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CSO Abatement Program Update

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Combined Sewer System

- Over 200 miles of sewers
- Developed over 150 years
- Conveys dry weather and wet weather flows
- All flow initially discharged directly to receiving water (1857-1948)
- Sewer outfalls converted to CSO outfalls with construction of WWTF (1948-1952)



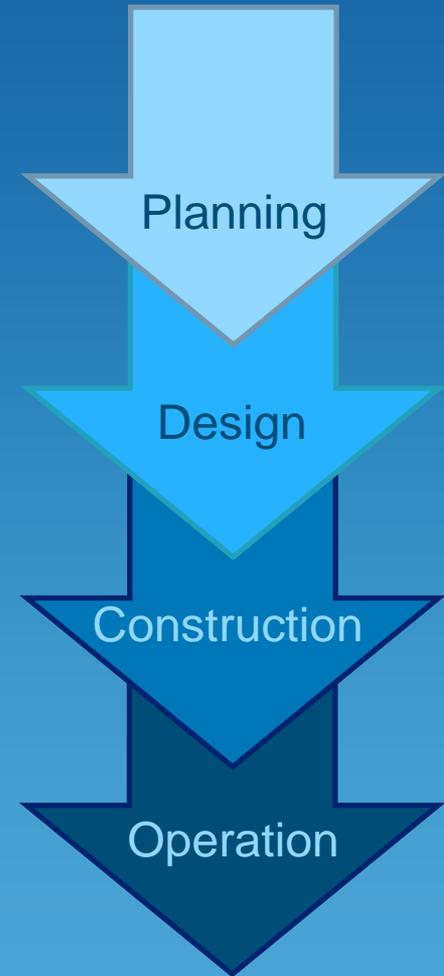
Wastewater Pumping and Treatment Facilities

- 1948 Initial WWTF construction
- 1948-52 Central Street and Cove Street station construction
- 1978-80 WWTF Secondary treatment
- 1978-80 Central Street and Cove Street station upgrades
- 1997 WWTF wet weather capacity increased
 - Dry weather flow = 50 mgd
 - Wet weather flow = 106 mgd
- 2008 Cove Street Pump Station upgrade (10 mgd)
- 2012 Central Street Pump Station upgrade (15 mgd)



CSO Abatement Program

- 1984 Initial planning began
- 1989 EPA Administrative Order
- 1992 Federal Court Order
- 1992 CSO Facilities Plan
- 1994 Design start
- 1997 Construction start
- 2000 WWTF wet weather upgrade start
- 2005 CSO tunnel start
- 2009 Cove Street CSO facility start



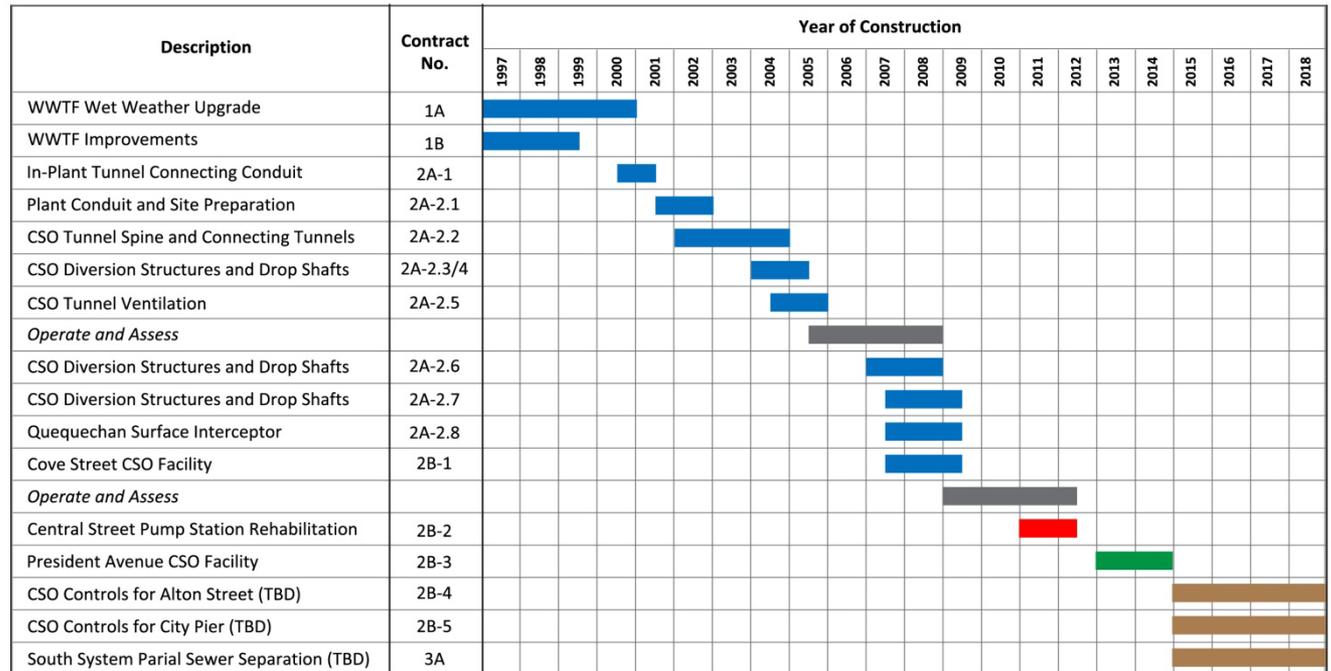
CSO Facilities Constructed to Date

- WWTF Wet Weather Upgrade
- CSO Storage Tunnel
 - 9 Drop Shafts
 - Ventilation
- Quequechan Surface Interceptor
- Cove Street CSO Facility and Pump Station Rehabilitation
- Central Street Pump Station Rehabilitation



Project Schedule

- Federal Court Order Milestones
- \$160 million construction cost to date



LEGEND



Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade

- Wet weather capacity increased to 106 mgd
- Improved solids handling
- Connecting conduit to CSO tunnel



CSO Storage Tunnel

- Deep rock tunnel
 - 20-foot diameter
 - 3 miles long
 - Up to 100 feet deep
- 9 drop shafts and connecting tunnels
- Fan vault/ventilation
- 38-million gallon storage capacity
- Conveys flows to WWTF for treatment



Quequechan Surface Interceptor

- Eliminated the need to extend CSO storage tunnel
- Active interceptor replaced with larger interceptor
- Extensive environmental permitting
- Work adjacent to river in easements



Cove Street CSO Screening and Disinfection Facility

- CSO facility includes:
 - New CSO regulator
 - Screen
 - Flow measurement
 - High-volume propeller pumps
 - Disinfection



Pump Station Rehabilitation (Cove Street and Central Street)

Background

- Original construction (1948-52)
- Upgraded (1978-80)
- Rehabilitation (2008-12)

Rehabilitation Includes:

- Replace existing dry-pit submersible pumps
- New screening equipment
- New instrumentation and controls
- New building HVAC and electrical
- Building restoration
- Central Street pump station capacity increased

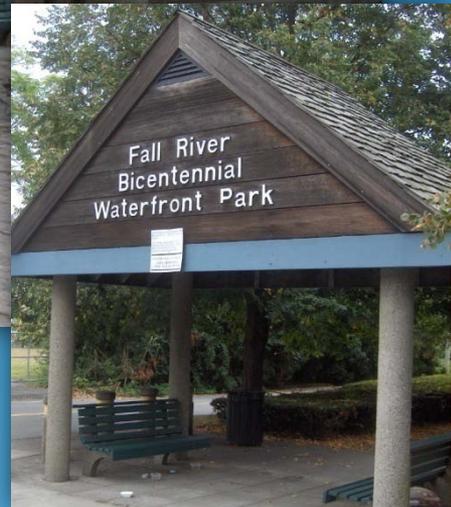


Remaining CSO Controls

- President Avenue CSO Screening and Disinfection Facility
- CSO Control for Alton Street outfall (TBD)
- CSO Control for City Pier outfall (TBD)
- Partial Sewer Separation for South System (TBD)



PRESIDENT AVENUE CSO SCREENING AND DISINFECTION FACILITY



Background

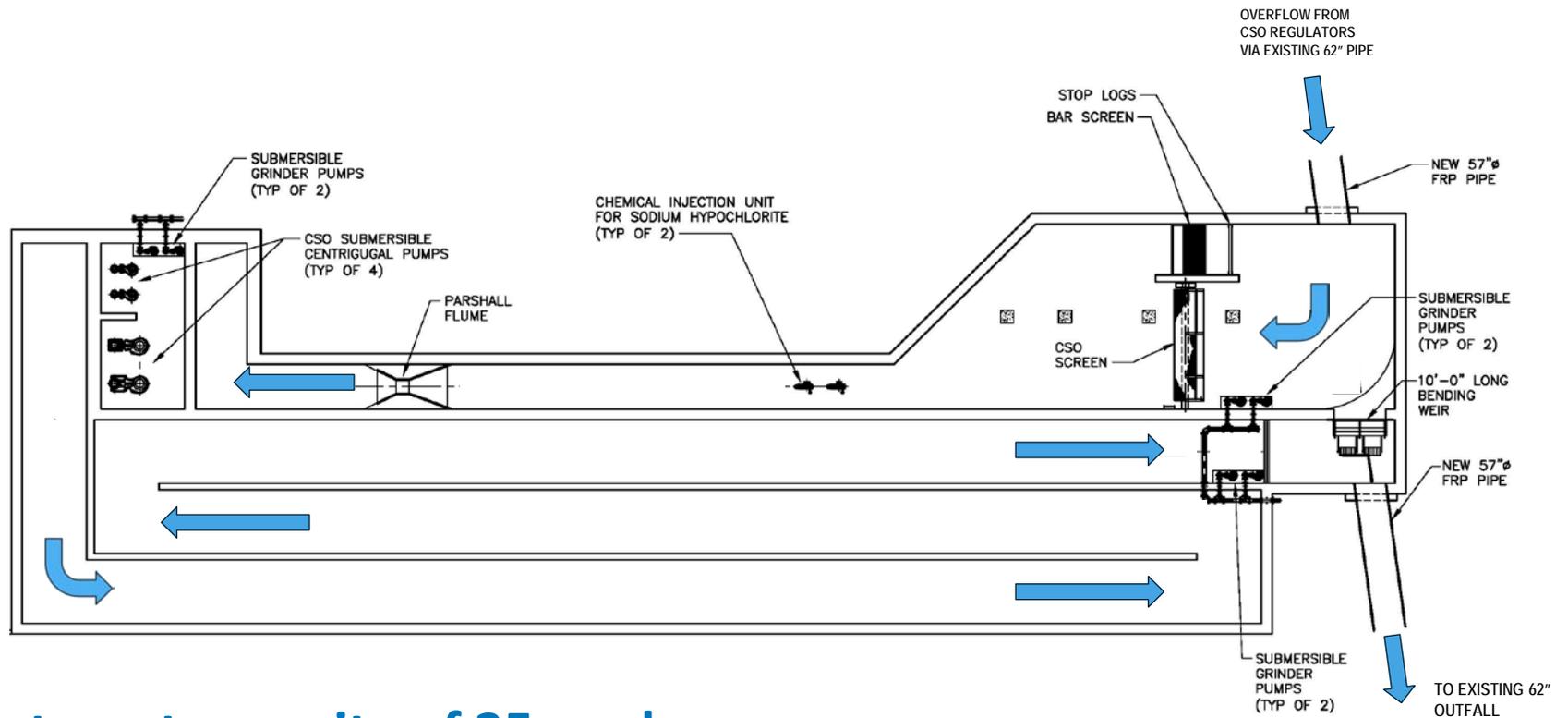
- 2001 Proposed elimination of the North Tunnel
- 2003 Modified Tunnel Plan (MTP) presented to CLF/Court
- 2005 CLF/Court considers MTP/defers construction of the North Tunnel/allows Cove Street CSO facility
- 2008 MEPA approval of MTP
- 2009-2011 Cove Street CSO facility operated as demonstration facility
- 2010 North System alternatives presented to CLF/Court
- 2011 CLF/Court agreement to construct screening and disinfection at President Ave CSO (November 23, 2011)

Project Features

- Underground CSO treatment facility
- New multi-function building
- Refurbished park facilities
- Fully integrated into the park setting/public safety



CSO Treatment Process



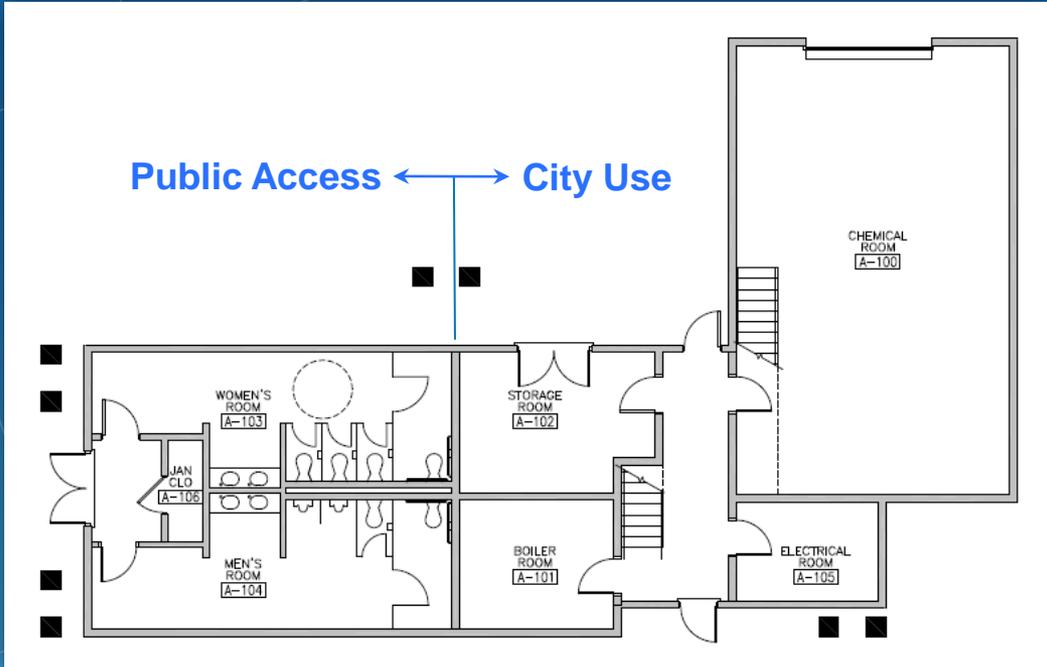
Treatment capacity of 35 mgd

Multi-function Building Requirements

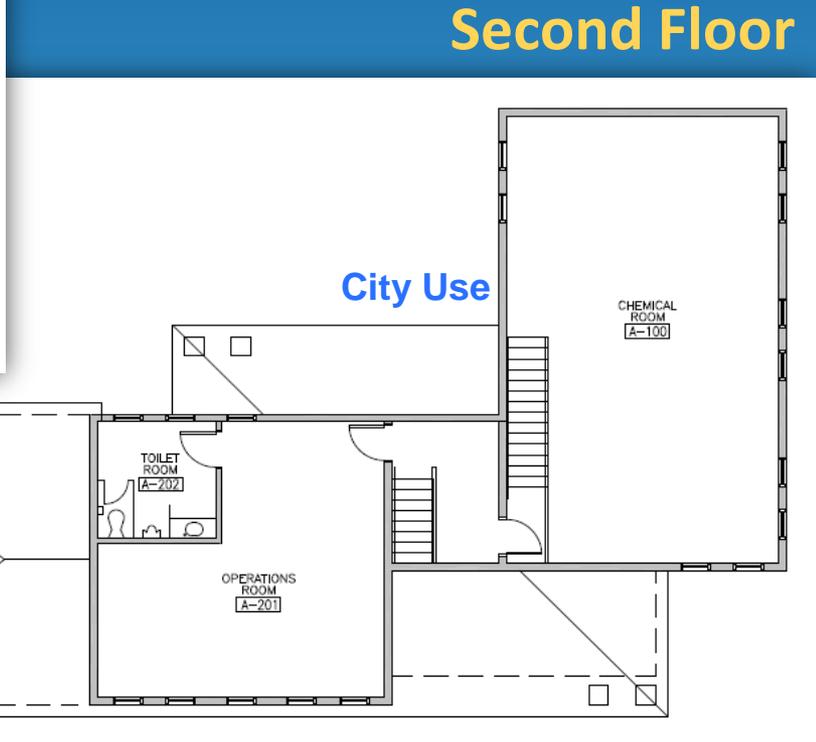
- Combined Public/CSO facility
 - Public restrooms
 - Park Department storage
 - Chemical storage and feed equipment
 - CSO process controls
 - Building electrical and HVAC equipment



Proposed Building Floor Plans



First Floor



Second Floor

Proposed Building



Article 97 Approval Requirements/Mitigation

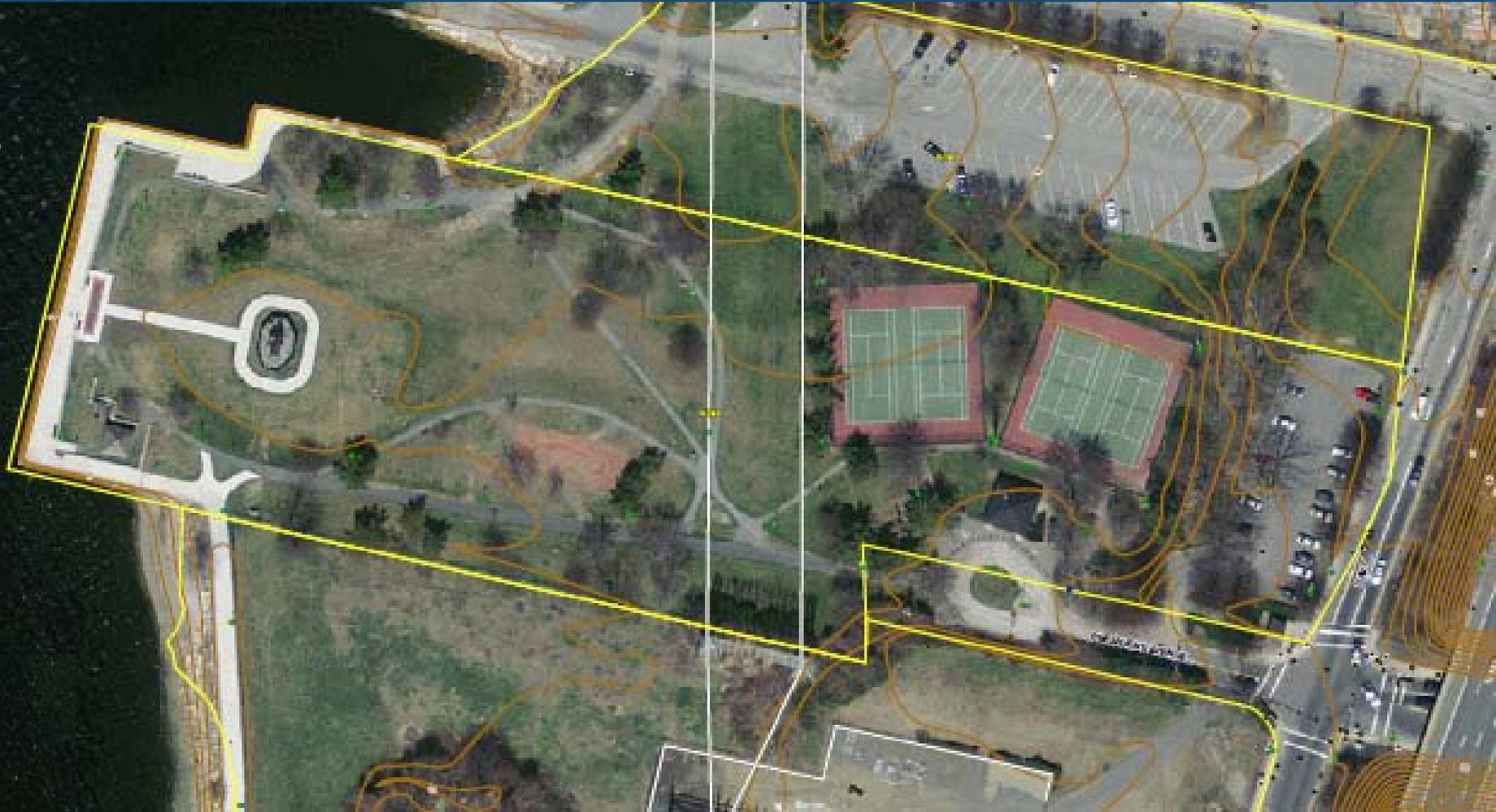
Requirements

- Minimize loss of open space/recreational use
- Sewer Commission approval
- Park Department approval
- City Council approval
- MEPA approval
- MA Legislature approval

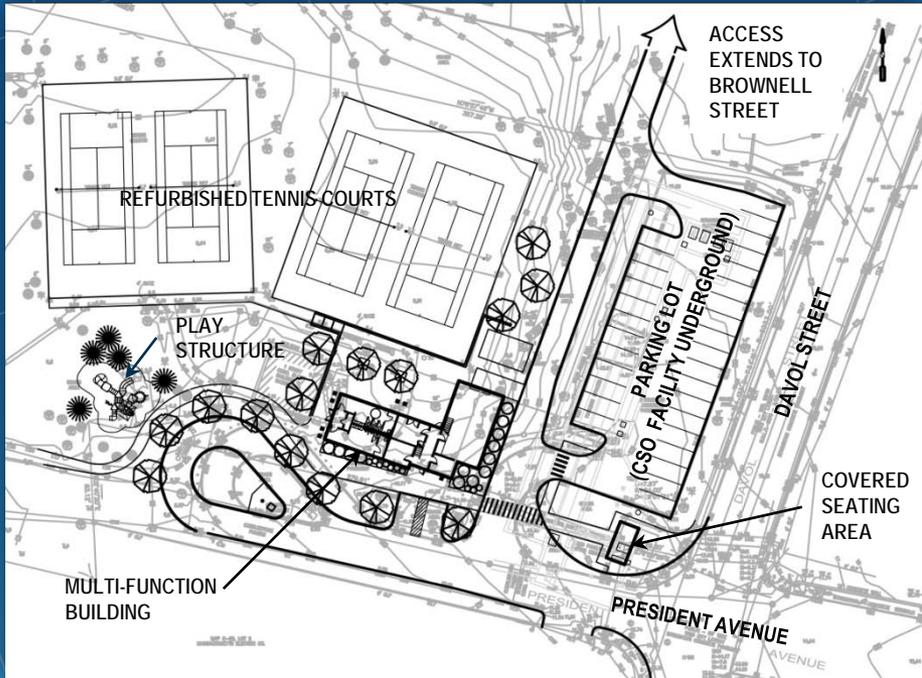
Mitigation

- Underground CSO treatment facility
- Multi-function building
 - Minimize increase in footprint
 - above 100-year flood elevation
 - Locate in minimal use area
- Refurbished park facilities
- Improved park access/egress
 - Vehicular
 - Handicapped access
- Improved landscaping
- Open space management
- Minimize construction impacts

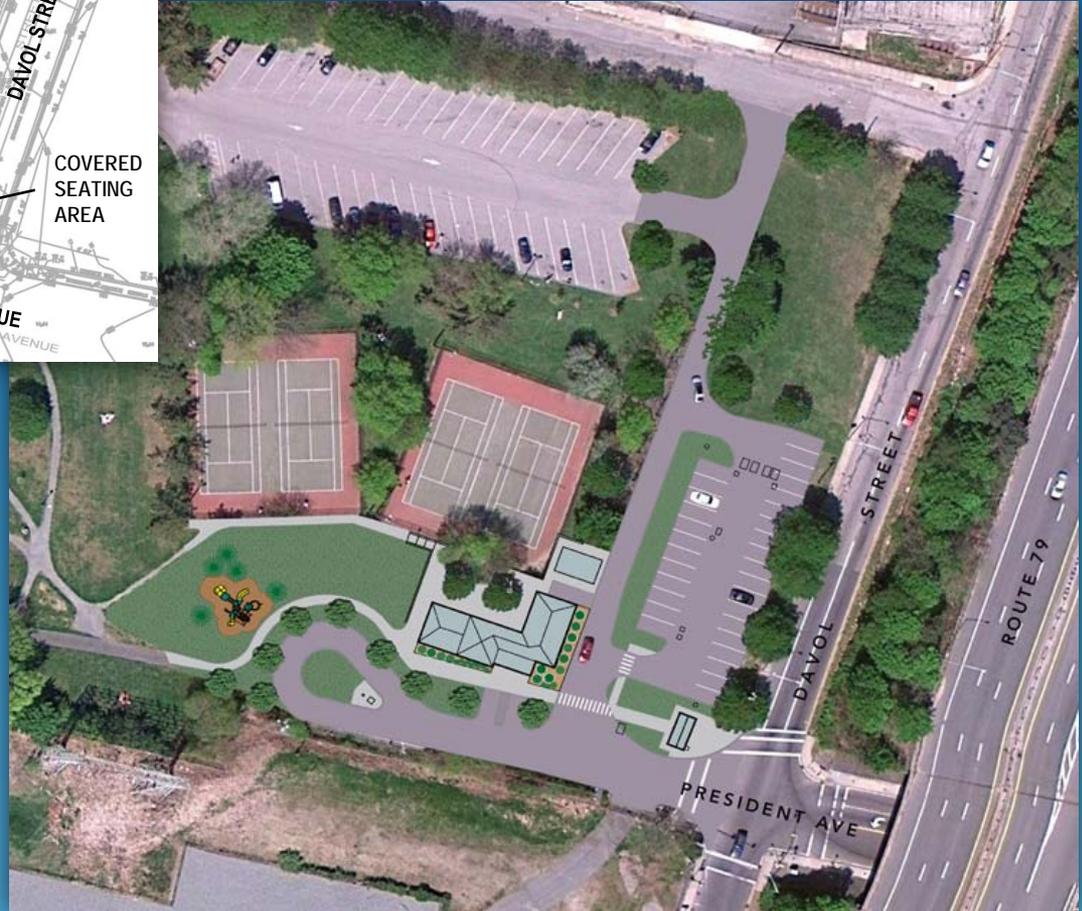
Bicentennial Park (Existing Condition)



Conceptual Layout No. 1



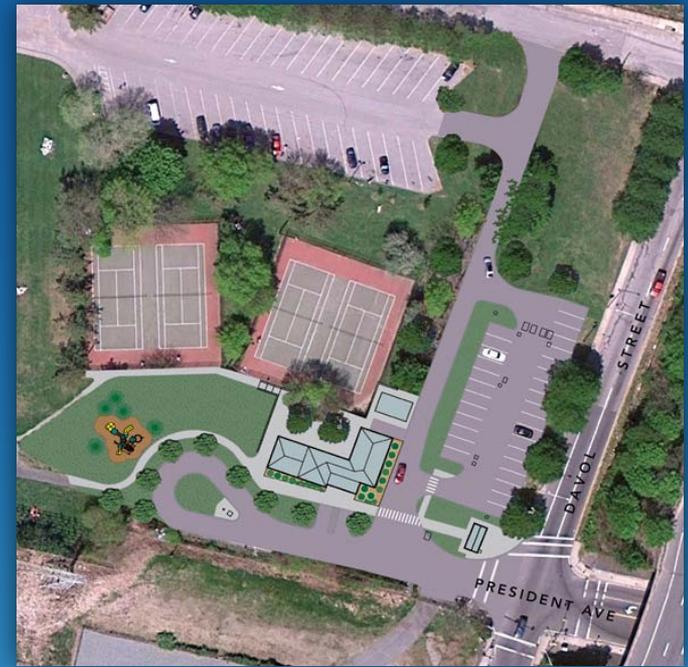
One-way access from President Avenue to Brownell Street



Conceptual Layout No. 1

Pros

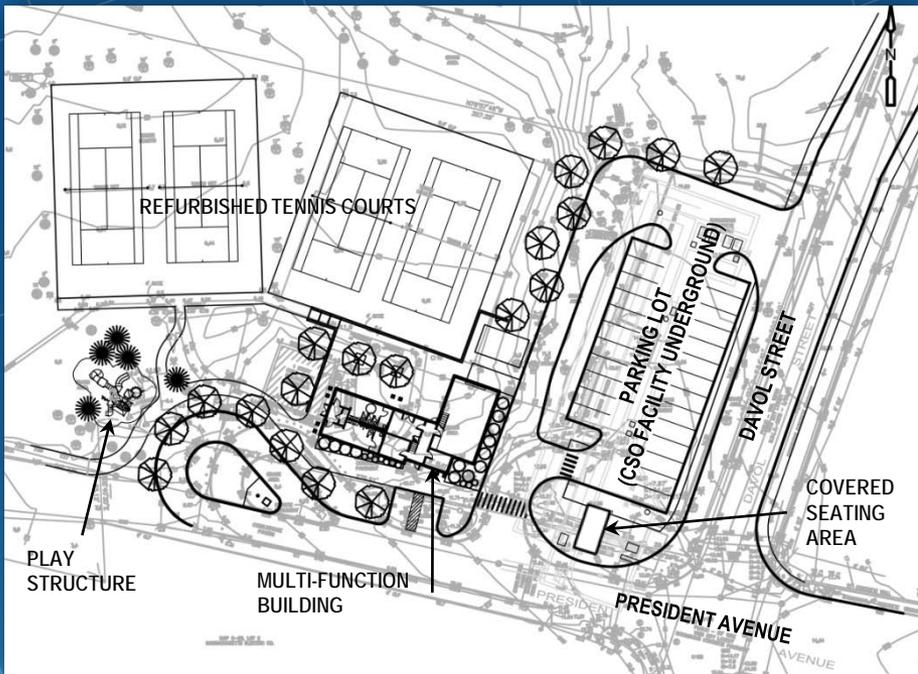
- Improves existing park facilities
- Improves flow of traffic in/out of the park
- Improves access for CSO facility deliveries
- Improves access to boat ramp
- Improves access to Brownell Street and Remington Avenue
- Maintains existing parking spaces



Cons

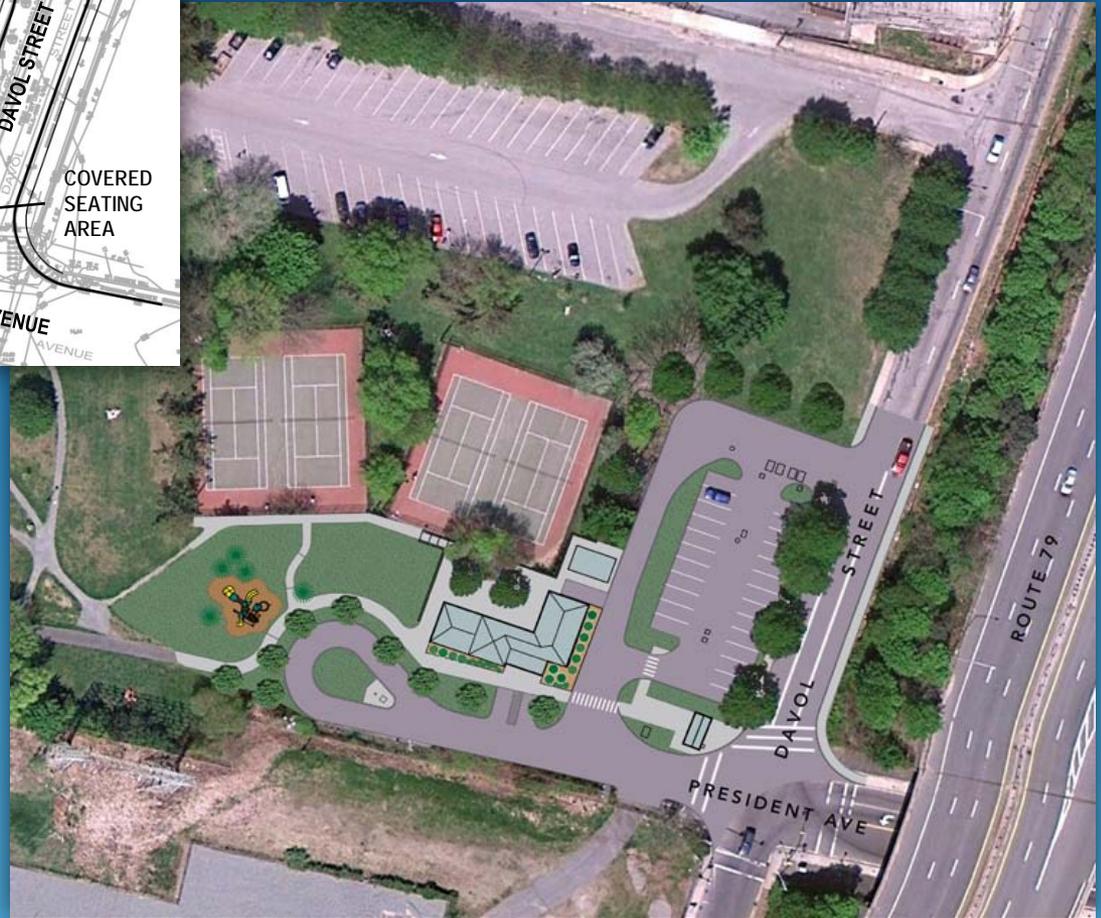
- Requires approval of MA Department of Fish and Game
- Additional traffic management
- Requires 175 linear feet of roadway (from end of parking lot to Brownell Street)

Conceptual Layout No. 2



NOTE: THIS FIGURE SHOWS POTENTIAL RECONFIGURATION OF DAVOL STREET.

One-way access from President Avenue to Davol Street



Conceptual Layout No. 2



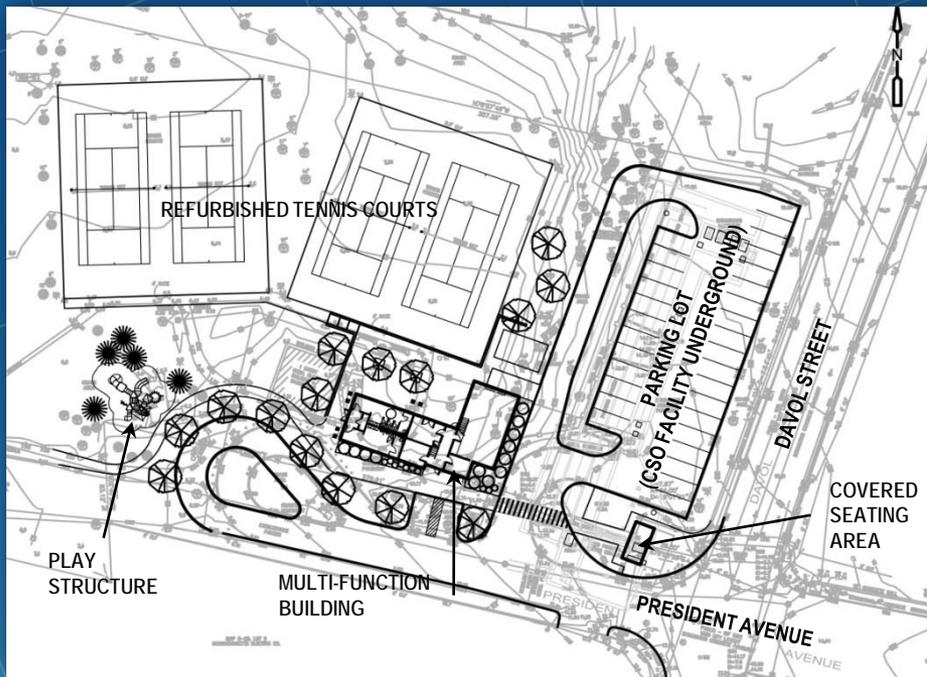
Pros

- Improves existing park facilities
- Improves flow of traffic in/out of the park
- Improves access for CSO facility deliveries

Cons

- Reduced parking lot size
- Additional traffic management
- Requires MassDOT approval for new park exit

Conceptual Layout No. 3



Two-way access from
President Avenue



Conceptual Layout No. 3



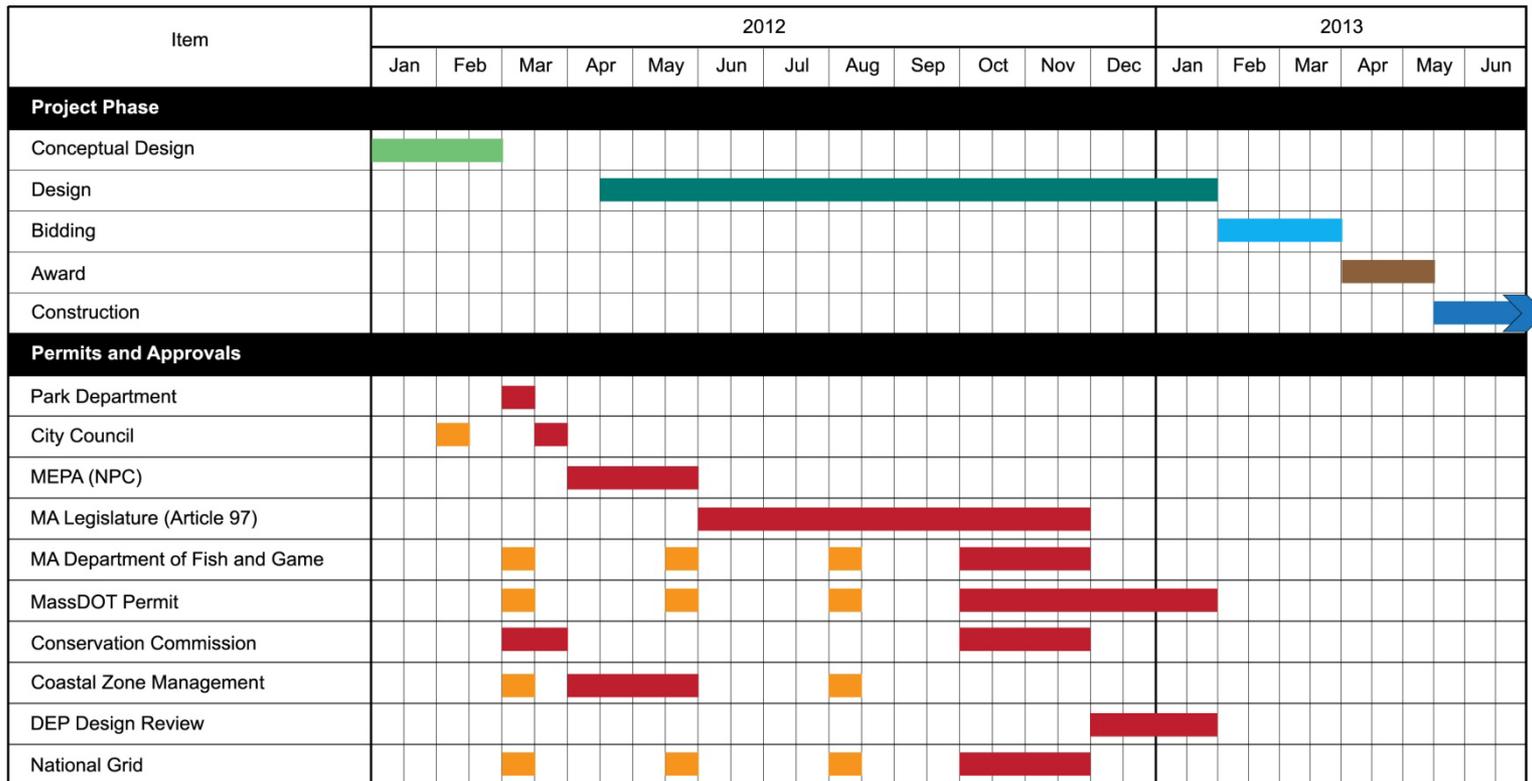
Pros

- Improves existing park facilities
- Improves flow of traffic in/out of the park

Cons

- Single point of access/egress
- Limited access for CSO facility deliveries/public safety issue

Permits and Approvals



Legend



Next Steps

- City Council support of concept(s)
- Article 97 approval
 - Sewer Commission approval
 - Park Department approval
 - City Council approval
 - MEPA approval (Notice of Project Change)
 - MA Legislature approval
- MA Department of Fish and Game support
- MassDOT support
- Order of Conditions from Conservation Commission
- Coastal Zone Management support
- Coordination with National Grid

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

