1. HISTORY OF SITE & PARK
2. CONSTRAINTS
3. CURRENT USES
4. POTENTIAL ENHANCEMENTS
5. BREAKOUT SESSION
Site History

- Watertown Arsenal established in 1816
- Original site accessed through park area
Site History

Park History

- 1966 – Reuse of Arsenal begins
- 1978 - Land Disposition for park land at $1,875,000
- 9 buildings were within the park (all are demolished)
- Building 35 and 421 only demoed to slab (foundation remains)
- Final park is 13.68 Acres
Site Constraints

- Former building 421 slab and foundation (hard surface court area)
- Buried Foundations and utilities throughout site
- Historic features (fencing)
- Riverfront buffer
- Arsenal access easement
- Existing uses
Site Constraints
Current Uses

- Cross-Country course
- Tot Lot
- Spray Park
- Picnic Tables (6 covered & 19 uncovered)
- Gazebos (2)
- Grills (9)
- Passive Paths and wooded areas
- Informal play areas
- Playfields
- Soccer
- Softball
- Basketball
- Community garden
- Skatepark
- Tennis Courts (6)
- Tennis Bang Boards (2)
- Volleyball Court (hard-surface)
- Bocce court (1)
Enhancements

- Lighting for fields
- Skate Park update/replacement
- Large Covered Pavilion
- Field Renovation
- Amphitheater (power and stage/backdrop)
WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT A PARK LIKE THIS CAN BRING TO A COMMUNITY, WHAT IS IT THAT PEOPLE CAN EXPERIENCE THAT MAKES IT WORTHWHILE?
AS YOU THINK ABOUT THE POTENTIAL OF THE PARK, WHAT ENHANCEMENTS COULD YOU IMAGINE THAT WOULD HELP REALIZE THE POTENTIAL?
Breakout Summary - Report Out

- Think holistically (50 years)
- Protect forested areas
- Soundproof amphitheater
- Tennis back board
- Covered and more picnic tables
- Added stormwater mitigation
- Keep current with needs
- Perimeter path in cinder or wood chips
- Mounding area near tennis courts for passive
- Reforest amphitheater since it doesn’t work
- Add or relocate bathroom and playground
- Signage to get to park and parking is not enough
- Enhance east side (need activity and access)
- Lights- tennis and other areas for safety
- Remove couple of tennis courts for 6 yr olds
- Fountain and flower garden
- Connections to river

- Safety for walking at night
- New pool and constraints are not real
- Enclose tennis courts and provide viewing area
- East west and north south access ways through park
- Regular maintenance (sidewalks, picnic table, etc.)
- Splash pad should be enhanced expanded for visual interest
- More covered spaces
- More benches
- Bike racks throughout the park
- Bike path access needs to be thoughtfully designed
- Look at commander mansion and arsenal park together
- Tot lot near the eastern end entrance
Next Steps

- SECOND MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28 AT 6:30 (TO BE CONFIRMED)
- ENHANCEMENT AND DESIGN OPTIONS
- QUESTIONS?

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