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# Proposed Sports Practice Wall at Sprague Fields

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Sprague Elementary School Library  
November 5, 2019



# Proposed Agenda

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- Welcome
- Background on Sports Practice Wall Proposal
- Review and Discussion of Proposed Location Options at Sprague Fields
  - **Option 1:** By Facilities Management Department (FMD) Building
  - **Option 2:** Near the newly-renovated tennis courts
  - **Option 3:** Near the playing fields
- Next Steps

# Background

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- Playing Fields Task Force brought forward project to School Committee
- Funded through Field Fund dollars
- Proposed Dimensions – 39' X 16' although may consider 32.5' X 14'
- Compare with Weston's wall – 30' X 20'

**Benefit to Student-Athletes** – to aid in warm-ups and reduce risk of injury; to practice catching, throwing & other repetitive eye-hand coordination activities

# Background (CONT.)

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- After a couple of years of investigation and discussion, narrowed down possible installation location to 3 proposed options at Sprague Fields
- 2007-08 Sprague Field Task Force – “Master Plan”
- Proposed Location Options at Sprague Fields
  - **Option 1:** By Facilities Management Department (FMD) Building
  - **Option 2:** Near the newly-renovated tennis courts
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# Three Proposed Location Options

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Engineering Division

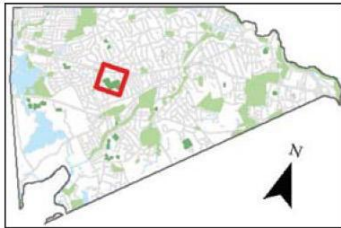


SPRAGUE FIELDS

PRACTICE FIELD &  
PRACTICE WALL

LOCATION OPTIONS

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# Option 1: By Facilities Management Department Building

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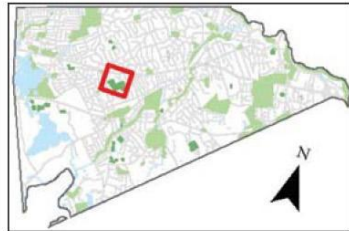


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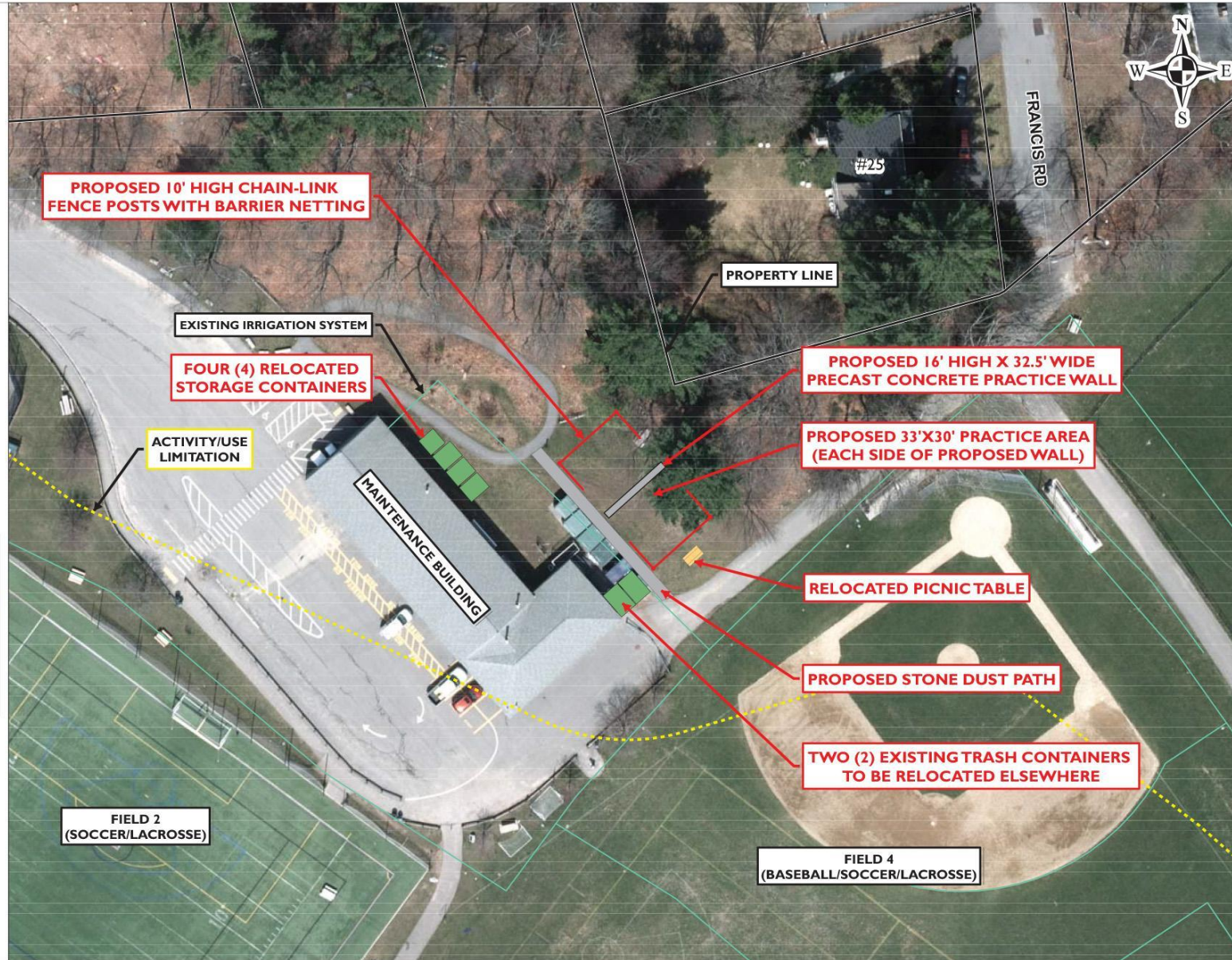
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# Option 2: Near Newly-Renovated Tennis Courts

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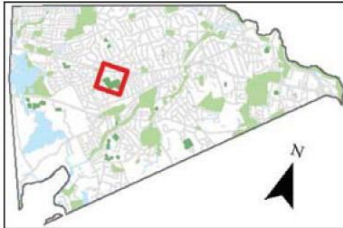


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OPTION 2

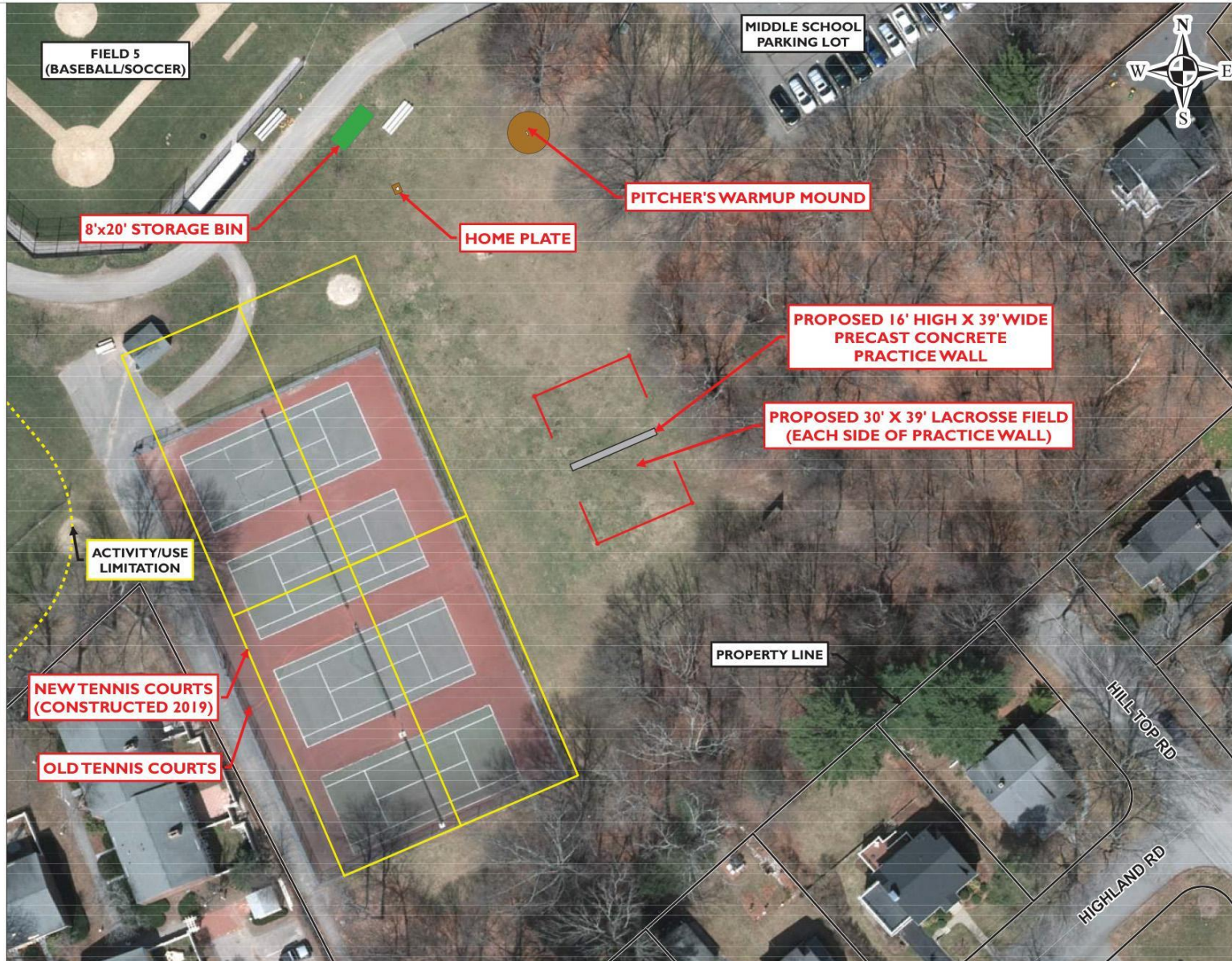
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# Option 3: Near Playing Fields

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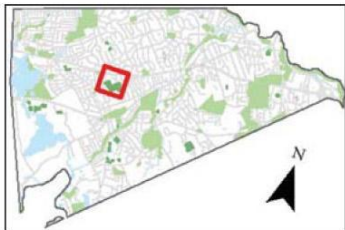


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OPTION 3

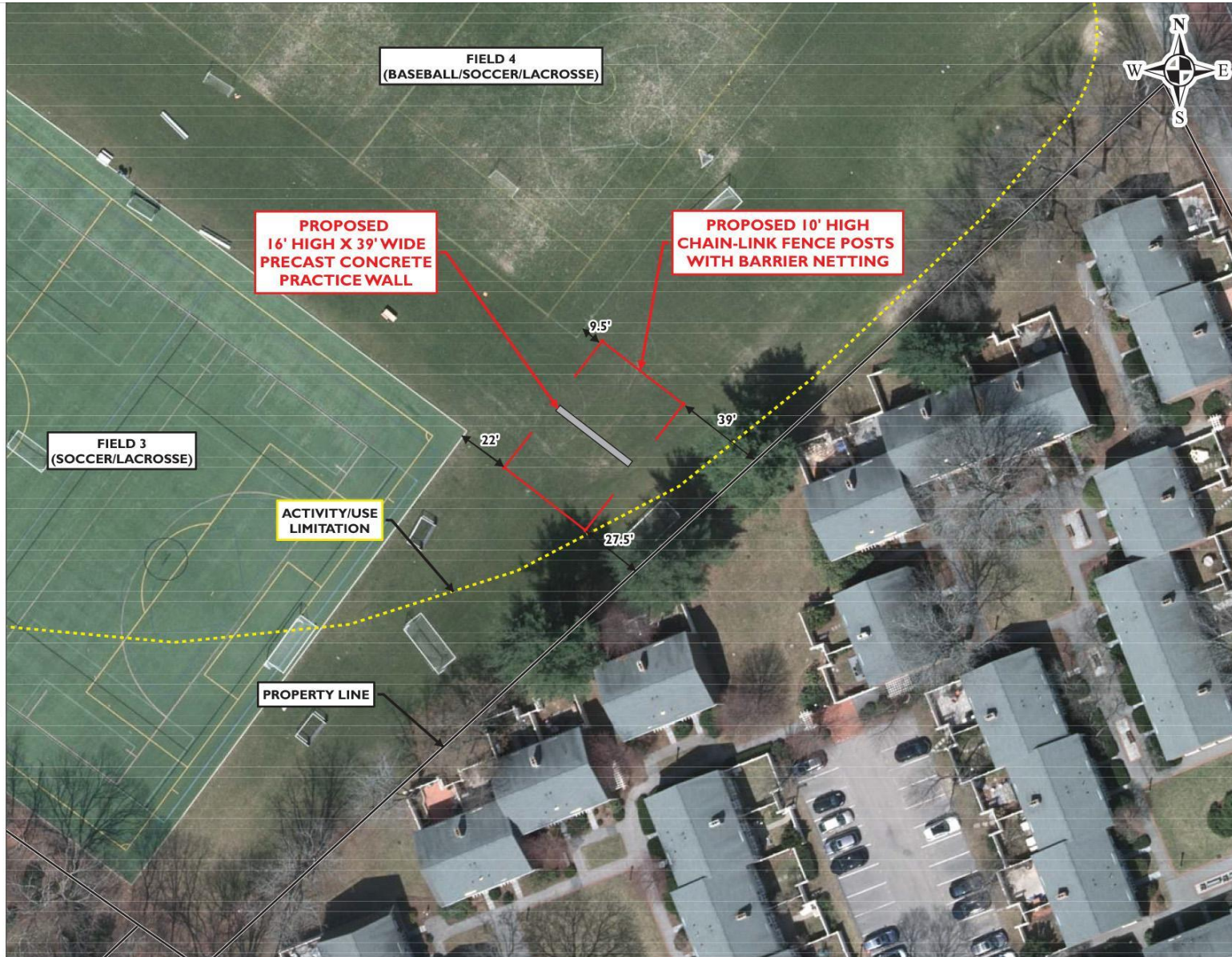
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| Stakeholder                                                                 | Option 1:<br>By FMD building                                                                                                                                                       | Option 2:<br>By tennis courts                                                                                               | Option 3:<br>By fields                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>School Administration</b>                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Proximity to Sprague</li> <li>+ On other side of building</li> <li>– Impact on traffic / parking</li> <li>– Safety / seclusion</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>School Athletics &amp; Youth Sports Playing Fields Task Force (PFTF)</b> | + Will benefit large # of kids all ages, reduces injury by warming up                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ PFTF's preferred option</li> <li>– Not in coach's (or parents) view, medium walk fr. field</li> </ul>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ PFTF's 2nd option</li> <li>– Not in coach's view, long walk for players</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ PFTF's 2nd option</li> <li>+ Directly adjacent to field</li> <li>– Interferes with XC</li> </ul> |
| <b>Facilities Management Dept. (FMD)</b>                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Future expansion</li> <li>– Building damage &amp; security</li> <li>– Disruption of operations</li> </ul>                                 |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Wellesley Police Department</b>                                          | No preference between locations from a public safety and patrol standpoint                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                             | For improved visibility, consider making wall parallel to back of building, move bins                                                                                              | Both of these options work well from a Police Department perspective although he understands there may be neighbor concerns |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Neighbors</b>                                                            | ~26 neighbors (Francis / Stearns) voiced sim. concerns re: safety and seclusion, also for garden, future 40Bs                                                                      | ~8 neighbors raised concerns re: sledding, dog walking & other sports being impeded, and lack of open space                 | ~14 abutters - safety, noise, obstruction of view & property value; some know it comes with territory; trees?                             |

# Wrap-Up

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- Q&A
- Next Steps - School Committee to receive and discuss summary of Community Forum feedback and to vote at its meeting on **Tuesday, November 26**

**Thank You**





# Appendix

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**Practice Wall  
at Upham**

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**PROJECT**  
 SPRAGUE FIELDS  
 WELLESLEY, MA 02482

**TOWN OF WELLESLEY**  
 525 WASHINGTON STREET

**REVISIONS**

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