

Comments from PRAC, January 26, 2016

PRAC recommends the city further explore the creation of an addendum to the Guide that would include a detailed guide to historic Frederick Law Olmstead landscape design features that clearly identify such features and principles and would serve as a guide in the enhancement of open spaces and landscape connectivity where appropriate within the city

PRAC recommends the city further explore the creation of an addendum to the Guide that would include a scientific assessment of ecosystem benefits provided by existing city parks and open spaces

PRAC recommends the city further explore the creation of an addendum to the Guide that would include an assessment of neighborhood recreational amenities that do not fit into existing "legacy park" landscapes

PRAC requests the following edits* to address the following:

- 1) On page 63 of the Guide, add "Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission" under the organizations providing guidance as per the City of Hartford Municipal Code section 26-14, may advise the Department of Public Works and the Department of Families Children, Youth and Recreation on matters relating to recreation and maintenance in city parks, and may recommend or study the use of parks;
- 2) On page 63 of the Guide, remove the Roles and Responsibilities statement that requires the Department of Development Services to "Coordinate a Parks Leadership Quarterly Roundtable";
- 3) Add an organizational chart to the Roles and Responsibilities discussion to better describe the parks system with respect to centralized and decentralized governance groups and stakeholders;
- 4) Remove the maintenance recommendation on page 71 pertaining to the use of herbicides or add language specifying this treatment is not recommended;
- 5) As funding and staff allow, the City shall pursue the recommended addendums to the Guide to create an increasingly comprehensive document;
- 6) Correct a map error on page 54 to include the floodplains of the North and South Branches of the Park River and identify Gully Brook; and
- 7) Correct a map error on page 56 to correct labeling issue.

** The City recognizes the above edits even if they cannot be incorporated into the document itself; this shall serve as an addendum to the Guide.*