



Needham Park & Recreation's

DEFAZIO PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Playground Strategies



Identify

Using the 2021 Playground Assessment as a guide, identify the next playground with the most deficiencies and safety concerns to renovate and/or replace



Improve

In addition to general improvements and upgrades, all future playground renovations will include PIP surfacing and other ADA & MAAB requirements.



Maintain

The Park & Recreation Department commits to creating a specific maintenance plan for all of our playgrounds including High & Low Frequency inspections, assessments and audits when applicable.



The Project

The average life of a playground is 15-20 years depending on usage. Needham has 18 separate playgrounds.

The DeFazio Playground was originally built in the late 60s/early 70s. The first major renovation was in 1992 and over the past 20+ years, there have been numerous upgrades, including the rainbow house, made by the Exchange Club.

This current playground is around 26 years old.









Modern Playground Feature Examples



PLANNING & BUDGET CYCLE

Stage 1
Summer 2022
Identify the next playground for
renovation or replacement

Stage 2
Fall 2022
Submit for design funding

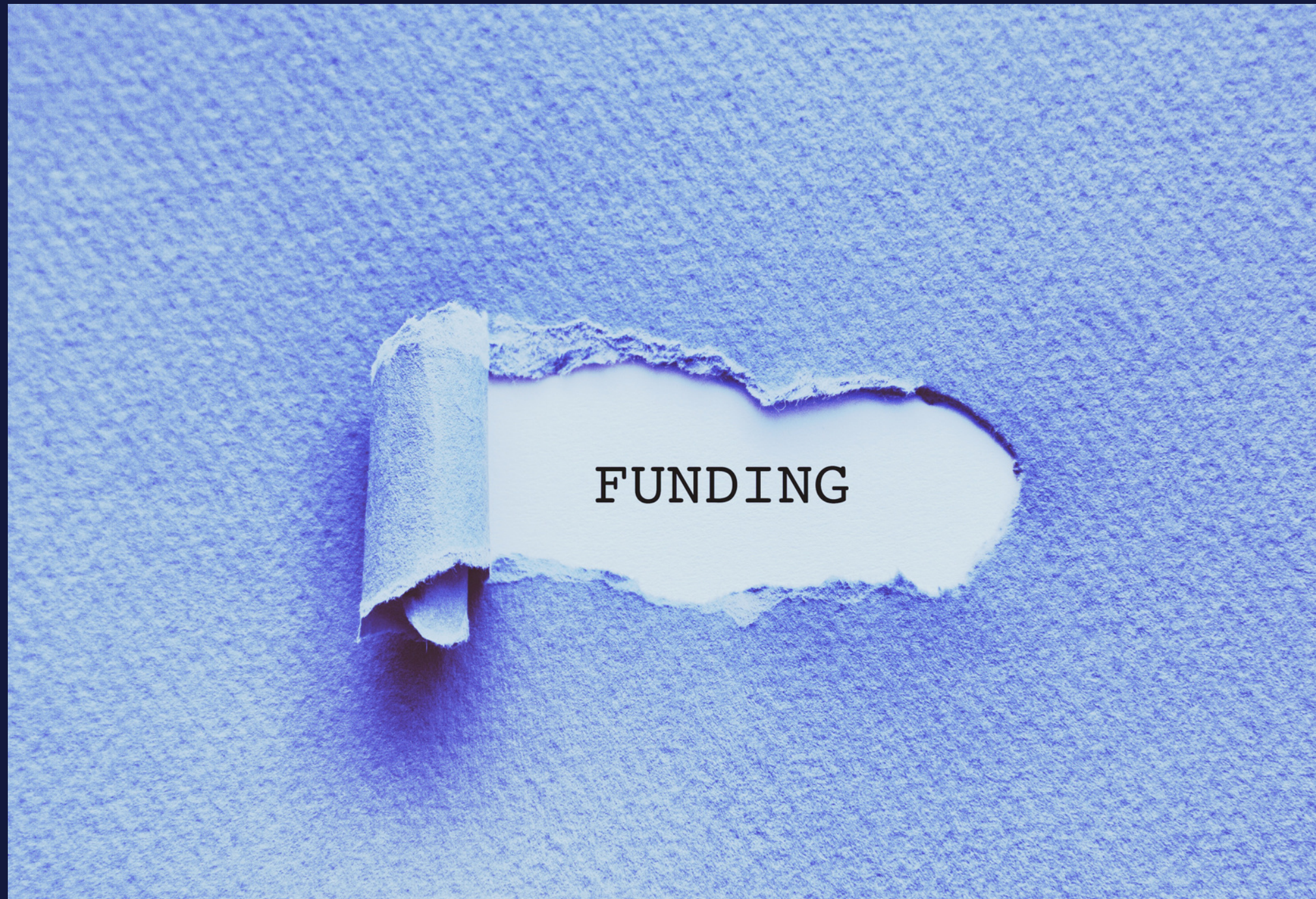
Stage 3
Spring 2023
Funds awarded.
Post design bid documents



Stage 4
Summer 2023
Award design.

Stage 5
Early Fall 2023
Work with designers on project
scope, design & costs

Stage 6
Late Fall 2023
Choose final design and use
documentation to apply for
construction funds



\$35,000

Design funds requested for the renovation of DeFazio Playground.

\$200,000

Low end of the estimated budget for this playground project.

\$400,000

High end of the estimated budget for a full renovation project. Items could include: PIP surfacing, fencing and replacement of equipment.