

Cambridge Parks & Open Space Planning Draft Goals (June 27, 2022)



Below is a set of draft parks and open space plan goals to be discussed during the Our Parks, Our Plan virtual meeting on June 30, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. To sign up for the meeting or learn more about the open space planning process, please visit: cambridgema.gov/openspaceplan.

Please note, this document is primarily meant to be used for reference as part of the June 30 meeting. If you are unable to attend that meeting, a recording of the meeting and additional methods of feedback will be listed on the project website. We look forward to hearing from you.

Theme: Expanding and Improving Park Access for All

- A. Goal:** Eliminate barriers and actively welcome people to enjoy parks and park programs, ensuring they are welcoming spaces for all.
- B. Goal:** Improve access to open space, with an emphasis in areas of high open space need.
- C. Goal:** Support active and sustainable modes of access to and through-use of parks and open spaces.

Theme: Providing Environmental Benefits in an Urban Context

- D. Goal:** Protect and enhance natural areas, including Cambridge's water supply areas as well as smaller spaces that support biodiversity.
- E. Goal:** Leverage parks and open spaces to foster climate resilience, and design and program open spaces with a changing climate.

Theme: Activating and Enhancing Public Spaces

- F. Goal:** Promote healthy play and active recreation for people of all ages, abilities, genders, and backgrounds.
- G. Goal:** Activate public spaces.
- H. Goal:** Cultivate comfortable spaces for gathering and connections.
- I. Goal:** Celebrate, integrate, and highlight creativity, arts, and culture.

Theme: Enhancing and Improving Design, Operations, and Management

- J. Goal:** Develop high-quality parks to advance community priorities and incorporate uses that reflect community interests.
- K. Goal:** Strive toward well-maintained parks and systems of operation that balance efficiency and effectiveness with adaptability and responsiveness.
- L. Goal:** Enhance public information about parks and open space, and highlight ways the community can engage with parks that foster learning and community-building.