Talk About DCR Charlestage Park
The Second Meeting

Monday, December 4, 2017 | 7pm to 9pm
91 Bay State Road, Common Lounge, First Floor

Join us as we continue to discuss possibilities
that we see for improvement to DCR
Charlestage Park.

charlestagealliance.org
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Charlesgate Park Improvement Outreach Process and Concept Design
Dec. 4, 2017

Convening organizations:  Charlesgate Alliance
                            Emerald Necklace Conservancy

Thanks to:  Many, many community members for donations
             The Solomon Foundation
             The Barr Foundation

Agency involvement:  Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)
                     Massachusetts Dept. of Transportation (MassDOT)

Designer:  Landing Studio

Consultants:  Inter-fluve, river restoration specialist
Talk About Agenda

PART 1 - 7:10-7:40PM
WELCOME, PROGRESS UPDATE

• Welcome –
  Karen Mauney-Brodek, Emerald Necklace Conservancy
  Parker James, Charlesgate Alliance

• Takeaways from Oct. 10 Talk About DCR Charlestown Park meeting
• Initial spatial and circulation framework
• Workshop topics intro

PART 2 – 7:40-9PM
WORKSHOPS

• 7:40 Guidelines/questions
• 7:45-8:10 Round 1
• 8:10-8:35 Round 2
• 8:35-9 Report back and record
Olmsted designed Charlesgate Park as THE CRITICAL LINK In Boston’s Park System
PLAN OF PORTION OF PARK SYSTEM FROM COMMON TO FRANKLIN PARK

INCLUDING
CHARLES RIVER BASIN, DARBANK, COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BACchsel BAY, TENS MUDDY RIVER IMPROVEMENT, LEVERESEY PARK, JAMAICA PARK, ARBORWAY AND ARNOLD ARBRETEUM.
Olmsted Designed the Emerald Necklace to have a DUAL ROLE: Both a Park and a Drainage and Flood Control Project.
Olmsted designed Charlesgate Park to be the CRITICAL LINK between the Muddy River watershed and the Charles River.
In 1951, Storrow Drive blocked the flow of the Muddy River.
From 1966, the Bowker Overpass Has Made Matters Even Worse
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### AMENITIES

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Oct. 10 Talk About feedback
**SECURITY**
- Better lighting
- Discourage drug use
- Discourage usage by homeless

**IMAGE**
- Removal of granite wall
- Clean up “circular park”
- Removal of graffiti from brick

**ENVIRONMENT**
- Revitalize adjacent riverbank

**PROGRAM**
- Dog Park
- Playground
- Open recreation space for frisbee, etc.

**LANDSCAPE**
- Plant grass and trees
- Enhance historic elements
- More colorful plantings

**CONNECTIVITY**
- Hubway station

**AMENITIES**
- Picnic area

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Oct. 10 Talk About feedback
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SECURITY

- Leveled for safety
- Tall [victorian] fencing
- Better lighting

ENVIRONMENT

- Wildlife/plantlife reserve

PROGRAM

- Coffee shop
- Playground/exercise park
- Visitors center in renovated Pump House

LANDSCAPE

- Wooded area along greenway
- Water features (fountains)

CONNECTION

- Extending bike & foot path from Mass Ave Br.

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Oct. 10 Talk About feedback
**Online survey results**

Total respondents: 115
Respondents who live in the neighborhood (02115, 02116, 02199, 02214, 02215): 110
Respondents who live nearby or work in the neighborhood: 5
Total votes: 307
Average votes/person: 3.6
Major Themes from Talk About and Survey

• Improve water quality

• Introduce amenities (park furniture, etc)

• Desire for a dog park

• Improve access and connections

• Activate with uses and events

• Introduce lighting, art, to animate the space
Spatial/Circulation Framework
AREA IDENTIFIED FOR POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT (Note: not yet reviewed for compliance with agency or engineering standards)
Upcoming improvements: the Charlesgate Greenway, supported by DCR, DOT, and the Solomon Foundation
Charlesgate Greenway overlook
Benches designed by Mitch Ryerson
EXISTING BIKING/PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

AREA IDENTIFIED FOR POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT (Note: not yet reviewed for compliance with agency or engineering standards)

- SHORTEN CROSSWALK
- ADJUST CURB LINE
- REMOVE LAST 3 PARKING SPOTS TO ALLOW FOR ROAD SHIFT
- EXPAND LANDSCAPE AREA & ADD ST. TREES

POTENTIAL PATH PASSAGE
CHARLES GATE GREENWAY
POTENTIAL RECONFIGURATION FOR PATHWAY
AREA IDENTIFIED FOR POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT (Note: not yet reviewed for compliance with agency or engineering standards)

POTENTIAL BIKE/PED IMPROVEMENTS
EXISTING BIKING/PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS
POTENTIAL BIKING/PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION

- WALKING: SIDEWALK
- WALKING: CROSSWALK
- BIKING: DESIGNATED BIKE PATH
- AREA IDENTIFIED FOR POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT (Note: not yet reviewed for compliance with agency or engineering standards)
12.7 acres
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- Water / landscape ecology
- Amenities and recreation
- Dog park
- Connectivity
- Temporary installations and events
- Art
Water/landscape ecology

Cleanup, maintenance

Erosion, duckweed, outfalls

Drain leader
Water/landscape ecology

Participation, short-term improvements
Water/landscape ecology

Bridge over storm water landscape, Don River Park Toronto
Bridge over storm water landscape, Don River Park Toronto
Amenities and recreation

Play features

Skating

Furniture - Fresh Pond
Amenities and recreation
Dog park

Bremen Street Dog Park

Underground at Ink Block

Peters Park
Dog park

Dog Park
Underground at Ink Block
Boston

Dog Park
South Boston

Carleton Dog Park
Southwest Corridor
Boston

Dog Run
Peter’s Park
Boston

Zero New Washington Dog Park
Somerville

Danehy Dog Park
Danehy Park
Cambridge
Connectivity

Crosswalks

New connections – Charlesgate Greenway

Obstructions

Dead ends
Temporary installations and events

Some ideas:

- Lighting installations
- Movie in the park
- Visioning activities
- Dog show
- Festival
Herring photography by Keith Ellenbogen
just watch and see
space to project a movie

...and eat
a perfect space to eat with friends
what is the future of Charlesgate Park? have your say

engage more
physical interactive elements, with embedded signage

an interactive installation with up-to-date research and drawings collected and made by Landing Studio, where visitors engage with and suggest opportunities for Charlesgate
Art

Murals – Wynwood Miami

Outdoor sculpture – Rose Kennedy Greenway

Creative lighting – Underground at Ink Block
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Please choose a recorder to take notes and report back to the group.

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There are several great ways you can get involved and support this effort:

1) Tell your neighbors about this process, ask them to join, and spread the word about the next meeting.

2) Join Charlesgate Alliance online:
   
   https://charlesgatealliance.org/join-us-2/

   You will then get an invitation to join our Google group to discuss Charlesgate Park and its adjoining neighborhoods.

3) Follow us on Facebook and Instagram:

   facebook.com/charlesgatealliance/

   @charlesgatealliance

4) Consider a donation. Your company may also offer financial support. Donations are tax deductible:

   https://www.emeraldnecklace.org/charlesgate-alliance/

5) Tell your elected representatives that this matters to you!

6) Come to our Spring meeting and bring friends.

   Visit charlesgatealliance.org
Thank you!

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Thoughts? Questions?
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