

**A MALDEN - MEDFORD
COLLABORATION
TO CREATE**

**FELLSMERE
COMMUNITY PARK**

The 18-acre Malden Hospital land is well-suited to meet a wide range of community needs. The community vision is a 16 + 2 plan: 16-acres for public open space and 2-acres for development.

A UNITED EFFORT

This plan asks everyone, residents
and elected leaders of both
Malden and Medford, families
and community groups, to come
together and say:
YES, LET'S MAKE THIS HAPPEN.
YES, LET'S DO OUR PART.

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT
GET INVOLVED
SPREAD THE WORD
WITH FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS
CONTACT YOUR ELECTED
OFFICIALS & LOCAL NEWS OUTLETS
BECOME A FRIENDS COLLABORATOR**

A Community Vision Plan was developed at public design meetings hosted by Friends of Fellsmere Heights. Additional community input is welcome toward a final plan, a permanent name for Fellsmere Community Park, and further fundraising proposals.

www.fellsmereheights.org
Donations to FoFH and this effort are gratefully
accepted via U.S. Mail & Online



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IMAGINE

*Open, Inclusive, Green Space
for Our Community*

Join the Malden - Medford Collaboration
in partnership with:

**FRIENDS of
FELLSMERE HEIGHTS
MEDFORD HEALTH MATTERS
CHINESE CULTURE CONNECTION
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION for ARAB WOMEN
MEDFORD NAACP
MALDEN SENIOR
ACTION COUNCIL**

A GIFT TO MALDEN & MEDFORD

The hospital land resides in both cities. It was donated to benefit both communities in 1890 by the first Mayor of Malden, Elisha Slade Converse.

Since its beginnings the hospital land complemented the adjacent 18-acre Olmsted-designed Fellsmere Park, also donated by Converse, by providing a natural setting for health and restoration.

the
ORIGINAL
INTENT

Numerous studies have shown that natural habitat is essential for improved well-being and quality of life, especially in dense urban areas. Multiple public meetings, petitions, ballot questions and city survey results affirm the need for restorative open space as the founders intended.

HEALTH
& the
PUBLIC
WILL

A private developer has proposed a housing project of over 300 units on the land, yet that proposal depends on rezoning by Malden's City Council.

In the meantime, the residents of Malden and Medford each put the Community Preservation Act on the ballot. The CPA was adopted by an overwhelming majority in each community. A portion of CPA funds can leverage state grants 2-to-1. Development rights on 2-acres of the land can also provide funds, leaving the remaining 16-acres as open space to benefit the health of our shared communities.

what's
POSSIBLE
& PUBLIC
FUNDING

WHY VOTERS OPPOSE RE-ZONING TO 5 TIMES THE CURRENT HOUSING LIMIT

open
SPACE

Malden, a city of 5-square miles, has the 5th-lowest amount of protected open space per capita in the state.

TRAFFIC
overload

The impact of 500 additional cars on overburdened and congested roads near the hospital cannot be adequately supported, particularly during rush hour traffic.

crowded
SCHOOLS

Overcrowding is an issue in Malden schools, with the local Beebe School overenrolled by over 50 students.

LISTENING TO RESIDENTS

In 2017 Malden's Moratorium Survey and Open Space and Recreation Survey both show over 80% of residents want the city to acquire increased public open space.

In 2016 Medford's City Council launched a committee to study community impacts from the reuse of the hospital land.

In 2015 Malden's Ballot Referendum YES-votes underscores the desire for additional open space:

YES: Development Moratorium 3 to 1
YES: Community Preservation Act 3 to 2
YES: Part of Hospital Land for Open Space 3 to 1

HEALTHIER ALTERNATIVES IN HONOR OF FOUNDERS 100-YEAR LEGACY

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION OPTIONS

Protected Natural Areas

Walking & Bike Paths

Multi-Use Field

Open Play Area

Community Gardens

Picnic & Concert Areas

Lookout Point with Panoramic Views

16-ACRES

The park may be managed by a national, state or regional park trust.

COMPATIBLE BUILDING OPTIONS

2-ACRES

Residential & Senior Housing

Senior housing & a community center would complement the existing healthcare & nursing facilities, in the spirit of the founders intent.

Innovative Business

& Commercial Space

Community Center

with Arts & Meeting Space,

Recreation & Wellness Facilities

THE PLAN IS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A 16+2 ACRE COMMUNITY VISION

\$2
MILLION

From development rights on 2-acres of approximately 60 housing units with a community center.

\$2
MILLION

City of Malden & Medford apply for state open space, recreation & gateway community funding.

\$2
MILLION

Both cities allocate funds from their newly adopted Community Preservation Act.

\$2
MILLION

Local business, foundation & corporate giving inspired by the enthusiasm of families, individuals & civic groups.

CONTINUING THE LEGACY

Elisha Slade Converse also created Pine Banks, a 107-acre bequest at the boundary of Malden & Melrose, to be jointly used forever as a public park. A similar trust between Malden & Medford on the former hospital land would be a fitting tribute in continuing that legacy.