

Fuller Brook Park Improvement Project Description

Introduction

The Town of Wellesley (the Town), acting through its Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and the Fuller Brook Park Coordinating Committee (FBPCC), proposes to preserve and restore the aesthetics and the historic integrity of the Fuller Brook Park as well as rehabilitate its infrastructure and ecological environment, and provide much better universal access throughout the Park. The goal of this project is to improve the existing Park in the spirit of its original creators through cohesive plantings, path systems and improvements to the Park's infrastructure including its stream course. Much of the pathway infrastructure is in disrepair due to age and design flaws presenting public safety issues that need to be addressed. There is also a need to eradicate invasive vegetation that has taken over several areas of Fuller Brook Park, crowding out native species and choking off views.

A Master Plan was completed for the Fuller Brook Park in 2009 by Halvorson Design Partnership for the NRC. The scope of work in the current design project seeks to advance many of the recommendations of this Master Plan while re-evaluating and revising others due to public input (see Memorandum of Understanding from the FBPCC for further clarification) . After successful completion of the design phase and if funding is available, it would be the expectation of the Town to continue into the final design phase of the project. The Park has been determined to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as a historic landscape and the nomination process is underway.

Scope and Objectives

The scope of services for this project includes the development of cost effective and sustainable design treatments for paths, slopes, drainage systems, the streambed and embankments, vegetation and signage. Removing the invasive vegetation, replanting the areas affected, and sustaining this landscape is a major focus of the scope. The consultant selected for this project, Pressley Associates of Cambridge, will help the Town visualize alternatives and reach consensus on what the final design could look like. The consultant will also develop cost estimates and phasing plans for implementation.

Public Participation Needed

As we begin this new phase of this important project, we need your help and participation in order to develop a comprehensive plan that is responsive to residents' concerns. **The first step is to ask for your email address so we can easily communicate with you as we move forward with the project. If you'd like to be placed on the Town's email list for notices about the project's progress and meetings, please go online to the Town's Fuller Brook Park Project webpage at www.wellesleyma.gov/fullerbrook and you will be able to "subscribe" and receive updates on the project.**

Public participation and outreach will be a vital component of this project and we thank you for your interest and ask for your participation by sending us your email. If you prefer to be contacted through the regular mail system, please call the NRC Office at 781-431-1019 Ext. 2294 and request that you be placed on the Fuller Brook Park mailing list.

