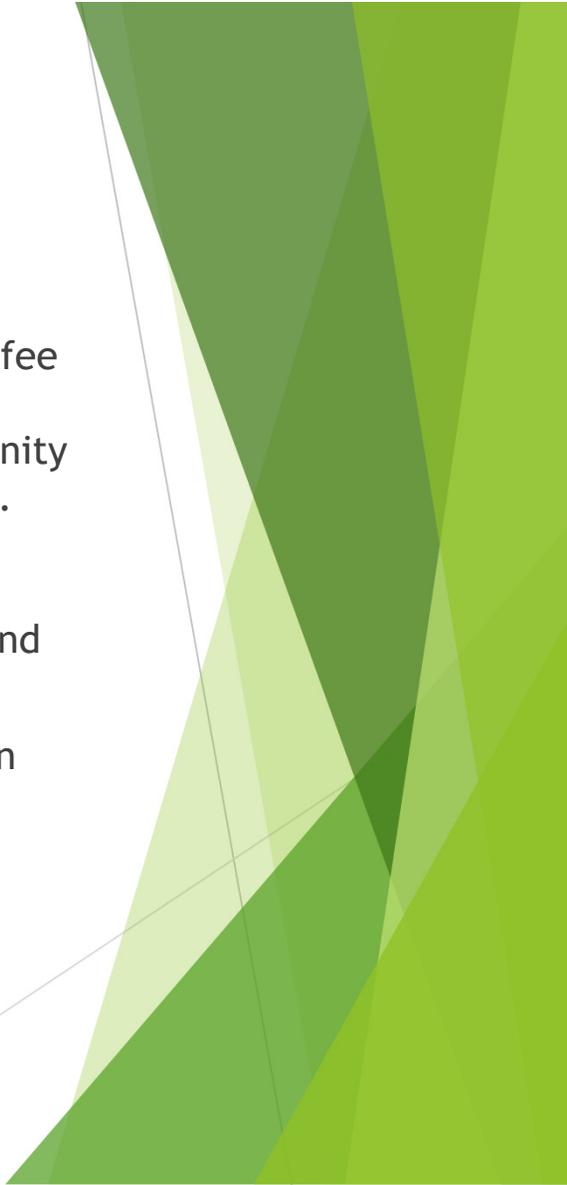


FY24 CIP52 Keach Park

Thursday, Jan 11, 2024

Public meeting on proposed Athletic Field Lights



The FY24 CIP51 reads: Design and construction of lighting improvements for youth soccer field. Design: \$30,000. Construction: \$345,000 (excludes impact fee portion). Simultaneously with design process, community meetings shall be conducted to review concepts, gather public input, as well as develop community consensus on a preferred design concept and usage plan for the lit field space. Public input meetings shall include the public, the City's Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee and Airport Advisory Committee, park users (including applicable leagues), abutting property owners, as well as community groups and other interested stakeholders.

Construction is subject to City Council review and approval of preferred design concept and facility usage plan

Agenda for this evening:

- Introductions
- History of Park
- Park amenities and users
- History of the request for lights
- Athletic field light review
- Questions and input
- Next steps



History Of Keach Park

City of Concord established the Park in 1933

Officially 10.78 acres

Protected under Land and Water Conservation Funds Rules

Recent Investments:

2004: Park was fully renovated:

- New athletic fields with inground irrigation

- New basketball and tennis courts

- New Parking lot with lights

- Fencing and formal entrance along Loudon Road

- Cross walk on Loudon Road was added for improved access

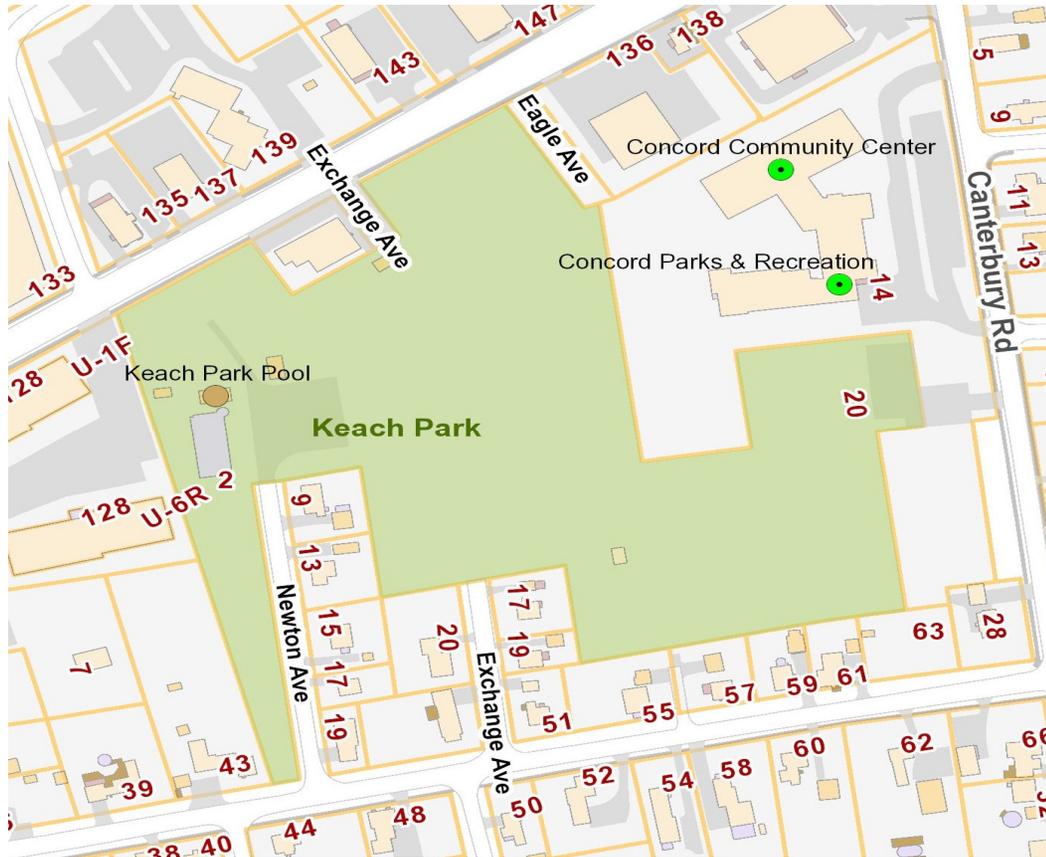
2018: Pool was fully renovated

2018: Basketball and Tennis courts repainted

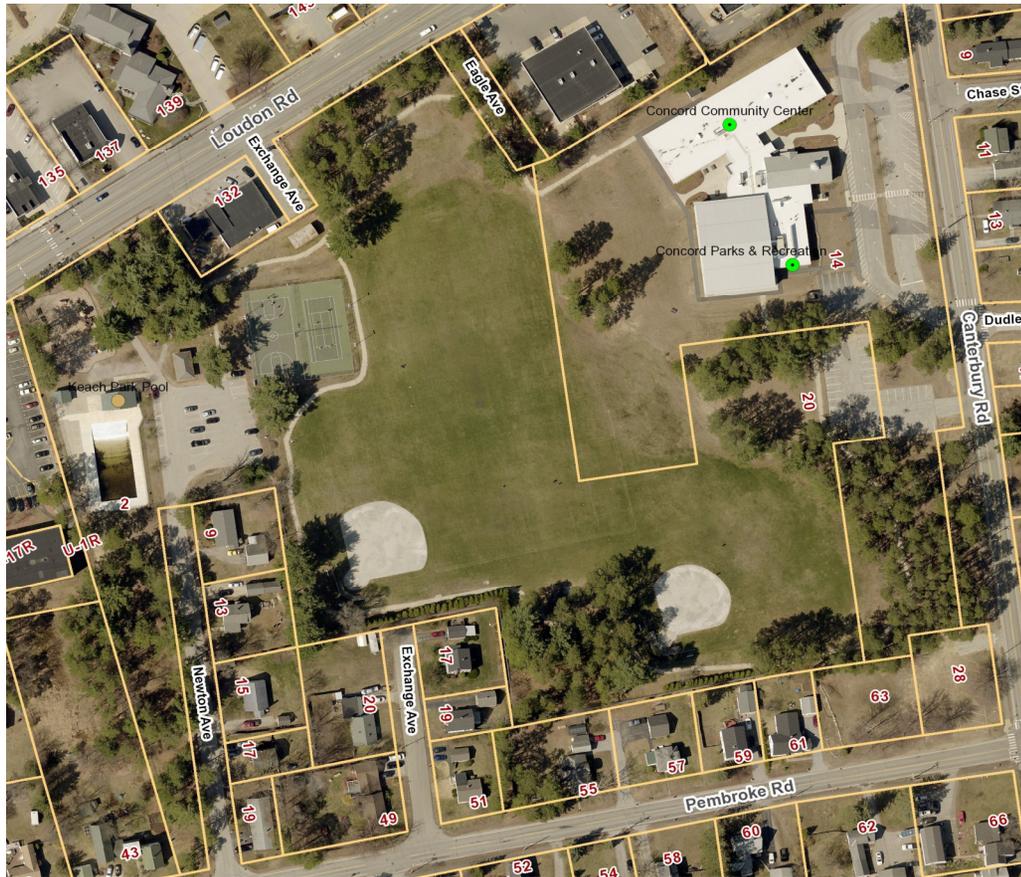
2019: ½ mile perimeter walking path was added

2023: Soccer mini pitch added, court lights updated to LED

Keach Park



Keach Park Aerial



Park Amenities

Playground

Outdoor seasonal pool

Lighted basketball court

Lighted soccer mini pitch

Parking lot at the end of Newton Ave

½ mile walking path around perimeter of park

Gazebo

Spring/Summer Athletic Fields

Little League Field

Softball Field

Youth Soccer Field

Fall Athletic Fields

Two Div. 3 Youth Soccer Fields

Soccer practice area (outfield of LL Field)

Organized Park/Field Users

Based on 2023 issued permits.

Spring (mid April - mid June)

Concord Northeast Baseball/Softball League (2 - 3 afternoons week)
Parks and Recreation Youth Spring Soccer League (2 afternoons + Saturday)

Summer (mid June - end of August)

Parks and Recreation Summer Camps (M-F day time),
Parks and Recreation Summer Concert and Movie In Park
Couple of private Gazebo rentals
Change for Concord
Concord Public Library Storytime
Friends Program
Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success
NH Army National Guard
Concord School District
Project Story

Fall (September to end of October)

Concord Parks and Recreation Youth Soccer Leagues (M-F and Sat)
Concord Public Library Storytime
Concord Multicultural Festival
Seacoast Express Soccer



Soccer Field Lights

History of the request for field lights

Review design

- Pole locations
- Light concerns - park abutters
- Electric needs
- Repairs to irrigation and field
- Impact to wildlife (Merlin falcons...)
- Airport/FAA Review

Facility Use Plan

- Scheduling use of field
- Turning field lights on/off
- Additional maintenance needs for grass field/trash etc.
- Cost of operation of lights
- Parking and noise considerations

City Athletic fields usually open second half of April and close early November.
Parks currently close at 11 pm.

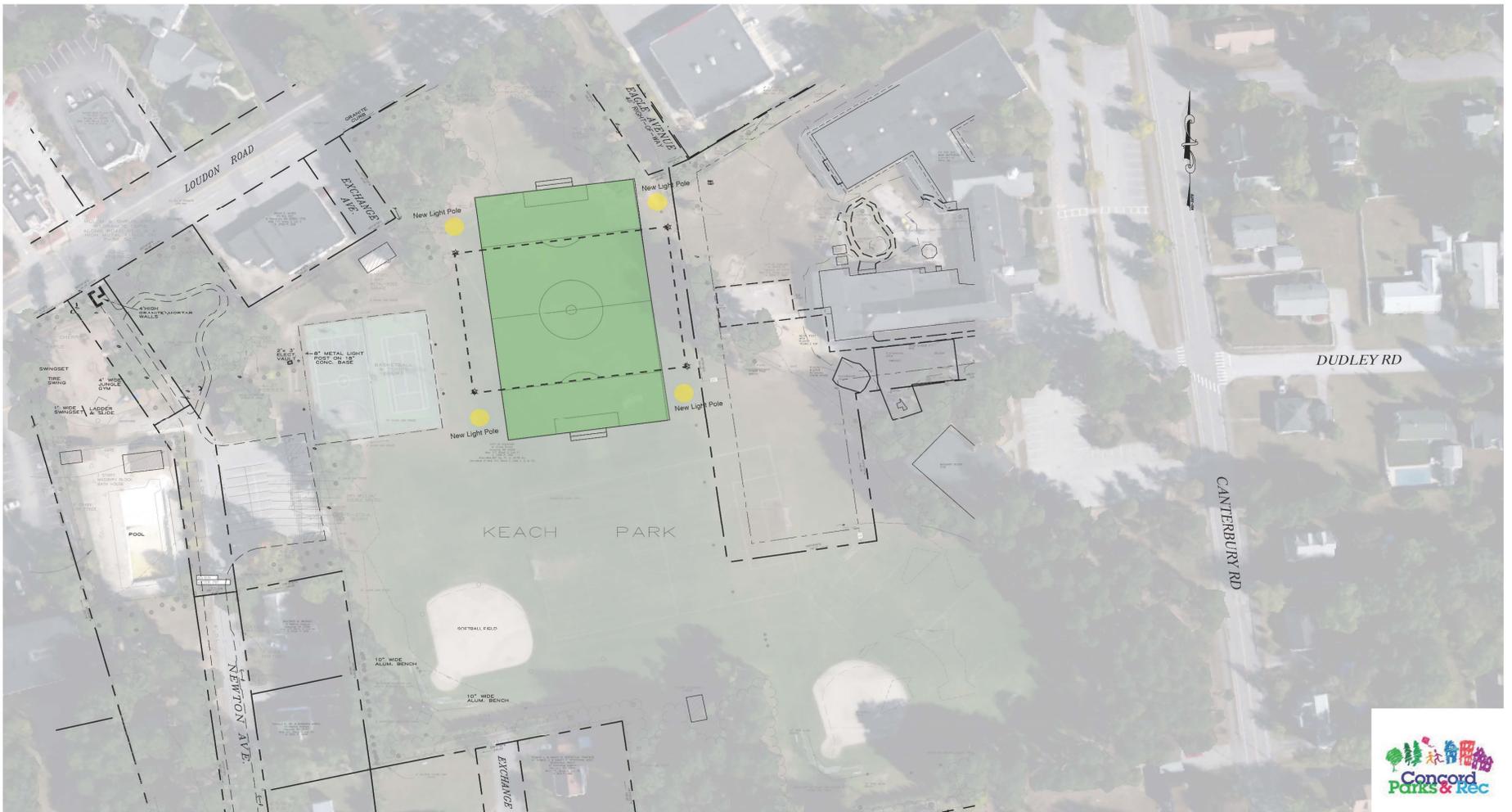
2024 Sunset Times:

May 1: 7:48 pm	June 1 : 8:19 pm	July 1: 8:29 pm	August 1: 8:07 pm
Sept 1: 7:20 pm	October 1: 6:26 pm	Nov 1: 5:37 pm	

Parks and Rec has been running spring soccer skills program at Keach Park since 2007 and in 2015 added a youth size soccer field to support the growing soccer league and interest from the community. This youth field is in place from early May to mid July annually. New field is cross field for one of our regular fall youth soccer fields. Soccer goals are removed in mid July as we aerate and seed the field to get ready for regular fall soccer use. Goals are put back in mid August.

The location of spring soccer field (blue box) does not impact use of softball or little league fields. Red box is fall soccer field orientation late summer and fall





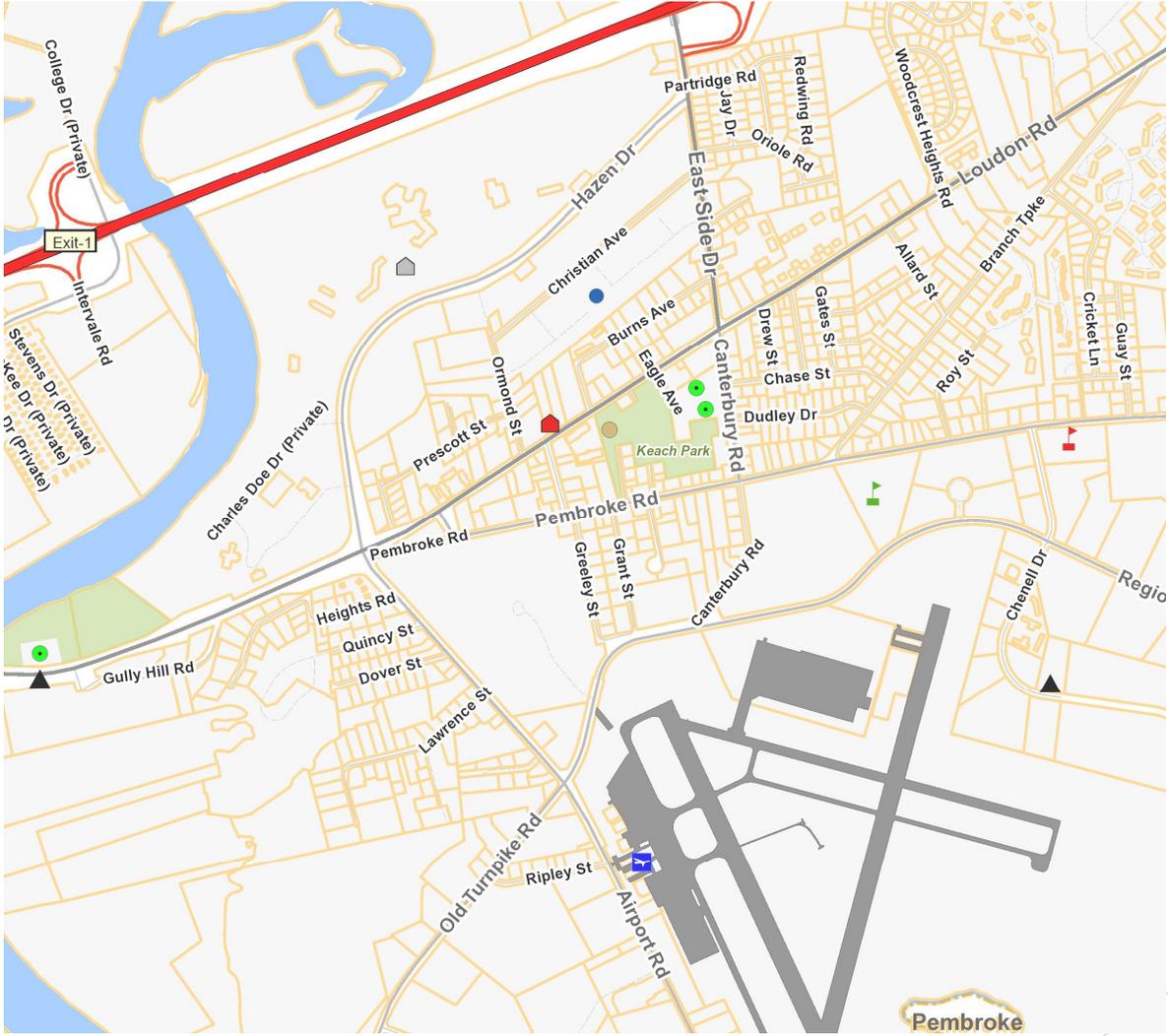
CITY OF CONCORD

KEACH PARK

PROPOSED SITE PLAN

SCALE:
DATE: 01/08/2024
SHEET: 1
PROJECT: 041

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Facility Use Plan:

Scheduling of soccer field for evening/night use

Potential additional maintenance needs/costs for grass field/trash/toilets etc.

Cost of operation of lights and turning on/off

Parking and noise considerations

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Next Steps

- ▶ Review project with Airport Advisory Committee and Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
- ▶ Update plans based on tonight's public input and input from both committees
- ▶ Second Public meeting to review final design, facility use plan and cost estimates
- ▶ Report back to City Council

- ▶ Tonight's PowerPoint will be online tomorrow and ConcordTV is video taping and will be online within next two weeks.

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