

Fernald Community Plan:
*What's Your Big
Idea?*

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|| OUR TIMELINE

July 15: Fernald Community Plan project begins.

August 22: Join us for a panel discussion with Jim Robbins, *Westborough Town Planner* and Mike Mitchell, *VP of Planning for MassDevelopment*. Come learn about what they have planned in other communities and see what could be possible! ***Event Details: 6PM at the Clark Government Center; Public Meeting Room: Lexington St, Waltham***

September 20: “Big Idea” submission deadline from community groups and members.

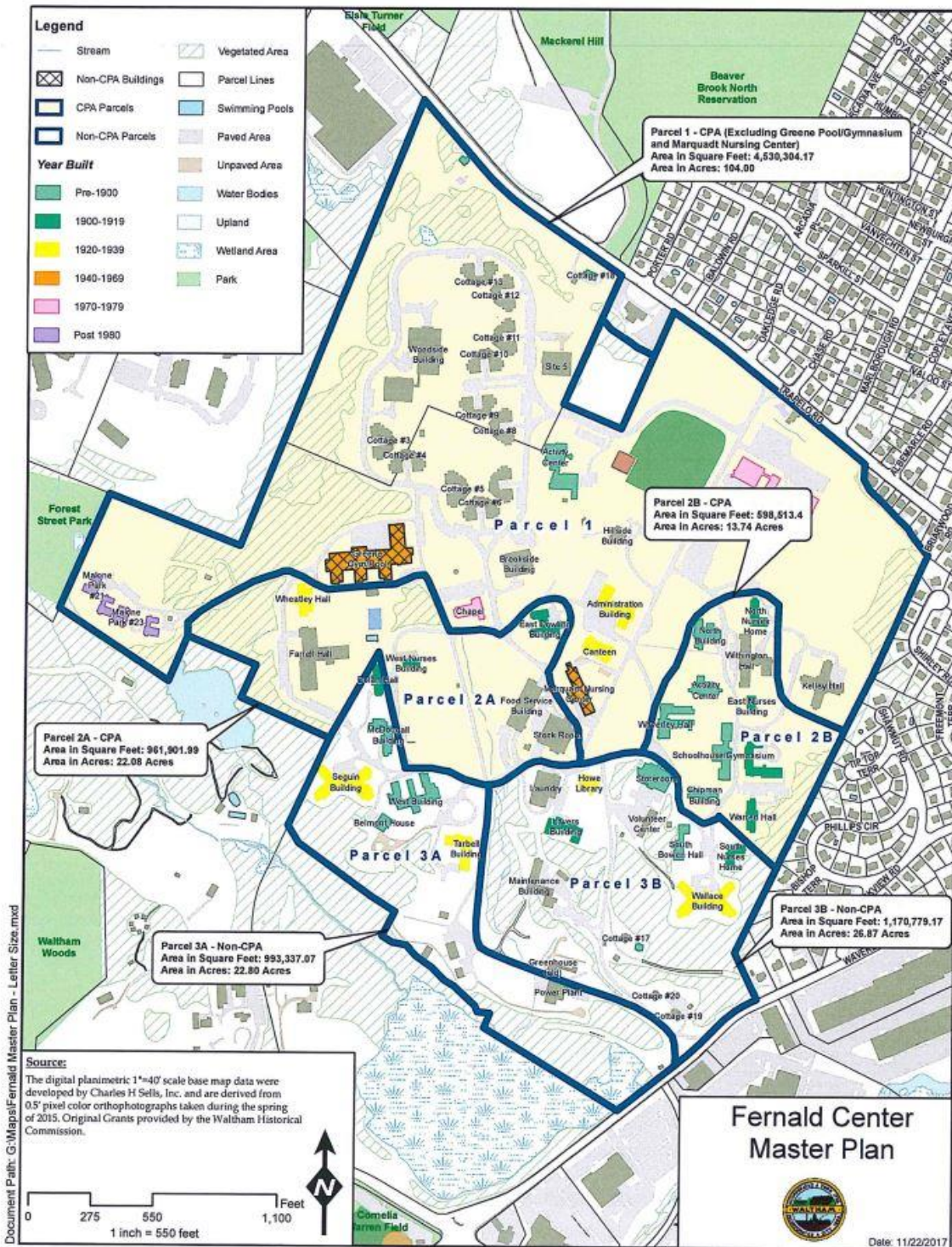
September 28: “Big Idea” Assembly and Workshop Session.

October: Final plan put together and presented to candidates for Mayor.

November: Election, plan presented to winning electoral candidates.

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SITE MAP



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Fernald Site History

1848: The Fernald Developmental Center (Fernald) was established in Boston.

1888: Fernald moved to Waltham, Massachusetts where it became the first facility dedicated to the treatment of the developmentally disabled in the Western Hemisphere.

2003: Governor Mitt Romney declares his intention to close Fernald.

2004: Fernald Working Group is formed as a coalition of community groups, non-profit agencies, and private citizens to advocate for community-oriented reuse and/or redevelopment of the site.

November 2014: The last resident at the Fernald is discharged, facility officially closed.

2014: City of Waltham purchases site for \$3.7 million.

2016: Site considered for new Waltham High School. Did not go through.

2017: Mayor McCarthy releases her Recommended Master Plan for the Fernald Property. Plan can be viewed [here](#).

2018: Waltham City Council votes to undertake a Request for Proposal process in connection with a formal Master Plan Process for the property. The City has taken no action on the Council's recommendation.

Present: Waltham residents are no longer allowed on the property without mayoral approval and there is no plan in place for the future of the site that has been shared with the community.