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.