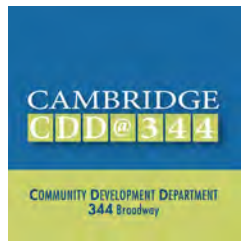




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DANEHY CONNECTOR & LINEAR PATH PROJECTS



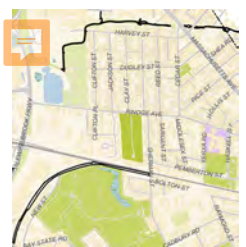
COMMUNITY PRESENTATION #1

DANEHY-NEW STREET CONNECTOR PATH



LINEAR PARK REDESIGN



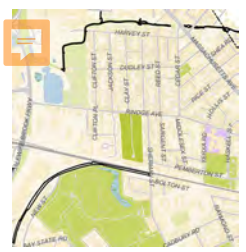


AGENDA

Welcome!

1. Project elements & schedule
2. Existing conditions
3. Public process update
4. DRAFT project goals & visions
5. Questions & feedback

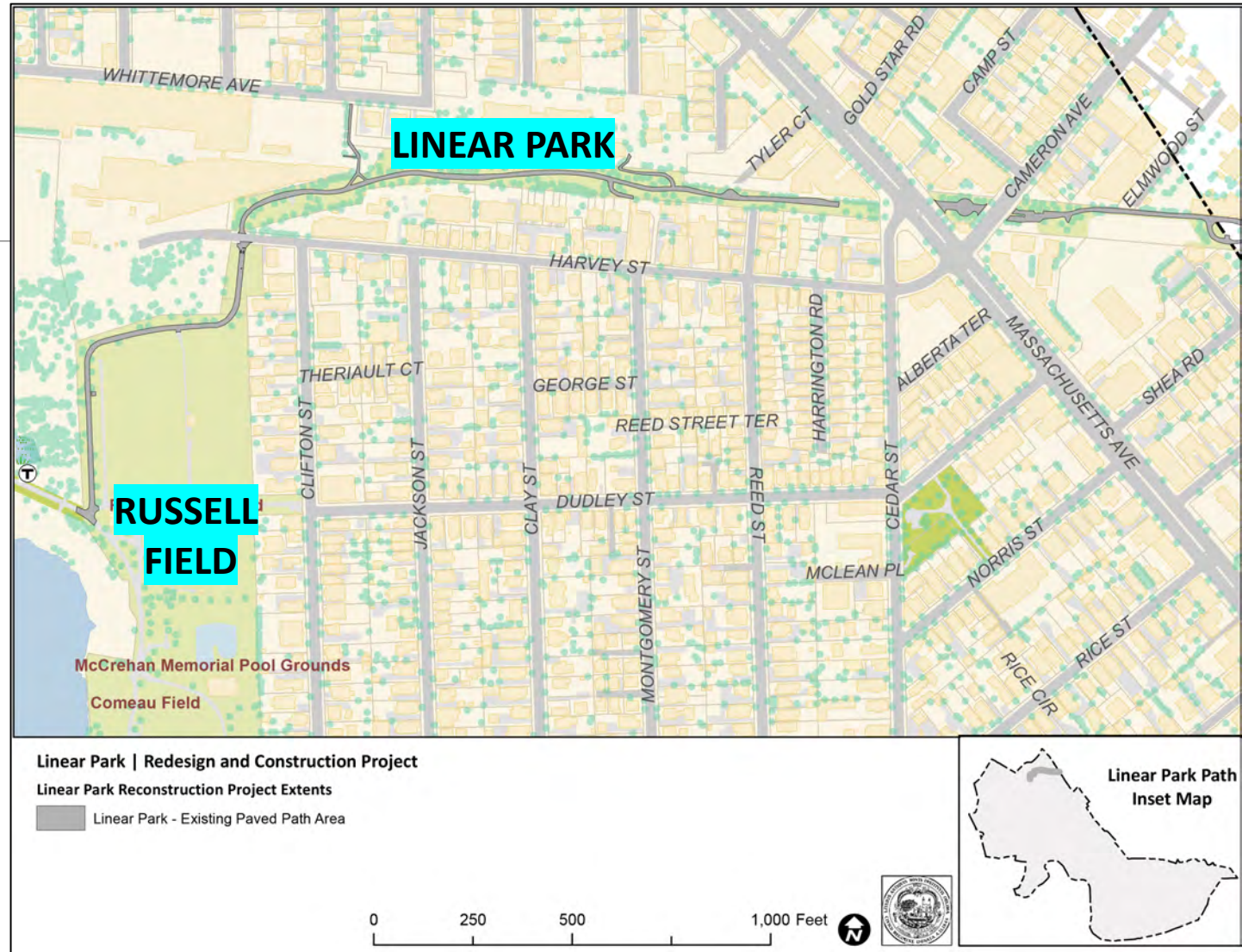


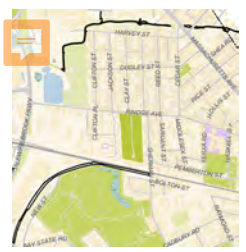


PROJECT SCOPE

Linear Park Redesign

1. Renovation of Linear Park including the pathway from Russell Field to Somerville-Cambridge line
2. New planting/trees
3. Update lighting, stormwater drainage, furniture and path amenities
4. Public art & placemaking

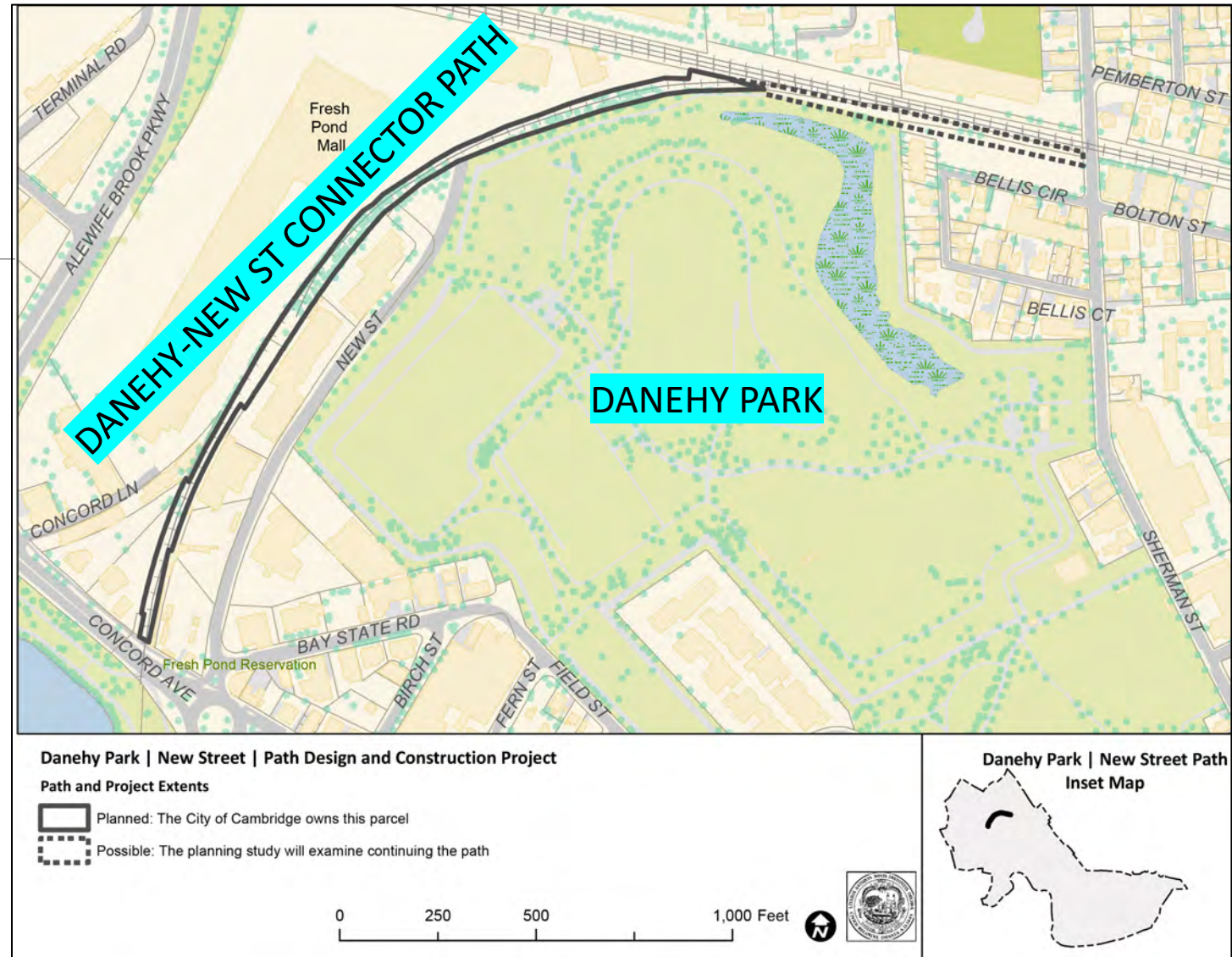


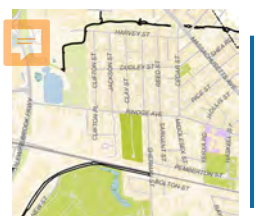


PROJECT SCOPE

Danehy-New St Connector Path

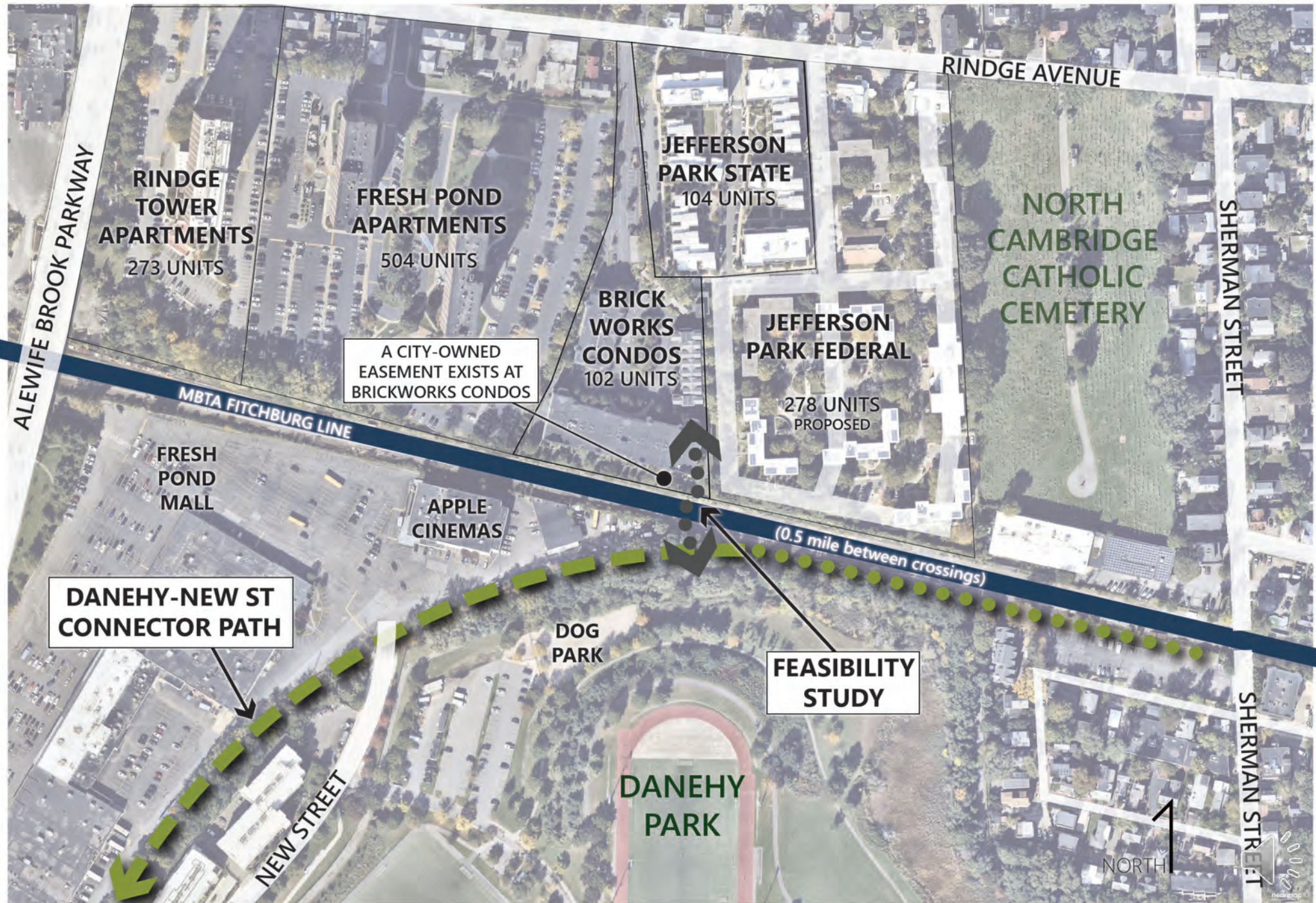
1. Create of a new multi-use path corridor from Concord Ave to Danehy Park
2. Install path lighting, stormwater drainage/green elements
3. Selectively preserve trees and add new plantings
4. Public art & placemaking

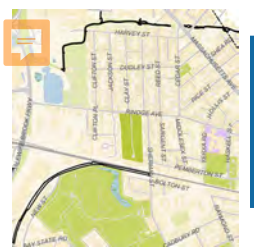




Danehy-New St Connector Path

Feasibility study of pedestrian and bike crossing over-or-under the commuter rail between Sherman St and Alewife Brook Parkway

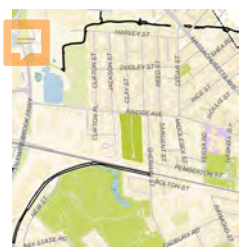




SCHEDULE

MILESTONE	TIMELINE
Public engagement process	Spring > Summer > Fall 2022
Conceptual design	Fall 2022
Final design	Spring 2023
Advertise & begin construction	Fall 2023 > 2024

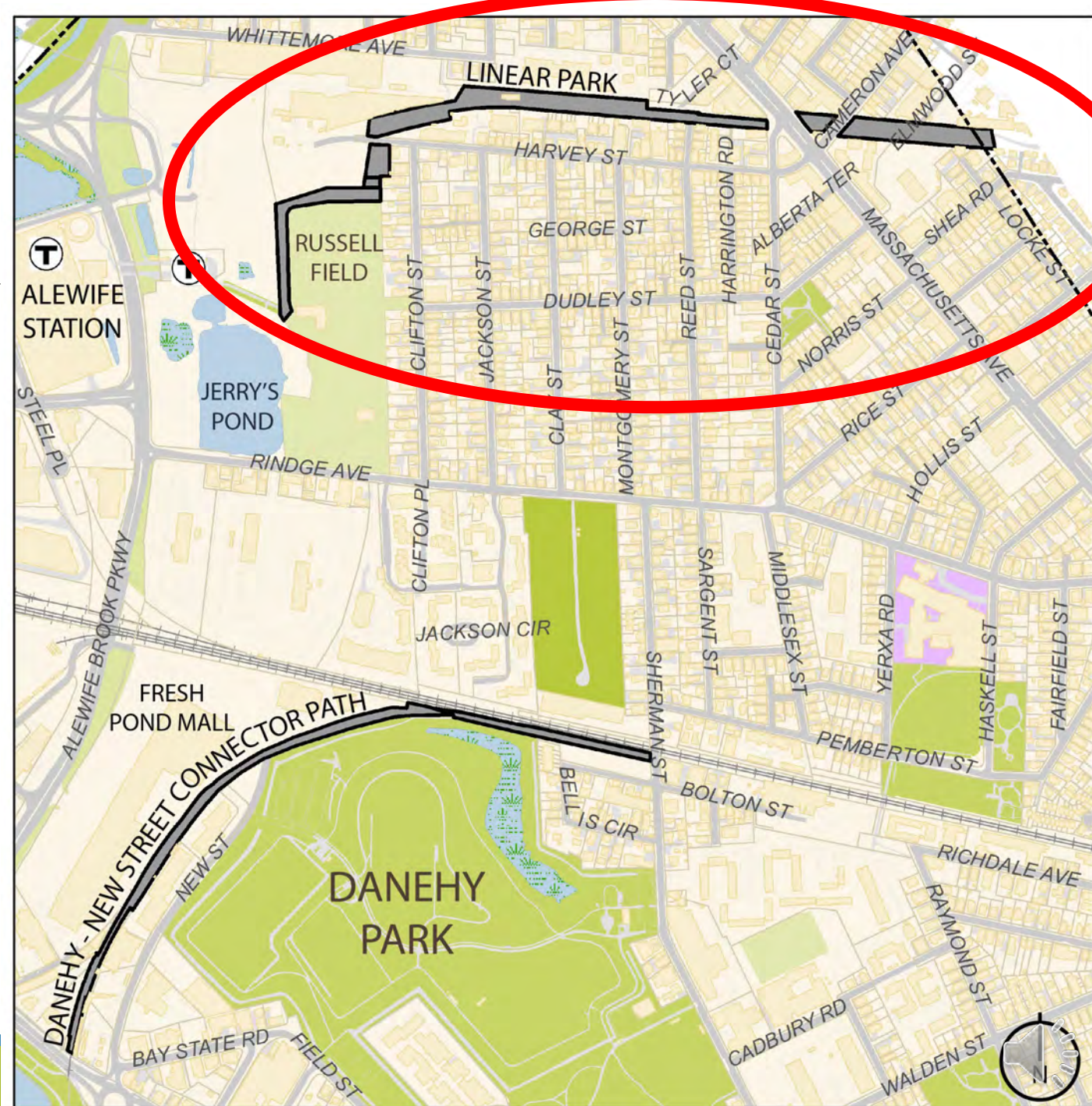




EXISTING CONDITIONS

Linear Park Project Givens

- Defined Right of Way / 12' - 14' paved path
- Keep existing trees & install new plantings
- Existing crossing of Mass Ave remains the same
- New lighting, furniture, drainage





Existing Conditions:

Linear Park

- Between Russell Field & Alewife Station
- Known conflict point

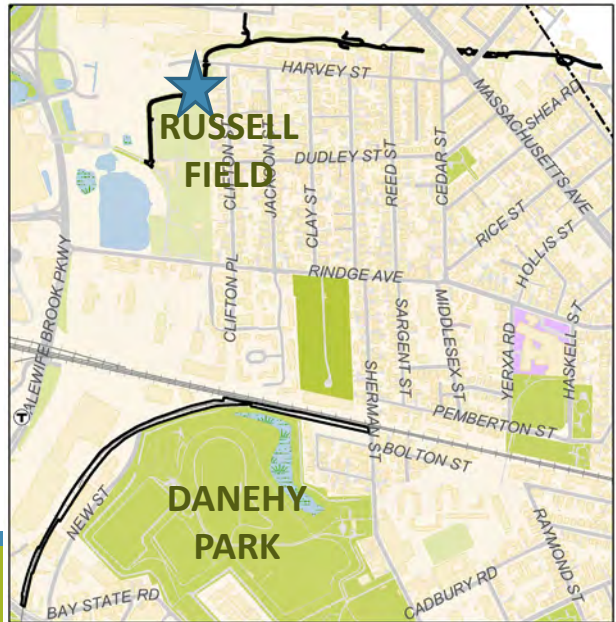




Existing Conditions:

Linear Park

- Curving towards Harvey Street
- Path feels narrow at curve
- Emergency call boxes

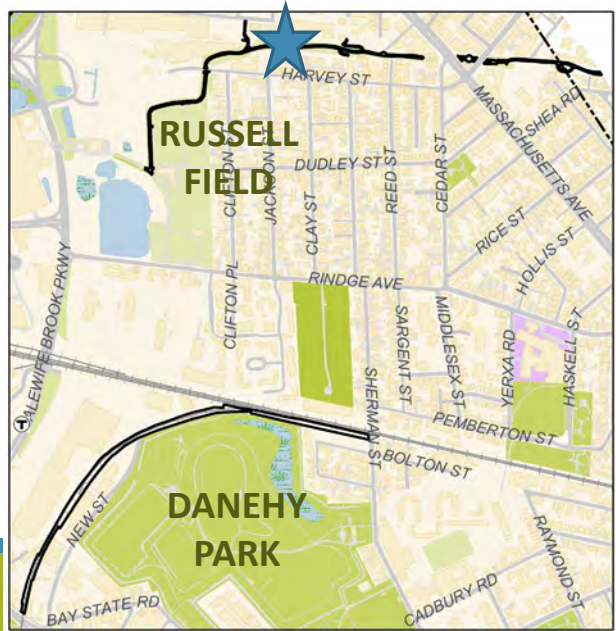




Existing Conditions:

Linear Park

- MBTA tunnel emergency exit (white dashed outline)
- Example of fixed element that can't be moved

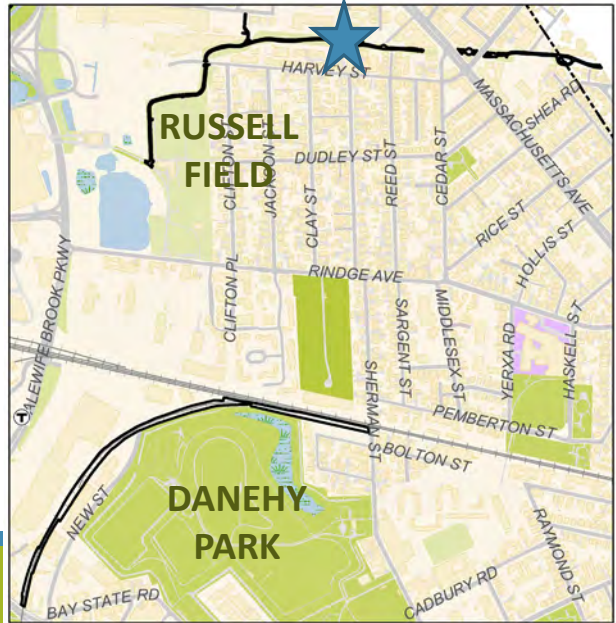




Existing Conditions:

Linear Park

- Between Harvey St and Cedar St
- Wider areas along the path represent opportunities for additional park amenities

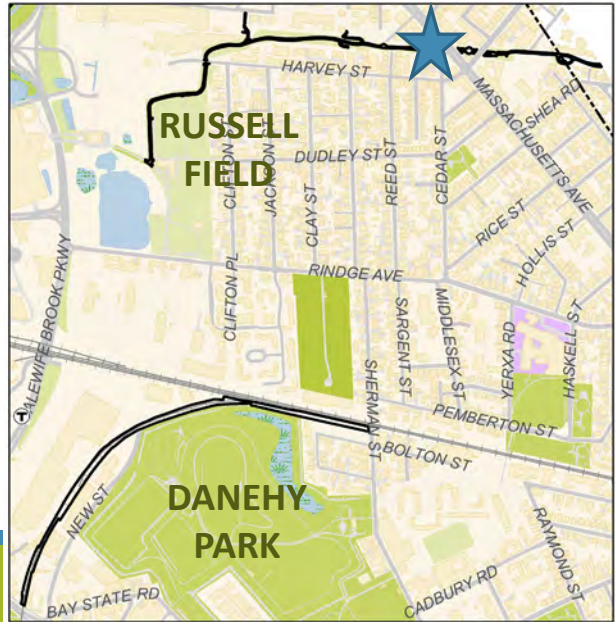




Existing Conditions:

Linear Park

- Drainage at Cedar Street entrance will be addressed

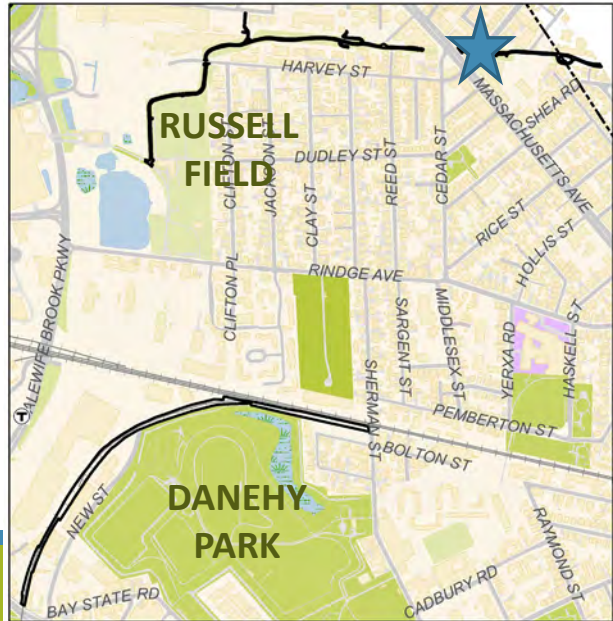




Existing Conditions:

Linear Park

- Pinch point behind Mass Ave bus yard
- Elmwood Street development includes upgraded access point

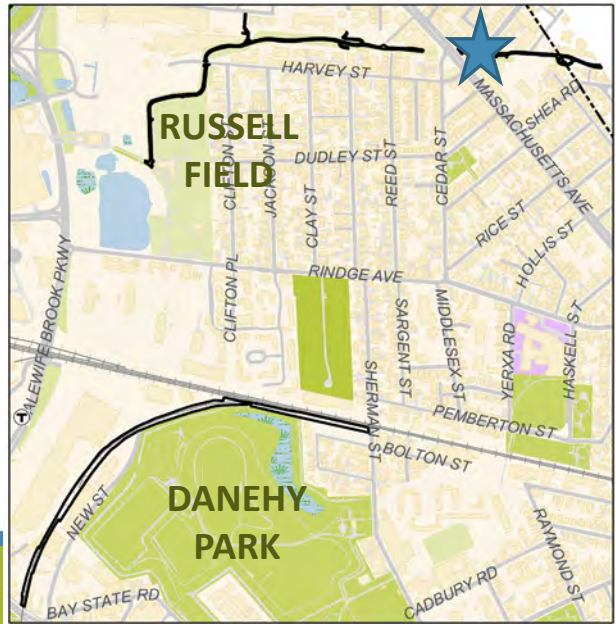




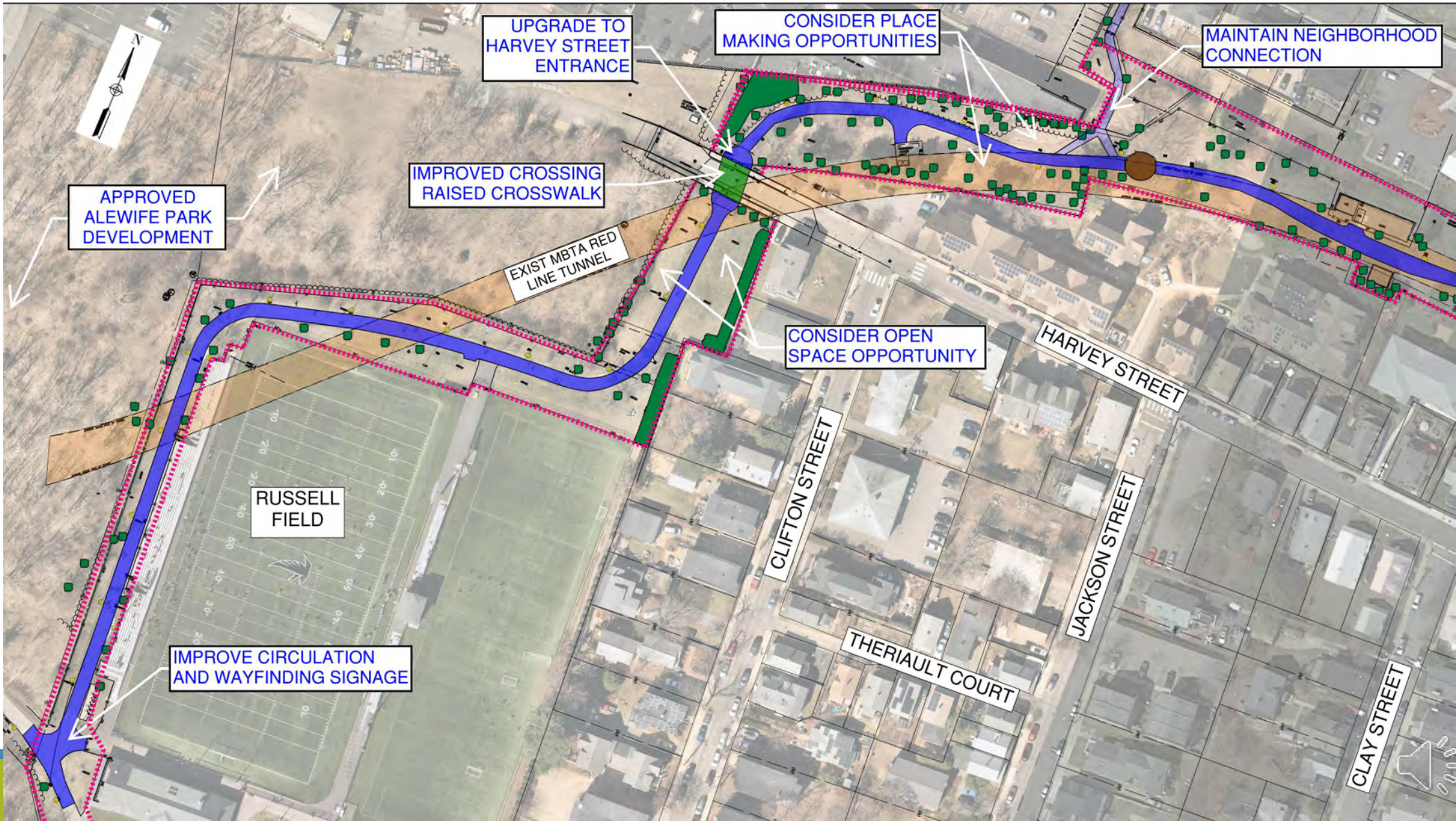
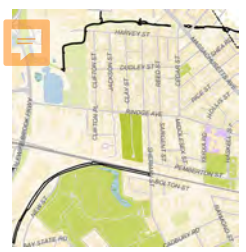
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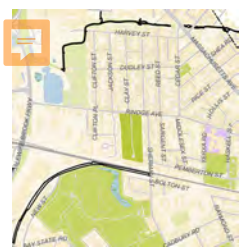
Linear Park

- Border between Cambridge and Somerville

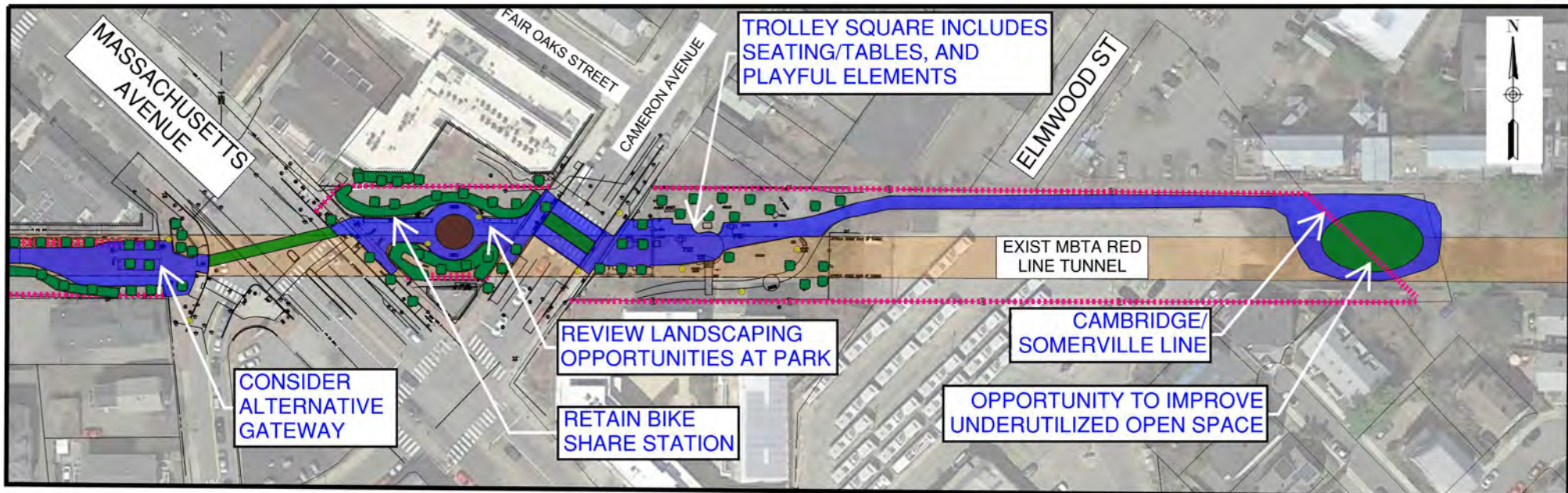
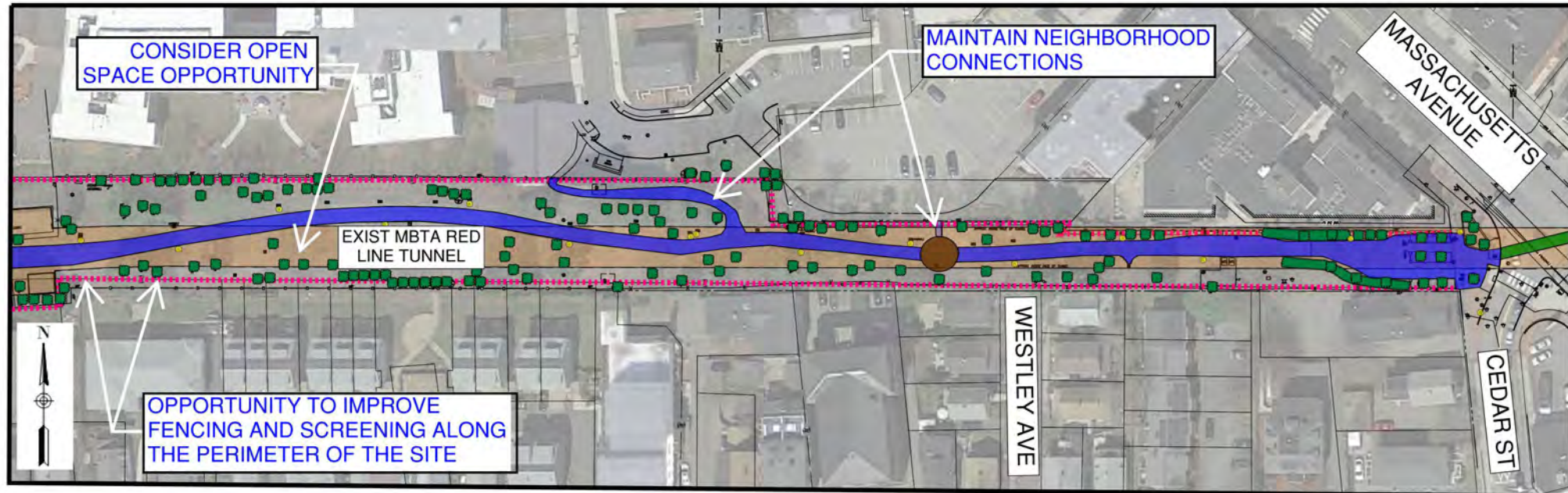


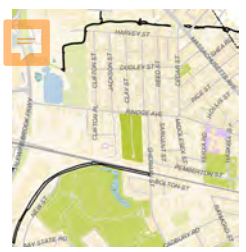
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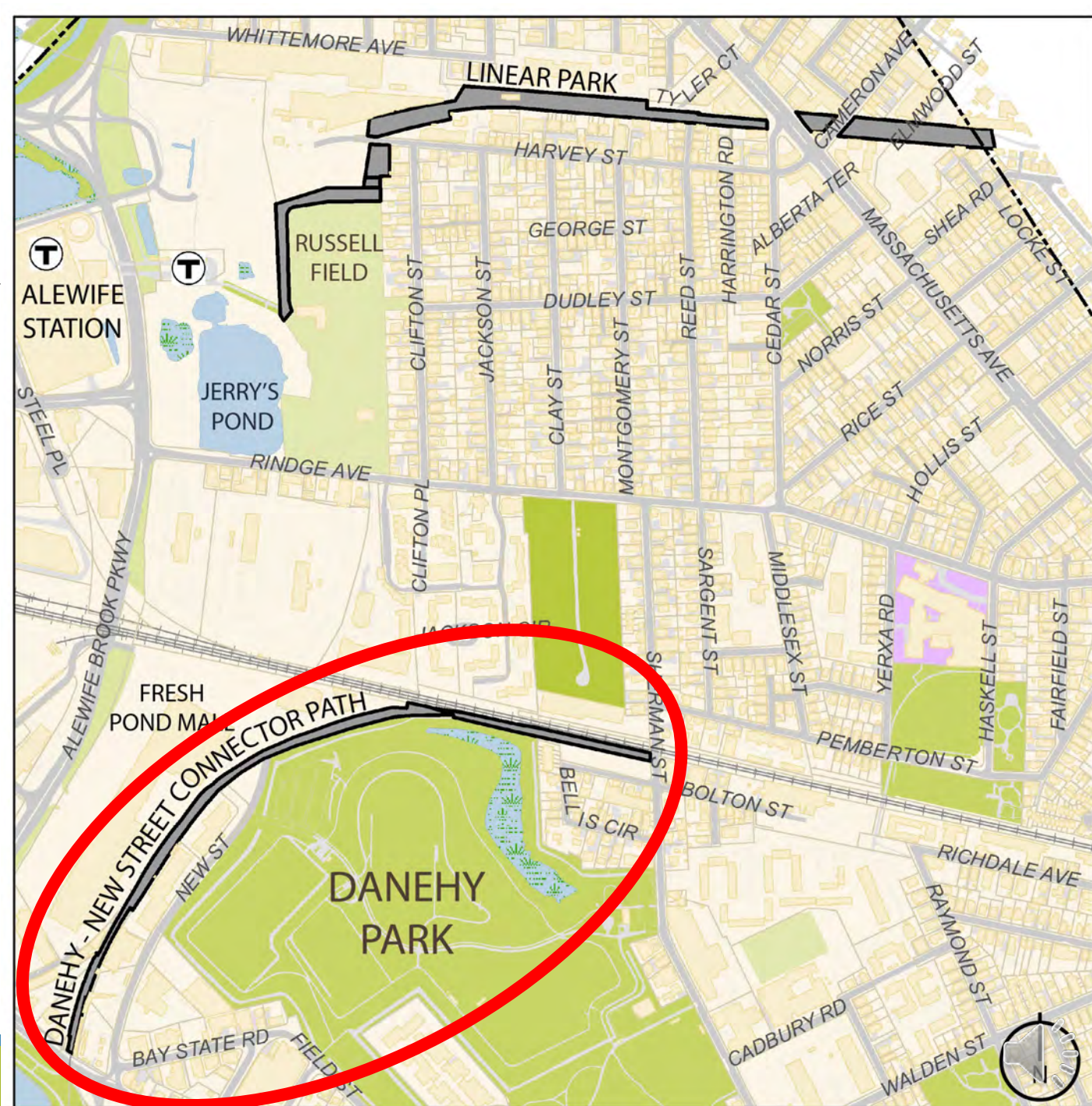




EXISTING CONDITIONS

Danehy-New Street Project Givens

- Create a safe, accessible, 12' - 14' paved and lit path
- Connections to New Street and Danehy Park
- Create a safe and comfortable crossing at New Street
- Examine crossing location of Concord Avenue

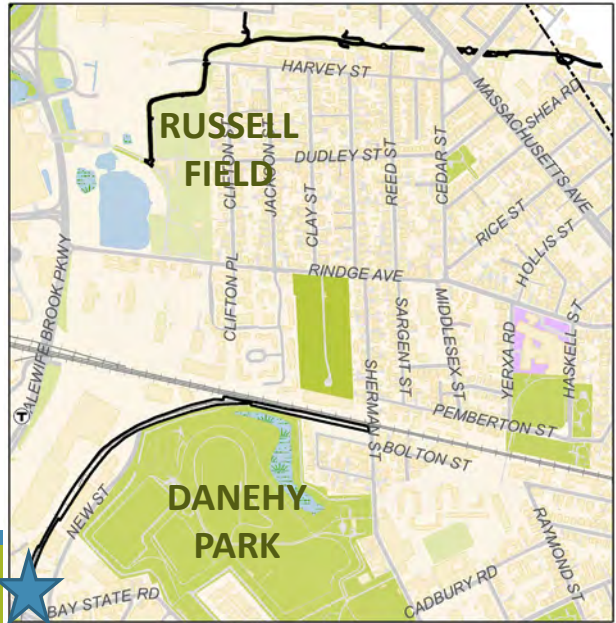




Existing Conditions:

Danehy-New St

- Between Sunoco gas station and Adams Fireplace Shop

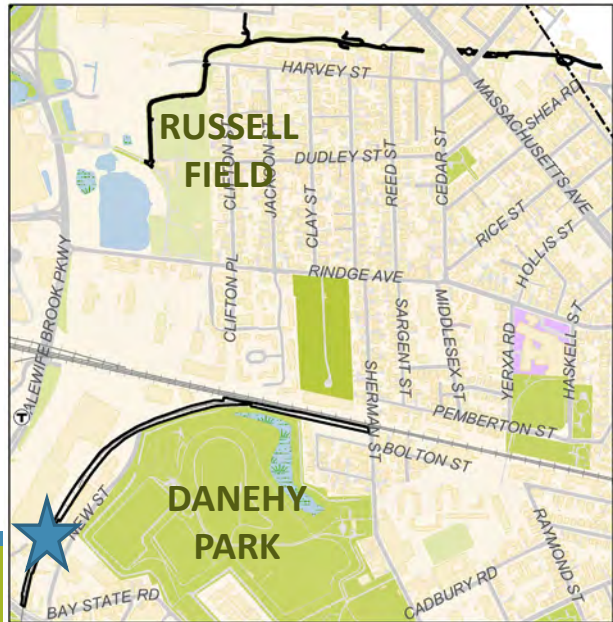




Existing Conditions:

Danehy-New St

- Between Hi-Tech auto body and Fresh Pond Mall
- Ahead to the right is 77 New Street

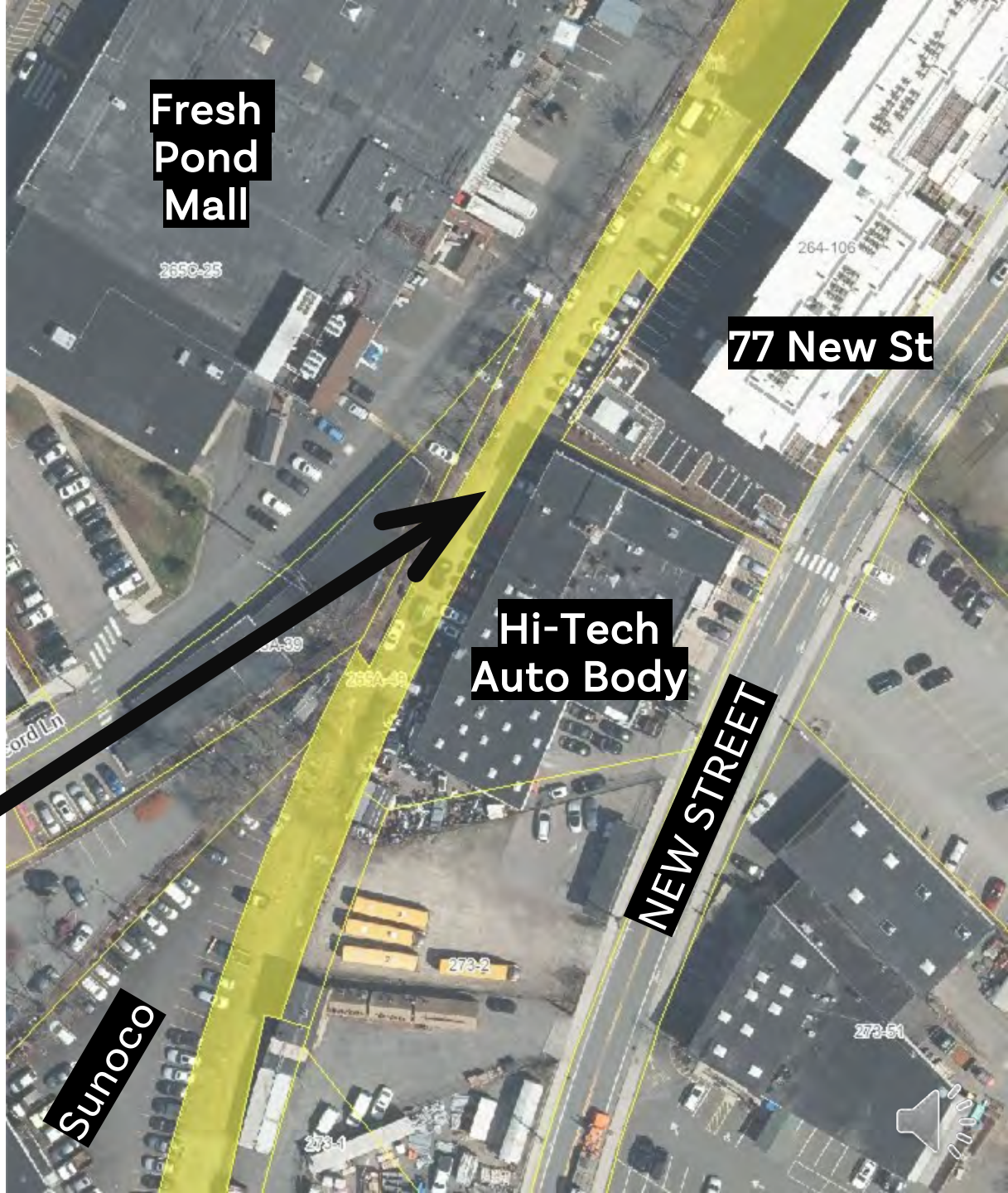
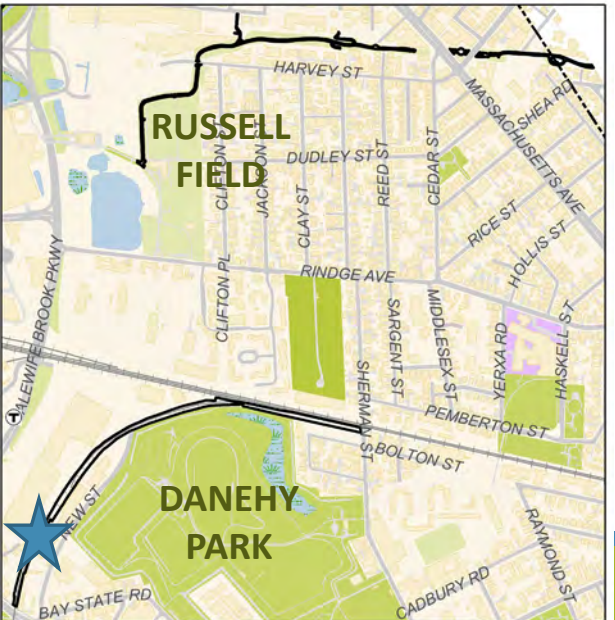




Existing Conditions:

Danehy-New St

- Corridor width is inconsistent between Concord Ave and 77 New Street
- Some narrower sections may leave little space for plantings or other amenities





Existing Conditions:

Danehy-New St

- Former rail tracks crossing New Street

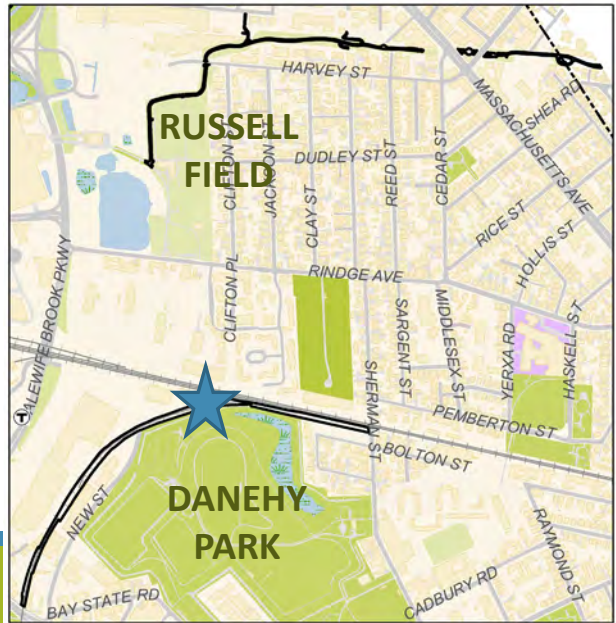


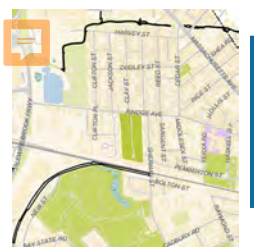


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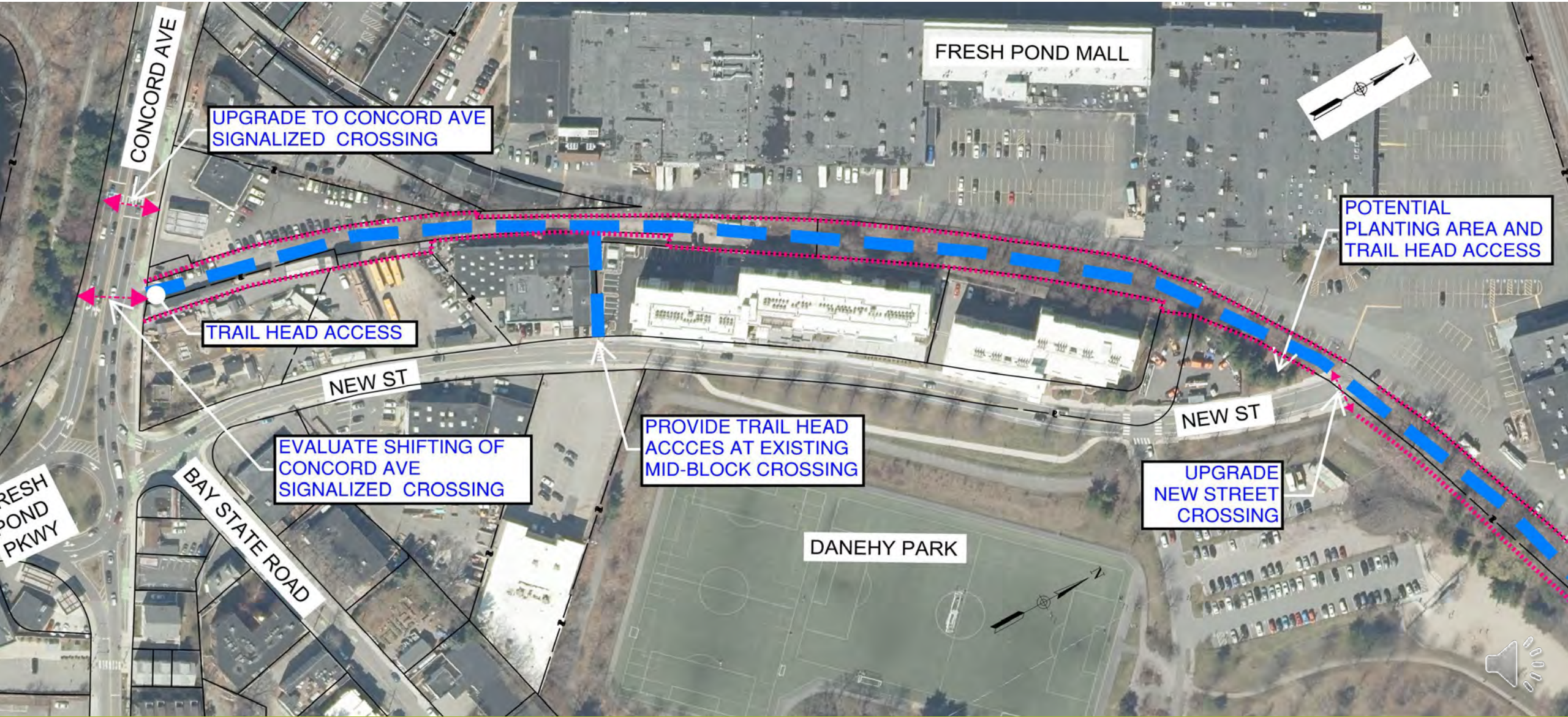
Danehy-New St

- Former rail tracks visible
- Section between Danehy Park and the Fitchburg Commuter Rail Line





DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES: DANEHY-NEW STREET



UPGRADE TO CONCORD AVE
SIGNALIZED CROSSING

TRAIL HEAD ACCESS

EVALUATE SHIFTING OF
CONCORD AVE
SIGNALIZED CROSSING

PROVIDE TRAIL HEAD
ACCESS AT EXISTING
MID-BLOCK CROSSING

UPGRADE
NEW STREET
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POTENTIAL
PLANTING AREA AND
TRAIL HEAD ACCESS

CONCORD AVE

FRESH POND MALL

NEW ST

NEW ST

DANEHY PARK

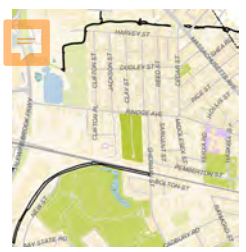
BAY STATE ROAD

FRESH POND PKWY



DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES: DANEHY-NEW STREET





PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Community Walks

- Thursday, May 5th + Saturday, June 4th
- Walk both path locations
- Listening session
- Answer questions

Linear Park + Danehy Connector - New Street Path Design Projects



We'll be reconstructing Linear Park & constructing a new path parallel to New Street and we want to hear from you!

Site Walk Tour *NEW DATE*

Join the planning team to talk about your questions and ideas for Linear Park and the Danehy Connector-New St Path Projects

THURSDAY MAY 5, 2022

For more information: visit camb.ma/linearpark and camb.ma/danehyconnector

The walk is FREE and open to all, and is accessible to people using wheeled mobility devices. For more information or to RSVP, please send an email to: ccreagh@cambridgema.gov

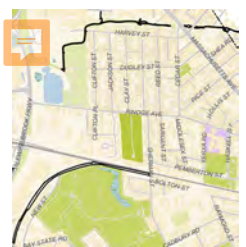
Linear Park
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Where: Bluebikes Station (at Mass Ave & Cameron Ave.)

AND/OR

Danehy Park Connector
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Where: New Street (at crosswalk to Danehy Park driveway entrance)

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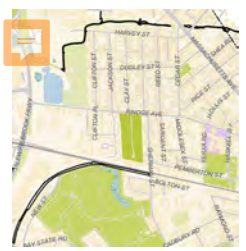




PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

May 5th Site Walk ~50 attendees

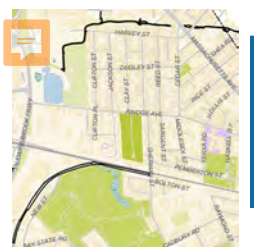




PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

DATE	EVENT	FORMAT
Saturday June 11 RAIN DATE: Sun June 12 th	Danehy Park Lemonade Party	9am – 1pm, Danehy Park-New Street entrance. Activities for kids. Idea boards, paper surveys, other engaging elements for adults.
Saturday June 18 RAIN DATE: Sun June 19 th	Linear Park – Paint the Path	10am – 2pm, Linear Park at Harvey Street crossing. Activities for kids. Idea boards, paper surveys, other engaging elements for adults.
Multiple dates	Multiple sites	Intercept surveys at path sites
September (date TBD)	Community Meeting	Present conceptual designs
October (date TBD)	Path pop-up events	Conceptual design plans available for comments
Early 2023	Community Meeting	Advanced design meeting





PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Survey

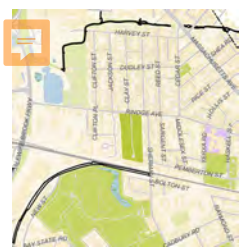
www.surveymonkey.com/r/DanehyLinearSurvey

- Public input on six project themes
- Inform both the vision and goals of the projects



1. Site History + Interpretive Signage
2. Art + Creativity
3. Ecology + Resiliency
4. Path Identity + Landscape Character
5. Multi-Generational Play
6. Social Spaces + Seating



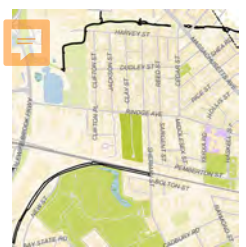


PROJECT GOALS: LINEAR PARK

Draft Project Goals

- Reimagine Linear Park as a destination – program under-utilized spaces
- Widen to 14' where possible to allow space for users traveling at different speeds
- Design beautiful gateways / access points
- Create useful wayfinding & interpretive signage
- Preserve what works, and fix problem areas

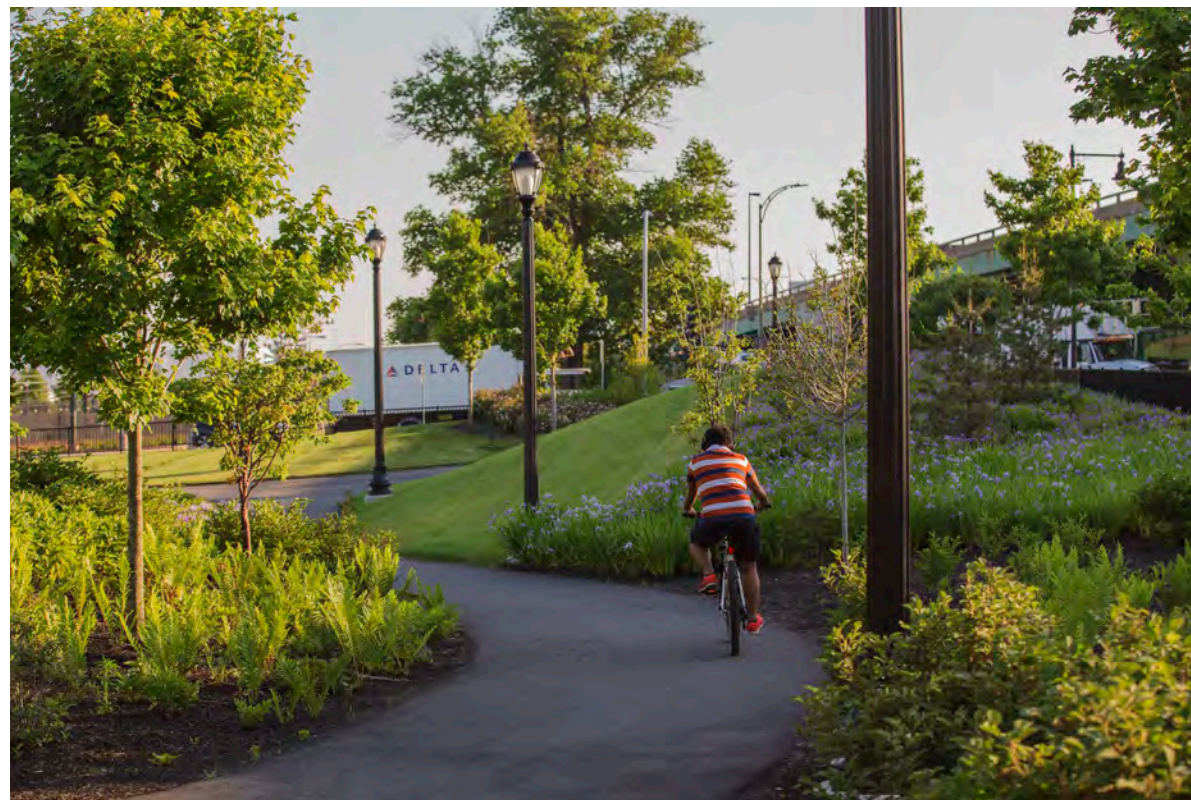


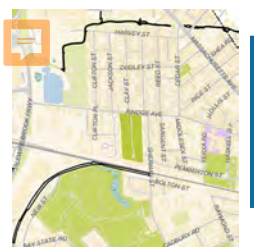


PROJECT GOALS: DANEHY-NEW ST

Draft Project Goals

- Preserve and create tree canopy and shade
- Plant resilient landscaping and buffer areas
- Connect path through to Sherman Street
- Path design and landscaping will work with potential bike and pedestrian crossing of commuter rail



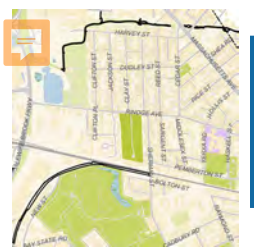


PROJECT VISION

Draft Vision



- The Vision of each project will be informed by feedback and input on, and how we prioritize the six project themes



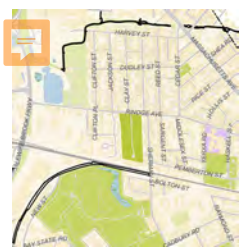


Q&A

Feedback

- Survey  www.surveymonkey.com/r/DanehyLinearSurvey
- Please visit the project websites to submit comments, sign up for the newsletter, and see upcoming events  Camb.ma/LinearPark
Camb.ma/DanehyConnector
- Use the Q&A button in the bottom center of the Zoom window





THANK YOU



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