

Scenes from “Potluck” Social
Gathering of SERC and Guests at
the Willows, August 24, 2022

**PowerPoint by
John Hayes, Chair of SERC
(Prepared for Oct. 2022 mtg. of SERC)**



Join us for SERC's Annual Gathering!

Come and get to know the members of the
Sustainability, Energy, and Resiliency Committee and
take a tour of the sustainability features of
the Willows Park Improvement Project!
Light refreshments will be served.

Where: The Willows Gazebo

Time: 6:30-8:00 PM

Date: Wednesday, August 24th

RSVP: Stacy Kilb, skilb@saalem.com by August 19th





Scenes from the Willows





Thanks to City Council President Patti Morsillo, and Barbara Warren, Exec. Dir. of Salem Sound Coastwatch with hubbie – for attending!



SERC members
Chris Cantone
(Vice Chair),
Erin Casey, and
Stacy Atchison-
Kilb (SERC
Sustainability
Staff liaison)



SERC member Rick Nye
and Sustainability staff,
Vanessa Pineda



Thanks to co-Founder and co-Director of SAFE, Pat Gozemba, and City Councilor Megan Riccardi for attending! And thanks to our guest from the public!



Salem Willows Park Improvements

Construction Update [[link here](#)]

Last updated, September 15, 2021

The Project

Phase 1 of Salem Willows Park Improvements project began the first week of June 2021. This is one of several projects funded in part by the Salem Signature Parks Initiative.

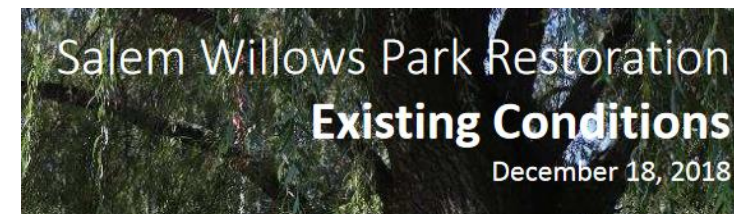
Phase 1 consists of revitalizing "The Hill" area, including the parking lot and tennis courts. This area has generally been used for informal vehicle parking, leading to a loss of green space, inefficient parking utilization, and fatal damage to mature trees. The improvement project will retrofit and formalize the existing parking, install green infrastructure to mediate runoff, restore the hill to parkland, provide seating, and renovate the existing tennis courts.

Past Meeting Materials:

- [Stakeholder Meeting #1 - Existing Conditions Report \(12/18/18\)](#)
- [Stakeholder Meeting #2 - Salem Willows Plan \(4/30/19\)](#)
- [Stakeholder Meeting #3 - Data Collection and Inventory \(12/11/19\)](#)

Existing Conditions Reports:

- [Buildings and Structures](#)
- [Historic Resources](#)
- [Tree Inventory Report](#)





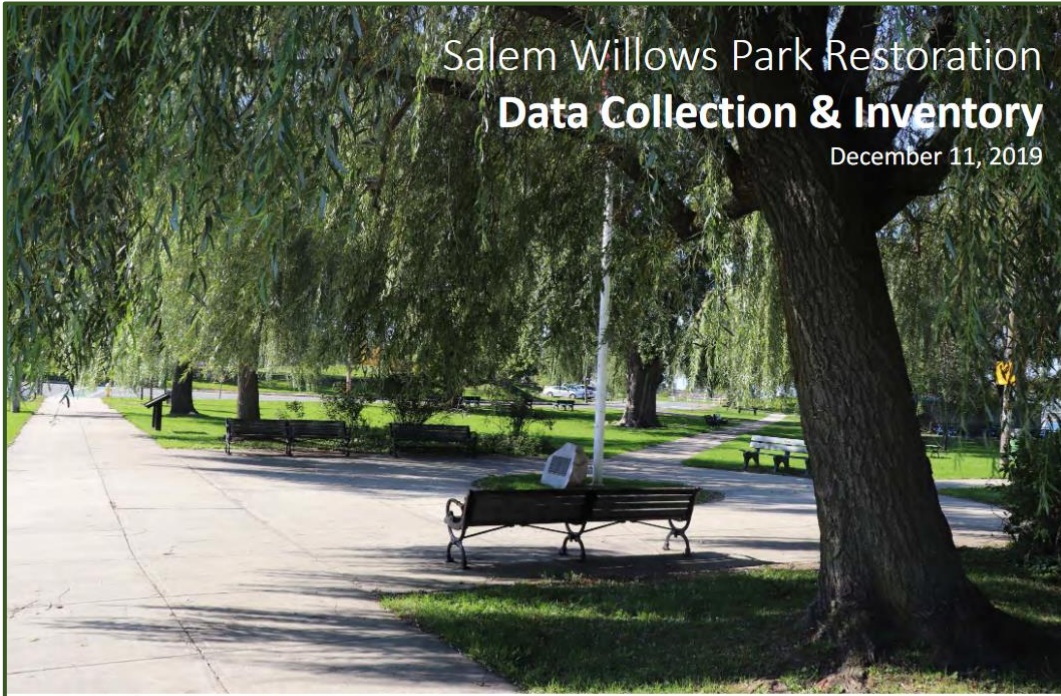
Source: Google Earth, June 2015



Project Area – Phase 1 & 2 Data Collection & Inventory

Salem Willows Park Restoration Data Collection & Inventory

December 11, 2019



Tighe&Bond

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WINTER STREET ARCHITECTS

HATCH



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Project Team

Data Collection & Inventory



Many thanks to Jason Bobowski, [Senior Project Manager, Hatch.com, Principal Consultant] for leading us on a tour of this important park improvement project!



RESTAURANT ROW

POROUS PARKING STALLS

NATIVE COASTAL GRASSLAND PLANTINGS

BIORETENTION BASINS

CROSSWALK

TENNIS COURTS/
PICKELBALL

WHEELCHAIR GLIDER SWING

PLAYERS BENCHES

NATIVE COASTAL WOODLAND PLANTINGS

PICNIC TABLE

HILLTOP OVERLOOK

NATIVE COASTAL WOODLAND PLANTINGS

ACCESSIBLE POROUS WALKWAY

ACCESSIBLE PATH TO COURTS

OPEN LAWN, TYP.

BIKE RACKS

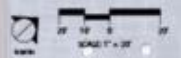
ACCESSIBLE PARKING

EXISTING TREES

FORT AVENUE

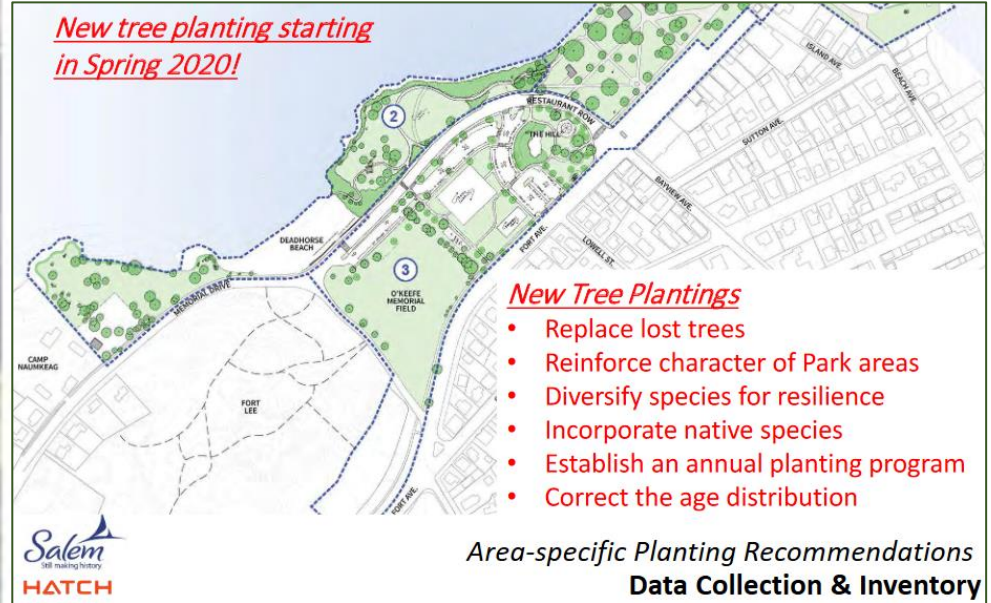
ACCESSIBLE PICNIC TABLE

NEW SHADE TREES





New tree planting starting in Spring 2020!













John Hayes took advantage of a long-awaited opportunity which arose at this social gathering of SERC - to present a long-overdue “Friend of the Earth” Award from Salem State University’s Earth Day Planning Committee to co-founder of SAFE and offshore wind advocate, Pat Gozemba!! The original Awards ceremony had to go virtual during the pandemic.

Pat Gozemba
Environmental Leader, Educator,
and Advocate

Remarks by Dr. John Hayes, Geography and Sustainability Dept.

Earth Days Week, April 2021

Friend of the Earth Awards Ceremony-virtual

Salem State University

April 20, 2021



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An all-volunteer organization, SAFE addresses local environmental challenges in Salem, Massachusetts. Salem is a 400-year-old coastal city with a diverse population and a storied past. De-industrialization, climate change, tourism, and gentrification all impact our urban landscape. Through its advocacy and activism, SAFE, founded in 2001, has played a key role in making Salem a leader in meeting the environmental challenges of the 21st century.

Therefore—

For your inspired and never-ending commitment to protect the environments, both natural and human-built, of the city of Salem and its residents, of the North Shore, our Commonwealth, and our planet;

And for your commitment to confronting the climate crisis – the climate emergency facing our cities and towns, and to do so in an equitable and just way in terms of mitigation solutions, in terms of renewable energy adoption – to help us accomplish a just energy transition, and in terms of climate change impacts on vulnerable populations,

And for your leadership and advocacy in all of the above and more,

The Earth Day Planning Committee of Salem State University is proud to honor Dr. Pat Gozemba, co-founder and co-chair of SAFE, and co-founder of the SSU Earth Day Planning Committee, with a Friend of the Earth Award. We cannot imagine a more deserving recipient!



The Earth Day Planning Committee
of Salem State University

Presents the

Friend of the Earth
Award

to

Pat Gozemba

With our deep gratitude for your
outstanding and inspiring leadership to
protect the environments of MA and beyond.

April 20, 2021

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