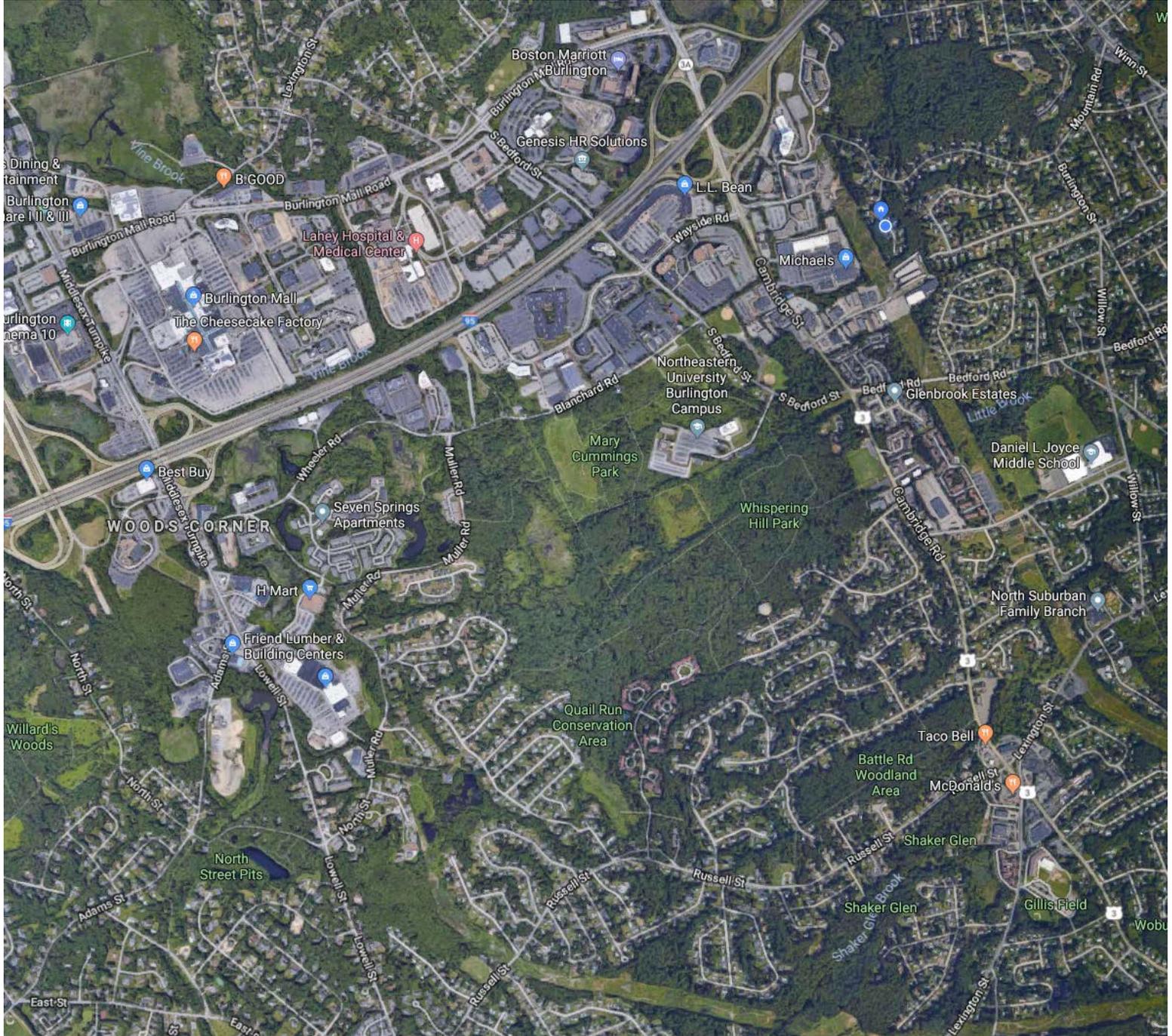


What would be the impact of the new Northeastern University developments on Mary Cummings?



www.marycummingspark.org

Mary Cummings Park is a rare piece of open space, forest, meadow, and wetland surrounded on all sides by roads and development.



It is one of 3 significant open spaces left in Burlington (and it is shared with Woburn).

Northeastern's campus is an accident of history inside the park, a Nike missile site taken by the Federal Government, not returned.



Northeastern plans will put the same density of development inside the park that now surrounds the park.

The new buildings will 60-70 feet tall, and sit on the highest point of land.



**This is what students and faculty will see
from inside the building:**



This is what park visitors will see:



The meadow known as Central Field, one of two in the park, will be dominated by the new structures. Building 5's HVAC faces toward the Park.

What are the visuals, sound, and light spillage effects on the park?

Why is the focus of the campus away from the park?

Why can't the new developments embrace the park, rather than facing away?



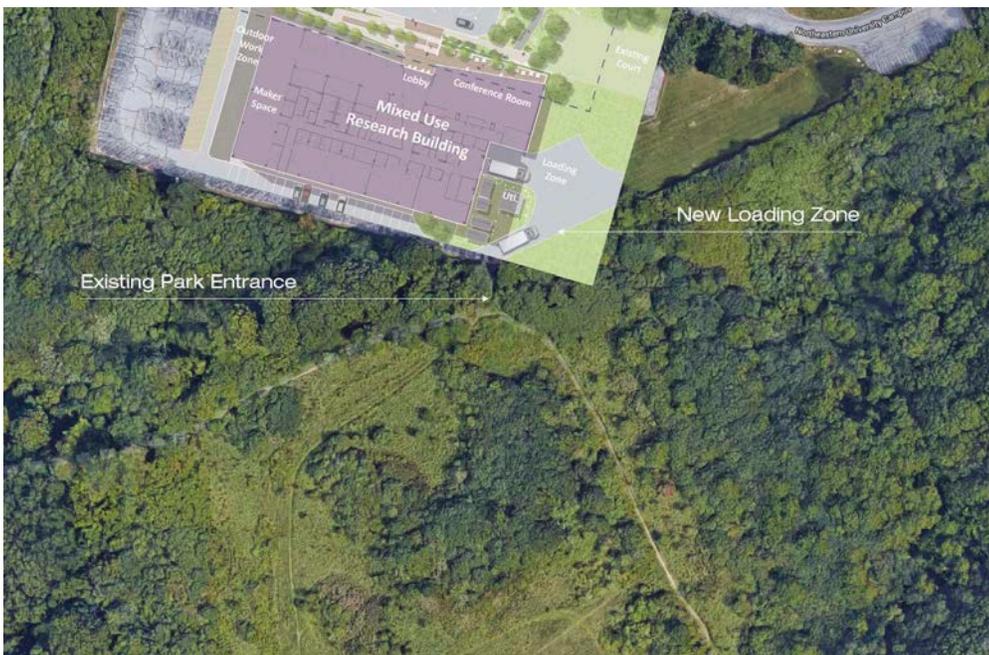
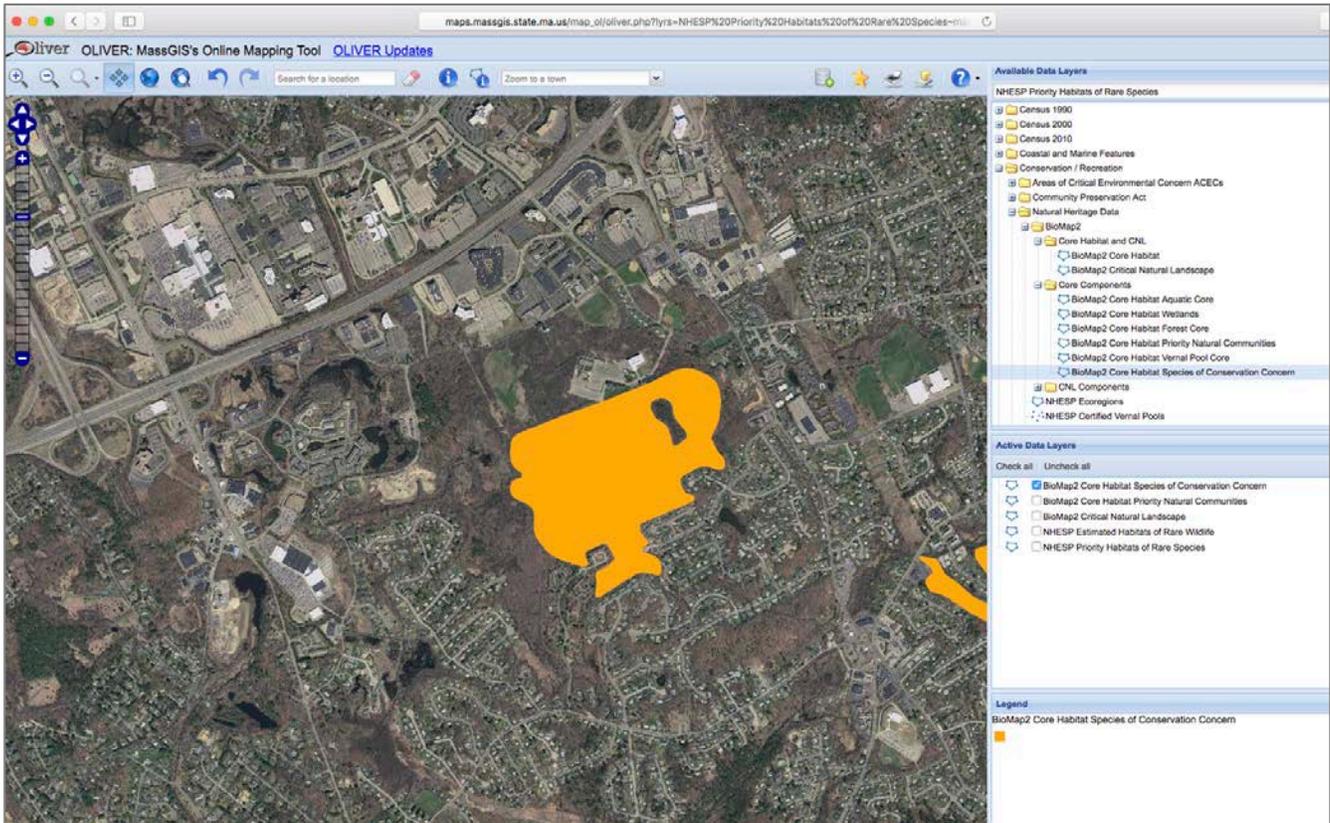
Northeastern has strong security concerns about the existing Kostas Center, along with the new research building and drone cage?

What sort of fence / barrier will they put up around their property?

Will there be public park access as there has been for decades?

What is the plan for a new trail from the campus to the Burlington Soccer field? What sort of trail?

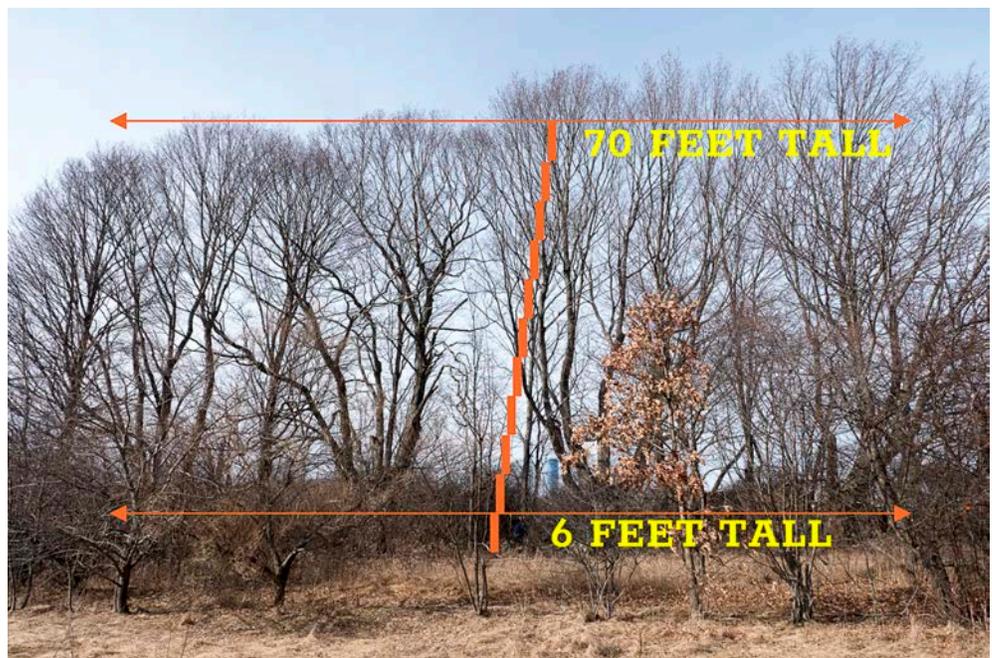
Has Northeastern University checked into the effect of the drone cage and Building 5 on the adjacent area of Conservation Concern?



Was it necessary to place the loading dock (and dumpsters) right at the current park entrance?

Try to imagine the noise of delivery trucks and garbage trucks right at the edge of the park. And the smell.

The new structures are roughly as tall as the row of maples along the top of the field.



How visible will the structures be in summer?



How visible will the structures be from November to April?



The Drone Cage is visible from the Soccer Field on Blanchard Road.



The Cage looms over the trails near the campus.



The cage will be fully visible from many areas, even during full foliage.



This is a public meeting on February 27, 2018 to organize Nahant citizens and town government against Northeastern's major expansion plans in Nahant.



Why do hundreds turn up in Nahant to protest Northeastern and not in Burlington-Woburn in defense of Mary Cummings Park?

Mary Cummings Park is largely unknown in Burlington and Woburn.

It was posted NO TRESPASSING by Boston, it's guardian, for over 30 years.

The Friends of Mary Cummings Park have:



Cleared trails and coordinated volunteers.



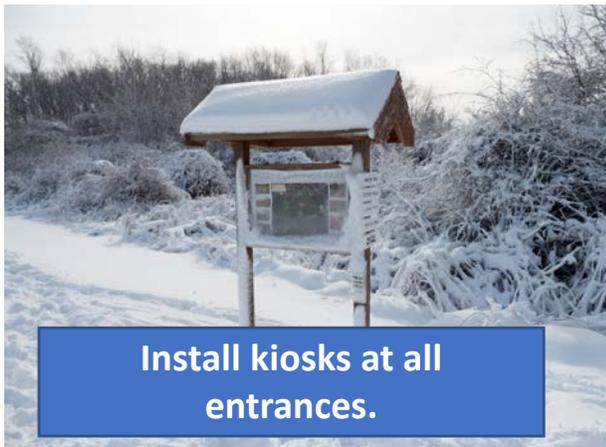
Placed trails signs throughout.



Led monthly nature walks.



Marched in town parades.



Install kiosks at all entrances.



Supplied thousands of maps at all entrances.

Maintain active website and Facebook page.

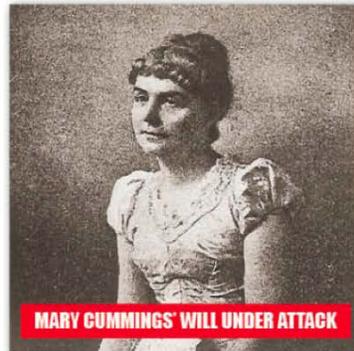
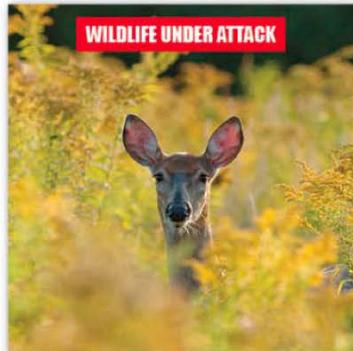


But much of our time, energy, and money has gone into fighting various attempts to sell the park.

THIS PARK IS UNDER ATTACK!

The Boston City council is making another attempt to overturn the will of Mary Cummings and sell Mary Cummings Park. Boston accepted the land in trust "To hold and keep the same forever open as a public pleasure ground, and to maintain and care for the same in a suitable manner in accordance with that purpose." Boston should either uphold the trust or turn it over to another entity who will do so, as required by the will.

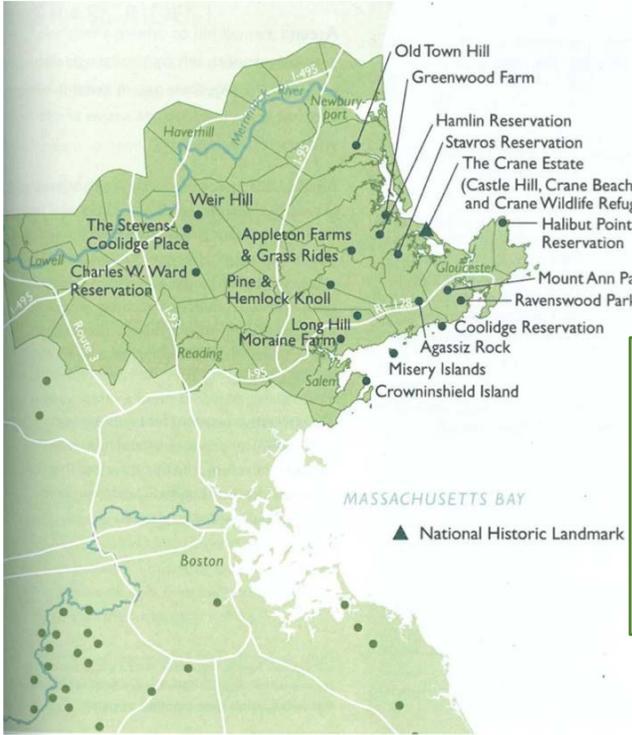
Read more at www.cummingspark.org • Print this flier and post it • Alert other people, particularly Boston residents



It now appears that the Trustees of Reservations will become park manager in the near future.



The Trustees have extensive plans to upgrade the park, and help it recover from decades of neglect.



Because of its proximity to Boston, Mary Cummings Park could become one of the most popular Trustees parks.

However, ***by the time The Trustees are fully engaged***, have restored the park, and made it into a well known, popular destination, the damage to the heart of the park by careless development at Northeastern will be done.

We, at The Friends of Mary Cummings Park, think this would be a theft of a resource from all future generations.

We are allied with our friends in Nahant, who are organized against Northeastern's developments plans there.



Master Plan Steering Committee Report as recently delivered to The Planning Board, recommendation item LU7:

“Preserve and enhance open space.”

This plan should have been widely exposed to the greater Burlington and Woburn communities.

Instead, it was developed in secret over a period of years and presented as complete, with a request for rush approval.

The difficulty caused by further delays or required changes are not the fault of anyone but Northeastern for proceeding in such a secret and aggressive manner.