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RECREATION FACILITIES STRATEGIC PLAN

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Rideout Park & Playground





South Meadow Field





Emerson Playground





Baker Avenue Water Access Point





Hunt Recreation Center





Second Division Brook Water Access Point





Emerson Park & Playground





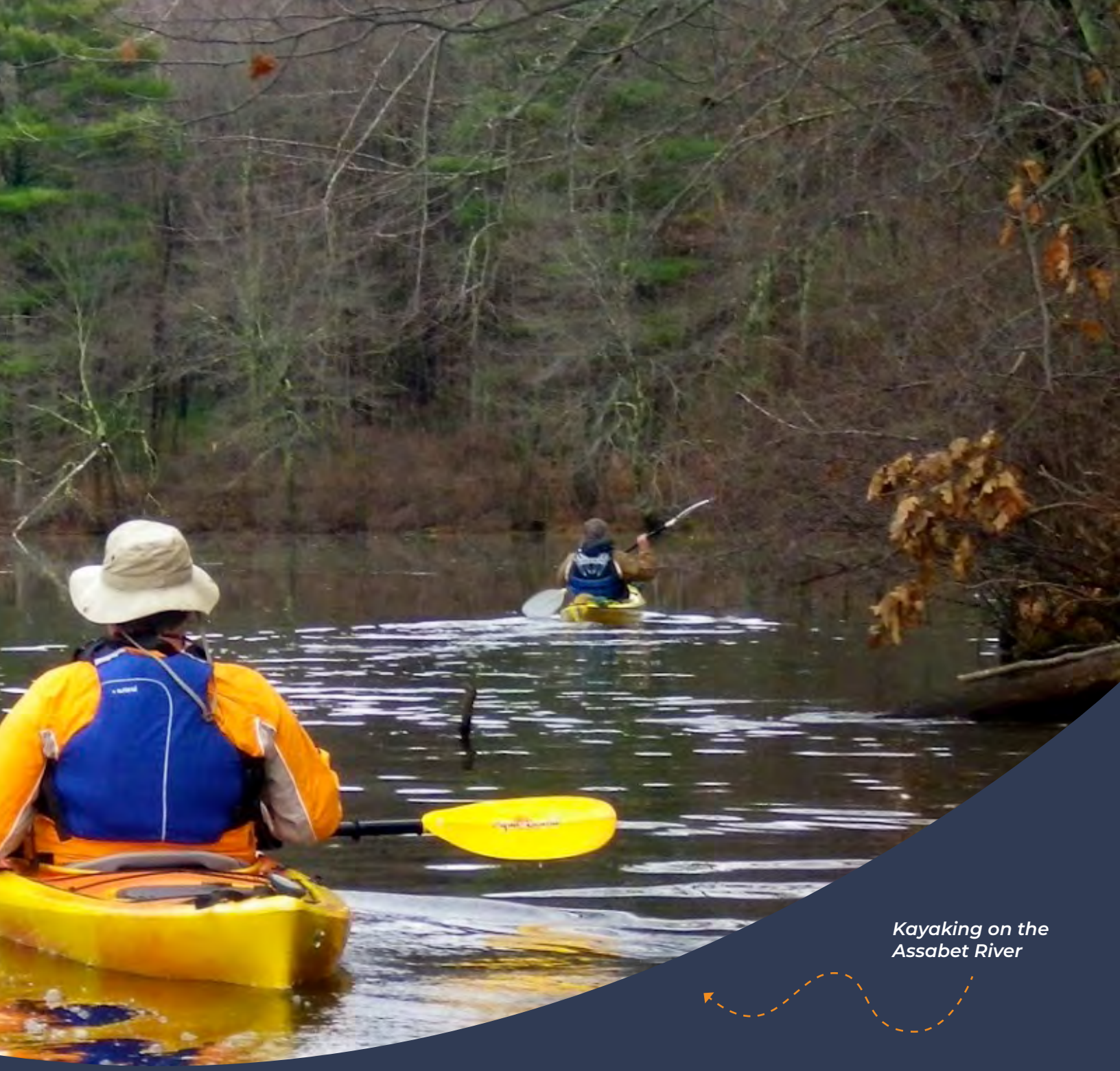
White Pond Beach





Ripley School Fields





Kayaking on the Assabet River

Executive Summary



Emerson Park Track and Fields

Introduction

Concord's recreational facilities are expansive, well loved, and well used by Concord residents and visitors alike.

The Concord Recreational Facilities Strategic Plan (RFSP) serves as an update and refresh to the 2014 Concord RFSP. It does not seek to reinvent Concord's existing recreational facilities, character, or intent. Instead, it considers current sites, amenities and their conditions, reflects on future recreation opportunities for the town, and suggests ways to measure success in the implementation of recommendations from this plan.

The three questions this plan asks and seeks to answer are:

- Where are we?
- Where do we want to be?
- How do we know we've been successful?

The Strategic Plan recognizes that Concord's recreational facilities are living things, as is the community using them. The plan's proposals respond to demographic changes that have taken place over the last decade and seek to satisfy community desires now and into the future. To this end, the Plan aspirations are forward-looking and visionary but are based in practical and action-oriented recommendations.

This report leverages an analysis of each property's existing conditions and recent years' data of permitted use by sport, the latest in national recreation trends, and common themes in community feedback to put forward four (4) primary categories of recommendations for the renewed stewardship and continued evolution of Concord's treasured recreational resources. These categories of recommendations include:

- Acquire more property for dedicated recreation space, especially those that can support many types of recreational amenities.
- Increase connectivity to and accessibility within recreational facilities.
- Clarify the visitor experience and lean in to inclusivity.
- Expand resources to continue regular maintenance and upkeep of grounds and buildings.

The Plan's recommendations are far-reaching and affect many Town departments and stakeholder groups, including sports leagues and private entities. As was the case through the planning process, continued coordination and communication across these groups moving forward will be key to the Plan's success.

Where are we? / Existing Conditions

The Town of Concord is rich in recreational resources. In general, the Town enjoys more recreation resources than national averages for similarly populated American towns. Community feedback also suggests that people frequently use Concord's many active and passive recreation sites with 98% of all survey respondents having visited a Concord park or recreation facility in the last 12 months and 70% having visited a site within the recreation system 20 or more times in the last year! Sixty percent of community responses suggested that Concord's parks and recreation facilities were meeting people's personal recreation goals and interests.

Where do we want to be? / Future Conditions

While most respondents felt satisfied by the town's current recreational offerings, forty percent did not, and it's here where we begin to identify unmet recreations needs in Concord. Many factors have driven the demand for more and different forms of recreation including emerging new sports trends in New England; more diverse Town population with different interests; broader participation in recreation by multi-generational user groups; and increased awareness of exercise and healthy lifestyle choices combined with enduring a recent global pandemic. Concord residents have also been influenced by the recreation resources found in neighboring communities. More information about identified needs that formed the subsequent recommendations begins on page 86.

How do we know we've been successful? / Success Monitoring

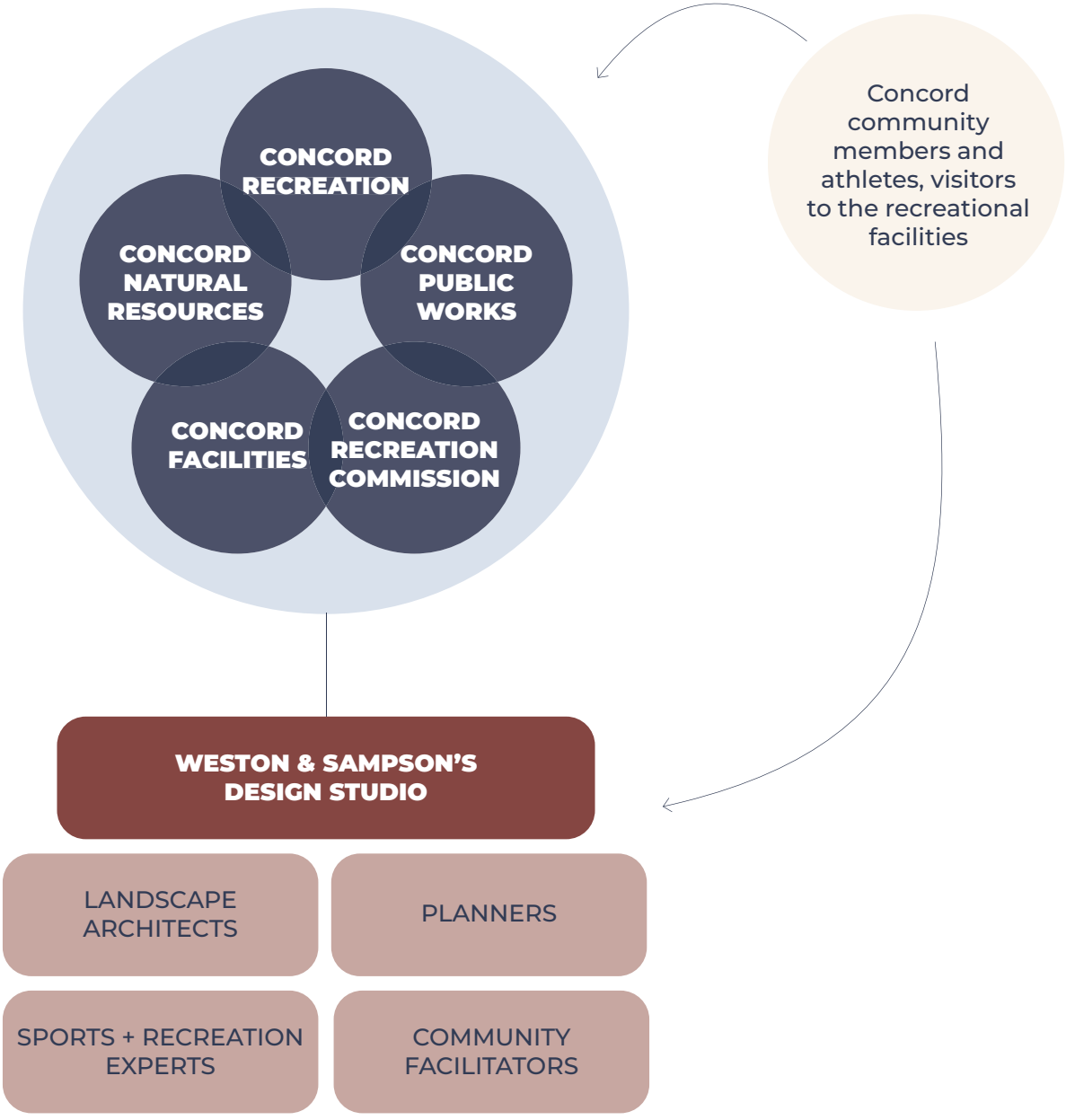
Success at fulfilling the community's recreation needs can be measured in many ways and within several time frames. Success might be considered achieved when residents and visitors feel welcomed and can easily access facilities and parks. It could also be realized when individual and community-wide fitness goals are being met and public health and well-being is improved. Success might be achieved people feel more connected with each other when they visit their local parks and recreation

facilities. Success might be accomplished when Concord's active and passive recreation spaces boast high levels of environmental health and maintenance care. Success is done when Concord's community feels pride in its recreation sites.

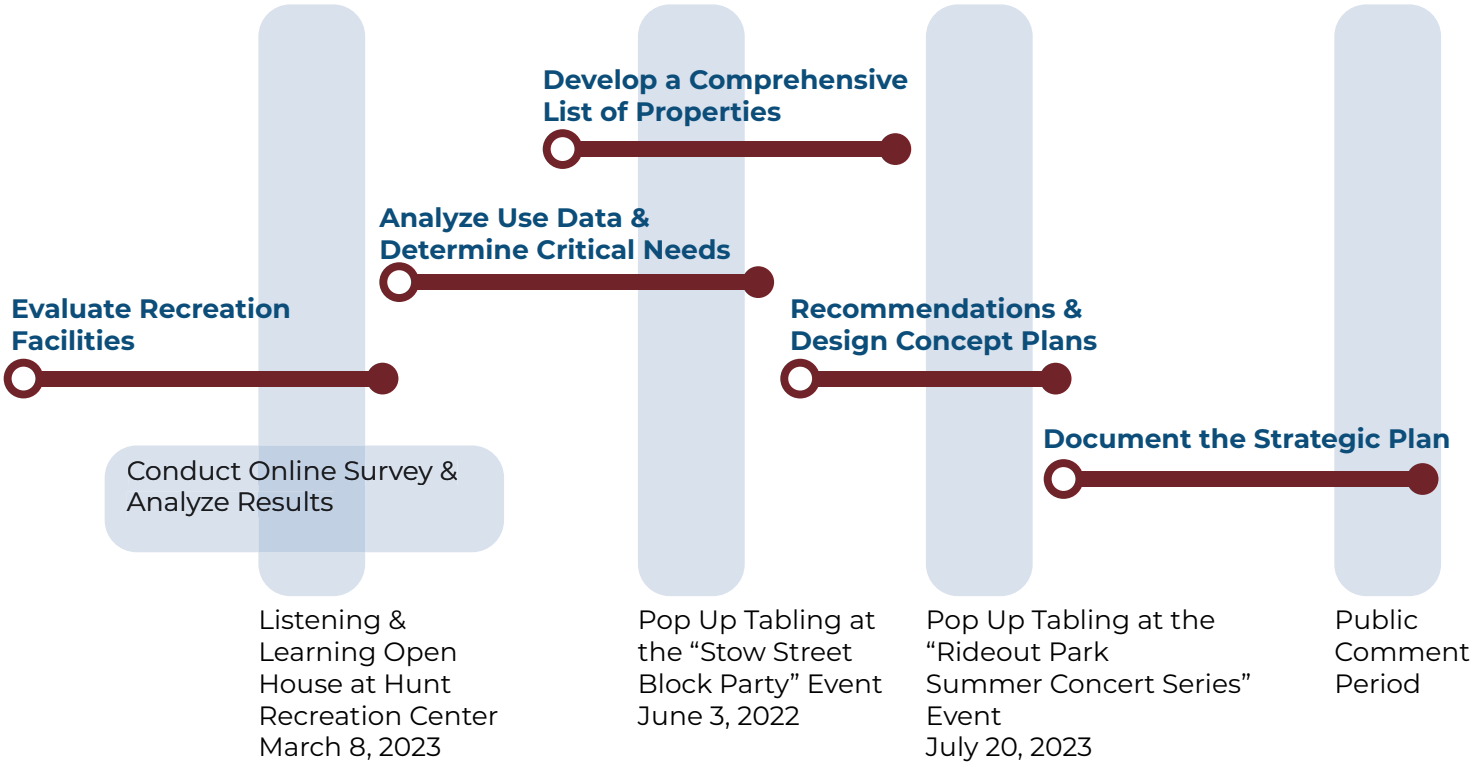
Strategic Plan Process

Working with Concord Recreation and in close collaboration with an Advisory Board comprised of Town staff and Recreation Commission members, the core design team at Weston & Sampson's Design Studio produced this strategic plann to guide investment in Concord's recreational facilities over the next 10 years. Together, the team generated comprehensive and actionable recommendations that honor the town's heritage, expand and engage its users, and strengthen the connection of the park system with the Concord community.

It is given that Town Departments will continue to collaborate and formalize coordination as recommendations are carried out from this plan. Representatives from all affected Town departments should be included in future discussions, particularly the School Department as recommendations relate to use of school properties. Other key stakeholders such as sports leagues should be included in planning and design discussions while creative partnerships with private entitles might offer new ways for Concord to address recreational needs equitably.



The planning process was divided into several tasks that sometimes followed linearly after one another and other times overlapped and informed each other. The process was broken into five distinct action-oriented phases outlined below. Community input and engagement happened throughout the process, regularly and at critical moments of inflection.



Evaluate Recreation Facilities

Visited and studied twelve of Concord's active recreation and water access points to develop a baseline understanding of the town's current portfolio of fields, courts, and general recreational amenities, along with their current condition.

Analyze Data & Determine Critical Needs

Extracted trends from various sources and aggregated the results together to develop a comprehensive list of needs for the future. Sources include facility use data from recent years, and understanding of changing demographics, feedback from stakeholders and the public, national standards and trends of similarly sized communities, and findings from the site evaluations.. Needs cover current inadequacies, new opportunities within current facilities, property acquisition and amenity types.

Develop a Comprehensive List of Properties

Define amenities within current facilities and outlined various categories of responsibility across Town departments. This list is intended to be dynamic as new properties and amenities are added to the inventory, along with potential shifts in responsibility amongst Town departments.

Recommendations and Design Concept Plans

Connected ideas and conversations to establish specific strategies for protecting unique qualities of Concord's recreation system, while proposing important changes.

Document the Strategic Plan

Developed a framework for capital improvements and maintenance considerations that reflect community priorities to direct future funding.

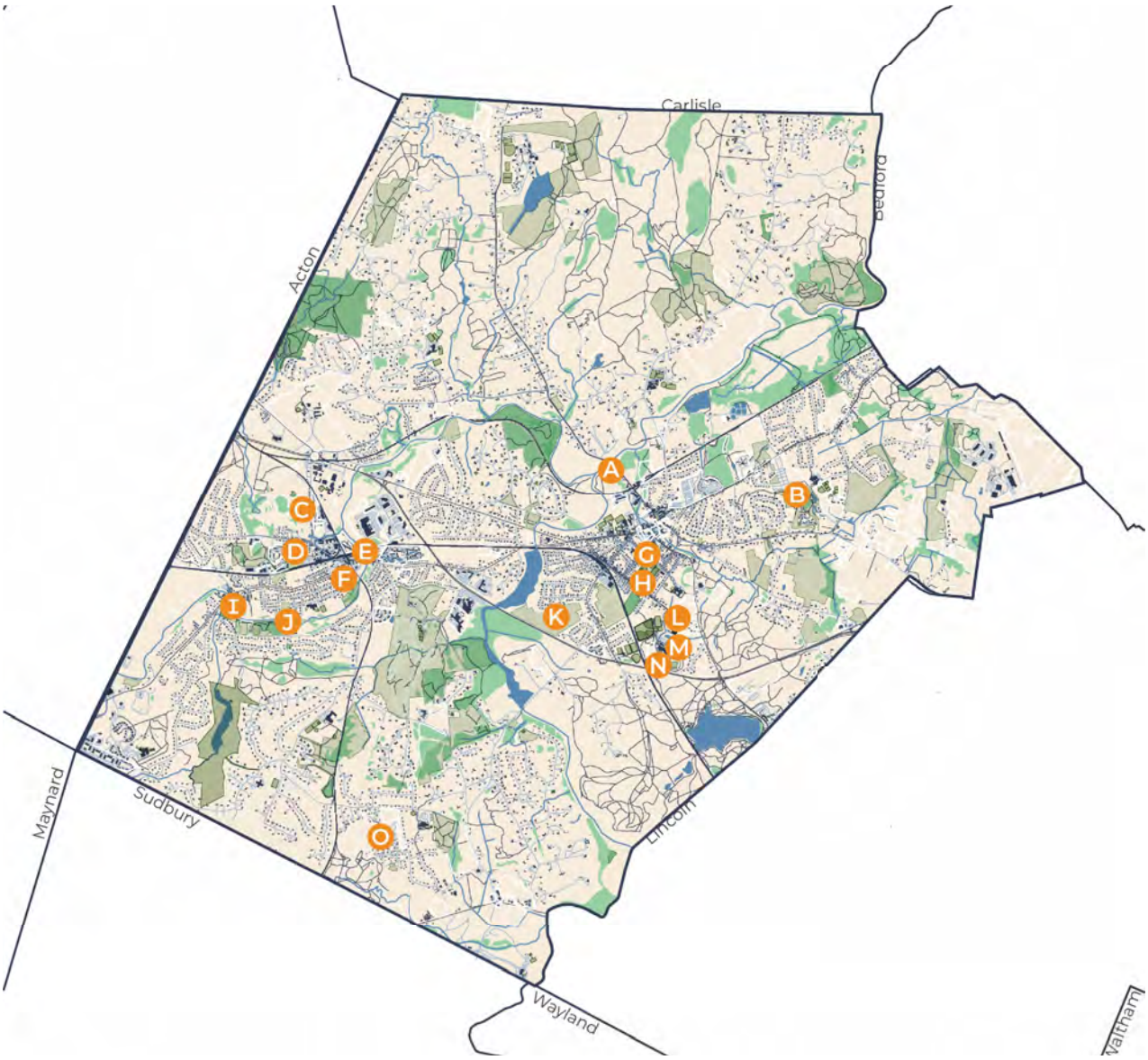
Inventory and Assessment of Existing Recreational Sites

A comprehensive inventory of existing assets that make up Concord's open space, recreation, and park system is an excellent opportunity to confirm that the current inventory maps representing these holdings are up-to-date and accurate. This was accomplished in two parts: 1) a comprehensive inventory of Town-owned properties was developed and 2) Weston & Sampson staff assessed twelve (12) major recreational facilities through a two-day reconnaissance effort. Taken together, the findings from both efforts lay the groundwork to begin to identify features and amenities in need of improvement at existing recreational assets.

The 'Comprehensive List of Properties' is included as Appendix A. Findings from the site assessments are included in the following chapter and original fieldwork included in Appendix B.

Recreation Sites

- A Lowell Road Water Access Point
- B Ripley School Fields
- C Warner's Pond Water Access Point
- D Rideout Park & Playground
- E Baker Avenue Water Access Point
- F Harvey Wheeler Community Center
- G Hunt Recreation Center
- H Emerson Park
- I Second Division Brook Water Access Point
- J Cousins Field
- K South Meadow Fields
- L Beede Swim & Fitness Center
- M Skate Park at CC High School
- N Doug White Turf Complex
- O White Pond Beach



Data Analysis

Once an inventory and assessment was completed for several existing recreational sites, additional studies built upon that foundational work. Collectively, these studies revealed where future recreational need may lie, which led to the heart of this planning effort - several strategic recommendations Four main areas of study were undertaken are listed below. These studies and the findings are detailed in the next section, *Existing Conditions (Where are we?)*.

EXISTING PERMITTED USE

A desktop evaluation of use as determined by number of permits pulled per field, court, facility, etc.;

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

Public outreach, both in person and through online survey to understand trends in existing use and community needs;

NPRA BENCHMARKING

A benchmarking study of how Concord compares in number of recreational assets to towns with similarly sized populations through the National Recreation and Parks Association standards;

FACILITY EVALUATIONS

A comprehensive inventory of all active and passive recreational sites, and an assessment of twelve (12) existing or newly acquired recreational properties;

Ongoing Efforts and Accomplishments

Aligning the RFSP update with goals established in related town planning documents will ensure that this plan builds upon past efforts. Recognizing recent and ongoing improvement projects is similarly important given that any recommendations proposed in this plan will respect and incorporate those efforts into improvements moving forward.

Envision Concord: Bridge to 2030 Plan

As part of the desire to develop innovative ways to address transportation needs and protect the environment, the RFSP supports the following Envision Concord recommendations:

- Provide bicycle parking at parks and trailheads.
- Explore opportunities to connect existing trails (both Town and privately owned) to improve walkability in Town while preserving the historical landscape and introduce residents and visitors to Concord's open spaces as well as connecting river access to bike access and parking.

Under the land use and zoning category, the following recommendations are supported by RFSP recommendations:

- Parks, Trails, and Open Space to promote trail connections and enhancements between resources and access to the Assabet River, Nashoba Brook, and Warner's Pond.

Under the open space and natural resources category, all Natural Resources and Recreation goals are supported by RFSP recommendations, as follows:

- Maintain and increase the amount of conservation land and protected open space in order to protect important ecosystems and natural systems.
- Protect rivers, wetlands, ponds, vernal pools, upland habitats, and other natural resources.
- Ensure that all Concord residents understand the value of conservation lands and natural resources, including the ecosystem services these resources provide, protection of wildlife habitat, rare species habitat, and fisheries, and that actions outside of these resources play a role in their protection.
- Provide responsible management of conservation lands, including protection, preservation, and restoration.
- Promote ecosystem health and biodiversity as critical factors to achieve town-wide long-term sustainability and resiliency goals.
- Ensure all Concord residents understand the value of open space and recreational amenities.
- Enhance the connections and access to (physical and programmatic) bike paths and walking trails between open spaces and the village centers, locations of institutions and organizations, and recreation sites.
- Provide responsible management of recreation amenities, including programming of open spaces, public spaces, trails, and recreational facilities to allow ubiquitous and equitable opportunities to encourage use by all residents

Recreation Facility Strategic Plan (RFSP) 2014

While many new recreation needs for facilities, amenities and programming have been identified, several of the same recommendations from the 2014 RFSP can also be found in this 2023 RFSP. This suggests some goals and needs have remained unmet in the 10-year interval. Recurring needs include:

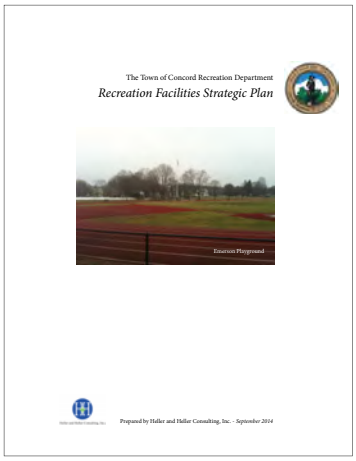
- High membership cost of Beede Swim & Fitness Center
- More parking at recreation sites
- More recreational programming
- Water-based programming and provisions for boat rentals
- Additional swimming pool
- Add dog parks
- Improve site furnishings at existing parks
- More softball fields
- More playgrounds
- More multipurpose and/or soccer fields
- More indoor recreation space

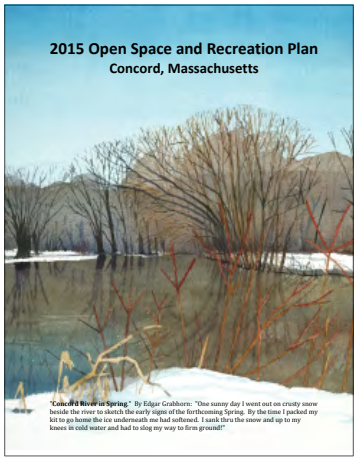
Open Space and Recreation Plan 2015 (OSRP)

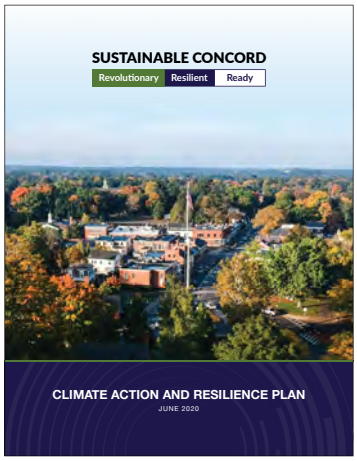
The 2023 RFSP supports the goals from the 2015 OSRP including:

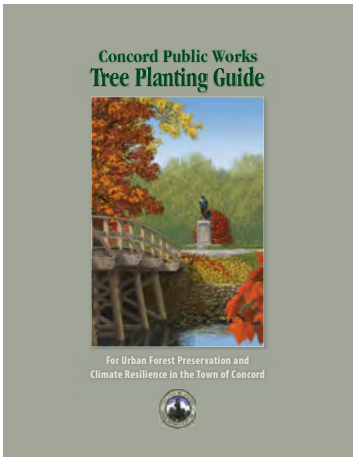
- Protecting water resources and biodiversity.
- Improving connectivity and access to recreational resources.
- Improving collaboration and land management.

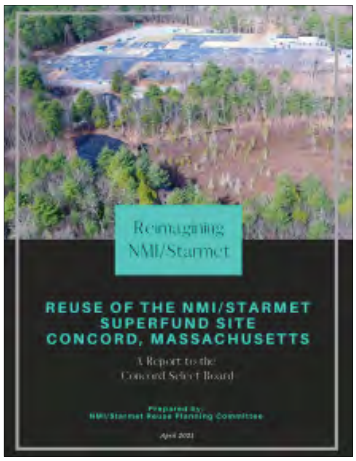
Related Planning Efforts

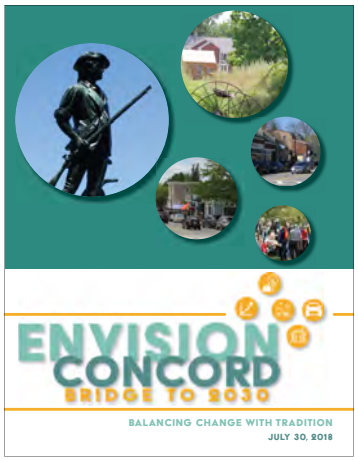












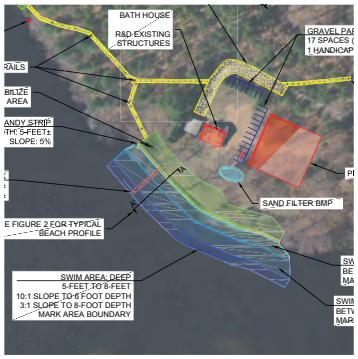
Recently Completed or Underway Projects



White Pond Beach (2022)



Gerow Recreation Area (ongoing)



Warner's Pond (ongoing)



Fitness Park at Rideout Park (2019)



Updated Pathways and Parking at Rideout Park (2018)



Irrigation and Track Improvements at Emerson Playground (2022)



Baseball field was converted to softball field at Emerson Playground (2021)



Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (2019 and ongoing)

Engagement Strategy

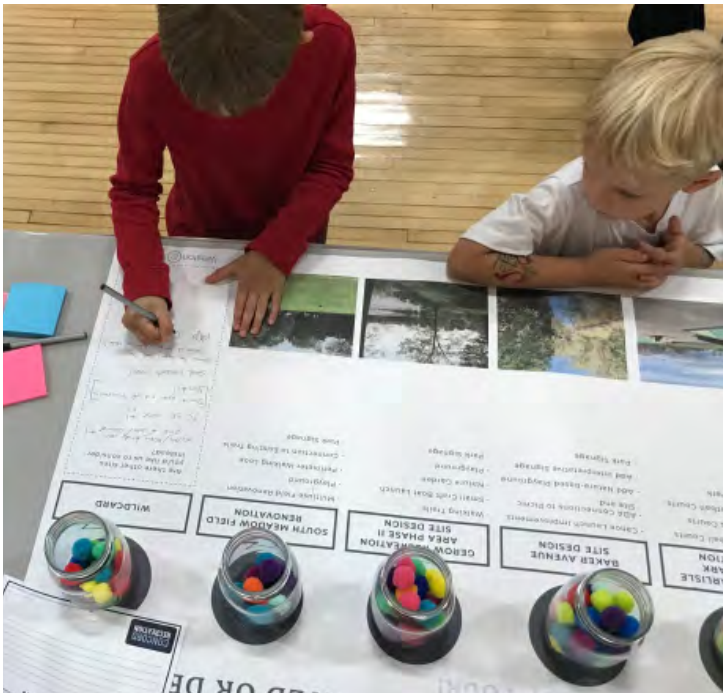
Community Involvement Goals

The primary goal of the engagement strategy was to facilitate an equitable and inclusive planning process that results in a realistic and comprehensive collective vision grounded in the Concord community. To facilitate a diversity of candid conversations, the RFSP team hosted a kickoff open house and attended several community events to meet people where they were.

Engagement was intended to be fun and active, through a game-style approach that would appeal to kids and adults alike. Each event centered around an activity as the primary source of activity, that could be a quick encounter, or be the beginning of a conversation.

Flyers and event materials were translated into several languages -- and would have been made available in braille if requested -- to encourage new voices to join in on the conversation. Flyers and surveys were placed at Hunt Recreation Center, Concord Council on Aging, Beede Swim and Fitness Center, Concord Public Libraries, and other town spaces. Messaging was shared with Town Commissioners, the Recreation Commission, Concord-Carlisle School Department, youth sports leagues and many other community organizations.

Through active listening and conversation and the formation of an Advisory Board of staff and volunteers, the RFSP team hoped to inspire fresh ideas, educate Concord's residents on the Town's depth of recreational resources, and build future stewards of the Town's facilities. As champions of this effort, the Advisory Board formulated and refined questions used



Active and colorful games makes for fun engagement



Educating residents on their current recreational resources inspires continued stewardship of those facilities



Tabling at existing events allowed us to reach a wider and more diverse group of people to provide feedback

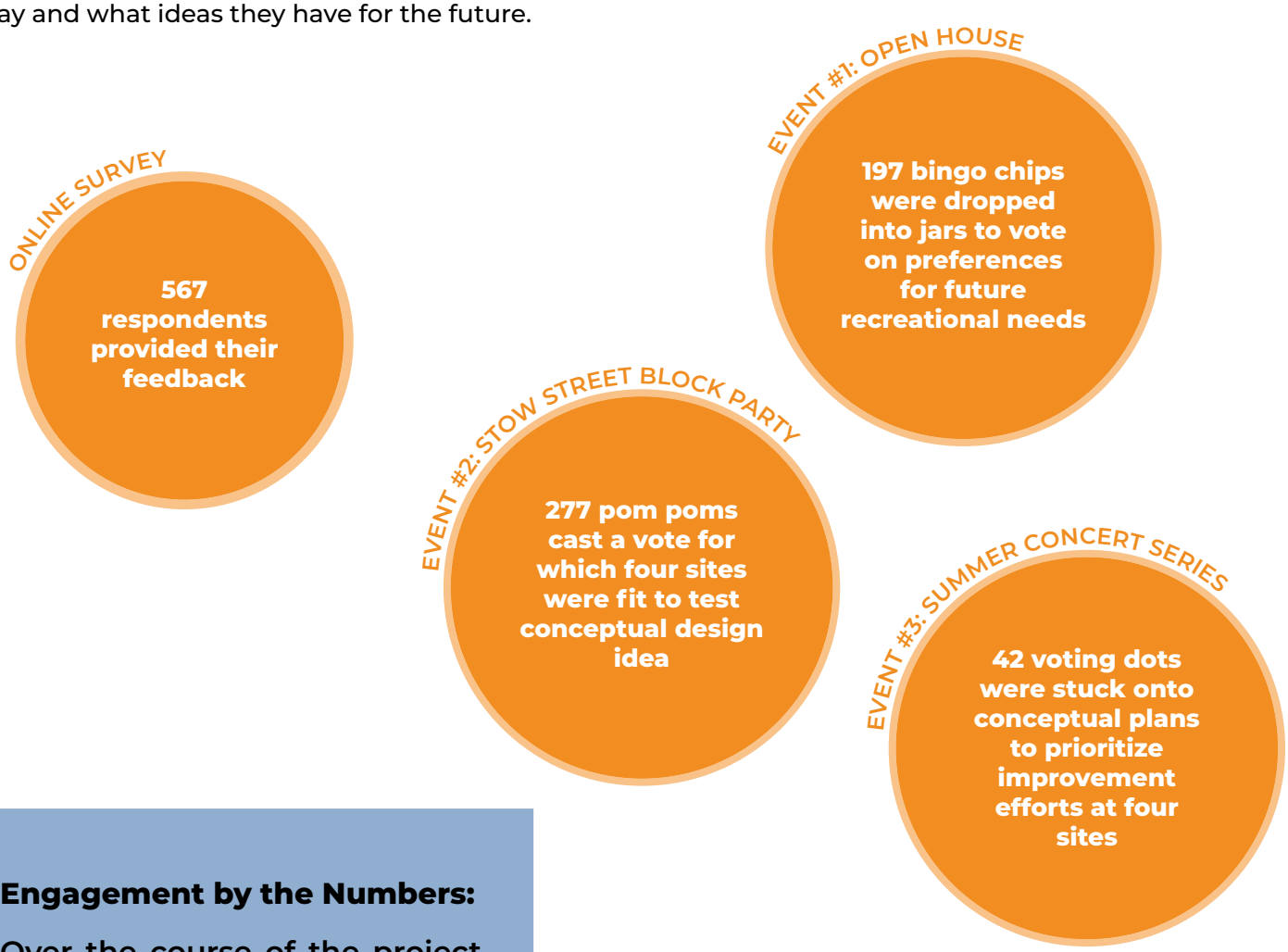
in the public online survey as well as other engagement materials and strategies used at the public meeting and other public events. They joined and advocated for community engagement at every event and provided feedback to the team on recommendations and conceptual ideas. Details on each event can be found in Appendix D, Community Involvement Efforts.

Outreach Activities by the Numbers

In spring 2023, public engagement began with a trilingual online survey and an open house at the Hunt Recreation Gymnasium. As the official start and community kickoff to the project, the event and a six-week online survey together served as foundational 'listening sessions' to understand baseline experiences for people's experiences in Concord's recreational facilities today and what ideas they have for the future.

In the analysis and evaluation phase of the effort, the RFSP team joined the Stow Street Block Party in June to understand what facilities the public would like to see renovated or designed in their community. Several sites were offered, with ideas for proposed amenities appropriate to each location based on online survey feedback, site assessments, and Town staff input.

In the design phase, the RFSP team joined a July Summer Concert Series event in Rideout Park. Here, high level conceptual designs were presented for the four most popular sites chosen from the previous event. Suggestions for renovation of existing facilities, new amenities timeline and assumed expense were considered and evaluated by the public.



Engagement by the Numbers:

Over the course of the project, the Town and the RFSP team were able to engage with nearly 720 people through in-person and digital means.

Strategic Plan Themes

Over-arching priorities were identified through community feedback and the design team's analysis. These principles guide the tangible recommendations and proposed improvement projects, ensuring that they are rooted in shared values. They will continue to guide work as the Strategic Plan moves into implementation.

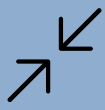
What we heard and learned:

- Improve and add to the current stock of existing walking and biking trails.
- Expand opportunities for public art, events and performances that bring people together.
- Add more indoor / outdoor recreation spaces, particularly pickleball, tennis and basketball courts, swimming pool, skating rink and play spaces.
- Continue improvements to existing park facilities, particularly those projects currently underway.



ACQUIRE MORE PROPERTY FOR DEDICATED RECREATION SPACE, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT CAN SUPPORT MANY TYPES OF RECREATIONAL AMENITIES

- Improve and add more accessible restrooms, seating and picnic tables.
- Improve ADA curb cuts, add ramps where needed, and ensure the experience of walking on sloped pathways is positive.
- Strengthen access and awareness of water areas for swimming, fishing, and boating.
- Improve connectivity between business districts (Concord Town Center and West Concord primarily) and recreation sites, and between recreation sites as well.



INCREASE CONNECTIVITY TO AND ACCESSIBILITY WITHIN RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- Add more amenities to existing facilities and diversify new amenities to be added.
- Standardize park signage and site furnishings for a predictable user experience.
- Consider changing demographics (backgrounds, ages, etc.) in Town and cultural needs of those backgrounds (i.e. interest in sports like cricket, futsal, and padel). Ensure recreational offerings cater to multi-generational interest.
- Dedicate hang out spaces for teens, in particular.



CLARIFY THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE AND LEAN IN TO INCLUSIVITY

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EXPAND RESOURCES TO CONTINUE REGULAR MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS

Overall Recommendations

These are overall recommendations that should be applied to all existing facilities and future improvements and property acquisitions. The themes that are satisfied through these recommendations are identified by the corresponding colored circle.

Strategic Plan Themes



1. Conduct Specialized Studies

A. Town-wide Water Access Plan

Access to healthy rivers, ponds and other natural water bodies as well as pools and splash pads by residents can improve fitness and well-being, while connecting Concord to its past and ensuring climate resiliency in the future.



B. Multi-modal Transportation Planning

Pedestrians, cyclists and paddlers be prioritized through a multi-modal transportation plan that seeks to improve connections for foot, paddle and bicycle traffic in particular between the town centers and recreational sites and facilities.



C. Rectangular Field Use Study

With significantly more rectangular fields than the NRPA average, there is a disconnect between the amount of fields available and permitted hours. With rectangular field use on the upward trend, a focused study can discern why this is happening and ways to better utilize existing field space.

2. Improve or Expand Current Recreation Facilities



A. Consistency of Facility Signage and Site Furnishings

Well-placed park and wayfinding signage within Concords parks and along Concord's many waterways and water bodies are needed to ensure users are able to move easily between and within sites.

Implement standard site furnishings at all park sites for brand consistency, economy of scale, ease of maintenance and repair. Locate benches and picnic tables along accessible pathways.



B. Annual Inspection Program

Implement a systematic annual facility inspection process, with a particular focus on Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) playground inspections and indoor recreation upgrades.

Recommendations, continued

Strategic Plan Themes

C. Indoor Recreation Upgrades

Better utilization of existing Town-owned indoor recreation spaces through regular maintenance and capital investments upgrades such installing air conditioning at Hunt Recreation or re-surfacing at the Ripley School Gymnasium.



D. More Outdoor Courts of all Types

Add at least two (2) more basketball courts. Consider locations where amenities oriented toward basketball can also be included or currently exist. Add at least six (6) dedicated outdoor pickleball courts to the current stock, preferably separate from Rideout Park.



E. More Diverse Play Opportunities

Add two more playgrounds for ages up to twelve and one more dedicated tot lot oriented toward the 0 to 5 year age group. Renovate the playground at Rideout Park and add a splash pad.



3. Develop New Recreation Facilities

A. Indoor Recreation Facility

Add an indoor recreation complex that focuses on indoor courts and multipurpose field spaces. Add a dedicated community center that serves all ages, particularly teens. Consider existing properties as potential locations for these facilities (e.g. Peabody Middle School and 2229 Main Street).



B. Outdoor Civic Gathering Spaces

Create more outdoor civic gathering spaces that vary in scale and purpose within Concord's parks and recreation system.



C. Trailhead Nature Education / Maker Space

Build at least one, but preferable two small nature-focused educational spaces that connect to and support Concord's extensive trail system and confluence of waterways.

D. Outdoor Four-Season Multipurpose Pavilion

Consider adding a town-run outdoor all-seasons pavilion for ice skating, pickleball, community events, and other uses.



E. New Dedicated Dog Runs

Add at least two dedicated dog parks, with at least one located near town center (e.g. lean into the informal dog use at Emerson Park).



Obstacle Course Challenge Playground at Rideout Park

Youth baseball at Rideout Park & Playground



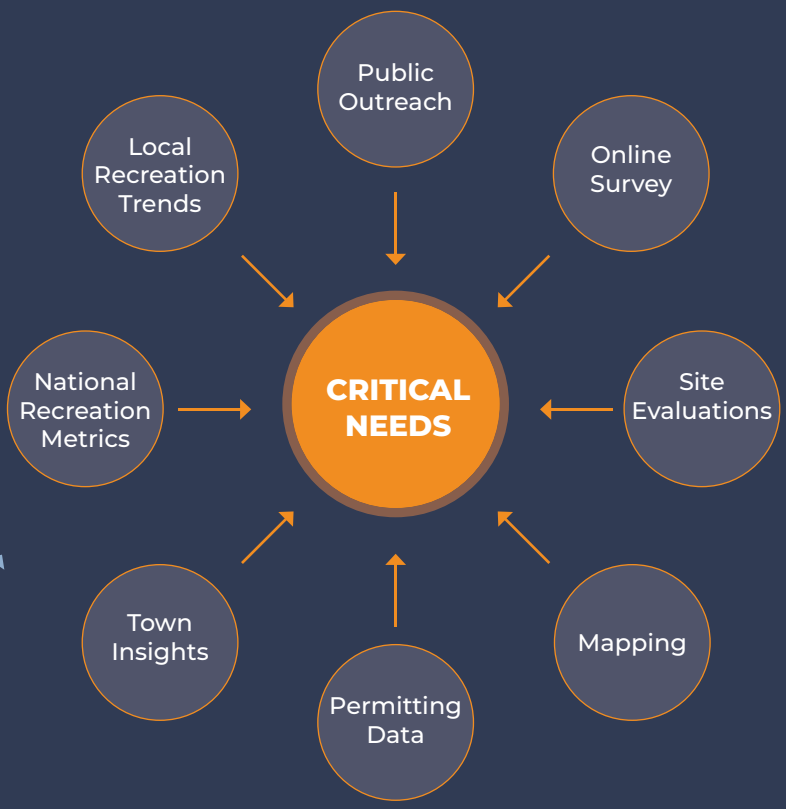
Existing Conditions
(Where are we?)





Rideout Park's multi-use courts are packed with pickleball players year round.

Many voices, tools, and data informed a future recreation vision for the Town of Concord.



Analysis Summary

Taken together, this comprehensive set of studies unearthed what gaps may be present in Concord's current recreational offerings and what improvements may be necessary to support Concord's future recreational needs. Analysis included:

- A desktop evaluation of use as determined by number of permits pulled per field, court, facility, etc.
- Public outreach, both in person and through online survey to understand trends in existing use and community needs.
- A benchmarking study of how Concord compares in number of recreational assets to towns with similarly sized populations through the National Recreation and Parks Association standards.
- A comprehensive inventory of all active and passive recreational sites, and an assessment of twelve (12) existing or newly acquired recreational properties.

Below are high-level summary observations that resulted from this work.

EXISTING PERMITTED USE

- Rectangular field sports are on the upward trend, and accommodations must be made to support increased use of these kinds of fields.
- Unprogrammed open space is in high demand for community events, performances and unstructured field play.
- Overall court use is increasing - basketball, tennis and pickleball.
- Permit information for interior meeting space was thin and thus challenging from an analysis perspective. More dedicated study on interior spaces is needed.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

- Improved connectivity for pedestrians and cyclist was a repeated priority at public engagement events.
- More trails and walking loops within and between facilities, neighborhoods, and West Concord and Town Center were desired by folks.
- People want more ways to access and engage with Concord's wealth of waterways and ponds, including rowing, paddling, fishing, and swimming.
- Many favored more seating, shaded picnic tables, water fountains/bottle refill stations, etc throughout the sites.

NPRA BENCHMARKING

- Concord has much more rectangular fields than its counterparts, but the current stock does not meet the incredible demand.
- Number of playgrounds and tot lots aligns with community feedback - there are not enough to support the need.
- Concord is in dire need of dedicated dog runs, which matches up with what we heard from community members.
- Similarly-sized communities have more indoor recreational facilities per capita, particularly those that offer multi-generational active and social recreation options.

FACILITY EVALUATIONS

- Concord's outdoor recreation spaces are generally in good shape and have adapted well over time to new community needs and changing sports trends.
- Concord's few indoor recreation facilities are aging or underutilized and not meeting demand for indoor sports programming during winter.
- Outdoor courts are in poor and sometimes hazardous condition, yet demand for tennis, pickleball, and basketball remains high.
- Few sites are signposted. Concord needs a better system-wide approach to park signage with amenity symbols and wayfinding.

Existing Uses

Studying how Concord's facilities are being used historically was an important exercise to provide context for this plan. Mapping trends over time can reveal reasons behind observed wear and tear of certain facilities over others, and drive decision-making over where to invest and when. Paired with site assessments, an analysis of the number of hours permitted across various facilities can uncover which of those are more popular than others. A study of this kind can also reveal which sports may be gaining in popularity and which may be on the downward trend; understanding trends help to make predictions about which kinds of facilities should be built in the future, and which may be up for removal or modification.

A few caveats on the data:

1. Given that this analysis was conducted in 2023, and Concord Recreation transferred to a new platform for collecting and tracking permit applications in 2020, the data available was only from 2021 and 2022, with some limited data from 2020.
2. The available permitting data occurred during a global pandemic when typical programming, sports, and indoor activities were largely canceled.
3. It should be acknowledged that not all facility use is made through permitting. Pick-up games, informal team play and scrimmages, play with family and friends are typically not tracked with a permit.



Winter Wonderland on the basketball courts at Emerson Park. Photo credit: Concord Recreation.

That said, each permit tracks the facility / amenity used, the number of hours required for the event, and the organization that pulled the permit. Summed together in various ways, a series of detailed bar graphs were created and are included in Appendix C. Thirty-two graphs in all, they include the following comparisons:

- Hourly play by sport, Concord-wide.
- Town-wide field use by location (outdoor only).
- Town-wide indoor gymnasium use by organization (Hunt and Ripley comparison).
- A comparison between fields, town-wide, broken down by sport for soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, football, ultimate frisbee, baseball, and softball.
- A comparison between courts town-wide, broken down by sport for basketball, tennis.



Kite flying at Rideout Park (photo courtesy of Concord Recreation)

- A comparison amongst fields, town-wide, for general use.
- A bar graph of the Emerson's track use over the two year-period.
- Field usage per field, comparing each organization's use of that field. Organizations run the gamut from adult sports leagues to high school programs to youth leagues to general community use. Fields included in the study are as follows:
  - Doug White Turf Complex: Field #1, Field #2, Upper Grass.
  - Emerson Park: 90' Baseball Diamond, Track, Basketball Court #1, Basketball Court #2, Soccer Field #1, Soccer Field #2, Soccer Field #3, Tennis Courts, Softball #1, and Softball #2.
  - Rideout Park & Playground: Overall Use, Baseball Field #1,Baseball Field #2, Pavilion, Soccer Field, Softball Field, and Tennis Courts.
  - Cousins Field: Soccer Field.
  - South Meadow: Fields 1 and 2.
  - Hunt Recreation Center: Conference Room, Gymnasium, and the Multipurpose Room.
  - Ripley School: Baseball Field, Soccer Fields, and the Gymnasium.

From these comparisons, the summary of findings were collected and included at right. These findings, along with all others noted throughout this section, feed into the needs assessment included in the next section of the report, *Future Conditions (Where do we want to be?)*.



Concord Recreation's Annual Egg Hunt.
Photo credit: Concord Recreation.

Summary of Findings

- Soccer, baseball, and softball are most permitted; and on the upward trend.
- In 2022, Rideout Park's passive space was being used significantly more than other spaces (2,067.50 hours); Doug White Field #1, Doug White #2, and Emerson Park Soccer Field 2 also see significant use. (1,306, 1,230.50 and 1,230 hours, respectively).
- For soccer, Ripley School Soccer Fields are the most used and increasing (2,556 permitted hours in 2022). Next Doug White fields (youth soccer 2,266 permitted hours in 2022), then Emerson Park Soccer Field (1,803 permitted hour in 2022).
- Lacrosse, Field Hockey, Softball, and Football permitting are trending up. Baseball permitting is trending downward (apart from Rideout).
- The only outdoor basketball courts that are permitted are at Emerson. Indoor are at Hunt Recreation Center and Ripley School, but there is no current permit information for Hunt (either for pickleball or basketball).
- Tennis Courts are more popular at Emerson than Rideout and use is increasing.
- Doug White and Rideout are most used for events and special activities.
- Recreation activities and other programs held in the gymnasiums at Ripley School and Hunt Recreation Center are Town-organized. Very few non-Town organizations or youth sports organizations seek permits to use these indoor recreation facilities.
- Permitting of the Hunt Multipurpose Room is primarily by the Town. Permitting us very minimal by youth sports and non-Town organizations.

Respondents wanted more of these recreation amenities:

	OUTDOOR	INDOOR
pickleball (dedicated)	✓	✓
bocce	✓	
tennis (dedicated)	✓	✓
volleyball	✓	
basketball	✓	✓
swimming pool	✓	✓
splash pad	✓	
skating rink	✓	✓
playground	✓	✓
affordable classes		✓
climbing		✓
track		✓
affordable alternatives to the Beede Center		✓

Respondents highly favored more:





* connectivity between facilities, neighborhoods and town centers

more land / property to expand the outdoor recreation facility system





more walking and biking trails

opportunities for public art at the parks

To be more welcoming and inclusive, accessibility improvements should focus on:



Improving / adding accessible restrooms.



Improving / adding accessible seating / picnic tables.



Improving graded paths, ramps, and curb cuts.

54% are visiting Concord's recreational facilities for **both active and passive recreation needs.**

70% visited **20+ times** in the last year.

'Good'



64% rated **active recreation** facilities rated as 'good'.

68% rated **passive recreation** facilities rated as 'good'.

60% feel **their personal goals are being met** today.

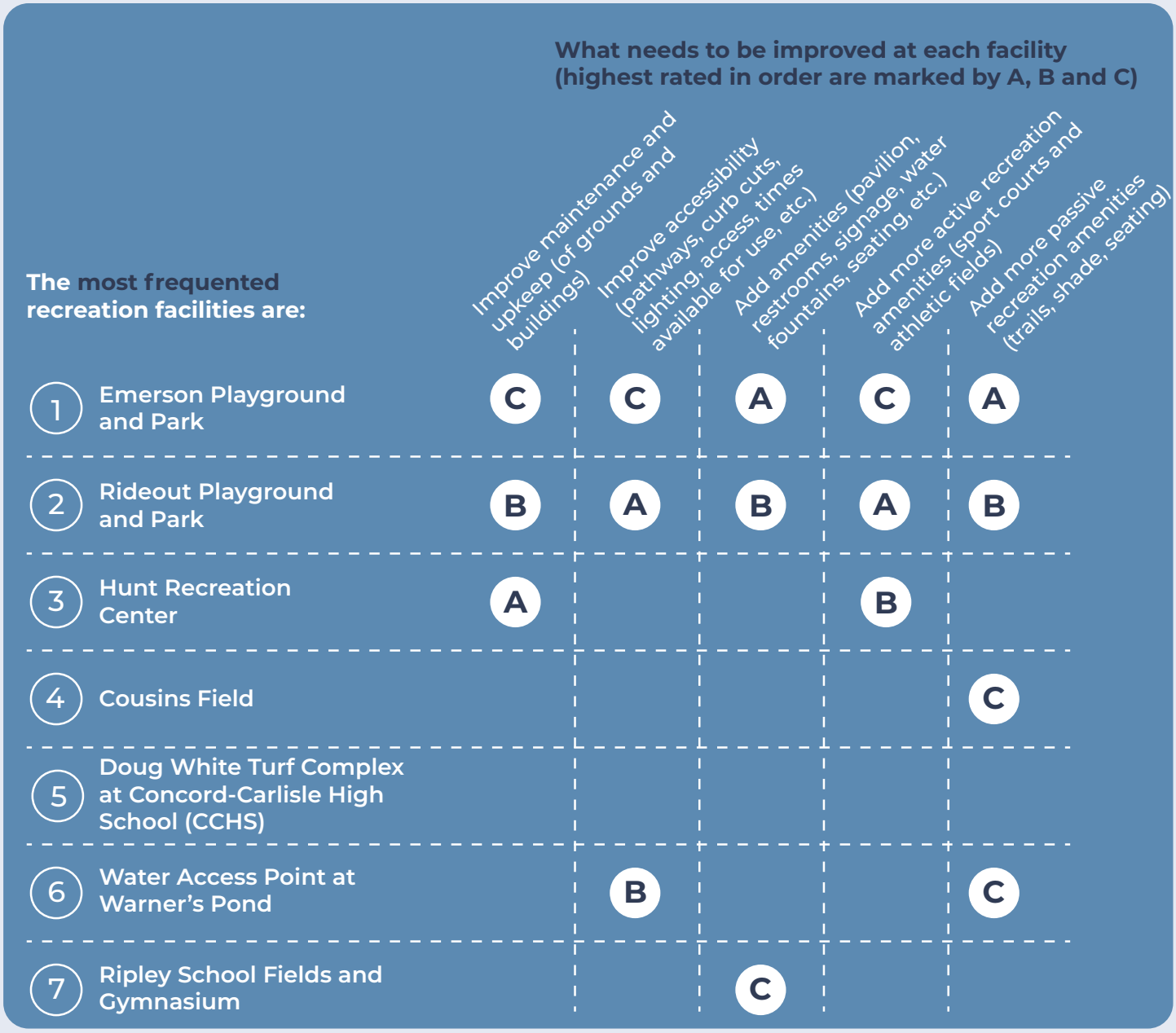
Most respondents wanted to:

1. Improve existing walking and biking trails.
2. Improve access to areas for swimming, fishing, and boating.
3. Add more amenities to existing facilities (pavilion, restrooms, seating, signage / wayfinding, water fountains, etc.)

* **Note: Comments were prolific for this particular idea.**

Community Priorities

Over the course of the engagement process, community members and park stakeholders identified a list of needs and wishes for Concord's recreational facilities. Themes and priorities emerged, that when coupled with the other analysis included in this section, forms the basis for overarching recommendations found in the next section, *Future Conditions (Where do we want to be?)*.



Results from the online survey conducted in Spring 2023, above and opposite.

Online Survey

Themes identified in the online survey results are graphically depicted on the opposite page and above. Feedback in the blue bubbles is focused on existing recreational sites, whereas maroon bubbles focus on what might be possible in the future at existing or future recreational sites.

With 567 respondents, a range of perspectives weighed in. The following statistics represent the highest percentages in various categories, to give a sense of the general makeup of respondents:

- 81% were aged 40 and older
- 34% have lived in Concord for more than 20 years
- 67% of respondents identified as female
- 45% were Caucasian or white; 5.5% did not wish to provide a race; the remaining respondents represented 1% or less each (American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, Asian, Asian Indian / South Asian, Middle Eastern Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin)
- 53% work full time
- Most 2-person households were 65+ (61%); Most 1-person households were people aged 25 to 34 years old (73%)

In-Person Events

Ideas and feedback collected from conversations and write-in cards are summarized below.

Quite a few participants remarked on the need for better connections, particularly via bicycle between West Concord and Concord (town center).

The water-based sites – Baker Avenue, Gerow, Warner's Pond [written in as a wildcard] – seemed to strike participants' interest and discussion.

Several high-school and college-aged participants liked the addition of recreation amenities at the Concord-Carlisle Skate Park site near the high school, especially the disc golf course. Several mothers of teenagers remarked on the need for more gathering spaces and programming focused on healthy activities for teen-aged children in the evenings and weekends.

Participants often voted for proposed recreation sites that were near their homes, referencing the map. Participants discussed living near the Gerow site (and Bruce Freeman Bike Trail, Concord Prison) and wishing to see that developed further.

Participants were either interested in the large scale and diverse amenities offered in the 2229 Main Street conceptual design or the simplicity, light intervention, lower cost, and short-time frame for improvements to the Baker Avenue conceptual design.

Several participants knew about the Superfund Starmet site (2229 Main Street) and liked the idea of re-using it as a sport complex. One participant said she liked how "convenient" a sports complex as described on the board for 2229 Main Street site would be with everything at one location.

Participants indicated a need for trails and cycle path as a top preference, followed by adding more courts.



Pop up tent at the Summer Concert Series



Facilitated stations at the Open House



Pop up Table at the Stow Street Block Party



Pop up tent at the Summer Concert Series



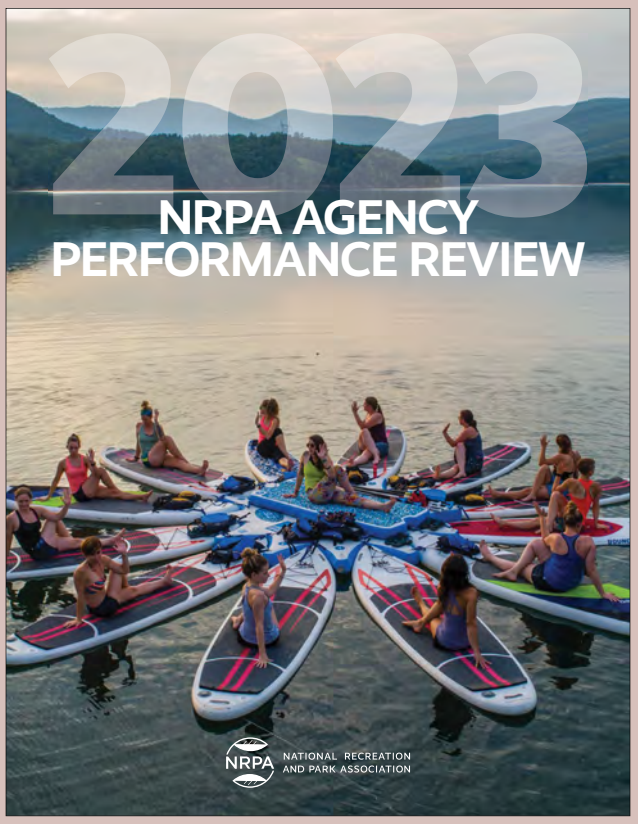
Pop up Table at the Stow Street Block Party

Benchmarking against NRPA Standards

The National Park and Recreation Association (NRPA) is a not-for-profit agency dedicated to fostering excellence in parks, recreation and community engagement since it's founding in 1965. The NRPA collects data and works with local Parks and Recreation Departments to evaluate current park facilities, programming, local parks and rec responsibilities, staffing, parks budgets and funding, and policies for communities across the country.

The data collected by NRPA provides a valuable tool for communities like Concord to compare their current public space and recreational amenities to other communities of comparable size. Local governments can use this information to determine where they currently excel and where improvements can be made to their recreational offerings and services to ensure and maintain access to recreational facilities to constituents of all ages.

The 2023 NRPA Agency Performance Review was used to understand where the Town's current recreational offerings stand as compared with towns of similar population. Included in the chart at right is a synopsis of the findings. It is worth noting that the seventeen (17) amenities listed represent those currently in Concord's inventory and / or amenities that were discussed repeatedly by the public. As a result, the findings from this benchmarking study move beyond statics to provide a realistic understanding of quantities needed per amenity to fill gaps and support future needs in Concord. More information on the 2023 NRPA Agency Performance Review can be found at nrpa.org.



Outdoor Facilities

Amenity Metric *(Pops with Less Than 20,000 Residents)*	Recommended Quantity *(Based On Concord's Total Pop. 17,669)*	Concord's Current Inventory
1 PLAYGROUND typically serves 2,014 residents	5	3
1 TOTLOT typically serves 5,816 residents	3	2
1 BASKETBALL COURT typically serves 3,729 residents	5	4
1 PICKLEBALL COURT typically serves 3,252 residents	6	6
1 TENNIS COURT typically serves 5,860 residents	2	8
1 BASEBALL FIELD typically serves 3,114 residents	3	4
1 SOFTBALL FIELD typically serves 5,079 residents	2	3
1 MULTIPURPOSE FIELD typically serves 9,177 residents	2	13
1 SWIMMING POOL typically serves 9,745 residents	2	5
1 DOG PARK typically serves 11,100 residents	2	0

Indoor Facilities

1 RECREATION CENTER typically serves 9,745 residents	2	1 Hunt Rec Center
1 COMMUNITY CENTER typically serves 8,829 residents	2	1 Harvey Wheeler
1 SENIOR CENTER typically serves 14,000 residents	1	1 Harvey Wheeler
1 NATURE CENTER typically serves 10,633 residents	1.6	0
1 AQUATICS CENTER typically serves 11,650 residents	1.5	1 Beede
1 TEEN CENTER typically serves 14,593 residents	1	0
1 INDOOR ICE RINK typically serves 8,000 residents	2	0

Inventory and Assessment of Existing Recreational Sites

Boots-on-the-ground site visits at designated properties confirmed the existing conditions of facilities and amenities. The properties listed here were visited and assessed over two days. Each property was assessed using the same set of criteria; the results are included in the following pages, along with a page dedicated to every recreation site in the map on the opposite page. From each assessment, a list of recommendations for elements to be repaired, renovated, and / or constructed is also included within the following pages and incorporated into the overarching recommendations within the 'Future Conditions' section of this report. The forms themselves are available for review in Appendix B.

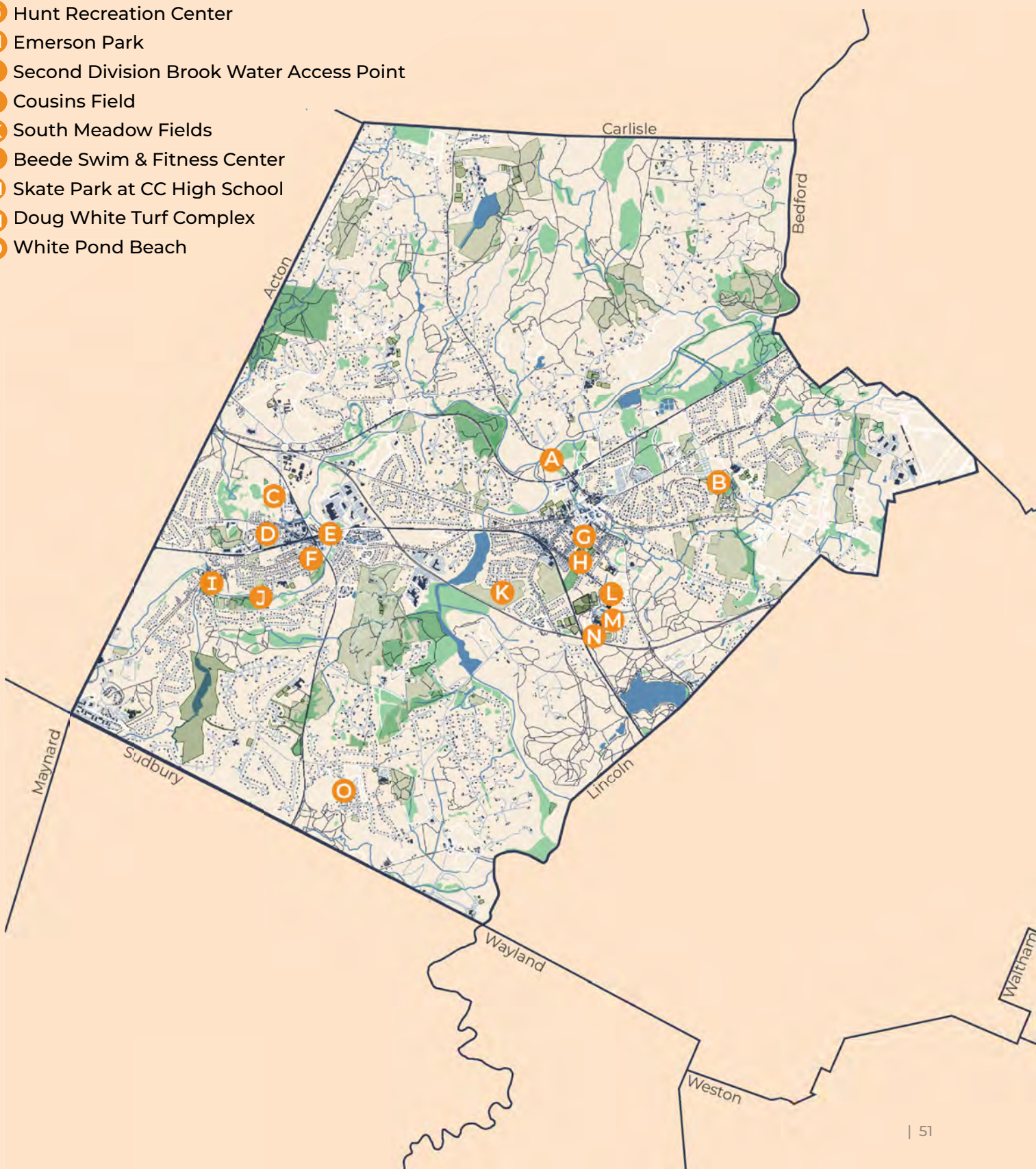
Additionally, a 'Comprehensive List of Properties,' was developed in collaboration with Town departments that achieves the following:

- Identifies all Town-owned properties, including address, acreage, map and parcel number references, and property ownership (i.e. the Board of Selectmen, Natural Resources, or Concord-Carlisle Regional Schools).
- Outlines major amenities at recreational sites, including dimensions and quantity where applicable.
- Assigns prime responsible party by Town department (Concord Public Works, Natural Resources, Concord Recreation, etc.) under several categories, including:
  - Paving, curbing and striping at parking lots and paved pathways (asphalt)
  - Court surfacing
  - Trail surfacing
  - Playground surfacing
  - Field mowing and landscape maintenance
  - Trash / recycling pickup and maintenance
  - Fencing
  - Site furnishings and vertical elements
  - Buildings and sheds
  - Restroom cleaning / maintenance
  - Park signage
  - Programming and permitting
  - Outdoor lighting
  - Electrical amenities
  - Water use billing
  - Electric use billing
  - Other maintenance not otherwise covered
  - Identifies if a site and/amenity is rentable
- Generalizes overall ADA accessibility per site (note: a formal ADA accessibility assessment per site was not performed as part of this effort).
- Identifies current, recently completed, or upcoming projects, along with any grants received for these projects, or for the property.
- Includes any additional notes not otherwise covered.

This chart, included as Appendix A, is intended as a living and evolving document. As properties are improved and renovated, this chart should be updated to reflect new and adjusted amenities, roles and responsibilities amongst Town departments, etc. As properties are added or otherwise change ownership, this list should be updated.

Recreation Sites

- A Lowell Road Water Access Point
- B Ripley School Fields
- C Warner's Pond Water Access Point
- D Rideout Park & Playground
- E Baker Avenue Water Access Point
- F Harvey Wheeler Community Center
- G Hunt Recreation Center
- H Emerson Park
- I Second Division Brook Water Access Point
- J Cousins Field
- K South Meadow Fields
- L Beede Swim & Fitness Center
- M Skate Park at CC High School
- N Doug White Turf Complex
- O White Pond Beach





LOCATION	20A Lowell Road
ACREAGE	.75a Launch area, 20.8a Pasture
ZONING	A‘
PARCEL #	1677-1
USAGE LEVEL	High-to-Moderate
DEED RESTRICTION	Permanent Protection
MANAGER	Natural Resources Division (DNR) & Concord Public Works (CPW)

TODAY’S SITE AMENITIES

- Boat launch / public landing (gravel/ paved)
- Trailhead kiosk
- Marked trails

Old Calf Pasture Water Access Point

The Old Calf Pasture Water Access Point is located just outside of Concord center at the confluence of the Assabet and Sudbury Rivers which merge at Old Calf Pasture, an adjacent meadow. Here the two rivers flow northeast to join the Concord River. According to the Concord Museum’s website, the area was called Musketquid, or “grassy river” in Algonquin by the area’s first peoples who used it seasonally for hunting and fishing. In more recent history, Lowell Road Water Access point is not far by river from the Old North Bridge, a wooden replica of the 1775 bridge where the first shots of the American Revolution were fired. Besides the water access point, the site hosts trails through conservation land. The site enjoys high to moderate use from spring through fall and is maintained by the Natural Resources Division (DNR). Group activities require a permit from DNR.



Lowell Road Water Access Point Aerial View.

Today’s Conditions

Presently, the Old Calf Pasture Water Access Point is a gravel road perpendicular to high traffic Lowell Road. A square canoe symbol sign helpfully designates the launch area off of

Lowell Road. Paddlers must unload their boat and move their car to the main road's shoulder. The site is surrounded by woodland and marsh, which contain some invasive species. The site's launch and trails flood during spring and fall. Otherwise the site is incredibly scenic.

Community Thoughts

Like the other water access points, very few comments were made specifically about the Old Calf Pasture Water Access Point by respondents in the online survey. There were, however, many general comments about the desire for "easier access for boating on [the] river" as well as needing "better signage for river access points." From Town staff commentary and desktop research conducted for the RFSP, the Old Calf Pasture Water Access point is very popular among paddlers exploring Concord's many rivers. Lowell Road is lined with vehicles in boating season. Also attesting to its popularity as a launch/landing site are the numerous blogs and websites referencing Old Calf pasture Water Access Point with photographs of the site in all seasons.

Future Ideas

Paddling Concord's three rivers offers access into blue and green passive recreation spaces more natural and certainly less populated than parks and sports complexes in town. The Assabet, Sudbury and Concord rivers offer a chance to "time travel" as users navigate the same waterways as the region's first peoples and early traders who paddled lakes, rivers and streams for trade, travel, and everyday life.

Future ideas for Old Calf Pasture Road Water Access Point would build upon the many interpretative river guides created by the Town of Concord's DNR and organizations like The Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Council. These guides help paddlers navigate Concord's river system and explore adjacent sites of interest. Adding educational information physically within the site (via kiosk, signage, etc.) and regular programming in such spaces acn also help the Town, local non-profit organizations, and river advocates to share the region's long history through low-impact water-based recreation opportunities.

Practically speaking, improvements to the access road, parking, and more obvious directional signage are necessary to ensure this launch is visible. Recognition of seasonal flooding should be considered with any improvements.



Signage at entrance.



The site floods in spring but when waters recede, the launch/landing site is very popular with paddlers, according to the NRC.



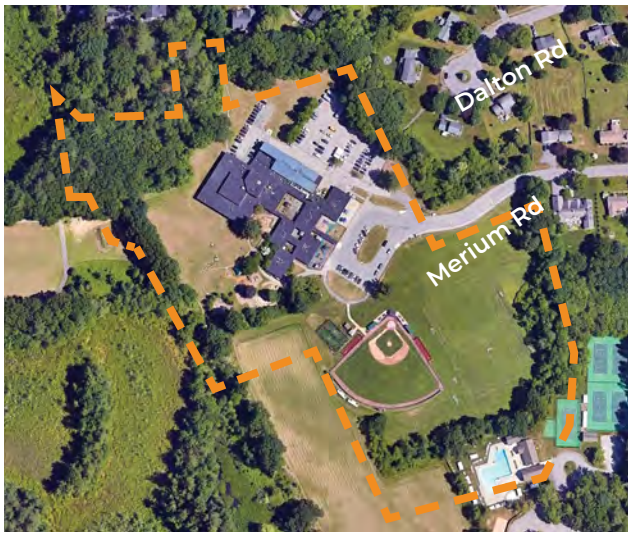
LOCATION	120 Merium Road
ACREAGE	17.76a
ZONING	A‘
PARCEL #	4187
USAGE LEVEL	High
DEED RESTRICTION	P/ No Deed Restriction
MANAGER	Concord-Carlisle Regional School; Concord Public Works; Concord Recreation; Concord Children’s Center

TODAY’S SITE AMENITIES

- Little League Baseball Field
- Bullpin / Batting Cage
- 5 Multiuse Fields
- 2 Playgrounds, 2-5 y and 5-12y
- Indoor gymnasium (3/4 size)
- Covered dugout with player benches
- Bleachers, benches
- 2 Bullpin/batting cages
- Scoreboard
- Concession stand
- Signage, water fountain
- Accessible path
- Dedicated parking (~22 spaces in closet lot)

Ripley School Fields

Ripley School is an integrated public elementary school located in northeastern Concord. The campus contains the following educational groups: the Concord Integrated Preschool, the Concord-Carlisle Regional School (CCRS) administration offices and the Concord Children’s Center (CCC), a non-profit preschool not run by the Town or CPS. The site exists in an agrarian context with a perimeter woodland and abuts some residential parcels. The school’s playgrounds, sports fields, and gymnasium are publicly accessible during after-school hours. CCRS maintains the school building including the gymnasium, and Concord Public Works maintain the fields. Concord Recreation permits usage of the gymnasium and the fields. CCC maintain the Playscape at Ripley School, a natural accessible playground space.



Ripley School Fields Aerial View.

Today’s Conditions

Various playgrounds, multiuse fields, a baseball diamond with batting cages/bullpen, and an indoor gymnasium were evaluated as part of the Concord RFSP study. The Play Scape at Ripley, a nature-based playground with inclusive play equipment, is an ambitious alternative to other municipal playgrounds in Concord, however many elements such as the slide and swings had fallen into a state of disrepair. This playground is privately owned and maintained by the CCC. The other, more traditional playground situated against the Concord Integrated Preschool building was in better condition and very popular with the many school children enjoying it at recess. Only some “talk tubes,” a play element which carries the voice over a distance to another



Accessible baseball diamond at Ripley School.

user in the playground, had been covered and taped with foam, a hazard given its location and height relative to the user's height.

The baseball diamond and multi-use fields were deemed in good condition with irrigation present. Some grading issues in the diamond and soccer fields were apparent. The Little League baseball diamond is accessible with curb cuts and connected walkways from the off-street parking lot at the front of the school to the high quality covered dugouts. However, the placement of concession stand and bleachers on the third base side of the diamond made an otherwise accessible path inaccessible. The bullpen/batting cage on the third base side also contains one fenced side that is too low at 4' high and presents a player safety issue.

In 2020, CPW replaced the infield clay at the baseball field to a professional-level infield skin mix. The warning track material was upgraded as well, to a color-matched crushed stone. Artificial turf was installed in the batting cages and bullpens in 2022.

The ~1,850 square foot indoor gymnasium is permitted by Concord Recreation for sports league play and educational programming such as STEM youth courses. It features basketball courts and a restroom. The floor in the gymnasium is starting to fail and should be replaced. The indoor bathrooms are not fully accessible and are very outdated.

In 2022, the baseball diamond was permitted for 507 hours, the multi-use fields for 2,589 hours, and the indoor gymnasium for 241 hours for a variety of programming including Girl and Cub Scout meetings, STEAM Innovation Lab program, and basketball practice (3,337 hours total).

Community Thoughts

Many respondents to the online survey felt Ripley School Fields were not a priority for them or their household, however some respondents to the survey suggested they thought this location could be a good site for future recreation development space. Others were adamant they did not want the open space / natural space to suffer from new amenities. Survey comments included the following amenity requests at Ripley School Fields:

- Renovate gym
- More indoor recreational programming
- Add indoor pickleball and outdoor tennis courts

Future Ideas

Ripley School Fields and Gymnasium provide significant recreational and educational opportunities for children with a range of abilities and interests to learn, play, and enjoy sports together. This level of inclusiveness among young users should extend to all generations. By renovating the existing indoor gym, the Town could address the rising trend and resulting demand for more adult and senior programming by providing indoor pickleball and basketball, group fitness classes, and social community gatherings like dances, card game or craft nights at this site.

This location should also be considered for expanded winter recreation. Particularly, a temporary outdoor ice-skating rink could take up residence on Ripley's fields during the winter as a pilot study for a more permanent rink structure in town. This site could provide an alternative to Warner's Pond, where Concord residents have historically gone for wild skating. Future changes to the dam structure at Warner's Pond may reduce the pond's ability to adequately freeze for safe skating. Skating as a cross-generational social activity was well-supported in the online survey results and would serve to bring Concord residents together through a nostalgic, family-oriented pastime. If it becomes popular, then Concord Recreation could program skating events and activities in the same way it sponsors the Summer Concert Series and other annual events.



Upgrades to the existing gymnasium could enable more diverse programming for multi-generational users.



LOCATION	39A Commonwealth Avenue
ACREAGE	0.75a Launch site, 77a Pond & Wetlands
ZONING	C‘
PARCEL #	2146-1
USAGE LEVEL	Moderate
DEED RESTRICTION	Permanent Protection
MANAGER	Natural Resources Division (DNR)

TODAY’S SITE AMENITIES

- Boat launch / public landing
- Trailhead kiosk
- Off-street parking (~6 vehicles)
- Soon to be access across the pond to Gerow Park and Bruce Freeman Rail Trail with restrooms, trails, pavilion, and additional dedicated parking

Warner’s Pond Water Access Point

The Warner’s Pond Water Access point is located on the eastern side of Warner’s Pond, accessible via Commonwealth Avenue between two residential lots in West Concord. The narrow wooded site is used for a variety of small watercraft in late spring / early summer and for ice skating in the winter. Historic and environmental interpretative information about Warner’s pond is provided on a trailhead kiosk. The site is located close to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail multiuse path as well as the 7-acre Gerow Park site along the northern side of Warner’s Pond which began construction in 2021 and remains under construction (Phase 1). This park will have water views and possible water access.

Today’s Conditions

According to the Town of Concord’s website, Warner’s Pond is in an “advanced state of eutrophication which has resulted in a number of undesirable conditions including decreased



Warner’s Pond Water Access Point Aerial View.

water depths, widespread growths of aquatic invasive plants, and impaired recreational opportunities.” Community meetings throughout 2023 were convened to discuss how to “restore ecological health and recreational opportunities of the Warner’s Pond system.” Both dredging and dam removal have been suggested as alternative ways to address the challenges at Warner’s Pond. Dredging would remove sediments and debris from a portion

of the pond, allowing for better recreational access within some of the water body and to support aquatic life. Dredging can be done strategically in certain locations where recreational access is preferred and where it may improve the ecological health of the pond. Dam removal would restore the Nashoba Brook system to a free-flowing river and bordering wetland complex with some effects on such popular winter recreation as the wild ice skating that has historically taken place on Warner's Pond. An approximate 4.5-acre area of open water would likely remain adjacent to the Gerow Recreation Area where ice skating may still be possible. Such vast expansion to the stream channel and wetlands will undoubtedly enhance habitat for fish and wildlife. A Task Force is being created to study the best approach towards improvements at Warner's Pond, with a decision about dam removal not likely to go to Town vote until at least FY 2025, according to the Natural Resources Director.

Water-based use of the Warner's Pond Water Access Point is moderate, with highest use from late spring to early summer before invasive aquatic vegetation creates navigational challenges. The Concord Scout House, who own Scout Island in the middle of Warner's Pond, typically use the Water Access point to access the island. Natural Resource Division staff anticipate a more regional use of Warner's Pond with the dam removal alternative since it will expand river paddling opportunities.

There is on-site parking for six (6) vehicles at Warner's Pond Water Access site. The launch area is within close proximity to the parking space, which loading/unloading boats easy and straightforward for paddlers. There is no accessible path from the parking area to the pond for users with mobility constraints, however. A woodland and riparian buffer surround the site and pond's perimeter.



Entrance to site between two private residences but is clearly marked by park and regulatory signage.

This site is maintained by Natural Resources Division (DNR) and group activities require a permit from DNR.

Community Thoughts

With several high profile projects centered on Warner's Pond, participants at community engagement events and online survey respondents were well informed about the water access point and offered many thoughts about the site and general future of the pond. Some people asked for the Town to "clean Warner's Pond and make it accessible for swimming, boating etc." while others reflected that "if the Town takes out the dam at Warner's Pond, .kayaking or canoeing on Nashoba Brook to the remaining Warner's Pond would be great." Another survey respondent "hoped that passive (walking and gathering areas) trails through marshes (if the pond goes away) will be built not just from Gerrow, but also from Pond Street and Commonwealth Ave access [points]. Just an observation bench is not enough. And to cut Pond Street access off would be a loss to the West Concord community. I'd like the town to give West Concord as much love as it gives Concord Center."

Survey respondents identified "more amenities" such as benches or wayfinding signage as what they would like to see improved at the Warner's Pond Water Access Point. Some individuals made the following requests for specific amenities, apparently for the Gerow site:

- Boating access with rentals
- Swimming
- Trails
- Play equipment
- Potential site for concerts

Future Ideas

The site's gradual grade change should be leveraged into Concord's first all-persons boat launch and landing. With some minimal design interventions such as an accessible route from a handicap-signed and paved parking space to an adaptive boat launch, the Warner's Pond Water Access Point could offer a safer and more accessible way for people in wheelchairs and those with disabilities to participate in paddling activities more fully. Equally a water access point with a boat launch and/or a fishing pier could be added at the Gerow recreation site.



LOCATION	61 Laws Brook Road
ACREAGE	11a
ZONING	Residential C
PARCEL #	2244
USAGE LEVEL	High
DEED RESTRICTION	No deed restriction for 10.94 acre of site; CR for 0.95a related to CCYS
MANAGER	Concord Public Works (CPW), Facilities, and Concord Recreation

TODAY'S SITE AMENITIES

- 1 Multipurpose Field
- 1 Softball Diamond
- 2 Baseball Diamonds
- 1 Scoreboard
- 2 Batting Cages
- 3 Tennis / 6 Pickleball multi-use courts
- 2 Basketball Courts
- 6 Fitness Stations
- 1 Playground (2-12y)
- 1 Sandbox Totlot
- Perimeter Walking Loop
- Seasonal Restrooms & Storage Shed
- Covered Picnic Pavilion
- Flag pole, benches, picnic tables, water fountain, bike racks
- 2 dedicated off-street Parking Lots with ~55 spaces and an Electric Vehicle Charging Point

Rideout Park & Playground

Rideout Park is a popular park located within a residential neighborhood of West Concord. Leafy and green with plenty of programmed and open space alike, Rideout Park is teeming with recreation opportunities for both young and old. It is heavily used throughout the year and is the second most permitted park in Concord's recreation system with over 4,000 hours of use permitted in 2022. It hosts numerous sporting events across multiple athletic fields and courts with high use by the Concord-Carlisle Youth Baseball and Softball League. Rideout Park hosts the most permitted community events at 2, like as the Rideout Summer Concert Series The park provides passive and active recreation opportunities as well as planned and spontaneous usage for local residents. CPW maintains the field, Facilities cares for vertical site furnishings and structures, and Concord Recreation permits use.



Rideout Park & Playground Aerial View.

Today's Conditions

Rideout Park is generally in good condition with several site improvements added in 2018 including an upgraded baseball diamond including backstop and benches, playground, pathways, parking facilities and reconfigured ADA accessible restrooms. A 13+ years Fitness Park of six (6) outdoor exercise stations was added in 2019. Despite these new recreational amenities, several beloved resources are in desperate need of repair, with hazardous cracks having formed at the multiuse tennis and pickleball courts and basketball courts. Similarly, other interventions to improve safety and accessibility are necessary at Rideout Park, including repairs to the perimeter path; the hazardous overlap of the little league baseball diamond near Conant Street entrance and the playground; aging infrastructure, lack of accessibility and poor dugout experience at the baseball and softball diamonds; and lack of park signage at all of the park's entries. The Conant Street parking lot, one of two dedicated parking lots for the park, is also deeply cracked and pitted.

Community Thoughts

According to an online survey conducted for this strategic plan, Rideout Park is the second most frequented recreation facility in Concord. Survey respondents are most interested in improving accessibility and increasing active and passive recreation options at the park. They also want improved maintenance and upkeep, better restrooms, water fountains, signage, and seating.



Popular Summer Concert Series at Rideout Park.



The pickleball courts at Rideout are hugely popular and packed year round.



Multiuse field is regularly permitted for use by CCHS Ultimate Frisbee team and popular for pick-up games too.

The survey returned overwhelming requests for dedicated pickleball and tennis courts rather than multipurpose courts and there were many comments on the need for court resurfacing. Requests to improve playground offerings by adding more bucket swings for toddlers and adding a perimeter fence to protect playground users from roaming dogs was mentioned as well as widening existing paths and keeping them maintained for winter access.

Requests for addition amenities at Rideout in the survey included:

- Seasonal temporary ice skating rink, bonfire stations and event programming in winter
- Splash pad and more play options
- Fenced-in dog park
- Outdoor exercise equipment (different from the existing teen-focused fitness stations)
- Adding lights to courts to extend use time

Future Ideas

The success of Rideout Park as a beloved recreation space and community gathering place in West Concord relies on continued strong maintenance and property protection improvements as well as the future implementation of enhancements identified through this strategic planning process. These long-term design opportunities should include:

- Dedicated pickleball courts on resurfaced existing courts
- Covered dugouts to enhance players' comfort during baseball and softball games
- Splash pad/Spray Deck
- More creative play options when the existing playground comes to the end of its useful life
- Fenced-in dog park



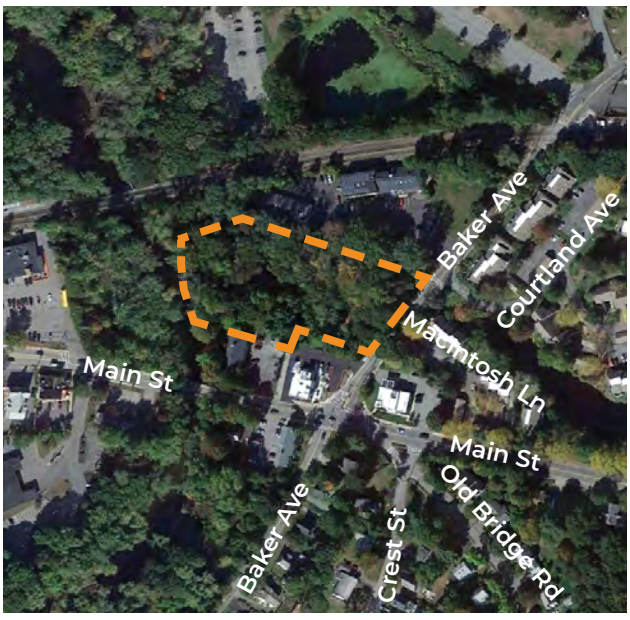
LOCATION	36A Baker Ave
ACREAGE	1.94a
ZONING	IPA‘
PARCEL #	3792
USAGE LEVEL	Moderate
DEED RESTRICTION	Permanent Protection
MANAGER	Natural Resources Division (DNR) & Concord Public Works (CPW)

TODAY’S SITE AMENITIES

- Trails
- Boat launch/public landing
- Two (2) picnic areas with five (5) picnic tables total, including accessible table
- Pollinator garden with signage
- Wayfinding signage
- Dedicated off-street parking (~3-4 spaces)

Baker Avenue Water Access Point

The Baker Avenue Water Access point is situated on a narrow parcel along the Assabet River. Upriver from the site, the river passes under a railroad bridge and down river, it passes under the Main Street bridge which leads into West Concord. Located off Baker Avenue along a short gravel road, the site provides a water access point for paddlers at the end of a wood chip trail through a wooded enclave. The site abuts commercial buildings with a stream along the northern edge. Baker Avenue Water Access Point is maintained by National Resources Division (DNR) and group activities require a permit from DNR.



Baker Avenue Water Access Point Aerial View.

Today’s Conditions

Nestled between commercial properties, Baker Avenue Water Access Point is an unexpected natural landscape hidden just off a busy corridor. Indeed, many participants in the community engagement process were not aware of the site. Amenities include two picnic areas, a wood chip trail, a tagged pollinator garden, an informal boat launch area / public landing, and dedicated parking for approximately three to four (3-4) vehicles. The site is well maintained



Recycled plastic picnic tables at site.

by dedicated trail stewards and DNR staff as evidence in the tidy wood chip trail and newly planted and tagged native pollinator garden meant to attract birds, bees and butterflies to the site. Two picnic areas including one with a picnic table for users with disabilities exist within the site: one near the parking lot on a composite timber deck and the other re-using an existing concrete pad from a former industrial use at the site.

The site's informal boat launch area was flooded during the spring time when the site evaluation occurred, a seasonal and expected occurrence. The small recreation site on conservation land has been purposefully left unprogrammed yet its well maintained amenities in a woodland setting offer a small natural refuge for passive recreation activities.

Community Thoughts

Very few comments were made specifically about Baker Avenue Water Access Point in the online survey, however many respondents felt they "need[ed] more kayak/canoe access points along the Assabet River." Some respondents also commented that "access to and enjoyment of rivers and ponds in Concord seem[ed] under-emphasized.' Like those found at other NRC water access points in Concord, this site might be better advertised with either a park sign or the traditional square canoe symbol positioned along Baker Avenue.

At the first public engagement event for the RFSP, participants suggested boat/kayak/paddle board rental be added as an amenity to this water access site. Such an resource might be more appropriate at a larger water site. As the most developed and maintained launch site in town, Baker Avenue Water Access Point also ranked among the top four sites (out of seven proposed sites) for possible conceptual design at the second public engagement event. A conceptual plan was developed and shared at a final public engagement event this site.

Many participants in the community engagement process liked the proposed design ideas for improving Baker Venue Water Access Point because they were low intervention with small price tags and short construction time frames. One participant, an avid paddler, felt that both the current out-and-back trail at Baker Avenue Water Access Point as well as the interventions in the proposed design were impractical. She deemed the path as too long to carry a kayak or other small watercraft from the parking lot to the canoe launch area. She also felt it was much easier to park at the water access point downstream at Dino's Restaurant where dedicated parking for paddlers is just a short walk from where the canoe launch is located. A revised conceptual plan for Baker Avenue Water Access Point based on these comments and further input from NRD and other Town leadership is described briefly below and available on pages 122-125.

Future Ideas

Situated near businesses within a residential context, existing programming at Baker Avenue Water Access Point could be enhanced to encourage more visitation to this newly-acquired natural refuge. Adding simple rustic play pieces such as tree stumps and boughs for balancing and building could fulfill an identified need for more play spaces in Concord. Adding diversity to the existing pollinator garden will strengthen the area's native woodland ecology and provide educational opportunities for visitors. Finally, the clearing of winter debris from the canoe launch / public landing each spring will help users know where the preferred area is to launch or land their boats. And, of course, it goes without saying that kids of all ages will be able to dip their toes and organically explore the waterways that form two edges of this property. See pages 122-125 for other potential enhancements to this site.



Dedicated off-street parking lot.



LOCATION	1276 Main Street
ACREAGE	2.47a
ZONING	WCB
PARCEL #	2447
USAGE LEVEL	High
DEED RESTRICTION	No

TODAY'S SITE AMENITIES

- Various services, including the Concord Council on Aging offices and event programming spaces
- Carousel preschool and shared playground
- Computer Lab
- Library
- Reservable rooms
- Off-street parking (~114 spaces)

Harvey Wheeler Community Center

Harvey Wheeler is a 25,000-square foot community center in West Concord. The center services two distinct user groups in Concord: seniors and preschool students. Concord seniors use the spaces, senior care, and programming through the Concord Council on Aging (CCA). The center hosts classes and events for seniors, health clinics, and has an on-site library, computer lab, and auditorium space. An on-site preschool called Concord Carousel Preschool (CCP) provides half-day and, as of 2023, one class of full-day child care at Harvey Wheeler Community Center within four (4) classrooms. The Concord Carousel Playground also shares an outdoor 'creative play' playground with neighboring private non-profit childcare organization Concord Children's Center (CCC), which is located in an adjacent building on Town-owned land.

Today's Conditions

The Harvey Wheeler Community Center has public meeting spaces and rooms that can be reserved through the Concord Recreation website. In addition to use by the CCA and the preschool, these spaces are also booked by external community groups. For example, a quilting group frequently uses the large rooms available at the community center.



Harvey Wheeler Community Center Aerial View.

Community Thoughts

Very few comments were made about Harvey Wheeler Community Center in the online survey or during the community engagement events.

Future Ideas

Staff at the CCA would like additional space for their senior programming.

Staff managing CCP would like more frequent access to some of the existing spaces within the community center, including the meeting rooms and auditorium, which it currently uses one morning per week for supplemental learning such as musical or puppet performances. Needs also include the following:

- Additional storage space for supplies, equipment and toys; and,
- Dedicated adult meeting space for parent-teacher conferences and staff meetings.

The outdoor playground feels sufficient by preschool staff, despite it being shared with CCC and a portion of it being converted to a parking lot. An use schedule is coordinated between the two schools.

The CCP must limit their enrollment based on the existing space constraints at Harvey Wheeler Community Center. For the first time in 2023, the preschool offered full-day care and found the offering fully subscribed by families in Concord. This response suggests that there may be a demand for affordable childcare in Concord, which should be confirmed. If verified, additional, appropriate school space should be adapted to expand the preschool.



Children playing at Concord Carousel Preschool program at Harvey Wheeler Community Center. Photo credit: Concord Recreation website.



Senior exercise classes at Harvey Wheeler Community. Center. Photo credit: Concord Council on Aging.



Concord-Carlisle seniors enjoy Ping Pong at Harvey Wheeler Community Center. Photo credit: Concord Council on Aging.



Concord Council on Aging organizes well-attended social gatherings for the many senior residents living in the area. Photo credit: Concord Council on Aging.



LOCATION	90 Stow Street
ACREAGE	0.62a
ZONING	C‘
PARCEL #	0154
USAGE LEVEL	High
DEED RESTRICTION	P/ No Deed Restriction
MANAGER	Concord Recreation / Facilities

TODAY’S SITE AMENITIES

- Offices, small kitchen, welcome desk, accessible entrance and elevator
- Conference room
- Multipurpose room (Child-care, Camps)
- 2 Locker room with re-strooms and showers
- 1 gender neutral restroom
- Gymnasium with indoor basketball courts, lined for pickleball, and storage for fitness equipment
- Hunt side lawn (outdoor event space)
- Entry plaza with facility signage and landscaping
- Water fountain, picnic tables, public sunscreen dispenser

Hunt Recreation Center

Built between 1935-36, Hunt Recreation Center is the municipalities (excluding schools) only indoor recreation facility. It is located in the historic center of Concord and adjacent to Emerson Park /Play-ground. The ~10,000 square-foot facility is ADA complaint with ADA door openers, elevator, and accessible restrooms and offices. The Hunt Recre-ation Center provides indoor and outdoor amenities for active recreation, including group exercise pro-grams and organized sports leagues such as youth and adult basketball, adult pickleball, and adult volleyball. Summer camps are held here as well as community events such as the Stow Street Block Party and family movie nights and the Communi-ty Yard Sale held outdoors in the Hunt Side Lawn (~15,000 square feet). The Hunt Recreation Center also houses the administrative office of Concord Recreation, a multi-purpose meeting room, and a large space for an after-school child care program. The indoor recreation center also includes locker rooms with showers and restrooms and a gender neutral single stall restroom. On street parking as well as a dedicated off-street parking lot for ap-proximately 20 vehicles are available to users of this facility. This facility is maintained and permitted by the Recreation Department with support from Facilities.



Hunt Recreation Center Aerial View.

Today's Conditions

Overall, the Hunt Recreation Center is in good condition with several amenities, including recently renovated restrooms. This facility is frequently used by park and playground users for restrooms and water. The landscaping in front of Hunt Recreation Center was installed in 2022 and maintained in late spring/early summer as part of CPW seasonal maintenance schedule, however improvements to the existing entry plaza and how it serves as a gateway into Emerson Park would create great better integration between the two recreation facilities. Painting of walls, baseboards and trim inside Hunt Recreation Center might also improve the building's interior as well as new carpeting.

Several space at the Hunt Recreation Center are permitted for us and include the conference room, multipurpose room and gymnasium. The gymnasium sees the most use with 332 hours in 2022 primarily by the early release day childcare program, power soccer practice and CCYB practice.

Community Thoughts

Comments about Hunt Recreation Center from the online survey showed a variety of opinions about the indoor facility: from "really appreciate the Hunt building as a center for so many activities and summer camp" to wanting an "updated gym (Hunt) with indoor track or other indoor walking facilities to be used during winter/bad weather." Many respondents wanted more indoor basketball and pickleball courts and many comments centered around the demand for programming outweighing the availability. It is important to note that the Hunt Recreation Center is the only indoor recreation space owned and maintained by the municipality and demand for the gym use is high. Specific requests for amenities at Hunt Recreation Center included:

- Add Air Conditioning in the gym!
- Update gym and replace surfacing/floor
- More indoor recreation spaces for play and walking such as an indoor track in winter
- Greater fitness programming options outside of nine to five on weekdays and more weekend classes
- More indoor basketball and pickleball courts

Future Ideas

Increased adult participation in recreation offerings, current trends toward active and healthy lifestyles, flexible work schedules, and long New England winters all drive the demand for more indoor recreation programming and therefore, indoor space to house it. The Town should consider what existing indoor spaces--such as Ripley School gymnasium or Peabody Middle School--could be upgraded or creatively adapted to meet demand. Likewise, the Town should consider whether future projects like the recently approved new middle school could be designed in a way to allow for more Town permitted use. Alternatively, acquiring property such as the EPA Superfund site at 2229 Main Street might satisfy the growing need for more indoor recreation space in the long-term.



Freshly landscaped front to Hunt Recreation Center.



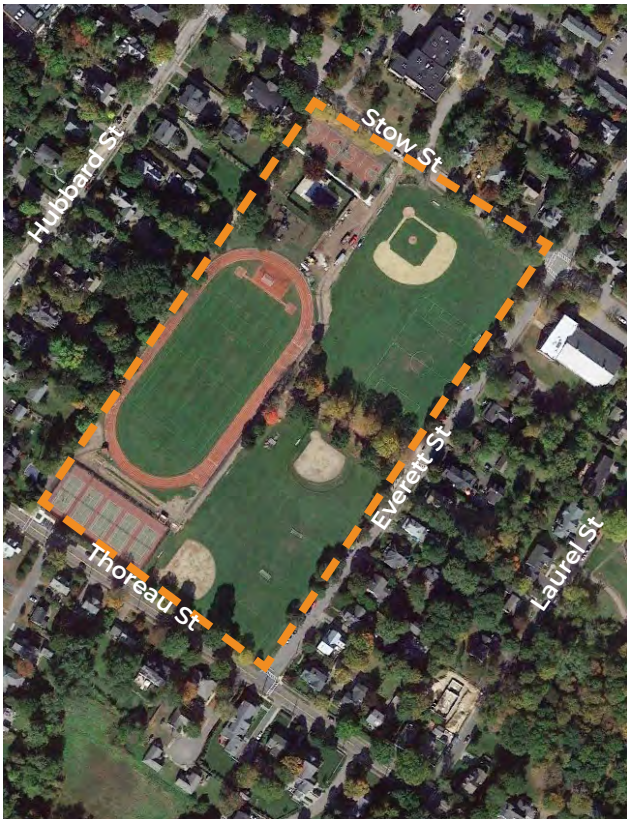
LOCATION	26 Stow Street
ACREAGE	6.4a
ZONING	C‘
PARCEL #	0186
USAGE LEVEL	High
DEED RESTRICTION	P/ No Deed Restriction
MANAGER	Concord Public Works (CPW), Facilities, and Concord Recreation

TODAY’S SITE AMENITIES

- 3 Soccer Fields
- 2 Softball Fields
- 1 Scoreboard
- 1 Baseball Field
- 5 Tennis Courts with 1 Bang/Backboard
- 2 Basketball Courts
- 1 Outdoor Pool
- 1 Track & 2 Field Events (Long Jump & High Jump)
- 1 Playground (2-12y)
- 1 Sandbox Totlot
- Accessible Park Pathway
- Flag pole, benches, picnic tables, 2 water fountains, bike racks, 2 storage sheds, dog waste bag receptacles
- 1 Mature Tree Allee
- 2 Park Information Boards

Emerson Playground

Emerson Playground, often referred to as Emerson Park, is a signature park within the Town of Concord’s recreation system. At nearly 100 years old, Emerson Playground is situated close to the historic town center within both commercial and residential contexts and serves as a natural gathering place for Concord residents. Town-owned and operated indoor Hunt Recreation Center sits on a neighboring parcel. Emerson Playground is rectilinear and organized into quadrants, which are further subdivided down by use. The Everett Street entrance features an allee of soaring mature maple trees planted by Concord’s Garden club in the 1930s and various memorials line this important path, a nod to the park’s significance within the community. CPW maintains the field, Facilities cares for vertical site furnishings and structures, and Concord Recreation permits use.



Emerson Playground Aerial View.

Today’s Conditions

With the exception of a pond and many shaded tree-lined pathways, little of the programming

conceived for the 1926 plan of Emerson Park has changed and users continue to enjoy many of the same recreational activities they did nearly a century ago. Emerson Park is one of Concord's most used parks with over 4,000 permitted use hours in 2022. Much informal and therefore undocumented passive recreation occurs at Emerson Playground; for example, the park's open expanse is hugely popular with the dog owners who exercise their pets and enjoy a sense of community here. Similarly, many older users have noted using the recently installed ADA compliant path network for gentle exercise, which are even plowed in winter allowing for all season use.

In 2021, new irrigation covers were installed in all of the ball field areas, lawns around the pool, playground, the field in the fenced track area, and the lawn directly adjacent to the Hunt Recreation Center. A new control system and an additional well were added, and three existing wells were reconditioned as part of this project. Additionally, a baseball/little league field was converted to softball to meet community needs, and it, along with the existing softball field, were installed with electricity and received new infield clay. The outfield was



Playground at Emerson Park.



The track is popular for informal exercise by Town residents as well as by permitted users including many school track teams and for sporting events such as Special Olympics.



The outdoor pool is used by Concord Recreation summer camp program.

brought in on the middle field by shrinking the skinned area and installing 10,000 square feet of new sod in fall of 2021.

Community Thoughts

The survey returned many comments on the current offerings as well as suggestions for future amenities at Emerson Park. Many respondents commented on either the addition of a fenced dog park or banning dogs from the park's athletic fields. There were also many comments in equal measure about the existing tennis courts with opposing demands for adding and not adding pickleball striping or dedicated pickleball courts. Additional amenities requests for Emerson Park include:

- Add new picnic tables, seating options and trash bins throughout the park.
- Keep tennis nets up year-round.
- Add bocce ball courts.
- Add lighting to existing sports courts.
- More creative / ambitious play options or splash pad.
- Add more unprogrammed "natural" space.
- Bring back the seasonal outdoor skating rink.

Future Ideas

At the heart of historic Concord with the park's initial parcel sold to the Town for a single dollar in 1887 by its most famous family, Emerson Park remains an important open space for community recreation. Future interventions at the park should continue to support ideals of inclusivity, universal access, equity and personal fitness among its users. To this end, Emerson Park would benefit from an overarching Master Plan and standardization of its site furnishings.



LOCATION	173A Main Street*
ACREAGE	0.82a
ZONING	C‘
PARCEL #	2693-1-1
USAGE LEVEL	Moderate
DEED RESTRICTION	Permanent Protection
MANAGER	Natural Resources Division (DNR)

TODAY’S SITE AMENITIES

- Public landing area
- Park and wayfinding signage
- Trail Markers and maintained trails
- Two (2) picnic tables
- Log bench
- Various wooden bridges to maintain trail connection to adjacent parcels

Second Division Brook Water Access Point (Westvale-Harrington Park)

The Second Division Brook Water Access Point is located along the Assabet River on a Town conservation parcel in West Concord. The site is a public boat landing and picnic area, with some users arriving by river, and others from trails within Westvale-Harrington Park. The picnic area contains two durable composite picnic tables, a log cut decoratively as a bench, wayfinding signage including a large map and trail markers indicating well maintained trails. Two park signs--one placed along the river’s edge with infographics depicting amenities and one positioned along the road at Main Street--are on the site and fashioned from wood in the style of other NRC properties. The site is simple yet adequate as a comfortable place to pause for paddlers. The adjacent parcels provide interesting plank bridges to carry hikers along the riverbanks connecting the wooded site to Harrington Park. Directly across the river is a privately held but publicly accessible canoe launch site at the Westvale Meadows condominium complex. This canoe launch site



Second Division Brook Water Access Point Aerial View.

*Second Division Brook is a parcel within Westvale-Harrington Park, 27 acres of Town lands with scenic trails through river floodplain and atop the Assabet River bluff. For the purpose of the study’s assessment, only Parcel 2693-1-1 was assessed.



Views down river toward historic Damon Mill, which was used for textile production in the 19th century and once produced 50,000 yards of fabric for the U.S. Army in 1861.

has four (4) signed, designated off-street park spaces at the entry to the Westvale Meadow condominium complex. This area is primarily deciduous woodland, riparian buffer, and meadow.

Today's Conditions

Second Division Brook is well maintained with likely moderate use during the summer months and perhaps in late spring and early fall. It is easily accessible from the river and trails from Harrington Park and the Rogers land community garden but a bit more challenging to access on foot from Main Street due to a guardrail along Main Street.

Community Thoughts

Second Division Brook was not explicitly mentioned or included in the online survey. At the first public meeting for Concord RFSP, participants suggested kayak, paddle board or boat rental facilities be added to many of the water access points along the Assabet river.

Future Ideas

Second Division Brook provides a quiet spot to pause when paddling along the Assabet River or exploring the conservation land on foot. The space also enjoys a visual connection to the architecturally interesting and historically significant Damon Mill building upstream, which has harnessed water from the river for various different industries since the founding of Concord. Consideration might be given to a series of temporary art installations located along the river and how they might tell the story of water power in Concord.



Site signage visible to paddlers along the Assabet River.



Various wooden plank bridges connect the adjacent parcels while also providing architectural interest.



Picnic area.



LOCATION	8 Brown Street
ACREAGE	4a field, 6.5a riverfront
ZONING	C‘
PARCEL #	2498-1, 2498-2
USAGE LEVEL	High
DEED RESTRICTION	Permanent Protection
MANAGER	Natural Resources Division (DNR) & Concord Public Works (CPW)

TODAY’S SITE AMENITIES

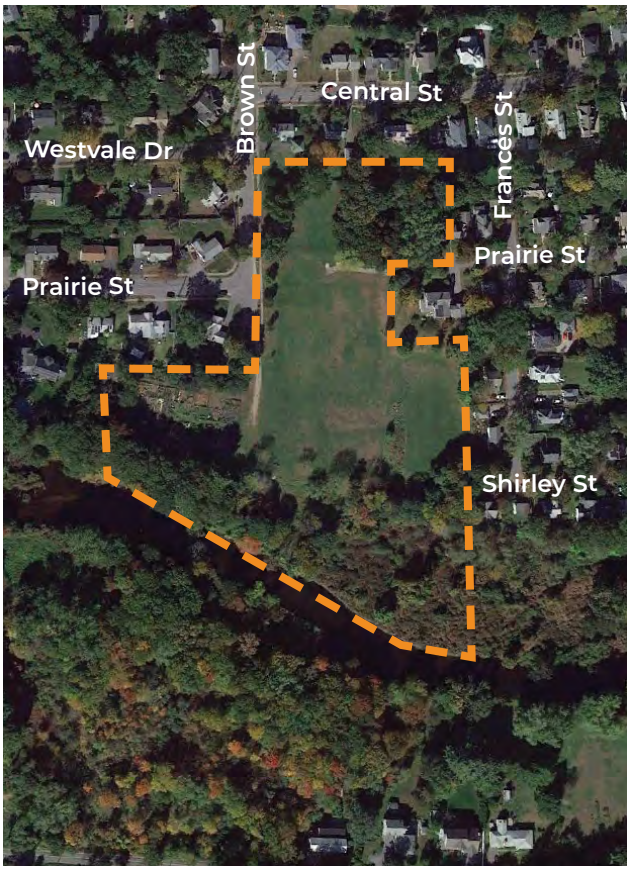
- Multiuse fields
- Trails
- Community garden and gardening amenities, water outlets
- Informal river access
- 6 benches, 1 picnic table, trash and recycling bins, bird houses
- Park signage
- No designated parking

Cousins Field

Cousins Field is a scenic landscape located along the Assabet River in West Concord. Situated within a residential context, street trees provide a visual cue to the park’s entry along Brown Street. Cousins Field contains large open fields, which are partially maintained for youth sports with some managed meadow. The park has a variety of trails along its riparian edge and perimeter woodland and larger mature trees provide character to this conservation parcel. A popular community garden with 25 plots that include Town water outlets are singular amenities within an otherwise natural landscape. This site is maintained by the Natural Resources Division (DNR) and permitted for use by DNR and Concord Recreation.

Today’s Conditions

Cousin Field is managed as conservation land, so the multiuse fields are unlined but permitting is required for league use of the three (3) double fields used for practice and games by pre-K to Grade 1 youth soccer. In 2022, these multiuse fields were permitted for 669 hours of



Cousins Field Aerial View.

use by Concord-Carlisle Youth Soccer, up from 462 hours in 2021 attesting to soccer's popularity as a youth sport in Concord and the in 2022 The field is considered to be in poor condition, needing re-grading and re-seeding. In addition to the Community Garden plots, Cousins Field has been permitted for some community events such a Bike Rodeo, which teaches youth bicycle riding skills and road safety.

Cousins Field enjoys a wooden park sign typical of conservation land in Concord however it is difficult for users to determine which parts of the park are public, when several private residential backyards back directly onto the park with no tree buffer or fencing.

Community Thoughts

The site has been observed to be popular with dog walkers as the primary daily user group as well as residents from the nearby neighborhood engaging in gentle exercise. In fact, many participants in the community engagement events queried where Cousins Fields was located in Concord while others spoke about it as a well-guarded local secret to the West Concord neighborhood! Furthermore, one participant from the third community engagement event wrote that Cousins Field was "nice as it is" and "not sure it needs more."

The online survey yielded many specific comments about Cousins Field. One respondent recommended: "a better canoe launch at Cousins Field would provide easier access to enjoy the river." Another respondent commented: "I think there is a real opportunity to develop Cousins Field into a nice little park. ... This would require some investment from the town, but this is a densely populated area, and a well thought out park would be heavily used and appreciated." Finally, another respondent offered a bold suggestion: "a pedestrian bridge over the Assabet River connecting Cousins and Harrington Parks would be fabulous. Also connecting Cousins to the new Assabet Bluff by a trail through the Thoreau School property along the Assabet [river] would be great." The online survey yielded a few other requests for amenities at Cousins Field including:

- Improvements to and maintenance along waterfront for trails and passive recreation
- Management of invasive species along river
- Provide more seating
- Potential site for a dog park
- Temporary winter skating rink


No designated parking.


Limited Seating/ benches.



Existing Signage.

Future Ideas

Nestled within a West Concord neighborhood, enhancements to the park's existing features would make this well-loved neighborhood park even better. The field itself should be regraded; stormwater test pits are recommended to ensure proper drainage. Additionally, a small gathering area at the community gardens would support gardening activities and small events. The park also abuts the Assabet River, although significant grade change from the field level to the water prohibits an accessible launch. A small seating area overlooking the river would be a minimal intervention that could connect people to the waterway. Existing trails should be redefined and marked. Moments of play and relaxation, such as spots to hang a hammock, can dot the trail for interest and activation. On pages 126-130 of this report, a conceptual plan attempts to enrich Cousin Fields with new ways for residents and visitors to play, relax, and socialize as a community.



LOCATION	10 Riverdale Circle
ACREAGE	22.5a
ZONING	B‘
PARCEL #	4187
USAGE LEVEL	High
DEED RESTRICTION	P/ No Deed Restriction
MANAGER	Natural Resources Division (DNR) & Concord Public Works (CPW)

TODAY’S SITE AMENITIES

- Informal Trails
- Multipurpose Field
- Water Bottle Refilling Station

South Meadow Fields

South Meadow Field is conservation land with an open play field and an enclosed woodland perimeter. It is located in a West Concord residential neighborhood near Route 2. No park signage is present and access to the park is via Pilgrim Road despite the parcel address and online mapping sources. The multipurpose field is used for lacrosse and soccer games. The site also hosts informal trails within the woodland buffer. This site is managed by Natural Resources DIvision and Concord Public Works and permitted by Concord Recreation for use.

Today’s Conditions

The multipurpose field’s turf is in poor condition with no irrigation and undulating grades and divots. The informal trails within the perimeter woodland were muddy during the time of evaluation. There are no physical structures or other on site amenities beyond the field and a water bottle refilling station. Daily, the space is popular with neighbors walking their dogs and depending on the season, the central open field is striped for either two (2) fields of boys lacrosse or 7v7 soccer. Concord-Carlisle Youth



South Meadow FIelds Aerial View.

Soccer league was a top permitted user of South Meadow Fields in 2022, and 930 hours of total permitted hours for all sports practices,

games and other community events were recorded for this site that year too.

Community Thoughts

South Meadow Fields were deemed a low priority for many survey respondents and their households when compared to other Town-owned recreation sites across Concord. One participant at the first RFSP public engagement event queried where the site was located and whether it should be advertised better. One survey respondent called the site "under utilized today." Another also thought better utilization of South Meadow Fields was needed, however "it shouldn't get overdeveloped, but perhaps dedicating it to one sport ... and putting some benches along the trails, along the sides of the fields." Other survey respondents made the following requests for amenities at South Meadow Fields including:

- Adding a playground
- Potential site for dedicated pickleball courts

Future Ideas

Given the permitted field use by local youth sports leagues, test pits are recommended to better understand the subgrade conditions on the field with the aim of ultimately re-grade, re-seed and increasing seasonal turf management. A small rustic play space made from simple natural materials with play value like balancing, swinging, manipulating, or pretending would befit this conservation land and help fulfill an identified need for more creative play spaces. Families with a child playing a sport, and another watching, would easily make use of a small playground. The existing trails would benefit from a small kiosk with trail mapping indicating mileage and routes, along with trail markers should be incorporated, along with improved park signage. More information is available on pages 126-130.



A sign at the end of nearby Riverdale Circle refers park users to the park entrance on Pilgrim Street as online maps indicate an incorrect park entrance.


Existing trail covered in winter frost at South Meadows.


Simple regulatory signage, trash and recycling bins at the entrance.


Large open multipurpose field space is popular with dog owners.



LOCATION	498 Walden Street
ACREAGE	35,000 SF
ZONING	A‘
PARCEL #	0298
USAGE LEVEL	High
DEED RESTRICTION	P/ No Deed Restriction
MANAGER	Concord-Carlisle Regional School (CCRS) & Beede Enterprise

TODAY’S SITE AMENITIES

- Eight (8) - lane lap pool and shallow lanes
- Water therapy pool
- Children’s pool
- Dive well
- Outdoor fitness patio
- Weight and cardio fitness Rooms
- Locker rooms and restrooms
- Dedicated off-street parking (~150 spaces)

Beede Swim and Fitness Center

The Beede Swim and Fitness Center is an indoor recreation facility on the Concord-Carlisle High School campus near Concord’s historic town center. Beede opened in 2006 through many generous community donations. Concord Recreation runs Beede as an enterprise fund in accordance with Article 30 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting. The center is financially self-sufficient, balancing recreational needs of the community with an obligation to run a financially self-supporting program without taxpayer support. The center requires membership to access its facilities. It is managed by Concord Public Works and permitted by Concord Recreation for use.

Today’s Conditions

The Beede Swim and Fitness Center is specifically focused on fitness and swimming. The center includes an 8-lane lap pool, a warm water pool, a children’s pool, a diving well, and plentiful pool-side spectator seating. There are two 1,600-square-foot fitness rooms; one



Beede Swim and Fitness Center Aerial View.

for weight training and one for cardiovascular exercise. In addition, the facility includes men’s and women’s locker/shower rooms, inclusive changing rooms, and staff office space. The facility is open approximately 100 hours each week throughout the year welcoming an average of 250 members per day. Beede hosts numerous fitness and swimming lessons and other community classes programming, such as Swim with Santa, Mermaid Swim Night, and Beede and Books: Read and Swim!

Community Thoughts

Feedback from the community was focused on the cost of membership as a deterrence to access this facility. Survey respondents also found the Beede center to be too small and equipment in decline. One respondent said that "Beede is an asset to Concord, but repairs and general upkeep have fallen behind. Pools are closed far too often."

Some feedback suggested there is a desire for a more family-friendly children's pool. Lap pool users liked the ability to reserve lanes (which became available during the pandemic). Others suggested more exercise equipment options and more diverse fitness class offerings. Multiple respondents commented on not liking or being offended by the music played at this facility.

Future Ideas

The Beede Swim and Fitness Center was not evaluated as part of the RFSP. No future ideas for this facilities have been included in this report.



Children enjoy swim time during the Beede December Vacation Program. Photo credit: Concord Recreation.



Beede Fit for senior users and other exercise programming is available at Beede Center. Photo credit: Concord Recreation website.



Mermaid Swim event. Photo credit: Concord Recreation.



LOCATION	500 Walden Street
ACREAGE	93.6a CCHS campus (~7,500 SF)
ZONING	A‘
PARCEL #	0298
USAGE LEVEL	Moderate
DEED RESTRICTION	P/ No Deed Restriction
MANAGER	Concord-Carlisle Regional School (CCRS) / Concord Public Works (CPW) / Facilities

TODAY'S SITE AMENITIES

- Woodward built with Skatelite
- Kicker
- Funbox
- Rail
- Box
- 2 Quarter Pipes
- Mini Half Pipe
- Accessible Path
- Park Signage
- Picnic Table
- Parking available after school hours

Skate Park at Concord-Carlisle High School

The Skate Park at Concord-Carlisle High School (CCHS) is set away from the school on the west side of the campus in a large grass field bordered by the perimeter woodland buffer. This recreational facility is one of many on site and is accessible. The skate park's surface is asphalt with fixed concrete ramps and other equipment. Circa 2004, it was funded by the Rotary Club of Concord, the Alliance for Teen Safety, Inc., the Concord-Carlisle Community Chest Cornerstone Alliance Fund, the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District (CCRS) and many other organizations, businesses, and individuals. Records of when it opened have not been found that record the skate Park's official opening. Facilities maintains the Skate Park and it is not permitted for use.

Today's Conditions

The fixed skate park elements, surfacing, ramped walkway entrance, and seat walls appear in good condition and colonized by the park's users in the typical way these rec-



Skate Park at Concord-Carlisle High School Aerial View.



Quarter pipe at skatepark.

reation facilities are: through graffiti and stickers. The original plaque-signage is missing and damaged receptacles on site suggest either users who a lack of regular maintenance.

Community Thoughts

The majority of survey respondents seemed to feel ambivalent about the Skate Park at CCHS. It was the least visited recreation facility among those listed within the survey and some 89% of respondents felt it was not a priority site for them or their household. Yet, nearly 30% of survey respondents “favored” or “highly favored” improvements to the existing Skate Park to include other extreme sports such as a BMX track or parkour. Several comments from the survey also suggested ideas for enhancing the land around the Skate Park, such as adding a "pump track to the grassy area near [the] skate park."

Conversations held at in-person public engagement events suggested many residents did not know Concord had a skate park. One participant at the first public engagement event suggested the site needed "more visibility from the road." Conversely, at the RFSP’s third community engagement event, the skate park was endorsed by a self-identified mother to teenagers in Concord, who said that hang-out spaces like the skate park were needed for this age group as well as additional programming targeting teenagers. Needing more non-sport recreational opportunities for tween and teenaged children in town was also a prevalent comment made by survey respondents.

Future Ideas

The RFSP’s community engagement process revealed the need for more activities tailored for teenagers in Town and the desire for additional ways to gather as a community outdoors in a post-pandemic world. Given its proximity to Concord’s town center and location across from Beede Swim & Fitness Center, this underutilized piece of land on the CCHS property could serve both of these desires. Imagined for this space are active recreation amenities arranged around a central open lawn that can support small to mid-sized town-wide and school events and performances, providing the Town with an alternative location that relieves pressure from the overextended Doug White Complex and Rideout Park locations. A stage would anchor this space and serve as an everyday teen hangout spot and picnic area. The performing arts lawn could be sized to provide an additional rectangular multi-use field, which would augment the Town’s existing field resources while addressing increasing popularity of soccer in Concord.

Active recreation opportunities are endless here; ideas play off of the skate park that exists here currently, with suggestions for improvements to make it more attractive for use, such as adding a new pump track for bikes, disc golf course through woodland and open field, and basketball courts – all identified recreation needs. During off-hours in the school year and in summer, the school’s adjacent parking lot could be utilized as parking for visitors of this new space. A concept plan for the Skate Park at CCHS is available on pages 132-136 of this report.

CCRS will also have its own ideas for improving this space. Collaboration and coordination between Town departments will be key to meeting the recreation needs of both Concord residents and CCRS students.



Removable steps and jumps.



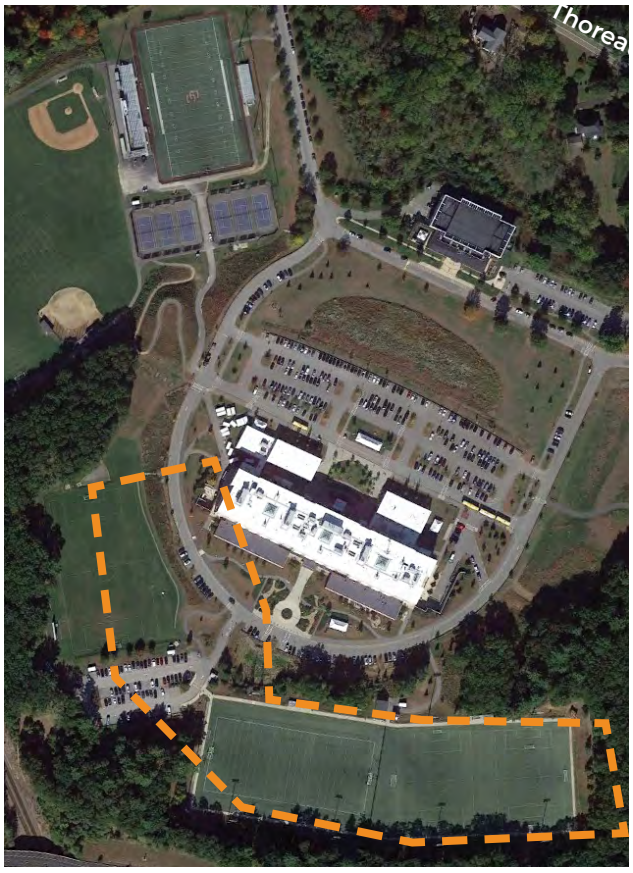
LOCATION	500 Walden Street
ACREAGE	93.6a campus (~6.5a turf complex)
ZONING	A‘
PARCEL #	0298
USAGE LEVEL	High
DEED RESTRICTION	P/ No Deed Restriction
MANAGER	Concord-Carlisle Regional School / Concord Public Works (CPW) / Facilities

TODAY’S SITE AMENITIES

- Doug White Turf 1 lined for football, boys lacrosse,soccer, and field hockey
- Dough White Turf 2 lined for girls lacross, soccer, youth soccer and field hockey
- Upper Grass Field
- Scoreboard (2)
- Seasonal restrooms (ADA accessible)
- Lighting (MUSCO system)
- Water fountains, player mister, bleachers, player benches, trash bins, flag, and memorial stone
- Storage sheds
- Accessible entrance/paths
- Park and regulatory signage
- Designated parking

Doug White Turf Complex

Doug White Turf Complex is located at Concord-Carlisle High School adjacent to several of Concord’s other recreational facilities. The Town-owned complex consists of two full-size multipurpose synthetic turf sports fields striped for boys lacrosse (blue), football (white), soccer (yellow), and field hockey (red). One field is also painted annually for girls lacrosse (red). The synthetic turf fields, restroom and spectator bleachers are ADA accessible and flanked by two wooded and lawn earth berms, a wooded slope and fenced entrance which connects to a campus parking lot with four (4) dedicated parking spaces. There are misting stations, a scoreboard, flag pole, and sports lighting located at the fields for nighttime use. The natural grass multiuse field is adjacent to the parking lot and is used largely for soccer. CPW maintains the fields, Facilities cares for vertical site furnishings and structures, and Concord Recreation permits use. A Friends of Concord-Carlisle Fields group manages an account to bill permitted users for power and lighting usage while using Doug White Turf Complex that helps cover maintenance costs.



Doug White Turf Complex Aerial View

Today's Conditions

The synthetic turf fields had their surfacing replaced in 2010. A maintenance regime is performed by CPW throughout the year as the complex never formally closes, although it may be rendered temporarily unusable due to snow cover. CPW can remove snowfall on the synthetic turf fields during the winter months for extended season use, depending on the snowfall and lead times.

Several times per week, CPW conducts a litter pick-up and once a month, CPW blows for leaves, grooms the synthetic turf with brushing equipment, and inspects for any defects along the seams as well as responds to maintenance issues identified by users. Annually, CPW paints the line work for girls lacrosse and an external contractor is hired to address compaction issues on the fields. The Facilities department, which is due to be included under CPW's leadership within the year, maintains and repairs the complex's restrooms, storage sheds, fencing, misters and other vertical structures.

CCHS Athletic Director noted that the school permits for use the Doug White Turf Complex from 3:30-6:00pm Monday through Friday in the spring and fall seasons, creating at least 400 hours of use time per year by CCHS student athletics after school. According to the Concord Recreation Permit Usage Report, the site was permitted for additional use after 6:00pm on weekdays and at the weekends for a total of 3,763 hours in 2022.

Community Thoughts

Very few specific comments were made about Doug White Turf Complex in the online survey or at tabling at community engagement events. Eighty percent of survey respondents thought active recreation facilities in Concord, like this site, were in "good" or "excellent" condition, and more than half of all respondents felt "neutral" about improving existing athletic fields and diamonds. Indeed nearly 66% of survey respondents felt Doug White Turf Complex was not a priority for them or their household. A few comments sought to discourage the Town from any further artificial fields, and there is a Town-wide moratorium on the construction of synthetic turf fields, except on private land or at the Doug White Turf Complex or CCHS stadium until May 2027.

Future Ideas

The fields and amenities at Doug White Turf Complex are in good condition. Usually, synthetic fields need to be replaced every 12-13 years, depending on use. The current synthetic fields were replaced 13 years ago, so replacement should be considered in the next two years. The only recommendations for future enhancements at Doug White Turf Complex comes from CPW. CPW suggests ball safety netting be installed along the southern length (Route 2/Concord Turnpike side) of the two fields. The netting will reduce balls/users from entering the slope, which is maintained as a pollinator meadow. CPW also recommends the replacement of several concrete sidewalk panels, which have begun to spall.



Two artificial turf fields are stripped for multiple sports, including football, soccer, lacross nad field hockey.



Bleacher seating includes spaces for spectators in wheelchairs or with strollers.



Sythetic turf, MUSCO sports lighting, and electronic scoreboard allow for evening and four-season use.



LOCATION	116 Shore Drive
ACREAGE	10.1a
ZONING	A
PARCEL #	3412-1
USAGE LEVEL	High
DEED RESTRICTION	P/ No Deed Restriction
MANAGER	Facilities and Concord Recreation

TODAY'S SITE AMENITIES

- Sand beach for swimming and fishing
- Swim Dock / Boat Launch
- Accessible paths
- Timber deck platform for group fitness classes and other events
- Seasonal programming
- Picnic tables, benches, and trash bins
- Bike rack
- Storage area
- Seasonal restrooms
- Lifeguard office
- Dedicated off-street parking (~50 spaces)

White Pond Beach

As a 43-acre kettle pond, White Pond has a shoreline that forms an irregular main basin with only minor coves and one larger cove, known locally as Sachem's Cove, where it forms a nearly separate 1.5-acre basin at the south-west limits of the pond. Most of the shoreline and its approximately 113-acre watershed is occupied by year-round residences and large parcels of forested land. There is a state-run boat launch at White Pond. The town-owned parcel called White Pond Beach is located at the eastern end of the pond. White Pond Beach is operated by Concord Recreation and is a mem-bership-based outdoor swimming facility. The sandy beach is accessible for seasonal use and hosts swimming lessons for children during sea-sonal hours. The site is maintained by Facilities and daily operations in season are managed by Concord Recreation. A town park space, White Pond Beach is open year round but swimming is only allowed when lifeguards are on duty.



White Pond Beach Aerial View.

Today's Conditions

Starting in 2019, access to the beach area at White Pond underwent major renovation to provide universal access across the nearly 50 feet of elevation change from the parking area at Plainfield Road to the beach area, boat launch improvements, stormwater management and water quality treatments, and vegetation management. A seasonal restroom trailer and picnic area have been added and are owned by Concord Recreation. The pond itself experiences algae and cyanobacteria blooms. The Town of Concord has programs attempting to mitigate these blooms that have been successful in recent summers including implementing the A-pod technology.

Programming such as swimming lessons, paddleboard yoga and regular yoga were available during summer 2023 through Concord Recreation.



Yoga on new timber decking platform.

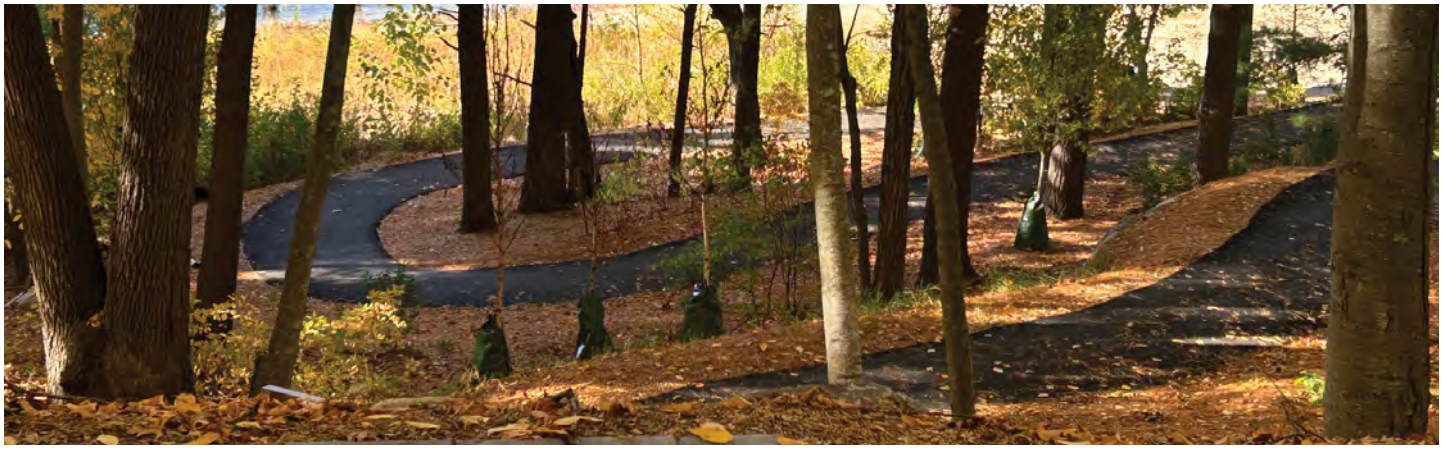
Community Thoughts

Many respondents to the online survey have commented on White Pond Beach celebrating the new accessibility improvements. Others felt 'simple, practical facilities are [better]" and "patrons are generally very appreciative of the open-endedness of a clean, well-maintained, well-lifeguarded beach that offers a chance to relax and unwind." Survey respondents and participants from the first public meeting for the Concord RFSP suggested the following amenities be added to White Pond Beach, including:

- Shower / fresh water to rinse feet
- Drinking fountain
- Sailing or rowing clubs, sailing lessons, whitewater canoeing training programs
- Kayak/paddleboard/boat rental



Dock Opera at White Pond Beach. Photo Credit: Preserve White Pond.



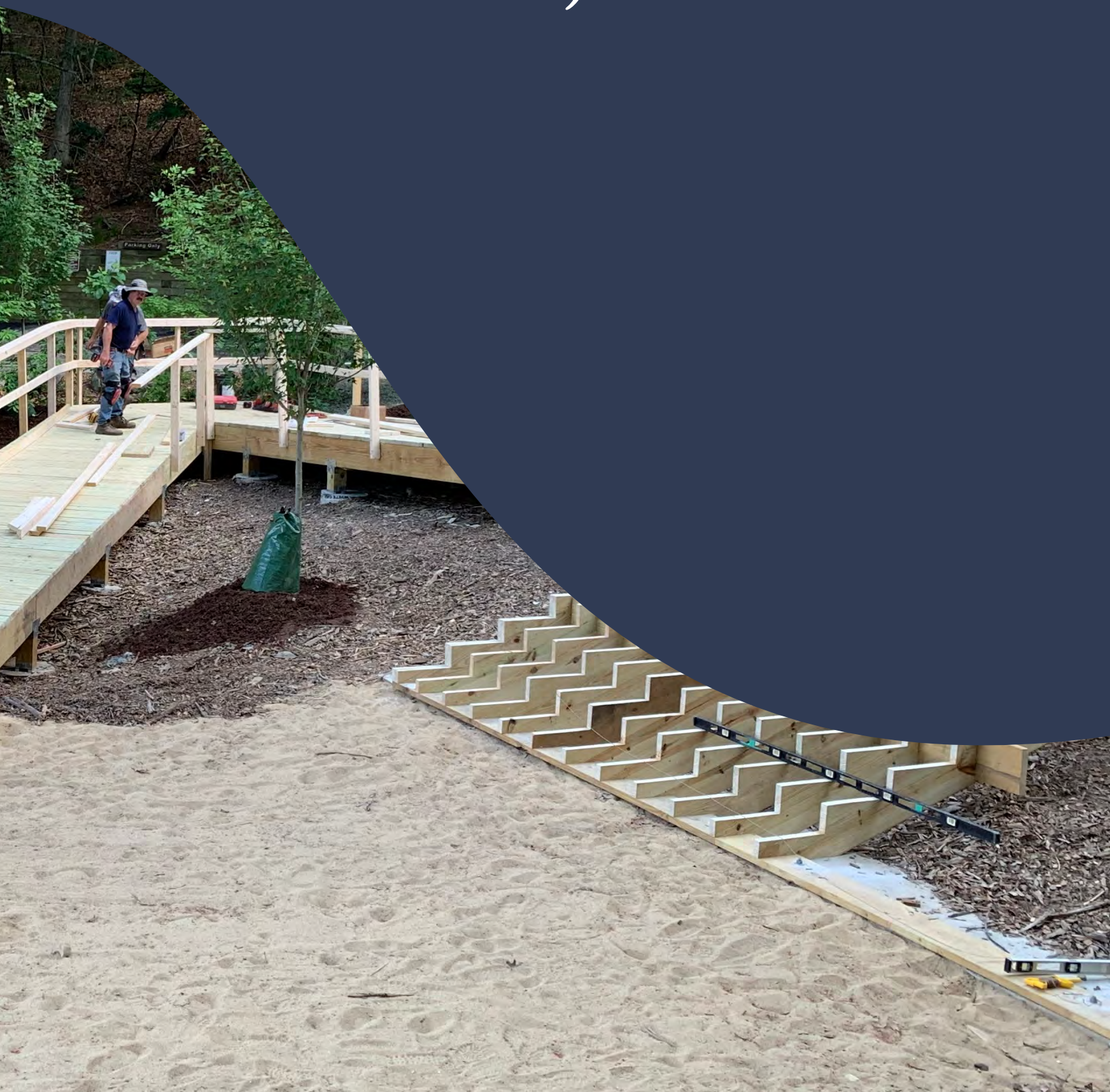
Current accessible path to beach.

New accessible walkways at White Pond Beach



Future Conditions

(Where do we want to be?)



Strategic Plan Themes

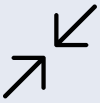
Grounded in community feedback and existing conditions analysis, these four strategic themes serve as the overarching guides that tie recommendations together to create a cohesive plan for the future of Concord recreation. Each of these themes is supported by several overlapping recommendations, as summarized below.



Acquire More Property for Dedicated Recreation Space, Especially Those That Can Support Many Types Of Recreational Amenities

Focus of this theme is on adding and improving the current stock of walking and biking trails, expanding opportunities that bring community together and build cultural connections, adding more programmatic uses across Town and making improvements at existing facilities to support current and ongoing use. Recommendations cover the following more specific topics:

- Developing Town-wide plans for water access and multi-modal transportation routes
- Expanding the quantity of outdoor basketball, pickleball and tennis courts
- Building more play value into recreation generally, from the most informal sensory play to constructing more formalized play experiences for people of all ages.
- Evaluating existing Town-owned indoor facilities for more efficient use of space and adding more indoor recreation programming to those spaces to address immediate demand, where appropriate.
- Acquiring property and build a larger indoor recreation center to address growing recreational needs of the Concord community.
- Creating more outdoor gathering spaces throughout the current park and recreation system in Concord.
- Developing specific new facilities for nature-based learning, winter recreation, and dog owners.



Increase Connectivity To and Accessibility within Recreational Facilities

Focus of this theme is on improving and adding more amenities within facilities, as well as adding curb cuts, ramps, etc. to improve connectivity between parking and amenities and between spaces. Connectivity under this theme also pertains to access to and awareness of water resources and the protected routes for non-motorized travel between recreation sites and town centers. Recommendations cover the following more specific topics:

- Developing Town-wide plans for water access and multi-modal transportation routes
- Installing consistent signage and site furnishings such as benches, drinking fountains, and waste receptacles helps build up a recognizable brand for Concord's recreation system. Signage that features amenity symbols communicates what's available in a given recreation facility in simple and clear manner regardless of the user's language or culture.
- Improving ADA accessibility throughout Concord's recreation system by installing paths and passive and active recreation resources that include all abilities.
- Offering diverse play experiences means adding play value and more opportunities for adults and children to connect socially and have fun together!



Clarify the Visitor Experience and Lean In to Inclusivity

The umbrella of an improved visitor experience is broad; however, tangible ideas around adding and diversifying new amenities are covered under this theme, along with improved signage that can create predictability for park goers. Concord's recreational facilities serve an evolving patronage, which is acknowledged and served under this theme. Recommendations cover the following more specific topics:

- Installing consistent, clear, and universally accessible signage.
- Adding a consistent palette of site furnishings helps build up a recognizable brand for Concord's recreation system.
- Additional and more diverse recreational programming equitably spread across the Town of Concord to meet the demand and enable all who desire, the ability to participate. Immediately, better interdepartmental coordination could maximize efficient use of existing indoor facilities as well as some creative renovation of spaces. In the long-term, acquiring land and constructing new assets to meet community needs.
- Understanding the growing demand for more rectangular multiuse fields for adult and youth soccer, lacrosse, and other sports with a focus on sports trends and gender equity in sports.



Expand Resources to Continue Regular Maintenance and Upkeep of Grounds and Buildings

It is imperative that operational considerations are linked directly with the three aspirational themes to the left. While those recommendations are lofty, they are not possible without dedicated staff resources, careful planning and regular, ongoing and annual maintenance regimes. Recommendations cover the following more specific topics:

- Conducting annual inspections across Concord's recreation system to ensure facilities are maintained to equal standards across Town.
- Conducting annual CPSI inspections of playgrounds to ensure the safety of these spaces as well as the continuation of regular maintenance checks each month.
- Adding a dedicated inspector staff position.
- Evaluating CPW and Facilities staff to perform repairs and manage vendor contracts for renovation projects.

Overall Recommendations

Overarching recommendations are included on the following pages. These overall recommendations are divided into digestible categories and should be applied to all existing facilities, future improvements, and property acquisitions. The strategic themes discussed on the previous pages that are satisfied through these recommendations are identified by the corresponding colored circle.

1. Conduct Specialized Studies

A. Town-wide Water Access Plan

B. Multi-modal Transportation Planning

C. Rectangular Field Use Study

2. Improve or Expand Current Recreation Facilities

A. Consistency of Facility Signage and Site Furnishings

B. Annual Inspection Program

C. Indoor Recreation Upgrades

D. More Outdoor Courts of all Types

E. More Diverse Play Opportunities

3. Develop New Recreation Facilities

A. Indoor Recreation Facility

B. Outdoor Civic Gathering Spaces

C. Trailhead Nature Education / Maker Space

D. Outdoor, Four-Season Multipurpose Pavilion

E. New Dedicated Dog Runs

1 Conduct Specialized Studies

Several recommendations emerged that require further specialized investigation. These include:

A. Town-wide Water Access Plan

B. Multi-modal Transportation Planning

C. Rectangular Field Use Study

A careful examination is needed of Concord's existing water resources, including Concord's three rivers, it's many water bodies, and man-made forms of water-based amenities like swimming pools, spray decks and fountains. Careful review of current water access points and suggestions can be made for additional new locations (beyond those included in this plan) where water access would be most appropriate and in what form (e.g. kayak launches, fishing spots, swimming).

Similarly, a Town-wide strategy is necessary to continue the conversation on improved connectivity and accessibility throughout Concord between and within the Town's recreation spaces, and to commercial centers.

Finally, a specialized study of dedicated rectangular fields is needed because of the discrepancy between the number of fields and permitted use that was uncovered in this plan. Canvassing each sports league's actual use will tell the story of field wear patterns and provide a correlation between the historical, current and future trends of use across sports. Gender equity in sports should also be considered and incorporated. The results of such a study would provide more in-depth analysis, predictions, and recommendations on how the Town may want to reconfigure or renovate their fields to accommodate real field use.



Kayak rental kiosk at Ice House Landing in Maynard, MA is run through a phone app. The recreation site features an accessible boat launch, too. Photo credit: Town of Maynard, Conservation DIvision website.



This bridge along the Bruce Freedman Rail Trail (BFRT) connects cyclists in Concord to Acton over Route 2. Photo credit: BFRT website.



Concord-Carlisle field hockey team on Doug White Turf Complex. A field study could examine gender equity and sports provisions and resources in Concord. Photo credit: The Boston Globe.

Town-wide Water Access Plan

Access to healthy rivers, ponds and other natural water bodies as well as pools and splash pads by residents can improve fitness and well-being, while connecting Concord to its past and ensuring climate resiliency in the future.

Key Opportunities

- Where appropriate, improve connectivity and accessibility by expanding waterfront walking paths and a system of public launches / landing points, including accessible boat launches. Provide boat rental kiosk(s) at water resources.
- Add a splash pad or expand indoor and outdoor swimming pool offerings.
- Offer more indoor and outdoor swim and exercise classes, such a water aerobics and paddle board yoga.
- Develop and expand water-based Town clubs, such as a kayaking, wild swimming, and rowing. Engage local partners such as The Sudbury, Assabet & Concord Wild & Scenic River Stewardship Council and The Appalachian Mountain Club to offer water-based trainings (e.g. Intro to Paddling) to prepare participants for adventure beyond the town line.
- Expand existing Concord River Boater's Trail guides, installing small interpretative signage at regular intervals to tell Concord's history and stories.
- Create opportunities for nature education such as a stream profile chamber for viewing aquatic life or platform for pond dipping .
- Install permanent or temporary art installations at water access points that build community identity.
- Consider boardwalks and overlooks where appropriate that provide protection for sensitive ecosystems, yet bring people closer to the water.

Community Thoughts

"Please add [an] accessible kayak launch, like the one at Ice House Landing in Maynard, to all water access points."

"The boating access is challenging. It would be amazing if there was a way to borrow simple watercraft (kayak or canoe) and take advantage of all of our water amenities."

"We frequent the playgrounds in town A LOT and would love a splash pad/summer water area for littles, we currently travel to Bedford for this."

"We have 3 beautiful rivers that run through town, but few riverside trails. I'd like to see boardwalks through the marshy floodplains and continuous riverside paths for being able to see the water and wildlife. I love water view walks, but find them hard to come by in Concord."

Key Challenges / Solutions

- The sensitive nature of aquatic ecosystems and the careful planning and permitting requirements, both locally and by the State, for protection of these resources. Seasonal closures of facilities may be needed to reduce wildlife migration disruption.
- Regular water quality monitoring if programming is developed around swimming in natural water bodies or for splash pads.
- The pairing of water access with parking availability, walking and bike trails, and other modes of travel to support water recreation activities.

Multi-modal Transportation Planning

Pedestrians, cyclists and paddlers be prioritized through a multi-modal transportation plan that seeks to improve connections for foot, paddle and bicycle traffic in particular between the town centers and recreational sites and facilities.

Key Opportunities

- Endorse cycling as an energy efficient, affordable mode of transportation in Concord with tremendous social, health, economic and environmental benefits by reducing interactions with vehicles to the greatest extent possible (i.e. create bike facilities that are "high comfort") and improving the existing network of cycle paths.
- Analyze the road network to identify which high traffic 'connector' roads between West Concord and Concord Center might support bicycle lanes. Identify recreation sites that can support separated bike lanes that a are protected from vehicular travel.
- Identify slower road 'connectors' that support a bike travel in a marked lane.
- Identify the existing sidewalk network and locations where sidewalk connections may be desired and feasible. Identify ADA accessibility challenges and crosswalk connections.
- Consider adding and connecting existing multiuse trails. For bikes and pedestrians to comfortably use the trail simultaneously, trails must be designed to be at least 10 feet wide. Trails running through wooded areas must be mindful of existing trees and designers must work around the existing forest cover so as not to negatively impact existing trees and their root systems.
- Add pedestrian-scale lights to all new bike lanes and multi-modal trails for safety.
- Design and implement multi-modal programming for children and adults of all ages and abilities that can make the case for the installation of multiuse trails and bikeways, and advocate for future connections to be made.

Community Thoughts

"I'd like to see Concord dedicated to the safety and enjoyment of bikers and walkers in town."

"... let's have bikers, walkers, skateboarders, runners, etc. do a streettakeover once/[month] to draw attention to how much value our community would get from (safely) stepping out of motorized transport periodically."

"More inclusive trail systems that can accommodate users of all mobility levels. Drainage and tree roots can make walking running or bikingtreacherous especially when wet."

Key Challenges / Solutions

- Maintenance of walking paths' surfacing and planting around paths, including the quick repair of damaged paths from tree roots and regular pruning from overhanging trees
- Goal of making all walking paths at recreation spaces ADA accessible
- CPW maintenance capacity to remove snow at key recreation facilities for winter use

Rectangular Field Use Study

With significantly more rectangular fields than the NRPA average, there is a disconnect between the amount of fields available and permitted hours. With rectangular field use on the upward trend, a focused study can discern why this is happening and ways to better utilize existing field space.

Key Opportunities

- Study could identify how adult and youth leagues use specific existing rectangular multi-use fields in Concord. Deeper analysis of permitting and participation data will reveal how the various sports are trending in participation post-pandemic in Concord. This can be confirmed through interviews with representatives from each sport.
- Study could strengthen collaboration efforts between Concord Recreation and CCRS by examining current permitted adult soccer and youth soccer, lacrosse and football leagues and school sports use. Analysis of school enrollment projections will provide a better understanding of potential impact on sports and recreation needs in Concord.
- Study could examine the trending shift of traditional seasonal sports to full year participation and its potential effect on the demand and capacity of facilities.
- Study could further evaluate the distribution of field time allocated to various user groups to better understand gender and needs equity between various sports. Additional locations in Concord can be evaluated for refurbishment of Peabody Middle School and other Town- owned properties to expand the inventory of recreational assets for the community and provide equity if applicable.
- Study could help the community decide if an additional synthetic turf field is warranted and if it would be an appropriate addition to the current offering of sports fields in Concord.
- Investigation into the growing popularity of cricket in Metro West might also be included in this study.

Community Thoughts

"Cousins field is extremely in need of field maintenance. It's regularly unplayable for soccer games after rain."

"Field facilities are poor compared to other towns that often have bathroom access and oftenaccess to food. Fields with spectators in other towns often have covered seating to protectfrom sun or rain.

"Many of the soccer fields are not specifically designed as sports fields, rather mow[n], mostly level fields. The town needs more artificial turf facilities."

Key Challenges / Solutions

- Ability to expand or reorganize existing facilities or purchase additional appropriate real estate may be a limiting factor. Likewise the ability to light or develop synthetic turf fields to extend operable hours for play may be limited by the Town and/or Concord community.
- CPW/Facilities capacity and budget to establish a maintenance plan based on industry standards that addresses the needs of more rectangular multiuse fields may be limited.

2 Improve or Expand Current Recreation Facilities

Assessments of current recreation facilities, permitting data, national metric and community feedback led to five (5) recommendations that focus on improvements to existing Town properties. Outcomes from these recommendations will mean meeting personal fitness goals and pursuit of a diverse range of recreation opportunities within Concord. Recommendations include:

A. Consistency of Facility Signage and Site Furnishings

B. Annual Inspection Program

C. Indoor Recreation Upgrades

D. More Outdoor Courts of all Types

E. More Diverse Play Opportunities

Many Town-owned and operated parks and recreation facilities are sparse on park signage, if at all. Many people made note and asked for more park signage during the community outreach process. While most conservation land contains some form of signage, the overall lack of entry signs, at minimum, is a missed opportunity. A sign does more than just indicate an entrance and assure visitors that they've arrived at their destination; it advertises a public resource and demonstrates a broad system of public amenities. Clearly marked recreation facilities would be a useful addition in Concord to both veterans and newcomers to Concord facilities.

Upgrading current indoor recreation spaces and coordinating across Town departments for better ways of utilizing Town-owned indoor spaces could mean an increase in programming for the community.

There is substantial demand for tennis, pickleball and basketball courts in Concord. Several existing courts in Town should be resurfaced soon and consideration should be given to the construction of new multiuse or dedicated courts for pickleball and basketball on current Town-owned land used for recreation.

Enhancing and formalizing an annual inspection program across Town-owned park and recreation facilities can help CPW and Facilities stay on top of maintenance, repairs, and changing standards, ensuring the Town's duty of care to users.



Standardized signage with amenity icons overcome language barriers and foster comprehension among diverse populations. Photo credit: Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Signage Maintenance Standards.



Seniors gather for a meal hosted by Concord Council on Aging at Harvey Wheeler Community Center. Photo credit: Concord Council on Aging.



Basketball courts at Rideout and Emerson Parks are popular but contain cracks in the field of play, which should should be repaired.

Consistent Facility Signage

Well-placed park and wayfinding signage within Concords parks and along Concord's many waterways and water bodies are needed to ensure users are able to move easily between and within sites.

Key Opportunities

- Use signs to indicate entrances and reassure visitors that they've arrived at their destination; use signs to advertise a public resource and demonstrate a broad system of public amenities.
- Develop a standardized, system-wide approach to park signage graphics which clearly communicates the Town's recreation brand and color palette. Signage that includes amenity symbols decreases the need for multi-lingual translated text to be added to signs, thereby simplifying them visually and providing universal access. Iconography used across all signage at all sites provides clear visual indicators of amenities at each recreation site and across Town without much barrier to entry.
- Before any signs are installed, a signage expert / graphic designer should design a family of signage templates that are in keeping with the Town's cultural and historic aesthetic. Through this process, standard dimensions, information to be included on each sign type, fonts, etc. should be decided. Such standardization of signage could extend to wayfinding, regulatory, and interpretative signage as well.

Key Challenges / Solutions

- Too many signs and complicated designs can lead to visual clutter in open spaces and outdoor areas for recreation. Attention to the thoughtful and consistent placement of signage, along with a simple design aesthetic, is critical to the success of signage.

Community Thoughts

"There should be better signage for river access points... There are so many incredible access points to our wonderful rivers in Concord. Why isn't the town tapping into this resource?"

At Emerson Park: "No signage at the main gate to the track near the Flag Pole and softball/baseball fields. All other entrances, which are seldom used, have signs stating rules and etiquette use to keep pets, bikes, carriages, etc. off the track."

"Signage, wayfinding, and communication in general can be improved. I recently moved to Concord and getting started with Concord Rec was difficult. It's as though things are made for people who already know where they're going. What about someone encountering things for the first time?"

Consistent Facility Site Furnishings

Implement standard site furnishings at all park sites for brand consistency, economy of scale, ease of maintenance and repair. Locate benches and picnic tables along accessible pathways.

Key Opportunities

- Consistent site furnishings help create a sense of place in individual parks and build a brand identity across Concord's recreation system, contributing to a memorable user experience.
- Site furnishings in public settings experience heavy usage and wear by the public and often need to be repaired annually or even replaced from time to time. Having a small stockpile of site furnishings in the Town's yard enables Town staff to make repairs swiftly. With consistency also comes confidence in the repair of a familiar benches, waste receptacle or water bottle refill station.
- There can be economic advantages to consistent site furnishings, too. Often site furnishings are less expensive when bought in greater quantities, placed in storage, and ready and available when replacement in the public environment is required.

Key Challenges / Solutions

- There may be deviations to these selections for site-specific reasons. Selections should stick closely to the recommendations provided in the following pages, but should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to fit the specific context where that site furnishing will be located. All deviations from the suggestions included herein must by approved by the Recreation Commission prior to their implementation or by the board/commission responsible for cutody on sites not under purview of the Recreation Commission.

Community Thoughts

"Not enough benches and lounging areas at Emerson. I have to bring my own chair to watch birds. And I'm old."

"Limited picnic / seating options at parks and playgrounds."

"Not enough garbage dispensers, public seating ... would be nice to encourage outdoor picnicking and eating outdoors more."

- With the potential for a wider range of acceptable site furnishings, Concord Recreation shall manage a digital list of acceptable manufacturers and models per site furnishing that is regularly updated (annually). This list should include vendor contacts, website references, and product cut sheets to clarify the selections. It should be shared with all Town departments and interested stakeholders.

Improve or Expand Current Recreation Facilities

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Category	Preferred Selection
Backed Bench	Victor Stanley, Inc. Model #CR-138 - 6-foot long, powdercoat black finish, surface-mounted, two end armrests and a center armrest
Picnic Table	• Victor Stanley, Inc. Model #ST-5 - IPE Wood, ADA and non-ADA options, surface-mounted • Unline. Model #H-5870BR, Recycled Plastic Steel Frame, 6' Brown
Picnic Table (NRC sites)	Unline. Model #H-2560 (46" Hex) and #H-6575 (46" ADA HEX), Recycled Plastic Picnic Table
Cafe Seating	Landscape Forms Carousel Table - perforated seats, number of seats determined by project need
Bike Racks	Victor Stanley, Inc. Model #BRHS-101, Cycle Sentry Series - surface-mounted
Drinking Fountain	Halsey Taylor Model #4420BF1UFRK with single ADA accessible bubbler and single bottle filler
Trash and Recycling Receptacle	Victor Stanley, Inc. Model #REN-36TD: 36-gallon Top-Load Top-Deposit Litter Receptacle with wide mouth convex lid
Trash Receptacle	Belson Outdoors, Model #KR-3032: 32-gallon Top-Load Top-Deposit Recycled Plastic and Aluminum Trash Receptacle



Victory Stanley Backed Bench



Unline Recycled Plastic Steel Picnic Table



Unline Recycled Plastic Picnic Table



Victory Stanley Bike Rack



Hasley Taylor Drinking Fountain and Bottler Filling Station



Belson Outdoors Trash Receptable

Annual Inspection Program

Implement a systematic annual facility inspection process, with a particular focus on Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) playground inspections.

Key Opportunities

- Each year, all assets at Town facilities should be evaluated and documents into a Park Asset Inventory document (spreadsheet). This document, which would be updated as replacement projects occur, should be used to prioritize capital replacement projects during the budgeting process. It is recommended that this spreadsheet be a cloud-based asset tracking software for easier, transferable use between Town departments.
- Conducting an audit after new play equipment is installed, keeping careful maintenance and replacement records, and completing annual Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) inspections ensure that hazards on playground equipment and playgrounds themselves are identified, ranked, repaired or removed according to their injury potential.

Key Challenges/Solutions

- Learning and development among CPW and Facilities staff in Concord should be prioritized under this recommendation so these assessments and inspections can be carried out by Town staff. Up-to-date inspection certification and other related skills should be available 'in-house,' otherwise inspections will need to be conducted by contracted consultants. The CPSI certification process requires an in-person course and exam. It is offered nationally and costs several hundred dollars.
- A perceived barrier to fulfilling this recommendation is the time it may take to perform regular inspections. It may be worthwhile to hiring a dedicated part-time inspector as the champion to carry out this work. Dedicating a concerted resource to the evaluation of existing resources will speed up the evaluation process and create internal efficiency if this inspector becomes a trusted partner with CPW and Facilities staff.

Community Thoughts

"The Emerson pool is small and used for camp during the day. Last year at times it closed because of maintenance issues."

"Lack of maintenance to walking trails.."

"Better court maintenance."

"In particular, keep on doing a great job with the fantastic Beede Center - keep it clean and well-maintained each year and it will be a fantastic asset literally for decades."

"I'd just like bathrooms at [R]ideout that are clean, have soap, are working, and are open! Spectators and players should have access to bathrooms during practice and games."

Indoor Recreation Upgrades

Better utilization of existing Town-owned indoor recreation spaces through regular maintenance and capital investments upgrades such installing air conditioning at Hunt Recreation or re-surfacing at the Ripley School Gymnasium.

Key Opportunities

- Improve the experience of playing indoors at Hunt Recreation Center by installing air conditioning. Air conditioning would allow the facility to be better used in the hottest of summer days.
- Resurface the courts at Ripley School Gymnasium to improve sports play performance. Provide for more goals, nets, exercise equipment, toddler soft play pieces, etc. to expand play opportunities including indoor basketball, futsal, volleyball, tennis, and pickleball as well as group exercise classes or baby and toddler soft play mornings.
- Expand indoor amenities, particularly bathrooms, to support better and higher use of indoor spaces (i.e. upgrades to restrooms at Ripley School Gymnasium).
- Explore alternative adaptation of the Peabody Middler School, Ripley School gymnasium, Harvey Wheeler Community Center, and other existing spaces in Concord that can support new programming given some renovation. Examples increasing in popularity include futsal, a soccer-based game played on a hard court, and other gathering spaces such as book clubs, yoga groups, crafting clubs, or scout troops.
- There is community interest in starting a youth basketball league, which could be supported by an existing indoor space. Appropriate spectator seating, restrooms, etc. would need to be considered and incorporated.

Community Thoughts



Key Challenges / Solutions

- Intra-departmental coordination would be required for adapting school gymnasiums and other spaces for community use.
- Capital investment will need to be requested to fund major upgrades such as a HVAC cooling system for Hunt Recreation and new surfacing at Ripley School. Timing will need to be considered for these projects.
- Additional staff may need to be hired to organize and run additional programming.

More Outdoor Courts of All Types

Add at least two (2) more basketball courts. Consider locations where amenities oriented toward basketball can also be included or currently exist. Add at least six (6) dedicated outdoor pickleball courts to the current stock, preferably separate from Rideout Park.

Key Opportunities

- Concord has less basketball courts than the NRPA's national average. Given community feedback, more courts should be added - more than the national average - to accommodate the increasing demand for adult and youth basketball programming and informal play. Add at least two (2) more basketball courts.
- Pickleball has become incredibly popular in Concord. Conflict between tennis and pickleball players is growing with multi-striped / multiuse courts often being dominated by pickleball players. At least six (6) dedicated pickleball courts should be constructed at existing Town-owned land such as the fields at Peabody School, where parking is available.
- Existing Town-owned tennis / pickleball and basketball courts all have surfacing in moderate-to-poor condition with cracking and pitting in the field of play and fading sealant. Renovation of these facilities is needed to keep them open and usable.
- Consideration for other types of courts should be made including volleyball, paddle ball, bocce, etc., which may be gaining ground in Concord and may provide opportunities to include more diverse users.

Key Challenges / Solutions

- Capital funding is needed for improvements to existing and new courts.
- An improved reservation system is needed that clarifies court offerings and available times to play. Physical regulatory signage at the courts, referencing the reservation system, will help provide clarity as well.

Community Thoughts

"More access to basketball courts for middle school and older. These kids have no where to goafter school and end up hanging out at Dunkin Donuts!"

"More pickleball courts. Growing exponentially."

"While pickle ball is great for some residents - it makes the tennis courts unavailable for tennis players. A better system for reservations would be great so the facilities can be shared."

"Outdoor volleyball courts."

"Yes to bocce court! That would be amazing!"

- Striping for multiple sports makes playing each sport more challenging. Dedicated courts per sport is preferred over multiuse courts.

More basketball courts would fulfill a community need and provide a gathering space for tweens and teenagers. Photo Credit: From Internet, unknown..



More Diverse Play Opportunities

Add two (2) more playgrounds for ages up to twelve and one (1)more dedicated tot lot oriented toward the 0 to 5 year age group. Renovate the playground at Rideout Park and add a splash pad. Consider opportunities for indoor play, especially for babies and toddlers.

Key Opportunities

- Concord is under-served in playgrounds as per the NRPA national average for communities with similar populations. At least two (2) more playgrounds for 5-12 year old children and one (1) additional tot lot geared to the interest and abilities of babies, toddlers and children under the age of five years are needed to support the Town's growth.
- As existing playgrounds age, alternative playground equipment and more diverse play value should be considered, including more vestibular play motions that aid in child development and are found most often in children's play environments. These movement include swinging, sliding, rocking, bouncing, and spinning; play equipment that provides these types of motion should included in future play spaces.
- Create more inclusive play opportunities by adding transition points, molded swings and other means of providing equitable play opportunities for all of Concord's children.
- Find simple, high-impact ways to add playful learning throughout Concord's park and recreation system. Painted four-square and other sidewalk games, adding measurements to a fireman's pole, including small traffic signs for a 'tricycle highway' along a park's perimeter walking loop, or including 3-D sculptures alongside text on interpretative panels are easy ways to integrate learning in play.
- Think beyond fixed play equipment and integrate 'play moments' throughout Concord's recreation facilities. Found stumps and large branches could make excellent balancing or building materials for 'manipulative play' on conservation land. Willow fairy huts could be constructed by artist/student volunteers and offer 'pretend play' at a park in Concord temporarily for a season.
- Offer more water play through the addition of a water pump or water tray table in a sand box, splash pad, spray deck, or jumping fountains in a plaza setting that are operational seasonally.
- Develop indoor recreation opportunities, such as soft play for babies, toddlers, and young children, which was a frequent comments by online survey respondents.
- Build on the fitness obstacle course at Rideout Park by developing more alternative play and hangout areas for tweens and teenagers. These play experiences could include ziplines, group swings, or a tall climbing structure or alternative sports activities such as a BMX pump track, disc golf courses, or teen-focused hang-out shelters.

Challenges / Solutions

- Parents and caregivers have different tolerances toward risk in play and some play equipment or elements that may be favored as 'creative' by some will be determined 'too risky' by others.
- Tweens and teens need activity during this significant developmental phase of life. Play experiences and places that welcome and encourage their age group can keep bored, anti-social or even destructive behaviors at bay.
- New playgrounds take imagination, community buy-in, a Town champion, capital investment, and regular inspection and maintenance to ensure the safety of all Concord's children; however, the benefits are immeasurable through developmental growth and social opportunities for the community's youth.

Improve or Expand Current Recreation Facilities

2 E



Play equipment doubles as gathering spots for small groups of tweens. Photo credit: Kompan.

Community Thoughts

"Look at Belmont's spray pool/playground. We need that! We have 100 degree summers on the way."

"Better playground features for older children - for example, a very tall climbing structure, zipline, long slide, etc."

"Not enough swingsets."

"Indoor playspace/ playground for children, especially very young children."

"Would love to see the town be more creative and ambitious with their playgrounds. Both Rideout and Emerson seem to have defaulted to somewhat boring/ lowest common denominator equipment."



Children enjoy the jumping fountain jets on Boston's Rose Kennedy Greenway during a hot summer. Photo credit: Jesse Costa, WBUR radio website.



Painted games, like the four-square and hopscotch, add another layer of play and learning to sidewalk surfacing at Lincoln Park, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

3 Develop New Recreation Facilities

Some recreation needs that were identified through the RFSP planning process cannot be accomplished at existing Town-owned recreation facilities and will require property acquisition by Concord. These recommendations often surfaced because there was an existing conflict in the community between user groups, as in the case of dog owners and park and playground users at Emerson Park. NRPA national metrics revealed that similarly populated communities to Concord typically had two (2) dog parks. In this example, a recommendation for dog runs was made. Dog runs are open or enclosed areas where dogs are permitted off leash but accompanied by their owners. Dog runs could be located within existing recreation facilities but in the case of the recommendation might be a purpose-built, dedicated 'bark park.' This is just one example of how recommendations might be realized. The recommendations for new recreation facilities are:

A. **Indoor Recreation Facility**

B. **Outdoor Civic Gathering Spaces**

C. **Trailhead Nature Education / Maker Space**

D. **New Centralized Skating Rink**

E. **New Dedicated Dog Runs**

Indoor Recreation Facility

Add an indoor recreation complex that focuses on indoor courts and multipurpose field spaces. Add a dedicated community center that serves all ages, particularly teens. Consider existing properties as potential locations for these facilities (e.g. Peabody Middle School and 2229 Main Street).

Key Opportunities

- Create an indoor recreation center with nearby multiuse field sports complex. Include an indoor track, fitness center with open studio space for classes, courts for pickleball, basketball, soccer, among other sports, to keep Concord fit and active during the long New England winters and hot summers. Create spaces for a variety of community gatherings, including spaces for rent for local groups.
- Consider the adaptation and rehabilitation of existing Town-owned properties for more indoor recreation such as Peabody School, Ripley School Gymnasium, Harvey Wheeler Community Center and the future Middle School.
- Improve access to programming by adding more at purpose-built facilities. Diversify the times, locations or offerings throughout town. Access to programming was a significant and frequent concern expressed by respondents to the online survey. Youth basketball, group exercise classes, and swim lessons were among the programming most cited by respondents.

Key Challenges / Solutions

- A thorough review of existing Town-owned spaces that could be better managed or utilized immediately for emerging needs should be conducted across Town departments.
- Careful siting of a new indoor recreation center will need be required to ensure equity and accessibility to all potential users in Concord.
- Substantial capital investment will be required to fund the construction, management, operation, and maintenance of such a sizable Town asset, so private-public partnerships may be considered for the project's funding future.

Community Thoughts

"Indoor winter recreation; indoor walking track; more gym space."

"More indoor basketball courts (only one in Hunt right now) and indoor soccer (we have to go to other towns to play indoor soccer in winter)."

A creative, accessible indoor track at Auburn University's Rec and Wellness Center. Photo credit: HOK Network



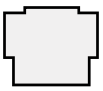
A short review of indoor recreation centers local to Concord was conducted to see both how the Town's current indoor recreation offerings compare and how a future indoor recreation center should be sized to accommodate the needs of the community.

3 A

Beede Swim & Fitness Center

498 Walden St, Concord, MA 01742

Lap Pool (8Lanes)	6,000 sf
Deep Water Diving Pool	13 ft depth
Children's Play Pool	30 ft x 30 ft
Therapy Pool	
Fitness Room (2 Rooms)	1,600 sf (ea.)
Locker Rooms	
Off-Street Parking Lot	154 spaces



35,000 SF



Building Exterior

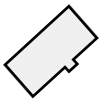


Lap Pool (8 Lanes)

Harvey Wheeler Community Center

1276 Main Street, Concord, MA 01742

Auditorium	
Four Classrooms	
Teacher's Office	
Off-Street Parking Lot	114 spaces



25,072 SF



Building Exterior



Auditorium

Hunt Recreation Center

90 Stow St, Concord, MA 01742

Indoor Gymnasium	
Large Multi-purpose Room	
Staff Office Space	
Smaller Conference Room	
Locker Rooms	
Hunt Side Lawn	15,000 sf
Off-Street Parking Lot	20 spaces



10,000 SF



Building Exterior



Indoor Gymnasium

The Ripley School Gymnasium

120 Meriam Rd, Concord, MA 01742

Indoor Gymnasium	1,850 sf
Restroom	
Off-Street Parking Lot	108 spaces



Building Exterior



Indoor Gymnasium

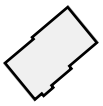
Develop New Recreation Facilities

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Arlington Boys & Girls Club

60 Pond Ln, Arlington, MA 02474

Indoor Lap Pool	
Indoor Gymnasium	
Childcare Classrooms	
Off-Street Parking Lot	12 spaces



40,000 SF



Building Exterior

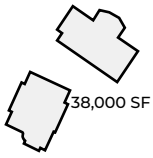


Indoor Lap Pool

J.W. Hayden Recreation Centre

24 Lincoln St, Lexington, MA 02421

Full-Size Ice Surface	
Swimming Pool	
Weight Room	
Indoor Gymnasium	
Gymnastics / Dance Studio	
Art Studio	
Off-Street Parking Lot	115 spaces



38,000 SF

76,000 SF



Building Exterior



Full Size Ice Surface

Warren Recreation Center

90 Washington St, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481

Indoor Gymnasium	
Dance Studio	
Children's Room	
Off-Street Parking Lot	72 spaces



34,000 SF



Building Exterior

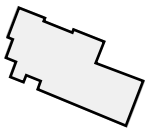


Indoor Gymnasium

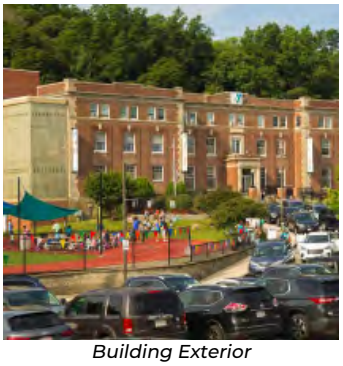
West Suburban YMCA

276 Church St, Newton, MA 02458

(4) Multi-purpose courts	24,000 sf
(2) Lap Pools (4 Lanes)	
Wellness Space + Upper Level Indoor Track	10,000 sf
Multi-Purpose Auditorium	
Private Locker Rooms	
Off-Street Parking Lot	124 spaces



95,000 SF



Building Exterior



(4) Multi-purpose Indoor Courts

Outdoor Civic Gathering Spaces

Create more outdoor civic gathering spaces that vary in scale and purpose within Concord's parks and recreation system.

Key Opportunities

- Develop the existing entrance to Hunt Recreation Center and Emerson Park along Stow Street into a plaza, improving outdoor seating options, signage, paving and lighting.
- Create a central gathering space at Rideout Park that integrates a playful jumping fountain splash pad that can be used seasonally.
- Create welcoming tween and teenage hang-out spaces in Concord outdoor recreation facilities.
- Add a community space near the community gardens at Cousins Field for garners and others to gather and sharing seeds, gardening techniques, and harvests! Consider replicating this space at other community gardens in Concord.
- Create a professional quality performance arts lawn with stage for concerts, festivals and other community gatherings.

A simple yet artful structure provides a shady gathering place near this community garden at Farmers Park in Springfield, Missouri. Photo credit: Farmers Park webpage.



Community Thoughts

"I'd love to see the town hold more events that build community like outdoor concerts in the summer ...."

"Create more outdoor community gathering space for performances."

"An outdoor pavilion for rent for family picnics would be nice."

"Gathering for shared experiences like dance, music, plays, speakers, etc."

Key Challenges / Solutions

- Gathering spaces are places of encounter and can help with social cohesion and a sense of community. They can also become easily overwhelmed by demand or damaged by anti-social behavior. Place gathering points thoughtfully so that visual oversight by 'eyes on the street' helps to keep the space functional, clean, and safe. Include high quality site furnishings such as benches and trash receptacles to lend value and identity to gathering points.
- Work with key stakeholders to create gathering spaces that are meaningful and useful to users. A gathering area for a community garden might feature picnic tables for sharing a harvest, a tool shed, or an arbor entrance covered in flowering vines.

Trailhead Nature Education / Maker Space

Build at least one, but preferable two small nature-focused educational spaces that connect to and support Concord's extensive trail system and confluence of waterways.

Key Opportunities

- Create playful learning opportunities at trailheads for adults and children to interact and share discoveries from the natural world, such as chalkboards for writing bird and wildlife sightings and user-curated nature trays for placing found natural objects.
- Build all-weather Nature Education Shelter with flexible space for programming for classes, exercise groups, or meetings between expert researchers and volunteers.
- Construct Maker Space to encourage Concord youth to explore, design, experiment and build. Such a space could feature programming and workshops or labs focused on a wide range of skills from carpentry and weaving to art and 3-D printing!

Key Challenges / Solutions

- Trailhead nature trays allow visitors to share objects found within the space but may require regular maintenance adding to the current work load of Town departments like DNR and CPW.
- Nature Education Shelter is most exciting when it has regular programming which would require additional staffing.
- Maker spaces require staffing, stocking, managing, maintenance, and programming to be a successful space for youth.

Community Thoughts

"As much access to nature appreciated for all ages!"

"As the birthplace of trancendentalism, it would be super to open a nature center in Concord with activities for children."

"A gathering space for young people (community center) to work on projects or homework [with] access to wifi."

"For our current children age group, they are met, but as they grow it would be nice to see morespace suitable to middle school age children with spots to hang out in/use other than a playground."





Discovery Museum's Treehouse in nearby Acton is home to outdoor educational programming and open-ended STEAM-based play. Photo credit: Discoveryacton.org

Outdoor, Four-Season Multipurpose Pavilion Rink

Consider adding a town-run outdoor all-seasons pavilion for ice skating, pickleball, community events, and other uses.

Key Opportunities

- As a seasonal pilot to understand if a skating rink would be popular in Concord, consider flooding a field for temporary open air ice skating. Organize community event alongside this space with an evening bonfire, ice hockey games or ice skating competitions, and plenty of hot chocolate too!
- If the pilot proves successful over several years (i.e. more than three), build a multipurpose space that can house a centralized ice skating rink. An example of this was done at The Warehouse Center in Kennebunk, Maine, which is a open-sided pavilion that hosts events and festivals all four seasons including ice skating in winter. Similarly, the Harris Pavilion in Manassas, Virginia, is an all-weather, open sided shelter that hosts ice skating and lessons in winter, is available for private rentals such as weddings, and also hosts community concerts and dancing in summer.
- Very useful and cost effective to construct, a four seasons pavilion could play host to seasonal pickleball courts, a roller skate rink, concerts, and other community events. It could generate revenue for the Town through private rentals.

Key Challenges / Solutions

- Changes like the proposed dam removal at Warner's Pond could effect that water body's ability to freeze enough for safe wild skating, making this open air shelter a practical alternative. Climate change is also likely to effect efficiency of outdoor ice skating rinks.
- Installing a ice skating rink or field for a weekend or season, that is on a trial basis, might be a cost efficient method for the Town to gauge the popularity of ice skating in Concord.

Community Thoughts

"With no snow but still cold weather, I feel like [an outdoor ice skating rink] would give the kids a winter activity in town with fairly little costs."

"The old skating rink at Rideout was fun. We could also have a community bonfire at ride out inthe winter to create community and encourage people to get outside."

"Please bring back the outdoor skating rink (weather permitting) that we used to have at Emerson Field."

- Demand for pickleball may be mitigated in summer by striping the pavilion as courts. The space could be also be used as avenus for events.

The Waterhouse Center in Kennebunk, Maine is an open-sided pavilion that hosts ice-skating in winter and pickleball courts in summer. Photo credit: Waterhouse Center Facebook Page.



New Dedicated Dog Parks

Add at least two (2) dedicated dog parks, with at least one (1) located near town center (e.g. lean into the informal dog use at Emerson Park).

Key Opportunities

- Provide two (2) new dedicated dog parks, runs or other enclosed areas where dogs can be off leash in Concord, including one in the Town's center. Consider adding purpose built dog play elements and areas where dog owners can meet and socialize.
- Maintain some natural areas where dogs and owners can enjoy free, off-leash play and exercise.
- Consider implementing an off-leash dog program, similar to that in Brookline, which identifies permitted locations across town and allowable hours.

Key Challenges / Solutions

- Dogs Parks can be messy. Ensure adequate means to dispose of dog waste including dog waste stations regularly stocked with dog waste bags and maintained waste receptacles.
- The surfacing and equipment damage at dog parks can easily deteriorate with overuse so a clear maintenance plan to inspect and repair all surfacing, fencing, amenities, landscaping, and site furnishing such as dog waste stations and trash receptacles should be in place. Incorporate a hose bib and water service in any dog run for easy washing down of dog park amenities and surfacing.

Community Thoughts

"Would love a fenced in field for dogs to run around and play without risk of running off."

"Maintaining Emerson Field for off leash dog walking is very important to me. I am there at least twice a day and it is highly important to my quality of life in Concord."

"The dogs at Emerson Field off leash has made walking on the new accessible path difficult and dangerous. I have friends that won't go to Emerson Field anymore because they are worried they will be knocked down by a dog. ... Could off leash dogs be relegated to the far corner of the field near Thoreau and Everettstreets? Have a dog park at another site?"

"Please do not make Cousins Field a dog park!!"

"I love the off-leash dog friendly nature of Mattison Field. It is a wonderful place to walk and talk with neighbors. I would love more places like that."

for the future of recreation in Concord.

Prioritization Criteria

Understanding Concord's recreation needs is useful when it is accompanied by a transparent and equitable method for prioritizing those needs. How will repairs or upgrades to existing recreation sites fit into and alongside new facilities and or Town-wide improvements? What should get delivered first? What criteria will inform prioritization of the many competing demands? Finally, what are meaningful time scales that balance high quality improvements with the need to keep amenities operational?

Many considerations should be accounted for when prioritizing projects. A comprehensive capital planning task force should be assembled from across Town Departments to assist in prioritizing projects. The task force could use these considerations outlined below to determine which projects occur immediately to address urgent safety concerns and those that occur within a Short Term Capital Plan (FY24-28) and a Long Term Capital Plan (FY29-33):

Public Safety

- Ensuring that cracks in court surfaces or broken playground equipment is repaired immediately could prevent injury or even be life-saving.

Funding Availability

- Funds can come from many sources - earmarked within the Town's annual capital budget, private funding through a donation or youth sports league's fundraising effort, state as well as federal grants.
- A mix of funding sources can sometimes be applied to one project to push a project forward. Creative thinking is key.

Construction Costs

- Some project cost may be low, or may require equipment or material purchases if done with Town staff. Other projects may be more complex in constructability, material selections, specialized trades, etc. that increase the cost.
- Phasing a large-scale project may come into play if construction costs are exceedingly high, and / or funding is not readily available for the entire project.

Town Staffing

- Repairs or smaller projects could potentially be done "in-house" by Facilities staff. Efforts involving complicated design and engineering, and challenging construction techniques may need to be deferred to outside vendors. The latter will increase a project's timeline.

Permitting Challenges

- Federal, state and local permitting requirements may add complication to particular projects, particularly environmental permitting if impacts fall within wetlands. Other jurisdictions, Town boards and commissions may also need to weigh in on projects if, for example, the work is in a historic district, is providing ADA accessibility or is proposing climate mitigation strategies. At the state and federal level, projects may be extended if environmental contamination is present, as is the case with one of our study sites described later in this chapter.

Inclusion and Equity

- Location must be considered when distributing capital projects in a given year. It is critical that recreational resources are accessible to all people, regardless of means and abilities, and justly distributed throughout Concord.

Project Decision Filter

Assigning time scales to the delivery of recreation needs holds Town leadership accountable and ensures the community continues to trust that repairs and new recreation resources will be delivered when promised. It also demonstrates that the community's health and wellbeing is valued. The series of questions below will help in future decision-making. The first three questions that need to be 'yes' to continue exploring a project idea are:

1. Does the project build community cohesion, improve health and wellness, and provide increased access to physical activity and personal fitness?
2. Does the project create a more resilient / sustainable community and improve connectivity across town?
3. Does the project promote DEI values and improve access to parks, recreational facilities, and programming for underserved communities with Concord?

Yeses, or confirmation, in each of the column below should be used to determine the time frame for which this project should be undertaken.

SHORT-TERM TIME FRAME AND IMMEDIATE NEED
(0 to 1 years)

1. This project idea addresses an immediate public safety concern?
2. Does this project idea enhance a current amenity already in place at a recreational facility?
3. Does the project already have a Town staff 'champion' in place?
4. There are no permits required for this work.. OR Can permits be secured within 3 months?
5. Can current staff resources maintain the project once it is completed (short)?

MID-RANGE TIME FRAME
(2 to 5 years)

1. There is no immediate safety concern associated with this project idea.
2. Can current recreational facilities incorporate (make space for) this project, even if this new project idea reconfigured an existing recreational facility or amenity?
3. Will the project have a Town staff 'champion' within the next year?
4. Will the permit process take more than 3 months but under 1 year?
5. Does the Town need to hire one or two more staff or hire a vendor to maintain the project once its completed?

LONG-TERM TIME FRAME
(6 years or more)

1. There is no immediate safety concern associated with this project idea.
2. Would new property need to be acquired to complete this project idea?
3. Will it take longer than a year for Town resources to be allocated to this project?
4. Will the permit process take more than 1 year?
5. Would the Town need to invest in new skillsets / trades to maintain the new project idea?

Short Term and Immediate Need Projects

CAPITAL PROJECTS	OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS	CHAMPION	BUDGET	FUNDING
Rideout Park & Playground				
• With recent renovations in some areas, the park would benefit from a short conceptual planning exercise to fit new proposals seamlessly into the park's existing fabric.	2D	CR	$	CPC, GF
• **Renovate the existing tennis courts; include pickleball striping.** Include investigatory borings during design to understand subgrade issues.	2D	CR/CPW	$	GF
Baker Avenue Water Access Point				
• Add at least one accessible parking spot.	1B	NRC	$	GF, MOD-ADA
• Create an accessible pathway connection to a formalized boat launch/ public landing along the Assabet River.	1A	NRC	$	GF, MOD-ADA
Harvey Wheeler Center				
• Add more exercise programming for seniors.		CR/CCA	$	MIM
Second Division Brook Water Access Point				
• Improve pedestrian access via Main Street.	1A, 1B	NRC	$	USDOT
Cousins Field				
• Add at least one designated ADA parking spot.	1B	NRC	$	GF, MOD-ADA
White Pond Beach				
• Support the development of a rowing or paddling club and other water programming.	1A	CR	$	MIM
Warner's Pond Water Access Point				
• Add an accessible boat launch.	1A	NRC	$$	GF, MOD-ADA
• Incorporate at least one accessible paved parking space and van aisle, as well as an accessible pathway to a new accessible boat launch.	1B	NRC	$	GF, MOD-ADA

Legend
Beede Enterprise Fund - BEF
Concord Council on Aging - CCA
Concord Recreation - CR
Concord-Carlisle Regional Schools - CCRS
Concord Public Works - CPW
Facilities - FAC
Natural Resource Comission - NRC

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MAINTENANCE PROJECTS	OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS	CHAMPION	BUDGET	FUNDING
Rideout Park & Playground				
• Add padding to the basketball court goal posts.	2D	CPW	$	GF
• Repair basketball court cracking.	2D	CPW	$$	GF
• Spot repair worn poured-in-place rubber at the playground (e.g. at the slides).	2B	CPW	$	GF
• Add fencing between the rail line and the park.	2B	CPW	$	GF
• **Install 20-foot height safety netting between the softball field and the playground as an interim solution before the playground is relocated / renovated.**	2B	CPW	$	GF
Baker Avenue Water Access Point				
• Maintain boat launch/public landing spot.	2B	NRC	$	GF
• Add park signage to road and river entrances, canoe access signage to road entrance, and trail markers.	2A	NRC	$	Ch90
Harvey Wheeler Center - Not evaluated.				
Second Division Brook Water Access Point - None.				
Cousins Field				
• Dig test pits to understand field drainage conditions; light regrading recommended.	1C	CR	$	GF
White Pond Beach - None.				
Warner's Pond Water Access Point				
• Add canoe access signage at road entrance.	2A	NRC	$	Ch90

Short Term and Immediate Need Projects

CAPITAL PROJECTS	OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS	CHAMPION	BUDGET	FUNDING
Lowell Road Water Access Point				
• Add historic information in support of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Council guides.	1A	NRC	$	MHC
Hunt Recreation Center				
• None.				
Emerson Park & Playground				
• Develop an overarching master plan.		CR	$$	PARC
Beede Swim & Fitness Center				
• Upgrade mechanical equipment to reduce pool closures.	2B, 2C	CR/BEF	$$$	GF
Skate Park at Concord-Carlisle High School				
• Incorporate a disc golf course through woodland and open field spaces.	2E	CR/CCRS	$$$	PARC
Doug White Turf Complex				
• None.				
South Meadow Field				
• Add at least one ADA accessible parking spot and an accessible route to amenities.	1B	CR	$	MOD-ADA
• Add a trailhead kiosk with trail mapping.	2A, 3C	CR	$$	MT
Ripley School Fields				
• Coordinate with Concord Children's Center (CCC) on a full renovation to the Play Scape. Add a shade structure.	2E	CR/CCC	$$$	KB!
• **Remove the megaphone play element.**	2B	CPW/ CCRS	$	--
• Accommodate a seasonal ice skating rink in the multiuse field.	1A	CR/ CCRS	$$	MIM
• Create an accessible pathway between the parking lot, bleachers, and concessions.	1B	CPW/ CCRS	$$	MOD-ADA

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Lowell Road Water Access Point				
• None.				
Hunt Recreation Center				
• Restripe the pickleball lines to be more distinct from other striping.	2D	CR/CPW	$	GF
Emerson Park & Playground				
• At the basketball courts, repair cracking and re-seal coat the fading surface.	2D	CPW	$$	GF
• Replace Court #2's net.	2D	CPW	$	GF
• Repair tennis court #3's deep cracking. May need full replacement as a capital project.	2D	CPW	$$$	CPC
• Repair team benches at Softball Field #1.	2A	CPW	$	GF
Beede Swim & Fitness Center - Not evaluated.				
Skate Park at Concord-Carlisle High School		CCRS	$$	DCR-UCFC
• Plant trees.				
Doug White Turf Complex				
• Repair the exterior entry to the restrooms.	2B	FAC	$$	GF
• Install ball safety netting along length of two synthetic turf fields.	2B	FAC/CPW	$	CPC
South Meadow Field				
• Add park signage.	2A	NRC	$	Ch90
• Dig stormwater test pits to understand field drainage conditions.	1C	NRC/CR	$	GF
Ripley School Fields				
• Test flooring for hazardous materials prior to floor renovation.	2C	FAC/CR /CCRS	$	GF
• Reinstall the soap dispensers to an ADA compliant height.	2C	FAC/CR /CCRS	$	MOD-ADA
• Rename the Little League field as a 60-foot baseball diamond on the Concord Rec permit application.		CR	-	--

Mid-Range Projects

CAPITAL PROJECTS	OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS	CHAMPION	BUDGET	FUNDING
Rideout Park & Playground				
• Create accessible connections to the multiuse fields and ballfields.	1B	CR/CPW	$$	MOD-ADA
• Install a covered shelter for each dugout to enhance players' comfort during baseball and softball games.	2A	CR/CPW	$$	REI, CPC
• Add a splash pad.	1A	CR	$$$	CPC
• Incorporate a fenced-in dog park.	3E	CR	$$$	CPC
Baker Avenue Water Access Point				
• Expand the pollinator garden already underway. Add educational signage.	2A	NRC	$$	DCR-UCFC
• Ensure accessible connections and surfacing at picnic tables.	1B	NRC	$$	MOD-ADA
Harvey Wheeler Center - None.				
Second Division Brook Water Access Point				
• Formalize public boat landing area.	1A	NRC	$$$	CPC
Cousins Field				
• Enhance the existing small seating area overlooking the Assabet River.	2A	NRC	$	CPC
• Enhance existing perimeter loop trail; add stopping points of interest for education, play or relaxation.	1B	NRC	$$$	MT
White Pond Beach - None.				
Warner's Pond Water Access Point				
• Ensure accessible pathway connections to the Gerow property.	1B	NRC	$$	MOD-ADA, MT

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MAINTENANCE PROJECTS	OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS	CHAMPION	BUDGET	FUNDING
Rideout Park & Playground • Replace the wooden edging around the surfacing of the Fitness Park.	2B	CPW	$	GF
Baker Avenue Water Access Point - None.				
Harvey Wheeler Center - Not evaluated.				
Second Division Brook Water Access Point - None.				
Cousins Field • Add more bench seating.	2A	CPW	$	GF
White Pond Beach - Not evaluated.				
Warner's Pond Water Access Point • Upgrade bench seating for inclusivity and accessibility.	1B, 2A	NRC	$	MOD-ADA

Mid-Range Projects

CAPITAL PROJECTS	OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS	CHAMPION	BUDGET	FUNDING
Lowell Road Water Access Point				
• Add accessible paved parking space and aisle connected by a short, paved walkway to a concrete platform at water's edge.	1B	NRC	$$	MOD-ADA
Hunt Recreation Center				
• Create a stronger connection between the Hunt Recreation Center building and Emerson Park in its outdoor entry space and gardens. Foster outdoor gathering for camps and adult programming.	2A	CR	$$$	MD-PLACES
• Increase fitness programming quantity and offerings.	2C	CR	$$	MIM
Emerson Playground				
• Consolidate nearby storage structures.		CR/FAC /CPW	$	GF
• Consider a formalized off-leash dog area.	3E	CR	$$$	PARC
• Renovate the entrance at Hunt.	2A	CR	$$	MOD-ADA
Beede Swim & Fitness Center				
• Upgrade fitness equipment and spaces and diversify class offerings.	2A	BEF/CR	$$$	REI
Skate Park at Concord-Carlisle High School				
• Add a mid-sized event and performance venue / shade structure.	3C	CCRS/CR /OTHER TOWN DEPTS	$$$	PARC, MD-PLACES, SF
• Add tree and shrub planting and sidewalk connections to better integrate this space into the high school complex.	1B	CCRS/CR	$$	DCR-UCFC
Doug White Turf Complex				
• Consider complete enclosure of complex.		CCRS/CR /CPW	$	GF
South Meadow Field				
• Incorporate a simple rustic play moment near the multipurpose field	2E	NRC/CR	$$	PARC
Ripley School Fields				
• Lightly regrade the baseball diamond and multiuse fields.		NRC	$$$	GF

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MAINTENANCE PROJECTS	OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS	CHAMPION	BUDGET	FUNDING
Lowell Road Water Access Point - None.				
Hunt Recreation Center				
• Replace the carpeting in the meeting rooms and office spaces.	2C	FAC	$$$	GF
• Paint walls and trim throughout to refresh the spaces.	2C	FAC	$$	GF
Emerson Park & Playground				
• Near the playground, plant more deciduous trees for shade.	2E	CPW	$	DCR-UCFC
• At the playground, add more seating and picnic tables.	2E	CPW	$	MOD-ADA
• Spot repair fencing throughout the site, particularly bowed backstops and fencing around ball fields.	2E	CPW	$	GF
• Correct the inadequate clear zone between the edge of track and vertical obstruction (fencing).	2E	CR/CPW	$$	GF
Beede Swim & Fitness Center - Not evaluated.				
Skate Park at Concord-Carlisle High School - None.				
Doug White Turf Complex				
• Replace several spalling concrete panels near synthetic turf fields and parking lot.		CPW	$	GF
South Meadow Field				
• Based on soil tests, consider re-grading, re-seeding, and turf management to accomodate demand for multipurpose fields.	1C	CR	$$	GF
Ripley School Fields				
• Remount lavatories to appropriate ADA compliant height or provide full replacements. Add pipe protection to the lavatories.	2B, 2C	CCRS/ FAC	$S	MOD-ADA
• Replace the tile flooring in the restroom. Resinous flooring is recommended.	2B, 2C	CCRS/ FAC	$$	GF

Long-Range Projects

CAPITAL PROJECTS	OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS	CHAMPION	BUDGET	FUNDING
Rideout Park & Playground Demolish and design/construct a new playground and sensory play area (i.e. sand) relocated away from conflict with the Little League Field. Increase play value and inspire creative play opportunities with this move.	2E	CR	$$$	KB!
Baker Avenue Water Access Point • Incorporate a simple rustic play moment en route to the new boat launch/public landing.	2E	NRC	$$	PARC
Harvey Wheeler Center • Consider a small outdoor performance space.	3B	CR/CCA/ OTHER TOWN DEPTS	$$$	SF, MD-PLACES
Second Division Brook Water Access Point • Introduce temporary art installations referencing the historic Damon Mill upstream.	3B, 3C	NRC	$	NEA-OT
Doug White Turf Complex • Consider synthetic turf replacement of two fields in 2029, depending on use levels.	1C, 2B, 2D	CPW/CR	$$$	PARC
Cousins Field • Incorporate a small gathering area at the entrance to the community garden.	3B	NRC	$$$	CPC
White Pond Beach • Offer small watercraft rentals and additional water sport-related programming. • Add a feet rinsing station.	1A 1A, 2A	CR NRC/ CPW	$ $	REI REI
Warner's Pond Water Access Point (or Gerow) Expand opportunities for use, such as a fishing spot, bird-hide, paddling lessons, summer camp programming, etc.	1A	NRC/CR	$	REI

Note: Long-range maintenance projects are somewhat of a misnomer, and constitute what is regular care and upkeep of facilities.

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Lowell Road Water Access Point				
• Fully renovate the access drive. Consider the impacts of regular large-scale flooding.	1B	NRC	$$$	FEMA, MVP
Hunt Recreation Center				
• Expand the gymnasium to support more basketball, pickleball and an elevated track. (Consider an alternative location for Recreation office space or gymnasium space as a result).	2C	CR	$$$	CPC, MIM
• Resurface the existing gymnasium and add air conditioning.	2C	CR	$$$	CPC, MIM
Emerson Park & Playground				
• Improve and enlarge the outdoor pool.	1A	CR	$$$	GF
Beede Swim & Fitness Center				
• Add at least one additional lap pool and a family-friendly swimming option.	1A, 2C	CR/BEF	$$$	GF
Skate Park at Concord-Carlisle High School				
• Reconfigure the skate park to incorporate a pump track.	2E	CR/CCHS	$$$	CPC, PARC
• Add at least two basketball courts.	2D	CR/CCHS	$$$	CPC, PARC
Doug White Turf Complex				
• Consider repainting posts and replacing mesh in chain link fence.	2B	CPW/CR	$	GF
South Meadow Field - None.				
Ripley School Fields				
• Renovate the gymnasium to expand multigenerational indoor programming (i.e. basketball, pickleball, group fitness, community events).	2C	CR/CCHS	$$$	ULI-TAP
• Renovate the restroom to provide full accessibility.	2C	CR/CCHS	$$$	MOD-ADA
• Add sports lighting so one (1) baseball field in Concord can have evening play.	1C	CR/CCHS	$$$	CPC

Funding Opportunities

FEDERAL	DESCRIPTION
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)	The 2022 law includes federal funding opportunities available to local governments to make roadways safer, improve the resilience of transportation infrastructure, advance complete streets improvements, reconnect communities divided by transportation infrastructure, expand electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure, and help communities build innovative projects. https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/fact-sheet-bipartisan-infrastructure-law-will-deliver-local
U.S. Department of Transportation Grants (USDOT)	The U.S. Department of Transportation provides grants to help build up and maintain a fast, safe, efficient, accessible, and convenient transportation system for the American people, today and into the future. Some grants that may be applicable to the Williamansett neighborhood include the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program, the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants, Hazardous Materials Grant Programs, and the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity. https://www.transportation.gov/grants
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act North American Wetlands Conservation Act Small Grant (NAWCA-SG)	The Small Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. These projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds. https://www.fws.gov/service/north-american-wetlands-conservation-act-nawca-grants-us-small
FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grants (FEMA)	Provides funding for eligible mitigation measures that reduce disaster losses. "Hazard mitigation" is defined any sustainable action that reduces or eliminates long-term risk to people and property from future disasters. https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation
National Endowment for the Arts: Our Town (NEA-OT)	NEA's creative placemaking grant program. Through project-based funding, the program supports activities that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities. https://www.arts.gov/grants/our-town
Department of Conservation & Recreation Urban and Community Forest Challenge Grants (DCR-UCFC)	The Department of Conservation & Recreation Urban and Community Forest Challenge Grants offers 50-50 match grants for municipalities and nonprofits for projects related to urban and community forestry management. The program identifies six general project areas: Building and Strengthening Citizen Advocacy and Action Organizations, Community Wood Bank Special Grant Opportunity, Developing and Adopting Tree and Forest Ordinances and Policies, Securing or Training Professional Staff, Develop and Implement Urban Forestry Management Plan, and Completing Strategic Community Tree Plantings and "Heritage" Tree Care Projects. https://www.arts.gov/grants/our-town
Department of Treasury Construction and Real Property Aquisition Activities (CRPAA)	Treasury is publishing multiple funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) for its RESTORE Act grant programs. This announcement applies only to the Direct Component and is only for applications for eligible construction and real property acquisition activities, including environmental restoration projects and including projects with or without a non-federal cost-share for another federally funded project or program. https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/216/Rnd-14-FOA-DC-Construction-Real-Property_GR-RDC-23-001.pdf

STATE	DESCRIPTION
Chapter 90 Program (Ch90)	The purpose of the Chapter 90 Program is to provide municipalities with an annual funding source for improvements to and investments in local transportation networks. Eligible improvements might include crosswalks, pedestrian signage, traffic signals, ADA accessible ramps, berms and curbs, bike lanes (on-road and separated). Chapter 90 funding only applies to accepted, public roadways. https://www.mass.gov/chapter-90-program
Mass in Motion (MIM)	Promotes opportunities for healthy eating and active living in the places that people live, learn, work, and play. Mass in Motion works with local governments partnered with community-based organizations to make policy and practice changes that make it easier for people to eat better and move more. https://www.mass.gov/about-mass-in-motion
MassDevelopment Commonwealth Places (MD-Places)	A competitive opportunity to advance locally driven placemaking in downtown and neighborhood commercial districts in eligible communities throughout Massachusetts. The program makes awards through two (2) funding categories: Category 1 Seed Grants used to fund inclusive engagement, visioning, and local capacity-building that will support future placemaking efforts and Category 2 Implementation Grants for implementation of locally led placemaking projects (includes a local match requirement). https://www.massdevelopment.com/what-we-offer/real-estate-services/commonwealth- places/
Massachusetts Historic Commission Preservation Projects Fund (MHC-PPF)	A state-funded 50% reimbursable matching grant program to support the preservation of properties, landscapes, and sites (cultural resources) listed in the State Register of Historic Places. https://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcmppf/mppfidx.htm
Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program	The MVP provides support for cities and towns in Massachusetts to begin the process of planning for climate change resiliency and implementing priority projects. MVP provides both Planning Grants and Action Grants. Communities who complete the MVP program become certified as an MVP community and are eligible for MVP Action Grant funding and other opportunities. https://www.mass.gov/municipal-vulnerability- preparedness-mvp-program
Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities Grant Program (PARC)	The PARC Program was established to assist cities and towns in acquiring and developing land for park and outdoor recreation purposes. These grants can be used by municipalities to acquire parkland, build a new park, or to renovate an existing park. https://www.mass.gov/service-details/ parkland-acquisitions-and-renovations-for- communities-parc-grant-program
MassTrails (MT)	MassTrails provides matching grants to communities, public entities and non-profit organizations to plan, design, create, and maintain the diverse network of trails, trail systems, and trails experiences used and enjoyed by Massachusetts residents and visitors. Applications are accepted annually for a variety of well-planned trail projects benefiting communities across the state. https://www.mass.gov/guides/masstrails-grants

STATE	DESCRIPTION
The Solomon Foundation (SF)	The Solomon Foundation champions the Commonwealth of Massachusetts's public green spaces and their unique contribution to the quality of urban life. Their mission is to provide a complete and connected network of beautiful parks and greenways connecting people to open spaces. Founded by David Solomon and Herb Nolan in 2005, the Solomon Foundation seeks to frame visionary yet practical projects and help get them built. Working alongside and supporting diverse partners across many governmental agencies and neighborhoods, they help drive greenway projects forward. https://www.solomonfoundation.org/
Massachusetts Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program (LWCF)	This program is federal funded and offered through the state. It provides p to 50% of costs associated with eligible projects. Project areas include parks, trails, and conservation areas. Eligible applicants include municipalities, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Department of Fish and Game, and federally recognized tribed. In order for municipalities to be eligible, must have an updated open space and recreation plan (OSRP). https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-land-and-water-conservation-fund-grant-program
Massachusetts Office on Disability Municipal ADA Improvement Grant (MOD-ADA)	This Program will support capital improvements specifically dedicated to improving programmatic access and/or removing barriers encountered by persons with disabilities in applicant facilities throughout the Commonwealth. https://www.mass.gov/info-details/learn-about-the-municipal-americans-with-disabilities-act-ada-improvement-grant-program

LOCAL AND OTHER	DESCRIPTION
Town General Fund (GF)	The Town's primary operating fund is the General Fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
Community Preservation Act Fund (CPC)	The Community Preservation Act (CPA) helps communities preserve open space and historic resources, create affordable housing, and develop outdoor recreational facilities to benefit the public. Concord typically distributes grants for CPA-eligible projects from the Concord Community Preservation Fund once per year. The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) accepts applications for projects in September for distribution the following July. https://concordma.gov/906/Community-Preservation-Committee
Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panels (ULI-TAP)	This program is a low-cost consultation service of $10,000 offered to community organizations and municipalities. As part of this program, an expert team from ULI provides professional recommendations for a wide range of project types, including but not limited to market analysis, land use design, and adaptive building reuse. https://boston.uli.org/get-involved/technical-assistance-panels/
REI Outdoor Recreation Grants (REI)	This program is a low-cost consultation service of $10,000 offered to community organizations and municipalities. As part of this program, an expert team from ULI provides professional recommendations for a wide range of project types, including but not limited to market analysis, land use design, and adaptive building reuse. https://www.rei.com/newsroom/article/rei-cooperative-action-fund-celebrates-first-year-with-nearly-2-million-in-new-investments-in-nonprofits
PeopleForBikes Community Grants (PFB)	PeopleforBikes has an ongoing program called Bikes Belong that supports infrastructure for bicycle riding, from bike trails and mountain paths to BMX facilities. Funding is reserved for non-profit organizations that focus on bicycling, active transportation and community development, as well as local, state and government agencies. Grants are only for specific projects or programs and not for general operational costs. https://www.peopleforbikes.org/grant-guidelines
KABOOM! Grants (KB!)	Since 1996, KABOOM! has collaborated with partners to build, open or improve more than 16,700 playgrounds across the country. Projects seek to build trusting relationships, center community voices, and engage diverse stakeholders. They build playspaces in partnership with child-serving nonprofits and municipal agencies. Their projects are an incredible opportunity to build new and exciting places for kids and teens to play. https://kaboom.org/grants



Summer camp in full swing at Emerson Playground, 2023

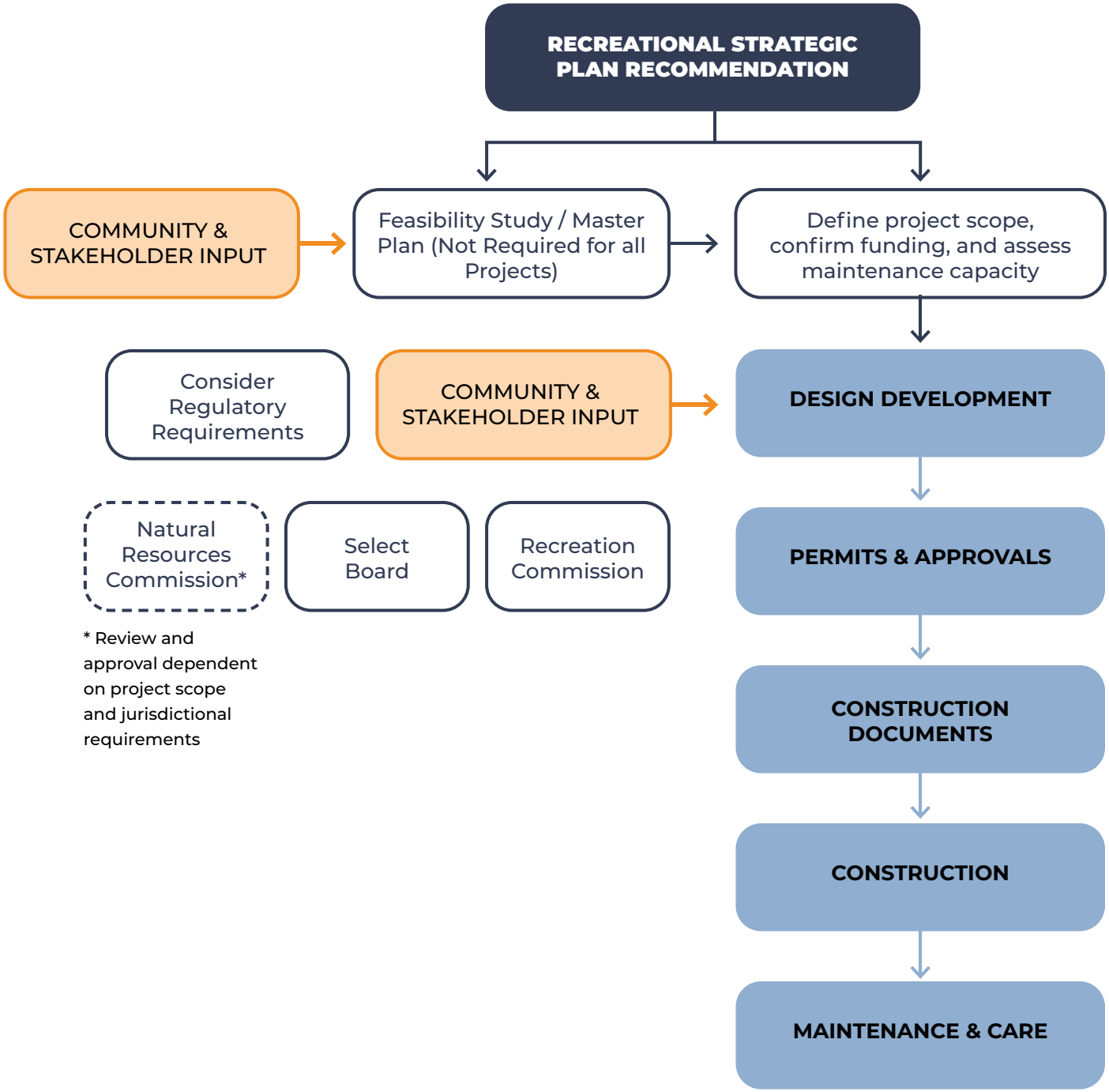


Success Monitoring

(How do we know we've been successful?)

Process of Park Improvements

Once a project is selected for implementation and funding is secured by the project champion, or designated Town department leading the project, it will enter a process of refinement. At this stage, the project's scope and design are confirmed and adjustments to maintenance regimes are considered to prepare for the property's long-term care. Many Town-owned properties are managed, maintained, or permitted for use by multiple Town departments so on-going coordination with Town partners and other key stakeholders is critical to ensuring the project's long-term success. Additional site analysis and study will be conducted in parallel with ongoing community engagement before the project is submitted for required permits and approvals. The project design team will refine the details and prepare construction documents for contractors who will bid on and build the project. Once the project is built, regular maintenance and routine annual inspections by the appropriate Town departments of the new property will safeguard users and ensure a well-cared for recreational resource.



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Annual Monitoring Procedures

Regular review of work completed is critical to this plan's long-term success. Collectively, the three methods described below will create an annual feedback loop. Concord Recreation would be the champion of the Annual Park User Survey and Traditional Metrics areas, while Concord Facilities and Public Works jointly would be responsible for the Annual Inspection Program; however, regular communication amongst Town departments is necessary to ensure progress is made on realizing recommendations from this plan, especially where Town departments share responsibilities for a recreational resource. Continued coordination between Concord Recreation, Concord Facilities and Public Works, Natural Resource Division (DNR), Concord-Carlisle Regional School (CCRS), Beede Enterprise, and other relevant entities advances Concord's goal that Town lands remain public and open to all members of the community.

Annual Inspection Program

Town-wide recommendation #5, Annual Inspection Program, is one of the easiest ways for the district to gauge projects are being completed. Park inventory analysis can also be performed, independently or as part of the maintenance inspection process, to determine increases or decreases in park conditions by evaluating current conditions against the site evaluations performed as park of this planning effort.

Annual Park User Survey

An annual park user survey is another way the Town can monitor whether or not expectations are being met.

Although these types of surveys are not scientific or statistically accurate, they do provide immediate feedback from the people in the parks.

Traditional Metrics

Traditional performance measures for park and recreation should also be utilized, typically monitored annually, including:

- Acres of new park land acquired
- Number of park master plans completed
- Number of new park sites developed
- Number of recommended capital projects completed
- Number of recommended maintenance projects completed

Successful Outcomes

Metrics to measure progress and success are key in advancing the recommendations within this plan. These should be reviewed annually to ensure goals are being advanced and improvements to Concord's recreational facilities are being made.

1. Conduct Specialized Studies

A. Town-wide Water Access Plan

- ☐ If this plan is pursued, a Conservation Commisison and Recreaction Commission endorsed plan that identifies more water access points along Concord's three (3) rivers equitably spread through the Town.
- ☐ Addition of at least one (1) accessible boat launch.
- ☐ Addition of at least one (1) new splash pad / spray deck or other water play element within a playground for people to play with water.
- ☐ Swim lessons made available for free to every child under the age of six at White Pond Beach, or other appropriate locations.
- ☐ Pilot a rental program for small non-motorized boat rental at Warner Access Point or another an identified location.
- ☐ Consider collaboration with Concord-based kayaking or wild swimming communities to develop water-based programming including clubs and/or organizations such as the River Stewardship Council to develop additional paddling guides to Concord's three (3) rivers.

B. Multi-modal Transportation Planning

- ☐ Recreation facility or conservation land 10-minute cycle-ride from every home.
- ☐ Implement next phases of the Bruce Freedman Rail Trail.
- ☐ Addition of sidewalks, where needed.
- ☐ Addition of shared-use paths or dedicated bike lanes with lighting connecting West Concord with the historic Town Center.
- ☐ At least ten (1) new programs promoting cycling in Concord, such as regular bike rodeos for children, bike to school day, or bike parades as part of regular Town celebrations.

C. Rectangular Field Use Study

- ☐ Clear understanding of the number of rectangular sports fields needed for the growing demand for sports on these fields.
- ☐ Plan for identifying which existing fields will be upgraded and where land acquisition is required.
- ☐ Future prediction of sports popularity.
- ☐ Better understanding of permitting data through league interviews and collaboration with the school system permitting, uses, specialization of sports, and understanding of sports trends in Concord and Metro West.

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2. Improve or Expand Current Recreation Facilities

A. Consistency of Facility Signage and Site Furnishings

- ☐ Branding package completed.
- ☐ Number of parks with updated signage.
- ☐ Master Plan for Emerson Park completed.
- ☐ Suite of site furnishings identified.

B. Annual Inspection Program

- ☐ Systematic Evaluation Program in place for evaluting needs at each recreation facility and action plan for addressing hazardous/immediate needs
- ☐ Two (2) staff people trained as Certified Playground Safety Inspectors.

C. Indoor Recreation Upgrades

- ☐ Renovation of at least two existing Town properties to host new desired programming (eg. Harvey Wheeler Comunity Center, Peabody Middle School, and Ripley School Gymnasium).

D. More Outdoor Courts of all Types

- ☐ All existing basketball courts have been resurfaced.
- ☐ Repairs made to tennis/pickleball courts at Rideout Park.
- ☐ Addition of at least two (2) outdoor basketball courts (with integrated futsal goals or similar).
- ☐ Addition of six (6) new pickleball courts.

E. More Diverse Play Opportunities

- ☐ Addition of at least one (1) tot lot geared toward 2 to 5 year old children; consider integration of water play.
- ☐ Addition of at least two (2) more creative playgrounds geared toward 5 to 12 year old children.
- ☐ Addition of at least one (1) water-based play space (splash pad, playful fountain jets, water pump in sand box, etc).
- ☐ Addition of at least one (1) new play space for tweens and teens (could be a pump track, frisbee golf, or hang-out shelter).

3. Develop New Recreation Facilities

A. Indoor Recreation Facility

- ☐ Town acquisition of the 2229 Main Street or similar property for a new Indoor Recreation Center to meet growing demand.
- ☐ Conceptual planning for the redevelopment of 2229 Main Street.

B. Outdoor Civic Gathering Spaces

- ☐ Complete a Master Plan for Emerson Park, including re-design of entrance to Emerson Park at Hunt Recreation Center as a significant gathering space.
- ☐ Design and installation of a central civic gathering space at Rideout Park; consideration of water-based play in this space.
- ☐ Design and install a gathering space at Cousins Field's community gardens.
- ☐ Designation of existing Town-owned land or the acquisition of new land for a performing arts lawn and civic gathering space to accommodate events, festivals, and Town celebrations.

C. Trailhead Nature Education / Maker Space

- ☐ Build at least one (1), preferably two (2), Nature Education Trailhead stations to connect Concord's extensive trail and water way systems and create more nature-based learning.

D. New Centralized Skating Rink

- ☐ Trial a seasonal ice skating rink in Concord annually for three (3) years to gauge popularity with the community and ensure the rink's continued success. Add a a permanent installation if successful.
- ☐ Develop community programming around the ice skating rink such as skating lessons, designated open skate and pick-up hockey time slots, or First Night Ice Skating Spectacular event.

E. New Dedicated Dog Runs

- ☐ Addition of two (2) new dog runs with one being located near the Town center.

A Comprehensive List of Sites

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Concord Recreational Facilities Strategic Plan

Comprehensive List of Properties

Last update: 2/20/2024

Name	Location	Owner/ Manager	Amenities	Amenity Dimensions / Quantity	Parking Lots & Paved Pathways (asphalt) - paving, curbing, striping	Court Surfacing	Trail Surfacing	Playground Surfacing	Field Mowing & Landscape Maintenance	Trash / Recycling Pickup and Maintenance	Fencing	Site Furnishings and Vertical Elements	Buildings & Sheds	Restroom Cleaning / Maintenance	Park Signage	Programming & Permitting	Outdoor Lighting	Electrical Amenities	Water Use Billing	Electric Use Billing	Other Maintenance	Rentable? (Y/N)	ADA Accessible (Y/N)	Recreation Potential (Active / Passive)	Current, Recently Completed or Upcoming Projects	Grants Received	Protection Status / Deed Restriction	Size (acres)	Additional Notes
Abbott Field	5A Riverdale Circle Map: 10G Parcel: 0476-1	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A		N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	3.43	
Adams	67X Fairhaven Road Map: 13H Parcel: 4012	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A		N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Deed Restricted for Conservation	50.7	
Albree	32B Lexington Road Map: 9I, Parcel: 0093	Town of Concord / SB			DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	N/A	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space (Wet)			None	51.7	
Ammendolia	33X Old Bedford Road Map: 7J, Parcel: 4209	Town of Concord / SB			DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	N/A	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Agriculture/ Community Garden			None	52.7	
Ammendolia	40A Old Bedford Road Map: 7J, Parcel: 4210-2	Town of Concord / SB			DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	N/A	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Agriculture			None	53.7	
Ammendolia	419 Old Bedford Road Map: 7J, Parcel: 0971	Town of Concord / SB			DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	N/A	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	None			None	54.7	
Annursnac Hill	40Y Annursnac Road Map: 6D, Parcel: 1979	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	N/A	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Cell Towers Water Tower			None	55.7	
Annursnac Conservation Land	57A Strawberry Hill Rd Map: 5D, Parcel: 1981-2	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR with CPW	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A		N/A	DNR with CPW	No	No	Passive Recreation		Self Help	Permanent Protection	56.7	
Arena Farm Life Tenancy	38A Fairhaven Road Map: 10G, Parcel: 0387	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	CPW	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A		N/A	DNR with CPW	No	No	Agriculture			Permanent Protection	57.7	
Arena Terrace	16B Arena Terrace Map: 11G, Parcel: 4016-1	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space (Forested)			None	58.7	
Ash Street	9A Ash Street Map: 8J, Parcel: 0957	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Road			None	59.7	
Baker Avenue Conservation Area (Water Access)	36A Baker Ave; Map: 9E, Parcel: 3792	Town/NRC	Informal canoe launch area		DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR (only wayfinding signage; no existing park signage)	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	N	Passive	Pollinator Garden recentally planted and tagged		P / No DR	1.94a	
			Dedicated Parking Lot	Gravel and pea gravel surfacing																									
			Interior path	Dirt and wood chips trail, maintained by NRC volunteers																									
			Picnic Area 1	Composite structure																									

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			Picnic Area 2	Existing																									
			Picnic tables	Five (5)																									
			Pollinator Garden	Along trail with plant tags																									
Baptist Brook	16B Commerford Road Map Map: 6D, Parcel 1978-3	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	28.9	
Bateman's Ridge	76B Strawberry Hill Rd. Map: 4E, Parcel: 1965-1-6	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	7.98	
Bedford Street (40E)	40E Bedford Street Map: 7I, Parcel: 1199	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	None			None		
Bedford Street (40S)	40S Bedford Street Map: 7I, Parcel: 1198	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	None			None		
Bedford Street (49X)	49X Bedford Street Map: 7I, Parcel: 1197	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	None			None		
Bedford Street (50X)	50X Bedford Street Map: 7I, Parcel: 1196	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	None			None		
Bedford Street (509)	509 Bedford Street Map: 7I, Parcel: 1195	Town of Concord /SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	None			None		
Beede Swim and Fitness Center	498 Walden St; Map: 11H, Parcel 0298	Concord-Carlisle Regional School	Main Building		Beede Enterprise (CPW - snow removal?)	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	Beede Enterprise	N/A	Beede Enterprise	Beede Enterprise	Beede Enterprise	Beede Enterprise	Beede Enterprise	Beede Enterprise	Beede Enterprise	Beede Enterprise	Beede Enterprise		Yes	Yes	Active Recreation		?	Building ~35,000 SF; 93.6a entire CCHS parcel	Membership-based, enterprise funded	
			Lap Pool (8 lanes)	25y x 25m																		N/A							
			Warm Water Pool																										
			Children's Pool	30' x 30'																		Yes							
			Dive Well	13' deep																		Yes							
			Children's Pool																			Yes							
			Weight Room																			Yes							
			Cardio Room																			No							
			Patio																			No							
			Locker Rooms, Restrooms																			Yes							
			Lower Fitness Room	1,600 sq ft																		No							
			Parking Lot and Sidewalks	Dedicated parking lot with ~150 spaces. Including ADA permitted spaces, drop-off, paved sidewalks.																		No							
			Lawn and gardens																			No							
			Signage																			N/A							
Benson	26A Balls Hill Road Map: 4J, Parcel: 1374-1	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Passive Recreation			None		

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Bergemann	13 Tracy Street Map: 14D, Parcel: 3216	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Black Birch	9X Forest Ridge Road Map: 12B, Parcel 2970-1-1	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	0.58	
Black Birch	10X Forest Ridge Road Map: 12B, Parce; 2970-1-6	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	0.43	
Black Birch	27X Forest Ridge Road Map: 12B, Parcel 2970-1-7	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	5.4	
Blue Jay Drive	4A Blue Jay Drive Map: 9C, Parcel 2281-11	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	0.12	
Bolton Street	3A Bolton Street Map: 14E, Parcel: 3280	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space (Forested)			None		
Bow Street	2A Bow Street Map: 8H, Parcel: 1290	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space (Wet)			None		
Brewster (Monument Farm)	131A Monument Street Map: 4I, Parcel: 1406	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	4.2	
Briggs	18B Hemlock Street Map: 15E, Parcel: 3400	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Burke Lot	18Y Old Bedford Road Map: 8J, Parcel: 4222	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	17.9	
Caesar Robbins House	320 Monument Street Map: 7H, Parcel: 1261	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					Yes	Historical Museum		CPA	None		
Captain Miles Lane Conservation Land	1045 Old Marlboro Road Map: 13D, Parcel: 3007-1	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	11.19	
Captain Miles Lane Conservation Land	53Y Powder Mill Road Map: 13D, Parcel: 3006	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	4.9	
Center Village	151X Main Street Map: 10D, Parcel: 2397-1	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	2.63	
Chamberlin Park	1B Lowell Road Map: 9H, Parcel: 1689-2	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR/ CPW	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR/ CPW	No	Yes	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	0.69	

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Channing Road	12X Channing Road Map: 4D, Parcel: 1971-2-15	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	1.59	
Chick Land	33X Walden Street Map: 10H, Parcel: 0249-1	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation		CPA	Permanently Protected plus CR to CLCT	2.61	
Church Street	2A Church Street Map: 9D, Parcel: 2209	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Parking Lot w/ 20-ft Passageway			None		
Ciervo	7B Pond Street Map: 9D, Parcel 2109	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	0.31	
Ciervo	5B Pond Street Map: 9D, Parcel 2108	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	0.19	
Clymer	11A Keyes Road Map: 9H, Parcel: 1703-4	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space (Wet)			None		
Clymer	5B Keyes Road Map: 9H, Parcel: 1701-2	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open			None		
Clymer	10B Main Street Map: 9H, Parcel: 1701-3	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No				None		
Comeau	43A Bedford Street Map: 8I, Parcel 1205	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	8.29	
Commonwealth Avenue	7A Commonwealth Avenue Map: 9D, Parcel: 2210	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Parking Lot			None		
Commonwealth Avenue	29A Commonwealth Avenue Map: 8D, Parcel 2145	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					Yes	Access to Warner's Pond			None		
Commonwealth Avenue	39A Commonwealth Avenue Map: 8D, Parcel 2146-1	Town of Concord /SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					Yes	Access to Warner's Pond			None		
Commonwealth Avenue	21A Commonwealth Avenue Map: 9D, Parcel: 2132	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Commuter Rail Parking Lot	6B Commonwealth Avenue Map: 9D, Parcel: 2196-2	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Parking Lot			None		
Conant Street	7A Conant Street Map: 9D, Parcel: 2250	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Access to Rideout Playground			None		

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Conant Street	8A Conant Street Map: 9D, Parcel: 2251	Town of Concord /SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Public Playground Purposes			Deeded For Public Playground Purposes		
Concord-Carlisle High School (CCHS) Doug White Artificial Turf Complex	500 Walden Street; Map: 11H, Parcel ID: 0298	Concord-Carlisle Regional School	Doug White Turf #1	11 v 11 soccer 100-130y long x 50-100 y wide, players benches, spectator seating	CPW or School?	CPW	CPW or School ?	N/A	CPW - annual grooming of artificial turf & mowing of natural grass field	Facilities	CPW or School?	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	School/CPW ?	CCHS until 6pm; REC, after 6pm M-F and during weekends	Six (6) MUSCO Lighting Poles- formal billing by School to user	Scoreboard	?	MUSCO Lighting - formal billing by School to user		Yes	Yes	Active		Friends of CC Playing Fields Gift Account. Balance as of 5/12/21 $4,566.86 Acct# 520-630-299	L / No DR	~6.6a turf complex parcel; 93.6a entire CCHS parcel	Snow can be removed from the DW fields by CPW with lead time 1-3 post storm depending on timing and snowfall amounts
			Doug White Turf #2	11 v 11 soccer, players benches, spectator seating																									
			Upper Grass Field	200' x 350', player's benches																						Friends of CC Playing			
			Misting Poles/Netting	2 misting poles / 2 foul ball nets between playing																						Friends of CC Playing			
			Restrooms	Mens Restroom (total: 1 urinal and 1 ADA toilet																									
			Maintenance Facility/Storage Shed	2-3 permanent and 2 temporary storage containers																									
			Dedicated parking, inc accessible spaces	Dedicated parking lot with ~60 spaces. Including ADA permited spaces and drop-off																									
			Signage	Directional Signage through parking lot &																									
Concord Landfill	755 Walden Street Map: 11I, Parcel: 4039	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Passive Recreation			None		
Concord-Carlisle Skate Park	500 Walden Street; Map: 11H, Parcel ID: 0298	Concord-Carlisle Regional School			CPW or School?	CPW	CPW or School ?	N/A	CPW	Facilities	CPW or School?	Facilities	N/A	N/A	REC - content; CPW -	N/A	NA	N/A	NA	NA	Facilities - graffiti removal	No	Yes	Active & Passive		2007 Grant from	L / No DR	~7500 SF skate park	
			Ramps, Equipment (Fix & Moveable)	~7,500 SF																									
			Picnic Table	One (1)																									
			Signage	Poor Condition (no sign, only plinth)																									
Cousins Fields	FIELD: 8A Brown Street; Map: 10D, Parcel: 2498-1 and WOODS BY ASSABET RIVER: 2A Shirley Street; Map: 10D, Parcel: 2498-2	Town of Concord/ NRC			DNR/ CPW	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR/ CPW	Yes	No	NA			P / No DR	4a field parcel & 6.5a riverfront parcel; 10.5a total	
			Fields (6 for Pre-K, K, and 1st grade)																										
			Seating / Picnic Tables	~ three (3) benches and one (1) picnic table																									
			Established river access																										
			Signage	Typical wooden NRC sign																									
Cousins Community Garden & Riparian Woodland Corridor	2A Shirley Street; Map: 10D, Parcel 2498-2	Town of Concord / NRC	Community Garden with water and electrical hook-ups; Trails; Water Access	25 plots (30'x25')	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	Yes	Community Garden and Open Space / Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	6.5	

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Cutting/Bent	30Y Powder Mill Road Map: 13D, Parcel: 3182	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Passive Recreation			None		
Darton Street	2A Darton Street Map: 14E, Parcel: 3298	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open			None		
Davis Land (Parcel 1)	37A Lowell Road Map 7G, Parcel 1675-2	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	0.92	
Davis Land (Parcel 2)	35A Lowell Road Map 8G, Parcel 1675-1	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	16	
Defoe	209Y Main Street Map: 11B, Parcel: 2326-21-1	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space (Wet)			Permanent Protection	3.64	
Domino Land	22X Laws Brook Road Map: 9C, Parcel 2256-2	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	9.48	
Domino Entrance	14B Conant Street Map: 9D, Parcel: 2256-10	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	0.06	
EDCO Farmland	42A Barretts Mill Road Map: 7E, Parcel: 1986-7	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Agriculture Trails			Permanent Protection	5.22	
Egg Rock	25Y Lowel Road Map: 8G, Parcel: 1735	Trustees of Town Donations			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	8	
Elm Street (120B)	120B Elm Street Map: 7D, Parcel: 1998	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No				None		
Emerson Park & Playground	26A Stow Street; Map: 10H, Parcel 0186	Town of Concord/??			CPW - includes snow removal in winter of ADA interior path	CPW	N/A	CPW oversaw installation at Emerson; Facilities conduct annual inspectio		CPW - waste removal bi-weekly during growing season	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	N/A	REC - content; CPW - vendor coordination & installation; Regulatory signage for	REC	?	CMLP/Facilities responsible for electricity into a bldg/shed; CPW - Billing for		CMLP/Facilities responsible for electricity into a bldg/shed; CPW - Billing for		Yes	Yes	Active & Passive	New irrigation system in 2022; Permited disabled bays with signage and accessible		P / No DR	6.4	
			Entrances	Four (4) main entrances including allee of mature maple trees with memorials plaques and plinths																									
			Interior Paths	ADA																									
			Basketball Courts	84x50'																									
			Basketball Courts	84x50'																									
			Baseball Field #1	90' LL																									
			Softball Fields #1	60'																									
			Softball Fields #2	60'																									
			Soccer Field #1 - Thoreau St between Softball #1 & #2 (only lined in fall)	11v11																									
			Soccer Field #2 - Stow Street in outfield of 90' baseball diamond (only lined in fall)	11v11																									
			Soccer Field #3 - Oval/Inside Track	11v11																									
			Track	400m 6-lane, with 8-lane																							Donation		
			Dedicated Tennis Courts	Five (5) courts,																									

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			Playground	~10,250 SF, Landscape Structures for								Facilities - CPSI playground inspection																	
			Sand Play/Tot Lot	~1,595 SF,Informal sand box with two (2) fixed play elements for pre-school aged children								Facilities - CPSI playground inspection annually; debris/trash/wear & tear playground inspection weekly																	Any tables/benches in memory of someone?
			Outdoor Pool (incl deck, perimeter fence)	~10,000 SF																									
			Picnic Tables	10+																									
			Benches (back & backless)	10+ (primarily located at specifics amenities, e.g.- 5 benches at playground)																									
			Bleachers	one (1)																									
			Flagpole	one (1)																									
			Poles for Foul Ball Netting	three (3)																									
			Dedicated, Permitted Disabled Street Parking near entrances																										
Fern Street	12B Fern Street Map: 15E, Parcel: 3390	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Passive Recreation			None		
Freeman	2A Lexington Road Map: 9H, Parcel: 0022-3	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Passive Recreation			None		
Freeman	6B Partridge Lane Map: 9H, Parcel: 0022-35	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Forest Ridge Assabet	233X Main Street Map: 12B, Parcel: 2972	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	3.07	
Forest Ridge - 7A	7A Forest Ridge Road Map: 12B, Parcel: 2971-1-1	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	1.03	
Forest Ridge - 8X	8X Forest Ridge Road Map: 13B, Parcel: 2970-1-10	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	12.2	
Forest Ridge - 9	9 Forest Ridge Road Map: 12B, Parcel: 2970-1-9	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	6.5	
Frye - Harrington	39A Harrington Avenue Map: 11D, Parcel: 2717	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	10.37	
Frye - Ministerial	28B Ministerial Drive Map: 11D, Parcel: 2806	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	0.24	
Gaining Ground	38A Virginia Road Map: 7K, Parcel: 4286-1	Town of Concord / NRC			CPW	N/A	NRC	N/A	NRC with CPW	CPW	NRC	NRC	N/A	N/A	NRC	NRC	N/A	N/A		N/A	NRC with CPW	No	No	Agriculture			Permanent Protection	17.77	
Harrington Park	249 Harrington Avenue Map: 11C, Parcel: 2712	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR/ Facilities	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR/ Facilities	No	No	Agriculture Open Space			Permanent Protection	15.22	

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Harvey Wheeler Community Center	1276 Main Street; Map: 10D, Parcel: 2447	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	REC - content; CPW - vendor coordination & installation	Various Organizations	N/A	CMLP/ Facilities				Yes	Yes	Active & Passive			?	~25,072 SF building area; 2.47a parcel	
			Concord Council on Aging Offices & Interior Space																										
			Daycare Interior Space																										
			Playground																										
			Garden Play Area																										
Hayward Court	1X Hayward Court Map: 11C, Parcel: 2873	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No				None		
Hedberg	64A Cambridge Tnpk. Map: 10J, Parcel: 4067	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	4.83	
Hemlock Street (14X)	14X Hemlock Street Map: 15E, Parcel: 3418	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Sapce (Wet)			None		
Hemlock Street - 24B (Quirk)	24B Hemlock Street Map: 14E, Parcel: 3336-1	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space (Forested)			Permanent Protection	0.72	
Henderson	47B Concord Turnpike Map: 10F, Parcel: 478	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space (Wet)			Permanent Protection	11.91	
Heywood Meadow - Freeman	150 Lexington Road Map: 9H, Parcel: 0239	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR/ CPW	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR/ CPW	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	4.3	
Heywood Meadow - Sellors	2B Heywood Street Map: 9H, Parcel: 0110-2	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	0.46	
Heywood Meadow - Freeman	3A Heywood Street Map: 9H, Parcel: 0238	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	2.03	
Heywood Meadow - Sellors	3B Heywood Street Map: 9H, Parcel: 0110	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	0.78	
Heywood Meadow - Sellors	9B Lexington Road Map: 9H, Parcel: 0110-1	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	0.46	
Heywood Meadow - Ford Park	12A Walden Street Map: 9H, Parcel: 0121	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	0.26	
High Pine Circle (4Y)	4Y High Pine Circle Map: 13C, Parcel: 2979	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Sapce (Wet)			Permanent Protection	1.5	
High Pine Circle (5Y)	5Y High Pine Circle Map: 13C, Parcel: 2980-2	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	2.11	
Hugh Cargill Farm	42A Thoreau Street Map: 10H, Parcel: 0217	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No				None		
Hugh Cargill Farm	24B Walden Street Map: 10H, Parcel: 0222	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Community Garden			None		

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Hunt Recreation Center	90 Stow Street; Map: 9H, Parcel: 0154	Town of Concord/REC		~8000 SF	CPW	CPW	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	REC - content; CPW - vendor coordination & installation	REC	Facilities?	Facilities	REC	REC		Yes	Yes	Active			?	~10,000 SF Building; 0.62a parcel	
			Entrances	Two (2), one (1) ADA accessible																									
			Office Space, Front Desk																										
			Multi-purpose Meeting Room																										
			Locker Rooms with Showers and Restrooms																										
			Single Restroom																										
			After-school Childcare Room																										
			Gymnasium	Basketball Courts																									
			Hunt Side Lawn	~15,000 SF																									
			Parking (dedicated lot across the street & off-street park)	~20 spaces (1-2 disabled spaces); ~7200 SF																									
			Signage																										
Irwin	15B Cambridge Turnpike Map: 11J, Parcel: 4062-1	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	Np	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	6.48	
Jennie Dugan Road (14Y)	14Y Jennie Dugan Road Map: 13D, Parcel: 3101-2	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Sapce (Wet)			None		
Johnson	47A Cambridge Turnpike Road Map: 10I, Parcel: 4093-2	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Agriculture Open Space			Permanent Protection	15.68	
Junction Park	122B Main Street Map: 9D, Parcel: 2199	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Park			None		
Kahan	6A Monument Farm Road Map: 2I, Parcel: 1397-19	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	14.5	
Kaveski	26A Shadyside Avenue Map: 9K, Parcel: 4260	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Agriculture			Permanent Protection	35.36	
Kenneth Dunn Square	1B Laws Brook Road Map: 9D, Parcel: 2240	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	None			None		
Kenney Farm	56Y Lexington Road Map: 9I, Parcel: 4092	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Agriculture			Permanent Protection	39.53	
Kent Farm	10A Sandy Pond Road Map: 7K, Parcel: 4063	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Agriculture			Permanent Protection	8.26	
Keuka Road	5A Keuka Road Map: 9F, Parcel: 3835	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space (Wet)			None	9.26	
Keuka Road	7A Keuka Road Map: 9F, Parcel: 3836	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space (Wet)			None	10.26	
Keyes Road (13B)	13B Keyes Road Map: 8G, Parcel: 1682-1	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space (Wet)			None	11.26	
Keyes Road Parking Lot	7B Main Street Map: 9H, Parcel: 1701-1	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					Yes	None			None		

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Lamphier/ Buttrick	15Y Lowell Road Map: 8H, Parcel: 1320	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space (Wet)			Permanent Protection	6.2	
Landmark	79B Old Road to Nine Acre Corner Map: 13E, Parcel: 3159-1-4	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Agriculture			Permanent Protection	24.89	
Lantern Acres	10 Wright Road Map: 9C, Parcel: 2082-8	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	0.46	
Lapham	11A Pine Street Map: 10D, Parcel: 2475-1	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	4.6	
Lee	74A Barretts Mill Road Map: 7E, Parcel 1948-22	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	9.2	
Lee	74X Barretts Mill Road Map: 7E, Parcel 1948-23	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	2.33	
Lexington Road (17A)	17A Lexington Road Map: 9H, Parcel: 0023	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	0.5	
Lexington Road (101B)	101B Lexington Road Map: 10K, Parcel: 4070	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Lexington Road (102B)	102B Lexington Road Map: 10K, Parcel: 4069	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Lowell Road (6B)	6B Lowell Road Map: 8H, Parcel: 1315	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space (Wet)			None		
Macone Park	9B Lowell Road Map: 8H, Parcel: 1316	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR/ CPW	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	2.02	
Macone Pond	11B Barnes Hill Road Map: 7G, Parcel: 1339	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Canoe/ Kayak Use			Permanent Protection	2.9	
Macone Pond	51B Lowell Road Map: 7G, Parcel: 1333	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Canoe/ Kayak Use			Permanent Protection	1.5	
Main Street (6X)	6X Main Street Map: 9H, Parcel: 0827	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	None			None		
Main Street (7X)	7X Main Street Map: 9H, Parcel: 0826-2	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					no	None			None		
Main Street (12)	12 Main Street Map: 9H, Parcel: 1693	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					Yes	None			None		
Main Street (84B)	84B Main Street Map: 9E, Parcel: 3982	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Main Street (89B)	89B Main Street Map: 9E, Parcel: 3823	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	None			None		
Main Street Alley	3Y Main Street 2	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Passive Recreation			None		
Mandrioli Property	5B Commonwealth Avenue Map: 9D, Parcel: 2200-3	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	0.02	
Marshall Farm	141 Harrington Avenue	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Agriculture			None		

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Marshall Farm	Map: 11C, Parcel: 2709																												
Marshall Farm	169 Harrington Road Map: 11C, Parcel: 2710	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Agriculture			None		
Mattison Field	63A Old Road to Nine Acre Corner Map: 12F, Parcel: 3634-1	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation Agriculture			Permanent Protection plus APR	43.37	
Mayfield	12B Barretts Mill Road Map: 6F, Parcel: 1649-1	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	8.15	
McGrath Farm	449 Barretts Mill Road Map: 7E, Parcel: 1986-6	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Agriculture			APR		
McGrath Lot	52X Barretts Mill Road Map: 7E, Parcel: 1986-10	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	6.8	
McGrath, Frank	52A Barretts Mill Road Map: 7E, Parcel: 1986-9	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR/ Facilities	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR/ Facilities	No	No	Agriculture			Permanent Protection	11.96	
McHugh	18Y Old Bedford Road Map: 8J, Parcel: 4221	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Agriculture			Permanent Protection	19.5	
Megrichian	13B Hemlock Road Map: 13B, Parcel: 3391	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation		Self Help 1979	Permanent Protection	1.32	
Mill Brook Way	18B Monument Street Map: 8H, Parcel: 1271-1	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Rail Trail			Permanent Protection	3.68	
Mill Dam Trust	4X Black Duck Road Map: 6J, Parcel: 1033-19	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space (Wet)			None	0.34	
Mill Dam Trust	2Y Mallard Drive Map: 6J, Parcel: 1033-8	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space (Wet)			None	1.87	
Mill Dam Trust	55X Old Bedford Road Map: 7J, Parcel: 1036-2	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space (Wet)			None	0.5	
Ministerial Pond	21A Ministerial Drive Map: 11D, Parcel: 2820-4	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Trail Connection			Permanent Protection	2.2	
Monsen Road (10A)	10A Monsen Road Map: 7J, Parcel: 1082	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Moses Pond	4B Wayside Road Map: 8I, Parcel 0069-4-4	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	4.98	
Municipal Campus	133, 135, 141, 157 Keyes Road Map: 8G, Parcel 1682	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					Yes	Passive Recreation			None		
Nocella/Laws Brook Road	28A Laws Brook Road Map: 9C, Parcel: 2278	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	11.17	
Oak View Common Land	15B Virginia Road Map: 7J: Parcel 4268-42	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	17.9	
October Farm Riverfront	24X Balls Hill Road Map: 4J, Parcel: 1376-3	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	33	
October Farm Riverfront	265 Balls Hill Road Map: 4J, Parcel: 1374-2	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR/ CPW	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR/ CPW	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	2.79	

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Old Calf Pasture (Water Access at Lowell Road)	20A Lowell Road; Map: 8G, Parcel: 1677-1	Town of Concord / NRC	Informal canoe Trails Trailhead Bulletin Wayfinding Signage Signage	Small canoe symbol signage at vehicle turn-off	DNR/ CPW	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR/ CPW	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR/ CPW	No	N	Passive			P / No DR	20.8a Old Calf Pasture; ~0.75a canoe	
Old Bedford Road (37X)	37X Old Bedford Road Map: 7J, Parcel: 4208-2	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	1.95	
Old Bridge Road (7X)	7X Old Bridge Road Map: 10E, Parcel: 3736	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Old Hill Burying Ground	7A Monument Square Map: 9H, Parcel: 0010	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Passive Recreation			None		
Old North Bridge Parking Lot	31B Monument Street Map: 7H, Parcel: 1260	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					Yes	Parking for Passive Recreation			None		
Old Rifle Range (Adjacent land)	1X Deacon Haynes Road Map: 11D, Parcel: 3015-1	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Passive Recreation			None		
Old Rifle Range	66B Old Marlboro Road Map: 11D, Parcel: 3055	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	111.7	
Old Rifle Range	25B Old Mill Road Map: 12C, Parcel: 3049-2	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation/ Trails			Permanent Protection	7.53	
ORNAC (6A)	6A ORNAC Map: 10F, Parcel: 3987	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities				No	No	None			None		
Peter Spring Farm	40R Bedford Street Map: 7I, Parcel: 1201	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Agriculture			None		
Peter Spring Farm	40W Bedford Street Map: 7I, Parcel 1200	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Agriculture			None		
Peter Spring Farm	49A Bedford Street Map: 8I, Parcel: 1202	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space (Wet)			None		
Peter Spring Road (13A)	13A Peter Spring Road Map: 7I, Parcel: 1160	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Pine Street (11X)	11X Pine Street Map: 10D, Parcel: 2475-2	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space (Wet)			None		
Pond View Lane	47B Lowell Road Map: 7G, Parcel: 1332	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space (Forested)			Permanent Protection plus CR	1.8	
Powder Mill Road (41A)	41A Powder Mill Road Map: 14D, Parcel: 3231	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Public Safety Facility	209 Walden Street Parcel: 9H, Parcel: 240	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					Yes	None			None		

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Punkatasset Conservation Land	86A Monument Street Map: 4H, Parcel: 1436-1-1	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No						
Quail Ridge (Hebb)	6Y Quail Run Drive Map: 7K, Parcel: 4262-12	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Passive/ Active Recreation			None		
Quail Ridge 2 (Hebb Land)	5Y Quail Run Drive Map: 8K, Parcel: 4262-13	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation/ Trails			Permanent Protection	21	
Reformatory Branch	40X Bedford Street Map: 6I, Parcel: 1249	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities			CPW/DNR (Inspections)	No	No	Future Rail Trail			None	10.2	
Reformatory Branch	18A Monument Street Map: 8H, Parcel: 1249-2	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities			CPW/DNR (Inspections)	No	No	Future Rail Trail			None	2.04	
Reformatory Branch (adjacent land)	50A Bedford Street Map: 6J, Parcel: 1039	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space (Wet)			None		
Revolutionary Road (15A)	15A Revolutionary Road Map: 9I, Parcel: 0089	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Richardson Farm	33A Barretss Mill Road Map: 7F, Parcel: 1950-2	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Agriculture		LWCF (1973)	Permanent Protection	14.7	
Richardson Farm	15B Barretts Mill Road Map: 7F, Parcel: 1950	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space (Wet)		LWCF (1973)	Permanent Protection	10	
Rideout Park	61 Laws Brook Road; Map: 9D, Parcel: 2244	Town of Concord/CPW			CPW	CPW	CPW	CPW	CPW	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	REC - content;	REC	?	CMLP/ Facilities	N/A	For CCYBS on Batting	CPW	Yes	Yes	Active & Passive			P / no DR for 10.94a of site; CR	11a parcel	
			Entrances																										
			2 Dedicated Off-street Parking Lots with accessible parking spaces	1 parking lot off Law Brooks Road ~16,500 SF has EV Charging Point, landscaping and stormwater management retention basin ; 2 parking lot off Conant St - ~10,000 SF																			Active & Passive					
			Interior Paths	ADA accessible														CMLP/Facilities						Active & Passive					
			Restrooms/Storage Shed (former kitchen)	2 Male and Female stalls/restroom, including disabled stall; ~800 SF														CMLP/Facilities						Active & Passive					
			Little League Baseball Field #1 - Law Brooks	60'														CMLP/Facilities						Active & Passive					
			Little League Baseball Field #2 - Conant Street	60'														CMLP/Facilities						Active & Passive		Donation by CCYB/			Concerned about safety of
			Softball Field #3 (60' along southeast corner	60'														CMLP/Facilities						Active & Passive					

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			Playground	~5,500 SF, with inclusive/ADA accessible play equipment for 5-12 y & Swings for 2-12y with PIP surfacing; Pre-school-aged sandbox play area with accessible sand play table and one (1) fixed play element														CMLP/Facilities			Facilities conducts an annual playground inspection at Rideout Park playground.			Active & Passive					
			Exercise Equipment / FitCore Extreme Ninja Warrior	~3,000 SF, six (6) elements, PIP surfacing														CMLP/Facilities						Active & Passive					
			Tennis (3) & Pickleball Courts (6)	77x35'; 44x20' (Three (3) Tennis														CMLP/Facilities						Active & Passive					
			Basketball Court	84x50'														CMLP/Facili						Active & Passive					
			Basketball Court	74x50'														CMLP/Facili						Active & Passive					
			Batting Cages	Two (2) with ~18'x80'														CMLP owns / CCYBS						Active & Passive					
			Benches	10+																									
			Picnic Tables	Four (4), one														CMLP/Facili						Active & Passive					
			Shade Pavillion	One (1) with 30'x20' dimensions																									
			Bike Rack	One (1)														CMLP/Facili						Active & Passive					
			Water Bottle Refile Stations and water fountain	One (1)														CMLP/Facilities						Active & Passive					
			New and mature trees; native wetland planting in swale for stormwater management; entry landscaping along Laws Brook Road with Anderson Family memorial rock															CMLP/Facilities						Active & Passive					
			Flagpole with memorial rock																										
			Dedicated off-street parking	two (2) parking lots																									
			Stormwater Management Basin	Located in main parking lot off Law Brooks Road																									
			Signage	Limited to regulatory signage for ninja warrior obstacle equipment and tennis courts														CMLP/Facilities						Active & Passive					
Rideout Playground (Future Parking)	51 Laws Brook Road Map: 9D, Parcel: 2243	Town of Concord / SB			CPW				CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Future Parking for Rideout Playground/Potential Active		CPA	None		
Route 62 Park	214A Main Street Map: 11B, Parcel: 2969	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Park			None		

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Ripley School Fields	120 Meriam Road; Map: 8J, Parcel: 4187	Concord Carlisle Regional Schools			CPW	CPW	CPW	CPW	CPW	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	CPW or School?	Recreation	N/A	CMLP/Facilities	?	?		Yes	Yes	Active			N / No DR	~1,850 SF indoor gynasium and	School houses both the school district
			Little League Baseball Field	60'																									
			Bullpin/Batting																										
			Scoreboard																										
			Concession Stand Structure?																										
			Soccer Field (1) - overlaps Ripley 7 Front & 7 Back (creating 2 smaller Fields)	9v9																									
			Soccer Field (3 Fields) - Ripley 5 Left, Right &	5v5																									
			CIPS Playground	~9,000 SF																									
			The Play Scape at Ripley - Playground #2	~46,000 SF																									
			Gymnasium	2,891 sq ft																									
			Restroom in Gymnasium	ADA accessible																									
			Bleachers	Two (2) with ADA accessibility																									
			Benches	Various throughout playgrounds																									
			Picnic Tables	Three (3)																									
			Dedicated parking (off-hours)																										
			Signage																										
Rogers Land	6A Harrington Avenue Map: 10C, Parcel: 2702	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Agriculture Passive Rec		CPA	Permanently Protected plus CR to CLCT	4.74	
Ruggerio	160Y Wright Road Map: 8C, Parcel: 2019	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space (Wet)			Permanent Protection	5.3	
Sanna/ Hennings	53Y Lexington Road Map: 9I, Parcel: 4083-2	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space (Wet)			Permanent Protection	2.9	
Saw Mill Brook	97A Monument Street Map: 5I, Parcel: 1436-1-5	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection plus CR	7.99	
Second Division Brook	176X Main Street Map: 10C, Parcel: 2700	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	0.92	
Second Division Brook	177X Main Street Map: 10C, Parcel: 2701	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	0.71	
Second Division Brook	173A Main Street Map: 10C, Parcel: 2693-1-1	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	0.82	
Seymour Street (1)	1 Seymour Street Map: 14E, Parcel: 3267	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Shore Drive (3A)	3A Shore Drive Map: 14E, Parcel: 3310	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Sleepy Hollow Cemetery	34A Bedford Street Map: 8I, Parcel: 1213	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Passive Recreation			None		

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South Burying Place	8B Main Street Map: 9H, Parcel: 1702	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	None			None		
South Meadow Fields	10A Riverdale Circle; Map: 10G, Parcel 0477 **General motorist and pedestrian access off of Pilgrim Road	Town of Concord / BS			CPW	N/A	CPW	N/A	CPW	N/A	CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Athletics - REC; Larger Scale Event - Multi-Dept	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW		N	Active & Passive		2013 Anonymous Donation $10,000. Decided Playground could not be built in 2014. Redirected for Recreation Department General Use. $109.27 as of 6/13/23 Acct. #520-630-226 $109.27 remains	P / No DR	22.5a	
			Interior paths (informal trails in woodland buffer)																										
			Lacrosse / Soccer Fields (2)	7 v 7																									
			Waterbottle refilling station	One (1)																									
			Birdhouse																										
South Meadow Ridge	62A Old Marlboro Road Map: 11D, Parcel: 2756-1	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					Yes	Agriculture			Permanent Protection under CR #1023		
Stow Street (5A)	5A Stow Street Map: 9H, Parcel: 0816	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					Yes	None			None		
Sudbury River	185X Sudbury Road Map 16F, Parcel: 3432	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space (Wet)			None		
Sudbury Road (96A)	96A Sudbury Road Map: 12F, Parcel: 3547-2	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Sunnyside Lane (7B)	7B Sunnyside Lane Map: 9D, Parcel: 2090	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Taranto	20A Fitchburg Turnpike Map: 15F, Parcel: 3439	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No				None		
The Two Rod Road	0 The Two Rod Road Map: 3I, Parcel: 1402-3-1	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Trail Connection			None		
Thoreau Hills	20B Border Road Map: 13B, Parcel: 2891-8301	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Thoreau Hills (on Kennedy's Pond)	3A Hillcrest Road Map: 11C, Parcel: 2891-82	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	6.88	
Thoreau Hills: Common Land	3Y Robinwood Road Map: 11B, Parcel: 2948	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	2.73	
Thoreau Hills: Border Rd	189 Border Road Map: 13B, Parcel: 2891-837	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	0.14	
Thoreau Hills	16B Border Road Map: 13B, Parcel: 2891-67	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	0.56	
Thoreau Hills	20A Border Road Map: 13B, Parcel: 2891-8302	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	13.98	

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Thoreau Hills	2B High Pine Circle Map: 13C, Parcel: 2891-68	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	0.53	
Thoreau Hills	3B High Pine Circle Map: 13C, Parcel: 2891-69	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	0.53	
Thoreau Hills	4B High Pine Circle Map: 12C, Parcel: 2891-70	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	0.53	
Thoreau Hills	5B High Pine Circle Map: 12C, Parcel: 2891-71	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	0.6	
Thoreau Hills	6B High Pine Circle Map: 12C, Parcel: 2891-72	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	0.53	
Thoreau Hills	10A Border Road Map: 12B, Parcel: 2891-81	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	6.48	
Thoreau Hills	37Y Border Road Map: 13B, Parcel: 2976-2	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space (Forested)			Permanent Protection	3.5	
Thoreau Hills	3Y Pine Circle Map: 13C, Parcel: 2891-8303	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	None			Permanent Protection	0.06	
Thoreau Street (37B)	37B Thoreau Street Map: 10H, Parcel: 301-3	Town of Concord / SB			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR		No	None			None		
Thornton Lane - 8X	8X Thornton Lane Map: 12E, Parcel: 3083-8	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection plus CR	7.1	
Town Forest	23Y Cambridge Turnpike Map: 10I, Parcel: 0257	Town of Concord / SB			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR		No	Open Space			None	3	
Town Forest	25A Cambridge Turnpike Map: 10I, Parcel: 4118-2	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	11	
Town Forest	25X Cambridge Turnpike Map: 10H, Parcel: 0252	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	5.95	
Town Forest	20Y Cambridge Turnpike Map: 10I, Parcel: 0256-3	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	16.22	
Town Forest	35Y Concord Turnpike Map: 11I, Parcel: 0270-1	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	24.9	
Town Forest	28A Cambridge Turnpike Map: 10I, Parcel: 4114	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	8.1	
Town Forest	31Y Concord Turnpike Map: 11I, Parcel: 0269-2	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	9.8	
Town Forest	27B Cambridge Turnpike Map: 10I, Parcel: 0259-1A	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	8.7	
Town Forest	26Y Cambridge Turnpike Map: 10I, Parcel: 0258	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	3.78	
Town Forest (Alden/Johnson)	381 Walden Street Map: 10H, Parcel: 0256-2	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Town Forest	55A Walden Street	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR/ CPW	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR/ CPW	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR/ CPW	No	No	Passive			Permanent	78	

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(Fairyland)	Map: 11H, Parcel 0271																							Recreation			Protection		
Town Forest (WWP)	53 Walden Street Map: 11I, Parcel: 272-2	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR/ CPW	No	Yes	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	9.29	
Town House	22 Monument Square Map 9H, Parcel: 0844	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					Yes	None			None		
Tracy Street (1A)	1A Tracy Street Map: 14D, Parcel: 3227	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Valley Street (4B)	4B Valley Street Map: 15E, Parcel: 3397	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Valley Street (4B)	4B Valley Street Map: 15E, Parcel: 3398	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Ventura	2B Hemlock Street Map: 14E, Parcel: 3382	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Walden Street (1B)	1B Walden Street Map: 9H, Parcel: 0830-2	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	None			None		
Walden Street (7X)	7X Walden Street Map: 9H, Parcel: 0825-2	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	None			None		
Walden Street (51)	51 Walden Street Map: 9H, Parcel: 0008	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					Yes	None			None		
Walnut Corp.	11B Chestnut Street Map: 9H, Parcel: 0050-4	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			None		
Wagner	49B Laws Brook Road Map: 9C, Parcel: 2022-1	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open Space			Permanent Protection under CR #118		
Warner's Pond	2x Warner Street Map: 8D, Parcel: 2017	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR/ CPW	N/A	DNR	DNR/ CPW	N/A	N/A	DNR/ CPW	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR/ CPW	No	No	Passive Recreation			Permanent Protection	77	
Warner's Pond Shores	1A Warner Street Map: 8D, Parcel: 2154	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities				No	No	Open Space			None		
Warner's Pond (water access)	39A Commonwealth Ave; Map: 8D; Parcel: 2146-1	Town of Concord/NRC			CPW	N/A	NRC	N/A	NRC with CPW	N/A	NRC	NRC	N/A	N/A	NRC	NRC		N/A			NRC with CPW (e.g. - clearing fall tree debris off trails)	No	No	Passive			P / No DR	0.75a canoe launch area; 77a Warner's Pond parcel	
			Informal canoe launch area																										
			Dedicated off-street parking	~three (3) parking spaces														N/A			NRC with CPW			Passive					
			Benches	Two (2)																									
			Trailhead Bulletin																										
			Regulatory, Interpretative and Educational Signage																										
			Signage	Typical wooden NRC park signage																									
Welsh	2B Paul Street	Town of			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Open			None		

Name	Location	Owner/ Manager	Amenities	Amenity Dimensions / Quantity	Parking Lots & Paved Pathways (asphalt) - paving, curbing, striping	Court Surfacing	Trail Surfacing	Playground Surfacing	Field Mowing & Landscape Maintenance	Trash / Recycling Pickup and Maintenance	Fencing	Site Furnishings and Vertical Elements	Buildings & Sheds	Restroom Cleaning / Maintenance	Park Signage	Programming & Permitting	Outdoor Lighting	Electrical Amenities	Water Use Billing	Electric Use Billing	Other Maintenance	Rentable? (Y/N)	ADA Accessible (Y/N)	Recreation Potential (Active / Passive)	Current, Recently Completed or Upcoming Projects	Grants Received	Protection Status / Deed Restriction	Size (acres)	Additional Notes
Welsh	Map: 14E, Parcel: 3240	Concord / SB																						Space					
Westvale Meadows (Water Access)	PENNINSULA: 171A Main Street; Map: 10C, Parcel: 2692; EDGE FOR CANOE LAUNCH: 20-44 A Westvale Meadow; Map: 10C, Parcel 2691-20A-37	Westvale Meadow Inc./NRC				N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR (no park signage, only regulatory signage)	NRC		N/A			NRC with CPW (e.g. - clearing fall tree debris off trails)	No	No	Passive			?	0.92a; 2.45a Second Division Branch 3 parcels which may include canoe launch	
			Informal canoe launch area																										
			Dedicated off-street parking	Four (4) parking spaces																									
			Trails	Grassy path																									
			Regulatory Signage	To stay on the path and about																									
Wheeler Field (Musketaquid Triangle)	10A Attawan Road Map: 8F, Parcel: 1777	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	NRC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Picnic Area			Permanent Protection	3.31	
Wheeler Property	24A Sudbury Road Map: 10G, Parcel: 0374-2	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	NRC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space (Wet)			Permanent Protection	5.32	
White Pond Beach	116 Shore Drive; Map: 14E, Parcel: 3412-1	Town of Concord/NRC			DNR/ CPW	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR/CPW	DNR	DNR	N/A	Facilities - Portable trailer restroom for season	DNR/CPW	NRC & REC - Membership is required. In 2022, family membership $240 resident &		CMPL/Facilities ?			DNR/CPW	No	No	Passive & Active	White Pond Restoration project (completed 2022)		Permanent Protection	10.1a parcel within NRC tab; 6.53a parcel on GIS website	
			Informal canoe launch area																										
			Beach	Swimming, fishing and kayaking																									
			Platform/Overlook	Timber; Used for various programmed events such as group yga classes																									
			Accessible walks																										
			Varick Street Parking Lot																										
			Signage																										
White Pond	4Y Williams Road Map: 14E, Parcel: 3271-1	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	NRC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space			Permanent Protection	1.87	
White Pond	2B Plainfield Rd Map: 14E, Parcel: 3269	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	NRC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space (Wet)			Permanent Protection	9.1	
White Pond Reservation	48B Fitchburg Road Map: 15E, Parcel: 3416-1	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW/ DNR	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	CPW/ DNR	N/A		CMLP/ Facilities			CPW/ DNR (Drainage Repair, Tree Pruning)		No	Passive Recreation			None		
Willard Common	8A Wilard Road Map: 8G, Parcel: 1748	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	CPW	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities		N/A		CMLP/ Facilities					No	Passive Recreation			None		
Williams	4Y Williams Road Map: 12D, Parcel: 3101-1	Town of Concord / NRC			DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	N/A	DNR	DNR	N/A	N/A	DNR	NRC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	No	No	Open Space (Wet)			Permanent Protection	24	
Willow Guzzle	139A Sudbury Road Map: 14F, Parcel: 3479-1	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	DNR	N/A		CMLP/ Facilities			DNR (Tree Pruning)	No	No	Agriculture/ Passive Recreation			None		
Willow Guzzle	128A Sudbury Road	Town of Concord / SB			CPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNR	CPW	CPW	Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	DNR	N/A		CMLP/ Facilities			DNR (Tree Pruning)	No	No	Agriculture/Passive Recreation			None		

B Site Assessment Forms

TOWN OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Water Access Point – Old Calf Pasture

ADDRESS: 181 Lowell Road, Concord, MA 01742 (GIS 20A Lowell Road, Concord, MA 01742)

DATE OF SITE EVALUATION: 03/21/2023 (WINTER)

OWNER OF SITE: Town of Concord







Panorama of Canoe Launch area at Old Calf Pasture (flooded in late winter/early spring)

INTENSITY OF USE

☒ high ☒ medium ☒ low

☐ other: _____

From Will Holden, Land Manager, Natural Resources Division: "High usage in summer; high/moderate in spring and fall; low in winter."

USER GROUPS

☐ neighborhood ☒ town ☒ regional

☒ kids/families ☒teens ☒ adults/elderly

☒ sports leagues ☐ other _____

From Will Holden, Land Manager, Natural Resources Division: water access has a local and regional draw of users "due to regional aspect of rivers, the volume of vehicles parked near access, and being located on more of main road in town it is likely visible and well known."

CONTEXT

☐ residential ☐ mixed-use ☐ commercial

☐ industrial ☒ waterfront ☒ conservation area

acreage: **Old Calf Pasture is 20.8a (Comprehensive Site List Spreadsheet); Canoe Launch area is approximately 0.75a on Google Earth, measuring approximate length and width of roadway area.**

Other context notes:

The site located within the Old Calf Pasture sits at the confluence of the Assabet and Sudbury rivers, which join to make the Concord River.

Taken from a Concord Division of Natural "Trail Confluence" digital guide:

The Old Calf Pasture along Lowell Road beside the Sudbury and Concord Rivers is today a buffer from development of the confluence and a reminder of just how close to the town center grazing and other agricultural activities were in earlier years. It is believed that the area has been open meadow or pasture land since before Concord existed. In the seventeenth century, when the town was first settled, it was the "calf pasture" of its minister, the Rev. Peter Bulkeley. In 1879, when the Middlesex Central Railroad extended its right-of-way west from Lowell Road to the State Prison, to build the Reformatory Branch rail line, it took a strip of the old pasture along the southern edge. At the turn of the 20th century, the area north of RIVER CONFLUENCE the railroad developed into more of a recreational area, for walking, picnicking, and boating. At that time, the Concord Canoe Club built a boathouse, now gone, in the southwest corner of the meadow next to the railroad.

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

☒ pathways material: condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

- ☐ asphalt _____
- ☐ concrete _____
- ☐ pavers _____
- ☒ aggregate/ stonedust **Gravel road**

☐fencing material: condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

- ☐ chain link _____
- ☐ vinyl coated c.l. _____
- ☐ ornamental _____
- ☐ wood guard rail

☐ grading / drainage

- ☒low/wet areas ☐ blocked structures
- ☐ADA compliant grates **Floods in spring**

☐ utilities

- ☐ gas ☐ water ☐electric
- ☐ cameras for security _____

☐ lighting

- ☐ pedestrian ☐ sports ☐ other
- manufacturer/ model: _____

_____

SITE ACCESS

☐ sidewalk ☐ bike route

☐ trails

☒ car parking ☐ bike parking (racks)

- ☒ public lot **1-2 undesignated parking spots**
- ☐ street
- ☒ other: **no accessible parking spots.**

SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

☐ picnic area ☐ monuments

☐ shade shelter ☒ benches

☒ interpretive signage ☐ trash cans

☒ regulatory signage **(Posted information on a Trailhead)**

☐ bike rack

☒ directional signage/maps ☐ skateboard elements

☐ splash pad or pool ☐ exercise equipment or weights

☐ drinking fountains ☐ courts

☐ fishing deck ☐ sports fields

☐ boardwalk ☐ playground

☒ boat ramp or launch ☒ trails or walking loops

Informal boat launch area just at water's edge.

☐ concessions ☐ locker rooms/showers

☐ restrooms ☒ other

Trailhead with interpretative and education information.

SITE INFRASTUCTURE NOTES:

There is a small square Canoe Launch/Water Access sign with some signage to identify the site's entrance off a fast, busy main road. A deeply rutted gravel road leads to an informal gravel launch at the river's edge where canoes and other watercraft can be launched. There is no designated, permanent or accessible parking or route to/within the site.

SITE AMENTIES NOTES:

Taken from a Concord Division of Natural "Trail Confluence" digital guide:

Old Calf Pasture Confluence Loop From the boat launch off Lowell Road, a sidewalk along Lowell Road heads toward Concord Center, passing the Old Calf Pasture on the right. A right turn into Keyes Road and another right beyond 141 Keyes Road leads to the town vehicle parking lot. A yellow-blazed trail up the abandoned Reformatory Branch rail line embankment beside the parking lot turns left to the Sudbury River. From there, the main trail of the Rivers Confluence heads to the right along the Sudbury and Concord Rivers back to the boat launch. Old Calf Pasture trails are flooded and impassable at times of high water. Walking time 20 minutes.

From Will Holden, Land Manager, Natural Resources Division:

"Yellow and red trails on the site get moderate use but can flood in spring/fall or times of heavy rain. We expect seasonal flooding on our properties and do what we can to facilitate access within reason, time, and resources. People often do a loop using the trails here, Lowell Rd, and our Municipal campus, and also connect in from Reformatory Branch Trail."

PLAYGROUND INVENTORY – N/A

No playgrounds on site.

ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY - N/A

No athletic fields or courts on site.

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

PARKING

	Lot	On-Site
Total # parking spaces:	**0, boat launch only**	_____
# Accessible parking spaces:	_____	_____

Signage ☐ Aisle 5' ☐ Aisle 8' ☐ Curbcut ☐ (Min. 3', 1:12 slopes textured or painted) Striping ☐

Accessible parking closest to accessible entrance? ☐

OR is there a drop off area? ☐ yes ☑ no

Parking is by permit only? ☐ yes ☑ no

Parking Notes:

Regulatory signage instructs the area as a boat launch only.

Are there berm cuts onto the courts? ☐ yes ☐ no

Bleachers are ADA compliant? ☐ yes ☐ no

Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas

SITE AMENITIES

Are all activities (i.e. boat docks, fishing piers, ect.) and equipment (i.e. Benches, pools, shade shelters) located adjacent to accessible paths? ☐ yes ☑ no

If no please specify:

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:	_____	_____
Drinking Fountains:	_____	_____
Tables: (5% of tables must be accessible)	_____	_____
Grill: (Note the height of cooking surface)	_____	_____
Picnic Shelters:	_____	_____

ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	☐ yes	☑ no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	☐ yes	☑no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	☐ yes	☑no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	☐ yes	☑ no
Any ponding of water?	☐ yes	☐no
Accessible route to all elements?	☐ yes	☑no
Accessible route to some elements?	☐ yes	☑ no
Is there signage?	☑ yes*	☐no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☐ no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of ½" maximum?	☐ yes	☐ no

RECREATION FACILITIES

***Park, Regulatory, Interpretative and Educational Conservation signage (within trailhead)**

Is there a swing set?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a play structure?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yes, is it accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Meets standards?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	☐ yes	☐ no

Any other sports/recreation on site? ☐ yes ☑no

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility ☐ yes ☐ no

Trail Amenities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is surface material accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	☐ yes	☐no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☐no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a guardrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yet, does the guardrail have height / foot accommodations for ADA access?	☐ yes	☐ no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	☐ yes	☐ no

List other amenities and accessibility:

Trailhead. Brochure indicates a hiking trail, however trail markers were not obvious/seen during the site visit.

CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:

- **Gravel roadway perpendicular to/off a busy main Lowell Road.**
- **Users park on road shoulder off Lowell Road (a busy fast moving road), which are much wider than typical road shoulders, near the canoe launch site.**

PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:

Singular mature trees, woodland buffer and marshland surrounds the perimeter of the site, which sits at the confluence of the Assabet and Sudbury rivers, where they join to make the Concord River.

VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:

Historic information about the neighboring sites such as Egg Rock and Old Calf Pasture are located in brochures available online and have been located inside the Trailhead Signage, however the site was flooded so assessors were unable to access it. Very beautiful scenic spot, even in winter.

ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:

Several online brochures for the site suggest invasive plants throughout the adjacent marshland, including loosestrife.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- **Add accessible paved parking space and aisle connected by a short, paved walkway to a concrete platform at water's edge to make this site ADA accessible.**
- **Better trail marking.**
- **Road into site deeply rutted and a need of repair.**

Photos of site on 03/21/2023 (winter)





Water Access Symbol Signage and Regulatory Signage at vehicle entrance, a sharp perpendicular turn off a fast and busy main road. The symbol signage helped to identify this recreation resource.



No permanent parking for canoe launch. Vehicles park on Lowell Road after unloading watercraft. Known seasonal flooding.



Neighboring Old Calf Pasture

TOWN OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Ripley School Fields & Gymnasium

ADDRESS: 120 Meriam Road, Concord, MA 01742

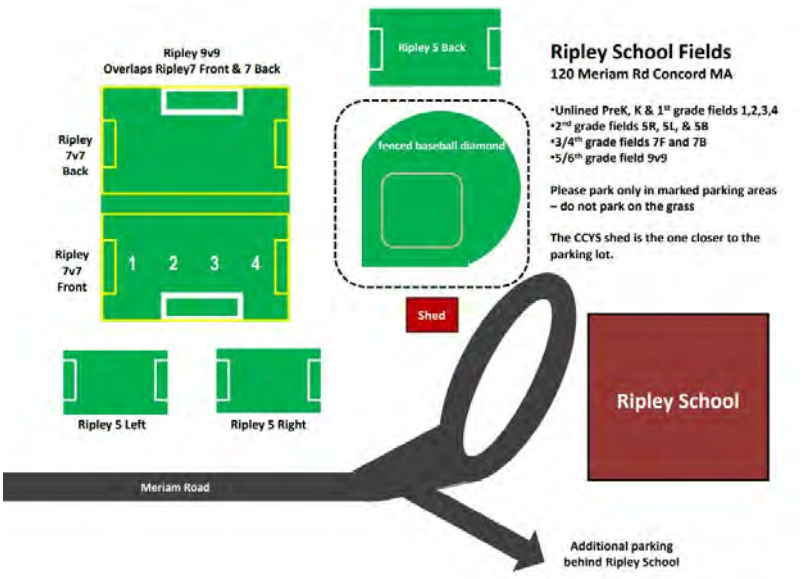
DATE OF SITE EVALUATION: 03/20/2023 (WINTER)

OWNER OF SITE: Concord-Carlisle Public School





Concord Recreation Permitting Diagram



INTENSITY OF USE

☒ high ☐ medium ☐ low

☐ other: _____

USER GROUPS

☒ neighborhood ☒ town ☐ regional

☒ kids/families ☐ teens ☒ adults/elderly

☒ sports leagues ☐ other _____

CONTEXT

☒ residential ☐ mixed-use ☐ commercial

☐ industrial ☐ oceanfront ☐ conservation area

☒ agricultural ☒ school

acreage: **17.76a**

Other context notes:

Ripley School Field & Gymnasium is an integrated school for early years education. It is in a low density residential and agricultural area of Concord. In 2022, Concord Recreation permitted Baseball Field, three (3) Soccer Fields, and Gymnasium for 2,508.5 hours of use.

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

☒ pathways material: condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

- ☒ asphalt good
- ☒ concrete good
- ☐ pavers
- ☐ aggregate/ stonedust

☐fencing material: condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

- ☐ chain link
- ☒ vinyl coated c.l. Black V.C. C.L. at Little League Baseball Diamond
- ☒ ornamental Playground #1(Legi-Fencing) ☐
- ☒ wood guard rail Playground #2

☐ grading / drainage

- ☐low/wet areas ☐ blocked structures
- ☐ADA compliant grates

☐ utilities

- ☐ gas ☐ water ☐electric
- ☐ cameras for security

☐ lighting

- ☐ pedestrian ☐ sports ☐ other
- manufacturer/ model:

SITE ACCESS

☐ sidewalk ☐ bike route

☐ trails

☐ car parking ☐ bike parking (racks)

- ☒ public lot
- ☐ street

☐ other:

SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

☐ picnic area ☐ monuments

☐ shade shelter ☒ benches

interpretive signage ☒ trash cans

☒ regulatory signage ☐ bike rack

☒ directional signage/maps ☐ skateboard elements

☐ splash pad or pool ☐ exercise equipment or weights

☒ drinking fountains ☐ courts

☐ fishing deck ☒ sports fields

☐ boardwalk ☒ playground

☐ boat ramp or launch ☐ trails or walking loops

☐ concessions ☐ locker rooms/showers

☒ restrooms ☒ other **Gymnasium**

SITE INFRASTUCTURE NOTES:

SITE AMENTIES NOTES:

A Little League Baseball Diamond, athletic fields, two playgrounds and an indoor gymnasium were included in this site evaluation.

PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

PLAYGROUND #1 **(Traditional Play Equipment - High use during our second site visit.)**

COMPONENTS

☒ 2-5 age structure ☐ 5-12 age structure

☐ water elements ☒ seating for caregivers **(2) fixed benches; (2) movable benches**

☐ drinking fountain ☒ shade

☒ swings **(4)** ☒ fencing - **4' height legi-fencing surrounding all three playground spaces that comprise Playground #1; two (2) gates exit onto a central shaded and fenced walkway that connects the parking lot/drop-off area to the classrooms. Playground #1 is in front of the school building.**

☒ADA **(1)** ☐ infant

☒ belt **(3)** ☐ standard

☒ other – (**1) accessible swing**

☐slides - **roller slide**

☐2-5 age

☐5-12 age

Materials: Plastic, metal, fiberglass

☐ Individual elements:

PLAY VALUE

motor skills

☒ rocking

☒ swinging

☒ spinning

☒ climbing

☒ sliding (roller slide)

☒ balancing

cognitive skills

☒ manipulative - **cogs game**

☒ interactive – **steering wheel**

☐ exploratory

☒ engagement with peers **Megaphones with foam taped on-head height hazard?**

☐ problem solving

☒ pretending

☒ other unstructured play:

Double-sided see-saw; Playhouse; two (2) fixed umbrella-shaded picnic area with child-sized stools and tables and sand box. Trike roadway with traffic signs. Storage shed. Several pieces of non-fixed plastic toddler play equipment.



SURFACING:

material

☒ PIP rubber

☒ wood fiber

☒ sand

☒ other: painted concrete

compliance

☒ meets requirements

☐ does NOT meet the requirements

manufacturer/condition of equipment:

NOTE: **Children were at play during the site visit, so unable to acquire name of play equipment. Some of it, such as the large modern playhouse, looked bespoke/custom-made.**

PLAYGROUND NOTES:

Playground #1 was the only playground used during the two site visits. Playground #2 (The Play Scape at Ripley had some elements in disrepair and client mentioned something about private ownership of this second playground.) It consists of three play rooms surrounded by 4' fencing and connected by gates to a central covered and shaded walkway that connects the parking lot to the classroom buildings. First play space has traditional composite equipment, a few free-standing fixed play elements and a very large playhouse with PIP rubberized surfacing. The second play space contains swings and has both a PIP rubberized accessible walkway and mulch surfacing. The third play space has a shaded picnic area, shaded sand box and trike roadway and is surfaced in painted concrete.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

- Teachers have placed foam around megaphones that appear to be at exactly the head height of child users. Recommend annual inspection by a CPSI and regular maintenance inspections throughout the year.

Photos of site on 03/20/2023 (winter)







Variety of surfacing and play experiences within this contained playground.

PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

PLAYGROUND #2 **(Sign called this space The Play Scape at Ripley. Natural Play Equipment - Low use during our second site visit; Some equipment in disrepair)**

COMPONENTS

☒ 2-5 age structure ☒ 5-12 age structure **(2-3) benches; (2-3) picnic tables**

☐ water elements ☒ seating for caregivers

☐ drinking fountain ☒ shade **Structure with out shade awning**

☐ swings **(5)** ☒ fencing **~3' height metal and rope fence; Split rail fencing around toddler area**

☒ADA ☐ infant

☒ belt ☐ standard

☒ other _bird net swing

☒slides **Two (2) swings broken**

☒2-5 age

☒5-12 age

Materials: Wood, rope, stone, metal, plastic

☐ Individual elements:

_____

_____

PLAY VALUE

motor skills

☐ rocking

☒ swinging **Disrepair**

☒ spinning **Accessible**

☐ climbing

☒ sliding **Disrepair**

☒ balancing **Wooden log stumps**

cognitive skills

☒ manipulative - **sand play area, drum**

☒ interactive

☐ exploratory

☐ engagement with peers

☐ problem solving

☒ pretending - **bridge**

☐ other unstructured play:

Bridge; tree tunnel; outdoor classroom; traditional composite play equipment; drum/musical instrument; places for quiet moments; two (2) metal structures for making giant nests; there may be a water feature underneath the bridge which is turned off in winter?

SURFACING:

material

☒ PIP rubber

☒ wood fiber

☒ sand

☒ other: **Stone dust paths**

compliance

☒ meets requirements **if maintained properly**

☐ does NOT meet the requirements

manufacturer/condition of equipment:

Some Landscape Structures. Other bespoke or unknown.

NOTE:

PLAYGROUND NOTES:

Most of this natural playground contains accessible paths and inclusive, accessible play equipment and experiences for all users. The large composite play structure requires an accessible path.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

-Recommend annual inspection by a CPSI and regular maintenance inspections.

-Add an accessible path to the large composite play structure.

-Repair swings.

-Repair slide.

-Add shade awning to shade structure.

-Some maintenance to playground site.

Photos of site on 03/20/2023 (winter)









Accessible route throughout playground. Diverse play experiences. Variety of ability play equipment and experiences.




Some play elements in disrepair such as the slide and swings.

ATHLETIC FIELDS INVENTORY

ATHLETIC FIELDS – Little League Baseball Field

☒natural turf
condition
☒good
☐ fair
☐ poor
☒ irrigation

☐ synthetic turf
condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

Meets the recommended and standard dimensions for a 60' Little League baseball field.

☒ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)	
☒chain link	**Good – 8' height Black Vinyl Coated CL Type 1, fence in front of dugout. 4' height fence with protective topper after dugouts toward outfield. Then 5' height fencing along outfield (normally 6').**	
☒ vinyl-coated c.l.		
☐ sports netting	**Good – 25-30' height Black Vinyl Coated CL Type 1 backstop, large gauge meshing, padding on backstop**	

☒ seating

☒ team benches ☒ bleachers
☒ dugouts ☒ shade

Good – Covered for shade and on concrete pad. One entry open from field side, one entry gated. Douple-lip metal bench, bat and glove storage.

☐ field lighting **– no lighting**

manufacturer/condition:

Regular and accessible bleachers. Placement of concession stand and bleachers on 3rd base side make the otherwise accessible path inaccessible. Not enough room for wheelchair to turn-around in some

Other: **Electrical outlet, Concession Stand. Flagpole. Two (2) Batting Cages.**

BASEBALL DIAMOND NOTES:

-Accessibility: great ADA route to Little lEague field with curb cuts and connected walkways fro the off-street parking lot at the front of the school to the dugouts. However, placement of concession stand and bleachers on 3rd base side make the otherwise accessible path inaccessible. Not enough room for wheelchair to turn-around in some of the spaces the bleachers create. There is room to move the bleachers on this side back on the concrete pad; perhaps there's a maintenance reason for the bleacher's placement to allow for grass mowing here?

-Scoreboard
-Flag pole
-25-30' backstop of galvanized steel with some rust marks, mesh bowing.
-Not in ideal orientation.
-Infield: Great Turf; In-Field mix good.
-Out-field: looks level. Foul Poles.
-Bull ring – Two (2). One on either tea,'s side. Bull Ring along 3rd base line has 6' height fencing on three (3) sides and 4' height fencing on baseball field side. Increase this fence side to 6' for player safety. Some wear within bull ring.
-Batting Cages (2) but no accessible route to it. Synthetic Turf with protective netting.

ATHLETIC FIELDS INVENTORY

ATHLETIC FIELDS – permitted for four (4) fields on Concord Recreation website, including: Field 1 9v9 or two (2) 7v 7 fields; field 2 left as 5v 5; Field 3 back as 5v5; Field 4 right as 5v5.

☒natural turf

condition
☒good
☒ fair
☐ poor

☐ synthetic turf

condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☒ irrigation **Seems to be irrigation here.**

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards **Not lined at time of site evaluation but measured in Google Earth June 2022 in aerial photo below: two (2) 80' x 100' field hockey (?);two (2) 120' x 180' soccer fields.**

☒ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)	
☐chain link	_____	_____
☒ vinyl-coated c.l.	**Good – surrounding field**	_____
☐ sports netting	_____	_____

☒ seating

☒ team benches ☐ bleachers

☒ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ field lighting **– no lighting**

Other: _____

ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

- **Some low/wet spots, possibly some grading issues.**
- **Appears to be irrigated.**
- **Difficult to rank quality of turf at this time of year.**

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

For Little League Baseball Field

- **In Bull Ring, increase baseball field side of fencing to 6' for player safety (currently 4'). Review surface wear within bull ring.**

-Add accessible route to two (2) Batting Cages.

-On Concord Recreation permitting application, the baseball diamond at Ripley School is listed as 90'. This should be changed to Little League 6-0' Baseball Diamond.

For Field:

- Review worn, wet spots in lower portion of field where re-grading may needed.

Photos of site on 03/20/2023 (winter)











Accessible route limited here because of concession stands and bleachers.







Various elements to the Little League Baseball Diamond.

Athletic Field (Unlined at time of site evaluation)



INDOOR GYMNASIUM INVENTORY

INDOOR GYMNASIUM – **Permitted on Concord Recreation website, for youth basketball and other community events.**

☒court condition **Old laminate flooring**

condition
☐good
☒ fair
☒ poor

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards **Not able to determine at this time. Appears to be two (2) ½ size youth basketball courts. One (1) pull up bar.**

☒ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	_____
☐ vinyl-coated c.l.	_____
☐ sports netting	_____

☐ seating

☐ team benches ☐ bleachers

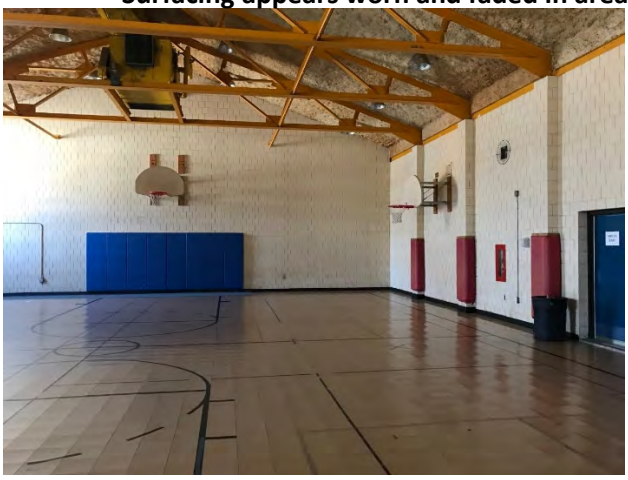
☐ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ field lighting **lighting**

Other: **One (1) accessible restroom with two stalls and 1 sink. One (1) storage space. Three (3) forms of egress. Two (2) windows.**

INDOOR GYMNASIUM NOTES:

- **Surfacing appears worn and faded in areas.**





RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS FOR INDOOR GYMNASIUM & RESTROOM:

- The floor is starting to fail. The flooring should be tested for hazardous material prior to design.
- The existing restrooms are semi-compliant regarding accessibility.
- The lavatories are missing the pipe protection.
- The lavatories are not at the appropriate mounting height.
- The soap dispensers aren't located in the appropriate area and dispenser height.
- The existing 2X2 ceramic tile flooring should be replaced, and a resinous flooring would be recommended for durability.

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

PARKING

	Lot	On-Site
Total # parking spaces:	**21 spaces in front parking lot**	
# Accessible parking spaces:	**1 accessible parking spaces in front parking lot**	

Are there berm cuts onto the courts? ☐ yes ☐ no

Bleachers are ADA compliant? ☒ yes ☐ no

Signage ☒ Aisle 5' ☐ Aisle 8' ☐ Curbcut ☒ Min. 3', 1:12 slopes textured or painted Striping ☒

Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas

Accessible parking closest to accessible entrance? ☒

OR is there a drop off area? ☒ yes ☐ no

Parking is by permit only? ☒ yes ☐ no

Parking Notes:

ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	☒ yes	☐ no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	☒ yes	☐ no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	☒ yes	☐ no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	☒ yes	☐ no
Any ponding of water?	☐ yes	☒ no
Accessible route to all elements?	☐ yes	☐ no
Accessible route to some elements?	☒ yes	☐ no
Is there signage?	☒ yes	☐ no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☒ no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of ½" maximum?	☒ yes	☐ no

PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	☒ yes	☐ no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	☒ yes	☐ no
Is there a play structure?	☒ yes	☐ no
If yes, is it accessible?	☒ yes	☐ no
Meets standards?	☒ yes	☐ no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	☒ yes	☐ no

Any other sports/recreation on site? ☒ yes ☐ no

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility ☒ yes ☐ no

~~Accessible route to Little League Baseball Diamond and~~ Indoor Gymnasium.

SITE AMENITIES

Are all activities (i.e. boat docks, fishing piers, ect.) and equipment (i.e. Benches, pools, shade shelters) located adjacent to accessible paths? ☒ yes ☐ no

If no please specify:

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:	~~8+~~	
Drinking Fountains:	1 with bottle refill station	
Tables: (5% of tables must be accessible)	~~5+~~	
Grill: (Note the height of cooking surface)		
Picnic Shelters:		

Trail Amenities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is surface material accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☐ no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a guardrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yet, does the guardrail have height / foot accommodations for ADA access?	☐ yes	☐ no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	☐ yes	☐ no

List other amenities and accessibility:

CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:

PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:

Scenic, agrarian location in low-density, almost rural residential neighborhood. Surrounded by woodland perimeter and agricultural field, which appears in use.

VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:

ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- **CPSI annual inspection of all playgrounds with regular playground checks weekly or bi-weekly.**

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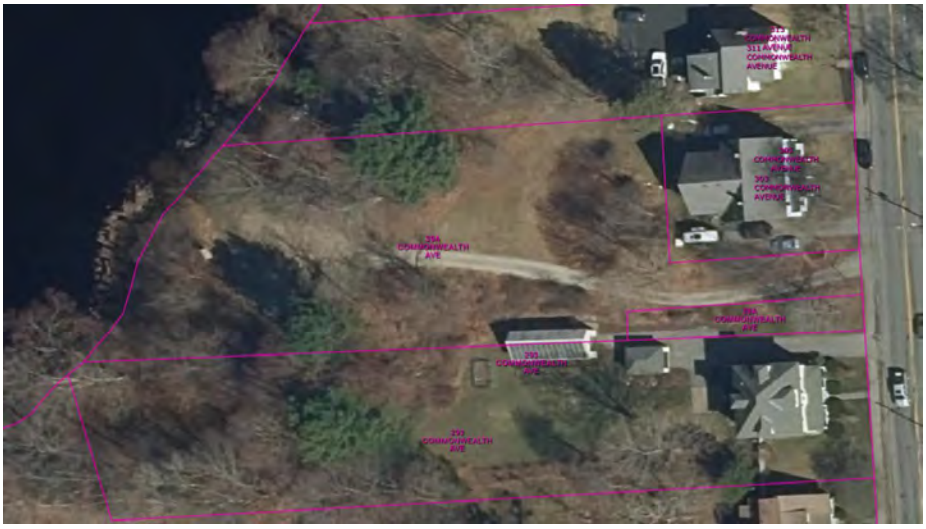
Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Water Access Point – Warner's Pond

ADDRESS: 39A Commonwealth Ave, Concord, MA 01742

DATE OF SITE EVALUATION: 03/21/2023 (WINTER)

OWNER OF SITE: Town of Concord





INTENSITY OF USE

☐ high ☒ medium ☒ low

☐ other: _____

USER GROUPS

☒ neighborhood ☒ town ☒ regional

☒ kids/families ☒teens ☒ adults/elderly

☒ sports leagues ☐ other _____

Bert Comins, Assistant Natural Resources Director, Town of Concord: "Moderate; Out of 263 survey responses, 21% use the pond for boating/canoeing/kayaking, 16% use the pond for ice skating, and 7% use the pond for fishing. The majority of respondents indicated they participate in these activities once or more per year but less than monthly. Water based usage of the pond is highest from late spring to early summer before invasive aquatic vegetation creates navigational challenges."

CONTEXT

☒ residential ☐ mixed-use ☐ commercial

☐ industrial ☒ waterfront ☒ conservation area

acreage: **Whole pond/land is 77a; 0.75a for parcel**

Other context notes:

Bert Comins, Assistant Natural Resources Director, Town of Concord: "It is my understanding that the Boy Scouts of America typically use the Commonwealth Ave boat launch to access to Scout Island. If the dam removal alternative is chosen for the pond there is also potential for increased regional use through expanded river paddling opportunities."

There is discussion about a plan to remove an existing dam at Warner's Pond. Bert Comins: "Under the dam removal alternative currently being considered opportunity for ice skating would certainly be reduced but it is unlikely to be eliminated entirely. It is expected that an approximately 4.5-acre area of open water would remain adjacent to the Gerow Recreation Area where ice skating would still be possible."

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

☒ pathways material: condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

- ☐ asphalt _____
- ☐ concrete _____
- ☐ pavers _____
- ☒ aggregate/stonedust **Gravel road**

☐fencing material: condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

- ☐ chain link _____
- ☐ vinyl coated c.l. _____
- ☐ ornamental _____
- ☐ wood guard rail

☐ grading / drainage

- ☐low/wet areas ☐ blocked structures
- ☐ADA compliant grates

☐ utilities

- ☐ gas ☐ water ☐electric
- ☐ cameras for security _____

☐ lighting

- ☐ pedestrian ☐ sports ☐ other
- manufacturer/ model: _____

_____

SITE ACCESS

☐ sidewalk ☐ bike route

☐ trails

☒ car parking ☐ bike parking (racks)

- ☒ public lot
- ☐ street - **~3-4 parking spots along the road near the park, otherwise street parking in front of homes.**
- ☒ other: **no accessible parking spots.**

SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

☐ picnic area ☐ monuments

☐ shade shelter ☒ benches

☒ interpretive signage ☐ trash cans

☒ regulatory signage **(about Hours of Operation under the Park Sign)**

☐ bike rack

☐ directional signage/maps ☐ skateboard elements

☐ splash pad or pool ☐ exercise equipment or weights

☐ drinking fountains ☐ courts

☐ fishing deck ☐ sports fields

☐ boardwalk ☐ playground

☒ boat ramp or launch ☐ trails or walking loops

Informal boat launch area just at water's edge.

☐ concessions ☐ locker rooms/showers

☐ restrooms ☒ other

Trailhead with interpretative and education information.

SITE INFRASTUCTURE NOTES:

There is Park Sign with Regulatory Sign (Hours of Operation – "Closed at Dusk") to identify the site's entrance between two private homes. A gravel road leads to a informal gravel parking lot at the pond's edge where canoes and other watercraft can be launched. The backyards of private homes back along either side of this site part of the site. There is no accessible route within the site.

SITE AMENTIES NOTES:

PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

COMPONENTS

☐ 2-5 age structure ☐ 5-12 age structure

☐ water elements ☐ seating for caregivers

☐ drinking fountain ☐ shade

☐ swings ☐ fencing

☐ADA ☐ infant

☐ belt ☐ standard

☐ other _____

☐ slides

☐2-5 age

☐5-12 age

Materials:_____

☐ Individual elements:

_____

_____

PLAY VALUE

motor skills	cognitive skills
☐ rocking	☐ manipulative
☐ swinging	☐ interactive
☐ spinning	☐ exploratory
☐ climbing	☐ engagement with peers
☐ sliding	☐ problem solving
☐ balancing	☐ pretending
	☐ other unstructured play:

_____

_____

SURFACING:

material

☐ PIP rubber

☐ wood fiber

☐ sand

☐ other: _____

compliance

☐ meets requirements

☐ does NOT meet the requirements

manufacturer/condition of equipment:

_____

NOTE:

PLAYGROUND NOTES:

No playground on site.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY - N/A

ATHLETIC FIELDS

☐natural turf condition
- ☐good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ poor
- ☐ irrigation

☐ synthetic turf condition
- ☐ good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ poor

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	_____
☐ vinyl-coated c.l.	_____
☐ sports netting	_____

☐ seating
- ☐ team benches
- ☐ bleachers
- ☐ dugouts
- ☐ shade

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: _____

COURTS

☐court surface condition
- ☐ good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ poor

☐ color surfacing/lines condition
- ☐ good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ poor

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ court fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	_____
☐ vinyl-coated c.l.	_____
☐ sports	_____

☐ seating
- ☐ team benches
- ☐ bleachers
- ☐ dugouts
- ☐ shade

☐ court lighting

manufacturer/condition: _____

☐ skate park condition
- ☐concrete
- ☐ surface mount
- ☐ good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ poor

ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

No athletic fields or courts on site.

COURT NOTES:

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

PARKING

	Lot	On-Site
Total # parking spaces:	3-4	_____
# Accessible parking spaces:	_____	_____

Signage ☐ Aisle 5'☐ Aisle 8' ☐ Curbcut ☐ Striping ☐

Min. 3', 1:12 slopes textured or painted

Accessible parking closest to accessible entrance? ☐

OR is there a drop off area? ☐ yes ☑ no

Parking is by permit only? ☐ yes ☑ no

Parking Notes:

Off-street parking only. Not designated but approximately 3-4 parking spots near canoe launch/water's edge. No ADA designated parking.

Are there berm cuts onto the courts? ☐ yes ☐ no

Bleachers are ADA compliant? ☐ yes ☐ no

Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas

_____

SITE AMENITIES

Are all activities (i.e. boat docks, fishing piers, ect.) and equipment (i.e. Benches, pools, shade shelters) located adjacent to accessible paths? ☐ yes ☑ no

If no please specify:

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:	2	_____
Drinking Fountains:	_____	_____
Tables:	_____	_____
5% of tables must be accessible		
Grill:	_____	_____
Note the height of cooking surface		
Picnic Shelters:	_____	_____

ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	☐ yes	☑ no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	☐ yes	☑no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	☐ yes	☑no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	☐ yes	☑ no
Any ponding of water?	☐ yes	☐no
Accessible route to all elements?	☐ yes	☑no
Accessible route to some elements?	☐ yes	☑ no
Is there signage?	☑ yes*	☐no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☐ no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of ½" maximum?	☐ yes	☐ no

RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a play structure?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yes, is it accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Meets standards?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	☐ yes	☐ no

Any other sports/recreation on site? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☐ yes ☐ no

***Park, Regulatory, Interpretative and Educational Conservation signage**

PLAY

Trail Amenities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is surface material accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	☐ yes	☐no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☐no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a guardrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yet, does the guardrail have height / foot accommodations for ADA access?	☐ yes	☐ no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	☐ yes	☐ no

List other amenities and accessibility:

_____

_____

CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:

Gravel roadway off a main road.

PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:

Woodland as well as wetland buffer surrounds the perimeter of the site and pond.

VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:

Historic information about the pond's ownership on the Trailhead Signage, including about the Scouts owning one of the islands in the middle of the pond. Incredibly quiet, peaceful, and scenic water access point with lots of waterfowl along a main road in residential neighborhood near Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Concord. Located near other recreation sites on Warner's Pond, including the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and Gerow Park.

ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:

Interesting educational information located on the Trailhead signage including information about "Aquatic Hitchhikers" (invasive plants or aquatic life brought from other water sources to this pond on watercraft) as well as Concord's "Least Wanted Invasive Plants."

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- **Add accessible paved parking space and aisle with connected by a short paved walkway to a concrete platform at water's edge to make this site ADA accessible.**
- **Add regulatory signage about what types of watercrafts (boats) are allowed on Warner's Pond.**
- **Install a small pier to enjoy the scenic water view or a small bird-hide for bird-watching during migratory seasons.**

Photos of site on 03/20/2023 (winter)





Park and Regulatory Signage at vehicle entrance with road between two private residences. A small canoe launch icon signage along the main roadway would help to better indicate the location of this idyllic recreation resource.



Off-street parking near canoe launch. Space for approximately 3-4 vehicles.







Other signage and elements on site.

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Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Rideout Park and Playground

ADDRESS: 61 Laws Brook Road, Concord, MA 01742

DATE OF SITE EVALUATION: 03/21/2023 (WINTER)

OWNER OF SITE: Town of Concord

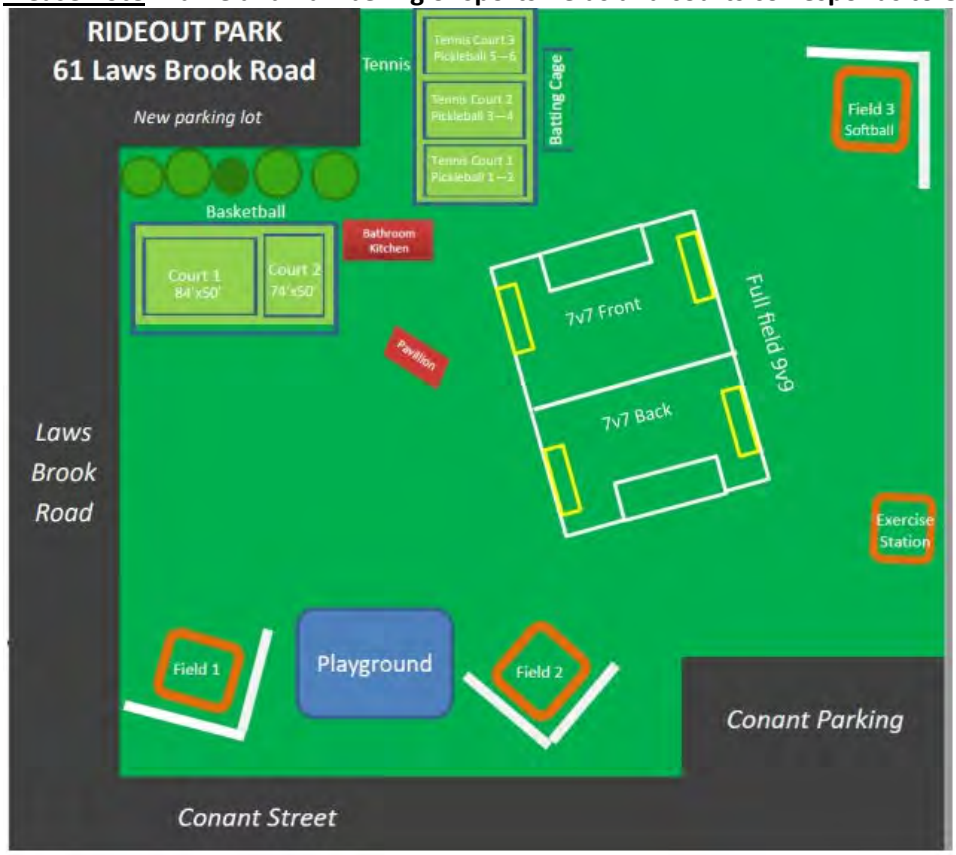






SITE DIAGRAM FOR CONCORD RECREATION PERMITTING

<u>Please note</u>: Name and numbering of sports fields and courts corresponds to Concord Recreation Permitting diagram.



INTENSITY OF USE

☒ high ☒ medium ☐ low

☐ other: _____

USER GROUPS

☒ neighborhood ☒ town ☒ regional

☒ kids/families ☒ teens ☒ adults/elderly

☒ sports leagues ☒ other **<u>many dogwalkers</u>**

INTENSITY OF USE NOTES:

High usage. Concord Recreation permits many of the amenities within this neighborhood park, including general use of the fields; the lined soccer field for one (1) 9v9 player field or two (2) 7v7 player fields; two (2) baseball fields; one (1) softball field; the pavilion; two(2) of the three tennis courts; the field for overall usage by groups as diverse as the high school ultimate frisbee league to summer music series. In 2023, the Concord Recreation Permit Usage Report recorded 3,121 use hours in the spring, summer, and autumn at this site. The overall use category commanded the most yse (1,551 hours), followed by baseball field 1 nad softball field 1 (both 516 hours) and Soccer Field (431 hours).

CONTEXT

☒ residential ☐ mixed-use ☐ commercial

☐ industrial ☐ oceanfront ☐ conservation area

acreage: **11 acres**

Other context notes:

Located within proximity to West Concord Junction's town center, Rideout Park is a large park with many amenities located within a residential neighborhood. Some of the park was renovated in 2018 and includes a continuous walking loop, sports diamonds, playing fields and basketball and tennis courts, batting cage (has electricity for ball machines), a playground, a Ninja-Warrior style / Adult Fitness area, a pavilion, restrooms, storage shed (youth baseball equipment) on-site stormwater management, two parking lots and an electric car charging station. The park has large mature trees and a woodland buffer on several sides and is bounded by Laws Brook Road, Conant Street and the railroad line. Many sports leagues and events are organized at Rideout Park.

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

☒ pathways condition rating
material: (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

☒ asphalt **good**

☐ concrete _____

☐ pavers _____

☐ aggregate/ stonedust _____

☐fencing material: condition rating
(1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

☒ chain link **Varies 4-5', type 1 fusion bonded surrounds entire park**

☐ vinyl coated c.l.

☐ ornamental _____

☐ wood guard rail _____

☐ grading / drainage

☐low/wet areas ☐ blocked structures
☐ADA compliant grates

☐ utilities

☐ gas ☐ water ☐electric
☐ cameras for security _____

☐ lighting – **Does not appear to be any lighting.**

☐ pedestrian ☐ sports ☐ other
manufacturer/ model: _____
_____

SITE ACCESS

☒ sidewalk ☐ bike route
☐ bike parking (racks) **Bike racks near pedestrian-only entrance at northwest corner of park.**
☐ trails ☒ car parking **Two dedicated public parking lots. Larger lot on Laws Brook Road has ~45 spaces. Smaller lot on Conant Street has 8.**

☒ public lot
☐ street

☒ other: Dedicated off-site disabled parking spaces at both entrances to Rideout Park

SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

☒ picnic area ☒ monuments
☒ shade shelter ☒ benches
☒ interpretive signage ☒ trash cans
☒ regulatory signage ☒ bike rack
☒ directional signage/maps ☐ skateboard elements
☐ splash pad or pool ☒ exercise equipment or weights
☒ drinking fountains - **ADA & Water bottle refill stations** ☒ courts
☐ fishing deck ☒ sports fields
☐ boardwalk ☒ playground
☐ boat ramp or launch ☒ trails or walking loops
☐ concessions ☐ locker rooms/showers
☒ restrooms ☒ other **various storage sheds, flagpole, electric car charging station, stormwater management basin**

SITE INFRASTUCTURE NOTES:

Neighborhood park for passive and active recreation with asphalt perimeter walking path. Surrounded by residential roads and two parking lots, backyards of private single-family homes, woodland and/or mature trees, and the rail line.

SITE AMENTIES NOTES:

- **Majority of park in good condition except serious/hazardous cracking in the courts, particularly the tennis courts.**
- **Male and Female restrooms - 1 ADA Stall, 1 Urinal/Toilet, 1 sink each, trash receptable, electric hand dryer. On slab, not heated. Lights on sensor. Restrooms in operation usually April 15 or May 1 until October.**
- **Existing kitchen structure out of use; currently used for equipment storage.**
- **Structure for controlling irrigation, sports lighting, other utilities. Met Concord Director of Facilities, Ryan Orr, who told assessors that lighting of the pavilion has the future capability to be operated remotely via Wi-Fi if the park ever has Wi-Fi or offers it as a park amenity.**
- **No issues with birds or bees' nests at the Pavilion (ends capped).**
- **Signage: The park has not park signage, naming the site as Rideout Park. It does contain some regulatory signage throughout the park at disabled parking spaces and the tennis courts among other spaces. There are also signs that are incorrectly placed such as the disabled parking sign near a pedestrian only entrance and a dog waste sign, which may or may not have been placed at the site by the Town of Concord. See photos below. Erik Shaw, Asst. Superintendent of Highway & Grounds & Deputy Tree Warden for Concord Public Works, notes the following about signage at Rideout Park: "CPW has been responsible for signage upgrades in the last year at all park spaces and is still ongoing. The signs at Rideout will be installed this month to complete the upgrades at Emerson and Rideout. Recreation is responsible for the content on the signs, but we work with a sign vendor on the design, procurement, installation and maintenance."**

PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

COMPONENTS

☐ 2-5 age structure ☒ 5-12 age structure

☐ water elements ☒ seating for caregivers - **3-4 benches** **2 picnic tables**

☒ drinking fountain ☒ shade-**some biotic shade (trees)**

☒ swings - **7** ☐ fencing

☒ADA - **1** ☒ infant – **1 bucket**

☒ belt - **4** ☐ standard

☒ other – **multi-occupancy bird's nest swing**

☒slides- **2**

☒2-5 age (sandbox and 1 swing)

☒5-12 age

Materials: **Plastic, metal, nylon rope**

☒ Individual elements:

Signage, (3) shaded towers, (3) bridges, activity boards with drums, steering wheels, games, etc. along ramps, (1) free-standing flexible rope arch climber, megaphone set, (1) tree stump climbing element/access, (1) rope ladder for egress, (1) horizontal ladder, (1) free-standing spinner, balance beam and pods.

PLAY VALUE

motor skills cognitive skills

☒ rocking ☒ manipulative

☒ swinging ☒ interactive

☒ spinning ☒ exploratory

☒ climbing ☒ engagement with peers

☒ sliding ☒ problem solving

☒ balancing ☒ pretending

☒ other unstructured play:

Sand box for toddlers/pre-school with fixed digger and two raised counters for sand-play by wheelchair bound child.

SURFACING:

material

☒ PIP rubber

☒ wood fiber

☒ sand

compliance

☒ meets requirements

☐ does NOT meet the requirements

manufacturer/condition of equipment:

Landscape Structures

NOTE:

Many mature trees for shade surrounding playground.

☒ other: **Granite Edging; ASTM mats under swings' high use zones.**

PLAYGROUND NOTES:

- **Composite play structure for 5-12 year age group with a variety of play experiences and some elements for pre-school aged children (2-5pm) with universal access via ramps for disabled users. Separate swings for various ages and abilities. Sand box play area for toddlers, which is inaccessible to disabled users.**
- **The playground is accessible from one side. There is no fencing around either the playground or sand box, which may be problematic for caregivers supervising children and dogwalkers.**
- **Erik Shaw, Asst. Superintendent of Highway & Grounds & Deputy Tree Warden for Concord Public Works (CPW), notes the following about playground inspections: I have not been involved with any playground safety inspections outside of the Emerson PIP surface and that was only because I was involved with the installation. Waste removal is done bi-weekly on average in the growing season as part of the mowing and other scheduled maintenance. We report issues to Facilities when we observe issues with playground equipment, but we don't systematically inspect items. Ryan Orr, head of Concord Facilities: "Facilities is now in charge of the annual inspections for … Rideout playground. Facilities also completes a weekly inspection for debris/trash/general wear and tear at these playgrounds as well."**

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS FOR PLAYGROUND:

- **Consider systematic annual CPSI inspection of playground.**
- **Add fencing around playground for child safety from unleashed dogs using field and/or foul balls from Softball field #2. See additional information in next bullet.**
- **When in use, Softball Field #2 and the Playground overlap which means foul balls could potentially enter the playground and strike a playground user. Short term recommendations: Install fencing, 20' safety netting, or another alternative option to protect playground users from foul balls from Softball Field #2. Long-term: consider moving existing playground at end of usable life (usually 15 years) to prevent**

Photos of site on 03/21/2023 (winter)











Universal access playground. Many and diverse play experiences for 2-12 years. Moderate usage observed during second site visit but Concord RFSP Working Group Member Ryan Orr told assessors that Rideout Park is packed as soon as the weather warms.





Accessible route to playground but tree roots create unduelation to one part of sidewalk. May need repairs. Some damage to poured-in-place surfacing in high use zones near slide exit. Needs patching to avoid creating a trip hazard.

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

Ninja Warrior-style play/exercise equipment

COMPONENTS

☒ 5-12y ☒ 13+ y (teen)

☒ teen structure ☒ adult structure

☐ water elements ☒ seating **2 picnic tables**

☐ drinking fountain ☒ shade-**some biotic shade (trees)**

Materials: **Plastic, metal, nylon rope**

☒ Individual elements:

Elements include Rope Climb; Spiderwalk; A-Frame Cargo Net; High Steps; Unstable Bridge; Globe Grasp. Signage.

PLAY/EXERCISE VALUE

FitCore is an obstacle course type play and exercise system. The amenity in Ridepark has six (6) elements that provide a mix of upper body and lower body strength training opportunities to users. Equipment is geared toward youth but can be multi-generational park amenity.

SURFACING:

material

☒ PIP rubber

☐ wood fiber

☐ sand

☐ other: **Wood Edging**

compliance

☒ meets requirements

☐ does NOT meet the requirements

manufacturer/condition of equipment:

Landscape Structures FitCore Extreme

NOTE:

Many mature trees and woodland for shade surrounding playground.

PLAYGROUND NOTES:

- **Composite play structure for 5-12 years, 13+years and/or adult age groups with a variety of play and exercise. Signage at each station that explains through image how the equipment should be used and the area of exercise in the body.**
- **Erik Shaw, Asst. Superintendent of Highway & Grounds & Deputy Tree Warden for Concord Public Works (CPW), notes the following about playground inspections: I have not been involved with any playground safety inspections outside of the Emerson PIP surface and that was only because I was involved with the installation. Waste removal is done bi-weekly on average in the growing season as part of the mowing and other scheduled maintenance. We report issues to Facilities when we observe issues with playground**

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

- **Consider systematic annual CPSI or other similar inspection of playground.**
- **Recommend adding a fence or another barrier by rail line, trail to well [possibly used for irrigation], and Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course.**
- **In-ground wooden edging around poured-in-place surfacing may need to be replaced with something more durable in future.**

Photos of site on 03/21/2023 (winter)











Ninja Warrior-style Exercise / Play Stations with instructional signage.





Trail behind Ninja Warrior-style exercise station leads to well/pump (?) and open rail line, a potential safety issue. Wood edging may need to be replaced with something more durable.

ATHLETIC COURTS INVENTORY

COURTS - Basketball Court 1 (84'x50')

☒court surface condition
- ☐good
- ☒ fair
- ☒ poor

☒ color surfacing/lines condition
- ☐ good
- ☒ fair
- ☒ poor

☒ dimensions meet NFHS standards **84'x 50' with 10' safety zone**

☐ court fencing – **Fencing along two sides with double gate from parking lot. Mature conifers on earth berm and fencing from baseball diamond outfield make up other two sides.**

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	_____
☒ vinyl-coated c.l.	**good, 5' B.V. height along (3) sides**
☐ other	_____

☒ seating **2 composite movable benches; 2 wooden picnic tables, 1 metal players bench**
- ☐ team benches
- ☐ bleachers
- ☐ dugouts
- ☐ shade

☐ court lighting – **no lighting**

manufacturer/condition: _____

COURTS - Basketball Court 2 (74'x50')

☒court surface condition
- ☐ good
- ☒ fair
- ☒ poor

☒ color surfacing/lines condition
- ☐ good
- ☒ fair
- ☒ poor

☒ dimensions meet NFHS standards **74' x 50' with 10' safety zone**

☐ court fencing – **same as Court 1**

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	_____
☒ vinyl-coated c.l.	**Same as Court 1**
☐ other	_____

☒ seating **See Court #1**
- ☐ team benches
- ☐ bleachers
- ☐ dugouts
- ☐ shade

☐ court lighting – **no lighting**

manufacturer/condition: _____

Other: **Electric box located on site of courts; storage shed near courts possibly for equipment.**

COURT 1 NOTES:

-Moderate use (in use during visit).
-Optimal orientation (north-south).
-ADA Accessible.
-Goal posts, nets in good condition.
-Court crowned at center, sleet flow drainage pitched toward sides.
-Court surfacing has heavy cracking and chipping.
-Faded seal coating and line stripping.
-Trip hazards in field of play.

COURT 2 NOTES:

-Moderate use (in use during visit).
-Less tolerable orientation (east-west).
-ADA Accessible.
-Goal posts in good condition.
-Court crowned at center, sleet flow drainage pitched toward sides. -Court surfacing has heavy cracking and chipping.
-Faded seal coating and line stripping.
-Trip hazards in field of play.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- **Repairs to cracked surface of both Court 1 and 2 required, especially in field of play.**
- **Consider adding padding to posts like available at Emerson Park.**

Photos of site on 03/20/2023 (winter)



Basketball Court #2. Some fading and cracking.





Fenced on two sides, fencing from baseball diamond and bounded by mature confier trees and earth berm on fourth side.





Cracking and fading of sealant on both courts.

ATHLETIC COURTS INVENTORY

COURTS – (3) Tennis [yellow striping] / (6) Pickleball Courts [light blue striping]

☒court surface condition
☐good – **see notes below**
☐ fair
☒ poor

☒ color surfacing/lines condition
☐ good
☒ fair **- some fading, especially under trees (common)**
☐ poor

☒ dimensions meet NFHS standards **– doubles 36'x78', fence to side court (12'); back (21'); between courts (12')**

☒ court fencing – **Good, 10' height fencing surrounding courts with paint peeling in places. Two (2) double gates and two (2) single gates in fencing.**

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)	
☐chain link		
☒ vinyl-coated c.l.	**Fair-to-good, 10' height, black (some peeling); two (2) gates on fencing**	
☐ other		

☐ seating

☒ team benches **(2)** ☐ bleachers ☒ storage box for pickleball nets

☐ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ court lighting **– no lighting**

manufacturer/condition:

COURT 1-3 NOTES:

-Usage: High
-Tolerable to optimal orientation.
-ADA accessible.
-Grade planarity pitching sleeting flow to grass for drainage.
-Cracking and chipping of play surface with heavy, hazardous cracks in field of play.

NOTES CONTINUED:

-Seal coating OK (some fading). Line striping for tennis and pickleball OK.
-Temporary Court Number signage. Regulatory signage near/on gates.
-Nets, put away for winter season.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- **Repairs to surface needed however investigation required into how old the courts are and what level of repair and patching has occurred? Some cracks are 2-3" in diameter and need to understand reason for into base for severe cracking. Perhaps poor subgrade.**
- **More contrast in pickleball striping versus tennis striping.**

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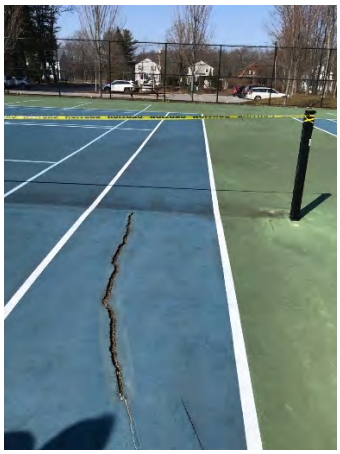






Regulatory signage and ADA accessible route to tennis courts.







Heavy, hazardous cracking across court surface but particularly in field of play. Fading sealant.

ATHLETIC FIELDS INVENTORY

ATHLETIC FIELDS – Little League 60’ Baseball Field #1

☒natural turf
condition
☒good
☒ fair
☐ poor
☒ irrigation

☐ synthetic turf
condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

Comments on natural turf:
-fair – areas of wet at home plate
-fair - overall grade
-Needs regular maintenance, saw tire tracks through field
-Dugouts/player’s area no roof, not enclosed, metal seats on concrete pad, looks like it gets wet (low point)
-covers over home plate and pitcher’s surround

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards
60’

☒ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☒chain link	**Good – 4’ out field B.V. fencing height**
☒ vinyl-coated c.l.	_____
☐ sports netting	_____

Comments on other fencing:

Fair – 25-30’ galvanized height backstop with canopy and added netting (to protect nearby playground from foul balls). Protective matting along 24-36” lower part of backstop.

Fair – 6’ infield fencing.

☒ seating

☒ team benches ☐ bleachers

☒ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ field lighting **– no lighting**
Metal benches only.

manufacturer/condition: _____

Other: **Storage boxes behind backstop**

ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

-Not accessible.
-See above.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

For Little League Baseball Field #1 (along Law Brooks Road)

- **Add accessible route to field.**
- **Regular Maintenance, especially to outfield.**
- **Improve dugout experience if usage/permitting warrants**.

Photos of site on 03/20/2023 (winter)

Little League Baseball Field #1 (along Laws Brook Road)









Add accessible route to field. Develop dugouts if usage warrants it.

ATHLETIC FIELDS INVENTORY

ATHLETIC FIELDS – Little League 60' Baseball Field #2 (by Conant Street)

☒natural turf ☐ synthetic turf

condition
☒good
☒ fair
☐ poor

condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☒ irrigation

Comments on natural turf:
-Not accessible.
-fair-to-good - overall grade, pitches away from infield, areas of wet at home plate
-good – grades in outfield
-Needs opening day maintenance, saw tire tracks through field
-Dugouts/player's area no roof, not enclosed, metal seats on concrete pad, looks like it gets wet (low point)
-covers over home plate and pitcher's surround
-Measuring at 60' between second base and first/third base, so dimensions may be slightly smaller than Little League (70' between second base and first/third base)

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards
60'

☒ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☒chain link	**No enclosed fencing on outfield**
☒ vinyl-coated c.l.	
☐ sports netting	

Fencing Notes:
Fair – 25-30' galvanized height backstop with canopy. NO rust. Some damage to mesh at base of fencing behind Homeplate.
Fair – 6' height galvanized infield fencing by dugouts.

☒ seating

☒ team benches ☐ bleachers

☒ dugouts ☐ shade (not much)

Dugout Notes: **Metal benches on concrete pads. Dugouts minimal with metal benches only on concrete pads. Players likely to be less engaged and not really close in distance or to the action of home plate.**

☐ field lighting **– no lighting**

Other: **Storage box behind backstop and old-fashioned manual scoreboard!**

ATHLETIC FIELDS – 60' Softball Field #3 (southeast corner of park)

☒ natural turf ☐ synthetic turf

condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☒ poor

condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☒ irrigation

Comments on natural turf:
-Not accessible.
-poor – worst of three fields at Rideout Park; skinned infield wet and muddy
-Mat over homeplate

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards
60

☐ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	**No enclosed fencing on outfield**
☒ vinyl-coated c.l.	
☐ sports	

Fencing Notes:
Poor-to-fair – 18'-20' height galvanized backstop (no canopy). Baakstop quite worn, end of life.
Fair – 6' height galvanized infield fencing by dugouts.

☒ seating

☒ team benches ☒ bleachers

☒ dugouts ☒ shade - trees

Dugout Notes: **Metal benches on concrete pads. Very poor condition.**

☐ field lighting **– no lighting**

Other: **Storage box behind backstop and mat over home plate**

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

For Little League 60’ Baseball Field #2 (along Conant Street)

- **Add accessible route to field.**
- **Improve dugout if usage/permitting warrants.**
- **When in use, Softball Field #2 and the Playground overlap which means foul balls could potentially enter the playground and strike a playground user. Short term recommendations: Install fencing, 20’ safety netting, or another alternative option to protect playground users from foul balls from Softball Field #2. Long-term: consider moving existing playground at end of usable life (usually 15 years) to prevent hazardous overlap of uses.**

For 60’ Softball Field #3 (along southeast corner of park)

- **Add accessible route to field.**
- **Maintenance / grooming required of wet infield.**
- **Replace backstop as usage/permitting warrants.**
- **Repair concrete pads in dugouts or improve dugout if usage/permitting warrants.**

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60’ Little League Baseball Field #2









Tire marks through field.





Mesh bowed at backstop.

Softball Field #3 (along southeast corner of park)













Wet infield. Bowed mesh and cracking concrete bends under player's benches.

BATTING CAGE NOTES:

-Two (2) batting cages with stone dust surfacing. Needs maintenance with grass removed.
-Neither accessible.
-Good, 10' B.V. fencing surrounding both batting cages
-Netting observed over top batting cages
-Electric power so can have batting machine or lighting in future (would need additional information)
-Erik Shaw, Asst. Superintendent of Highway & Grounds Deputy Tree Warden for Concord Public Works (CPW) noted the following information about ownership and maintenance of the batting cages:

"The batting cages were originally funded and installed (via contractor) by the Youth Baseball group in town. Facilities had been involved with installation and setup in the early years, but CPW removed them last fall. CPW does the maintenance in the stone dust areas, but access is challenging when netting is in place. We cannot use pesticides to manage weeds in the stone dust. We lock them in the winter months to keep pets out. In season they remain open for public use. The youth baseball group had been approved to install synthetic turf over the stone dust last year, but it has not happened yet. "









Batting cages not accessible. Electrics available.

ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

ATHLETIC FIELDS – SOCCER FIELDS #1

Please note:

☒natural turf
condition
☒good
☒ fair
☐ poor
☒ irrigation

☐ synthetic turf
condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)	
☒chain link	~~5' high galvanized~~ **steel (perimeter field of park)**	_____
☒ vinyl-coated c.l.	_____	_____
☐ sports netting	_____	_____

☐ seating
☐ team benches ☐ bleachers
☐ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ field lighting **– no lighting**

manufacturer/condition: _____ _____

ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

The sports field had not been lined at time of site assessment. It is permitted on Concord Recreation's website for one (1) 9v9 field or two (2) 7v7 fields. A Google Earth pro satellite image from Oct 2021 showed a 80y x 55y lined field which is at the maximum range for youth 9v9 NFHS regulation field (70-80y x 45-55y). The field is located between baseball field #2 and softball field #3 in their outfields. This field cannot be used when baseball field #2 or softball field #3 are in use because of the overlap with the outfields, as per Concord Recreation's website. It was observed to have good grades and be generally flat with minor wet areas (perhaps due to the recent snow melt).

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

-None currently.

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

PARKING LOT #1 (Laws Brook Street)

	Lot	On-Site
Total # parking spaces:	~45	_____
# Accessible parking spaces:	~2-3	_____

Signage ☒ Aisle 5' ☐ Aisle 8' ☐ Curbcut ☒ Min. 3', 1:12 slopes textured or painted Striping ☒

Accessible parking closest to accessible entrance? ☒
OR is there a drop off area? ☐ yes ☐ no
Parking is by permit only? ☒ yes ☐ no
Parking Notes:

ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	☒ yes	☐ no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	☒ yes	☐ no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	☐ yes	☒ no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	☒ yes	☐ no
Any ponding of water?	☐ yes	☒ no
Accessible route to all elements?	☐ yes	☒ no
Accessible route to some elements?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there signage?	☒ yes	☐ no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☒ no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of ½" maximum?	☐ yes	☐ no

PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	☒ yes	☐ no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	☒ yes	☐ no
Is there a play structure?	☒ yes	☐ no
If yes, is it accessible?	☒ yes	☐ no
Meets standards?	☒ yes	☐ no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	☒ yes	☐ no

Any other sports/recreation on site? ☒ yes ☐ no
If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility
☐ yes ☒ no

Are there berm cuts onto the courts? ☐ yes ☐ no
Bleachers are ADA compliant? ☐ yes ☐ no
Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas

SITE AMENITIES

Are all activities (i.e. boat docks, fishing piers, ect.) and equipment (i.e. Benches, pools, shade shelters) located adjacent to accessible paths? ☒ yes ☐ no

If no please specify:
No accessible route to batting cage.

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:	8+	_____
Drinking Fountains:	1 noted with multiple facets	
Tables: (5% of tables must be accessible)	~10	1 noted
Grill: (Note the height of cooking surface)	_____	_____
Picnic Shelters:	1	_____

Trail Amenities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is surface material accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☐ no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a guardrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yet, does the guardrail have height / foot accommodations for ADA access?	☐ yes	☐ no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	☐ yes	☐ no

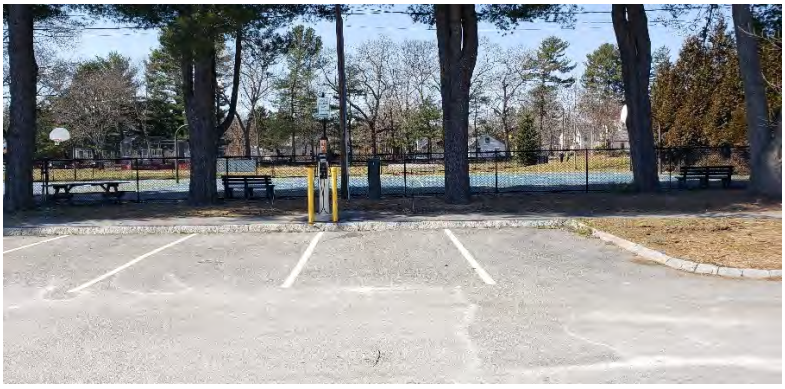
List other amenities and accessibility:
Blister pads, curb cuts or flush with surface at accessible parking spaces in both parking lots. Restrooms, including accessible toilet, and picnic pavilion are accessible. Storage and utility sheds are accessible.

List other amenities and accessibility continued:

The basketball and tennis courts are accessible. The sports fields and batting cages are inaccessible. The perimeter walking loop is accessible except in one spot where tree roots may cause the path not to be ADA compliant. The playground has accessible play equipment, swings, raised sand box counter and a single accessible route to it. The Ninja Warrior-style exercise equipment is accessible.

Photos of site on 03/21/2023 (winter)









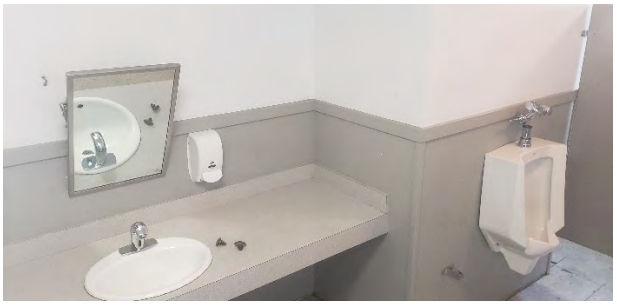


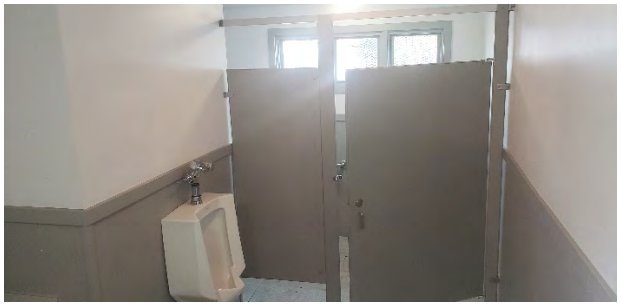


Off-street dedicated public parking lot with two (2) dedicated ADA parking spaces marked by signs. Accessible entrance flush with parking aisle surface. One (1) electric charging station with two (2) EV charging spots. Surface drainage to wetland planted stormwater basin.

















Utility, re-purposed storage (from kitchen), and restroom structures with ADA toilet stall in each gender-specific restroom. Accessible shaded picnic structure with flagpole and nearby water fountain, which is inaccessible. Accessible entries to Rideout Park.











The park contains some regulatory signage but lacks park signage at all three (3) entrances.

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

PARKING LOT #2 (Conant Street)

	Lot	On-Site
Total # parking spaces:	8	
# Accessible parking spaces:	1	

Signage ☒ Aisle 5' ☐ Curbcut ☐ Striping ☒
Min. 3', 1:12 slopes textured or painted
Aisle 8' ☐

Comments:
-Opportunity for Park Signage in Parking Lot #2
-No curb cuts as oedestrian path is flush with parking lot surface
-Central catch basin of parking lot #2 with pitting and in poor condition at center

Accessible parking closest to accessible entrance? ☐
OR is there a drop off area? ☐ yes ☐ no
Parking is by permit only? ☒ yes ☐ no
Parking Notes:

ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	☒ yes	☐ no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	☒ yes	☐ no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	☐ yes	☒ no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	☒ yes	☐ no
Any ponding of water?	☐ yes	☒ no
Accessible route to all elements?	☐ yes	☒ no
Accessible route to some elements?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there signage?	☒ yes	☐ no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☒ no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of ½" maximum?	☐ yes	☐ no

Photos of site on 03/21/2023 (winter)





CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:

Asphalt perimeter pedestrian circulation.

PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:

Trees, shrubs, wetland planting, turf. Woodland buffer along rail line. Many mature deciduous trees located around the perimeter and near playground. An allee of extremely mature evergreen trees at basketball courts and primary parking at Laws Brook Road, and more recently planted conifers along Laws Brook Road. Wetland planting in stormwater basin. Some shrub planting at Law Brooks Road entrance and parking lot.

VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:

ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:

Stormwater managed on site.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

Immediate:

- **Repair tennis court surfacing which poses a hazard to users and may require further investigation to a potential subsurface problem.**

Short-term:

- **Repair basketball surfacing.**
- **Add fencing, 20' netting or alternative option to baseball field #2 to protect adjacent playground use zone.**
- **Increase regular maintenance.**
- **Add park signage at all three (3) entrances**

Long-term:

- **Consider moving existing playground out of foul ball area of baseball field #2, once end of life for existing playground (15 years).**
- **Consider developing a master plan for all park signage throughout Concord Recreation Facilities system.**
- **Add lighting to extend use or Wi-Fi to enable existing system to be operated remotely.**

TOWN OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Water Access Point – Baker Avenue

ADDRESS: 36A Baker Avenue, Concord, MA 01742 (address from GIS)

DATE OF SITE EVALUATION: 03/21/2023 (WINTER)

OWNER OF SITE: Town of Concord





INTENSITY OF USE

☐ high ☒ medium ☐ low

☐ other: _____

From William Holden, Land Manager, Natural Resources Division: "Moderate property usage, more during warmer seasons. Used by neighboring business staff and neighboring condominium residents for a walking, picnic area, and minimal water access."

USER GROUPS

☒ neighborhood ☒ town ☐ regional

☒ kids/families ☒teens ☒ adults/elderly

☒ sports leagues ☐ other _____

CONTEXT

☐ residential ☒ mixed-use ☐ commercial

☐ industrial ☒ waterfront ☒ conservation area

acreage: **1.94a**

Other context notes:

The water access point and picnic area is located off of Baker Avenue in a mixed use area of commercial, retail and residential buildings. A quick perpendicular turn down a gravel roadway into a gravel off-street designated parking lot leads to the entrance of this site. There is no park or canoe launch symbol sign to indicate the recreation resource. The site is surrounded by woods but during the winter season with the leaves off the trees, the user sees and hears the neighboring properties and uses reducing the sites' ability to provide a serene and green nature spot. Perhaps the site makes the user feel otherwise in spring, summer or autumn. The site has four distinct areas:

1. **Dedicated Parking Lot and Raised Picnic Area on Composite Decking with Map Wayfinding Signage The picnic area may be accessible.**
2. **Wood-chip trail lined extensively with a Pollinator Garden, including tagged native plants and educational information**
3. **Second informal Picnic Area located on existing remnant concrete pad**
4. **Potential boat launch area, flooded on day of site visit**

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

☒ pathways material: condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

- ☐ asphalt _____
- ☐ concrete _____
- ☐ pavers _____
- ☒ aggregate/ stonedust **Gravel road; pea gravel path; woodchip trails**

☐fencing material: condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

- ☐ chain link _____
- ☐ vinyl coated c.l. _____
- ☐ ornamental _____
- ☒ wood guard rail **Split-rail fencing around road to site and dedicated parking lot**

☐ grading / drainage

- ☐low/wet areas ☐ blocked structures
- ☐ADA compliant grates

☐ utilities

- ☐ gas ☐ water ☐electric
- ☐ cameras for security _____

☐ lighting

- ☐ pedestrian ☐ sports ☐ other
- manufacturer/ model: _____

_____

SITE ACCESS

☐ sidewalk ☐ bike route

☒trails

☒ car parking ☐ bike parking (racks)

- ☒ public lot
- ☐ street - **~3-4 parking spots along the road near the park, otherwise street parking in front of homes.**
- ☒ other: **no accessible parking spots.**

SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

☒picnic area ☐ monuments

☐ shade shelter ☐ benches

☒ interpretive signage ☐ trash cans

☐ regulatory signage

☐ bike rack

☒directional signage/maps ☐ skateboard elements

☐ splash pad or pool ☐ exercise equipment or weights

☐ drinking fountains ☐ courts

☐ fishing deck ☐ sports fields

☐ boardwalk ☐ playground

☒ boat ramp or launch ☐ trails or walking loops

Informal boat launch area just at water's edge.

☐ concessions ☐ locker rooms/showers

☐ restrooms ☒picnic tables

SITE INFRASTUCTURE NOTES:

No park or canoe launch symbol signage to identify the site's entrance between woods along a short gravel road which leads to a dedicated gravel parking lot surrounded by a split-rail wooden fence. A first picnic area is in the parking lot. A woodchip trail lined by stones leads users along a pollinator garden bounded by woods to a second picnic area and canoe launch that was flooded during the site visit. There are temporary interpretative signs along the path. There is no accessible route within the site.

SITE AMENTIES NOTES:

Picnic area with two (2) Uline composite picnic tables, including one accessible table, on composite decking with ramp. Unfortunately, the pea gravel path leading to this area makes it inaccessible. Map/wayfinding at trailhead. Temporary interpretative signage about the pollinator garden. Tags on newly planted perennials, shrubs, trees. Second picnic area with three (3) Uline composite picnic tables. Canoe launch area, flooded during visit.

SITE AMENTIES NOTES CONTINUED:

From William Holden, Land Manager, Natural Resources Division on maintenance: "Yes, we have two (2) dedicated trail stewards that maintain that trail, picnic areas, and plantings. They receive guidance from Land Manager and Director, and occasionally work with Land Manager to conduct property improvements such as invasive species removal, parking lot improvements, and tree clearing. "

PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

COMPONENTS

☐ 2-5 age structure ☐ 5-12 age structure

☐ water elements ☐ seating for caregivers

☐ drinking fountain ☐ shade

☐ swings ☐ fencing

☐ADA ☐ infant

☐ belt ☐ standard

☐ other _____

☐slides

☐2-5 age

☐5-12 age

Materials:_____

☐ Individual elements:

_____

_____

PLAY VALUE

motor skills	cognitive skills
☐ rocking	☐ manipulative
☐ swinging	☐ interactive
☐ spinning	☐ exploratory
☐ climbing	☐ engagement with peers
☐ sliding	☐ problem solving
☐ balancing	☐ pretending
	☐ other unstructured play:

_____

_____

SURFACING:

material

☐ PIP rubber

☐ wood fiber

☐ sand

☐ other: _____

compliance

☐ meets requirements

☐ does NOT meet the requirements

manufacturer/condition of equipment:

_____

NOTE:

PLAYGROUND NOTES:

No playground on site.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

- **Consider adding another amenity, such as a nature-based play space into this site into this site.**

ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY - N/A

ATHLETIC FIELDS

☐natural turf condition
- ☐good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ poor
- ☐ irrigation

☐ synthetic turf condition
- ☐ good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ poor

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	_____
☐ vinyl-coated c.l.	_____
☐ sports netting	_____

☐ seating
- ☐ team benches
- ☐ bleachers
- ☐ dugouts
- ☐ shade

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: _____

COURTS

☐court surface condition
- ☐ good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ poor

☐ color surfacing/lines condition
- ☐ good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ poor

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ court fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	_____
☐ vinyl-coated c.l.	_____
☐ sports	_____

☐ seating
- ☐ team benches
- ☐ bleachers
- ☐ dugouts
- ☐ shade

☐ court lighting

manufacturer/condition: _____

☐ skate park condition
- ☐concrete
- ☐ surface mount
- ☐ good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ poor

ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

No athletic fields or courts on site.

COURT NOTES:

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

PARKING

	Lot	On-Site
Total # parking spaces:	**3-4**	_____
# Accessible parking spaces:	_____	_____

Signage ☐ Aisle 5' ☐ Aisle 8' ☐ Curbcut ☐ Min. 3', 1:12 slopes textured or painted Striping ☐

Accessible parking closest to accessible entrance? ☐

OR is there a drop off area? ☐ yes ☑ no

Parking is by permit only? ☐ yes ☑ no

Parking Notes:

Off-street parking only. 3-4 parking spots near canoe launch/water's edge. No ADA designated parking.

ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	☐ yes	☑ no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	☐ yes	☑no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	☐ yes	☑no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	☐ yes	☑ no
Any ponding of water?	☐ yes	☐no
Accessible route to all elements?	☐ yes	☑no
Accessible route to some elements?	☐ yes	☑ no
Is there signage?	☑ yes*	☐no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☐ no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of ½" maximum?	☐ yes	☐ no

RECREATION FACILITIES

*** Interpretative and Educational Conservation signage**

Is there a swing set?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a play structure?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yes, is it accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Meets standards?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	☐ yes	☐ no

Any other sports/recreation on site? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☐ yes ☐ no

Are there berm cuts onto the courts? ☐ yes ☐ no

Bleachers are ADA compliant? ☐ yes ☐ no

Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas

SITE AMENITIES

Are all activities (i.e. boat docks, fishing piers, ect.) and equipment (i.e. Benches, pools, shade shelters) located adjacent to accessible paths? ☐ yes ☑ no

If no please specify:

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:	_____	_____
Drinking Fountains:	_____	_____
Tables: (5% of tables must be accessible)	**5**	**1**
Grill: (Note the height of cooking surface)	_____	_____
Picnic Shelters:	**2 – picnic decks; one (1) could be made accessible**	

Trail Amenities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is surface material accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	☐ yes	☐no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☐no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a guardrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yet, does the guardrail have height / foot accommodations for ADA access?	☐ yes	☐ no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	☐ yes	☐ no

List other amenities and accessibility:

CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:

Gravel roadway off a main road.

PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:

Woodland surrounds/within site and water's edge.

VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:

Enclosed by woodland.

ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:

Interesting educational information about newly installed pollinator garden with native planting located along trail.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- **Add park and/or canoe launch symbol signage along Baker Street to indicate entry to recreation resource.**
- **Add accessible paved parking space, aisle, and short paved walkway to the composite decking to make first picnic area accessible.**
- **Consider adding a nature-based play space or another amenity to this recreation resource, which could feel almost like a small neighborhood pocket park.**

Photos of site on 03/21/2023 (winter)




Entrance off Baker Avenue.




Off-street parking with picnic area. Space for approximately 3-4 vehicles. Two (2) Uline picnic tables on composite decking with ramp. One accessible picnic table.






Various signage and tags.




Second picnic area and canoe launch area.

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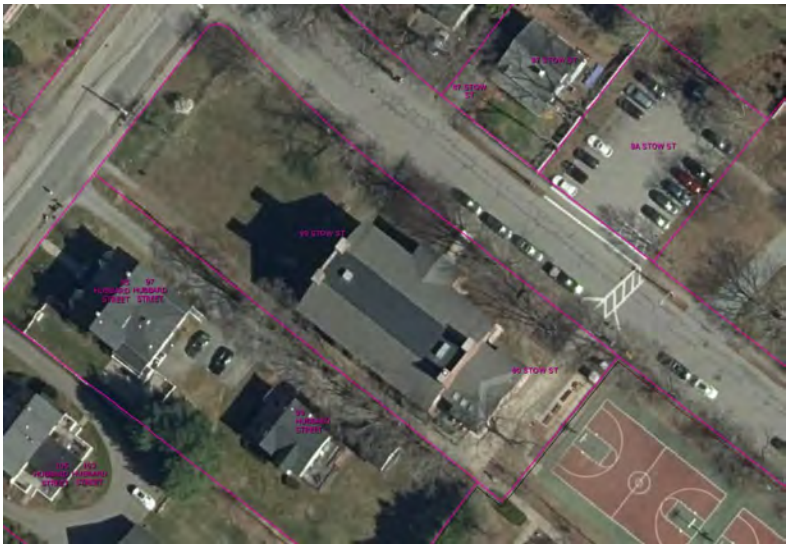
Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Hunt Recreation Center

ADDRESS: 90 Stow Street, Concord, MA 01742

DATE OF SITE EVALUATION: 03/20/2023 (WINTER)

OWNER OF SITE: Concord Recreation







INTENSITY OF USE

☒ high ☐ medium ☐ low

☐ other: _____

USER GROUPS

☒ neighborhood ☒ town ☐ regional

☒ kids/families ☒ teens ☒ adults/elderly

☒ sports leagues ☐ other _____

CONTEXT

☒ residential ☒ mixed-use ☐ commercial

☐ industrial ☐ oceanfront ☐ conservation area

acreage: **18,144 SF**

Other context notes:

Hunt Recreation Center is located adjacent to Emerson Park and Playground, a large park for passive and active recreation, and within a residential neighborhood. It is within proximity to Concord's town center and there are some commercial buildings located across and down the street.

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

☒ pathways
material:
condition rating
(1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

☐ asphalt _____

☒ concrete **fair**

☐ pavers _____

☐ aggregate/ stonedust _____

☐fencing material:
condition rating
(1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

☐ chain link _____

☐ vinyl coated c.l. _____

☒ ornamental **Good – 5' (along basketball courts at disabled entrance)**

☐ wood guard ra _____

☐ grading / drainage

☐low/wet areas ☐ blocked structures
☐ADA compliant grates

Worn, compacted earth near accessible entrance to Hunt Recreation Center. Water appears to rush off to grated catch basin near ornamental fencing at basketball court.

☐ utilities

☐ gas ☒ water ☒electric

☐ cameras for security _____

☐ lighting

☒ pedestrian ☐ sports ☐ other

manufacturer/ model: **Some lighting near entrance to building and possibly motion detection lighting toward sidewalk at accessible entrance to Hunt Recreation.**

SITE ACCESS

☒ sidewalk ☐ bike route

☐ trails

☒ car parking ☐ bike parking (racks)

☒ public lot

☒ street

☐ other: _____

SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

☒ picnic area ☐ monuments

☐ shade shelter ☐ benches

☐ interpretive signage ☐ trash cans

☒ regulatory signage ☐ bike rack

☒ directional signage/maps ☐ skateboard elements

☐ splash pad or pool ☒ exercise equipment or weights

☒ drinking fountains ☒ courts

Water bottler refill station

☐ fishing deck ☐ sports fields

☐ boardwalk ☐ playground

☐ boat ramp or launch ☐ trails or walking loops

☐ concessions ☒ locker rooms/showers

☒ restrooms ☐ other_____

SITE INFRASTUCTURE NOTES:

_____

_____

SITE AMENTIES NOTES:

_____

_____

PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

COMPONENTS

☐ 2-5 age structure ☐ 5-12 age structure

☐ water elements ☐ seating for caregivers

☐ drinking fountain ☐ shade

☐ swings ☐ fencing

☐ADA ☐ infant

☐ belt ☐ standard

☐ other _____

☐slides

☐2-5 age

☐5-12 age

Materials:_____

☐ Individual elements:

_____

_____

PLAY VALUE

motor skills	cognitive skills
☐ rocking	☐ manipulative
☐ swinging	☐ interactive
☐ spinning	☐ exploratory
☐ climbing	☐ engagement with peers
☐ sliding	☐ problem solving
☐ balancing	☐ pretending
	☐ other unstructured play:

_____

_____

SURFACING:

material

☐ PIP rubber

☐ wood fiber

☐ sand

☐ other: _____

compliance

☐ meets requirements

☐ does NOT meet the requirements

manufacturer/condition of equipment:

_____

NOTE:

PLAYGROUND NOTES:

An After-School program is held at the Recreation Center on Wednesdays after school. There are a variety of materials for children's play provided within the after-school care room.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

ATHLETIC FIELDS

☐natural turf
condition
☐good
☐ fair
☐ poor
☐ irrigation

☐ synthetic turf
condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	_____
☐ vinyl-coated c.l.	_____
☐ sports netting	_____

☐ seating
☐ team benches ☐ bleachers
☐ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: _____

ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

_____
_____
_____
_____

COURTS

☒court surface
condition
☐ good
☒ fair
☐ poor

☒ color surfacing/lines
condition
☐ good
☒ fair
☐ poor

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ court fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	_____
☐ vinyl-coated c.l.	_____
☐ sports	_____

☐ seating
☐ team benches ☐ bleachers
☐ dugouts ☐ shade

Folding chairs in upstairs gymnasium

☐ court lighting

manufacturer/condition: _____

COURT NOTES:

- **Three (3) Basketball Courts (Indoor Gymnasium):**
  - **One (1) Full-size Court**
  - **Two (2) Half/Youth Courts**
  - **Court striping includes: Basketball (white & maroon); Pickleball (yellow), Indoor tennis (red)**
  - **Six (6) portable pickleball courts had been set-up at time of evaluation.**
  - **Other indoor sports activities include power soccer and tennis occasionally**
  - **Space is also used for a variety of community events such as the Father-Daughter Shamrock Dance; as a staging area for Winter Ski Club; during rain days for Summer Camp; for Spin and other Exercise Classes. The Recreation staff noted that the gymnasium is extremely hot in the summer.**

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

During the evaluation, a comment was made by a pickleball player that the ball "was lost [from vision] because of not enough contrast in the background color of the gymnasium walls." Concord Recreation responded to this recommended strategy that they could not repaint the gym walls but could come up with other strategies such as providing alternative pickleball colors or other options.

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

PARKING

	Lot	On-Site
Total # parking spaces:	**15**	
# Accessible parking spaces:	**1**	

Signage ☒ Aisle 5' ☐ Aisle 8' ☐ Curbcut ☒ Min. 3', 1:12 slopes textured or painted Striping ☒

Accessible parking closest to accessible entrance? ☒
OR is there a drop off area? ☐ yes ☐ no
Parking is by permit only? ☒ yes ☐ no
Parking Notes:

Are there berm cuts onto the courts? ☐ yes ☐ no

Bleachers are ADA compliant? ☐ yes ☐ no

Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas

ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	☒ yes	☐ no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	☒ yes	☐ no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	☒ yes	☐ no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	☒ yes	☐ no
Any ponding of water?	☐ yes	☒ no
Accessible route to all elements?	☒ yes	☐ no
Accessible route to some elements?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there signage?	☒ yes	☐ no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☐ no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of ½" maximum?	☐ yes	☐ no

SITE AMENITIES

Are all activities (i.e. boat docks, fishing piers, ect.) and equipment (i.e. Benches, pools, shade shelters) located adjacent to accessible paths? ☐ yes ☐ no

If no please specify:
As Hunt Recreation Center is an interior space, the entrance is powered for disabled users. The locker rooms and restrooms have ADA compliant toilets and showers. There is an elevator to reach the gymnasium on the second floor.

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:		
Drinking Fountains:	**1**	
Tables:		
5% of tables must be accessible		
Grill:		
Note the height of cooking surface		
Picnic Shelters:		

Trail Amenities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is surface material accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☐ no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities	☐ yes	☐ no

Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a guardrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yet, does the guardrail have height / foot accommodations for ADA access?	☐ yes	☐ no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	☐ yes	☐ no

PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a play structure?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yes, is it accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Meets standards?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	☐ yes	☐ no

Any other sports/recreation on site? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☐ yes ☐ no

List other amenities and accessibility:

Locker and restrooms. Gymnasium (via an elevator.)

CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:

The route to and circulation within Hunt Recreation Center is ADA compliant.

PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:

Mature tree and small turf lawn in front of Hunt Recreation Center. Empty planting beds.

VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:

ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- **Improve exterior entry plaza experience and integrate into larger Emerson Park.**
- **Overall the rooms, restrooms and in gym are in acceptable shape.**
- **The restrooms seem accessible and recently renovated.**
- **Recommendations would be to paint the existing walls, baseboard and trim.**
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Photos of site on 03/20/2023 (winter)

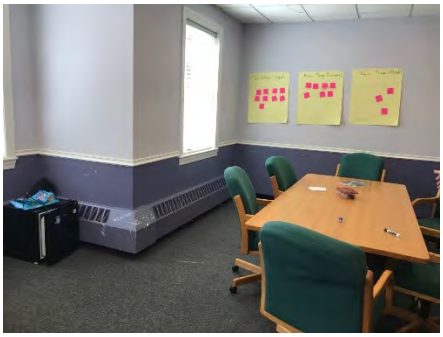


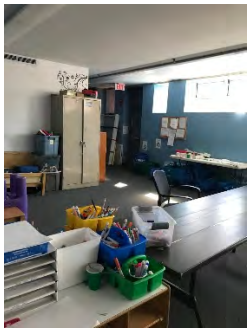






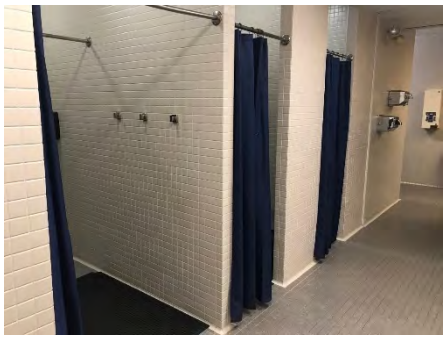
On street parking and off-street dedicated public parking lot with one (1) dedicated ADA parking space. Accessible route to and within Hunt Recreation Center as well as signage. Elevator located inside building (no photos).



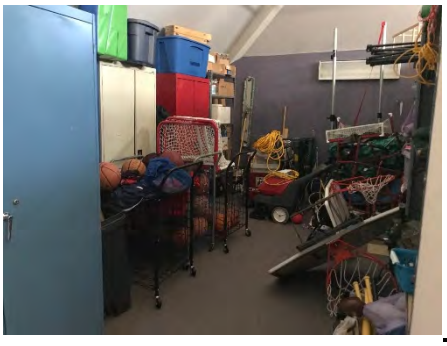














Other spaces within Hunt Recreation Center include office space for Concord Recreation; a meeting space (available for rental); women and men locker rooms nad restrooms; After-School Program space; gymnasium with equipment storage.

TOWN OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Emerson Park and Playground

ADDRESS: 90 Stow Street, Concord, MA 01742

DATE OF SITE EVALUATION: 03/20/2023 (WINTER)

OWNER OF SITE: Town of Concord

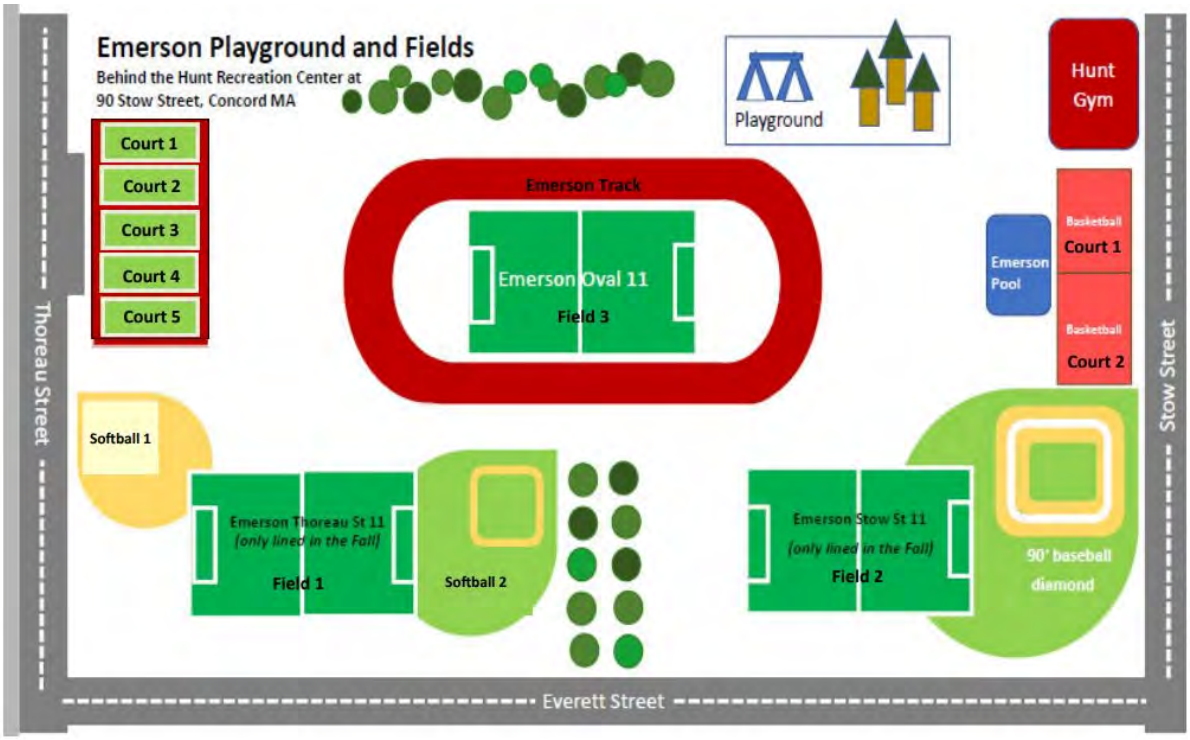






SITE DIAGRAM FOR CONCORD RECREATION PERMITTING

<u>Please note</u>: Name and numbering of sports fields and courts corresponds to Concord Recreation Permitting diagram.



INTENSITY OF USE

☒ high ☐ medium ☐ low

☐ other: _____

According to Concord Recreation's Permit Usage Report, 4,170 hours of use were recorded across all of Emerson Park's spaces available for permitting in 2022.

Permitting primarily occurred in spring and fall.

USER GROUPS

☒ neighborhood ☒ town ☐ regional

☒ kids/families ☒ teens ☒ adults/elderly

☒ sports leagues ☒ other **dogwalkers**

CONTEXT

☒ residential ☒ mixed-use ☐ commercial

☐ industrial ☐ riverfront ☐ conservation area

acreage: **6.4 acres**

Other context notes:

Emerson Park and Playground are located adjacent to Hunt Recreation Center and within a residential neighborhood. It is within proximity to Concord's town center and there are some commercial buildings located across and down the street.

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

☒ pathways condition rating
material: (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

☒ asphalt **good**

☒ concrete **fair-to-good (entrance at Hunt Recreation Center in poor condition)**

☒ pavers

☐ aggregate/ stonedust

☐fencing material: condition rating
(1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

☒ chain link **Varies 4-5', type 1 fusion bonded surrounds entire park**

☐ vinyl coated c.l.

☒ ornamental **5' near Hunt Center Entrance**

☐ wood guard rail

☐ grading / drainage

☐low/wet areas ☐ blocked structures
☐ADA compliant grates

☐ utilities

☐ gas ☐ water ☐electric
☐ cameras for security

☐ lighting – **Does not appear to be any lighting.**

☐ pedestrian ☐ sports ☐ other

manufacturer/ model:

SITE ACCESS

☒ sidewalk ☐ bike route
☒ bike parking (racks) - **Near entrance to Hunt Recreation Building**
☐ trails ☒ car parking

☒ public lot
☒ street
☒ other: Dedicated off-site disabled parking spaces at several entrances to Emerson Park

SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

☒ picnic area ☒ monuments
☐ shade shelter ☒ benches
☒ interpretive signage ☒ trash cans
☒ regulatory signage ☐ bike rack
☒ directional signage/maps ☐ skateboard elements
☒ splash pad or pool ☐ exercise equipment or weights
☒ drinking fountains - **ADA & Water bottle refill stations** ☒ courts
☐ fishing deck ☒ sports fields
☐ boardwalk ☒ playground
☐ boat ramp or launch ☒ trails or walking loops
☐ concessions ☐ locker rooms/showers
☐ restrooms ☒ other – **track & field events, various storage sheds, dog waste bag dispensers**

SITE INFRASTUCTURE NOTES:

Neighborhood park for passive and active recreation with asphalt perimeter path.

SITE AMENTIES NOTES:

Pool was covered for winter so difficult to record information about this site amenity.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

- Create map of bicycle rack location(s) and propose new locations for bicycle racks.
- Standardized bicycle racks here and across Concord Parks System to create cohesion and a visual language through street furniture for Concords Park System.
- Note different kinds of site furnishings (i.e. – benches, scoreboards, waste receptacles, backstops etc) and develop site furnishing guidelines. Advertise standards for recreation (bylaws).

POOL INVENTORY

COMPONENTS

Dedicated plaque (1990)

Red Storage Shed operates as shade space for Lifeguards and houses pump for pool

2 mature trees

2 shower heads

1 water drinking fountain

Pool cover

10’ black vinyl coated chain link fence

2 covered outdoor electrical outlets

1 Picnic table

POOL NOTES:

Given the winter season, the pool was covered and not in operation during our two visits to Emerson Park and Playground so it was difficult to conduct a meaningful assessment it the space as park amenity.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

Photos of site on 03/20/2023 (winter)



PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

COMPONENTS

☒ 2-5 age structure ☒ 5-12 age structure

☐ water elements ☒ seating for caregivers - **5 benches**

☒ drinking fountain ☒ shade-**some biotic shade (trees)**

☒ swings - **6** ☐ fencing

☒ADA - **1** ☒ infant - **2**

☒ belt - **3** ☐ standard

☒ other – **accessible swing for disabled users**

☒slides- **3 reg, 1 roller**

☐2-5 age

☒5-12 age

Materials: **Plastic, metal**

☒ Individual elements:

Signage, (4) shaded towers, (1) uncovered tower, (3) bridges, (1) rope climber, (1) pedestal balancing element, (2) rock climbing feature, (1) megaphone set, (1) arm exercise element (possibly considered accessible play element?), (3) horizontal ladders, (1) spinner, (1) trek sider/zipline element, (2) pull-up bars

PLAY VALUE

motor skills	cognitive skills
☒ rocking	☒ manipulative
☒ swinging	☒ interactive
☒ spinning	☒ exploratory
☒ climbing	☒ engagement with peers
☒ sliding	☒ problem solving
☒ balancing	☒ pretending
	☒ other unstructured play: **Sand box for toddlers with (2) fixed elements and a few loose toys brought by users, presumably.**

SURFACING:

material

☒ PIP rubber

☐ wood fiber

☒ sand

☐ other: _____

compliance

☒ meets requirements

☐ does NOT meet the requirements

manufacturer/condition of equipment:

Landscape Structures

NOTE:

Several juvenile/newly planted trees, presumably to provide shade. Several mature trees near playground.

PLAYGROUND NOTES:

Composite play structure for 5-12 year age group with a variety of play experiences. Separate swings for various ages and abilities. Sand box play area for toddlers, which is inaccessible to disabled users. The playground is accessible from one side. There is no fencing around either the playground or sand box for toddlers, which may be problematic for caregivers supervising children and dogwalkers who used a nearby field on the two mornings the site was visited. Children and caregivers were playing on the equipment when we visited the site so photographs are limited. Ryan Orr, head of Concord Facilities: "Facilities is now in charge of the annual inspections for the Emerson … playground. Facilities also completes a weekly inspection for debris/trash/general wear and tear at these playgrounds as well."

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS FOR PLAYGROUND:

- **Add fencing around the play space**
- **Opportunities for more accessible elements within playground or sandbox**
- **Add picnic tables, benches**
- **Add more trees or (shade) structure for shade**

Photos of site on 03/20/2023 (winter)









Accessible route to playground. Diverse play experiences. High usage during both site visits. No accessible route to sand box.

ATHLETIC COURTS INVENTORY

COURTS - Basketball Court 1

☒court surface condition
- ☐good
- ☒ fair
- ☒ poor

☐ color surfacing/lines condition
- ☐ good
- ☒ fair
- ☒ poor

☒ dimensions meet NFHS standards **50' x 74' with 10' safety zone**

☐ court fencing – **Fencing dated; paint peeling in places. Fencing along entire perimeter of courts with breaks for entries (no gates)**

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	
☒ vinyl-coated c.l.	**fair, 4.5' height along (3) sides**
☒ other	**good, 5' ornamental fencing along 1 side (Hunt Recreation Center side)**

☐ seating
- ☒ team benches
- ☐ bleachers
- ☐ dugouts
- ☐ shade

☐ court lighting **– no lighting**

manufacturer/condition:

COURTS - Basketball Court 2

☒court surface condition
- ☐ good
- ☒ fair
- ☒ poor

☐ color surfacing/lines condition
- ☐ good
- ☒ fair
- ☒ poor

☒ dimensions meet NFHS standards **50' x 74' with 10' safety zone**

☐ court fencing – **same as Court 1**

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	
☒ vinyl-coated c.l.	**Same as Court 1**
☒ other	**Same as Court 1**

☐ seating
- ☒ team benches
- ☐ bleachers
- ☐ dugouts
- ☐ shade

☐ court lighting **– no lighting**

manufacturer/condition:

Other: **Electric box located on site of courts; storage shed near courts possibly for equipment.**

COURT 1 NOTES:

-Moderate to high use (in use during both visits).
-Tolerable orientation.
-ADA Accessible.
-Goal posts in good condition; padding around posts.
-Court drainage pitched toward road.
-Court surfacing has pits and minor cracks.
-Seal coating faded and chipped in places.

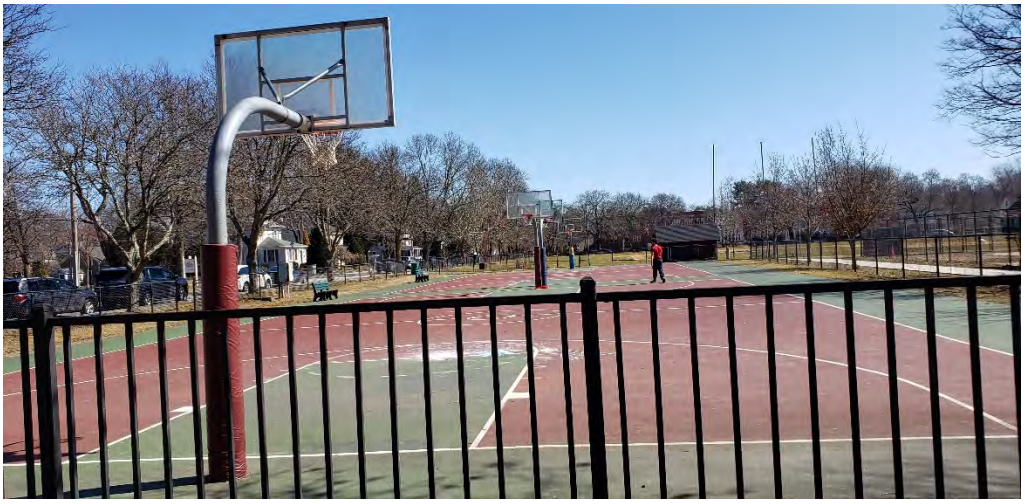
COURT 2 NOTES:

-Moderate to high use (in use during both visits).
-Tolerable orientation.
-ADA Accessible.
-Goal posts in good condition; padding around posts.
- Court drainage pitched toward road.
-Seal coating faded and chipped in places.
Different from Court 1:
-Net needs to be replaced at one goal.
-Court surfacing in need of minor repair (see photos at end).

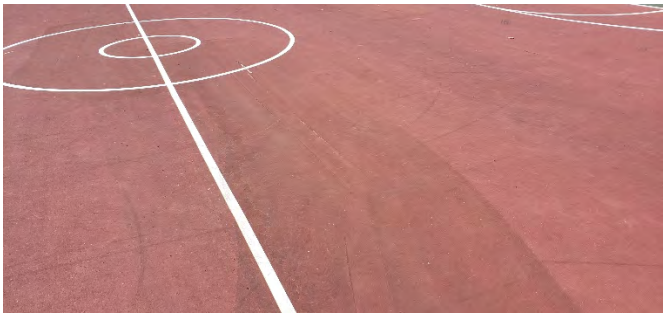
RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

-Fencing to be repainted.
-Net on Court 2 needs to be replaced, as per regularly scheduled maintenance
-Repairs to surface of Court 2 need.

Photos of site on 03/20/2023 (winter)











Minor cracks and fading.

ATHLETIC COURTS INVENTORY

COURTS – Tennis Courts (5 doubles courts lined for tennis only)

☒court surface condition
☒good – **see notes below**
☐ fair
☐ poor

☒ color surfacing/lines condition
☐ good
☒ fair **- some fading**
☐ poor

☒ dimensions meet NFHS standards **– doubles 36'x78', fence to side court (12'); back (21'); between courts (12')**

☒ court fencing – **10' height fencing surrounding courts with paint peeling in places. Two (2) double gates and two (2) single gates in fencing.**

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)	
☐chain link		
☒ vinyl-coated c.l.	**fair, 10' height, black (paint peeling)**	
☐ other		

☐ seating

☒ team benches **(2)** ☐ bleachers
☐ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ court lighting **– no lighting**

manufacturer/condition:

COURT 1 NOTES:

- High Usage; all nets in season; one net off-season
-ADA accessible.
-Grade planarity pitching sleeting flow to edges for drainage.
-Minor to moderate cracking and chipping of play surface.
Heavy cracks at post and play surface at Court #3.
-Seal coating OK (some fading). Line striping OK.

NOTES CONTINUED:

-Court Number signage. Regulatory signage near/on gates.
-Bang Board.
-Nets, posts in good condition.
- Not in ideal orientation.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

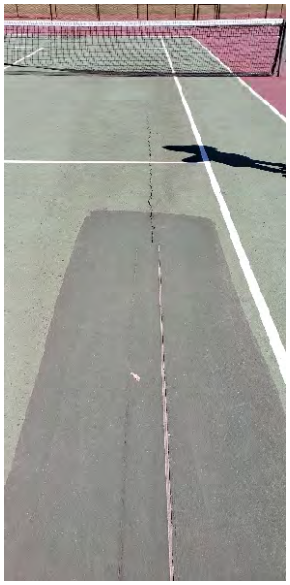
- **Fencing to be repainted.**
- **Repair to cracking in field of play and near posts.**

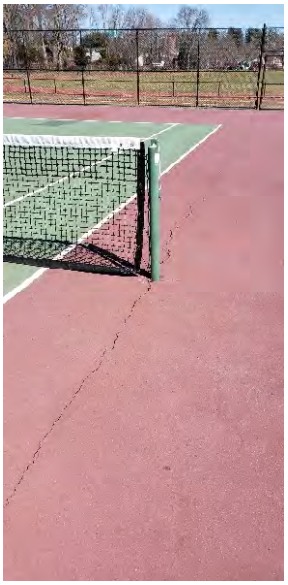
Photos of site on 03/20/2023 (winter)













Cracking surface and fading sealant.

ATHLETIC FIELDS INVENTORY

ATHLETIC FIELDS – Baseball Field #1 (90' field along Stowe Street)

☒natural turf
condition
☒good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☐ synthetic turf
condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☒ irrigation

Erik Shaw, Asst. Superintendent of Highway & Grounds and Deputy Tree Warden for Concord Public Works noted that he thought "the turf at Emerson is generally good given our ability to maintain it without pesticides and the amount of dog traffic. The irrigation system is brand new as of 2022."

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☒ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)	
☒chain link	**Good – 6' height fence in front of dugout/players benches**	_____
☒ vinyl-coated c.l.	**Fair – 30' height backstop with some rust & bowing**	_____
☐ sports netting	**Poles for sideline netting to protect pedestrians on sidewalk from foul balls. Erik Shaw (CPW) unsure if its their responsibility to replace or another department.**	_____

☒ seating

☒ team benches ☐ bleachers

☒ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ field lighting **– no lighting**

Metal benches only.

manufacturer/condition:

Other: **Electrical outlet; Huskey storage boxes behind backstop**

ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

-Poor accessibility: no ADA access to dugouts or baseball field #1 (add footpath)
-Player benches/dugout uncovered (add for shade)
-30' backstop of galvanized steel with some rust marks, mesh bowing.
-Not in ideal orientation.
-Red shed for storage.
-Infield: concept ok, but grading seems off. Built up too much with pitch possibly causing a trip hazard; infield turf ok; infield mix needs grooming; cover over home plate to protect in winter.
-Out-field looks level with minor undulation and grade change, some divots which could create trip hazard should be filled. Recent renovation in 2022 so client is concerned about wear and tear, possibly from dog use.

Renovations in 2022 include:
-regraded field
-replaced irrigation
Switched uses on fields
-added electrical
-ADA accessible pathways
-new curbing at entrances

ATHLETIC FIELDS INVENTORY

ATHLETIC FIELDS – Softball Field #1 (along Thoreau Street)

☒natural turf ☐ synthetic turf

condition
☒good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☒ irrigation

condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards
In-Field dimensions are short on Softball Field #1. Outfield is shared with Softball Field #2.

☒ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☒chain link	**Fair – 6' height fence in front of dugout/players benches (on 3rd base side).**
☒ vinyl-coated c.l.	**Fair – 25-30' height backstop with canopy. Higher on 1st base side to protect foul balls going into street and dugout.**
☐ sports netting	

☒ seating

☒ team benches ☐ bleachers

☒ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ field lighting **– no lighting**

Metal benches on concrete pads.

manufacturer/condition: _____

Other: **Huskey storage boxes behind backstop**

ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

-Only scoreboard located at Softball Field #1.
-Poor accessibility: no ADA access to dugouts or softball field #1 (add footpath)
-Player benches/dugout uncovered (add for shade)
-25-30' backstop of galvanized steel with some rust and mesh bowing.
-Bent players bench on 3rd base.
-Not in ideal orientation.
-In-Field dimensions are short on Softball Field #1.
-Infield: Homeplate is very wet but otherwise good condition. Needs some grooming.
-Out-field: more undulation, some low/wet spots, some grading issues.
-Turf fair-to-good condition.

ATHLETIC FIELDS – Softball Field #2 (along Everett Street)

☒ natural turf ☐ synthetic turf

condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☒ irrigation

condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards
In-Field and Out-Field dimensions are short on Softball Field #2.

☐ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	_____
☒ vinyl-coated c.l.	**Poor – 25' height black vinyl coated C.L. backstop with canopy; 6' height BV.C.L. at dugouts.**
☐ sports	

☒ seating

☒ team benches ☐ bleachers

☒ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ court lighting **– no lighting**

Metal benches on concrete pads.

manufacturer/condition: _____

Other: **Huskey storage boxes behind backstop**

COURT NOTES:

-Poor accessibility: no ADA access to dugouts or softball field #2 (add footpath)
-Player benches/dugout uncovered (add for shade)
-25' backstop of galvanized steel with canopy in poor condition
-Not in ideal orientation.
- In-Field and Out-Field dimensions are short on Softball Field #2.
-Infield: dry, proper drainage. Grading ok. In-field lip is flat, as required. Needs some grooming.
-Out-field: looks level with minor undulation, Some wet and worn spots (grading could be low).
-Turf fair-to good condition.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

<u>For Baseball Field #1 (90" along Stow Street)</u>
-Fill divots in outfield
-Add accessible path to dugouts and field
-Add shade covers to dugout area

<u>For Softball Field #1 (along Thoreau Street)</u>
- Review worn, wet spots and/or grading in In-Field at home plate and Out-Field for possible re-grading.
-Add accessible path to dugouts and field
-Add shade covers to dugout area
-Repair player's bench at 3rd base.

<u>For Softball Field #2 (along Everett Street)</u>
-Grooming required in In-Field.
-Review worn and/or wet spots in Out-Field for possible re-grading.
-Add accessible path to dugouts and field
-Add shade covers to dugout area

<u>Photos of site on 03/20/2023 (winter)</u>

<u>90' Baseball Field #1</u>







Backstop rusted and mesh bowed here and at fencing.

Softball Field #1







Turf challenges in outfield. Bent bench at 3rd base dugout.

Softball Field #2









Backstop paint peeling. Grooming needed in In-Field. Review Out-Field for wet/low spots.

ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

ATHLETIC FIELDS – SOCCER FIELDS #1, #2, #3

Please note that fields were not lined at time of site assessment.
Lining of fields takes place at the beginning of April every year.

☒natural turf
condition
☒good
☒ fair
☐ poor
☒ irrigation

☐ synthetic turf
condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)	
☒chain link	~~**good**~~	
☐ vinyl-coated c.l.		
☐ sports netting		

☐ seating
☐ team benches ☐ bleachers
☐ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ field lighting **– no lighting**

manufacturer/condition: _____ _____

ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

As measured from Google Earth, Field #1 is located between Softball Fields 1 &2 and measures 170' x 300'. It is lined in fall only.

Field #2 is located in the outfield of Baseball Diamond #1 and measures 150' x 240'. It is lined in the fall only. Some divots observed here.

Field #3 is in the center of the track and measures 180' x 300'. At field #3, there is heavy grade change between field and the track, which could be hazardous to users. The turf appears to have undulations and be heavily worn in the middle of the field and in areas where the soccer goals are likely to have been positioned.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Review any trip hazards by refilling/grading any divots at Field #2.
- Re-seed turf at Field #3.

ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

TRACK

☒court surface
condition
☒good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☒ color surfacing/lines
condition
☒ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☒ irrigation

6" rubberized surface extends on side of track but not on the outside lanes. Inadequate clear zone between last lane line and vertical obstruction (fence).

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

TRACK & FIELD SPORTS

☐field surface (turf)
condition
☐ good
☒ fair
☐ poor

Pitches to drainage point. Heavy grade change between field and track. Turf has undulations and heavy wear in spots (middle and near goals).

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

Inadequate clear zone between exterior track lane and vertical obstruction (perimeter fence).

☒ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☒chain link	**Good, Type 1, perimeter fence completely encloses track and field sports. Two (2) double gates; Three (3) single gates**
☐ vinyl-coated c.l.	_____
☐ sports netting	_____

☐ seating
☐ team benches ☐ bleachers
☐ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ field lighting **– no lighting**

manufacturer/condition: _____

ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

-400m 6-lane track with 100m 8-lane straights
-Interior Soccer Field of natural turf
-Accessible route to track.

TRACK & FIELD SPORT NOTES:

-Long jump looks ok.
-Triple jump with exposed sand pits (no covers)
-Runways appear old and faded
Pole vault is double sided. Rubber surfacing is faded with chips and cracking.
-High jump looks ok.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Review grading between the center soccer field and track as it currently presents a fall hazard to users.
- Turf has undulations and heavy wear in spots (middle and near goals). Consider re-grading/re-seeding.
- Inadequate clear zone between outside/last lane and the C.L. fence (vertical structure). It is currently much shorter than the standard 1m and should be reviewed and corrected.

Photos of site on 03/20/2023 (winter)

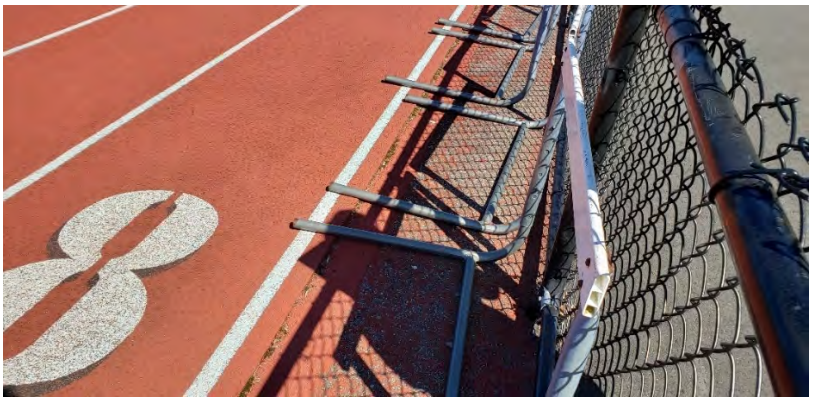








Track and Field elements exhibited low use during the site visit (2 users) but the season is likely the reason.



Distance between last lane and vertical structure should be reviewed (usually 1m).





Grading between the center soccer field and track may need review, presenting a fall hazard to users.

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

PARKING

	Lot	On-Site
Total # parking spaces:	15	
# Accessible parking spaces:	1	~4

Signage ☒ Aisle 5' ☐ Aisle 8' ☐ Curbcut ☒ Min. 3', 1:12 slopes textured or painted Striping ☒

Accessible parking closest to accessible entrance? ☐
OR is there a drop off area? ☐ yes ☐ no
Parking is by permit only? ☒ yes ☐ no
Parking Notes:

In addition to accessible park in the off-street parking lot, accessible parking has been created at two (2) entrances: near the tennis court entrance and the allee of mature maple trees.

ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	☒ yes	☐ no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	☒ yes	☐ no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	☐ yes	☒ no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	☒ yes	☐ no
Any ponding of water?	☐ yes	☒ no
Accessible route to all elements?	☐ yes	☒ no
Accessible route to some elements?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there signage?	☒ yes	☐ no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☒ no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of ½" maximum?	☐ yes	☐ no

PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	☒ yes	☐ no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	☒ yes	☐ no
Is there a play structure?	☒ yes	☒ no
If yes, is it accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Meets standards?	☒ yes	☐ no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	☐ yes	☒ no

Any other sports/recreation on site? ☒ yes ☐ no
If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility
☒ yes ☐ no

Are there berm cuts onto the courts? ☐ yes ☐ no
Bleachers are ADA compliant? ☐ yes ☐ no
Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas

SITE AMENITIES

Are all activities (i.e. boat docks, fishing piers, ect.) and equipment (i.e. Benches, pools, shade shelters) located adjacent to accessible paths? ☒ yes ☐ no

If no please specify:
An accessible route could be made to the sand box.

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:	8+	
Drinking Fountains:	3+	
Tables:	8+	2+
5% of tables must be accessible		
Grill:		
Note the height of cooking surface		
Picnic Shelters:		

Trail Amenities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is surface material accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☐ no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a guardrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yet, does the guardrail have height / foot accommodations for ADA access?	☐ yes	☐ no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	☐ yes	☐ no

List other amenities and accessibility:
Most of the athletic fields and courts are accessible. Playground has some accessible play equipment and a single accessible route to it. Blister pads, curb cuts at two new accessible parking spaces. These elements should also be integrated into the parking lot by Hunt Recreation Center.

CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:

Asphalt perimeter pedestrian circulation.

PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:

Trees and turf. Many mature trees located around the perimeter and at the allee of mature maple trees entrance along Everett Street. Several juvenile/recently planted trees.

VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:

There is a historic plan (1926) of Emerson Park located inside Hunt Recreation Building and much of the passive and active recreation amenities remain the same. The allee of mature maples planted by the Garden Club of Concord during the 1930s, according to their September 2020 online newsletter, remains a major feature of the Everett Street entrance with flag poles and various memorials as well as the track (an original sports element of the park) terminating this walkway.

ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- **Emerson Park feels disparate, carved up into smaller units of use and lacks an unifying element. Could trees along the pathway, much as they are shown in the 1926 plan, offering a needed 'unifying element' to the park? Could standardized site furnishings across this and all outdoor parks in the Concord Recreation Facilities system provide that unifying theme?**
- **Consider improvements –adding paving, planting, sculptural element etc—to the entry plaza near Hunt Recreation Center to create a more welcoming and well-maintained atmosphere.**
- **Create clarity on who is responsible for what at each facility in the Concord Park system.**
- **Improve and standardize park signage at entrances to Emerson Park.**
- **See all recommendation above at the end of each amenity.**

Photos of site on 03/20/2023 (winter)











Off-street dedicated public parking lot with one (5) dedicated ADA parking space. Accessible entrances at 3 locations, accessible route to and within Emerson Park. There are accessible elements including some play equipment, drinking fountains, and tables at Emerson Park & Playground as well.

Red storage sheds are located throughout Emerson Park.









Additional amenities including dog waste dispensers, accessible water fountains and water bottle refilling stations, trash cans and various memorials or monuments are located throughout Emerson Park.

TOWN OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Cousins Park

ADDRESS: 8A Brown Street, Concord, MA, 01742

DATE OF SITE EVALUATION: 03/21/2023 (WINTER)

OWNER OF SITE: Town of Concord







Photo 1: MassMapper; Photo 2: Google Earth Pro historic satellite imagery August 2013, shows the Community Allotments in use; Photo 3: Panorama of Cousins Park in late March 2023.

INTENSITY OF USE

☐ high ☒ medium ☒ low -

☐ other: _____

USER GROUPS

☒ neighborhood ☒ town ☐ regional

☒ kids/families ☒ teens ☒ adults/elderly

☒ sports leagues ☒ other **dogwalkers**

Intensity of Use notes:

Low in winter; Concord Recreation permits this site for three (3) double fields for Pre-K – Grade 1-aged players and their Permit Usage Report spreadsheet shows 461.5 hours during spring 2022 and 207 hours in fall 2022 by the Concord- Carlisle Youth Soccer (CCYS) group. Town of Concord Natural Resources notes that the trails are regularly used by the neighborhood. The community gardens are fully subscribed.

CONTEXT

☒ residential ☐ mixed-use ☐ commercial

☐ industrial ☒ riverfront ☒ conservation area

acreage: **4a**

Other context notes:

The park is a large open field surrounded by woodland with access to the Assabet River. It is located in a residential area and designated as conservation land with a historical allowance for recreation. Dogwalkers were observed using the park. Google Earth Pro (aerial history function) shows a faint lining of the fields for womens' lacrosse in 2010, however the field does not appear to be lined at the correct dimensions for that sport and has not been lined for sports since then. Desktop research suggest that Cousins Park is used for different community events such as a Bike Rodeo (bicycle instrction presented by the Concord Police Department) in 2020. Google Earth Pro also reveals long-time use of a portion of the field as for community gardens.

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

☐ pathways
material:

condition rating
(1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

☒ asphalt **Roadway and sidewalk in fair condition**

☐ concrete

☐ pavers

☐ aggregate/ stonedust

☐fencing material:

condition rating
(1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

☐ chain link

☐ vinyl coated c.l.

☐ ornamental

☐ wood guard rail

☐ grading / drainage

☐low/wet areas ☐ blocked structures

☐ADA compliant grates

☐ utilities

☐ gas ☐ water ☐electric

☐ cameras for security

☐ lighting

☐ pedestrian ☐ sports ☐ other

manufacturer/ model:

SITE ACCESS

☐ sidewalk ☐ bike route

☒ trails

☒ car parking ☐ bike parking (racks)

☐ public lot

☒ street – **no designated parking. Park along surrounding local roads.**

☒other: **no accessible parking spots.**

SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

☐ picnic area ☐ monuments

☐ shade shelter ☒ benches

☐ interpretive signage ☒ trash cans **and recycling cans**

☒ regulatory signage (about parking)

☐ bike rack

☐ directional signage/maps ☐ skateboard elements

☐ splash pad or pool ☐ exercise equipment or weights

☐ drinking fountains ☐ courts

☐ fishing deck ☐ sports fields

☐ boardwalk ☐ playground

☐ boat ramp or launch ☒ trails or walking loops

☐ concessions ☐ locker rooms/showers

☐ restrooms ☒ other – **Dog Waste Bag Dispenser, Park sign, Picnic Table, Bike Rack, see below**

SITE INFRASTUCTURE NOTES:

A Park Sign, asphalt sidewalk and purposefully planted street trees provide important visual cue to the entry to Cousins Field. Parking is available on the street and nearby local roads. The park contains a mown grassy open space, one mound is maintained like a meadow, a low-lying wet area and community gardens bordered by woodland and residential backyards. Some trails take users down to and along the Assabet River. planted areas as well as some trails within the woodland perimeter.

SITE AMENTIES NOTES:

Signage; ~ six (6) benches dotted around site; one (1) picnic table; portable trash and recycling receptacles; bird houses; trails; amenities related to the community gardens allotment such as Community Garden sign with bulletin board, plot number signage, loose equipment (such as wheelbarrows), compost area, six (6) water spickets, mulch heap, Christmas tree dumping area.

PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

COMPONENTS

☐ 2-5 age structure ☐ 5-12 age structure

☐ water elements ☐ seating for caregivers

☐ drinking fountain ☐ shade

☐ swings ☐ fencing

☐ADA ☐ infant

☐ belt ☐ standard

☐ other _____

☐slides

☐2-5 age

☐5-12 age

Materials:_____

☐ Individual elements:

_____

_____

PLAY VALUE

motor skills

☐ rocking

☐ swinging

☐ spinning

☐ climbing

☐ sliding

☐ balancing

cognitive skills

☐ manipulative

☐ interactive

☐ exploratory

☐ engagement with peers

☐ problem solving

☐ pretending

☐ other unstructured play:

_____

_____

SURFACING:

material

☐ PIP rubber

☐ wood fiber

☐ sand

☐ other: _____

compliance

☐ meets requirements

☐ does NOT meet the requirements

manufacturer/condition of equipment:

_____

NOTE:

PLAYGROUND NOTES:

No playground on site.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

ATHLETIC FIELDS

☒natural turf

condition
- ☐good
- ☐ fair
- ☒ poor
- ☐ irrigation

☐ synthetic turf

condition
- ☐ good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ poor

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

COURTS

☐court surface

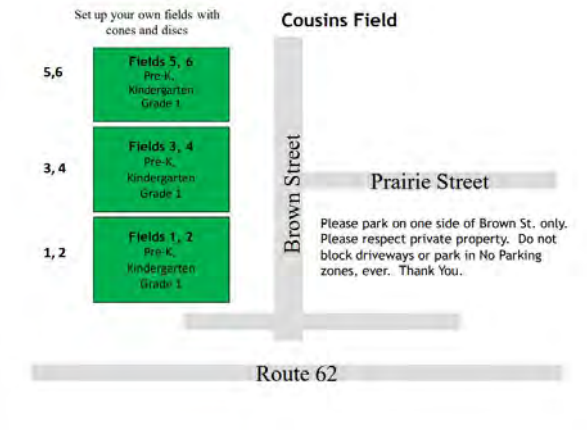
condition
- ☐ good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ poor

☐ color surfacing/lines

condition
- ☐ good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ poor

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

- **Concord Recreation permits this site for three (3) double fields for Pre-K – Grade 1-aged players. Users are expected to use cones and discs to create use areas.**



☐ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	_____
☐ vinyl-coated c.l.	_____
☐ sports netting	_____

☐ seating
- ☐ team benches
- ☐ bleachers
- ☐ dugouts
- ☐ shade

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: _____

☐ court fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	_____
☐ vinyl-coated c.l.	_____
☐ sports	_____

☐ seating
- ☐ team benches
- ☐ bleachers
- ☐ dugouts
- ☐ shade

☐ court lighting

manufacturer/condition: _____

☐ skate park condition
- ☐concrete
- ☐ surface mount
- ☐ good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ poor

ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

The fields have severe grade change (not flat) and the turf is of poor quality. Suitable for practice or summer camp activities.

COURT NOTES:

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

Recommendation dependent on future use demands.

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

PARKING

	Lot	On-Site
Total # parking spaces:	0	
# Accessible parking spaces:		

Signage ☐ Aisle 5'☐ Aisle 8' ☐ Curbcut ☐ Min. 3', 1:12 slopes textured or painted Striping ☐

Accessible parking closest to accessible entrance? ☐

OR is there a drop off area? ☐ yes ☐ no

Parking is by permit only? ☐ yes ☐ no

Parking Notes:

Street parking only. Not designated. Approximately three (3) parking spots near the park entry. No ADA designated parking.

ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	☐ yes	☑ no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	☐ yes	☑no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	☐ yes	☑no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	☐ yes	☑ no
Any ponding of water?	☐ yes	☑ no
Accessible route to all elements?	☐ yes	☑no
Accessible route to some elements?	☐ yes	☑ no
Is there signage?	☑ yes	☑ no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☑ no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of ½" maximum?	☐ yes	☑ no

Are there berm cuts onto the courts? ☐ yes ☐ no

Bleachers are ADA compliant? ☐ yes ☐ no

Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas

SITE AMENITIES

Are all activities (i.e. boat docks, fishing piers, ect.) and equipment (i.e. Benches, pools, shade shelters) located adjacent to accessible paths? ☐ yes ☑ no

If no please specify:

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:	6	
Drinking Fountains:		
Tables:	1	
5% of tables must be accessible		
Grill:		
Note the height of cooking surface		
Picnic Shelters:		

Trail Amenities	☑ yes	☐ no
Is surface material accessible?	☐ yes	☑ no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	☐ yes	☑ no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☑ no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☑no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities	☐ yes	☐ no

PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a play structure?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yes, is it accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Meets standards?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	☐ yes	☐ no

Any other sports/recreation on site? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☐ yes ☐ no

Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a guardrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yet, does the guardrail have height / foot accommodations for ADA access?	☐ yes	☐ no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	☐ yes	☐ no

List other amenities and accessibility:

CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:

Large open and scenic field. Hiking trails leading to and along Assabet River / into perimeter woods. Somewhat difficult to determine what is public and what is private land as many residence abut the fields with no fencing.

PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:

Street trees along sidewalk/road into park. Mature trees and woodland surround the perimeter of the site. Riparian planting along river's edge in other seasons. Appears some area of the field is managed as meadowland (left unmown as pollinator planting possibly). Turf is of poor quality.

VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:

Quiet, peaceful and scenic landscape in residential neighborhood. Both expansive open area yet sense of enclosure. Lots of birdlife.

ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:

Possible stormwater basin for snowmelt at low non-river side of site. Grades appear to drain into this area.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- **Add designated off-street-parking and ADA accessibility into site.**
- **Add additional amenity such as a natural playground, adult exercise equipment, or other community gathering space.**

Photos of site on 03/21/2023 (winter)



Signage, bench, street tree.



Street parking near entrance in residential area. Trash and recycling receptacles, paved sidewalk into site.









Benches and Community Garden amenities.









Photos 1-3: Dog waste dispenser, trails, water access near Assabet River side of Park (photos 1-3).

Photo 4: Possible stormwater basin on entrance side of park.

TOWN OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: South Meadow Field

ADDRESS: Pilgrim Road, Concord, MA, 01742 (physical entrance); 10A Riverdale Circle, Concord, MA 01742

DATE OF SITE EVALUATION: 03/20/2023 (WINTER)

OWNER OF SITE: Town of Concord





INTENSITY OF USE

☐ high ☒ medium ☒ low -

☐ other: _____

USER GROUPS

☒ neighborhood ☒ town ☒ regional

☒ kids/families ☒ teens ☒ adults/elderly

☒ sports leagues ☒ other **dogwalkers**

Intensity of Use Notes:

Low in winter limited to dogwalkers. Concord Recreation permits this site for two (2) 7v7 player fields their Permit Usage Report spreadsheet shows 928 hours in 2022 (primarily the spring). Permits for use given to Concord-Carlisle Youth Soccer (CCYS) league, Cub Scout packs, Concord-Carlisle Youth Lacrosse (CCYL). Town of Concord Natural Resources notes that the trails are regularly used by the neighborhood.

CONTEXT

☒ residential ☐ mixed-use ☐ commercial

☐ industrial ☐ riverfront ☒ conservation area

acreage: **22.5a**

Other context notes:

Google Maps directs drivers to a site called "South Meadow Playground" on Riverdale Circle rather than South Meadow Fields at Pilgrim Street. These streets are next to each other in a residential neighborhood. When the driver arrives at Riverdale Circle, a sign has been placed at the end of the street saying "NO ACCESS TO FIELD: Public Access to Field One Street Over." This decrepency in name and location could be confusing for new users to the site and a recommendation at the end of this report has been made to provide required infornmation to redirect users to the correct park entrance via online directional driving applications, such as Google Maps and other such apps.



SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

☐ pathways
material:
condition rating
(1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

☐ asphalt _____

☐ concrete _____

☐ pavers _____

_____

☒ aggregate/ stonedust

☐fencing material:
condition rating
(1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

☐ chain link _____

☐ vinyl coated c.l. _____

☐ ornamental _____

☒ wood guard rail - **Good, Split rail fence. One rail to be repaired.**

☐ grading / drainage

☐low/wet areas ☐ blocked structures
☐ADA compliant grates

☐ utilities

☐ gas ☐ water ☐electric
☐ cameras for security _____

☐ lighting

☐ pedestrian ☐ sports ☐ other
manufacturer/ model: _____

_____

SITE ACCESS

☐ sidewalk ☐ bike route

☐ trails

☒ car parking ☐ bike parking (racks)

☐ public lot

☒ street - **~3 parking spots along the road near the park, otherwise street parking in front of homes.**

☐ other: **no accessible parking spots.**

SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

☐ picnic area ☐ monuments

☐ shade shelter ☐ benches

☐ interpretive signage ☒ trash cans **and recycling cans**

☒ regulatory signage (about parking)

☐ bike rack

☐ directional signage/maps ☐ skateboard elements

☐ splash pad or pool ☐ exercise equipment or weights

☒ drinking fountains ☐ courts

☐ fishing deck ☐ sports fields

☐ boardwalk ☐ playground

☐ boat ramp or launch ☒ trails or walking loops

☐ concessions ☐ locker rooms/showers

☐ restrooms ☒ other

4 birdhouses, 2 in disrepair
1 water bottle refill station

SITE INFRASTUCTURE NOTES:

There is no Park Sign to identify South Meadow Field, an informal interior lawn field with some evidence of meadow-like planted areas as well as some trails within the woodland perimeter. Private residential homes back along part of the site and so it is difficult to understand where the public space ends and where private property begins. There is no accessible route into the site.

SITE AMENTIES NOTES:

PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

COMPONENTS

☐ 2-5 age structure ☐ 5-12 age structure

☐ water elements ☐ seating for caregivers

☐ drinking fountain ☐ shade

☐ swings ☐ fencing

☐ADA ☐ infant

☐ belt ☐ standard

☐ other _____

☐slides

☐2-5 age

☐5-12 age

Materials:_____

☐ Individual elements:

_____

_____

PLAY VALUE

motor skills	cognitive skills
☐ rocking	☐ manipulative
☐ swinging	☐ interactive
☐ spinning	☐ exploratory
☐ climbing	☐ engagement with peers
☐ sliding	☐ problem solving
☐ balancing	☐ pretending
	☐ other unstructured play:

_____

_____

SURFACING:

material

☐ PIP rubber

☐ wood fiber

☐ sand

☐ other: _____

compliance

☐ meets requirements

☐ does NOT meet the requirements

manufacturer/condition of equipment:

_____

NOTE:

PLAYGROUND NOTES:

No playground on site.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

ATHLETIC FIELDS

☒natural turf

condition
- ☐good
- ☐ fair
- ☒ poor
- ☐ irrigation

☐ synthetic turf

condition
- ☐ good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ poor

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

- **Concord Recreation permits this site for two (2) fields, 7 v7 player games.**
- **Google Map photo references (see aerial photo below) from June 2015:**
  Field 1 lined at 330' x 180'
  Field 2 lined at 300' x 150'



☐ field fencing

Material — condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
- ☐chain link _____
- ☐ vinyl-coated c.l. _____
- ☐ sports netting _____

☐ seating
- ☐ team benches ☐ bleachers
- ☐ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: _____

COURTS

☐court surface

condition
- ☐ good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ poor

☐ color surfacing/lines

condition
- ☐ good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ poor

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ court fencing

Material — condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
- ☐chain link _____
- ☐ vinyl-coated c.l. _____
- ☐ sports _____

☐ seating
- ☐ team benches ☐ bleachers
- ☐ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ court lighting

manufacturer/condition: _____

☐ skate park condition
- ☐concrete ☐ good
- ☐ surface mount ☐ fair
- ☐ poor

ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

The field appears wet in some areas with poor turf throughout (mostly weeds rather than grass) and so earned a 'poor' ranking. The grades are undulating and the field also contain divots in some areas; not ideal conditions for a sports field.

COURT NOTES:

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- **Percolation testing and test bits to understand subgrade conditions.**
- **Re-grading, re-seeding, and turf management, if usage warrants it.**

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

PARKING

	Lot	On-Site
Total # parking spaces:	_____	_____
# Accessible parking spaces:	_____	_____

Signage ☐ Aisle 5'☐ Aisle 8' ☐ Curbcut ☐ Min. 3', 1:12 slopes textured or painted Striping ☐

Accessible parking closest to accessible entrance? ☐

OR is there a drop off area? ☐ yes ☐ no

Parking is by permit only? ☐ yes ☐ no

Parking Notes:

Street parking only. Not designated. Approximately 3 parking spots near the park entry. No ADA designated parking.

Are there berm cuts onto the courts? ☐ yes ☐ no

Bleachers are ADA compliant? ☐ yes ☐ no

Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas

SITE AMENITIES

Are all activities (i.e. boat docks, fishing piers, ect.) and equipment (i.e. Benches, pools, shade shelters) located adjacent to accessible paths? ☐ yes ☑ no

If no please specify:

ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	☐ yes	☑ no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	☐ yes	☑no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	☐ yes	☑no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	☐ yes	☑ no
Any ponding of water?	☐ yes	☑ no
Accessible route to all elements?	☐ yes	☑no
Accessible route to some elements?	☐ yes	☑ no
Is there signage?	☐ yes	☑ no*
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☑ no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of ½" maximum?	☐ yes	☑ no

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:	_____	_____
Drinking Fountains:	_____	_____
Tables:	_____	_____
5% of tables must be accessible		
Grill:	_____	_____
Note the height of cooking surface		
Picnic Shelters:	_____	_____

Trail Amenities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is surface material accessible?	☐ yes	☑ no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	☐ yes	☑ no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☑ no

***Limited to parking signage**

PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a play structure?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yes, is it accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Meets standards?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	☐ yes	☐ no

Any other sports/recreation on site? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☐ yes ☐ no

Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☑no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a guardrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yet, does the guardrail have height / foot accommodations for ADA access?	☐ yes	☐ no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	☐ yes	☐ no

List other amenities and accessibility:

Drinking fountain with water bottle refill station

CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:

Large open and scenic field. Hiking trails leading off-site into perimeter woods. The trails were very wet and muddy.

PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:

Mature trees and woodland surround the perimeter of the site. Appears some area of the field is managed as meadowland (left unmown as pollinator planting.). Turf is of poor quality.

VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:

Quiet, peaceful and scenic landscape in residential neighborhood. Enclosed.

ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- **Add designated off-street-parking and ADA accessibility into site.**
- **Add park signage.**

Photos of site on 03/20/2023 (winter)



Limited signage, trash and recycling cans. Proximity to nearby homes.



Street parking near entrance with split-rail fence.









Drinking Fountain with Water Bottle Refill Station; Bird House (4 located throughout site); Status of Turf in March 2023; Deep divots, similar found throughout site.





Trails leading off-site appear muddy and damp in March 2023, after snow melt. One rail in the split rail fence needs to be repaired.

TOWN OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Skate Park at Carlisle-Concord High School

ADDRESS: 500 Walden Street, Concord, MA, 01742

DATE OF SITE EVALUATION: 03/20/2023 (WINTER)

OWNER OF SITE: Concord-Carlisle Regional School District





INTENSITY OF USE

☐ high ☒ medium ☒ low

☐ other: School would classify usage as low-moderate (Adam Lapointe).

USER GROUPS

☐ neighborhood ☒ town ☐ regional

☒ kids/families ☒ teens ☐ adults/elderly

☐sports leagues ☐other _____

CONTEXT

☐ residential ☐ mixed-use ☐ commercial

☐ industrial ☐ oceanfront ☐ conservation area ☐ other **Located on High School campus**

acreage:**~7500 SF (as measured on Google Earth Pro)**

Other context notes:

The CCHS Skate Park is located at a low spot within the high school campus setting and surrounded by open field on three -sides and woodland on one iste. It's very windy, shady at mid-morning, and felt cold, almost forbidding. A low point within the Skate Park was covered in ice (from a melting snowfall), suggesting possible poor drainage here. There is an asphalt accessible route with curb cuts and blister paving from the High School parking lot to the Skate Park and accessible concrete ramp down into the Skate Park. The surface of the Skate Park is asphalt.

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

☒ pathways material: condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

- ☒ asphalt **good**
- ☒ concrete **good**
- ☐ pavers
- ☐ aggregate/ stonedust

☐fencing material: condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

- ☐ chain link
- ☒ vinyl coated c.l. **6' fencing along 1 side; black color.**
- ☐ ornamental

☒ wood guard rail - **Located between school roadway and field where Skate Park is located.**

☐ grading / drainage

SITE ACCESS

☒sidewalk ☐ bike route

☐ trails

☒ car parking ☐ bike parking (racks)

- ☐ public lot
- ☒ street – **off-street parking lot for High School**
- ☐ other: **ADA compliant parking spots included at High School parking lot.**

SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

☒ picnic area – **1 table** ☐ monuments

☐ shade shelter ☐ benches

☐ interpretive signage ☒ trash cans **and recycling cans**

☐ regulatory signage (about parking)

☐ bike rack

☒ directional signage/maps ☒ skateboard elements

☒low/wet areas ☐ blocked structures

☐ADA compliant grates

☐ utilities

☐ gas ☐ water ☐electric

☐ cameras for security _____

☐ lighting

☐ pedestrian ☐ sports ☒ other

manufacturer/ model: **Lighting along High School roadway**

☐ splash pad or pool ☐ exercise equipment or weights

☐ drinking fountains ☐ courts

☐ fishing deck ☐ sports fields

☐ boardwalk ☐ playground

☐ boat ramp or launch ☐ trails or walking loops

☐ concessions ☐ locker rooms/showers

☐ restrooms ☐ other

SITE INFRASTUCTURE NOTES:

There is a missing Park Sign that I have seen from the Internet and copied below for reference. Access to Skate Park and fixed Skate Park Elements appear in good condition. Graffiti in this recreation scenario might suggest ownership and usage. However, the remote location set away from the school and parking lot, missing park signage and loose/damaged trash cans and general appearance of trash at the Skate Park suggest the lack of care or regular maintenance of this site. It could also be the time of year (winter) that this site was evaluated, with regular maintenance scheduled to resume in spring.

SITE AMENTIES NOTES:

Skate Park sunken 3' at deepest depth with concrete ramp with coping a feature of the Skate Park design. Approximately six (6) skate elements that appear fixed to the asphalt, including ramps, half pipe, and ¼ pipes.

PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

COMPONENTS

☐ 2-5 age structure ☐ 5-12 age structure

☐ water elements ☐ seating for caregivers

☐ drinking fountain ☐ shade

☐ swings ☐ fencing

☐ADA ☐ infant

☐ belt ☐ standard

☐ other _____

☐slides

☐2-5 age

☐5-12 age

Materials:_____

☐ Individual elements:

_____

_____

PLAY VALUE

motor skills	cognitive skills
☐ rocking	☐ manipulative
☐ swinging	☐ interactive
☐ spinning	☐ exploratory
☐ climbing	☐ engagement with peers
☐ sliding	☐ problem solving
☐ balancing	☐ pretending
	☐ other unstructured play:

_____

_____

SURFACING:

material

☐ PIP rubber

☐ wood fiber

☐ sand

☐ other: _____

compliance

☐ meets requirements

☐ does NOT meet the requirements

manufacturer/condition of equipment:

_____

NOTE:

PLAYGROUND NOTES:

No playground on site.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

- **Gauge from the Concord Skate Community (if one exists), if or when the skate park is used and what could be improved or added to make it in its existing state? Should the Skate Park be closed or re-developed into an extreme sports center? Difficult to get a sense of usage from site visit. Survey respondents suggest many additions to this area of CCHS including adding a pump track.**

ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

ATHLETIC FIELDS

☐natural turf
condition
☐good
☐ fair
☐ poor
☐ irrigation

☐ synthetic turf
condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	_____
☐ vinyl-coated c.l.	_____
☐ sports netting	_____

☐ seating
☐ team benches ☐ bleachers
☐ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: _____

COURTS

☐court surface
condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☐ color surfacing/lines
condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ court fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	_____
☐ vinyl-coated c.l.	_____
☐ sports	_____

☐ seating
☐ team benches ☐ bleachers
☐ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ court lighting

manufacturer/condition: _____

☒ skate park condition
☒ concrete ☒ good
☒ surface mount ☐ fair
☐ poor

ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

_____
_____
_____
_____

COURT NOTES:

_____
_____
_____
_____

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

_____
_____
_____

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

PARKING

Same as CCHS Parking Lot

	Lot	On-Site
Total # parking spaces:	_____	_____
# Accessible parking spaces:	_____	_____

Signage ☐ Aisle 5'☐ Aisle 8' ☐ Curbcut ☐ Min. 3', 1:12 slopes textured or painted Striping ☐

Accessible parking closest to accessible entrance? ☐

OR is there a drop off area? ☐ yes ☐ no

Parking is by permit only? ☐ yes ☐ no

Parking Notes:

Street parking only. Not designated. Approximately 3 parking spots near the park entry. No ADA designated parking.

ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	☑ yes	☐ no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	☑ yes	☐no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	☑ yes	☐no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	☑yes	☐ no
Any ponding of water?	☐ yes	☑ no
Accessible route to all elements?	☐ yes	☐no
Accessible route to some elements?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there signage?	☑ yes	☑ no*
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐yes	☑ no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of ½" maximum?	☐ yes	☑ no

***Limited to parking signage**

PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a play structure?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yes, is it accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Meets standards?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	☐ yes	☐ no

Any other sports/recreation on site? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility☐ yes ☐ no

Are there berm cuts onto the courts? ☐ yes ☐ no

Bleachers are ADA compliant? ☐ yes ☐ no

Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas

SITE AMENITIES

Are all activities (i.e. boat docks, fishing piers, ect.) and equipment (i.e. Benches, pools, shade shelters) located adjacent to accessible paths? ☑ yes ☐ no

If no please specify:

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:	_____	_____
Drinking Fountains:	_____	_____
Tables: (5% of tables must be accessible)	1	_____
Grill: (Note the height of cooking surface)	_____	_____
Picnic Shelters:	_____	_____

Trail Amenities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is surface material accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☐ yes	☐no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a guardrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yet, does the guardrail have height / foot accommodations for ADA access?	☐ yes	☐ no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	☐ yes	☐ no

List other amenities and accessibility:

CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:

Accessible, easy to move around, see clearly across site. Almost exposed.

PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:

Woodland stand along one (1) side of site, turf lawn along other three (3) sides.

VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:

ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

Photos of site on 03/20/2023 (winter)





Accessible asphalt route from High School parking lot to Skate Park. Lighting along roadway.





Accessible concrete ramp into Skate Park, also design element. Stair Entry with handrails.





Missing Park signage. Photo Credit of Original Sign: https://www.concretedisciples.com/global-skatepark-directory/closed-skateparks/concord-carlisle-skatepark-concord/







According to Concrete Disciples Skate Park Website: “The park is all solid Woodward- built with skatelite. Kicker, funbox with four-set, rail, box, picnic table, 2 quarters, and a 12' wide 4' mini half.” Credit: https://www.concretedisciples.com/global-skatepark-directory/closed-skateparks/concord-carlisle-skatepark-concord/

Note: low point covered in ice.







TOWN OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: DOUG WHITE TURF COMPLEX AT CARLISLE-CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL (CCHS)

ADDRESS: 500 Walden Street, Concord, MA, 01742

DATE OF EVALUATION: 03/20/2023 (WINTER)

OWNER OF SITE: Facilities



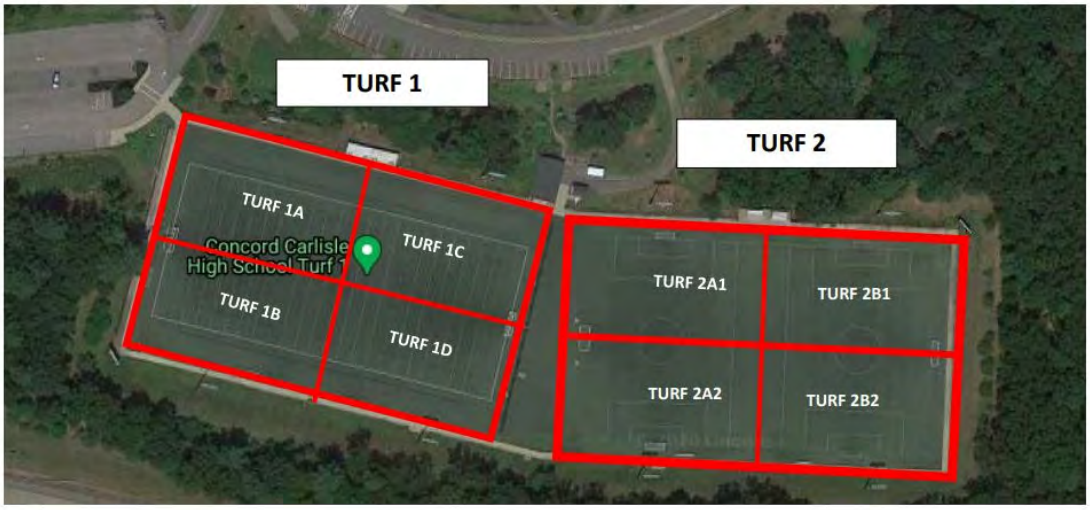






SITE DIAGRAM FOR CONCORD RECREATION PERMITTING

CCHS DOUG WHITE UPPER TURF FIELDS



INTENSITY OF USE

☒ high ☐ medium ☐ low

☐ other: _____

Concord Recreation permits this site for multiple playing fields as shown in the diagram above. According to Concord Recreation Permit Usage Report, the site was permited for use a total of 3,763 hours in 2022.

USER GROUPS

☒ neighborhood ☒ town ☒ regional

☒ kids/families ☒ teens ☒ adults/elderly

☒ sports leagues ☒ other **CCHS**

CONTEXT

☐ residential ☐ mixed-use ☐ commercial

☐ industrial ☐ oceanfront ☐ conservation area

☒ other **High School campus environment**

acreage: **~6.6 acres (Google Earth Pro)** ; 93.6a entire CCHS site

Other context notes:

_____

_____

_____

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

☒ pathways material: condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

☐ asphalt

☒ concrete **good, some secluded areas of fair**

☐ bike parking (racks) _____

☐ pavers _____

☐ aggregate/ stonedust _____

☒fencing material: condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

☒ chain link **fair, some areas of bowing or caving mesh; some areas of peeling paint**

☐ vinyl coated c.l. _____

☐ ornamental _____

☐ wood guard rail _____

☐ grading / drainage

Sport fields are crowned in middle along length of fields and drain to two long sides with trench drains and accessible drains near berms

☐low/wet areas ☐ blocked structures

☒ADA compliant grates

☐ utilities

☐ gas ☐ water ☐electric

☐ cameras for security _____

☐ lighting

☐ pedestrian ☒ sports ☐ other

manufacturer/ model: MUSCO _____

_____

SITE ACCESS

☐ sidewalk ☐ bike route

☐ trails

☐ car parking

☐ public lot

☐ street

☐ other: _____

SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

☐ picnic area ☒ monuments **On rock with flagpole**

☐ shade shelter ☒ benches **Players benches only**

☐ interpretive signage ☒ trash cans **Pollinator planting sign nearby**

☒ regulatory signage ☒ bike rack **Multiple signs**

☒ directional signage/maps ☐ skateboard elements **In parking lot**

☐ splash pad or pool ☐ exercise equipment or weights

☒ drinking fountains ☐ courts

☐ fishing deck ☒ sports fields

☐ boardwalk ☐ playground

☐ boat ramp or launch ☐ trails or walking loops

☐ concessions ☐ locker rooms/showers

☒ restrooms **Female Restrooms – 2 stalls, 1 ADA**

Male Restrooms – 1 ADA and urinals

☒ other **Multiple storage units; permanent storage and two (2) portable storage units**

SITE INFRASTUCTURE NOTES:

SITE AMENTIES NOTES:

The snow can be removed at DW via Public Works. The lead time for this service could be anywhere between 1-3 days post storm depending on timing and snowfall amounts.

PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

COMPONENTS

☐ 2-5 age structure ☐ 5-12 age structure

☐ water elements ☐ seating for caregivers

☐ drinking fountain ☐ shade

☐ swings ☐ fencing

☐ADA ☐ infant

☐ belt ☐ standard

☐ other _____

☐slides

☐2-5 age

☐5-12 age

Materials:_____

☐ Individual elements:

_____

_____

PLAY VALUE

motor skills	cognitive skills
☐ rocking	☐ manipulative
☐ swinging	☐ interactive
☐ spinning	☐ exploratory
☐ climbing	☐ engagement with peers
☐ sliding	☐ problem solving
☐ balancing	☐ pretending
	☐ other unstructured play:

_____

_____

SURFACING:

material

☐ PIP rubber

☐ wood fiber

☐ sand

☐ other: _____

compliance

☐ meets requirements

☐ does NOT meet the requirements

manufacturer/condition of equipment:

_____

NOTE:

PLAYGROUND NOTES:

No playground.

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

ATHLETIC FIELDS

☐natural turf
condition
☐good
☐ fair
☐ poor
☐ irrigation

☒ synthetic turf
condition
☒ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☒chain link	~~**fair - 3' high**~~
☒ vinyl-coated c.l.	**good - Type 1, Black (paint chipping)**
☒ sports netting	**good - 20' high**

☒ seating **- portable**

☒ team benches ☒ bleachers
☐ dugouts ☐ shade

☒ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: **Adequate - MUSCO**

COURTS

☐court surface
condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☐ color surfacing/lines
condition
☐ good
☐ fair
☐ poor

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ court fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
☐chain link	
☐vinyl-coated c.l.	
☐ sports	

☐ seating

☐ team benches ☐ bleachers
☐ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ court lighting

manufacturer/condition:

ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

Synthetic Turf needs grooming. Fibers are currently laying down after snow cover and turf sweeper is needed to fluff fibers. There is a 3' galvanized C.L. fence on two (2) sides of the turf complex and a natural turf berm with woodland around two (2) sides. There are two regular bleachers which provide space on the pad for integrated disabled users and there are two (2) bleachers with built in disabled user space. Drainage on the site includes trench grates as well as accessible grate near berms.

SPORT FIELD AMENITIES NOTES:

- **Two (2) fields for 11v 11 are permitted by Concord Recreation**
- **Line Striping is "sewn in", except for field hockey (red) which has been painted, most likely later when sport was needed.**
- **Line Stripping includes: Lacrosse (blue); Football (white); Soccer (yellow); Field Hockey (red)**
- **Two (2) scoreboards**
- **One (1) flagpole**
- **One (1) trash can**
- **Two (2) water drinking fountains**
- **Two (2) mist sprayers/cooling station that operates during the warmer seasons, maintained by Facilities.**

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- **The Turf Complex is not completely enclosed. A ball could be kicked out of play into the parking lot and unable to restrict access (re: ticketing for a game). This adjustment could be made to safeguard against the above.**

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

PARKING

	Lot	On-Site
	50+ (4 reserved for sports field parking with signs)	
Total # parking spaces:		
# Accessible parking spaces:	**4 (van accessible)**	

Signage ☒ Aisle 5'☐ Aisle 8' ☐ Curbcut ☒ Striping ☐

Min. 3', 1:12 slopes textured or painted

Accessible parking closest to accessible entrance? ☒

OR is there a drop off area? ☒ yes ☐ no

Parking is by permit only? ☒ yes ☐ no

Parking Notes:

Accessible parking spaces requires handicap parking permit. The roadway and disabled parking spaces are paved but the regular parking bays are gravel.

Are there berm cuts onto the courts? ☐ yes ☐ no

Bleachers are ADA compliant? ☐ yes ☐ no

Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas

There is a continuous 5' wide concrete ADA compliant path. There is 20' high sports netting.

ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	☒ yes	☐ no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	☒ yes	☐ no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	☒ yes	☐ no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	☒ yes	☐ no
Any ponding of water?	☐ yes	☒ no
Accessible route to all elements?	☒ yes	☐ no
Accessible route to some elements?	☒ yes	☐ no
Is there signage?	☒ yes	☐ no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	☒ yes	☒ no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of ½" maximum?	☐ yes	☐ no

SITE AMENITIES

Are all activities (i.e. boat docks, fishing piers, ect.) and equipment (i.e. Benches, pools, shade shelters) located adjacent to accessible paths? ☒ yes ☐ no

Bleachers, restrooms are located along the accessible paths.

If no please specify:

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:		
Drinking Fountains:	**2**	
Tables:		
5% of tables must be accessible		
Grill:		
Note the height of cooking surface		
Picnic Shelters:		

Trail Amenities	☐ yes	☐ no
Is surface material accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
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Is there a handrail?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a guardrail?	☐ yes	☐ no

If yet, does the guardrail have height / foot accommodations for ADA access?	☐ yes	☐ no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	☐ yes	☐ no

PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is there a play structure?	☐ yes	☐ no
If yes, is it accessible?	☐ yes	☐ no
Meets standards?	☐ yes	☐ no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	☐ yes	☐ no

Any other sports/recreation on site? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☐ yes ☐ no

List other amenities and accessibility:

CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:

- **Accessible route from disabled parking spaces to Doug White Turf Complex**
- **5' wide concrete continuous ADA compliant perimeter path**
- **Appears to be accessible asphalt ramp from school to Doug White Turf Complex.**

PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:

Mature trees and woodland surrounding much of site.

Earth berm on two sides of sports fields.

VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:

ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- **Regular scheduled maintenance of the turf fields.**
- **Improve exterior entry to Restrooms, which appear to be in disrepair.**

Photos of site on 03/20/2023 (winter)

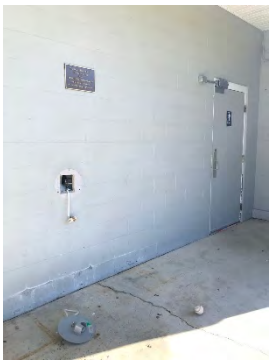






Accessible asphalt and concrete route from accessible parking lot into and throughout Doug White Turf Complex along a 5’ wide perimeter path. Appears to be accessible route from High School.



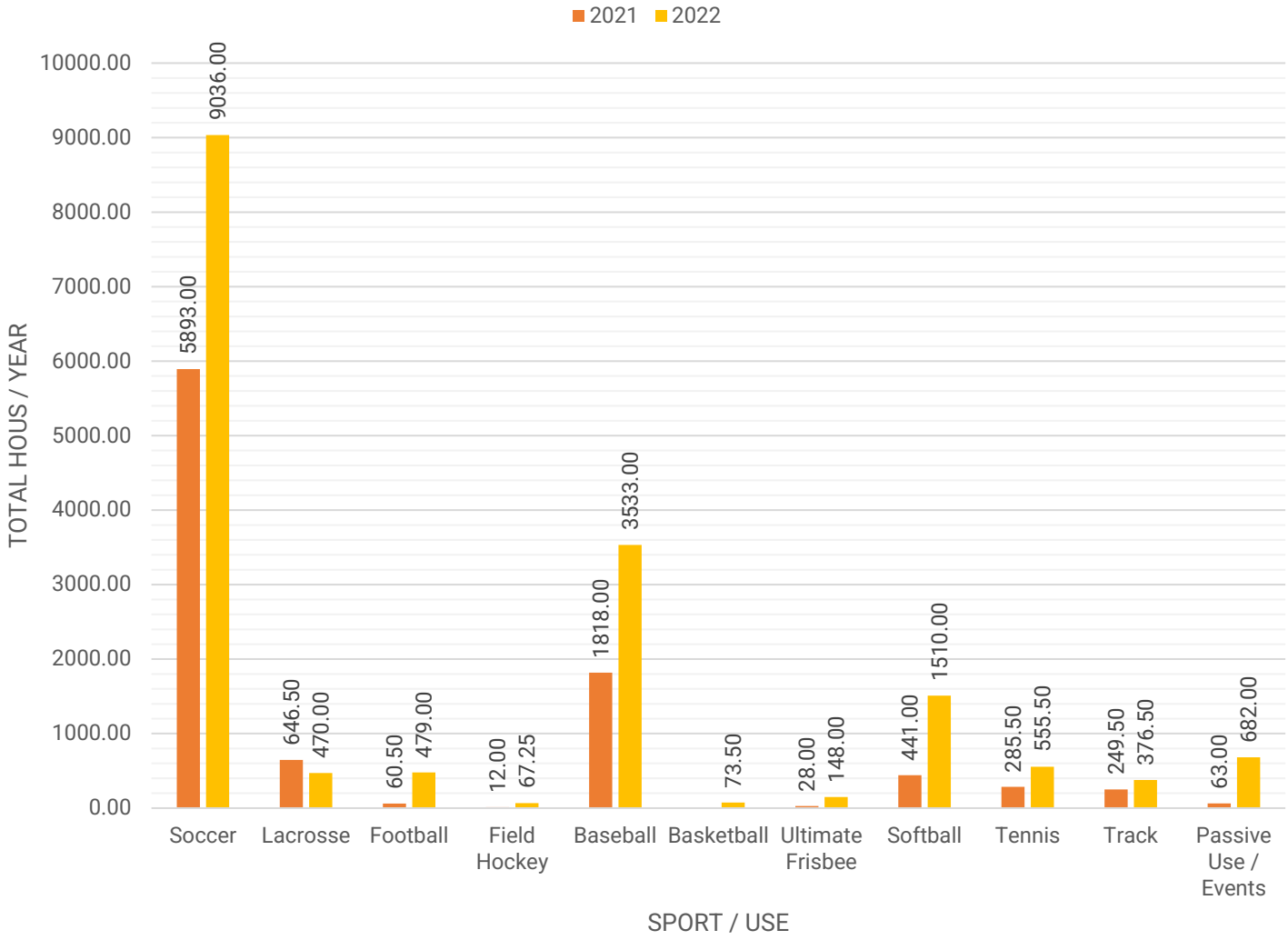


Some concrete, fencing, turf fibers and other elements in need of repair or regularly scheduled seasonal maintenance.



Permitting Analysis Charts

HOURLY PLAY BY SPORT, CONCORD-WIDE

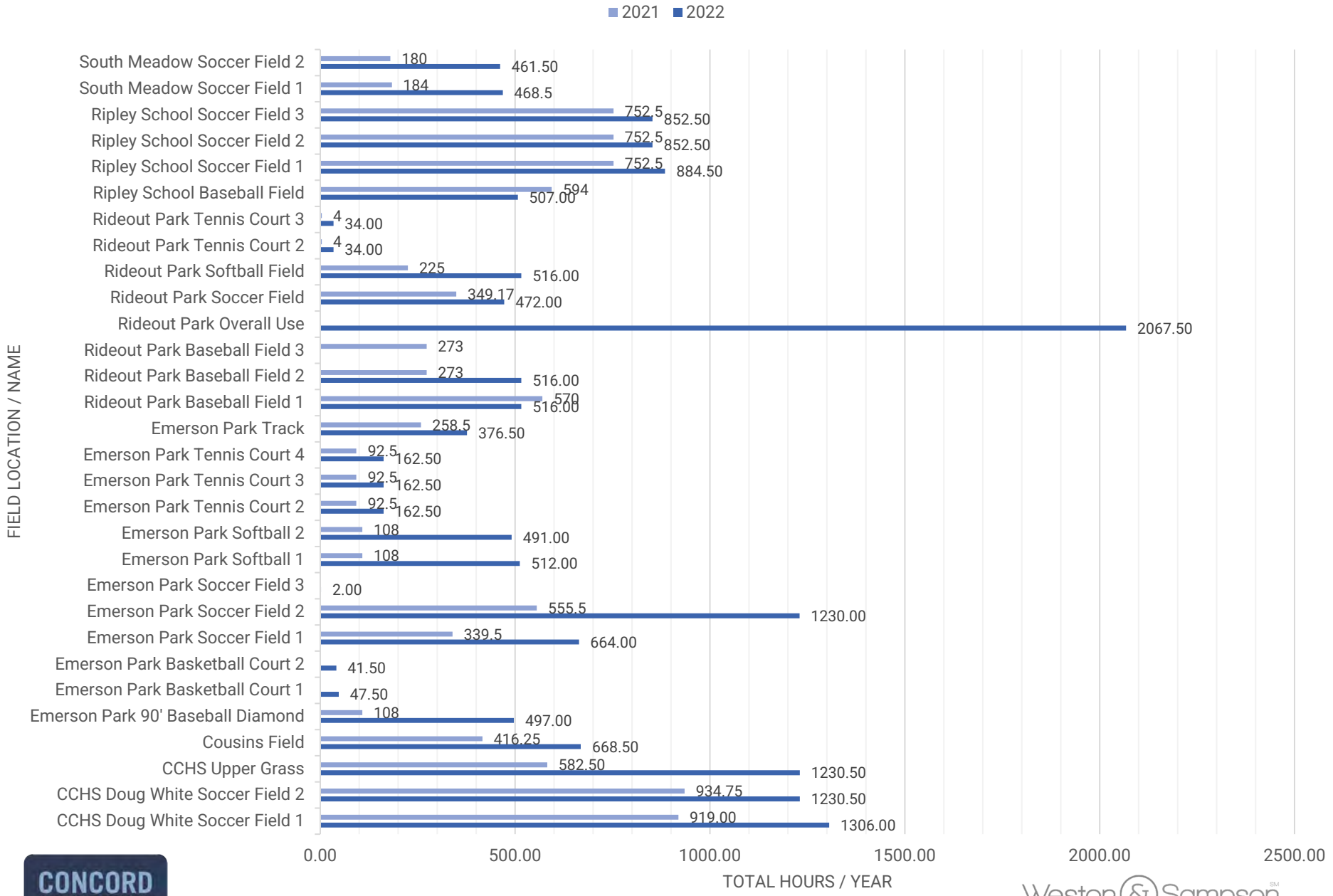


CONCORD RECREATION

Findings: Soccer, Baseball and Softball are most permitted; and on the upward trend

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TOWN-WIDE FIELD USE BY LOCATION - OUTDOOR

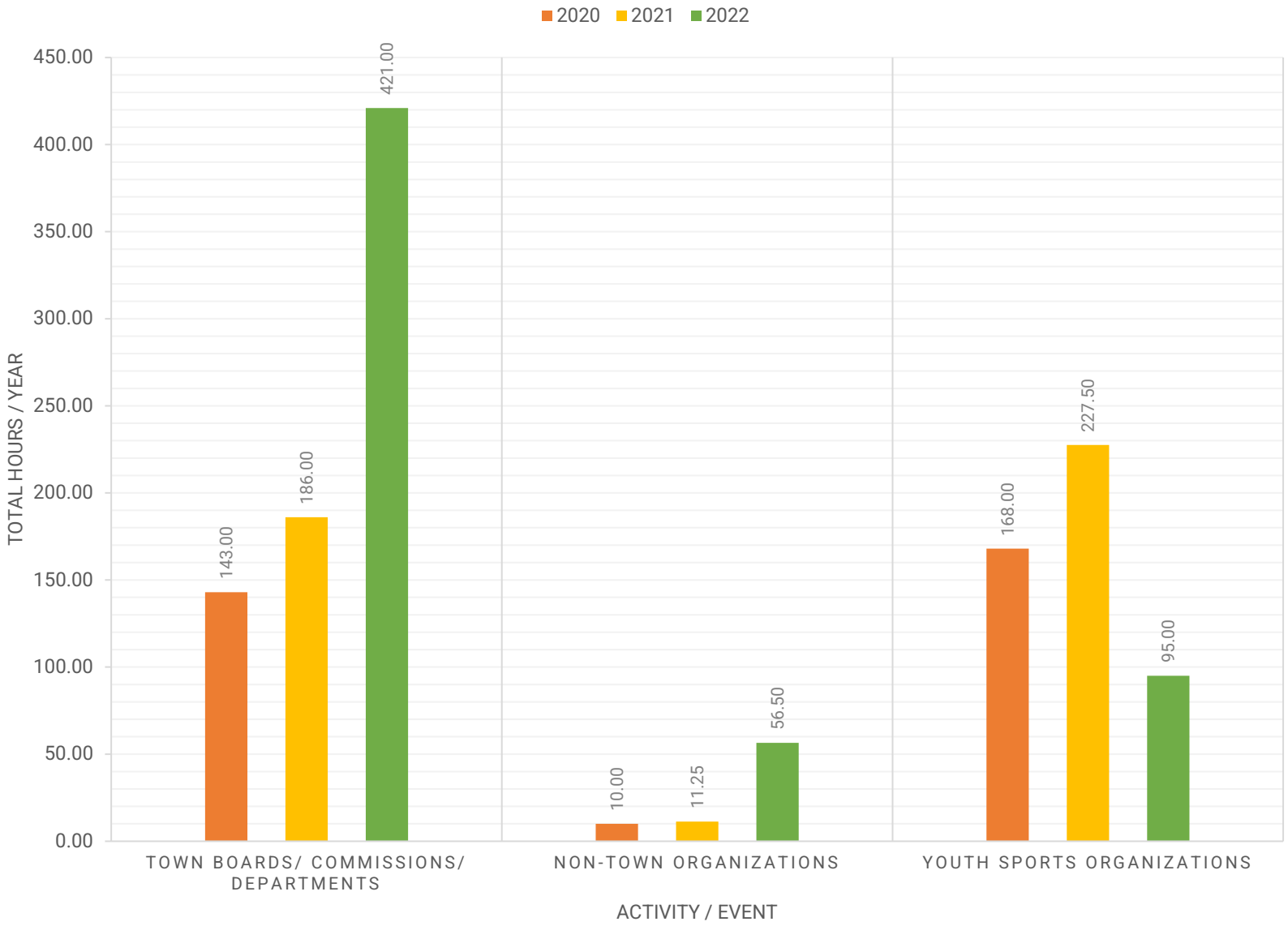


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Findings: Rideout passive space is being used significantly more than other spaces; Doug White Fields and Emerson Park Soccer Field 2 also see significant use.

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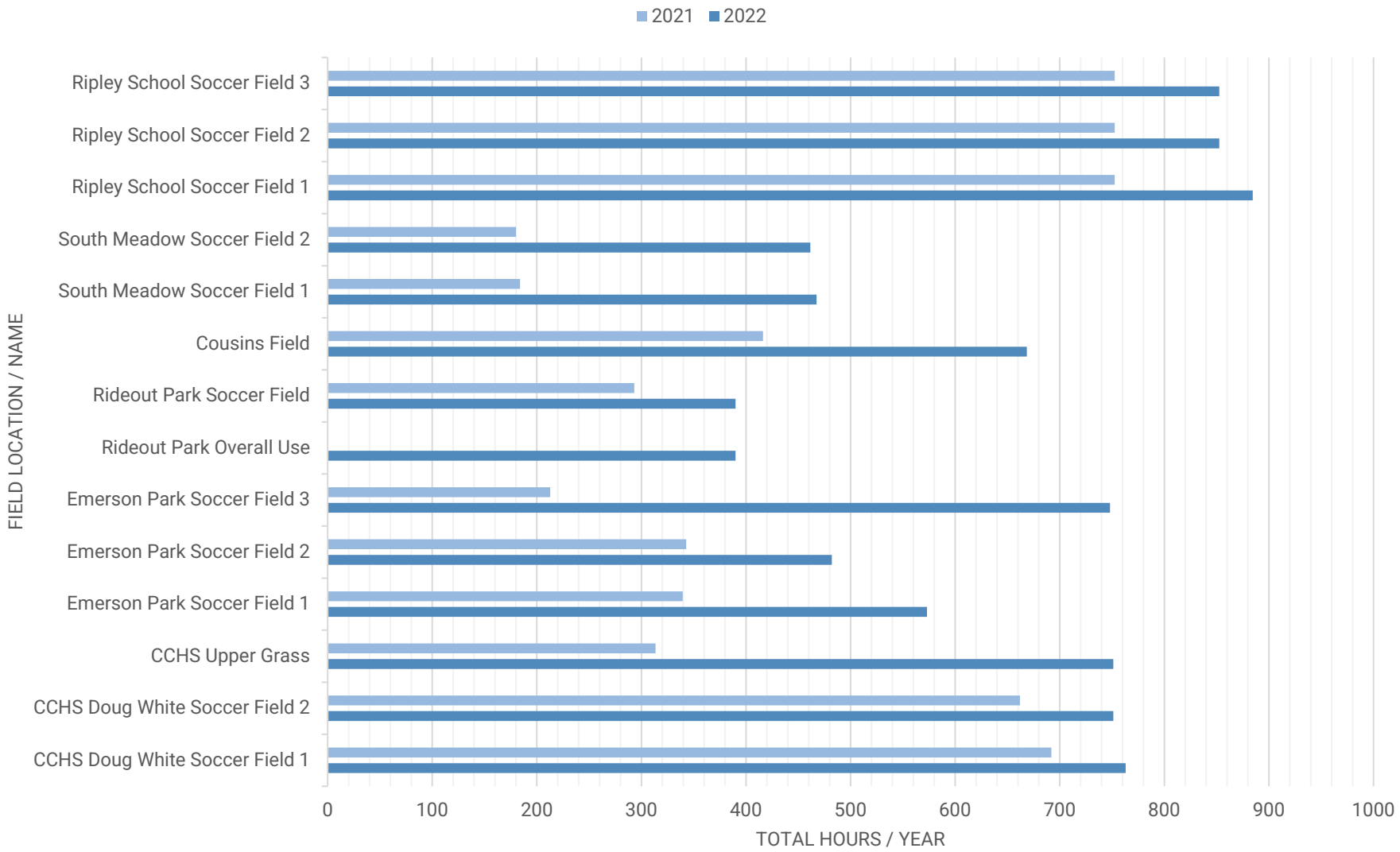
TOWN-WIDE INDOOR GYMNASIUM USE (HUNT & RIPLEY)



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TOWN-WIDE SOCCER FIELD USE

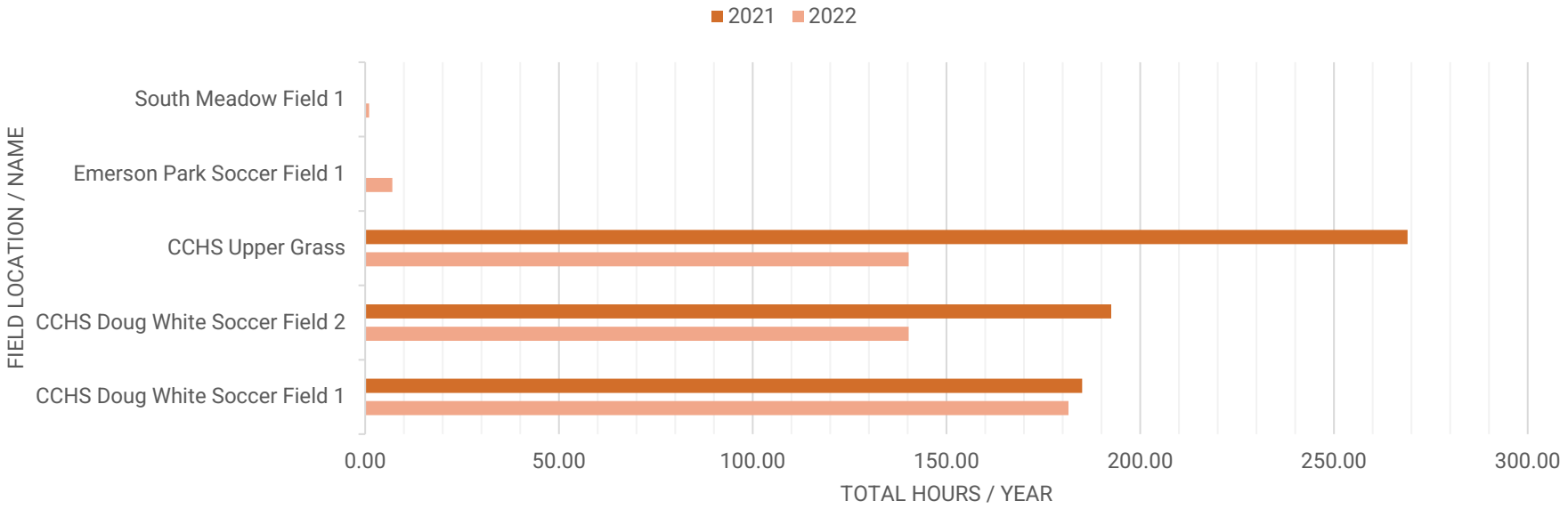


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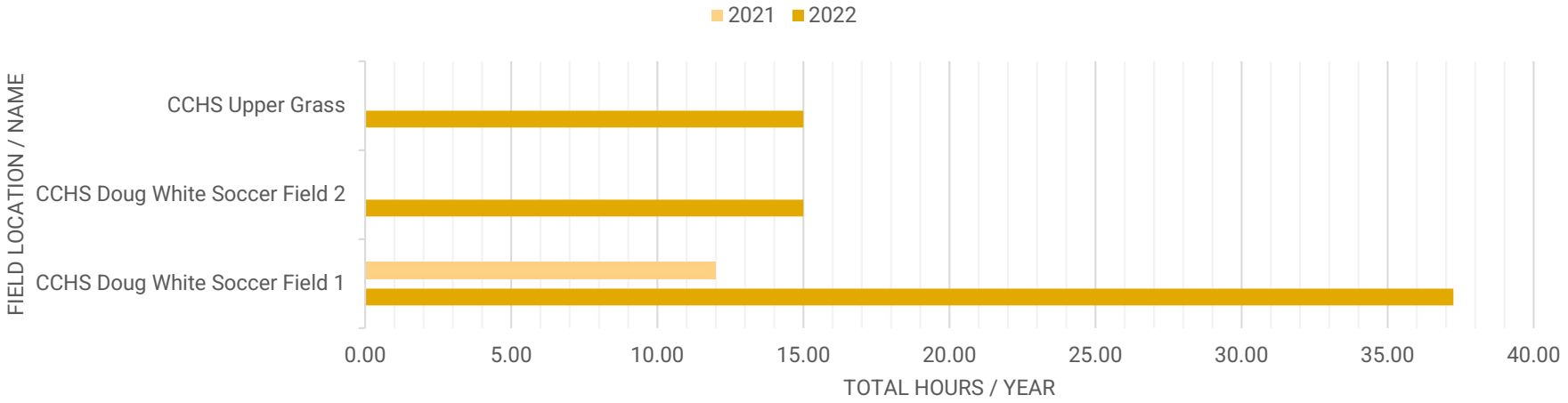
Findings: Ripley School Soccer Fields are the most used. Next Doug White fields (youth soccer), then Emerson Park Soccer Field

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TOWN-WIDE LACROSSE FIELD USE



TOWN-WIDE FIELD HOCKEY USE

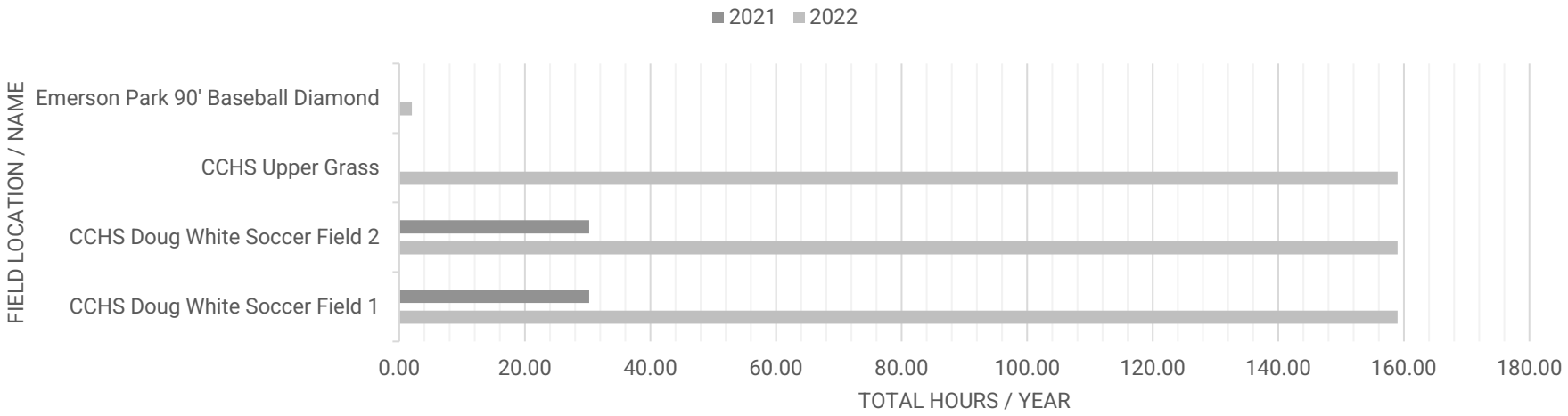


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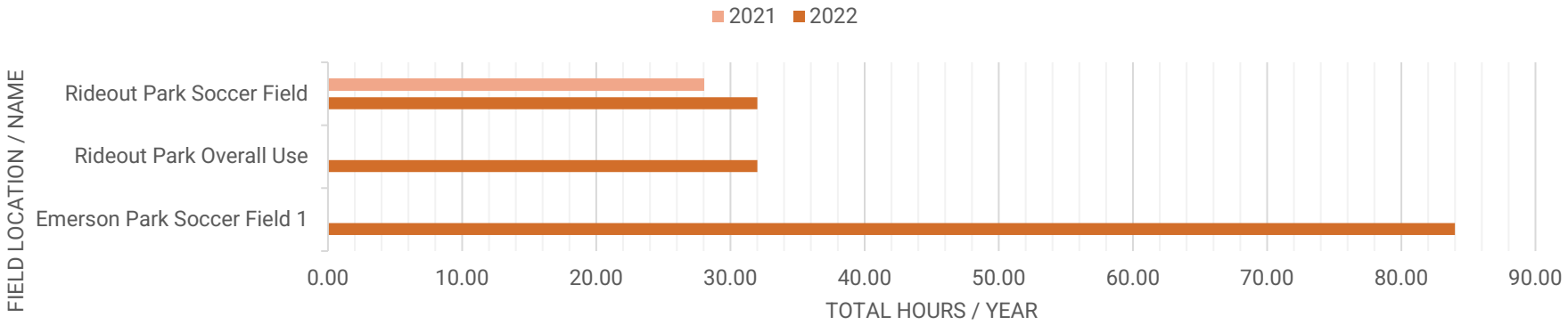
Findings: Lacrosse and Field Hockey permitting are trending up.

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TOWN-WIDE FOOTBALL FIELD USE



TOWN-WIDE ULTIMATE FRISBEE USE

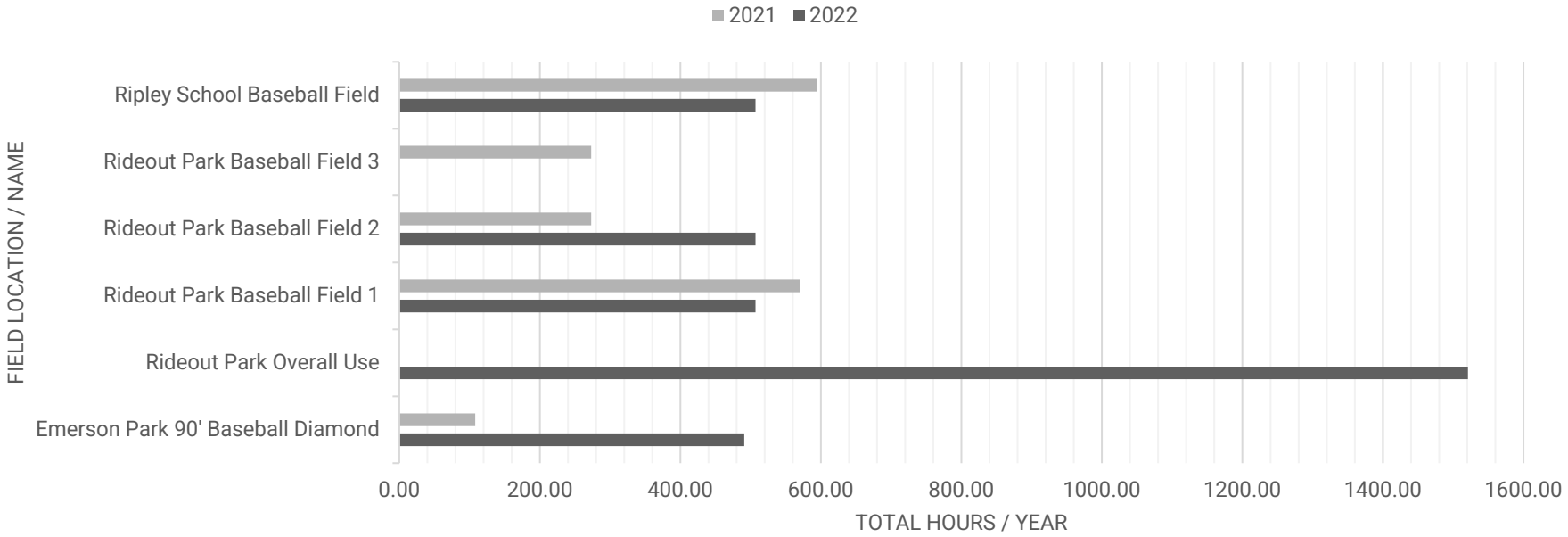


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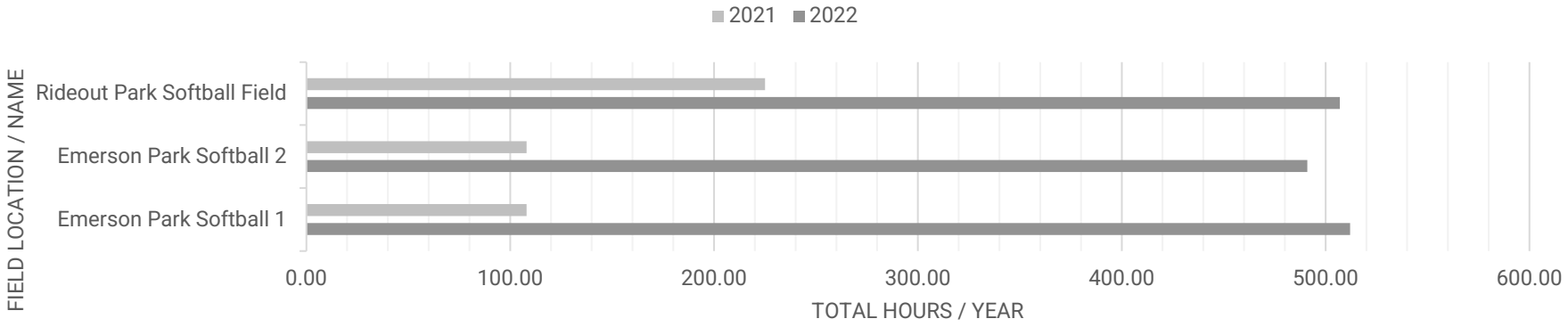
Findings: Football is trending up. Recommendation around adding more rectangular fields?

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TOWN-WIDE BASEBALL USE



TOWN-WIDE SOFTBALL USE

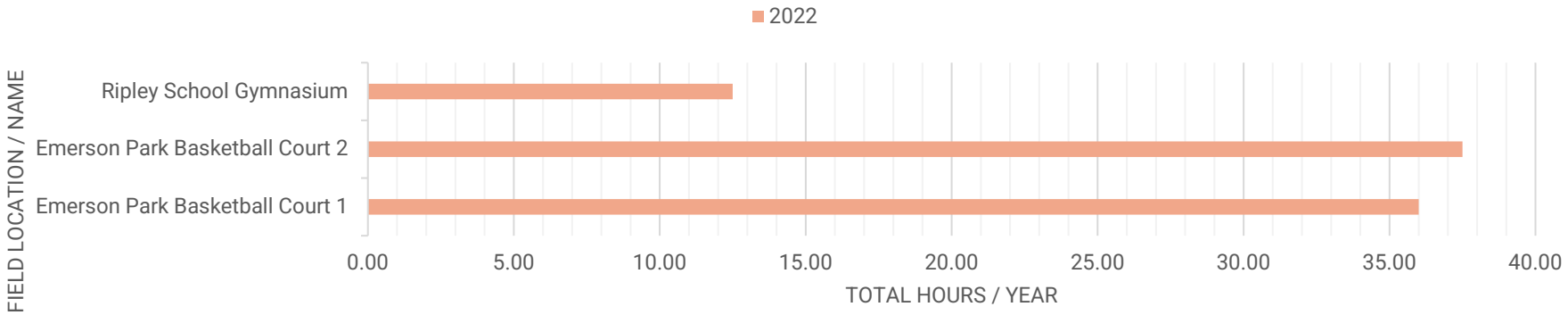


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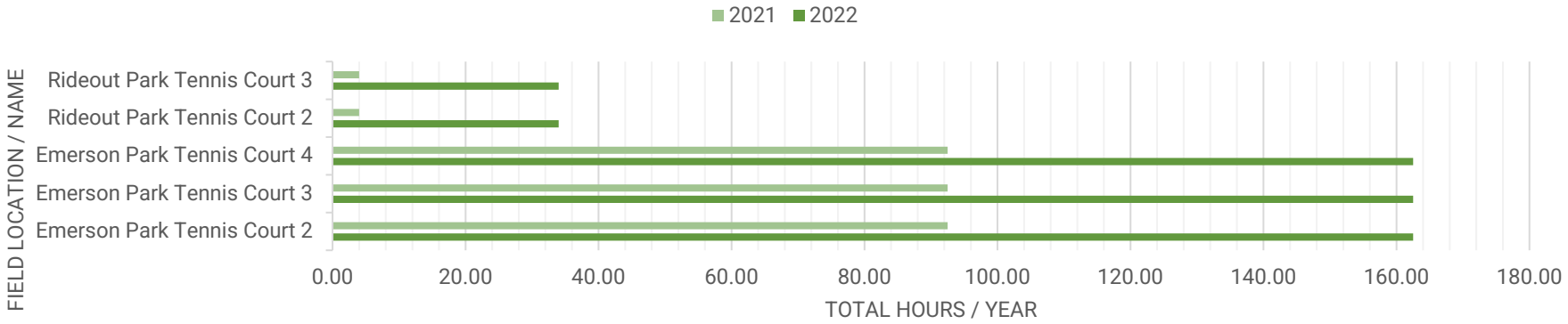
Findings: For baseball, all but use of Rideout is trending downward. Softball permitting is increasing.

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TOWN-WIDE BASKETBALL COURT USE



TOWN-WIDE TENNIS COURT USE

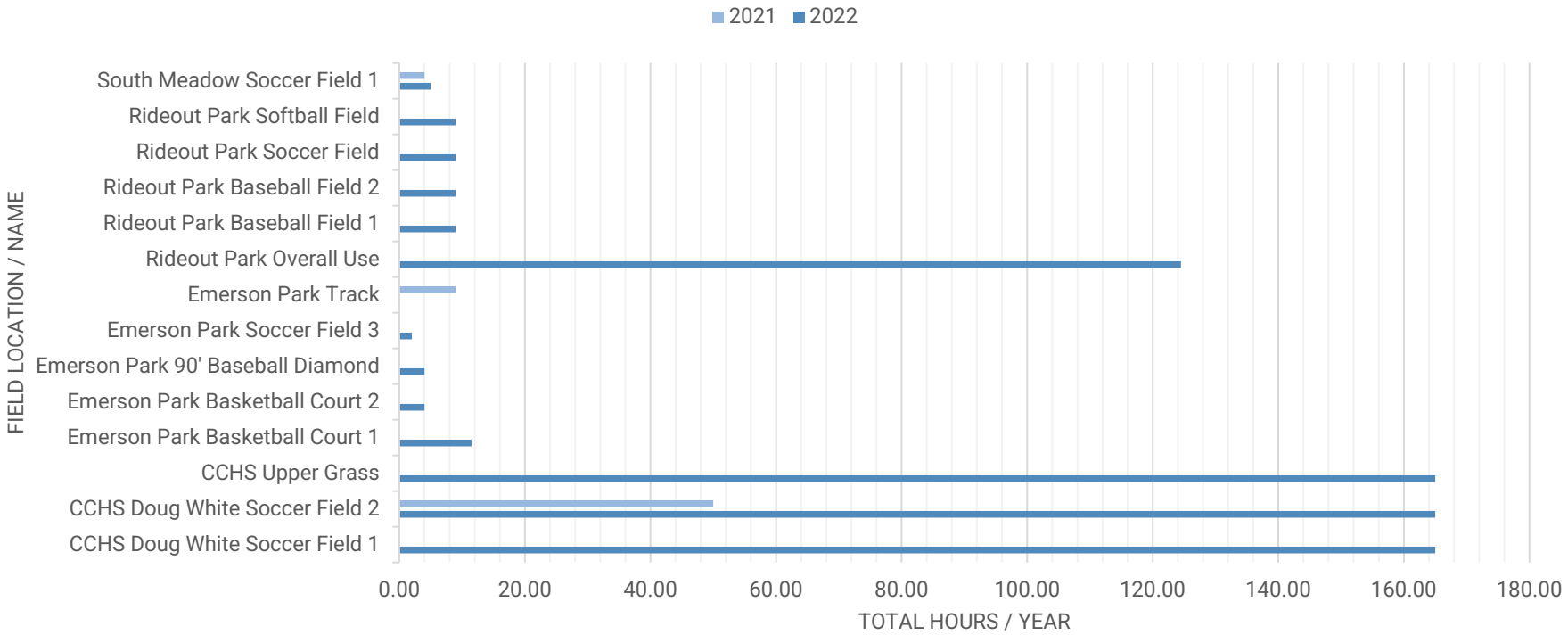


Findings: Only outdoor basketball courts that are permitted are at Emerson. Indoor are at Hunt Rec Center and Ripley School, but no current permit information for Hunt (either for pickleball or basketball). Tennis courts are more popular at Emerson and use is increasing.

CONCORD RECREATION

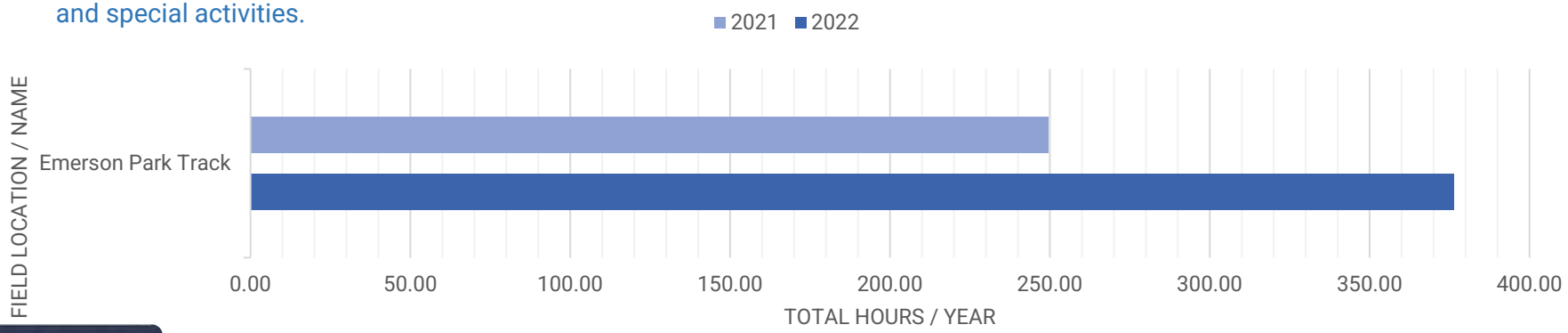
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TOWN-WIDE GENERAL FIELD USE



Findings: Doug White and Rideout most used for events and special activities.

TOWN-WIDE TRACK USE

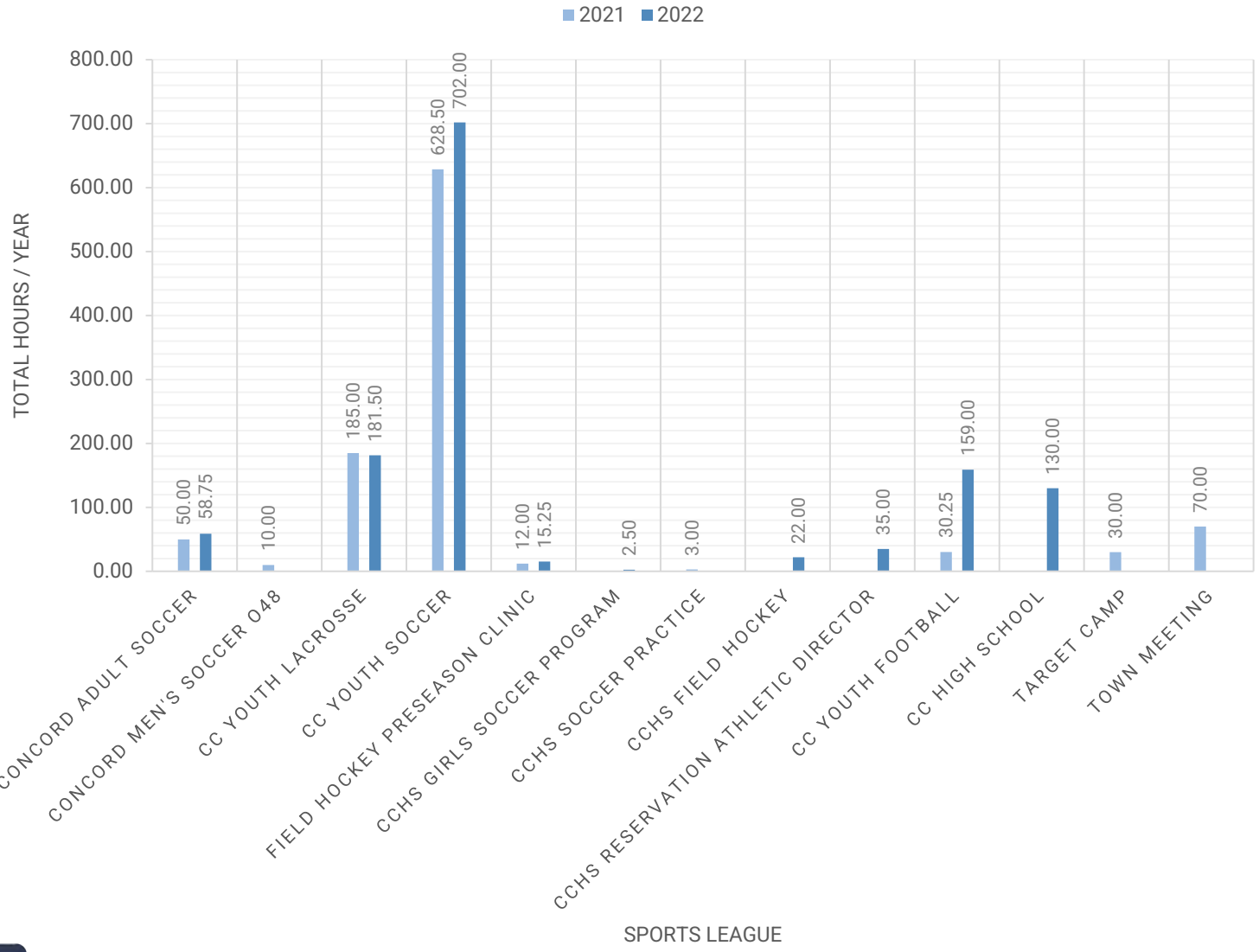


Notes: Use of other in-town tracks? CCHS?

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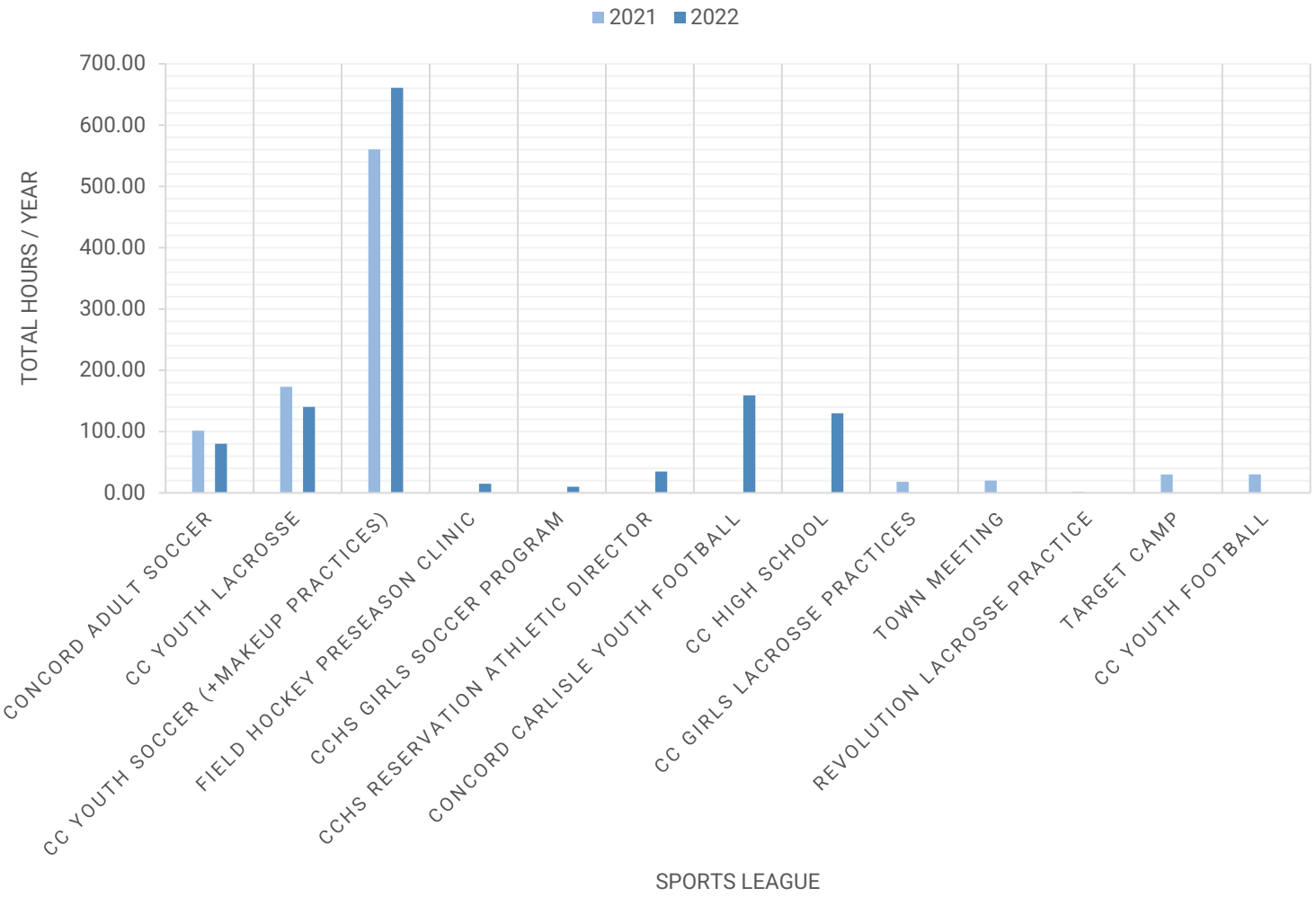
CCHS DOUG WHITE 1, CCHS FIELD USAGE



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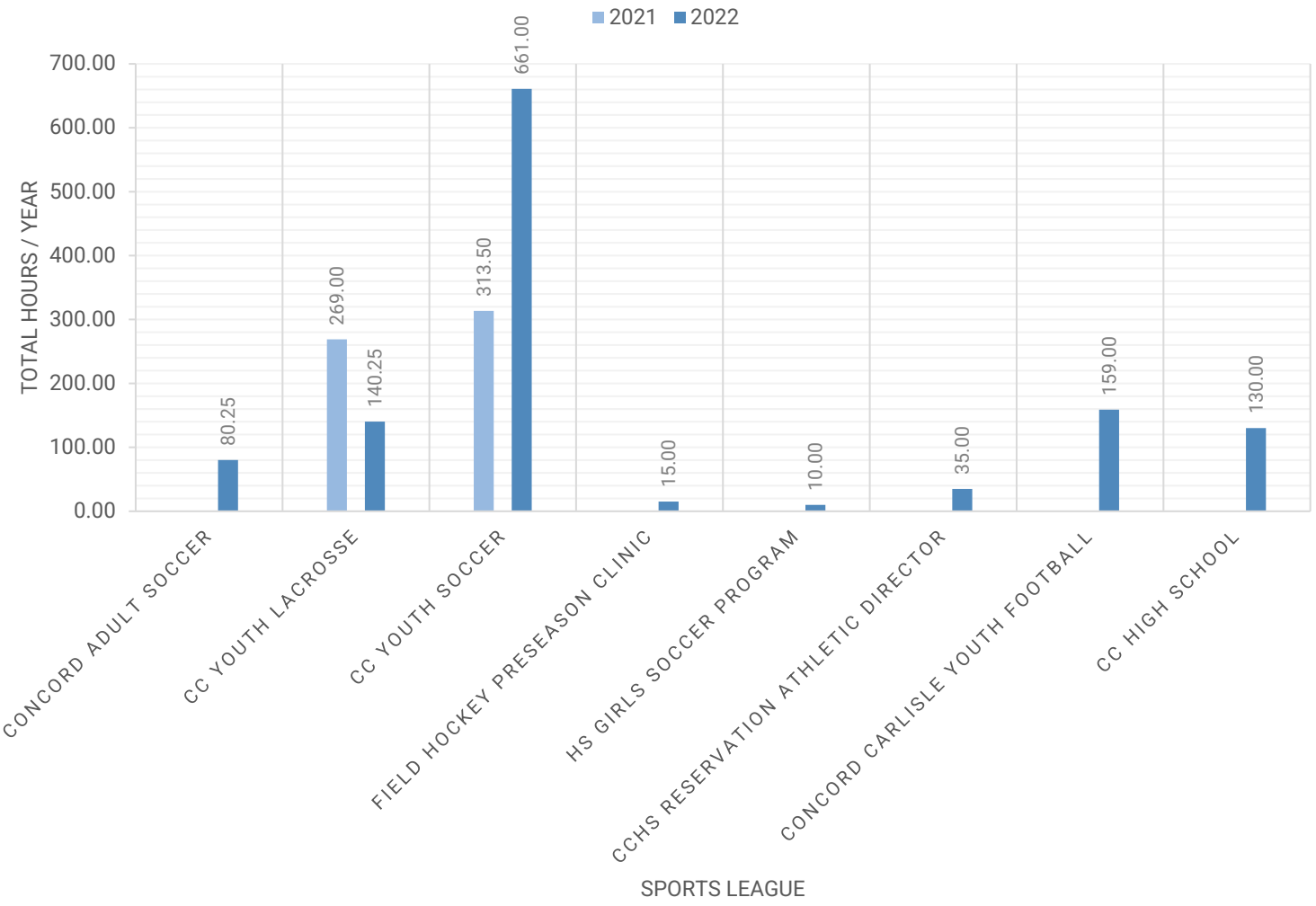
DOUG WHITE 2, CCHS FIELD USAGE



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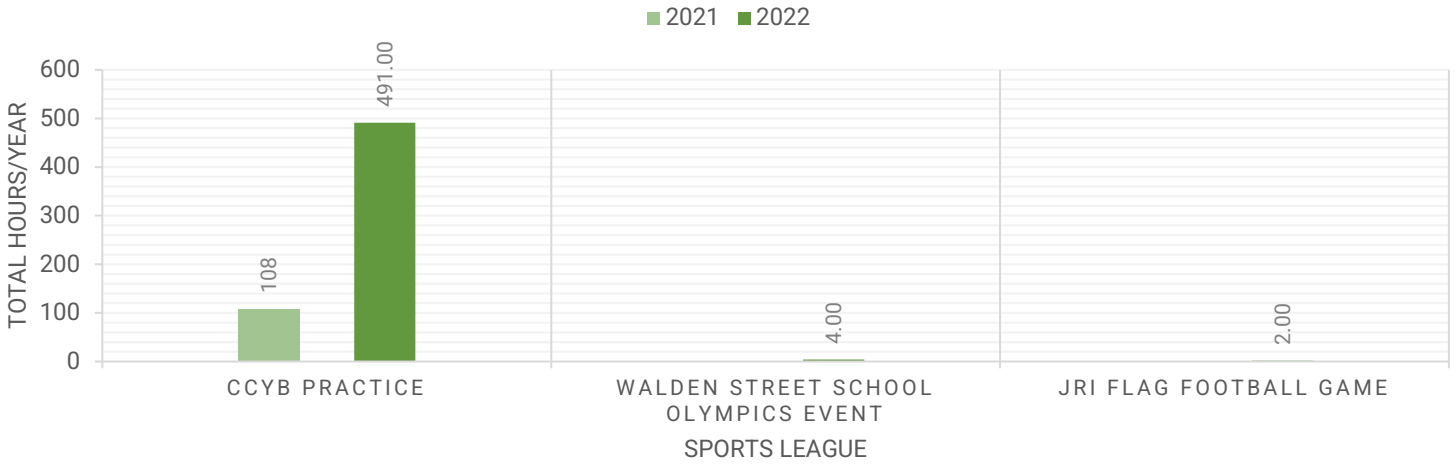
UPPER GRASS, CCHS FIELD USAGE



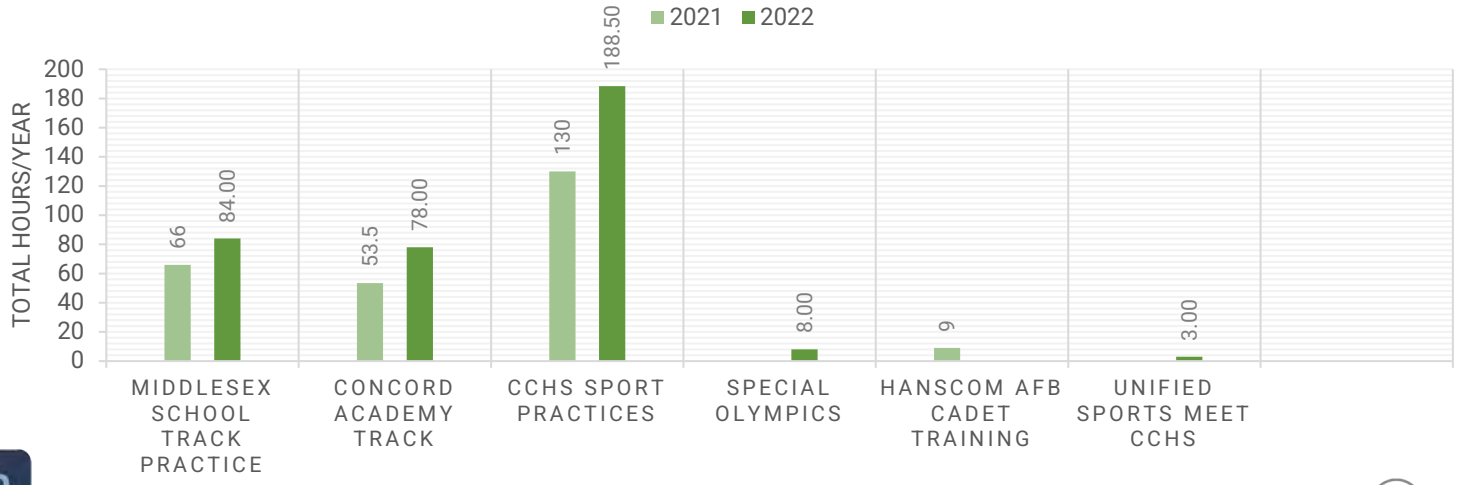
CONCORD RECREATION

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EMERSON PARK - 90' BASEBALL DIAMOND FIELD USAGE



EMERSON PARK - TRACK USAGE



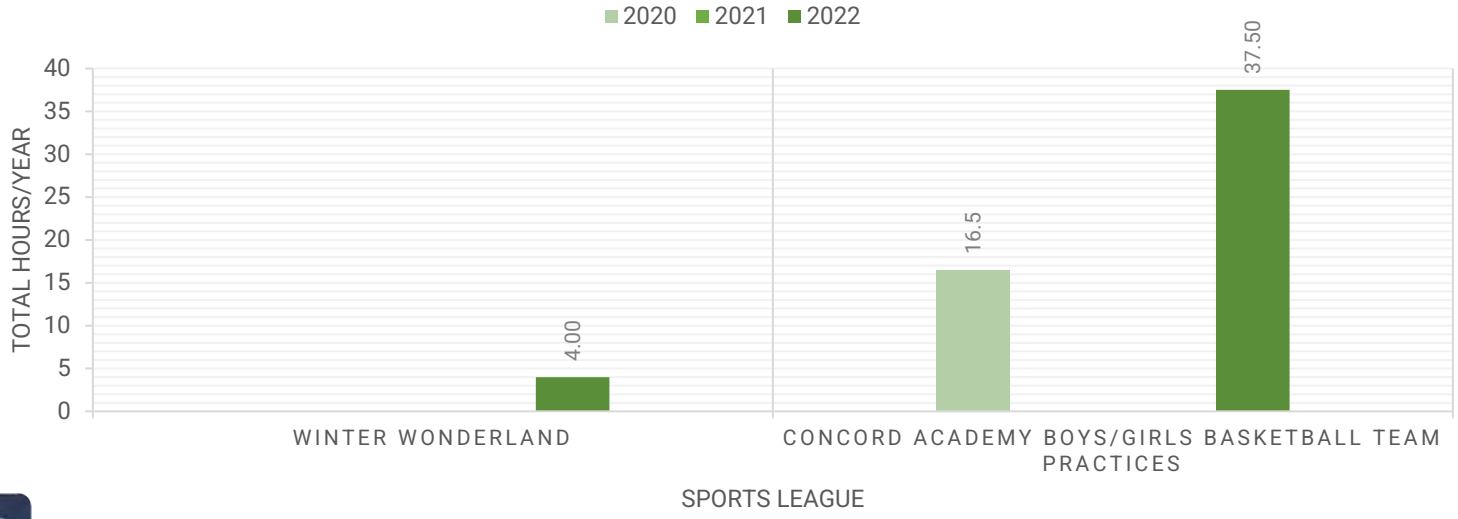
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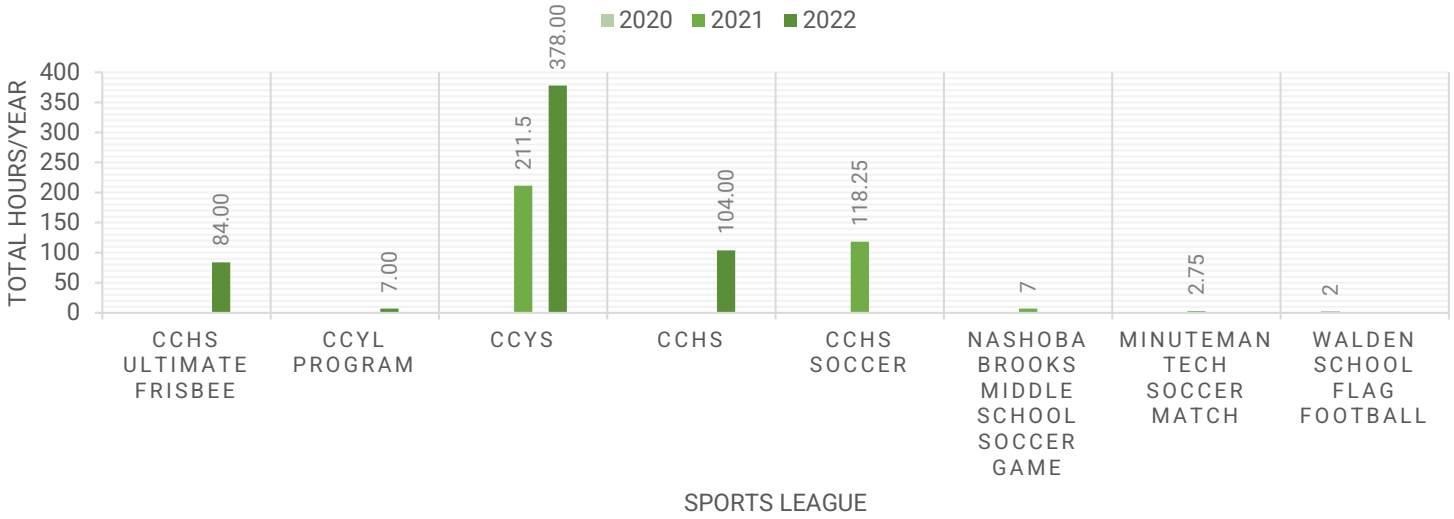
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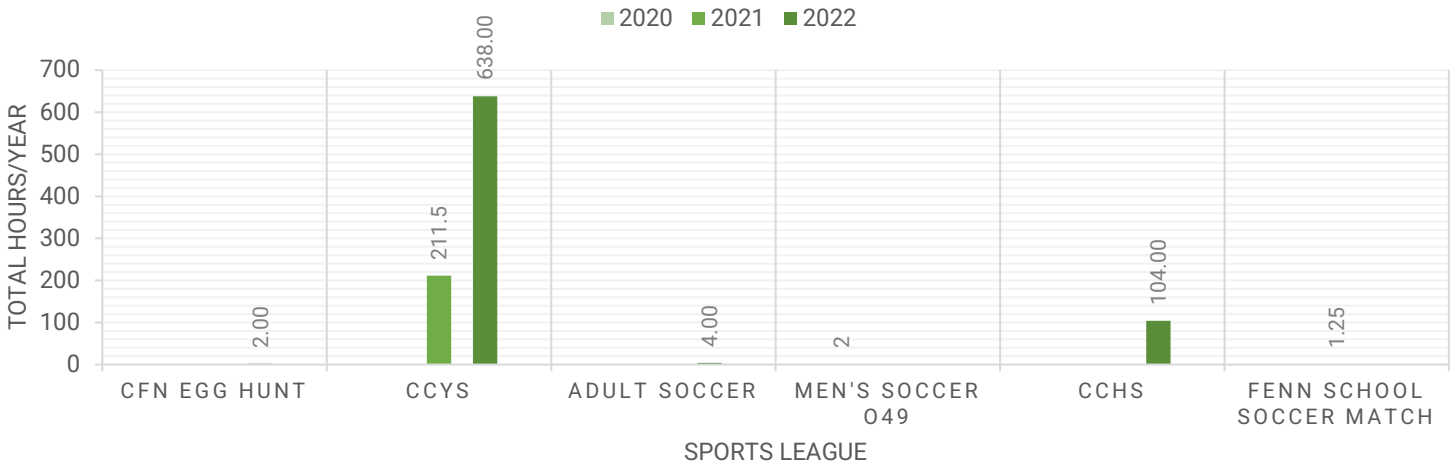
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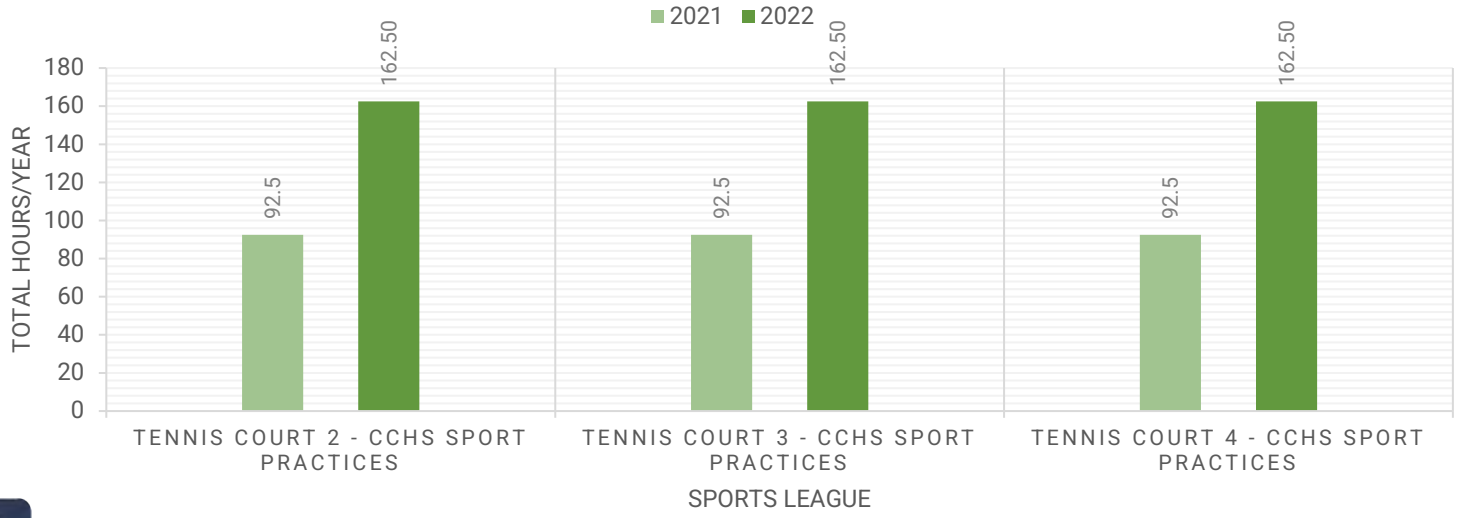
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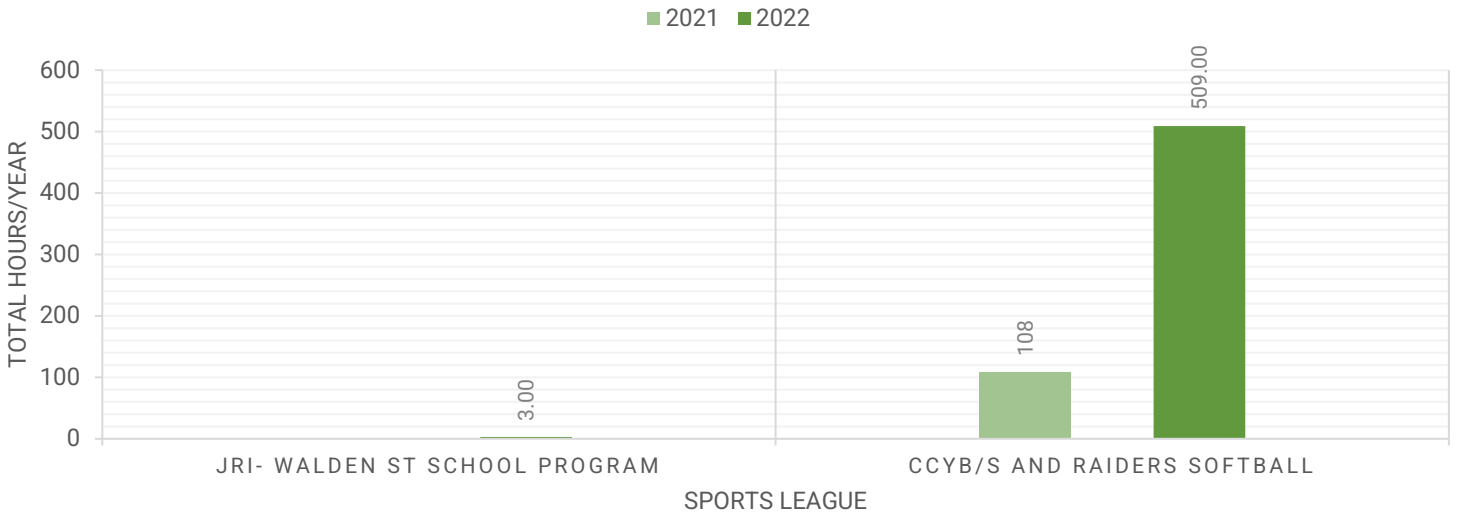
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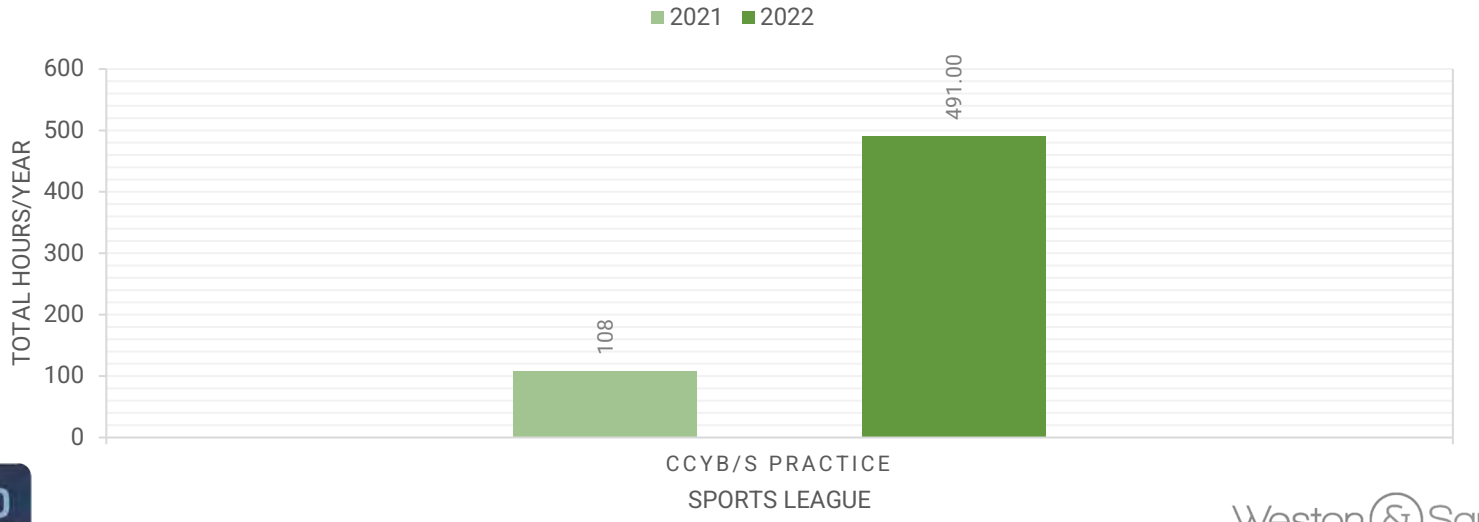
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EMERSON PARK - SOFTBALL 1 USAGE



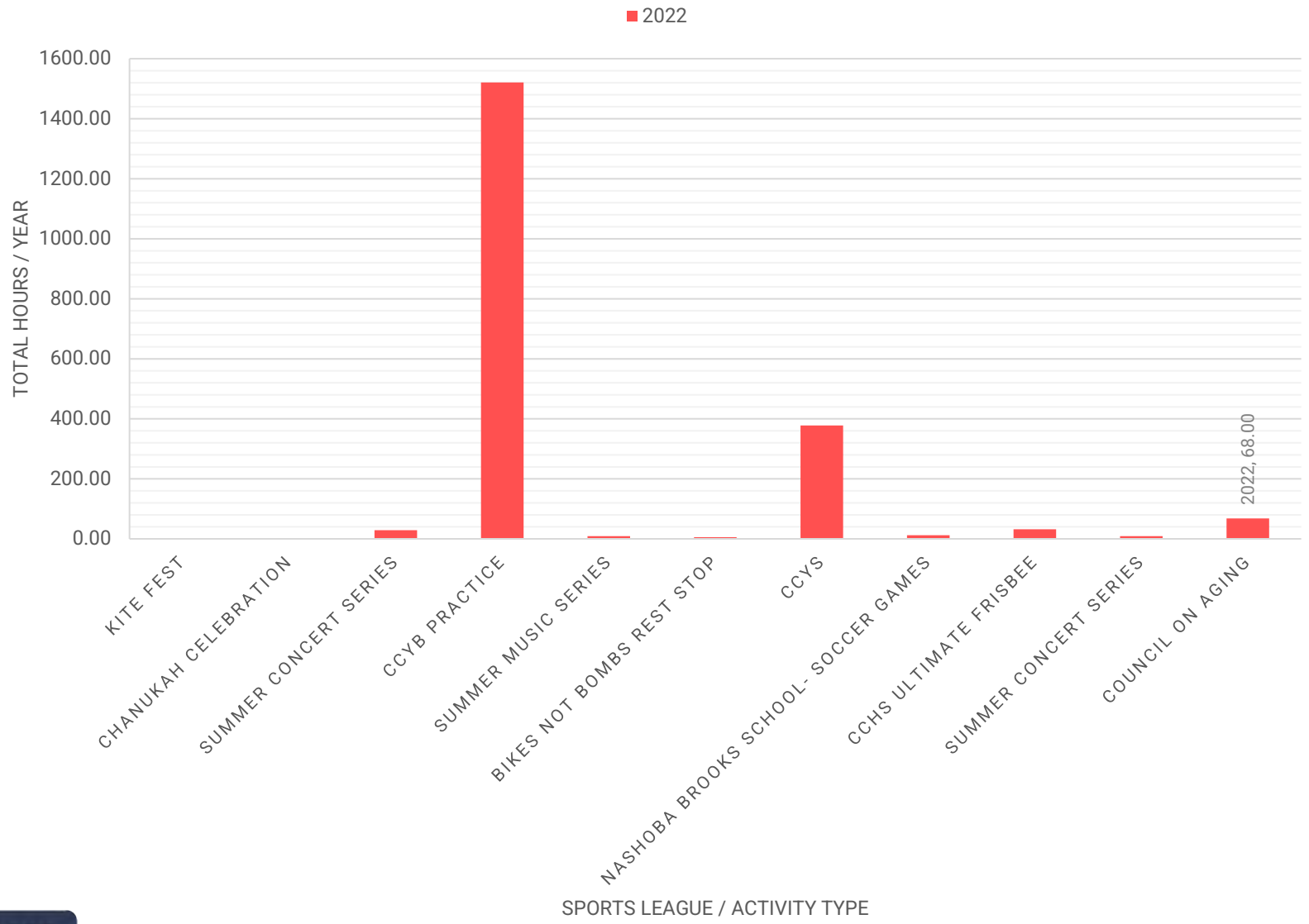
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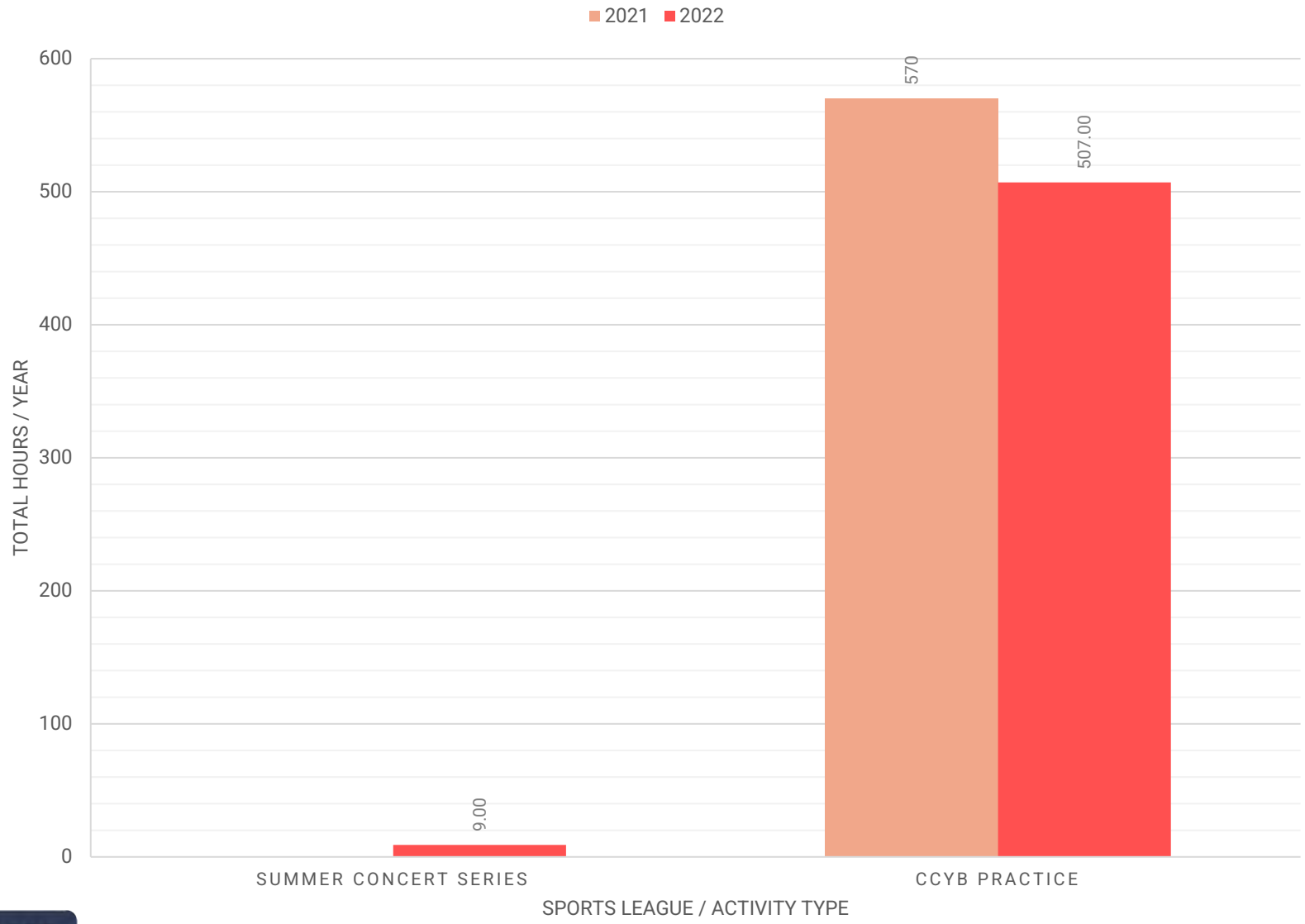
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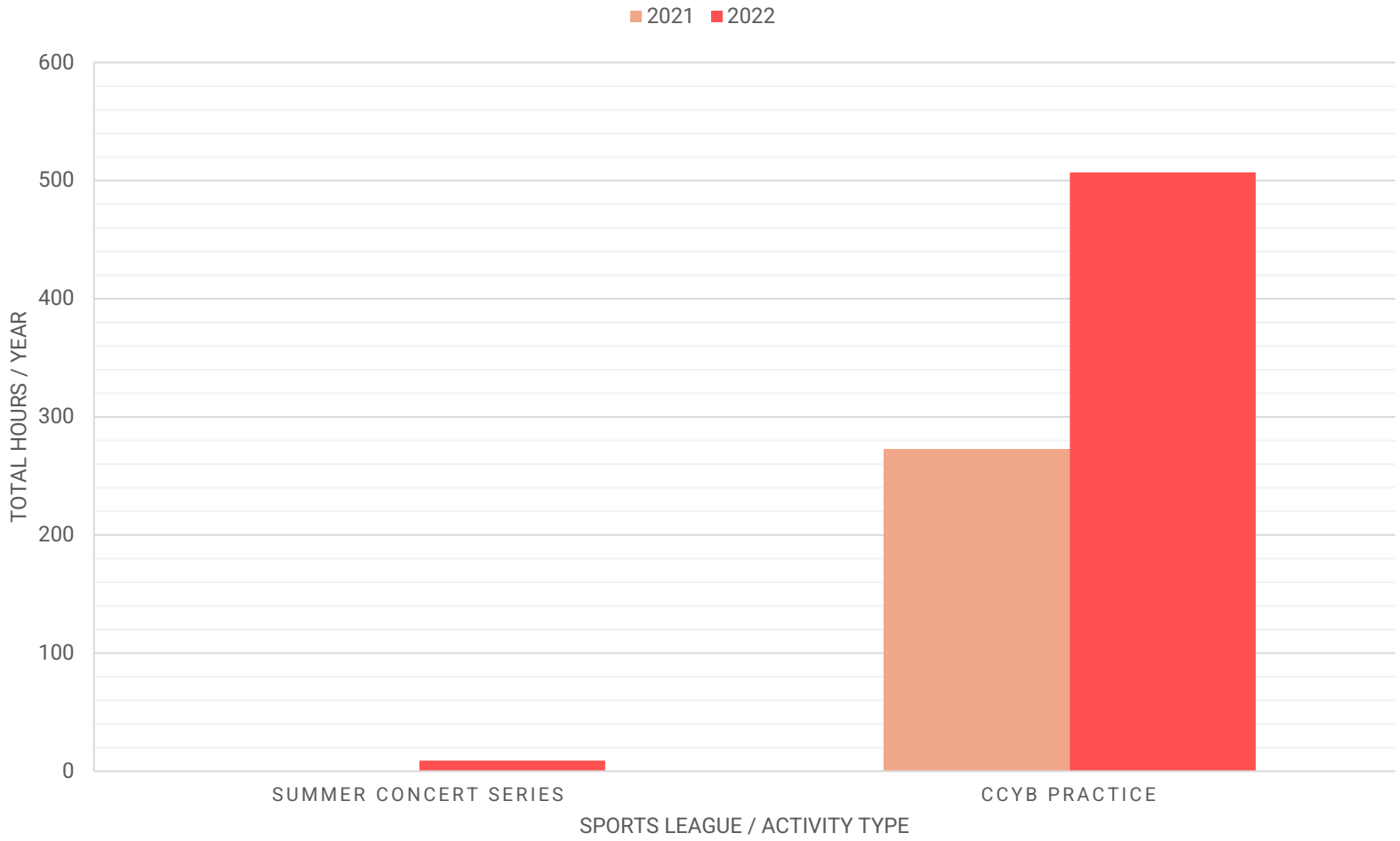
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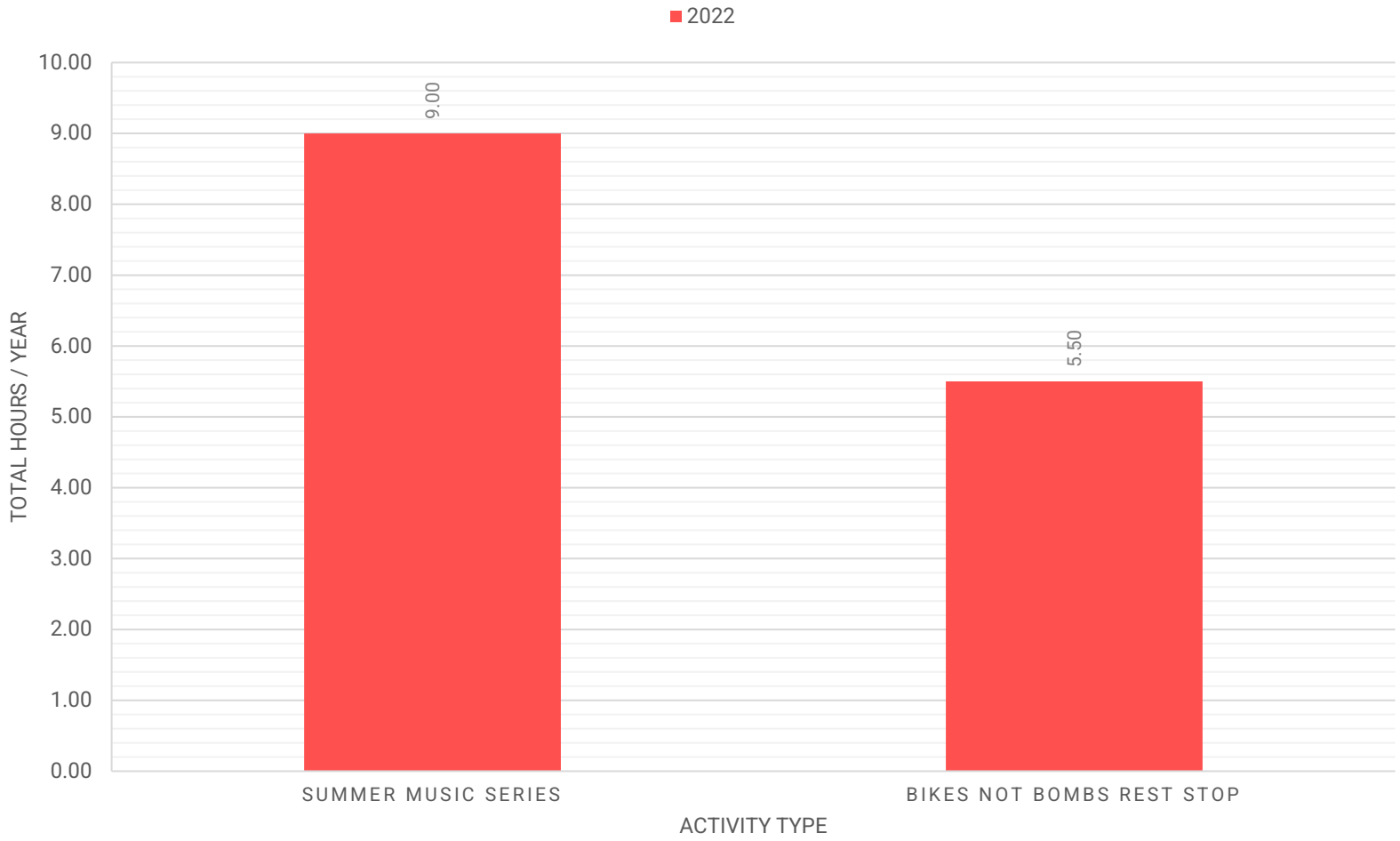
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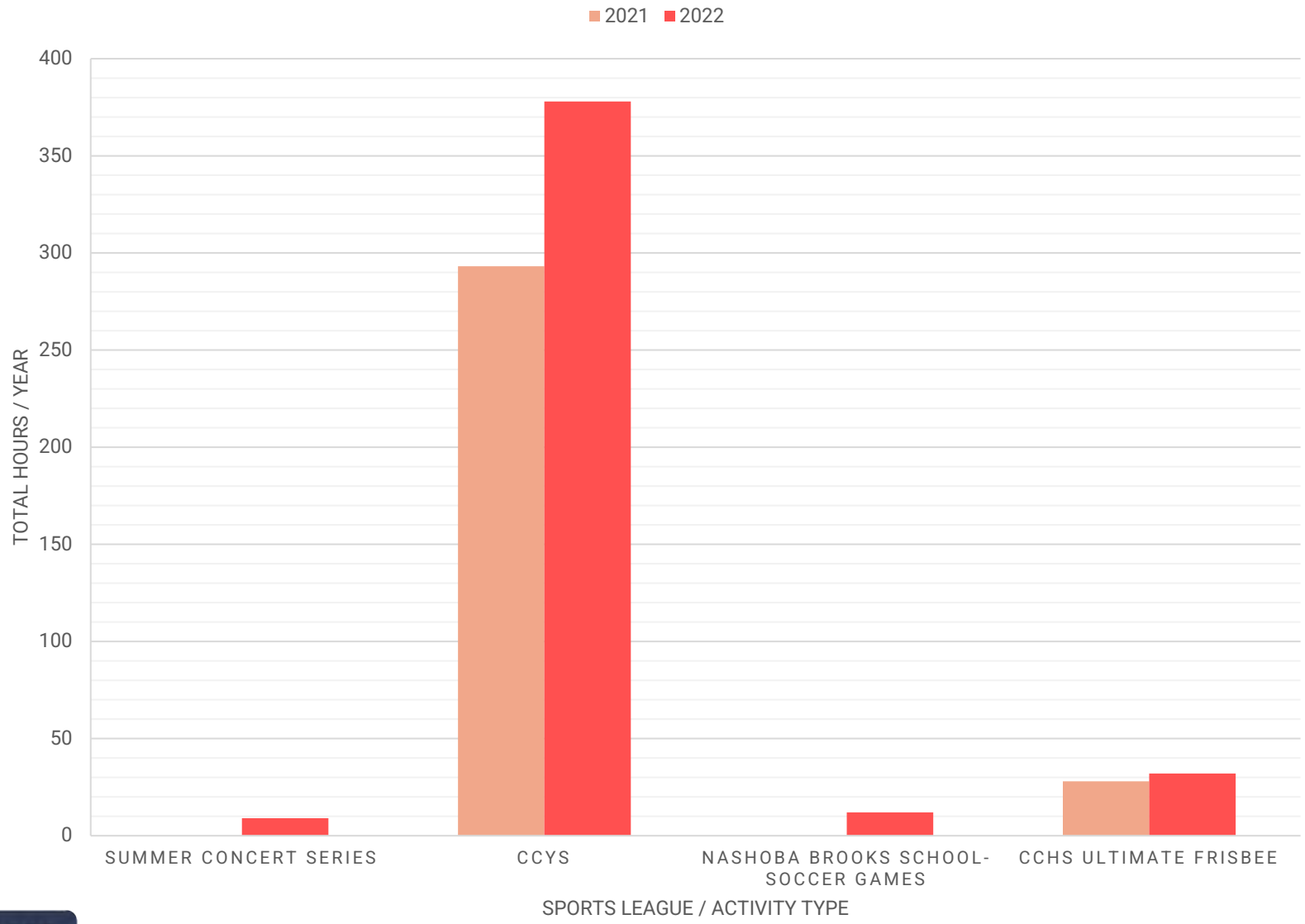
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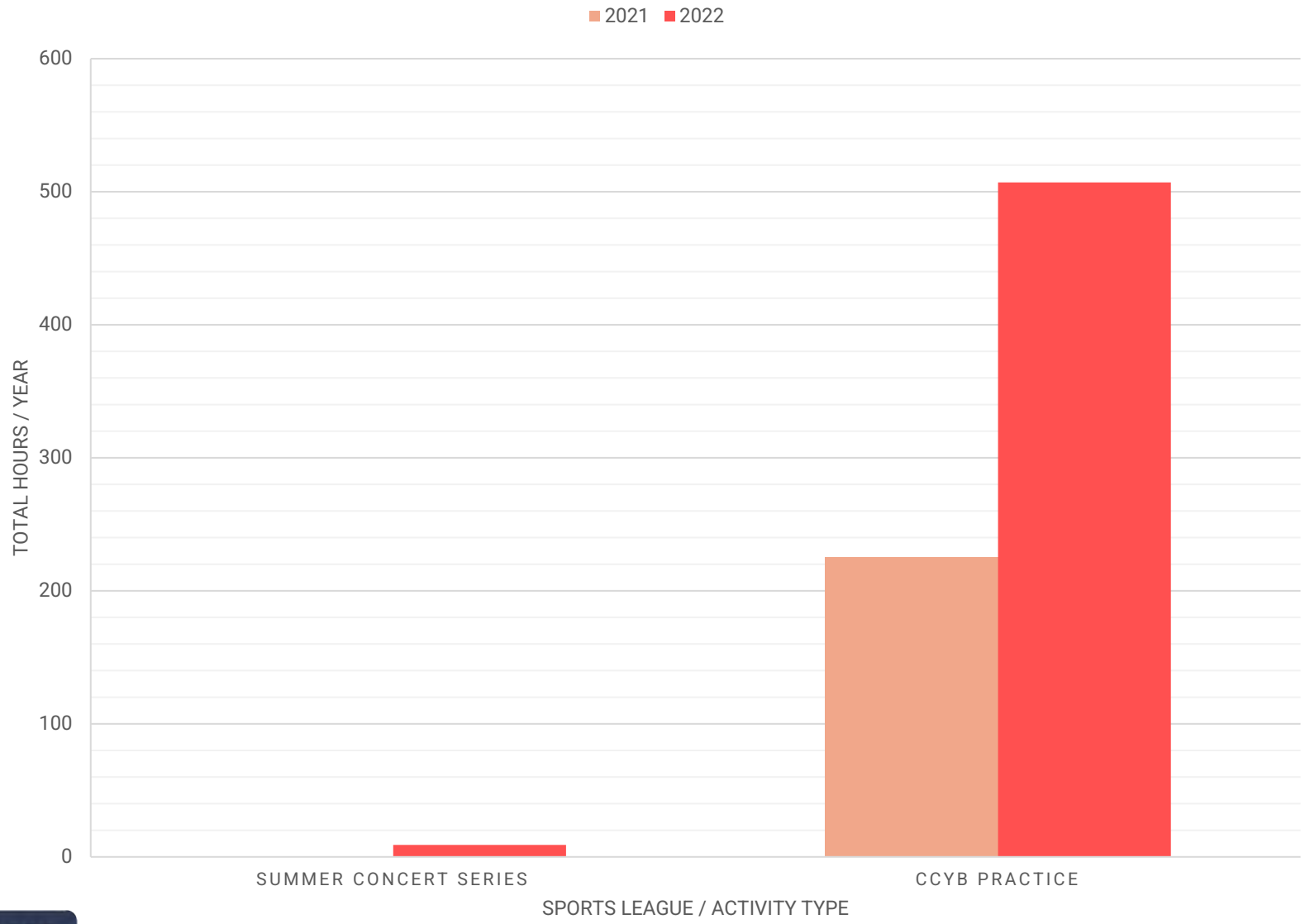
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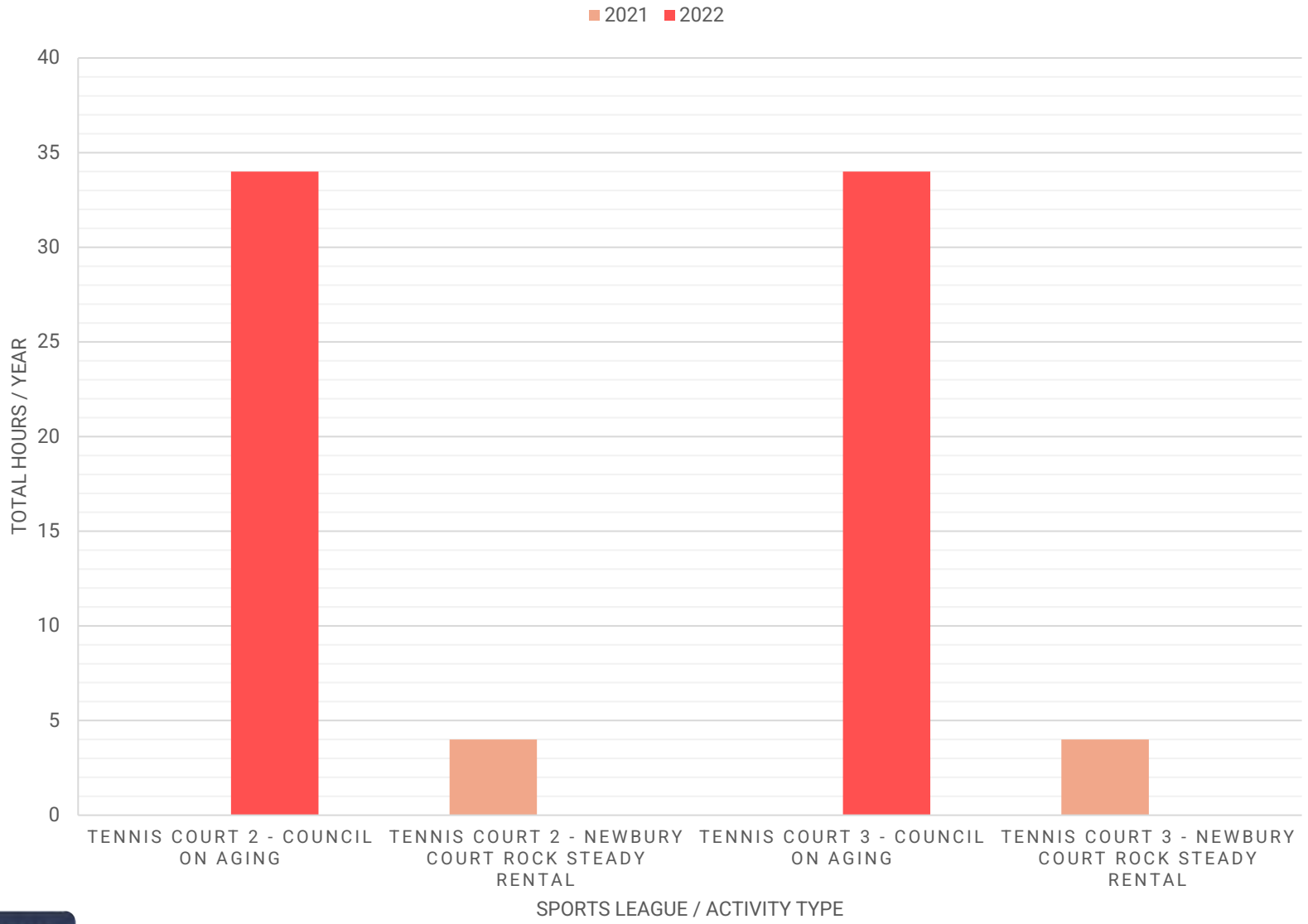
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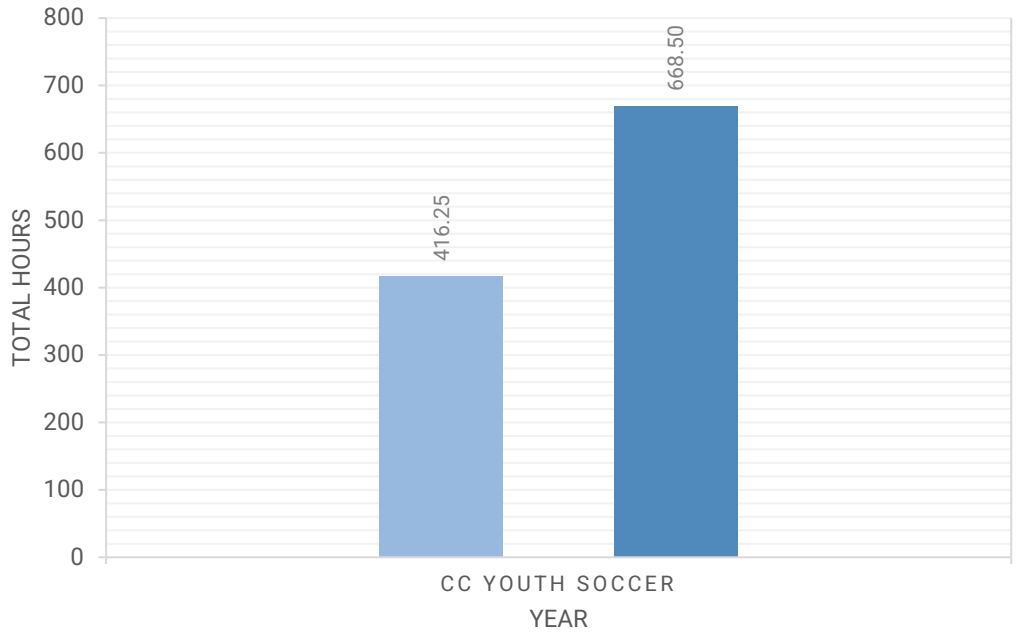
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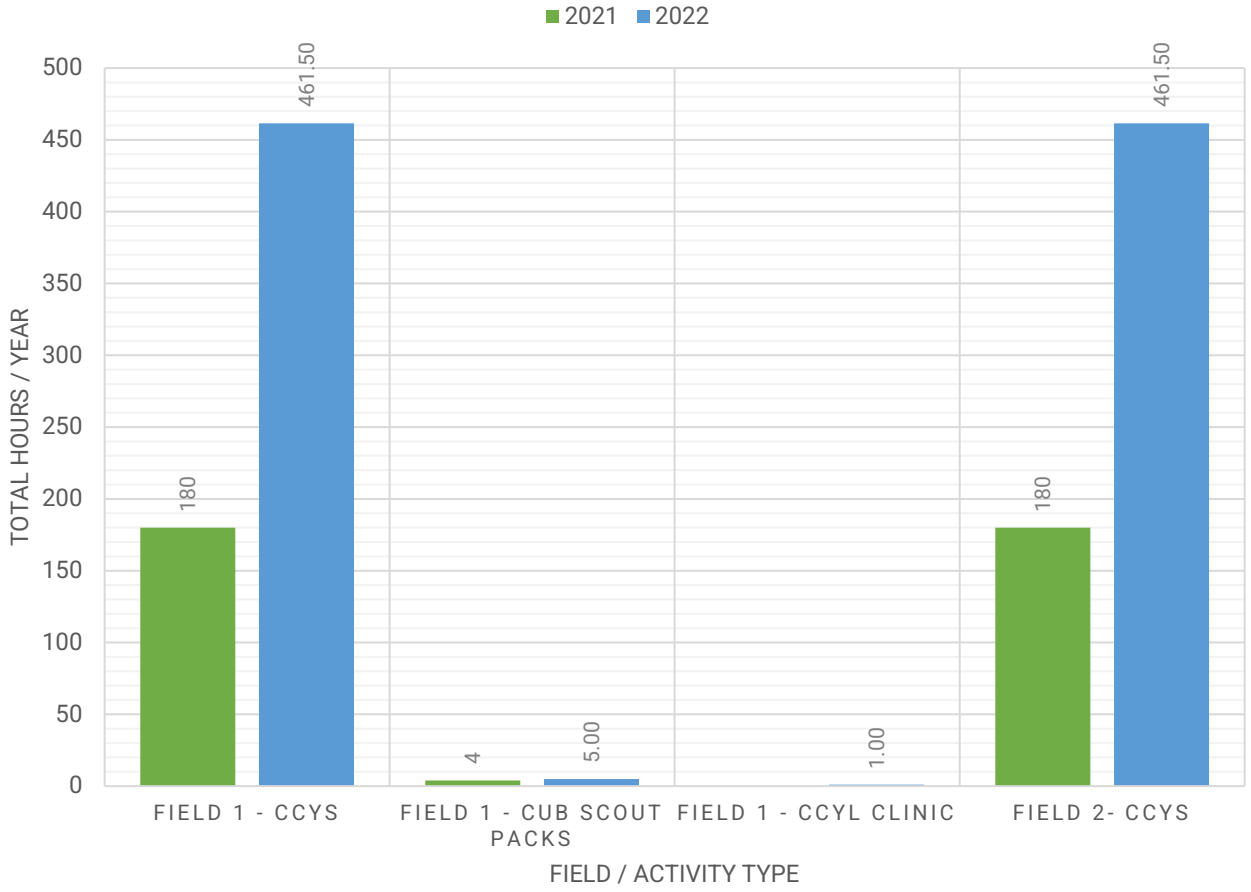
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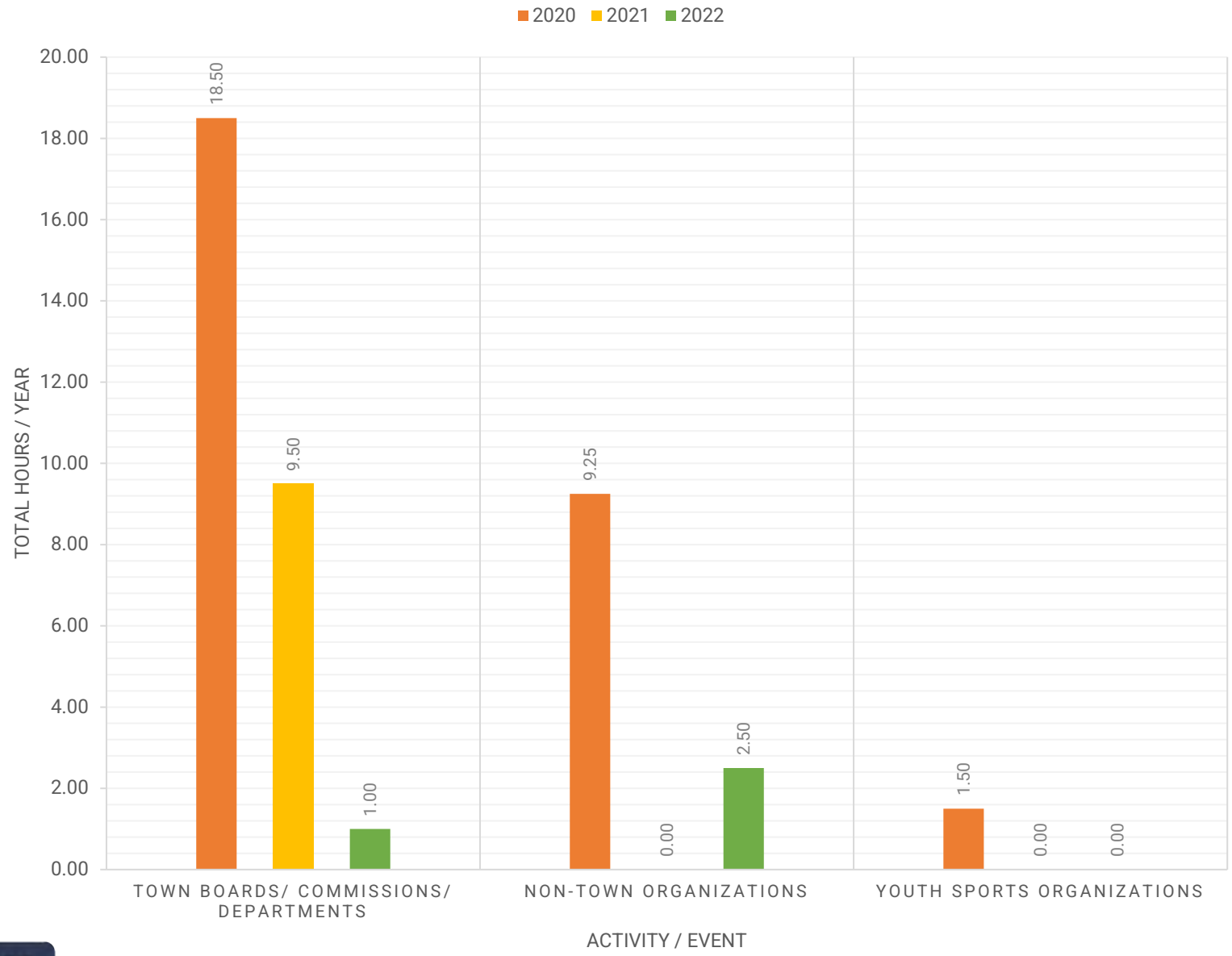
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HUNT RECREATION CENTER - CONFERENCE ROOM USE

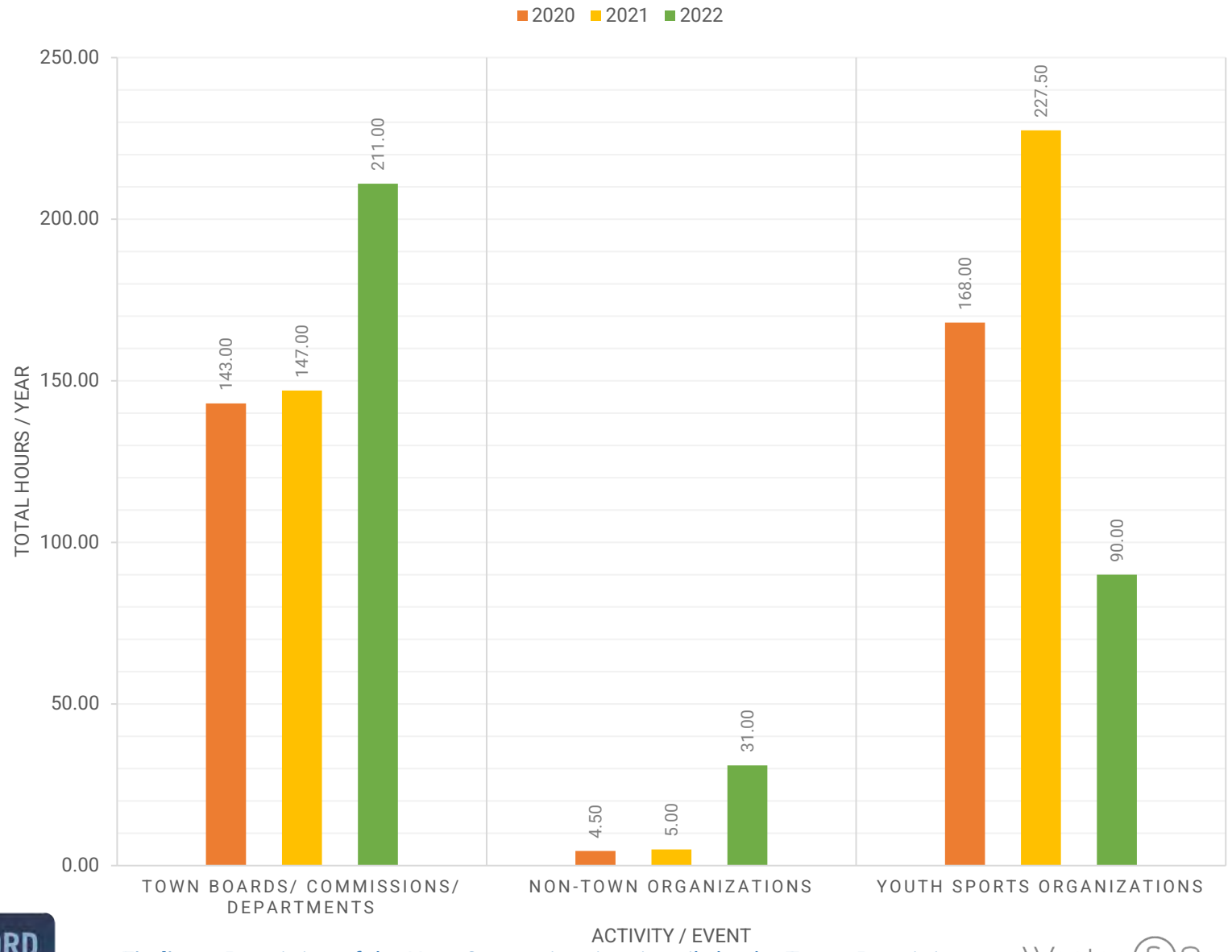


CONCORD RECREATION

Findings: Permitting of the Hunt Conference Room is decreasing by all organizations, including the Town.

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HUNT RECREATION CENTER - GYMNASIUM USE

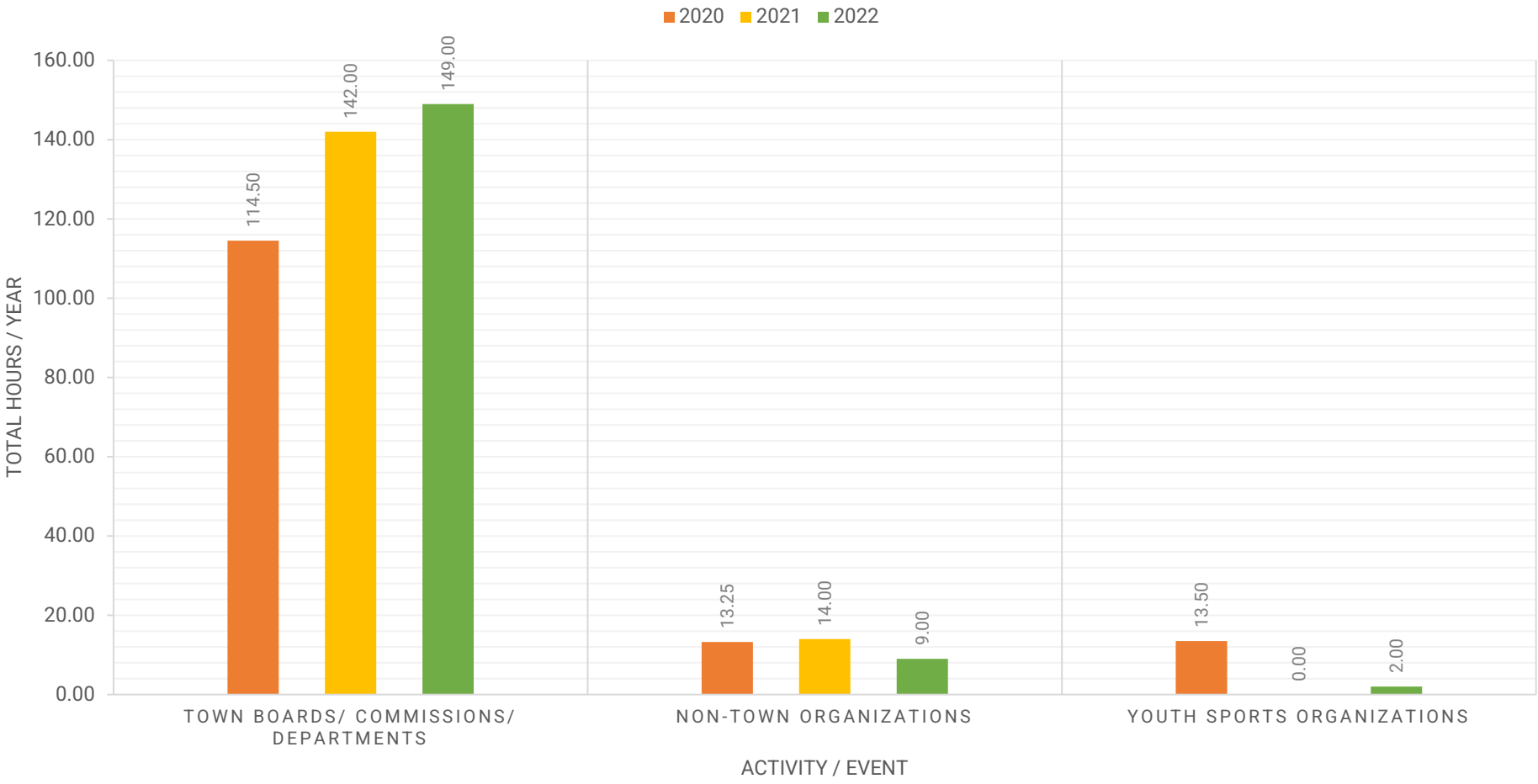


CONCORD RECREATION

Findings: Permitting of the Hunt Gymnasium is primarily by the Town. Permitting by Youth Sports is decreasing and very minimal by non-Town organizations.

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HUNT RECREATION CENTER - MULTIPURPOSE ROOM USE

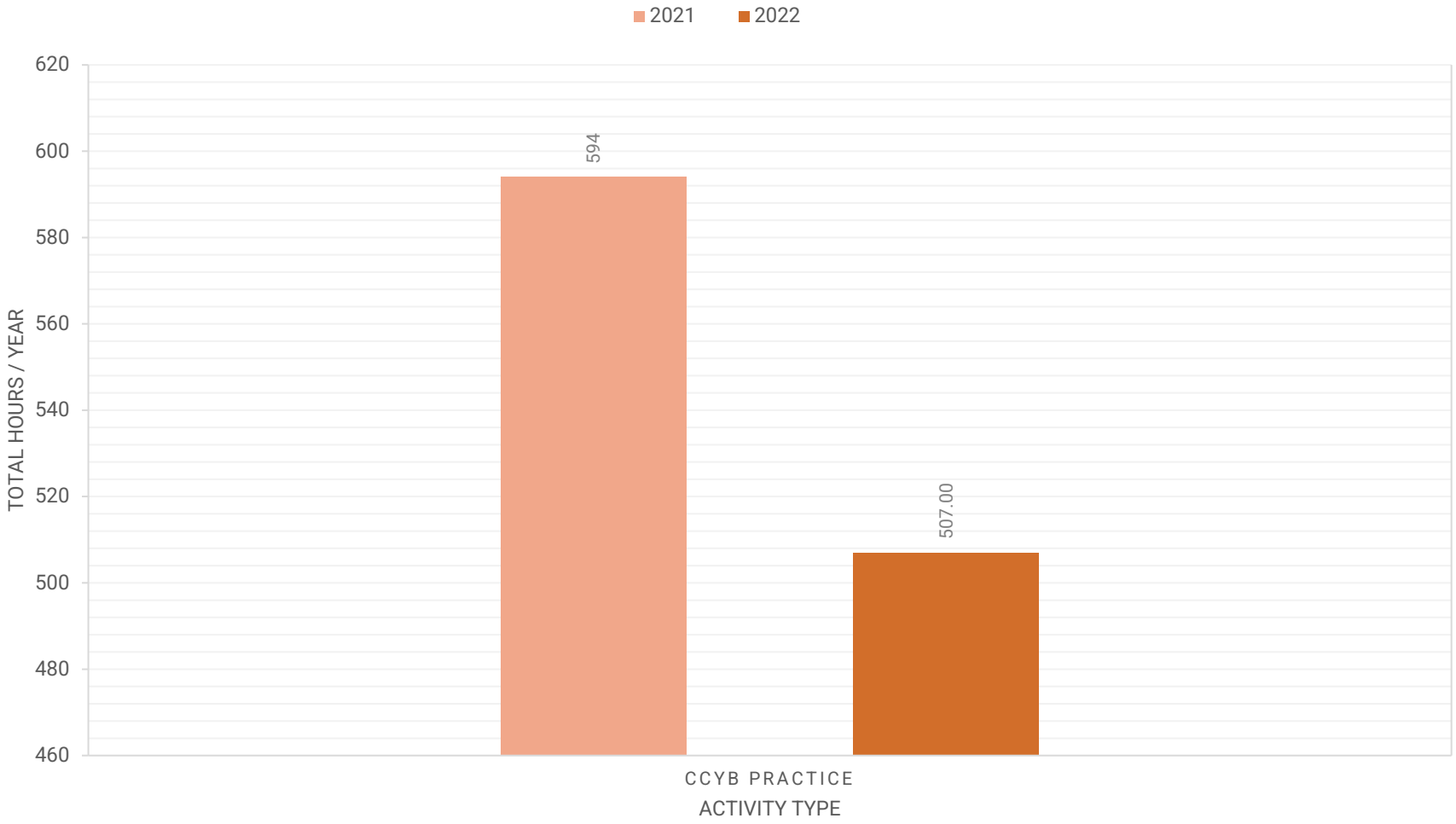


CONCORD RECREATION

Findings: Permitting of the Multipurpose Room is primarily by the Town. Permitting is very minimal by Youth Sports and non-Town organizations.

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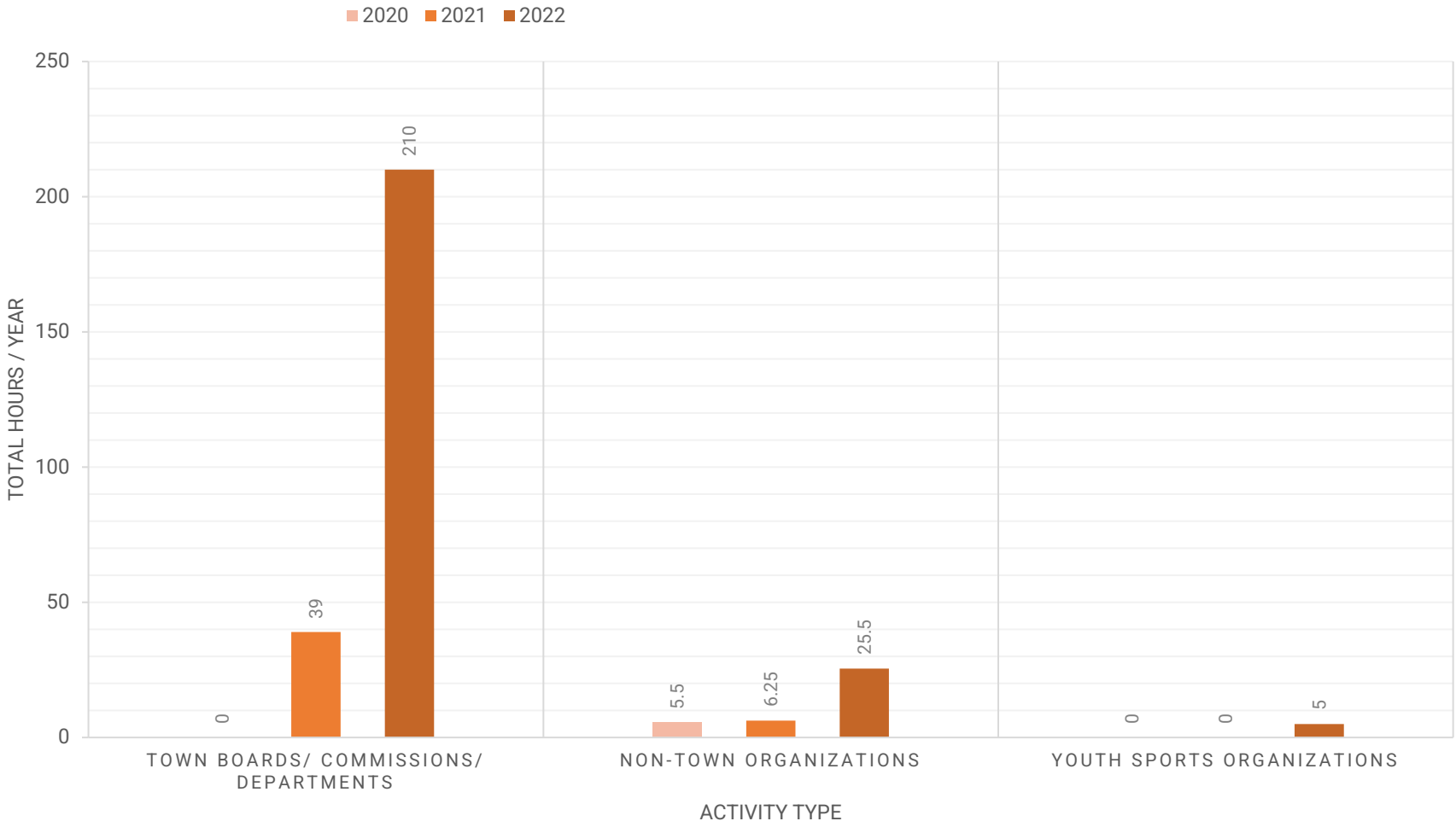
RIPLEY SCHOOL - BASEBALL FIELD



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RIPLEY SCHOOL - GYMNASIUM USE

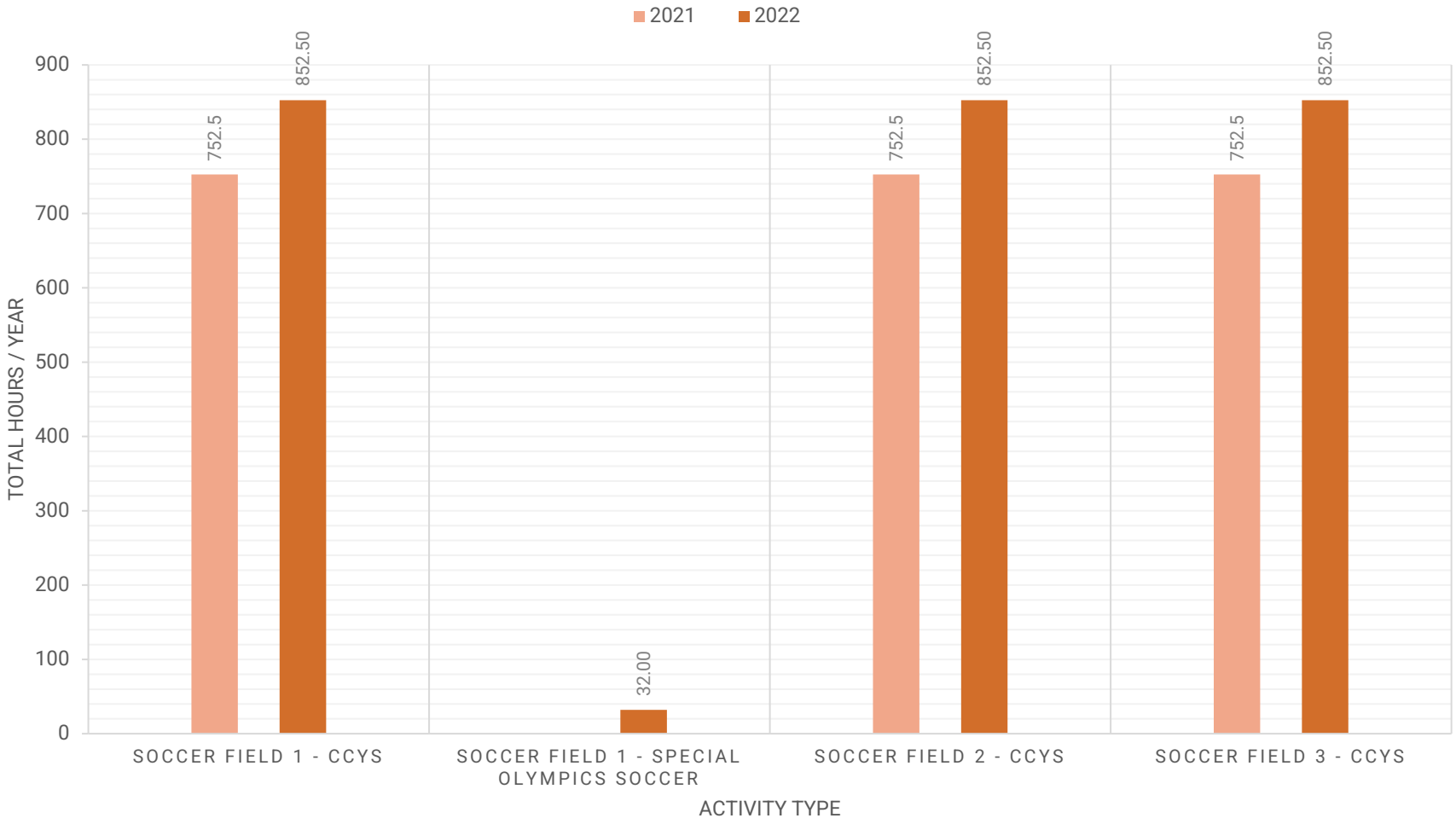


CONCORD RECREATION

Findings: The Ripley School Gymnasium is primarily permitted by the Town.

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RIPLEY SCHOOL - SOCCER FIELDS



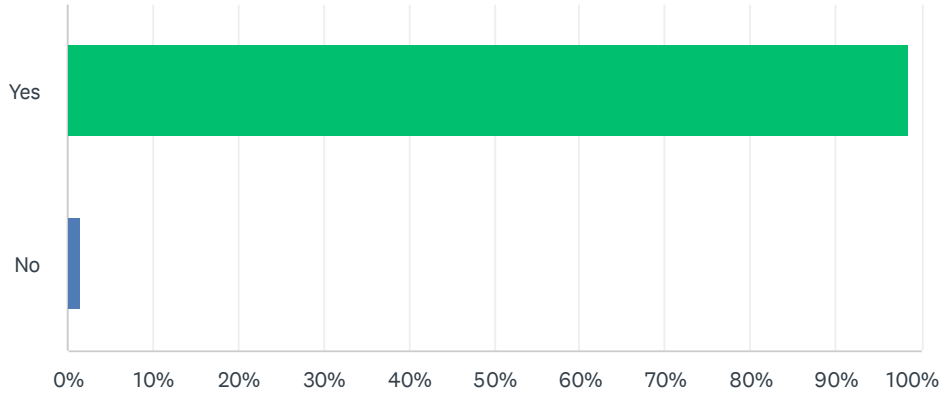
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D Community Involvement Efforts

Q1 As defined on the previous page, have you or a member of your household visited a Town of Concord Recreation facility in the last 12 months?

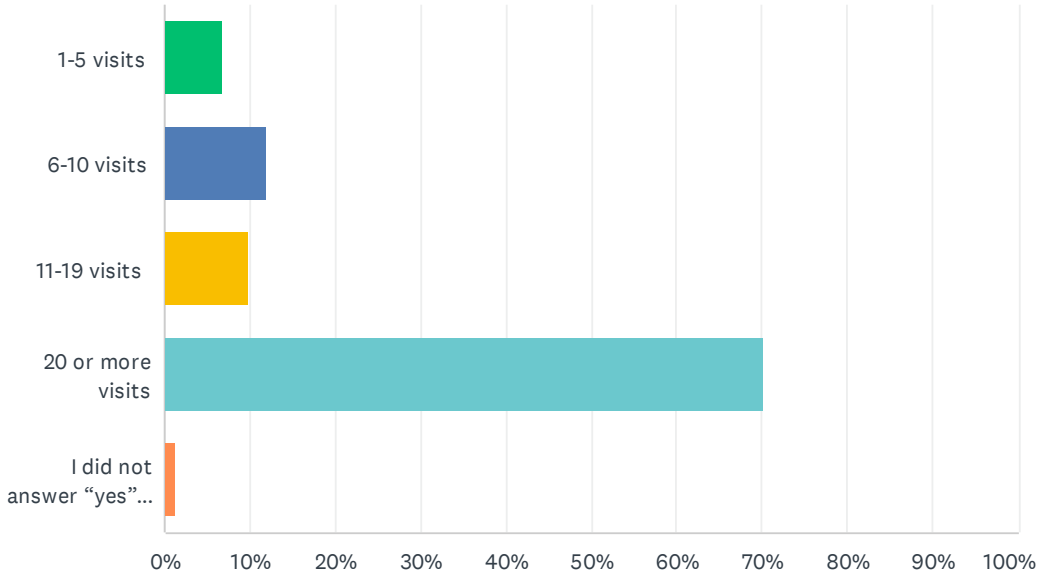
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	98.41%	558
No	1.59%	9
TOTAL		567

Q2 If you answered "yes" to Question 1, then approximately how often did you or a member of your household visit Town of Concord recreation facilities over the last 12 months?

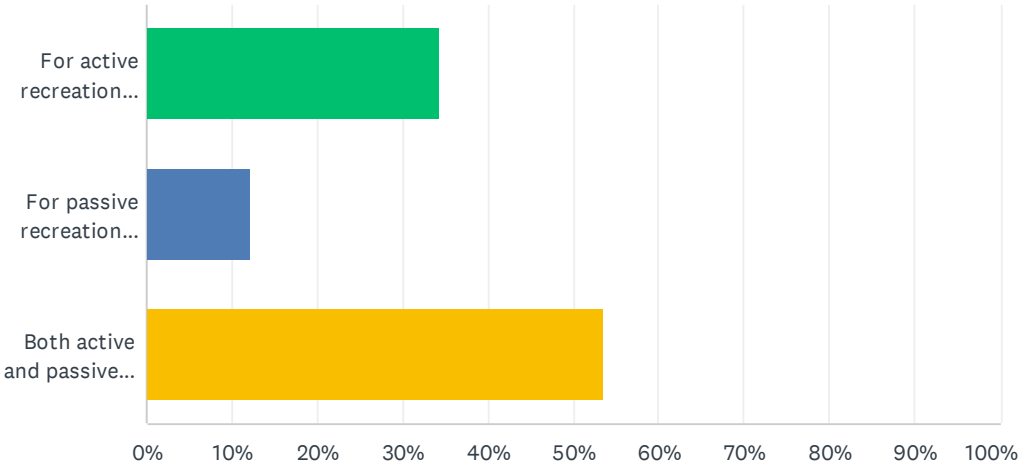
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-5 visits	6.91%	39
6-10 visits	11.88%	67
11-19 visits	9.75%	55
20 or more visits	70.21%	396
I did not answer “yes” on question 1.	1.24%	7
TOTAL		564

Q3 Please indicate how you or members of your household primarily use the Town of Concord's recreation facilities:

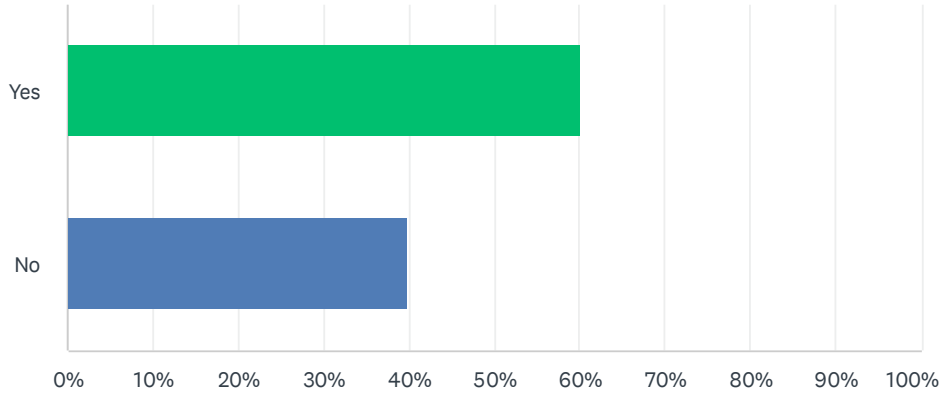
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
For active recreation purposes (examples include basketball, baseball, soccer, and tennis or planned activity sites such as playgrounds, exercise equipment etc)	34.40%	194
For passive recreation purposes (examples include walking, picnicking, wildlife viewing, nature photography, etc.)	12.06%	68
Both active and passive recreation purposes.	53.55%	302
TOTAL		564

Q4 Are your personal recreation goals and interests currently being met by the Town of Concord's existing recreational facilities (parks, playgrounds, indoor multi-use space, etc.)?

Answered: 564 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.11%	339
No	39.89%	225
TOTAL		564

#	IF NOT, THEN PLEASE IDENTIFY WHAT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND/OR PROGRAMMING MIGHT HELP YOU MEET YOUR GOALS AND INTERESTS:	DATE
1	Since the Beede pool eliminated ALL adult only hours in the therapy pool it has been VERY difficult to meet my therapeutic goals.	4/17/2023 6:52 PM
2	I would like the Beede membership to include classes like yoga and Pilates. Current offerings through Hunt Rec are an additional cost and conflict with 9-5 work schedules. I'd like to see a Sat and Sun morning yoga sessions! These are the days when I have time to recharge and there is little offered.	4/16/2023 8:15 AM
3	Pickleball courts (at Rideout park) need repair. Installing PB dedicated courts would be needed in the fiture to meet current demands	4/15/2023 8:45 PM
4	Resurface tennis outdoor courts at Rideout & construct some dedicated Pickleball courts	4/15/2023 10:20 AM
5	Need more pickleball and volleyball courts both indoors and outdoors. Also, Hunt Gym needs AC!	4/14/2023 3:47 PM
6	Too few pilates/yoga classes; so I joined Thoreau Club	4/14/2023 3:13 PM
7	Opening of emerson pool is a great update for the summer, especially if white pond if closed!	4/14/2023 12:38 PM
8	I'd like to see Concord dedicated to the safety and enjoyment of bikers and walkers in town.	4/14/2023 12:29 PM
9	We would love more water based activities through the town.	4/14/2023 8:08 AM
10	Could use a more affordable fitness center option (e.g., more like ymca than Beede)	4/13/2023 8:41 PM
11	Better services for West Concord. Improvements to Rideout Park playground, more availability of children's swimming lessons	4/13/2023 8:06 PM

12	I would love to swim a time or two a week. Unfortunately, the Beede Center is prohibitively expensive for single-income households. I'm aware of the per-use option, but that is limited and fairly expensive, too.	4/13/2023 7:32 PM
13	I am discouraged by the high cost of using the Beede Center. I would like to add swimming to my activity list, especially in winter, but the membership fee is ridiculously high for occasional users, and the per-time fee is really high, too.	4/13/2023 7:30 PM
14	Not enough childcare options for summer and after school	4/13/2023 7:01 PM
15	Community pool that is open during daytime summer hours (outdoor); more indoor basketball courts; pickle ball court	4/13/2023 6:34 PM
16	Indoor play space for young children in inclement weather/winter would be great. And it’s a shame the splash pad at Emerson is gone	4/13/2023 6:08 PM
17	Gym facility is too small . not enough availability for programs like swim lessons and childcare which all sell out	4/13/2023 5:34 PM
18	more structured programming, similar to a YMCA - example: Boys pick up bball Tues and Thurs from 6-7:30 at Emerson playground	4/13/2023 5:32 PM
19	Not enough swingsets. Should have more mini parks in west concord like in the grassy area on Main Street in West Concord	4/13/2023 5:11 PM
20	A skating rink would be fantastic. Having to drive to other rinks is not ideal when 2+ kids play hockey for Concord/Carlisle.	4/13/2023 4:58 PM
21	More pickleball surfaces	4/13/2023 4:50 PM
22	Need pickleball courts where I don’t have to bring or set up a net	4/13/2023 4:49 PM
23	Well, yes in many ways, but I would love to see the Warner Pond cleaned out and made usable for swimming, etc.	4/13/2023 4:49 PM
24	Not being a resident of Concord, spaces are filled before I can register	4/13/2023 4:37 PM
25	The fitness center really needs new equipment. The current machines are ancient, heavy, and cumbersome to use. They seem to have been built for men. I’m a 71 year old active woman, and I used a fitness center 10-15 years ago in CT, and the equipmennt was FAR superior to what the Beede offers.	4/13/2023 4:37 PM
26	It would be great to have lights on the playing fields at the high school	4/13/2023 4:28 PM
27	Indoor space to play basketball	4/13/2023 4:28 PM
28	would love RESERVABLE indoor basketball and tennis courts	4/13/2023 4:18 PM
29	More classes!	4/13/2023 4:17 PM
30	Affordable programming, an affordable pool, adequate financial aid, enclosed playgrounds	4/13/2023 4:15 PM
31	Very poor surface on the courts at Rideout	4/13/2023 4:12 PM
32	Pool, more playgrounds and more indoor multi space	4/13/2023 4:11 PM
33	Walking paths along waterways (rivers, lakes), access to waterways, sidewalks along roads	4/13/2023 4:10 PM
34	I am a disabled senior citizen who walks on the track at the Hunt gym area. There are NO rest rooms near the tennis courts side of the tracl and the ones at the Hunt gym are too far away. In addition, some folks do not adhere to the rules and etiquette of the tracl simply because there is no sign at its main entrance stating them. The signs are all other entrances facing away from the track. These are entrances that are hardly used to enter the track as compared to the main entrance by the flag pole.	4/13/2023 4:06 PM
35	Beede lost it’s one quality trainer	4/13/2023 4:04 PM
36	Outdoor swimming options that are more accessible.	4/13/2023 4:00 PM
37	MassHealth Aquatic Physical Therapy at Beede	4/11/2023 3:27 AM
38	prefer exercise class options at other facilities. Concord Recs class times are limited and are	4/10/2023 11:49 AM

	not flexible	
39	Concord should invest in a large bicycle pump track. In addition town should invest in playground that meets the needs of middle school kids to build climbing skills. We need help to have more adventurous options for older kids to meet up.	4/8/2023 2:34 PM
40	My answer is actually "Yes, in part" or "No, not entirely," as a result of the shortage of facilities compared to the demand. Specifically, I have in mind facilities (indoor and outdoor) for pickleball.	4/8/2023 10:51 AM
41	I would like more swim fitness classes and the availability of the handicapped bathrooms	4/5/2023 4:38 PM
42	More pickleball courts both indoor and outdoor	4/5/2023 3:38 PM
43	more and better quality pickleball courts, town ice rink	4/3/2023 11:25 AM
44	I think that the town of Concord should install some spray parks for the kids for summer time or splash pads. I also wish that Concord recreation would accept state vouchers.	3/31/2023 8:41 PM
45	Centralized recreation center.	3/30/2023 4:08 PM
46	Cross country skiing / safe road cycling / mountain biking needs are all unmet.	3/29/2023 1:55 PM
47	Pickleball nets that are always there for people to use any time, adult pick-up sports (i.e. Ultimate Frisbee, Womens lacrosse), Excursions and day trips (i.e. ice climbing lesson, guided rock climbing trip, etc.)	3/27/2023 3:28 PM
48	I would like a consistent offering of group exercise and aquatic exercise programs.	3/27/2023 7:07 AM
49	Many of the services and facilities are wonderful - particularly the playgrounds. However, I wish that the Beede Center was more family friendly. We would also like to see more indoor play/court options for the winter months.	3/24/2023 2:14 PM
50	Would like outdoor fitness stations at rideout for normal exercises (not ninja)	3/24/2023 12:45 PM
51	more gym courts	3/22/2023 11:24 AM
52	More road safety for bicyclists needed	3/22/2023 11:20 AM
53	I would like lower priced fitness classes (including Spin classes) during the evening. Also, Pickleball at the Emerson Tennis courts (Rideout is too far).	3/22/2023 11:19 AM
54	More yoga	3/16/2023 3:39 PM
55	A swimming pool with a family friendly shallow end, either at the Beede or outdoors and usable during the summer months including weekdays while the sun is high (a pool, not a pond, so we don't have to "swim at our own risk" due to bacteria). A splash pad area at one of the playgrounds.	3/16/2023 1:17 PM
56	Designated dog park area	3/16/2023 9:42 AM
57	Dog-free walking paths safe for senior citizens.	3/15/2023 8:55 PM
58	we need heat in the beede womens locker room	3/11/2023 8:21 PM
59	Not enough Gymnasiums	3/11/2023 12:13 PM
60	Better bike access. The rotary and rt 2 keep me from the BRFT	3/11/2023 10:16 AM
61	Pickel ball courts in combination with pick-up game structuring	3/10/2023 10:26 AM
62	Would love to see a professional quality outdoor performance venue for musical groups and others.	3/9/2023 7:58 PM
63	would also like a Tai Chi class	3/9/2023 5:09 PM
64	Outdoor performance space	3/9/2023 10:26 AM
65	No dog park	3/8/2023 8:11 PM
66	Need more bike lanes	3/8/2023 7:44 PM
67	More desirable after-school programming (more supervision, more structure)	3/8/2023 3:46 PM

68	Beede pool is a wonderful resource, but is becoming overcrowded with structured group swims. Lanes and time for individual swimmers are less frequently available. Many of us need to be able to swim at a variety of times and days ..on our own. It's become a struggle to find open swim time.	3/8/2023 2:02 PM
69	Beede locker room is cold and the shower pressure is inadequate.	3/7/2023 7:33 PM
70	would like more masters swimming options; more summer camp options for kids	3/7/2023 1:30 PM
71	More availability and access to tennis courts in west concord. A more diversified basketball coaching program for elementary age children. More trash cans for dog waste etc. at parks and trails.	3/7/2023 12:53 PM
72	A dog-free Emerson Field. Dogs have no place on our public fields. Emerson, in many ways, is a dog field.	3/7/2023 8:13 AM
73	Difficulty accessing beede pool to swim, schedule hard to understand	3/7/2023 7:55 AM
74	My needs are not met because of the dogs running free on Emerson Field.The off leash dogs has made walking on the new accessible path difficult and dangerous. I am routinely jumped on by over excited dogs.	3/7/2023 7:52 AM
75	Pickleball, pickleball, pickleball.... would love to see a larger and improved fitness room at Beede	3/7/2023 7:02 AM
76	More areas for walking and passive recreation.	3/7/2023 6:34 AM
77	Ice skating, groomed skate skiing trails	3/6/2023 9:32 PM
78	Outdoor swimming pool open to public	3/6/2023 8:44 PM
79	Activities COVID safe for seniors	3/6/2023 8:28 PM
80	Yoga classes at Beede Center please!	3/6/2023 8:26 PM
81	We need a YMCA IN CONCORD, MUCH BETTER THAN ANYTHING THE TOWN HAS TOMOFFER	3/6/2023 7:24 PM
82	However, choices and times have become more and more minimal	3/6/2023 6:33 PM
83	more and better quality pickleball courts	3/6/2023 6:22 PM
84	The therapy pool is not inviting to older adults because of people wearing diapers that do not keep ecoli bacteria out of the water.	3/6/2023 5:51 PM
85	A better, warmer outdoor pool with hours all summer	3/6/2023 5:45 PM
86	Need pickle ball courts at Emerson outdoor tennis courts. Easy to convert. Have already done this in W concord. Need to do it at Emerson pless as e.	3/6/2023 4:08 PM
87	more mid-week swim lessons for elementary kids would be great	3/6/2023 4:07 PM
88	Bigger & more full-service health club	3/6/2023 3:35 PM
89	Biking is of particular interest to me. I use the BF rail trail and would like to see more bike trails in Concord. I would also like a safer way to cross Rt 2 between Concord center and West Concord.	3/6/2023 3:01 PM
90	Swimming pool	3/6/2023 2:52 PM
91	Much better outdoor pool!!! Better setting for hanging. Not surrounded by a chain link. Better indoor basketball courts!! No where to play in winter (hunt is not always available or open). Space for hanging/Wi-Fi. skateboarding ramps.	3/6/2023 2:50 PM
92	Beede and swimming pool access and condition have fallen below the bar for me.	3/6/2023 2:44 PM
93	more morning yoga classes on Monday ,Wed, and Friday	3/6/2023 2:38 PM
94	Splash pads.	3/6/2023 2:17 PM
95	more pool options - it gets so busy at Beede in mornings	3/6/2023 2:14 PM
96	Active use of south meadow playground	3/5/2023 8:18 PM

97	Pave the bike trails	3/5/2023 1:34 PM
98	For walkers, better integration with Concord Natural Resources and other town owned land.	3/5/2023 10:22 AM
99	Yoga at the Hunt gym would be better at the Church St location as it is much nicer and better setting for yoga classes	3/5/2023 9:28 AM
100	Repair cracked sports courts, open gym times for basketball, public use of pickleball nets, replenish playground wood chips/sand	3/4/2023 7:36 PM
101	For our current children age group, they are met, but as they grow it would be nice to see more space suitable to middle school age children with spots to hang out in/use other than a playground.	3/4/2023 7:14 PM
102	I am a non-resident participating in indoor pickleball at the Hunt Gym. So limited experience with your facilities so far, but combined with other towns, my current needs are met. Could always use MORE pickleball...	3/4/2023 4:19 PM
103	More indoor, winter recreation facilities	3/4/2023 9:58 AM
104	The playgrounds are wonderful and so appreciated and well-used! We also really appreciate the Hunt building as a center for so many activities and summer camp. In terms of areas for growth, it would be ideal to have more indoor gym space available and, most importantly, have the Beede Center be more kid and family friendly. Right now, restricted access, the cold temperatures of the pools, and overall programming at Beede discourages families from regularly using it which is really unfortunate. We would love to use it more often year-round. In addition, it's been great to have the afterschool programming now happen at the schools, but access remains extremely limited which prevents all who are interested to use it.	3/3/2023 5:15 PM
105	1. Rideout Playground Tennis courts are in terrible shape. I have called more than once and have sent photos. 2. The Beede Center's fees are too high, especially the fitness center, which now always includes swim even if you don't want that.	3/3/2023 2:59 PM
106	Toddler appropriate playground equipment	3/3/2023 12:54 PM
107	Leave the Emerson tennis nets up all year (they are all-weather type); more and better bike lanes (not just the rail trail); do NOT pave or otherwise improve the Reformatory Trail; thank you for improving the main Rifle Range trail;	3/3/2023 10:56 AM
108	more open gym time for middle and high school children (specifically basketball court use)	3/3/2023 7:32 AM
109	More baby/toddler swings at Rideout, sandbox needs to be refilled at Rideout, splash pad needed at Rideout playground	3/3/2023 6:40 AM
110	More parent- baby activities during the weekend	3/3/2023 2:17 AM
111	Additional opportunities in West Concord would be great	3/2/2023 9:03 PM
112	Playground near our home (Rideout) is poorly maintained and does not have a water feature or features for babies and toddlers beyond a single swing	3/2/2023 8:48 PM
113	Private coaching program at home, pilates and pilates reformer classes during the weekend	3/2/2023 8:02 PM
114	Sauna at Beede	3/2/2023 2:35 PM
115	The Beedee Center is cost prohibitive. White Pond is also too expensive given that it is shut down for much of the summer. Conversation lands are great, but access is being limited by draconian and inappropriate regulations concerning dogs	3/2/2023 1:49 PM
116	Bring back the spray pool!! Better yet like Boston's frog pond so we can skate too	3/2/2023 9:36 AM
117	More indoor sports programming during winter time	3/2/2023 7:40 AM
118	Pilates reformer classes that are affordable.	3/1/2023 11:30 PM
119	More swim lesson spots for kids (either more classes so there are spaces for non-Beede members or private lessons for more advanced swimmers). Lessons were much more available pre-covid. Also, the drop-in costs to let the kids practice their swimming skills at Beede are too high.	3/1/2023 11:27 PM
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122	Need more well maintained tennis courts	3/1/2023 10:04 PM
123	Updated gym (hunt), indoor track or other indoor walking facilities to be used during winter/bad weather	3/1/2023 9:52 PM
124	There are not enough recreation classes for children or adults offered on evenings or weekends.	3/1/2023 8:23 PM
125	More chances for swim lessons would be great. Also a splash pad. Having more adult lessons or family lessons would be wonderful too. I would love to learn to play tennis with my children.	3/1/2023 7:43 PM
126	Beede Gym was too costly for me to continue membership	3/1/2023 7:15 PM
127	Would like additional consideration of seniors and/or disabled persons' specific needs and interests.	3/1/2023 6:33 PM
128	I would love to see an “open gym” time at the Hunt gym where I can bring my preschooler to run around with some balls in the winter. I’d also love a splash pad although we are aging out of this a bit.	3/1/2023 5:13 PM
129	insufficient facilities (courts, fields, etc.)	3/1/2023 4:05 PM
130	There are not enough registration spots for the demand of people wanting to sign up	3/1/2023 3:58 PM
131	We badly need a splash pad for kids at one of the parks	3/1/2023 3:49 PM
132	your calender change this past year has been terrible and very hard to view, especially the available swim lane times. Please go back to your old method.	3/1/2023 3:37 PM
133	Ice skating when weather permits, less expensive access to Beede for 65+	3/1/2023 3:37 PM
134	The playgrounds are inadiquate for older children. We need a playground geared towards upper-elementary children.	3/1/2023 3:28 PM
135	I would like to participate in more adult programs but they occur during business hours.	3/1/2023 3:17 PM
136	Times are for classes are too limited	3/1/2023 2:56 PM
137	There simply is not enough indoor opportunities for children in Concord, e.g. gym space for basketball or games, general recreation, etc.	3/1/2023 2:44 PM
138	Splash Pad for children, Better playgrounds, Outdoor concerts seasonally at Hunt Recreation center on summer weeknights with food trucks, etc.	3/1/2023 2:02 PM
139	I wish there were increased options for summer camp and additional walking trails would be great	3/1/2023 1:52 PM
140	Ride out playground needs a new sand box and some kind of protection/fence from the dogs that pee in there.	3/1/2023 1:52 PM
141	Lit tennis courts for nighttime playing would be a literal gamechanger.	3/1/2023 1:31 PM
142	a town pool - the Emerson pool is woefully inadequate for town needs	3/1/2023 1:26 PM
143	More open gym time for kids in the winter would be great (ie pick-up basketball games)	3/1/2023 1:20 PM
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145	Covered Sitting areas, splash park	3/1/2023 12:40 PM
146	Water features for summer. More shady play areas (also mostly a summer problem)	3/1/2023 12:37 PM
147	more pickle ball courts	3/1/2023 12:28 PM

148	Need indoor pickleball courts	3/1/2023 12:26 PM
149	I live in W Concord and there are few active facilities (none indoor). Rideout is only outdoor active area - and improvements are appreciated. Cousins Field is sadly neglected, and that is a real shame. It could be a real gem; with access to the river, beautiful views, and potential park areas along the river. Now that we see the potential (thanks to citizen work), it's a morass of invasive plants and weeds that the town has so far ignored.	3/1/2023 12:24 PM
150	More access to preschool and school age swim lessons	3/1/2023 11:52 AM
151	I've been a member of the Bedee Center for more than a decade and a half. Costs are going up, services are going down.	3/1/2023 11:47 AM
152	More children’s pool/swim options	3/1/2023 11:40 AM
153	More indoor basketball courts	3/1/2023 11:31 AM
154	Better River access; more availability of indoor basketball courts	3/1/2023 11:11 AM
155	Would like to see more after-school and summer camp activity options and space.	3/1/2023 11:11 AM
156	improved softball fields	3/1/2023 10:55 AM
157	Pickleball courts and programming	3/1/2023 10:51 AM
158	The equipment room at the Beede Center feels really crowded.	3/1/2023 10:26 AM
159	Rideout tennis court needs repair. Beede center rates are too expensive for a “community center”. We can go to Thoreau for about the same price. Marcus Lewis in Acton is much less expensive.	3/1/2023 10:25 AM
160	The tennis courts are in poor condition at Rideout and need resurfacing	3/1/2023 10:05 AM
161	It would be nice to have a pool membership option for families. The current Beede membership is too expensive and our family would just like the pool, not the exercise rooms.	3/1/2023 10:02 AM
162	It would be great to have outdoor lighted basketball courts. The facilities outside Hunt gym could be greatly improved by providing lighting until 10pm	3/1/2023 9:59 AM
163	It’s not visually appealing at all. Look at the rec space in the town of Wellesley, for example. Much better kept, much better landscaping and lighting. Build a space that actually looks welcoming and visually enjoyable to spend time in. The sidewalks all around the baseball fields and playground are unkept and barely usable. This should be a true beautiful and usable hub for the community. to spend	3/1/2023 9:57 AM
164	Increased outdoor and indoor access for Pickleball	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
165	No open gym facilities	3/1/2023 9:54 AM
166	We frequent the playgrounds in town A LOT and would love a splash pad/summer water area for littles, we currently travel to bedford for this. We could also use more seating/picnic areas	3/1/2023 9:46 AM
167	would love to see playgrounds and playscape for older elementary school kids	3/1/2023 9:45 AM
168	The Town of Concord would benefit greatly from a town ice rink.	3/1/2023 9:44 AM
169	Full service fitness facility with onsite classes; dedicated pickleball courts	2/28/2023 9:45 PM
170	Full service fitness facility with onsite classes; dedicated pickleball courts	2/28/2023 9:35 PM
171	Would love to see the town be more creative and ambitious with their playgrounds. Both Rideout and Emerson seem to have defaulted to somewhat boring/lowest common denominator equipment.	2/28/2023 8:11 PM
172	The Beede Center is very nice ... but the dues are too pricey for my wife and I.	2/28/2023 6:29 PM
173	There should not be dogs in recreational areas	2/28/2023 1:06 PM
174	Pickle ball courts	2/28/2023 8:19 AM
175	It would be great to have updated, top of the line playgrounds. As a two-working parent household additional after school programming is needed.	2/27/2023 8:40 PM

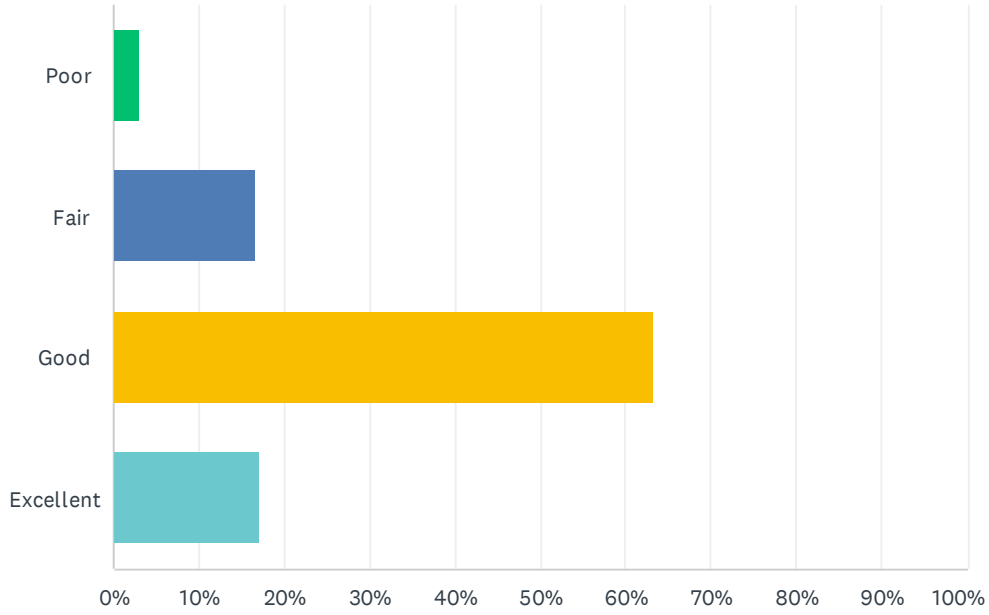
176	Protected walking and biking lanes around town. Pedestrian and bike safety. Trail maps on standard maps like google maps that allow interactive zoom and pan (as opposed to static pdfs). More inclusive trail systems that can accommodate users of all mobility levels. Reformatory branch trail is a great example of a trail that could be more accessible for all and walkable/bikeable all year round. Drainage and tree roots can make walking running or biking treacherous especially when wet. All of these improvements would allow families to bike to the Rec centers and parks in town	2/27/2023 8:36 PM
177	Would love to see actual pickle ball courts	2/27/2023 7:52 PM
178	More trails are needed in Concord. Mountain biking facilities are needed.	2/27/2023 5:56 PM
179	Ice rink, indoor track	2/27/2023 4:37 PM
180	No ice rink in Concord	2/27/2023 4:25 PM
181	There isn't a track accessible to West Concord.	2/27/2023 4:17 PM
182	not cost effective, appear to be poorly managed.	2/27/2023 4:03 PM
183	There should be more rec equipment for teens	2/27/2023 3:54 PM
184	Beede is too expensive for my family	2/27/2023 3:54 PM
185	Could use better pickle ball facilities	2/27/2023 2:22 PM
186	The Beede Center but without the crappy 1970's music.	2/27/2023 12:18 PM
187	More activities for adults and kids.	2/27/2023 12:07 PM
188	More playgrounds in west concord. Would like more after school options	2/27/2023 12:02 PM
189	Indoor (and likely outdoor) pickleball outside of business hours	2/27/2023 11:55 AM
190	Field facilities are poor compared to other towns that often have bathroom access and often access to food. Fields with spectators in other towns often have covered seating to protect from sun or rain. Nothing fancy just like a literal pergola type structure.	2/27/2023 8:47 AM
191	Need more pickleball courts indoor and outdoor	2/26/2023 1:57 PM
192	More pickleball! Open play, took lessons	2/25/2023 7:06 PM
193	The playground is catered towards little kids so bigger kids ages 8 up and not really physically challenged	2/25/2023 2:56 PM
194	Would love to have area to fly drone.	2/25/2023 9:27 AM
195	More hiking/walking/jogging trails	2/24/2023 5:38 PM
196	It would be great to have some guided walks on weekends or during the early evening.	2/24/2023 12:55 PM
197	My "no" answer really only relates to a couple things that I'd consider to be "nice to have." I will remain very satisfied with our existing options if neither of these 2 things come to be, which are 1) a fenced dog park and 2) an indoor track.	2/24/2023 10:44 AM
198	there is no multi-use space for kids that i am aware of...it seems to focus on the older population. it would be nice to have a general rec area for kids to drop into for things like board games, maybe foosball, etc. splash park would be very nice to have for the little kids. indoor bouldering/climbing wall. it seems like a lot of competition for space at Hunt for things like basketball, etc. why not use the elementary school gyms that are empty on the weekends? other towns allow that for their rec activities. in general our playgrounds need a facelift relative to what i see in other towns (Carlisle new playground, Harvard elementary school playground all the way to Cambridge's). Concord rec after school programming could use a lot more attention as well...more working parents in town than before and not enough space in after-school program.	2/24/2023 9:55 AM
199	Rideout courts need to be resurfaced to accommodate growing interest in pickleball	2/24/2023 9:22 AM
200	We need a fenced dog park (not Emerson)	2/23/2023 11:25 AM
201	Beede needs a large area for stretching weight use floor exercise NEXT to the weight room also upgrade on machines	2/23/2023 10:21 AM

202	Tennis courts too busy - hard to get one	2/23/2023 8:05 AM
203	Pickleball so you don’t have to bring or assemble nets	2/23/2023 7:29 AM
204	The Rideout tennis courts are in terrible shape. Please re-pave them, and then re-line them for pickleball.	2/22/2023 6:07 PM
205	More pickle ball courts.	2/22/2023 1:36 PM
206	The trails are not maintained well. Broken glass and garbage all over the place. While not "recreation" the sidewalks and a hazard for everyone because they're not maintained (cracking, not clear of downed trees and debris), unfit for people of disabilities especially those in wheelchairs.	2/22/2023 12:55 PM
207	Concord has a lot of potentially good natural recreational resources, but are not well maintained nor facilitated for better access. For instance, Walden pond is great, but during the summer time it is overcrowded. In a way it cannot be avoided due to its popularity, but could there be a restricted access point for Concord local? Another example is the local waterways and the multiple landing spots, most, if not all, of them are not well maintained.	2/22/2023 11:17 AM
208	public put in for kayaking would be amazing!!!	2/22/2023 9:54 AM
209	Activities that encourage inclusivity and diversity in the town	2/20/2023 11:55 AM
210	1. Repair/re-surface Rideout Park pickleball courts; 2. Add more pickleball courts (I know Needham high school opened their tennis courts to pickleball players. Other possibility that Concord high school or Emerson ground tennis courts courts could be used for pickleball players?) 3. Add lighting to Rideout Park pickleball courts.	2/19/2023 10:26 PM
211	Would like more tennis and pickle ball courts	2/18/2023 3:48 PM
212	more pickleball courts are needed for this rapidly growing sport - Rideout courts need to be resurfaced and new outdoor spaces made available	2/18/2023 10:52 AM
213	More day use access to swimming.	2/18/2023 7:20 AM
214	The pool is very expensive to visit and I wish there was a more accessible pool for families.	2/17/2023 9:07 PM
215	Lower cost gym facility	2/17/2023 8:03 PM
216	Dedicated pickleball courts or at least improvements to courts at Rideout to get rid of cracks.	2/17/2023 6:39 PM
217	Safe outdoor spaces for outdoor play (skateboarding, rollerskating, biking--we were concord residents when we had the little skate park at CC.)Swim lesson OVERHAUL: IMPROVED kids changing ROOMS FOR SWIM. The swim program is truly terrible and incredibly overpriced for the quality of care. Not being able to use the locker rooms with kids makes the experience impossible. We now drive 30 minutes away for swim and know several families who do. The swim lessons for toddlers are insufficient. Many of Concords programs are dominated by the opinions and rules of the elderly people in this town but it is not reflective of the town demographics. The number of time older people have yelled at families of small children at beede is truly wild. We need a gathering space with wifi, like a community center. Summer Splash Pads, Improved Basketball courts	2/17/2023 11:40 AM
218	There are not enough basketball facilities to serve the towns youth basketball program. The majority of my children's basketball practices and all of their games are at rented courts at the local private schools.	2/17/2023 7:37 AM
219	I think the Concord Rec department is extraordinary. I only wish the department had more staff/capacity!	2/16/2023 10:43 AM
220	Need more pickleball courts and Rideout Park desperately in need of repair	2/16/2023 10:42 AM
221	It's evident that as our elementary schools continue to have half days 4x month, and the households have a great number of two working parents that there is greater need for affordable, safe and fun after school care. The program fills up very fast leaving many parents to either leave children with low supervision at home or find very expensive childcare. I hope the concord rec program is able to find a way to expand childcare.	2/16/2023 10:34 AM
222	Outdoor Pool, indoor multi use space (soccer/hockey/football, etc)	2/16/2023 10:24 AM
223	Concord needs a better public outdoor pools and splash park and an outdoor street hockey rink	2/16/2023 10:24 AM

224	Outdoor pool available during summer days/ Better access to White Pond	2/16/2023 10:20 AM
225	Indoor winter recreation; indoor walking track; more gym space	2/16/2023 10:05 AM

Q5 How would you rate the overall physical condition of active recreation facilities (sports fields, courts, playgrounds etc.) at Town-owned sites that you've visited?

Answered: 468 Skipped: 99



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Poor	2.99%	14
Fair	16.67%	78
Good	63.25%	296
Excellent	17.09%	80
TOTAL		468

#	IF YOU ANSWERED "POOR" OR "FAIR" TO THIS QUESTION, THEN PLEASE EXPLAIN.	DATE
1	The therapy pool at Beede is closed often to kids peeing or pooping in it, or technical issues.	4/17/2023 6:55 PM
2	Rideout courts aren't in good condition	4/15/2023 10:25 AM
3	Hunt Gym needs AC. Ripley should be renovated so the gym may be used. The public school gyms should be more accessible to the public.	4/14/2023 3:53 PM
4	No opinion. I did not use them. Need to add not applicable (for those who checked passive only on Q3)	4/14/2023 3:18 PM
5	basketball court is fairly outdated, needs to be renovated and also get updated HVAC (particularly AC)	4/14/2023 7:38 AM
6	Tennis courts are pretty cracked	4/13/2023 8:45 PM
7	They are all a bit run down	4/13/2023 6:37 PM
8	Playgrounds are not kept up (discarded large items all over rideout, old broken equipment at	4/13/2023 4:24 PM

	other playgrounds), or kept safe from dogs (aka enclosed)	
9	Rideout tennis courts are dangerous with cracks all over the courts. They are well utilized by the community and need improvement	4/13/2023 4:16 PM
10	No rest room facilities at the track, only at the hunt gym which is too far for elderly and disabled folks like myself.	4/13/2023 4:13 PM
11	Dogs and poop at Emerson Field	4/11/2023 3:36 AM
12	Rideout tennis/pickleball courts need resurfacing. Cracks and weed growth in playing areas pose a safety hazard.	4/8/2023 10:56 AM
13	Rideout tennis courts need re-surfacing	4/5/2023 3:40 PM
14	Could use sauna or a steam room	4/3/2023 9:40 PM
15	Some of the [playground equipment isn't in great shape, and I am concerned even though our family no longer uses the playgrounds.	4/3/2023 12:38 PM
16	rideout courts are in terrible condition, other venues are good.	4/3/2023 11:30 AM
17	I really don't know how to answer because I've never visited any of the facilities.	3/31/2023 8:45 PM
18	Fields and courts are fine. Nothing outstanding, nothing un-safe.	3/29/2023 2:01 PM
19	Not enough space and quantity	3/22/2023 11:26 AM
20	But please replace the picnic tables at Emerson field...most of them are in horrible shape. Also, stop storing the soccer goals by the tennis courts. One set of goals have not been used in over 18 months...clearly this area is turning into a dumping ground. Also, please fix the mud hole by the long jump.	3/18/2023 9:04 AM
21	In some parks, (e.g. Cousins Field) unfettered dog use resulting in dog waste precludes enjoyment by other park users.	3/16/2023 3:59 PM
22	Hunt gym needs updating	3/16/2023 3:45 PM
23	some tennis courts need maintenance	3/14/2023 2:18 PM
24	no heat in beede locker room. the new shower heads are terrible.	3/11/2023 8:30 PM
25	Cracks at tennis courts and has not been maintained for a long long time at Ride Out.	3/8/2023 9:27 PM
26	I have no idea as I do not use thembut an answer was required!	3/8/2023 5:39 PM
27	Don't use them, but they look unkempt	3/8/2023 3:40 PM
28	Only speaking to Beede Center. I also use the weights and cardio equipment -- these specific areas are small and need expansion and upgrading.	3/8/2023 2:11 PM
29	Would love a splash pad component to our playground!	3/7/2023 10:53 PM
30	Basketball court at rideout needs repairs. We also need an indoor basketball facility in west concord which hopefully will come with the new middle school - but should be accessible to all residents.	3/7/2023 12:59 PM
31	Dog policies and the behavior of dog-owners with respect to controlling their dogs degrades our fields. Fields are used as a place for dogs to freely urinate and defecate. Yes, the stools are generally picked up. The urine is not.	3/7/2023 8:27 AM
32	Not enough fields for town and school usage. White's Pond is always an algae-filled disaster and not safe for any usage.	3/7/2023 6:37 AM
33	Small, crowded, lack of variety	3/6/2023 8:36 PM
34	Use the Beede Center mostly. Ladies showers are not great - water on floor sometimes dirty. White Pond summer facilities are good. Facilities in West Concord for classes are good as well.	3/6/2023 8:01 PM
35	The beede center is marginal at best and expensive for what it is.	3/6/2023 7:30 PM
36	The fields at Willard are in tough shape.	3/6/2023 6:34 PM

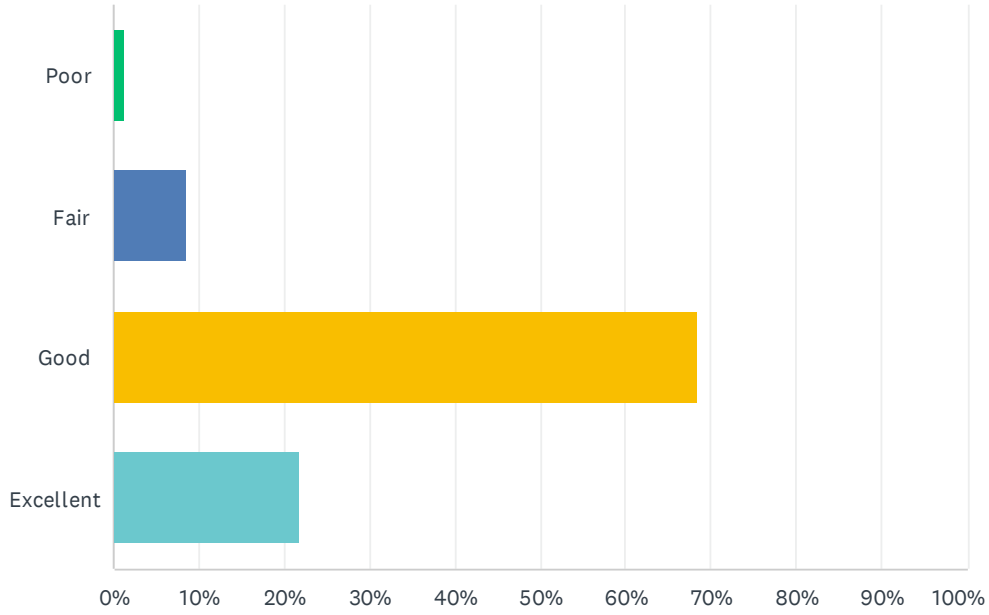
37	rideout courts really need some TLC, otherwise excellent	3/6/2023 6:31 PM
38	In the years I've been at Beede, the facility is starting to show its age. Many of the lockers have broken locking mechanisms and a few I would not feel comfortable using. I usually carry my bag of personal items around the facility rather than using a locker. There is some rust in the shower areas. The facility is clean.	3/6/2023 6:20 PM
39	Equipment at Beede is out of order for weeks and sometimes months.	3/6/2023 4:57 PM
40	Pickleball is getting very popular. We need more Pickleball courts, indoor and outdoor. The pickleball courts In Rideout park are In very poor condition, cracks in the courts.	3/6/2023 3:33 PM
41	Beede pool facilities have fallen, in condition, availability, cold pool water and cold locker room.	3/6/2023 2:49 PM
42	The water quality in the Beede Pool lap pool is continuing to degrade	3/6/2023 2:36 PM
43	Trash cans at Emerson park would be a helpful addition.	3/5/2023 8:46 PM
44	Hunt gym needs updating, multi-purpose room is not an appropriate room for yoga. Church St is beautiful.	3/5/2023 9:38 AM
45	Clear/plow snow on jogging path around rideout	3/4/2023 7:43 PM
46	The equipment at Rideout is beginning to age and parts are wearing down. We have never seen the concession stand at Rideout be used. It would be fun to make it available to town groups for fundraising sales of concessions during peak times of field use.	3/4/2023 7:28 PM
47	Basketball courts at Rideout park should be repaved. Hunt Recreation center floor should be refinished annually. Lights in hunt Basketball gym should be fixed when they go out.	3/4/2023 2:54 PM
48	The Beede Center bathrooms are in poor condition.	3/4/2023 1:28 PM
49	Lots of cracks and chunks missing especially in Rideout basketball courts	3/4/2023 10:02 AM
50	Need more bench seating at Emerson tennis courts for parents/caregivers during lessons.	3/4/2023 7:36 AM
51	See previous box. TEnnis courts at rideout are and have been terribly cracked. For years.	3/3/2023 3:03 PM
52	The playgrounds desperately need trash cans on site. especially Emerson. Hauling trash to the street especially with kids in tow is impossible.	3/3/2023 12:56 PM
53	The facilities are good. However, having a dog park right next to an unfenced playground does not seem right to me.	3/3/2023 9:33 AM
54	poor drainage, lack of recycling/trash containers, bathroom facilities often not open or in bad shape, not enough park benches or picnic tables	3/3/2023 7:35 AM
55	tennis courts need to be resur	3/3/2023 6:51 AM
56	Would be good to have a swimming pool. Beedee is good but expensive for a day pass for just one hour of swimming	3/3/2023 2:21 AM
57	The sandbox at Rideout has not been refilled in the entire time we've lived in town. There are six swings, but only one is for babies and toddlers. There is always a wait for the one swing while all the others remain empty. The structure itself is not cleaned and rodents live in the debris under the structure.	3/2/2023 8:52 PM
58	Bike path should be wider to accommodate traffic, it is very hazardous to bike there with all the pedestrians. Perhaps one lane for bikes and one lane for pedestrians would be safer. I think all parks I used (Emerson, Cousins, and Rideout) do not have sufficient seating. I would strongly advocate for the creation of fenced-in dog parks at Emerson, Cousins, and Rideout. Fenced-in dog parks are a wonderful resource for all dogs, they can be the center of social interactions for the humans, and the fact that Concord does not have one is a shame. Every weekend I drive to the wonderful, wonderful park Maynard has and wonder where my taxes go.	3/2/2023 8:14 PM
59	I don't visit these, but the computer makes me choose an answer. Poor survey design.	3/2/2023 1:54 PM
60	Indoor basketball courts need some updating	3/2/2023 1:06 PM
61	Tennis courts at rideout and willard need to be resurfaced and updated. The HS courts shoild be available for use to residents.	3/1/2023 10:10 PM

62	Playgrounds could benefit from updating or creating new space for younger children	3/1/2023 6:54 PM
63	the track is very crowded in the spring. too many school rely on the track at Emerson field.	3/1/2023 4:53 PM
64	No splash pad, too few playgrounds	3/1/2023 2:04 PM
65	It often feels like the Rideout facilities are not as well maintained as the ones at Emerson (i.e bball nets that don't let the ball through, cracks in the tennis courts). But overall the facilities are great and we're lucky to have them.	3/1/2023 1:27 PM
66	I often pick up trash and recyclables on the track and throw them away in the Hunt Center trash barrels. This is a small thing and as an active user of the Town's rec facilities, I'm happy to pitch in!	3/1/2023 12:50 PM
67	Tennis courts at Rideout need resurfacing	3/1/2023 12:34 PM
68	Hunt recreation basketball court could use an upgrade. The playgrounds are great.	3/1/2023 12:08 PM
69	Tennis courts and basketball courts at rideoud need work. White Pond is frequently closed due to algae and the way to communicate about closures and health risks is not efficient. No drop-in spaces for kids to shoot hoops in the winter. No longer have the ice rink at Emerson. Pool at Emerson was closed last summer during camp. Shortage of lifeguards at Bedee means pools close.	3/1/2023 11:57 AM
70	Hunt gym needs some renovation. Also more indoor facilities needed	3/1/2023 11:37 AM
71	I play adult co-ed volleyball at the Hunt gym. The gym is outdated and the building itself could use an upgrade. The lighting in the gym is not the right type for the room it is in, the lights are hit with balls constantly, they are too low and are are swinging pendulums after they are hit. One of them is currently being held together by a zip tie it looks like. We are all nervous one will fall down on us one day. The ceiling is generally very low as well. Also, there is nowhere to be on the 2nd floor of that building without being actually inside the gym, so it's a weird layout. The volleyball equipment itself is pretty bad, net is saggy and pads for the poles to not attach to the poles. There have been times where we have to use a ratchet strap attached to a pole and the wall to keep the net upright, which creates a dangerous situation if someone were to run into it. Additionally, the parking lot is very poorly lit, it makes me nervous to go out to my car after our games (we finish at 10PM). Positives about the Hunt building - I like the exterior, it is quaint and historical. Also the large oak tree out front is nice, and provides a lot of acorns, please do not disturb this tree. Additionally, the women's locker room is nice.	3/1/2023 10:45 AM
72	Poor for Pickleball which is the fastest grow sport and should be offered for children.	3/1/2023 10:31 AM
73	Rideout tennis courts need resurfacing and night lights	3/1/2023 10:08 AM
74	HVAC is not ideal in the summer (in the rec center gym)	3/1/2023 10:03 AM
75	I have heard comments from opposing teams regarding how nice our fields are	3/1/2023 10:03 AM
76	Sidewalks around the fields and playground are horrible. The fence is ugly. Lighting is horrible. Lightsacaping is fairly nonexistent and what’s there is not kept well. How about some pretty flowers? Sidewalks that can actually be used (make them flat and paved). The playground itself is fine but nothing special.	3/1/2023 10:02 AM
77	Some could use updating or some new features	3/1/2023 9:59 AM
78	The changing rooms at the Beede Pool really need some TLC	3/1/2023 9:54 AM
79	The West Concord outdoor sport courts could be improved. The basketball backboards are not standard size, nets are too small to fit a standard size basketball and the tennis courts have cracks in the ground.	3/1/2023 9:53 AM
80	Tennis courts at Rideout need to be resurfaced	2/28/2023 9:49 PM
81	Playgrounds need a major update, would live a fenced in field for dogs to run around and play without risk of running off	2/27/2023 8:47 PM
82	Better bike/pedestrian infrastructure so folks can get to Rec facilities without a car	2/27/2023 8:45 PM
83	does this include the BeDee pool and other such facilities ? What about Warner Pond and new but not open facilities there ?	2/27/2023 4:07 PM

84	More engaging playgrounds for all ages	2/27/2023 11:23 AM
85	We don’t have enough active recreation sites. The ones we do have lack amenities such as spectator coverings to protect from sun or rain. Most lack accessible restrooms. Mostly though we just don’t have enough facilities.	2/27/2023 8:53 AM
86	There are barely any playgrounds the town can boast about.	2/24/2023 12:20 PM
87	It would be nice to see more lighting in the parks so they could be used longer in the evenings during the cooler weather	2/24/2023 12:05 PM
88	Admittedly haven't been over recently, but as of about a year ago I remember thinking that the tennis courts at rideout could be better maintained. Maybe there were cracks in the pavement or the courts needed to be resurfaced when I was using them.	2/24/2023 10:50 AM
89	condition itself is good but i'd say adequacy is fair as far as playground are concerned	2/24/2023 10:48 AM
90	I have only used Rideout. Courts need attention	2/24/2023 9:25 AM
91	Rideout restrooms are so - so and small amount of tennis courts isn’t too reliable in terms of getting a spot	2/23/2023 10:39 AM
92	The only one I use is Rideout tennis courts, which are in terrible shape.	2/22/2023 6:09 PM
93	There are lot of cracks on the surface of Rideout Park pickleball courts.	2/19/2023 10:36 PM
94	Tennis courts at ride out are dangerously in bad shape. Bad cracks	2/17/2023 7:53 PM
95	Pickleball courts are in poor shape.	2/17/2023 6:42 PM
96	Basketball courts could be updated (resurfaced and new hoops). Perhaps add additional outdoor courts for town use. Baseball fields could also be freshened up. Perhaps the town could consider outdoor public paddle courts for winter month programming (and they could be another revenue source).	2/17/2023 4:26 PM
97	Beede center locker rooms, bathroom. It is not old enough to be like that.	2/17/2023 11:43 AM
98	pool closed frequently, hunt gym needs updating	2/17/2023 9:12 AM
99	Besides the facilities at CCHS, indoor facilities are old and run down. Many of the soccer fields are not specifically designed as sports fields, rather mowed mostly level fields. The town needs more artificial turf facilities. For example Winchester's town-owned indoor soccer facility is impressive.	2/17/2023 7:48 AM
100	Rust. Old buildings	2/16/2023 2:43 PM
101	Rideout Park pickleball courts have large cracks and uneven surface so need repair. Large group play daily. Thank you	2/16/2023 10:49 AM
102	Hunt recreation center is an outdated building, and locker rooms in particular could use updating.	2/16/2023 10:36 AM
103	Many courts in poor shape.	2/16/2023 10:06 AM

Q6 How would you rate the overall physical condition of passive recreation facilities (trails for walking, picnic areas, etc.) at Town-owned sites that you've visited?

Answered: 466 Skipped: 101



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Poor	1.29%	6
Fair	8.58%	40
Good	68.45%	319
Excellent	21.67%	101
TOTAL		466

#	IF YOU ANSWERED "POOR" OR "FAIR" TO THIS QUESTION, THEN PLEASE EXPLAIN.	DATE
1	The town needs safe biking paths throughout. There are too many roads that have no designated bike lanes that make cycling stressful and hazardous. We need this not only for recreation, but to reduce the number of cars on the road and associated emissions. For example our family uses the Bruce Freeman trail to bike into West Concord for lunch and errands. We'd love a safe path to downtown Concord, but roads like Old Road to Nine Acre Corner and Sudbury Rd are treacherous for cyclists.	4/16/2023 8:40 AM
2	Can't really comment knowledgeably.	4/15/2023 10:25 AM
3	They are very nice except when people leave dog poop bags on the trail...	4/14/2023 3:53 PM
4	State of passive rec facilities varies widely. Great for Emerson; Terrible for Westvale / Warners/Baker Ave	4/14/2023 3:18 PM
5	Better policing of cross walks.	4/14/2023 12:34 PM
6	Lack of sidewalks makes access difficult; lack of trails for walking along waterways makes	4/13/2023 4:15 PM

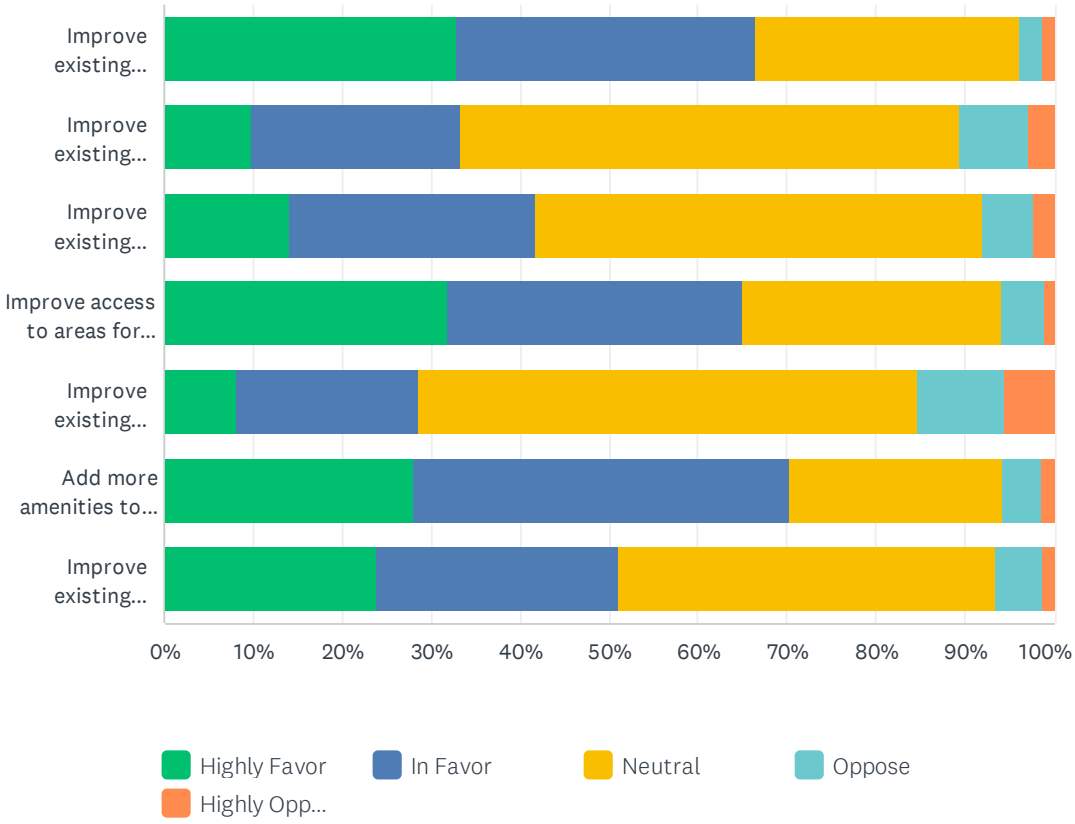
	access difficult.	
7	Fence and gates around track at Emerson field are in poor condition. Drinking fountain drain broken.	4/11/2023 3:18 PM
8	Again dogs, especially off leash and their pee and poop	4/11/2023 3:36 AM
9	Some walking trails have litter and dog poop bags trail side	4/9/2023 12:10 AM
10	I've found trash and glass along trails and on fields, as well as dog poop.	4/3/2023 12:38 PM
11	Roadways for road cycling and mountain bike options on trails are possible, but unmarked, and in the case of roadways, shared with drivers who don't always pay attention. This makes cycling dangerous for everyone.	3/29/2023 2:01 PM
12	We would love to see Concord to be much more bike friendly. Aside from the rail trail, it’s hard to bike around town, particularly with small children.	3/24/2023 2:22 PM
13	I was almost hit by an automobile when I turned left off Sudbury Rd on my Bicycle	3/22/2023 11:21 AM
14	Some trails are in a poor state - trails become untraversable in wet periods. Trails in Hapgood Wright woods, and the Reformatory Branch, are in particular need of attention.	3/20/2023 9:29 AM
15	We are fortunate here in Concord.	3/16/2023 3:45 PM
16	Suggest paths at Rideout be widened and repaired where asphalt is broken or heaved by tree roots. Request otherwise wonderful Rideout walking paths be made ADA-compliant like Emerson's. Suggest also that dead wood be pruned from overhanging trees. Many senior citizens, some with canes or walkers, value the opportunity to walk there! Please keep up wonderful snow removal we appreciated recently! Thank you!	3/15/2023 9:25 PM
17	No picnic areas. Not aware of trails that are managed through concord rec.	3/14/2023 8:51 AM
18	Trails could be water dams to prevent erosion - e.g. Punkatasset on NE hill after NE gate.	3/9/2023 11:40 AM
19	No bike paths for kids or older cyclists.	3/8/2023 8:20 PM
20	Some trails could be better designed/maintained and more trails would be nice	3/8/2023 7:50 PM
21	Also unkempt, doesn't seem like anyone cares to maintain them.	3/8/2023 3:40 PM
22	Cannot speak to passive recreation facilities.	3/8/2023 2:11 PM
23	Again, due to the dog situation, you can’t get a grade above fair. For example, the play ground for children is nice but it is spoiled for both children and adults by dogs which knock down and scare the children. And, steal their food. This is not fair to the users and could also be a safety problem for the children. What is the reaction supposed to be a dog aggressively charging a young child? ‘Freedom for dogs is good?’ I hope not.	3/7/2023 8:27 AM
24	Need for more walking areas that are clear and safe.	3/7/2023 6:37 AM
25	Not clear what is available besides outdoor track and playground for children	3/6/2023 8:36 PM
26	Not enough garbage dispensers, public seating area/park non-existent in town center - would be nice to encourage outdoor picnicking and eating outdoors more	3/6/2023 6:41 PM
27	Not enough benches and lounging areas at Emerson. I have to bring my own chair to watch birds. And I’m old.	3/6/2023 4:11 PM
28	I would support s dedicated dog park because both Emerson and Rideout have at times negatively impacted my experience due to dogs	3/6/2023 3:12 PM
29	More and better trails. More advertising to know where concord lands and trails are	3/6/2023 8:10 AM
30	Unpaved bike trails are in poor condition. Need to be paved.	3/5/2023 1:38 PM
31	Please add signs that ask people to keep dogs off/away from play structures as some kids are afraid of dogs and dog owners don't respect that.	3/5/2023 9:38 AM
32	We are excited to see the new space develop at Warner's Pond. It would be lovely to see a fenced dog park at Emerson and/or Rideout, since many residents already use these spaces	3/4/2023 7:28 PM

	for dog meet ups. A fenced-in area would avoid dogs straying and bothering those who are dog-averse.	
33	Emerson field walkway floods and there are random holes and missing grass around the park; The town of Concord has not been planting as many shade trees beside town roads as have been lost over the last 20 years, which means that taking walks around Concord is much less pleasant in the warm weather.	3/4/2023 1:28 PM
34	same reasons as above, especially lack of bathroom facilities and trash availability	3/3/2023 7:35 AM
35	There have been a lot of improvements in the recent years to the paths, picnic tables but there is still the more pra tical, water fountains and restrooms areas to improve. We enjoy all the different sites and use them a lot.	3/2/2023 7:52 AM
36	Lack of maintenance to walking trails and limited picnic/seating options at parks and playgrounds	3/1/2023 8:49 PM
37	The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail does not have a wide enough non paved path along either side for people who have joint issues and benefit from a softer surface for walking or running. The non paved area needs to at least be maintained even in its current thin form.	3/1/2023 3:47 PM
38	I'd love to see more trash barrels so people wouldn't leave poop bags or other kind of trash along the way. There is not a single trash can Freeman trail in West Concord (direction to Sudbury).	3/1/2023 2:00 PM
39	The poor rating is only in reference to Cousins Field along the waterfront. Whites Pond is lovely. Mattison Field (sp?) is very nice, if sometimes over grown. I love hiking the October Farm trails and the Fairhaven Bay trails too. Most of Concord's trails and fields are well maintained.	3/1/2023 12:33 PM
40	Having read the strategic plan from 2014, I understand the conservation land does not count as "rec" facilities. I think Concord can get by having "rec spaces" that are not terrific, in part because we have spaces like Walden and hiking trails near by.	3/1/2023 11:57 AM
41	I don’t know any of the picnic areas.	3/1/2023 10:35 AM
42	Poor landscaping. Could use more benches, pretty water foundations and other attractions like decorative water features etc.	3/1/2023 10:02 AM
43	Some could use updating or some new features	3/1/2023 9:59 AM
44	Better accessibility for mobility assisted folks. More benches. Bike racks.	2/27/2023 8:45 PM
45	Reformatory Branch trail often unacceptably muddy in parts.	2/27/2023 7:00 PM
46	Why do you define "trails for walking" as opposed to any other uses? The trail system is poor for cycling.	2/27/2023 6:01 PM
47	Passive such as Ride Out Park etc. seem to be in good shape	2/27/2023 4:07 PM
48	There are differences among all the sites	2/27/2023 2:01 PM
49	Lots of invasive plants everywhere	2/26/2023 8:07 AM
50	they can be improved! For example, Cousin's Field does'nt have enough shade trees, benches or tables.	2/24/2023 8:08 PM
51	Love the rail trail	2/24/2023 9:25 AM
52	The White Pond Area could be drastically improved - every year the algae bloom ruins the ability to use it safely.	2/23/2023 11:40 AM
53	Doable but can be better. We can make our trails, like Old Rifle Range, as good as other trails in the area, like Mt Misery trail in Lincoln.	2/22/2023 9:52 PM
54	Not well maintained (see my previous comment), specifically trails (and sidewalks) in West Concord. They're not accessible to people with disabilities. It's like everything has been abandoned for 30 years or waiting for volunteers to do the work. Main Street throughout the entire town is wide enough for bike lanes but they don't exist. Speeding trucks and reckless driving make it very unsafe for cyclists of all ages, they have to use the sidewalks which are hazardous as well.	2/22/2023 1:04 PM

55	Need better trail upkeep in some woods like the white pond woods	2/18/2023 4:01 PM

Q7 Do you think the Town of Concord should consider additional resources for the following existing recreation facilities/items at current Town-owned sites?

Answered: 471 Skipped: 96



	HIGHLY FAVOR	IN FAVOR	NEUTRAL	OPPOSE	HIGHLY OPPOSE	TOTAL
Improve existing walking and biking trails.	32.97% 152	33.41% 154	29.72% 137	2.60% 12	1.30% 6	461
Improve existing athletic fields and diamonds.	9.73% 44	23.67% 107	55.97% 253	7.74% 35	2.88% 13	452
Improve existing outdoor sport courts and track.	14.07% 64	27.69% 126	50.33% 229	5.71% 26	2.20% 10	455
Improve access to areas for swimming, fishing, and boating.	31.97% 148	33.05% 153	29.16% 135	4.75% 22	1.08% 5	463
Improve existing skateboard park to include use of other extreme sports activities (BMX, parkour, etc.)	8.20% 37	20.40% 92	56.10% 253	9.76% 44	5.54% 25	451
Add more amenities to existing facilities (pavilion, restrooms, seating, signage/wayfinding, water fountains, etc.)	27.98% 129	42.30% 195	24.08% 111	4.12% 19	1.52% 7	461
Improve existing children's playgrounds.	24.01% 109	27.09% 123	42.29% 192	5.29% 24	1.32% 6	454

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE

1	I'd like to see fishing be phased out. It's one of the more environmentally destructive activities. Fishers leave hooks and synthetic lures behind and done practice open defamation in the nearby woods. My dog has eaten human poop near fishing spots on a number of occasions. It's disgusting. Additionally we are in the midst of a planetary extinction crisis. Our ponds, rivers, and freshwater species are stressed enough. Let's leave their populations alone.	4/16/2023 8:40 AM
2	Need more pickleball and volleyball courts both indoors and outdoors. Also, Hunt Gym needs AC!	4/14/2023 3:53 PM
3	Hand-written scanned survey with the comments: Remove articfial turf first! Where is this? (in reference to skateboard park); not clear which facilities (with regard to add more amenities to existing facilities)	4/14/2023 3:18 PM
4	Increased access to restrooms	4/14/2023 12:40 PM
5	My kids are 4 and 8 the playgrounds are great. No real need to improve.	4/13/2023 9:51 PM
6	Windbreaks for the courts at Ride Out would be hugely helpful.	4/13/2023 7:38 PM
7	Use our resources to protect and maintain what we have	4/13/2023 6:50 PM
8	Please put more trash and recycling at parks and playgrounds.	4/13/2023 6:15 PM
9	More swingsets, add splash pad at rideout	4/13/2023 5:14 PM
10	Enthusiastic user of White Pond for swimming but surveys NEVER MENTION IT!!!!	4/13/2023 5:09 PM
11	Warner Pond!	4/13/2023 4:49 PM
12	NEW FITNESS EQUIPMENT!	4/13/2023 4:40 PM
13	All season drinking fountain like at Arlington High School football field, Emerson Field etc.	4/11/2023 3:18 PM
14	Need to create climbing play area and structure for 3rd-6th,7th and 8th graders	4/8/2023 2:40 PM
15	Splash pads	3/31/2023 8:45 PM
16	Think outside the box please. Question 8 doesn't make any sense. The majority of trails are not even listed.	3/29/2023 2:01 PM
17	The Beede center really isn't family friendly at all. The bulk of the access and programming is geared towards adults and the Otters swim team. It's hard to get a swimming lesson spot, the pools are pretty cold and use of the slightly warmer therapy pool is limited for families.	3/24/2023 2:22 PM
18	Please add Pickleball courts at Emerson and/or Ripley, plus bathroom facilities. I'd also love to see an outdoor volleyball court for all residents to use at Emerson (maybe with signup sheets).	3/22/2023 11:29 AM
19	Install signs telling cars to watch for bikes	3/22/2023 11:21 AM
20	more benches for the elderly and disabled folks	3/18/2023 9:04 AM
21	Dogs are a problem for pedestrians at Emerson and Rideout. No matter how wonderful the dogs are, many people, especially senior citizens, are put off by dogs running up to them, unhindered by their owners. Request Town consider ways to keep ADA-compliant walkways free for those who rely on them! Dogs and their owners have ACRES of beautiful grounds for their use. Walkers have one path. Would the Town consider providing a nice large fenced-in area for the dogs and their owners? Also, could the picnic tables be separated from the dog areas? Dogs pee against the picnic tables, and some owners let their dogs sit on the tables. Just not sanitary.	3/15/2023 9:25 PM
22	During Covid, many took walks, were outdoors. This brought about conversation, a sense of community. Perhaps Concord Recreation already has building community as part of what they do. If so, great! But can more be done? I think strong community/communities is important to health of all who reside here. And could use some work.	3/11/2023 7:52 AM
23	Please consider new walking and biking trails! Including connectors between low-traffic roads, such as the sidewalk between Paul Revere Road and Mattison Drive. Connectors such as this opens up safer pathways for non-motorized traffic to get around town.	3/8/2023 11:26 PM
24	Please include tennis/pickle ball courts at Ride Out. It has been in bad shape for a long time.	3/8/2023 9:27 PM
25	Dog park and cycle paths	3/8/2023 8:20 PM

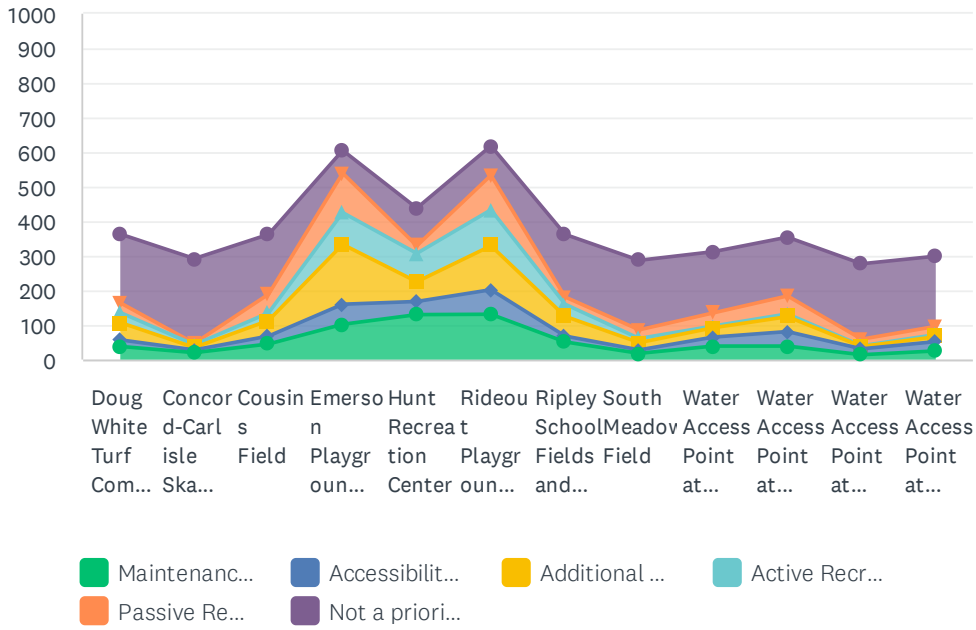
26	Biking and walking are entirely different activities and are lumped together in this question.	3/8/2023 7:50 PM
27	Cannot speak to most of these facilities.	3/8/2023 2:11 PM
28	Add a disc golf course	3/8/2023 9:05 AM
29	Make Beede more member friendly	3/7/2023 7:38 PM
30	Specifically west concord, most funds seem to get diverted to Emerson and other side of concord projects.	3/7/2023 12:59 PM
31	Controlling or eliminating the presence of dogs.	3/7/2023 8:27 AM
32	The playground at Emerson Field is in good condition the problem is dogs run into the playground and frighten children. My three year old granddaughter was recently jumped on by a large collie and knocked over. She has had dogs nipping at her heels while in the swing. The owners don’t think it is a big deal. Dogs should be on leash.	3/7/2023 7:52 AM
33	Fix up the broken parts of the playground at Rideout and Emerson	3/6/2023 10:19 PM
34	Senior friendly spaces	3/6/2023 8:35 PM
35	Stop making Emerson field a huge park for dogs	3/6/2023 7:30 PM
36	Picnic tables in more locations would be great.	3/6/2023 3:34 PM
37	More indoor and outdoor Pickleball courts	3/6/2023 3:33 PM
38	Add a new outdoor pool to be comparable to surrounding towns like Lincoln and Lexington	3/6/2023 3:19 PM
39	improve management of the Beede Center	3/6/2023 2:36 PM
40	There are a shockingly low number of playgrounds and ZERO splash pads for such a community-oriented town	3/6/2023 2:20 PM
41	Access to a pool/ swimming would be great. Adding trash cans/ recycling to playgrounds would also be nice.	3/5/2023 8:46 PM
42	Playgrounds have recently been updated.	3/5/2023 7:20 AM
43	Adding White Pond to the town has been a great asset. A dirt bike track, parkour or other "older child" activity would be great to see!	3/4/2023 7:28 PM
44	Get rid of all artificial turf and replace with real grass. Never make that mistake again.	3/3/2023 11:01 AM
45	Add more baby swings at rideout. There is only 1	3/3/2023 2:21 AM
46	The resurfacing of the Emerson playground was a disaster. The combination of sand and the solid rubber surface is a serious risk to kids who run (all of them) on the playground. This needs to be fixed ASAP. As kids turn the corner around the fake rocks they slip continually and risk major head trauma. The old wood chips allowed the sand to filter down and not create the hazard. Terrible idea to resurface. Need a solution.	3/2/2023 2:44 PM
47	I'm a little concerned about the town's idea of 'improve' when it comes to natural spaces based on what's happened at White Pond. I'd like to see more trees (for shade) at Emerson playground. I'm opposed to picnic pavilions, pavement, etc in natural spaces. We have playgrounds for that.	3/1/2023 11:50 PM
48	Splash pad/ park! Also a playground not attached to a school or rec center so it could be used by people at any time of day.	3/1/2023 7:46 PM
49	skatepark is a CCHS service	3/1/2023 7:18 PM
50	Signage, wayfinding, and communication in general can be improved. I recently moved to Concord and getting started with Concord Rec was difficult - it's as though things are made for people who already know where they're going. What about someone encountering things for the first time?	3/1/2023 6:17 PM
51	more baby swings	3/1/2023 3:52 PM
52	The facilities are fine. Do not spend more taxpayer money.	3/1/2023 3:22 PM

53	Out door concerts in Spring/Summer at Hunt Recreation, Splash pad at Hunt	3/1/2023 2:04 PM
54	We need a real town pool!	3/1/2023 1:32 PM
55	restrooms at Emerson playground would be great. Splash pad at either playground would be great. More shade at Rideout would be great.	3/1/2023 1:23 PM
56	As much access to nature appreciated for all ages!	3/1/2023 12:58 PM
57	Shaded Playgrounds, sitting areas. Designated dog areas/parks, dogs tend to overrun parks	3/1/2023 12:58 PM
58	Add outdoor pickleball courts.	3/1/2023 12:50 PM
59	More events at Bedee that are open to the public and don't require membership. More trash receptacles at parks. Cleaner bathroom facilities at Rideout. Easier access for boating on river.	3/1/2023 11:57 AM
60	Concord needs an additional multisport indoor space, aside from Hunt	3/1/2023 11:37 AM
61	Add more space for indoor multi-use kids activities in West Concord.	3/1/2023 11:18 AM
62	specifically improve the softball fields at Emerson, Alcott field, and more playground features for older kids	3/1/2023 10:59 AM
63	Improve indoor recreation facilities, specifically the Hunt gym.	3/1/2023 10:45 AM
64	Improving roads and sidewalks for biking and walking would be nice. I live in West Concord and riding my bike to the Beede Center across Rt. 2 involves using roads that are rough and do not have bike lanes marked. Overall the town's streets are not friendly to bicycles.	3/1/2023 10:34 AM
65	Re-assess accessibility in all Rec facilities	3/1/2023 10:09 AM
66	I think an additional summer splashpad area would be great at the playgrounds.	3/1/2023 9:52 AM
67	I would like to see additional activity facilities like bocce courts, outdoor volleyball courts,	3/1/2023 9:52 AM
68	Adding more playground equipment that favors older elementary and middle school age kids.	3/1/2023 9:48 AM
69	Ice rink!	3/1/2023 9:47 AM
70	Additional rest room facilities in West Concord (near the rail trail) would be nice - I realize the RTT is not a rec. facility	2/28/2023 6:33 PM
71	It would be great to have bike lanes throughout Town, at least connecting major trail systems (i.e. Bruce Freeman to Reformatory Branch)	2/27/2023 7:33 PM
72	"Extreme" sports are normal for a lot of people. Many adjacent towns are building and maintaining existing trails specifically for mountain biking.	2/27/2023 6:01 PM
73	ice rink	2/27/2023 4:38 PM
74	Build public ice rink, for use of town teams and CCHS	2/27/2023 4:28 PM
75	get Bedee cost under control. It's just a less expensive Thoreau Club now with fewer features.	2/27/2023 4:07 PM
76	Add more play gorund. Make the programs more affordable .Have well trained swimming trainers who are not afraid to get into the pool to teach younger kids instead of providing direction standing outside.	2/24/2023 12:20 PM
77	please test turf fields at CCHS for pfas as many places are now restricting turf due to discovered pfas	2/24/2023 10:48 AM
78	White pond facilities and algae reduction.	2/23/2023 11:40 AM
79	Beede needs improvement	2/23/2023 10:25 AM
80	put in back boards at tennis courts.	2/23/2023 10:15 AM
81	In favor of improvements TOWN WIDE not just in areas of affluence, near town hall or for the tourists. "Lower income" parts of town look completely abandoned.	2/22/2023 1:04 PM
82	A bathroom at Emerson that is open even when the Hunt Building is closed would be great.	2/21/2023 4:15 PM
83	There are many pickleball players in concord, we do need additional pickleball courts!	2/19/2023 10:36 PM

84	More places to Mountain biking	2/18/2023 4:01 PM
85	Mountain bike track (like the illegal track by the Bruce Freeman and Powdermill Rd, but legal)	2/17/2023 8:09 PM
86	Improve PickleBall facilities, seniors are very into this. Fix courts, create more courts, put wind guides u and lighting	2/17/2023 7:53 PM
87	If you consider the Rec facilities for children available at the schools, we have enough.	2/17/2023 12:35 PM
88	improve indoor swim facilities and add splash pad	2/17/2023 11:43 AM
89	More water friendly activities (spray park, fountains);	2/16/2023 12:26 PM

Q8 Please identify what three (3) Town of Concord recreation facilities you/your household most frequently visit and then identify what needs to be improved at those sites (check all that apply).

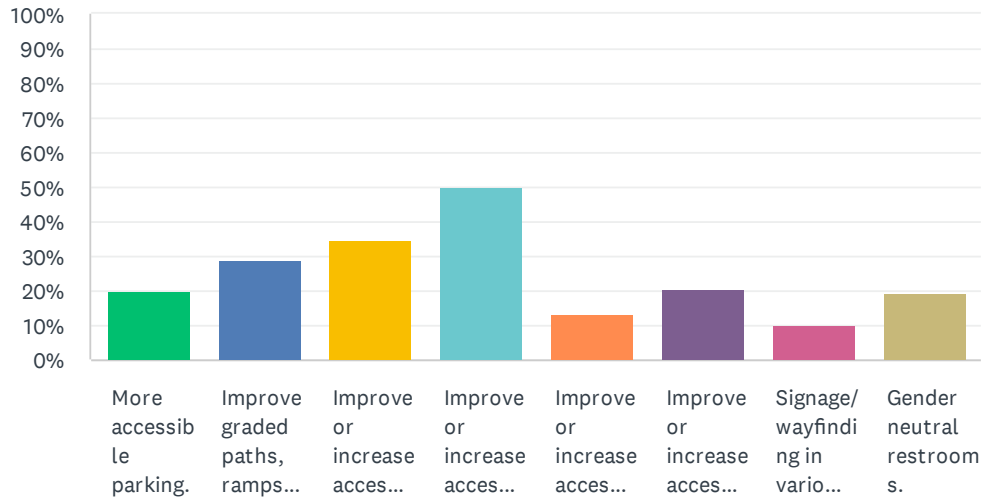
Answered: 464 Skipped: 103



	MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP (OF GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS)	ACCESSIBILITY (PATHWAYS, CURB CUTS, LIGHTING, YEAR-ROUND ACCESS, TIMES AVAILABLE FOR USE, ETC.)	ADDITIONAL AMENITIES (PAVILION, RESTROOMS, SIGNAGE/WAYFINDING, WATER FOUNTAINS, SEATING, ETC.)	ACTIVE RECREATION AMENITIES (SPORT COURTS AND ATHLETIC FIELDS)	PASSIVE RECREATION AMENITIES (TRAILS, SHADE, SEATING)	NOT A PRIORITY SITE FOR ME/MY HOUSEHOLD
Doug White Turf Complex at Concord-Carlisle High School (CCHS)	12.54% 38	6.27% 19	16.50% 50	9.57% 29	9.24% 28	65.68% 199
Concord-Carlisle Skate Park	7.25% 20	2.90% 8	2.54% 7	2.90% 8	1.45% 4	88.77% 245
Cousins Field	15.85% 45	8.10% 23	15.85% 45	7.75% 22	19.01% 54	60.92% 173
Emerson Playground and Park	27.06% 102	15.38% 58	45.89% 173	24.40% 92	30.24% 114	17.51% 66
Hunt Recreation Center	41.80% 130	12.22% 38	18.33% 57	26.37% 82	7.07% 22	35.05% 109
Rideout Playground and Park	35.99% 131	19.51% 71	34.89% 127	28.57% 104	27.47% 100	23.35% 85
Ripley School Fields and Gymnasium	18.28% 51	6.09% 17	20.43% 57	12.54% 35	7.53% 21	64.87% 181
South Meadow Field	7.14% 18	3.97% 10	8.33% 21	4.76% 12	9.92% 25	79.76% 201
Water Access Point at Lowell Road	14.61% 39	9.74% 26	10.11% 27	1.87% 5	14.23% 38	66.29% 177
Water Access Point at Warner's Pond	14.55% 39	15.67% 42	16.04% 43	2.99% 8	19.40% 52	63.43% 170
Water Access Point at Westvale Meadow	5.49% 14	6.67% 17	2.75% 7	0.78% 2	7.45% 19	85.49% 218
Water Access Point at Baker Avenue	9.69% 25	10.47% 27	5.43% 14	2.33% 6	9.30% 24	78.68% 203

Q9 Concord strives to be welcoming and inclusive to people of all abilities and backgrounds. What elements do you feel need improvement in order to achieve this goal?

Answered: 437 Skipped: 130



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More accessible parking.	20.14%	88
Improve graded paths, ramps, and curb cuts.	28.83%	126
Improve or increase accessible seating/picnic tables.	34.55%	151
Improve or increase accessible restrooms.	50.11%	219
Improve or increase accessible spectator facilities.	13.27%	58
Improve or increase accessible playground features.	20.59%	90
Signage/wayfinding in various languages/braille.	10.07%	44
Gender neutral restrooms.	19.68%	86
Total Respondents: 437		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	For parks and playgrounds, offering a lit pathway for evening walks would be a nice addition.	4/16/2023 8:40 AM
2	None	4/14/2023 12:07 PM
3	At playgrounds and areas that attract young children, it would be great to have designated parking for “Expectant Mothers.” They added this at Carlisle Castle and it is very considerate of the clientele.	4/13/2023 8:10 PM
4	The handrails at beede are not accesible to children. Ones like at Discovery Museum and Debs should be installed	4/13/2023 5:14 PM
5	All of the above but most sites very good	4/13/2023 5:09 PM
6	Affordability of any and all programs/updated financial aid	4/13/2023 4:24 PM

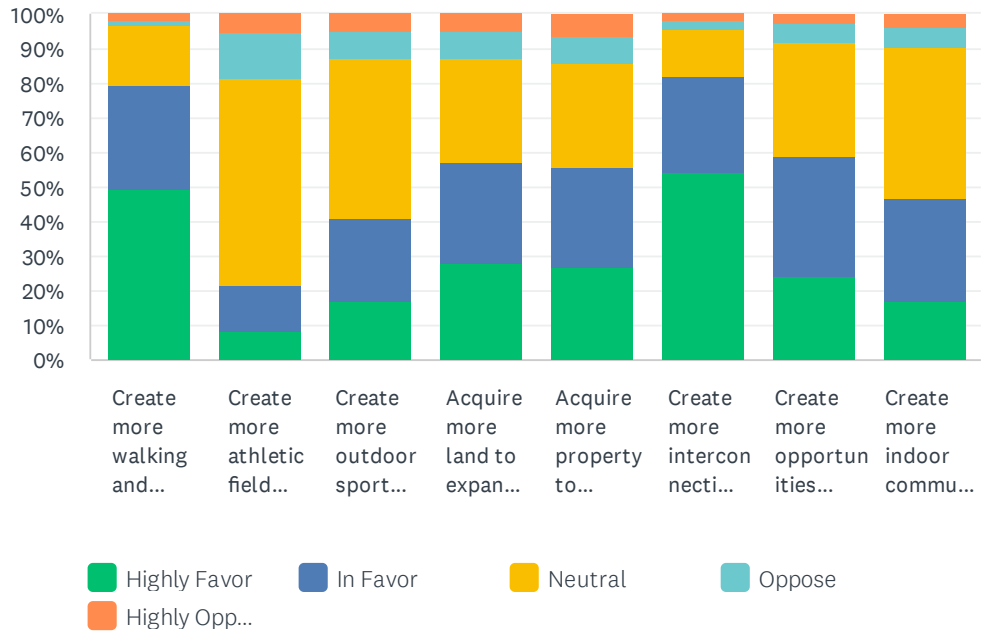
7	No signage at the main gate to the track near the Flag Pole and softball/baseball fields. All other entrances , which are seldom used, have signs stating rules and etiquette use to keep pets, bikes, carriages, etc. off the track.	4/13/2023 4:13 PM
8	Out reach to elder neighbors near Hunt Gym and Emerson Field Area	4/11/2023 3:36 AM
9	Stop it with this nonsense	4/6/2023 7:10 AM
10	remove glass and trash.	4/3/2023 12:38 PM
11	No comment	4/2/2023 5:44 PM
12	Please keep up the Beede Pool improvements, including heat & hot water	3/31/2023 7:08 PM
13	more parking for all	3/22/2023 11:26 AM
14	Increase safety for bicyclists on roads	3/22/2023 11:21 AM
15	I'm not sure of any of these	3/20/2023 9:29 AM
16	Free options for water play during the hot summer months--splash pads or community pools with guest options. Swimming and water play in Concord is expensive and therefore exclusive, and the Beede is not family friendly for families with children learning to swim.	3/16/2023 1:26 PM
17	Can the accessible walking paths be protected from loose dogs either by a fence or by specifying an area within the park that would be fenced for dogs to be allowed to run freely (while outside such an area dogs would have to be leashed. presently dogs frequently run up and jump on people walking the paths, which can be dangerous to an older person and defeats the purpose of accessibility.	3/15/2023 8:36 PM
18	NA	3/14/2023 2:18 PM
19	I have few limitations and therefore I don't see problems. You might want to ask people with more limitations what they think.	3/11/2023 10:25 AM
20	None	3/9/2023 5:09 AM
21	(there wasn't a textbox for Q8- my feedback is that question 8 is very hard to parse. What if you visit a site frequently and think it's fine as-is? What if there's a site you visit less frequently b/c you think it needs work?	3/8/2023 11:26 PM
22	Keeping the ramps, paths and access areas clear - often blocked or badly maintained.	3/8/2023 3:40 PM
23	This survey is very programmed to focus on children & sports fields.	3/7/2023 9:47 AM
24	Not a single question about dogs. These facilities should not be for dogs. We need a dedicated dog play ground. Furthermore, cleanup of dog poop by public employees is not fair to the employees and it’s a health hazard.	3/7/2023 8:27 AM
25	The Hunt Gym has bathroom facilities. We don't need porta potties or more clutter on Emerson Field.	3/7/2023 7:52 AM
26	nothing else	3/6/2023 8:01 PM
27	They are not used enough to warrant any of the above	3/6/2023 7:30 PM
28	The music at Beede is loud in the pool area and this poses difficulties for people who are living with hearing loss. The music is unnecessary and comprises safety because it is difficult to hear the lifeguards over the music. The music, from a music service, contributes to a sexualized culture focused on the power and pleasure of boys and men. Although this is not intentional, the continuing presence of this music makes the space less welcoming or unwelcoming to people who do not way to be judged by the sexual attractiveness of their bodies. There's nothing wrong with music in the exercise areas, but music with sexualized lyrics is not welcoming to all and is inappropriate for children. (In my own life, I became aware of the non-inclusive nature of pop music lyrics in 7th grade.) The choice of music is the responsibility of the Rec Department because they are in control of turning it on or off.	3/6/2023 6:20 PM
29	The number of dogs at Emerson Playground make it difficult to play with small children	3/6/2023 4:57 PM
30	i think you're doing great already!	3/6/2023 4:11 PM
31	Actually, I have no opinion on any of the above. I checked the first box so that I could advance	3/6/2023 3:34 PM

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32	more indoor exercise classes	3/6/2023 2:42 PM
33	Nice job on new Emerson accessible parking and ramp. I never imagined needing, but after recent health issue it was wonderful.	3/5/2023 10:25 AM
34	I don't have an opinion on this, but I had to check a box	3/4/2023 4:25 PM
35	More access to people who have dogs and want to give them the opportunity to be dogs. That means being able to run off leash!	3/2/2023 1:54 PM
36	lighting for summer nights!	3/2/2023 9:49 AM
37	I think they are fine as they are	3/2/2023 8:54 AM
38	None but had to answer something. Bad question design	3/2/2023 7:23 AM
39	My answer is 'other', but this survey forced me to check something, so I checked seating. Please ignore. I don't have any recent relevant experience. The issues I remember with stroller access at Emerson playground have been addressed I think.	3/1/2023 11:50 PM
40	Keep bathrooms open year round	3/1/2023 10:10 PM
41	not convinced we need more investments	3/1/2023 7:18 PM
42	lighting	3/1/2023 6:17 PM
43	n/a	3/1/2023 4:53 PM
44	Not qualified to reply.	3/1/2023 3:47 PM
45	No changes are needed. Don't unnecessarily spend taxpayer money.	3/1/2023 3:22 PM
46	More fencing to keep dogs from traversing into children’s play areas. Love the dogs! Need them to stay out of playground sandbox!	3/1/2023 1:54 PM
47	Learn to swim programs that are finacially and physically accessible.	3/1/2023 1:32 PM
48	I appreciate the paved paths that you've added to Rideout and Emerson	3/1/2023 1:27 PM
49	Better lighting and access for safety needed at all of the above	3/1/2023 12:58 PM
50	More parking in general for all folks	3/1/2023 12:31 PM
51	I'd just like bathrooms at rideout that are clean, have soap, are working, and are open! Spectators and players should have access to bathrooms during practice and games. Youth soccer is a disaster in terms of bathrooms on Sat morning, especially at the schools!	3/1/2023 11:57 AM
52	accessible camping site and beach, beach wheelchairs, floats	3/1/2023 10:09 AM
53	Not sure	3/1/2023 10:04 AM
54	Better advertising of what the Rec has to offer online. I didn’t even know about many of the above listed sites as options, and I have lived here 10 years and am very involved with town activities and concord Rec programming	3/1/2023 10:03 AM
55	i think Concord already does a good job with these things	3/1/2023 9:52 AM
56	None	2/28/2023 8:13 PM
57	Keep dogs away from areas where people eat and try to relax this survey made me choose another line item I don't actually think improvement is neede	2/28/2023 1:13 PM
58	Court lighting for nighttime play.	2/27/2023 7:33 PM
59	parking facility in downtown (behind BofA along Keys road) is used heavily by business such as Concord Lumber leaving fewer spaces for visitors or town citizens.	2/27/2023 4:07 PM
60	Occasional benches on trails.	2/27/2023 2:01 PM
61	none	2/27/2023 12:21 PM
62	Safety and Maintenance and improvements when needed.	2/24/2023 9:45 PM

63	Boat launches need better access, lighting and emergency phone NOT SAFE right now	2/23/2023 10:25 AM
64	Please add accessible kayak launch, like the one at Ice House Landing in Maynard, to all water access points.	2/22/2023 9:52 PM
65	Please add bike lanes on Main Street so bikers are not using the the dangerous narrow side streets not even wide enough for the cars and trucks using the roads.	2/22/2023 1:04 PM
66	Include information about native peoples history at appropriate spots	2/20/2023 11:58 AM
67	more pickleball courts	2/19/2023 10:36 PM
68	I like things the way they are. We are lucky to have them.	2/17/2023 1:36 PM
69	More butterfly gardens	2/17/2023 1:25 PM
70	More pickleball courts. Growing exponentially	2/16/2023 10:49 AM

Q10 Do you think the Town of Concord should consider additional new resources for the following recreation facilities/items at future Town-owned sites?

Answered: 438 Skipped: 129



	HIGHLY FAVOR	IN FAVOR	NEUTRAL	OPPOSE	HIGHLY OPPOSE	TOTAL
Create more walking and biking trails.	49.29% 208	30.09% 127	17.30% 73	1.90% 8	1.42% 6	422
Create more athletic fields and diamonds.	8.65% 34	12.98% 51	59.80% 235	13.23% 52	5.34% 21	393
Create more outdoor sport courts and track.	16.75% 67	24.50% 98	46.25% 185	8.00% 32	4.50% 18	400
Acquire more land to expand outdoor recreation facility system.	27.65% 112	29.88% 121	29.63% 120	7.90% 32	4.94% 20	405
Acquire more property to expand indoor recreation facility system.	26.65% 109	29.10% 119	30.07% 123	8.07% 33	6.11% 25	409
Create more interconnectivity between neighborhoods and Town Centers to access recreation facilities (walking paths, bike paths, etc).	54.03% 228	28.20% 119	13.51% 57	2.84% 12	1.42% 6	422
Create more opportunities for public art at the parks.	24.27% 100	34.47% 142	33.50% 138	5.10% 21	2.67% 11	412
Create more indoor community gathering space (for rentals, special events, etc.).	16.71% 67	30.17% 121	43.89% 176	5.74% 23	3.49% 14	401

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Need more pickleball and volleyball courts both indoors and outdoors. Also, Hunt Gym needs AC!	4/14/2023 3:59 PM
2	Access to and enjoyment of the river and ponds in Concord seems underemphasized. I don't	4/14/2023 12:50 PM

	have any specific suggestions other than to look into how to encourage more use of these natural assets.	
3	Put a safe crossing at Route 2 (bridge or tunnel) for biking and walking	4/14/2023 8:18 AM
4	Highly highly favor connecting the two town centers better. There should absolutely be a safe bike path between the two- especially considering the amount of students who live in west Concord and need to cross Route 2 and narrow, winding roads to make the bike ride. In addition to bike access, a shuttle between the two would be wonderful for students and people who don't/prefer not to drive.	4/13/2023 8:17 PM
5	I don't see that providing more indoor community gathering space is a role for the recreation commission. It would be nice to be able to safely cross Route 2 by bike or foot.	4/13/2023 6:55 PM
6	Use the money for equitable use (affordability) you guys keep saying you don't have enough money for financial aid but you can buy land and build stuff?	4/13/2023 4:27 PM
7	General walking accessibility	4/13/2023 4:19 PM
8	Create a covered outdoor performance facility	4/13/2023 1:26 PM
9	Town wide coordinated with other town departments, groups and committees connected paths/walkways with shaded benches coordinated with pollinator pathway corridors throughout town.	4/11/2023 5:26 AM
10	upgrade the facilities at the Beede Center -- add more regular (upright) exercise bikes; fix the equipment that isn't working.	3/28/2023 2:09 PM
11	An indoor walking track suitable for all ages and abilities.	3/15/2023 9:36 PM
12	Create more outdoor community gathering space for performances.	3/9/2023 8:03 PM
13	Outdoor performance center	3/9/2023 10:28 AM
14	I am in favor of a track at the high school, and more ways to get around town safely via non motorized means (walk, run, bike).	3/8/2023 11:34 PM
15	Dog parks.	3/7/2023 8:31 AM
16	Yoga at the Beede Center please!	3/6/2023 8:34 PM
17	In geneal, I would appreciate less development rather than more. Our natural areas are finite and it is tempting to think that we are supporting recreation only if we offer facilities and programs. Beyond making what we have more accessible by means of paths that serve people of multiple abilities and signs that serve people of multiple abilities, I strongly support maintaining open space that can be used for self-driven, unstructured play. Both adults and children need this. An example is White Pond: the accessibility improvements are great. Painting the chairs bright red instead of the green that blended in with the surroundings did not improve safety but does detract from the naturalistic environment. Beyond swimming lessons (which improve safety), the public had little appetite for more organized activities, and instead patrons are generally very appreciative of the open-endedness of a clean, well-maintained, well-lifeguarded beach that offers a chance to relax and unwind. Relaxation is recreation, too.	3/6/2023 7:00 PM
18	Take care of existing Beede Center Aquatics program and facilities which are degrading	3/6/2023 2:39 PM
19	Splash pads!	3/6/2023 2:25 PM
20	Please avoid artificial turf in any new sites, the ground up tires are carcinogenic and our children should not be playing on this. It is an environmental mess and goes against Concord's values.	3/5/2023 9:50 AM
21	I don't think the town needs more land unless it is for a unique purpose.	3/4/2023 7:45 PM
22	We need a safe pedestrian/bike connection either under or over Route 2. It could be at Main Street, Baker Ave, or the hospital	3/4/2023 9:51 AM
23	Before we do new things, fix the things we have!!!!	3/3/2023 3:16 PM
24	Fenced-in dog parks, please	3/2/2023 8:16 PM
25	A sidewalk or bike lane in monument at	3/1/2023 9:08 PM

26	Yes, please. We would love more family events and opportunities to meet other families.	3/1/2023 7:51 PM
27	Survey bias is significant, favoring more spending and department expansion	3/1/2023 7:19 PM
28	would love a safe route down sudbury road to connect residents off of powdermill road to concord center). we need a safe way to cross route 2	3/1/2023 4:40 PM
29	Add tennis courts at Ripley	3/1/2023 2:52 PM
30	We do not need gender neutral restrooms.	3/1/2023 2:08 PM
31	Create better, safer skatepark	3/1/2023 1:51 PM
32	Designated dog area of a park, shaded playgrounds	3/1/2023 1:46 PM
33	Please more trails and expand Beede ground floor space so there is more room for active stretching classes etc.	3/1/2023 1:05 PM
34	*Expanding indoor facilities in W Concord, not Concord center.	3/1/2023 12:49 PM
35	Add "indoor" pickleball courts	3/1/2023 12:48 PM
36	please bring back the outdoor skating rink (weather permitting) that we used to have at Emerson Field.	3/1/2023 10:19 AM
37	Purchase Land for Accessible Beach and Outdoor Swimming and Camping Are there any beach wheelchairs at White's Pond??	3/1/2023 10:13 AM
38	An outdoor pavilion for rent for family picnics would be nice	3/1/2023 9:55 AM
39	I think the town should improve what it already owns - more land acquisition should be undertaken for housing - we have plenty of recreation & conservation land	2/28/2023 6:44 PM
40	Outdoor Court Lighting	2/28/2023 4:07 AM
41	would prefer that the indoor spaces are better managed rather than build more.	2/27/2023 4:13 PM
42	stop playing crappy 1970's music at the Beede	2/27/2023 12:23 PM
43	More play areas, economical fees , more programs , good training staff, indoor walking options within the gym facility	2/24/2023 12:23 PM
44	We need to invest in Concord being more walkable/bikeable between town centers & recreation facilities. Having to drive to open-air recreation opportunities b/c it's scary to walk or bike to them on our streets that are supposed to be shared amongst all modes of transportation, for fear of getting run over, is the great irony of our community. I realize that we all play a part in improving this situation. But let's have bikers, walkers, skateboarders, runners, etc. do a street takeover once/mo. to draw attention to how much value our community would get from (safely) stepping out of motorized transport periodically.	2/24/2023 11:12 AM
45	Beede needs to improve services to attract younger patrons the room downstairs is dark, not big enough and too far from workout spaces upstairs plus better machines	2/23/2023 10:30 AM
46	Housing for all is a priority over more open space..we have a richness of that already	2/20/2023 12:00 PM
47	more indoor and outdoor pickleball courts.	2/19/2023 10:42 PM
48	Any available land is needed for affordable housing.	2/17/2023 12:39 PM
49	Dog park? More swimming options?	2/16/2023 11:37 AM

Q11 Some sports, like bocce and pickleball, have gained in popularity recently. Are there any additional outdoor recreation facilities or amenities that you would like to see in the Town of Concord?

Answered: 371 Skipped: 196

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	no	4/17/2023 7:03 PM
2	Basketball for youth, tennis self-training court	4/17/2023 4:46 PM
3	No	4/17/2023 12:55 PM
4	Grooming a trails for cross country skiing (Bruce Freeman rail trail, Ripley and Ride out) which would provide more opportunities for winter activities.	4/16/2023 9:09 AM
5	BEtter access to water sports on the rivers for kayaking	4/15/2023 9:06 PM
6	New dedicated Pickleball courts	4/15/2023 10:29 AM
7	I think we should consider building a network of fishing docks where we have public access to the rivers. Also, there should be better signage for river access points. There is one in the Dino's lot in West Concord, for example, that no one seems to know about anymore. And what about the space at Westvale-Harrington? It's hidden and not advertised. There are so many incredible access points to our wonderful rivers in Concord. Why isn't the town tapping into this resource? Also, please please create safe access to Warner's pond from the Village. There are no crosswalk to safely bring people across Kenny Dunn square to the sidewalk that leads to the Gerow.	4/15/2023 8:04 AM
8	-	4/14/2023 10:24 PM
9	More basketball courts	4/14/2023 9:12 PM
10	Adult Women's Soccer Team, especially for women who just graduated college or are home from break.	4/14/2023 3:59 PM
11	no	4/14/2023 3:28 PM
12	none	4/14/2023 3:20 PM
13	Yes to bocce court! That would be amazing! Pickleball would be nice too, or a way to easily convert existing courts between tennis and pickleball (eg removable additional nets available)	4/14/2023 3:14 PM
14	Sure?	4/14/2023 1:14 PM
15	No.	4/14/2023 12:50 PM
16	n/a	4/14/2023 12:43 PM
17	None	4/14/2023 12:08 PM
18	Boathouse / boating	4/14/2023 8:19 AM
19	None that I can think of	4/14/2023 8:18 AM
20	no	4/14/2023 7:43 AM
21	no	4/14/2023 6:39 AM
22	Not sure	4/14/2023 6:22 AM
23	no	4/14/2023 4:34 AM
24	no	4/13/2023 10:33 PM
25	Tetherball	4/13/2023 9:54 PM

26	No	4/13/2023 8:49 PM
27	No	4/13/2023 8:24 PM
28	None	4/13/2023 8:22 PM
29	A splash pad for kids in the summer would be great- especially in West Concord where they don't have anything like that.	4/13/2023 8:17 PM
30	Na	4/13/2023 8:00 PM
31	We're big on pickleball. Bocce sounds fun, too! I like the idea of more options for regular meet-up sorts of sports, including bocce ball.	4/13/2023 7:47 PM
32	Nothing specific	4/13/2023 7:08 PM
33	NA	4/13/2023 7:05 PM
34	no	4/13/2023 6:55 PM
35	No	4/13/2023 6:52 PM
36	No	4/13/2023 6:39 PM
37	We'd like a splash pad back	4/13/2023 6:18 PM
38	The track is insufficient for this town. It's too small, the fence is broken, I was chased by dogs twice when trying to run there because the gate is broken. I called to complain and nothing was done. We need a new track and it should be at the high school if possible.	4/13/2023 5:43 PM
39	unknown	4/13/2023 5:43 PM
40	Na	4/13/2023 5:16 PM
41	No	4/13/2023 5:15 PM
42	No	4/13/2023 5:06 PM
43	No	4/13/2023 5:05 PM
44	No	4/13/2023 4:53 PM
45	Clean Warner Pond and make it accessable for swimming, boating, etc.	4/13/2023 4:49 PM
46	No	4/13/2023 4:48 PM
47	Tennis	4/13/2023 4:44 PM
48	Na	4/13/2023 4:41 PM
49	X	4/13/2023 4:32 PM
50	X	4/13/2023 4:27 PM
51	Bocce court	4/13/2023 4:26 PM
52	more outdoor basketball and tennis please!	4/13/2023 4:26 PM
53	adult outdoor fitness equipment	4/13/2023 4:22 PM
54	Yes pickleball more courts and repair the ones we have	4/13/2023 4:19 PM
55	Dog parks	4/13/2023 4:19 PM
56	Volleyball courts	4/13/2023 4:16 PM
57	Paddle	4/13/2023 4:16 PM
58	no	4/13/2023 4:15 PM
59	N/A	4/13/2023 4:14 PM
60	n/a	4/13/2023 4:12 PM
61	Create a covered outdoor performance facility	4/13/2023 1:26 PM

62	Bocce at Emerson Field with out reach in the neighborhood. More possibility for community use at Emerson Pool during the weekdays. Perhaps some outreach to the elderly, challenged and other abled who live in the neighborhood with children's programs at Hunt Gym and Emerson Playground.	4/11/2023 5:26 AM
63	Pickleball	4/10/2023 12:16 PM
64	family activities (all ages) like bocce would be popular	4/10/2023 12:01 PM
65	No	4/9/2023 12:14 AM
66	Large bicycle and scooter pump track that would appeal to middle school, high school and adults with a smaller starter pump track for elementary school kids	4/8/2023 2:47 PM
67	I would like to see those mentioned in the question made more available.	4/8/2023 11:03 AM
68	pickleball	4/6/2023 11:55 AM
69	No	4/6/2023 7:11 AM
70	no	4/5/2023 4:43 PM
71	No	4/5/2023 3:42 PM
72	no	4/3/2023 11:22 PM
73	Yes	4/3/2023 9:45 PM
74	no	4/3/2023 12:40 PM
75	pickleball	4/3/2023 11:33 AM
76	No	4/2/2023 5:46 PM
77	Splash pads	3/31/2023 8:47 PM
78	Please don't encourage pickleball for heaven sakes.	3/31/2023 7:11 PM
79	Yes	3/29/2023 9:55 PM
80	Cross country skiing, maybe at the old dump?	3/29/2023 2:05 PM
81	Ropes course, outdoor pool that is available weekdays	3/29/2023 9:51 AM
82	a large outdoor public pool with hours or a section for adult-only exercise, as well as hours for kids.	3/28/2023 2:09 PM
83	No	3/28/2023 1:54 PM
84	No	3/24/2023 2:25 PM
85	no	3/22/2023 3:11 PM
86	Both pickleball and bocce would be great. I'd also like to see an outdoor volleyball court that all residents may use. An outdoor gym would be nice as well.	3/22/2023 11:37 AM
87	No, these are sports that are "in" right now but not long term	3/22/2023 11:28 AM
88	N/A	3/22/2023 11:22 AM
89	No	3/20/2023 9:35 AM
90	Any of these (especially pickleball) should be located in areas where they do not bother the neighbors with noise.	3/18/2023 9:12 AM
91	NA	3/18/2023 7:49 AM
92	N/A	3/16/2023 4:00 PM
93	N/A	3/16/2023 3:56 PM
94	we have all the stuff we need.	3/16/2023 3:53 PM
95	N/A	3/16/2023 3:46 PM

96	N/A	3/16/2023 3:42 PM
97	SWIMMING POOL	3/16/2023 1:32 PM
98	No	3/16/2023 12:02 PM
99	no	3/16/2023 10:12 AM
100	no	3/16/2023 6:37 AM
101	No.	3/15/2023 9:36 PM
102	No	3/15/2023 8:38 PM
103	An outdoor swimming complex (like in Lexington) would be great.	3/15/2023 3:36 PM
104	Pickle, but w/o sacrificing tennis courts	3/14/2023 2:20 PM
105	Platform tennis would be desirable. This is only available through private clubs today	3/14/2023 9:02 AM
106	No	3/13/2023 2:45 PM
107	I don’t know	3/12/2023 8:39 AM
108	pickle ball	3/11/2023 8:34 PM
109	No	3/11/2023 12:19 PM
110	no	3/11/2023 10:30 AM
111	None that I can think of.	3/11/2023 8:05 AM
112	No	3/10/2023 10:57 AM
113	Outdoor performance venue!	3/9/2023 8:03 PM
114	None	3/9/2023 5:16 PM
115	no	3/9/2023 12:37 PM
116	N/A	3/9/2023 11:41 AM
117	No	3/9/2023 11:26 AM
118	Outdoor performance center	3/9/2023 10:28 AM
119	No	3/9/2023 5:31 AM
120	I am in favor of a track at the high school. Fustal nets at basketball courts.	3/8/2023 11:34 PM
121	Pump track/xc track for mountain biking and our teams	3/8/2023 8:47 PM
122	Cycling track or bike lanes. Mountain bike trails.	3/8/2023 8:26 PM
123	Bocce and croquet	3/8/2023 8:22 PM
124	Public paddle courts	3/8/2023 7:57 PM
125	No	3/8/2023 7:55 PM
126	Water fountains & restrooms for bicyclists near the trails …. The visitor ctr is great when we bike out of town center, would be nice to have something like that off Freeman trail, etc.	3/8/2023 5:50 PM
127	Park like the one in Carlisle (castle park?)	3/8/2023 3:53 PM
128	n/a	3/8/2023 3:41 PM
129	No opinion	3/8/2023 2:14 PM
130	Disc golf course	3/8/2023 9:10 AM
131	splash pad for kids at playgrounds! public outdoor pool	3/7/2023 10:56 PM
132	No	3/7/2023 8:00 PM
133	Bocce and Pickleball	3/7/2023 7:44 PM

134	.	3/7/2023 7:09 PM
135	more beach / sand areas near outdoor swimming options	3/7/2023 1:38 PM
136	While pickle ball is great for some residents - it makes the tennis courts unavailable for tennis players. A better system for reservations would be great so the facilities can be shared. Also pick all players leave the facilities a mess with the nets etc. removed. It may be better in the long term to invest in specific pickle ball courts and set-up rules for when tennis courts are used for pickle ball.	3/7/2023 1:10 PM
137	n/a	3/7/2023 10:39 AM
138	No	3/7/2023 9:29 AM
139	No	3/7/2023 8:31 AM
140	Maintaining and keeping parks usable to all not just the dog people would be my wish.	3/7/2023 8:06 AM
141	paddle tennis courts	3/7/2023 7:18 AM
142	Golfing practice areas.	3/7/2023 6:41 AM
143	not for me (these questions should not require an answer)	3/6/2023 11:33 PM
144	Dedicating some courts as only pickleball or tennis would be helpful. Hard to get a tennis court at Rideout to play tennis. Or let people play pickleball on all but if someone comes to play tennis they step aside and vice versa.	3/6/2023 10:51 PM
145	no	3/6/2023 10:21 PM
146	Ice skating (under a pavilion or using a cooling system to keep ice nice) and skate skiing (Bath Maine grooms trails at a local golf course- maybe around high school fields?)	3/6/2023 10:18 PM
147	Outdoor swimming pool for summer - archery space	3/6/2023 8:54 PM
148	No	3/6/2023 8:40 PM
149	Yes	3/6/2023 8:38 PM
150	Pickleball	3/6/2023 8:34 PM
151	na	3/6/2023 8:29 PM
152	no	3/6/2023 8:04 PM
153	Shuttle board	3/6/2023 7:35 PM
154	No	3/6/2023 7:19 PM
155	No	3/6/2023 7:00 PM
156	N/A	3/6/2023 6:46 PM
157	No	3/6/2023 6:44 PM
158	cross country ski trails	3/6/2023 6:36 PM
159	pickleball	3/6/2023 6:36 PM
160	Yes pickleball!	3/6/2023 5:57 PM
161	More courts for these activities.	3/6/2023 5:57 PM
162	no	3/6/2023 5:07 PM
163	Outdoor pickle ball courts are in High demand. Please add these to Emerson courts. It’s just a matter of drawing additional lines and storing a few nets. Already did this at Rideout.	3/6/2023 4:15 PM
164	no	3/6/2023 4:15 PM
165	pickleball	3/6/2023 4:09 PM
166	Archery	3/6/2023 3:47 PM

167	Pickle ball courts that are not tennis courts. Leave tennis courts as tennis courts.	3/6/2023 3:46 PM
168	Places to secure bicycles at all shopping areas. Adult outdoor swimming pool	3/6/2023 3:45 PM
169	More Outdoor pickleball courts. Restroom In Emerson playground. Restroom In Rideout park needs to be keep clean.	3/6/2023 3:41 PM
170	Bigger community pool!	3/6/2023 3:21 PM
171	Band stand	3/6/2023 3:20 PM
172	I would like to have more pickleball courts in town.	3/6/2023 3:18 PM
173	No	3/6/2023 3:03 PM
174	Not sure	3/6/2023 2:57 PM
175	Bocce courts would be great	3/6/2023 2:55 PM
176	perhaps a dedicated pickle ball court that is away from residential areas, due to concerns about noise.	3/6/2023 2:46 PM
177	no	3/6/2023 2:39 PM
178	Pickleball courts	3/6/2023 2:37 PM
179	Splash pads for children!!	3/6/2023 2:25 PM
180	No comment	3/6/2023 12:43 PM
181	none	3/6/2023 10:13 AM
182	Develop dedicated pickleball courts but be aware of the need to MITIGATE the NOISE from pickleball play. Develop more bocce courts. Do we have any????	3/6/2023 8:22 AM
183	no	3/6/2023 7:12 AM
184	Pickleball!	3/5/2023 8:50 PM
185	Pickle ball courts and playground at South Meadow	3/5/2023 8:26 PM
186	Better paved bike trails	3/5/2023 1:48 PM
187	No	3/5/2023 10:33 AM
188	does not apply to our family	3/5/2023 9:50 AM
189	Yes as long as it doesn’t disturb neighbors. So placement is of utmost importance	3/5/2023 7:23 AM
190	Public forum/stage for performing arts	3/4/2023 7:51 PM
191	Bocce and frisbee golf are good options. There are no town spaces for ice skating in the winter. Could White Pond or Warner's Pond be opened for winter use?	3/4/2023 7:45 PM
192	No	3/4/2023 2:56 PM
193	Larger outdoor swimming pool (25 yards) would be great!	3/4/2023 1:34 PM
194	See below	3/4/2023 10:10 AM
195	None that I can think of.	3/4/2023 9:51 AM
196	No	3/4/2023 7:40 AM
197	Pickleball has taken over tennis courts and it's NOT fair to tennis players. There needs to be better communication to pickleballers that they are SHARING space. Rideout has taken the brunt of this, and I'd like to see a more equitable distribution to concord center courts.	3/3/2023 3:16 PM
198	no	3/3/2023 1:38 PM
199	no	3/3/2023 12:50 PM
200	Not particularly	3/3/2023 12:01 PM
201	Build and separate dedicated pickleball courts from tennis courts (do not try to share)	3/3/2023 11:15 AM

202	More water access points would be great.	3/3/2023 10:34 AM
203	No	3/3/2023 9:36 AM
204	parkour	3/3/2023 7:38 AM
205	None that I can think of.	3/3/2023 7:13 AM
206	no	3/3/2023 6:54 AM
207	Horseshoes, volleyball	3/3/2023 6:47 AM
208	Ice skating Swimming	3/3/2023 2:25 AM
209	Nothing specific but would support any new outdoor recreational facilities/needs indicated by others more familiar with need	3/2/2023 9:11 PM
210	bike rental station for adults with kids.	3/2/2023 9:04 PM
211	Swingset by Warners Pond	3/2/2023 8:55 PM
212	A petanque at Cousins and Rideout	3/2/2023 8:16 PM
213	Playground spaces for older children; similar to the one at Rideout	3/2/2023 4:14 PM
214	More tennis courts; larger outdoor pool/dive well	3/2/2023 3:45 PM
215	No	3/2/2023 2:46 PM
216	Bocce	3/2/2023 1:58 PM
217	Basketball courts	3/2/2023 1:12 PM
218	N/A	3/2/2023 12:13 PM
219	Yes. Look at Belmont's spray pool/playground. We need that! We have 100 degree summers on the way.	3/2/2023 9:46 AM
220	pickle ball	3/2/2023 8:59 AM
221	No	3/2/2023 7:26 AM
222	-	3/1/2023 11:50 PM
223	More pickleball courts	3/1/2023 11:38 PM
224	More tennis courts or courts built just for pickle ball. Also paddle tennis courts. Easier access to join pickleball leagues.	3/1/2023 10:15 PM
225	No	3/1/2023 10:01 PM
226	Paddle courts	3/1/2023 9:08 PM
227	Splash pad and updated modernized playgrounds	3/1/2023 8:59 PM
228	Pickle ball or splash pad	3/1/2023 8:30 PM
229	Yes, pickle ball would be great.	3/1/2023 7:51 PM
230	Re-paved tennis court at Rideout field	3/1/2023 7:32 PM
231	-	3/1/2023 7:19 PM
232	No	3/1/2023 6:57 PM
233	N/A	3/1/2023 6:45 PM
234	outdoor volleyball courts	3/1/2023 6:21 PM
235	Splash pad/improved pool options; ice skating rink that’s open all winter	3/1/2023 5:21 PM
236	n/a	3/1/2023 4:54 PM
237	more outdoor wwaterfountains at the schools	3/1/2023 4:40 PM

238	trails for use early-morning/late evening without danger from cars	3/1/2023 4:11 PM
239	More sidewalks in the town (particularly in the Willard zone)	3/1/2023 4:05 PM
240	ice skating although realize climate change may be an obstacle	3/1/2023 3:57 PM
241	Pickleball would be great!	3/1/2023 3:54 PM
242	Better playground features for older children - for example, a very tall climbing structure, zipline, long slide, etc.	3/1/2023 3:34 PM
243	Pickleball and bocce are good.	3/1/2023 3:26 PM
244	no	3/1/2023 3:05 PM
245	We need a real town pool - open all summer - not reserved for town camps during the week.	3/1/2023 2:52 PM
246	Why is White Pond not listed as a recreation facility ?	3/1/2023 2:38 PM
247	Would love a Bocce and pickleball court	3/1/2023 2:08 PM
248	I'd love to see some bocce courts put in	3/1/2023 2:02 PM
249	sand volleyball!!	3/1/2023 2:02 PM
250	Concord has a lot of nice wooden paths, but it can be a bit of a free for all. It would be nice to have a designated mountain biking path (or a map of recommended existing paths).....and in the winter it would be great to have some xcountry ski paths (where people don't walk all over the ski tracks).	3/1/2023 1:59 PM
251	No	3/1/2023 1:51 PM
252	no	3/1/2023 1:50 PM
253	Designated pickleball. The players tend to overrun the tennis courts and claim ownership	3/1/2023 1:46 PM
254	Lit tennis courts!	3/1/2023 1:35 PM
255	no	3/1/2023 1:25 PM
256	-	3/1/2023 1:13 PM
257	Somewhere in West Concord to run safely!	3/1/2023 1:05 PM
258	no	3/1/2023 12:54 PM
259	Those sound good.	3/1/2023 12:49 PM
260	pickleball	3/1/2023 12:48 PM
261	None	3/1/2023 12:40 PM
262	more pickle ball courts (indoor and outdoor)	3/1/2023 12:38 PM
263	No	3/1/2023 12:24 PM
264	Bocce and pickleball	3/1/2023 12:19 PM
265	Nope.	3/1/2023 12:18 PM
266	I'd love to see an outdoor pool system that is public and includes lap lanes. The Emerson pool is small and used for camp during the day. Last year at times it closed because of maintenance issues. White is often closed due to algae. Walden fills up quickly. Bedee is cost prohibitive.	3/1/2023 12:16 PM
267	no	3/1/2023 12:14 PM
268	No	3/1/2023 12:13 PM
269	N/a	3/1/2023 12:07 PM
270	no	3/1/2023 12:06 PM
271	no	3/1/2023 11:59 AM

272	No	3/1/2023 11:56 AM
273	Basketball courts in West Concord. There's not even one in the Willard/Sanborn area. More biking tails are needed too as we have to go on roads except if we go on the Bruce Freeman Trail	3/1/2023 11:49 AM
274	More pickle ball courts.	3/1/2023 11:35 AM
275	Frisbee Golf	3/1/2023 11:24 AM
276	see below	3/1/2023 11:18 AM
277	additional track to use, recreational boating at White Pond for daily rentals, skating rink, improved outdoor pool for families to have a membership to or spray park	3/1/2023 11:03 AM
278	bocce and pickleball	3/1/2023 10:59 AM
279	Pickleball	3/1/2023 10:56 AM
280	temporary outdoor skating rinks, maybe at Rideout or Cousins	3/1/2023 10:45 AM
281	No	3/1/2023 10:40 AM
282	Keep open land as much as possible	3/1/2023 10:36 AM
283	n/a	3/1/2023 10:35 AM
284	Outdoor restrooms for school rec fields	3/1/2023 10:32 AM
285	Not a priority for my family	3/1/2023 10:29 AM
286	No	3/1/2023 10:22 AM
287	A splash pad at Rideout and/or Emerson playground	3/1/2023 10:19 AM
288	Would be nice to have bocce. Please don't turn the Emerson tennis courts into pickleball courts. There are enough at Rideout and in the Hunt gym. These tennis courts are very popular for tennis!	3/1/2023 10:19 AM
289	Accessible Beach and Camping Facility	3/1/2023 10:13 AM
290	Bocce	3/1/2023 10:12 AM
291	Better court maintenance	3/1/2023 10:09 AM
292	No, just ensuring we have sufficient space for all.	3/1/2023 10:08 AM
293	n/a	3/1/2023 10:06 AM
294	no	3/1/2023 10:06 AM
295	Bocce	3/1/2023 10:06 AM
296	N/a	3/1/2023 10:05 AM
297	na	3/1/2023 10:04 AM
298	Lighted outdoor courts at Emerson/Hunt and Rideout for basketball and tennis	3/1/2023 10:03 AM
299	N/A	3/1/2023 10:01 AM
300	Pickleball	3/1/2023 9:59 AM
301	.	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
302	A splash pad for little kids, belmont has an amazing one and this is such a need and of high use for the summer months for little kids and such a draw!	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
303	-	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
304	NA	3/1/2023 9:55 AM
305	bocce and pickleball	3/1/2023 9:55 AM
306	Not at this time	3/1/2023 9:54 AM

307	Ice Skating Path/Trail, Cross Country skiing trail with snow-making	3/1/2023 9:52 AM
308	No	3/1/2023 9:50 AM
309	nope	3/1/2023 9:49 AM
310	pump track	3/1/2023 9:48 AM
311	N/A	3/1/2023 9:16 AM
312	N/A	2/28/2023 9:59 PM
313	No	2/28/2023 8:21 PM
314	Good job on Rideout. Money should be spent to maintain it at its current very good level.	2/28/2023 6:44 PM
315	N/A	2/28/2023 4:08 PM
316	No	2/28/2023 1:15 PM
317	Pickleball courts	2/28/2023 8:23 AM
318	Pickleball	2/28/2023 4:07 AM
319	No	2/27/2023 8:55 PM
320	Na	2/27/2023 8:48 PM
321	No	2/27/2023 8:10 PM
322	Pickleball courts	2/27/2023 7:57 PM
323	No	2/27/2023 7:02 PM
324	Outdoor community bbq	2/27/2023 6:43 PM
325	Please consider mountain biking trails / area.	2/27/2023 6:16 PM
326	Pickleball!	2/27/2023 4:59 PM
327	no	2/27/2023 4:39 PM
328	Both of the above.	2/27/2023 4:32 PM
329	Yes to pickleball	2/27/2023 4:24 PM
330	N/A	2/27/2023 4:23 PM
331	A track accessible to West Concord	2/27/2023 4:20 PM
332	Not that I know of. Perhaps using motion cameras (like used for wild game) you could understand the current utilization of courts etc. to decide if more are needed.	2/27/2023 4:13 PM
333	no	2/27/2023 4:04 PM
334	More turf fields for soccer.	2/27/2023 4:02 PM
335	Sledding hill!	2/27/2023 2:47 PM
336	More pickle ball and bocce	2/27/2023 2:27 PM
337	N/A	2/27/2023 2:09 PM
338	Skate park in west concord	2/27/2023 12:06 PM
339	Pickleball!!! Also, sidewalk accessibility (sidewalks to the Freeman trail on powder mill for example) are limited. Curb cuts for accessibility are also lacking!	2/27/2023 12:02 PM
340	- Would love to see a running club for kids (my 5-year-old would love this and I'm sure older kids would too) - Additional seasonal road races to supplement the great road races we already have - a Santa Run, St Patrick's Day, Easter, etc. - Sailing club/lessons on a local pond (White Pond?) - Rowing/crew club/lessons on a local pond/river (Fairhaven Bay?) - For Passive Recreation: I'd love to see Gerow Park finished + ensure Warner's Pond stays a pond. Also to consider swimming there down the road. - Bike lanes connecting Battle Road to Concord	2/26/2023 2:18 PM

	Center to West Concord Junction - A bike trail along the Fitchburg Line railroad to connect the BRFT to the Assabet River Bike Trail at its trailhead in South Acton - Make the Reformatory Branch path more accessible to more cyclists (I'm fine with paving it but knowing many in town aren't ... is there a compromise with some fine gravel or something?) - Designate/groom some trails in town for cross-country skiing when weather permits	
341	no	2/25/2023 5:52 PM
342	outdoor Ice skating rink in the winter time. with the no snow but still cold weather I feel like it would give the kids a winter activity in town with fairly little costs.	2/25/2023 3:05 PM
343	Pickleball seems like it would be widely used!	2/25/2023 1:26 PM
344	Bocce courts	2/25/2023 10:29 AM
345	Rugby	2/25/2023 9:32 AM
346	Parkour / ninja Splash pad	2/24/2023 10:28 PM
347	An ice rink.	2/24/2023 10:09 PM
348	An outdoor track in addition to the one at Emerson Field would relieve some of the scheduling pressure on that location. And again, this is a nice-to-have b/c there's one of these in Maynard, but a fenced dog park would we great.	2/24/2023 11:12 AM
349	splash park, better/upgraded playground (like some of Cambridge's new playgrounds, Carlisle's new playground), more gaga pits	2/24/2023 11:06 AM
350	bocce would be fun	2/23/2023 11:41 AM
351	More outdoor pools for summer options. More tennis courts - pickle ball takes over Rideout at many key times. Some of us still prefer tennis!	2/23/2023 11:16 AM
352	beach volleyball, mini golf, pool	2/23/2023 10:28 AM
353	Stripe the Emerson Field tennis courts for pickleball.	2/22/2023 6:11 PM
354	Pickleball courts inside and outside	2/21/2023 9:59 PM
355	Things designed to include all citizens	2/20/2023 12:00 PM
356	Yes, I do hope to see additional outdoor recreation facilities or amenities for pickleball in the Town of Concord	2/19/2023 10:42 PM
357	More Mountain biking places	2/18/2023 4:05 PM
358	Mountain bike trails. There was a beautiful one off the. Bruce Freeman near powdermill rd that has been closed. That type of trail built legitimately would be great.	2/18/2023 3:58 PM
359	End more pickle ball courts. Lighting, actual PickleBall courts, not tennis with confusing lines	2/17/2023 8:01 PM
360	More pickle all would be great	2/17/2023 5:54 PM
361	paddle	2/17/2023 4:31 PM
362	Disc Golf	2/17/2023 10:17 AM
363	To help folks to know where pickleball courts are available.	2/16/2023 7:17 PM
364	Volleyball court or nets	2/16/2023 3:33 PM
365	SWIMMING. Concord is way behind in this space. We need a town pool where swim lessons are available. It's nearly impossible to get children's swimming lessons in Concord which is a HUGE issue for most parents. Beede Center is clearly not enough.	2/16/2023 12:28 PM
366	outdoor hockey skating rink, pool and splashpad	2/16/2023 10:56 AM
367	Wind guards for Rideout Park and re-surfacing of courts. Lights would be nice too	2/16/2023 10:54 AM
368	Pickleball courts!	2/16/2023 10:47 AM
369	Both bocce and pickeball would be nice, but I think the town pool at emerson needs a major redo.	2/16/2023 10:42 AM

370	pickleball and bocce :-)	2/16/2023 10:38 AM
371	Just more playing fields. A baseball field in West Concord like that at Ripley. Safety improvements at Rideout 2 to protect spectators.	2/16/2023 10:11 AM

Q12 We live in New England where indoor recreation space provides an opportunity to keep active and fit in the long winter months. Are there any additional indoor recreation facilities or amenities that you would like to see in the Town of Concord?

Answered: 379 Skipped: 188

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	see my note below	4/17/2023 7:03 PM
2	Badminton, Ping pong, basketball for youth, tennis self-training court	4/17/2023 4:46 PM
3	Maybe more aerobics classes including via Zoom?	4/17/2023 12:55 PM
4	Yoga and Pilates studios please!	4/16/2023 9:09 AM
5	Pickleball/tennis indoor courts	4/15/2023 9:06 PM
6	Indoor tennis & Pickleball	4/15/2023 10:29 AM
7	The old skating rink at Rideout was fun. We could also have a community bonfire at ride out in the winter to create community and encourage people to get outside.	4/15/2023 8:04 AM
8	-	4/14/2023 10:24 PM
9	No	4/14/2023 9:12 PM
10	More indoor pickleball courts. Also, lower the price for Beede memberships and add Spin classes.	4/14/2023 3:59 PM
11	Indoor soccer place	4/14/2023 3:28 PM
12	more exercise classes	4/14/2023 3:20 PM
13	Squash courts or more affordable access to squash included as part of Beede Membership; would be neat if indoor courts could be multipurpose (eg squash or pickleball or tennis)	4/14/2023 3:14 PM
14	Sure?	4/14/2023 1:14 PM
15	No.	4/14/2023 12:50 PM
16	Indoor playground for children!!! Outside of the local country clubs or museums that require membership there is very little choice for places for our kids to run amok inside when it's freezing outside!	4/14/2023 12:43 PM
17	Basketball	4/14/2023 12:08 PM
18	Parkour, Rock Climbing Wall	4/14/2023 8:19 AM
19	Rock climbing	4/14/2023 8:18 AM
20	more indoor courts (basketball, volleyball, etc.)	4/14/2023 7:43 AM
21	more access to indoor basket ball court time for adults	4/14/2023 6:39 AM
22	Indoor track and sports complex	4/14/2023 6:22 AM
23	no	4/14/2023 4:34 AM
24	Gym (Beede is too small)	4/13/2023 10:33 PM
25	Indoor play areas for children	4/13/2023 9:54 PM
26	Public fitness space (for those who can’t afford Beede)	4/13/2023 8:49 PM

27	Indoor track	4/13/2023 8:24 PM
28	Pickle ball courts..I'm only aware of availability indoors at Hunt.	4/13/2023 8:22 PM
29	N/a	4/13/2023 8:17 PM
30	Na	4/13/2023 8:00 PM
31	I like to exercise outdoors whenever possible, so I don't need additional indoor facilities. I'd be very interested though, in more outdoor opportunities with SHADE and rain protection. (i.e. pavilions with no walls). Could we meet that need in such a way that we also create more solar arrays for the town?	4/13/2023 7:47 PM
32	Indoor tennis	4/13/2023 7:08 PM
33	NA	4/13/2023 7:05 PM
34	no	4/13/2023 6:55 PM
35	No	4/13/2023 6:52 PM
36	Basketball courts	4/13/2023 6:39 PM
37	Indoor play space geared towards 5 and under	4/13/2023 6:18 PM
38	Better gym. Beede is so small.	4/13/2023 5:43 PM
39	We need a new community gym - the downstairs basketball court at the high school is not suitable for spectators. CMS does not have basketball courts suitable for hosting games and the elementary schools are not used for this. It is odd that travel basketball has to rent other town's/school's courts to have a program, when we should have a facility that works for this purpose.	4/13/2023 5:43 PM
40	Na	4/13/2023 5:16 PM
41	no	4/13/2023 5:15 PM
42	Sandcourt volleyball	4/13/2023 5:06 PM
43	Ice skating rink	4/13/2023 5:05 PM
44	No	4/13/2023 4:53 PM
45	N/A	4/13/2023 4:49 PM
46	More indoor pickle ball courts please	4/13/2023 4:48 PM
47	Indoor playgrounds for toddlers and preschoolers	4/13/2023 4:44 PM
48	Na	4/13/2023 4:41 PM
49	Basketball	4/13/2023 4:32 PM
50	Affordability indoor activities. Beede center and Thoreau club fees are exorbitant and financial aid is outdated	4/13/2023 4:27 PM
51	No	4/13/2023 4:26 PM
52	more indoor basketball and indoor tennis please!	4/13/2023 4:26 PM
53	Indoor soccer in the winter	4/13/2023 4:22 PM
54	Pickleball courts	4/13/2023 4:19 PM
55	No	4/13/2023 4:19 PM
56	Squash and raquetball courts	4/13/2023 4:16 PM
57	Yoga space	4/13/2023 4:16 PM
58	no	4/13/2023 4:15 PM
59	N/A	4/13/2023 4:14 PM
60	The new middle school will help the problem of court time.	4/13/2023 4:12 PM

61	Not at the moment	4/13/2023 1:26 PM
62	Coordination of volunteer opportunities in before and/or after school programs with folks who live in the neighborhood. It would be nice to have Everett Gardens, Peter Bulkley and Wheeler House residents included in more healthful recreational offerings in our neighborhood.	4/11/2023 5:26 AM
63	None	4/10/2023 12:16 PM
64	the recreation facilities are good, more flexible options for classes and being open on holidays would be good.	4/10/2023 12:01 PM
65	Affordable gym. Beede center is cost prohibitive.	4/9/2023 12:14 AM
66	More space for indoor basketball.	4/8/2023 2:47 PM
67	pickleball	4/8/2023 11:03 AM
68	pickleball	4/6/2023 11:55 AM
69	No	4/6/2023 7:11 AM
70	no	4/5/2023 4:43 PM
71	Indoor pickleball	4/5/2023 3:42 PM
72	no	4/3/2023 11:22 PM
73	Indoor soccer facility	4/3/2023 9:45 PM
74	no	4/3/2023 12:40 PM
75	pickleball	4/3/2023 11:33 AM
76	No	4/2/2023 5:46 PM
77	NA	3/31/2023 8:47 PM
78	Please expand the Arthritis Water Classes at Beede Center to afternoons.	3/31/2023 7:11 PM
79	Yes	3/29/2023 9:55 PM
80	Embrace the winter, improve the outdoor environment first.	3/29/2023 2:05 PM
81	Rock climbing	3/29/2023 9:51 AM
82	create a separate ERG space; indoor tennis courts	3/28/2023 2:09 PM
83	No	3/28/2023 1:54 PM
84	More basketball courts, squash/racket ball, skating rink	3/24/2023 2:25 PM
85	children's playspace	3/22/2023 3:11 PM
86	Beginner Volleyball session, more pickleball options, Spin classes, martial arts...	3/22/2023 11:37 AM
87	Basketball Courts	3/22/2023 11:28 AM
88	N/A	3/22/2023 11:22 AM
89	No	3/20/2023 9:35 AM
90	Indoor playspace/playground for children, especially very young children.	3/18/2023 9:12 AM
91	NA	3/18/2023 7:49 AM
92	bowling	3/16/2023 4:00 PM
93	N/A	3/16/2023 3:56 PM
94	N/A	3/16/2023 3:53 PM
95	N/A	3/16/2023 3:46 PM
96	more indoor walking times + facilities	3/16/2023 3:42 PM

97	Family friendly swimming pool with shallow end	3/16/2023 1:32 PM
98	Badminton leagues	3/16/2023 12:02 PM
99	no	3/16/2023 10:12 AM
100	indoor pickleball	3/16/2023 6:37 AM
101	Yes. Suggest an indoor walking track suitable for everyone. Concord is full of people of all ages who love to walk! Many thanks!	3/15/2023 9:36 PM
102	No	3/15/2023 8:38 PM
103	I'm not sure if the Beede Center is town owned or not - and therefore whether it's part of this survey - but I would like to see it be more affordable. It's a nice center but very expensive.	3/15/2023 3:36 PM
104	Squash courts	3/14/2023 2:20 PM
105	Perhaps more exercise space at beede. An additional room or two would be welcome	3/14/2023 9:02 AM
106	Indoor cycling studio	3/13/2023 2:45 PM
107	Indoor track	3/12/2023 8:39 AM
108	none	3/11/2023 8:34 PM
109	More gymnasium space!	3/11/2023 12:19 PM
110	yoga class spaces	3/11/2023 10:30 AM
111	Beede satisfies this need for our HH. Appreciate continual work on access through different membership plans.	3/11/2023 8:05 AM
112	Who will pay for this?	3/10/2023 10:57 AM
113	can't think of any.	3/9/2023 8:03 PM
114	None	3/9/2023 5:16 PM
115	no	3/9/2023 12:37 PM
116	N/A	3/9/2023 11:41 AM
117	N/A	3/9/2023 11:26 AM
118	n/a	3/9/2023 10:28 AM
119	No	3/9/2023 5:31 AM
120	I'd love an indoor track, but I don't see that happening any time soon.	3/8/2023 11:34 PM
121	Racquet sport courts	3/8/2023 8:47 PM
122	Indoor Spinning space in winter For cycling.	3/8/2023 8:26 PM
123	Skating rink and indoor soccer/field hockey/lacrosse multi use fields	3/8/2023 8:22 PM
124	Nah	3/8/2023 7:57 PM
125	Outdoor activity outdoors is my preference	3/8/2023 7:55 PM
126	I haven’t had a chance to explore the current facilities yet (haven’t lived here long enough) so hard to say.	3/8/2023 5:50 PM
127	Individual swim lessons	3/8/2023 3:53 PM
128	n/a	3/8/2023 3:41 PM
129	No opinion	3/8/2023 2:14 PM
130	Pickleball courts	3/8/2023 9:10 AM
131	no	3/7/2023 10:56 PM
132	Beede is an asset to Concord, but repairs and general upkeep have fallen behind . Pools are	3/7/2023 8:00 PM

	closed far too often . Please use $$ to fund this building and facilities.	
133	Look at how other swimming pools are run.	3/7/2023 7:44 PM
134	More access to basketball courts, possibly at schools	3/7/2023 7:09 PM
135	squash. and more swimming options	3/7/2023 1:38 PM
136	We definitely need more indoor basketball facilities along with a more varied youth basketball program for development of all ages and skill levels. Also a gym closer to west concord would be great. Beede center is a long commute for residents in west concord and Thoreau club is expensive. It would be great to have an alternative provided by the town. In addition it would be great to have a space that can be rented or reserved for small gatherings such as book clubs, yoga groups, cooking clubs or recipe swaps, crafting etc.	3/7/2023 1:10 PM
137	n/a	3/7/2023 10:39 AM
138	Nono	3/7/2023 9:29 AM
139	No	3/7/2023 8:31 AM
140	An indoor track	3/7/2023 8:06 AM
141	Hunt needs renovation... can it expand, and become part of a complex with the Armory and the little house on Everett that used to house yoga and the Field?	3/7/2023 7:18 AM
142	Affordable gym access. The Beede Center is FAR TOO EXPENSIVE!	3/7/2023 6:41 AM
143	n/a	3/6/2023 11:33 PM
144	No	3/6/2023 10:51 PM
145	no	3/6/2023 10:21 PM
146	Climbing wall or ropes course	3/6/2023 10:18 PM
147	Pickle ball - rock climbing	3/6/2023 8:54 PM
148	No	3/6/2023 8:40 PM
149	Yes	3/6/2023 8:38 PM
150	More yoga	3/6/2023 8:34 PM
151	na	3/6/2023 8:29 PM
152	no	3/6/2023 8:04 PM
153	No	3/6/2023 7:35 PM
154	No	3/6/2023 7:19 PM
155	I'm a Beede member, and I would really appreciate having more indoor studio space for self-directed use (that is, not use as part of an organized class). There are some activities that do not fit well into the existing spaces, such as using Bosu balls or the many hand items (bands, balance balls, exercise roller wheels) in a small corner of the weight room. The weight room is not sensory-friendly and can be loud, which can be difficult for people with hearing loss. For many people, it would be helpful to have a facility with studio space for self-directed exercise that contains these types of items. A larger version of the small studio at Beede would be wonderful. Also, the locker rooms need better management of ambient sound. The sound bounces around off the walls and the sound level can be very loud when the locker rooms are full.	3/6/2023 7:00 PM
156	Walking space for winter months	3/6/2023 6:46 PM
157	No	3/6/2023 6:44 PM
158	no	3/6/2023 6:36 PM
159	pickleball, ice rink	3/6/2023 6:36 PM
160	Indoor pickle?	3/6/2023 5:57 PM

161	Another gym.	3/6/2023 5:57 PM
162	no	3/6/2023 5:07 PM
163	No. Indoors furs not work for most seniors. People prefer he outside space.	3/6/2023 4:15 PM
164	kids gymnastics & boys ninja/parkour	3/6/2023 4:15 PM
165	heat in the beede locker rooms	3/6/2023 4:09 PM
166	no	3/6/2023 3:47 PM
167	All in one building with more space for workout rooms.	3/6/2023 3:46 PM
168	Nothing additional	3/6/2023 3:45 PM
169	More indoor pickleball courts.	3/6/2023 3:41 PM
170	N/a	3/6/2023 3:21 PM
171	Indoor walking track available for seniors 7 days/ week	3/6/2023 3:20 PM
172	Indoor Pickleball options for the winter.	3/6/2023 3:18 PM
173	More and easy access to residents, such as indoor gym, basketball fields	3/6/2023 3:03 PM
174	Padel	3/6/2023 2:57 PM
175	Sure	3/6/2023 2:55 PM
176	no	3/6/2023 2:46 PM
177	swimming	3/6/2023 2:39 PM
178	Pickleball courts	3/6/2023 2:37 PM
179	n/a	3/6/2023 2:25 PM
180	No comment	3/6/2023 12:43 PM
181	none	3/6/2023 10:13 AM
182	I thought that the only indoor facility is Hunt. You should develop additional facilities. Hunt is limited	3/6/2023 8:22 AM
183	no	3/6/2023 7:12 AM
184	Pickleball, indoor playground/ play space for kids to run and play	3/5/2023 8:50 PM
185	Racketball	3/5/2023 8:26 PM
186	None	3/5/2023 1:48 PM
187	I would like us to be more wholistic in our strategic planning - specifically considering town and private facilities. Example how appropriate zoning or abatement moves can the town make to ensure Thoreau Club stays in business in Concord?	3/5/2023 10:33 AM
188	I love the Church St facility, but the Hunt gym could use some updating. I think those 2 locations are adequate to meet our needs.	3/5/2023 9:50 AM
189	Happy with Beede for swimming	3/5/2023 7:23 AM
190	Rock climbing wall	3/4/2023 7:51 PM
191	Not at this time.	3/4/2023 7:45 PM
192	More indoor basketball options	3/4/2023 2:56 PM
193	Indoor running loop would be great!	3/4/2023 1:34 PM
194	Another indoor facility; field house; winter facility	3/4/2023 10:10 AM
195	Indoor rock climbing. roller skating rink. (For that one, we should partner with the town of Acton and convert the old K-mart into a roller-skating rink).	3/4/2023 9:51 AM

196	Indoor tennis courts	3/4/2023 7:40 AM
197	A gym for workouts (weights, cardio, machines) that is better than Beede but more affordable. Not everyone in Concord is rich!!!! When Beede was built we were told it would offer affordable rates, but I haven't found that to be true.	3/3/2023 3:16 PM
198	YES. Indoor play structures for kids would be hugely helpful, especially for kids with motor delay.	3/3/2023 1:38 PM
199	no	3/3/2023 12:50 PM
200	Not particularly	3/3/2023 12:01 PM
201	Indoor basketball for kids and adults, more kid programs to learn and practice, especially basic skills and playmaking. Not all league play.	3/3/2023 11:15 AM
202	Squash courts	3/3/2023 10:34 AM
203	More indoor sports for kids during winter. We have excellent sports offerings for kids but the space is always limited.	3/3/2023 9:36 AM
204	more access to basketball courts for middle school and older. These kids have no where to go after school and end up hanging out at Dunkin Donuts!	3/3/2023 7:38 AM
205	Indoor track	3/3/2023 7:13 AM
206	no	3/3/2023 6:54 AM
207	More children’s amenities and playgrounds, community fit classes fit yoga, Zumba, dance	3/3/2023 6:47 AM
208	Swimming	3/3/2023 2:25 AM
209	In favor of any additions here-- I am in West Concord and would fully support more recreation opportunities in West Concord	3/2/2023 9:11 PM
210	I'd love to see more programs for kids. In a winter there is only library programs and there is nothing for a active kids.	3/2/2023 9:04 PM
211	NA	3/2/2023 8:55 PM
212	Pilates and pilates reformer	3/2/2023 8:16 PM
213	There is not enough space for exercise classes. Especially if the Hunt gym is being used for pickleball (which is good). The West Concord studio spaces is rumored to be going away; to make more offices	3/2/2023 4:14 PM
214	Just more indoor recreation spaces	3/2/2023 3:45 PM
215	Need access to open basketball times for kids. There is no opportunity for little kids to learn and practice during the winter.	3/2/2023 2:46 PM
216	no	3/2/2023 1:58 PM
217	A larger gym with more up-to-date weight machines	3/2/2023 1:12 PM
218	N/A	3/2/2023 12:13 PM
219	No	3/2/2023 9:46 AM
220	field house	3/2/2023 8:59 AM
221	No	3/2/2023 7:26 AM
222	No, but I do wish the Beede center was a little more affordable.	3/1/2023 11:50 PM
223	More pickle ball courts	3/1/2023 11:38 PM
224	Indoor rock climbing and undoor courts	3/1/2023 10:15 PM
225	Indoor track!!! There is no indoor space for walking in Concord- my #1 complaint	3/1/2023 10:01 PM
226	A place for teens/tweens to hang out	3/1/2023 9:08 PM
227	Non membership options (swimming pool, track)	3/1/2023 8:59 PM

228	Community spa like features (saunas, whirlpools etc) like you find in other countries (korea, russia, Quebec, sweden, etc). These can be simple and clean and also be relaxing and enjoyable… not talking about high end luxury type facility.	3/1/2023 8:30 PM
229	An indoor walking track?	3/1/2023 7:51 PM
230	Repeat Louis place the floor of the basketball court in hunt gym	3/1/2023 7:32 PM
231	-	3/1/2023 7:19 PM
232	Better indoor soccer facility	3/1/2023 6:57 PM
233	N/A	3/1/2023 6:45 PM
234	I haven't lived here long enough to give a helpful answer	3/1/2023 6:21 PM
235	Just more indoor gym time (open gym) for kids to run around. We used to attend the drop in at the Hunt when they used that recreation room but would have preferred the gym/bigger space.	3/1/2023 5:21 PM
236	yes. another indoor basketball court	3/1/2023 4:54 PM
237	early morning exercise classes. It seems like the town does not cater very well to working individuals- classes are always in the middle of the day	3/1/2023 4:40 PM
238	basketball...in addition to Hunt Gym	3/1/2023 4:11 PM
239	More adult fitness classes (dance, yoga, etc)	3/1/2023 4:05 PM
240	dance classes for adults	3/1/2023 3:57 PM
241	Hot tub at beede would be excellent	3/1/2023 3:54 PM
242	No. Hunt and Beede Center seem adequate.	3/1/2023 3:34 PM
243	No	3/1/2023 3:26 PM
244	no	3/1/2023 3:05 PM
245	I wish the Beede center had more space - would be nice to have a gym for basketball and climbing wall and flex space for other sports.	3/1/2023 2:52 PM
246	No	3/1/2023 2:38 PM
247	Indoor playground	3/1/2023 2:08 PM
248	A spot for elementary school age kids to have free swim	3/1/2023 2:02 PM
249	Anything indoor accessible to young children. Library is great but maybe there could be something like the walking hours at hunt, but for children.	3/1/2023 2:02 PM
250	Drop-in open gyms for kids to do unstructured activities especially during school vacations.	3/1/2023 1:59 PM
251	No	3/1/2023 1:51 PM
252	no	3/1/2023 1:50 PM
253	Ideally a location similar to Teamworks in Acton for indoor sports.	3/1/2023 1:46 PM
254	Put bubbles on outdoor tennis courts for winter play and lessons.	3/1/2023 1:35 PM
255	ice skating?!	3/1/2023 1:25 PM
256	-	3/1/2023 1:13 PM
257	The Beede is extremely limited in what they provide with weights, floor space, classes - useless outdoor seating areas should be converted to inside year round use.	3/1/2023 1:05 PM
258	Indoor pickleball seems to fill up very quickly. Maybe more instructors and/or more indoor pickleball locations.	3/1/2023 12:54 PM
259	A facility in W Concord (preferably near the train station) would be great! Something for classes, pickle ball, evening sports like basketball or volleyball... (similar to what is offered at Hunt Gym).	3/1/2023 12:49 PM

260	Add "indoor" pickleball courts, perhaps expand Hunt Rec facility? Additional building?	3/1/2023 12:48 PM
261	None	3/1/2023 12:40 PM
262	pickle ball	3/1/2023 12:38 PM
263	No	3/1/2023 12:24 PM
264	The beede center gym could be upgraded	3/1/2023 12:19 PM
265	An indoor track to walk around would be nice.	3/1/2023 12:18 PM
266	YES! I wish we had a drop-in gym. I wish Bedee offered more drop-in programming available to non-members. (The family swim night was great!)	3/1/2023 12:16 PM
267	Maybe more affordable opportunities	3/1/2023 12:14 PM
268	More children's pool options during the winter	3/1/2023 12:13 PM
269	N/a	3/1/2023 12:07 PM
270	no	3/1/2023 12:06 PM
271	Wish the beede center was more affordable	3/1/2023 11:59 AM
272	No	3/1/2023 11:56 AM
273	YES. More indoor basketball courts (only one in Hunt right now) and indoor soccer (we have to go to other towns to play indoor soccer in winter)	3/1/2023 11:49 AM
274	I can't think of any.	3/1/2023 11:35 AM
275	Indoor track	3/1/2023 11:24 AM
276	More availability of indoor courts (basketball and other sports)	3/1/2023 11:18 AM
277	rock climbing wall	3/1/2023 11:03 AM
278	No.	3/1/2023 10:59 AM
279	Pickleball	3/1/2023 10:56 AM
280	The therapy pool is used by families with small children. It's too small for this and conflicts with its therapeutic role. More play opportunities in the main pool would help.	3/1/2023 10:45 AM
281	More open gym access	3/1/2023 10:40 AM
282	Indoor Pickleball facilities.	3/1/2023 10:36 AM
283	archery	3/1/2023 10:35 AM
284	Indoor racquetball	3/1/2023 10:32 AM
285	we are using gym and swimming pool mostly	3/1/2023 10:29 AM
286	No	3/1/2023 10:22 AM
287	Indoor tennis courts	3/1/2023 10:19 AM
288	Current facilities are fine as long as you stop closing the facilities when there is a tiny bit of winter weather. We can all handle an inch or so of snow.	3/1/2023 10:19 AM
289	Accessible Indoor Playground and Swings	3/1/2023 10:13 AM
290	An indoor pool everyone can use.	3/1/2023 10:12 AM
291	Better access to play pickleball inside	3/1/2023 10:09 AM
292	The heated therapy pool at the Beede center is usually quite full in the winter months. Another large, heated indoor non-lap pool for kids would be nice.	3/1/2023 10:08 AM
293	n/a	3/1/2023 10:06 AM
294	ice skating rink	3/1/2023 10:06 AM

295	Better indoor pool options. Beede center is extremely limited in swim lesson offerings for children. I tried to set them up this year and was unable to do so. I drive my kids to westford. Disappointing considering the pool exists.	3/1/2023 10:06 AM
296	N/a	3/1/2023 10:05 AM
297	better basketball court	3/1/2023 10:04 AM
298	fine as is	3/1/2023 10:03 AM
299	N/A	3/1/2023 10:01 AM
300	N/a	3/1/2023 9:59 AM
301	.	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
302	I'd love to see more areas where people can informally gather and play, especially with young kids as we've had a huge influx during the pandemic	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
303	-	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
304	NA	3/1/2023 9:55 AM
305	no	3/1/2023 9:55 AM
306	Yes	3/1/2023 9:54 AM
307	None	3/1/2023 9:52 AM
308	No	3/1/2023 9:50 AM
309	Ice rink!	3/1/2023 9:49 AM
310	More multi-use gym/court space	3/1/2023 9:48 AM
311	Yes, if possible more indoor basketball space, possibly an indoor league for High Schoolers.	3/1/2023 9:16 AM
312	Dedicated pickleball courts (inside or outside); full fitness center that includes onsite group fitness classes with membership	2/28/2023 9:59 PM
313	No	2/28/2023 8:21 PM
314	I'd like to see the Beede Center find a way to lower its prices so that I could feel comfortable joining. (I'm a senior and that price level is still high for me.)	2/28/2023 6:44 PM
315	N/A	2/28/2023 4:08 PM
316	No	2/28/2023 1:15 PM
317	Pickleball courts	2/28/2023 8:23 AM
318	Ping Pong	2/28/2023 4:07 AM
319	Rock climbing gym? Indoor playground for kids	2/27/2023 8:55 PM
320	Na	2/27/2023 8:48 PM
321	No	2/27/2023 8:10 PM
322	More gym offerings like Thoreau and Beede Centwe	2/27/2023 7:57 PM
323	No	2/27/2023 7:02 PM
324	Basic gym, no pool. Accessible to teenagers.	2/27/2023 6:43 PM
325	Promote outdoor recreation in the winter. Perhaps groom trails for skiing or fat biking?	2/27/2023 6:16 PM
326	Indoor Pickleball!	2/27/2023 4:59 PM
327	track, ice skating	2/27/2023 4:39 PM
328	Rink.	2/27/2023 4:32 PM
329	Indoor tennis court or bubbled courts	2/27/2023 4:24 PM

330	N/A	2/27/2023 4:23 PM
331	An indoor track	2/27/2023 4:20 PM
332	Get the BeDee center under control. Possibly use Ripley for indoor recrecreation.	2/27/2023 4:13 PM
333	N/A	2/27/2023 4:04 PM
334	More basketball More volleyball More teen training facilities	2/27/2023 4:02 PM
335	swimming pools designed for kids to use. Beede is a wonderful facility, but there is no pool for kids (older than toddlers) to just play in - slides, lazy rivers, etc	2/27/2023 2:47 PM
336	Pickleball	2/27/2023 2:27 PM
337	N/A	2/27/2023 2:09 PM
338	A pool/fitness facility without crappy 1970's music always playing	2/27/2023 12:23 PM
339	Tennis courts, basket ball fields	2/27/2023 12:06 PM
340	Pickleball!!! We would also love to have a modern facility to access with toddlers in the winter months for activities (e.g. warm pool)	2/27/2023 12:02 PM
341	Indoor soccer field	2/27/2023 11:27 AM
342	- Fencing lessons (maybe in partnership with Marx Fencing?) - Make public skating hours available for town residents at Valley Sports on the weekend, and offer skate rental - An indoor track would be a great asset to have	2/26/2023 2:18 PM
343	I would like to have spin classes at different times. 5:45 AM does not work for me nor do nights. Maybe spin classes for older folk.	2/25/2023 8:19 PM
344	no	2/25/2023 5:52 PM
345	Boxing or kickboxing classes. It would be nice to have the classes expanded to night hours for working individuals	2/25/2023 3:05 PM
346	Indoor open gym space or a small playspace for young children indoor (similar to what is available in Wellesley for example with the "mat room") would be great for young families to be about to gather indoors with young kiddos.	2/25/2023 1:26 PM
347	Would love indoor track.	2/25/2023 9:32 AM
348	Chess	2/24/2023 10:28 PM
349	better & cheaper pilates reformer & mat classes	2/24/2023 8:10 PM
350	Indoor walking options	2/24/2023 12:23 PM
351	Expansion of indoor recreation facilities for exercise	2/24/2023 12:08 PM
352	This is a nice-to-have, but an indoor track for the HS team & town residents to use would be awesome.	2/24/2023 11:12 AM
353	indoor track (like wayland), bouldering/climbing space, kid rec space (for after-school activities like board games, etc).	2/24/2023 11:06 AM
354	no	2/23/2023 11:41 AM
355	Use the outdoor seating areas at Beede for indoor rec space; what a waste they are	2/23/2023 10:30 AM
356	-studios/performing arts space, where people can rehearse music or gather for informal music/performance sessions or organizations can hold a movie night. Space should allow for wheelchairs, so facilities should be open. Currently, the hunt gym doesn't allow food, only movie can be shown. -An atrium, where tables are set up like outside the library.	2/23/2023 10:28 AM
357	Indoor tennis, basketball	2/23/2023 8:39 AM
358	Pickleball courts	2/21/2023 9:59 PM
359	Yes, I do hope to see additional indoor recreation facilities or amenities for pickleball in the Town of Concord	2/19/2023 10:42 PM

360	More lane swimming availability, more weekday evening classes, & lower costs at Beede Center	2/19/2023 8:33 AM
361	Expand indoor pool	2/18/2023 4:05 PM
362	Bede center is expensive. A reasonably priced pool exercise venue for residents would be nice.	2/18/2023 3:58 PM
363	Climbing wall	2/18/2023 7:32 AM
364	Need more PickleBall courts inside. People are big closed out of playing	2/17/2023 8:01 PM
365	Just better indoor facilities for pickleball and basketball	2/17/2023 6:48 PM
366	update/modernize beede center	2/17/2023 4:31 PM
367	Not really. I do yoga and their are already enough private spaces available.	2/17/2023 12:39 PM
368	a gathering space for young people (community center) to work on projects or homework w access to wifi. the library hours are very short.	2/17/2023 11:45 AM
369	Squash	2/17/2023 10:17 AM
370	Additional flexible indoor sport courts are desperately needed. Far too much of resident recreational fees are paid to other towns and private parties for court access.	2/17/2023 7:53 AM
371	More swimming opportunities - especially swim lessons. Would be great to have an indoor / outdoor facility. The Beede Center is great, but in the summer it would be nice to have an expanded outdoor facility - greater than Emerson.	2/16/2023 3:08 PM
372	Indoor gym for younger children. Gymnastics	2/16/2023 2:46 PM
373	We love the Beede Center, but the only slight negative for us is how much of the time multiple pool lanes and the therapy pol are reserved for teams or classes (I'm fully in favor of having those classes and teams using the facility, though. Just wish there were more lanes available for lap swimming and more space in a warmer pool for kids to practice swimming in).	2/16/2023 2:09 PM
374	SWIMMING. Concord is way behind in this space. We need a town pool where swim lessons are available. It's nearly impossible to get children's swimming lessons in Concord which is a HUGE issue for most parents. Beede Center is clearly not enough.	2/16/2023 12:28 PM
375	We have good swimming options but more and more affordability is always good	2/16/2023 11:37 AM
376	indoor rock climbing, indoor playspace/playground	2/16/2023 10:56 AM
377	A facility like Teamworks in Acton or the Edge in Bedford would be ideal.	2/16/2023 10:42 AM
378	Indoor tennis	2/16/2023 10:38 AM
379	Absolutely need additional indoor field house combined with community center facilities	2/16/2023 10:11 AM

Q13 Are there recreational activities that you cannot do in Concord due to lack of facilities?

Answered: 364 Skipped: 203

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	see my note below	4/17/2023 7:03 PM
2	Young kids basketball, badminton, Ping pong	4/17/2023 4:46 PM
3	No	4/17/2023 12:55 PM
4	Biking and walking safely to downtown Concord from Willard neighborhood.	4/16/2023 9:09 AM
5	No	4/15/2023 9:06 PM
6	No	4/15/2023 10:29 AM
7	The boating at the town boat launch is prohibitively expensive. If you were to open an option at Warner's, I would hope it would be more cost-reasonable.	4/15/2023 8:04 AM
8	-	4/14/2023 10:24 PM
9	Cardio equipment	4/14/2023 9:12 PM
10	Indoor Pickleball, raquetball	4/14/2023 3:59 PM
11	no	4/14/2023 3:28 PM
12	no	4/14/2023 3:20 PM
13	The boating access is challenging. It would be amazing if there was a way to borrow simple watercraft (kayak or canoe) and take advantage of all of our water amenities. Having access to facilities for squash would be awesome.	4/14/2023 3:14 PM
14	Not that I’m aware of	4/14/2023 1:14 PM
15	None that impact me.	4/14/2023 12:50 PM
16	n/a	4/14/2023 12:43 PM
17	No	4/14/2023 12:08 PM
18	Swimming, pool serves too many uses and it is impossible to get time	4/14/2023 8:19 AM
19	None that I can think of	4/14/2023 8:18 AM
20	More sidewalks would be very beneficial to make it easier to access facilities	4/14/2023 7:43 AM
21	no	4/14/2023 6:39 AM
22	Not that my family participates in	4/14/2023 6:22 AM
23	swimming outdoor	4/14/2023 4:34 AM
24	no	4/13/2023 10:33 PM
25	No	4/13/2023 9:54 PM
26	Pickleball opportunities are limited. More free court time would be nice	4/13/2023 8:49 PM
27	No	4/13/2023 8:24 PM
28	None	4/13/2023 8:22 PM
29	N/a	4/13/2023 8:17 PM
30	Na	4/13/2023 8:00 PM

31	We have a disability in our household that makes locations without bathrooms very difficult. Rideout closes theirs all winter, and Hunt isn't always open. Hard for us.	4/13/2023 7:47 PM
32	Nothing specific	4/13/2023 7:08 PM
33	Na	4/13/2023 7:05 PM
34	dog park	4/13/2023 6:55 PM
35	Beede Center is expensive for a town owned facility	4/13/2023 6:52 PM
36	Indoor basketball	4/13/2023 6:39 PM
37	A dedicated dog park (not the informal one at Emerson) would be great	4/13/2023 6:18 PM
38	We cannot ever get in the afterschool ski program due to lack of availability. They need more staff so all the people that want to attend can. We have also been closed out of childcare that we need	4/13/2023 5:43 PM
39	Indoor tennis.	4/13/2023 5:43 PM
40	There are no tot lots here. Playgrounds are all geared toward older kids	4/13/2023 5:16 PM
41	no	4/13/2023 5:15 PM
42	No	4/13/2023 5:06 PM
43	Ice skating, hockey games	4/13/2023 5:05 PM
44	No	4/13/2023 4:53 PM
45	N/A	4/13/2023 4:49 PM
46	Not enough indoor pickle ball courts	4/13/2023 4:48 PM
47	No	4/13/2023 4:44 PM
48	Na	4/13/2023 4:41 PM
49	Basketball	4/13/2023 4:32 PM
50	Literally everything. It’s too expensive.	4/13/2023 4:27 PM
51	Xc ski	4/13/2023 4:26 PM
52	indoor tennis	4/13/2023 4:26 PM
53	Cricket! More low-key sports for elementary kids that don't require travel or post-8pm nights.	4/13/2023 4:22 PM
54	Many indoor sports fill up quickly due to lack of space at the Hunt Rec	4/13/2023 4:19 PM
55	Lack of Walkable accessibility makes it difficult to access	4/13/2023 4:19 PM
56	n/a	4/13/2023 4:16 PM
57	Swinging	4/13/2023 4:16 PM
58	Difficulty in using the track - see comments above.	4/13/2023 4:15 PM
59	Badminton Court	4/13/2023 4:14 PM
60	The availability of outdoor swimming is not great without being a member to CCC, Thoreau, Heritage. I apprecaite all the efforts being made to address the White Pond challenges but it's not going to improve at the rate needed for my family to enjoy. The Hunt pool is also great but hours are too restrictive. Beede is also great but swimming outdoors in the summer is key!!!	4/13/2023 4:12 PM
61	Gathering for shared experiences like dance, music, plays, speakers, etc.	4/13/2023 1:26 PM
62	Winter outdoor sports, warming is a challenge. Summer daytime weekday outdoor pool use with lessons/training options. Intergenerational camp time.	4/11/2023 5:26 AM
63	No	4/10/2023 12:16 PM
64	hiking	4/10/2023 12:01 PM

65	No	4/9/2023 12:14 AM
66	Bike pump track	4/8/2023 2:47 PM
67	None that I would participate in.	4/8/2023 11:03 AM
68	No	4/6/2023 11:55 AM
69	No	4/6/2023 7:11 AM
70	no	4/5/2023 4:43 PM
71	Indoor pickleball	4/5/2023 3:42 PM
72	no	4/3/2023 11:22 PM
73	Year round soccer.	4/3/2023 9:45 PM
74	no	4/3/2023 12:40 PM
75	winter indoor pickleball	4/3/2023 11:33 AM
76	No	4/2/2023 5:46 PM
77	NA	3/31/2023 8:47 PM
78	No	3/31/2023 7:11 PM
79	Maybe	3/29/2023 9:55 PM
80	Cross country skiing. Ice skating on town facilities. Purpose built mountain biking.	3/29/2023 2:05 PM
81	Ropes course, rock climbing	3/29/2023 9:51 AM
82	public golf	3/28/2023 2:09 PM
83	No	3/28/2023 1:54 PM
84	Squash/racketball, indoor basketball due to limited access to Hunt facility	3/24/2023 2:25 PM
85	no	3/22/2023 3:11 PM
86	Indoor Pickleball fills up too fast in the winter and allowing more people in a class increases downtime. It would be nice if you could add more indoor pickleball sessions, possibly at other facilities.	3/22/2023 11:37 AM
87	Basketball	3/22/2023 11:28 AM
88	N/A	3/22/2023 11:22 AM
89	No	3/20/2023 9:35 AM
90	Indoor walking in the winter	3/18/2023 9:12 AM
91	NA	3/18/2023 7:49 AM
92	see #12 above	3/16/2023 4:00 PM
93	N/A	3/16/2023 3:56 PM
94	N/A	3/16/2023 3:53 PM
95	N/A	3/16/2023 3:46 PM
96	N/A	3/16/2023 3:42 PM
97	na	3/16/2023 1:32 PM
98	Pickle ball is tricky and so congested - hard to get involved	3/16/2023 12:02 PM
99	no	3/16/2023 10:12 AM
100	no	3/16/2023 6:37 AM
101	No.	3/15/2023 9:36 PM

102	No	3/15/2023 8:38 PM
103	Not that I can think of	3/15/2023 3:36 PM
104	Squash	3/14/2023 2:20 PM
105	Exercise equipment (spinning bikes) could use a refresh or at minimum a maintenance plan	3/14/2023 9:02 AM
106	Swim in a town owned pond that isn't polluted	3/13/2023 2:45 PM
107	Indoor skating rink	3/12/2023 8:39 AM
108	none	3/11/2023 8:34 PM
109	Not enough open gym times for basketball.	3/11/2023 12:19 PM
110	no	3/11/2023 10:30 AM
111	No	3/11/2023 8:05 AM
112	Downhill ski	3/10/2023 10:57 AM
113	Host good sized concerts and performances at an outdoor site with appropriate technological and acoustical support.	3/9/2023 8:03 PM
114	none	3/9/2023 5:16 PM
115	no	3/9/2023 12:37 PM
116	N/A	3/9/2023 11:41 AM
117	N/A	3/9/2023 11:26 AM
118	Large-scale activities involving up to 600 people	3/9/2023 10:28 AM
119	No	3/9/2023 5:31 AM
120	Rock climbing.	3/8/2023 11:34 PM
121	Racquet court sports	3/8/2023 8:47 PM
122	No	3/8/2023 8:26 PM
123	No	3/8/2023 8:22 PM
124	Paddle	3/8/2023 7:57 PM
125	Few good places to cross-country ski	3/8/2023 7:55 PM
126	Skiing (but that's mostly weather dependent - I think would be able to ski on town trails if there was snow..)	3/8/2023 5:50 PM
127	Individual swim lessons	3/8/2023 3:53 PM
128	n/a	3/8/2023 3:41 PM
129	Large outdoor pool swimming complex.	3/8/2023 2:14 PM
130	Disc golf	3/8/2023 9:10 AM
131	no	3/7/2023 10:56 PM
132	No	3/7/2023 8:00 PM
133	No	3/7/2023 7:44 PM
134	.	3/7/2023 7:09 PM
135	Squash	3/7/2023 1:38 PM
136	Gym use and kids basketball	3/7/2023 1:10 PM
137	n/a	3/7/2023 10:39 AM
138	No	3/7/2023 9:29 AM

139	No	3/7/2023 8:31 AM
140	The Beede center is not really an accessible town resource. It's not affordable. I would use it occasionally in bad weather if it had affordable drop in prices for residence of the town.	3/7/2023 8:06 AM
141	the demand for pickleball is likely to always outpace the s	3/7/2023 7:18 AM
142	Golf practice.	3/7/2023 6:41 AM
143	need more kayak/canoe access points on the Assabet River	3/6/2023 11:33 PM
144	No but I feel like the classes and indoor memberships are very expensive. I'm sure there is a reason but it would be nice if town run programs were more reasonable for more people to afford.	3/6/2023 10:51 PM
145	no	3/6/2023 10:21 PM
146	Ice skating (safely)	3/6/2023 10:18 PM
147	Ice skating	3/6/2023 8:54 PM
148	No	3/6/2023 8:40 PM
149	Skating, ski	3/6/2023 8:38 PM
150	No	3/6/2023 8:34 PM
151	na	3/6/2023 8:29 PM
152	no	3/6/2023 8:04 PM
153	Golf hitting nets	3/6/2023 7:35 PM
154	Play squash	3/6/2023 7:19 PM
155	I would really like to have better access to the rivers in Concord for kayaking. The access from Baker Avenue is difficult because it is so far from the water. I am a single person and I have to carry my kayak the entire way by myself. The distance makes this access unmanageable for me. In contrast, I can launch and retrieve my kayak by myself at Walden Pond and at the Old Calf Pasture.	3/6/2023 7:00 PM
156	N/A	3/6/2023 6:46 PM
157	No	3/6/2023 6:44 PM
158	no	3/6/2023 6:36 PM
159	indoor pickleball (Hunt isn't really a very good option)	3/6/2023 6:36 PM
160	No public paddle tennis but I have joined clubs	3/6/2023 5:57 PM
161	N/A	3/6/2023 5:57 PM
162	no	3/6/2023 5:07 PM
163	Pickle ball on main side of town.	3/6/2023 4:15 PM
164	adult ballet class would be wonderful, but i doubt there's sufficient interest in this	3/6/2023 4:15 PM
165	no	3/6/2023 4:09 PM
166	Archery	3/6/2023 3:47 PM
167	Need to go outside of town to get adequate fitness club facilities	3/6/2023 3:46 PM
168	No	3/6/2023 3:45 PM
169	No	3/6/2023 3:41 PM
170	N/a	3/6/2023 3:21 PM
171	Indoor walking- hours are 2 days/ week, which does not always work with my schedule	3/6/2023 3:20 PM
172	I use the BF rail trail for walking and biking. However, it is not plowed and is inaccessible when there is snow cover.	3/6/2023 3:18 PM

173	Basketball, badminton in winter	3/6/2023 3:03 PM
174	no	3/6/2023 2:57 PM
175	Adequate bike trails	3/6/2023 2:55 PM
176	yoga but not due to facilities, more due to timing of classes, and lack of instructors.	3/6/2023 2:46 PM
177	no	3/6/2023 2:39 PM
178	No	3/6/2023 2:37 PM
179	Outdoor water play.	3/6/2023 2:25 PM
180	No comment	3/6/2023 12:43 PM
181	no	3/6/2023 10:13 AM
182	Trails for horseback riding. If we had them, we would need adequate parking for horse trailers (loading unloading) . This would be nice to have in Concord where we have beautiful land	3/6/2023 8:22 AM
183	no	3/6/2023 7:12 AM
184	We are so lucky to have so many fantastic facilities. Thank you!	3/5/2023 8:50 PM
185	.	3/5/2023 8:26 PM
186	None	3/5/2023 1:48 PM
187	The paved trail networks in Lincoln are great during wet/mud season.	3/5/2023 10:33 AM
188	I think it would be nice if there were dedicated trails that separated bikers/walkers as there are times on the weekends that it is unpleasant to do either due to congestion.	3/5/2023 9:50 AM
189	No	3/5/2023 7:23 AM
190	Outdoor skating in winter	3/4/2023 7:51 PM
191	It would be nice to have a few public outdoor grills by some of the picnic areas for family and friends to gather.	3/4/2023 7:45 PM
192	No	3/4/2023 2:56 PM
193	No	3/4/2023 1:34 PM
194	Indoor walking track; batting cages.	3/4/2023 10:10 AM
195	No	3/4/2023 9:51 AM
196	No	3/4/2023 7:40 AM
197	see #12. Since Golds Gym closed, I am without a place to work out.	3/3/2023 3:16 PM
198	no	3/3/2023 1:38 PM
199	no	3/3/2023 12:50 PM
200	Spray Park	3/3/2023 12:01 PM
201	You take down the Emerson tennis nets (except one) to early and delay putting them up in the spring. Yet a little bit of warm weather brings families and kids out who are disappointed not to play. Just leave them up all year.	3/3/2023 11:15 AM
202	no	3/3/2023 10:34 AM
203	No	3/3/2023 9:36 AM
204	-	3/3/2023 7:38 AM
205	Track workouts are tough at night (when I can get out while my child sleeps) without lighting at the track.	3/3/2023 7:13 AM
206	mo	3/3/2023 6:54 AM

207	None	3/3/2023 6:47 AM
208	Swimming at Beedee is too expensive if you don’t have a monthly membership	3/3/2023 2:25 AM
209	I'm not sure	3/2/2023 9:11 PM
210	Snowboarding	3/2/2023 9:04 PM
211	Rock climbing	3/2/2023 8:55 PM
212	No	3/2/2023 8:16 PM
213	If the indoor space keeps going away I will have to go elsewhere for exercise	3/2/2023 4:14 PM
214	Indoor tennis; skate	3/2/2023 3:45 PM
215	No	3/2/2023 2:46 PM
216	Many of the trails on conservation lands are a tick hazard. They need to be trimmed and maintained so that walkers don't brush against vegetation where tick hang out. This is a HUGE safety hazard and my first priority for attention.	3/2/2023 1:58 PM
217	Safety biking from west concord (Near Sudbury line) to Concord Center	3/2/2023 1:12 PM
218	Body surfing	3/2/2023 12:13 PM
219	climbing gym	3/2/2023 9:46 AM
220	indoor walking, indoor pickle ball	3/2/2023 8:59 AM
221	No	3/2/2023 7:26 AM
222	I can't think of any	3/1/2023 11:50 PM
223	Beede is too expensive	3/1/2023 11:38 PM
224	Indoor Rock climbing	3/1/2023 10:15 PM
225	Indoor walking	3/1/2023 10:01 PM
226	No	3/1/2023 9:08 PM
227	See above	3/1/2023 8:59 PM
228	Unsure	3/1/2023 8:30 PM
229	Splash pad.	3/1/2023 7:51 PM
230	Na	3/1/2023 7:32 PM
231	-	3/1/2023 7:19 PM
232	No	3/1/2023 6:57 PM
233	Bike in a safe fashion between Concord center and West Concord.	3/1/2023 6:45 PM
234	I haven't lived here long enough to give a helpful answer	3/1/2023 6:21 PM
235	Not that I can think of	3/1/2023 5:21 PM
236	n/a	3/1/2023 4:54 PM
237	No	3/1/2023 4:40 PM
238	indoor field sports (soccer) in the wintertime	3/1/2023 4:11 PM
239	Adult outdoor exercise stations	3/1/2023 4:05 PM
240	ice skating	3/1/2023 3:57 PM
241	A better summer outdoor pool facility would be a big asset to the town. The pool at Emerson is not inviting	3/1/2023 3:54 PM
242	No	3/1/2023 3:34 PM
243	It's not a matter of a lack of facilities, it's a matter of inconvenient scheduling.	3/1/2023 3:26 PM

244	no	3/1/2023 3:05 PM
245	It is hard to get on a pickleball court due to demand.	3/1/2023 2:52 PM
246	Down hill skiing buy don’t expect it	3/1/2023 2:38 PM
247	Cross country skiing	3/1/2023 2:08 PM
248	A spot for elementary school age kids to have free swim. I also find the amount of good hiking trails lacking.	3/1/2023 2:02 PM
249	Sand volleyball	3/1/2023 2:02 PM
250	Yes, but we've been able to find them in neighboring towns (ice-skating, gymnastics/ninja, etc.)	3/1/2023 1:59 PM
251	No	3/1/2023 1:51 PM
252	no	3/1/2023 1:50 PM
253	skiing :)	3/1/2023 1:46 PM
254	Indoor tennis courts - you could put bubbles on outdoor courts for winter play.	3/1/2023 1:35 PM
255	Ice skating	3/1/2023 1:25 PM
256	-	3/1/2023 1:13 PM
257	A variety of weights and training tools not offered at Beede! Losing younger town citizens to gyms outside our community	3/1/2023 1:05 PM
258	no	3/1/2023 12:54 PM
259	I think there is often not enough availability, and too many people interested. More capacity is needed.	3/1/2023 12:49 PM
260	indoor pickleball (for year round access)	3/1/2023 12:48 PM
261	None	3/1/2023 12:40 PM
262	indoor pickle ball	3/1/2023 12:38 PM
263	No	3/1/2023 12:24 PM
264	no	3/1/2023 12:19 PM
265	Nope.	3/1/2023 12:18 PM
266	Yes. There is no place for kids to drop-in and play sports. I love that kids can show up at the library for enrichment and peer time. I think it would be great to have a rec space that was similarly unstructured yet supportive and safe.	3/1/2023 12:16 PM
267	no	3/1/2023 12:14 PM
268	No	3/1/2023 12:13 PM
269	N/a	3/1/2023 12:07 PM
270	none	3/1/2023 12:06 PM
271	no	3/1/2023 11:59 AM
272	No	3/1/2023 11:56 AM
273	It's difficult to go bike riding with my kids, as we have to go on roads	3/1/2023 11:49 AM
274	Not sure. I have recently moved here.	3/1/2023 11:35 AM
275	Curling	3/1/2023 11:24 AM
276	Better access to rivers for rowing, canoeing, kayaking, etc. (potentially run by the town)	3/1/2023 11:18 AM
277	not offhand	3/1/2023 11:03 AM
278	On road bicycling in Concord is dangerous. The situation discourages the use of bicycles	3/1/2023 10:59 AM

	especially for children and seniors. More improved bikeways such as the Bruce Freeman Bikeway need to be created.	
279	No	3/1/2023 10:56 AM
280	Climbing wall	3/1/2023 10:45 AM
281	No, but I would like to be a member at Beede but the fees are exhorbitant. I would recommend focusing on bringing costs down rather than spending more to build up already nice facilities	3/1/2023 10:40 AM
282	Bocce, shuffle board	3/1/2023 10:36 AM
283	n/a	3/1/2023 10:35 AM
284	cricket	3/1/2023 10:32 AM
285	no	3/1/2023 10:29 AM
286	No	3/1/2023 10:22 AM
287	No	3/1/2023 10:19 AM
288	An outdoor skating rink would be great!	3/1/2023 10:19 AM
289	Accessible Camping and Swimming-- Are there any beach wheelchairs at White's Pond??	3/1/2023 10:13 AM
290	Field hockey	3/1/2023 10:12 AM
291	No	3/1/2023 10:09 AM
292	Concord does not have an indoor ice rink or a climbing gym, but there are options in neighboring towns, so we go there.	3/1/2023 10:08 AM
293	n/a	3/1/2023 10:06 AM
294	no	3/1/2023 10:06 AM
295	Indoor swimming for kids	3/1/2023 10:06 AM
296	N/a	3/1/2023 10:05 AM
297	na	3/1/2023 10:04 AM
298	not sure	3/1/2023 10:03 AM
299	N/A	3/1/2023 10:01 AM
300	N/a	3/1/2023 9:59 AM
301	.	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
302	splash pad for littles, have to drive to belmont!	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
303	Badminton	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
304	NA	3/1/2023 9:55 AM
305	outdoor volleyball	3/1/2023 9:55 AM
306	Unsure	3/1/2023 9:54 AM
307	Cross Country skiing when there is no snow	3/1/2023 9:52 AM
308	No	3/1/2023 9:50 AM
309	hockey	3/1/2023 9:49 AM
310	no	3/1/2023 9:48 AM
311	Basketball in winter	3/1/2023 9:16 AM
312	Affordable group fitness classes	2/28/2023 9:59 PM
313	A 200 meter indoor track running facility	2/28/2023 8:21 PM
314	Bike riding in town is not safe. Even walking is often either not safe or the sidewalks are	2/28/2023 6:44 PM

	degraded. The DPW and Rec should coordinate their efforts to address safety, access and equity for "active transportation/recreation" purposes.	
315	N/A	2/28/2023 4:08 PM
316	No	2/28/2023 1:15 PM
317	N/A	2/28/2023 8:23 AM
318	Ping Pong	2/28/2023 4:07 AM
319	Yes- I need to travel to another town for a fenced in dog park	2/27/2023 8:55 PM
320	Na	2/27/2023 8:48 PM
321	No	2/27/2023 8:10 PM
322	Na	2/27/2023 7:57 PM
323	No	2/27/2023 7:02 PM
324	No	2/27/2023 6:43 PM
325	I cannot cross-country ski in Concord as there is no snow making or trail grooming.	2/27/2023 6:16 PM
326	Pickleball!	2/27/2023 4:59 PM
327	walking track	2/27/2023 4:39 PM
328	See above. The amount of travel for Concord hockey players is in excessive	2/27/2023 4:32 PM
329	No	2/27/2023 4:24 PM
330	N/A	2/27/2023 4:23 PM
331	N/A	2/27/2023 4:20 PM
332	Yes, but don't expect to	2/27/2023 4:13 PM
333	N/A	2/27/2023 4:04 PM
334	More lacrosse fields	2/27/2023 4:02 PM
335	cross country ski	2/27/2023 2:47 PM
336	Pickleball is challenging	2/27/2023 2:27 PM
337	N/A	2/27/2023 2:09 PM
338	Indoor pickleball during winter outside of business hours!!!	2/27/2023 12:02 PM
339	Adventure course	2/27/2023 11:27 AM
340	Sailing, rowing.	2/26/2023 2:18 PM
341	No	2/25/2023 8:19 PM
342	ice skate	2/25/2023 5:52 PM
343	ice skating and golf. The golf courses in town are all private and are extremely expensive.	2/25/2023 3:05 PM
344	No - but improvement in road biking/sidewalk access to main town areas (e.g. over the bridge to West Concord on rt 62) would be helpful - unsafe for children to walk.	2/25/2023 1:26 PM
345	Bocce	2/25/2023 10:29 AM
346	Indoor rock climbing. I would honestly not do this overly much but would do it if we had a facility in town.	2/24/2023 11:12 AM
347	indoor track, climbing, open-gym for kids. exercise class space is very limited...beede was built too small. additional after-school concord rec activities are limited due to physical space it seems (especially at thoreau school).	2/24/2023 11:06 AM
348	no	2/23/2023 11:41 AM

349	Aforementioned tennis courts - hard to find a spot. Also more pools would be amazing - limited times/availability at Beede and Hunt	2/23/2023 11:16 AM
350	Full aerobic and weight routines at Beede, classes there not at Hunt, space is so limited and our younger family members go to neighboring towns	2/23/2023 10:30 AM
351	Indoor tennis.	2/23/2023 10:28 AM
352	Indoor tennis and basketball	2/23/2023 8:39 AM
353	Outdoor ice skating—would have to be piped and cleaned off—but would be a great winter gathering spot	2/23/2023 7:33 AM
354	Comfortably and safely walk or ride a bike across Route 2 to and from Concord center.	2/22/2023 7:05 PM
355	Walkability is difficult because the sidewalks are in such poor condition. More sidewalks would be helpful for those who like to walk instead of drive, or just for outdoor exercise. There is NO traffic enforcement in this town unless a person repeatedly calls the police department and they might send a car out for a few minutes. Multiple people have been killed or injured by reckless driving. It should be a top priority to simply enforce the speed limit. Also, the crosswalks need to be painted. You can't even see the lines anymore.	2/22/2023 1:13 PM
356	Kids outdoor Splash pad	2/18/2023 7:32 AM
357	Sometimes can’t get into play indoors, too many people signed up. Out of town people were taking slots	2/17/2023 8:01 PM
358	swim. getting lessons is impossible, they are very expensive as well as poor quality.	2/17/2023 11:45 AM
359	Squash	2/17/2023 10:17 AM
360	squash	2/17/2023 9:13 AM
361	Kid’s gymnastics Outdoor pool. Emerson pool does not meet town need	2/16/2023 2:46 PM
362	no	2/16/2023 11:37 AM
363	Swim lessons are always waitlisted, it would be great to have more affordable options for swim lessons to keep kid safe in a town with so many rivers/ponds	2/16/2023 10:56 AM
364	Not enough River access points. Indoor field house and baseball batting cages	2/16/2023 10:11 AM

Q14 Are there any sites or properties in Concord that you think the Town should consider for future recreation facility space?

Answered: 359 Skipped: 208

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	no	4/17/2023 7:03 PM
2	N/A	4/17/2023 4:46 PM
3	No	4/17/2023 12:55 PM
4	We have 3 beautiful rivers that run through town, but few riverside trails. I'd like to see boardwalks through the marshy floodplains and continuous riverside paths for being able to see the water and wildlife. I love water view walks, but find them hard to come by in Concord.	4/16/2023 9:09 AM
5	The site adjacent to prison	4/15/2023 9:06 PM
6	Unknown	4/15/2023 10:29 AM
7	Yes, the beautiful strip of land adjacent to the river and behind the MCI property in West Concord. This was already designed into passive recreational space by the Junction Village Open Space Task Force. But when the affordable housing complex fell through (Grantham), so did those plans. (Even though the town had committed $250k at TM and a promise to commit $1m to execute the design.) This property is owned by the CHDC. There is no reason these plans could not go forward without a developer. It would bring incalculable value to the town's open space catalogue - trails, interpretive panels, nature walks, reflection spaces - only steps from West Concord Village. One of the goals of every master plan has been to 1/ secure more open space and 2/ highlight historical areas in town other than our Revolutionary and Transcendental histories. This site is significant for our part in Civil War history and also the reformatory, progressive when it started in the mid-1800s and significant still today. Yet it goes untapped, undervalued and underutilized. The town could alter this easily. And it should.	4/15/2023 8:04 AM
8	-	4/14/2023 10:24 PM
9	Not sure	4/14/2023 9:12 PM
10	Better access to gyms at the public schools.	4/14/2023 3:59 PM
11	no	4/14/2023 3:28 PM
12	Would be nice if you gave examples. I have no idea what properties may be available!	4/14/2023 3:20 PM
13	Improving access to and maintenance of Kennedy's Pond from the town's trails. Could ConcordRec acquire the pond property (it is currently in a Trust that has years of unpaid taxes)? Like Warner's pond its quality is declining due to invasive species and lack of maintenance.	4/14/2023 3:14 PM
14	Nope	4/14/2023 1:14 PM
15	No.	4/14/2023 12:50 PM
16	Leverage Ripley Gym as indoor facility to use in the winter time.	4/14/2023 12:43 PM
17	No	4/14/2023 12:08 PM
18	Not that I am aware of	4/14/2023 8:19 AM
19	No	4/14/2023 8:18 AM
20	dont know	4/14/2023 7:43 AM
21	unknown	4/14/2023 6:39 AM
22	Not sure	4/14/2023 6:22 AM

23	no	4/14/2023 4:34 AM
24	no	4/13/2023 10:33 PM
25	Not offhand	4/13/2023 9:54 PM
26	N/A	4/13/2023 8:49 PM
27	No	4/13/2023 8:24 PM
28	None	4/13/2023 8:22 PM
29	N/a	4/13/2023 8:17 PM
30	Na	4/13/2023 8:00 PM
31	I don't know of any	4/13/2023 7:47 PM
32	Nothing specific	4/13/2023 7:08 PM
33	Na	4/13/2023 7:05 PM
34	no	4/13/2023 6:55 PM
35	No	4/13/2023 6:52 PM
36	No	4/13/2023 6:39 PM
37	No	4/13/2023 6:18 PM
38	I think they should build a track at the high school	4/13/2023 5:43 PM
39	Anything behind Valley Sports (ice rink)?	4/13/2023 5:43 PM
40	Superfund site	4/13/2023 5:16 PM
41	NO	4/13/2023 5:15 PM
42	N/A	4/13/2023 5:06 PM
43	Empty space next to the skate park.	4/13/2023 5:05 PM
44	No	4/13/2023 4:53 PM
45	N/A	4/13/2023 4:49 PM
46	More pickle ball courts	4/13/2023 4:48 PM
47	No	4/13/2023 4:44 PM
48	Na	4/13/2023 4:41 PM
49	X	4/13/2023 4:32 PM
50	X	4/13/2023 4:27 PM
51	No idea	4/13/2023 4:26 PM
52	no	4/13/2023 4:26 PM
53	Willard's campus	4/13/2023 4:22 PM
54	Ripley field	4/13/2023 4:19 PM
55	It sure	4/13/2023 4:19 PM
56	n/a	4/13/2023 4:16 PM
57	Not sure	4/13/2023 4:16 PM
58	no	4/13/2023 4:15 PM
59	N/A	4/13/2023 4:14 PM
60	A bigger outdoor pool for resident/non-resident use. Consider expanding the Hunt pool and adding more facilities, snack bar, etc. Many people in Concord would prefer not to belong to a	4/13/2023 4:12 PM

	"club" and/or don't have a summer place to go to.	
61	Not at the moment	4/13/2023 1:26 PM
62	Peabody School?	4/11/2023 3:13 PM
63	The Armory and surrounding property possibility for mixed use residential and recreation, possible community and school use of indoor track and field facility for events and trainings.	4/11/2023 5:26 AM
64	No	4/10/2023 12:16 PM
65	n/a	4/10/2023 12:01 PM
66	No	4/9/2023 12:14 AM
67	Use more existing space for pump track in grassy area near skate park. Perfect spot for a large pump track.	4/8/2023 2:47 PM
68	Near Alcott school.	4/8/2023 11:03 AM
69	don't know	4/6/2023 11:55 AM
70	No	4/6/2023 7:11 AM
71	no. I do not favor expenditures that would increase my taxes!	4/5/2023 4:43 PM
72	Don’t know	4/5/2023 3:42 PM
73	no	4/3/2023 11:22 PM
74	Pay the back taxes on some farm land and build an indoor facility for soccer and gatherings for the long winter months	4/3/2023 9:45 PM
75	The newly cleaned Starmet site. Sorry I can't remember the new xxxx Main Street name.	4/3/2023 12:40 PM
76	I don't know	4/3/2023 11:33 AM
77	No	4/2/2023 5:46 PM
78	NA	3/31/2023 8:47 PM
79	No	3/31/2023 7:11 PM
80	?	3/29/2023 9:55 PM
81	Walden Dump site. HS former parking lot.	3/29/2023 2:05 PM
82	Starmet site	3/29/2023 9:51 AM
83	I don't know	3/28/2023 2:09 PM
84	No	3/28/2023 1:54 PM
85	Don’t know	3/24/2023 2:25 PM
86	no	3/22/2023 3:11 PM
87	CCHS and the other public schools	3/22/2023 11:37 AM
88	Ask residents if they will sell to town, we should of bought Arena's farm! x field off Fairhaven road!	3/22/2023 11:28 AM
89	N/A	3/22/2023 11:22 AM
90	No	3/20/2023 9:35 AM
91	Concord Armory	3/18/2023 9:12 AM
92	Armory next door to Emerson Park	3/18/2023 7:49 AM
93	Starmet Property Mass Corrections Land	3/16/2023 4:00 PM
94	N/A	3/16/2023 3:56 PM
95	N/A	3/16/2023 3:53 PM

96	N/A	3/16/2023 3:46 PM
97	N/A	3/16/2023 3:42 PM
98	na	3/16/2023 1:32 PM
99	No	3/16/2023 12:02 PM
100	no	3/16/2023 10:12 AM
101	no	3/16/2023 6:37 AM
102	No.	3/15/2023 9:36 PM
103	No	3/15/2023 8:38 PM
104	None come to mind	3/15/2023 3:36 PM
105	No	3/14/2023 2:20 PM
106	Utilization of school resources during summer months might be a low cost but effective way to expand rec opportunities	3/14/2023 9:02 AM
107	How about buying the field along route 2 that abuts the Gerow property.	3/13/2023 2:45 PM
108	No	3/12/2023 8:39 AM
109	none	3/11/2023 8:34 PM
110	Peabody	3/11/2023 12:19 PM
111	no	3/11/2023 10:30 AM
112	I am not interested in any more structures or fields for two reasons: 1. Would prefer to minimize development and building in this town. Once land is used that way, rarely converted back to natural space. And believe we have lots of recreational opportunities now. 2. Do not want further expense given real estate taxes in Concord. However, if Concord Recreation can both preserve land or put fields like Cousins or Emerson in a cluster development, and offer access in areas of high density, I would be in favor of it.	3/11/2023 8:05 AM
113	No	3/10/2023 10:57 AM
114	Need to identify a large place for a performance venue, with adequate parking and facilities.	3/9/2023 8:03 PM
115	none	3/9/2023 5:16 PM
116	no	3/9/2023 12:37 PM
117	N/A	3/9/2023 11:41 AM
118	N/A	3/9/2023 11:26 AM
119	W.Concord CMI Starmet site land behind CCHS	3/9/2023 10:28 AM
120	No	3/9/2023 5:31 AM
121	I'd love to see the Reformatory Branch path (currently unpaved) extended along its former route all the way to West Concord. I do think this is a pipe dream.	3/8/2023 11:34 PM
122	Cousins	3/8/2023 8:47 PM
123	Warner's Pond and Macone Pond.	3/8/2023 8:26 PM
124	No	3/8/2023 8:22 PM
125	Parks	3/8/2023 7:57 PM
126	Trail along Assabet River	3/8/2023 7:55 PM
127	Not sure	3/8/2023 5:50 PM
128	?	3/8/2023 3:53 PM
129	n/a	3/8/2023 3:41 PM

130	Do not know.	3/8/2023 2:14 PM
131	Don't know	3/8/2023 9:10 AM
132	no	3/7/2023 10:56 PM
133	No	3/7/2023 8:00 PM
134	No	3/7/2023 7:44 PM
135	.	3/7/2023 7:09 PM
136	n/a	3/7/2023 1:38 PM
137	The new sly acquired site which was previously a superfund site.	3/7/2023 1:10 PM
138	n/a	3/7/2023 10:39 AM
139	No	3/7/2023 9:29 AM
140	Don’t know	3/7/2023 8:31 AM
141	No	3/7/2023 8:06 AM
142	Hunt/ Armory; turn Walgreens into indoor courts?	3/7/2023 7:18 AM
143	The fields at Alcott need to be improved.	3/7/2023 6:41 AM
144	n/a	3/6/2023 11:33 PM
145	No	3/6/2023 10:51 PM
146	no	3/6/2023 10:21 PM
147	Bike paths connecting west concord and concord	3/6/2023 10:18 PM
148	No	3/6/2023 8:54 PM
149	No	3/6/2023 8:40 PM
150	No	3/6/2023 8:38 PM
151	No	3/6/2023 8:34 PM
152	na	3/6/2023 8:29 PM
153	no	3/6/2023 8:04 PM
154	Peabody school	3/6/2023 7:35 PM
155	No	3/6/2023 7:19 PM
156	Not that I can think of.	3/6/2023 7:00 PM
157	N/A	3/6/2023 6:46 PM
158	No	3/6/2023 6:44 PM
159	no	3/6/2023 6:36 PM
160	Valley Sport, Starmet	3/6/2023 6:36 PM
161	No	3/6/2023 5:57 PM
162	No.	3/6/2023 5:57 PM
163	no	3/6/2023 5:07 PM
164	-	3/6/2023 4:15 PM
165	n/a	3/6/2023 4:15 PM
166	starmet	3/6/2023 4:09 PM
167	no	3/6/2023 3:47 PM

168	No	3/6/2023 3:46 PM
169	No	3/6/2023 3:45 PM
170	Don’t know	3/6/2023 3:41 PM
171	N/a	3/6/2023 3:21 PM
172	What about the area near Crosby’s?	3/6/2023 3:20 PM
173	If the town takes out the dam at Warner's pond, I think Kayaking or canoeing on Nashoba Brook to the remaining Warners Pond would be great.	3/6/2023 3:18 PM
174	New middle school open more public spaces after school time.	3/6/2023 3:03 PM
175	not sure	3/6/2023 2:57 PM
176	I don’t know any	3/6/2023 2:55 PM
177	no	3/6/2023 2:46 PM
178	no	3/6/2023 2:39 PM
179	No	3/6/2023 2:37 PM
180	n/a	3/6/2023 2:25 PM
181	No comment	3/6/2023 12:43 PM
182	no	3/6/2023 10:13 AM
183	Any large open parcel especially if you can connect them	3/6/2023 8:22 AM
184	no	3/6/2023 7:12 AM
185	Not sure	3/5/2023 8:50 PM
186	.	3/5/2023 8:26 PM
187	None	3/5/2023 1:48 PM
188	I wish we were better integrated with the Harvard lands, State Walden, and NPS properties for passive recreation	3/5/2023 10:33 AM
189	The track should be located at the high school, and artificial turf should not have a bed of carcinogenic material which can health problems and environmental pollution.	3/5/2023 9:50 AM
190	Don’t know	3/5/2023 7:23 AM
191	Peabody Middle School should be torn down and new facilities and fields should be built on the land	3/4/2023 7:51 PM
192	A better canoe launch at Cousin's would provide easier access to enjoy the river. The improvements residents have made so far have been lovely. Would the town ever have access to the waterway by Damon Mills? Many residents like to walk along where the old dam used to be. The old, rundown auto repair building on Water Street is an eyesore and could be turned into a beautiful property for river access/enjoyment!	3/4/2023 7:45 PM
193	Peabody	3/4/2023 2:56 PM
194	Heritage pool.	3/4/2023 1:34 PM
195	Open area next to Hunt Gym; NMI/Starmet when cleaned up	3/4/2023 10:10 AM
196	I can't think of any.	3/4/2023 9:51 AM
197	Don’t know	3/4/2023 7:40 AM
198	No I think housing--workforce housing for middleclass folks and affordable-- is a bigger issue for the town	3/3/2023 3:16 PM
199	no	3/3/2023 1:38 PM
200	no	3/3/2023 12:50 PM

201	Not particularly	3/3/2023 12:01 PM
202	Expand the skateboard park; promote mountain biking; adopt Alternative 1 for Warners Pond and build those new viewing and launching points; finish the Rail Trail into Sudbury but do NOT pave it, leave it dirt or at most crushed stone	3/3/2023 11:15 AM
203	Starmet	3/3/2023 10:34 AM
204	Indoor climbing wall	3/3/2023 9:36 AM
205	possibly peabody once there is one CMS building?	3/3/2023 7:38 AM
206	I do not know the town well enough.	3/3/2023 7:13 AM
207	no	3/3/2023 6:54 AM
208	None	3/3/2023 6:47 AM
209	Not sure	3/3/2023 2:25 AM
210	No sure	3/2/2023 9:11 PM
211	Maybe something that involves kayaking or river boats.	3/2/2023 9:04 PM
212	The superfund site	3/2/2023 8:55 PM
213	No	3/2/2023 8:16 PM
214	Boating access on Warner's pond, with rentals	3/2/2023 4:14 PM
215	N/A	3/2/2023 3:45 PM
216	No	3/2/2023 2:46 PM
217	This question should not REQUIRE an answer!	3/2/2023 1:58 PM
218	Peabody. West Concord needs more recreational facilities.	3/2/2023 1:12 PM
219	N/A	3/2/2023 12:13 PM
220	Don't know	3/2/2023 9:46 AM
221	not sure	3/2/2023 8:59 AM
222	No	3/2/2023 7:26 AM
223	-	3/1/2023 11:50 PM
224	Dog park	3/1/2023 11:38 PM
225	Would be nice to have a maintained outdoor skating rink	3/1/2023 10:15 PM
226	No	3/1/2023 10:01 PM
227	No	3/1/2023 9:08 PM
228	N/a	3/1/2023 8:59 PM
229	Unsure	3/1/2023 8:30 PM
230	N/a	3/1/2023 7:51 PM
231	Na	3/1/2023 7:32 PM
232	-	3/1/2023 7:19 PM
233	Southfield Meadow is under utilized today	3/1/2023 6:57 PM
234	N/A	3/1/2023 6:45 PM
235	I haven't lived here long enough to give a helpful answer	3/1/2023 6:21 PM
236	Not that I can think of	3/1/2023 5:21 PM
237	n/a	3/1/2023 4:54 PM

238	unsure	3/1/2023 4:40 PM
239	Peabody school	3/1/2023 4:11 PM
240	The grounds at Willard	3/1/2023 4:05 PM
241	Perhaps the land where the Peabody and Sanborn schools are currently standing.	3/1/2023 3:57 PM
242	No	3/1/2023 3:54 PM
243	No	3/1/2023 3:34 PM
244	2229 Main Street	3/1/2023 3:26 PM
245	no	3/1/2023 3:05 PM
246	Add tennis courts at Ripley	3/1/2023 2:52 PM
247	Can’t think of any	3/1/2023 2:38 PM
248	NA	3/1/2023 2:08 PM
249	Unsure	3/1/2023 2:02 PM
250	No idea	3/1/2023 2:02 PM
251	We are lucky to live near the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and we use it frequently. Any opportunities to create additional bike paths and protected bike lanes would be so worthwhile - good for recreation, community, and Concord's environmental goals.....It would be so great if there was a safe, bikeable corridor linking West Concord to Concord Center and then to the Minuteman Bike Path. I think that would be a highly impactful priority.	3/1/2023 1:59 PM
252	No	3/1/2023 1:51 PM
253	no	3/1/2023 1:50 PM
254	Main Street Superfund site.	3/1/2023 1:46 PM
255	Town of Wellesley tennis courts are lit!	3/1/2023 1:35 PM
256	not that I know of	3/1/2023 1:25 PM
257	-	3/1/2023 1:13 PM
258	Somewhere in West Concord for indoor purposes - seniors are not served well at Harvey Wheeler for activities like exercise.	3/1/2023 1:05 PM
259	no	3/1/2023 12:54 PM
260	?	3/1/2023 12:49 PM
261	Make more use of land at Emerson and Ripley.	3/1/2023 12:48 PM
262	No	3/1/2023 12:40 PM
263	can not think of one	3/1/2023 12:38 PM
264	No	3/1/2023 12:24 PM
265	no	3/1/2023 12:19 PM
266	Nope.	3/1/2023 12:18 PM
267	I am unsure	3/1/2023 12:16 PM
268	no	3/1/2023 12:14 PM
269	No	3/1/2023 12:13 PM
270	N/a	3/1/2023 12:07 PM
271	no	3/1/2023 12:06 PM
272	no	3/1/2023 11:59 AM

273	No	3/1/2023 11:56 AM
274	No idea, but something in West Concord would be great. Especially in the Willard/Sanborn area. West Concord downtown has Rideout at least. Maybe Peabody Middle School would be a good location to build indoor/outdoor recreational facilities in West Concord?	3/1/2023 11:49 AM
275	I don’t know.	3/1/2023 11:35 AM
276	.	3/1/2023 11:24 AM
277	The old Peabody School could be used for recreational activities	3/1/2023 11:18 AM
278	better utilization of southmeadow field- it shouldn't get overdeveloped, but perhaps dedicating it to one sport (softball, youth soccer) and putting in some benches along the trails, along the sides of the field	3/1/2023 11:03 AM
279	Improve the Reformatory Branch Trail.	3/1/2023 10:59 AM
280	No	3/1/2023 10:56 AM
281	climbing wall	3/1/2023 10:45 AM
282	No, stop building. Considering the new space coming from Concord Middle School, it will already contribute more public usable space	3/1/2023 10:40 AM
283	Peabody school	3/1/2023 10:36 AM
284	n/a	3/1/2023 10:35 AM
285	don't know	3/1/2023 10:32 AM
286	no	3/1/2023 10:29 AM
287	No	3/1/2023 10:22 AM
288	No	3/1/2023 10:19 AM
289	no	3/1/2023 10:19 AM
290	???	3/1/2023 10:13 AM
291	Peabody School	3/1/2023 10:12 AM
292	No	3/1/2023 10:09 AM
293	No specific sites come to mind, but an indoor facility (maybe with a pool) in West Concord might be a good fit.	3/1/2023 10:08 AM
294	n/a	3/1/2023 10:06 AM
295	no	3/1/2023 10:06 AM
296	None	3/1/2023 10:06 AM
297	N/a	3/1/2023 10:05 AM
298	na	3/1/2023 10:04 AM
299	no	3/1/2023 10:03 AM
300	N/A	3/1/2023 10:01 AM
301	N/-	3/1/2023 9:59 AM
302	.	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
303	none I know of	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
304	-	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
305	NA	3/1/2023 9:55 AM
306	.	3/1/2023 9:55 AM
307	Unsure	3/1/2023 9:54 AM

308	No	3/1/2023 9:52 AM
309	No	3/1/2023 9:50 AM
310	the land next to CCHS where the skate park (in dire need of upkeep) is currently. Would be a perfect place for a rink.	3/1/2023 9:49 AM
311	CCHS land near the skate park	3/1/2023 9:48 AM
312	No specific locations	3/1/2023 9:16 AM
313	Don’t know of any	2/28/2023 9:59 PM
314	No	2/28/2023 8:21 PM
315	We have a large, pleasant road network that could be used for walking and biking. Study after study, survey after survey suggest that residents what this. Nothing gets accomplished.	2/28/2023 6:44 PM
316	N/A	2/28/2023 4:08 PM
317	No	2/28/2023 1:15 PM
318	N/A	2/28/2023 8:23 AM
319	2229 Main St.	2/28/2023 4:07 AM
320	There is the parking lot and facilities at the end of Winthrop St	2/27/2023 8:55 PM
321	Na	2/27/2023 8:48 PM
322	No	2/27/2023 8:10 PM
323	Na	2/27/2023 7:57 PM
324	No	2/27/2023 7:02 PM
325	No	2/27/2023 6:43 PM
326	The high school former dump site would be a great place to add mountain bike pump track (summer use) and cross country ski center (winter use).	2/27/2023 6:16 PM
327	Pickleball!	2/27/2023 4:59 PM
328	N/A	2/27/2023 4:39 PM
329	Land around high school.	2/27/2023 4:32 PM
330	No	2/27/2023 4:24 PM
331	N/A	2/27/2023 4:23 PM
332	N/A	2/27/2023 4:20 PM
333	Yes , adjacent to Warner Pond and tie in to rail trail / Bruce Freeman Rail Trail etc. Concord has gained alot of wonderful trails etc in the past few years. Perhaps it's time to evaluate and see how it's going before launching into new spending.	2/27/2023 4:13 PM
334	N/A	2/27/2023 4:04 PM
335	Improve the field on old pickard road near Peabody Renovate Peabody area after it’s no longer needed to be a sports field complex.	2/27/2023 4:02 PM
336	StarMet site in West Concord	2/27/2023 2:47 PM
337	No	2/27/2023 2:27 PM
338	N/A	2/27/2023 2:09 PM
339	Peabody Middle School	2/27/2023 8:56 AM
340	- Make public skating hours available for town residents at Valley Sports on the weekend, and offer skate rental - Sailing club/lessons on a local pond (White Pond?) - Rowing/crew club/lessons on a local pond/river (Fairhaven Bay?) - A bike trail along the Fitchburg Line railroad to connect the BRFT to the Assabet River Bike Trail at its trailhead in South Acton	2/26/2023 2:18 PM

341	No	2/25/2023 8:19 PM
342	clean Warner's Pond	2/25/2023 5:52 PM
343	Maybe the Superfund site (formally Starmet) when declared safe for public use.	2/24/2023 10:09 PM
344	Concord should buy the former Nuclear Metals site in W. Concord and convert it to a recreation area.	2/24/2023 2:59 PM
345	We need a dog park!	2/24/2023 1:01 PM
346	The property at 2229 Main would be great as recreational space.	2/24/2023 11:12 AM
347	starmet site, west concord in general. What about the old golds gym building that I think is sitting empty?	2/24/2023 11:06 AM
348	The end of Winthrop St - behind the prison -where housing complex just fell through. This would be great for Baseball complex. A bridge could connect to Baker Ave for parking.	2/23/2023 11:40 PM
349	no	2/23/2023 11:41 AM
350	Not aware of available sites	2/23/2023 11:16 AM
351	Perhaps the Grace Superfund site on Main Street	2/23/2023 10:45 AM
352	Peabody middle school space.	2/23/2023 10:28 AM
353	Make a Mountain biking trail at the power mill rd entrance to the rail trail	2/18/2023 4:05 PM
354	No. We need more space for police station	2/17/2023 1:27 PM
355	Again, any sites or properties in Concord that become available are badly needed for affordable housing.	2/17/2023 12:39 PM
356	South Bridge boathouse	2/17/2023 8:21 AM
357	Lexington town pool. Playground	2/16/2023 2:46 PM
358	n/a	2/16/2023 10:56 AM
359	NMI/Starmet after cleanup	2/16/2023 10:11 AM

Q15 What is a desirable recreation facility or program outside of Concord that the Town should strive to emulate?

Answered: 364 Skipped: 203

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	restore some adult only hours in the therapy pool	4/17/2023 7:03 PM
2	N/A	4/17/2023 4:46 PM
3	Um…	4/17/2023 12:55 PM
4	As the birthplace of trancendentalism, it would be super to open a nature center in Concord with activities for children. See for an example Shavers Creek Environmental Center in Pennsylvania.	4/16/2023 9:09 AM
5	Create and maintain cross country skiing trails - the existing trails and bike path could be groomed for using during the season (similar to Carlisle track)	4/15/2023 9:06 PM
6	Unknown	4/15/2023 10:29 AM
7	Not sure.	4/15/2023 8:04 AM
8	-	4/14/2023 10:24 PM
9	Not sure	4/14/2023 9:12 PM
10	Not sure	4/14/2023 3:59 PM
11	no	4/14/2023 3:28 PM
12	Thoreau Club	4/14/2023 3:20 PM
13	SquashWest. They have a sold program going on and while ConcordRec partners for classes, it is expensive to be a member of both Beede and SquashWest so I only choose Beede. I'd love to do it all! Having Squash lessons for youth as an option for summer or aftercare child care would be awesome too.	4/14/2023 3:14 PM
14	?	4/14/2023 1:14 PM
15	I don't know.	4/14/2023 12:50 PM
16	n/a	4/14/2023 12:43 PM
17	Sudbury, Carlisle	4/14/2023 12:08 PM
18	Would love something like Cochituate state park facilities	4/14/2023 8:19 AM
19	I don't know of any	4/14/2023 8:18 AM
20	don't know enough	4/14/2023 7:43 AM
21	unknown	4/14/2023 6:39 AM
22	Teamworks	4/14/2023 6:22 AM
23	no	4/14/2023 4:34 AM
24	no	4/13/2023 10:33 PM
25	Trampoline park	4/13/2023 9:54 PM
26	YMCA - type facility would be nice	4/13/2023 8:49 PM
27	The ARC (Activities & Recreation Center) in Columbia, MO	4/13/2023 8:24 PM
28	None	4/13/2023 8:22 PM

29	N/a	4/13/2023 8:17 PM
30	Na	4/13/2023 8:00 PM
31	Concord is awesome--I don't know of any better!	4/13/2023 7:47 PM
32	Lexington’s rec program appears rather impressive	4/13/2023 7:08 PM
33	Na	4/13/2023 7:05 PM
34	don't know	4/13/2023 6:55 PM
35	No	4/13/2023 6:52 PM
36	N/a	4/13/2023 6:39 PM
37	Martin Richard Park in Boston. The educational garden next to the climbing structure in particular	4/13/2023 6:18 PM
38	?	4/13/2023 5:43 PM
39	The field house in Sudbury.	4/13/2023 5:43 PM
40	Tot lots in Lexington, Boston, NYC, etc	4/13/2023 5:16 PM
41	Like Waverly Oaks' swim facility and find it preferable to Beede Center	4/13/2023 5:15 PM
42	N/A	4/13/2023 5:06 PM
43	Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley	4/13/2023 5:05 PM
44	No	4/13/2023 4:53 PM
45	N/A	4/13/2023 4:49 PM
46	None	4/13/2023 4:48 PM
47	No	4/13/2023 4:44 PM
48	NA	4/13/2023 4:41 PM
49	Lexington has significantly better facilities	4/13/2023 4:32 PM
50	X	4/13/2023 4:27 PM
51	?	4/13/2023 4:26 PM
52	longfellow tennis club in sudbury	4/13/2023 4:26 PM
53	Lincoln's pool has more appeal than Emerson's	4/13/2023 4:22 PM
54	Unknown	4/13/2023 4:19 PM
55	It sure	4/13/2023 4:19 PM
56	n/a	4/13/2023 4:16 PM
57	YMCA	4/13/2023 4:16 PM
58	no	4/13/2023 4:15 PM
59	N/A	4/13/2023 4:14 PM
60	We have so many awesome things and are so lucky!! Like I said, outdoor swimming in the summer months is what we lack most from my perspective.	4/13/2023 4:12 PM
61	A mini version of Boston's Hat Shell Boarding House Park in Lowell https://lowellsummermusic.org/about-visit/	4/13/2023 1:26 PM
62	Acfon's outdoor performance center	4/11/2023 3:13 PM
63	Don't know!	4/11/2023 5:26 AM
64	None	4/10/2023 12:16 PM
65	don't know. Been here over 30 years.	4/10/2023 12:01 PM

66	N/a	4/9/2023 12:14 AM
67	Westford or Sudbury indoor basketball and soccer facilities	4/8/2023 2:47 PM
68	Don't know.	4/8/2023 11:03 AM
69	don't know	4/6/2023 11:55 AM
70	N/a	4/6/2023 7:11 AM
71	no	4/5/2023 4:43 PM
72	Lexington	4/5/2023 3:42 PM
73	n/a	4/3/2023 11:22 PM
74	The edge in Bedford	4/3/2023 9:45 PM
75	no	4/3/2023 12:40 PM
76	sign up for open indoor pickleball play at a facility built for pickleball	4/3/2023 11:33 AM
77	No	4/2/2023 5:46 PM
78	NA	3/31/2023 8:47 PM
79	No	3/31/2023 7:11 PM
80	?	3/29/2023 9:55 PM
81	Any that have tried to develop their trail network except Lincoln. Trails need to be well defined for everyone. Perhaps develop new trails specifically for mountain biking?	3/29/2023 2:05 PM
82	YMCA model - more affordable than Beede Center and offers more	3/29/2023 9:51 AM
83	I don't know	3/28/2023 2:09 PM
84	Not aware of any	3/28/2023 1:54 PM
85	N/A	3/24/2023 2:25 PM
86	no	3/22/2023 3:11 PM
87	Not sure	3/22/2023 11:37 AM
88	Make all new schools we build offer more indoor space, Lexington	3/22/2023 11:28 AM
89	N/A	3/22/2023 11:22 AM
90	I don't know	3/20/2023 9:35 AM
91	music and art classes for preschoolers	3/18/2023 9:12 AM
92	NA	3/18/2023 7:49 AM
93	N/A	3/16/2023 4:00 PM
94	N/A	3/16/2023 3:56 PM
95	N/A	3/16/2023 3:53 PM
96	N/A	3/16/2023 3:46 PM
97	N/A	3/16/2023 3:42 PM
98	na	3/16/2023 1:32 PM
99	Marcus Lewis has a great Pickleball Round Robin program	3/16/2023 12:02 PM
100	NARA Park	3/16/2023 10:12 AM
101	none.	3/16/2023 6:37 AM
102	No.	3/15/2023 9:36 PM

103	No	3/15/2023 8:38 PM
104	Lexington town pools	3/15/2023 3:36 PM
105	Not sure	3/14/2023 2:20 PM
106	I don’t believe our town really supports concord rec. financially. It appears to be self-funded through user fees alone. This is a big difference compared to other towns	3/14/2023 9:02 AM
107	Bozeman, MT	3/13/2023 2:45 PM
108	I don’t know	3/12/2023 8:39 AM
109	none	3/11/2023 8:34 PM
110	?	3/11/2023 12:19 PM
111	I can't think of any	3/11/2023 10:30 AM
112	I think Concord is a safe town to walk and run in. But if any opportunity exists to connect trails, that would be an enhancement for long distance walkers & runners. Also connecting to trails in contiguous towns.	3/11/2023 8:05 AM
113	None	3/10/2023 10:57 AM
114	Look at other communities that have successful outdoor performance venues.	3/9/2023 8:03 PM
115	none	3/9/2023 5:16 PM
116	na	3/9/2023 12:37 PM
117	N/A	3/9/2023 11:41 AM
118	Connecting neighborhoods (to the extent possible) by walking paths would be a huge add to the walkability and reduction of car traffic. For example, the Southfield neighborhood with Elisnore/Belknap	3/9/2023 11:26 AM
119	n/a	3/9/2023 10:28 AM
120	Unsure	3/9/2023 5:31 AM
121	Indoor track! More cycling/walking paths, especially along our rivers. I was recently in Bordeaux, France; it is an amazingly walkable and bikable city.	3/8/2023 11:34 PM
122	Interconnected trails without restrictions is key	3/8/2023 8:47 PM
123	Cross country skiing in Weston.	3/8/2023 8:26 PM
124	Wellesley hockey rink/pool complex or the edge in Bedford	3/8/2023 8:22 PM
125	Bocce courts, paddle courts	3/8/2023 7:57 PM
126	Weston ski track	3/8/2023 7:55 PM
127	Area for my interest only that we go often with good facilities is Walden Pond- swim, hike, relaxing, good facilities.	3/8/2023 5:50 PM
128	?	3/8/2023 3:53 PM
129	n/a	3/8/2023 3:41 PM
130	Do not know.	3/8/2023 2:14 PM
131	Disc golf course at Vietnam veteran's Park in Billerica	3/8/2023 9:10 AM
132	splash pads of Waltham	3/7/2023 10:56 PM
133	None	3/7/2023 8:00 PM
134	?	3/7/2023 7:44 PM
135	New Carlisle playground, Beaver Brook Spray Deck (Belmont)	3/7/2023 7:09 PM
136	SquashWest, Acton	3/7/2023 1:38 PM

137	Bedford rec center, Lexington green	3/7/2023 1:10 PM
138	n/a	3/7/2023 10:39 AM
139	No	3/7/2023 9:29 AM
140	Don’t know	3/7/2023 8:31 AM
141	Lexington used to have drop in rates to their pool that was reasonably priced.	3/7/2023 8:06 AM
142	Lexington's sport complex	3/7/2023 7:18 AM
143	Chelmsford has multiple areas for baseball in one location.	3/7/2023 6:41 AM
144	n/a	3/6/2023 11:33 PM
145	?	3/6/2023 10:51 PM
146	can't think of any	3/6/2023 10:21 PM
147	See 11 https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.virginia.org/listing/the-harris-pavilion-at-the-city-of-manassas/7524/amp/	3/6/2023 10:18 PM
148	Lexington	3/6/2023 8:54 PM
149	No	3/6/2023 8:40 PM
150	Lexington	3/6/2023 8:38 PM
151	?	3/6/2023 8:34 PM
152	na	3/6/2023 8:29 PM
153	no	3/6/2023 8:04 PM
154	Cover the tennis courts at Willard school	3/6/2023 7:35 PM
155	No	3/6/2023 7:19 PM
156	The Town of Carlisle has a nice program that encourages people to hike all of the trails in town. There is a book of trails with pages to track progress. The recognition for completing all of the trails is an embroidered patch. The Town of Littleton has a crew program. Rowing is a sport that can be accessible to people of all ages and many different types of abilities. White Pond could be considered as a location for such a program. The Appalachian Mountain Club used to run whitewater canoeing training programs on White Pond, in which students would learn to roll and recover their kayaks. It would be great to have training programs offered by the Town that prepare participants for more adventure beyond the town line.	3/6/2023 7:00 PM
157	N/A	3/6/2023 6:46 PM
158	?	3/6/2023 6:44 PM
159	cant think of any	3/6/2023 6:36 PM
160	Skating rink	3/6/2023 6:36 PM
161	I don't know	3/6/2023 5:57 PM
162	Don't know.	3/6/2023 5:57 PM
163	Lexngton pool	3/6/2023 5:07 PM
164	-	3/6/2023 4:15 PM
165	n/a	3/6/2023 4:15 PM
166	none	3/6/2023 4:09 PM
167	don't know	3/6/2023 3:47 PM
168	Thoreau Club — great health club/swim club/tennis club but is too expensive	3/6/2023 3:46 PM
169	Acton NARA	3/6/2023 3:45 PM
170	Don’t know	3/6/2023 3:41 PM

171	Lincoln’s family programming and town pool	3/6/2023 3:21 PM
172	I would support every Concord household receiving an updated list with directions to all of the recreational areas.	3/6/2023 3:20 PM
173	I love Nara Park in Acton which seems to get a lot of use.	3/6/2023 3:18 PM
174	Not sure	3/6/2023 3:03 PM
175	Not sure	3/6/2023 2:57 PM
176	Pickleball	3/6/2023 2:55 PM
177	no	3/6/2023 2:46 PM
178	MIT aquatic center	3/6/2023 2:39 PM
179	Cannot think of any	3/6/2023 2:37 PM
180	Waltham has a host of gorgeous modern playgrounds (fully gated in, with separate age group sections) with a splash facility attached. Graverson park comes to mind.	3/6/2023 2:25 PM
181	No comment	3/6/2023 12:43 PM
182	none	3/6/2023 10:13 AM
183	I don’t know	3/6/2023 8:22 AM
184	no	3/6/2023 7:12 AM
185	Not sure	3/5/2023 8:50 PM
186	.	3/5/2023 8:26 PM
187	None	3/5/2023 1:48 PM
188	Lincoln trail system and Lincoln Codman Farm.	3/5/2023 10:33 AM
189	Sudbury pool, playground, and playing fields all located close together with ample parking.	3/5/2023 9:50 AM
190	Don’t know	3/5/2023 7:23 AM
191	Rock climbing gym, additional lacrosse walls, spray/splash park- Emerson sprinkler is never working	3/4/2023 7:51 PM
192	The summer programs at Nara Park are always fun. Would the town consider live music at a beach location, such as Warner's Pond?	3/4/2023 7:45 PM
193	Sudbury	3/4/2023 2:56 PM
194	N/A?	3/4/2023 1:34 PM
195	Multipurpose Community center like Lexington MA or East Boulder CO https://bouldercolorado.gov/locations/east-boulder-community-center	3/4/2023 10:10 AM
196	I don't know.	3/4/2023 9:51 AM
197	Castle playground in Carlisle. Miracle baseball field in Acton at Nara Park - amazing accessible ball field.	3/4/2023 7:40 AM
198	Well---IN WEST Concord, I'd put in a plug for Junction Park being a gem of a small park that creates community for multi-generations, and provides some green space (trees and gardens) and sitting in a busy in-town area. Let's keep that strong!!!!	3/3/2023 3:16 PM
199	Carlisle castle toddler area	3/3/2023 1:38 PM
200	none	3/3/2023 12:50 PM
201	Beaver Creek water park in Belmont	3/3/2023 12:01 PM
202	Central Rock Gym (indoor rock climbing). You'll sell memberships, rent it for birthday parties, run year round classes; sell more Beede memberships (build it next to Beede for a tie-in facility).	3/3/2023 11:15 AM

203	Westport CT offers boat (small sailboat, kayak) rentals. That would be a nice addition to White Pond.	3/3/2023 10:34 AM
204	Cannot think of any	3/3/2023 9:36 AM
205	something like Hayden in Lexington or a YMCA concept	3/3/2023 7:38 AM
206	None that I can think of.	3/3/2023 7:13 AM
207	no	3/3/2023 6:54 AM
208	None	3/3/2023 6:47 AM
209	The Cambridge adult center has tons of evenings and week end programs (for adults who work during the week)	3/3/2023 2:25 AM
210	No specific ideas	3/2/2023 9:11 PM
211	I'd love to see more art installation, programs for kids.	3/2/2023 9:04 PM
212	Castle in the Trees in Carlisle	3/2/2023 8:55 PM
213	No	3/2/2023 8:16 PM
214	Not sure	3/2/2023 4:14 PM
215	Lexington town pool and ice rink	3/2/2023 3:45 PM
216	N/A	3/2/2023 2:46 PM
217	Ability to pay on a visit by visit basis. Being locked into a membership, or 10 visit card can be an insurmountable obstacle.	3/2/2023 1:58 PM
218	N/A	3/2/2023 1:12 PM
219	N/A	3/2/2023 12:13 PM
220	See above. I'd love a spray pool/skating facility like Boston has but Belmont is a good model too.	3/2/2023 9:46 AM
221	sudbury field house	3/2/2023 8:59 AM
222	No	3/2/2023 7:26 AM
223	One thing I loved when the kids were little was going to playgrounds that had ride-on toys and plastic trucks and things for the kids to play with, ideally with a place to store them.	3/1/2023 11:50 PM
224	More opportunities for beach swimming for residents	3/1/2023 11:38 PM
225	Not sure	3/1/2023 10:15 PM
226	Not sure	3/1/2023 10:01 PM
227	The Depot in Darien CT	3/1/2023 9:08 PM
228	Joey’s Park, Belmont Cambridge Universal Playground Cambridge Recreation Sat/Sun	3/1/2023 8:59 PM
229	The playgrounds in Cambridge and Somerville are exceptional… take a look there for ideas!	3/1/2023 8:30 PM
230	After school care where the fee structure changes based on the hours used (Westford- does this). Kids that stay till 4:30 should not pay the same as families staying till 6.	3/1/2023 7:51 PM
231	Na	3/1/2023 7:32 PM
232	-	3/1/2023 7:19 PM
233	Graverson playground in Waltham	3/1/2023 6:57 PM
234	15-minute cities	3/1/2023 6:45 PM
235	I haven't lived here long enough to give a helpful answer	3/1/2023 6:21 PM
236	No places I can think of except ones with skating rinks and better outdoor pool/splash pad options.	3/1/2023 5:21 PM

237	n/a	3/1/2023 4:54 PM
238	unsure	3/1/2023 4:40 PM
239	Sudbury Fieldhouse	3/1/2023 4:11 PM
240	A busy public pool like Lincoln. Emerson pool needs more umbrella seating and family day pass options.	3/1/2023 4:05 PM
241	I do not have enough knowledge to answer.	3/1/2023 3:57 PM
242	Pool / playground / track area in lexington is really amazing.	3/1/2023 3:54 PM
243	Friendship Park in Chelmsford, Lincoln Park in Somerville (and there are many other too!).	3/1/2023 3:34 PM
244	NA	3/1/2023 3:26 PM
245	I would like to see Rugby played in Concord. The Massachusetts Youth Rugby Organization is growing quickly. Lincoln has a program but Concord doesn't	3/1/2023 3:05 PM
246	The YMCA in Keene, NH is impressive for indoor facilities.	3/1/2023 2:52 PM
247	Like facilities and upkeep of Waverly Oaks over the Beede centet	3/1/2023 2:38 PM
248	State of the art gym with Barre, Pilates classes and treadmills.	3/1/2023 2:08 PM
249	Unsure	3/1/2023 2:02 PM
250	Acton and Sudbury have really nice playgrounds.	3/1/2023 2:02 PM
251	Bike lanes and paths like Coppenhagen, Denmark :-)	3/1/2023 1:59 PM
252	Springs Brook Park, Bedford with swimming, playground, mini golf, basketball, volleyball, tether ball and bounce back wall all in one place	3/1/2023 1:51 PM
253	unknown	3/1/2023 1:50 PM
254	Maynard? Acton?	3/1/2023 1:46 PM
255	Unsure	3/1/2023 1:35 PM
256	not sure	3/1/2023 1:25 PM
257	-	3/1/2023 1:13 PM
258	We are loyal to the Beede but hear there are some nice features at other places:(	3/1/2023 1:05 PM
259	Don't have one in mind.	3/1/2023 12:54 PM
260	?	3/1/2023 12:49 PM
261	I don't know. Need to do some research.. e.g inquire to towns/cities that have new indoor picklball courts.	3/1/2023 12:48 PM
262	None	3/1/2023 12:40 PM
263	don't know	3/1/2023 12:38 PM
264	No	3/1/2023 12:24 PM
265	none	3/1/2023 12:19 PM
266	N/A	3/1/2023 12:18 PM
267	Belmont's town pool.	3/1/2023 12:16 PM
268	no	3/1/2023 12:14 PM
269	More splash pad areas similar to Boston parks	3/1/2023 12:13 PM
270	N/a	3/1/2023 12:07 PM
271	more walking trails	3/1/2023 12:06 PM
272	Hamilton Wenham	3/1/2023 11:59 AM

273	No	3/1/2023 11:56 AM
274	I don't know many outside Concord	3/1/2023 11:49 AM
275	Not sure.	3/1/2023 11:35 AM
276	.	3/1/2023 11:24 AM
277	Towns with large outdoor public pools	3/1/2023 11:18 AM
278	Spray park like at North Point channel in Cambridge	3/1/2023 11:03 AM
279	The off-road sidewalks/pathways in Lincoln.	3/1/2023 10:59 AM
280	The ridge club	3/1/2023 10:56 AM
281	In Sweden we saw communities pools with awesome play facilities like slides.	3/1/2023 10:45 AM
282	Make the Emerson pool more accessible with better hours, like Lexington town pool	3/1/2023 10:40 AM
283	No answer. Possibly Millworks in Westford	3/1/2023 10:36 AM
284	Lexington	3/1/2023 10:35 AM
285	don't know	3/1/2023 10:32 AM
286	na	3/1/2023 10:29 AM
287	No opinion	3/1/2023 10:22 AM
288	No	3/1/2023 10:19 AM
289	not sure	3/1/2023 10:19 AM
290	??	3/1/2023 10:13 AM
291	?	3/1/2023 10:12 AM
292	No	3/1/2023 10:09 AM
293	I don’t have any good comparables.	3/1/2023 10:08 AM
294	n/a	3/1/2023 10:06 AM
295	no	3/1/2023 10:06 AM
296	Wellesley playground/tennis court area	3/1/2023 10:06 AM
297	N/a	3/1/2023 10:05 AM
298	na	3/1/2023 10:04 AM
299	Bedford and Lexington have outdoor lighted courts	3/1/2023 10:03 AM
300	N/A	3/1/2023 10:01 AM
301	N/a	3/1/2023 9:59 AM
302	.	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
303	none I know of.	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
304	-	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
305	NA	3/1/2023 9:55 AM
306	.	3/1/2023 9:55 AM
307	Unsure	3/1/2023 9:54 AM
308	Cross Country skiing in Weston	3/1/2023 9:52 AM
309	Not sure	3/1/2023 9:50 AM
310	??	3/1/2023 9:49 AM

311	I can't name one	3/1/2023 9:48 AM
312	ABand LS run high school recreation Basketball Leagues, could be effective	3/1/2023 9:16 AM
313	Ridge Club pickleball courts	2/28/2023 9:59 PM
314	NA	2/28/2023 8:21 PM
315	Check out Acton's bike lanes, shared bike paths at A-B High School, NARA park. Check out Lexington's and Newton's facilities as well.	2/28/2023 6:44 PM
316	N/A	2/28/2023 4:08 PM
317	Nothing	2/28/2023 1:15 PM
318	N/A	2/28/2023 8:23 AM
319	Not Sure	2/28/2023 4:07 AM
320	I am not familiar enough about other towns	2/27/2023 8:55 PM
321	Na	2/27/2023 8:48 PM
322	Na	2/27/2023 8:10 PM
323	Na	2/27/2023 7:57 PM
324	Unknown	2/27/2023 7:02 PM
325	ACROSS Lexington Trail system Teamworks facility	2/27/2023 6:43 PM
326	Billerica Town Forest: https://www.singletracks.com/bike-trails/billerica-state-forest/ or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BsImqw911KQ http://nittanymba.org/harvestfields/ Also, for small nordic skiing facilities: https://www.holderness.org/story/~board/news/post/fast-and-fun-holderness-opens-new-nordic-trails	2/27/2023 6:16 PM
327	N/A	2/27/2023 4:59 PM
328	N/A	2/27/2023 4:39 PM
329	Boston Spots Inst., Wellesley	2/27/2023 4:32 PM
330	Don’t knoe	2/27/2023 4:24 PM
331	N/A	2/27/2023 4:23 PM
332	Boys + Girls Club of Arlington - Wonderful for families	2/27/2023 4:20 PM
333	Shared , centralized solar fields. Allow home owners ability to own a solar micro utility of cases where their home does not work for solar.	2/27/2023 4:13 PM
334	N/A	2/27/2023 4:04 PM
335	Cambridge ridge and Latin pool is nice. Chatham ponds are nicely kept.	2/27/2023 4:02 PM
336	don't know - new resident in the area	2/27/2023 2:47 PM
337	Not familiar	2/27/2023 2:27 PM
338	N/A	2/27/2023 2:09 PM
339	I often go to Sudbury for pickleball.	2/27/2023 12:02 PM
340	Sudbury and Wellesleys athletic complexes and fields are superior. Lexington’s recreation complex is superior too.	2/27/2023 8:56 AM
341	- Nara Park in Acton - Beaver Brook Spray Deck in Belmont	2/26/2023 2:18 PM
342	Do not know	2/25/2023 8:19 PM
343	As global warming continues to be a thing having a public municipal golf course would be nice as it would provided mean months of recreational activities that can be done at all ages and abilities. There are public municipal golf courses in Dennis and Yarmouth for example.	2/25/2023 3:05 PM
344	Unsure.	2/25/2023 1:26 PM

345	Admittedly I haven't been in this facility, I've only driven by, but I love the idea of a community gathering place blended with athletic facilities: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec/facilities/recreationcenters/wheaton.html	2/24/2023 11:12 AM
346	wayland indoor track; more indoor gym space - Hunt is not enough. in general - after-school programming in other towns like wayland and littleton are much stronger with a lot more options. after-school concord rec sold out for next school year in the first few hours a few weeks ago. working parents need to have childcare needs better met...whether it is more physical space or staff for these programs that are needed, i don't know but working parents in this town are struggling.	2/24/2023 11:06 AM
347	no	2/23/2023 11:41 AM
348	Other towns have better specialty camp options - Hopkinson, North Grafton. Such limited subjects for kids to explore. This year it is mostly legos and slime. What about cooking, “vet school”, painting/arts, etc.	2/23/2023 11:16 AM
349	Planet Fitness, the JCC in Needham, a good hotel gym	2/23/2023 10:30 AM
350	Acton as a whole seems to have a much better sense of providing and creating outside recreational opportunities for the community.	2/22/2023 7:05 PM
351	Any town that is walkable. I'm sure there are so many examples, studies and patterns that already exist.	2/22/2023 1:13 PM
352	Nara park in Acton (day use beach with playground), Beaver brook playground and splash pad in Belmont	2/18/2023 7:32 AM
353	Cape cod, mashpee Ma has ten PickleBall ball courts. Services many people.	2/17/2023 8:01 PM
354	Pickleball courts at Marcus Lewis or Quail Ridge	2/17/2023 6:48 PM
355	Darien YMCA (Darien, CT)- modern facility offering swim classes/teams, fitness classes, yoga, attached preshool, etc. Also, the Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley - gyms, rinks, pool - modern athletic facility	2/17/2023 4:31 PM
356	Nara Park Acton	2/17/2023 1:41 PM
357	additional summer and vacation camps	2/17/2023 9:13 AM
358	Soccer and Lacrosse are populate youth sports in Concord a year round indoor facility like that in Winchester will be a great addition to town recreation assets.	2/17/2023 7:53 AM
359	Bedford Springs Brook Park	2/16/2023 3:08 PM
360	Lexington	2/16/2023 2:46 PM
361	While we cannot replicate a state park necessarily with town property/resources, I admire how Dunn State Park in Gardner has a wood walk / trail that is fully wheelchair accessible. They are also a good example of a facility that has small playground elements with walking trails and picnic tables to make it easy for families to go for multiple activities.	2/16/2023 11:37 AM
362	Hingham's street hockey rink, most town pools in the state of New Jersey	2/16/2023 10:56 AM
363	A Concord version of Needham's town pool: https://www.needhamma.gov/669/Rosemary-Pool	2/16/2023 10:42 AM
364	4 season Outdoor pavillion for recreation - like in Kennebunk. Very useful and cost effective to construct.	2/16/2023 10:11 AM

Q16 Any additional comments or suggestions that you would like to offer?

Answered: 362 Skipped: 205

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The Beede Therapy pool used to offer 55 hours per week for adult only use. This was recently reduced to ZERO. There are no adult only hours. It has become impossible for adults with therapeutic needs to use the pool safely. That pool is dangerously crowded with children who kick and splash. I've been hit with diving toys several times - in the head. Parents with more than one child cannot keep them within arms reach. The fact that there are now ZERO hours for adults, especially those with special needs and seniors, results in a gross discrimination of this population. Perhaps even constituting fraud for those of us who bought memberships with the understanding that there would be hours for our safe use of this pool. It is truly life saving for many of us who depend on this special warm water therapy.	4/17/2023 7:03 PM
2	Discounted tickets for lower-income families at Beede Center, if not yet.	4/17/2023 4:46 PM
3	No	4/17/2023 12:55 PM
4	Please make Concord walkable and bikeable throughout the township. We need a third revolution in sustainable living for healthy people and planet. Concord is the best place in MA to lead the way in this,	4/16/2023 9:09 AM
5	In general town is doing a good job in providing access to recreation for Concordians.	4/15/2023 9:06 PM
6	No	4/15/2023 10:29 AM
7	Again, I think it's important to find ways to	4/15/2023 8:04 AM
8	-	4/14/2023 10:24 PM
9	No	4/14/2023 9:12 PM
10	Need more pickleball and volleyball courts both indoors and outdoors. Also, Hunt Gym needs AC!	4/14/2023 3:59 PM
11	no	4/14/2023 3:28 PM
12	Terribly designed survey. Wrote and analyzed survey for a living. This survey is flawed in so many ways.	4/14/2023 3:20 PM
13	Keep up the great work! So grateful we have such a strong recreation department with such talented, wonderful staff. It is such a fantastic town resource!	4/14/2023 3:14 PM
14	Thank you!	4/14/2023 1:14 PM
15	Concord is a wonderful place in which to walk and walking is an accessible and healthy activity, but heavy traffic has an impact on this. I'd like to see more done to encourage walking in town and more control of traffic, i.e. speed, respect for crosswalks. My four children grew up in Concord and enjoyed many of the recreational opportunities available. Now, they visit with their children and we use many of the same recreational spaces.	4/14/2023 12:50 PM
16	n/a	4/14/2023 12:43 PM
17	No	4/14/2023 12:08 PM
18	Appreciate all we do have!	4/14/2023 8:19 AM
19	We REALLY need a safe pedestrian/bike crossing at Route 2. It could be at Main Street or at the hospital. Or both!	4/14/2023 8:18 AM
20	no	4/14/2023 7:43 AM
21	no	4/14/2023 6:39 AM
22	No	4/14/2023 6:22 AM

23	no	4/14/2023 4:34 AM
24	Top priority for me would be to connect west and central concord by bike and walking path. Find a better way to navigate across Rte 2,	4/13/2023 10:33 PM
25	The Beede center is fantastic.	4/13/2023 9:54 PM
26	N/A	4/13/2023 8:49 PM
27	No	4/13/2023 8:24 PM
28	None	4/13/2023 8:22 PM
29	Connecting the two town centers is a huge priority. Bike, walking, and shuttle options should be improved. Playground facilities at Rideout could be better maintained. The sandbox is never cleaned/could use new sand.	4/13/2023 8:17 PM
30	Na	4/13/2023 8:00 PM
31	For any new infrastructure, especially parking, I'd love to see non-pavement options (porous surfaces like crushed rock). Those require regularly scheduled grading, which needs to be part of the plan.	4/13/2023 7:47 PM
32	No	4/13/2023 7:08 PM
33	Not enough childcare places for summer school and after school	4/13/2023 7:05 PM
34	In question #8, there is no option for saying that no improvements are needed; also, how were these sites selected? There are certainly additional recreational sites, especially for passive recreation. In question #9, there is no option for indicating there isn't a problem or that I don't have a basis for checking a box	4/13/2023 6:55 PM
35	No	4/13/2023 6:52 PM
36	No	4/13/2023 6:39 PM
37	Trash cans actually next to the playgrounds please.	4/13/2023 6:18 PM
38	No, the track and the lack of staff for swim lessons childcare etc are my main feedback	4/13/2023 5:43 PM
39	not at this time	4/13/2023 5:43 PM
40	More toddler swings at Rideout. There’s only one!!!!!	4/13/2023 5:16 PM
41	SEE ABOVE RESPONSES	4/13/2023 5:15 PM
42	N/A	4/13/2023 5:06 PM
43	Parks and baseball fields, turf fields are in excellent condition. Bathroom at Dough White Turf fields was disgusting on 4/2/23, it might have been cleaned and fixed by now.	4/13/2023 5:05 PM
44	No	4/13/2023 4:53 PM
45	N/A	4/13/2023 4:49 PM
46	Although I do not pay taxes to the town I do support the local shops and restaurants. I have taken lessons and played with the nicest people. I miss them	4/13/2023 4:48 PM
47	No	4/13/2023 4:44 PM
48	No	4/13/2023 4:41 PM
49	X	4/13/2023 4:32 PM
50	X	4/13/2023 4:27 PM
51	No	4/13/2023 4:26 PM
52	thank you for reaching out to all stakeholders to draw the roadmap for future expansion and improvements!	4/13/2023 4:26 PM
53	NA	4/13/2023 4:22 PM
54	Thank you for the survey	4/13/2023 4:19 PM

55	N/a	4/13/2023 4:19 PM
56	n/a	4/13/2023 4:16 PM
57	No	4/13/2023 4:16 PM
58	no	4/13/2023 4:15 PM
59	N/A	4/13/2023 4:14 PM
60	Thank you for doing the survey!	4/13/2023 4:12 PM
61	A lot of planning would be required to find a location for an outdoor performing space. Please consider this in your overall planning. Thank you.	4/13/2023 1:26 PM
62	Art at "Fairyland" was very nice	4/11/2023 3:18 PM
63	Outreach to be inclusive in the Hunt Gym, Emerson Field area to include neighborhood residents in planning a series of coordinated intergenerational programs and events. Including a kind of seasonal series of events and contests for teams and individuals of varying ages, abilities and interests coordinating with many of the resources of the neighborhood, Library, Umbrella, Hunt Gym. Emerson Playground, Concord Housing Authority, Wheeler House the Armory, UMass Extension (building on Everett Street next to Armory), Alcott School and garden, Scout House (scouts, dance, nursery school and celebrations). Some contest events to improve environment, like a demo and coaching on good ways to approach some of the mundane tasks of neighborhood functionality like removal of invasive vegetation. Recognition of the crazy art on "containers" for noxious neighborhood weeds that will be filled by intergenerational teams, help with neighborhood gardens, demos and coaching of warming up and stretching for specific tasks to minimize injury. Leadership in ways to cooperatively work together for a neighborhood with frequent benches for walkers to stop to smell the native flowers and to watch native pollinators on native plants and trees, planted and nurtured in good healthful ways by people coached in movement by your professional trainers. Coaching and events on integration of "workouts" involving community action in the neighborhood.	4/11/2023 5:26 AM
64	No	4/10/2023 12:16 PM
65	n/a	4/10/2023 12:01 PM
66	More open tot he public community programs (Acton seems to do lots of this)	4/9/2023 12:14 AM
67	Painted bike paths around Monument square and two to three block center around Main Street	4/8/2023 2:47 PM
68	No.	4/8/2023 11:03 AM
69	No	4/6/2023 11:55 AM
70	No	4/6/2023 7:11 AM
71	no	4/5/2023 4:43 PM
72	No	4/5/2023 3:42 PM
73	no	4/3/2023 11:22 PM
74	Offer yoga to the elderly for free	4/3/2023 9:45 PM
75	no	4/3/2023 12:40 PM
76	No	4/3/2023 11:33 AM
77	No	4/2/2023 5:46 PM
78	NA	3/31/2023 8:47 PM
79	No	3/31/2023 7:11 PM
80	?	3/29/2023 9:55 PM
81	nope	3/29/2023 2:05 PM
82	The Beede Center is overpriced for a town recreation facility. It doesn't actually give residents an affordable option to access a pool or the facilities.	3/29/2023 9:51 AM

83	no	3/28/2023 2:09 PM
84	Between the new "community-sized gymnasium" in the Town's new $100+ million Middle School, the underutilized Beede Center, and spaces it can "borrow" from Concord Academy and other private institutions, the Town has plenty of capital intensive, indoor recreational facilities. While some of these amenities might be "nice to have" in an ideal world, the Concord taxpayer needs a break. The Recreation Department needs to spend its energy getting the Beede Center on firm financial footing before proposing an expensive new set of facilities for the Town.	3/28/2023 1:54 PM
85	Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback!	3/24/2023 2:25 PM
86	no	3/22/2023 3:11 PM
87	I can't think of anything else	3/22/2023 11:37 AM
88	N/A	3/22/2023 11:28 AM
89	N/A	3/22/2023 11:22 AM
90	I don't have a car, so I rely on biking and walking to get around a lot. I know some people want to limit biking on certain trails, but even small changes would encourage more car dependency in our town. I am often frustrated at how people who have always used cars as their main form of transportation fail to appreciate this, and are inclined to think of cycling just as a recreation activity.	3/20/2023 9:35 AM
91	Keep up the good work!	3/18/2023 9:12 AM
92	NA	3/18/2023 7:49 AM
93	N/A	3/16/2023 4:00 PM
94	N/A	3/16/2023 3:56 PM
95	N/A	3/16/2023 3:53 PM
96	Cost is an issue given impact of middle school on tax bills.	3/16/2023 3:46 PM
97	please do not make cousins field a dog park!!	3/16/2023 3:42 PM
98	na	3/16/2023 1:32 PM
99	Concord Rec is great	3/16/2023 12:02 PM
100	no	3/16/2023 10:12 AM
101	Concord's Recreation Department is excellent both indoor and outdoors. The only additional suggestions would be more indoor access for pickleball, and more bathroom access outdoors. We are very fortunate in Concord, and a model for most towns.	3/16/2023 6:37 AM
102	Three cheers for the wonderful snow removal done recently on the ADA-compliant walkways at Emerson! Thank you very much!	3/15/2023 9:36 PM
103	No	3/15/2023 8:38 PM
104	Nope	3/15/2023 3:36 PM
105	No	3/14/2023 2:20 PM
106	Marketing effort may help to boost participation. A holistic review of marketing approach should be considered.	3/14/2023 9:02 AM
107	The Gerow property development has been very disappointing to date. Very little communication to the public. More communication please.	3/13/2023 2:45 PM
108	No	3/12/2023 8:39 AM
109	none	3/11/2023 8:34 PM
110	No	3/11/2023 12:19 PM
111	We need bike paths that allow us to get from West Concord to Concord center	3/11/2023 10:30 AM

112	Given number of private recreation opportunities - Thoreau, Nashawtuc, Concord Country Club, yoga, Orange Theory, etc. - that some choose and can afford, I think Concord Recreation is currently offering a wide range of free and more affordable options for our population. However, if access is an issue for any group(s), that should be addressed in this plan. Seniors come to mind as one group. Sure there are others.	3/11/2023 8:05 AM
113	No	3/10/2023 10:57 AM
114	no	3/9/2023 8:03 PM
115	none	3/9/2023 5:16 PM
116	no	3/9/2023 12:37 PM
117	N/A	3/9/2023 11:41 AM
118	N/A	3/9/2023 11:26 AM
119	n/a	3/9/2023 10:28 AM
120	No	3/9/2023 5:31 AM
121	I live near the BFRT. I was frankly equivocal about having it be paved. I now realize that it is an AMAZING resource- I frequent it on foot and bike, and see so many other users, including people in wheelchairs, parents pushing strollers, etc. It is such a nicer and safer experience than using sidewalks. I wish we had even more such facilities. Currently, I can get to West Concord via the BFRT, but can't really safely ride a bike to Concord Center. Also, question 8 is really confusing - I'd be careful how you interpret the results for that one!	3/8/2023 11:34 PM
122	Please please please continue to create interconnected trails and walkways to get around town via bike or walking. It's a blessing to have as much as well do and would love more. Towns like Lincoln have started restricting bike use on trails, this would be a terrible loss here if it occurred.	3/8/2023 8:47 PM
123	Access and Upkeep of walking trails	3/8/2023 8:26 PM
124	No	3/8/2023 8:22 PM
125	Plow turf fields for access to sports	3/8/2023 7:57 PM
126	No	3/8/2023 7:55 PM
127	Am a new older adult resident so hard for me to comment on playgrounds and skate parks, although they are important generally they do not impact me personally. Also have not explored many of the rec dept facilities like the pool and workout / exercise classes yet so cannot really comment	3/8/2023 5:50 PM
128	Please allow for individual swim lessons at Bedee and other venues. Please focus on building safer and more exciting after school options at the schools.	3/8/2023 3:53 PM
129	n/a	3/8/2023 3:41 PM
130	None.	3/8/2023 2:14 PM
131	None	3/8/2023 9:10 AM
132	no	3/7/2023 10:56 PM
133	Keep up Beede .	3/7/2023 8:00 PM
134	No	3/7/2023 7:44 PM
135	.	3/7/2023 7:09 PM
136	n/a	3/7/2023 1:38 PM
137	None	3/7/2023 1:10 PM
138	n/a	3/7/2023 10:39 AM
139	No	3/7/2023 9:29 AM
140	My primary interest in filling out this questionnaire is to direct your attention to dogs. It's	3/7/2023 8:31 AM

	astounding that you don't have a single question about dogs, despite the fact that this is a primary use by visitors to our playgrounds. Dogs are a menace and the problem is getting worse.	
141	The dogs at Emerson Field off leash has made walking on the new accessible path difficult and dangerous. I have friends that won't go to Emerson Field anymore because they are worried they will be knocked down by a dog. The picnic table area under the trees in the middle of the park used to be a really nice area for people. Now it is taken over by dogs. The dogs often do not respond to voice commands by their owner and will jump on you and go after your food. Could off leash dogs be relegated to the far corner of the field near Thoreau and Everett streets? Have a dog park at another site? Dogs should be leashed in a public park. Emerson Field should be all about green space not cluttered and chopped up with storage facilities.	3/7/2023 8:06 AM
142	no	3/7/2023 7:18 AM
143	The town needs another turf field for school usage.	3/7/2023 6:41 AM
144	none	3/6/2023 11:33 PM
145	No	3/6/2023 10:51 PM
146	no	3/6/2023 10:21 PM
147	More social recreation? Like perhaps a giant croquet tournament at Emerson Field? Or Autumn bonfire? Micro-triathlon? Outdoor community dance party? (Under the new pavilion)	3/6/2023 10:18 PM
148	No	3/6/2023 8:54 PM
149	More senior friendly outdoor walking space	3/6/2023 8:40 PM
150	No	3/6/2023 8:38 PM
151	No	3/6/2023 8:34 PM
152	na	3/6/2023 8:29 PM
153	no	3/6/2023 8:04 PM
154	Stop spending, most residents belong to some sort recreational club.	3/6/2023 7:35 PM
155	No	3/6/2023 7:19 PM
156	I encourage this group to consider the DEI aspects of these decisions carefully, including financial accessibility. Since the Rec Department runs as a self-supporting Enterprise, finances can be as much of a barrier as anything else. For that reason, I think that focusing on relatively permanent infrastructure, such as paths and trails, that almost everyone can use without additional cost, would provide the most value to the people of Concord.	3/6/2023 7:00 PM
157	N/A	3/6/2023 6:46 PM
158	The Beede Center is not as well managed as it has been. Scheduling, the computer system and communication are all devolving. Senior citizens should be allotted discounts for swim classes in consideration of pension incomes.	3/6/2023 6:44 PM
159	I love the off-leash dog friendly nature of Mattison Field. It is a wonderful place to walk and talk with neighbors. I would love more places like that	3/6/2023 6:36 PM
160	no	3/6/2023 6:36 PM
161	Maintaining Emerson Field for off leash dog walking is very important to me. I am there at least twice a day and it is highly important to my quality of life in Concord.	3/6/2023 5:57 PM
162	No.	3/6/2023 5:57 PM
163	restrict docs from the parks. They create a mess and on occasions harass people and small children	3/6/2023 5:07 PM
164	-	3/6/2023 4:15 PM
165	I live in Lincoln, but my kids and I enjoy swimming at Beede. We'd be interested in some of your summer camp options too if they didn't fill up so fast.	3/6/2023 4:15 PM

166	none	3/6/2023 4:09 PM
167	no	3/6/2023 3:47 PM
168	Concord has amazing fields, conservation land, etc. Beede Center is lovely but too small and not full-service.	3/6/2023 3:46 PM
169	No	3/6/2023 3:45 PM
170	Not yet	3/6/2023 3:41 PM
171	N/a	3/6/2023 3:21 PM
172	I think the Beede Center is sn amazing facility with wonderful staff.	3/6/2023 3:20 PM
173	Like many long-time White Pond members, I think that the recreation project at White pond was over-designed. I think handicap access could have been done more simply without the grand winding pathway and ramps from the parking lot to the pond.	3/6/2023 3:18 PM
174	Better member rate for residents, for instance Beede center is too expensive for concord residents.	3/6/2023 3:03 PM
175	Love the Beede Center most of all	3/6/2023 2:57 PM
176	No	3/6/2023 2:55 PM
177	no	3/6/2023 2:46 PM
178	Please focus on the Beede Center with its remarkable pools and programming because it is downgrading at a sadly fast pace.	3/6/2023 2:39 PM
179	No	3/6/2023 2:37 PM
180	We've been incredibly disappointed by the number and quality of public playgrounds in town, especially given the high taxes and community focus of the town. We would also love to see limits on dog off-leashing at playground locations.	3/6/2023 2:25 PM
181	No comment	3/6/2023 12:43 PM
182	none	3/6/2023 10:13 AM
183	I play tennis and pickle ball and I love both. Pickle ball is rapidly expanding and the pressure is on to provide facilities. I am for that but YOU MUST MITIGATE THE NOISE FROM PADDLE AND BALL.	3/6/2023 8:22 AM
184	more public bathrooms.	3/6/2023 7:12 AM
185	Not at this time.	3/5/2023 8:50 PM
186	.	3/5/2023 8:26 PM
187	The Town of Concord has tens of miles of trails and less than 5% are paved. Trail from Bedford to Monument St and onto Lowell Road should be paved. Restore the RR bridge (over Sudbury River) between Town DPW and old railroad bed along the Asset River near Egg Rock. This would connect downtown area with the Neshawic Hill neighborhood and create a fabulous hiking loop.	3/5/2023 1:48 PM
188	Thx for the survey!	3/5/2023 10:33 AM
189	Please don't restrict access to the Church St exercise studios as offices move there.	3/5/2023 9:50 AM
190	No	3/5/2023 7:23 AM
191	Bring back the rentable bikes around town	3/4/2023 7:51 PM
192	The Shamrock Ball is a hit with young families with daughters every year, but there is nothing held for families with sons. It would be nice to see an event for boy families too.	3/4/2023 7:45 PM
193	No	3/4/2023 2:56 PM
194	Beede pool is a wonderful resource. It has been painful to see its physical deterioration over the years, especially the locker rooms. The Beede needs more members to support it and should make the "day" and "one-off" pricing higher to encourage more membership. Also the	3/4/2023 1:34 PM

	Beede should have a bigger price difference between Concord resident vs. non-Concord resident users. Concord also needs to plant more trees to replace those that have been lost.	
195	No	3/4/2023 10:10 AM
196	The bike/pedestrian connector between West Concord and Concord center is a high priority for me. Crossing Rt 2 on a bike is pretty scary, even with the traffic light.	3/4/2023 9:51 AM
197	No	3/4/2023 7:40 AM
198	I was at the meeting about Warner's Pond. I hope that passive (walking and gathering areas) trails through marshes (if the pond goes away) will be built Not just from Gerrow, but also from Pond Street and Commonwealth Ave access. Just an observation bench is not enough. And to cut Pond street access off would be a loss to the West Concord community. I'd like the town to give West Concord as much love as it gives Concord Center.	3/3/2023 3:16 PM
199	no	3/3/2023 1:38 PM
200	Keep being inclusive and available to all members.	3/3/2023 12:50 PM
201	Keep water open in summer, regardless of algae. If pool at Emerson is closed, leave fence open for community use. Take down fence around Emerson running track	3/3/2023 12:01 PM
202	Why do you close the diving pool at Beede? Is there a problem with it? What happens to the classes when closed?	3/3/2023 11:15 AM
203	no	3/3/2023 10:34 AM
204	No	3/3/2023 9:36 AM
205	-	3/3/2023 7:38 AM
206	No. I love the variety of hiking areas in the town and have been happy with the outdoor spaces. I do not really use the indoor spaces that much to really comment much on them.	3/3/2023 7:13 AM
207	no	3/3/2023 6:54 AM
208	None	3/3/2023 6:47 AM
209	More baby - young children activities over weekend please. Not every moms are stay at home moms! The Beedee has only 3 classes which fill up immediately on registration day.	3/3/2023 2:25 AM
210	Any additions/improvements to West Concord would be so appreciated. I know so many young families with babies/children in our neighborhood and we love our community. It would be great to have more opportunities to walk to recreation spaces together in our neighborhoods.	3/2/2023 9:11 PM
211	I feel like there is nothing to do outside in Concord in a winter time. Maybe ski renting program would work or bon fire. Also the big problem is the dogs on a playgrounds. There is a sign but clearly it is not enough. They pee in a sand box. Running on the playground..	3/2/2023 9:04 PM
212	Please replace two of the big-kid swings at Rideout with baby/toddler bucket swings. It would cost next to nothing and make everyone happier.	3/2/2023 8:55 PM
213	No	3/2/2023 8:16 PM
214	No	3/2/2023 4:14 PM
215	N/A	3/2/2023 3:45 PM
216	N/A	3/2/2023 2:46 PM
217	This question should not REQUIRE an answer!	3/2/2023 1:58 PM
218	n/A	3/2/2023 1:12 PM
219	N/A	3/2/2023 12:13 PM
220	Better bathroom facilities for Emerson	3/2/2023 9:46 AM
221	no	3/2/2023 8:59 AM
222	Beede Center is too expensive and is too hot. Not well maintained. Was a good idea not sufficiently available to all. Would be good to offer affordable swimming lessons but we can't	3/2/2023 7:26 AM

	get at Beede.	
223	I found the focus of this survey a little confusing. I'm not sure why the Beede Center, White Pond, and town-owned trails aren't on it. I'm also unfamiliar with some of the sites mentioned (e.g. the water access points), despite having lived in Concord for 10 years. This might be a good opportunity to share more information with residents about what is available.	3/1/2023 11:50 PM
224	Concord needs affordable options for seniors who can't afford beede rates.	3/1/2023 11:38 PM
225	Bathrooms open during the winter at parks and along the bruce freeman trail	3/1/2023 10:15 PM
226	Accessible Indoor track for walking!!!	3/1/2023 10:01 PM
227	No	3/1/2023 9:08 PM
228	Please plow the walkways in the parks and rail trail after storms/snow. They are inaccessible when not maintained.	3/1/2023 8:59 PM
229	No	3/1/2023 8:30 PM
230	Please consider ways of making free or low cost programs for our community. Lego clubs, craft clubs, etc are low cost to run and sustainable. Please also consider ways l making the after school and before school childcare options more affordable.	3/1/2023 7:51 PM
231	Na	3/1/2023 7:32 PM
232	-	3/1/2023 7:19 PM
233	No	3/1/2023 6:57 PM
234	N/A	3/1/2023 6:45 PM
235	I haven't lived here long enough to give a helpful answer	3/1/2023 6:21 PM
236	Not at this time. Thank you provided this forum for feedback!	3/1/2023 5:21 PM
237	n/a	3/1/2023 4:54 PM
238	no	3/1/2023 4:40 PM
239	Mostly good!	3/1/2023 4:11 PM
240	We've missed out on so many interesting activities because the supply just doesn't meet the demand. Even logging onto the registration page the moment it opens, we've had no luck and disappointed kids. I find myself looking at Lincoln, Sudbury, and Acton at their more robust Rec programs and they have more availability.	3/1/2023 4:05 PM
241	Please ensure that the remaining sections of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in Concord have wider non paved dirt paths on either side of the trail for walkers and runners who need a soft surface due to bad joints!	3/1/2023 3:57 PM
242	None	3/1/2023 3:54 PM
243	No	3/1/2023 3:34 PM
244	Don't spend taxpayer money. Property taxes are too high already and will only be higher due to the hugely expensive and fancy new middle school.	3/1/2023 3:26 PM
245	I travel to Maynard now to workout. The new facilities there are cheaper and the times more convenient	3/1/2023 3:05 PM
246	The lack of an outdoor town pool really sets us back. There seems to be an assumption that everyone should join a private club - and not all can.	3/1/2023 2:52 PM
247	Why is White Pond net on the list. I LOVE it and what the town has upgraded it	3/1/2023 2:38 PM
248	Id love to see the town hold more events that build community like outdoor concerts in the summer in the evening hours at Hunt rec center	3/1/2023 2:08 PM
249	No	3/1/2023 2:02 PM
250	Playgrounds: communal toys are the best, would love if town could supply semi regularly. Otherwise, semi regular cleaning of sandboxes would be nice. More bucket swings at rideout	3/1/2023 2:02 PM

	needed. Need a fence at Emerson to keep dogs off the playground/sandbox. Maybe a specific dog park/section of Emerson would help. White pond needs to open earlier than 10am.	
251	Yes. I would like to share my hope that future development projects are done in a more simple, modest and cost effective manner than White Pond and Gerow. I appreciate the increased accessibility of both projects but I find the overall design to be over the top. White Pond beach was always a beautiful and tranquil spot and the extensive wooden overlooks and fancy benches feel unnecessary, out of place, and must have cost a fortune of tax payer money. Again I appreciate all the Rec Dept does for the Town (and we are an active family that uses many of its facilities) but I think simple, practical facilities are best and the Rec Dept should refrain from overdesigning in the future.	3/1/2023 1:59 PM
252	Thank you for including the skate park in your survey. This is a special place for my son and I'd love to see it get updated and be cared for by the town. It's a special place for kids who don't "belong" to sports teams. It deserves our attention and care.	3/1/2023 1:51 PM
253	no	3/1/2023 1:50 PM
254	n/a	3/1/2023 1:46 PM
255	no	3/1/2023 1:35 PM
256	no, thanks!	3/1/2023 1:25 PM
257	-	3/1/2023 1:13 PM
258	Beede is considered too expensive for what it offers, sadly - people feel they're paying for the pool but not getting stellar services upstairs. The trainers could do more outreach to patrons in terms of helping use of the machines.	3/1/2023 1:05 PM
259	The town does a nice job. Indoor and outdoor spaces seem to get very active use.	3/1/2023 12:54 PM
260	I think that there is a real opportunity to develop Cousins Field into a very nice little park. It already has a community garden and hosts weekend town children's soccer. But the land adjacent to the field and river, but above the wetlands, is sorely neglected. It could be a lovely park with trees, shrubs and seating areas for people to enjoy. It also has an obvious access to the river. This would require some investment from the town, but this is a densely populated area, and a well thought out park would be heavily used and appreciated. Now, it is an embarrassment of weeds and invasive plants.	3/1/2023 12:49 PM
261	Need to do some research. Besides providing pickleball courts, we need to offer pickleball lessons for Adults/High school or older.	3/1/2023 12:48 PM
262	None	3/1/2023 12:40 PM
263	no	3/1/2023 12:38 PM
264	No	3/1/2023 12:24 PM
265	no	3/1/2023 12:19 PM
266	N/A	3/1/2023 12:18 PM
267	I read the strategic plan from 2014 and was dismayed by how many suggestions were maid in that doc that have not been implemented. It feels like ten years later, we've not made as much progress as I would hope. Bedee is still cost prohibitive. Worse, because of how many local pools have closed, its become very crowded. There is a lot of deferred maintenance in locker rooms there also. The last report mentioned more river access. The last report named playgrounds as something that could be better. South meadow was "being considered" for a playground. No progress there. I love that this process is open to the public and that there is a chance for folks to weigh in, but I'd like it even more if I could see more progress from this undertaking ten years ago. The last strategic plan pointed out the age of folks in town and also that Concord's rec budget largely comes from taxes. I want to know the town is working on additional revenue to fund rec programs and new facilities, not just coming to tax payers for more money.	3/1/2023 12:16 PM
268	no	3/1/2023 12:14 PM
269	No	3/1/2023 12:13 PM
270	N/a	3/1/2023 12:07 PM

271	no	3/1/2023 12:06 PM
272	no	3/1/2023 11:59 AM
273	More access for youth swim lessons at beede would be very helpful	3/1/2023 11:56 AM
274	Peabody Middle School would be a good location to build indoor/outdoor recreational facilities in West Concord, now that the building will become obsolete with the construction of the new Middle School	3/1/2023 11:49 AM
275	I am new to Concord and it would be wonderful if there was a map or website where I could see where all the recreational activities are, especially outdoors. We have the trail guide but I would like more information. For example, I would like to know where we can cross country ski in town.	3/1/2023 11:35 AM
276	.	3/1/2023 11:24 AM
277	Costs of Beede are too high for families	3/1/2023 11:18 AM
278	n/a	3/1/2023 11:03 AM
279	No	3/1/2023 10:59 AM
280	No	3/1/2023 10:56 AM
281	A pedestrian footbridge crossing the Assabet River connecting Cousins and Harrington Parks would be fantastic. Also, connecting Cousins to the new Assabet Bluff by a trail through the Thoreau School property along the Assabet would be great. There are a number of disconnected, but nearby, areas that we should try to connect.	3/1/2023 10:45 AM
282	Please see above comments about not feeling the need to constantly build more and spend more. Working families in town would also appreciate some acknowledgment of attempts to cut spending	3/1/2023 10:40 AM
283	No	3/1/2023 10:36 AM
284	We'd love to see more playgrounds. Emerson and Ride out are great, but it's for the younger kiddos. We only have two, but expanding on existing or adding new features in the space would be exciting given the growing families in this town.	3/1/2023 10:35 AM
285	none	3/1/2023 10:32 AM
286	na	3/1/2023 10:29 AM
287	No	3/1/2023 10:22 AM
288	No	3/1/2023 10:19 AM
289	no additional comments	3/1/2023 10:19 AM
290	Thank you!	3/1/2023 10:13 AM
291	?	3/1/2023 10:12 AM
292	No	3/1/2023 10:09 AM
293	Not at this time	3/1/2023 10:08 AM
294	n/a	3/1/2023 10:06 AM
295	It is important to us that dogs continue to be allowed at Emerson park	3/1/2023 10:06 AM
296	We have so much potential in our town. Increase connectedness with sidewalks and trails. Improve the sidewalks (lexington road is abysmal). Connect rec spaces to historical sites via sidewalks. Improve Emerson playground/fields in terms of maintence, landscaping etc.	3/1/2023 10:06 AM
297	N/a	3/1/2023 10:05 AM
298	na	3/1/2023 10:04 AM
299	large increases in taxes to support initiative are unlikely to be supported since the Middle School project was recently approved	3/1/2023 10:03 AM

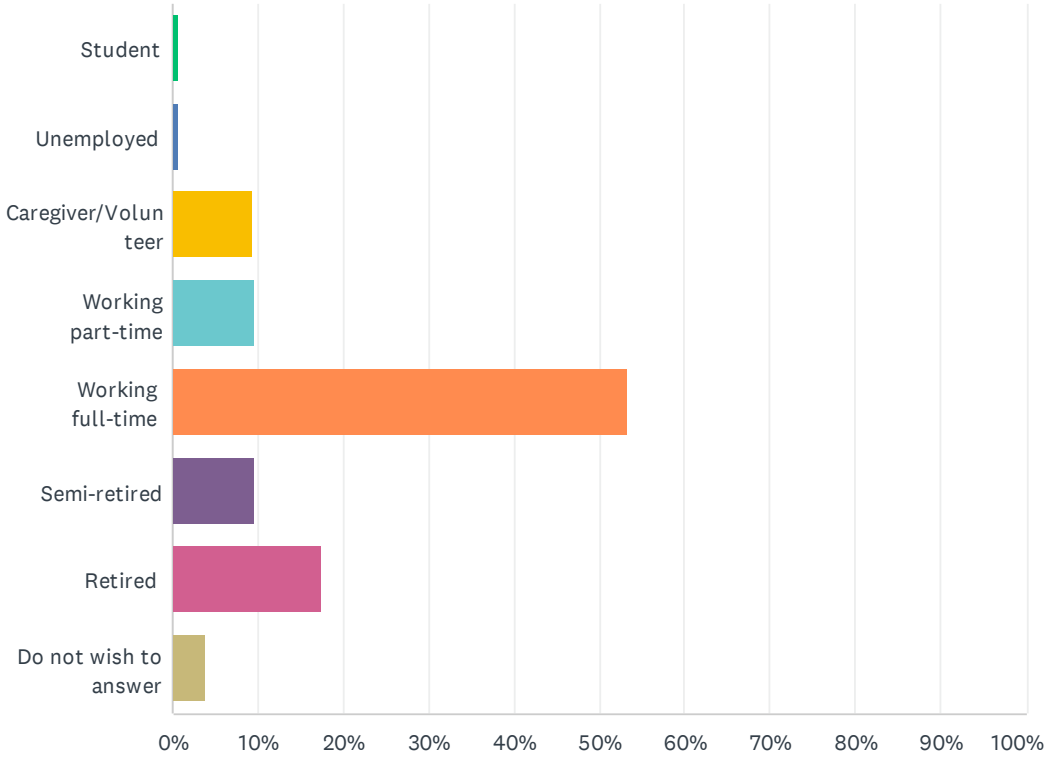
300	N/A	3/1/2023 10:01 AM
301	N/a	3/1/2023 9:59 AM
302	.	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
303	With the huge number of families with young children who moved to concord during the pandemic, we need to prioritize these public spaces and a splash pad would be an incredibly popular feature!	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
304	-	3/1/2023 9:56 AM
305	NA	3/1/2023 9:55 AM
306	.	3/1/2023 9:55 AM
307	No	3/1/2023 9:54 AM
308	None	3/1/2023 9:52 AM
309	No	3/1/2023 9:50 AM
310	Nope	3/1/2023 9:49 AM
311	Thank you for doing this work!	3/1/2023 9:48 AM
312	N/A	3/1/2023 9:16 AM
313	It is surprising to me that our two main health clubs in Concord are cost prohibitive for many of us. I had to join a health club in another town.	2/28/2023 9:59 PM
314	No	2/28/2023 8:21 PM
315	Please find goals to accomplish and then take action. Thank you for your efforts.	2/28/2023 6:44 PM
316	N/A	2/28/2023 4:08 PM
317	Just get the dogs off the fields	2/28/2023 1:15 PM
318	N/A	2/28/2023 8:23 AM
319	Thank you for the opportunity to comment	2/28/2023 4:07 AM
320	Yes, I think an expansion of the language arts after school program would be great, including different levels of spanish, engineering for young kids, plus more offerings of music, dance, musical theater and the arts for after school recreational programming	2/27/2023 8:55 PM
321	A	2/27/2023 8:48 PM
322	Na	2/27/2023 8:10 PM
323	Na	2/27/2023 7:57 PM
324	No	2/27/2023 7:02 PM
325	Safety for cycling around town & across rte 2, especially for kids.	2/27/2023 6:43 PM
326	Yes, please consider non-traditional sports in your survey.	2/27/2023 6:16 PM
327	Pickleball!	2/27/2023 4:59 PM
328	N/A	2/27/2023 4:39 PM
329	N/A	2/27/2023 4:32 PM
330	No	2/27/2023 4:24 PM
331	N/A	2/27/2023 4:23 PM
332	N/A	2/27/2023 4:20 PM
333	Keep cost under control. Stop thinking you can keep increasing property taxes to cover over-runs and bad programs.	2/27/2023 4:13 PM
334	N/A	2/27/2023 4:04 PM

335	The Beede Center is a wonderful resource. But it really is overwhelmingly used by elderly. Teens should have better access. Swim meets earlier in the day not at night More weightlifting equipment for teens. Right now teens go to other towns to lift because the elderly yell at them at Beede	2/27/2023 4:02 PM
336	We are new residents, but Concord Rec seems to do lots of great programs! Why the heck are schools dismissed early on on Wednesday afternoons? - not your problem I know but it creates a demand for programs and facilities that cant be met	2/27/2023 2:47 PM
337	None	2/27/2023 2:27 PM
338	Be sure people know and use what we have before taking taxes to create more.	2/27/2023 2:09 PM
339	Stop the crappy music at the Beede Center	2/27/2023 12:23 PM
340	Need more organized Afterschool opportunities for our kids. And everyone should have access to aftercare - these programs should not fill up.	2/27/2023 11:27 AM
341	Great work all around. Please continue to be ambitious and aspire for best in class - the Recreation Department and your work are key to our quality of life in Concord! In particular, keep on doing a great job with the fantastic Beede Center - keep it clean and well-maintained each year and it will be a fantastic asset literally for decades.	2/26/2023 2:18 PM
342	No	2/25/2023 8:19 PM
343	I have enjoyed outdoor spaces more since March 2020. The BFTrail has taken many years, but the results are wonderful. The new area on Monument for trails is also a beautiful area to enjoy walks and nature.	2/24/2023 10:09 PM
344	We do have alot of amenities in Concord already and are appreciative of the work you do to maintain what's already there. Our family personally uses the Thoreau Woods frequently to walk, run, & enjoy nature. Thank you!	2/24/2023 11:12 AM
345	there is increasing likelihood of mosquito-driven diseases coming our way. A few years ago, summer camps restricted outdoor activity before something like 9am and after 3pm, when mosquitos are more prevalent because of EEE that year. Personally, I think we should be preparing for a world where that sort of concern is more recurring. and that means having more indoor space for things. I'm not sure if there is any beede room for improvement, but as you are aware, there is no 5+ year old general play space in the pool for them. the therapy pool has too many competing interests between old people and young, since both want to use it but in a very different way. the kiddy pool doesn't seem to get the use that was intended...maybe there is a way to deepen the kiddy pool so older kids can play around in it.	2/24/2023 11:06 AM
346	Dog park to give dogs a dedicated space instead of just everywhere	2/24/2023 7:03 AM
347	Please don’t put lights at Rideout. Or look to make it a premier baseball facility.	2/23/2023 11:40 PM
348	The concord trail system is very nice. To whatever extent it can be further connected, via trails or sidewalks, would help increase trail options and enjoyment.	2/23/2023 10:17 PM
349	Beede is expensive and should try to be the flagship fitness space for Concord that it was supposed to be	2/23/2023 10:30 AM
350	Cousins field is extremely in need of field maintenance. It’s regularly unplayable for soccer games after rain. All soccer fields need a restroom fixture that aren’t port o potties. Cousins is our home soccer field for our club games and it’s one of the worst fields in the entire metro Boston area that we play.	2/23/2023 8:39 AM
351	Please consider making Cousins Park a more pleasant place for people to gather with many more trees and benches bordering the field. Please consider some playground equipment for kids and adults as well. Benches along the Assabet for wildlife viewing, conversation and quiet time with nature.	2/22/2023 8:49 PM
352	Please keep in mind the select board goals around the DEI in your work	2/20/2023 12:00 PM
353	More weekday evening indoor classes- most programming is aimed toward people who are available during weekdays	2/19/2023 8:33 AM
354	1. Repair/re-surface Rideout Park pickleball courts 2. Add wind guards to fencing around Rideout Park pickleball courts 3. Add more pickleball courts 4. Add lighting to Rideout Park	2/18/2023 2:43 PM

	pickleball courts 5. Add practice backboard to Rideout	
355	Updating of playground equipment, day use options for Whites pond and Emerson pool not just memberships	2/18/2023 7:32 AM
356	Repair pickleball courts at Rideout Add wind guards to fencing around Rideout Pickleball courts Add more pickleball courts Add lighting to Rideout Pickleball courts	2/17/2023 6:48 PM
357	Thank you for listening	2/17/2023 1:27 PM
358	Hunt gym could use a facelift	2/17/2023 12:39 PM
359	Could use more soccer fields	2/16/2023 3:08 PM
360	Appreciate living in a town with the good outdoor resources that we have	2/16/2023 11:37 AM
361	Thank you for survey	2/16/2023 10:54 AM
362	Addition of an set of aquatics recrestion programs focused on the Rivers in Town.	2/16/2023 10:11 AM

Q17 Which best describes you?

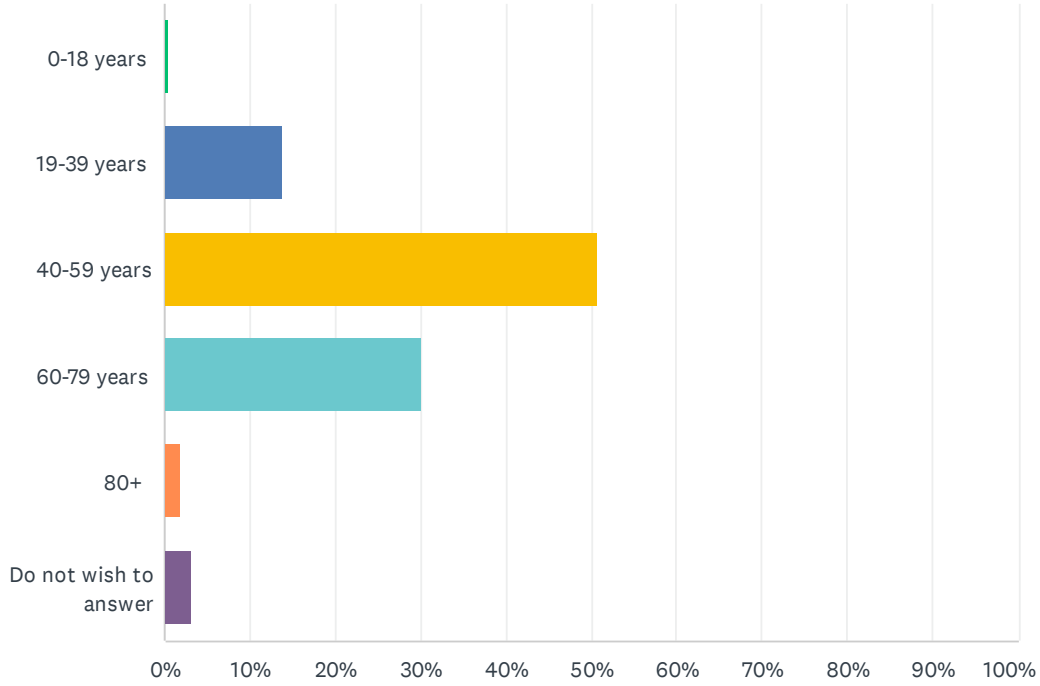
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Student	0.69%	3
Unemployed	0.69%	3
Caregiver/Volunteer	9.43%	41
Working part-time	9.66%	42
Working full-time	53.33%	232
Semi-retired	9.66%	42
Retired	17.47%	76
Do not wish to answer	3.91%	17
Total Respondents: 435		

Q18 What is your age?

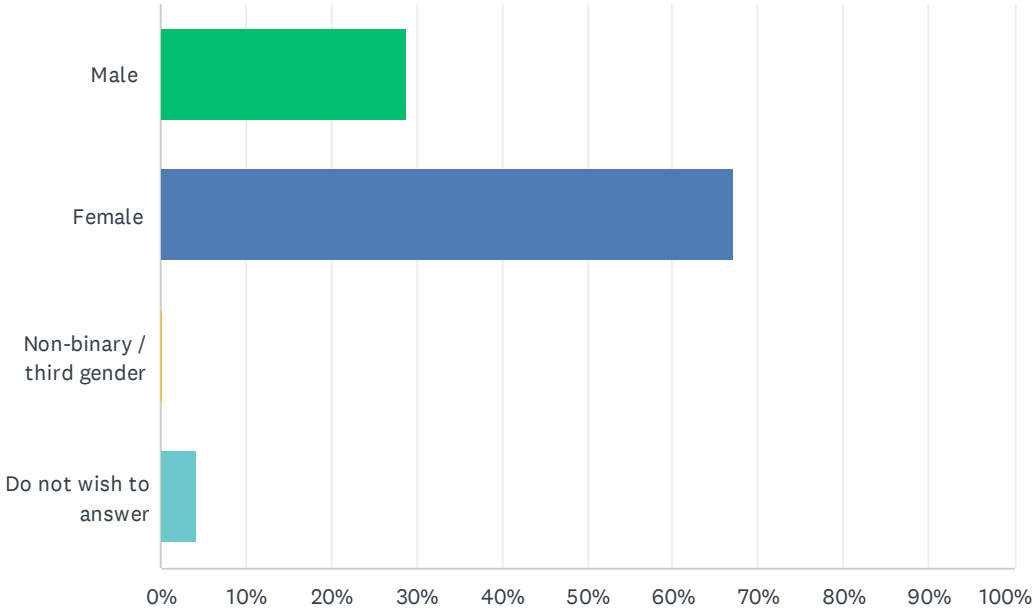
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-18 years	0.46%	2
19-39 years	13.79%	60
40-59 years	50.80%	221
60-79 years	30.11%	131
80+	1.84%	8
Do not wish to answer	3.22%	14
Total Respondents: 435		

Q19 What is your gender?

Answered: 435 Skipped: 132

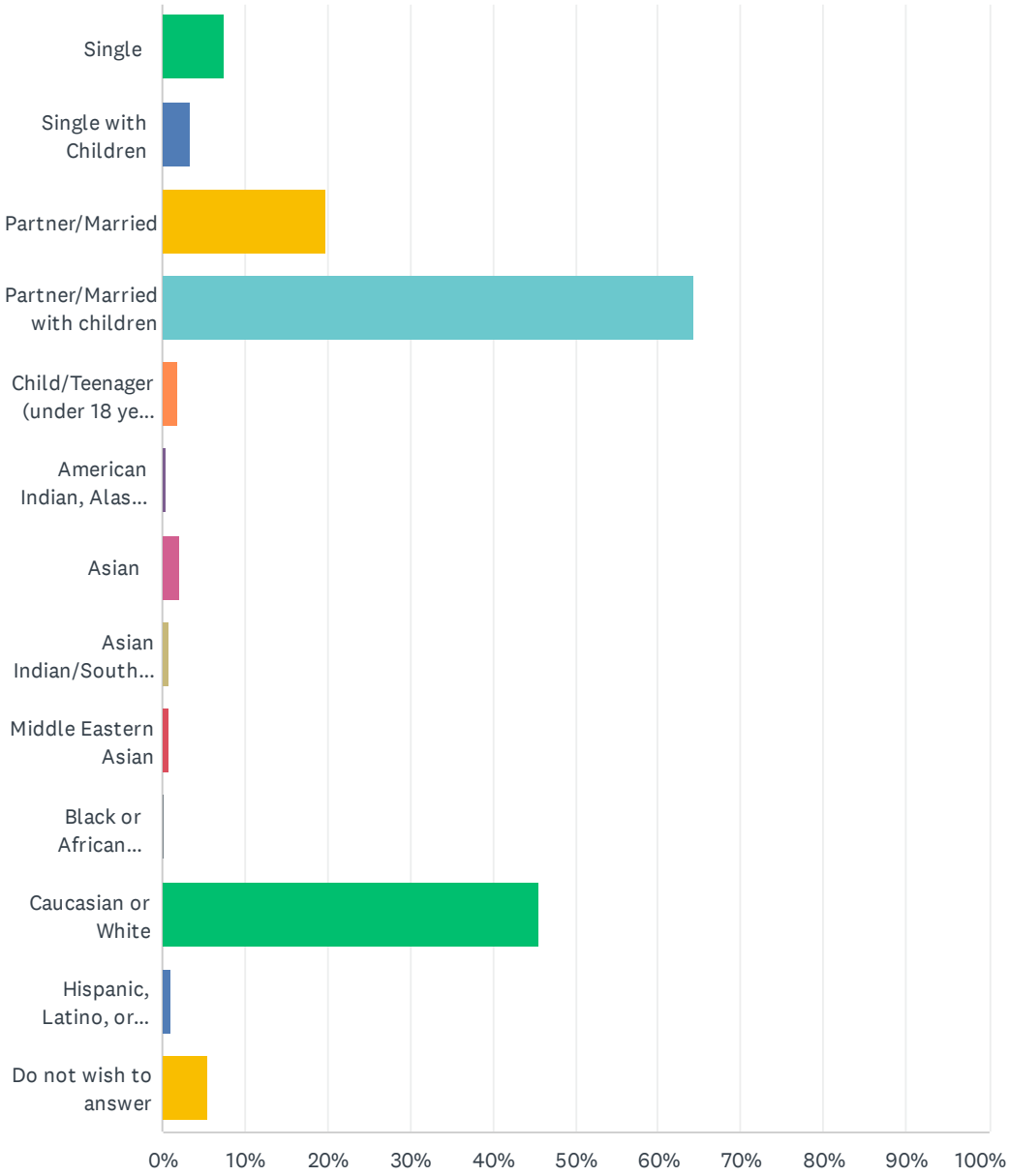


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	28.74%	125
Female	67.13%	292
Non-binary / third gender	0.23%	1
Do not wish to answer	4.37%	19
Total Respondents: 435		

#	PREFER TO SELF DESCRIBE.	DATE
1	Active working out, ski, hike, walk	3/16/2023 6:38 AM
2	answering for each household member	3/6/2023 8:06 PM

Q20 Which of these groups do you most identify with? (Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 434 Skipped: 133

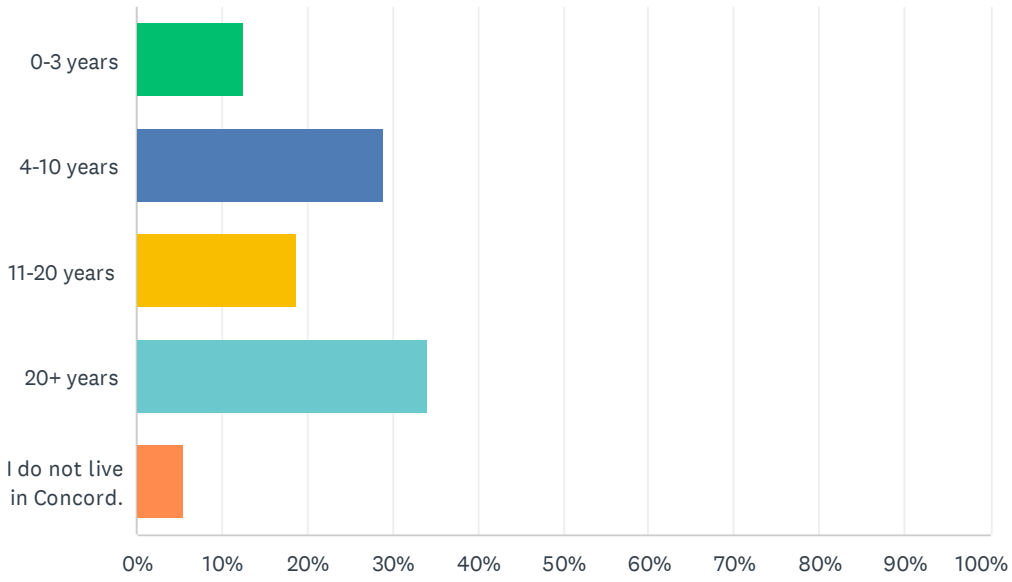


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single	7.37%	32
Single with Children	3.46%	15
Partner/Married	19.82%	86
Partner/Married with children	64.29%	279
Child/Teenager (under 18 years of age)	1.84%	8
American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	0.46%	2
Asian	2.07%	9
Asian Indian/South Asian	0.92%	4
Middle Eastern Asian	0.92%	4
Black or African American	0.23%	1
Caucasian or White	45.62%	198
Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	1.15%	5
Do not wish to answer	5.53%	24
Total Respondents: 434		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	grandparent	4/13/2023 6:55 PM
2	Grandparent	3/28/2023 1:57 PM
3	I identify as a woman, married, with children and grandchildren	3/9/2023 10:29 AM
4	Widowers and widows. Elder singles.	3/8/2023 2:16 PM
5	I would like to enjoy outdoor space with grandchild	3/7/2023 8:08 AM
6	Grand parent with grand children in Concord	3/6/2023 3:20 PM
7	Jewish	3/3/2023 3:18 PM
8	Grandparent	3/2/2023 9:47 AM
9	w/ grandchildren	2/28/2023 6:45 PM
10	Half Asian / Caucasian	2/27/2023 8:50 PM
11	Cape Verdean	2/27/2023 4:16 PM
12	Grandparent	2/24/2023 12:10 PM
13	Married with grandchildren	2/16/2023 10:13 AM

Q21 How long have you lived in Concord?

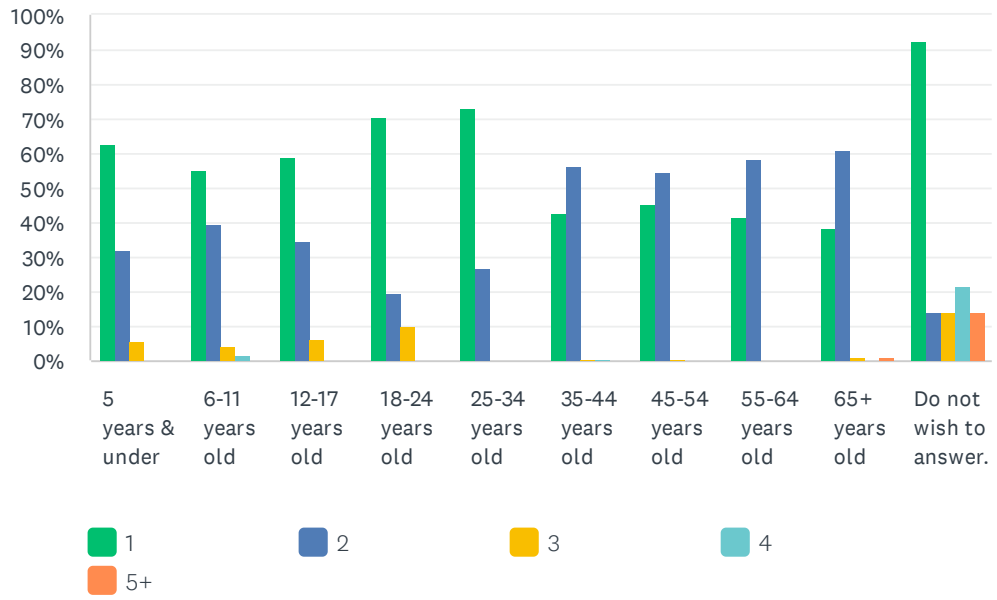
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-3 years	12.61%	55
4-10 years	28.90%	126
11-20 years	18.81%	82
20+ years	34.17%	149
I do not live in Concord.	5.50%	24
TOTAL		436

Q22 How many people in your household fall into the following age groups?

Answered: 432 Skipped: 135



	1	2	3	4	5+	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
5 years & under	62.75% 64	32.35% 33	5.88% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	102
6-11 years old	55.10% 81	39.46% 58	4.08% 6	1.36% 2	0.00% 0	147
12-17 years old	59.18% 58	34.69% 34	6.12% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	98
18-24 years old	70.59% 36	19.61% 10	9.80% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	51
25-34 years old	72.97% 27	27.03% 10	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	37
35-44 years old	42.76% 65	56.58% 86	0.66% 1	0.66% 1	0.00% 0	152
45-54 years old	45.39% 64	54.61% 77	0.71% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	141
55-64 years old	41.38% 36	58.62% 51	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	87
65+ years old	38.26% 44	60.87% 70	0.87% 1	0.00% 0	0.87% 1	115
Do not wish to answer.	92.86% 13	14.29% 2	14.29% 2	21.43% 3	14.29% 2	14

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MEMORANDUM

TO:	RFSP Subcommittee Committee
FROM:	Lindsey Abbott and Cassie Bethoney, RLA, with contributions from Subcommittee members
DATE:	March 15, 2023
SUBJECT:	Open House #1 Summary and Results Concord Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan (RFSP)

This memo summarizes ideas and feedback generated by participants during the public meeting held on March 8, 2023, 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Gymnasium, Hunt Recreation Center, 90 Stow St, Concord, MA 01742. Participants who joined the meeting in-person first visited topical tables with activities used to understand perceptions of current Town-owned recreation facilities and interest in future facilities and amenities. Participants then listened to a presentation given by Concord Recreation and Weston & Sampson staff members, which was also available to online participants. This presentation was followed by a Question and Answer session. Finally, in-person participants were able to re-visit the topical tables to add any additional reflections or comments.

Topical Tables and Activities:

In-person participants were able to visit six (6) tables set up in the gymnasium space and facilitated by Subcommittee members from 5:00 to 6:00pm. These tables were host to different topics on the Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan (RFSP). Activities at each table provided fodder to direct input and collect ideas and feedback from participants.

Two tables were located at the entrance. The first table contained a registration sign-in sheet with a site inventory map locating key Town-owned recreation facilities and interactive name tags. Participants could choose a name tag with a recreation topic that they supported. The second table contained hard copies of the online survey in three languages for completion and snacks for participants and was also located in the entrance to the gymnasium.

The following feedback was received at the topic tables and sign-in table:

Registration Table:

- **Sign-in Sheet:** Fourteen (14) people signed the registration sheet. the project team followed up the day after the Open House #1 with a thank you email for participating and links to the survey to share with neighbors, friends and others who care about Concord's recreation system.
- **Interactive Name Tags:** Participants most often chose "Walking & Bike Trails" and the blank nametags, where they could fill in their own area of recreational interest. One participant said she came to advocate for an outdoor performing space. Another participant said he came because he wanted more pickleball courts.
- **Site Inventory Map:** A large map locating Town-owned recreation facilities was located at the registration table. This map was frequently referenced by participants and Subcommittee members to locate facilities or to share where improved connections between recreation facilities could be made.

Survey Table:

- **Survey:** One participant completed a hard copy survey and most said they had completed it online. The hard copy survey has since been uploaded to the online survey.

The other four (4) tables included the following topics:

- **Topic 1:** Current Facilities and Amenities
- **Topic 2:** Future Recreational Needs & Programming

TOPIC 1: Current Facilities and Amenities

Participants were asked to provide ideas for improvement to the town's current facilities, feedback on where facilities are overused, where they would like to use parks, indoor recreation, and water access sites more frequently, and the kinds of accessible features that are most helpful. The goal of this exercise was to understand the condition or perceived condition of facilities in town and to learn where people frequent most and why, and conversely where they do not go and why. Participants engaged in the following activities and provided these ideas and feedback:

ACTIVITIES

Board: What is your favorite park or indoor recreation facility in Concord and why?

Participants were asked to write a comment under this question on a board.

General Comments

- *9-acre Corner / White Pond – need recreation facility i.e. – pool, workout center, indoor facilities; perhaps where Peabody is*
- *Bike Paths from 9-acre Corner / White Pond neighborhood to Concord Center Facilities*

Basket: Write-in Comments

Blank comment or question cards were available and five (5) comment cards were completed.

General Comments

Card 1:

- *Ping Pong at Harvey Wheeler Center – more tables!*
- *Rugby – introduce into Town*
- *Soccer - clinics would be lovely*

Card 2:

- *Nuture what we have*
- *Facilities are abundant*
- *Open Space a priority*

Card 3:

- *Nuture what we have*
- *Facilities are abundant*
- *Open Space a priority*

Card 4:

- *More indoor fitness spaces like 55 Church Street*
- *Separate dog park from Emerson Field*
- *Not only is playground bothered by loose dogs but walking path can be dangerous to walk if have mobility issues because of unruly dogs*

Card 5:

- *If improving bike or walking trails use unpaved surfaces. The National Park surfaces are unpaved and handicap accessible. Too much hardscape at Emerson Field.*

Card 6:

- *This is awesome! Great planning to garner ideas!My suggestion come sfrom a group planning for Concord's 250th in 2025 of the anniversary of the Battle of North Bridge. We would love to see an outdoor performance venue in Concord that could be utilized by all the music, dance, exercise groups in town. After going through a pandemic, people love outdoor spaces! Di Clymer*

Board: Existing Site Boards

Boards containing a representative photo(s) of Town-owned recreation facilities were presented across eight (8) boards on easels and participants were asked to write a comment on the boards.

General Comments: (statement / *comment*)

Water Access Points

- Warner's Pond Boat Launch
  - *No comments.*
- Lowell Road Boat Launch (at Old Calf Pasture)
  - *No comments*
- White Pond
  - *Shower/fresh water source to rinse feet*
  - *Water fountain*
  - *Trails need some maintenance*
  - ~~*Access to shore from non members*~~ (a participant had written this statement, then crossed it out)
- Water Access Point at Baker Avenue and Water Access Point at Westvale Meadow
  - *Boat/Kayak/Paddleboard Rental*

Existing Active Recreation Sites

- Cousins Field
  - *Where [are] these sites? Better advertise of space* (Addresses written in by Subcommittee member)
  - *Potential Bike Rodeo site*
- South Meadow Field
  - *Where [are] these sites? Better advertise of space* (Addresses written in by Subcommittee member)
  - *Potential Bike Rodeo site*
- Doug White Turf Complex at Concord Carlisle High School
  - *No comments*
- Ripley School Fields
  - *Potential Bike Rodeo site*
- Rideout Playground & Park
  - *Potential Bike Rodeo site*
  - *Dedicated pickleball courts*
  - *Courts need to be resurfaced (tennis)*
  - *More pickleball courts*
- Emerson Playground & Park
  - *Cluttered – open space has been lost*
  - *Loose dog issue*
  - *The paving and utility building are a mistake*
  - *Dedicated pickleball courts*
  - *More pickleball courts*
  - *Stop developing Emerson Park*
  - *Better control of dogs*

- Concord Carlisle High School Skate Park
    - *More visibility from the road*

Existing Indoor Recreation Properties

- Hunt Recreation Center
    - *Court divider nets*
- Ripley School Gymnasium
    - *Needs new floor*
- Beede Swim & Fitness Center
    - *The fitness rooms have declined – broken equipment, lack of oversight, etc. As the rooms have declined so have the membership*
    - *Why no group fitness classes / studio in Beede?*
    - *Cost is too high!*
    - *Keep the TVs working*
- Harvey Wheeler Center
    - *Outdoor performance venue*

TOPIC 2: Future Recreational Needs and Programming

Participants were asked what there is more (or less) demand for in terms of amenities / programs, to provide ideas on what amenities or programming would be desired if not currently offered, what improvement to the town's current facilities might be needed, and react to qualitative statements to better understand participants' perceptions of Concord's recreation system and how it could be better in the future. Participants provided the following ideas and feedback:

ACTIVITIES

Activity on Table: Visual Preference Voting Jars

Participants were asked to vote on preferences for future recreational needs by reviewing 12 topic areas. Topic areas and their examples included the following:

- Fields (Baseball, Lacrosse, Football, Soccer, Softball, Ultimate Frisbee)
- Courts (Basketball, Pickleball, Street Hockey, Tennis, Volleyball)
- Passive Recreation (Picnicking, Relaxing, Wildlife Observation)
- Water Recreation (Boating, Kayaking, Fishing, Splash Pad, Outdoor Swimming Pool)
- Trails & Cycle Paths (Hiking, Jogging, Mountain Biking, Bike Racks, Safer Routes)
- Indoor Recreation (Community Center, Swimming, Pool, Climbing, Hockey)
- Amenities (Pavilions, Restrooms, Picnic Tables, Seating, Signage/Wayfinding, Water Fountains)
- Planting (Trees, Landscaping, Upkeep & Maintenance)
- Universal Access (Curb cuts, Accessible Parkling & Restrooms, Multi-lingual Maps, Inclusive Play)
- Playgrounds (Tot Lots, Adventure Playgrounds, Ninja Warrior-Style Equipment)
- Single-Use Park Amenities (Disc Golf, Golf/Driving Range, Skateboarding, Bocce Ball, Parkour)
- Wildcard for write in responses.

The goal of this exercise was to determine how much or how little of each use is needed in the future based on greatest needs, to understand what amenities or programming in Concord would be desired if not currently offered and to learn where there is more (or less) demand for amenities. This exercise received 197 responses shown in the graph below:

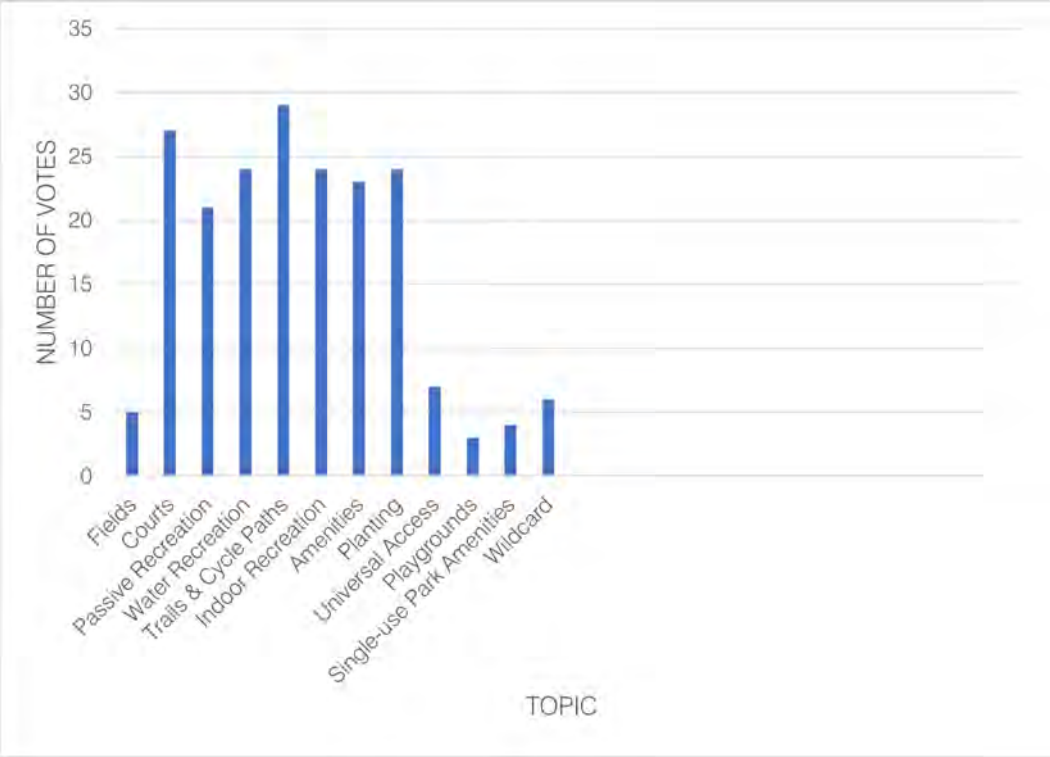


CHART: Future Recreational Needs and Programming – Visual Preference Voting Jars

Participants indicated a need for trails and cycle path as a top preference (29) followed by Courts (27). The following comment was left inside the jar for Courts:

- *All my votes are for pickleball; more indoor pickleball courts; the pickleball couts in Rideout need repair.*

Many participants also indicated a need for the following recreational facilities and amenities:

- Water recreation (24)
- Indoor Recreation (24)
- Planting (24)
- Amenities (23)
- Passive Recreation (21)

Less than 20 participants indicated a need for the following recreational facilities and amenities:

- Universal Access (7)
- Wildcard (6), with the following comments left inside the jar:
    - *Outdoor performance space (pavilion, amphitheater) (23 of 43 acres usable in West Concord at the NMI Starmet property)*
    - *Convert Peabody into indoor / outdoor recreation*
- Fields (5)
- Playgrounds (3)
- Single-use Park amenities (4)

Board: Tell us something you wish you had in Concord's recreation system.

Participants were asked to write a comment under this question on a board.

General Comments

- More restrooms
- More water fountains
- Outdoor performance space (x2)
- Coordinate with 250th anniversary committees, Concord Youth Theater, Catholic Church
- Concord Conservatory of Music looking for a new venue
- Preserve mountain and trail bike access
- Expand bike lanes
- Safe trail from 9-acre Corner to Concord Center
- Trails should not be paved. The Reformatory path paving was defeated in favor of natural path.
- I agree with [above statement] for primary walking paths (and I do walk) but for road cycling, paved paths are much better. So some of each?
- Indoor pickleball
- More outdoor pickleball courtts
- More indoor basketball & soccer

Board: Statement Preferance Voting

Participants made eight (8) comments and 29 votes (with green stickers).

General Comments (statement / *comment*)

- I love Concord's recreation sites because …
    - *Well-managed and loved.*
    - *Mostly accessible for persons with mobility challenges.*
- Concord recreation facilities meet my fitness goals.
    - *NOT! Need more fitness options. Beede and Thoreau Club too $$$.*
- There should be more opportunities to gather and play in Concord.
    - *BBQ pits and tables*
    - *Bathrooms*
- My children enjoy Concord's playgrounds.
    - *Grandchildren*
    - *Loose dog issue at playground as well as on walking path.*

Statement Votes (statement / *vote*)

- Concord [recreation facilities] are not well-dispersed throughout Town. (4)
- I don't know where there is access to Concord's reviers and ponds. (3)
- Concord parks feel safe. (4)
- I'd like like more recreation facilities within a 10-minute drive from my home. Specify your neighborhood. (4) *(West Concord, White Pond Area)*
- Concord's park and recreation facilities promote community. (2)
- Concord trails are well-maintained. (4)
- My dog needs a place to run off-leash. (4)
- Concord parks feel clean and well-maintained. (3)
- Concord's recreation facilities should be more welcoming and inclusive. (1)

HYBRID PRESENTATION

The agenda items below were covered in the hybrid portion of the meeting, a power point presentation, which was followed by a thirty (30) minute question and answer session, also hybrid. Participants were also invited back to topical tables to share further reflections and comments with the Subcommittee members or to add them the boards.

- Project Background & Purpose: Project timeline and information on the purpose and elments of the RFSP update and map of existing Town-owned recreation facilities
- What We've Heard So Far: Purpose, goals and preliminary results from online surveyand
- Opportunities: Potential opportunities based on initial brief visit to some of the 12 recreation facilities identified for further site evaluation
- Next Steps / How You Can Help!: Question prompts for the public input Q&A session with Town contact information, a link to the project site, and online survey information

The Open House PowerPoint presentation is available on the Town's website at the following link: https://www.concordrec.com/245/Recreation-Facilities-Strategic-Plan.

Two question prompts were provided for the question and answer session, which were:

- Recreational Needs & Programming: What kinds of amenities would you like to see?
- Current Facilities & Amenities: Do Town faciliies meet your Personal Fitness Goals?

The following comments or questions were received during the question and answer portion of the evening:

- A comment about Pickleball becoming the fastest growing sport in America and the desire for more either dedicated pickleball courts or shared pickleball – tennis courts.
- A question about how the recreation facilities or programming recommendations borne from the RFSP relate to the Capital Plan.
- A question about context for the RFSP and how many other communities are creating RFSP.

- A question and comment about how the RFSP is eaging the “grey population” including groups like the Council on Aging and the Commission on Disability. The need to make outdoor recreation accessible for this “grey” demographic.
- A question about whether State and Federal properties are being included in this study.
- A question about the last RFSP in 2014 and whether those outcomes were advertised somewhere, accessible on the internet.
- A question about how long the RFSP is good for (7-10 years, from Anna McKeown).
- A question about thebproposed dates for implementation (Capital Planning projects are 5-7 years, some short-term and some long-term projects and some much longer term project, Anna McKeown).
- A question about the acquisition of new properties, specifically about the Beede Swim & Fitness Center given as donated land (but that whatever was built on it would need to be in the interest of the whole town, Anna McKeown).

Several Subcommittee members or members of the Weston & Sampson design team provided reflections on the Open House #1 the day after the event. These comments that were heard and summaries per team member include:

Cassie Bethoney:

- Concord needs more indoor soccer fields and basketball courts. People have to travel outside Concord for soccer and Hunt is the only resource in Concord for basketball.
- Pickleball was a priority for one person, particularly adding more indoor court space.
- Add an outdoor performance space that can be used by local theater and student groups, who never have enough space (I noted these groups on my post-its). There are examples in other communities that can be indoor/outdoor to make use of it year-round. Coordinate these efforts with the Town anniversary event coming up.

Paul Boehm:

There were some interesting comments on space for performance venues, specifically outdoor venues -music, theater. Need land for that and other multi uses. Also needs for more indoor basketball space. The comment was that there is too much competition at Hunt for basketball space and we need another space or facility. Some comments about Peabody school being used for that purpose in the future. A specific need for more fitness facilities, in particular large workout rooms for aerobics. Got the impression that there’s a big demand for fitness space. And, of course, can’t get enough pickle ball space. The pickle ball people showed up. However, I don’t put that issue any higher priority than some of the other issues were hearing though.

Gail Dowd:

The couple of items that are fresh in my mind – other than the amazing tip on how to actually separate the name tags from the paper:

- Several folks mentioned pickle ball
- The most interesting item was the woman who was interested in an outdoor performing arts location/venue

Anna McKeown:

- A few people talked about more access from point A to point B on bikes, ie bike lanes. (white pond beach to Concord center and west concord center)
- One man was passionate about not adding more amenities to Emerson Park. He was also hopeful that we can reduce the number of dogs in the park.
- I had a family VERY interested in some sort of kayak/boat option at white pond.
- Various people did not know where Cousins and South Meadow were (leads to better signage/advertising).
- I had an interesting convo with a biker who said that there is an old dirt horse track in the woods behind Walden pond that people use for hiking and mountain biking? Not sure if that is legit or not but made me start to think about what trails there may be for mountain biking. He also said better signage at trail heads on how to share the trail with bikes/hikers.

Phil Griffiths:

- I heard many of the same things you all did, the one additional conversation I had was an indoor studio space for group classes.
- Lots of pickle ball - no surprise there - but I really liked the idea of looking at improved connectivity between parts of the town and to existing recreation opportunities.

APPENDIX – See all materials and photographs from Open House #1 attached.

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MEMORANDUM

TO:	Anna McKeown, Recreation Director Adam LaPointe, Assistant Recreation Director, Concord Recreation
FROM:	Lindsey Abbott, Project Landscape Architect
DATE:	June 6, 2023
SUBJECT:	Public Engagement Event #2, Stow Street Block Party Pop-up Table Concord Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan

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Weston & Sampson conducted a second public engagement event for the Town of Concord Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan (RFSP) from 12-2pm on Saturday June 3, 2023: a "pop-up" table at the Stow Street Block Party, a free community event sponsored by Concord Recreation and held inside the Hunt Recreation Gymnasium, Concord, Massachusetts. Brandon Kunkel, Landscape Architecture Practice Leader, and Lindsey Abbott, Project Landscape Architect, managed the table. Weston & Sampson's Project Manager Cassie Bethoney was unable to attend the event. During the event, Weston & Sampson representatives spoke with approximately 80 adults, youth and children who engaged with the table.

Banner signage was placed at the Hunt Recreation Center entry and on the table display. Weston & Sampson walked around the community event and encouraged members of the public to cast their votes at the table. Many members of the public were willing to participate in the activity and showed interest in the project by asking further questions. Several participants knew about the Concord RFSP already and had taken the online survey. Participants included the following:

- A range of ages, young children, teens, young adults, middle aged, elderly, and retired folks
- Single individuals and families
- Diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds.
- Residents of Concord and visitors both from nearby towns and from out-of-state.

Table Displays and Activities:

The table display included one (1) table-top activity and four (4) easels with the following information:

- A map indicating Concord's recreational facility inventory, highlighting the (12) recreation facilities that were evaluated as part of the RFSP and the six (6) proposed sites to be included in the concept design portion of the plan.

- What had been learned and observed through the RFSP to date, including a summary of the online survey results, sites that were evaluated and critical needs
- Overall project goals
- A project schedule that shows work completed to date as well as the next steps in the process, which involves the development of concept plans for the four (4) recreation sites that attracted the most votes.
- Critical needs identified to date
- Voting preferences table activity, as shown in the image below



Participants were given four (4) pom-poms and asked to cast four (4) votes into jars with descriptions of proposed amenities for six (6) sites and a seventh "wildcard" option. The goal of this activity was to solicit the public's input on which sites they would like to see renovated or designed. Based on the results, Weston & Sampson will develop conceptual designs for the top four, and include the preferred amenities listed on the activity board per site. A list of the proposed sites and their vote tally are included in the table below:

RFSP Site	Vote Tally
Starmet Corporation Site Design	107
Cousins Field Renovation	24
Carlisle Concord Skate Park Renovation	43
Baker Avenue Site Design	35
Gerow Recreation Area Phase II Site Design	42
South Meadow Fields Renovation	15
Wildcard	11 write-in responses, with 16 votes total. A photo of the responses is included on the following page

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Are there other sites you'd like us to consider instead?

Walking/Biking bridge over RT2 to West Concord +1

XC SKi course +1 +1

[Don't get rid of Warner's Pond!!]

SAVE WARNER'S POND!

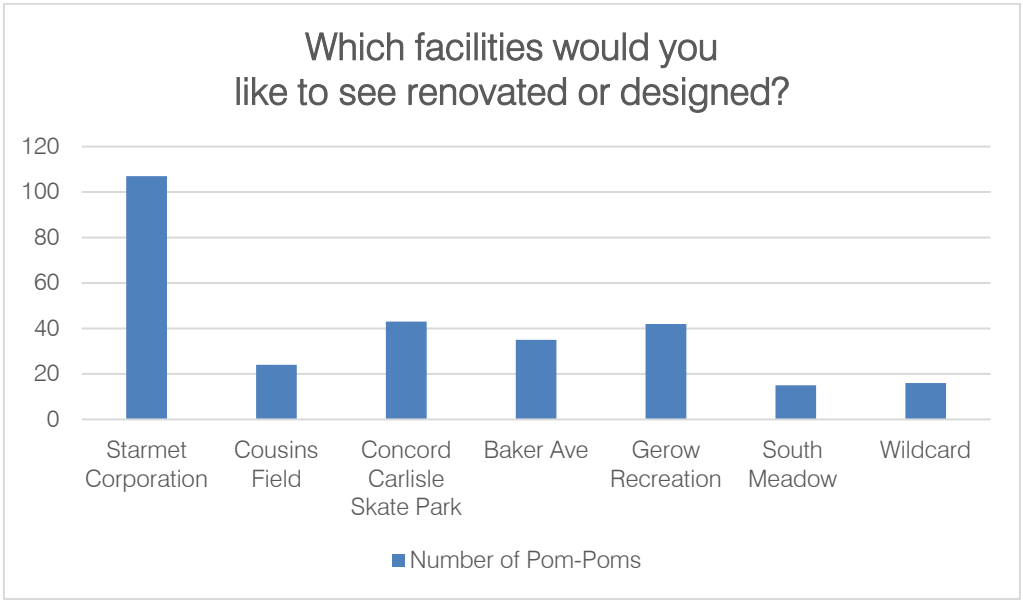
Remove the Warner's Pond Dam. (Restore it to pre-industrialized state)

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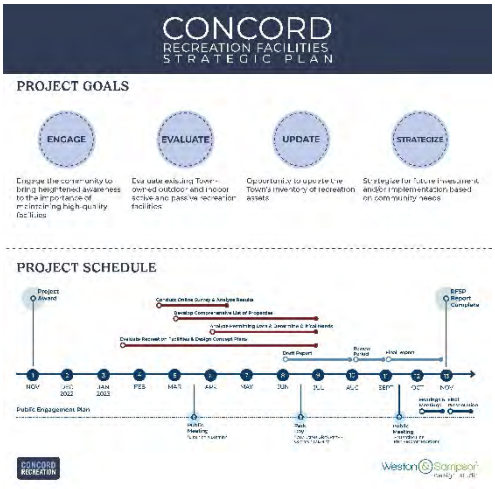
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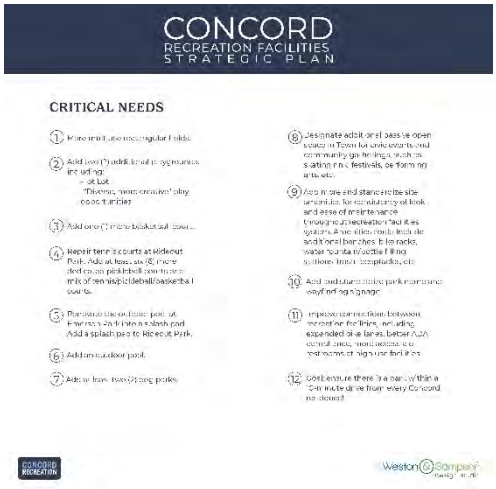
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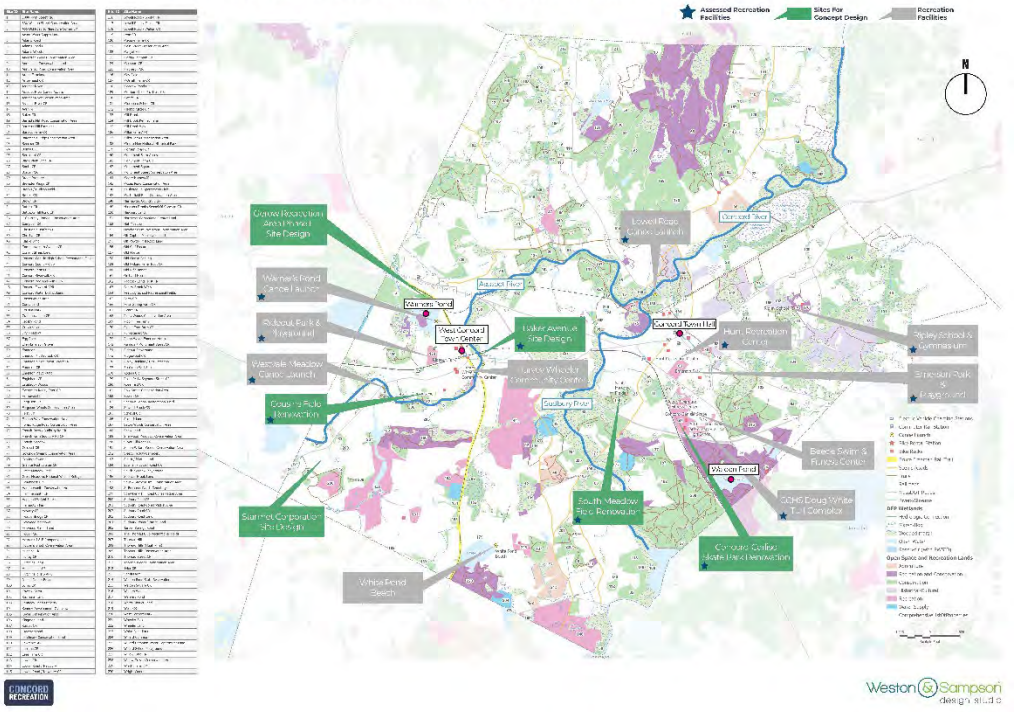


All boards are included below for reference:





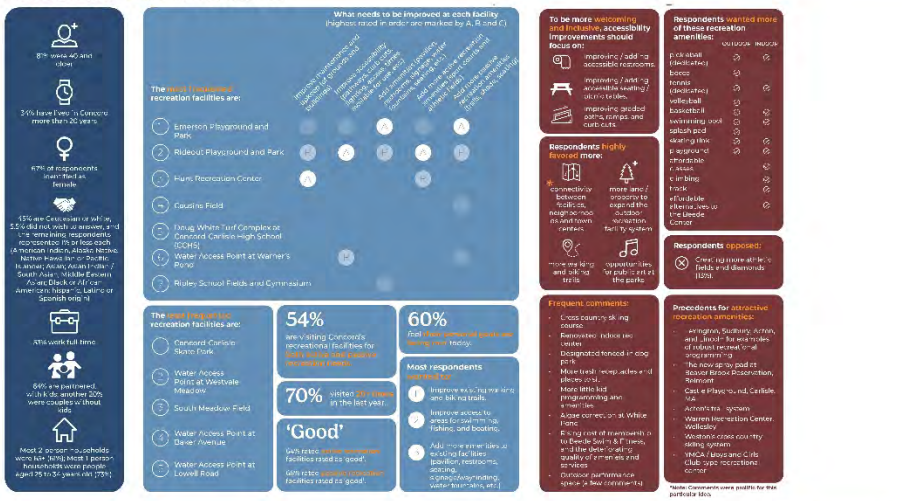
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General Observations / Comments:

- Many participants questioned whether the proposed sites were Town-owned properties already and wanted to know more about the proposed sites to be sure they understood what they were voting for. One participant asked several questions about how current recreation sites were paid for and how these proposed sites would be ("through our local taxes?").
- Participants often voted for proposed recreation sites that were near their homes, referencing the map. Participants discussed living near the Gerow site (and Bruce Freeman Bike Trail, Concord Prison) and wishing to see that developed further.
- Several participants knew about the Superfund Starmet site and liked the idea of re-using it as a sport complex. One participant said she liked how "convenient" a sports complex as described on the board for the Starmet Corporation site would be with everything at one location.
- The water-based sites – Baker Avenue, Gerow, Warner's Pond [written in as a wildcard] -- seemed to strike participants' interest and discussion.
- One participant discussed how he and his family had visited most of Concord's outdoor recreation facilities during the pandemic and how valuable they had been. A section about the increasing importance of recreational resources and amenities in a post-pandemic world should be included in the report.
- A pickleball enthusiast discussed various creative ways she and other pickleball coaches and players offer lessons and hold games at various outdoor courts and indoor school gymnasium courts in Concord and other neighboring towns.
- Concord-Carlisle Community Chest (https://www.cccommunitychest.org/) shared that food security was uncovered as an issue through their recent needs assessment, with 1 in 3 children arriving at school hungry in Concord and Carlisle. The RFSP may consider ways in which to offer support in this area.

Event photographs are included on the following pages.

Event Photographs:

Please note photos with faces, such as the teenage Cinderella and the young boys writing in the wildcard section of the activity, were taken with permission from them and/or their parent.








CORDY'S RECREATIONAL FACILITY INVENTORY


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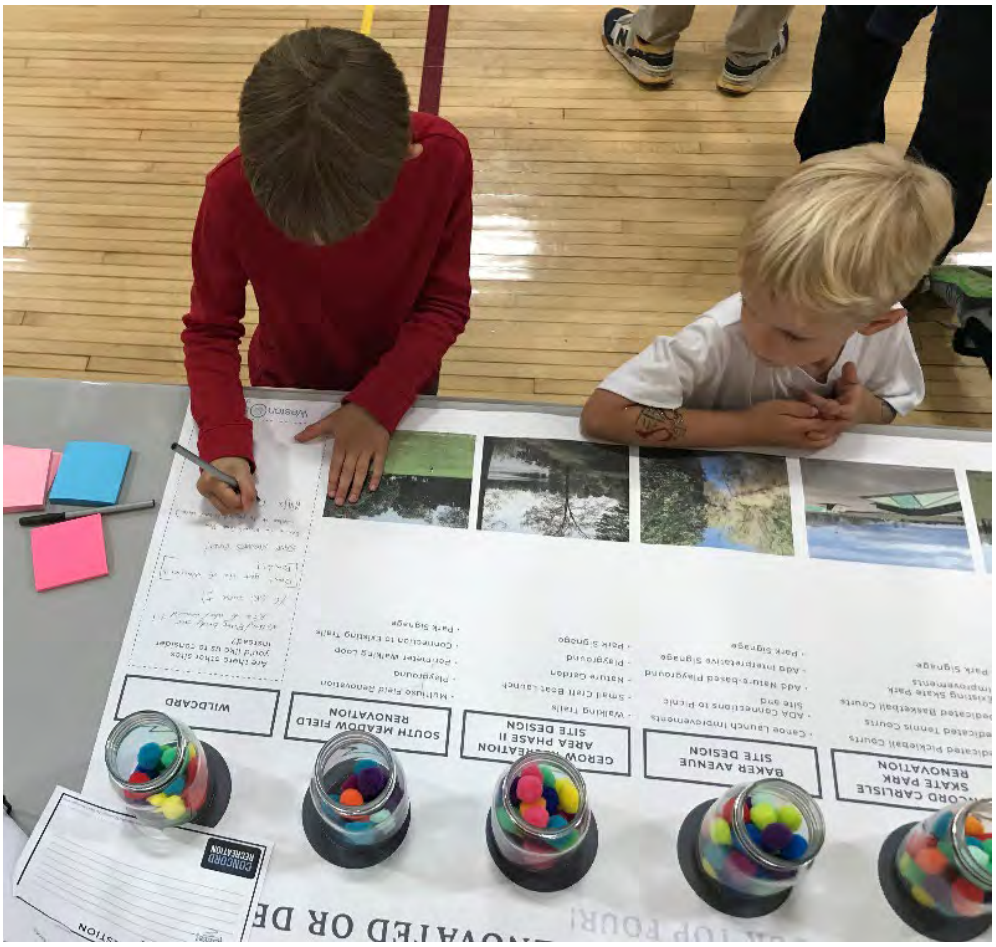





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MEMORANDUM

TO: Anna McKeown, Recreation Director
Adam LaPointe, Assistant Recreation Director, Concord Recreation

FROM: Lindsey Abbott, Project Landscape Architect
Cassie Bethoney, RLA, Project Manager

DATE: July 21, 2023

SUBJECT: Public Engagement Event #3 – "Pop-up" Table at Summer Concert Series, Rideout Park, Concord Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan

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Weston & Sampson (W&S) conducted a third public engagement event for the Concord Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan (RFSP) from 5:30-9:00pm on Thursday July 20, 2023: a "pop-up" table at the Summer Concert Series Beantown Swing Orchestra, a free community event sponsored by Concord Recreation and held at Rideout Park in West Concord, Massachusetts. W&S's Project Manager Cassie Bethoney and Lindsey Abbott, Project Landscape Architect, managed the table. During the event, approximately 58 adults, youth and children engaged with the table; 40 participants participated in the tabletop voting activity.

A tent with display tables and banner signage was located at the main entrance to Rideout Park, close to the restrooms, ice cream truck and picnic pavilion where the band was set up. Weston & Sampson made an announcement during the concert to encourage members of the public to visit the pop-up table and vote for their priority .

At the table, W&S staff encouraged members of the public to cast a single sticker vote for the conceptual design that they liked most and thought the Town of Concord should prioritize first out of the four conceptual designs. When voting, W&S staff shared that the four priority sites had been chosen by the public at the second community engagement event to receive conceptual designs and featured recreational amenities that were suggested at previous events, the site evaluations, the online survey, needs assessment and other earlier aspects of the study. The concepts shared at this event were merely high level conceptual ideas, or fit studies, to understand what may be possible at each site. Many members of the public lingered, asked questions, and shared their thoughts and insight while examining the conceptual boards. Several participants knew about the Concord RFSP already, had come to a previous community engagement event, and/or had taken the online survey. Participants included the following:

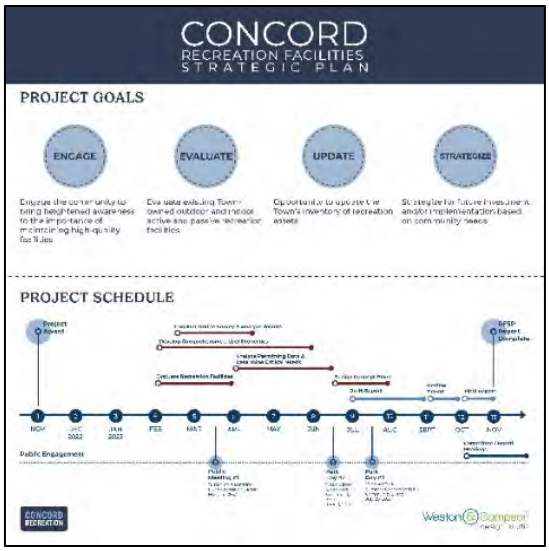
- A range of ages, including a few young children accompanied by their parents, teens, young adults, middle aged, elderly, and retired folks
- Single individuals and families
- Primarily residents of Concord and with a few visitors both from nearby towns and one individual from out-of-state.

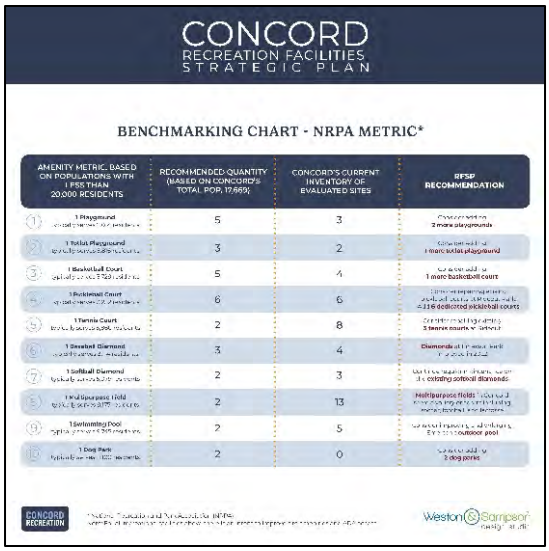
Table Displays and Activities:

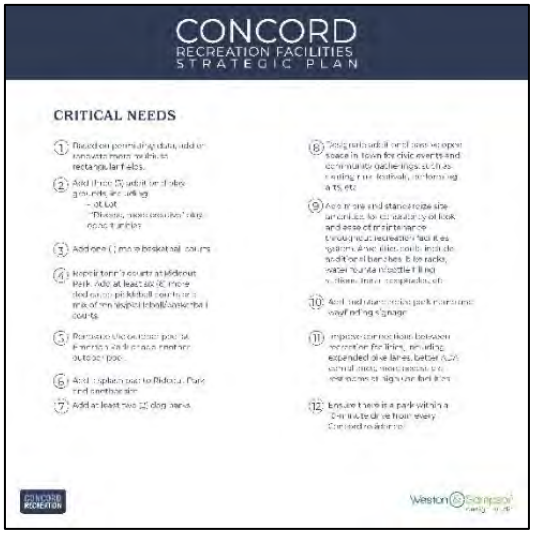
The table display included one (1) table-top activity and five (5) easels. Conceptual design boards were presented for 36A Baker Street, Cousins Field, Skate Park at Concord-Carlisle High School, and 2229 Main Street. Board images and results are included on the following pages. Additionally, the following background information boards were posted as reference materials, as listed and shown below:

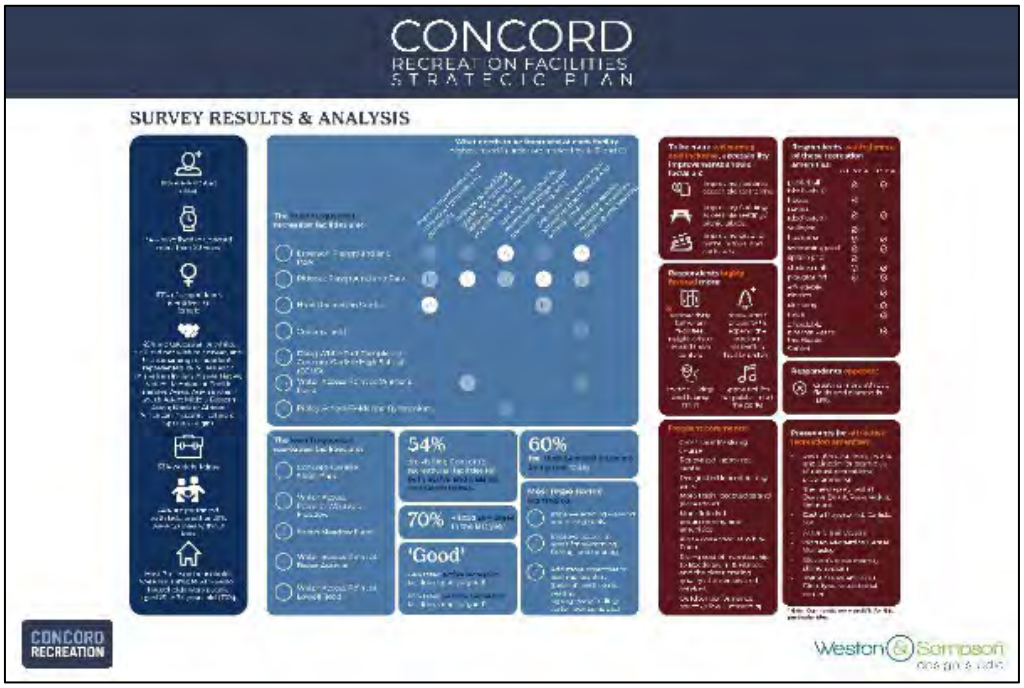
- Overall project goals and project schedule
- Benchmarking chart with metrics from the National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA) Agency Performance Review and Field Report
- Critical needs
- Summary of online survey results
- Reference map indicating Concord's recreational facility inventory, highlighting the (12) recreation facilities that were evaluated as part of the RFSP and the four (4) sites for conceptual design.

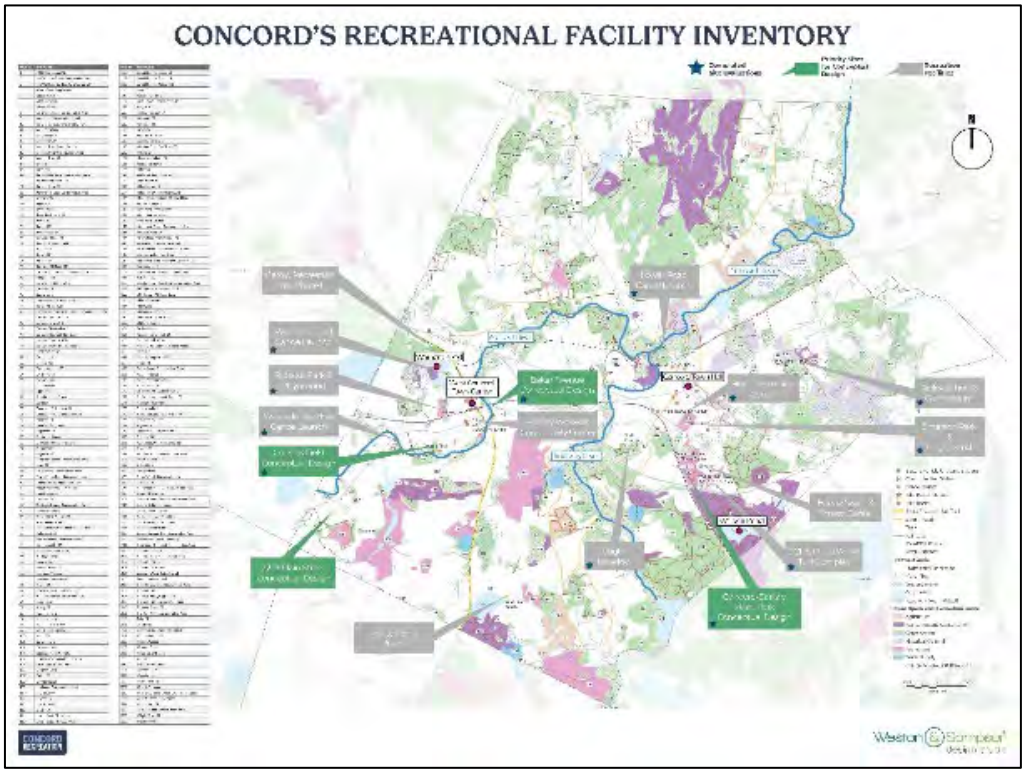
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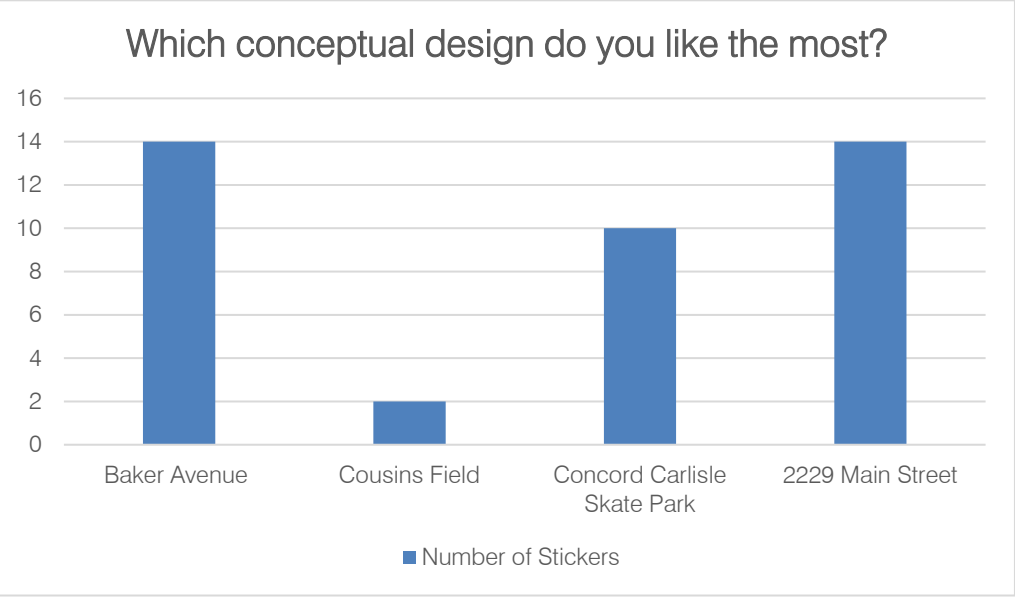




Participants were given one (1) sticker and asked to cast a single (1) vote directly onto the board for the conceptual design they liked the most. The goal of this activity was to solicit the public's input on which site they would like to see the Town of Concord prioritize first for renovation and/or a new design intervention. Forty (40) members of the public participated in the voting activity. Participants could also write on post-it notes additional thoughts or

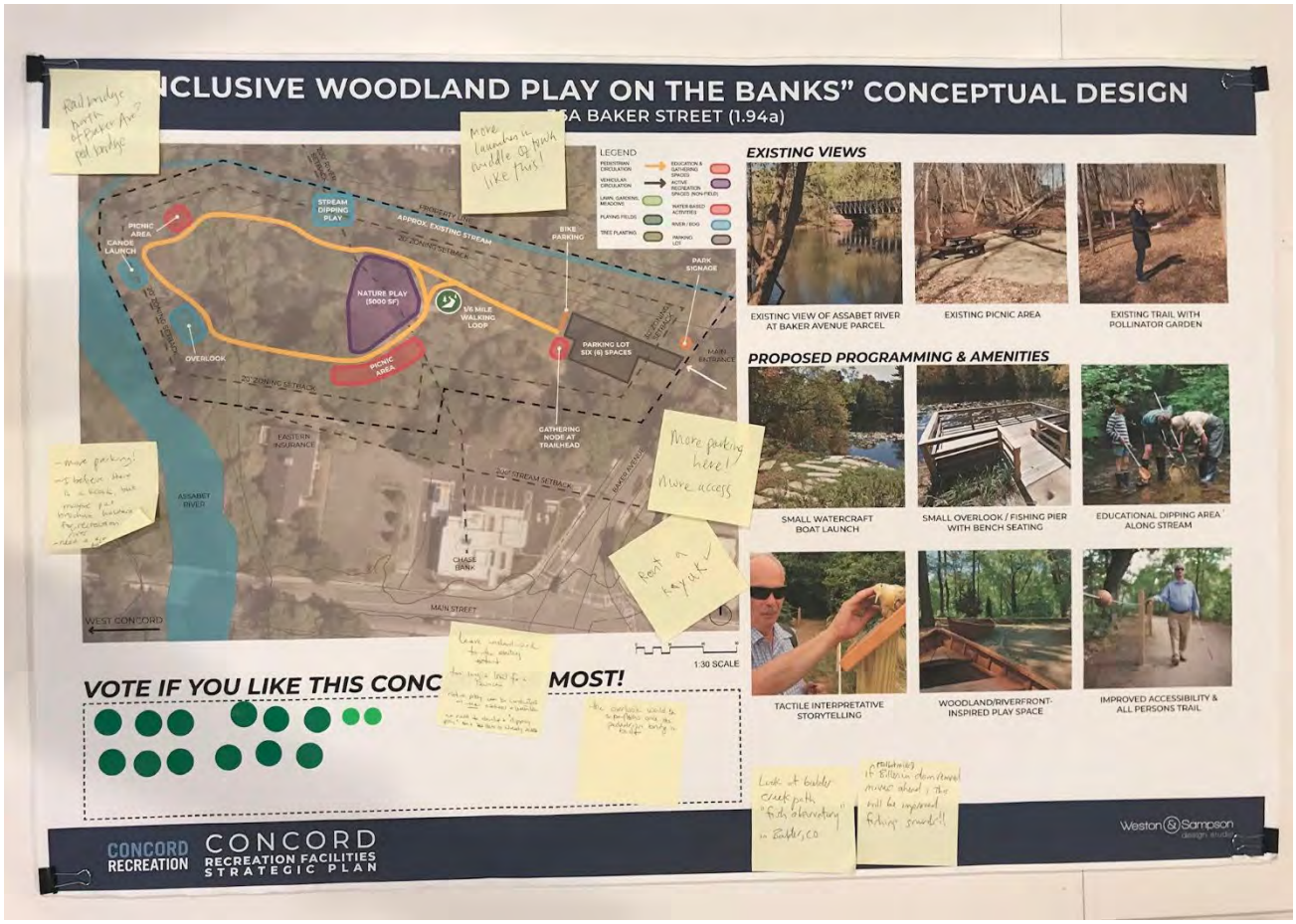
suggestions for alternative design interventions and place those comments onto the boards. Eighteen (18) members of the public left comments on post-it notes, and two (2) members wrote on small write-in cards. Close-ups of the comments are available below. A list of the proposed conceptual design diagrams and their vote tallies are included in the table below:

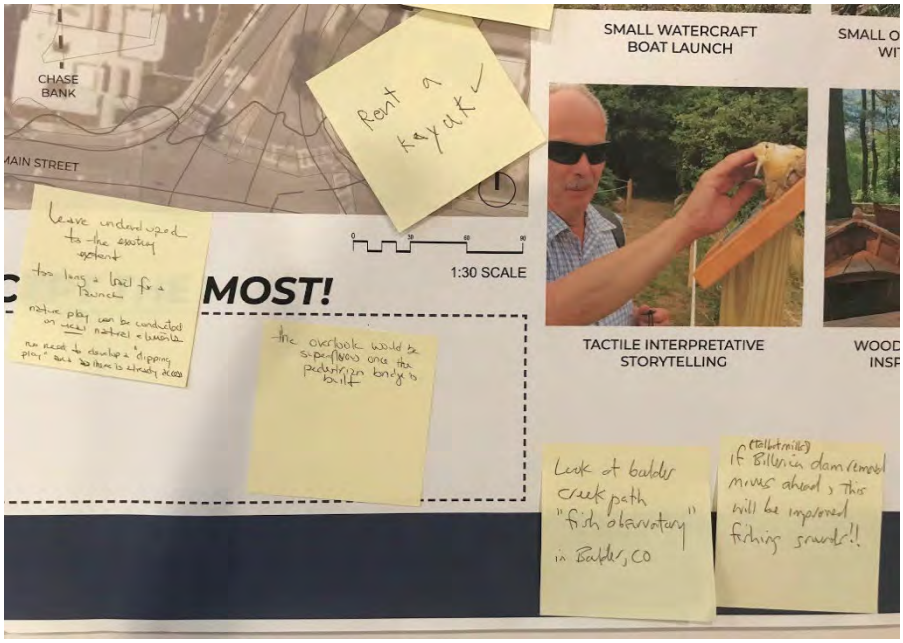
RFSP Site	Vote Tally
Baker Avenue Conceptual Design	14
Cousins Field Conceptual Design	2
Carlisle Concord Skate Park Conceptual Design	10
2229 Main Street Conceptual Design	14
General Comment/Question sheets	Two (2) write-in responses. A photo of the responses is included on the following page



The four (4) conceptual design boards with voting stickers and post-it comments are included below for reference:

BAKER AVENUE





Written comments include:

- Rent a kayak
- The overlook would be superfluous once the pedestrian bridge is built.
- Leave undeveloped to the existing extent; too long of a trail for a launch; nature play can be conducted on real natural elements; no need to develop a “dipping play” area as there is already access
- Look at boulder creek path “fish observatory” in Boulder, CO
- If Billerica dam removal (Talbot Mills) moves ahead, this will be improved fishing grounds!

- Rail bridge north of Baker Ave as a pedestrian bridge?
- The 2023 River Ambassadors like the Baker Avenue site but felt the distance to carry one's canoe or kayak would be challenging, particularly when the canoe launch at nearby Dino's Restaurant was much easier to use with shorter proximity from car to canoe launch site.

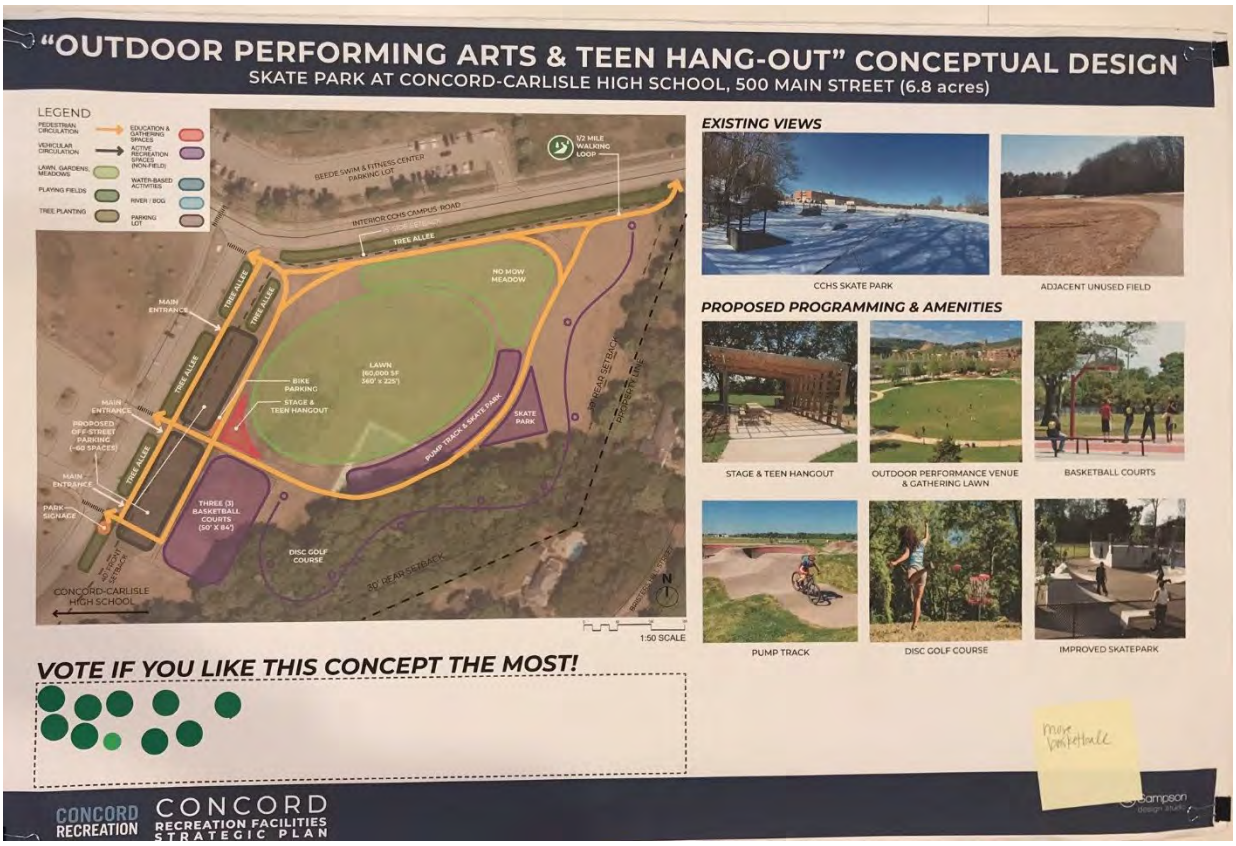
More launches in the middle of town like this!More parking; I believe there is a kiosk but maybe put broucher holders for river recreation; need an … (undiscernible)

COUSINS FIELD



- Add dog park!
- Sheltered outdoor play option?
- Cousins already allows for soccer and is nice "as is". Not sure it needs more.

Concord-Carlisle Skate Park

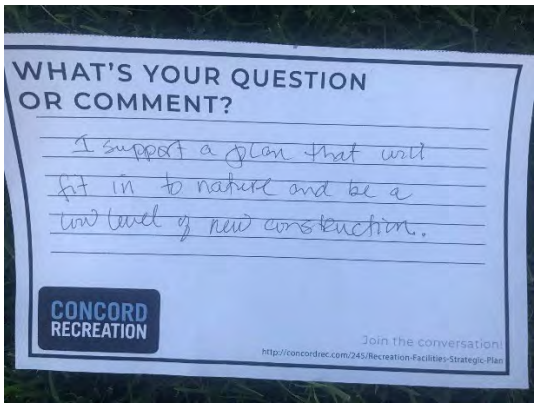


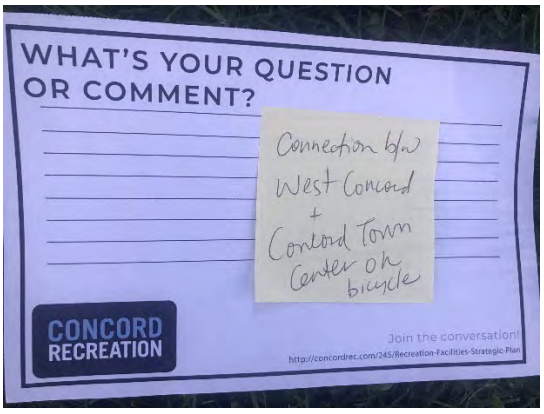
- More basketball

2229 Main Street



- Rugby field
- No enclosed dog park
- Existing trail system (beyond limits of the view)
- Would be great if Rec Center could be open to non-residents
- Cool nighttime hangout programming





General Observations / Comments:

- Concord Recreation Director Anna McKeown and Concord RFSP Subcommittee member Paul Boehme stopped by the pop-up table.
- Not everyone who came to learn about the study voted (18 people did not vote).
- Participants used the map to orient themselves from Rideout Park, where the community event took place, or from West Concord town center or Concord town center, to understand where the four (4) conceptual plan sites were located.
- Some participants read the other background information boards. The survey results seemed to interest some participants, in particular.
- As for the conceptual design boards, participants were either interested in the large scale and diverse amenities offered in the 2229 Main Street conceptual design or the simplicity, light intervention, lower cost, and short-time frame buildability of the Baker Avenue conceptual design. Both proposals received equal votes (14).
- Many participants were active members of various Town committees or environment-based groups such as the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Council. Both the 2023 River Ambassador and Assistant River Ambassador came to the table to share their comments.
- Many other Concord projects were referenced, suggesting a group of participants who were knowledgeable and engaged with Town developments, including the following specifically referenced projects: Warner's Pond dam study and the Gerow recreation site and the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, Concord Prison).
- Several high-school and college-aged participants liked the addition of recreation amenities at the Concord-Carlisle Skate Park site near the high school, especially the disc golf course. Several mothers of teenages remarked on the need for more gathering spaces and programming focused on healthy activities for teenaged children in the evenings and weekends. These participants all voted for the Concord-Carlisle Skate Park option.
- Quite a few participants remarked on the need for better connections, particularly via bicycle between West Concord and Concord (town center).

Event photographs are included on the following pages.

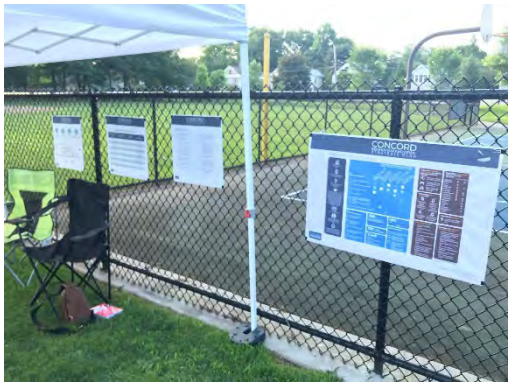
Event Photographs:

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"HAND PLAY ON THE BANKS" CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

E Conceptual Improvement Studies

Conceptual Improvement Studies

Conceptual ideas shown at these four properties are examples of what may be possible there or elsewhere in Concord, should other properties become available for improvements. They express how recommendations in this plan could be carried out in physical improvements. They offer fresh ways to re-imagine these sites and provide new opportunities for active and passive recreation in Town.

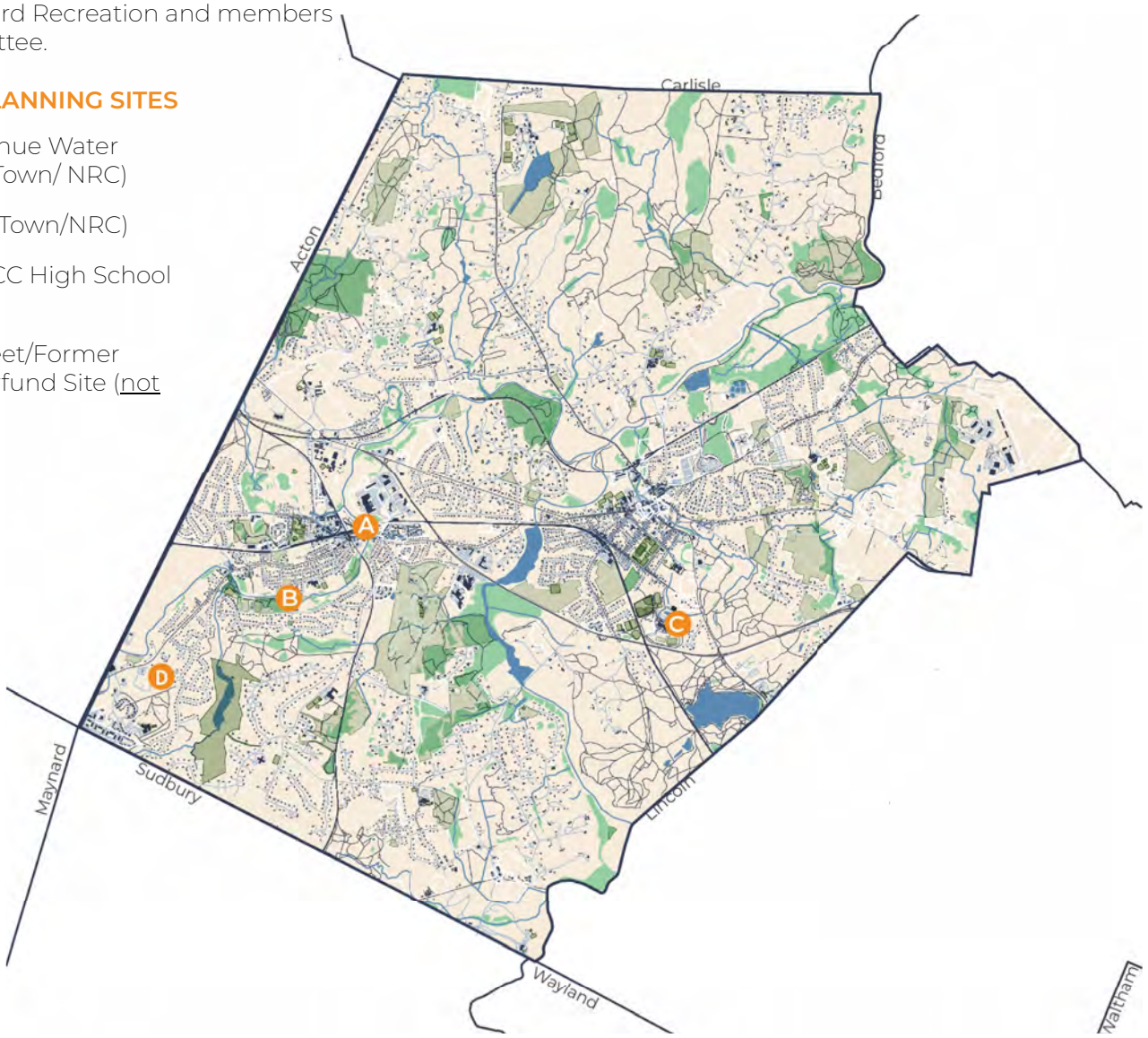
The following conceptual plans show improvements at four (4) sites across Concord. The future ideas either enhance current site uses and/or address critical needs identified through the planning process. The plans suggest a range of possibilities at four (4) sites as shown below. The four sites were chosen and endorsed through voting activities at a series of community engagement events in summer 2023 and with input from Concord Recreation and members of the Subcommittee.

CONCEPTUAL PLANNING SITES

- A 32A Baker Avenue Water Access Point (Town/ NRC)
- B Cousins Field (Town/NRC)
- C Skate Park at CC High School (CCHS)
- D 2229 Main Street/Former Starmet Superfund Site (not Town-owned)

Beyond addressing critical needs, recreation improvements suggested were in consideration of each site's size, contextual location within Concord, proximity to other recreation resources, existing conditions, environmental setbacks/restrictions and/or general propensity for a particular amenity.

The scale of improvements within these four plans vary greatly, from low-impact interventions on conservation land to diverse recreational offerings at a very complex site being treated for contamination. Each conceptual plan builds upon current site uses by proposing new resources that serve to activate the site. Precedent imagery provides a look into what future improvements and proposed activities might look or feel like and high-level budget allocation ground the conceptual plans, so it's clear what these future renovations and ideas would cost to construct.



32A Baker Avenue:

Water Access Point and Woodland Play along the Assabet River



Existing conditions plan

LOCATION	36A Baker Avenue
ACREAGE	1.94a
ZONING	Industrial Park A
PARCEL #	3792
USAGE LEVEL	Moderate
DEED RESTRICTION	P/ No Deed Restriction
MANAGER	Concord Natural Resources Commission (NRC), Concord Public Works (CPW) & dedicated trail stewards
BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS	Low

EXISTING AND PROPOSED SITE AMENITIES

***Proposed improvements**

- Trail
- Two (2) picnic areas
- Wayfinding signage
- Park signage on river and street*
- Enlarged existing off-street parking (6 spaces)*
- Formalized boat launch/public landing*
- Nature Playground*
- Enlarge existing pollinator garden with permanent interpretative signage*



Existing picnic area.



Existing dedicated off-street parking lot.

Existing Site

A small woodland site, 32 Baker Avenue sits between Baker Avenue and the Assabet River in West Concord. The site is bounded to the north and south by commercial parcels including two banks, a restaurant, an office complex, railway line and two-story single-family and multi-family housing. The site is conservation land, and given its proximity to the Assabet River and a small seasonal stream along the north perimeter, various set-backs reduce the usable footprint of the site. 36A Baker Avenue has been newly acquired by the Town and is not signposted yet. The site was unknown by many participants in the community engagement process and is possibly under-utilized as a result. It is, however, brimming with recreational potential that could be included in an appropriate way.

Applying Overall Recommendations

The conceptual plan for 32A Baker Avenue addresses the following Town-wide recommendations identified in this plan:

- Town-wide Water Access Study Access (1A)
- Multi-modal Transportation Planning (1B)
- Consistency of Facility Signage & Site Furnishings (2A)
- More Diverse Play Opportunities (2E)
- Trailhead Nature Education/Maker Space (3C)

Online survey respondents repeatedly shared the desire to have better access to and along the waterways and ponds in Concord that have attracted people since its early inhabitants used it seasonally. The conceptual plan

Community Thoughts

"Better access to rivers for rowing, canoeing, kayaking."

-Online Survey Respondent

"As much access to nature appreciated for all ages!"

-Online Survey Respondent

"I strongly support maintaining open space that can be used for self-driven, unstructured play."

-Online Survey Respondent

"Leave undeveloped to existing extent."

- Community Engagement event #1



View of the Assabet River from 32A Baker Avenue

at 32A Baker Avenue improves water access by:

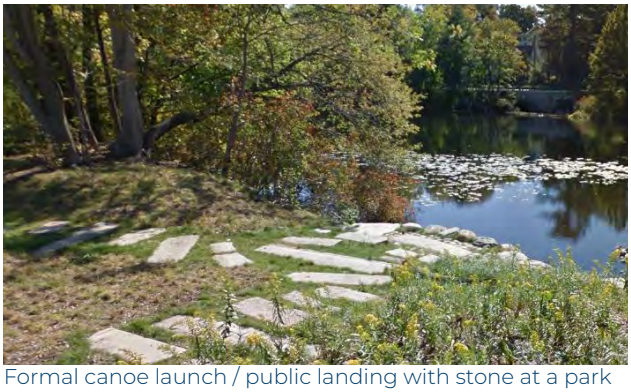
- Enhancing the existing "out and back" trail so it is easier for single paddlers to carry their boats from the dedicated parking area to the canoe launch at the river's edge.
- Formalizing the canoe launch / public landing area with stones laid in the earth.
- Adding signage such as a canoe symbol at the parking lot entrance and a NRC wooden park sign at both the parking lot land entrance and the water access point, indicating the site as a place for paddlers to pause and enjoy a picnic.

Improved water access in Concord can be achieved through little gestures too. Creating moments for people to touch the water with their hands and toes. There may even be an opportunity to construct a small platform for discovery of this sensitive ecosystem. '

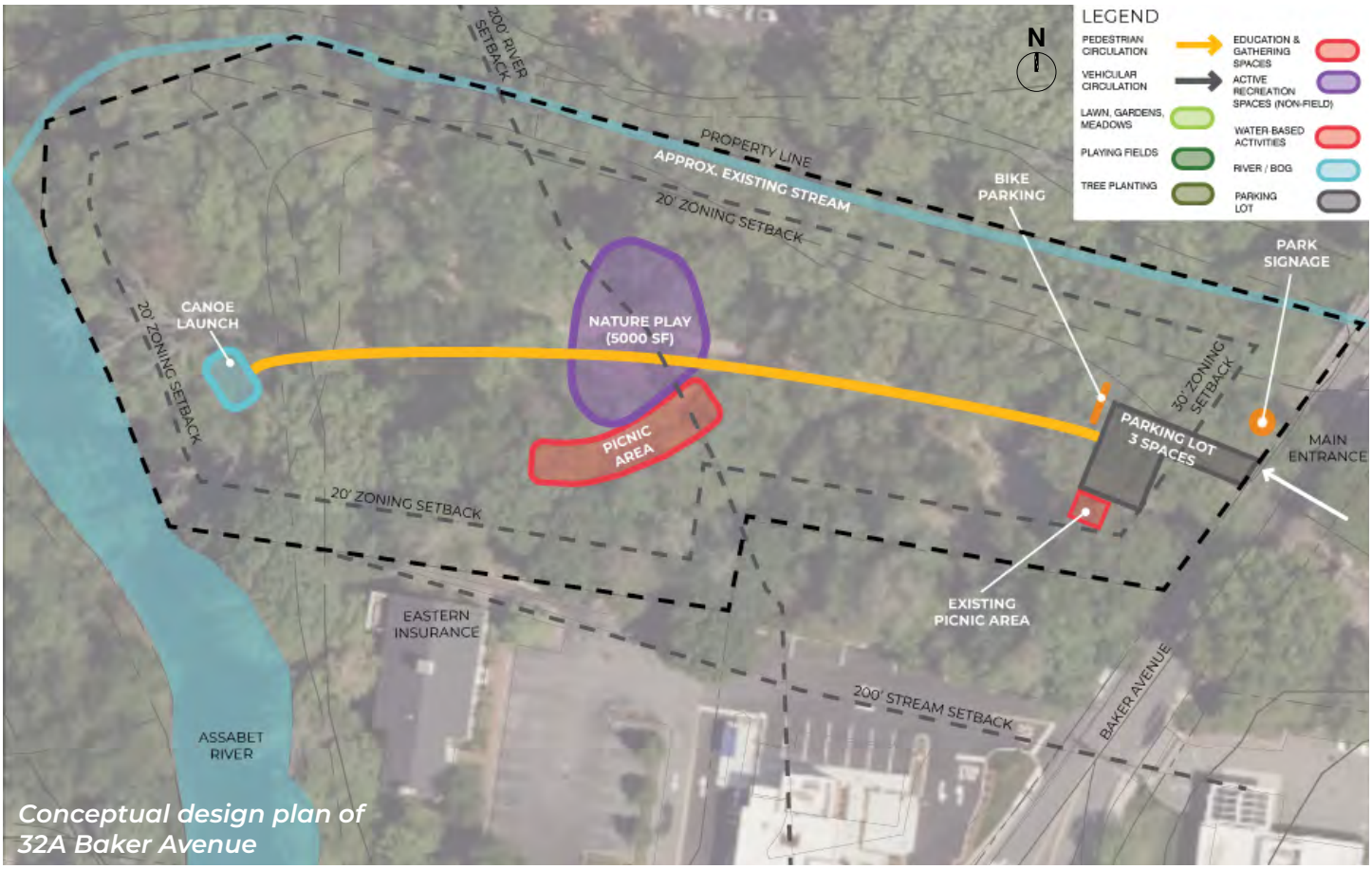
Play was repeatedly referenced throughout the planning process. People wanted more play spaces located throughout Town for kids of all ages from tots to teens. Comments about "unstructured," "creative," and "ambitious" play opportunities among multi-generation users were mentioned with survey respondents naming other central Massachusetts play spaces with



Learning about aquatic life through stream dipping. Photo credit: Katharine Davies, Dorset Wildlife Trust, UK.



Formal canoe launch / public landing with stone at a park in Watertown, MA. Photo credit: Sasaki.



Conceptual design plan of 32A Baker Avenue

these qualities that they admired. The desire for more numerous and more exciting play spaces in Concord echoes the NRPA benchmarking findings: Concord is low when compared to communities with similarly sized population across the United States. See pages 48-49 for more details.

With this in mind, 32A Baker Avenue could include simple suggestive play materials that match its woodland setting. Found tree stumps for balancing or branches for making into temporary play huts could be added. Play could also engage multiple generations with a visitor-curated collection of nature items that could be integrated into the trailhead bulletin board, engaging both adults and children to share their nature discoveries with other visitors. This idea references the treehouse space at Discovery Center in nearby Acton.

Finally, the existing pollinator garden could be supplemented and enlarged to attract more insects and bird life to the native understory flowers and berry-covered shrubs. Pollinator gardens could be located near existing picnic groves and seating elements and continue to provide places for users to gather and rest. Ensuring these gathering spots are ADA accessible should also be prioritized when making improvements.

Leveraging the Site Assets

By increasing access to water, signposting, and offering a few additional elements, 32A Baker Avenue could attract more visitors who arrive by boat, car, bicycle or on foot. Adding natural and movable play elements to the site that can be manipulated over and over again by children creates an unique natural play space and encourages families to visit this mini neighborhood space again and again. These new amenities are light design interventions that thoughtfully fit the natural site and can be constructed relatively quickly, even in some cases on a temporary trial basis to test both user popularity and habitat impact.

Budget Considerations

Future ideas at 32A Baker Avenue could be pursued by the Town at relatively low cost. Salvaged or found materials could be used for the boat launch/public landing and fallen trees could be used as play elements. Labor might be provided at no cost by volunteer groups within the community such as the existing group that maintains trail for NRC or a local Boy/Girl Scout troop.



Stumps for jumping! Photo Credit: Troll Forest, Fredriksdal Museum and Botanical Garden in Sweden.



A natural playground at 'Garden in the Woods' in Framingham, MA allows for unstructured play and encourages users to share their nature discoveries.



36A Baker Avenue could contain a minature version of the maker space at the Discovery Museum in Acton, MA. Photo credit: Discovery Museum, Acton, MA.

Cousins Field:

Neighborhood Nature Park



Existing conditions plan

LOCATION	8 Brown Street
ACREAGE	4a field, 6.5a riverfront
ZONING	Residential C
PARCEL #	2498-1, 2498-2
USAGE LEVEL	High
DEED RESTRICTION	P/ No Deed Restriction
MANAGER	Concord Natural Resources Commission (NRC) & Concord Public Works (CPW)
BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS	Moderate

EXISTING AND PROPOSED SITE AMENITIES

- Park signage
- Trails
- Community garden and gardening amenities, water outlets
- No designated parking
- Improved Multiuse Field*
- Accessible Walking Loop*
- Play elements*
- Civic Gathering Space*
- Improved Site

***Proposed improvements**

Existing Site Conditions

Cousins Field is a 10.5-acre Town-owned NRC site, comprised of two adjacent parcels within a residential neighborhood of West Concord. Permitted by Concord Recreation seasonally, the first parcel is a rectilinear multiuse field striped for soccer or lacrosse. The field is programmed at different times of year while at other times, it remains a flexible open space for leisure pursuits such as sunbathing, tossing a frisbee or dog-walking by local residents. The second parcel contains an extensive community garden with twenty-five (25) plots and a woodland and riparian buffer along the Assabet River. The buffer contains trails and informal river access.

The site is bounded by single-family housing, including some house who's back yards abut the site with no dividing fence, so it is difficult to understand where Town-owned lands end and private property begins. The Assabet River is located to the south of Cousins Field. Thoreau Elementary School is less than a five-minute walk due east. Cousins Field was observed to



Existing Community Gardens.



Cousins Field is popular with dogs and their owners even on snowy days.



Drone photography captured a lush, verdant Cousins Field in summer 2023.

largely serve the local neighborhood, although some community events such as the Concord Bike Rodeo have been held in the open field. There is no dedicated parking at Cousins Field, so users arriving in vehicles must park along neighborhood streets.

Applying Overall Recommendations

The conceptual plan for Cousins Field addresses the following Town-wide recommendations identified in this plan:

- Town-wide Water Access Study (1A)
- Rectangular Field Use Study (1C)
- Consistency of Facility Signage & Site Furnishings (2A)
- More Diverse Play Opportunities (2E)
- Outdoor Civic Gathering Spaces (3B)

Future ideas for Cousins Field seek to preserve the natural feel of the conservation land while enhancing some of its popular existing uses.

Accessible routes, like those newly installed at Emerson Park, were praised by many users within the online survey, especially seniors and those with mobility challenges. An accessible but permeable stone-dust perimeter walk-

Community Thoughts

"I think that there is a real opportunity to develop Cousins Field into a very nice little park. ... This would require some investment from the town, but this is a densely populatedarea, and a well thought out park would be heavily used and appreciated."

-Online Survey Respondent

"Additional [recreation] opportunities in West Concord would be great."

-Online Survey Respondent

It could connect the existing wood chip trails through the woodland and along the Assabet River. According to a NRPA report, parks with walking loops "have 80 percent more users, twice the number of senior users, and almost twice the level of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity as parks without loops." Providing a ADA accessible walking loop at Cousins Field might welcome new users by creating passive and potentially social ways to exercise.

The existing multiuse field at the center of Cousins Field will remain. Respondents to the online survey commented on the need for more and improved playing fields. If play warrants it through a separate rectangular field use study, the multiuse field could be regraded and reseeded for improved sports play, particularly at Cousins Field which experiences poor drainage after a heavy rain.

Cousins Fields might offer other more informal ways for children to play, too. Whimsical unstructured play elements like wooden mushrooms sculpture or willow fairy huts could be located within the existing woodland. For children passing through the park on the way home from school, these unexpected play elements might offer a chance to engage in imaginative play and could be installed temporarily. Something more fixed, like a zip line might offer some mul-

Conceptual design plan of Cousins Park.















(1) Stone dust path provides accessibility yet maintains permeability; (2) central open space, a multiuse field, could continue to host soccer and lacrosse games; (3) a covered shelter acts as a central gathering node near the Community Garden; (4) poles for hammocks create a individual spot to relax; (5) a simple zipline provides a multi-generational play 'moment;' (6) wooden mushroom sculptures offer unstructured play opportunities. Photo credits in Appendix E.

tigenerational play fun for family members too.

Another reoccurring comment from the public during the planning process was the desire to gather in small and large groups outside which was a common request in a post-pandemic world. A simple gathering place with picnic tables and an all-weather shelter could be located near the community gardens, so that gardeners and other could talk, share harvests or swap seeds and planting techniques and more. Poles for BYOH (Bring Your Own Hammock!), simple wooden lounges for forest bathing, and/or additional seating might be positioned in different areas of the park to encourage relaxation among small groups of users.

Several online survey respondents shared their ideas about untapped opportunities at Cousins Field. Respondents wanted more opportunities for people t gather including more trees and benches placed along the open multiuse field and near the river for water views and observing wildlife. Some respondents suggested play equipment for children and improvements to the existing open field which is currently used for youth soccer. Such recreational improvements could diversify people's experiences, including sport, fitness, play, and relaxation for adults and children.

Leveraging the Site Assets

The current recreational offerings at Cousins Field already attract many local users. Popular resources such as the community gardens and the multiuse field could be enhanced with setting appropriate additions, such as a small gathering space for gardeners or regrading and reseeding for improved sport performance. Simple natural play equipment could be tested temporarily at Cousins Field before any major capital investment is made for a larger play piece such as a zip line. These new interventions would sit lightly within the natural landscape of Cousins Field.

Budget Considerations

These recommendations for enhancing existing areas of Cousins Park could be pursued by the Town at moderate cost and within a moderate time frame depending on the scope of improvements. Any new improvements would require a design process with community input as well as a permitting period since Cousins Field is conservation land. Cousins Field should be included in the recommended rectangular field use study. This study would investigate whether there's a need in Concord for more and improved playing fields and if so, where they could be located. Trial play elements like the willow play huts could be developed in partnership with CCHS art students and local sculptors at The Umbrel-

Existing wood chip trails could connect to small play moments and an accessible walking loop within Cousins Field.



Skate Park at Concord-Carlisle High School:

Outdoor Performing Arts Center with Teen Hang Out Spaces



Existing conditions plan

LOCATION	500 Walden Street
ACREAGE	~7,500 SF Skate Park
ZONING	Residential A
PARCEL #	0298
USAGE LEVEL	Moderate
DEED RESTRICTION	P/ No Deed Restriction
MANAGER	Concord-Carlisle Regional School / Concord Public Works (CPW) / Facilities
BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS	Moderate to High

EXISTING AND PROPOSED SITE AMENITIES

- Improved Skate Park*
- Bicycle Pump Track / Cross Country Ski Track*
- Basketball Courts*
- Events Lawn with space for Multiuse Field*
- Stage / Teen Hang-out Shelter*
- 9-hole Disc Golf Course*
- New Site Furnishings*
- Dedicated Parking (day-time for CCHS, off-hours for public) with 60 spaces*
- Expanded Accessible Pathways and Walking Loop*
- Park Signage*
- Tree Allee*

***Proposed improvements**

Existing Site Conditions

The Concord-Carlisle Skate Park is approximately 7,500-square feet and is located near the historic center of Concord in the eastern side of the Concord-Carlisle High School (CCHS) campus. Woodland separates the Skate Park from neighboring single-family houses to the east. It is largely undeveloped except for the Skate Park and is maintained as a no mow open space in summer to encourage pollinators.

Based on the review of the available public records on the EEA Data Portal for Waste Site & Reportable Releases, there are three (3) RTN numbers for the high school campus and the RTN number specific to the Skate Park area is called the Concord-Carlisle High School Eastern Parking Lot: RTN 3-0030648. This is a closed RTN site with Activity and Use Limitation. A Licensed Site Professional (LSP) would need to submit regulatory documentation to the Massachusetts DEP for proposed work here.

Maintained by Concord Facilities, the parcel was historically a Town landfill. Capped today, any new amenities must be carefully evaluated to ensure that future uses neither disturb the site nor conflict with daytime school uses, including competing with the demand for parking by students. Currently, the recreation space offers six (6) wood/Skatelite elements and some seating.

Community Thoughts

"Expand the skateboard park."

"The high school former dump site would be a great place to add mountain bike pump track (summer use) and cross country ski center (winter use)."

"Need to identify a large place for a performance venue, with adequate parking and facilities."



View of Concord-Carlisle Skate Park

Applying Overall Recommendations

The conceptual plan for the Concord-Carlisle Skate Park addresses the following overall recommendations identified in this plan:

- Rectangular Field Use Study (1C)
- Consistency of Facility Signage & Site Furnishings (2A)
- More Outdoor Courts of all Types (2D)
- More Diverse Play Opportunities (2E)
- Outdoor Civic Gathering Spaces (3B)
- New centralized Skating Rink (3D)

Community feedback focused on more diverse play opportunities and more outdoor civic gathering spaces especially for community performances and for Concord's middle school-aged children (tweens) and teenagers. The Skate Park site was chosen for conceptual planning given its central location on the high school campus where so many Concord-Carlisle teens spend their weekdays. Features that could be upgraded or added to the Skate Park facility include:

- Rehabilitated and/or improved skate park elements;
- A nine-hole disc golf course (frisbee) through the woodland buffer and flat open space to provides a challenging course for this growing sports trend among Massachusetts youth and young adults;
- A three-season pump track for mountain bikers and children on scooters;
- Three (3) full-size outdoor basketball courts;
- An outdoor Performing Arts Lawn with a covered stage to host musical concerts, festivals, Town celebrations and other community gatherings. The stage could double as a teenage-hang out gathering space and the lawn could be graded and maintained as an additional multiuse sports field;
- Accessible walking loop for passive recreation and physical education classes.
- Cross-country ski facility across the whole site during winter; and,
- Winter ice skating rink might also be integrated into the performing arts lawn with further investigation.

Alternative sports have become increasingly popular in the United States and indeed, in Massachusetts. Alternative sports, sometimes called extreme or action sports, are known for higher levels of speed and risk. The idea at the Skate Park is to build upon the existing interest for alternative sports by providing more such opportunities to attract young adult, teen, and tween users. Ideas such as a BMX pump track, disc golf course and opportunities for additional winter sports were all comments frequently left by online survey respondents.

More outdoor courts for pickleball, tennis and basketball was a critical need identified through this planning process. The site's flat, undeveloped landscape make it ideal for three (3) full-sized basketball courts. The proximity to the high school make the courts convenient for after-school pick-up games and meet-ups.

Community feedback at the various public engagement events and via the online survey called for a professional outdoor space for concerts, performing arts con-

Existing edges are for skating on, seating, and an accessible ramp



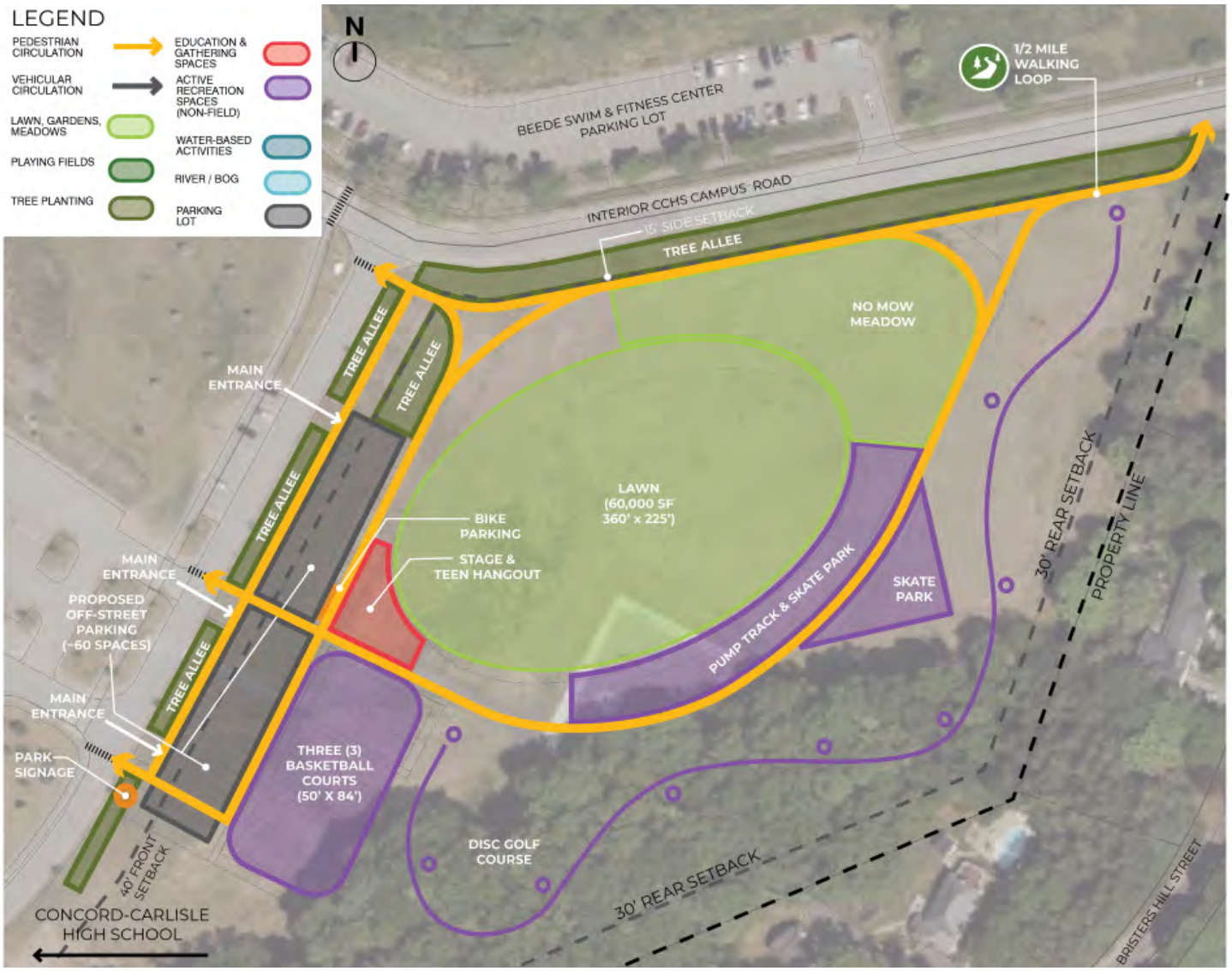
certs and events, Town celebrations, seasonal festivals, and community gatherings. Respondents mentioned already enjoying the summer concerts on offer in Concord parks but wanting more ways to connect with each other outdoors. A performing arts lawn is likely to be popular, so dedicated parking has been shown in the concept plan in addition to CCHS's parking lot. This additional parking could be permitted for daytime use by CCHS students during the school year. The proposed parking lot could be available for evening, weekend, and summer use by facility users, when CCHS is not in session.

Leveraging the Site Assets

Examples of what's possible at Concord-Carlisle Skate Park leverage the site's existing history and proximity to both the high school and Town center as assets. The site's flat topography means ADA accessibility is easier to achieve. As a former landfill, the site is capped, which prevents significant cut below grade but doesn't prohibit fill above grade to create a bike pump track. The facility's location on the CCHS campus offers a user group of young people who would have easy access to a fun place to play, exercise, gather and hang-out after school hours. The existing school parking lot can do double duty, remaining in use during events in the summer months and at weekends. Finally, the facility's proximity to Concord's historic center provides an additional venue to host events during wider Town celebrations.

Large portions of the Skate Park facility could continue to be maintained as a no mow meadowland, reducing the maintenance burden and helping to create edges between use zones across the site. Interpretative signage near these swathes of native pollinator meadow could educate the community and provide a learning opportunity for life sciences students on the importance

Conceptual design plan of the Concord-Carlisle Skate Park parcel



of insect life to our ecosystem and food production.

Allees, or lines of trees, could be planted along walking paths to improve the environmental health of the site. More trees provide shade, act as a wind break at this wind-swept site, and mitigate urban heat island effect on this exposed site. Trees could also lend more visual separation between this recreation and performance area and the school.

Budget Considerations

The Concord-Carlisle Skate Park parcel offers an exciting chance to explore alternative ways to play, recreate, gather outside together. The ideas aren't fanciful, instead they are grounded in recreation needs identified by the community through this planning process. Offering diverse recreational resources has the potential to attract and welcome new users, from within Concord and also across Metro West. A master plan for this facility is recommended to give overall vision to this space and ensure amenities are accommodated and/or phased appropriately.

Such interventions would require a substantial capital investment from the Town and potentially local, state or national donations and grants, not dissimilar to how the original Skate Park was developed. A Town champion, additional maintenance requirements, and an events team would be needed to ensure the professional quality and programming of such a performance space. Tree Sponsorship with tree dedications and Adopt-a-Tree programs could be created to help fund, establish and maintain the allees of trees.





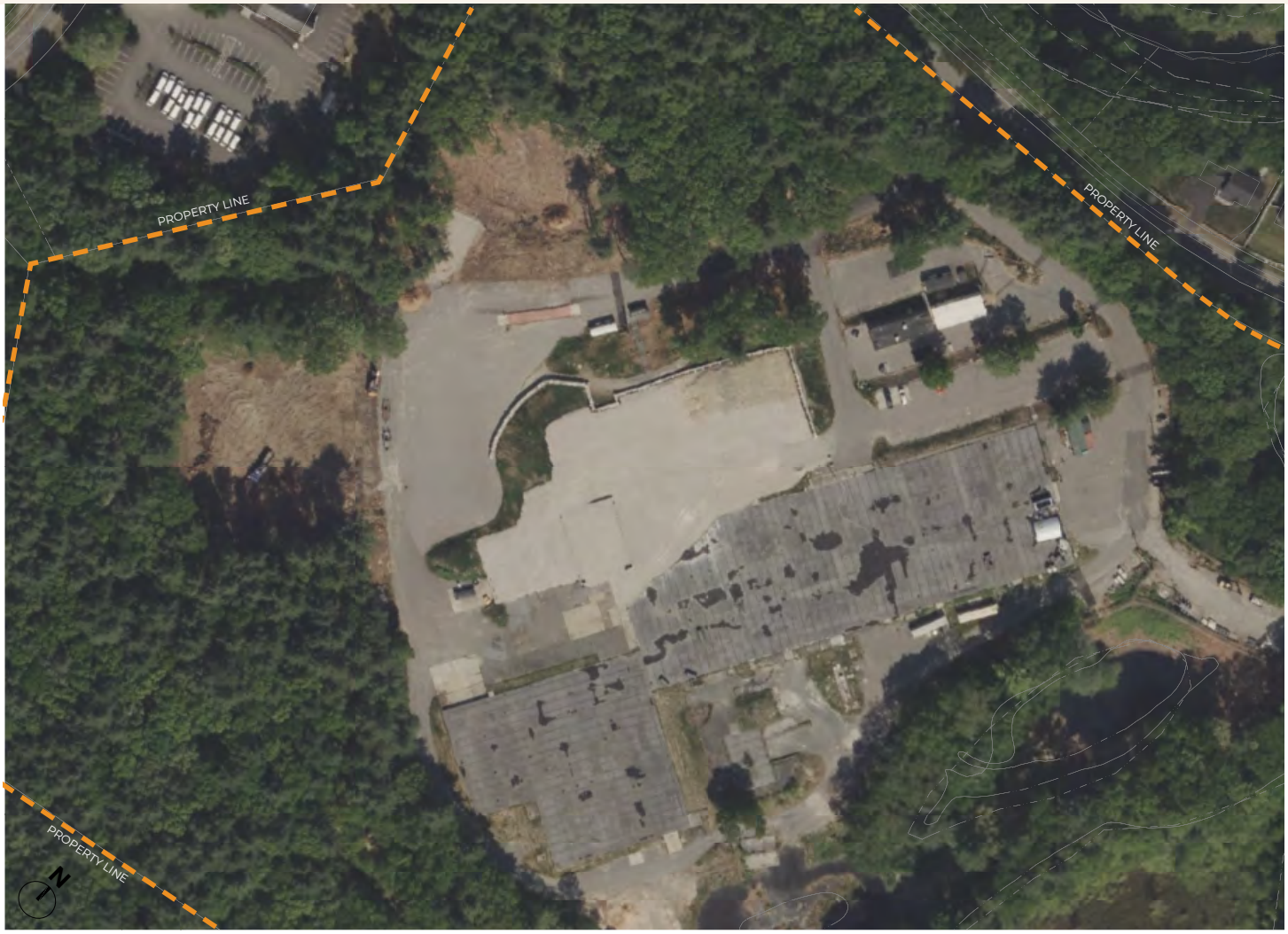




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2229 Main Street:

Outdoor and Indoor Recreation Complex in Nature Corridor



Existing conditions plan

LOCATION	2229 Main Street
ACREAGE	46.4a
ZONING	Industrial
PARCEL #	2970-1
USAGE LEVEL	--
DEED RESTRICTION	Deed Restrictions TBD
MANAGER	--
BUDGET CONSIDER-ATIONS	High

EXISTING & PROPOSED SITE AMENITIES

- Indoor Recreation Center
- Front Events Lawn with Stage
- Multiuse Fields for Sport
- Cricket Field
- Dedicated Tennis & Pickleball Courts
- Playground & Splash Pad
- Teaching Garden
- Bocce Courts
- Dog Run
- Walking Loops and Nature Trails
- Nature Education Center
- Picnic areas
- Dedicated Parking Lots (142

*Proposed improvements

Existing Site

2229 Main Street, also known as the Starmet Corporation site, is a 46.4-acre site in the southwest corner of the Town of Concord near the Town of Maynard. The site was previously used by Nuclear Metals, Inc., as a manufacturing site for uranium products.. Part of this site contains contaminated soils and groundwater from hazardous waste that was discharged into an unlined holding basin. "Following immediate actions to protect human health and the environment, the site's long-term cleanup is ongoing," according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website. Currently, the EPA has defined areas of interest and is expected to move from the pre-mediation phase and begin the next phase of the clean-up process in spring 2023. Based on a review of the available public records on the Massachusetts EEA Data Portal for Waste Site and Reportable Releases, there are three (3) RTN numbers for the site: 3-0016846, 3-0000295, 3-0013756. Currently, 2229 Main Street is not owned by the Town of Concord, but the Town is in discussions for its purchase in the future.

The 2229 Main Street site is bounded by the Assabet River and a continuous woodland buffer and sphagnum bog. Immediately adjacent are two (2) commercial parcels and Main Street (62) roadway which runs from Bedford across the historic Town center of Concord, through West Concord. While any new interventions would need to be coordinated with remediation efforts, the parcel's large size, cleared land and extensive existing woodland present an incredible opportunity to develop the site for indoor and outdoor active and passive recreation.



Existing basin (with capped contaminated soil).

Applying Overall Recommendations

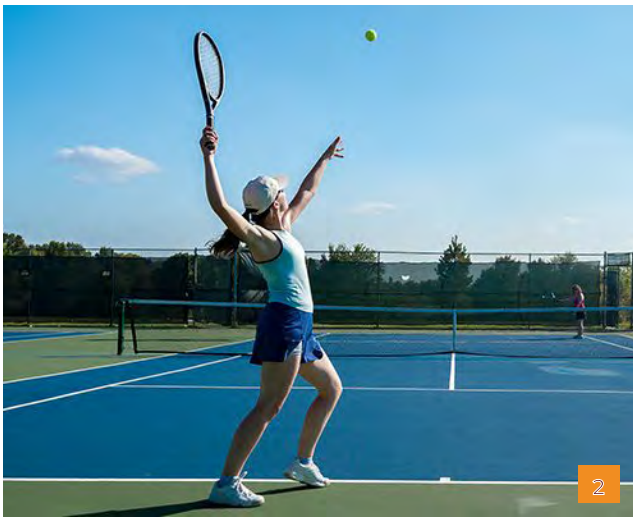
The conceptual plan for 2229 Main Street addresses the following overall recommendations identified in this plan:

- Rectangular Field Use Study (1C)
- Consistency of Facility Signage & Site Furnishings (2A)
- More Outdoor Courts of all Types (2D)
- More Diverse Play Opportunities (2E)
- Indoor Recreation Facility (3A)



Aerial view of 2229 Main Street (former Starmet site)







(1) A dedicated cricket field would support this growing central Massachusetts sports trend; (2) Dedicated pickleball courts are in great demand especially by Concord's aging population who want to pursue a healthy lifestyle; (3) Cross country skiing tracks, ice skating and other winter sports were referenced as desired sports options for the Concord community during New England's long winters. Photo credits in Appendix E.

- Outdoor Civic Gathering Spaces (3B)
- Trailhead Nature Education/Maker Space (3C)
- New Dedicated Dog Runs (3E)

A substantial opportunity for redevelopment, this large parcel could include many unmet recreation needs in Concord, providing more sport, play, and passive recreation options for a large, more diverse cross-section of the community in Concord. The illustrative plan on page 141 includes ideas for recreational amenities endorsed by many participants during this planning process.

A conceptual plan for 2229 Main Street has users entering the site via the existing entry along Main Street. Wrapped in a woodland buffer, the site is slowly revealed, taking full advantage of the existing grade for the large performing arts lawn and the new purpose-built indoor recreation center that greets pedestrians, cyclists and motorists as well as users arriving by public transportation travel to the new recreation complex via. The large front lawn could be used for community events yet also striped for an U-8 years multiuse field for soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey. The centerpiece of the new recreation complex is a 40,000-square foot indoor recreation center with indoor basketball courts, a raised track, community spaces for summer camp or evening classes, Town administration office space, and/or other desired uses. The size of this recreation center is based on an indoor recreation center study that was part of the RFSP; that study examined the size and uses of other area recreation centers local to Concord to suggest an appropriately sized recreation center that could accommodate the indoor recreation needs desired by the community. It can be found under Recommendation 3A.

The space around the indoor recreation center would be intensely programmed with many outdoor recreation amenities, all identified as recreational needs by the Concord community through this planning process. Outdoor amenities might include:

- Entry Plaza and Public Bus drop-off area with bicycle racks and attractive landscaping
- Splash Pad / Spray Deck
- Playground
- Bocce, shuffleboard, or similar lawn games courts
- ADA accessible sidewalks shaded by allee of trees

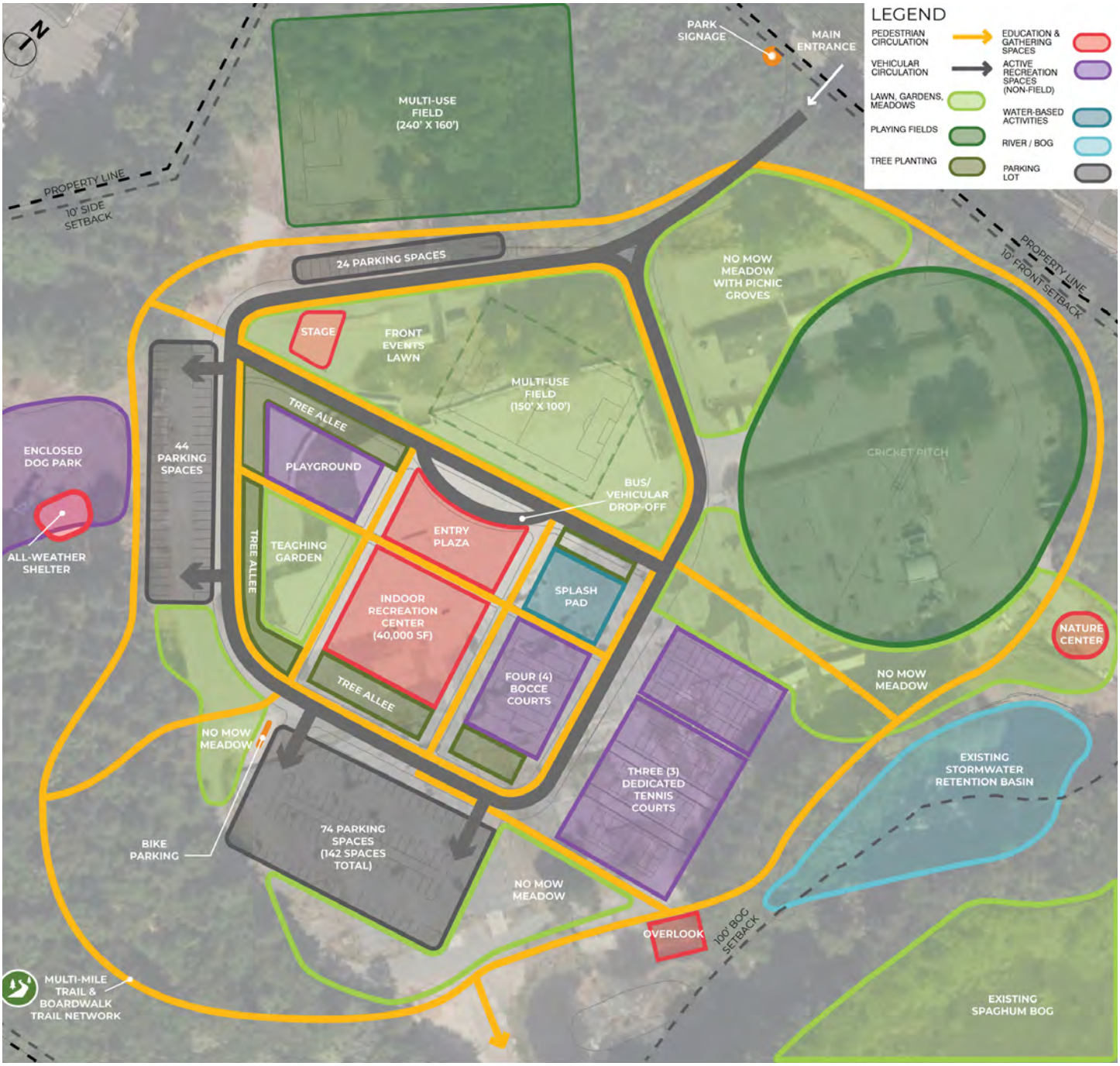
Community Thoughts

"In terms of areas for growth, it would be ideal to have more indoor gym space available."

"Dedicated pickleball courts."

"More inclusive trail system that could accommodate users of all mobility levels."

Conceptual design plan of 2229 Main Street















(1) An events lawn might also be sized to include a multiuse field; (2) Enclosed 'Bark Parks' foster fun for dogs and their owners; (3) Bright, large-scale play equipment offers something extraordinary and unexpected to children users; (4) Wooden pavilions allow flexible space for group exercise, nature-based education or maker spaces, or meeting place for researchers and volunteers; (5) Naturalistic spray deck/ splash pad like the Beaver Brook Spray Deck in Belmont, MA was repeatedly referenced by survey respondents; (6) Interpretative signage could be located along a trail system. Photo credits in Appendix E.

Given the amount of amenities, a significant amount of vehicle and bike parking would be needed. Three (3) parking lots could be both behind the Indoor Recreation Center as well as along a ring road that surrounds this center core of activity. This would provide an active frontage as users approach the front events lawn and central indoor recreation center but also place parking in close proximity to fields, courts and other amenities.

Deeper into the site are fields, courts, and opportunities for passive recreation such as hiking and wildlife observation. These include:

- Full-size mulituse fields (240' x 160')
- Full-size cricket field, due to growing sports trend in central Massachusetts
- Six (6) dedicated pickleball courts
- Three (3) dedicated tennis courts
- No-mow lawn areas, including some with sheltered picnic groves
- Self-use Nature Center and Overlook connected to Sphagnum Bog Trail

The Concord Recreation department and NRPA-Massachusetts were consulted on recent sports trends in Metro-West and New England. The increased demand for space to play cricket was included in the conceptual plan for 2229 Main Street to address this recently identified sports need. Similarly, the rising popularity of pickleball in Concord led to the inclusion of dedicated outdoor courts for this sport, tennis and basketball at this site. All of which were specifically requested by people throughout the RFSP community engagement process.

Nature centers and ways to engage with the abundance of natural spaces in Concord were also specifically mentioned by respondents at community engagement events and in the online survey. Such a space might include information on self-guided activities such as educational walking tours, geo-caching, and wildlife photography as well as physical outdoor meeting room for Scout groups, classes, researchers, and volunteers. Located near the extensive sphagnum bog present on this site, a nature center provides a great opportunity to educate residents and visitors on the environmental value of this type of landscape.

Leveraging the Site Assets

The relatively large size of the vacant parcel and its location along a major thoroughfare with high visibility allows for great redevelopment uses and the potential for additional investment in this area of Concord. The proximity to residential properties and the convenience of so many recreation options in one location make this conceptual plan particularly attractive to families and a more diverse user group. Facilities, like the proposed cricket field and fenced dog park, might attract organizations who have not had the facilities needed to sport their recreation needs. The woodland surrounding the site creates a buffer to absorb sounds generated from so many sports activities and this forested area along with the sphagnum bog provide hiking, nature education, wildlife viewing and other passive recreation opportunities as well.

Budget Considerations

Once the clean-up effort is complete, pursuing these ideas at 2229 Main Street brings public use to a formerly private and contaminated site. Developing the site involves long-term clean-up and monitoring, a long-term permitting process, and significant capital investment for the Town of Concord. Critically, redesign of the site would need to be carefully coordinated with cleanup efforts. Design alone would likely take several years and a master plan would likely need a phasing strategy with the site likely broken up into several phases due to the cost. Despite these constraints, a comprehensive sports complex offering diverse and extensive indoor and outdoor recreation resources should be considered by the Town of Concord to help address some of the community's recreation needs.

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MEMORANDUM

The public comment period for the Town of Concord Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan (RFSP) spanned 45-days, from March 3, 2024 through April 26, 2024, and was available online on the Concord Recreation website. Public Comment was advertised for approximately four (4) weeks on the Town of Concord Calendar, and Concord Recreation posted the link on their website for similar timeframe. Concord Rec advertised twice a week via Concord Recreation's social media, including Facebook and Instagram. A public hearing about the plan was held on April 4, 2024, where people could make public comment. This public comment period captured the responses to nine (9) questions from 72 individuals. Questions and comments include the following:

1. **Name -** *Withheld from public document for personal privacy.*

2. **Address -** *Withheld from public document for personal privacy.*

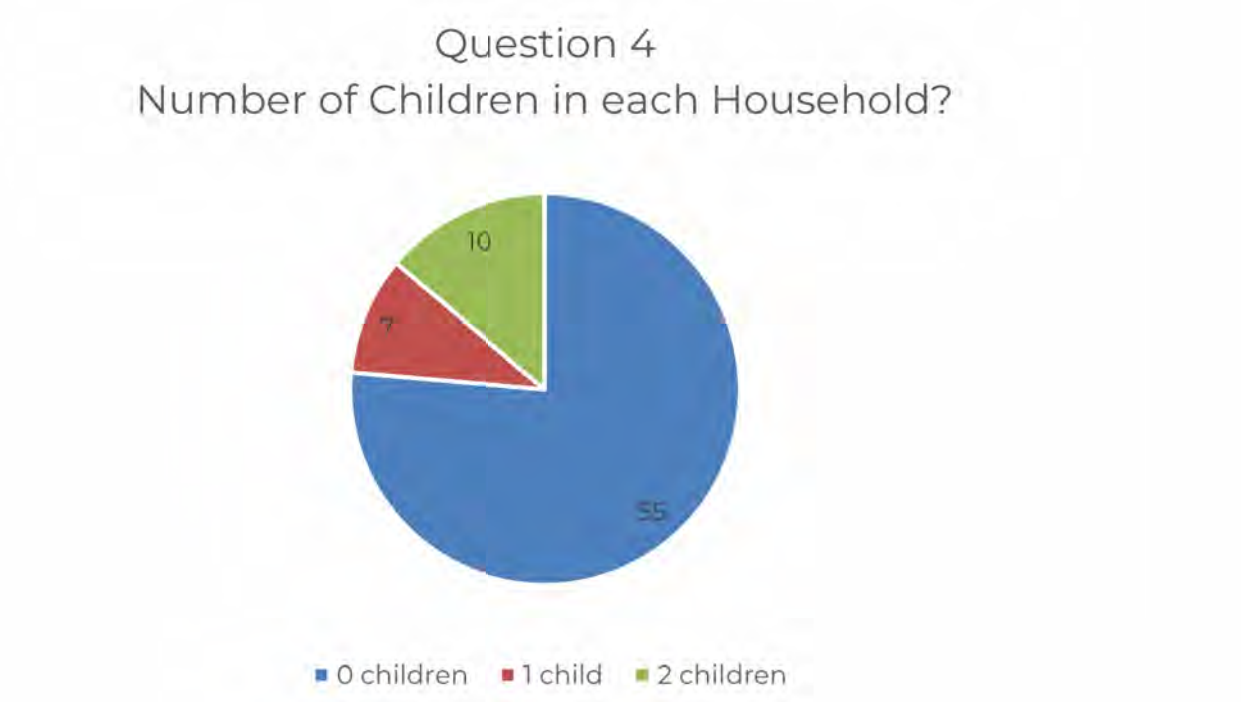
3. **Number of People in Household?**

Most respondents came from households with two (2) people.



4. Number of Children in Household?

Most respondents had no children living in their household.



5. Please Add Your Comment(s) on the Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan.

This open response question allowed for comments up to 500 words. It solicited 72 unique comments. The number of topics included in the public comments are as varied as the people who use the recreational system in Concord. Below is a summary of the most frequently commented topics:

- **Warner's Pond and Gerow** – Comments related to the importance of continuing to provide all age and abilities recreational opportunities at Warner's Pond and Gerow (Park) space topped the list, with some voicing concerns about the uncertainty of the future intervention to Warner's Pond, including whether it will be dredged and maintained for year-round recreational use or if the dam will be removed and the area naturalized, changing the level of access but possibly improving the natural habitat. Questions were also raised about future recreational phases of Gerow Park and whether they would be implemented. Some sited the importance of the recreational space to existing residents of West Concord and future residents to the MCI Prison site, should that land be developed for residential use.

- **Walkability and Improved Connectivity within Concord** - Respondents emphasized issues surrounding better connections through walking and cycling between recreational resources within Concord town center and West Concord, with improved connections across Route 2 mentioned several times.

- **Equity of Recreational Resources throughout Town of Concord** – There was a focus in the comments on creating more recreational opportunities equitably spread throughout the Town of Concord (geographically). Respondents reference access to

recreation spaces as “vital to the health and wellbeing of [our] community.”

- **Maintain Existing Facilities Well** – Several respondents commented on satisfaction with existing recreational assets and wanted to see “greater emphasis on maintain[ing] the resources we do have, vs. creating more resources.”

- **Improve Indoor Recreation Facilities** – Some respondents felt that more information about Beede Swim & Fitness Center and Hunt Indoor Recreation should have been included in the report. More access to adult swim time, improved workout spaces and access to trainers were all mentioned for Beede

- **More Programming** – The addition of more programming at existing facilities, especially at time suitable for working families in Concord (evenings and weekends), was mentioned several times by respondents.

- **Water Access** – Several comments expressed the desire for more recreational access to and along the rivers and water bodies in Concord.

- **Environmental Protection** – Respondents advocated for the preservation of mature trees and woodland, removal of invasive species along the river corridors, and improved wildlife protection in ecologically sensitive recreational resources while requesting no new impervious surfaces within future projects, fencing or artificial turf fields in Concord.

- **Better Dissemination of Information about Parks, Programming and Services** – Easier access to online information and better advertising of events, programming, and facilities run by Concord Recreation was expressed by several respondents.

- **Dedicated Courts** – A preference for dedicated tennis or dedicated pickleball courts (not multi-striped courts) and that court reservation system be reinstated in Concord.

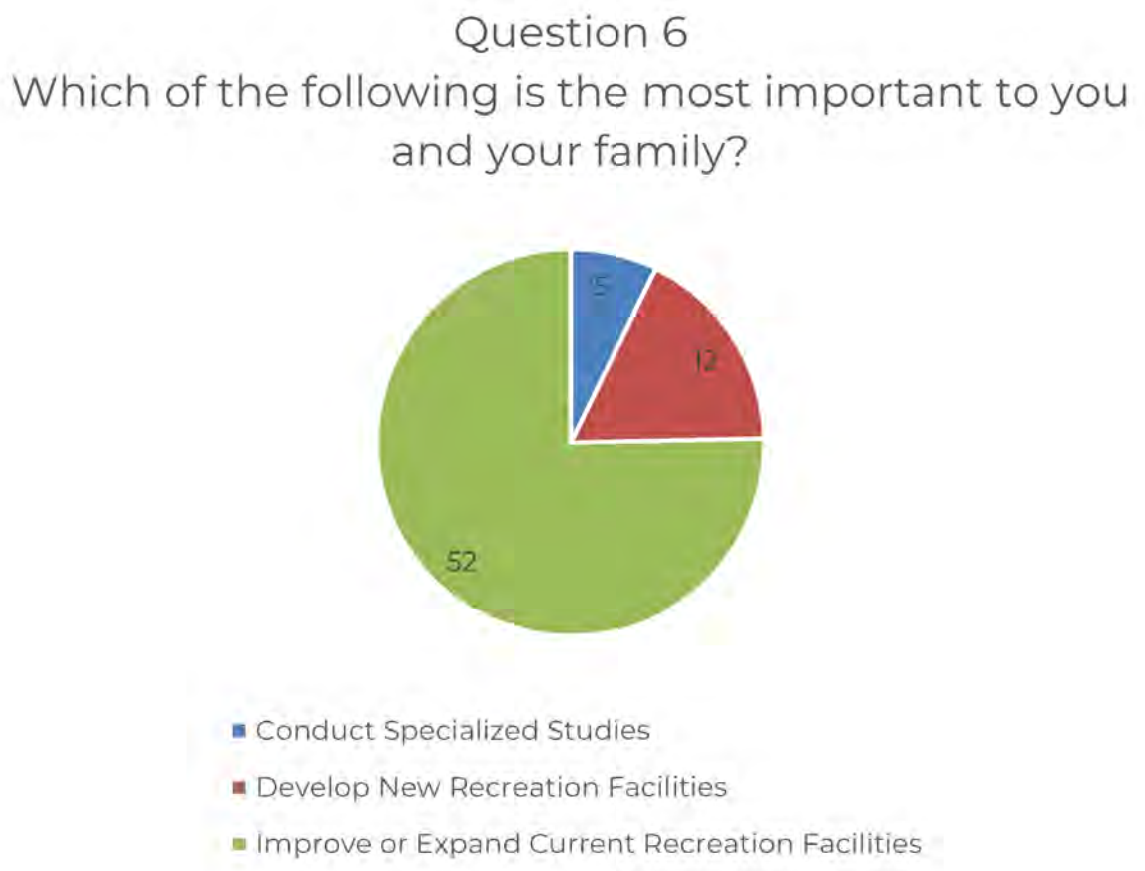
- **Dog Park** – Desire for a fenced-in dog park was requested by several respondents

- **More Site Amenities** – Several respondents requested more shade trees, benches, and picnic tables.

The breadth of comment topics and opinions offered in response to this open question about recreational resources in Concord speaks to the very core of the Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan as a document that seeks to accommodate the broadest user base possible while ensuring Concord’s recreation system remains publicly accessible, welcoming, and in good repair for years to come.

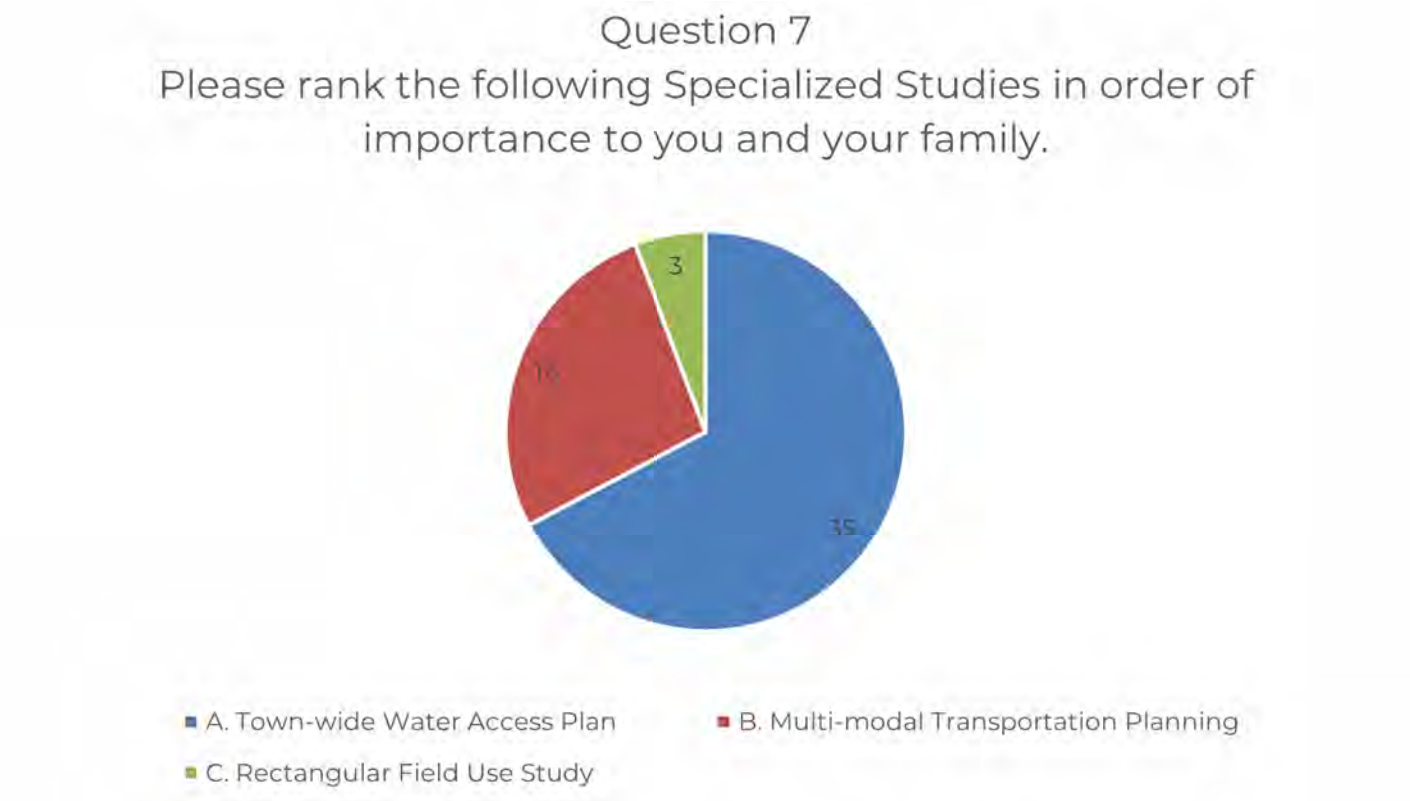
6. **Which of the following is the most important to you and your family?**
   a. **Conduct Specialized Studies**
   b. **Develop New Recreation Facilities**
   c. **Improve or Expand Current Recreation Facilities**

Most respondents chose “C. Improve or Expand Current Recreation Facilities,” making it the top priority with the most responses (52).



7. **Please rank the following Specialized Studies in order of importance to you and your family.**
   a. **Town-wide Water Access Plan**
   b. **Multi-modal Transportation Planning**
   c. **Rectangular Field Use Study**

Most respondents ranked “A. Town-wide Water Access Plan” as their first choice, followed by “B. Multi-modal Transportation Plan” and “C. Rectangular Field Use Study.” Twenty-one (21) respondents did not answer this question.



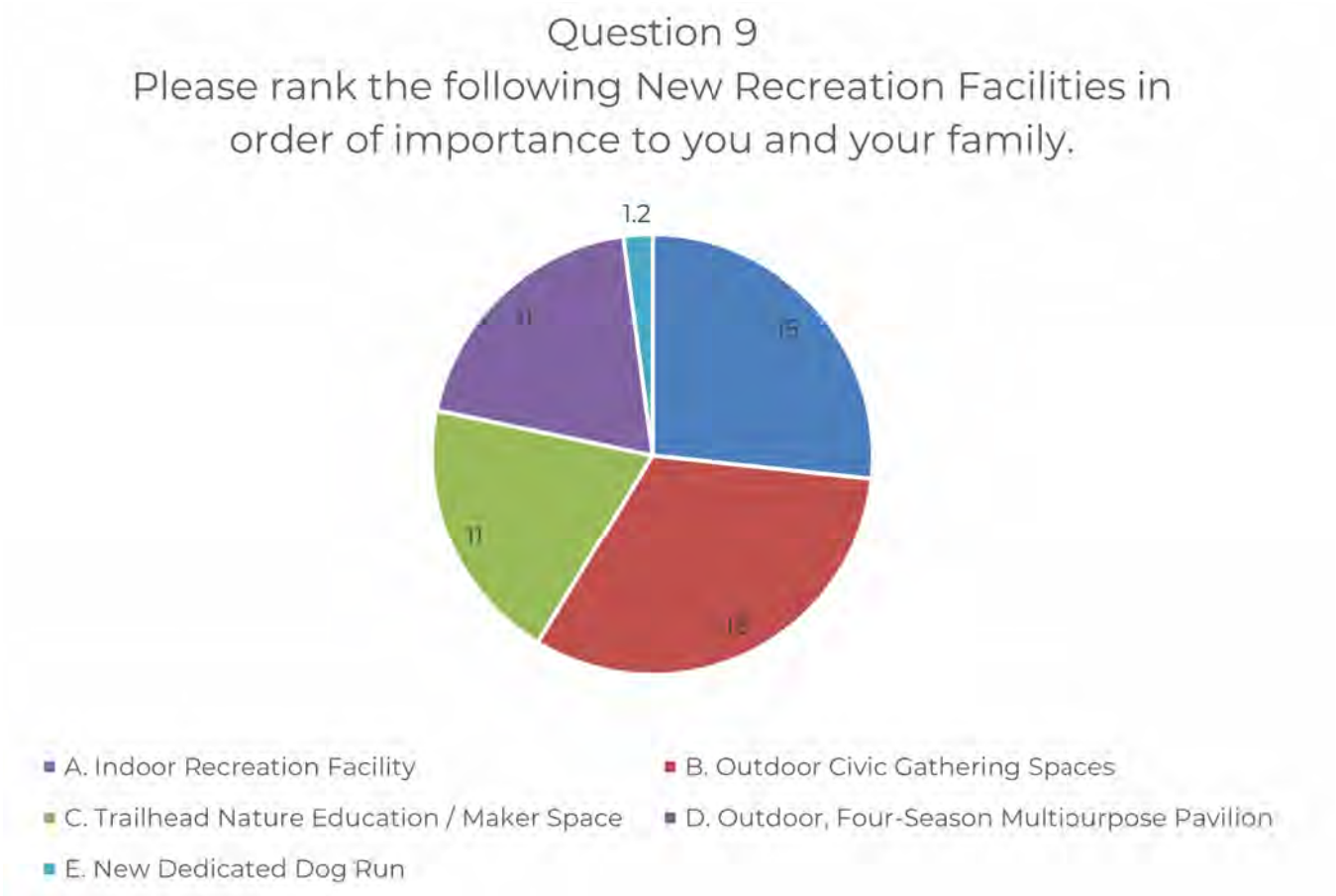
8. **Please rank the following Existing Facility Improvements/Expansions in order of importance to you and your family.**
   a. **Consistency Of Facility Signage and Site Furnishings**
   b. **Annual Inspection Program**
   c. **Indoor Recreation Upgrades**
   d. **More Outdoor Courts of All Types**
   e. **More Diverse Play Opportunities**

Respondents ranked Existing Facility Improvements/Expansion in the following order of priority: B. Annual Inspection Program followed by E. More Diverse Play Opportunities. C. Indoor Recreation Upgrades and D. More Outdoor Courts of All Types ranked third in the priority list, receiving the same number of votes. A. Consistency of Facility Signage and Site Furnishings received the fewest number of votes and was ranked in the last place. Eight (8) respondents did not answer this question.



9. **Please rank the following New Recreation Facilities in order of importance to you and your family.**
   a. **Indoor Recreation Facility**
   b. **Outdoor Civic Gathering Spaces**
   c. **Trailhead Nature Education / Maker Space**
   d. **Outdoor, Four-Season Multipurpose Pavilion**
   e. **New Dedicated Dog Run**

Respondents ranked New Recreation Facilities in this order of priority: B. Outdoor Civic Gathering Spaces followed by A. Indoor Recreation Facility. C. Trailhead Nature Education / Maker Space and D. Outdoor, Four-Season Multipurpose Pavilion ranked third in the priority list, receiving the same number of votes. E. New Dedicated Dog Run received the fewest number of votes and was ranked in the last place. Eleven (11) respondents did not answer this question.





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