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MAYOR DEMARIA PROPOSES NEW PARKLAND AND RECREATIONAL AMMENTITIES FOR THE FORMER GE SITE ON AIR FORCE ROAD

On Monday night Mayor Carlo DeMaria introduced a proposal for a new recreational area with ample multipurpose sports fields and other facilities to be developed on the former GE parkland site adjacent to Air Force Road on the Malden River. This new playground complex will be developed along with the existing 7-Acre Park, to create a beautiful new recreational space of over ten and a half acres. Mayor DeMaria believes this new recreational space will become a true city asset for generations to come.

This proposal originated with an initiative to discontinue the use of Nathan Lynde Playground, located in the Lower Broadway redevelopment district, and replaces it with a playground of equal or greater size. Lynde Playground is located in a heavily industrial area. Wynn will replace the playground with a new playground located at the former GE site. The city and Wynn Development are proposing to partner in order to construct a large playground by combining the adjacent 7- acre park with the GE parcel to offer recreational amenities across the 2 sites, designing and building the playground as one.

A conceptual drawing for the new playground contains several multipurpose fields for soccer, football, lacrosse, field hockey and other sports, a track, several play areas for children, picnic areas, a splash pad, and an enclosed dog park, among many other attractive amenities.

At Monday night's meeting, Mayor DeMaria asked the City Council to review the proposal and vote on the plan at the next scheduled council meeting in two weeks.

"I want to thank the City Council for their thoughtful discussion on this proposal and I look forward to a positive vote based on the tremendous support that was given last night," states Mayor DeMaria, "I am very excited about the opportunities that this new playground construction project will offer to our residents. The proposed playground will offer new walking trails, access to the Malden River, multiple playing fields, and future development nearby that will enhance our appeal to residents, businesses, and the development community."

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