

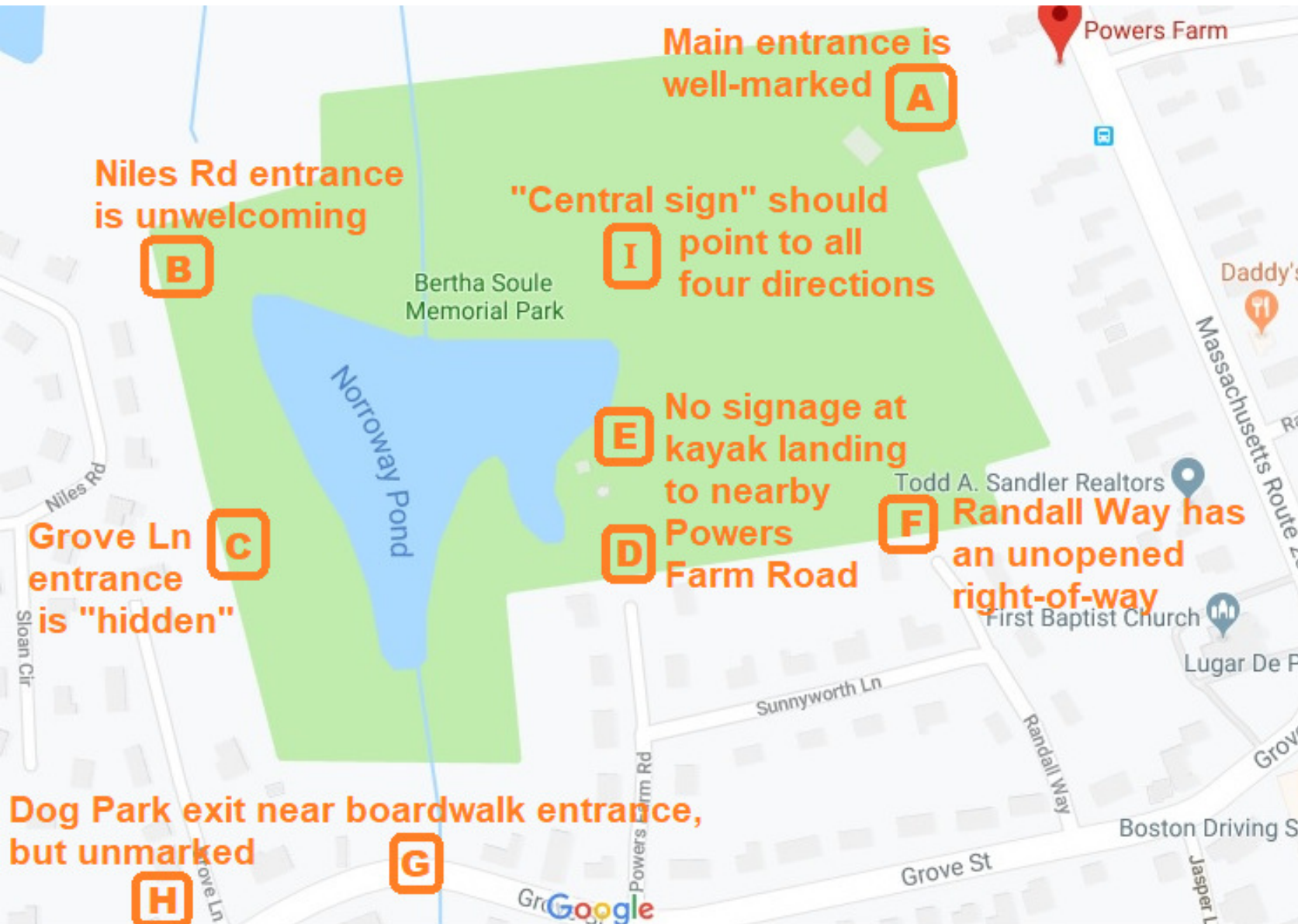


Powers Farm Signage

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Summary Map



“A”



Main park entrance on
North Main Street
with welcoming signage


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“A”

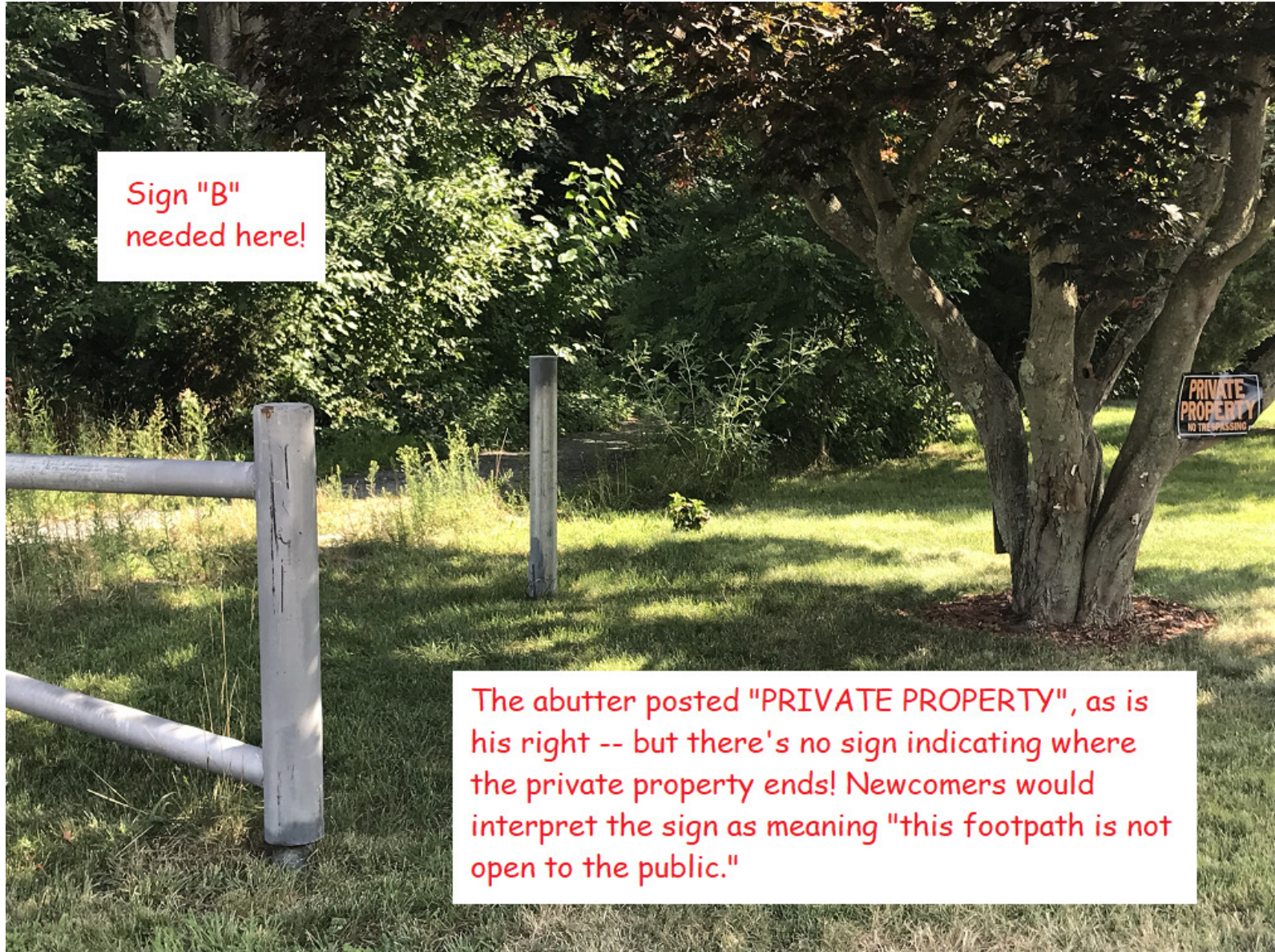


We are not proposing any "negative signage" of what's forbidden. Only POSITIVE signage for info and wayfinding!



This is the unwelcoming entrance to Powers Farm from Niles Road. This barrier is always closed - why? There's a footpath worn here, indicating that people really WANT this entrance made publicly available!

"B"



Sign "B"
needed here!

The abutter posted "PRIVATE PROPERTY", as is his right -- but there's no sign indicating where the private property ends! Newcomers would interpret the sign as meaning "this footpath is not open to the public."



"B"

I am standing on the public right-of-way, which extends to the gate on the right and then to Niles Road -- but any newcomer would be scared off by the "NO TRESPASSING" sign!



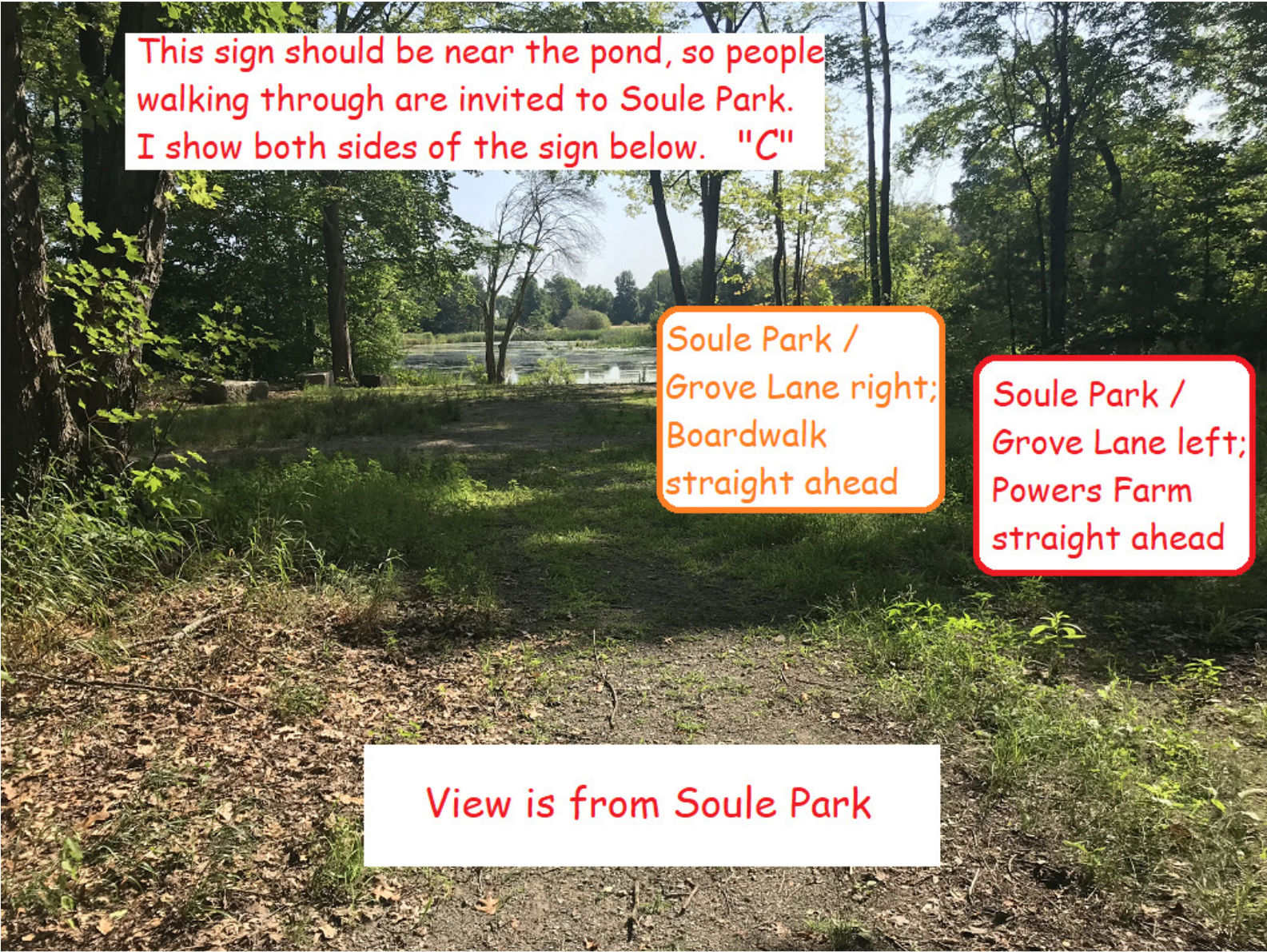
"Chicken wire" here blocked access for 15 years!

Sign "B": This physical barrier should be removed to the maximum extent allowed, replaced by a welcoming sign past the barrier.

Second sign at map point "B":
should be visible from the chicken
wire so people feel invited in!

Powers Farm
straight ahead;
Soule Park and
Boardwalk go right

“C”



This sign should be near the pond, so people walking through are invited to Soule Park. I show both sides of the sign below. "C"

Soule Park /
Grove Lane right;
Boardwalk
straight ahead

Soule Park /
Grove Lane left;
Powers Farm
straight ahead

View is from Soule Park

“C”



This welcoming sign invites residents to enjoy the park, if they happen to spot it beyond the unkempt foliage, & if they happen to try walking up Grove Ln!

Ln!

“C”

SOUL PARK

- Area Closed Dusk to Dawn
- Leash and Pick-up After Your Dog
- No Cooking / Fires Without Permit
- No Motorized Vehicles Allowed

- POLICE TAKE NOTICE -

This "negative signage" is much more visible than the welcoming signage!

DO NOT LITTER



Point "C" at Soule Park: Existing well-maintained signage is very good at telling residents what we may NOT do; we are advocating for equivalent signage for what we MAY do!

Powers Farm Signage:

This sign is a few steps away from the lovely hand-painted sign shown previously. There's nothing **WRONG** with this sign, but there's no consistent format or logo.

Since we're suggesting a dozen signs to be placed all at once, we'd like to propose that the CPC choose a consistent format and a color logo that can be spotted from the distance (that's an old hiking trail trick – so you can see the next logo from the previous one).

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Sign "D": On Powers Farm Road, need a welcoming sign which is larger than the "PRIVATE PROPERTY" warning and readable from a distance, unlike the existing marker stone.






Sign "E": At kayak landing,
indicate exit to Powers Farm Road

Sign F: unopened right-of-way
16 Randall Way

Randall Way -- this is a public right-of-way;
it is unopened (fence behind steel barrier)

"Sign F": Randall Way unopened right-of-way from the Powers Farm side. Same home (16 Randall Way); the fence & barrier are here:





Grove St. entrance
to Boardwalk

IRENE ROMANO CONSERVATION PRESERVE
AND GATEWAY

Irene Romano was born in Cosby, England to Eugene and Sophia Wilkinson. She emigrated to America after World War II, married, resided in Hartford, Conn., where her husband's family lived, and then moved to Randolph when she and her husband Robert Romano raised their family.

Irene took an active role in the life and health of her community. She believed in civic involvement and commitment. It was Irene's distinctive way of living her values and her civic pride in her neighbors and her new home.

From her childhood in Randolph, Irene displayed passion for personal involvement in her town's social activities, volunteering with the Boy Scouts from the Baptist Church for the local school. From Saint Mary's Church, Irene followed these efforts by becoming involved in the League of Women Voters. Her devotion to her town was continued in her lifetime as a Town Meeting Member where she served for years until the change in town governance in 2009.

In her public service, Irene took only second to her passion for the environment. In 1982, she joined the club that helped with the protection, clean water, proper planning, and resource protection. She was proud of her time in a conservation effort.

Irene served as a representative to the South County Land Conservation Commission, the Randolph Watershed and Wetlands Commission, and the Randolph Preservation Commission.

Irene's passion for conservation was the Massachusetts Wetlands Commission. She served on the committee and was instrumental in the protection of the town's natural resources.

Irene's dedication to her town and her community was a source of pride for all who knew her. She was a true conservationist and a role model for all.

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"G": Informational signs
are nice -- but this one should
be accompanied by a wayfinding sign!

Powers Farm Signage: Map "G":

Negative signage is so prevalent that perhaps the installation points could be used for wayfinding signs.

In other words, on signposts like this one, a small sign could be added, with just the color logo and a message "Powers Farm, 500 yards to the left".

This could save some substantial cost for this project, by using some already-existing signposts instead of installing all new ones.

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Across Grove St
from "G"

This sign invites pedestrians and bicyclists to continue along the "Dog Park Trail" to West St. The actual Dog Park is 300 yards west, and a sign should say that! (or add wayfinding to this sign)



Sign "H" at Dog Park entrance on Grove St.:
As usual, negative signage is prevalent and well-maintained. Here, there's plenty of room to add:
"Boardwalk and Dog Park Trail, 300 yards east"



Sign "H": Yes, it's true there's "no outlet" for cars, but there IS an outlet for pedestrians and bicyclists! So a sign should be added to say: "Soule Park and Power Farm, 500 yards ahead"

Sign "I": Central location in park
needs signs saying where each path leads



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