

Cambridgeport	Across the street	Dana Park and tot lot
Fitzgerald	On-site	Rindge Field & tot lot (tot lot renovations included in the school renovation plans)
Peabody	On-site	Tot lot & basketball court
Maynard	1 block away	Harvard Street tot lot (Summer '96 renovation)
	On-site	Hard court
Fletcher	On-site	Ball court & tot lot (summer '96 renovation)
	3 blocks away	Sennott Park/field, tot lot & court (Summer '96 renovation)
Longfellow	3 blocks away	Sennott Park/field, tot lot & court (Summer '96 renovation)
	On-site	Hard Court
King	On-site	Tot lot & basketball court
Tobin	On-site	Tobin Field & tot lot
Graham & Parks	On-site	Tot lot & hard court
	1 block away	Dana Park & tot lot
CRLS	On-site	Passive park, field house & tennis courts

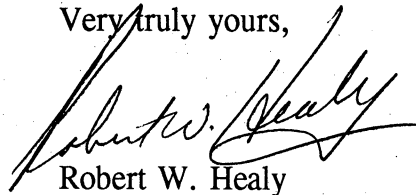
II. Summary of FY96 and Recommended FY97 funds for Open Space Projects

Riverside Press Park	\$125,000
Silva Playground	\$200,000
Fletcher School	\$200,000
82 Pacific Street	\$ 50,000
Donnelly Playground/ Harrington School	\$300,000
Sennott Park	\$ 70,000
Harvard St. Playground	\$140,000
Cooper Playground	\$175,000

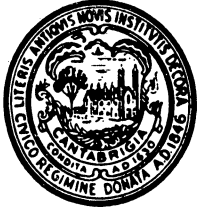
In addition, if the Transportation Bond Bill is enacted as currently written, \$1.35 million will be allocated for Russell Field (which is used by the High School Football Program) and \$2 million will be available for the Donnelly Field complex.

Finally, I would like to briefly describe the City's process for evaluating its parks and playgrounds. Once every five years the City conducts a comprehensive, detailed park inspection of each city-owned open space facility in Cambridge, and collects information on and evaluates each park based on its design, construction, maintenance, programming, and accessibility. Each park is given an overall rating "A" (excellent) through "F" (poor); this rating is then used in determining the priorities for capital funds. The last comprehensive assessment was undertaken in 1991. This summer the City will complete another comprehensive inventory and assessment. [It should be noted that although the comprehensive facility assessment takes place every five years, the City conducts safety inspections of each play structure at least once per year.] While traditionally, school facility/campus issues have been addressed separate from other open space issues, over the past few years concerted efforts have been made to integrate open space planning. This will be reflected in the new open space inventory and assessment when completed this fall.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over the typed name.

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To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report #26 regarding fields and facilities in line for open space expenditures and the status of schools with no playgrounds, please find below: (1) a description of the playground facilities used by each school; and (2) a summary of FY96 and recommended FY97 funds to be used for open space improvements.

I. Playground facilities used by each school

SCHOOL	PLAYGROUND LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Agassiz	Across the street	Sacramento Field (renovated 1995) & Alden Tot Lot
Haggerty	On-site 1 block away	Tot lot & roof playground (renovated 1995) Glacken Field & tot lot (renovated 1995)
Harrington	On-site	Donnelly Playground/tot lot & field (to be renovated next year)
Kennedy	On-site	Kennedy Playground & Ahern Field (renovated 1993)
Morse	On site	Lindstrom Field & tot lot (renovations included in the school renovation plans)

Consent Agenda #16

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item
Number Twenty-six, regarding fields
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