

Amherst

Massachusetts

Athletic Facilities Strategic Plan
May 8, 2018 | PROJECT
UPDATE MEETING



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Tonight's Agenda

- Introduction
- Presentation
- Questions + Comments
- Next Steps

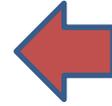


Project Timeline

- December 2017 | Project Kick-off + Project Committee Meeting #1
- December 2017 | Site Visits/Assessments + Needs Assessment
- February 28, 2018 | Public Outreach Meeting #1
- March/April 2018 | Identify Options for Planning Efforts + Concept Plans
- April 2018 | Compile User Matrix
- April 2018 | Additional Site Visits/Assessments
- April 26, 2018 | Initial Recommendations + Project Committee #2
- May 8, 2018 | Public Outreach Meeting #2
- Late June 2018 | Public Outreach Meeting #3
- Final Recommendations + Master Plan Report

Project Sites

- Amherst-Pelham Regional High School
- Community Field
- Amherst-Pelham Regional Middle School
- Wildwood Elementary School
- Hawthorne Property
- Mill River Recreation Area
- North Amherst Field (Cow Field)
- Fort River Elementary School
- East Street School
- Kiwanis Park (Stanley Street)
- Groff Park
- Crocker Farm Elementary School
- Plum Brook (Potwine Lane)



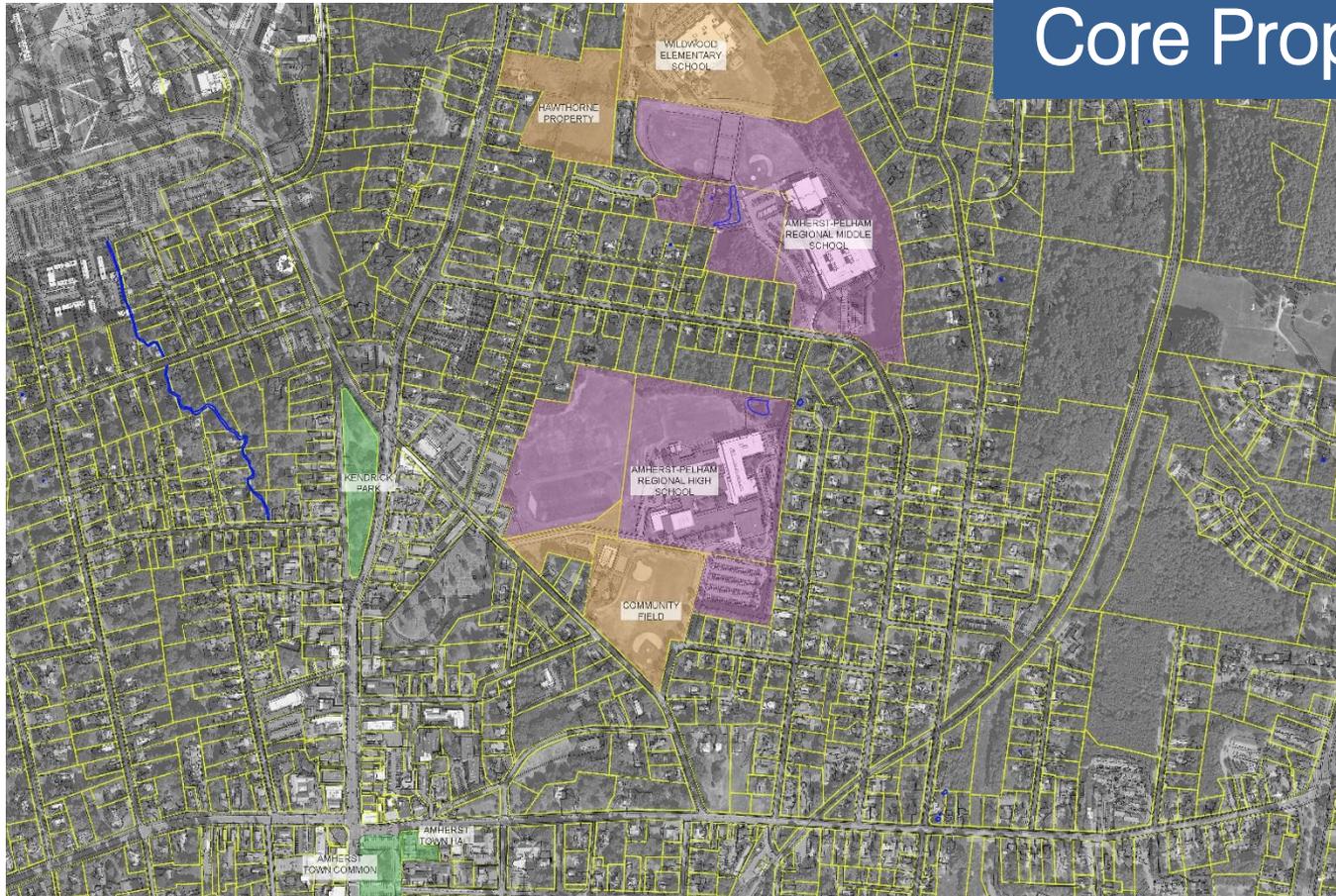
Core Properties | Focus
of Meeting Tonight



Core Properties

Ownership
Overlay
(Town vs. School
District)

Maintenance
Responsibility
Overlay
(Town vs. School
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Amherst-Pelham Regional High School & Community Field



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Needs Assessment

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Site	Field Type	Type / Use	Spring		Summer		Fall		Yearly Totals		Recommended
			Hours	Athletes	Hours	Athletes	Hours	Athletes	Hours	Athletes	Hours
Amherst- Pelham Regional High School	Track & Multi-Use Field (Field #1)	ARHS Boys & Girls Soccer					300	50	300	50	
		ARHS Cross Country Boys & Girls					20	90	20	90	
		PE Class	120	25			120	25	240	50	
		Tournament- Amherst Invite Ultimate	20	640					20	640	
		ARHS Ultimate Frisbee	120	40					120	40	
		LSSE Sugarloaf Youth Track	12	95					12	95	
		ARHS Boys/ Girls Track & Field	120	100					120	100	
		ARMS Boys/ Girls Track & Field	120	60					120	60	
		Total Usage	512	960	0	0	440	165	952	1125	
	Multi-Use Field (Field #2)	ARHS Girls Field Hockey					130	30	130	30	
		ARHS Girls Ultimate Frisbee	240	100					240	100	
		Total Usage	240	100	0	0	130	30	370	130	
	Multi-Use Field (Field #3)	ARHS JV Boys/ Girls Soccer					240	70	240	70	
		ARHS Girls Lacrosse	130	40					130	40	
		Amherst Youth Lacrosse	25	60					25	60	
		LSSE Soccer Camp			15	25			15	25	
		Total Usage	155	100	15	25	240	70	410	195	
	Multi-Use Field (Field #4)	ARHS Football Practice					60	100	60	100	
		ARHS Boys Varsity/ JV Lacrosse	120	50					120	50	
		Amherst Youth Lacrosse	50	60					50	60	
		LSSE Lacrosse Camp			15	25			15	25	
		Total Usage	170	110	15	25	60	100	245	235	

Initial Summary of Field Needs

- Field upgrades across the system
- Regulation size fields, improved orientation
- New track
- Improved facilities
- Additional multi-use fields
- Fewer overlapping rectangular fields
- Improved existing fields
- Walking, biking and fitness trails
- Consistent maintenance
- Improved pedestrian | ADA circulation
- Improved parking
- Picnic/seating areas
- Informal playing areas
- Space for passive activities
- Playgrounds
- Pool bath house renovations
- Allocation of funding
- Others?

Renovation Strategies

- Varied Approach
- Improved maintenance protocols
- Staff
- Equipment
- Materials
- Limited renovation, expedited bid, lower capital cost
- Complete renovation, longest lead time, most significant capital costs
- Need to shift scheduling to accommodate field renovations



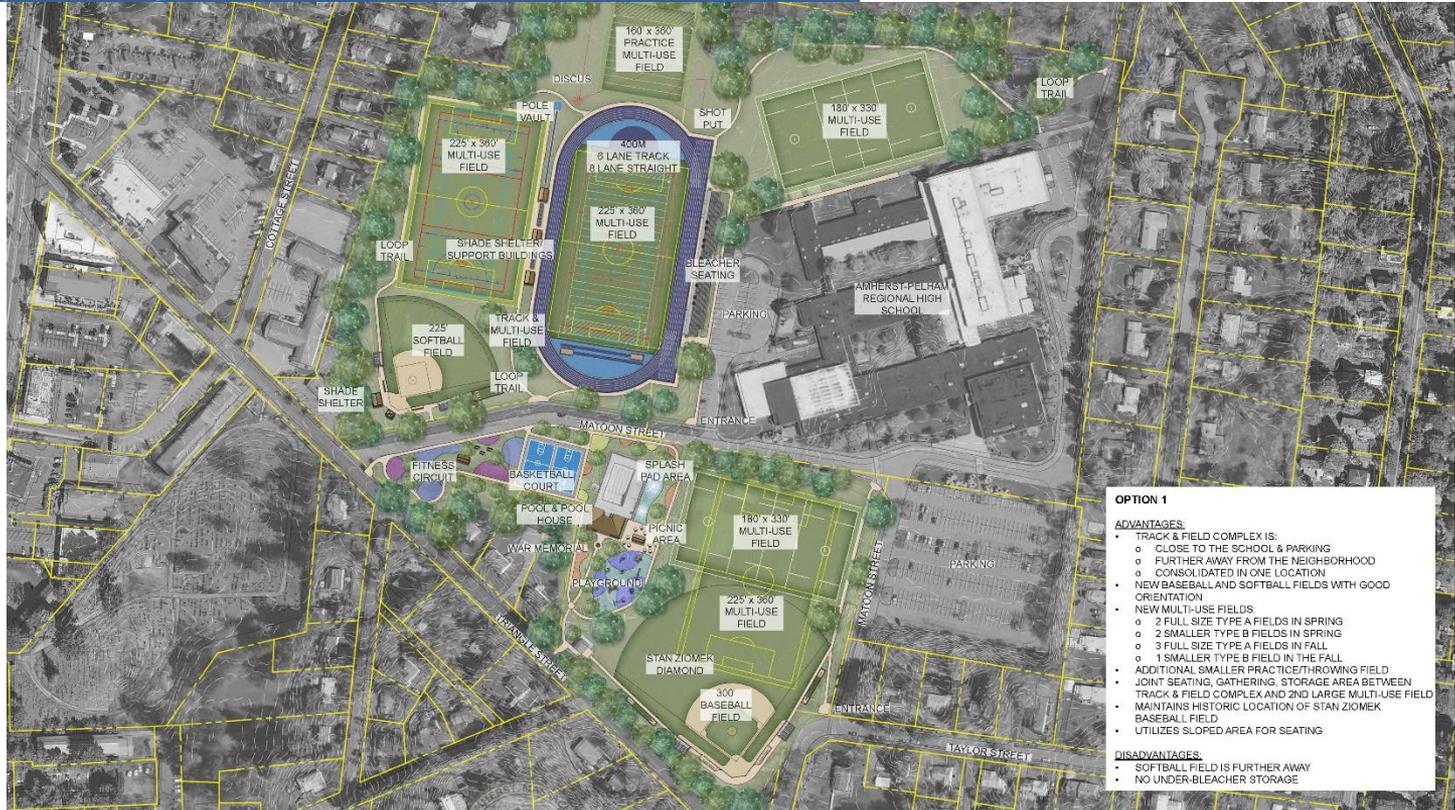
Field Layout Types



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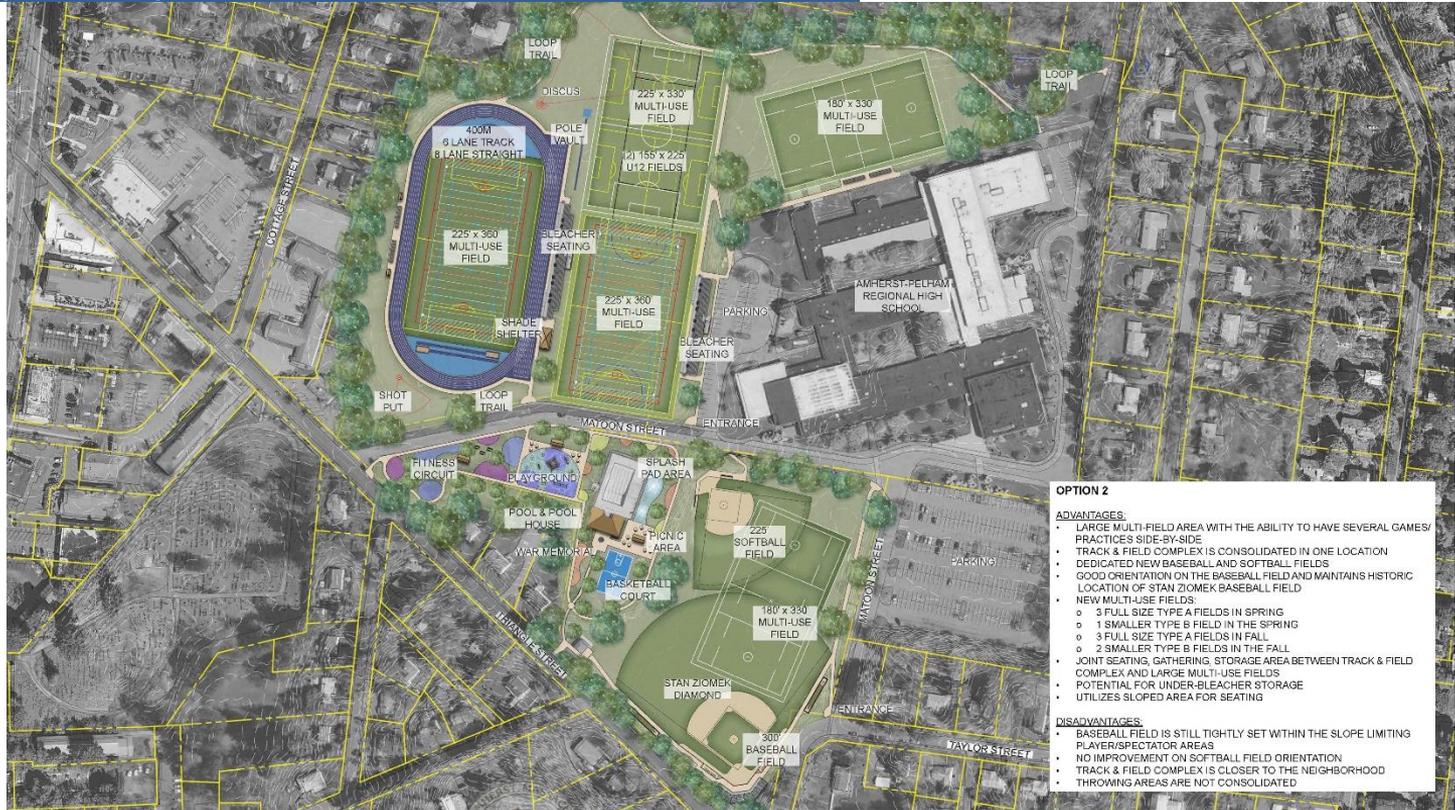


Amherst-Pelham Regional High School & Community Field- Option 1



- OPTION 1**
- ADVANTAGES:**
- TRACK & FIELD COMPLEX IS:
 - CLOSE TO THE SCHOOL & PARKING
 - FURTHER AWAY FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD
 - CONSOLIDATED IN ONE LOCATION
 - NEW BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS WITH GOOD ORIENTATION
 - NEW MULTI-USE FIELDS:
 - 2 FULL SIZE TYPE A FIELDS IN SPRING
 - 2 SMALLER TYPE B FIELDS IN SPRING
 - 3 FULL SIZE TYPE A FIELDS IN FALL
 - 1 SMALLER TYPE B FIELD IN THE FALL
 - ADDITIONAL SMALLER PRACTICE/THROWING FIELD
 - JOINT SEATING, GATHERING, STORAGE AREA BETWEEN TRACK & FIELD COMPLEX AND 2ND LARGE MULTI-USE FIELD
 - MAINTAINS HISTORIC LOCATION OF STAN ZIOMEK BASEBALL FIELD
 - UTILIZES SLOPED AREA FOR SEATING
- DISADVANTAGES:**
- SOFTBALL FIELD IS FURTHER AWAY
 - NO UNDER-BLEACHER STORAGE

Amherst-Pelham Regional High School & Community Field- Option 2



- OPTION 2**
- ADVANTAGES:**
- LARGE MULTI-FIELD AREA WITH THE ABILITY TO HAVE SEVERAL GAMES/ PRACTICES SIDE-BY-SIDE
 - TRACK & FIELD COMPLEX IS CONSOLIDATED IN ONE LOCATION
 - DEDICATED NEW BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS
 - GOOD ORIENTATION ON THE BASEBALL FIELD AND MAINTAINS HISTORIC LOCATION OF STAN ZIMEK BASEBALL FIELD
 - NEW MULTI-USE FIELDS
 - o 3 FULL SIZE TYPE A FIELDS IN SPRING
 - o 1 SMALLER TYPE B FIELD IN THE SPRING
 - o 3 FULL SIZE TYPE A FIELDS IN FALL
 - o 2 SMALLER TYPE B FIELDS IN THE FALL
 - JOINT SEATING, GATHERING STORAGE AREA BETWEEN TRACK & FIELD COMPLEX AND LARGE MULTI-USE FIELDS
 - POTENTIAL FOR UNDER-BLEACHER STORAGE
 - UTILIZES SLOPED AREA FOR SEATING
- DISADVANTAGES:**
- BASEBALL FIELD IS STILL TIGHTLY SET WITHIN THE SLOPE LIMITING PLAYERS/SPECTATOR AREAS
 - NO IMPROVEMENT ON SOFTBALL FIELD ORIENTATION
 - TRACK & FIELD COMPLEX IS CLOSER TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD
 - THROWING AREAS ARE NOT CONSOLIDATED

Amherst-Pelham Regional High School & Community Field- Option 3



- OPTION 3**
- ADVANTAGES:**
- TRACK & FIELD COMPLEX IS CLOSE TO PARKING
 - DEDICATED NEW BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS
 - GOOD ORIENTATION ON THE NEW BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS
 - NEW MULTI-USE FIELDS:
 - o 2 FULL SIZE TYPE A FIELDS IN SPRING
 - o 3 FULL SIZE TYPE A FIELDS IN FALL
 - o 1 SMALLER TYPE B FIELDS IN THE SPRING AND FALL
 - UTILIZES SLOPED AREA FOR SEATING
 - POTENTIAL FOR UNDER-BLEACHER STORAGE
- DISADVANTAGES:**
- ONLY ONE SMALLER TYPE B FIELD
 - BASEBALL FIELD IS RELOCATED FROM THE HISTORIC LOCATION
 - NO COMMON AREA BETWEEN FIELDS

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Field Quantity Comparison - Amherst Pelham Regional High School								
Options	Multi-Use "Type A"		Multi-Use "Type B"		Baseball Field		Softball Field	
	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall
Existing	0	0	4	5	1	0	1	0
Option 1	2	3	2	1	1	0	1	1
Option 2	3	3	1	2	1	0	1	0
Option 3	2	3	1	1	1	0	1	1

Key	Dimensions	Field Layouts
"Type A"	225' x 360'	Full Size Soccer, Football, & All "Type B" Fields
"Type B"	180' x 330'	Lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee, Field Hockey, Flag Football, Youth Soccer U-14 and Lower

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Initial Findings | Reasons to Act Now

- Conditions warrant action
(Turf quality, growing media, grading, drainage, etc.)
- Need for urgent repairs
- Need for enhanced maintenance protocols
- Correct unsafe conditions
- Correct field size deficiencies
- Correct field orientation deficiencies
- Field overlap is limiting
Conflicts + programming challenges
- Equity
Be fair to all residents
Related to gender, age, ADA
- Maintain healthy community
- Remain competitive
With other communities
Attractive place for families
Sports and programming options
Participation rates
- Host tournaments, enhance revenue potential

Next Steps

- Refine Schematic Plan Diagrams
- Prepare Budget Considerations
- Establish Priorities
- Establish Phasing + Implementation Strategies
- Public Outreach Meeting #3
- Confirm Community Preferences
- Complete Written Master Plan Document



Open Discussion

Questions | Comments



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