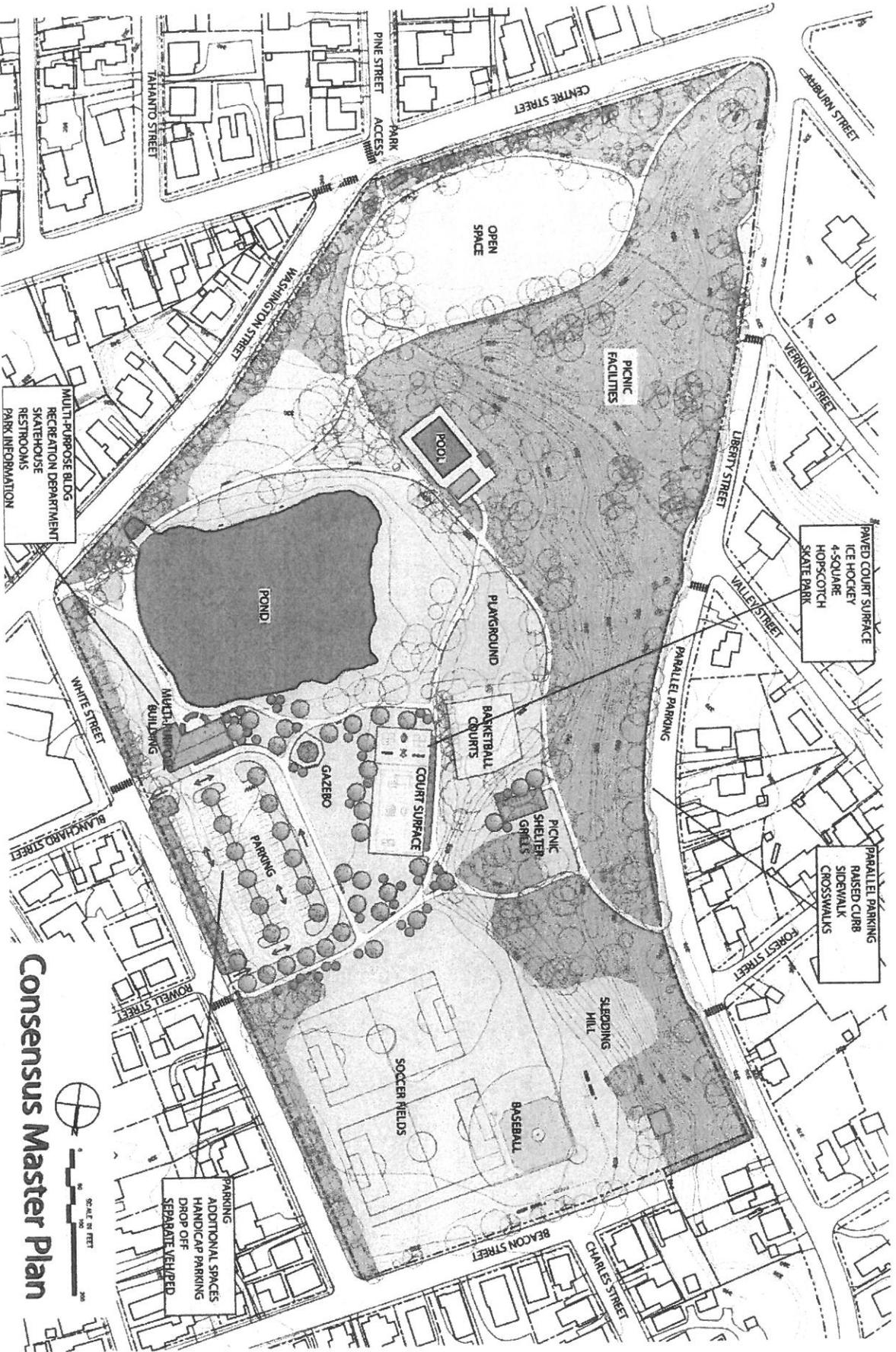


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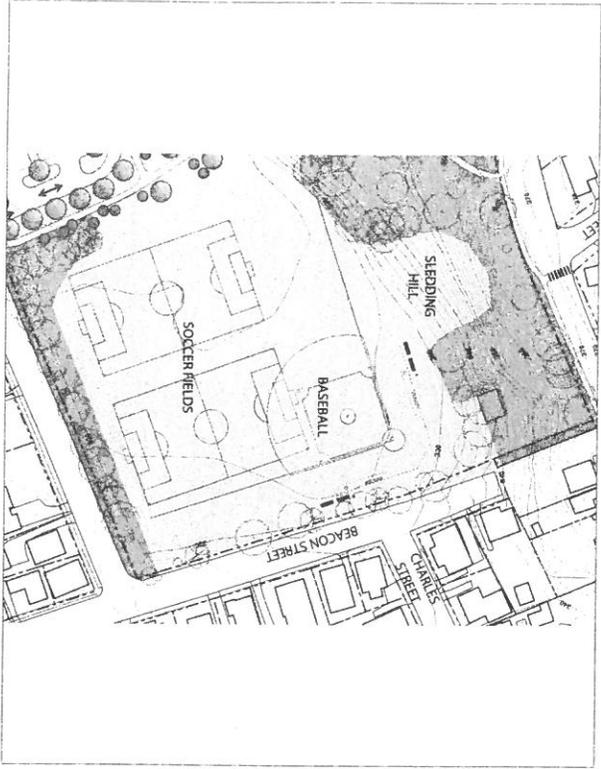
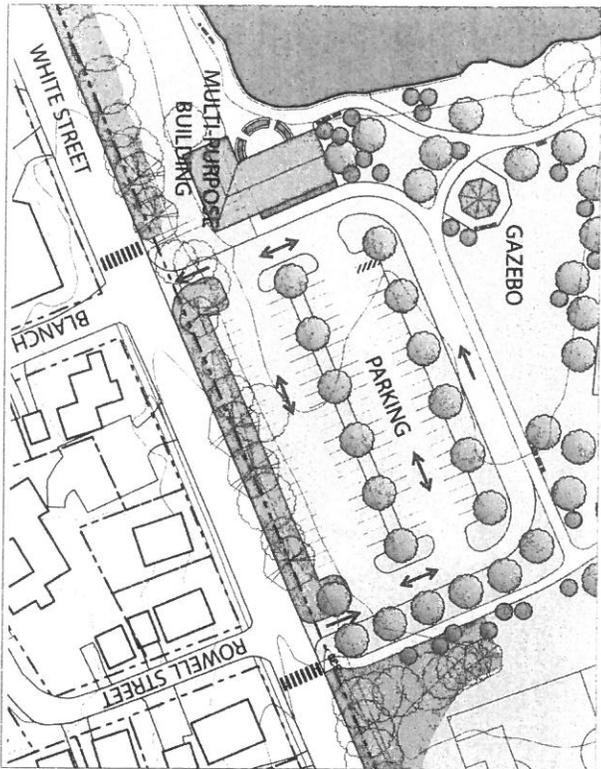
White Park Master Plan Recommendations



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White Park, Parking (top)
Open Space, Realigned Fields (bottom)



RECOMMENDATIONS (MASTER PLAN)

Parking

The proposed parking lot has been moved closer to the road and there would be a separate entrance and exit into the parking area with one-way traffic circulation. The design shown in the Consensus Master Plan widens the already existing pedestrian access at Blanchard Street, expanding that entrance in the fence to permit Exit Only traffic. The new lot configuration includes a pedestrian drop-off lane suitable for the stacking of buses and cars. This new configuration slightly increases the parking capacity to be 92. Some spaces in this lot can be designated for Recreation Department employee use only.

By providing a vertical curb edge along the park side of Liberty Street, it will be possible to safely define on-street parallel parking by expanding the width of the street where practical. The roadway width will return to its existing limits at the crosswalks and where expanding the road would negatively impact mature vegetation. Parking along Beacon, White,

Washington, and Centre Streets will be unmodified.

Recreation Facilities and Open Space

Sports Fields:

The baseball field should be realigned for two reasons: 1) it improves solar orientation of the field, and 2) it relocates the field to higher ground which will improve drainage. There is indication, because of the historic structure in that location, that the field may have once been oriented this way. The soccer fields will remain in the outfield where they currently exist.

When the field is realigned, the area should be excavated and the field installed as stated in the generation recommendations. This underdrainage system should connect to the existing storm water management system. Recognizing the high water table, if this connection is not feasible, dry wells to receive water from the underdrainage system should be installed below the playing fields on the Beacon Street side of the park where the elevation is higher.

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White Park, Skate House and Hockey Building (top)

Court Surface (bottom)

Pond:

Phragmites can be treated successfully with glyphosate when plants are actively growing and are at mid- to full-bloom (late July through October but before a killing frost). It is a broad spectrum aquatic herbicide that is virtually nontoxic to mammals, birds, and fish when used according to instructions. It can be purchased at any store that sells agricultural chemicals.

Skate House/Recreation Building:

A new multipurpose building is proposed to be erected adjacent to the new parking lot. This will serve as administrative offices for the Recreation Department, will have a year-round bathroom facility associated with it, will be a nexus for information (events), and will also be the skate house during the winter. There will be a small patio with seating between the building and the pond. This structure should be designed with the guidelines provided in the general recommendations for buildings built in areas with unsuitable soils.

Picnic Facilities:

Tables and trash receptacles should be added in the woods in the western part of the park. Access to these facilities will be off of Liberty Street

Ice Hockey/Skate Park:

A smooth, durable surface such as a concrete slab with improved underdrainage is proposed to serve multi-seasonal recreational purposes. Concrete provides a smooth, durable surface that is impact and wear resistant, and given proper drainage, is resistant to potholes and frost heaves. During the summer, the pavement will be divided with barriers and a larger portion of the slab will be designated as a skate park with structures that can be removed and stored at season's end. The other portion of the slab will have painted graphics for hard-scape children's activities like four-square and hopscotch. During the winter, a 6-10 mil polyethylene rink liner will be laid across the slab to provide a leak-proof base for the skating areas, with barriers erected along the perimeter.

