

EXISTING SITE AMENITIES

Site Amenities include items such as benches, bike racks, lighting, walls, picnic tables, receptacles, and other misc. amenities.



1 & 2: Bike rack styles along southern side of school

Bike racks are of varying styles, age and installation methods. They allow for high capacity. One bike rack is powder coated blue, newer in age with smaller capacity, see photo 4 below.



*3: Recycled material picnic tables at southeast open space
4: Accessible Picnic table near basketball courts
5: Wood picnic tables in courtyard
6: Litter and recycle containers*



Picnic tables vary in age and style around the campus. Only one picnic table near the basketball courts is handicap accessible. Only litter receptacles observed on site are the solar compactor units and recycle bins. Both sets are in good condition.



Birdfeeders are present both on the south side of the building hidden in the vegetation and there are a number of feeders in the courtyard. There are raised beds in the courtyard as well as a small fish pond. The courtyard appears to be well used by the number of picnic tables, decorated feeders and gazebo.



Free standing masonry walls on site include one near the main bus drop off area and one between the original building and the addition. Masonry is in good condition and re-use of stone may be possible.



There are standard DOT style overhead lights in some areas around the drives and parking lots. Some parking and walkway areas do not have lights. There is one light near the flagpole. Up-lights for the flagpole were not observed. There is athletic lighting around the ball fields.



Tennis court area includes four courts in poor condition. Drainage, groundwater and age have caused cracking, erosion and varying degrees of settling.



There are two paths leading to the tennis courts from adjacent drives and parking areas. The paths are in poor condition and neither paths are ADA accessible.

There are also two paths from the tennis courts to adjacent neighborhood streets. One path is paved and in poor condition where erosion has occurred. The other path is a worn path through the woods with part of the path at a low point where water is draining through in storm events.



The baseball field was in good condition and appeared to be well maintained. The day of the site visit, DPW was on site doing field maintenance.



The baseball field fencing was in good condition. Team benches were in fair condition with one seat detached from the support. A few caps on posts were missing and bleacher end caps were damaged, duct-taped or missing.



Perimeter fencing – There were four openings along Lincoln Avenue and Middle Highway. Fence was in good condition. Some erosion was observed along Middle Highway due to the higher use and sidewalk. There is no public sidewalk along Lincoln Avenue.



There is a ball wall accessed on both sides with a synthetic turf play area. The two basketball courts were in good condition.



There are two signs along Middle Highway. One is a brick and wood sign in good condition with landscaping around the sign. New mulch was being installed the day of the site visit. The other sign is a directional sign indicating how to get to the main office which is not located at the front of the school. The sign is in poor condition.



Adjacent to the exit drive near Middle Highway there is a drop off to a stream channel. The drop off is approximately four feet and there is no safety barrier or guardrail.

EXISTING LANDSCAPING



There are several single specimen trees, mostly Oak species within lawn areas around the school. It is recommended that a Certified Arborist review each of these trees and prepare a report indicating their overall health. There is an opportunity to remove select trees that are or may become hazards as well as preserve select trees and incorporate them into renovation or new construction.



There are overgrown trees causing site line or safety concerns near the school. There is also vegetation growing too close to the tennis courts with no maintenance boundary around the exterior of the fence and causing heavy shade and root penetration.



The surrounding south and west tree lines are thick with a mix of native and non-native evergreen and deciduous trees. There is an aging evergreen buffer near a neighboring residential area to the southwest of the site. This buffer should be increased to provide better screening year round. There are numerous invasive or overgrown vines climbing fences and trees and creeping into the lawn area including:

- *Hedera helix* – English Ivy
- *Toxicodendron radicans*– Poison Ivy
- *Rubus* spp. - Raspberry
- *Parthenocissus quinquefolia* - Virginia Creeper
- *Rosa multiflora* - Multiflora Rose
- *Celastrus orbiculatus* – Asian Bittersweet



There is a stream channel that runs from the northwest to the southeast. It runs underground through the majority of the developed school property and daylights at the northwest corner and southeast corner. There is an opportunity to expose this stream through the developed school site and have it incorporated with a new low impact storm water management system. This has the potential for a more developed outdoor environmental education program.