



# **EMERY ESTATE GRANT PROPOSAL PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Emery Estate Advisory Committee  
Public Informational Meeting  
75 Middle Street, Weymouth MA  
21 Jun 2016

# AGENDA

1. Background
2. Grant opportunity
3. Concepts for application
4. Q&A



# BRIEF HISTORY

- 24-acre property purchased by the town for open space in 2011
- \$1.9M paid from Community Preservation fund
- Estimated 20 residential homes could have been constructed on-site, if not purchased
- Mayor's Advisory Committee formed in 2011 to investigate potential reuses
- Reuse plan published in 2012, proposing trails, events venue, and community farm



## **CURRENT REUSE GOALS**

- Passive recreation
- Programmed outdoor events
- Pedestrian connections
- Link to Legion's path system



# GRANT OPPORTUNITY

- Massachusetts PARC grant program
- Funding to develop land for park and outdoor recreation purposes
- Max grant award is \$400K
- This is a reimbursement grant:
  - Weymouth gets \$0.64 for every \$1.00 spent, up to \$400K
- This is a *competitive* program



# WHY PARC?

- Offers a large payout
- Emery could be very competitive
- Covers a lot of expenses:
  - Parking
  - Bathrooms
  - Shelter
  - Seating
  - Pathways
  - Lighting



# INTENTION

- Apply for a PARC grant
- Propose improvements for the grounds, not the buildings
- Propose concepts, not finished designs
- Propose passive recreation, not active recreation:
  - **NO** sports field
  - **NO** playground
  - **NO** courts





# PROPOSED PLAN

- Represents conceptual ideas sufficient for developing a budget
  - Big picture stuff only
- Nothing is set in stone
- Designs will come AFTER the grant award is announced
- There will be more public meetings, more chances to comment before anything is finalized















# CONCEPT OVERVIEW

- Paved looped pathway
- Parking for 90 cars
- New trees to screen parking
- Vehicle access from Emery Ln
- Pedestrian access from Emery, Commercial, and North
- 1,800 sq. ft. pavilion
- 800 sq. ft. comfort building
- Lights for parking areas and path ways to pavilion and restrooms



# COST ESTIMATES

IMPROVEMENT	COST
ACCESS, PARKING, & DRAINAGE	\$ 580,000
PAVILLION	\$ 200,000
RESTROOMS	\$ 289,000
LIGHTING	\$ 240,000
WALKING PATHS	\$ 150,000
LANDSCAPING	\$ 65,000
SUB-TOTAL	\$1,524,000
CONTINGENCY (10%)	\$ 152,400
TOTAL (ESTIMATE)	\$1,676,400





# QUESTIONS?

- Application is due July 13
- Awards will be announced in Nov or Dec (approx.)





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Thank you for joining us.