

GOLD STAR MOTHERS/GORE STREET PARK CONCEPT PLANS

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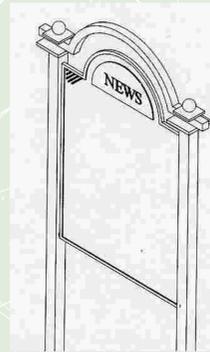
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BACKGROUND

Gold Star Mother's Park is a park within a neighborhood of historic residences in Cambridge. The park provides this close knit community with a place for quiet relaxation, active recreation and neighborhood activities. Gold Star Mother's Park is used by residents as a connection between Cambridge and Somerville. The park is named for women whose children died in service during World War II. These women were called "Gold Star Mother's" because they received small flags with gold stars. In 1968 the city received a federal grant to purchase the land on this site and develop a park.



Ornamental Steel Fence Along Gore Street Edge of Playground



Bulletin Board/Community News



Playing Field Improvements Include New Bleachers, Players Benches and Shade Structures



Ornamental Park Sign on Pole



Granite & Brick Entrance Columns

Ornamental Cast Iron Bollard at Entrance

DESIGN CONCEPT

- To maintain an appropriate balance between active recreation and passive park use.
- To improve public safety by installing new walkway lighting throughout all areas of the park, installing emergency phones, providing more "open" play equipment and pruning trees to allow for better visibility into and throughout park.
- To upgrade playground to bring play structures and equipment into conformance with safety and American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.
- To enhance, better define, make safer and more attractive the park entrances, boundaries or edges of the park and walkways cutting through park.
- To install new park furniture (benches, tables, lights, signs), paving, curbing and fencing materials of the highest quality that are both attractive and durable.
- To help give this park a unique and creative identity or character for the benefit of all park users.



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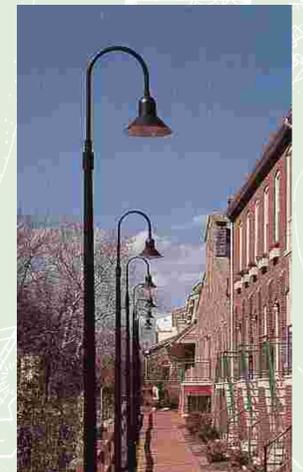
Wheelchair Accessible Table with Gameboards



Raised Perennial Beds at Park Entrances



Entrance Columns with Decorative Elements



Lights along All Walks throughout Park



Bleachers with Safer Support Rails and Wheelchair Access



Additional Pine Border Plantings



Park bench and Trash Receptacle



Sitting Boulders Provide Protection for New Plantings



Additional Shade Tree Plantings

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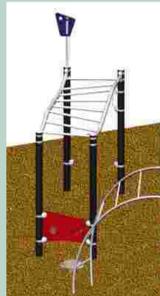
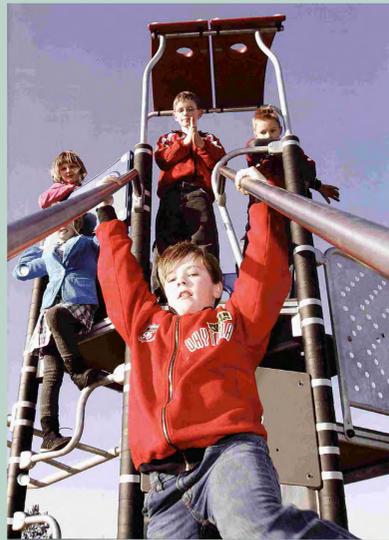
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Interactive water play splash pad.



The proposed older kids structure has similarities to the existing wood structure with soaring towers and large slides while featuring the latest "cutting edge" play components.

A Separate Sand and Water Play Area is provided for younger children.

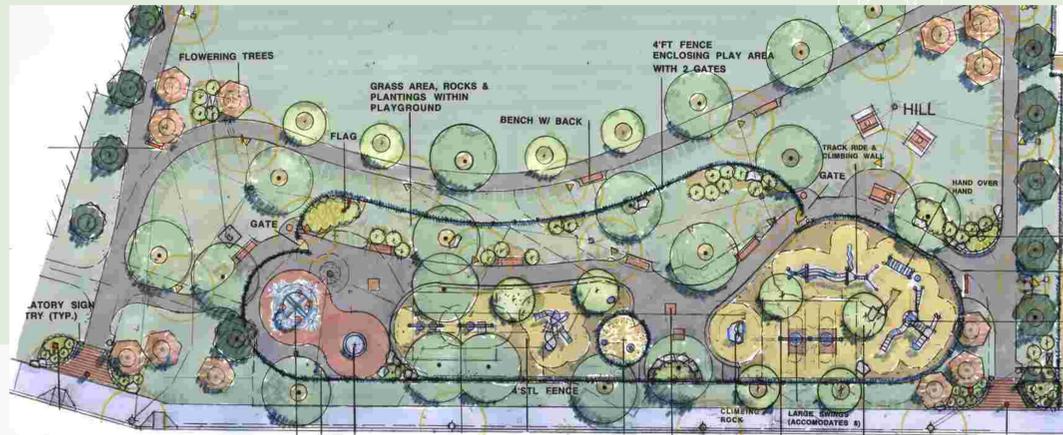


Pails of water spill in an unpredictable fashion.

A sand play table for tots with different size openings & sieves allows for experimentation.



Smaller items for tots provide sensory stimulation and fine motor coordination.



Swings - A group activity for older children.



"Thread the Needle" component rotates offering children an alternative surprise ball activity.



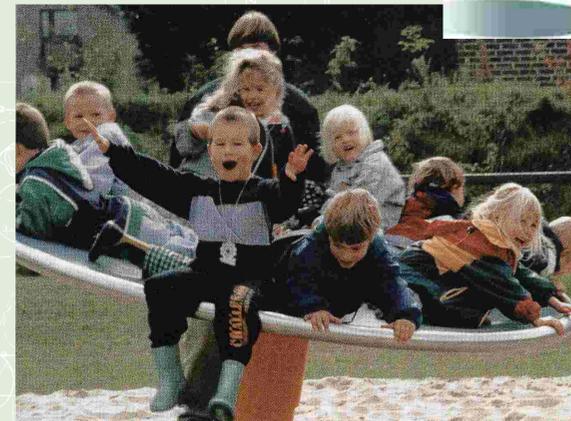
Toddler equipment is an entirely new system called "Elements" designed especially for younger children.



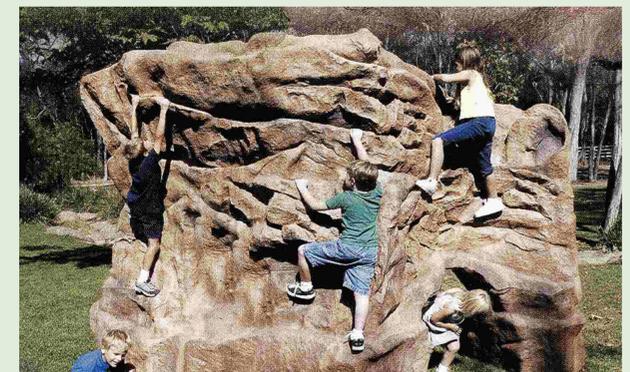
Sky walk rails and pods can take child across to the wobbling triangle platform



Tot Swings



Movement Platform provides hours of challenge for older children.



Climbing boulder, a totally unique play experience.