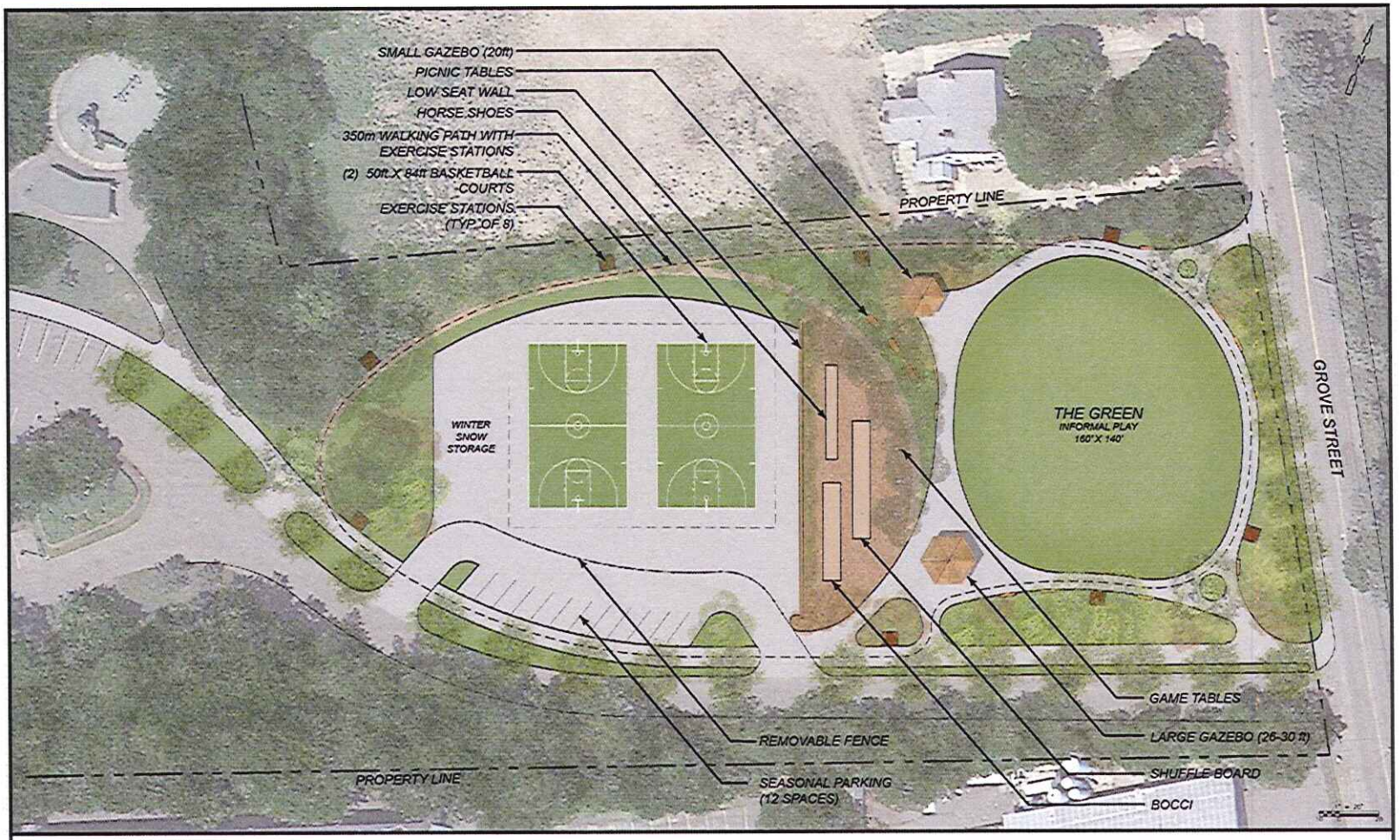
195 Grove Street Entrance Improvements

- 2012 – CDM Smith met with Conservation Commission to discuss potential improvements
- CDM Smith obtains John Wacker as a sub-consultant
- Filippello Grove Street Committee appointed
  - Goals
    - Create a gateway to Filippello Park
    - Return the court area back to it's original program

Concept and Design Process

- Nov. 2013 – CDM Smith presents preliminary concept plan to Conservation Commission
  - Informal, passive recreation open space
  - Basketball Courts (2)
  - Picnic Area
  - Gazebo (2)
  - Horseshoe pits, bocci, game tables, and shuffle board courts
  - Walking path with exercise stations
  - Additional parking (12 spaces)
  - Removable fencing

Preliminary Concept Plan – November 2013



CDM Smith

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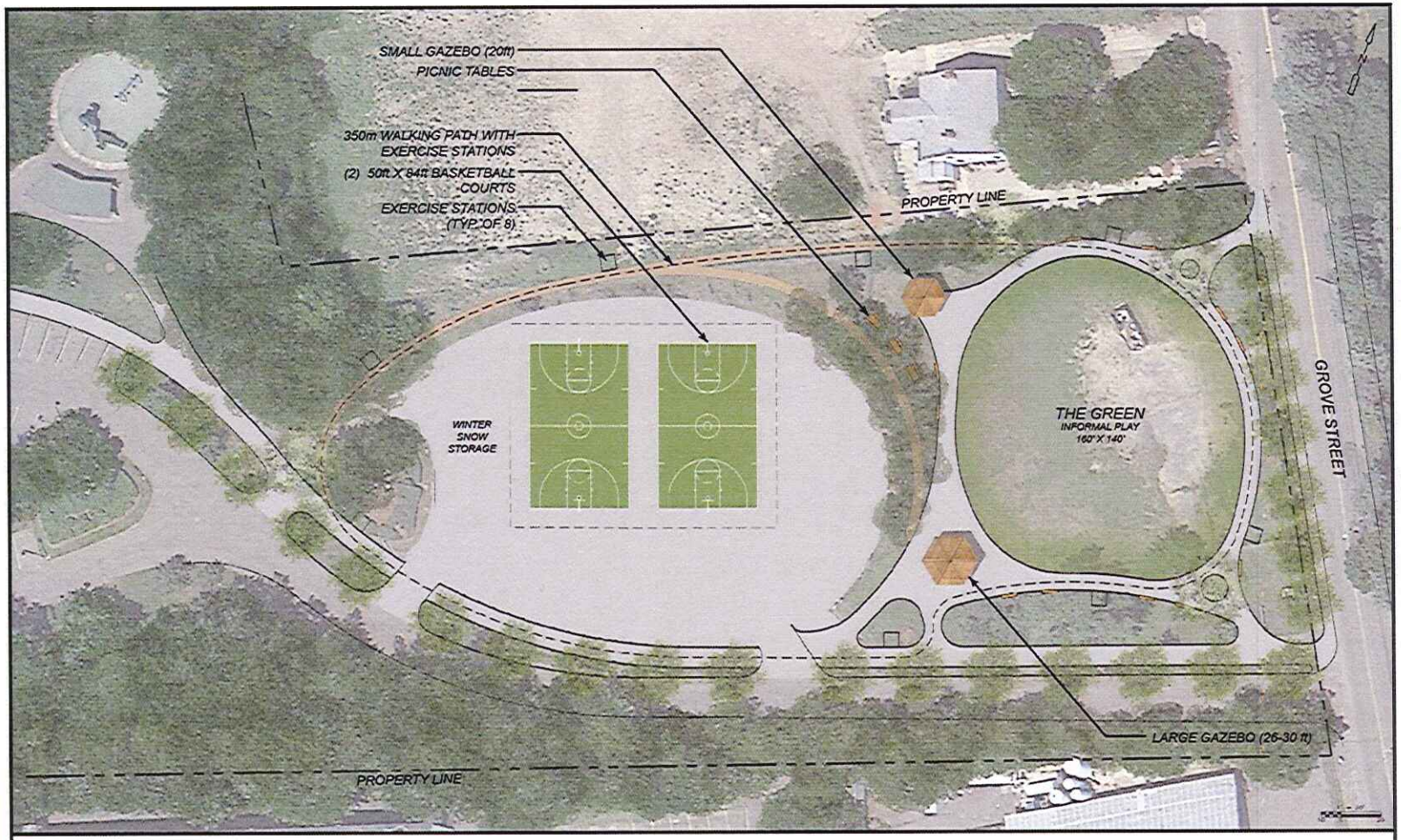
Concept and Design Process

- CDM Smith obtains topographic survey
- CDM conducts sub-surface investigation
- Concept Plan reviewed by town departments

Concept and Design Process

- March 2015 – Filippello Grove Street Committee reconvenes
- Committee members recommend changes to the concept plan
- No feasible snow storage area alternative found
  - request to retain snow storage capacity and remove potential improvements to the snow storage area
- Revised Concept Plan submitted March 2015

Preliminary Concept Plan – March 2015



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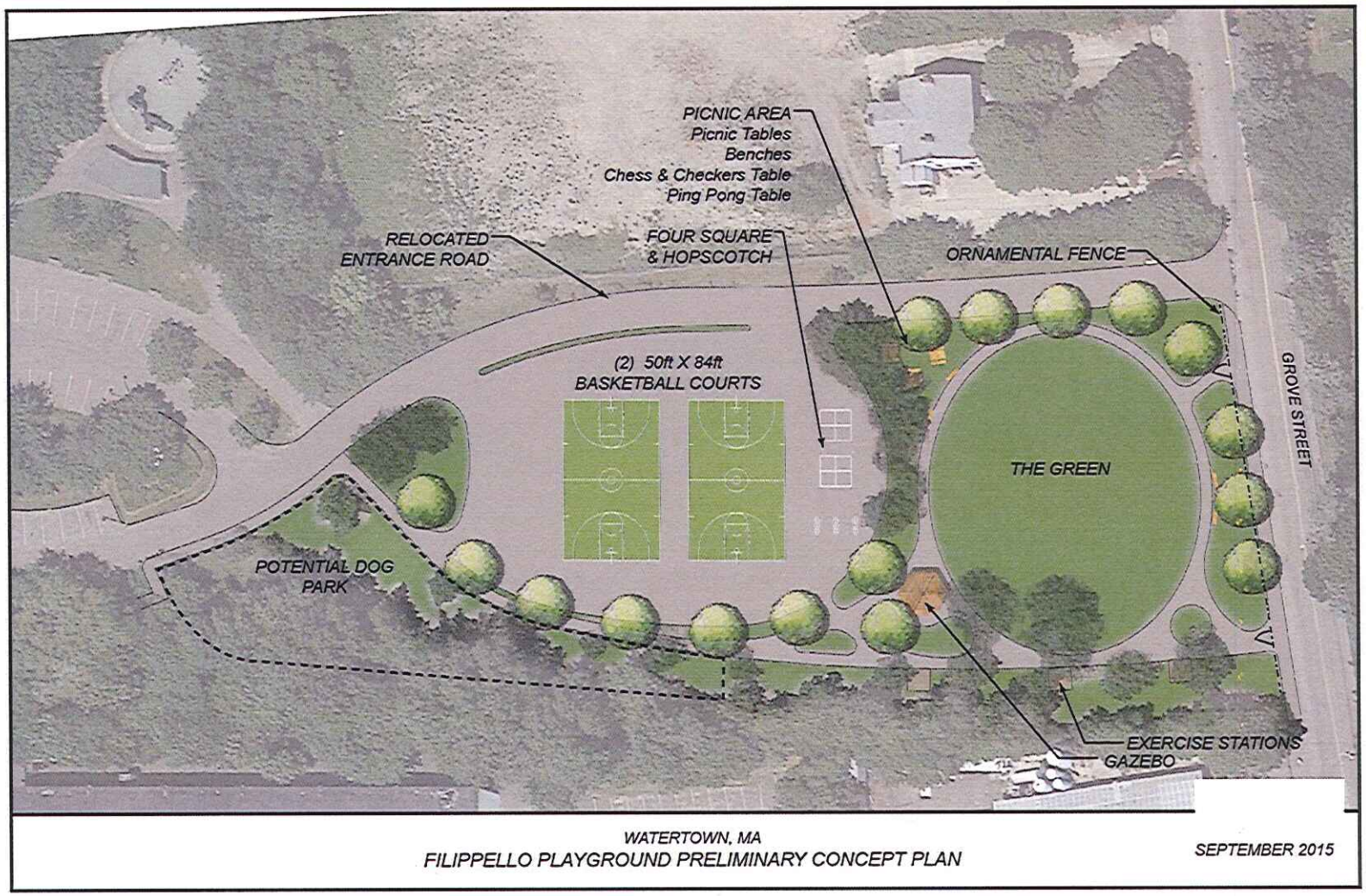
Concept and Design Process

- Town requests review of alternate design improvements
  - Dog Park
  - Community Garden
  - Relocation of entrance road to northern edge of the site
- CDM Smith retains Langdon Environmental to review potential permitting issues associated with proposed use
- May 2015 – Town Engineer, CDM Smith/Langdon Environmental meet with DEP

Concept and Design Process

- CDM Smith reviews options for inclusion of a dog park and community garden
- September 2015 -CDM Smith submits revised concept plan
- October 6, 2015 – CDM Smith presents revised concept plan and collects feedback/comments

Preliminary Concept Plan – Community Presentation #1
September 2015



Concept and Design Process

- Filippello Park Grove Street Committee re-convenes to discuss comments received and updates the concept plan
- February 3, 2016 – Filippello Park Grove Street Committee members meet with Dog Park Task Force to review updated concept plan and conduct a site visit at Filippello Park
- March 1, 2016 – committee members meet with Dog Park Task Force to receive Feedback
- March 16, 2016 – second public meeting to present updated concept plan

Updated Concept Plan Elements

- 27,000 square foot dog park
- 16,000 square foot Informal, passive recreation open space
- Basketball Court (1) utilized for snow storage in winter
- Futsal Court (1) utilized for snow storage in winter
- Picnic Area with tables and benches
- Gazebo (2)
- Four Square, Hop Scotch, Chess & Checkers game tables
- Accessible parking modifications to existing parking areas
- Potential added parallel parking on Grove Street.

Updated Concept Plan - Community Presentation #2
March 2016

Watertown MA

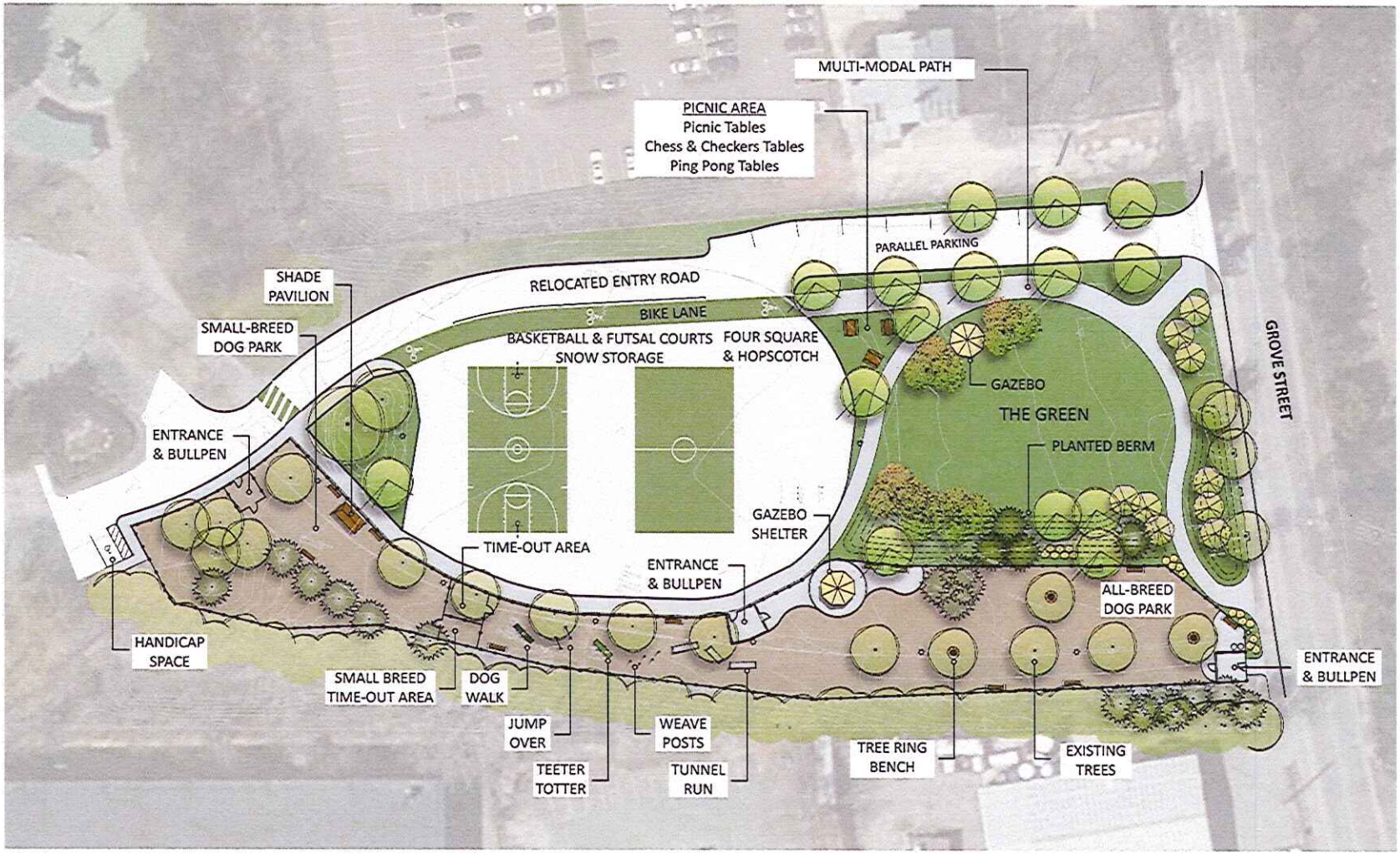
Filippello Playground Preliminary Concept Plan

March 2016

April-May 2016 Design Process

- Concept plan well received at Community Meeting #2
- 4/26 -Meeting/Workshop held with Dog Park Committee
  - Refine dog park design and establish desired amenities
- May 2016 CDM Smith incorporates comments from:
  - March community meeting #2
  - Dog Park Committee Workshop
  - Comments from Community Planning and Development (bike lane and parking)
- May 2016 CDM Smith develops preliminary order of magnitude opinion of probable costs

Current Concept Plan July 2016



CDM Smith

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Filippello Playground Preliminary Concept Plan

May 2016

Planning Level Opinion of Probable Costs

– Site Preparation and Removals	$30,000
– Pavements and Surfacing	$215,000
– Dog Park Allowance	$325,000
– Site Improvements (outside dog park)	$160,000
– Subtotal project improvements	$730,000
– Contractor mobilization and OHP	$60,000
– 25% contingency	$197,500
– Total Construction	$987,500

– Additional Considerations
– Final Design Engineering/additional survey
– DEP Use Modification Permits
– Lighting along new entrance road
– Repairs/potential changes to existing parking lot
– Investigation of existing storm drain system and impacts

Next Steps

- Direction from Town Council
- 50% design development
- Presentation of 50% design documents to DEP for review
- If approved develop use modification permits and submit to DEP
- Investigate potential grant opportunities
  - Stanton Foundation Grant for Dog Park
  - PARC Grant

QUESTIONS