



# **Crocker Field Capital Improvement Project 2023**

**New track, lights,  
and  
field turf surface**

**EXPANDING  
ACCESS & EQUITY**





# Investing in Access & Equity

Investing in capital improvements to Crocker Field has many economic, educational, and cultural benefits to the community.

The current grass field severely restricts the amount of play allowed on the 100- year- old grass turf. Football and an occasional varsity soccer game are allowed on the field at this time while other girls' and boys' sports like field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, and all middle school teams must practice and play elsewhere. No MIAA district championship events are allowed on the field currently.

Community athletic teams are directed elsewhere. Groups and teams such as youth soccer and football, track and field clubs, and civic events are directed elsewhere because the field, track, and lighting are unable to support inclusion. Access is restricted and all of the related economic benefits of a viable downtown area in Fitchburg are deflected elsewhere.

The youth of Fitchburg deserve a field equitable to surrounding cities and towns on which to play, practice, and participate. It is a competitive and social advantage important to the health of communities.

This project makes sense educationally, economically, and will be something that nurtures and sustains our common cultural bonds -- our sense of community.

## Increase In Access And Equity For Crocker Field

Activity	Current Crocker Field	Proposed Crocker Field	Activity	Current Crocker Field	Proposed Crocker Field
Football	Yes(*)	Yes(**)	Youth Soccer	No	Yes
Field Hockey	No	Yes	Youth Football	No	Yes
Soccer	No	Yes	Youth Lacrosse	No	Yes
Lacrosse	No	Yes	Adult Soccer	No	Yes
Track & Field	Yes	Yes	Community Running	No	Yes
Graduation	Yes	Yes	Community Walking	No	Yes
MIAA Tournaments	No	Yes	Community CrossFit	No	Yes
Band Competitions	No	Yes	Civic Events	No	Yes
All School Relays	Yes	Yes	Middle School Sports	No	Yes

(\*) Only Varsity Football, six games per year can play on current Crocker Field Grass Field

(\*\*) JV and Freshman Football to be played on updated Crocker Field Artificial Turf Field



## PRESERVING THE FUTURE

Since the incorporation of the Crocker Field Restoration Committee as a 501.c.3 non-profit, it has engaged multiple partners in a collaborative effort to restore the Olmsted Bros. designed field that is listed on the *National Register of Historic Places*. Crocker Field is located at the northern end of Main Street in Fitchburg. It is adjacent to the Nashua River and the City of Fitchburg's planned river front walk.

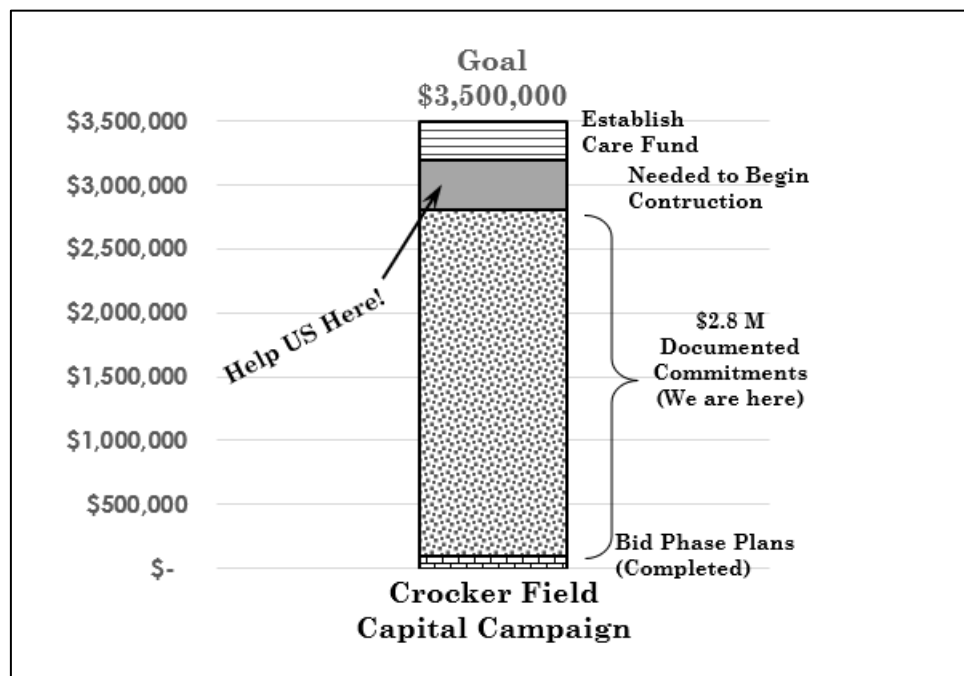
### The Vision

The field itself is the heart of Crocker Field!

New field turf will host athletic events of football, soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, and track and field competitions. New modern aluminum pole lighting and a new composition track surface will draw more teams, more players and more spectators to this location in Fitchburg. Crocker Field now lies inactive for most of the summer months – this will change.

This project is the keystone of a long-range plan to restore other components of this Olmsted designed landscape and facility such as, the clubhouse exterior and infrastructure, perimeter fencing and posts, and the covered and open grandstands. Once this project is completed a dedicated account will be established to preserve this cherished field for future generations.

Crocker Field is and will continue to be a cultural and economic asset to both Fitchburg and Leominster as the “twin cities” thrive in sustaining a mutual pride of city and community.



**PLEASE HELP GET US TO THE TOP!**

# Ways of Giving

The Crocker Field Restoration Committee welcomes all gifts as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The easiest way of giving is to visit our website: [www.crockerfield.org](http://www.crockerfield.org) and look for the “How You Can Help” menu or use the “Donate” button.

We recognize that there are many ways to contribute to saving and restoring this cultural icon in downtown Fitchburg:

## **Optimizing your Gift**

Many companies have Matching Gift programs. The Crocker Field Restoration Committee is a tax-exempt non-profit organization incorporated in Massachusetts under IRS 501(c)(3) laws making gifts by you or your company tax deductible. We encourage you to inquire with your company resource director where you work to find out about matching gift opportunities. Such gifts can multiply the impact of your generosity.

## **In Memoriam/Honorem**

The Crocker Field restoration is a wonderful way to make a lasting tribute to a loved one, a family, or group. The Crocker Field Restoration Committee is pleased to offer the opportunity to establish named gifts. Such gifts provide a living tribute to the generosity of individuals—in the true spirit of Alvah Crocker, one of the great philanthropists of Fitchburg.

## **Deferred Giving**

A **Gift of Life Insurance** ~ A deferred gift of life insurance may reduce the amount of your estate subject to taxes.

A **Bequest of Property or Cash** ~ Such bequests may also reduce the size of the estate subject to taxes.

A **Deferred Gift through a Trust** ~ A gift through a trust allows you to transfer assets at a reduced tax cost.

# The Alvah Crocker Society

## **Recognition and Appreciation of Major Benefactors**

Donors who commit to donating \$125,000 or more are eligible for field logos at each corner of the field. Benefactors who commit to contributions between \$5,000 and 100,000 or more will be celebrated by engraving their name, company name, organization's name or foundation's name on a large granite plaque at the main entrance to Crocker Field – The **Alvah Crocker Society** stone.

\$100,000+

\$76-99,000

\$51-75,000

\$26-50,000

\$10-25,000

\$5,000-9,999

## **COLLABORATION of Stakeholders has been the key!**

### **A History of Working Together 2004 to 2022**

Over 2 million dollars of improvements over 18 years... made possible by our donors

PROJECTS 2004 - 2020	Year	CFRG	SCHOOL DEPT	CITY / CDBG	IN-KIND	Total
Concrete Restoration	2020	\$ 5,000				\$ 5,000
Brick Entrance Way & Brick Engraving	2019-2020	\$ 2,439				\$ 2,439
Lieneck & Smith Arch. Design Specs Grandstands	2019-2020	\$ 3,250				\$ 3,250
In-Kind Brick Way prep and installation and design	2018-2020	\$ 50				\$ 50
Brick Entrance site pre, installation, design labor	2018-2020				\$ 10,000.0	\$ 10,000
Grandstand CDBG Alternates	2020	\$ 17,600				\$ 17,600
Replace Obsolete Field Lighting	In Progress	\$17,557				\$ 17,557
P.A. System- New Speakers	2019				FATV	Unknown
Repair Upper Grandstand Wall (nr. Press Box)	2019	\$5,000				\$ 5,000
JJA Sports (conditions of grass field) Field Analysis	2019	\$4,105				\$ 4,105
Turf Management- Short-Term Repairs	2019	\$10,215				\$ 10,215
Topographic Survey (donated)	2019				\$20,000	\$ 20,000
Circle Street Entrance Walkway	2018	\$22,387			\$15,000	\$ 37,387
Concession Stand- New	2017	\$22,330	\$279,315			\$ 301,645
Team Photo Archive and Preservation	2019	\$7,868				\$ 7,868
Field Lighting- Emergency Repairs	2017		\$7,030			\$ 7,030
Memorial Area & Marco Landon Bench	2016	\$2,500				\$ 2,500
Field Lighting- Repairs	2015	\$8,974				\$ 8,974
Scoreboard- New	2014	\$50,000				\$ 50,000
Resurface Running Track	2012		\$43,800	\$43,800		\$ 87,600
Visitors' Bleachers- Replace	2011		\$134,000			\$ 134,000
Replace Deteriorated Front Wall	In Progress	\$3,100	\$8,000	\$8,000		\$ 19,100
Exterior Sidewalks- Replace	2011			\$50,000		\$ 50,000
Replace Grandstand and Ticket Booth Doors	2022	\$12,081				\$ 12,081
<b>Roofing Grandstand &amp; Field House</b>						
Phase 4 Grandstand Roof	2018		\$25,000	\$25,000		\$ 50,000
Phase 3 Grandstand Roof	2016		\$25,750	\$23,250		\$ 49,000
Phase 2 Grandstand Roof	2012			\$68,340		\$ 68,340
Phase I Grandstand Roof	2010	\$134,708				\$ 134,708
Field House Asbestos	2010	\$8,100				\$ 8,100
Engineering	2010	\$1,026	\$25,000			\$ 26,026
F.H. Roof Repairs- Phase 3	Funded	\$1,000	\$16,500	\$33,000		\$ 50,500
F.H. Roof Repairs- Phase 2	2015	\$4,500	\$22,300	\$22,300		\$ 49,100
F.H. Roof Repairs- Phase 1	2013	\$4,000	\$18,950	\$18,950		\$ 41,900
F.H. Boiler Replacement	2010?	\$2,000				\$ 2,000
F.H. Chimney Repairs	2008	\$13,800				\$ 13,800
A/E Study	2008	\$40,000				\$ 40,000
CDBG Alternates	2020	\$17,600				\$ 17,600
Haynes Lieneck Design services	2020-2021	\$3,720				\$ 3,720
<b>Fence Restoration</b>						
Engineering	2005	\$31,698				\$ 31,698
Phase I Construction	2006	\$10,150	\$49,000	\$210,000		\$ 269,150
Phase II Construction	2007	\$50,110		\$68,000		\$ 118,110
Master Plan	2007	\$18,074				\$ 18,074
<i>Crocker Field Restoration Committee (501.3c ) incorporated July 2004</i>						
<b>New Press Box</b>	2002		\$15,000		\$45,000	\$60,000
<b>Grandstands</b>						
Replace Deteriorated Benches	Funded		\$4,500	\$9,000		\$ 13,500
Replace Deteriorated Wall Caps	Funded		\$4,500	\$9,000		\$ 13,500
Open Grandstands Waterproofing	2002		\$60,663			\$ 60,663
Open Grandstand Wall Caps	2021	\$5,000				\$ 5,000
Women's Rest Rooms	1997	\$5,000				\$ 5,000
Structural Repairs, Phase 2	1996	\$73,252				\$ 73,252
Structural Repairs, Phase 1	1994	\$32,564				\$ 32,564
Engineering Study & Design	1991				\$20,000	\$ 20,000
<b>TOTAL of ALL PROJECTS Thru 2022</b>		<b>\$ 650,758</b>	<b>\$ 739,308</b>	<b>\$ 588,640</b>	<b>\$ 110,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,088,706</b>

## The Crocker Field Restoration Committee

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