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City of Portland
Land Bank Commission Agenda

September 14, 2022

5:00 PM

On the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm, the Portland Land Bank Commission will hold a meeting remotely using Zoom.

The Land Bank Commission will conduct this meeting remotely via Zoom pursuant to the Remote Meeting Policy adopted by the Land Bank Commission. Allow your computer to install the free Zoom app to get the best meeting experience. If you are not able to attend live either in person or via Zoom, a recording will be available in the [Agenda Center](#) following the meeting.

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Citizen Comment Period
- III. Agenda Items
 - i. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: July 13th, 2022
 - ii. New Business
 - a. Secretary's Report

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- b. Treasurer's Report
 - c. Review High Priority Parcels in regards to future action
 - d. Coolidge Parcel Review
 - iii. Old Business
 - a. High Priority Parcel Committee Update
 - iv. Communications and Parcel Updates
 - a. Parks Report
 - b. Land Bank Commission Report
 - c. Redlon Woods Update
 - d. North Deering Park Update
 - v. Commissioner requests for Agenda Items
- IV. Adjournment

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Members not in attendance: Daniel Herzlinger, Anna Trevorrow, Kara Wooldrik, Pat Bailey

City of Portland **Land Bank Commission Agenda** **July 13th, 2022**

Please note: this Land Bank Commission meeting will be strictly in-person only with no remote options. Currently there are no agenda items to vote on, as the focus of this meeting will be to take a field trip to the following locations:

- **Hobart St Open Space**
- **Stroudwater Preserve Easement**
- **Coolidge/Davenport Lots (Off of Washington Ave Extension)**

We have provided an agenda below, should the public wish to accompany the Land Bank Commission on this excursion. Please note, the bus provided by Parks, Recreation and Facilities is for Land Bank Commission members, and city staff only. The public is invited to follow using private transportation.

I. Call to Order -

II Citizen Comment -

III. Agenda Items -

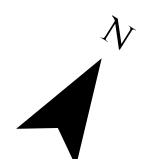
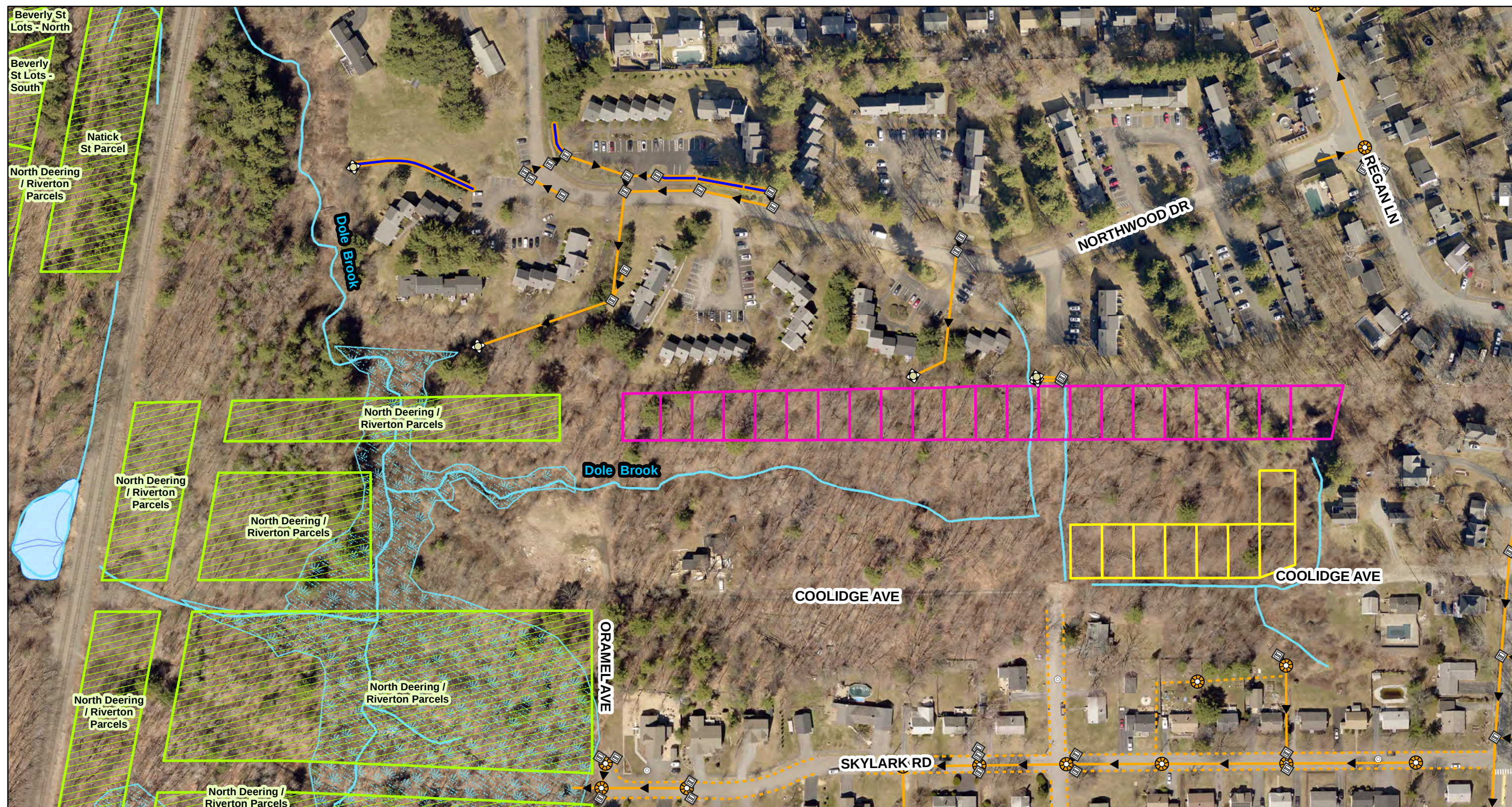
i. Accept Minutes: June 8th, 2022 -motion second - 5 for, 1 abstain.

ii. Field Trip agenda:

- 5:00 pm: arrive at 212 Canco Road, Suite A, Portland Maine, 04103
- 5:15 pm: board the bus and depart for Hobart St Open Space.
- 5:30 pm: arrive at Hobart St Open Space for a walking tour and review of the site.
- 5:50 pm: board the bus for the second location.
- 6:00 pm: arrive at Stroudwater Preserve Easement for a walking tour and review of the site.
- 6:20 pm: board the bus and depart for the Coolidge/Davenport lots
- 6:30 pm: arrive at Coolidge/Davenport lot for a walking tour and review of the site.
- 6:50 pm: board the bus to return to Canco Road.

- 7:00 pm: arrive at Canco Road.

IV. Adjournment



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 Scale: 1 Inch = 150 Feet

Coolidge Ave & Davenport Ave Lots

Map by City of Portland DPW 3/31/2022

Legend

- 348-B-1-8
- 348-C-1-13 & 349-C-13-21

- Brook; Drainage
- Mapped Wetlands*
- LandBank

*Only applies to the area west of Oramel Ave. Wetland mapping data for Davenport & Coolidge avenues is not available.



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LEGEND

- Land Bank Parcels
- Berry: Phase 1
- Coastal Oaks: Phase 2
- City-owned: Phase 3
- Private: Taylor
- Private: Motley St
- Private: Caroline St

Drainage

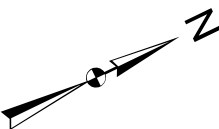
- Brook
- Ditch or Brook

Water Bodies

- swamp
- Countour Lines

Redlon Woods Area

Note: Drainage & Water Bodies were derived from aerial imagery, not survey or wetland delineation. They are an indicator of potential water features only.



May 19, 2022

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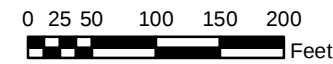




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North Deering Park

Creating a public community park in Portland, Maine

At The Trust for Public Land, we are striving to ensure that all people have equitable access to close-to-home green spaces. We are proud that the City of Portland has a high quality park system to support its residents. However, parts of the North Deering neighborhood have become a dead zone in Portland's park system— areas without a public park within a 10-minute walk of home or school. We are determined to close the park access gap in North Deering—and through the creation of the North Deering Park, we will be able to do just that and create a brand new City Park for kids to play, learn and thrive!

Unlocking the Forbidden Forest

The Trust for Public Land is partnering with the City of Portland to turn 24 acres of privately owned land in North Deering into a beautiful, public park. One of the largest, undeveloped parcels in the city.

Known to some locals as the “Forbidden Forest,” conservation of this property will bring outdoor access to thousands of residents within a 10-minute walk and protect a community asset for generations to come, while mitigating urban heat island effects in the area.

Creating a public park will make it possible for this community to have easy access to outdoor space for learning, recreation, biking and hiking.

Connecting to nature and each other

We know that the opportunity to connect to the outdoors—and each other—is essential for health and wellness. Outdoor recreation and access to the outdoors benefits our physical and mental health in myriad ways, and the future North Deering Park will bring these benefits directly to this Maine community.

The future North Deering Park has an amateur baseball field, a pond, and an existing forested area with well-loved, informal trails—though none of these community assets are currently public, so the risk of development and removal of public access remains. Protecting this land as a public park will ensure that the North Deering community will be able to access the outdoors to bike, walk, hike, and explore the outdoors in their own backyard.

The park and its woods and wetlands are also home to creatures like salamanders and deer. Nature lovers have enjoyed catching frogs in the pond and admiring wildflowers, over the years. Protecting this park also protects the home of urban wildlife in a densely populated area and helps mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Benefits of nature near schools

Since the North Deering Park is within close proximity to Lyseth Elementary School and Lyman Moore Middle School, North Deering Park provides both an ideal space for outdoor learning and a public place where children can explore the natural world, practice with sports teams and hike the trails after school.

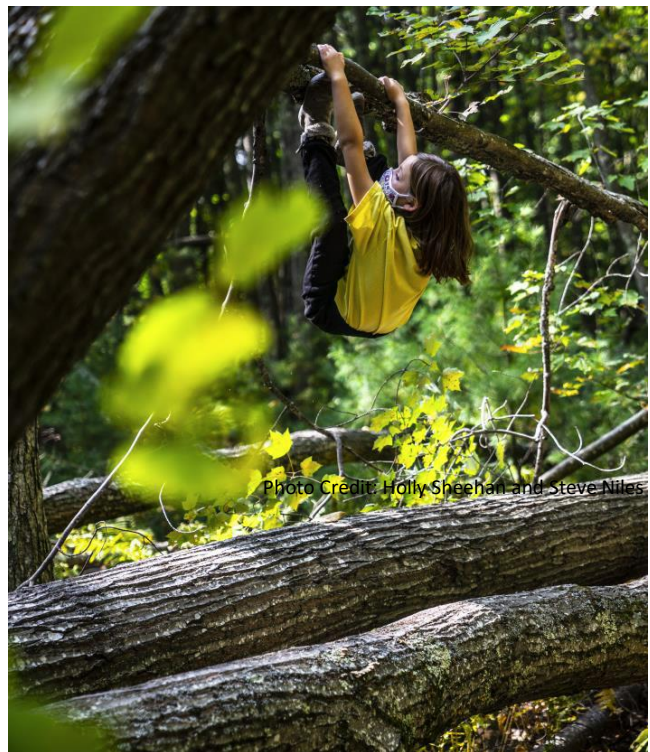
Educators from these nearby schools see the benefits of having a public park near the school for outdoor learning. Especially due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have seen the immense benefits that green spaces can bring to schools, enhancing the learning experience for children of all ages, while teaching them about the world around them in an outdoor environment.

Join us in creating North Deering Park

We're raising \$1,270,000 through the end of 2022 to acquire the land by early 2023 and create Portland's newest city park to be owned and managed by the community, for the community. Our partners, The City of Portland, Portland Parks Conservancy and Portland Trails will be leading the planning, design and stewardship of the property once it is officially conserved.

Your support will help ensure that the North Deering Park becomes a reality for the residents of Portland most in need of a quality, close-to-home park. The North Deering Park will bring Portland one step closer to joining the few cities in America where 100% of residents have a park within a 10-minute walk of home.

We ask for your support in making the North Deering Park a reality and protecting this property for generations to come!



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North Deering Park

A Community Conservation Opportunity in Portland, ME

Frequently Asked Questions

Where is the land?

The 24-acre parcel is located in the North Deering Neighborhood of Portland, ME (Please see attached map). The property is home to quaint pool – which has been used for ice skating in the winter – informal trails, forestland with mature trees, and an open field. The creation of this park aligns with the City of Portland's **2016 Portland Open Space Vision and Implementation Plan**, which identified closing the “park gap” as one of the top priorities.

Who will own and manage the land?

The land will be owned by the City of Portland and will be part of the city's park system, which is under the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Facilities. The Department will be responsible for activating the park after acquisition and the long-term management of the new park. There will be opportunities for residents to participate in this process.

Who gets to use the land?

We all do, especially the residents of North Deering residents! Purchasing the land will guarantee that the land will be open for public outdoor recreation and enjoyment forever.

Who is involved?

The Trust for Public Land is working in partnership with the City of Portland to create the new 24-acre park. In addition, City of Portland residents are invited and encouraged to be involved!

How can I learn more?

Please also feel free to reach out to Phil Dube (phillip.dube@tpl.org, 929-841-7124) – the TPL project manager. For questions about supporting this project financially or getting involved with the campaign, please contact Ally McDougal (ally.mcdougal@tpl.org, 781-856-5564)



Aerial Photo

NORTH DEERING PARK, PORTLAND, MAINE

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