Quincy Parks
Massachusetts

A Friendly Guide to Historic Parks and Open Spaces
About the Quincy Parks Conservancy

The Quincy Parks Conservancy was formed in 2011 to promote and enhance Quincy’s beautiful and historic parks and open space areas. It is a certified 501c3 non-profit organization that funds park improvement projects, educates the public about the park system and its benefits, and advocates for continued public support of our parks and open space areas.

The all-volunteer board is comprised of William Geary, Celeste McGlone, Grace McAuliffe, Betty Georgaklis, Louise Grabowski, Kristen Powers, Fran Wright, William Delahunt, David Mahoney, and David Murphy. It is supported with guidance from Park Director Chris Cassani. We also appreciate the cooperative work of the Quincy Park and Recreation Board, the Quincy City Council, and the Community Preservation Committee in fulfilling our mission.

The organization was originally envisioned by Mayor Thomas Koch, a longtime advocate of Quincy’s parks and open spaces. Mayor Koch served as Park Director from 1995-2007 before becoming the Mayor. His father Richard Koch was the City’s longest serving Park Director.

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Quincy Parks & Open Space Locations

Ward 1
- Allerton Street Playground
  Allerton Street
- Bayswater Boatyard
  Hough's Neck
- Brill Field
  Sea Street
- Gremham Playground
  Macy Street
- Leo Kelly Park
  Sea Street/Rhoda Street
- McKinnon Playground
  Chapel Street in Hough's Neck
- LaBrecque Field
  Sea Street
- Marshes of Hough's Neck
  Sea Street/Rhoda Street
- Nut Island Park
  Great Hill in Hough's Neck
- Snug Harbor School
  Playground and Fields
  Palmer Street
- Cricket Ground at General Palmer Park
  Bicknell Street
- Tafrail Road Playground
  Tafrail Road
- Arthur Boyson Park
  Heron Road
- Passanageset Park at
  Broad Meadows Marsh
  Calvin Road
- Faxon Field
  Coddington Street
- Mount Wollaston Cemetery
  Sea Street & Southern Artery
- Perkins Playground
  Narragansett Road

Ward 2
- Avalon Beach
  Avalon Ave.
- Bradford Street Playground
  Bradford Street
- Faxon Park
  Faxon Park Road
- Flynn Playground
  Elm Street/South Street
- Fore River Field
  Between Beechwood Street/ Harrison Street and Nevada Road
- Joy Hanlon & Malcolm MacNeil Soccer Fields
  Mound Street
- Monroe Field
  Pond Street
- Mound Street Beach
  Mound Street

Ward 3
- Bishop Playground
  Hamilton & Holbrook Road
- The Bog
  Sherman Street
- Forbes Hill Playground
  Summit Ave on Forbes Hill
- Furnace Brook Golf Course
  Reservoir Road
- Stoney Brae Playground
  South Central Ave.
- Whitwell Street Playground
  Whitwell Street
- Wollaston School Playground
  Beale Street
- Wollaston Recreational Facility
  Evans Street and abutting West Squantum Street

Ward 4
- Curry/Therrien Soccer Fields
  Willard Street
- Flaherty Park
  Quarry Street and Hall Place
- Granite Links Golf Course
  Quarry Hill Drive
- Grasso Park
  Columbia Street
- Kincaide Park
  Water Street
- Quarry Hills Baseball and Soccer Complex
  Ricciuti Drive
- O’Rourke Field
  Quarry Street
- Blue Hills Reservation
  West Quincy
- Veterans’ Memorial Stadium
  Merrymount Parkway/Hancock Street
- Mitchell/McCoy Field
  Merrymount Parkway
- Collins Rest-a-While Playground
  Merrymount Parkway
- Richard J. Koch Family Park and Recreation Complex
  One Merrymount Parkway
- Coleta Field
  Merrymount Park
- Adams Walk
  Merrymount Park
- Fenno Street Courts
  Fenno Street
- Quincy Shores Reservation
  Wollaston Beach

Ward 5
- Beechwood Knoll Playground
  Fetto Road
- Fairfield
  Newport Ave.
- Grossman Park
  Abuts the Quincy Shore Reservation and Merrymount Park
- Mass Fields Playground
  Rawson Road
- Merrymount Park
  Merrymount Parkway
- Adams Field
  Merrymount Parkway
- Peageant Field
  Vietnam Veterans’ Drive
- William F. Ryan Boathouse
  Black’s Creek
- Varsity Soccer Field
  Merrymount Parkway

Ward 6
- Cavanagh Stadium
  Birch Street
- Dickerson Property
  Entrance to Marina Bay
- Neponset Riverwalk
  Stretches along the northern end of the Neponset River
- O’Neill Field
  Atlantic Middle School
- Squantum Point Park
  Outer tip of Marina Bay
- Squawk Rock
  Squantum
- Teel Field
  Newbury Avenue
- Welcome Young Playground
  Sagamore Street
- Wendell Moses Playground
  Squantum Elementary School
  50 Huckins Avenue
**Allerton Street Playground** – this small neighborhood park provides a basketball court for local neighborhood enjoyment.

**Bayswater Boatyard** – This unique parcel was recently purchased by the City and converted to a great community facility. It has a small boat launch area and children’s play equipment. It helps preserve and provide waterfront access to our beautiful coastline.

**Brill Field** – Located at the end of Sea Street, this park is named for the Brill family that played at this park for decades. The Brill brothers were accomplished baseball players; Bob Brill was eventually drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals. The park is more than 4.5 acres with a small diamond, a tot-lot, basketball court and the city’s in-line skating rink.

**Grenham Playground** – Located on Macy Street, this playground is named in honor of Sgt. Lawrence A. Grenham, a Hough’s Neck resident killed in the Vietnam War in March 1968. The park was named in his honor in 1996. It houses a small children’s playground.

**McKinnon Playground** – This neighborhood playground is located on Chapel Street in Hough’s Neck. It has a tot-lot and is named in memory of Gregory McKinnon, a Hough’s neck resident who passed unexpectedly in 1982.

**LaBrecque Field** – This park is named in honor of Alfred N. LaBrecque, a veteran of World War I who later went on to serve on the Quincy City Council. LaBrecque served as Quincy City Council President and was a strong advocate for the people of Hough’s Neck. The park has a softball diamond, two basketball courts, a children’s tot-lot, and a large playing field. The 6+ acre site is home to the Hough’s Neck T-Ball program, the Hough’s Neck Manets football program and many other sports.

Baseball has long been a much-loved sport in Quincy. Over the years, Quincy’s many baseball diamonds have polished the talents of some exceptional players. Some of the City’s diamonds are named for local players and coaches. Brill Field recalls the Brill family, who played at this park for decades. Bob Brill was signed by the St. Louis Cardinals. Flynn Playground honors William H. Flynn, a semi-pro player and City Councilor from the early-1900s. Fore River Field’s baseball diamond has a rich history hosting many semi-pro games. It was also home to shipyard workers’ leagues in the 1930’s. And Adams Field’s has hosted national and regional tournaments, showcasing the country’s best baseball players.

**Leo Kelly Park** – this small neighborhood resting spot is named for longtime Ward One Councilor and environmental steward Leo Kelly. It is situated at the corner of Sea Street and Manet Avenue.

**Marshes of Hough’s Neck** – Some of the most beautiful natural scenery in Quincy is found at the First, Second, and Third Marshes in Hough’s Neck. Located along the southeast side of Sea Street and Rhoda Street, residents can enjoy picturesque views from atop the “Dike” which runs to Nut Island.
A number of Quincy's parks are peaceful oases in the midst of the bustle of city life. Need a break? Take a stroll at the Marshes of Hough's Neck, Nut Island Park, Broad Meadows Marsh, Faxon Park, Blue Hills Reservation or Adams Walk.

**Nut Island Park** – One of Quincy's hidden gems, this MWRA owned property sits on a beautiful peninsula jutting out into the harbor. It has walking trails, a fishing pier, beautiful native plantings, and panoramic views. The park is part of the larger improvements made to the entire Boston Harbor area. It is located at the end of Great Hill on the outer edge of Hough's Neck.

**Cricket Ground at General Palmer Park** – The City recently created the first cricket ground in conjunction with the Vrindavana Preservation Society. In recognition of our city's diverse population, the new cricket pitch was built to provide opportunities to play this interesting sport. It is located on Bicknell Street.

**Taffrail Road Playground** – Located in Germantown, two basketball courts here provide recreational opportunities for the people of Germantown.

**Arthur Boyson Park** – This 1.3-acre parcel is named for Arthur Boyson, a former President of the Adams Shore Community Association, who advocated for the acquisition of the land for park purposes. It is home to a basketball court, a children's tot-lot, and beautiful views of Quincy Bay.

**Snug Harbor School Playground and Fields** – Located on Palmer Street, the Snug Harbor Elementary School has two large tot-lots in front of the school and an expansive playing field area behind the school. With more than 7.5 acres, the back field can host multiple soccer games and school activities. It abuts the Snug Harbor Cemetery, which is the final resting spot of Cpt. Hansen Gregory, the creator of the doughnut.
Broad Meadows Marsh – Passanageset Park – One of the city’s newest parks is the transformed area behind the Broad Meadows Middle School. Located at the end of Calvin Road, this park offers more than 1.3 miles of walking trails through a beautifully restored area. The City and US Army Corps of Engineers recently rebuilt this natural space, creating drumlins, trails, and restoring the tidal marsh. The original landscape was altered by the Army Corps in the 1930s when they dredged the Town River and dumped the spoils onto the adjacent marsh. The Army Corps and City have invested in rejuvenating this area through complicated engineering and restoration efforts. It provides great views of the Town River, upland meadows and a diverse natural landscape.

Faxon Field – Home of the city’s first quarter-mile track, this property was bequeathed to the City by Henry M. Faxon in 1919. The park consists of a beautiful new track facility and a large field in the center of the track. Along the Russell Park portion of the property, five lighted tennis courts and children’s playground equipment are located. A natural wetland anchors the center of the property between the new track and the new Quincy High School. The famed Quincy Track Club runs its programming at Faxon Field, which also serves as the practice field for many Quincy High School activities.

Mount Wollaston Cemetery – a treasure trove of Quincy’s history can be found in this beautiful garden cemetery along Sea Street and Southern Artery. Many of Quincy’s most influential people are interred here. The monuments provide an artistic look into Quincy’s strong granite industry with some of the finest examples of rounded granite in the world. The rounding of granite was originated and perfected at Quincy’s Lyons Turning Mill. The landscape is filled with some of Quincy’s most majestic trees.

Perkins Playground – Adjacent to the Merrymount Elementary School, this large, recently renovated neighborhood park provides a softball field, children’s playground, basketball court, street hockey court, and a large field for soccer. The park takes its name from James. S. Perkins, who was the longtime Principal of the adjacent Merrymount School. The park was named in his honor in 1932.
Avalon Beach – Located along Avalon Avenue in Quincy Point, this quaint neighborhood beach provides a private beach setting with plenty of shade.

Bradford Street Playground – This neighborhood playground located at the foot of Penn’s Hill contains a children’s tot-lot and a basketball court.

Faxon Park – One of the jewels of the Quincy park system, the property was originally Town-owned and known as the South Commons. Quincy sold off portions in 1818, a large area of which was purchased by Job Faxon. Job passed along the property to his son Henry, who ultimately returned 37 acres to the residents of Quincy in 1885. In 1935, his son Henry M. Faxon donated 20 additional acres. The City has recently acquired adjacent properties, making Faxon Park a total of more than 57 acres.

Today, the park provides an incredible diverse landscape of walking trails, quarries, outcroppings, and hundreds of stately oak trees. The Quincy Parks Conservancy helped create a new walking trail through the park, opening up previously under-appreciated areas.

In addition, there are many active recreational facilities in the park including two Little League baseball fields, a softball field with lights, a picnic facility, basketball court, and a beautiful new children’s playground funded by a grant from the Commonwealth and The CPA.

Flynn Playground – Located at Elm Street and South Street in Quincy Point, this park features a basketball court and small tot-lot. The park is named for William H. Flynn, a Ward Two City Councilor from the early-1900s renowned for supporting park and playground projects. Flynn was active in youth baseball and was himself a semi-pro baseball player.

Fore River Field – Located between Beechwood Street, Harrison Street and Nevada Road in Quincy Point, this park has been the epicenter of recreation in Quincy Point for 100 years. Today, the park is home to the City’s only Pony league diamond (50’ by 70’), a children’s tot lot and basketball court. The baseball diamond is named in memory of Ray Dunn, a coach and mentor to thousands of Quincy Point youngsters. It has a rich history as the host of many semi-pro baseball games and the home field of the leagues spawned by workers at Quincy’s Fore River Shipyard. A memorial to David and Stephen Pitts, two Quincy Point brothers who fought in the Vietnam War, also graces the site. The football field in the center
of the park has been the longtime home of the Quincy Point Panthers, one of the charter members of the Quincy Youth Football League.

Also located on the property, the historic Fore River Clubhouse was the center of activity for thousands of families that worked at the Fore River Shipyard. It was the home of social and recreational events for generations of Quincy Point families. To this day, it hosts a wide variety of community activities and meetings. It is slated for an overhaul in 2016 thanks to CPA funding and the support of State Rep. Ron Mariano.

Joy Hanlon & Malcolm MacNeil Fields at Cleverly Court – These fields are named in memory of Joy Hanlon, a young Quincy Point resident who died in a tragic accident and Malcolm MacNeil, founder of QYS.

Monroe Field – Located on Pond Street, this large park contains a baseball field, an area for soccer, and the City’s first skateboard park. The parcel is approximately 9 acres and abuts the Town Brook, where granite sloops would travel from the West Quincy quarries to awaiting boats at the Town River. Granite was then shipped into Boston and around the world. Monroe Field is named in honor of Israel W. Monroe, the maternal grandfather of Henry M. Faxon, who donated the park to the City in 1935, at the same time that he gifted an expansion to Faxon Park.

Mound Street Beach – One of the largest municipal beaches is located off Mound Street in Quincy Point. There is expansive sand area for sunbathers and a pleasant swimming area right off the beach. A proposed ropes course has been approved at the site.

On the Waterfront

Bayswater Boatyard, Avalon Beach, Mound Street Beach, Quincy Shores Reservation, Neponset Riverwalk, Squantum Point Park and Squaw Rock all feature waterfront access to this beautiful and significant City asset.
Bishop Playground – Surrounded by Hamilton Avenue and Hollbrook Road in Montclair, this park is associated with the grounds of the Montclair Elementary School. It possesses a large baseball field, a softball field, a children’s tot-lot, a street hockey court, a basketball court, and five tennis courts with lights. The school playground also houses a new children’s playground and one of the most famous stickball courts in Quincy.

The 5.5 acre park is named in honor of Frederick H. Bishop, a Civil War veteran who fought with the 14th Infantry. Bishop lived nearby on Summit Avenue. A plaque at the field memorializes PFC Daniel Sullivan who lived nearby and was killed in the Vietnam War.

Furnace Brook Golf Course – This nine-hole golf course and clubhouse are owned by the City but held under a private lease. The rolling hills at Furnace Brook are prime sledding territory in the winter. The first fairway was once known as “Heavenly Hill” and had an operational tow rope where Quincy youngsters could learn how to ski.

Stoney Brae Playground – This small neighborhood playground sits on South Central Avenue in Wollaston. Its name connotes the city’s former Scottish population, as the word brae is Scottish for a small slope or hill.

The Bog – Located along Sherman Street between the Wollaston and Montclair neighborhoods, The Bog is a natural oasis in the middle of a densely developed residential area. There are substantial trees and wetlands on this property. At one point in the City’s history, the City’s Forestry Department used the property as a tree farm to grow street trees.

Forbes Hill Playground – At the top of Summit Avenue on Forbes Hill sits a 5.25-acre park where a city reservoir existed at the turn of last century. Today, this land hosts a small t-ball diamond, a basketball court, a tennis court, and playground equipment. The last vestige of the reservoir is the 105’ granite water tower that remains at the site. The tower was built to disguise the steel water tower inside. At one point, the reservoir had a walking path around it, offering unrivaled views to Boston. The park takes its name from the influential Forbes family who owned the property prior to the State’s taking it for the reservoir.

Whitwell Street Playground – This 6.5 acre parcel atop Hospital Hill contains a children’s playground. Most recently, a memorial bench was dedicated to Puppy Doe. The parcel was once home to a small schoolhouse destroyed by fire.

Wollaston School Playground – Located behind the Wollaston Elementary School off Beale Street, this school property houses a children’s tot-lot, basketball court, and a great stickball area behind the school.

Wollaston Recreational Facility – President’s Golf Course – Located off Evans Street and abutting West Squantum Street. This Norfolk County owned and operated facility straddles the Quincy/Milton line. In addition to an 18-hole golf course, the facility holds a bank of ten tennis courts as well as a hitting wall.
Flaherty Park – Located at the corner of Quarry Street and Hall Place, this park is named for Patrick J. Flaherty, a long-time resident and community activist for the West Quincy area. It houses a basketball court, street hockey court, and children’s play equipment.

Granite Links Golf Course – This 27-hole championship golf course is situated on the former landfills for Quincy and Milton. An historic public works project allowed millions of cubic feet of dirt displaced by the Big Dig, to be brought to Quincy and Milton to create this incredible amenity. Though privately operated, it is a public course. The City maintains a revenue-sharing agreement and the golf course staff maintains the nearby youth recreational complex. The course has been regularly named as one of the top 100 golf courses in America.

Grasso Park – This parcel is named in honor of Paul V. Grasso, a South Quincy resident killed in Vietnam while serving with the United States Marine Corps in 1968. Located along Columbia Street in South Quincy, this newly renovated park has walking paths and benches.

Kincaide Park – This 5.2 acre park is located off Water Street in Southwest Quincy. A lit facility, it has a large softball diamond, a baseball diamond, a tennis court, a street hockey court, and children’s playground equipment. The park is named in memory of Henry L. Kincaide who served as a Colonel in the Spanish-American War. He went on to become one of Quincy’s most successful businessmen and the Kincaide Department store was a staple of downtown Quincy for many years.

Sgt. Robert Allen Curry and Michael G. Therrien Soccer Fields – This 9 acre parcel is home to a full-sized soccer field as well as a 50x80 yard field, and is named after Sgt. Robert Allen Curry, a Quincy native who died heroically in World War II, and Michael G. Therrien, a coach and advocate for youth sports who died unexpectedly.

Quarry Hills Baseball and Soccer Complex – This beautiful new facility has four Little League diamonds and a full size soccer field. Once the site of the City dump, the entire area off Riccuiti Drive has been transformed into a recreational complex that is second to none. Owned by the State, the facility is home to the Quincy Red Stockings and Quincy Youth Baseball.

O’Rourke Field – Home of the West Quincy Elks, this 7.6 acre park houses a football field, a baseball diamond, a softball diamond, and children’s play equipment. O’Rourke Field has been the centerpiece of recreational activity in West Quincy for generations. The City also owns the adjacent lot with a stone fieldhouse, harkening back to the craftsmanship seen in the Works Progress Administration. In 1932, the park was named in honor of John J. O’Rourke, a South Quincy resident who was wounded in World War I. A recent gift by the Antonellis family made improvements to the park’s fences and baseball field.

Blue Hills Reservation – A large portion of the State’s 7,500-acre reservation lies within West Quincy. The walking and hiking trails provide residents ample opportunity to exercise and connect with the natural beauty of the area. The portion off Willard Street was once known as St. Moritz and held a winter carnival that would draw thousands of people to compete in and enjoy winter sports activities.
Beechwood Knoll Playground – This small park abuts the Beechwood Knoll Elementary School on Fenno Street. A children’s tot-lot and open field overlook Black’s Creek and Pine Island.

Freedom Park – This narrow park runs along Newport Avenue in Quincy Center, not far from the Adams Mansion. The site was created after homes along the road had to be taken for the Red Line expansion in the early-1970s. The park features a walking path, benches, and the City’s original John Adams statue.

Grossman Park – a 50+ acre preserve of salt marsh and drumlins, this beautiful property directly abuts the Quincy Shores Reservation and Merrymount Park, making it a vital natural link. The land was donated to the City in the 1960s by the famed Grossman family, founders of the Grossman Hardware Stores.

Mass Fields Playground – This 1.1 acre park is surrounded by Hamden Circle and Rawson Road in Wollaston. It houses a basketball court, children’s tot-lot and large field for play.

Merrymount Park – Quincy’s most utilized park is home to a wide variety of athletic facilities, acres of natural open space, and a diverse ecosystem of uplands, wetlands, and brackish creek waters. The park was bequeathed to the “Inhabitants of Quincy” by Charles Francis Adams II, a descendant of the presidential Adams family. The park was accepted by Town Meeting in 1885 the same night the City accepted the gift of Faxon Park. Adams even had his dear friend Frederick Law Olmsted review the park property with the hopes of developing design plans, as he did for Boston’s Emerald Necklace parks and Central Park and Prospect Park in New York City. Unfortunately, the City did not have the available funds to hire Olmsted.

The park features a large wooded area with paths, eclectic landscapes, and kettle holes-- large holes in the land mass caused by melting glaciers from the Ice Age. Potential kettle holes can be found throughout the park. There are more than 30 acres of salt marsh habitat in the park. Black’s Creek, named for Quincy Inhabitant Moses Black who once owned land south of today’s park, is a treasure trove of natural aquatic life.

Adams Field – Named for the benefactor of Merrymount Park, this baseball diamond is one of the crown jewels of the park system. It has hosted national and regional tournaments, showcasing the country’s best baseball talents. The third base dugout is named in honor of Ray Cattaneo, a longtime coach of the Morrisette Legion baseball team, a former Park Director, and a fantastic baseball player in his own right.

Did you know that Merrymount Park and Faxon Park were both bequeathed to the City of Quincy at the same Town Meeting in 1885. That night shaped the future of the Quincy park system for generations to come.
Pageant Field – Located at the top of Vietnam Veterans’ Drive, this multi-purpose recreational area provides gorgeous views across Black’s Creek and out into Quincy Bay. It hosts two Little League / softball diamonds, a large soccer/football area, the City’s most popular picnic facility, and the Ruth Gordon Amphitheatre. The amphitheater is dedicated to one of Quincy’s most famous actresses who starred in a variety of popular Hollywood films. It hosts The Farmers Market weekly during the summer and fall.

William F. Ryan Boathouse – A center for instruction, the Ryan Boathouse provides sailing, boating, kayaking, and canoeing lessons to people of all ages. The modern boathouse was built in 2010. It is named for long-time Quincy Recreation Director Bill Ryan, the father of the boating program. Thousands of young Quincy residents have learned to boat and sail on the serene waters of Black’s Creek before taking their skills out to the open ocean.

Varsity Soccer Field – The city’s first soccer-only facility, this field sits alongside Merrymount Parkway next to Veterans’ Memorial Stadium. It receives heavy use from high school soccer and Quincy Youth Soccer programs.

Veterans’ Memorial Stadium – Another one of Quincy’s signature facilities, the “Stadium” is as rich in history as it is activity. The Stadium has been the site of the city’s annual football showdown on Thanksgiving between North Quincy and Quincy High School, creating memories that last through generations. The Quincy/North Quincy Hall of Fame sits beyond the north end zone of the field. Originally, the property was known as Pfaffman’s Oval, after the dirt running track built by Park Commissioner George Pfaffman at the turn of the 20th century. Despite being linear, adjacent Oval Road takes its name from the property’s history as a running oval. The signature brick wall was constructed during the Works Progress Administration program of the late 1930s. The new Field Turf surface was installed in 2007 and the track was relocated at the same time. The City’s Korean War Memorial sits outside the site at the corner of Hancock Street and Merrymount Parkway.

Mitchell/McCoy Field – The city’s premier softball facility is located across from Veteran’s Stadium along Merrymount Parkway. The fields were renovated in 1996-1997 to provide young women with a top-quality softball facility commensurate with the baseball complex. Two Little League / softball diamonds were transformed into an improved softball complex, which serves as the home diamond for both high schools, Quincy Youth Softball, and the Quincy Women’s League. The field carries two names in recognition of Kathleen McCoy and William Mitchell, both long-time Park Commissioners for the City.

Collins Rest-a-While Playground – This sprawling children’s playground is nestled between Mitchell/McCoy Field and Merrymount Parkway. For many years, it served as the city’s main playground complex, before the advent of the neighborhood tot-lot era.

Richard J. Koch Family Park and Recreation Complex – Home of the Park and Recreation Department, this complex was long held by the US Army as Battalion headquarters for a Nike missile support team. In 1976, the federal government transferred the land to the City. In addition to operational headquarters, the facility hosts numerous community activities including the annual Quincy ArtsFest program. It is named for the longest serving Park Director in Quincy history, Richard Koch. Koch is
renowned as a great public servant and organizer of charitable causes. His Koch Club organization provided recreational and charitable support for thousands of Quincy residents. Koch was also the Founder of the city’s annual Flag Day Parade.

**Coletta Field** – This beautiful baseball diamond is located at Upper Merrymount Park, behind the Adams Green project. The diamond was altered to make room for the passive park in 2007-2009. The field is named in honor or Gerald Coletta. For many years, a large cement grandstand sat along the cut-through road behind the diamond. The road and grandstand were removed to accommodate the new park. A granite bandstand was built at the site during the WPA era.

**Adams Walk** – This beautiful passive park was constructed during the early part of the 21st century. It features a spectacular granite water fountain, walking paths, open greenspace, and two historic monuments. The City’s World War II Memorial majestically overlooks the fountains and park area. There is also a monument recognizing John Adams and his son John Quincy Adams’ heritage in the city of Quincy. The park design was taken directly from the 1937 plan for Merrymount Park by Herbert Kellaway, an Olmsted associate. The park was designed to help residents enjoy a quiet space away from the hectic life of the city.

**Fenno Street Courts** – Site of two basketball courts and two tennis courts with lights. This facility hosts a number of organized league and camp activities. It is a hotbed of recreational action throughout the summer months.

**Quincy Shores Reservation** – Featuring a 2.3 mile stretch of public beach, a seasonal bathhouse, two yacht clubs, miles of bathing beach, benches and other amenities, Wollaston Beach is a primary location for exercise and recreational activity. The Reservation also features Caddy Memorial Park, named for Lance Cpl. William Caddy, who sacrificed his life to save his fellow Marines by diving on a grenade during the Vietnam War. At the northern end of the Reservation is Moswetuset Hummock, a drumlin that served as the Seat for the Massachuset tribe.

**Ward Six**

**Cavanagh Stadium** – Located off Birch Street in North Quincy, this field supports a football field, basketball court and stonedust running track. It is home to the North Quincy High football program and the North Quincy Apaches. Cavanagh Field was the location for the Koch Club recreational programs. The 4.5-acre site is named for Staff Sgt. Charles Cavanagh who was killed on March 6, 1945 in Germany while serving his country with Company C, 28th Infantry Regiment, 8th Division. The original plaque was dedicated in 1947, and a rededication was held on June 14, 2000. The City’s original Flag Day Parade, led by Richard Koch and the Koch Club, commenced at Cavanagh in 1954.

**Dickinson property** – Acquired in 1997, this parcel sits at the entrance to Marina Bay. It is a natural area that contains a unique salt pond sourced by the incoming bay adjacent to the property. It is a good site for bird watching.

**Neponset Riverwalk** – a new amenity that stretches along the northern end of the Neponset River. The combination of natural paths allow for scenic enjoyment of the Neponset River estuary.

**Joseph W. Koch Field** – Located behind the Atlantic Middle School in North Quincy. This field was dedicated in 2015 for long-time City employee and Army veteran Joe Koch. Joe helped
build dozens of youth sports fields throughout the city and was the most talented heavy equipment operator the city has ever known.

**Squantum Point Park** – This large waterfront park is rich in history and natural beauty. Owned by the State, the park received upgrades in the early 2000s to allow enjoyment of the 20+ acres of waterfront area. It is located on the outer tip of Marina Bay. The site was once the former Squantum Air Field, which held some of the first air shows in the country, drawing famous pilots like Amelia Earhardt and thousands of spectators. Today, there is an open meadow on the property that mimics the runway that once sat on the site.

**Squaw Rock** – Some of the finest scenic views of Boston and Boston Harbor are found on this waterfront gem in Squantum. A former Nike missile site, this 20-acre park has walking trails and benches throughout. An old stone quarry remains in the center of the property, which also contains unique and interesting archeological formations studied by many area universities. The property once belonged to the City of Boston and was turned over to Quincy in 1976.

**Teel Field** – This property off Newbury Avenue is currently being transformed into a multi-sport turf field. The field can be used for a variety of sports including soccer, lacrosse, and other activities. It will serve as part of the extended campus of North Quincy High School.

**Welcome Young Playground** – This park is named in honor of Welcome G. Young, a City Councilor who served from 1919 to 1929. The park has a large softball field with lights, two basketball courts, two tennis courts, and a children’s playground.

**Wendell Moses Playground** – This neighborhood center of activity is located behind the Squantum Elementary School. The 3.6-acres area features two Little League diamonds, a children’s playground, a basketball court and street hockey court. This playground is named for John Wendell Moses, a Squantum resident who was killed in World War I during the Battle of Argonne on October 23, 1918. Moses was with the Army’s 101st Infantry Division. In 2001, the Little League diamonds were named for Bill Phinney and Don Frazier. A 2015 project funded by CPA overhauled the existing tennis and hockey courts, creating a single hockey court.