



**Community
Listening Session #2
Memorial Field Master Plan
February 22, 2024**



Memorial Field Master Plan

City and School District Collaboration

- In June 2023, the City of Concord and Concord School District leadership agreed to explore opportunities to work together on needed improvements at the Memorial Field Complex. The cost of this phase of the project is being equally shared
- First Public meeting was held September 19, 2023.
- Student Focus Groups with Rundlett Middle School and Concord High School Students were held in November 2023

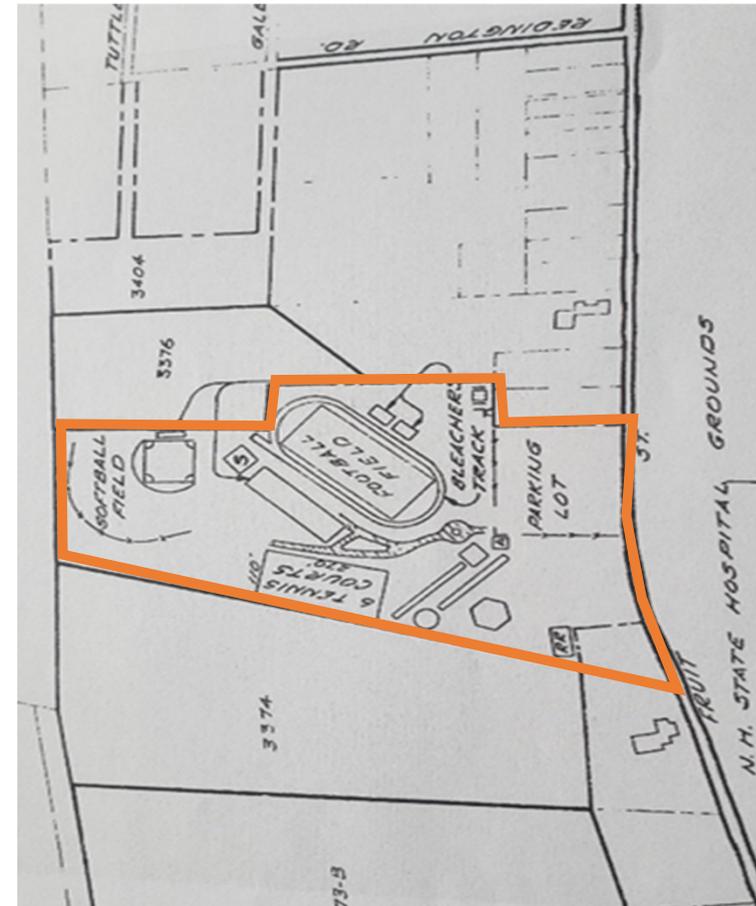
Project Team

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History of Memorial Field

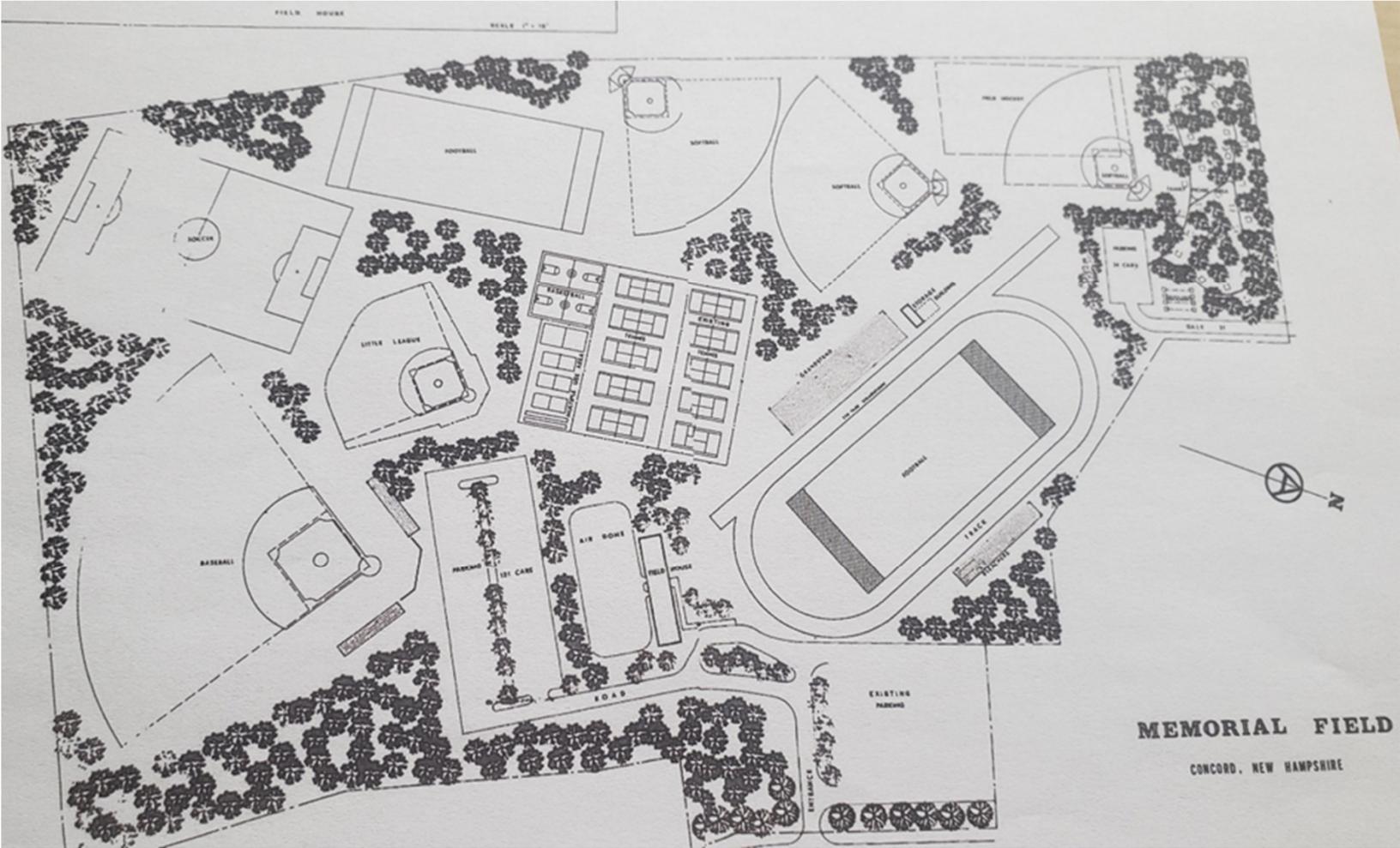
- 1926** City Park created when two tracts of land were conveyed to the City by Allen Hollis. Original facilities included six clay tennis courts, a cinder track, football field and softball field
- 1933** City installed the first grandstands on the football field
- 1936** Baseball field opened
- 1945** First night football game was held (with portable lights)
- 1947** Permanent athletic field lights were install for the football field
- 1971** City Council funded a Master Plan to look at the expanding needs of outdoor recreation in the community

Additional land was acquired around this same time to meet the expanding needs. The State of NH deeded 9.5 acres for the expressed purpose of expansion of the city's athletic facilities and another 12.3 acres was purchased with the help of Land and Water Conservation Grant and City funds.



History of Memorial Field

1971 Master Plan



Memorial Field Complex Today

- 36-acre park
- 2 football fields
- Track
- Baseball field
- 2 Softball Fields
- Little League Field
- 2 Soccer/Lacrosse Fields
- 10 Tennis Courts
- 2 Basketball Courts
- Room to play





Recent Investments

- Over the past 10 years the City has invested almost \$800,000
 - Improved the 10 tennis courts
 - Baseball field press box
 - Funding of Engineering study for the baseball and football field bleachers.
- In the years ahead, the Complex will require significant investment; this Master Plan is needed to identify next steps



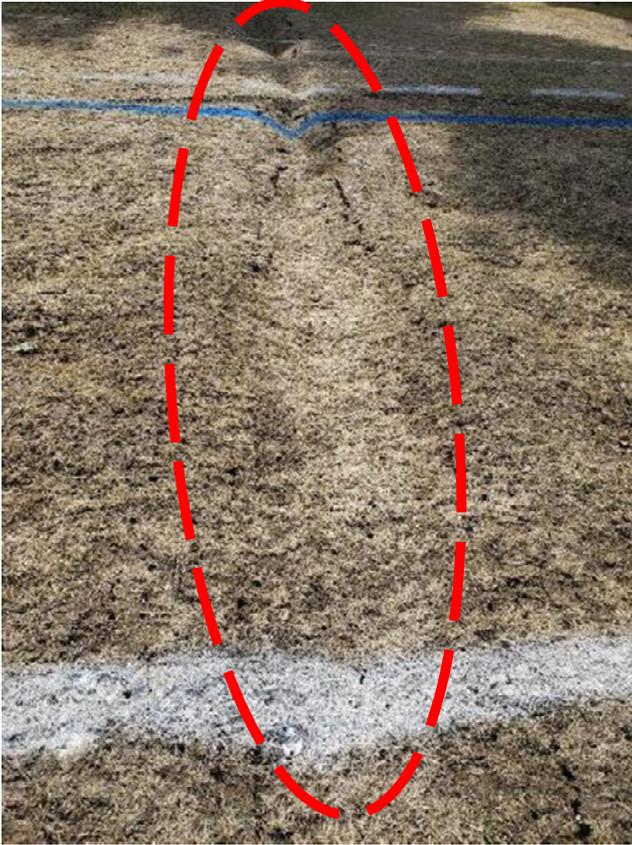
Issues

The obvious: 1970s drainage system has failed



Issues

The general area of the 1970s expansion.



Frost Issues: April 5, 2019

Issues

- The 1970's complex did not anticipate the sports of today
 - The two football fields cannot support regulation soccer or lacrosse fields
 - No onsite field hockey field
 - The main field cannot be used when track is in use for track meets
- Track needs to be replaced
- Bleachers need to be replaced
 - How many spectators should they hold?
- Should Complex have artificial turf field?
 - If so, which sport fields and location within the complex
- Parking challenges
- ADA Challenges

Community & Student Listening Sessions

What we heard...

- Address drainage issues
- More Parking
- Lights
- Accessibility
- Replace aging bleachers
- Replace track
- Locker rooms and updated bathroom facilities
- Move fields outside of the track for concurrent use
- Turf field (no consensus)
- Walking trails and cross-country ski trails throughout complex

Development Program

Concept 1

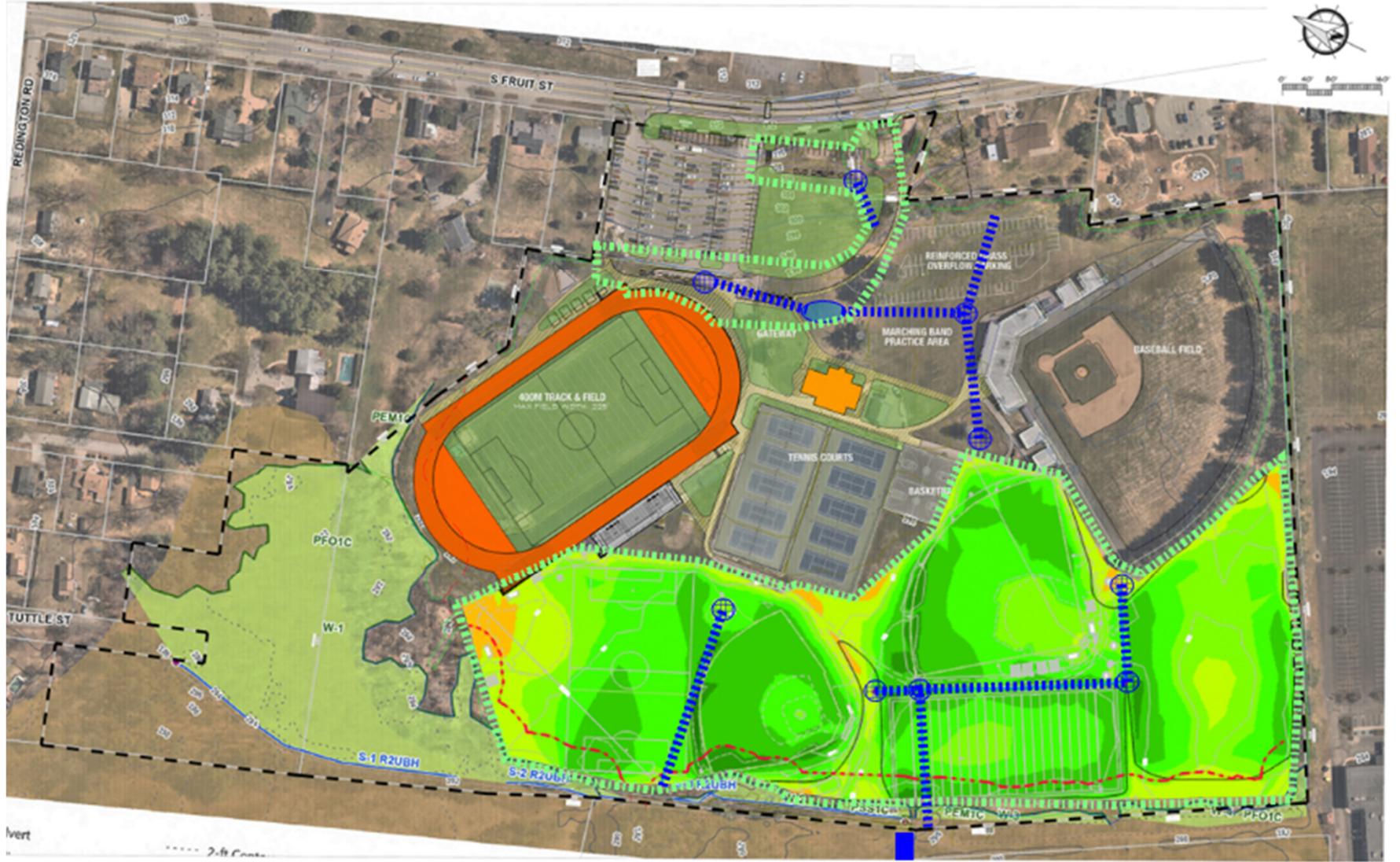
- 8 Lane - 400m Track
- Multi-Purpose Field
 - 360' x 225'
 - Soccer
 - Football
 - Lacrosse
 - Field Hockey
- 750 Seat Grandstand
- Pressbox & Filming
- Sports Lighting
- Improved Drop-off
- Improved Circulation
- 57 Parking Spaces
- 100 Overflow Spaces
- ADA Improvements
- Drainage Improvements
- New Field House
 - 5000 square feet
 - Bathrooms & Concessions
 - Storage & Maintenance



Preliminary Master Plan Phase One



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Preliminary Master Plan

Phase One



Development Program

Concept Two

- Phase One Scope
- Multi-Purpose Field
 - 360' x 225'
 - Soccer
 - Football
 - Lacrosse
 - Field Hockey
- 2000 Seat Grandstand
- Pressbox & Filming
- Sports Lighting
- Renovated Baseball
- Renovated Softball
- New Courts
 - 10 Tennis Courts
 - Tennis Lighting
 - 2 Basketball Courts
- Drainage Improvement

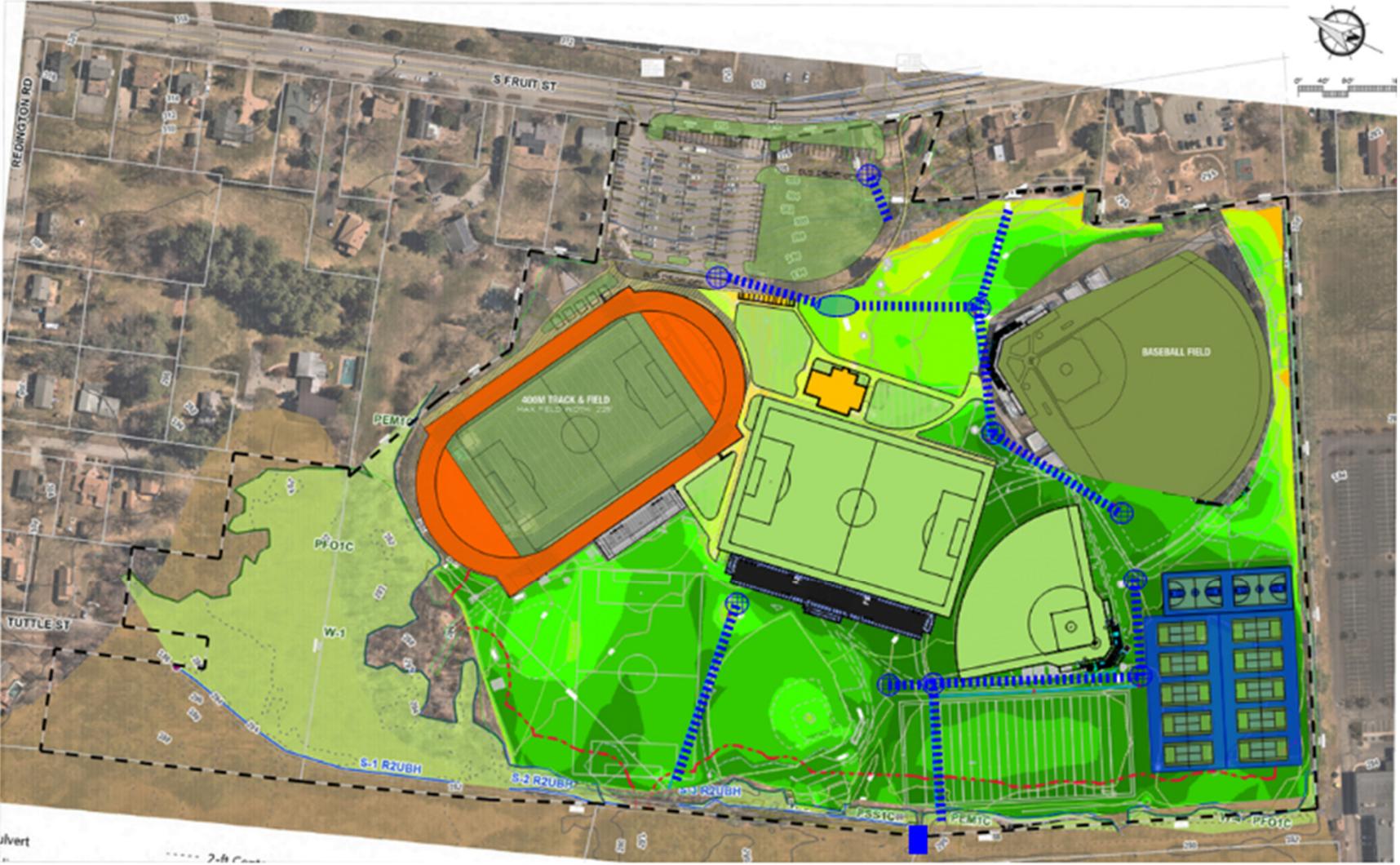


Preliminary Master Plan

Phase Two



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Parking



Questions and discussion



Next Steps

- Prepare master plan based on tonight's feedback
- Prepare final design and permitting cost along with cost estimates for project
- Present to both City Council and School Board for review and approval.

Project Information: <http://concordnh.gov/1943/Memorial-Field>