

Subject: Re: "Cluttering" plan for Junction park

Here's a link to the types of stuff that are used on a more permanent basis.

<https://pubs.royle.com/publication/?m=44374&i=686647&p=1&ver=html5> Some of this is already in the park - curving path, cobble stones, bollards near Rt 62.

Heck, you could buy a dozen green metal cafe chairs and tables and just place them in the path. Add in a free standing coffee bar while you're at it. Just sayin' ...

Nate: The idea is just "traffic calming" in a different context. MassDOT manual (Ch. 16) is attached. see: <https://www.transportation.gov/mission/health/Traffic-Calming-to-Slow-Vehicle-Speeds> Instead of 'calming motor vehicles' the idea is to 'calm bicycles.' Traffic calming places barriers into (rotary, bollards, etc) or changes the shape of (road narrowing) the 'traveled way' which results in behavioral change. Placing signs is not exactly part of the strategy ... but it helps to explain to the public why, whatever device is employed (meaning obstacle - be it a barricade, planter, concrete chess board pedestal or whatever) has been placed where it's been placed. A landscape architect or engineer who has experience in contemporary park planning can provide further references to the idea. The longer term matter of "where the bike trail may be" vs. "where the park may be" is outside of this temporary action to promote safety.

The issue for the moment may be that low cost temporary measures may not be as aesthetically pleasing as may be desired in a nicely landscaped pocket park. *Temporary measures* address the safety issue and would be/could be changed when more data is available and budgets and decisions are considered. I believe that there are funds available within the Planning Division for low cost items that could be purchased without the need for a procurement and would incur de minimus or no cost for installation / placement.

Hope this contributes in a helpful way.

Best, Phil Posner