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# DCR Mission Statement

*To protect, promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources for the well being of all.*

# Purpose of Meeting

- To present the preferred concept for a new playground and planned recreational amenities for all age groups at Revere Beach.
- To obtain public input on the preferred concept.

# DCR Partnerships Matching Funds Program

- April 2014 - Revere Beach Partnership **submitted a conceptual proposal to DCR's** Partnership Matching Funds Program for the design of a new playground at the Revere Beach Reservation.
- June 2014 - Revere Beach Partnership submitted a final application for the project.
- August 2014 - DCR awarded the Revere Beach Partnership \$50,000 in Partnership Matching Funds in a **2-to-1 match of the Partnership's** \$25,000 contribution to the project.
- December 2014 - DCR awarded design contract to Stantec.
- Winter/Spring 2014-15 - DCR, Revere Beach Partnership, and Stantec met to advance the design concept and plan for this public meeting.



# Revere Beach Playground Project Goals

- Expand the recreational opportunities for families to relax and enjoy Revere Beach
- Provide safe activities for children and adults
- Promote a healthy lifestyle for our children and neighbors
- Protect and enhance the Revere Beach Reservation



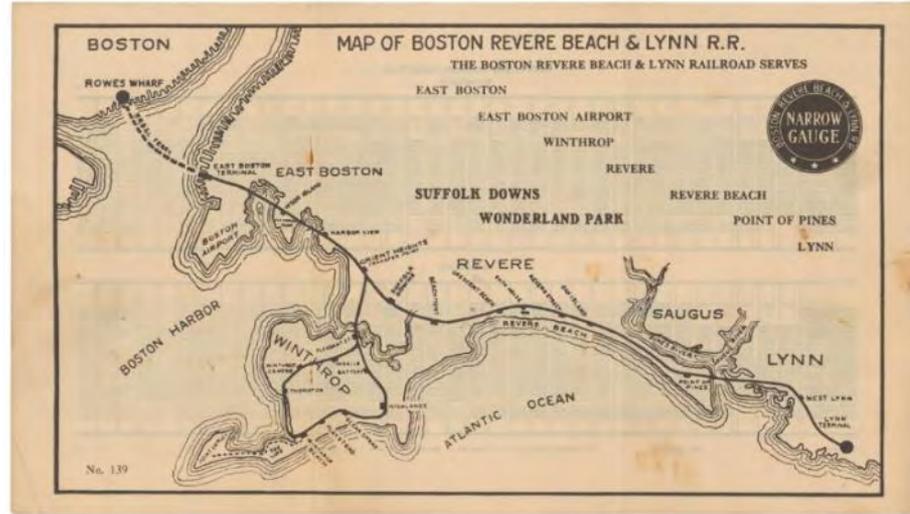
# **Revere Beach Partnership**

## **Mission Statement**

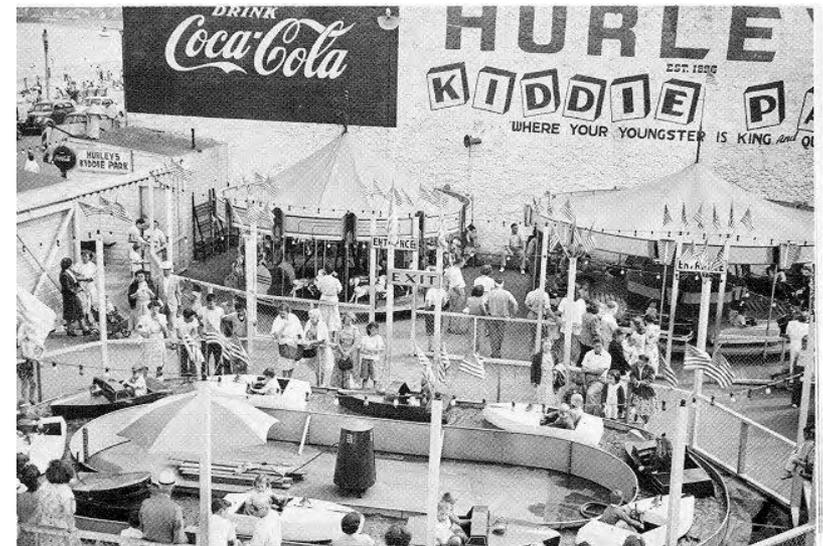
The mission of the Revere Beach Partnership is to carry forth the heritage of Revere Beach as a nearby retreat for New England families; preserve the beach's unique historic and natural assets; strengthen the beach as an asset to our community by the development of programs and partnerships that further this goal and the overall well-being of our community; plan and oversee the continued improvement of Revere Beach.



# Historic Images



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# Beach Attractions

# Project Consultant

- Boston Office
- Landscape Architecture, Engineering
- Ron Headrick, RLA – Project Manager
- 30 years playground experience



# Agenda

**1** Site Characteristics

**2** Design Approach

**3** Preferred Concept

# 1 Site Characteristics

- Publicly owned land
- Located between Revere Beach Blvd. and Ocean Ave.
- 2.6 acres

# Revere Beach Reservation - Aerial



Site Location



- Site selection factors:
- Public open space
  - Good access
  - Close to heart of beach
  - Proximity to dense neighborhoods

Legend



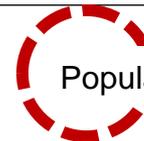
Open Space (Public)



Beach Access from Wonderland Station



Primary Playground Site



Population Center



Beach Restroom

# Selected Site



# Traffic Circulation



# Pedestrian Access

# 2 Design Approach

Development of a context sensitive playground that is unique, creative and engaging.

# Major Design Considerations

- Environment
- Function
- Access
- Safety

# Environment

## Coastal Setting

- Long/narrow site
- Sloping topography
- Sandy Soils
- Scattered clumps of trees
- Subject to periodic flooding



# Environment

## Site Sensitivity

- Fit improvements to site
- Work with sloping topography
- Consider wind and sight lines
- Protect and preserve existing trees
- Design to handle periodic flooding



# Function

## Permanent & Seasonal Use

- Maintain storm buffer capacity
- Provide active & passive play
- Maintain as public open space
- Serve all ages & abilities

# Access

## Connectivity

- Work with existing sidewalks, paths, etc.
- Meet ADA/AAB requirements

# Safety

## User protection

- Incorporate fencing as appropriate
- Utilize safe surfaces
- Meet established playground standards
- Address hours of operation / lighting



# Design Approach

# 3 Preferred Concept

Phased project providing play and recreational activities for all ages.



# Preferred Concept

# PHASE 3

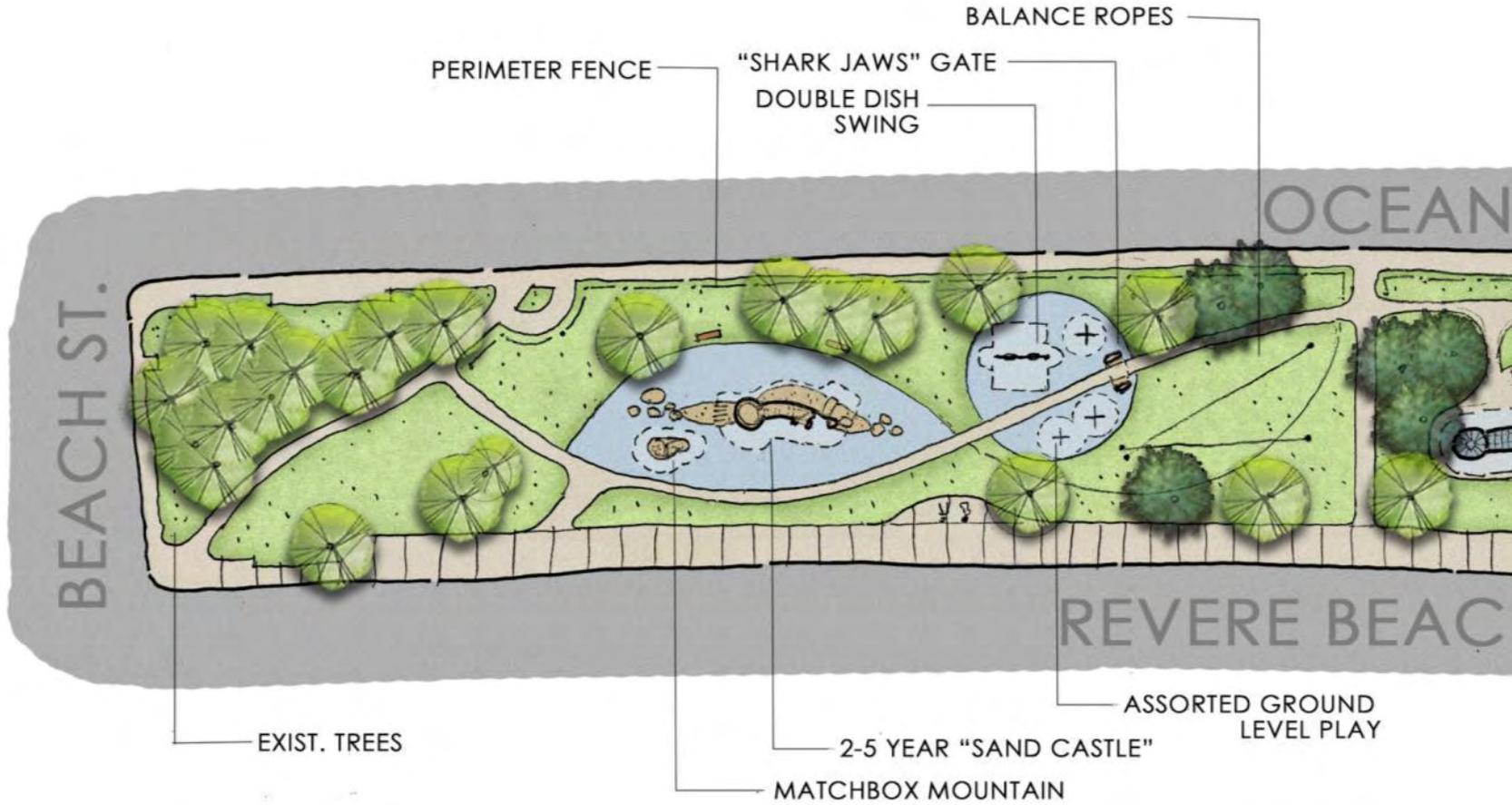


# PHASE 1

# PHASE 2



# Phasing Plan



# Phase 1





PHASE 1



2-5 Yr. Age “Sand Castle”



PHASE 1

2-5 Yr. Age: "Matchbox Mtn."



PHASE 1

5-12 Yr. Age Slackline



PHASE 1



2-12 Yr. Age Ground Level

PHASE 1-3



# Adult Fitness Stations

ACCESSIBLE CONNECTION PATH

5-12 YEAR "CYCLONE"  
NET CLIMBER

OCEAN AVE.

REVERE BEACH BLVD.

QUAD POD SPINNER

ADULT FITNESS STATIONS

ARCHES

# Phase 2



PHASE 2



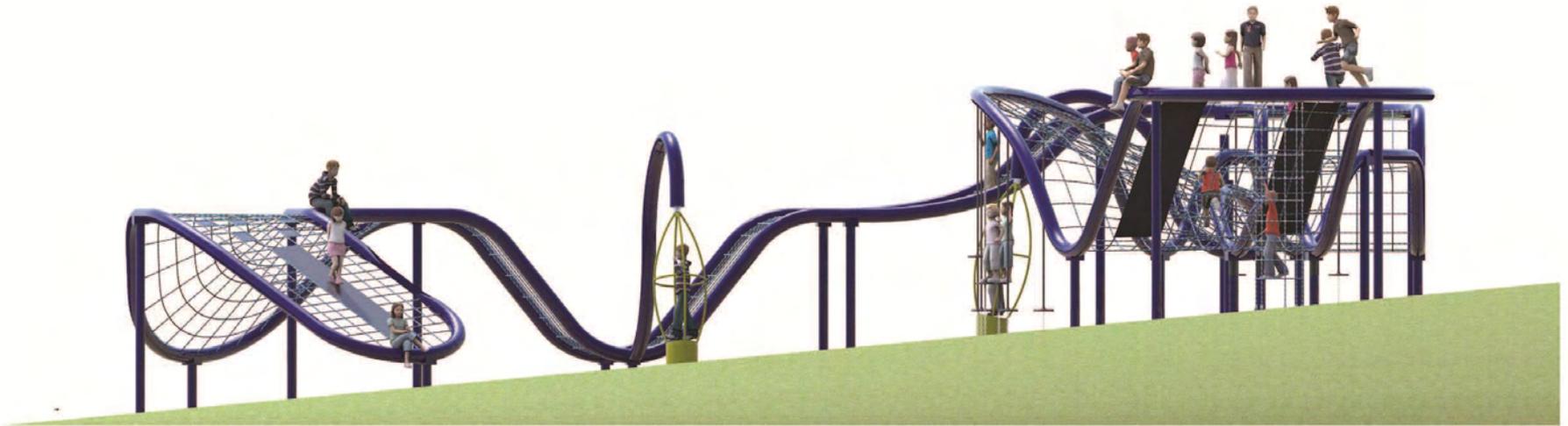
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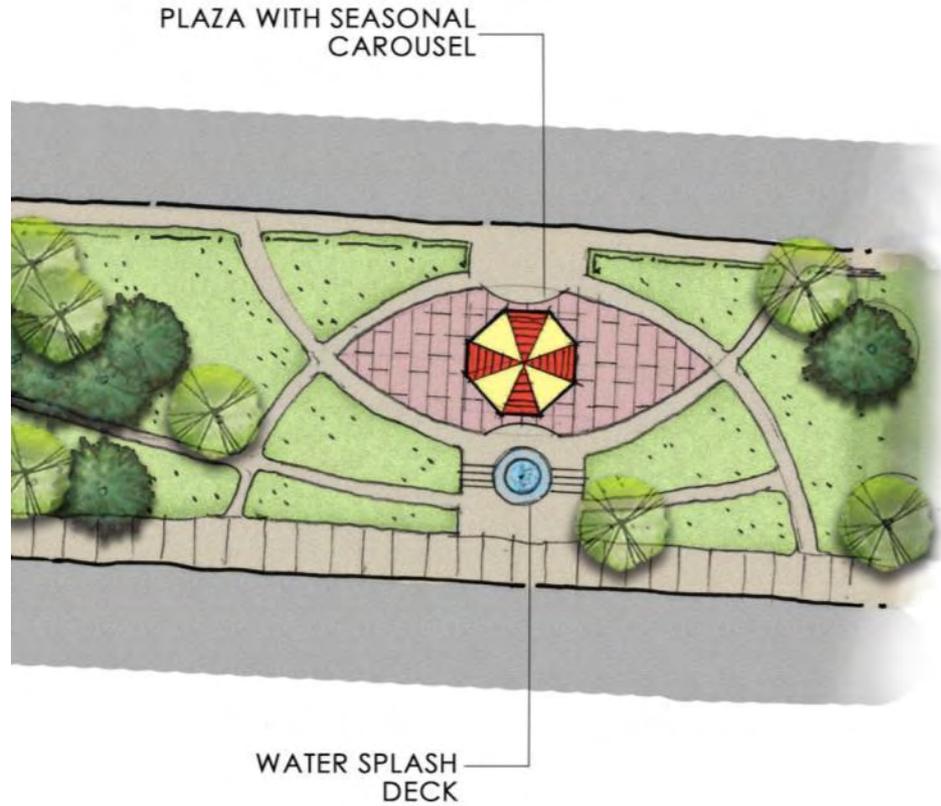


Quad Pod Spinner

PHASE 2



Art Installation - Arches



# Phase 3





PHASE 3

Event Plaza



PHASE 3



Splash Deck

# Estimated Costs and Funding

- Preliminary Estimate of Costs - \$2,100,000
  - Phase 1: \$750,000
  - Phase 2: \$850,000
  - Phase 3: \$500,000
- Potential Sources
  - Future DCR Partnership Matching Funds
  - Private fund-raising by Revere Beach Partnership
  - Other public/private funds

# Projected Timeline

- Fund-raising & Design - 2015
- Construction of Phase 1 - 2016
- Phases 2 & 3 - TBD

# Next Steps

- Fall 2015
  - Second Public Meeting for Phase 1 to discuss design development including playground, fencing, etc.

# Questions & Answers





# Additional Information

## **For more information:**

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/>

## **If you have comments or suggestions or would like to receive updates on this project:**

**E-mail:** [dcr.updates@state.ma.us](mailto:dcr.updates@state.ma.us)

*Please note "Revere Beach Playground" in the subject line.*

**Write:** Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Office of Public Outreach  
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Boston, MA 02114

## **Deadline for comments:**

***Note: Public comments submitted to DCR by email or letter may be posted on the DCR website in their entirety***