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I have attached photos I took in the park on May 11 after last week's heavy rain. As several of nearby residents have already commented, the park operates as a sink when there are heavy rains because it is lower than the surrounding houses. As you can see from the photos, the basketball court is covered in water as is the sidewalk by the tennis court, despite the swale that your staff thought would operate as a drainage ditch. As you can see, the swale doesn't appear to solve any problems. In fact, it holds water getting it out of the drain and makes a perfect mosquito breeding ground. Without the swale, the water would already be seeping into the ground.

I also walked through the park on Sunday night at 7:15 p.m. There were some people playing basketball, children on the playground, and children running in the grass. Although it was not a particularly busy evening, there were 10 cars in the parking lot, and Boston Ave. was parked from end to end. It continues to bewilder me that you want to reduce the size of the parking lot when it is necessary to meet the needs of the people using the park.

This park does not need the major changes that you have proposed. Leave the design as it is; leave the parking lot as is as it is necessary in our very crowded neighborhood.

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