Prescott Park Master Plan

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presentation outline

- Introduction of team
- Review of Project Understanding
- Review Project Work Plan
- Challenges of the Project Overall
- Scope of Work & Upcoming Milestones
team | who we are

- Bolinger | Ruane
- Landscape architects
- Architects
- 450 others
- Career focus on the public open space realm
- Boston + Portsmouth
body of work | what we do

- Master planning (10K to 150K)
- Final design (200K to $10M)
- Permitting
- Bidding
- Construction administration
- Multi-phase
body of work | what we do

- Historic
- Waterfront
- Urban
- Multi-use
- Multi-generational
- Inclusive
our approach

It’s all about...
- Portsmouth
- Downtown
- Strawberry Banke
- Piscataqua River
- Vertical lift bridge
- Inspiring beginning
- Legacy of the Prescott sisters
- What is possible
BOSTON COMMON – VARIOUS PROJECTS

city of boston, massachusetts
PUBLIC GARDEN – VARIOUS PROJECTS

city of boston, massachusetts
JOHN HARVARD MALL MASTER PLAN

boston parks and recreation department

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RESTORATION OF HISTORIC WORCESTER COMMON

city of worcester, massachusetts

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IMPROVEMENTS TO LOPRESTI PARK

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CERES STREET WATERFRONT PARK

City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire
- Most important project of this generation
- Legacy project that continues the rich history of access to public open space established by Prescott sisters
- Master planning process of a wildly successful place
- Breakthrough possibilities.
project understanding

- Infrastructure systems within the park in need of capital improvement:
  - Lighting
  - Pavement
  - Irrigation
  - Buildings
Infrastructure systems within the park in need of capital improvement:

- Fencing
- Fountains
- Site furnishings
- Landscape plantings
- Shoreline armoring
work plan

- Existing Conditions and Uses
existing conditions and uses

work plan

BOSTON COMMON PEDESTRIAN COUNTS
Intersection S of Parkman Bandstand - CUMULATIVE 1 DAY TOTAL

HIGHLIGHTS:
- Total one day pedestrian count of 7,636
- Through traffic of the Railroad Mall totaled 58% of intersection traffic
- Pathway travel back and forth (making the same turn) is very equal
- Most bicycle traffic occurred on the Railroad Mall
Existing Conditions and Uses
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work plan

- Public participation
tools of engagement
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- Graphic support
- Online forums
- Design workshops
- Farmers market table
- Audience response systems (digital)
- Audience voting (analog)
- Living with Water Design Competition
- Climate Change and Rising Tides
- Understanding Resilient Infrastructure

work plan

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work plan

- Master Plan for Uses and Facilities
Infrastructure to Support Special Events-

- **Challenge:** Special events have a significant impact on the park.
- **Solution:** Intelligent infrastructure design that is seamlessly integrated into the park.

Integrating the Neighborhood into the Plan-

- **Challenge:** City-wide resource with immediate proximity to residential fabric.
- **Solution:** Enroll the neighbors in the master plan process, listen and lead a productive dialog that results in positive outcomes.

Funding Park Upgrades-

- **Challenge:** Costs for full park improvement will be significant.
- **Solution:** Creative funding scenarios that involve phased capital spending supported by multiple public and private sources.
Project Phases / Scope of Work

**Project Phases**

- Site Analysis
- Public Input & Participation
- Master Plan & Facilities Plan

**Timeline**

- Spring / Summer
- Project Duration
- Fall / Winter
Project Phases / Scope of Work

**Site Analysis**
- Project Kick-off
- Existing Site Inventory & Analysis
- Regularly Scheduled Committee Updates
- Park Usage and Pedestrian Counts
- Committee Presentation of Opportunities and Constraints

**Schedule**
- April 13, 2016
- April – May 2016
- June 2016 + additional special events
- July 2016
**Project Phases / Scope of Work**

**Public Input & Participation**
- Public Participation Plan Development
- Community Information & Listening Session*
- Community Conceptual Master Plan Design Presentation*
- Community Preferred Master Plan Presentation*
- Design Forensics Site Walk with DPW and Site Staff*

**Schedule**
- April / May 2016
- May 2016
- September 2016
- October / November 2016
- November 2016
Project Phases / Scope of Work

**Master Plan & Facilities Plan**
- Draft Master Plan & Facilities Plan Submitted
- Review by City and Blue Ribbon Committee
- Final Master Plan & Facilities Plan Issued
- Project Close Out

**Schedule**
- October 2016
- November 2016
- October 2016
- December 2016
Thank you!

General Discussion