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MassPike again designates Armenian park for parcel 13

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On November 27, Bernard Cohen, chairman of the MassPike, said that the Armenian Heritage Foundation (AHF) modified design for parcel 13 is the "chosen proposal", subject to finalizing an agreement about certain terms.

Terms to be finalized with AHF after completion of the final design including funding, construction and maintenance of the parcel. Additionally, the wording on the plaque to be placed on the park is still up for discussion.

Since 2000, when this park was first proposed, it generated some controversy, especially because it didn't follow the process other parcels did and because memorials were not suppose to be on the Greenway. A large majority of North End and Waterfront residents embraced the AHF park and made this known over several years of community meetings, including two recent meetings.

Parcel 13 is located across from Columbus Park off of Commercial Street.

If all goes as expected, the AHF expects ground breaking on the park to occur next spring.