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 Mothers” 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.

**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.
Double Track Ride at Two Different User Heights with Loose Safety Surfacing Below.

Sky walk rails and pods can take Toddler equipment is an entirely new system called "Elements" designed especially for younger children. motion platform provides hours of "Elements" designed especially for younger children. triangle platform challenge for older children.

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.

Smaller items for tots provide sensory stimulation and fine motor coordination. A sand play table for tots with different size openings & sieves allows for experimentation.

Pails of water spill in an unpredictable fashion.

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

Playground - Completely enclosed including portion of grassy hill space with shade trees, natural sitting rocks and plantings to explore.

Interactive water play splash pad.

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

Swings - A group activity for older children.

Climbing boulder, a totally unique play experience.

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.