

PROVIDENCE
INNOVATION & DESIGN
DISTRICT



Park Update

May 2021

Budget Update

- Continue to work with OMB and the Governor's office on the FY22 park budget gap
- Naming rights agreement part of Bally's/IGT legislation
- I-195 Project Fund
 - \$100k approved by Commission August 2019
 - Legislative amendment to expand permitted uses for park operations



Construction Update

- Lawn improvements
 - Irrigation
 - Soil upgrade/reseeding
- Peck Street completion and northern Riverwalk connection
- ADA work
 - Lower Riverwalk completion on west side
 - Pathway to bridge on east side
- Furniture
 - Benches
 - Trash cans
- Electrical work on east side to support program needs



Landscaping Improvements

- Incremental approach; first priorities are:
 - Transformer screening
 - Addressing drought-prone areas on east side where no irrigation exists
 - Adding plantings to empty planting bed

- Key objectives:
 - Cost-effective maintenance
 - Sustainability
 - Beautification

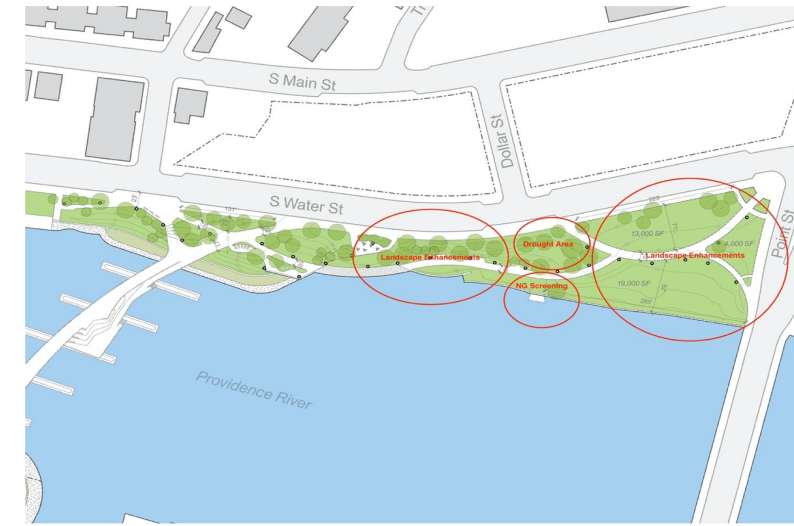
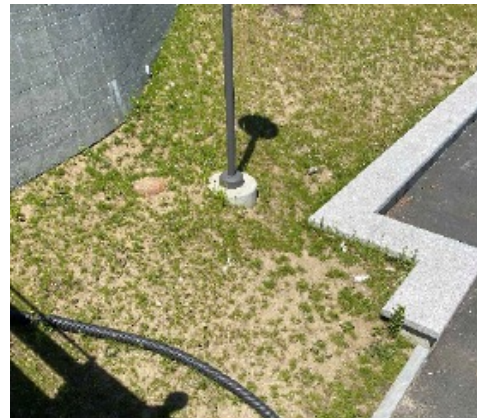
Issue: Transformer yard lacks screening



Issue: Lawns on east side with no irrigation



Issue: Large planting bed only planted with spring bulbs



PROVIDENCE WATERFRONT PARK - EAST SIDE



PROVIDENCE WATERFRONT PARK - WEST SIDE

Programming

- New park website and Instagram account
 - Robust calendar plug in coming soon
- Increase in requests for events in the park



The Guild PVD

- Outdoor beer garden with food trucks
- Second year in the west side of the park
- Located on lawn this year
- May 27 start date

Hours:

Wednesday: 4 - 8pm
Thursday: 4 - 8pm
Friday: 12 - 8pm
Saturday: 12 - 8pm
Sunday: 12 - 6pm



Tizzy K's Cereal Ice Cream

- Outfitted shipping container ice cream storefront
- Currently vending from their mobile cart and anticipating their container being operational Mid-June
- East side of park across from Plant City
- Storefront hours tentatively Tuesday – Sunday 12 – 9pm



Bow Market

- Bow Market (Somerville, MA) is partnering with Rebel Rebel Wine Bar and Bloom Collective to create an outdoor wine garden with micro-retail pop-up
- East side of park near pedestrian bridge
- Anticipating a July / August start date



Infrastructure Enhancements

- Food & beverage kiosks, restrooms, enhanced utilities
- Recommendation from Biederman Redevelopment Ventures
- Bond referendum approved during special election in March of 2021
- Timeline
 - Hire consulting team: Summer 2021
 - Design: Fall/winter 2021
 - Construction start: 2022

