

Strat's Playground (unused play space behind Hartwell)

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Strat's Playground is located behind the Hartwell building and fenced off from Lincoln Road. It was built in 1989, but closed and taken down for safety reasons in 2014. It is currently unusable.

After the playground was built in 1989, safety codes and materials changed significantly. The closure came after an aborted inspection that revealed so many problems that the inspection was halted. It was recognized that the playground had reached the end of its useful life. At the time there were no plans to rebuild, as the recommendation was to evaluate what the future of that space could be, what were the community's needs, and to do a ground-up assessment of what might be the best use.



The CCBC has evaluated the future uses of Strat's Space, in conjunction with Magic Garden and LEAP staff, and included the costs for clean-up and renovation of the ground in the site work for the new Community Center. This will result in 32,000 sf of additional play space for children.

Strat's Playground will need new fencing and play structures, but will provides a good location for a suitable outdoor play space for children.