



# Town of Reading Meeting Posting with Agenda

2018-07-16 LAG

## Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

Reading Arpa Advisory Committee

Date: 2022-03-29

Time: 7:00 PM

Building: Reading Community Television -RCTV Location:

Address: 557 Main Street

Agenda:

Purpose: General Business

Meeting Called By: Jacquelyn LaVerde on behalf of Chair Marianne Downing

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## Topics of Discussion:

This meeting will be held in-person at RCTV Studios, remotely via Zoom, and streamed live on RCTV.

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## AGENDA:

7:00-7:05	Call to Order
7:05-7:10	Public Comment
7:10-7:40	RPS PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION: RPS Superintendent Dr. Tom Milaschewski to address RAAC re: RPS category uses for ARPA funding, including uses for varying allocations, time-sensitive needs, etc.
7:40-8:10	WATER SEWER PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION: Town Manager Fidel Maltez to address RAAC re: Water/Sewer category of uses for ARPA funding
8:10-8:40	WORKING LIST DISCUSSION: Discuss and develop rough master list of items

This Agenda has been prepared in advance and represents a listing of topics that the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting. However the agenda does not necessarily include all matters which may be taken up at this meeting.



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	and/or item categories that might be suitable for potential ARPA funding and group into related categories as applicable (cost, time sensitivity (if applicable) of items to be clarified at later meeting)
8:40-9:00	CRITERIA DISCUSSION: Discuss and develop evaluation criteria and/or ranking standards, for RAAC to use in evaluating and prioritizing ARPA spending recommendations
9:00-9:30	SURVEY DISCUSSION: Review potential community survey questions from RAAC members, example surveys from other communities, discuss survey format and timing
9:30-9:35	Discuss future agenda items
9:35-9:40	Review/Approve minutes from 3/23/2022 meeting
9:40	Adjourn

# memo

## Reading ARPA Advisory Committee

To: Fidel Maltez, Jackie LaVerde  
From: Marianne Downing  
Date: March 28, 2022  
Re: RAAC ideas for master list

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The following list was compiled from a review of the past several years of budget requests from both the town and school, looking at unfunded items that were not recurring costs or personnel, or delayed purchases that in my opinion might be beneficial, or items that were cut or not funded, but which were listed by departments on town or school side, which seemed to be important or beneficial for important work. I have also added some general ideas based on my following town and school activities closely in the 22 years I have lived in Reading.

I have also attached at end a highlighted page from a Select Board packet of January 18, 2022, page 5 (see <https://www.readingma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2439/2022-01-18-Select-Board-Packet-PDF?bidId=> ) where the town manager listed some possible items for Select Board to fund. I highlighted 7 non-personnel items, totaling \$83,500, that seem worth funding. They are a mix of conservation, tech, and historical. Of the three, if the Office 365 license for \$50K would turn into an annual expense of that amount, perhaps it could be dropped, leaving still #3500

The additional ideas below are in no priority order. Where possible I have listed sources for the idea (which typically is a proposed budget presentation or past budget presentation)

Funding possibility description	Dept, cost center, board, that would receive it	Link or other description with more information, or rationale	Estimated cost in dollars
Supporting annual Reading Fall Fair by covering town costs of police detail etc.	? Right now the Reading Rotary runs it - maybe a grant to them	Rotary pays town about 30K each year in support costs (police detail, cleanup) to cover the cost of annual fall town Faire in September, which is a great community event	\$30k
Funding for design/build of a cemetery/DPW Garage	DPW	<p>FY23 budget presentation page 50 (see <a href="http://webdocs.readingma.gov/WebLink/0/doc/530832/Page1.aspx">http://webdocs.readingma.gov/WebLink/0/doc/530832/Page1.aspx</a> ) mentions insufficient garage space, bays, cemetery garage space, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPW Garage space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack of vehicle storage</li> <li>- Need for another mechanic bay with lift</li> <li>- Need for larger training/meeting room</li> <li>- Recycling center</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cemetery Garage space</li> </ul> <p>Bill Brown may know more. Is there anything that can be purchased to help improve garage space issues for DPW Protecting our equipment better reduces long term costs</p>	A few years ago was estimated cemetery garage in total would be <b>1 mil.</b>
Funding to fix RISE playground surface	facilities/capital plan (moved up?)	Mentioned on FY23 budget presentation at p. 71 here (see <a href="http://webdocs.readingma.gov/WebLink/0/doc/530832/Page1.aspx">http://webdocs.readingma.gov/WebLink/0/doc/530832/Page1.aspx</a> ) as being possible safety issue, with 12k to fund design and build it in FY24 - could ARPA cover costs of replacing it. Safety issue + benefits RISE children, decreases liability to town	120K listed as FY24 cost
"Community sustainability"	?	Mentioned on p. 74 of FY23 budget presentation; not sure what it entails but may be related to capital/debt	1 mil

Funding possibility description	Dept, cost center, board, that would receive it	Link or other description with more information, or rationale	Estimated cost in dollars
RMHS Field House safety improvements	Facilities/schools	FY23 budget capital plan (scheduled FY27) (this may already be on list)	1.7 mil
Schools - more covid remediation academic support, high impact tutoring especially in writing - pay for even more contracted teaching fellows to support RMHS and the MS	Schools	<p>Our Middle School and High School students have had 1.5 years of reduced and limited instruction in important areas such as writing, which is going to have a very significant impact in the next few years as these students apply to college and transition to writing research papers in high level HS classes. There is no time left for these students to make up for these lost skills (in comparison to elementary students). Our schools should be able to provide a full year of focused tutoring and writing support via drop in writing support lab to remediate for the lost opportunities due to Covid, for Gr. 6-12, in writing</p> <p>We are already contracting with teaching fellows for certain support in FY23 in other grades. ARPA also could be used to add more contracting on a 1-2-year basis to bring Gr. 6-12 kids up to speed in writing</p> <p>.</p>	<p>\$20k per teaching fellow per year. One teaching fellow per MS and two at HS = 80k for one year, \$160k for two years.</p> <p>This would be short term expense to remediate due to covid.</p>
Schools - purchase subscription of IXL for middle schools for additional math support - covid remediation	Schools	Parker MS in past purchased a year of IXL support in math for under \$8k (that might have included smart boards). It apparently was very helpful. Can we get two more years for both MS, at cost of \$16k (at most) per school for 2 years (\$32k total for two years). This money also may include additional smart boards.	\$32k
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				<u>Revised Rankings</u>							
<b>Additions</b>			<b>Total</b>	<b>In Dept Budgets</b>	<b>Chris</b>	<b>Carlo</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Anne</b>	<b>Karen</b>	<b>Karen</b>	
1	Ad Svc	OPS	Town Clerk support (PT)	\$ 23,500	\$ 23,500			\$ 23,500		2	
2	Ad Svc	OPS	Town Mgr Reserves	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000					4	
3	Ad Svc	OPS	Legal - Other settlements	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000					3	
4	Ad Svc	OPS	Legal - general	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000				\$ 10,000	1	
5	Ad Svc	HR	Asst HR Director	\$ 80,750	\$ 80,750					4	
6	Ad Svc	Tech	Outsourced/Fiber Network	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000						
7	Ad Svc	Tech	Office 365 license	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000					2	
8	Pub Svc	Admin	Outsourced/ HPP	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000				3	
9	Pub Svc	Planning	Ec Dev Action Plan (\$50k tot)	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000					2	
10	Pub Svc	Recreation	Increase PT hours	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000					4	
11	Pub Saf	Health	Support staff	\$ 49,133	\$ 49,133			\$ 25,000		4	
12	Pub Saf	Health	Outsourced records mgmt	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000				2	
13	Pub Svc	Conservation	Bare Meadow baseline study	\$ 7,800					\$ 7,800	1	
14	Pub Svc	Conservation	Invasive Management	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	1	
15	Pub Svc	Conservation	Trail Management	\$ 1,200		\$ 1,200		\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	1	
16	Pub Svc	Planning?	Sustainability Director	\$ 90,000			\$ 45,000	\$ 11,300	\$ 90,000	1	
17	Pub Svc	Admin	PT ZBA clerk	\$ 20,600	\$ 20,600		\$ 20,600				
18	Pub Saf	Police	Increase PEO hrs	\$ 18,100	\$ 18,100	\$ 18,100	\$ 18,100			3	
				<b>List Total</b>	<b>\$ 512,083</b>	<b>\$ 412,083</b>					
				<b>Target reduction</b>	<b>\$ 450,000</b>	<b>\$ 350,000</b>					
				<b>To Spend</b>	<b>\$ 62,083</b>	<b>\$ 62,083</b>					
Mentioned 1/3/22											
19	Pub Svc	Historical	Photo/map digitization	\$ 7,500					\$ 7,500	1	
20	Pub Svc	Historical	Temp archivist	\$ 5,000					\$ 5,000	1	
21	Pub Svc	Historical	Collection Mgt Software	\$ 1,000					\$ 1,000	1	
				<b>Revised List Total</b>	<b>\$ 525,583</b>	<b>\$ 412,083</b>					
				<b>Revised Target Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 463,500</b>	<b>\$ 350,000</b>					
				<b>To Spend</b>	<b>\$ 62,083</b>	<b>\$ 62,083</b>					
added 1/10/22											
22	Pub Svc	Recreation	Community Garden	\$ 10,000					\$ 10,000	1	
				<b>Revised List Total</b>	<b>\$ 535,583</b>	<b>\$ 412,083</b>					
				<b>Revised Target Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 473,500</b>	<b>\$ 350,000</b>					
				<b>To Spend</b>	<b>\$ 62,083</b>	<b>\$ 62,083</b>	<b>\$ 50,300</b>	<b>\$ 63,100</b>	<b>\$ 83,700</b>	<b>\$ 62,000</b>	<b>\$ 133,500</b>

for existing staff      self funded

# ARPA Suggestions

Sharon Angstrom/Victor Santaniello:

## ARPA FUNDING HUMAN SERVICES INITIATIVES

The Town of Reading seeks to utilize ARPA funding to assist the most impacted and most vulnerable of our community. Below is a list of program areas that the town believes could benefit most through the disbursement of funds in an ongoing effort to provide a sustainable lifeline to those in need.

**RENTAL ASSISTANCE:** Identify those renters that qualify for a Senior Circuit Breaker Income Tax Credit and, like Reading already does with property owners, provide them with a matching credit. Formula based rental assistance for seniors and the underemployed.

**EMPLOYMENT RECOGNITION:** Direct funding disbursements to those among our community who became essential workers but not typically considered so. Grocery Clerks and other retail employees, Tradespeople, Social Workers, etc.

**SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE:** Identify local small businesses negatively impacted by the pandemic and provide economic assistance to:

Help rebuild business through marketing and advertising, assist with employee training and retention, funding for part-time positions, provide a one-time disbursement based on a percentage of previously received federal relief, and provide zero-interest loans for capital improvements to small businesses.

**DOMESTIC / SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS**      **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES** Provide assistance in these critical areas to both raise awareness and provide intervention and treatment options.

**NUTRITIONAL ASSISTANCE:** Provide assistance to families who qualify for reduced / free lunch program in our school. Nutritional outreach to our vulnerable senior population. Disbursements to local food banks or their recipients. Try to ascertain the number of local people on public assistance.

This list is not limited to those initially defined and will change as we increase our knowledge base of at-risk classes of individuals and as we move to a post-pandemic Reading.

Note to group: Before funding is committed to other program areas (Schools, Infrastructure, etc.) we should make every effort to identify the items listed above, and any others that should be added to the list to ensure our community receives appropriate and necessary relief in accordance with ARPA

Thomas Milaschewski:

## **Priority Area #1: Improving Academic Outcomes**

### Early Literacy

- Curriculum materials (in concert with \$200K grant from DESE)
- Foundational professional development
- Curriculum tool professional development

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# ARPA Suggestions

- Training for implementation
- Classroom supports

## Extending/Accelerating Student Learning

- Before/after school tutoring
- Summer programming
- Vacation academies

## Secondary Offerings

- Innovative pathways

## **Priority Area #2: Support Student Social/Emotional Needs**

### Systems of Support

- Contracted services
- Tier 1 curriculum

## **Priority Area #3: Enhancing Adult Practice**

### Professional Learning

- Content understanding
- Instructional practices

### Streamlining Systems

- Student information system
- School schedules

## Geoffrey Coram:

Water tower and water main work on Walker's Brook

Schools Summer vacation academy

Progress on the Birch Meadow master plan, and/or something about town forest, with the focus on getting outside during the pandemic

## Joe McDonagh:

Reading Town Forest Lot 5 Parking Entrance, Complete Red Pine removal, tree replanting (\$100k-\$200k)

Accelerating Birch Meadow Plan

Water Tank (\$2 million)

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# ARPA Suggestions

## Thomas Wise:

- (1) Education
  - a. Early Literacy – Foundational PD, Curriculum Tool PD, Consultants for Implementation, Curriculum Materials (in concert with \$200K grant from DESE). More details to come from Dr. Milaschewski.
  - b. Summer / Before / After School Tutoring to plug COVID Gap
- (2) Recreation
  - a. Birch Meadow – Some portion of the master plan.
  - b. Sturges Park Plan Completion – Tennis & Basketball Courts & Lights; There should be documentation from multiple years ago to refer to.
  - c. Build out of former Zanni land near Burbank Area to support more field space. – This may be more of a pipe dream / long-term plan.
- (3) Water & Sewer
  - a. Water Tower – Town Meeting Recommendation OR
  - b. Water Main Repairs
- (4) Community Priorities
  - a. Support for Outdoor Dining
  - b. Transitioning the old RMLD Building to a Brewery (public / private partnership) w/ area revitalization as previously outlined by Planning.

## Chris Haley

~\$2 million for Water/Sewer depending on presentation.

Solar for RMHS and other properties, if feasible, to offset Full Day K to an extent.

Community Dog park on town owned land, seems fairly inexpensive.

Imagination Station playground back in Reading.

Funds to add a 1st Floor bathroom to the existing senior center or relocate the programs to another location.

Back pay for essential workers; need a figure to work with

Also, a portion to address mental health

## Mark Dockser

### Short Term

- Senior Center Feasibility study-- ~\$200k (estimate...to check with Jean)
- Senior Center services (\$200k?)
- Birch meadow complex trails and kiosk/bathroom. \$1.5 MM
- Affordable housing revamp and capability \$500k (2x current level)
- Food pantry support ----\$100k

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# ARPA Suggestions

- Electric Vehicle Pilot Program-- \$100,000
- School pandemic induced issues \$1 MM

## Longer Term

- Senior Center (partial but substantial) --\$0.5-2 MM
  - As many folks are raising concerns about low income seniors, our ability to buffer the tax impact of a new senior center capital project could be very helpful.

## Infrastructure

- Sidewalks/Trees. \$250-\$500k. (Fidel?)
- Water reserves (for use to stabilize water rates) -- \$500k (F)
- Water projects—Walkers Brook. \$400k (do we think we may get other funds for this?)
- Water reserves—refill for future projects due to extra costs Walkers Brook--\$500k (F)

## Water Tank contribution—

- \$0-2 MM: MD recommends no more than \$500k

## Athletic Facilities

- Bleachers/floor at Fieldhouse-- \$1.5-\$4 MM (Joe H)

## Downtown

- Feasibility study for farmers market on common (consider reconfiguration of square parking) or in other location (Jean?)--\$100k?

## Eastern Gateway

- Next step feasibility study based on NOT moving DPW...options assessment (Jean?)??

# ARPA Suggestions

Bucket Suggestions:

1) Pandemic impact	<b>\$1.4</b>
a. Schools	1.0
b. Seniors	0.3
c. Modest means (Food Pantry, etc)	0.1
2) Community Space	<b>\$2.35</b>
a. Birch Meadow complex	1.5
b. Senior/Multigenerational center	?
c. Farmers Market exploration/study (location, how, etc)	0.05
d. Eastern Gateway Update (without DPW)	0.1
e. Community smaller projects (Arts, Music, Green space)	0.2
f. Additional community priorities to be explored	0.5
3) Infrastructure	<b>\$1.9</b>
a. Water/Sewer (rates \$0.5, reserves \$0.5, project \$0.4)	1.4
b. Sidewalks, Trees (too low?)	0.5
4) Capital	<b>\$1.1</b>
a. Water Tank	0.5
b. Upgrades to bleachers, field house floor	0.5
c. EV Pilot program	0.1
5) Community Development	<b>\$0.5</b>
a. Affordable housing	0.5
6) Reserves—unexpected pandemic related reserve	<b>\$0.25</b>

MD Total:  $\$1.4 + \$2.35 + \$1.9 + \$1.1 + \$0.5 + \$0.25 = \$7.5$



# Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

2016-09-22 LAG

## Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

Reading Arpa Advisory Committee

Date: 2022-03-23

Time: 7:00 PM

Building: Reading Public Library

Location: Community Room

Address: 64 Middlesex Avenue

Session: Open Session

Purpose: General Business

Version: Draft

Attendees: **Members - Present:**

Chair Marianne Downing, Vice Chair Mark Dockser, Shawn Brandt, Geoffrey Coram, Andrew Grimes, Christopher Haley, Joe McDonagh, Tom Wise

**Members - Not Present:**

**Others Present:**

Town Manager Fidel Maltez, Town Accountant Sharon Angstrom (remote), School Finance Director Susan Bottan (remote), Finance Committee Members: Chair Ed Ross, Andrew Mclauchlan (remote) Select Board Chair Karen Herrick Public: Nancy and Michael (remote), Barbara's ipad (remote)

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:** Jacquelyn LaVerde

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## Topics of Discussion:

This meeting was held in-person at the Library Community Room and remotely via Zoom.

Chair Marianne Downing call the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

## **Public Comment:**

There was no comment from the public.

**As five members were present, Finance Committee Chair Ed Ross called the Finance Committee to order at 7:04 pm.**

## **Discuss/define scope of RAAC role in view of Official Charge of RAAC as defined by Select Board, in particular whether or not RAAC scope should include recommending allowed use of anything beyond ARPA grant funds:**

Mark Dockser explained that his vision for this Committee was to decide the list of priorities as a community, determine which priorities can be funded with ARPA, and look at free cash and other sources of funding to help decide how to spend the ARPA funds.

Tom Wise suggested thinking strategically and investing the funds in something that will drive investment or additional income in the future, such as investing in water to save on water rates, or investing in school literacy to save on out-of-district placements.

## **Discuss pros/cons of various options for format of RAAC recommendations, including but not limited to: ranked and reviewed lists of ideas; one or more splits between water/sewer infrastructure, athletics & recreation, schools, community**

**priorities, etc.; assigning by "bucket"; creating a pie chart of percentages, et cetera:**

Marianne Downing shared a comparison of how other communities prioritized their ARPA spending. Acton used some for the school district, as opposed to capital. Wilmington is investing all of its funds into water projects. Brookline had a group that produced a report of priorities, but did not provide a breakdown of how to divide the money.

Town Manager Fidel Maltez created a chart with suggested ARPA spending "buckets" that allocated \$1.25 million to Community Priorities, \$2 million to Water & Sewer, \$2 million for School priorities, and \$2 million for Athletics and Recreation. He noted that based on his discussions in the community, athletics, sports and fields, reducing high water and sewer rates, and investing in young children, were the top three priorities that came up. The Town needs to find ways to provide short term benefits that provide long term savings.

**Upon joining the meeting at 7:52 pm, Karen Herrick called the Select Board to order.**

The Committee continued to discuss different ways to allocate the money and incorporating staff expertise and community input.

**Brief discussion on community input timeframe (formats and types to be discussed at future meeting):**

The group discussed ways to solicit input from the community including an online survey, with hard copies available for those who may not have internet access, and hosting community forums. The survey can be advertised at the upcoming Annual Town Meeting.

**On a motion by Geoffrey Coram, and seconded by Ed Ross, the Finance Committee adjourned at 8:39 pm, as members left the meeting, and the Finance Committee no longer had a quorum.**

Members were tasked with coming to the next meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> with suggested survey questions and creating a list of projects that could be considered by the Committee and would fit into the "buckets".

**Review and approve minutes of 3/8/2022 meeting:**

**On a motion by Tom Wise, and seconded by Mr. Brandt, the Reading ARPA Advisory Committee voted 7-0-0 to approve the meeting minutes of March 8, 2022. Joe McDonagh had already left the meeting.**

**Discuss future agenda items, future meeting dates:**

RAAC members discussed future meeting dates following Town Meeting and agreed on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**On a motion by Karen Herrick and seconded by Mark Dockser, the Select Board voted 3-0 to adjourn at 8:54 pm.**

**Roll call vote: Mark Dockser-Yes, Chris Haley-Yes, Karen Herrick-Yes.**

**On a motion by Mark Dockser, and seconded by Tom Wise, the Reading ARPA Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to adjourn at 8:55 pm.**

# TOWN OF **READING**

**Birch Meadow Park Master Plan**

**Select Board Meeting | 2 February 2021**



**ACTIVITAS**  
landscape architecture | civil engineering





### AGENDA

1. **Birch Meadow Planning**
  - History
  - Process
2. **Community Engagement**
  - Needs Assessment
  - Community Presentation
  - Community Q&A
3. **Birch Meadow Master Plan**
4. **Potential Phasing Options**
5. **First Implementation Project**



# The Process



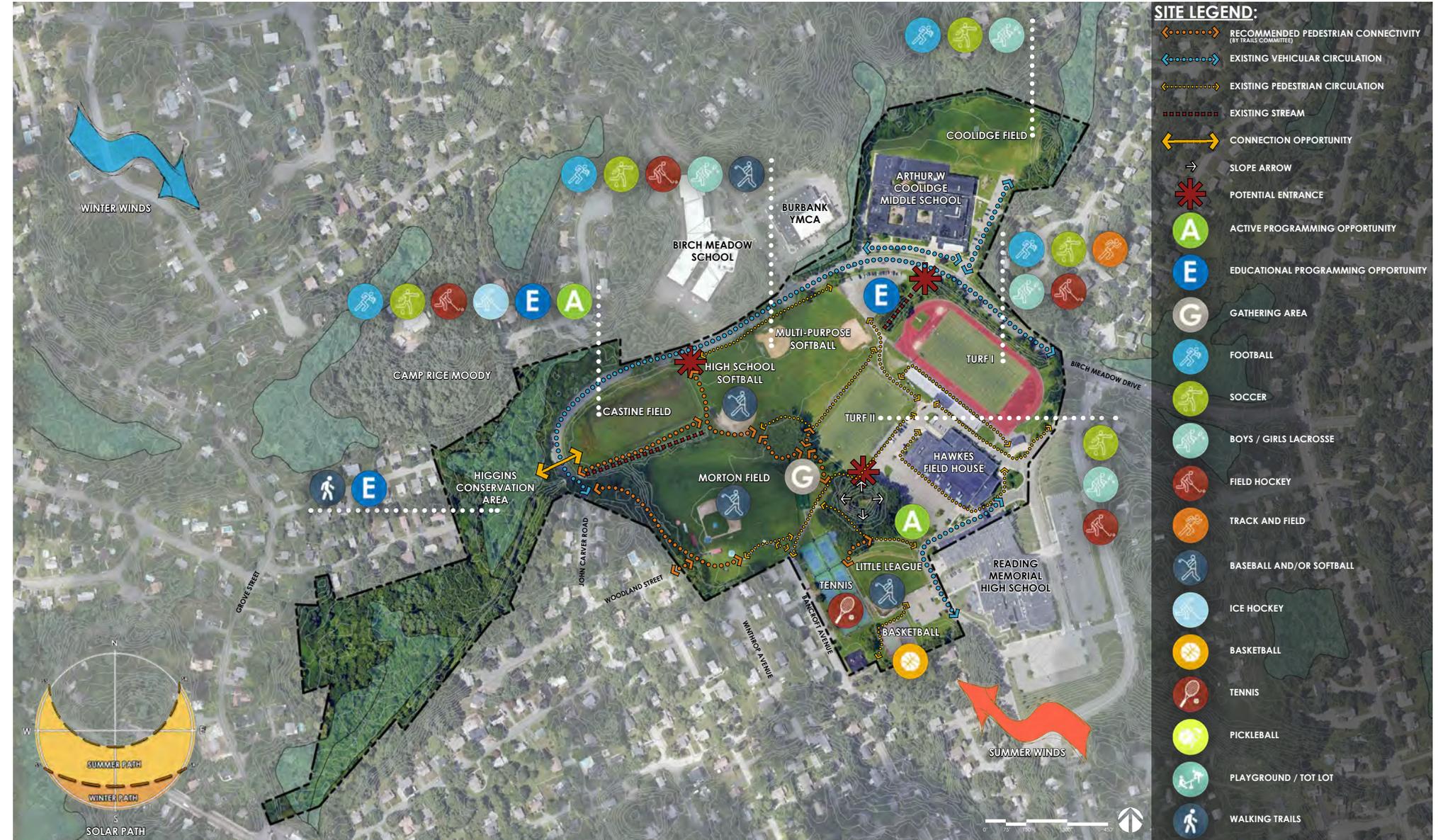
# Town of Reading

Birch Meadow Park Master Plan



## SITE ANALYSIS INFORMATION

- Resource Areas
- Vehicular/Pedestrian Circulation
- Access Points
- Parking
- Athletic Fields and Courts
- Walking Trails
- Existing Topography
- Handicap Accessibility



ACTIVITAS



## INTERVIEWS & FOCUS GROUPS



Activitas conducted individual interviews with the following user groups/stakeholders:

- TOWN ADMINISTRATION
- READING PUBLIC WORKS
- READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- READING COMMUNITY SERVICES
- READING RECREATION
- READING UNITED SOCCER CLUB
- READING LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
- READING LITTLE LEAGUE
- READING SOFTBALL LITTLE LEAGUE
- READING BABE RUTH LEAGUE
- READING HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS
- VARIOUS TOWN BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## STRENGTHS

- Central location
- Stadium
- Proximity to surrounding schools
- Existing tennis courts

## CHALLENGES

- Drainage issues site-wide
- Castine has extremely short window of effective use during summer
- Inadequate storage for all teams
- Parking is an issue for bigger games and when park is in full use
- Older field lighting
- Lack of formal entrances
- Wayfinding signage for both vehicular and pedestrian circulation
- Trails conditions and access points at Higgins Conservation Area
- Circulation and access from neighborhood

## KEY FOCUS AREAS

- **More lighting**
- **More passive recreation opportunity**
- **Restrooms/concessions building**
- **More turf**
- Lacrosse wall
- More storage throughout complex
- More pickleball courts
- Make the park more inviting
- More defined team areas
- More landscaping for park like feel
- Better maintenance plan by Town or others
- Scoreboards and PA systems with modern technology capabilities

# Conceptual Master Plan



COPY ALL THE SAME ROAD/ STREET PARKING LINEWORK FROM OPTION 1

SAME LINEWORK BEHIND SCHOOL FROM OPTION 1

SAME LINEWORK FROM TURF w/ OPTION 1

SAME PARKING + ENTRANCE LINEWORK FROM OPTION 1

REMOVE 2-3 SPACES TO ACCESS NEW PARKING LOT ADDITION

SUB-SITE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ACTIVITAS

# MAASTER PLAN



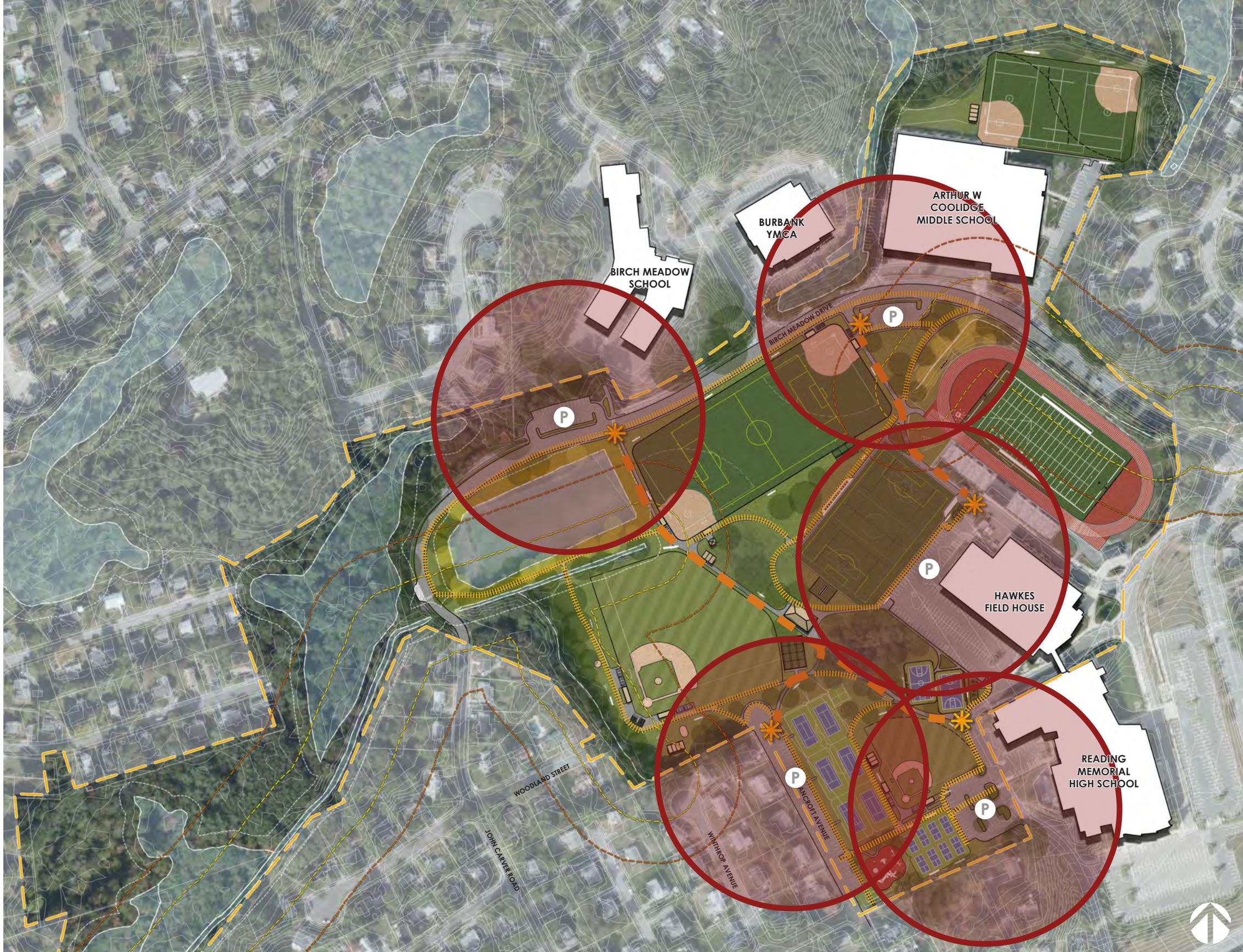
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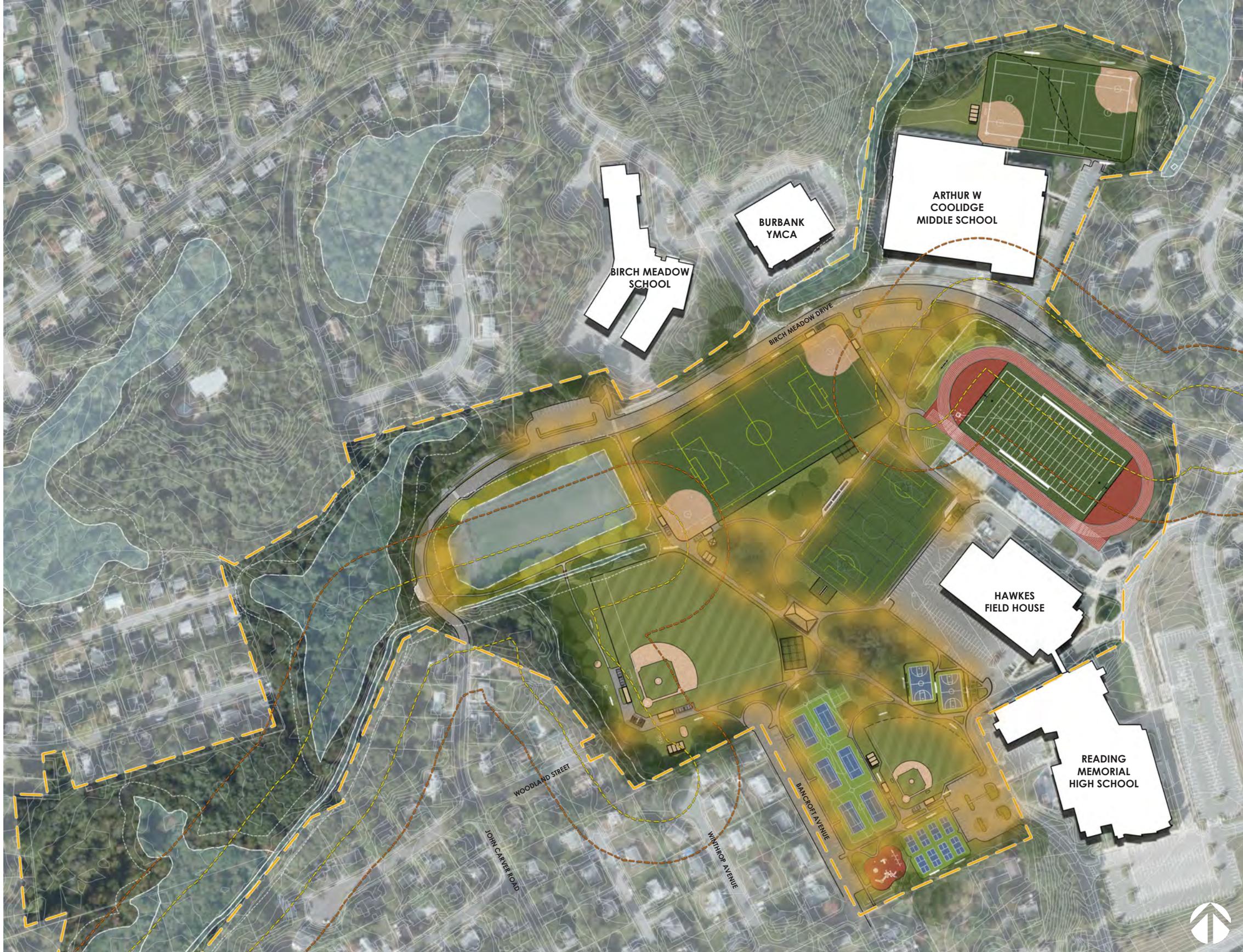
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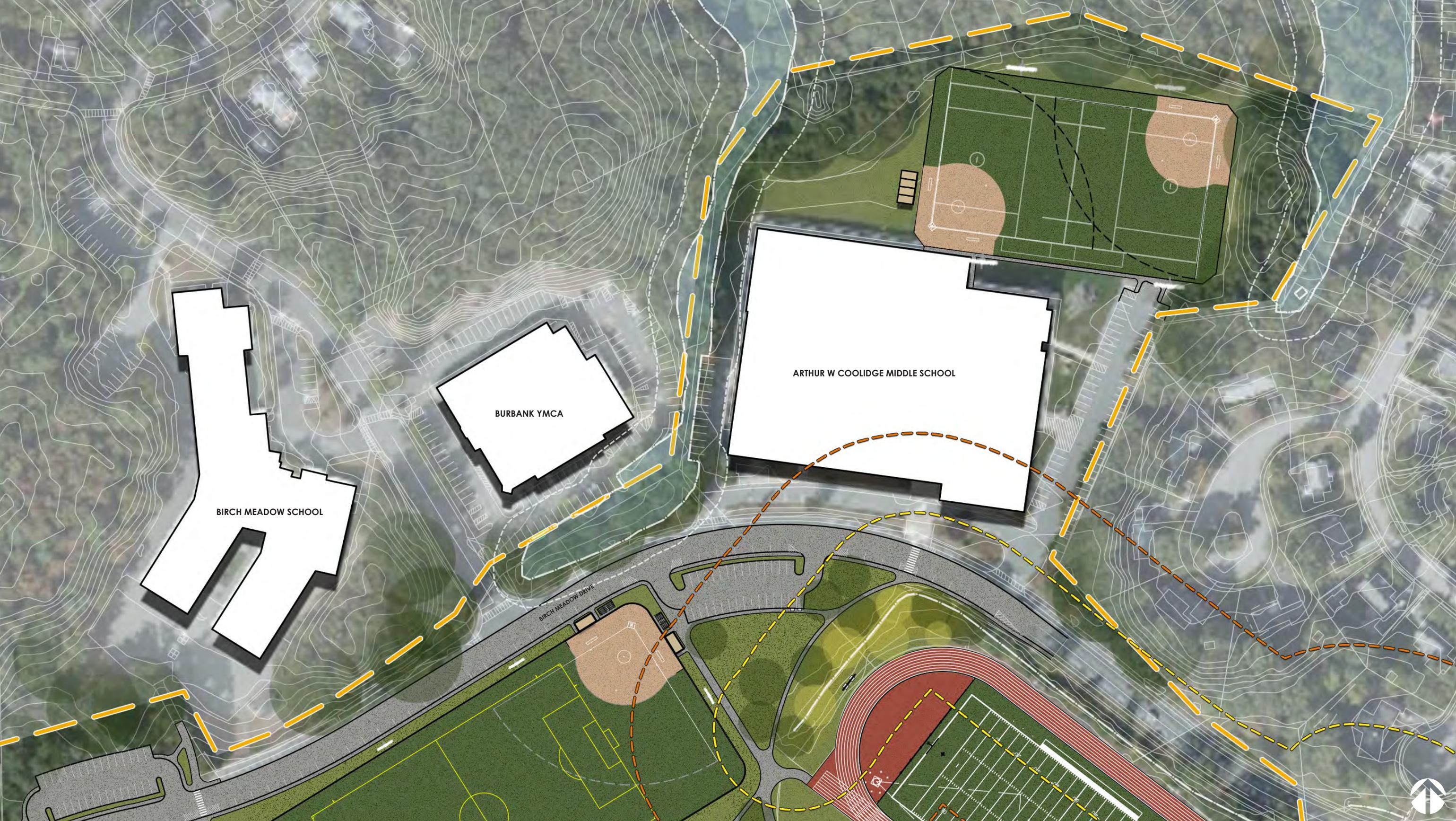


# WMASTERS PLAN



# MAASTER PLAN





BIRCH MEADOW SCHOOL

BURBANK YMCA

ARTHUR W COOLIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

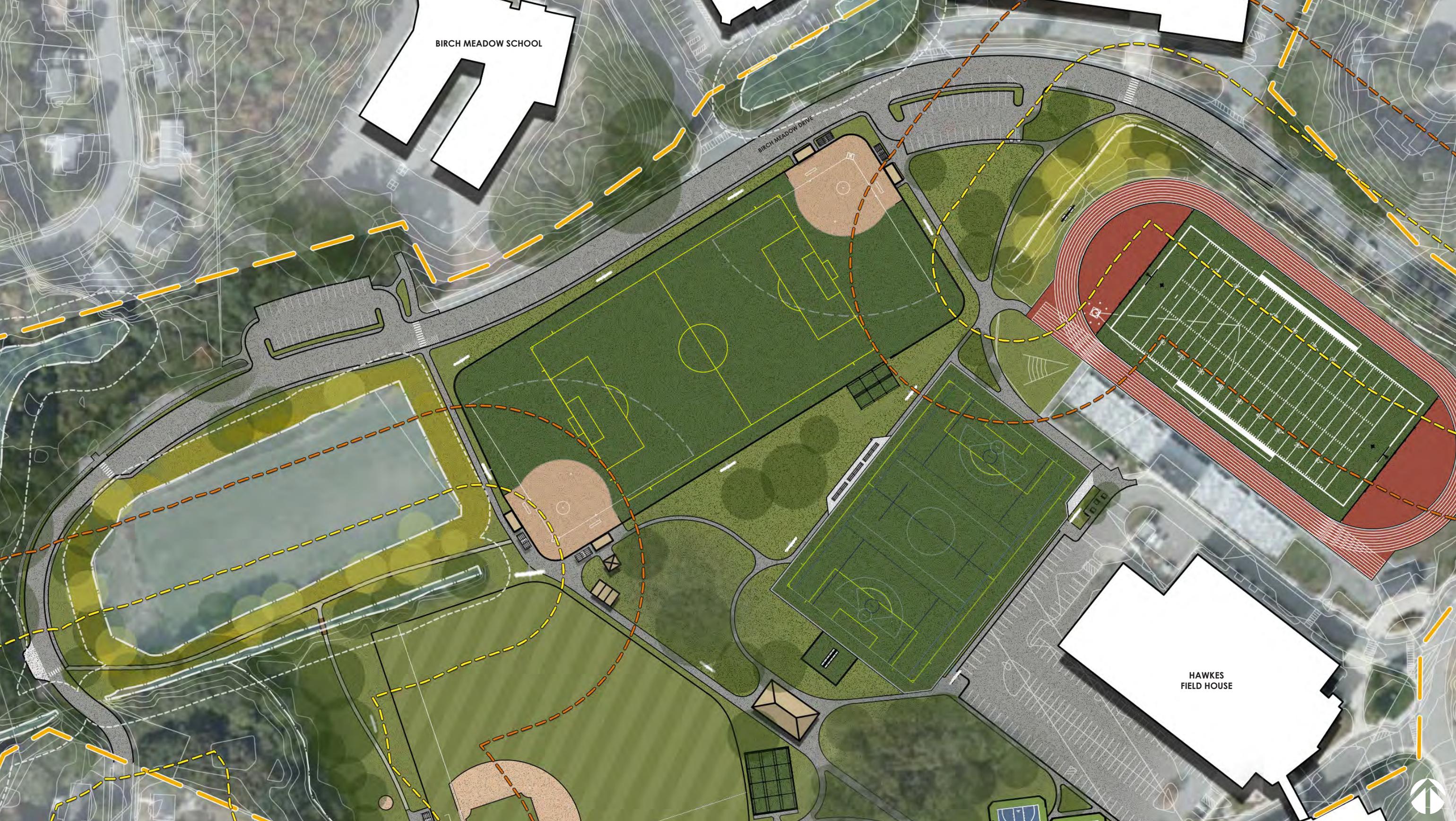
BIRCH MEADOW DRIVE



BIRCH MEADOW SCHOOL

BIRCH MEADOW DRIVE

HAWKES FIELD HOUSE





HAWKES  
FIELD HOUSE

WOODLAND STREET

JOHN CAYNE ROAD

WINTROP AVENUE

BANKCROFT AVENUE

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# Town of Reading

Birch Meadow Park Master Plan



## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & RESOURCE AREA RESTORATION

Restoration of Imagination Station parking lot adjacent to the Aberjona River





## SUMMARY OF FEATURES

ATHLETIC CAPACITY/AMENITIES	EXISTING	PROPOSED
SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS	2	4
NATURAL GRASS FIELDS	4	2
FOOTBALL	1-2	2-3
SOCCER	1-3	2-3
BASEBALL	1	1
SOFTBALL	3	4
BATTING TUNNELS	2	5
YOUTH BASEBALL	1	1
BOYS LACROSSE	3	3
GIRLS LACROSSE	1	2
LACROSSE WALL	✘	✓
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BASKETBALL COURTS	1	2
PICKLEBALL COURTS	3	8
TENNIS COURTS (EXISTING TO REMAIN)	6	6
ROPES COURSE (UPGRADE/CERTIFY EXISTING)	✓	✓
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MEASURED WALKING PATH	✘	1 MILE
ADDITIONAL PARKING	N/A	87
PARK "GATEWAY" ENTRANCES	2	5
PICNIC/GATHERING SPACE	✓	✓

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## SUMMARY OF FEATURES

ATHLETIC CAPACITY/AMENITIES	EXISTING	PROPOSED
SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS	2	4
NATURAL GRASS FIELDS	4	2
FOOTBALL	1-2	2-3
SOCCER	1-3	2-3
BASEBALL	1	1
SOFTBALL	3	4
BATTING TUNNELS	2	5
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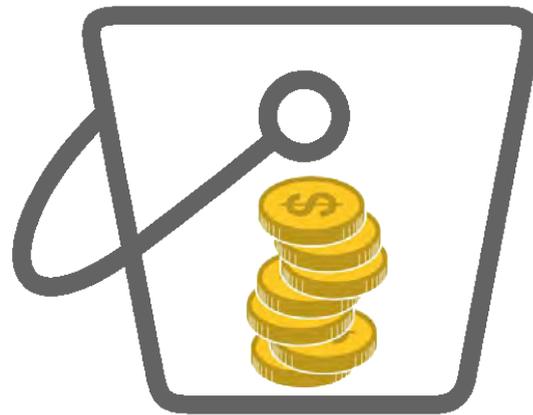
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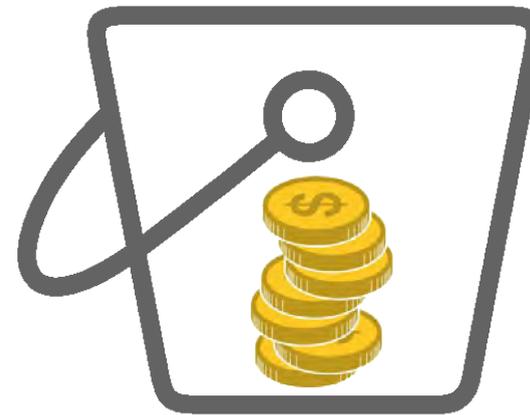
BUCKET 1



**CRITICAL**

\$ For critical maintenance and safety projects (life-cycle replacement & repair of existing facilities)

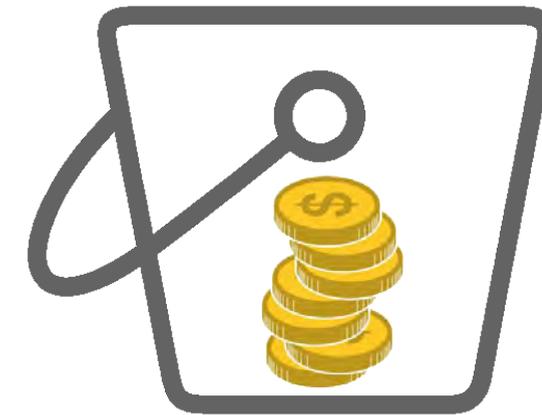
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**SUSTAINABLE**

\$ For sustainable projects (strategic changes to park facilities)

BUCKET 3



**VISIONARY**

\$ For complete facility renovation

# CRITICAL

PROJECT	COST	POTENTIAL FOR PHASING	POTENTIAL FOR OUTSIDE FUNDING
<b>Central Spine &amp; Restrooms</b> <i>Circulation Improvements and New Support Structure</i>	\$\$	YES	YES
<b>Lacrosse Wall</b> <i>New Wall and Site Improvements</i>	\$	NO	YES
<b>Imagination Station Parking Lot</b> <i>Parking Renovation and Wetland Restoration</i>	\$\$	YES	YES
<b>Stadium</b> <i>Track and Field Renovations</i>	\$\$\$\$	NO	YES

\$ Low Cost (\$0 - 250K)  
 \$\$ Low to Moderate Cost (\$250K - 750K)  
 \$\$\$ Moderate Cost (\$750K - 1.5M)  
 \$\$\$\$ Moderate to High Cost (\$1.5M - 2.5)  
 \$\$\$\$\$ High Cost (\$2.5M +)



# SUSTAINABLE

PROJECT	COST	POTENTIAL FOR PHASING	POTENTIAL FOR OUTSIDE FUNDING
<b>Higgins Farm Conservation Area</b> <i>Trail and Wayfinding Improvements</i>	\$	YES	YES
<b>Birchmeadow Drive</b> <i>Parking and Accessibility Improvements</i>	\$\$	YES	YES
<b>Castine Field</b> <i>Wetland Restoration</i>	\$	NO	YES
<b>Morton Field</b> <i>Fencing, Circulation, Team Areas, Lights, and Accessibility Improvements</i>	\$\$\$	YES	YES
<b>Adventure Ropes Course</b> <i>Equipment and Safety Improvements</i>	\$	NO	YES
<b>Basketball Courts</b> <i>New Courts and Lighting</i>	\$\$\$	YES	YES
<b>Little League Field</b> <i>Lights, Storage, and Team Area Improvements</i>	\$\$	YES	YES
<b>Playground</b> <i>Equipment and Safety Improvements</i>	\$\$	NO	YES
<b>Pickleball Courts</b> <i>New Courts and Lighting</i>	\$\$\$	YES	YES
<b>Administration/Rise Parking Lot</b> <i>Expansion and Improvements</i>	\$	NO	YES

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# VISIONARY

PROJECT	COST	POTENTIAL FOR PHASING	POTENTIAL FOR OUTSIDE FUNDING
<b>Softball/Multi-Purpose Field</b> <i>New Synthetic Turf Field, Lights, Team Areas, Storage, and Site Improvements</i>	\$\$\$\$\$	YES	YES
<b>Coolidge Middle School Field</b> <i>New Synthetic Turf Field, Lights, Team Areas, Storage, and Site Improvements</i>	\$\$\$\$	YES	YES

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# KEY FOCUS AREAS

- 1. More fields with lighting
- 2. More passive recreation opportunity
- 3. Restrooms/concessions building
- 4. More turf
  - Lacrosse wall
  - Make the park more inviting
  - Better maintenance plan by Town or others
  - More storage throughout complex
  - More pickleball courts
  - More defined team areas
  - More landscaping for park like feel
  - Scoreboards and PA systems with modern technology capabilities



# MAASTER PLAN



## POTENTIAL FIRST IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

- Aligns with conceptual master plan design generated by Activitas
- Prioritizes 2 projects that improves infrastructure and safety that were of the highest priority to the Reading community
- Move forward to secure Capital Funding (current placeholder of \$1 million)
- Project concept has been approved by the Recreation Committee



## POTENTIAL FIRST IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

- Approximately 1140 feet long walkway
- Pedestrian scale lighting and connections to secondary pathways
- Support structure in area between Morton Field, Turf II and softball fields
- Structure includes lighting, storage, two restrooms and an open air pavilion with picnic seating



## POTENTIAL FIRST IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

- Outdoor company to clean restrooms and picnic tables 2x per week (approx. \$300/mo per All Clean, Beverly, MA)
- Timed locks on restrooms to lock at close of park (10pm)
- Potential for standing seam metal roofs and solar panels on structure:
  - Sustainable
  - Reduced energy costs
  - Increased longevity
  - Low maintenance

