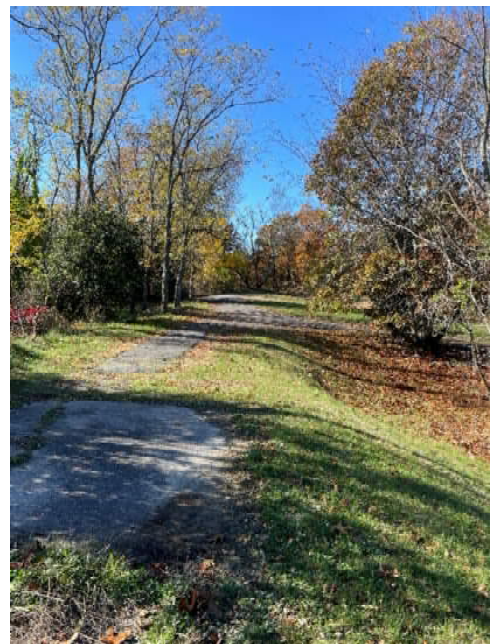


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*Simonds Park: Tree Grove near the Playground*

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



# 1. Executive Summary

This Outdoor Facilities Master Plan (OFMP) presents a valuable opportunity for the Town of Burlington to develop a realistic, actionable strategy that outlines improvements to and expansion of its outdoor recreational resources. It offers guidance in directing Burlington's future investments in a way that benefits the diverse needs of the community. The overall goals of this plan are to:

- Inventory and assess existing active and passive Parks & Recreation outdoor recreational facilities. Active recreation refers to a structured individual or team activity that requires the use of special facilities, courts, fields, or equipment. Examples include organized sports such as baseball, soccer, and tennis or planned activity sites such as playgrounds. Passive recreation refers to recreational activities that do not require prepared facilities like walking, picnicking, and wildlife viewing. Burlington boasts an array of existing active and passive outdoor recreational assets, including (14) park and (6) school properties with amenities including courts, fields, playgrounds, walking trails, dog parks, a skate park, a disc golf course, and others.
- Provide opportunities for the community to offer input on outdoor recreational needs and recommendations.
- Identify key community needs and propose a plan for improving facilities and / or constructing new facilities to meet them.
- Create a strategic roadmap for future investment and implementation that includes capital and maintenance projects, prioritization, design considerations and resources, and potential funding sources.

This plan is comprised of three main sections: *Existing Conditions*, *What We Heard*, and *Strategic Recommendations*.

The *Existing Conditions* section situates where Burlington's outdoor recreational facilities are today through the completion of (17) comprehensive on-site evaluations of Burlington's parks and school properties, comparison with national recreation trends, analysis of historical permitting data, and analysis of demographic trends. The remaining 3 recreational assets are all school properties. Marshall Simonds Middle School and Burlington High School recently received separate analysis from the town and were not reevaluated as part of this report. Fox Hill Elementary School is in the process of a complete redesign with the goal of construction being completed in 2028. The findings from the existing conditions assessment and analysis were used to establish a preliminary framework of community needs.

Figure 1-1: Report Framework



The *What We Heard* section summarizes the comprehensive public engagement effort. As part of this effort, Parks & Recreation and Weston & Sampson organized and collected input through several in-person events and online surveys. In-person input from the community regarding (2) proposed park master plans was gathered at Burlington's annual Community Tree Lighting Event, as well as a Stakeholder Event that collected input on draft strategic recommendations. In addition, two online public surveys additionally collected feedback on the proposed master plans and Burlington's town-wide recreational outdoor facilities. The valuable feedback collected from this effort confirmed observations from the *Existing Conditions* section, informed additional critical community needs, and served as a driver of the strategic recommendations.

The *Strategic Recommendations* section forms the actionable takeaways of this plan. Framing this section are overarching goals identified in the previous sections. These goals guide the proposed improvement projects, ensuring that they are aligned with the community's values established through two community engagement events. The three overarching goals are as follows: Improve Existing Outdoor Recreational Facilities, Expand Outdoor Recreational Facilities, and Provide Equitable Access to Outdoor Recreational Facilities.





Regan Playground

# EXISTING CONDITIONS



## 2. Existing Conditions

The *Existing Conditions* section is an inventory and analysis of Burlington's current outdoor recreational offerings, comprised of the following pieces: Demographic Trends, Site Evaluations, Benchmarking against NRPA Agency Performance Reviews and Permitting Data. The inventory and analysis provided here serves as a critical first step in identifying gaps and opportunities in the Town's outdoor recreational system.

### 2.1. Demographic Trends

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Committed to health and well-being, the Town of Burlington boasts a thriving community with ample recreation resources for its residential population. Burlington's population has continued to grow since the former farming village quadrupled in size during the 1950s and 1960s when Route 128 was built through the town, causing industrial expansion and commercialization. Employment and the highly regarded education system continue to attract young families with school-aged children. In fact, Burlington saw a growth rate of 6.9% over the course of the last decade; the population increased to 26,377 according to the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau, up from 24,498 in 2010. Only in the last two years has Burlington's population dipped. The U.S. Census Bureau's 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates counted a population of 26,169 just two years ago. There are likely to be many reasons why the Town's population has changed after decades of such rapid growth. Throughout the United States, the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic crisis impacted community population sizes as people fled urban areas for the space and access to nature offered by the suburbs and countryside; many of the pandemic's long-term effects are just being realized and understood and could be the cause for the sudden population change here. The Burlington Comprehensive Master Plan Summary suggests an increase in housing prices may be having an impact on resident numbers. Still, other powers are at work that influence a community's population size over time. Careful monitoring of the Town's population size should inform growing or shrinking demands for sports and fitness activities. The COVID-19 health crisis caused unparalleled changes to the way people work and socialize and undoubtedly to the way people use recreational resources now and how they will use them in the future.

Most Burlington residents are highly educated and enjoy greater wealth than the averages for Massachusetts, according to the U.S. Census and demographic information in the Town of Burlington Athletic Field Assessment & Master Plan. In 2020, 58.2% of residents had earned a bachelor's degree or higher, which is about 1.3 times the state rate (45.2%). The median household income was \$124,755, about 1.4 times higher than the statewide median income of \$89,026. However, 5% of residents in Burlington live below the poverty line. Most residents are classified as Married Couples (75%) according to the last census (2020) and the average household size was 2.6 persons per household, indicating families with children. Such demographic data suggests that residents with greater wealth may have more opportunities to enjoy leisure pursuits including recreation. Household units comprised of families with children may have recreation needs that are different from an aging population. Needs identified through demographic trends can start to inform how the Town plans and prioritizes recreational resources.

An ethnically and racially diverse community, one third of Burlington residents identify as non-white, according to the 2020 U.S. Census; this number is in keeping with the changing demographics of the region (Greater Boston Area). The Burlington Comprehensive Master Plan Summary's vision statement calls for finding 'common ground' by addressing this diverse community's varied interests and activities. A broad range of recreational resources must satisfy the personal fitness goals of so many different residents. As suggested in the 2023 Athletic Fields Assessment & Master Plan, ongoing investment in existing infrastructure must continue so recreation resources remain a source of community pride, providing a place for residents to meet and socialize. Also critical is prioritizing new sport trends desired by diverse populations to increase inclusive access and promote healthy lifestyles for residents of all backgrounds and ages.

The Town of Burlington differs from other area towns in that its daytime worker population is drastically different than its nighttime resident population. This dramatic daytime influx has an impact on open space and recreation needs within the Town. While most Town recreation resources are geared toward nighttime residents, some consideration should be given to providing open space and recreational resources for daytime workers particularly if there are underutilized open spaces along heavily trafficked roads near commercial offices that could be reprogrammed to cater to daytime workers.

Understanding and evaluating demographic trends in Burlington is critical to ensuring that the Town's residents have access to inclusive, "safe, well-maintained, and functional recreational spaces," as identified in the 2023 Athletic Fields Assessment & Master Plan. Knowing information about who resides in Burlington and how they might like to recreate can contribute to the Town's effort to improve and expand its recreational resources for all to enjoy for generations to come.

Sources for the data and analysis above include the United States Census Bureau 2020 Decennial Census, the United States Census Bureau 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, the Burlington Comprehensive Master Plan Summary, and the 2023 Town of Burlington Athletic Field Assessment & Master Plan. These sources are listed in the *References* section of this plan.

## **2.2. Site Evaluations**

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### **2.2.1. | Summary of Findings**

Comprehensive site assessments were undertaken for seventeen (17) open space properties, including fourteen (14) parks and three (3) school facilities. These site assessments evaluated existing conditions critically and identified opportunities pertaining to ADA accessibility, courts and fields, playground surfacing and equipment, vehicular and pedestrian circulation, plant material, environmental resources, site amenities, and infrastructure. Detailed worksheets for each site are included in Appendix D: Site Evaluations. Broadly, the following themes or opportunities were identified:



- **Upgrade field conditions (11 properties).** This includes regrading and stormwater management, reorienting fields for optimal solar conditions wherever possible, reskinning infields, and evaluating the potential for synthetic turf rectangular fields and ballfields.
- **Add or upgrade field amenities (13 properties).** Additional or upgraded field amenities include new spectator seating, team benches, covered dugouts, fencing, sports lighting, and scoreboards.
- **Upgrade court conditions (7 properties).** Upgrades include court surfacing, equipment, size/runoff zone, and striping for basketball, pickleball, tennis, street hockey, and volleyball courts.
- **Add accessible parking (6 properties).** Accessible parking upgrades include ensuring ADA-compliant surfacing, striping, and signage at ADA spaces and that accessible parking spaces are located near the primary site entrance and major amenities.
- **Provide or upgrade accessible pathways (15 properties).** Accessible routes should either be established or upgraded that connect site amenities and connect parking to site amenities.
- **Add or upgrade site amenities (16 properties).** Additional or upgraded site amenities include picnic tables, shade pavilions, drinking fountains, and benches along accessible routes. There is an additional opportunity to include ADA-compliant picnic tables and benches with companion seating.
- **Upgrade playgrounds (9 properties).** There are opportunities across multiple sites to expand and upgrade playground equipment to provide a diversity of inclusive play opportunities and replace existing surfacing with ADA-compliant surfacing.
- **Incorporate signage (4 properties).** Trail, site wayfinding, and interpretive signage could be incorporated.
- **Explore noise mitigation strategies (1 property).** For properties adjacent to heavily trafficked roads, landscape-oriented noise mitigation strategies such as berming the land and buffer plantings could be explored.
- **Manage vegetation (4 properties).** This includes managing invasive species, pruning trees, and clearing overgrown vegetated areas from pathways and recreational amenities.
- **Remove old infrastructure and/or explore new programming (5 properties).** There is an opportunity to remove infrastructure that is not currently used. With the space that results, new programming could be incorporated. Additionally, sites with underutilized space could offer opportunities to incorporate additional recreational programs desired by the community.

Table 2-1: Site Opportunities Summary, below, identifies opportunities observed according to park or school property. Figure 2-1 graphically locates and describes Burlington's existing outdoor recreation system.

Table 2-1: Site Opportunities Summary

<b>Site</b> <i>*Site with an existing master plan</i>	Upgrade Field Condition	Add or Upgrade Field Amenities	Upgrade Court Condition	Add Accessible Parking	Provide or Upgrade Accessible Pathways	Add or Upgrade Site Amenities	Upgrade Playground	Incorporate Wayfinding / Interpretive Signage	Explore Noise Mitigation Strategies	Manage Vegetation	Remove Infrastructure and/or Explore New Programming
<b>Marvin Field</b> 100 South Bedford Street	●	●		●	●	●				●	
<b>Mary P.C. Cummings Estate (Mary Cummings)</b> 25 Blanchard Road		●			●	●					
<b>MITRE Corp. Fields</b> 142 Bedford Street	●	●		●	●	●					●
<b>Overlook Park*</b> 1 Edgemere Avenue			●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●
<b>Pathwoods Tot Lot</b> 20 Pathwoods Avenue			●		●	●	●				
<b>Rahanis Playground</b> 84 Mill Street/2 Patriot Road	●	●	●		●	●	●			●	
<b>Center for Human Services (Recreation Center)</b> 61 Center Street	●	●			●	●					
<b>Regan Playground</b> 14 Sumpter Road	●	●				●					
<b>Rotary Field</b> 110 South Bedford Street	●	●		●	●	●					
<b>Simonds Park*</b> 10 Bedford Street		●			●	●	●	●			
<b>Town Common</b> 2 Bedford Street					●			●			
<b>TRW Playground</b> 26 Mall Road	●	●		●	●	●	●		●	●	●
<b>Veterans Playground</b> 110 Wilmington Road	●	●	●	●	●	●	●				























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<b>Wildmere Playground</b> 19 Wildmere Avenue											
<b>Wildwood Park</b> 114 - 116 Bedford Street											
<b>Memorial Elementary School</b> 125 Winn Street											
<b>Pine Glen Elementary School</b> 1 Pine Glen Way											
<b>Francis Wyman Elementary School</b> 41 Terrace Hall Avenue											

Figure 2-1: Inventory Map of Existing Parks & Recreation Facilities



## 2.3. Benchmarking Against NRPA Agency Performance Review

The National Park and Recreation Association (NRPA) is a not-for-profit agency dedicated to fostering excellence in parks, recreation, and community engagement since its founding in 1965. The NRPA collects data and works with local parks and recreation departments to evaluate current park facilities, programming, local parks and recreation responsibilities, staffing, parks/recreation budgets and funding, and policies for communities across the country. The data collected by NRPA is a valuable tool for communities like Burlington to use 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 continued access to and use of their recreational facilities. The 2023 NRPA Agency Performance Review was used to understand where the Town's current recreational offerings stand compared to municipalities with similar populations. More information on the 2023 NRPA Agency Performance Review can be found at [nrpa.org](https://nrpa.org).

Included in in Table 2-2: Comparison with National Parks and Recreation Association Data, below, is a summary of the findings. Inventory tables of Burlington's facilities are included in Appendix D: Site Evaluations for reference.

*Table 2-2: Comparison with National Parks and Recreation Association Data*

<b>Amenity</b>	<b>NRPA Metric</b> <i>(Pop. with 20,000 to 40,000 Residents)</i>	<b>NRPA Quantity</b> <i>(Based on Burlington's 2020 Pop. of 26,377)</i>	<b>Burlington's Current Inventory</b>
<b>Softball Field</b>	1 typically serves 4,172	5	9
<b>Baseball Field</b>	1 typically serves 4,098	6	10
<b>Multipurpose Field*</b>	1 typically serves 7,674	3	14
<b>Synthetic Turf Field</b>	1 typically serves 25,330	1	2
<b>Cricket Field</b>	1 typically serves 34,706	1	1
<b>Tennis Court</b>	1 typically serves 5,815	5	7
<b>Basketball Court</b>	1 typically serves 7,117	4	11
<b>Pickleball Court</b>	1 typically serves 9,257	3	6
<b>Playground</b>	1 typically serves 3,028	9	15



<b>Amenity</b>	<b>NRPA Metric</b> <i>(Pop. with 20,000 to 40,000 Residents)</i>	<b>NRPA Quantity</b> <i>(Based on Burlington's 2020 Pop. of 26,377)</i>	<b>Burlington's Current Inventory</b>
<b>Swimming Pool</b>	1 typically serves 25,191	1	0
<b>Skate Park</b>	1 typically serves 32,000	1	1
<b>Dog Park</b>	1 typically serves 28,000	1	1

\* A multipurpose field is a single field with dimensions and markings designed to accommodate a variety of sports.

The findings shown in Table 2-2: Comparison with National Parks and Recreation Association Data reveal that Burlington is on par or exceeds the recommended quantity for all recreational facilities evaluated except for the swimming pool. From this comparison, the Town could consider adding an outdoor swimming pool to its recreational amenities to align with resources provided by other similar communities. Otherwise, the comparison suggests that the number of recreational facilities offered is suitable for the size of the town.

While the NRPA offers a valuable tool for comparing a community's resources against others, it is worth noting that the results from this comparison must next be considered within the unique context of the community to develop a full picture and provide recommendations. For example, although Burlington's cricket field quantity matches that recommended by the NRPA, public input and an investigation of permitting data revealed a need for additional cricket field space due to the growing popularity of the sport. Contextualizing the multipurpose fields quantity is also valuable in drawing conclusions and recommendations. While the number of multipurpose fields appears suitable given the size of the community, as it exceeds the recommended NRPA quantity, a strong desire for maximizing field space resulting from the public input program suggested a need to extend the use hours for the existing fields.

Another consideration to be made is the distribution of recreational amenities throughout the town. It is recommended that a walkshed analysis be performed through ArcGIS mapping to determine the number of residences in Burlington within a set walkable distance of a recreational amenity. Community engagement revealed residents' interest in equitable access to parks and a walkshed analysis can help to identify areas in need of better access to recreation amenities.

## 2.4. Permitting & Registration Data

Examining past permitting uses for Burlington's facilities as well as registration data for leagues using the facilities provided important context for this plan. Observing trends in facility usage over time can uncover reasons behind the uptick in wear and tear, as well as help inform investment decisions for future projects. When combined with site assessments, examining the usage hours for various facilities can help determine which facilities are more popular than others, what sports



are growing/lessening in popularity, what facilities may need renovating, and what additional facilities may be worth building in the future.

A few notes on the data:

1. This permitting data was gathered over a six-year period from April 2018 to March 2024.
2. The available permitting data occurred during a global pandemic when typical programming, sports, and indoor activities were largely scaled back or cancelled.
3. It should be acknowledged that not all facility use is coordinated through the permitting process (i.e., pick-up games, informal team play and scrimmages, and activities/games with family and friends are typically not tied to a permit and cannot be tracked).
4. It should also be acknowledged that permitting varies by recreation type. For example, tennis and pickleball courts are not permitted except for set scheduled use by the Burlington High School tennis team in spring and for the Burlington Parks & Recreation-sponsored youth tennis program. Some court-based play had been tracked when it was organized by Burlington Parks & Recreation, but most informal play enjoyed by tennis or pickleball individuals or groups is not captured in the permitted data because no permit is required for court use.
5. Registration data provided covers the last three years of youth sports leagues from Fall 2022 to Spring 2024, and includes soccer, lacrosse, baseball, and softball.
6. Where available we've incorporated youth sports registration data into our analysis to confirm usage needs align with permitting application data.
7. It should be acknowledged that available registration data is limited to a few of the youth sports leagues run by the town and does not account for adult leagues.

The Town currently has a clear set of rules and regulations for permitting field time. These rules can be found on an Outdoor Facility Request (PDF) (Field Permit Application) document on the Burlington Parks & Recreation website under Services / Resources > Downloadable Forms. The Field Permit Application explains the permitting tiers and fees associated with permitting. Although not specified on the form, several athletic fields are available for residents to use, field conditions allowing. Field permits are required for organized or regular use on all fields. Permits are approved by the Director of Parks & Recreation and are subject to review by the Recreation Commission. The subsequent groups are prioritized in the following order of priority for permits: Burlington High School athletics, Burlington Parks & Recreation organized programs, and lastly, youth sports. Thereafter, other organizations complete the application and submit it, and they are either approved or not for a permit on a first-come, first-served basis. The application process includes:

- Complete application form and submit to the Director of Parks & Recreation.
- Submit a Certificate of Insurance (COI) (required for requests from outside organizations).
- Once submitted, a confirmation email is sent to the applicant with a notification of permitting request approval or denial.

Burlington Parks & Recreation has four (4) tiers of permitted field use. These tiers include:

- **Tier 1** - Parks & Recreation Department programs, Burlington public school sports and Burlington youth sport organizations. There is no permit fee for this tier.
- **Tier 2** - Adult or youth groups comprised of more than 90% Burlington residents, or Burlington businesses. All Tier 2 requests must be accompanied by a roster(s). There is a \$25 per hour fee.
- **Tier 3** - All events including tournaments and non-profit events. This tier requires insurance and a \$50 application fee with additional fees based on participant numbers and usage hours. These additional fees are outlined in a chart within the Field Permit Application.
- **Tier 4** - Private clinics, camps, and all other groups. Like Tier 3 applications, Tier 4 also requires insurance and a \$50 application fee with additional fees based on participant numbers and usage hours that are outlined in a chart in the Field Permit Application.

Each permit includes data on the facility location, start date, organization, start and end times, total hours requested, and the reservation purpose. Totaling and filtering this data in various ways produced a series of detailed charts that are included in Appendix F. These charts were analyzed and offer a variety of information and usage comparisons, including:

- Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on recreation
- Regional and community-specific sports trends
- Potential increase in early youth sports specialization
- Possibility of block booking to ensure facility availability
- Gender equity in sports facilities and programming and the impact on usage
- Youth versus adult sports leagues
- A town-wide comparison of total facilities usage

Like so many communities everywhere, the COVID-19 pandemic impacted Burlington's recreational opportunities during 2020. The Town experienced a severe drop in all sports permitting, except for baseball, softball, track and field, and basketball. Spring sports, including baseball, softball, and track and field may have already been permitted ahead of the start pandemic in March 2020, but the data does not include whether those facilities were used during that time. Track and field experienced only a slight drop in permitting, perhaps due to the individual non-contact nature of this sport, allowing for continued competition during a time that demanded physical separation from others. Basketball may have had less of a drop in permitting since it is a winter sport and came at the end of the health crisis. Whatever the reasons, many field sports that did have noticeable drops in permitting sprang back immediately in 2021, the year following the pandemic, with more vigor than pre-pandemic permitting. These sports that experienced a resurgence included football, soccer, track and field, tennis, cricket, lacrosse, and basketball. Testimony from Burlington Parks & Recreation also observed an increase in the use of outdoor facilities as residents enjoyed a renewed appreciation for outdoor sports, post-pandemic.

Over time, and throughout the New England region, an ebb and flow typically exists in the popularity of certain recreational activities. Burlington is no exception to this pattern. Permitting data for the last six years reveals an increase in participation in soccer, lacrosse, cricket, football, and flag football in Burlington. Available registration rates of youth soccer and lacrosse align with permitting data, indicating an increase in registration numbers over the last three years.

Permitting for tennis courts also continues to increase, driven by school teams and youth tennis programming by Parks & Recreation. Pickleball is an incredibly popular sport especially among adult cohorts throughout Massachusetts; some limited data for pickleball court programming for 2022 and 2023 is available and shows an increase in this sport. Non-programmed, informal play on the tennis and pickleball courts does not require a permit so it is difficult to understand fully how much usage Burlington's courts receive. According to permitting data available in 2024, baseball, softball, track and field, field hockey, basketball, and ultimate frisbee have all seen a decrease in permitted field use, suggesting a decrease in the popularity of these sports. Available registration data suggests that youth baseball and softball registration numbers have leveled off in the past three years. Overall, the town has exhibited a very consistent participation rate across its athletic field-based sports, more than its courts and diamonds. This increase in activity and popularity continues to put pressure on existing athletic field facilities and may point towards a need for additional fields or an additional synthetic turf field with lighting to extend playing times.

Soccer, with its increased permitting year on year over the last six years, showed 8,000+ permitted hours in the last year alone (between April 2023 and May 2024). Available registration data for youth soccer also indicates steady growth over the last three years with registration for Spring 2024 surpassing 1000 registrants. Reasons for such high permitted usage and registration may be explained by an increase in early youth sports specialization, with children and teens choosing to play one sport throughout the year, rather than multiple, season-specific sports. As youth sports become more competitive, they are trending toward 10-month seasons, rather than traditional fall or spring season sports. This level of nearly continuous play adds additional stress to the physical condition of the fields and impacts field availability. *Block permitting* – when leagues apply for significant blocks of field use time to allow for choice practice and game times – may also add to the high permitting data for soccer. In the case of block permitting, the hours permitted may not reflect actual usage of the athletic fields.

Cricket is also trending upward in Burlington, with much higher use hours than those tracked pre-pandemic. Unique to the Greater Boston Area of Massachusetts, new cricket leagues have increased this sport's popularity and demand for recreation resources including dedicated cricket fields. Like softball in Burlington, cricket's popularity is limited primarily to adult sports leagues that rent the athletic fields during the short May-through-September window. Burlington Parks & Recreation notes that these two sports are the only two field-based sports permitted for adult usage. Despite the increased demand for cricket, locating a dedicated cricket field is challenging due to the sport's large field size. The need for a stabilized area for bowling and batting in the middle of the field constrains how a multi-use field system can overlap. Identifying sports trends and understanding youth and adult league demand can help Burlington Parks & Recreation reprogram existing underutilized recreation resources adaptively to accommodate new sports trends or actively plan for additions to the recreation system.

Permitting data also reveals which recreational facilities in town are used most frequently. Athletic fields at Burlington High School, Marshall Simonds Middle School, and Francis Wyman Elementary School are heavily permitted. Among Parks & Recreation managed facilities, Rahanis Playground, Simonds Park, and Wildwood Park have the most permitted usage, with nearly 5,000 use hours between spring 2023-2024. High usage requires careful management and maintenance. Recreation plans should consider how underutilized outdoor facilities in Town might be modified to accommodate new recreation uses and distribute needs across Burlington's recreation system.





*Town Common*

# WHAT WE HEARD

### 3. What We Heard

Feedback received during the comprehensive public engagement process served as a crucial piece in the identification of important community needs, and ultimately, actionable recommendations. The engagement process included (2) online public surveys, tabling at Burlington’s annual Community Tree Lighting Event, and an evening stakeholder input meeting. Input from these events is summarized in the following sections.

#### 3.1. Online Public Surveys

Online surveys provided a valuable platform for collecting input from the community regarding improvements to existing facilities and desired outdoor recreational amenities. Table 3-1 shows a summary of background information about the questions, duration, platform, and responses for each of the (2) online public surveys. The questions and full results from these surveys are included in

Appendix A: Online Survey Questions & Results.

Table 3-1: Community Surveys

Survey Topic	Description	Duration	Platform	Responses
<b>Overlook Park and Simonds Park Amenities</b>	(4) questions on the proposed amenities at Simonds Park and Overlook Park	December 8, 2023 – December 15, 2023	Google Forms	177
<b>Town-Wide Recreational Amenities</b>	(19) questions about usage and desired improvements for existing parks and recreation facilities, desired recreational amenities that are currently not served or inadequately served within Town, and demographics	February 24, 2024 – March 22, 2024	SurveyMonkey, with hardcopies available at the Town Library and Parks & Recreation Department	164 (includes 5 hardcopies)

The first online public survey was administered by Parks & Recreation and focused on obtaining feedback about proposed concept designs for Simonds Park and Overlook Park. Based on the four-question survey on the proposed improvements at Overlook Park and Simonds Park, top amenities were identified for each site. The top (3) amenities for Overlook Park were Active Play for Ages 0-12 (112 votes), Sledding Hill with a Lift (103 votes), Expanded Trails / Connection to Existing Trails (97 votes). The top (3) amenities for Simonds Park were Water Play (137 votes), Active Play for Ages 5-12 (125 votes), and Active Play for Ages 13+ (113 votes).



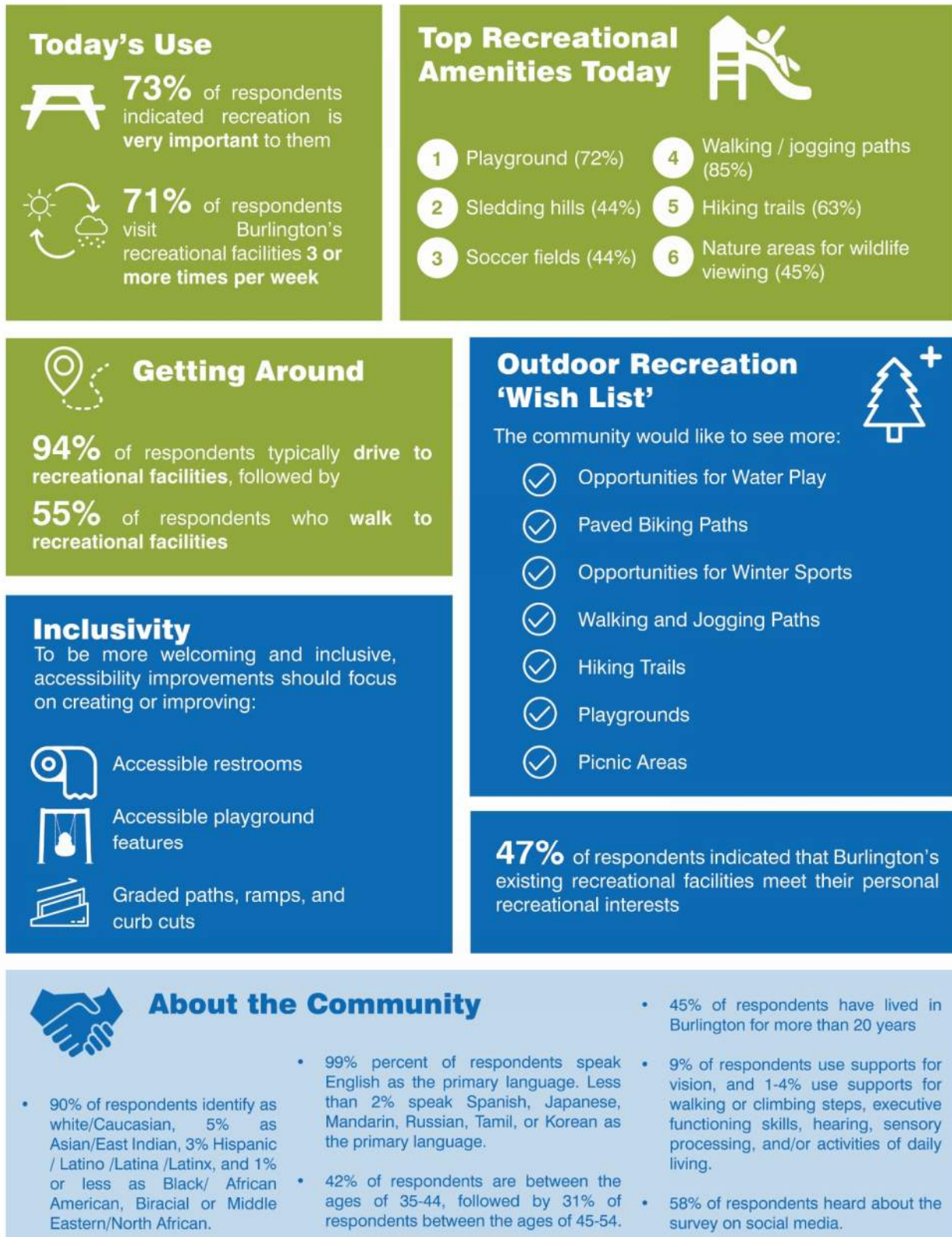
The second survey, administered by Weston & Sampson and developed in collaboration with Parks & Recreation, collected comprehensive input on town-wide outdoor recreational amenities. Results from the town-wide Recreational Amenities survey are portrayed in Figure 3-2 and Figure 3-2. Figure 3-1 presents the most frequented properties and most desired improvements. In Figure 3-2, the green boxes relate to comments regarding existing uses or amenities; findings in the blue boxes relate to new, desired features or expanded outdoor recreational amenities; and the light blue box includes information about the demographics of the respondents.

Figure 3-1: Results Summary for Most Used Recreational Amenities

The most frequented recreation facilities are:		What needs to be improved at each facility (highest rated in order are marked by A, B and C)				
		Maintenance & Upkeep	Accessibility (Pathways, Lighting, Curb Cuts, Year-Round Access)	Additional Amenities (Pavilion, Restrooms, Signage, Seating)	Active Recreation Amenities (Courts and Athletic Fields)	Passive Recreation Amenities (Trails, Shade, Seating)
1	Simonds Park	A		B		
2	Wildwood Park	B		A		
3	Mary PC Cummings			A		
4	Town Common			A		
5	Marshall Simonds Middle School	C		A	B	



Figure 3-2: Results Summary for Town-Wide Recreational Amenities Online Survey



### 3.2. Community Tree Lighting Event

In addition to collecting online feedback from the surveys, in-person events also offered an important means of gathering input from the community. Each year, Burlington holds a popular Community Tree Lighting Event on the Town Common that attracts thousands of visitors from Burlington and the surrounding communities. Weston & Sampson and Parks & Recreation staff hosted a table at this event with boards depicting concept plans for Overlook Park and Simonds Park and precedent images of the proposed amenities. Figure 3-3 illustrates the most-voted-on amenities. A full description of the event, the results, and the boards are included in Appendix B: Community Tree Lighting Event Results.

Figure 3-3: Community Tree Lighting Event - Top Amenities Desired



### 3.3. Stakeholder Engagement Event

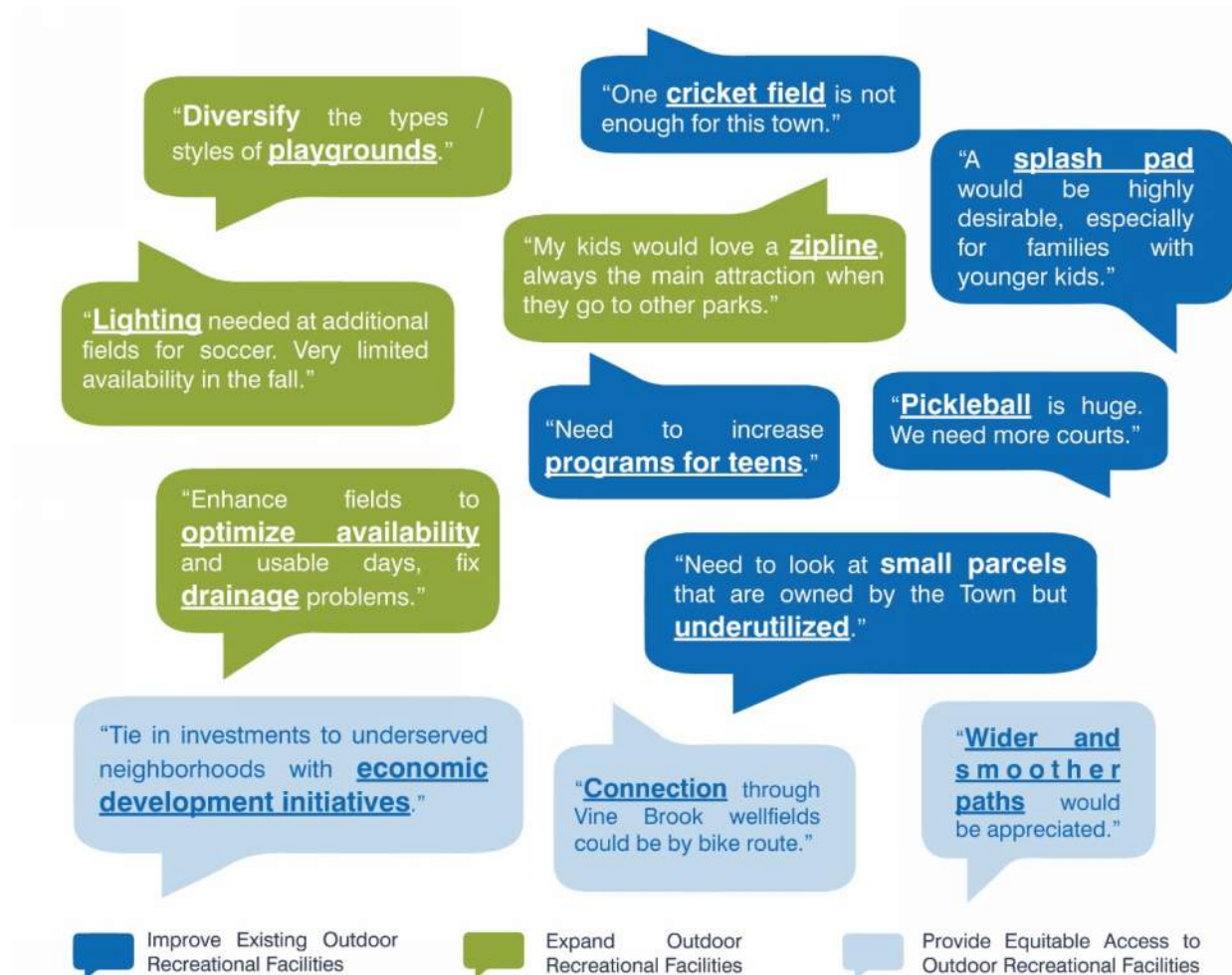
An in-person Stakeholder Engagement Event was held on April 30, 2024 at Grand View Farm in Burlington, Massachusetts. The first 30 minutes of the event included a presentation on the project background and purpose, input from the community to date, community needs analysis findings, draft strategic recommendation themes, and a 5-minute question-and-answer session. After the presentation portion of the event, participants rotated through 3 topic tables (which correspond to the draft overarching themes) and provided feedback on the draft strategic recommendations

through voting cards and group discussions. Each topic table included a corresponding map to facilitate discussion. The 3 topic areas are listed below:

- Topic 1: Improve Existing Outdoor Recreational Facilities
- Topic 2: Expand Outdoor Recreational Facilities
- Topic 3: Provide Equitable Access to Outdoor Recreational Facilities

Appendix C: Stakeholder Event Results includes a memorandum with a detailed description of the event, the feedback received, the presentation, and other engagement materials . Figure 3-4 below depicts a summary of feedback included on the voting cards.

Figure 3-4: Stakeholder Meeting Voting Card Comment Summary







*Courts at Veterans Playground*

# STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

## 4. Strategic Recommendations

Developed from public feedback, observations from on-site evaluations, and analyses of existing conditions, three overarching goals define the OFMP: *Improve Existing Outdoor Recreational Opportunities*, *Expand Outdoor Recreational Facilities*, and *Provide Equitable Access to Outdoor Recreational Facilities*. Each goal is comprised of themes that correspond to Burlington's key community needs. Together, these goals and themes create a structure that serves as a guide for Burlington's future outdoor recreational investments.

The text below describes how each theme is supported by the public engagement process and existing conditions analyses. Following the discussion of these themes are actionable strategic recommendations.

### 4.1. Goal 1: Improve Existing Outdoor Recreational Opportunities

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#### 4.1.1. | Theme #1: Improve Existing Playgrounds

- **On-site Observations:** Observed in the site evaluations, 9 of Burlington's existing playgrounds could benefit from replacing aging equipment, diversification of play value, and incorporation of accessible play components and surfacing.
- **Online Surveys:** Burlington's existing playgrounds are well-used and highly valued by the community. As indicated in the survey results, 72% of survey respondents regularly visit the Town's playgrounds, and 36% of online survey respondents indicated a need to improve accessible play features.
- **In-Person Feedback:** At the Community Tree Lighting event, voting from the community revealed play as a top priority. Active play for ages 0-12 (31 votes), slope play (40 votes), active play for ages 13+ (46 votes), and a zipline (27 votes) comprised many of the top voted amenities of the precedent images presented.

#### 4.1.2. | Theme #2: Upgrade Fields and Courts

- **On-site Observations:** It was observed that almost all properties with fields and courts could benefit from new or upgraded field amenities, including upgraded benches, spectator seating, and upgrades to existing lighting. Seven properties have opportunities for replacement and/or consolidation of existing basketball, volleyball, and four-square courts.
- **Online Surveys:** 55% of survey respondents highly favor or favor investing in courts. Write-in responses also encouraged the conversion of high-use natural turf fields to synthetic turf.
- **In-Person Feedback:** At the Stakeholder Event, feedback and discussion focused on maximizing existing field space, citing opportunities for correcting drainage problems, optimizing field scheduling, and incorporating irrigation to expand available use hours.

### **4.1.3. | Theme #3: Upgrade Park Amenities**

- **On-site Observations:** With expanded site amenities, there is an opportunity to create a standard furnishings palette that would help ease maintenance and create a consistent look throughout the Town.
- **Online Surveys:** At 4 of the 5 most frequented recreational properties, survey respondents indicated a desire for additional site amenities such as benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, and restrooms.

## **4.2. Goal 2: Expand Outdoor Recreational Facilities**

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### **4.2.1. | Theme #1: Expand Water-Based Play Opportunities**

- **Online Surveys:** 76% of survey respondents highly favor or favor additional opportunities for water play, such as splash pads or swimming pools.
- **In-Person Feedback:** At the Community Tree Lighting Event, splash pad received the most votes (46) out of all amenities proposed as part of the Simonds Park Master Plan. Discussions at the Stakeholder Engagement event also supported water play, with 10 out of 15 participants agreeing or strongly agreeing with this theme.

### **4.2.2. | Theme #2: Create Opportunities for Winter Sports**

- **Online Surveys:** 69% of survey respondents highly favor or favor additional winter sport amenities.
- **In-Person Feedback:** At the Community Tree Lighting Event, the sledding hill received the most votes (47) out of all amenities proposed as part of the Overlook Park Master Plan. Though discussions at the Stakeholder Event were mixed, 10 out of 16 participants agreed or strongly agreed with creating opportunities for winter sports.

### **4.2.3. | Theme #3: Incorporate Expanded Active Recreational Programming into Underutilized Sites**

- **On-site Observations:** Based on site evaluations, at least 5 of Burlington's recreational properties offer potential for additional for expanded recreational programming.
- **Online Surveys:** Desired additional active recreational amenities include a pump track, designated cricket pitch, and pickleball courts.
- **In-Person Feedback:** Discussions at the Stakeholder Engagement event also supported the idea of exploring underutilized parcels for recreational development, including TRW Playground and identifying small town-owned properties that are currently not being used



for recreational purposes. Like feedback from the survey, discussions revealed that additional cricket field space and pickleball courts are desired expanded amenities.

#### **4.2.4. | Theme #4: Expand Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure**

- **Online Surveys:** 74% of survey respondents highly favor or favor the creation of additional paved biking paths. 84% of survey respondents highly favor or favor the addition of more walking or jogging paths.
- **In-Person Feedback:** At the Stakeholder Event, discussions surrounded connecting pedestrian walks between recreational properties to improve walkability to parks and outdoor resources. 10 out of 16 participants agreed or strongly agreed with this theme.

#### **4.2.5. | Theme #5: Expand Walking and Hiking Opportunities**

- **Online Surveys:** 84% of survey respondents highly favor or favor investing in walking / jogging paths, and 71% of survey respondents highly favor or favor investing in hiking trails.
- **In-Person Feedback:** At the Community Tree Lighting Event, expanded trails was a top desired amenity receiving 24 votes from the community. At the Stakeholder Event, 14 out of 16 participants agreed or strongly agreed with this theme.

### **4.3. Goal 3: Provide Equitable Access to Outdoor Recreational Opportunities**

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#### **4.3.1. | Theme #1: Improve Universal Accessibility**

- **On-site Observations:** Based on a comprehensive on-site inventory and opportunity analysis, all of Burlington's recreational facilities would benefit from accessibility improvements, including the addition of accessible paths between parking and recreational amenities, locating site amenities along accessible routes, and providing accessible parking spaces where feasible.
- **Online Surveys:** 62% of survey respondents desire improvements to accessible restrooms and 34% of respondents desire improvements to paths, ramps, and curb cuts.
- **In-Person Feedback:** At the Stakeholder Event, 15 out of 16 participants agreed or strongly agreed with this theme. Discussions emphasized the incorporation of physical interventions that support ADA accessibility.

### 4.3.2. | Theme #2: Improve Geographic Distribution of Outdoor Recreational Opportunities

- **In-Person Feedback:** Discussions cited connectivity between parks through pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure as important potential improvements for the Town. While discussions were mixed on the development of the Vine Wellfields property and which neighborhoods are considered underserved, the majority of participants agreed or strongly agreed with this theme overall.

**Town Insight and Recreational Facilities Mapping:** The Lord Baron and Wynnmore neighborhoods were identified as Environmental Justice Communities in the Town’s Open Space and Recreation Plan in 2019. The neighborhoods are currently undeserved by recreational facilities and the parks within and in proximity to these neighborhoods would benefit from additional amenities and focused improvement efforts. Implementing the Master Plan for Overlook Park and the conversion of the Vine Wellfields into a recreational amenity would provide access to outdoor facilities in these neighborhoods.

## 4.4. Strategic Recommendations

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Table 4-1, below, identifies actionable strategic recommendations organized by goal and theme. For each recommendation, the following has been identified:

- **Location(s):** Specific properties where it is suggested that the recommendation be implemented, if applicable.
- **Design Considerations and / or Resources:** Design considerations include parameters required to site a particular amenity, such as dimensions for pickleball courts or cricket fields. Resources include relevant codes, existing Town plans, and existing documents created by other entities that can help guide the implementation of the recommendation.

Table 4-1: Strategic Recommendations

	Theme / Strategy	Priority Location(s)	Design Considerations and / or Resources
<b>1</b>	<b>Improve Existing Outdoor Recreational Opportunities</b>		
	Theme #1: Upgrade Playgrounds		
<b>1-1A</b>	Replace aging play structures with playground designs that offer a diversity of play value.	Overlook Park Simonds Park Pathwoods Tot Lot Rahanis Playground TRW Playground Veterans Playground Wildmere Playground Wildwood Park Pine Glen Elementary School Francis Wyman Elementary School (sensory play area)	Incorporate (5) play value categories: social/imaginative (i.e., play huts), physical (i.e., climbing structure), sensory (i.e., musical element), cognitive (i.e., games), and communication (i.e., communication board).
<b>1-1B</b>	When replacing playground equipment, exceed the ADA recommendations for the minimum number of accessible components.	See 1-1A	ADA guidelines specify a ratio of approximately 1:3 for accessible ground-level to elevated components (varies depending on the total number of elevated components). See U.S. Access Board Accessibility Standards Chapter 10: Play Areas.
<b>1-1C</b>	Replace existing non-compliant playground surfacing with an ADA-compliant material.	See 1-1A	Rubber tiles or poured-in-place rubber are best practices for ADA compliant playground surfacing.
<b>1-1D</b>	Incorporate play opportunities for teenagers, including adding play equipment for ages 13+, a zipline, or designated social spaces to existing play areas.	Simonds Park Overlook Park	2023 Simonds Park Master Plan

Theme / Strategy	Priority Location(s)	Design Considerations and / or Resources
<b>1-1E</b>	Develop a maintenance plan that establishes a regular schedule of equipment inspections and preventative maintenance strategies, and replacement schedule per the Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) Standards.	All playgrounds
		<p>Per the Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) Standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish frequency of inspections per manufacturer instructions and intensity of use</li> <li>Follow the General Maintenance Checklist provided in the handbook (and included in Appendix G)</li> </ul>
<b>1-1F</b>	Seek funding and implement the proposed Master Plan for an upgraded, inclusive playground at Simonds Park.	Simonds Park
		2023 Simonds Park Master Plan
<b>Theme #2: Upgrade Fields and Courts</b>		
<b>1-2A</b>	Incorporate additional field amenities such as team benches and dugouts, spectator seating, upgrade fencing and backstops, and upgrade existing sports lighting.	<p>Marvin and Rotary Fields (amenities and lighting)  Mary Cummings (amenities, sports lighting)  Rahanis Playground (amenities)  Recreation Center (amenities)  Regan Playground (amenities)  Simonds Park (amenities and possible lighting as a temporary evening condition)  TRW Playground (amenities)  Veterans Playground (amenities)  Wildwood Park (amenities, lighting at basketball court)  Francis Wyman Elementary School (amenities)  Memorial Elementary School (amenities)  Pine Glen Elementary School (amenities)</p>
<b>1-2B</b>	Convert existing high-use natural turf fields to synthetic turf.	<p>Marshall Simonds Middle School  Rahanis Playground</p>
		2023 Athletic Facilities Master Plan – Marshall Simonds Middle School Brush Field



	Theme / Strategy	Priority Location(s)	Design Considerations and / or Resources
		Wildwood Park Simonds Park	Improvements
1-2C	Consider adding irrigation to existing natural turf fields to expand field use at these facilities.	Recreation Center Mary Cummings MITRE Corp. Fields Rahanis Softball Veterans Playground Regan Playground TRW Playground	
1-2D	Remove, upgrade, or consolidate courts and equipment in poor condition and/or upgrade court amenities in locations where courts are desired or well-used.	Overlook Park (remove basketball court) Pathwoods Tot Lot (replace basketball court) Rahanis Playground (replace basketball and volleyball courts) Memorial Elementary School (replace and/or consolidate courts into one court area with basketball and four-square markings) Pine Glen Elementary School (replace and/or consolidate courts into one court area with basketball and four-square markings)	
1-2E	Develop a maintenance plan that establishes a schedule for inspections, maintenance, replacement, and recordkeeping. For fields, follow best practice guidelines developed by local agencies such as the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources and UMass Extension.	All field and court locations	Per the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources and UMass Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a month-by-month maintenance plan with requirements for mowing, water, nutrients, and pests/pesticides</li> </ul>
1-2F	Implement the highest priority recommendations from the 2023 Athletic Facilities Assessment and Master Plan.	Marshall Simonds Middle School Marvin & Rotary Fields Burlington High School	2023 Athletic Facilities Assessment and Master Top Plan Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marshall Simonds Brush Field – Grass and Track &amp; Field Improvements</li> <li>Marvin &amp; Rotary Field Upgrades</li> </ul>

	Theme / Strategy	Priority Location(s)	Design Considerations and / or Resources
Theme #3: Upgrade Park Amenities			
1-3A	Develop a consistent palette of site furnishings that can ease maintenance challenges, be stockpiled on short notice when repairs are needed, and create a consistent look to Burlington facilities.	All	
1-3B	Create an inventory of all site furnishings for all parks, their condition, and maintenance protocols for each.	All	
1-3C	Add or upgrade: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seating</li> <li>• Drinking fountains</li> <li>• Signage</li> <li>• Waste/recycling receptacles</li> <li>• Picnic facilities</li> <li>• Path condition</li> <li>• Bike racks</li> <li>• Shade structures</li> <li>• Restroom facilities</li> </ul>	Marvin & Rotary Fields Mary Cummings Overlook Park Pathwoods Tot Lot Rahanis Playground Recreation Center Regan Playground Simonds Park TRW Playground Veterans Playground Wildmere Playground Pine Glen Elementary School	
1-3D	Implement a vegetation management plan that establishes a schedule of maintenance and tracking for invasive species inventory and removal, tree pruning / maintenance vistas, and restoration of native species. For vegetation management, follow best practice guidelines developed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).	All	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

	Theme / Strategy	Priority Location(s)	Design Considerations and / or Resources
<b>2</b>	<b>Expand Outdoor Recreational Opportunities</b>		
	<b>Theme #1: Expand Water-Based Play Opportunities</b>		
<b>2-1A</b>	Add (1) splash pad to the Town's recreational amenities. Conduct feasibility study to determine appropriate location.	Simonds Park	2023 Simonds Park Master Plan
<b>2-1B</b>	Continue to explore opportunities for an outdoor Town swimming pool. Evaluate cost, potential location(s), potential users, maintenance requirements, and funding through feasibility study.		
	<b>Theme #2: Create Opportunities for Winter Sports</b>		
<b>2-2A</b>	Add (1) temporary, seasonal outdoor ice rink.	Overlook Park	Approx. 85' x 200' of field space to be transformed into a temporary winter ice rink, weather permitting
<b>2-2B</b>	Add (1) accessible sledding hill.	Overlook Park	
	<b>Theme #3: Incorporate Expanded Active Recreational Programming into Underutilized Sites</b>		
<b>2-3A</b>	Continue to explore opportunities to add space for cricket field programming, including identifying partnerships with adjacent communities with field space.	Burlington High School Practice Fields Mary Cummings Recreation Center	Recommended dimensions: minimum 390' x 420'
<b>2-3B</b>	Add (1) disc golf course.	Conservation areas, such as Mill Pond Reservoir	Recommended dimensions: 0.5 acres per hole (beginner course), 1.0 acre per hole (advanced course)
<b>2-3C</b>	Add pickleball courts. Ensure that any new pickleball courts are positioned a minimal 300' distance from residential properties.	TRW Playground MITRE Corp. Fields	Recommended dimensions: 65' x 64' (two adjacent courts)

	<b>Theme / Strategy</b>	<b>Priority Location(s)</b>	<b>Design Considerations and / or Resources</b>
<b>2-3D</b>	Add (1) pump track.	Overlook Park	Approx. 5,000 square feet for medium-sized pump track
<b>2-3E</b>	Seek funding and implement the proposed Master Plan for Overlook Park, a park site that proposes the addition of a new pump track.	Overlook Park	2023 Overlook Park Master Plan
<b>Theme #4: Expand Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure</b>			
<b>2-4A</b>	Evaluate town-wide pedestrian network and identify opportunities for expansion and connectivity between outdoor recreational amenities.	All	
<b>2-4B</b>	Evaluate opportunities for off-road bicycle paths, including paved and mountain bike trails.	All	
<b>Theme #5: Expand Walking and Hiking Opportunities</b>			
<b>2-5A</b>	Add nature trails with wildlife viewing areas and connect to existing trail networks.	Overlook Park (expanded trails, connection to Little Brook Conservation Area) Pine Glen Elementary School (Pine Glen Conservation Area) Mill Pond Reservoir	2023 Overlook Park Master Plan
<b>2-5B</b>	Enhance path/trail wayfinding by creating an online map resource for existing paths/trails and developing wayfinding signage that is consistent across recreational sites.	Overlook Park Mary Cummings TRW Playground Wildwood Park	2023 Overlook Park Master Plan
<b>2-5C</b>	Seek funding and implement the Master Plan for Overlook Park, which includes an accessible trail network and a trail connection to the existing Little Brook Conservation Area.	Overlook Park	2023 Overlook Park Master Plan



	Theme / Strategy	Priority Location(s)	Design Considerations and / or Resources
<b>3</b>	<b>Provide Equitable Access to Outdoor Recreational Opportunities</b>		
	Theme #1: Improve Universal Accessibility		
<b>3-1A</b>	Create accessible pathway connections at recreational facilities, including between site amenities and routes to/from accessible parking spaces.	Marvin & Rotary Fields Mary Cummings Rahanis Playground Recreation Center Pathwoods Tot Lot Simonds Park Overlook Park TRW Playground Veterans Playground Wildmere Playground Wildwood Park Pine Glen Elementary School	U.S. Access Board Accessibility Standards
<b>3-1B</b>	Incorporate accessible amenities such as ADA picnic tables, backed benches with companion seating, and accessible restrooms located along accessible routes.	Marvin & Rotary Fields Mary Cummings Rahanis Playground Recreation Center Pathwoods Tot Lot Simonds Park Overlook Park TRW Playground Veterans Playground Wildmere Playground Wildwood Park Pine Glen Elementary School	U.S. Access Board Accessibility Standards
<b>3-1C</b>	Create the accessible trail network proposed as part of the Master Plan for Overlook Park and continue to identify locations for expanded accessible trails.	Overlook Park	U.S. Access Board Accessibility Standards, 2023 Overlook Park Master Plan
<b>3-1D</b>	Add parking spaces with ADA-compliant surfacing, striping, and signage adjacent to accessible facility entrances.	Marvin & Rotary Fields Overlook Park TRW Playground Veterans Playground	U.S. Access Board Accessibility Standards
<b>3-1E</b>	Create an ADA Transition Plan that identifies specific, implementable design upgrades required to achieve ADA compliance.	All	

	Theme / Strategy	Priority Location(s)	Design Considerations and / or Resources
<b>3-1F</b>	Continue to inspect and maintain accessible routes so that they are clear of debris and obstructions.	All	
<b>Theme #2: Improve Geographic Distribution of Outdoor Recreational Opportunities</b>			
<b>3-2A</b>	Invest resources in areas of Town that are underserved by outdoor recreational facilities, such as the Wynnmere and Lord Baron neighborhoods. Collaborate with the Town's Economic Development Office to coordinate outdoor recreational investments with economic development priorities.	Wynnmere Neighborhood Lord Baron Neighborhood	
<b>3-2B</b>	Explore funding sources for developing a variety of recreational amenities that would provide more equitable distribution and access across Burlington, including those listed within this report.	Variety of properties	

## 4.5. Maintenance Projects

In addition to the Strategic Recommendations, Table 4-2 includes a list of suggested maintenance projects for the Town. Projects were identified from the on-site evaluations and include only improvements that would not require capital funding. Projects are organized by park / school property and include a reference to the relevant theme and priority.

Table 4-2: Maintenance Projects

Location / Project	Related Theme	Priority
		Short-term (0-2 years)
		Medium-term (2-5 years)
		Long-term (6+ years)
Marvin Field		
Replace the ball safety netting.	1-2	ST
Mary Cummings		
None.		
Overlook Park		
None.		
Pathwoods Tot Lot		
Add Town standard rules and regulation signage.	1-3	ST
Rahanis Playground		
Upgrade the chain-link fencing along Mill Street.	1-2	ST
Add ball fencing between the basketball court and the volleyball court.	1-2	ST
Add (2) basketball court benches for players and spectators.	1-2	ST
Replace chain-link fencing at the fields.	1-2	MT
Add ADA regulatory signage at accessible parking spaces.	1-3	ST
Recreation Center		
Replace the softball backstop closest to the parking lot.	1-2	ST
Replace the team benches.	1-2	ST



Location / Project	Related Theme	Priority
		Short-term (0-2 years) Medium-term (2-5 years) Long-term (6+ years)
Regan Playground		
Add (2) benches adjacent to the playground for caregivers.	1-3	ST
Add (2) benches adjacent to the courts for team and spectator seating.	1-3	MT
Add (1) drinking fountain/bottle refill station near the court and playground area.	1-3	LT
Add court fencing to prevent stray balls from entering the woods and playground.	1-2	LT
Rotary Field		
Replace the backstop.	1-2	Immediate need
Simonds Park		
Consider adding (4) benches, one along the asphalt path near each amenity –tennis court, street hockey, skate park, pickleball courts.	1-3	MT
Upgrade the benches and signage at the disc golf course.	1-3	ST
Town Common		
Repair and widen minor cracking and low areas along asphalt paths.	3-1	MT
TRW Playground		
Replace the playground fencing.	1-3	LT
Repair and widen cracking / low areas along the perimeter asphalt walking path.	3-1	LT
Prune vegetation along the asphalt perimeter walking path.	1-3	ST

Location / Project	Related Theme	Priority
		Short-term (0-2 years)
		Medium-term (2-5 years)
		Long-term (6+ years)
Veterans Playground		
Remove the shade structure and concrete slab in poor condition.	1-3	ST
Repair the wooden guardrail.	1-3	ST
Add fencing behind basketball hoop to stop balls.	1-2	LT
Add (2) benches: (1) near the playground and (1) near the court.	1-3	LT
Wildmere Playground		
Replace the fencing along the street.	1-3	MT
Wildwood Park		
None.		
Memorial Elementary School		
Replace the field netting.	1-2	ST
Replace the basketball hoops.	1-2	LT
Repair the chain-link fencing around the upper field.	1-2	ST
Replace the four-square court markings.	1-2	ST
Replace the cracked ADA-detectable warning surface in the parking lot (School Dept. funded project).	3-1	ST

Location / Project	Related Theme	Priority
		Short-term (0-2 years) Medium-term (2-5 years) Long-term (6+ years)
Francis Wyman Elementary School		
Replace the bent ADA picnic table in poor condition in the tree grove near the lower playground.	1-3	Immediate need
Repair chain-link fencing near the lower playground.	1-3	MT
Renovate the non-ADA compliant asphalt path to the lower playground (School Dept. funded project).	1-3	ST
Pine Glen Elementary School		
Remove the backstop and soccer net in poor condition.	1-2	ST
Repair the potholes and cracking at the asphalt side access road (School Dept. / DPW-funded project).	1-3	MT
Repair the cracking at the asphalt sidewalk in the parking lot (School Dept. / DPW-funded project).	1-3	MT
Remove basketball hoops in poor condition in the parking lot.	1-2	ST
Upgrade asphalt surfacing at the school garden area (School Dept. / DPW-funded project).	1-3	MT

## 4.6. Funding Opportunities

Table 4-3 includes a list of potential funding sources that the Town of Burlington could pursue to support the implementation of the Strategic Recommendations. The funding source type is organized by federal versus state opportunities, and offers a description regarding eligibility, how the funds can be used, as well as a link to the funding website and/or application portal.

Table 4-3: Funding Opportunities

Funding Source Type	Description
<b>Federal</b>	
<b>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)</b>	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/fact-sheet-bipartisan-infrastructure-law-will-deliver-local">https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/fact-sheet-bipartisan-infrastructure-law-will-deliver-local</a></p>
<b>U.S. Department of Transportation Grants (USDOT)</b>	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.transportation.gov/grants">https://www.transportation.gov/grants</a></p>
<b>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act North American Wetlands Conservation Act Small Grant (NAWCA-SG)</b>	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.fws.gov/service/north-american-wetlands-conservation-act-nawca-grants-us-small">https://www.fws.gov/service/north-american-wetlands-conservation-act-nawca-grants-us-small</a></p>
<b>FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grants (FEMA)</b>	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation">https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation</a></p>
<b>National Endowment for the Arts: Our Town (NEA-OT)</b>	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.arts.gov/grants/our-town">https://www.arts.gov/grants/our-town</a></p>
<b>Department of Conservation &amp; Recreation Urban and Community Forest Challenge Grants (DCR-UCFC)</b>	<p>The Department of Conservation &amp; 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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.arts.gov/grants/our-town">https://www.arts.gov/grants/our-town</a></p>



Funding Source Type	Description
Department of Treasury Construction and Real Property Acquisition Activities (CRPAA)	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/216/Rnd-14-FOA-DC-Construction-Real-Property_GR-RDC-23-001.pdf">https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/216/Rnd-14-FOA-DC-Construction-Real-Property_GR-RDC-23-001.pdf</a></p>
State	
Chapter 90 Program (Ch90)	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.mass.gov/chapter-90-program">https://www.mass.gov/chapter-90-program</a></p>
Community Preservation Act (CPA)	<p>Communities that have adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) are eligible for state matching funds from the state that can be applied to support projects including parks, playgrounds, recreational fields, and numerous other project types that support the community.* CPA must be adopted by ballot vote for a municipality to be eligible. There is a local tax of up to 3% applied to the tax levy against real estate property once a municipality has adopted CPA.</p> <p><a href="https://www.mass.gov/lists/community-preservation-act#community-preservation-act-resources-">https://www.mass.gov/lists/community-preservation-act#community-preservation-act-resources-</a></p> <p><i>*Burlington has <b>not</b> adopted the CPA.</i></p>
Mass in Motion (MIM)	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.mass.gov/about-mass-in-motion">https://www.mass.gov/about-mass-in-motion</a></p>
MassDevelopment Commonwealth Places (MD-Places)	<p>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).</p> <p><a href="https://www.massdevelopment.com/what-we-offer/real-estate-services/commonwealth-places/">https://www.massdevelopment.com/what-we-offer/real-estate-services/commonwealth-places/</a></p>

Funding Source Type	Description
Massachusetts Historic Commission Preservation Projects Fund (MHC-PPF)	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcmppf/mppfidx.htm">https://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcmppf/mppfidx.htm</a></p>
Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.mass.gov/municipal-vulnerability-preparedness-mvp-program">https://www.mass.gov/municipal-vulnerability-preparedness-mvp-program</a></p>
Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities Grant Program (PARC)	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/parkland-acquisitions-and-renovations-for-communities-parc-grant-program">https://www.mass.gov/service-details/parkland-acquisitions-and-renovations-for-communities-parc-grant-program</a></p>
MassTrails (MT)	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.mass.gov/guides/masstrails-grants">https://www.mass.gov/guides/masstrails-grants</a></p>
The Solomon Foundation (SF)	<p>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 gateway projects forward.</p> <p><a href="https://www.solomonfoundation.org/">https://www.solomonfoundation.org/</a></p>
Massachusetts Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program (LWCF)	<p>This program is federal funded and offered through the state. It provides up 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 tribe. For municipalities to be eligible, they must have an updated open space and recreation plan (OSRP).</p> <p><a href="https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-land-and-water-conservation-fund-grant-program">https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-land-and-water-conservation-fund-grant-program</a></p>

Funding Source Type	Description
Massachusetts Office on Disability Municipal ADA Improvement Grant (MOD-ADA)	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.mass.gov/info-details/learn-about-the-municipal-americans-with-disabilities-act-ada-improvement-grant-program">https://www.mass.gov/info-details/learn-about-the-municipal-americans-with-disabilities-act-ada-improvement-grant-program</a></p>





*Fitness Court at TRW Playground*

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*Ballfield at Wildwood Park*

# APPENDICES

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### **Appendix G: Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) General Maintenance Checklist**

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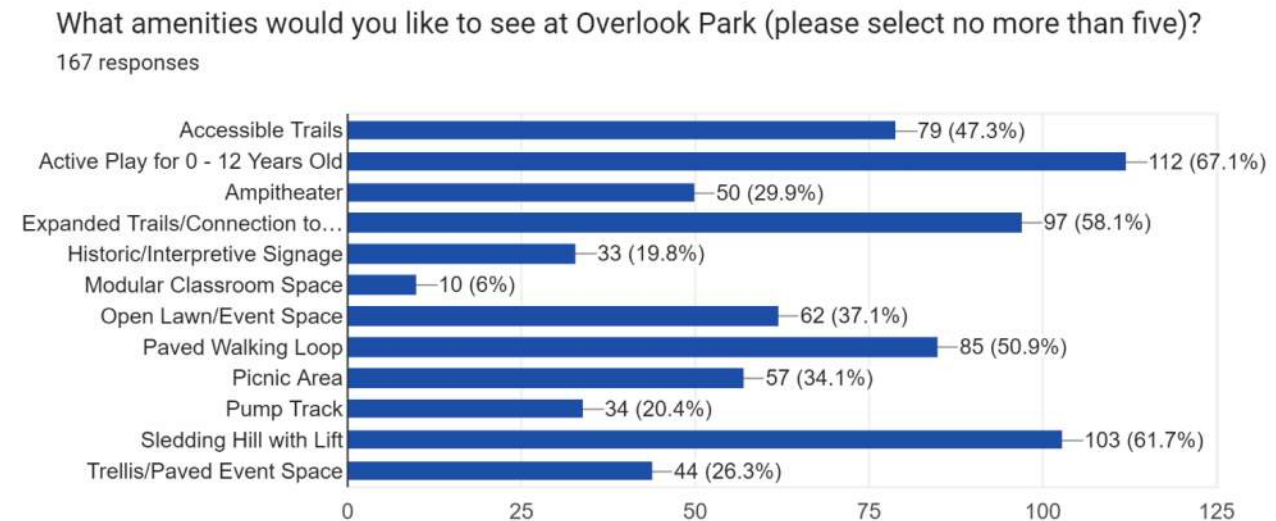
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# **APPENDIX A: ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESULTS**




## Survey Results for Conceptual Plans: Overlook Park & Simonds Playground

Q1: What amenities would you like to see at Overlook Park (please select no more than five)?



Q2: Are there other amenities that you would like to see added at Overlook Park?

- Splash pad
- Some sort of "tower" or raised structure on top of the hill, to see over the trees towards the Boston skyline. Playground Zip lines (example): <https://www.miracle-recreation.com/product/mantis-65-7/> It would be great to have a part of the park that could be flooded in the winter to make a small natural pond that could be used for ice skating. I've seen many towns do this (Nashua comes to mind).
- FABULOUS! Love all of the above ideas to make this a park for the whole family to enjoy. avail Live on Creston, kids grown now, but we had so wished for this when they were younger. Lots of young families moving in to takke advantage. Gorgeous views and potential here and the wooded trails are beautiful .Very exciting.
- sandbox, shaded seating areas, drinking fountains. Playground that has different stuff then close by options, especially themes - pirate ship, tree house etc. Please move playground closer to parking for easier limited mobility access. fitness pod.
- The disc golf course at Simonds should be updated with new tee boxes and better signage for the course
- Small dog park area
- That's more than enough
- Basketball/pickleball courts
- Public bathrooms
- Splash pad/wading pool
- Pickleball courts that keep nets up year round.
- Water park

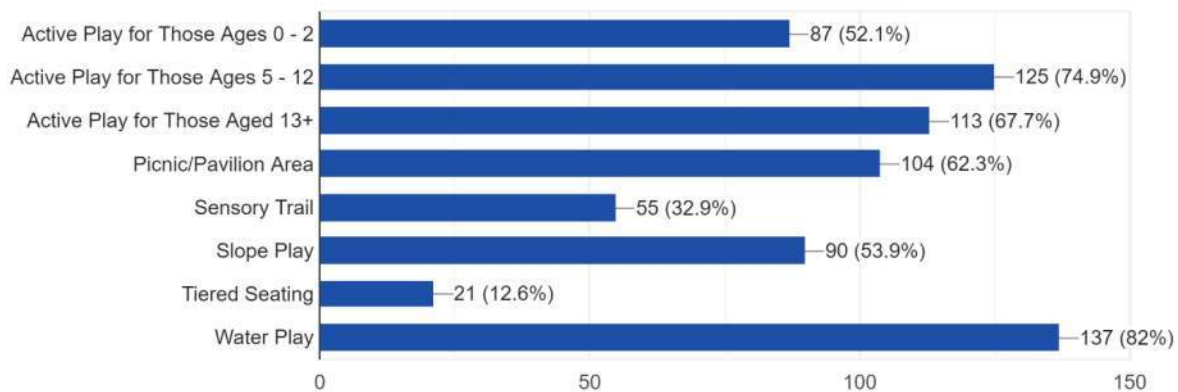
- Would love a kids playground that was accessible so all kids could be included in play. Would also love a playground that promoted sensory play.
- Splash pad, pool
- Pickleball Courts
- Pickle ball courts
- Drastically IMPROVE the theater space. Create an art space/studio space for wheelthrowing. Create an "artist colony" small fee based studio space. We don't need a preschool up there. We need more space for adult recreation. In the trellis area - signage that shows the Boston skyline and direction of other areas. Trim back trees to make it a scenic outlook.
- TERF fields
- Splash pad
- As long as the play area gets fixed up I would be happy. It's such a disaster right now and nothing really besides the slide that my 3 year old can play on. We live right in the neighborhood and would be sooooo happy for a real useable park.
- Parking! The theater needs ... 60? ... spots and it's always a struggle.
- Fully accessible and inclusive amenities
- Splash pad!!!
- Public restrooms
- Basketball court, raised structure for view of Boston
- Sprinkler park
- Sports fields
- Please add benches and similar rest areas (perhaps with some kind of canopy in case of rain) along the paths so that folk who need to rest on their walk can do so easily.
- Where will Burlington players go? A place for them at overlook?
- Please add an indoor basketball gym and a swimming pool that the public can use
- I do think an amphitheater would be excellent ( would have picked it if I could pick 6 things) to support the arts. The park should  be handicapped accessible, so that should not even be in question.
- more parking!
- This looks wonderful!! Great use of the property. The only this is I don't think that there is enough parking for things like the Amphitheater. You might have to give in on a couple of the things for more parking.
- What's happening to the Burlington Players?
- bathrooms with running water to wash hands / water faucets with potable water for drinking. Accessible for all users / mobility needs. Water for service dogs / animals. I would happily contribute more in taxes.
- Rest rooms
- splash pad; pickle ball courts
- Playground with zipline
- Community garden
- Repaired fencing abutting Richardson Rd residents
- Public pool - such a shame burlington doesn't have one
- Scooter/inline skating ribbon like at Maggie Daley Park in Chicago (but without winter ice skating)
- Wildlife protection

- Ice skating rink
- Basketball court fixed up!
- The existing buildings should be replaced. A new theatre building should be part of the design. Time to get rid of the World War Two bomb shelter buildings and make this a beautiful site. auto access to the top of the hill with parking will make this accessible to seniors as well as younger users. Hill must be terraced. A lookout tower would be great to see the Boston skyline, or another treehouse. Not a big fan of portables. Steve Nelson, Commissioner
- Water feature for all ages to cool off in the summer

Q3: What amenities would you like to see at Simonds Playground (please select no more than five)?

What amenities would you like to see at Simonds Park Playground (please select no more than five)?

167 responses



Q4: Are there other amenities that you would like to see added to the Simonds Park Playground?

- I think an integrated "splash pad" that ties into the wading pool area (but still separated) would be a great addition.
- Love these ideas for Simonds. Tiered seating - small concert or kids theater in the round?
- Shaded seating & playground areas. A "toddler" (low and predictable) area of the water play. Water play tables.
- More space for maintenance equipment
- Would love playground equipment that was accessible. Would also love improved bathrooms.
- Trails through the woods
- Wheelchairs don't work on woodchips! Accessible trails (to every space) and playgrounds.
- Pickball Courts

- Again, adult recreation (we all can't afford Lifetime Gym) a town outdoor pool; forest bathing paths; volleyball court; cornhole and adult style swings (like Lawn at D in Seaport) big checker sets; big jenga etc...
- Don't see that there is a need for 13+ area. Maybe tiered seating looking into the skate park.
- Would like to see updated flooring on playgrounds and shade for hot summer days. Would love a local splash pad for children in addition to the children's pool
- The entrance to get into Simonds park is tight and can be dangerous for pedestrians. Please expand the entrance and have a designated sidewalk for families with strollers or kids on bikes. The wood chips are outdated flooring, would like to see rubberized flooring and shading installed plus more seating for parents while children play
- Swimming pool
- Poured solid surface and accessible play structures
- Please add an indoor basketball gym and a pool that is open for residents to use.
- It should go without saying that the park should have play options for all ages so I do hope that is included ( I couldn't capture that in my 5 choices) . I think the sloped play and sensory play are what will be super innovative. The water play should absolutely stay / get updated .
- This is great planning!!
- Full size swimming pool
- music / performance space. Under the tree house would be perfect. better signage for the disc golf course
- Walking trail and rest rooms
- Please don't take down any trees. Or spend lots of money on new play structures when the existing ones are fine.
- Better Bathroom and snack/food facilities.
- covered space would be nice. it can get sunny there
- A splash pad would be amazing!!! More shaded areas would be great as the park currently gets very hot in the summer. A play area geared towards older kids would be great too.
- Lights in playground.
- wading pool
- Public pool
- Playground structures that are accessible for all
- Better bathroom facilities.
- Improvements to baseball fields
- The playgrounds should be shaded.
- Skate park, tennis courts
- The existing buildings should be replaced. A new theatre should be added. A lookout tower to see the Boston skyline or a treehouse would be great. A driveway to the high point with parking would be great for seniors. Terraced hill is a must for parents and seniors. Time to get rid of the WWII buildings. another wading pool would be an asset
- Water play water play water play!



# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Kelly Lehman, Brendan Egan

**FROM:** Lauren Schunk, RLA, and Cassie Bethoney, RLA

**DATE:** March 28, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Online Survey Results  
Burlington Outdoor Facilities Master Plan (OFMP)

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This memo summarizes the results of the online community survey. The survey was open between February 25, 2024 and March 25, 2024 and received 164 (159 online, 5 hard copy) responses.

## Part 1: How do you currently use recreational facilities?

- 73% of respondents indicated that recreation is very important to them.
- 35% of respondents visit Burlington's recreational facilities 3 or more times per week, and 36% of respondents visit Burlington's recreational facilities 1 or 2 times per week.
- 94% of respondents typically drive to recreational facilities, followed by 55% of respondents who walk to recreational facilities.
- The top 3 active recreation amenities used by respondents are: playground (72%), sledding hills (44%), and soccer fields (44%).
- The top 3 passive recreation amenities used by respondents are: walking or jogging paths (85%), hiking trails (63%), and nature areas for wildlife viewing (45%).

## Part 2: How can we improve our recreational facilities?

- 53% of respondents indicated that Burlington's existing recreational facilities do not currently meet their personal recreational interests. Top reasons or facilities desired are as follows:
  - Expanded paved bike facilities, including paths, lanes, and racks
  - Improved playgrounds
  - Expanded walking trails
  - Improved field conditions
  - More synthetic turf fields
  - Swimming pools
  - Cricket pitch
  - Teen center
  - Covered picnic area

- More pickleball courts
  - Expanded inclusive elements, particularly at play areas
- 48% of respondents indicated that they do not use Burlington's recreational facilities more frequently because conditions are poor. Respondents indicated a number of additional reasons, with the most frequently cited below:
  - Cleanliness / not enough waste receptacles
  - Bathrooms limited or in poor condition
  - Playgrounds need upgrading
  - Concerns with safety of bicycle and pedestrian routes
- The top 5 most frequented facilities and top improvements desired are as follows:
  - Simonds Park – 39% of respondents desire improved maintenance and upkeep
  - Wildwood Park – 46% of respondents desire additional amenities (i.e. restrooms, signage, seating)
  - Mary PC Cummings Estate – 45% of respondents desire additional amenities (i.e. restrooms, signage, seating)
  - The Town Common – 55% of respondents desire additional amenities (i.e. restrooms, signage, seating)
  - Marshall Simonds Middle School – 40% of respondents desire additional amenities (i.e. restrooms, signage, seating)
  - Across all properties, the most frequently cited desired improvements are: additional amenities, maintenance and upkeep, and active recreational amenities.
- Respondents highly favor or favor investing in the following active recreational amenities:
  - Create additional opportunities for water play (46% highly favor, 30% favor)
  - Create additional paved biking paths (37% highly favor, 37% favor)
  - Create more winter sport opportunities (28% highly favor, 41% favor)
  - Create more playgrounds (26% highly favor, 27% favor)
  - Create more courts (25% highly favor, 30% favor)
- Respondents highly favor or favor investing in the following passive recreational amenities:
  - Create more walking and jogging paths (42% highly favor, 42% favor)
  - Create more hiking trails (31% highly favor, 40% favor)
  - Create additional nature areas for wildlife observation (27% highly favor, 35% favor)
  - Create more picnic areas (20% highly favor, 40% favor)
  - Create an outdoor amphitheater (17% highly favor, 36% favor)
- Respondents indicated a need to improve or increase accessible restrooms (62%), improve or increase accessible playground features (36%), and improve graded paths, ramps, and curb cuts (34%) to better achieve inclusivity.

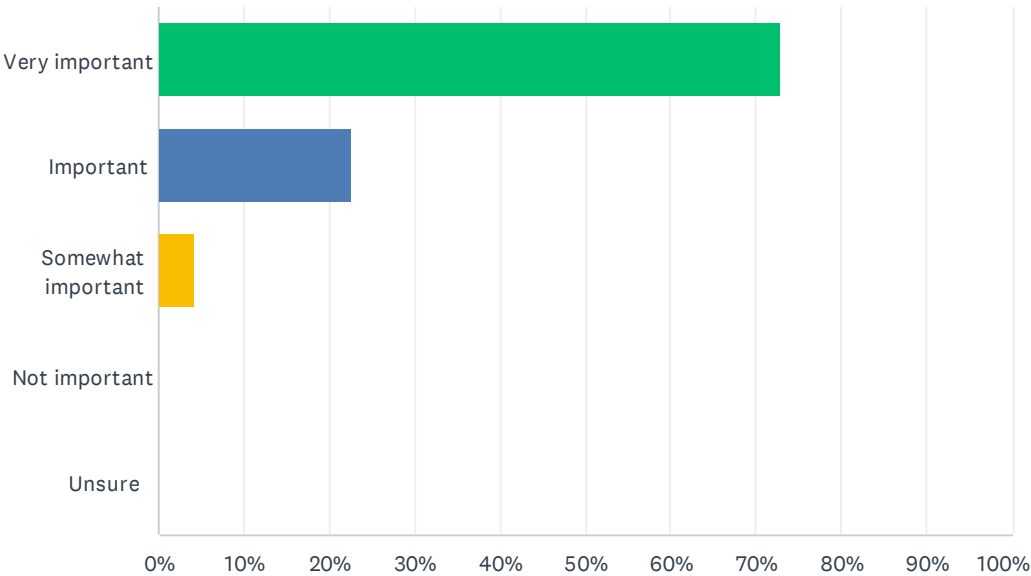
### Part 3: Please tell us about you!

- 42% of respondents are between the ages of 35-44, followed by 31% of respondents between the ages of 45-54.
- 90% of respondents identify as white/Caucasian, 5% as Asian/East Indian, 3% Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Latinx, and 1% as Black/African American, and less than 1% as Biracial or Middle Eastern/North African.

- 99% percent of respondents speak English as the primary language at home, and less than 2% speak Spanish, Japanese, Mandarin, Russian, Tamil, or Korean as the primary language at home.
- 45% of respondents have lived in Burlington for more than 20 years, followed by 21% of respondents who have lived in Burlington for 5-10 years.
- 9% of respondents use supports for vision, 4% for walking or climbing steps, 4% for executive functioning skills, 2% for hearing, 2% for sensory processing, and 1% for activities of daily living and less than 1% for communication.
- 58% of respondents heard about the survey on social media.

Q1 How important is recreation to you?

Answered: 163    Skipped: 1

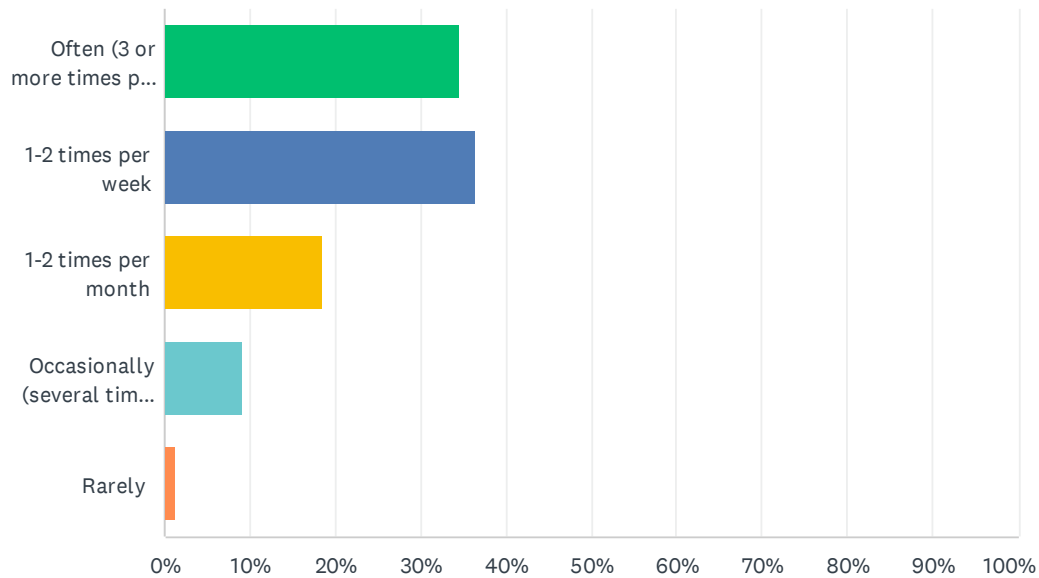


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	73.01%	119
Important	22.70%	37
Somewhat important	4.29%	7
Not important	0.00%	0
Unsure	0.00%	0
TOTAL		163



## Q2 How frequently do you use Burlington's recreational facilities?

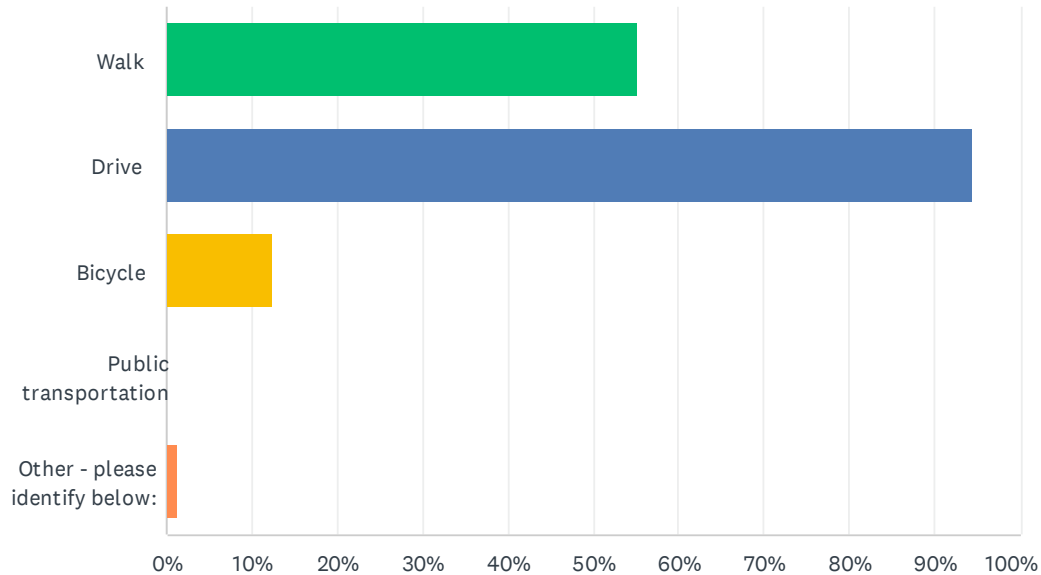
Answered: 162    Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Often (3 or more times per week)	34.57%	56
1-2 times per week	36.42%	59
1-2 times per month	18.52%	30
Occasionally (several times per year)	9.26%	15
Rarely	1.23%	2
TOTAL		162

### Q3 How do you typically access recreational facilities? (select all that apply)

Answered: 161 Skipped: 3

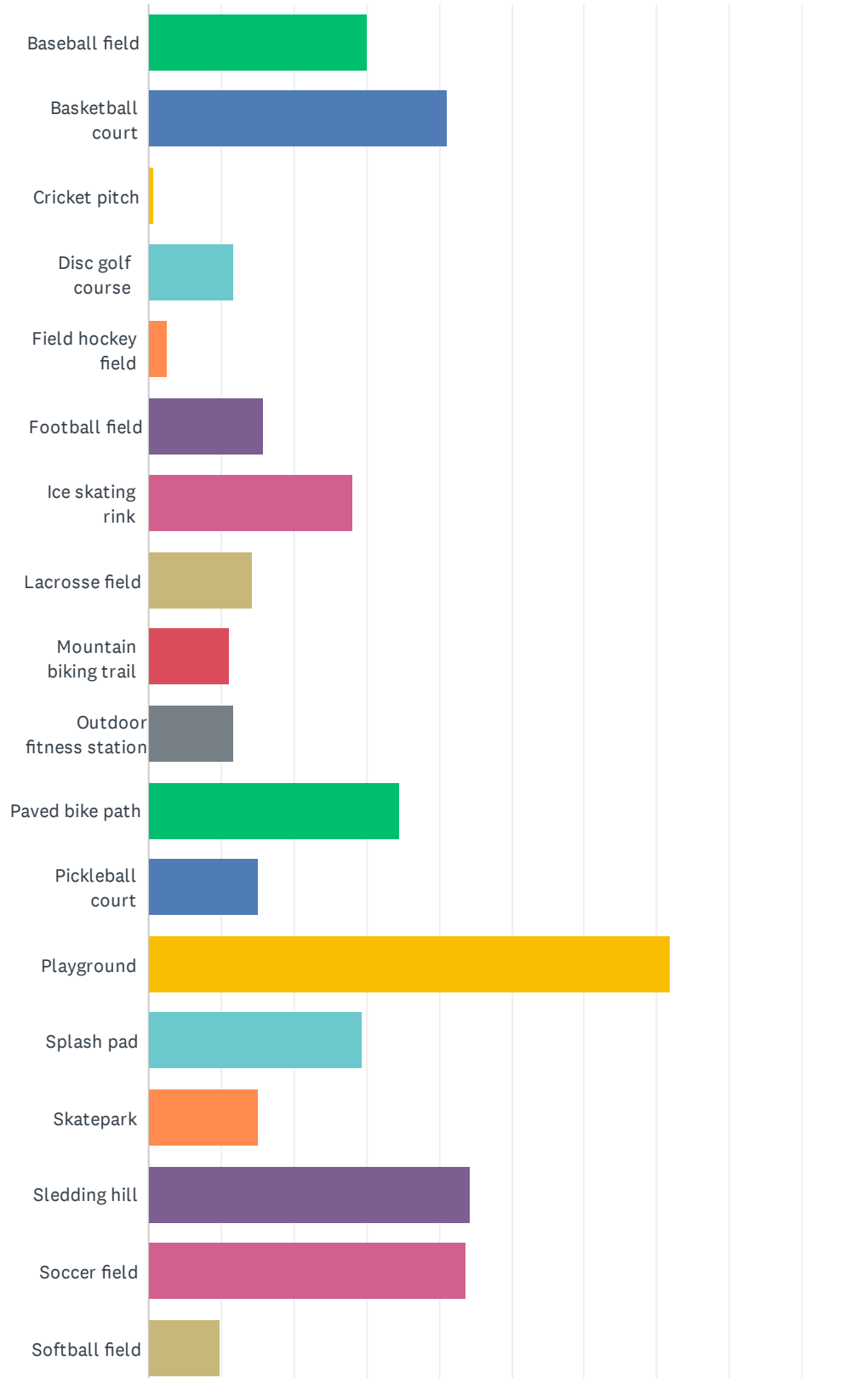


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walk	55.28%	89
Drive	94.41%	152
Bicycle	12.42%	20
Public transportation	0.00%	0
Other - please identify below:	1.24%	2
Total Respondents: 161		

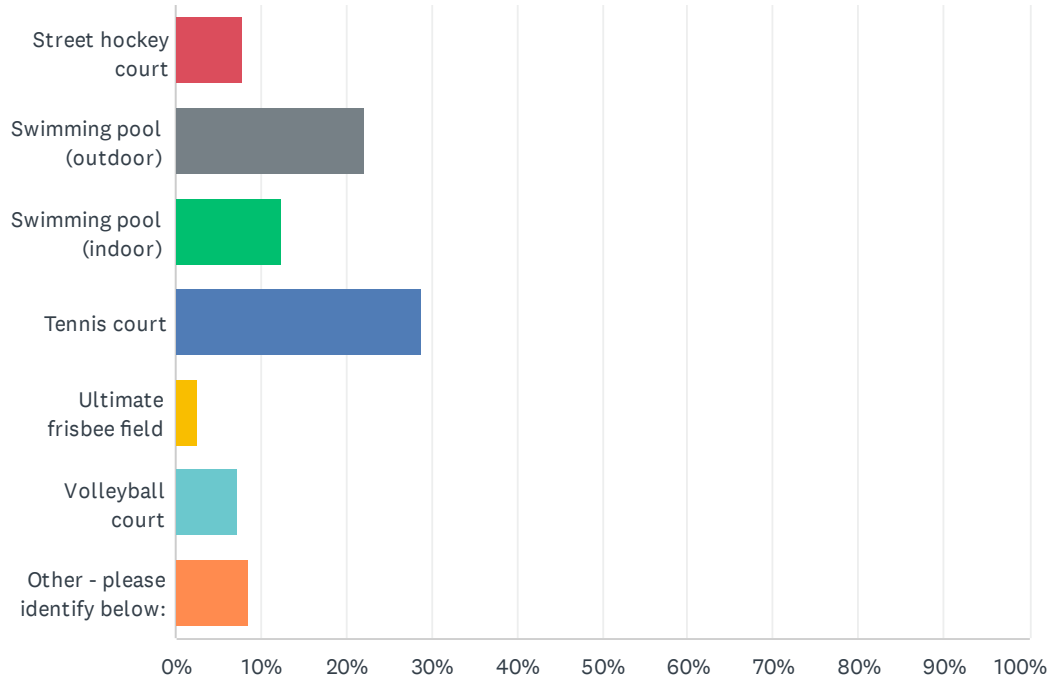
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1	children's sports, events, classes	3/25/2024 4:09 PM
2	Lack of sidewalks and public transportation force me to drive	3/17/2024 12:04 PM

## Q4 Check all the active recreation amenities that you use (select all that apply):

Answered: 153 Skipped: 11



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Baseball field	30.07%	46
Basketball court	41.18%	63
Cricket pitch	0.65%	1
Disc golf course	11.76%	18
Field hockey field	2.61%	4
Football field	15.69%	24
Ice skating rink	28.10%	43
Lacrosse field	14.38%	22
Mountain biking trail	11.11%	17
Outdoor fitness station	11.76%	18
Paved bike path	34.64%	53
Pickleball court	15.03%	23
Playground	71.90%	110
Splash pad	29.41%	45
Skatepark	15.03%	23
Sledding hill	44.44%	68
Soccer field	43.79%	67
Softball field	9.80%	15
Street hockey court	7.84%	12
Swimming pool (outdoor)	22.22%	34
Swimming pool (indoor)	12.42%	19
Tennis court	28.76%	44
Ultimate frisbee field	2.61%	4
Volleyball court	7.19%	11
Other - please identify below:	8.50%	13
Total Respondents: 153		

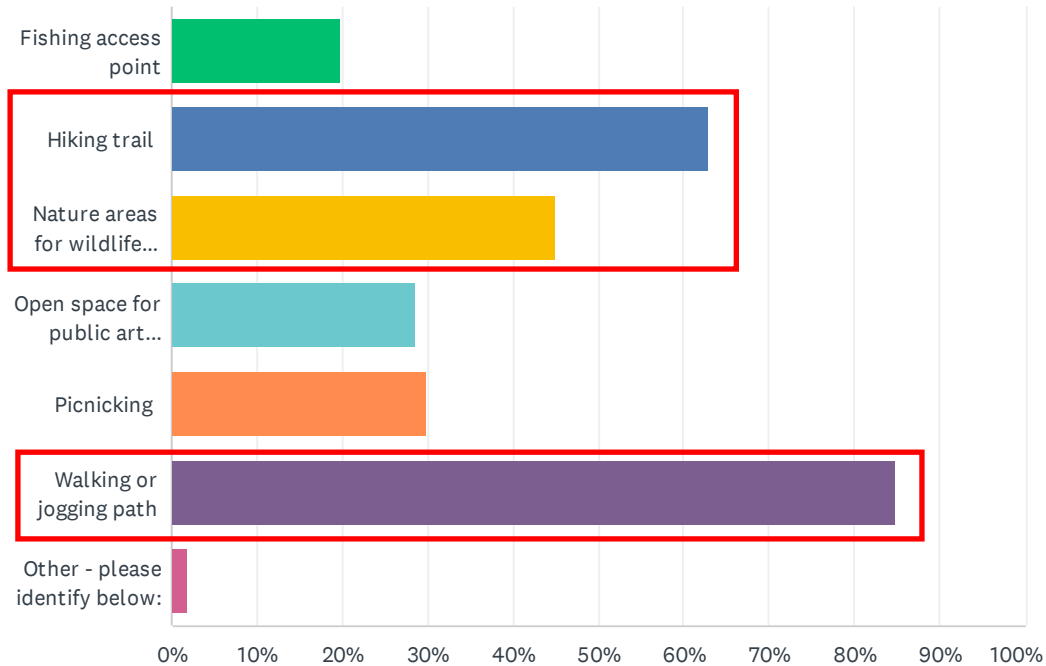
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1	None identified	3/25/2024 4:12 PM
2	Treehouse at Simonds Park, outdoor fitness at Wildwood	3/25/2024 3:32 PM
3	Dog park	3/21/2024 6:50 PM
4	Outdoor track	3/18/2024 7:45 PM
5	Archery both indoor and outdoor	3/16/2024 1:47 PM
6	Walking paths	3/15/2024 5:01 PM

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7	bocce	3/12/2024 9:59 PM
8	None of these	3/5/2024 2:43 PM
9	Pickleball	3/4/2024 8:52 PM
10	Walk at Wildwood	3/4/2024 10:14 AM
11	Dog park	2/26/2024 9:07 PM
12	Wading pool	2/26/2024 7:26 PM
13	Archery range	2/26/2024 6:58 PM

## Q5 Check all the passive recreation amenities that you use (select all that apply):

Answered: 151 Skipped: 13

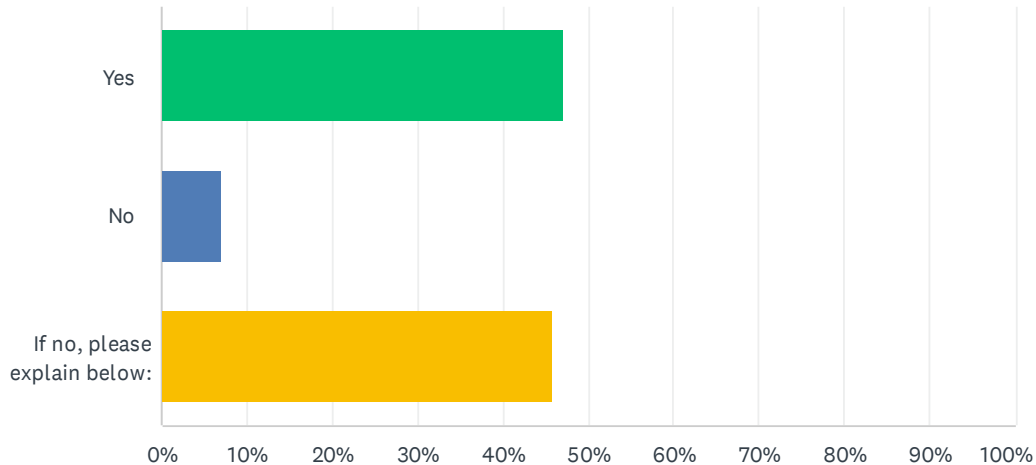


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fishing access point	19.87%	30
Hiking trail	62.91%	95
Nature areas for wildlife observation	45.03%	68
Open space for public art viewing	28.48%	43
Picnicking	29.80%	45
Walking or jogging path	84.77%	128
Other - please identify below:	1.99%	3
Total Respondents: 151		

#	OTHER - PLEASE IDENTIFY BELOW:	DATE
1	More dog parks	3/22/2024 1:13 PM
2	Bike paths wherever I can find them	3/5/2024 2:43 PM
3	Mountain biking	3/5/2024 6:15 AM

## Q6 Are your personal recreation interests currently being met by Burlington's existing recreational facilities?

Answered: 155 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	47.10%	73
No	7.10%	11
If no, please explain below:	45.81%	71
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>155</b>

#	IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW:	DATE
1	worth the drive to go to a much nicer and current park	3/25/2024 4:02 PM
2	Reagan park could use a bench or two by the playground, so adults would site while watching their children play. Regan park is missing 1 swing. Basketball nets at Regan Park are ripped and in need of replacing. Thank you!	3/25/2024 3:32 PM
3	Would love to see more bicycle infrastructure in Burlington	3/25/2024 9:16 AM
4	I would like to see more dog parks	3/22/2024 1:13 PM
5	SEE question 7 and maintenance/access walking trails	3/22/2024 8:55 AM
6	The playgrounds are disappointing for this town.	3/19/2024 10:42 AM
7	Our basketball courts and baseball fields are way below standards compared to surrounding towns.	3/18/2024 9:13 PM
8	It's depressing how sad our fields and courts are compared to the neighboring towns. Tewksbury, Billerica, Reading all have beautiful baseball parks. Woburn is doing over two baseball fields this year. We cannot host tournaments because we do not have the size and number of fields. Other towns work with sponsors that advertise on the fields. It brings in so much money to pay for the fields and personnel to take care of them.	3/18/2024 8:56 PM
9	Would like more walking trails. Need more outdoor AND indoor pickleball courts	3/18/2024 6:40 PM
10	I'm interested in walking routes	3/18/2024 5:33 PM



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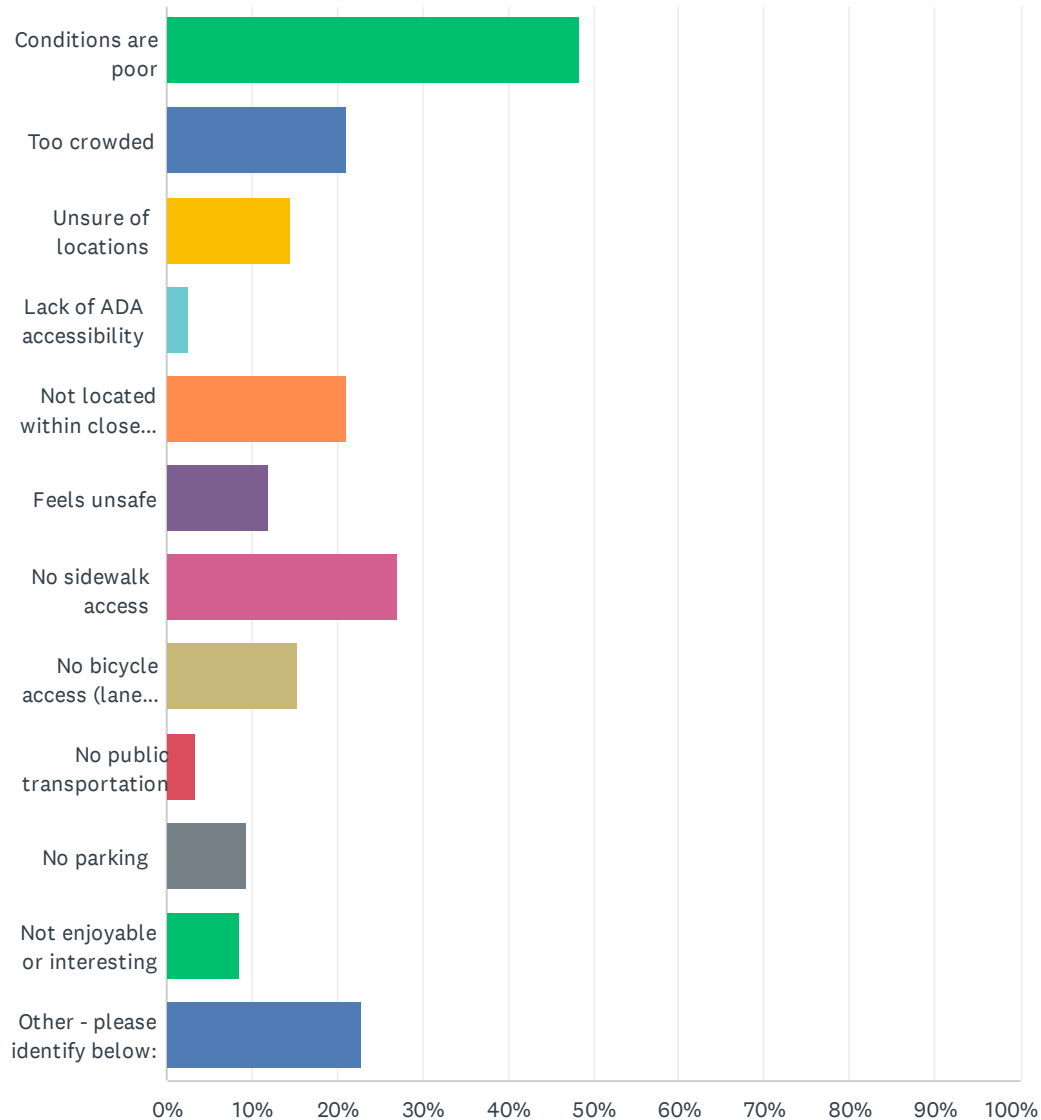
11	Not enough Pickleball courts and basketball nets at Pine Glen are in terrible condition	3/18/2024 10:51 AM
12	more bike paths & bike racks	3/17/2024 11:21 PM
13	More frequently cutting the grass on the soccer fields and picking up the clippings. Lights on the soccer fields.	3/17/2024 12:46 PM
14	No swimming pool for adults	3/17/2024 12:22 PM
15	Need more walking options like sidewalks and paved trails	3/16/2024 3:07 PM
16	Softball fields are not very good	3/15/2024 5:01 PM
17	Would love to see an indoor (or even full size outdoor) pool available for the town. Would love improvements to signage for the nature trails- very hard to follow.	3/15/2024 1:51 PM
18	More walking paths and passive recreation	3/15/2024 11:21 AM
19	Need a fence around Rahanis playground please	3/15/2024 10:42 AM
20	not enough pickleball courts	3/12/2024 9:59 PM
21	Would be nice to upgrade some of the playgrounds such as Veterans Park.	3/6/2024 11:40 PM
22	The town needs to invest in more turf fields. The demand for turf field time is high which results in late youth practices or practicing on poorly managed grass fields.	3/6/2024 7:35 PM
23	The Wildwood walking path is much too narrow.	3/6/2024 8:36 AM
24	Would love to see more covered open air spaces with nearby bathrooms and adjacent parking.	3/5/2024 2:43 PM
25	Fields need attention	3/5/2024 6:15 AM
26	More connected walking paths	3/4/2024 8:52 PM
27	Would like more unpaved bike paths	3/4/2024 8:39 PM
28	Fields too crowded	3/4/2024 6:06 PM
29	A pool would be awesome	3/4/2024 6:03 PM
30	no shade on playgrounds (Simonds park) or at fields for soccer, baseball, etc	3/4/2024 5:14 PM
31	More walking trails and an outdoor pool would be awesome	3/4/2024 10:21 AM
32	Not enough inclusive activities for wheelchair users especially children play areas.	3/4/2024 9:12 AM
33	The fields are never properly ready for the games. I wish our voices would be heard on this. Grad not being cut, fields not lined, groomed the wrong way. It seems this is not an issue with other surrounding towns we travel to when playing on their fields.	3/3/2024 10:14 AM
34	Very few public parks and open spaces for the amount of land and people in the town. It is also difficult to get to many of the parks without driving and the sidewalks in the town aren't great. Simon's park is nice but the others could use a little more to them in terms of equipment.	3/1/2024 8:08 PM
35	Insufficient public pool. Insufficient paved biking routes.	3/1/2024 4:09 PM
36	Need a nice indoor pickleball facility	3/1/2024 7:38 AM
37	To a degree	2/29/2024 1:35 PM
38	Yes, except for swimming	2/28/2024 11:27 PM
39	Would like better connectivity to distinct bike path- ex Lexington	2/28/2024 9:08 PM
40	Soccer fields are not in great shape	2/28/2024 7:55 PM
41	could use some better playgrounds with restrooms at some locations and an outdoor spray pad or pool	2/28/2024 7:42 PM
42	The Rahanis volleyball court needs a lot of TLC	2/28/2024 3:56 PM
43	Fields in substandard condition compared to surrounding towns	2/28/2024 2:28 PM
44	Not nearly enough turf fields or field houses	2/28/2024 8:18 AM

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45	This town could use a teen center. The town I grew up in has one and it is a pretty amazing spot for the kids to hang out at.	2/28/2024 5:15 AM
46	Like to have a dedicated cricket pitch and batting cages, more available of rec gym for volleyball and badminton	2/28/2024 5:13 AM
47	Not enough spaces accessible by walking and sidewalks	2/28/2024 2:53 AM
48	More turf fields	2/27/2024 9:56 PM
49	There aren't enough fields with lights.	2/27/2024 8:40 PM
50	Sports fields are not kept up and there is not much for the young teen population to do	2/27/2024 7:58 PM
51	Compared to other towns are facilities are not up to date. We should have more and better turf facilities. Our grass sports fields are not maintained well at all. Some grass sports fields are dangerous and embarrassing when compared to other towns in our immediate area.	2/27/2024 7:51 PM
52	Not enough turf soccer fields. Also, existing soccer fields are great shape s	2/27/2024 7:18 PM
53	Soccer fields are never available for practices before the season starts.	2/27/2024 2:49 PM
54	Our baseball/softball fields need covered dugouts, at least the primary ones at Simonds park. Our Ice Palace needs locker room improvements.	2/27/2024 10:15 AM
55	It would be amazing to have more bike lanes in town and more areas that are friendlier to pedestrians.	2/27/2024 9:27 AM
56	Need more turf fields	2/27/2024 7:46 AM
57	Infield for all baseball fields outside of Simonds Park can be better maintained.	2/27/2024 1:10 AM
58	Very limited walking trails or even safe sidewalks. Areas are poorly maintained and often just dirty	2/26/2024 10:12 PM
59	The playgrounds need updating, the fields need to be maintained much better	2/26/2024 9:25 PM
60	The fields need to be upkeep better. Every year there's a problem opening them on time for youth sports.	2/26/2024 9:24 PM
61	Lack of safe biking areas (paved paths), no splash pads (wading pool excluded)	2/26/2024 8:59 PM
62	I'd love more little kid friendly biking options	2/26/2024 8:33 PM
63	Playgrounds (veterans) need updating and fields should be better maintained	2/26/2024 8:11 PM
64	Fields and parks are poorly maintained.	2/26/2024 7:46 PM
65	I would really like to see something done with overlook park. A beautiful piece of land not being used to its potential.	2/26/2024 7:35 PM
66	Need more stroller friendly jogging paths	2/26/2024 7:28 PM
67	Veterans playground is lacking some key safety and fun elements	2/26/2024 7:18 PM
68	actual answer is "kind of". soccer field maintenance and upkeep needs to drastically improve, especially compared to the towns in our youth leagues	2/26/2024 7:16 PM
69	Do not like location of dog park. Very dangerous with dogs running outside of dog park where soccer fields are	2/26/2024 7:13 PM
70	We would love an indoor swimming Pool	2/26/2024 7:11 PM
71	Love all the space! More paved walking trails would be great. Love the tennis and basketball courts.	2/26/2024 6:58 PM

## Q7 If you would like to use Burlington's recreation facilities more frequently, what are the reasons that you do not?

Answered: 118 Skipped: 46



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Conditions are poor	48.31%	57
Too crowded	21.19%	25
Unsure of locations	14.41%	17
Lack of ADA accessibility	2.54%	3
Not located within close proximity to residence	21.19%	25
Feels unsafe	11.86%	14
No sidewalk access	27.12%	32
No bicycle access (lanes, bike racks)	15.25%	18
No public transportation	3.39%	4
No parking	9.32%	11
Not enjoyable or interesting	8.47%	10
Other - please identify below:	22.88%	27
Total Respondents: 118		

#	OTHER - PLEASE IDENTIFY BELOW:	DATE
1	Tree house at Simonds crowded, need sidewalk access	3/25/2024 4:12 PM
2	Playground equipment is old and outdated	3/22/2024 9:10 AM
3	too many dogs unleashed at the res	3/19/2024 8:52 AM
4	roo	3/17/2024 3:33 PM
5	Doesn't exist	3/17/2024 12:22 PM
6	Our nearest playground at wildwood always feels slightly risky given the motor bikes on the walking path. We have little kids that have had close calls.	3/16/2024 3:07 PM
7	The new no parking signs on wellsley preventing access to the reservoir	3/16/2024 1:47 PM
8	Many of the kids activities sell out so quickly that it's hard to get involved. Passive rec/trails feel unsafe at times because they are so poorly marked.	3/15/2024 1:51 PM
9	Reagan park is filled with garbage and dog droppings.	3/13/2024 6:15 PM
10	No garbage cans in the winter and people toss trash everywhere. No public bathroom in winter either.	3/13/2024 6:07 PM
11	The HS & MS turf field restroom option is criminal. Try being a teenage girl managing her period in a porta potty or a grandparent with mobility difficulties.	3/6/2024 7:35 PM
12	I have a respiratory disability—my knitting group loves to meet at the Town Common, and at the height of the pandemic shutdown we were meeting under the roof of the grandstand even if it was rainy, but parking and bathrooms are not close, so it was difficult for me to attend.	3/5/2024 2:43 PM
13	Grass often not cut	3/5/2024 6:25 AM
14	Rahanis parking is terrible on a soccer Saturday	3/4/2024 8:52 PM
15	No shade	3/4/2024 5:14 PM
16	O	3/4/2024 10:14 AM
17	Some Playgrounds don't have a lot to offer. Difficult to get to many parks without driving. Biking	3/1/2024 8:08 PM

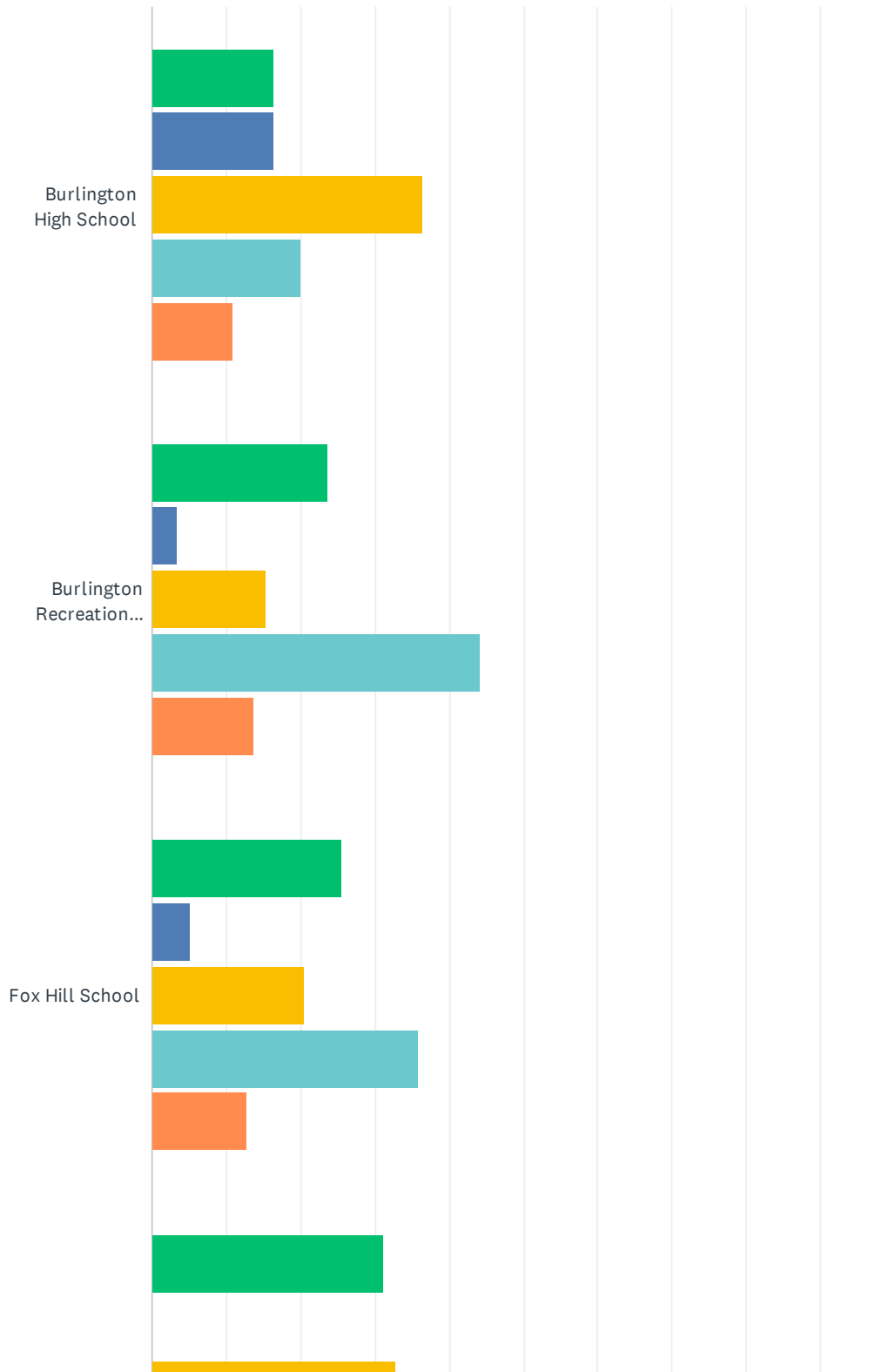
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	around town seems unsafe due to the busy roads and no bike lanes.	
18	Reagan park basketball court needs to be updated. Hoops are in poor condition	2/28/2024 1:20 PM
19	Non availability	2/28/2024 5:13 AM
20	No lights	2/27/2024 8:40 PM
21	Out of date. Not enough turf fields to meet the needs of the youth sports. The grass sports fields are in terrible condition, they aren't maintained and don't have adequate lights to use after sunset.	2/27/2024 7:51 PM
22	Intro to disc golf course would be fun. Or disc golf leagues.	2/27/2024 7:23 AM
23	not enough time (not your fault)	2/26/2024 11:32 PM
24	Not enough time	2/26/2024 10:52 PM
25	Dirty	2/26/2024 10:12 PM
26	The grass of the soccer fields and baseball diamonds sometimes need better mowing schedules.	2/26/2024 8:18 PM
27	Veterans playground is not up to par with playgrounds in surrounding communities	2/26/2024 7:18 PM

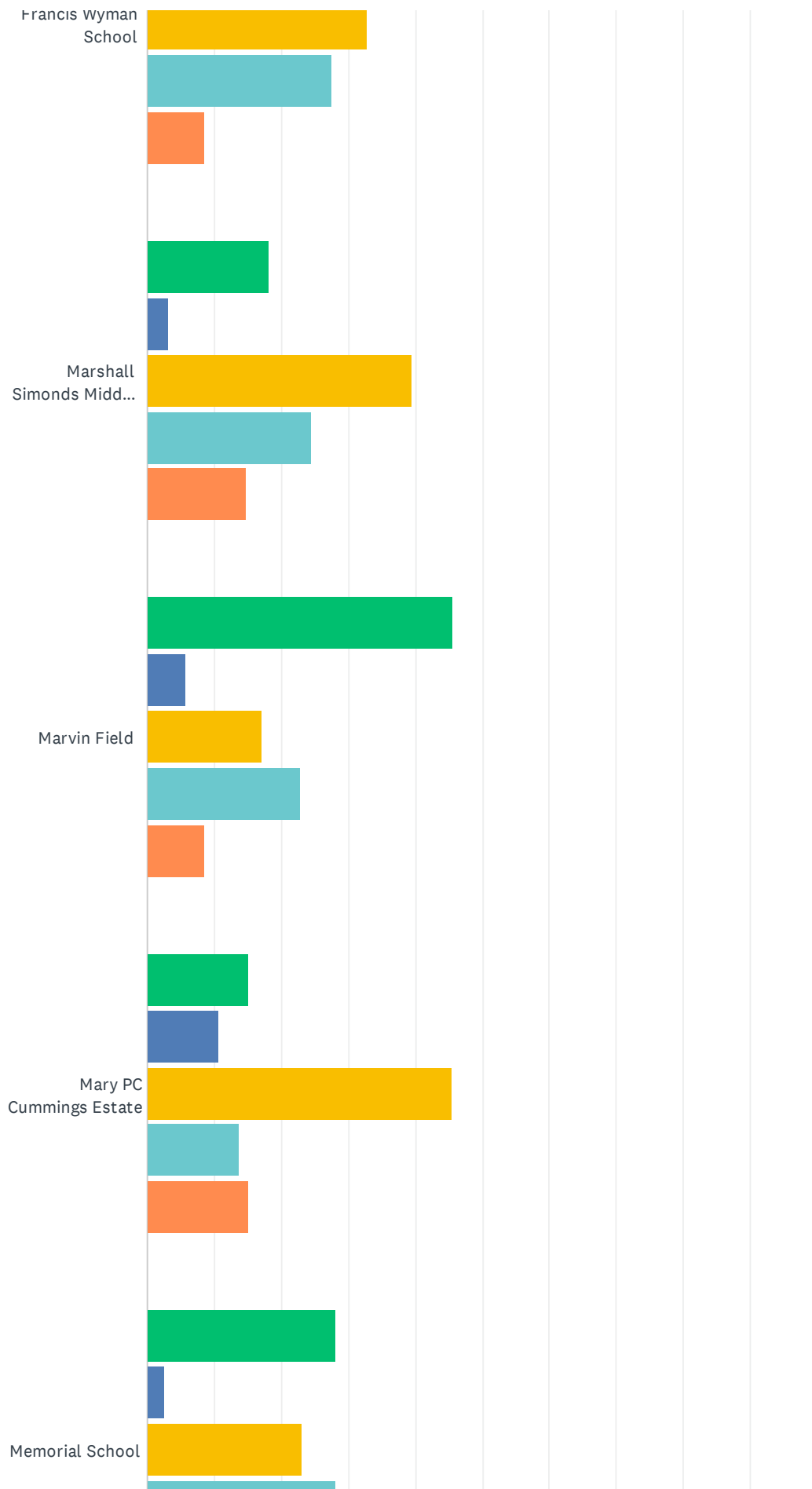


Q8 Please pick your top five (5) most frequently visited facilities. For those sites, and only those, please identify what needs to be improved. (select all that apply)

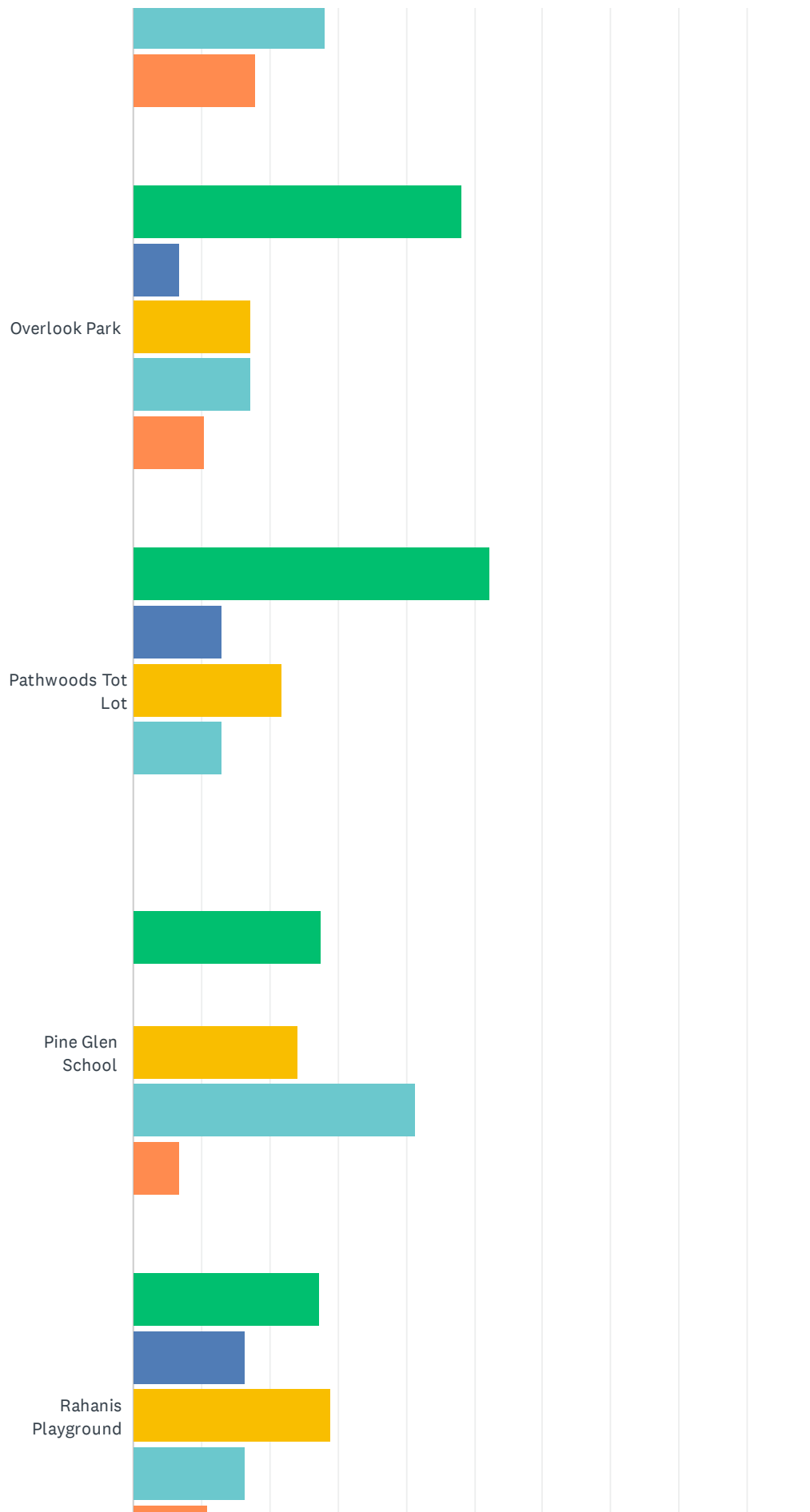
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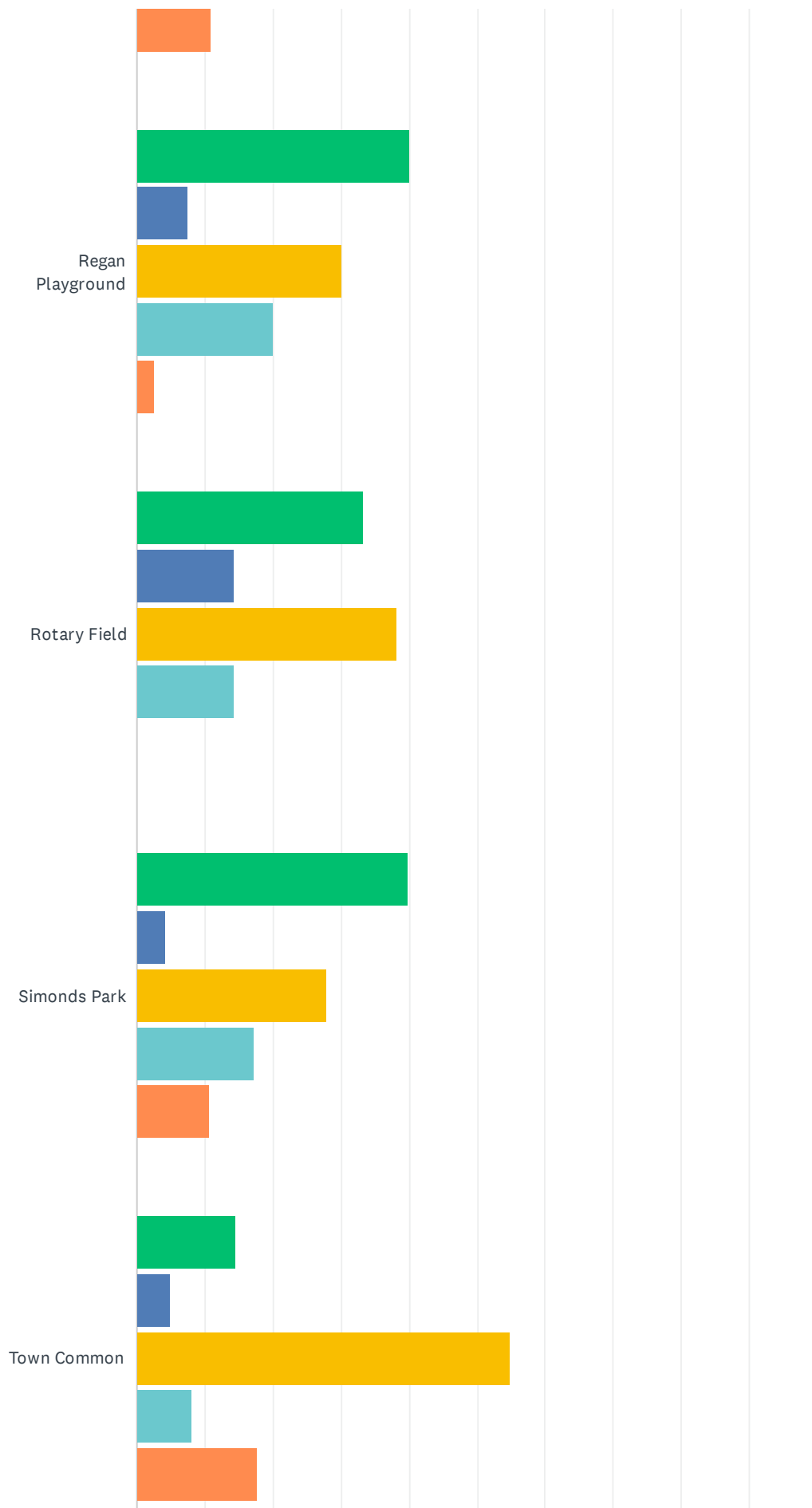
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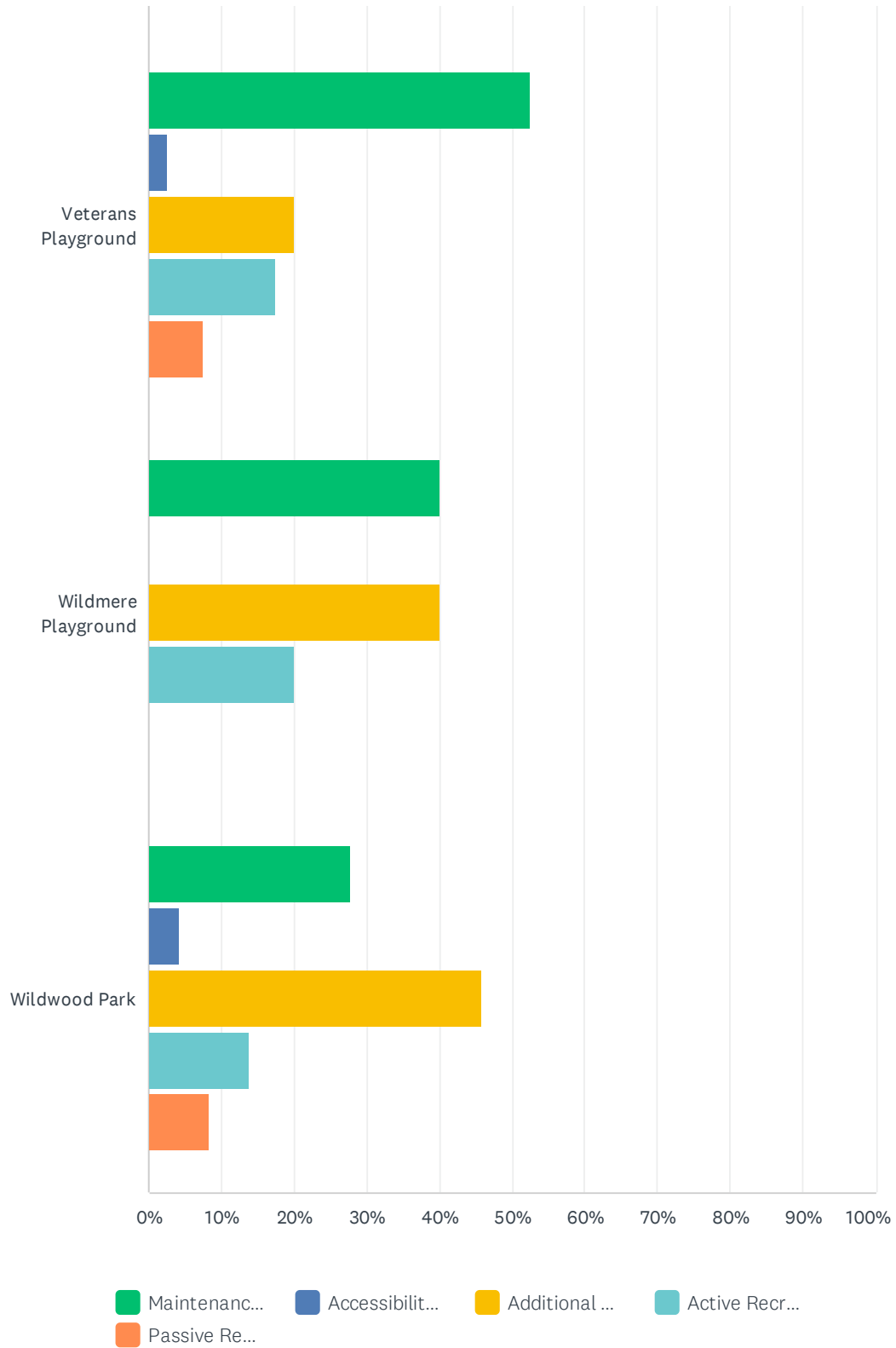
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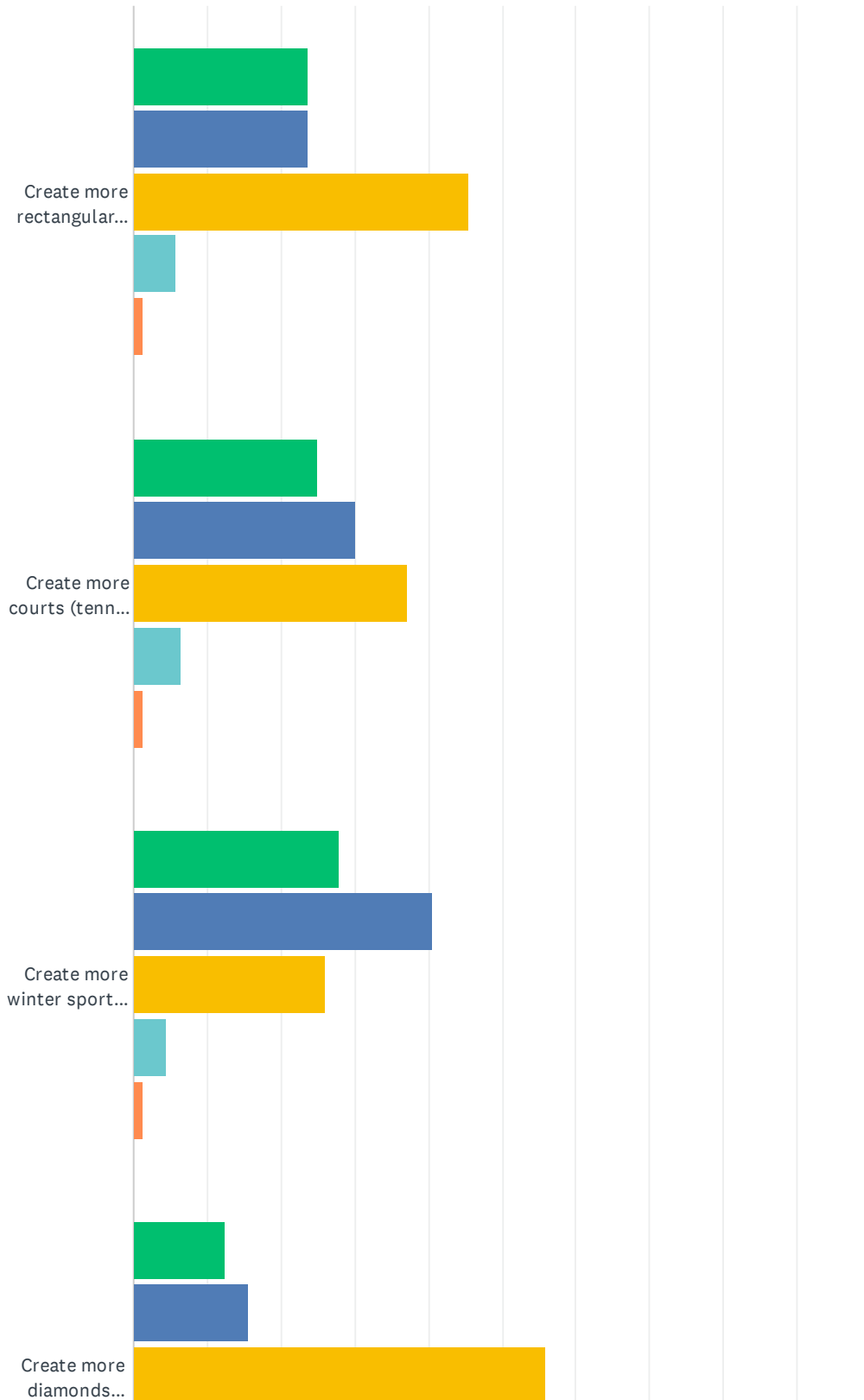
	MAINTENANCE & UPKEEP	ACCESSIBILITY (PATHWAYS, LIGHTING, CURB CUTS, YEAR-ROUND ACCESS, TIMES AVAILABLE FOR USE)	ADDITIONAL AMENITIES (PAVILION, RESTROOMS, SIGNAGE/WAYFINDING, WATER FOUNTAINS, SEATING)	ACTIVE RECREATION AMENITIES (COURTS AND ATHLETIC FIELDS)	PASSIVE RECREATION AMENITIES (TRAILS, SHADE, SEATING)	TOTAL
Burlington High School	16.36% 9	16.36% 9	36.36% 20	20.00% 11	10.91% 6	55
Burlington Recreation Center	23.73% 14	3.39% 2	15.25% 9	44.07% 26	13.56% 8	59
Fox Hill School	25.64% 10	5.13% 2	20.51% 8	35.90% 14	12.82% 5	39
Francis Wyman School	31.03% 18	0.00% 0	32.76% 19	27.59% 16	8.62% 5	58
Marshall Simonds Middle School	18.03% 11	3.28% 2	39.34% 24	24.59% 15	14.75% 9	61
Marvin Field	45.71% 16	5.71% 2	17.14% 6	22.86% 8	8.57% 3	35
Mary PC Cummings Estate	15.15% 10	10.61% 7	45.45% 30	13.64% 9	15.15% 10	66
Memorial School	28.21% 11	2.56% 1	23.08% 9	28.21% 11	17.95% 7	39
Overlook Park	48.28% 14	6.90% 2	17.24% 5	17.24% 5	10.34% 3	29
Pathwoods Tot Lot	52.17% 12	13.04% 3	21.74% 5	13.04% 3	0.00% 0	23
Pine Glen School	27.59% 8	0.00% 0	24.14% 7	41.38% 12	6.90% 2	29
Rahanis Playground	27.27% 15	16.36% 9	29.09% 16	16.36% 9	10.91% 6	55
Regan Playground	40.00% 16	7.50% 3	30.00% 12	20.00% 8	2.50% 1	40
Rotary Field	33.33% 7	14.29% 3	38.10% 8	14.29% 3	0.00% 0	21
Simonds Park	39.78% 37	4.30% 4	27.96% 26	17.20% 16	10.75% 10	93
Town Common	14.52% 9	4.84% 3	54.84% 34	8.06% 5	17.74% 11	62
Veterans Playground	52.50% 21	2.50% 1	20.00% 8	17.50% 7	7.50% 3	40
Wildmere Playground	40.00% 10	0.00% 0	40.00% 10	20.00% 5	0.00% 0	25
Wildwood Park	27.78% 20	4.17% 3	45.83% 33	13.89% 10	8.33% 6	72

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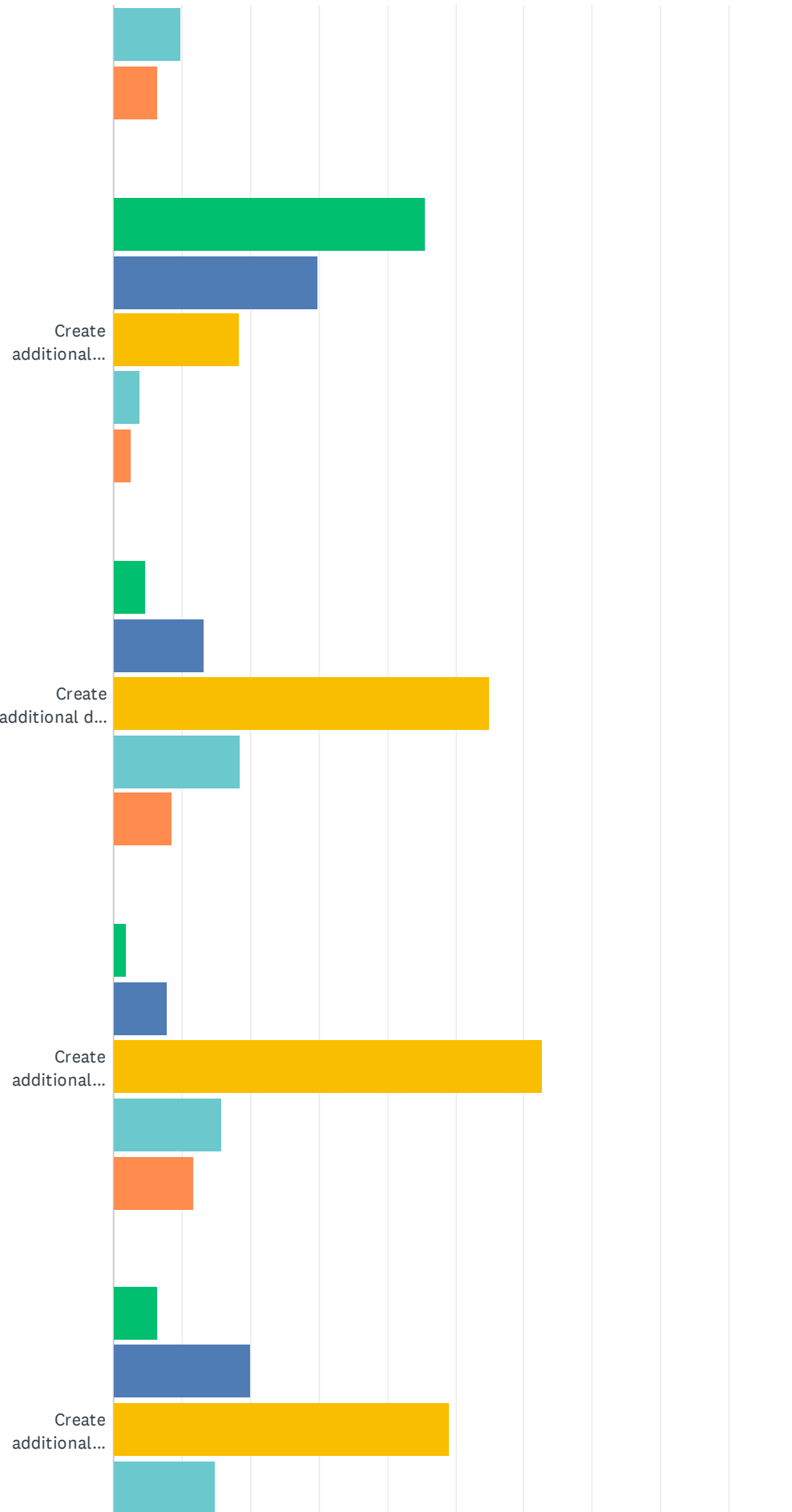
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1	Mary PC - active rec also selected, Simonds Park - add amenities also selected	3/25/2024 4:12 PM
2	francis wyman - lots of good excrement on fields, also selected active rec amenities. more seating at Simonds.	3/25/2024 4:09 PM
3	For all, additional amenities was also selected. Playgrounds need updated structures, Playground play surfaces are not maintained, mulch breaks down and washes away. Mulch needs more frequent maintenance or should be replaced with a synthetic surface.	3/25/2024 4:06 PM
4	Francis Wyman - maint & upkeep, accessibility, and add. amenities; wildmere and wildwood all except accessibility selected	3/25/2024 4:02 PM
5	Reservoir area: seating, trail maintenance, police presence	3/22/2024 8:55 AM
6	disc golf course needs tee box upgrades and better signage	3/22/2024 8:45 AM
7	TRW field, re-grade or pave the parking lot, gates to the playground to the parking lot do not close properly and need to be fixed or replaced	3/22/2024 8:33 AM
8	Better and more playground equipment.	3/19/2024 10:42 AM
9	the division between what dept is responsible for upkeep leaves gaps. Simple stuff like who takes care of teh sidewalk along Simonds. It is never tended to and ruins mush of the work done to upkeep the park itself	3/19/2024 8:52 AM
10	I think improvement on existing softball and baseball fields needs to be addressed. Marvin softball is a dust bowl. Rotary outfield needs grading and infield is either flooded or as hard as a rock. TRW field not listed and this to ball fields are terrible	3/15/2024 5:01 PM
11	More accessible parking that is close to seating AND restrooms. I'm ok with portapotties if they are the larger accessible ones—it would be great to have running water handwashing stations though.	3/5/2024 2:43 PM
12	More wheelchair inclusive activities.	3/4/2024 9:12 AM
13	The playgrounds are rather minimal and could use improvement. Wildwood has a lot of space for a playground, but very minimal structures.	2/29/2024 9:31 PM
14	Broken glass makes it dangerous for littles	2/28/2024 11:27 PM
15	Landlocked forest improve trails; Mary Cummins improvements under the trustees have been wonderful, there's just continued work to be done (boardwalks in flood prone areas, biittersweet removal & tree planting...)	2/28/2024 6:35 AM
16	We need better soccer and baseball fields	2/28/2024 5:15 AM
17	Upkeep of Burlington ice Palace	2/28/2024 5:13 AM
18	Lighting outside of MSMS, Fox Hill and BHS gyms needs to be improved as it's dark and unsafe.	2/27/2024 2:49 PM
19	Ice Palace - Additional Amenities	2/27/2024 10:15 AM
20	Add pickleball courts	2/27/2024 7:23 AM
21	Soccer field by the tennis courts (in the dog park area)	2/26/2024 10:12 PM
22	Rahanis Soccer Fields - maintenace and upkeep; our High School baseball field is somewhat embarrassing.	2/26/2024 7:16 PM

## Q9 Do you think Burlington should consider investing resources in the following active recreational facilities?

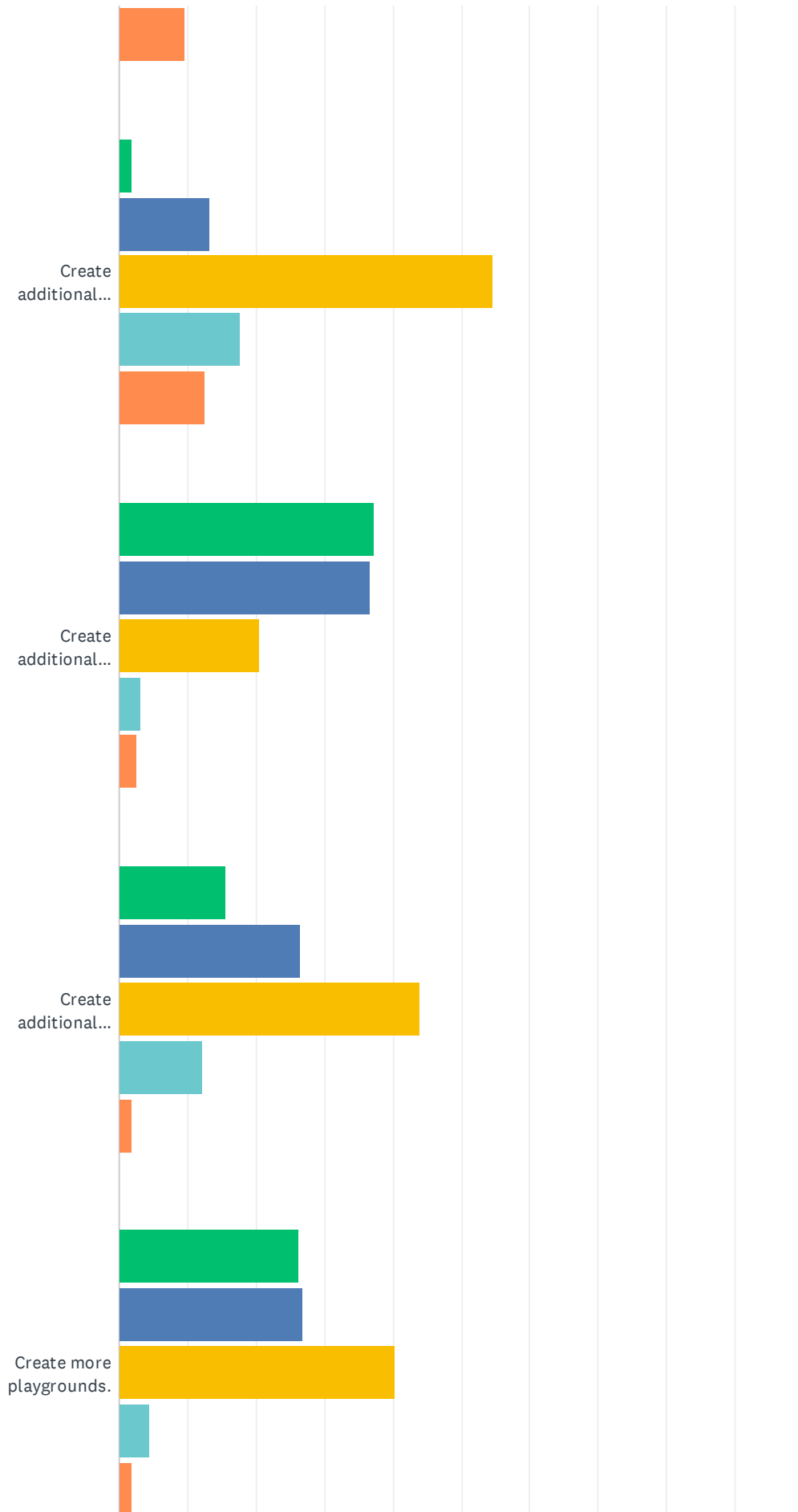
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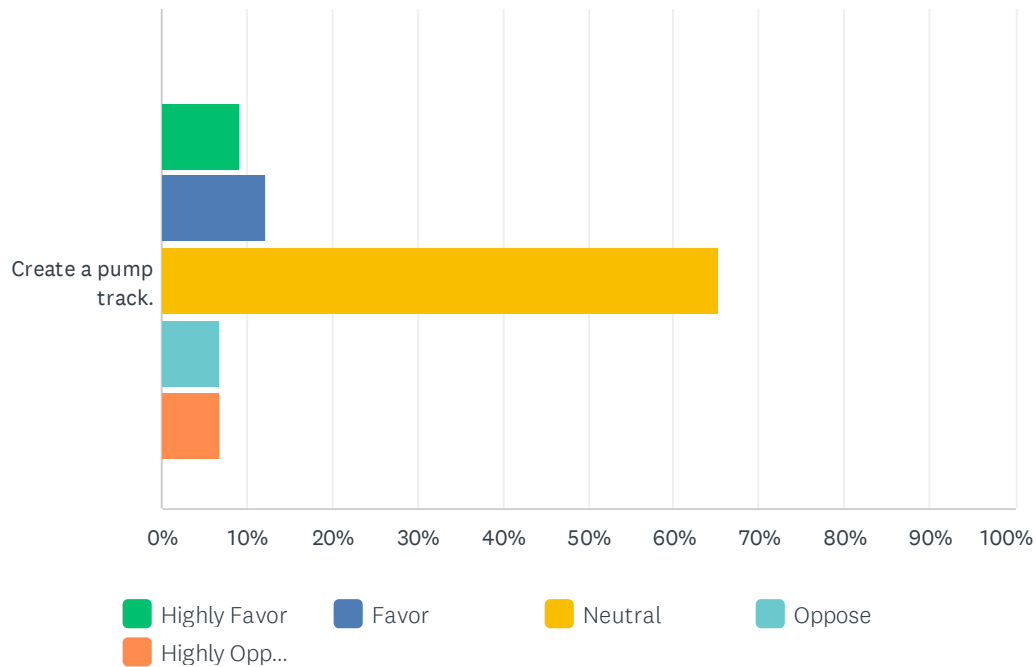
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	HIGHLY FAVOR	FAVOR	NEUTRAL	OPPOSE	HIGHLY OPPOSE	TOTAL
Create more rectangular fields (soccer, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee, football, field hockey).	23.72% 37	23.72% 37	45.51% 71	5.77% 9	1.28% 2	156
Create more courts (tennis, pickleball, basketball, volleyball, street hockey).	25.00% 39	30.13% 47	37.18% 58	6.41% 10	1.28% 2	156
Create more winter sport opportunities (sledding, ice skating, cross country skiing).	27.85% 44	40.51% 64	25.95% 41	4.43% 7	1.27% 2	158
Create more diamonds (baseball, softball).	12.34% 19	15.58% 24	55.84% 86	9.74% 15	6.49% 10	154
Create additional opportunities for water play (splash pad, swimming pool).	45.57% 72	29.75% 47	18.35% 29	3.80% 6	2.53% 4	158
Create additional disc golf courses.	4.64% 7	13.25% 20	54.97% 83	18.54% 28	8.61% 13	151
Create additional cricket pitches.	1.96% 3	7.84% 12	62.75% 96	15.69% 24	11.76% 18	153
Create additional outdoor fitness stations.	6.45% 10	20.00% 31	49.03% 76	14.84% 23	9.68% 15	155
Create additional skateparks.	1.97% 3	13.16% 20	54.61% 83	17.76% 27	12.50% 19	152
Create additional paved biking paths.	37.27% 60	36.65% 59	20.50% 33	3.11% 5	2.48% 4	161
Create additional mountain biking trails.	15.48% 24	26.45% 41	43.87% 68	12.26% 19	1.94% 3	155
Create more playgrounds.	26.28% 41	26.92% 42	40.38% 63	4.49% 7	1.92% 3	156
Create a pump track.	9.09% 12	12.12% 16	65.15% 86	6.82% 9	6.82% 9	132

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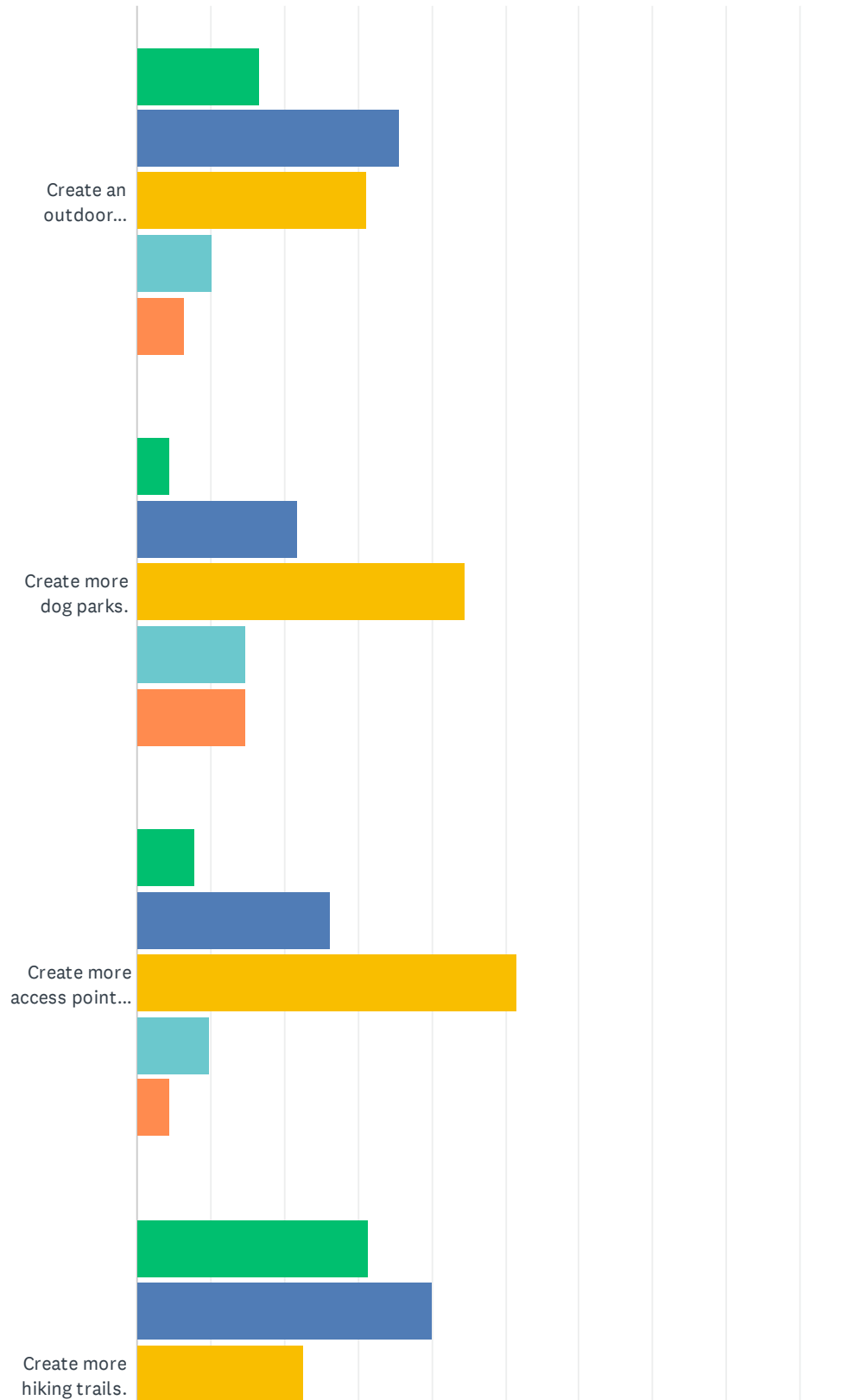


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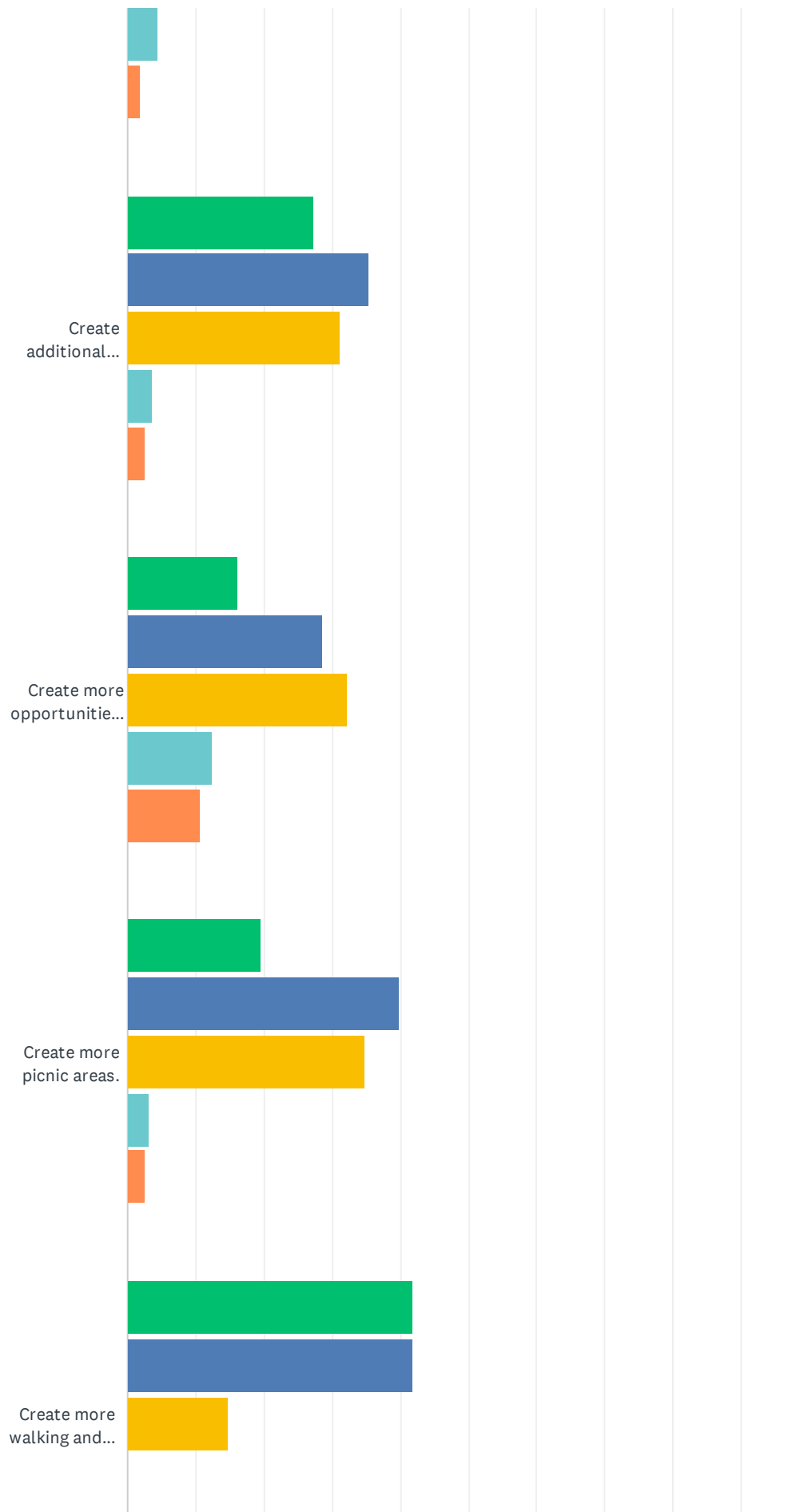
1	Playgrounds - at least update existing	3/25/2024 4:06 PM
2	We need a splash pad or pool for cooling off in the summer. Also more shade at the playgrounds!	3/22/2024 9:10 AM
3	Reservoir: create gravel road all the way around reservoir for easier walking and police presence and EMS response	3/22/2024 8:55 AM
4	What's a pump track	3/18/2024 6:40 PM
5	I'd love to see bike paths and cross-country trails!	3/5/2024 2:43 PM
6	More wheelchair inclusive areas and activities.	3/4/2024 9:12 AM
7	What is a pump track?	3/2/2024 7:54 AM
8	What is a pump track?	2/28/2024 10:11 PM
9	more parks with restrooms	2/28/2024 7:42 PM
10	More treed park areas	2/28/2024 6:35 AM
11	We do t need more play grounds. You should improve the ones we have and maintain them better.	2/27/2024 7:51 PM
12	Burlington needs a full year, indoor turf field facility.	2/27/2024 10:15 AM
13	More turf fields	2/27/2024 7:46 AM
14	Dedicated archery range	2/26/2024 6:58 PM

## Q10 Do you think Burlington should consider investing resources in the following passive recreational facilities?

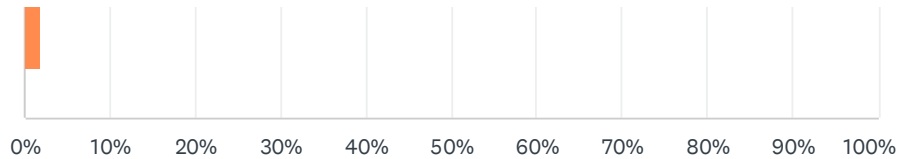
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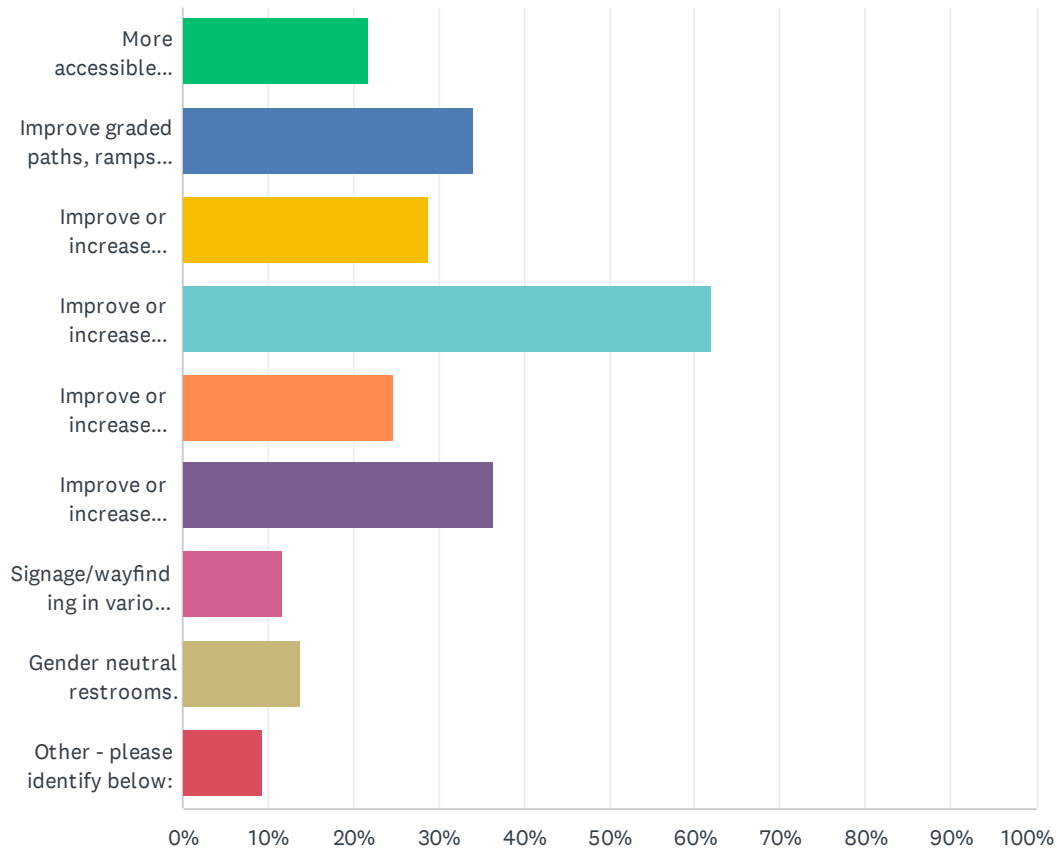
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	HIGHLY FAVOR	FAVOR	NEUTRAL	OPPOSE	HIGHLY OPPOSE	TOTAL
Create an outdoor amphitheater.	16.56% 26	35.67% 56	31.21% 49	10.19% 16	6.37% 10	157
Create more dog parks.	4.46% 7	21.66% 34	44.59% 70	14.65% 23	14.65% 23	157
Create more access points for fishing.	7.84% 12	26.14% 40	51.63% 79	9.80% 15	4.58% 7	153
Create more hiking trails.	31.25% 50	40.00% 64	22.50% 36	4.38% 7	1.88% 3	160
Create additional nature areas for wildlife observation.	27.33% 44	35.40% 57	31.06% 50	3.73% 6	2.48% 4	161
Create more opportunities for public art at the parks.	16.15% 26	28.57% 46	32.30% 52	12.42% 20	10.56% 17	161
Create more picnic areas.	19.62% 31	39.87% 63	34.81% 55	3.16% 5	2.53% 4	158
Create more walking and jogging paths.	41.72% 68	41.72% 68	14.72% 24	0.00% 0	1.84% 3	163

#	OTHER - PLEASE IDENTIFY BELOW:	DATE
1	No	3/25/2024 4:12 PM
2	Reservoir: create gravel road all the way around reservoir for easier walking and police presence and EMS response	3/22/2024 8:55 AM
3	Better signage and ideally even one walking path that is paved for a stroller/wheelchair other than a track.	3/15/2024 1:51 PM
4	I'd love to see bike paths and cross country trails for people not affiliated with an organized team. Would also like to see outdoor recreational opportunities specifically marketed to people with disabilities so that people in our community can meet each other and socialize together.	3/5/2024 2:43 PM
5	More wheelchair inclusive activities.	3/4/2024 9:12 AM
6	Bike/ walking path that goes throughout the town	2/29/2024 1:35 PM
7	Perfect opportunity at overlook park	2/26/2024 7:35 PM
8	Stroller friendly jogging paths + sidewalk access to parks like MCP	2/26/2024 7:28 PM

**Q11 Burlington strives to be welcoming and inclusive to people of all abilities, genders, religions, and ethnicities. What elements do you feel we need to do better in order to achieve this? (select all that apply)**

Answered: 129 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More accessible parking	21.71%	28
Improve graded paths, ramps, and curb cuts	34.11%	44
Improve or increase accessible seating/picnic tables	28.68%	37
Improve or increase accessible restrooms	62.02%	80
Improve or increase accessible spectator facilities	24.81%	32
Improve or increase accessible playground features	36.43%	47
Signage/wayfinding in various languages/braille	11.63%	15
Gender neutral restrooms.	13.95%	18
Other - please identify below:	9.30%	12
Total Respondents: 129		

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#	OTHER - PLEASE IDENTIFY BELOW:	DATE
1	More sidewalks for accessing facilities	3/22/2024 8:46 AM
2	Gated playgrounds with swinging doors that automatically close.	3/19/2024 10:43 AM
3	No opinion	3/18/2024 9:13 PM
4	REAL accessible restrooms, not fake accessible restrooms. Ex: your restroom is not accessible if you can't reach the paper towels while you are sitting in your wheelchair, etc.	3/5/2024 2:43 PM
5	Any Would cause increase in taxes	3/4/2024 10:14 AM
6	More wheelchair inclusive activities not just accessible.	3/4/2024 9:12 AM
7	Year-round access to restrooms	2/28/2024 11:27 PM
8	I can not say where we are lacking on this subject as I'm not aware enough about it	2/27/2024 9:25 PM
9	Buried power lines so poles are not taking up half of the sidewalks not to mention just being ugly	2/26/2024 10:12 PM
10	I think it's pretty good	2/26/2024 8:18 PM
11	Sidewalk access and bike/walking paths to parks	2/26/2024 7:28 PM
12	Can the bathroom just say bathroom? What is the point of putting gender neutral there? It's just a bathroom.	2/26/2024 7:18 PM



## Q12 Please provide any additional suggestions for improving Burlington's recreational facilities below.

Answered: 30   Skipped: 134

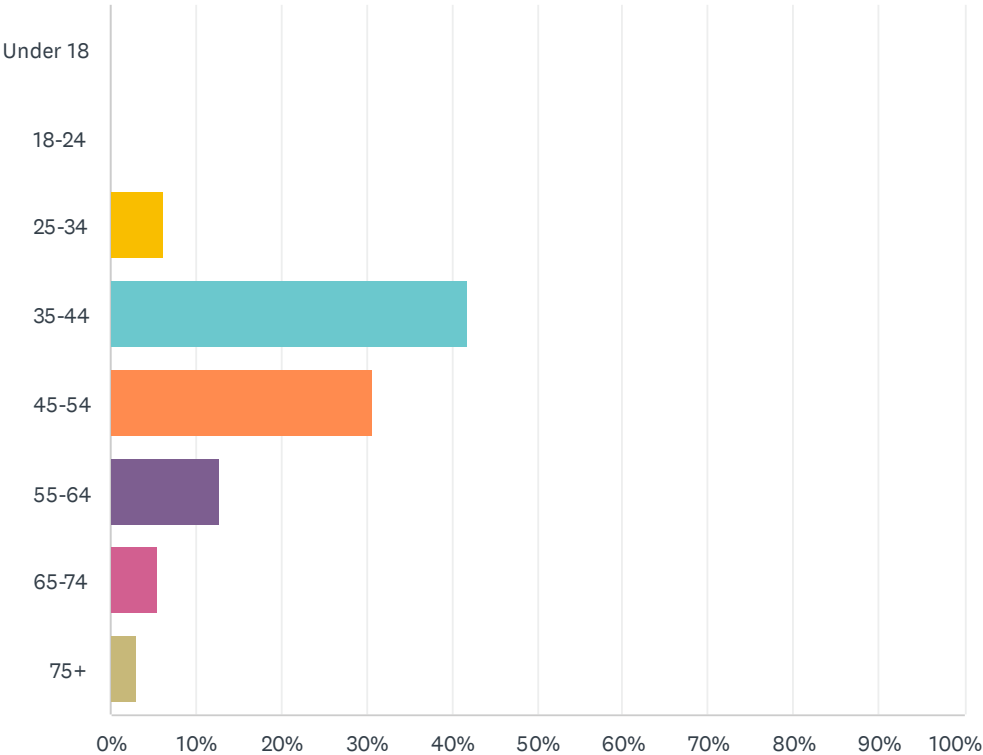
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Get rid of woodchips. We prefer parks in other towns with squishy rubber ground. Get better play structures. Shade @ wildwood.	3/25/2024 4:02 PM
2	Simonds Park playground needs to be updated. More shade at the other playgrounds. The town would really benefit from a splash pad or pool.	3/22/2024 9:10 AM
3	none	3/22/2024 8:45 AM
4	I can't stress enough about how the departmental responsibilities between Rec/School/DPW are working against your perception of upkeep. The town cleanliness suffers because of it.	3/19/2024 8:52 AM
5	I have coached in town for a few years and our baseball fields are subpar. Our scoreboards never work. Same with most of our basketball courts. Other towns invest in their youth sports and have great facilities. Either invest in updating the facilities or get advertising dollars from local businesses and use their \$\$\$.	3/18/2024 9:13 PM
6	As I stated improving the quality of what we have versus building new	3/15/2024 5:01 PM
7	We love the rec! Would love a town pool or more water areas for the summer; most importantly- increased accessibility for strollers or wheelchairs to go on any path or to any park.	3/15/2024 1:51 PM
8	Update the playgrounds. Some of them are very old and outdated.	3/6/2024 11:40 PM
9	Kids need to be outdoors, we need our fields to be well maintained, lit (for safety) and easy for youth programs to access! Start by adding 1-2 GOOD fields and improving / maintaining our existing baseball fields	3/5/2024 6:25 AM
10	The facilities are aging but we are lucky to have them, they need to be maintained to look bet	3/4/2024 8:52 PM
11	When thinking of activities look at the inclusion and suitability of activities and/or facilities for wheelchair users, ie just because a wheelchair user can get to an activity or place, can they then actually do anything there?	3/4/2024 9:12 AM
12	Some playground equipment needs repairing. Also I feel like it's a safety issue when there isn't soft material around exercise equipment—like at wildwood—because kids always play there ( I know they're not supposed to) and I've seen kids fall and get hurt	3/2/2024 7:54 AM
13	The town is very difficult to get around on bike or foot. So many busy roads and unprotected street crossings, makes it difficult to get out and enjoy recreation as you need to drive to everything. The playgrounds could use some live and more interesting things. Wildwood for example has a huge playground space but is mostly open. The large field there is great and it would be nice to see more open spaces like that around town.	3/1/2024 8:08 PM
14	Thanks for your efforts. My family has greatly benefited from the recreation department.	2/29/2024 1:35 PM
15	We need a full sized public pool or swimming area.	2/28/2024 11:27 PM
16	We need more turf fields. It's so unfortunate that not all sports can have turf access and high school athletes are forced to practice on grass at other schools. Most surrounding towns have sports complexes with restrooms, concessions and multiple fields. All sports registrations in town are low and kids are moving to club teams and other towns with adequate facilities.	2/28/2024 8:18 AM
17	Mall road TRW is so under utilized- maybe put some pickleball courts there? I would love to see an outdoor rink if weather allows maybe around the gazebo on the common so it's more visible and accessible. We loved it when you had one behind the rec years ago. Behind the rec and Mitre also seem like spaces that are not used enough.	2/28/2024 7:36 AM

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18	Can we add more times to recreation programs which fills out fast like badminton	2/28/2024 5:13 AM
19	It would be great if the Rec center was a real social hub where the public could come together and enjoy activities and socialize. I don't believe the building is set up for this type of interaction where it could be a true community center in that sense.	2/27/2024 9:25 PM
20	Start using real fertilizer on the grass sports field and find someone that knows how to main rain the grass youth fields. Build more multi use turf complexes to allow youth sports to practice and play. You have log jam of field requests, enough that would justify at least one large turf complex similar to Billerica and Lexington. Have a maintenance program to maintain the existing turf fields instead of ignoring them for 10 years. Run a program as if your kids lived here and needed these facilities.	2/27/2024 7:51 PM
21	Outdoor iceskating rink for the winter.	2/27/2024 4:18 PM
22	Parks definitely need to be upgraded- Friendship park in Chelmsford should be replicated in Burlington	2/27/2024 1:54 PM
23	Burlington should be making efforts to be a "host" town. People come from all over the country to neighboring towns for tournaments, and they end up in Burlington for our restaurants and entertainment. Burlington should have the athletic facilities to support these types of events on a regular basis.	2/27/2024 10:15 AM
24	Playgrounds are often too crowded. Simonds is hard to get up the hill to especially with a stroller if you are coming from Bedford St. Would like the town to continue to invest in playgrounds rather than dog parks - most people in Burlington have yards for their dogs.	2/26/2024 9:20 PM
25	I live closer to Mary Cummings and there are almost no active amenities south of i-95!	2/26/2024 7:48 PM
26	Mary Cummings is unusable and overgrown all summer, needs maintenance for accessibility	2/26/2024 7:28 PM
27	I think the Burlington high school varsity baseball field is a complete joke an embarrassment. This town has plenty of money where you can provide those kids with a real facility like every other school has in the league. My kids aren't even close to high school age yet but that field is a disgrace and this town should be embarrassed. I think the upkeep of a lot of the fields overall is pretty bad too. It's like you care for a month but once summer comes around you just get lazy. My two cents. I'm sure nobody cares.	2/26/2024 7:18 PM
28	I would love to see existing playgrounds be maintained and improved. There is no need to create new playgrounds to maintain. Veterans, rahanis, and fox hill playgrounds need a lot of attention.	2/26/2024 7:18 PM
29	Remove dog park at Rahanis. Not a good location in the middle of playground and soccer fields where lots of children are and people do not follow rules of the dog park. Many dogs off leash running around	2/26/2024 7:13 PM
30	Please update the red cabin and snack shack at Simomds. A real pool would be great.	2/26/2024 6:58 PM

Q13 What is your age?

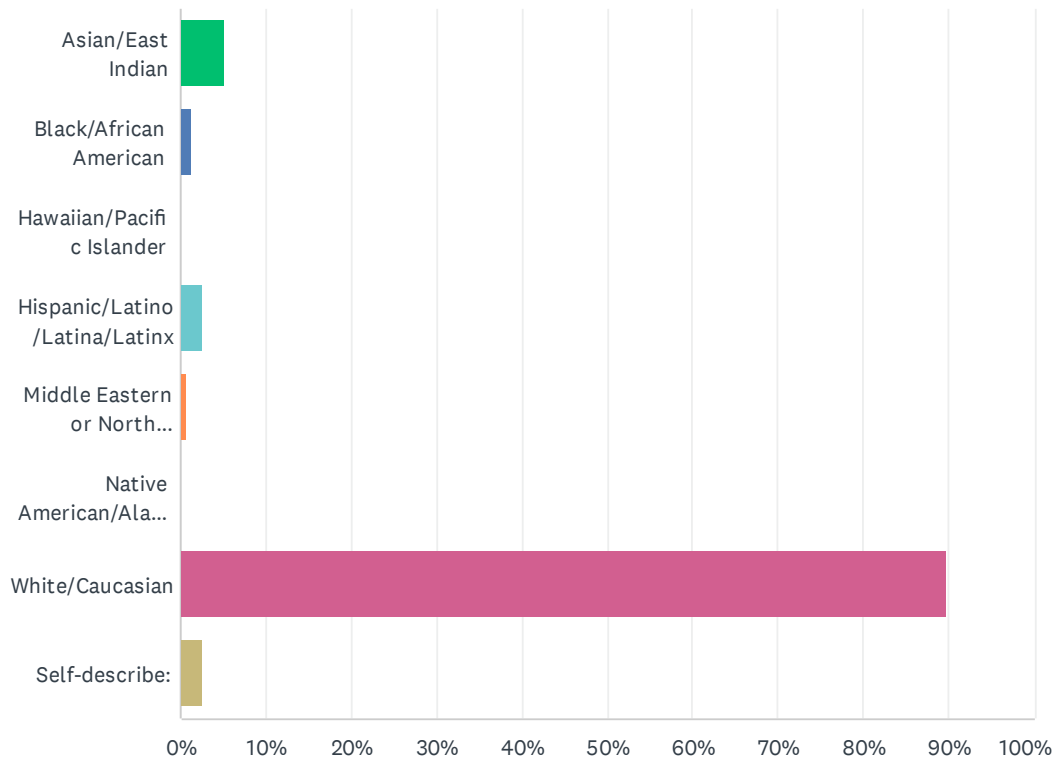
Answered: 163    Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	0.00%	0
25-34	6.13%	10
35-44	41.72%	68
45-54	30.67%	50
55-64	12.88%	21
65-74	5.52%	9
75+	3.07%	5
TOTAL		163

## Q14 What is your race/origin? (select all that apply)

Answered: 155    Skipped: 9

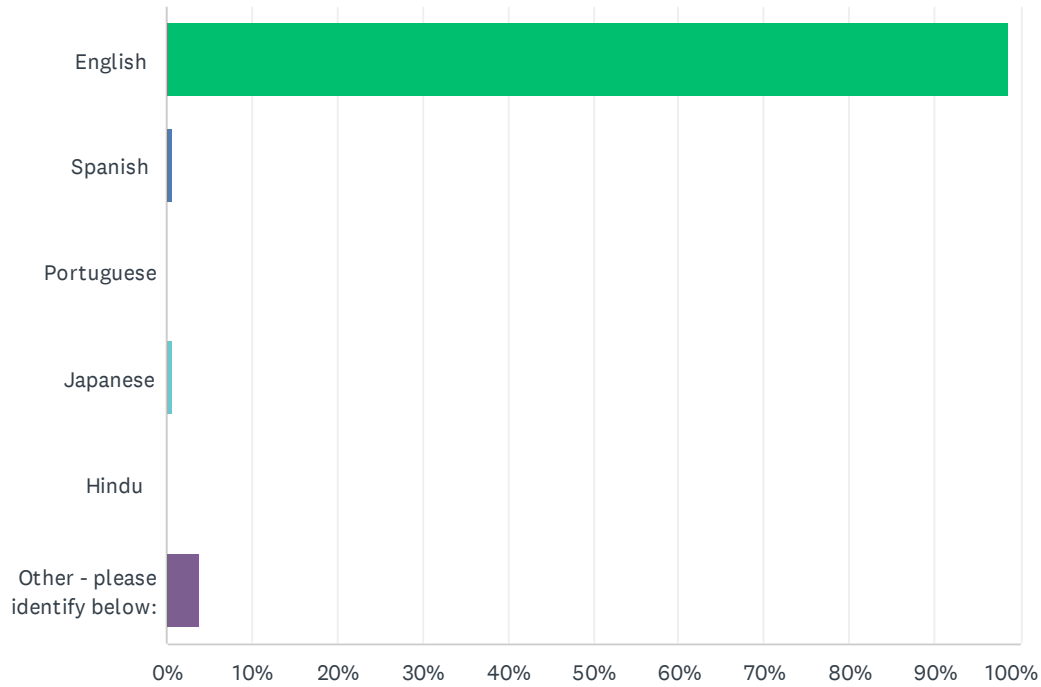


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Asian/East Indian	5.16%	8
Black/African American	1.29%	2
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Latinx	2.58%	4
Middle Eastern or North African	0.65%	1
Native American/Alaskan	0.00%	0
White/Caucasian	89.68%	139
Self-describe:	2.58%	4
Total Respondents: 155		

#	SELF-DESCRIBE:	DATE
1	Mix	3/13/2024 6:15 PM
2	Why does this matter?	3/5/2024 6:25 AM
3	Biracial	2/27/2024 9:25 PM
4	Why does this matter ?	2/26/2024 7:18 PM

## Q15 What is the primary language you speak at home? (select all that apply)

Answered: 160 Skipped: 4

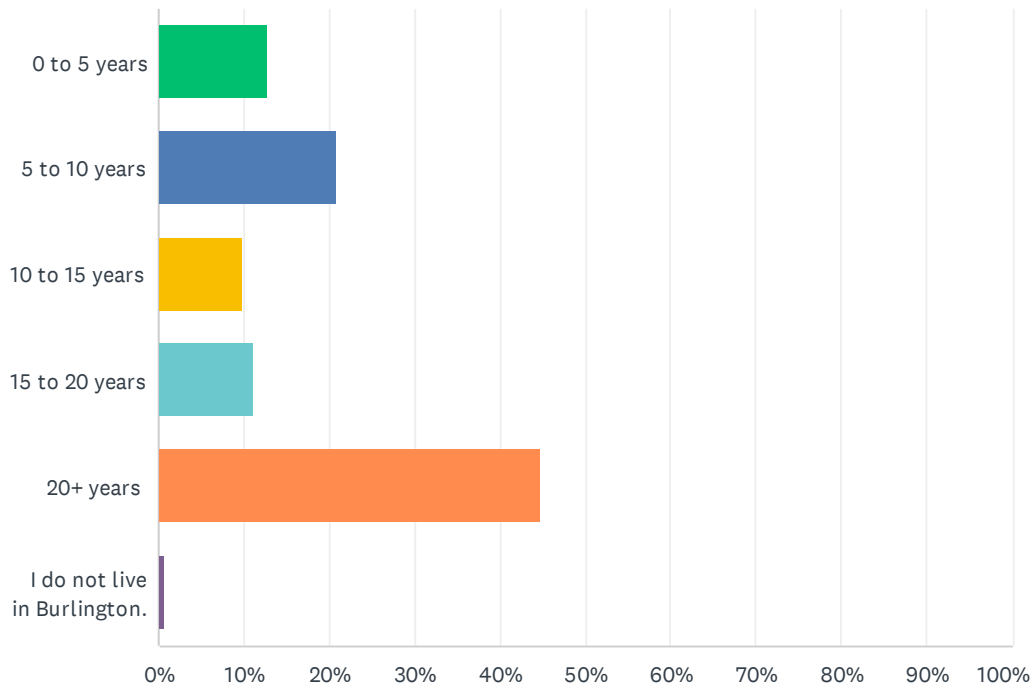


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
English	98.75%	158
Spanish	0.63%	1
Portuguese	0.00%	0
Japanese	0.63%	1
Hindu	0.00%	0
Other - please identify below:	3.75%	6
Total Respondents: 160		

#	OTHER - PLEASE IDENTIFY BELOW:	DATE
1	Mandarin	3/22/2024 8:45 AM
2	Hindu is not a language. It is a religion. Hindi is a language.	3/4/2024 8:42 PM
3	Russian	3/4/2024 5:14 PM
4	Tamil, Hindu is not a language it is a religion. Typo of Hindi?	2/28/2024 5:13 AM
5	Korean	2/26/2024 7:48 PM
6	Why does this matter?	2/26/2024 7:18 PM

## Q16 How long have you lived in Burlington?

Answered: 163 Skipped: 1

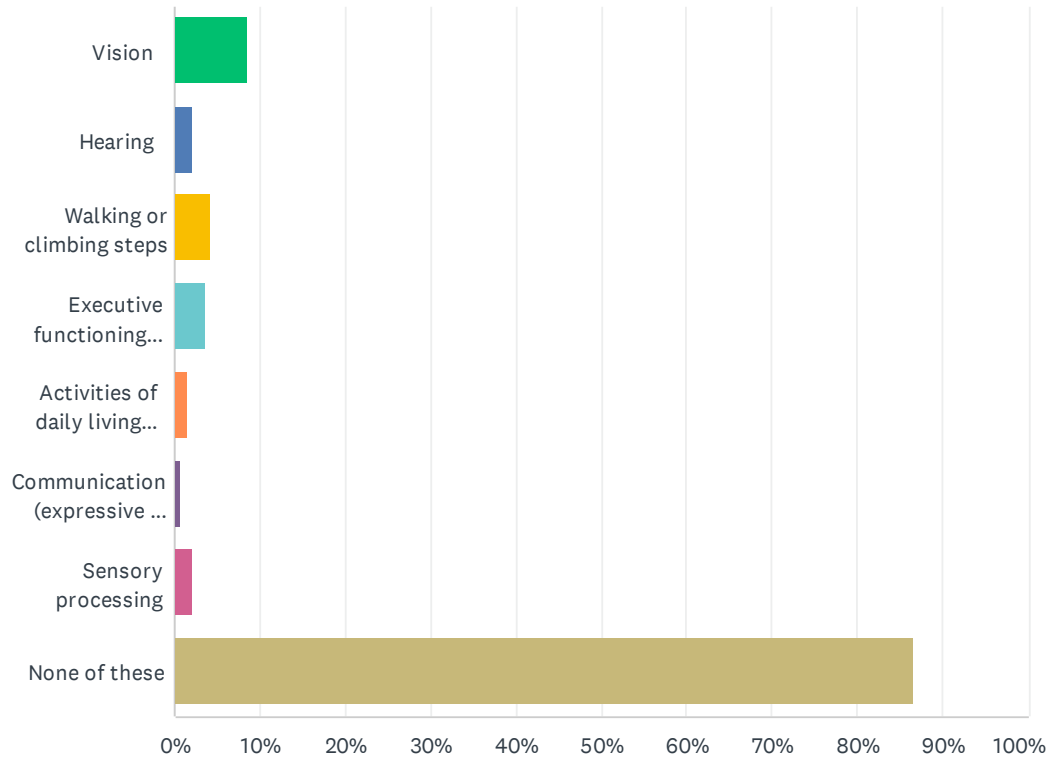


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0 to 5 years	12.88%	21
5 to 10 years	20.86%	34
10 to 15 years	9.82%	16
15 to 20 years	11.04%	18
20+ years	44.79%	73
I do not live in Burlington.	0.61%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>163</b>



## Q17 Do you actively utilize supports with the following? (select all that apply)

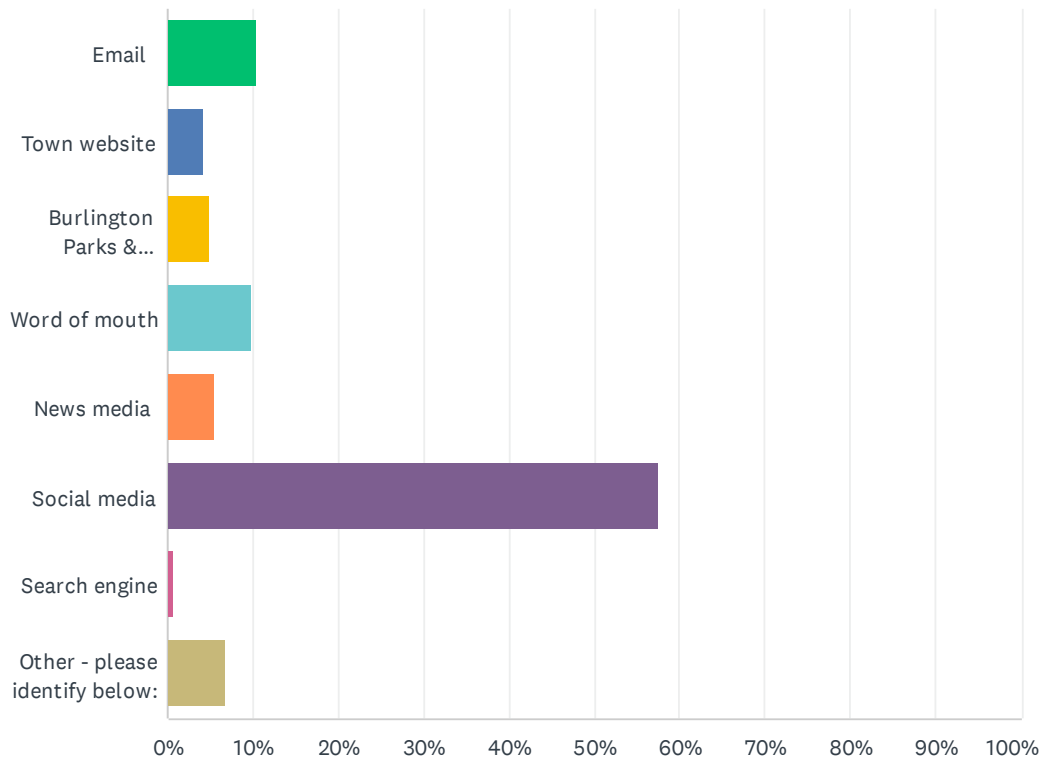
Answered: 141 Skipped: 23



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Vision	8.51%	12
Hearing	2.13%	3
Walking or climbing steps	4.26%	6
Executive functioning skills	3.55%	5
Activities of daily living (eating, dressing, toileting, etc.)	1.42%	2
Communication (expressive or receptive)	0.71%	1
Sensory processing	2.13%	3
None of these	86.52%	122
Total Respondents: 141		

## Q18 How did you hear about this survey?

Answered: 163    Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Email	10.43%	17
Town website	4.29%	7
Burlington Parks & Recreation brochure	4.91%	8
Word of mouth	9.82%	16
News media	5.52%	9
Social media	57.67%	94
Search engine	0.61%	1
Other - please identify below:	6.75%	11
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>163</b>

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1	Library	3/25/2024 4:12 PM
2	Burlington Library	3/25/2024 4:09 PM
3	Burlington Public Library	3/25/2024 3:32 PM
4	The Daily Buzz	3/22/2024 1:13 PM

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5	Burlington Buzz	3/22/2024 8:46 AM
6	Burlington Buzz	3/19/2024 8:52 AM
7	burlington buzz	3/17/2024 3:33 PM
8	Burlington Buzz	3/17/2024 12:46 PM
9	Poster in the rec department	3/16/2024 1:47 PM
10	Library	3/13/2024 6:07 PM
11	Email forwarded from a friend	3/5/2024 2:43 PM

## Q19 Name and contact information (optional)

Answered: 29   Skipped: 135

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	29
Address	100.00%	29
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	100.00%	29
State	93.10%	27
Zip	86.21%	25
Email Address	93.10%	27
Phone Number	62.07%	18

#	NAME	DATE
1	Kevin Ciccone	3/25/2024 4:06 PM
2	Carl Foss	3/25/2024 9:16 AM
3	Debbie Davie	3/23/2024 9:20 AM
4	John Lynch	3/22/2024 8:55 AM
5	David Poulten	3/22/2024 8:45 AM
6	Irene grigas	3/21/2024 10:05 AM
7	Michelle Papagno	3/19/2024 10:43 AM
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12	Robin Sorensen	3/12/2024 9:59 PM
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16	Lauren	3/4/2024 6:03 PM
17	Richard Burgin	3/4/2024 9:12 AM
18	Jason Eldridge	3/3/2024 10:14 AM
19	Marie torres	3/1/2024 12:34 PM
20	Janice	3/1/2024 7:38 AM
21	Mike Poland	2/29/2024 1:35 PM
22	Prakash Venkatachalam	2/28/2024 5:13 AM

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# **APPENDIX B: COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING EVENT RESULTS**

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Kelly Lehman, Brendan Egan

**FROM:** Lauren Schunk, RLA, and Cassie Bethoney, RLA

**DATE:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 4:00 PM

**SUBJECT:** Simonds Playground and Overlook Park: Summary and Results of Feedback from Community Tree Lighting Event  
Burlington Outdoor Facilities Master Plan (OFMP)

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This memorandum summarizes the feedback from participants received at the Tree Lighting Event held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

One table was located near the gazebo at the Town Common in Burlington, MA. At the table, there were (4) boards: (1) concept plan for Simonds Playground, (1) precedent board for Simonds Playground, (1) concept plan for Overlook Park, and (1) precedent board for Overlook Park. Each participant was given (6) dots and instructed to place them next to their favorite programs on the precedent boards. These dots could be split between Simonds Playground and Overlook Park, and multiple dots could be placed on one precedent image. Write-in ideas were also encouraged. The goal of this exercise was to determine the most desirable programs for each site, and if any amenities were missing from the concept plans.

The following summarizes the board content and feedback received for each site.

## SIMONDS PLAYGROUND

### Site Concept Plan

A large concept plan of Simonds Playground was located on an easel next to the table. This concept plan was referenced by participants.

### Precedent Board

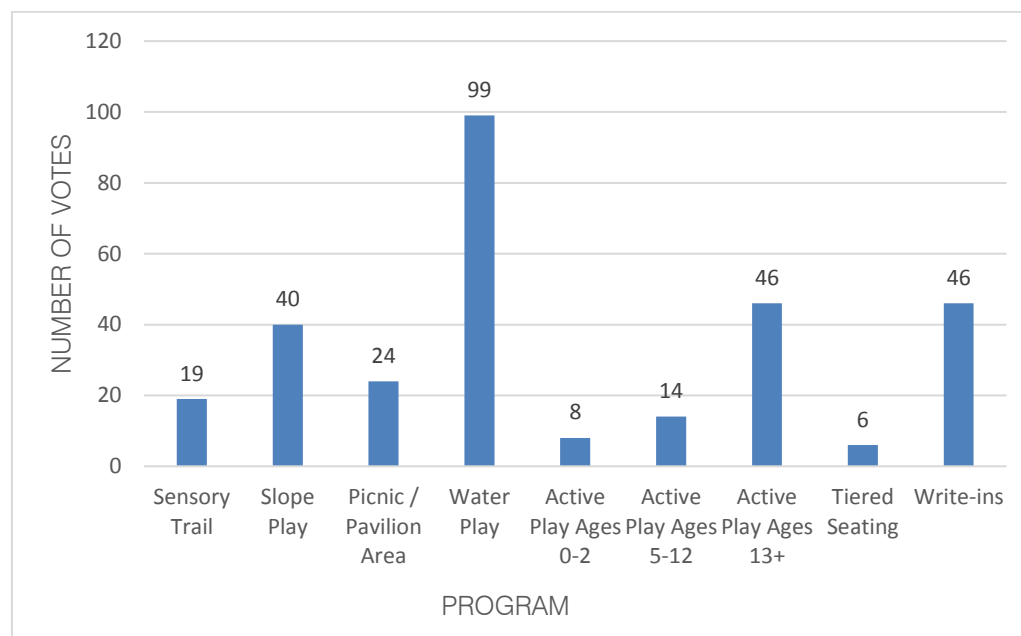
A precedent board was located on the table and included images of programs shown in the concept plan. The programs on the Simonds Playground precedent board were as follows:

- Sensory Trail
- Slope Play
- Picnic / Pavilion Area
- Water Play
- Active Play Ages 0-2

- Active Play Ages 5-12
- Active Play Ages 13+
- Tiered Seating
- Other Ideas (space for participants to add additional amenities and comments)

As described above, participants placed dots next to their favorite programs and were encouraged to write in ideas under the “Other Ideas” box. Results from this exercise are summarized below.

## Results



More than (20) participants indicated a preference for the following amenities at Simonds Playground:

- Water Play (99)
- Active Play Ages 13+ (46)
- Slope Play (40)
- Picnic / Pavilion Area (24)

Among the write-ins, the following program received more than (20) votes:

- Zipline (27)

Less than (20) participants indicated a preference for the following amenities:

- Sensory Trail (19)
- Active Play Ages 5-12 (14)
- Active Play Ages 0-2 (8)
- Tiered Seating (6)

Other write-in comments on the board included:

- Keep the scoop toy (5)
- Swimming pool (3)
- Improve gate at Simonds Park (3)
- Higher monkey bars for older kids (2)
- Skate park (2)
- Sand box (1)
- Wheelchair accessible play areas (1)
- Wheelchair inclusive play equipment (1)
- Improve interior structure of tree house - it is climbable by young children (1)

## OVERLOOK PARK

### Site Concept Plan

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### Precedent Board

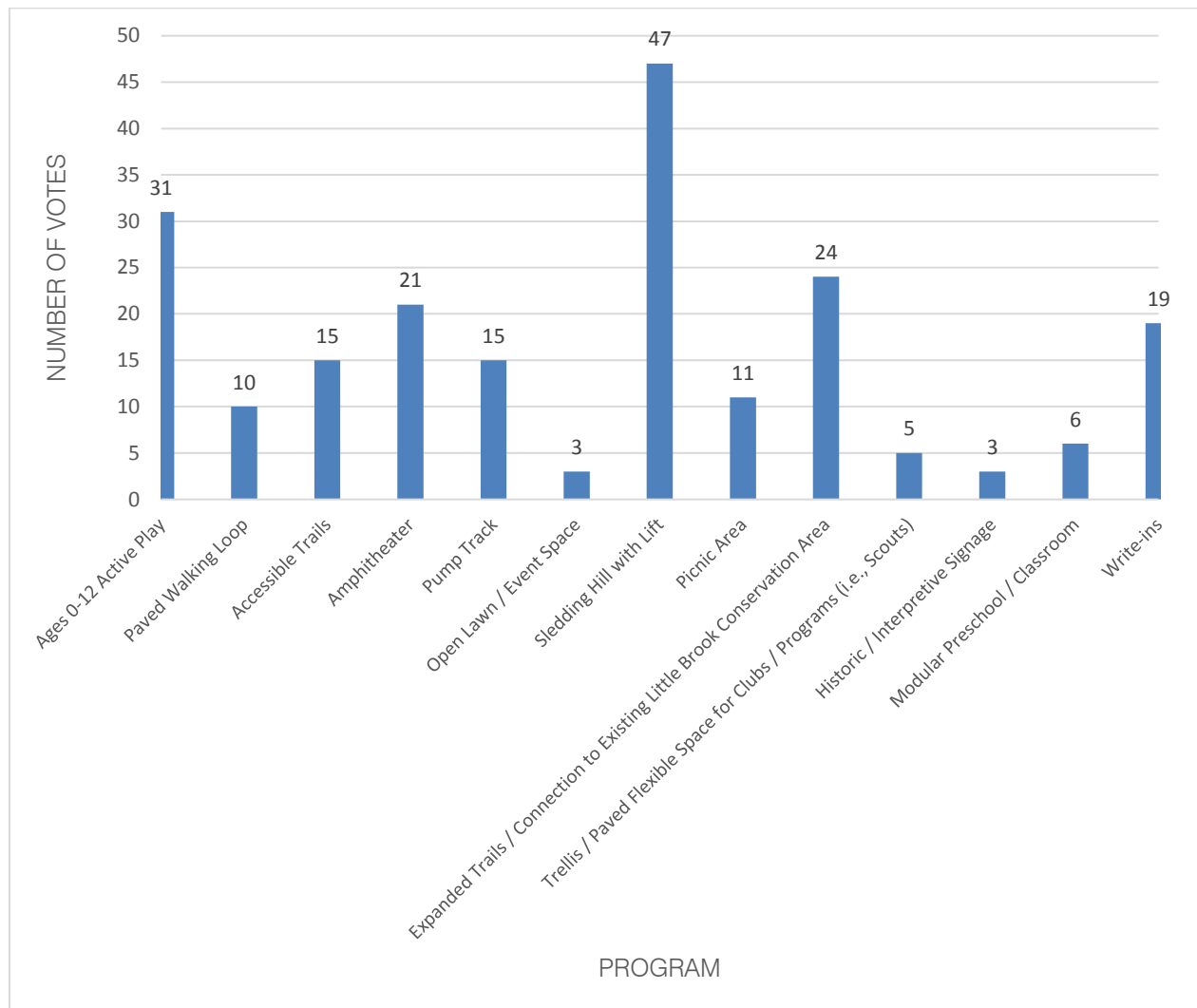
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- Ages 0-12 Active Play
- Paved Walking Loop
- Accessible Trails
- Amphitheater
- Pump Track
- Open Lawn / Event Space
- Sledding Hill with Lift
- Picnic Area
- Expanded Trails / Connection to Existing Little Brook Conservation Area Trails
- Trellis / Paved Flexible Space for Clubs / Programs (i.e., Scouts)
- Historic / Interpretive Signage
- Modular Preschool / Classroom
- Other Ideas (space for participants to add additional amenities and comments)

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## Results



More than (20) participants indicated a preference for the following amenities at Simonds Playground:

- Sledding Hill with Lift (47)
- Ages 0-12 Active Play (31)
- Expanded Trails / Connection to Existing Little Brook Conservation Area (24)
- Amphitheater (21)

Less than (20) participants indicated a preference for the following programs:

- Accessible Trails (15)
- Pump Track (15)
- Picnic Area (11)
- Paved Walking Loop (10)
- Modular Preschool / Classroom (6)

- Trellis / Paved Flexible Space for Clubs / Programs (i.e. Scouts) (5)
- Historic / Interpretive Signage (3)
- Open Lawn / Event Space (3)

Other write-in comments on the board included:

- Garden space (4)
- Please consider traffic. Most roads in the neighborhood are dead-ends (3)
- Pickleball courts (3)
- Wheelchair inclusive and accessible play activities (2)
- Wheelchair bicycle track (2)
- Street hockey court (2)
- Wheelchair inclusive and accessible playground (1)
- Town pool (1)
- Splash pad (1)

#### **Platform for Additional Comments and Project Information**

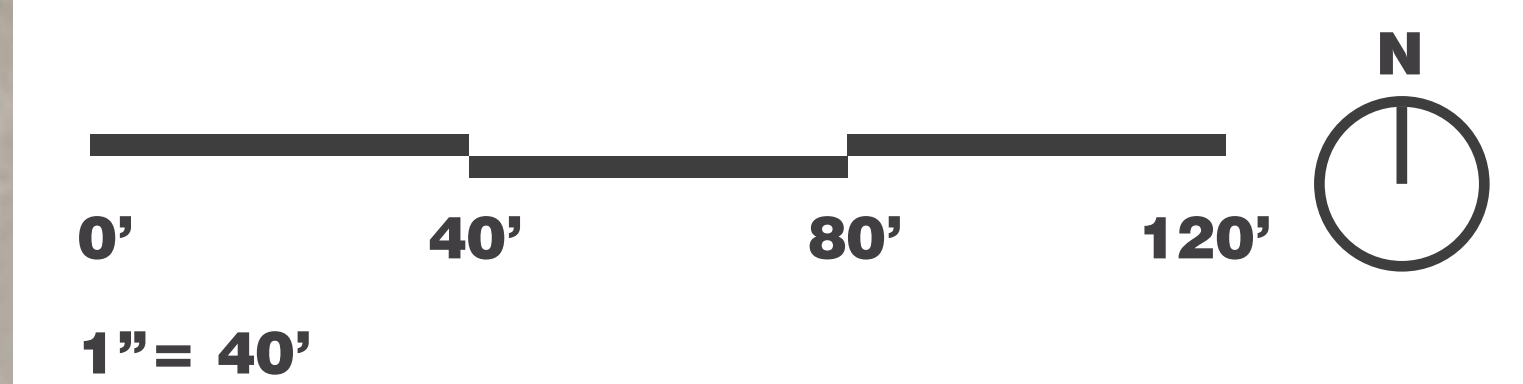
Some participants took photographs and inquired about additional ways to provide comments. In response, a brief online form containing photos of the concepts and space to write feedback will be made available on the Parks & Recreation website. One participant provided contact information for project updates.

**APPENDIX** – See all materials and photographs from the Tree Lighting Event attached.





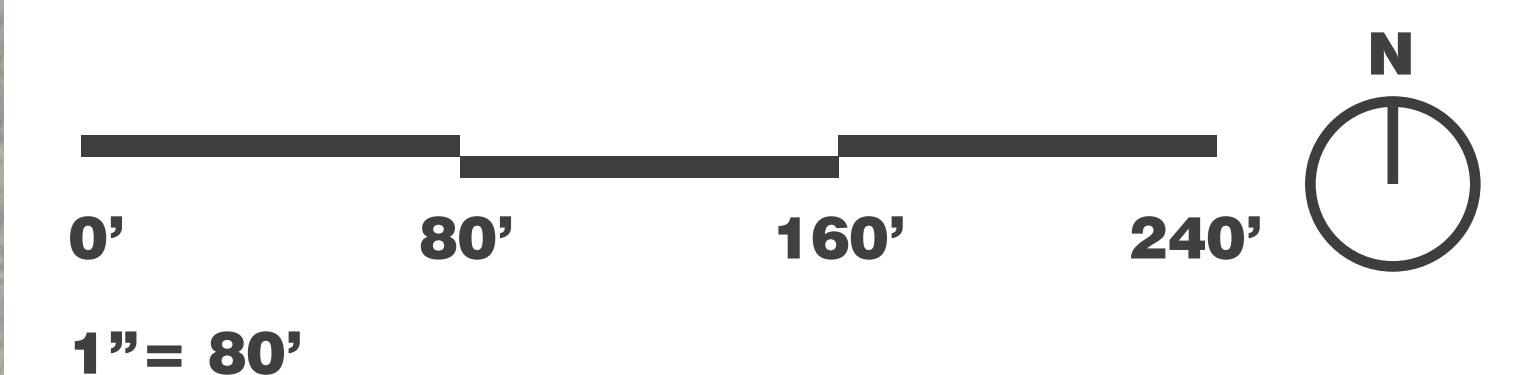
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- 5 TIERED SEATING
- 6 RETAINING WALL
- 7 WATER PLAY
- 8 SLOPE PLAY
- 9 SHADE TREE
- 10 QUIET PLAY ZONE
- 11 PINE AND OAK TREE GROVE (EXISTING)
- 12 SENSORY TRAIL
- 13 SENSORY STATION - SIGHT
- 14 SENSORY STATION - MUSIC
- 15 SENSORY STATION - SMELL
- 16 SENSORY STATION - TOUCH
- 17 PICNIC AREA / PAVILION
- 18 SIDEWALK
- 19 PATH TO PICNIC AREA / PAVILION
- 20 PLAYGROUND FENCE
- 21 ROCK OUTCROP (EXISTING)
- 22 PARKING (EXISTING)







- ① **PLAYGROUND AGES 0-12**
- ② **OPEN LAWN / EVENT SPACE**
- ③ **PATH / WALKING LOOP**
- ④ **PICNIC AREA**
- ⑤ **MODULAR CLASSROOM / PRESCHOOL**
- ⑥ **WAYFINDING / SIGNAGE NODE**
- ⑦ **PARKING (29 TOTAL, 2 H.C.)**
- ⑧ **MAINTENANCE BUILDING (EXISTING)**
- ⑨ **THEATER BUILDING (EXISTING)**
- ⑩ **PERFORMANCE STAGE**
- ⑪ **AMPHITHEATER IN SLOPE**
- ⑫ **PUMP TRACK**
- ⑬ **SLEDDING HILL WITH ACCESSIBLE LIFT**
- ⑭ **ACCESSIBLE ROUTE / ACCESS ROAD**
- ⑮ **TRELLIS / FLEXIBLE PAVED SPACE WITH INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE**
- ⑯ **CONNECTION TO EXISTING LITTLE BROOK CONSERVATION AREA TRAILS**
- ⑰ **ACCESSIBLE TRAILS**
- ⑱ **THEATER STORAGE (EXISTING)**
- ⑲ **STORMWATER AREA**
- ⑳ **LITTLE BROOK CONSERVATION AREA TRAILS (EXISTING)**





ACTIVE PLAY  
AGES 0-2

Keep the  
Loop Toy  
Agreed!

OTHER IDEAS? TELL US HERE!

ACTIVE PLAY  
AGES 5-12

SAND BOX

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE  
PLAY AREASWHEELCHAIR INCLUSIVE  
PLAY EQUIPMENTACTIVE PLAY  
AGES 13+

Swimming pool

Improve gate at Simonds Park ✓

Improve interior structure of Tree House  
Climbable by young children!

hire monkey bars for older kids

Zipling

→ Water Plant

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Skate Park



TIERED SEATING



water Park

SIMONDS PLAYGROUND PRECEDENTS TELL US WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE!

0-12 ACTIVE PLAY



PUMP TRACK



EXPANDED TRAILS / CONNECTION TO EXISTING LITTLE BROOK CONSERVATION AREA TRAILS



?  
OTHER IDEAS?  
TELL US HERE!

PAVED WALKING LOOP



OPEN LAWN / EVENT SPACE



TRELLIS / PAVED FLEXIBLE SPACE FOR CLUBS / PROGRAMS (IE, SCOUTS)



WHEELCHAIR INCLUSIVE  
→ ACCESSIBLE  
PLAY ACTIVITIES  
WHEELCHAIR INCLUSIVE  
AND ACCESSIBLE  
PLAY GROUND

ACCESSIBLE TRAILS



SLEDDING HILL WITH LIFT



HISTORIC / INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE



WHEELCHAIR / BICYCLE TRACK  
Pickleball Courts  
Shuttle Bus Stop  
Garden Space  
Town Trail

AMPHITHEATER



PICNIC AREA



MODULAR CLASSROOM / PRESCHOOL



Span  
Place outside toilet,  
most roads in the  
dirt ends

OVERLOOK PARK PRECEDENTS TELL US WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE!

# SIMONDS PLAYGROUND & OVERLOOK PARK

Burlington Parks & Recreation  
Tree Lighting Event - Burlington Town Common  
Sunday, December 3, 2023 4PM



## SIGN-IN SHEET

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OTHER IDEAS? TELL US HERE!



SAND BOX

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE  
WATER CHANGING INCLUSIVE  
PLAY EQUIPMENT

Swimming pool

Improve gate at Simonds Park

Fire monkey bars for older kids

Zip line

Improve in kinda structure for young children



ACTIVE PLAY  
AGES 0-2



ACTIVE PLAY  
AGES 5-12



ACTIVE PLAY  
AGES 13+

TIERED SEATING



SENSORY TRAIL



PLAY















# **APPENDIX C: STAKEHOLDER EVENT RESULTS**

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Kelly Lehman, Brendan Egan

**FROM:** Lauren Schunk, RLA, and Cassie Bethoney, RLA

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 6:00 PM

**SUBJECT:** Stakeholder Meeting: Summary of Event and Results  
Burlington Outdoor Facilities Master Plan (OFMP)

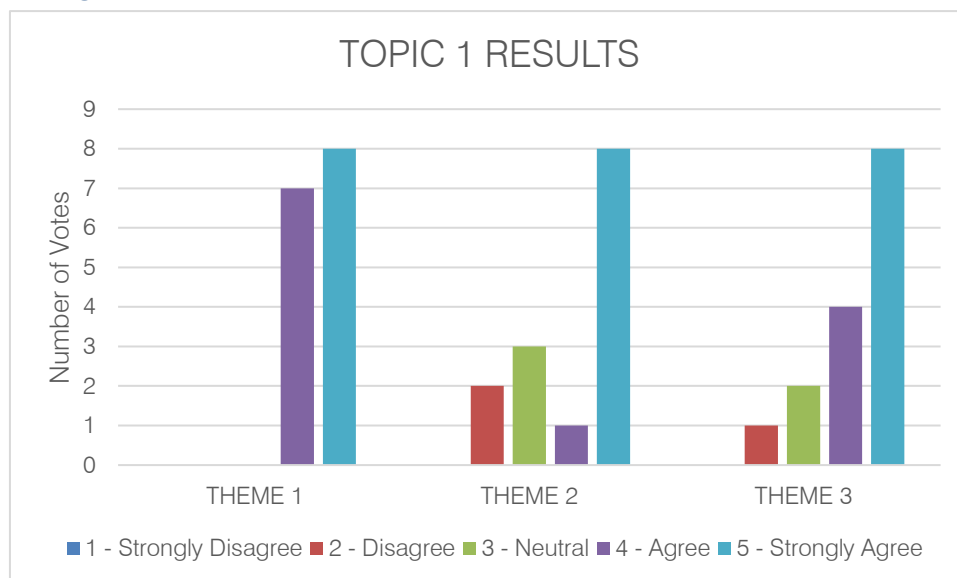
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This memorandum summarizes the feedback from stakeholders received at the Stakeholder Event held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. There were 20 attendees (a sign-in sheet is attached). The goal of the event was to provide an update on the Burlington Outdoor Facilities Master Plan (OFMP) to date and to obtain feedback from the community on the draft recommendations. The format of the event was as follows:

- The event began with a 20-30 minute presentation that covered the following topics:
  - Project Background
  - What We've Heard So Far
  - Needs Analysis
  - Draft Strategic Recommendations
  - Q&A
- For the remainder of the event, participants broke into three equally sized groups that were assigned at sign-in. Each group rotated through three topic tables – Improve Existing Outdoor Recreational Facilities; Expand Outdoor Recreational Facilities; and Provide Equitable Access to Outdoor Recreational Facilities. Groups spent approximately 30 minutes at each topic table. The format at each topic table was as follows:
  - The assigned staff member provided an overview of the topic and the key themes within the topic.
  - Participants received a voting card with the draft strategic recommendations and were encouraged to select (1) Strongly Disagree; (2) Disagree; (3) Neutral; (4) Agree; or (5) Strongly Agree for each theme. The cards included an open-ended write in section on the back of the card for comments and explanations of answers.
  - Individual voting was followed by a group discussion on the draft strategic recommendations facilitated by the assigned staff member.
  - The assigned staff member collected the voting cards at the end of the session to tally results post-event.

## TOPIC 1: IMPROVE EXISTING OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

### Voting Card Results



### Voting Card Comments

#### Site Amenities:

- More bathroom facilities are needed. Burlington Reservoir and Marshall Simonds Middle School were specifically cited locations.
- More concessions / kitchens are needed.
- There are clean and sufficient restroom facilities and great restroom availability at the fields and parks.
- Repaving of Rahanis parking receives an A+; it is much better than previously.

#### Fields:

- The striping for the multiuse fields can be confusing if there are too many on the field. There need to be plans for field layouts that make sense and can be lined properly. Sometimes coaches have played on trapezoidal shaped fields which is not ideal.
- Lighting needed for soccer fields. There is very limited availability in the fall, and often practices need to shorten as the sun sets earlier in the fall.
- The Town should maximize its existing fields to optimize availability and usable days and fix the grass / drainage.
- Existing scoreboards do not get used regularly and money could be better spent on other amenities.
- Eliminate artificial turf. There is question about the correlation between artificial turf and more knee injuries. The flexibility provided by grass fields gives more options.



- A maintenance plan for the fields is favored.
- We do not need more field amenities.
- Consider converting some baseball fields to soccer fields.

#### Playgrounds:

- Playgrounds have good activities especially at Wildwood and Simonds. A zipline is highly desirable.
- Some parks are in deplorable condition, especially TRW Park.
- Diversify the types and styles of playgrounds.
- We don't need playground equipment at every recreation site.
- A teen play area is not favored.

#### Site Infrastructure:

- Bike infrastructure between parks is desirable.
- The Town should work with Eversource to pave Reservoir Path.
- There is a need for proactive maintenance of structures, hoops, and other site infrastructure.
- There is a need for an amphitheater space with seating.

#### Land Use & Programming:

- The Town needs to make better use of its existing recreational resources.
- The Town also needs to find new opportunities / locations for recreational resources.

### Discussion Notes

In addition to the completed voting cards, groups discussed the three major themes during the breakout session. A summary of the discussion is as follows:

#### Fields & Courts:

- There are questions about the safety, expense, longevity, wear and tear of artificial turf, as well as concerns about increased injuries.
- The Town could partner with businesses to sponsor fields.
- Reorienting the fields seems like a waste of resources.
- There is a lack of maintenance and poor planning at playing fields. Lighting is limited and there are unusable field shapes.
- Parks and Recreation should take over the maintenance of all fields.
- There is not enough court time for the public, particularly tennis and pickleball.
- The fields and courts need more restrooms.
- There should not be evening lighting allowed in residential areas.

#### Recreation Amenities:

- Folks desire water play, paths, winter opportunities, jogging/biking paths, and improved accessibility.
- Could the track around the ballfield be paved and combined with gardening?

Communication:

- Can we better inform residents about the park facilities available?
- Do we have enough multipurpose fields so that they can be rotated or maximized such that we do not need artificial turf?

Land Use:

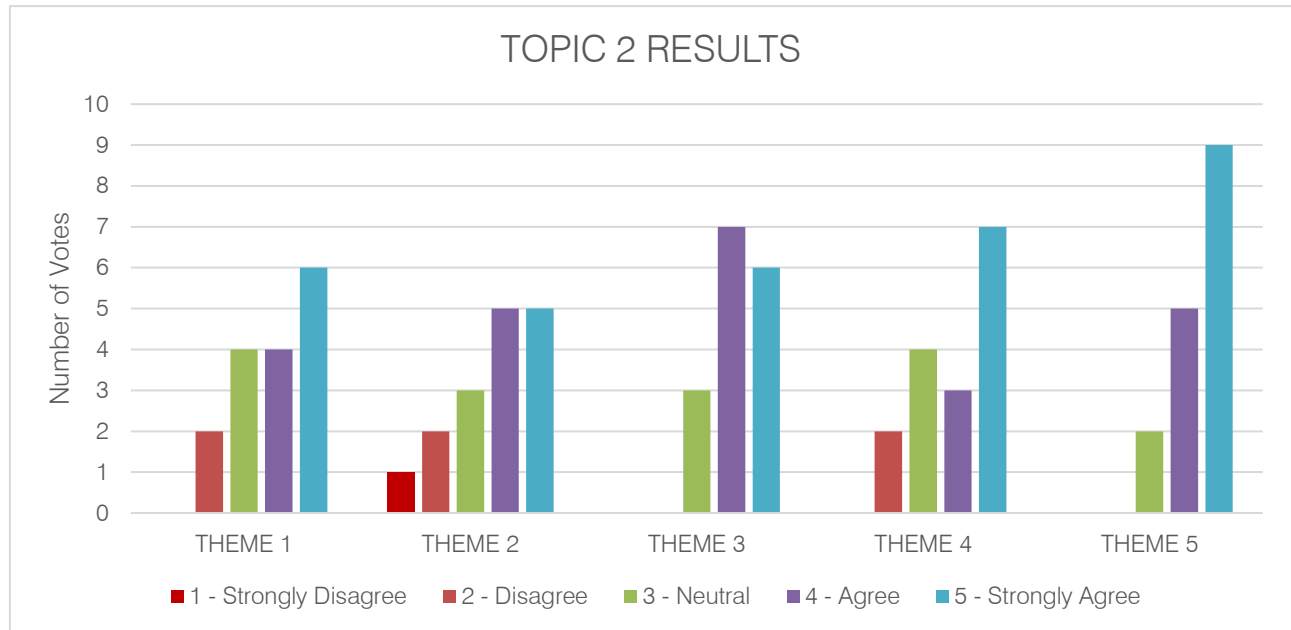
- Can we create access to land that may be usable, such as the land under powerlines? This land could serve as garden facilities.
- Do not limit this study to only existing spaces.

Misc.:

- Greater accessibility is needed around Mill Pond.
- Who would supervise the teen spaces? Should an indoor facility or program for teens be considered instead?
- There needs to be a priority list for spending along with this plan.

## TOPIC 2: EXPAND OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

### Voting Card Results



### Voting Card Comments

#### Winter Sports:

- There was mixed reactions about winter sports. Some noted that winter sports seem like a lot of expense for minimal use. There is plenty of space at Simonds and Marshall Simonds Middle School for sledding. We already have the Ice Palace for skating (though would like to see more community hours there). Others favor the addition of an outdoor ice rink, but not sledding.

#### Water Play:

- A splash pad would be highly desirable, especially for families with younger kids. Simonds Playground would be a good location for this.

#### Bike & Pedestrian Infrastructure:

- Connect to the Minuteman Trail by bike route, to the extent possible.
- Connect bike paths in other Towns.
- Go after federal grants for safer roads.

#### Teens:

- There is a need to increase programs for teens.
- There were mixed reactions to the play equipment for teens. Would they use this? Could we expand community center indoor programs instead?

### Active Recreation:

- An additional cricket field is favorable.
- TRW would be a good place for other uses.

### Discussion Notes

In conjunction with the completed voting cards, groups discussed the (5) major themes during the breakout session. A summary of the discussion is as follows:

#### Fields & Courts:

- MITRE Fields are underutilized.
- Cricket recently moved to MITRE Fields, but one cricket field is not enough for this town. Could TRW Park be a location for a dedicated cricket field?
- Pickleball is huge. We need more courts to support the use.
- More tennis courts are desirable.
- The fields behind the Recreation Department appear to be underutilized.
- For lacrosse, the main season is spring but there are also clinics in the summer and fall. Often it is hard to find field space for lacrosse.

#### Winter Sports:

- There are mixed reactions to winter sports. Some noted there is not much snow anymore and it would be costly to maintain the winter sport activity proposed. There was concern specifically expressed for an outdoor ice rink. What would the technology entail to keep it frozen given warmer winters? We already have the Ice Palace, but some noted that the hours for community use are very limited and would alternatively support an outdoor rink.
- Did the time of year impact the survey results? Perhaps the large share of votes for winter sports happened due to the community event and survey timing.

#### Water Play:

- Could we make the wading pool larger?
- A splash pad is desirable.
- Some folks would love an outdoor swimming pool that caters to all ages. Other folks are concerned with the maintenance and liability and wonder whether an outdoor swimming pool is worth the expense given the short summer season. Some noted a preference for private pools in Town that can own this liability.
- Could there be a splash pad on the Town Common in front of the gazebo?

#### Bicycle & Pedestrian Infrastructure:

- There was concern expressed over bike lanes. The roads are very busy and there are dangerous conflicts between cars and cyclists.
- There was opposition expressed about the bike lanes approved on Cambridge Street starting at the high school. This project reduces traffic lanes and will be dangerous for cyclists.



- It is hard to know where the trails and walking areas are in Town.
- Expanding walking and biking paths is highly favorable.
- Connectivity between parks is very important – walking and biking paths should connect parks. The Town is not very walkable, and the thoroughfares are dangerous to walk along. Folks need to drive to go for a walk.
- There is a Mystic Link Trail project happening between North Andover and Boston. Could there be a spur that connects to Burlington?

Teens:

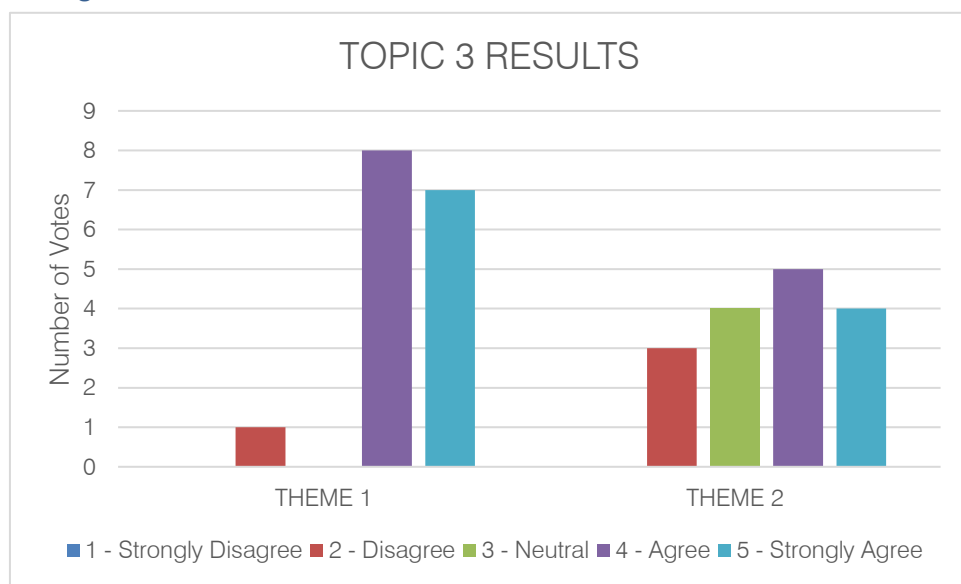
- There were questions about the need for teen amenities. Do they have any community center programs?

Land Use:

- The Town needs to look at small parcels that are owned by the Town but underutilized. Some locations noted were Mill Pond, a parcel on Sandy Brook Rd, and a parcel near Pine Brook which is now full of trash. These spaces in Town could be used for recreational purposes but are currently underutilized.

### TOPIC 3: PROVIDE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

#### Voting Card Results



#### Voting Card Comments

Paths:

- Wider and smoother paths would be appreciated.
- It might be too challenging to create accessible pathways at all locations.
- More walking paths are desired.

Maintenance:

- Clean up trash at recreation sites.
- Make sure that any proposed upgrades can be maintained, as it costs money to maintain them.

Vine Brook Wellfields Connection:

- There is concern about the environmental impact of developing the Vine Brook wellfields.
- Vine Brook wellfields need to be utilized.
- A connection through the Vine Brook wellfields could be by bike route.
- A connection through the Lord Baron neighborhood to Burlington Mall Road is far and could be challenging.

Connectivity:

- Wayfinding is needed from Chandler to the Town Line.
- A better connection is needed between the Landlock parcel from Burlington.
- Better access to Francis Wyman should be provided.

Economic Development:

- Investing resources into areas underserved by outdoor facilities should tie into economic development initiatives.

Misc.:

- Precincts 7, 3, and 4 are too congested.
- Adding amenities near Lord Baron and Mall Road would become unsafe with the amount of traffic in the area.
- Wildmere is being renovated.
- Utilize the reservoirs for passive recreation near the Peach Orchard Apartments.
- More parking is needed.

## Discussion Comments

In conjunction with the completed voting cards, groups discussed the (2) major themes during the breakout session. A summary of the discussion is as follows:

Site Amenities:

- Prioritize site furnishings.

Connectivity:

- The town is disconnected, and automobile-driven. Consider bike connectivity.
- How do we connect the parks together? This will bring people together. For example, Wildwood Park and Simonds Park have a connection via Bedford Street.

Accessibility:

- Physical interventions for ADA accessibility should be a given on all future projects. Ensure people can park nearby where they want to go.
- Connectivity between amenities and between amenities and parking was endorsed.

Funding:

- Consider public-private partnerships and how to leverage investment to support park maintenance and improvements.
- There was much concern about funding of projects and how recommendations may be implemented – who pays for it? Is it by taxes? Grant funding?

Misc.:

- There were opposing views that the Lord Baron neighborhood is actually in a recreation and open space deficit. Folks who grew up there noted a court and a small greenspace. The area was/is bikeable and connected to nearby parks that it felt like there were recreational resources nearby.

**APPENDIX** – Materials from the event (sign-in sheet, presentation, voting cards, and map boards) are attached.

# Town of Burlington

## OUTDOOR FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

Stakeholder Engagement Open House  
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 6:00 PM

### Sign-In Sheet



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- Replace aging play structures with pieces that provide a diversity of play value (social/imaginative, physical, sensory, cognitive, and communication).
- Add accessible playground components and surfacing.
- Incorporate social and play opportunities for teenagers.
- Seek funding and implement the proposed Master Plan for an inclusive playground at Simonds Park.
- Develop and implement a maintenance and inspection plan.



### Theme #2: Upgrade Fields and Courts

- Incorporate additional field amenities (i.e. scoreboards, team benches dugouts, sports lighting, spectator seating).
- Reorient fields to optimal orientation for solar interference.
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- Identify and implement the highest priority recommendations from the 2023 Athletic Facilities Assessment and Master Plan.



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Comments:

Bath room at water Burlington reservoir  
Get rid of artificial turf  
Bike infrastructure between parks  
Work with EverSource to pave Reservoir Path

Comments:

~~Restrooms~~ needed @ WSMs  
many other parks



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- Concession/kitchens
- Proactive maintenance of structures, hoops, etc.

Maybe we don't need "playground" equipment at each site if we add a different feature or type of recreation.

Ampitheater/concert space  
with seating

### Comments:

- Flexibility provided by grass fields gives more options
- lines for multiple fields can be very confusing if too many put on field
- lighting needed at additional fields for soccer, very limited availability in fall. Often ~~lights~~ ~~hand~~ ~~hand~~
- need to shorten practices in fall as sun sets earlier.
- Should have plans for field layout that make sense and ~~can~~ <sup>can</sup> be lined properly. Have coached ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> ~~trapezoid~~ soccer fields, mislaid fields here in town + detracts from youth experience.

- existing scoreboards do not get used regularly + many could be better spent on other amenities
- Playgrounds have good activities especially at Wilburd + Simonds. My kids would love Zipline, Always the main attraction when we travel + go to other parks across the US + Europe.
- Some parks are in deplorable condition, especially TRW
- Restroom availability at fields <sup>at parks</sup> is greatly appreciated.

~~John D. G. G.~~

- Repaving of Rahm's parking - At, much better than before



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Comments:

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- parking
- way finding (to Chandler) → to Town line → John Corvise → Beach Orchard
- Connection to land tract Parcel from Burlington

### Comments:

Make sure to be able to maintain any upgrades. This costs \$ to maintain. 1

Wider + smooth paths would be appreciated.



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thermal resource

- environmental impact, wildlife coexist?

grind statistics present 7, 3, 4 congested

greenspace  
nutcase takatoks - economic dev  
Burlington Mall Master Plan  
recreational

Group 1 feedback

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where & how attributed to a list of desires.

better resource utilization

more creative use of ~~resources~~ amenities

what will drive people to come

we're going to have a private partnership for development

- twin run a business?

private school. park projects

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Adding amenities near Lord Baron +  
Mall Rd will become unsafe areas  
with the amount of traffic in the area

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1 Strongly disagree 2 3 Neutral 4 5 Strongly agree

### Theme #2: Improve Geographic Distribution of Outdoor Recreational Opportunities

- Invest resources in areas of Town that are underserved by outdoor recreational facilities, such as the Wynnmore and Lord Baron neighborhoods.
- Develop the Vine Brook wellfields into a recreational amenity that connects the Lord Baron neighborhood to Burlington Mall Road.

1 Strongly disagree 2 3 Neutral 4 5 Strongly agree

### Theme #1: Improve Universal Accessibility

- Create accessible pathway connections at all recreational facilities, including between site amenities and routes to/from accessible parking spaces.
- Add accessible amenities such as ADA picnic tables, backed benches with companion seating, and restrooms located along accessible routes.
- Implement the accessible trail network proposed as part of the Master Plan for Overlook Park and continue to identify opportunities for accessible trails.
- Where feasible, add parking spaces with ADA compliant surfacing, striping, and signage adjacent to accessible facility entrances.
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1  
Strongly  
disagree

2

3

Neutral

4

5

Strongly  
agree

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1  
Strongly  
disagree

2

3

Neutral

4

5

Strongly  
agree





Simonds Playground

## Theme #1: Improve Existing Playgrounds

Playground needs:

- Replacing aging equipment
- Diversification of play value
- Addition of play or social spaces for teens
- Incorporation of accessible play components and surfacing
- 72% of survey respondents currently visit playgrounds
- 36% of respondents indicated a need to improve accessible play features



Marvin Field

## Theme #2: Upgrade Fields and Courts

Field and court needs:

- New or upgraded field amenities including sheltered dugouts, lighting, and spectator seating
- Consider converting high-use fields to synthetic turf, an option supported by survey feedback
- Consider converting high-use fields to synthetic turf, an option supported by survey feedback
- Resurface or consolidate well-used court amenities
- 55% of survey respondents highly favor or favor investing in courts



Rahanis Park

## Theme #3: Upgrade Park Amenities

- At 4 of the 5 most frequented recreational properties, survey respondents indicated a desire for additional site amenities such as benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, restrooms
- Create a standard furnishings palette to streamline maintenance and create a consistent look throughout the Town.



# 1 Improve Existing Outdoor Recreational Facilities





Splash Pad

## Theme #1: Expand Water-Based Play Opportunities

- 76% of survey respondents highly favor or favor additional opportunities for water play, such as splash pads or swimming pools
- At the Tree Lighting Community Event, splash pad received the most votes out of all amenities proposed as part of the Simonds Playground Master Plan



Sledding Hill with Lift

## Theme #2: Create Opportunities for Winter Sports

- 69% of survey respondents highly favor or favor additional winter sport amenities
- At the Tree Lighting Community Event, the sledding hill received the most votes out of all amenities proposed as part of the Overlook Park Master Plan



Pump Track

## Theme #3: Incorporate Expanded Active Recreational Programming into Underutilized Sites

- Based on site evaluations, at least 4 of Burlington's recreational properties offer potential for expanded recreational programming.
- Desired additional active recreational amenities include a pump track, designated cricket pitch, and pickleball courts



Paved Bike Trail

## Theme #4: Expand Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure

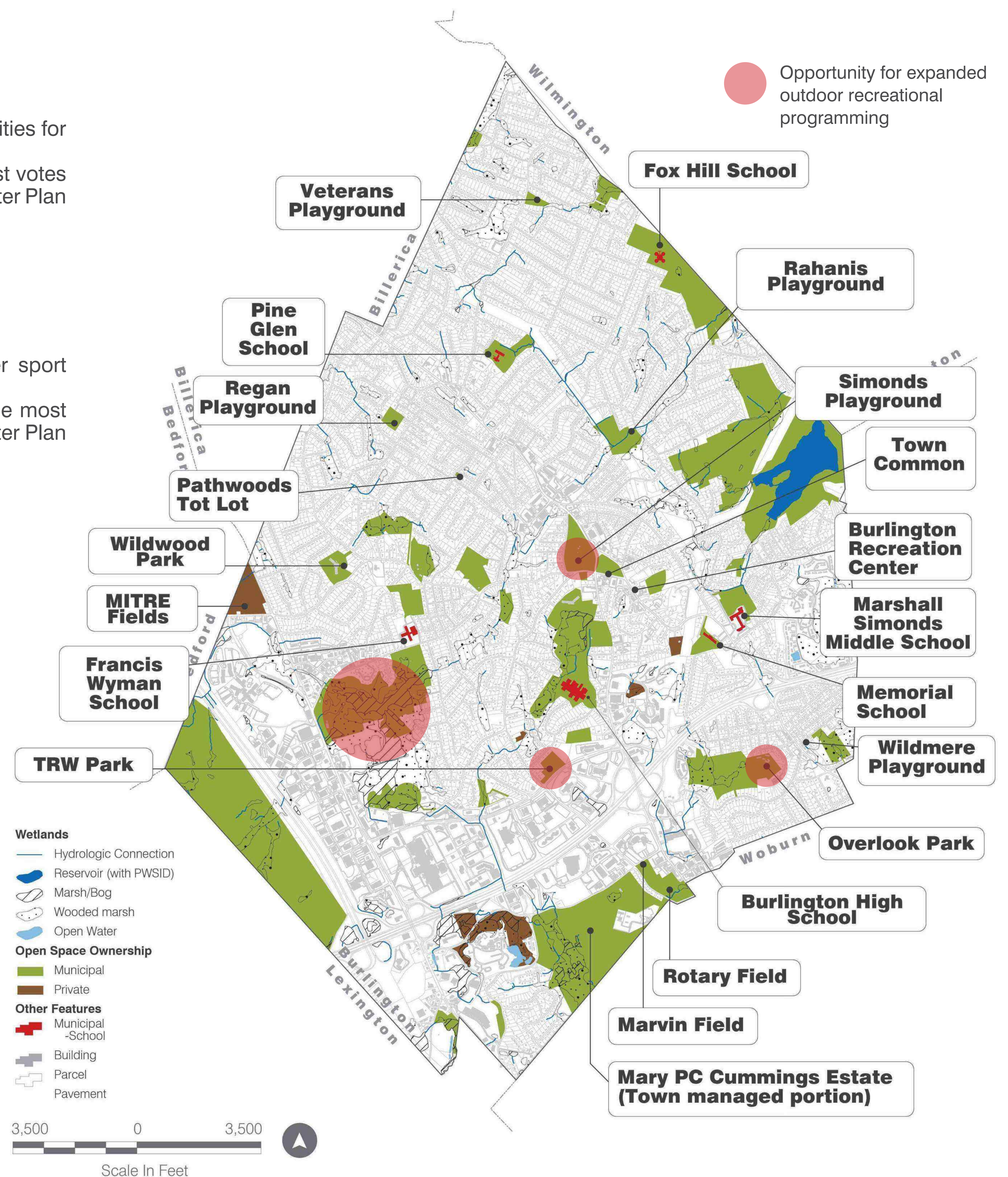
- 74% of survey respondents highly favor or favor the creation of additional paved biking paths
- 84% of survey respondents highly favor or favor the addition of more walking or jogging paths



Woodland Trail

## Theme #5: Expand Walking and Hiking Opportunities

- 84% of survey respondents highly favor or favor investing in walking / jogging paths
- 71% of survey respondents highly favor or favor investing in hiking trails
- At the Tree Lighting Community Event, respondents indicated a desire for improved connections to existing trail networks



# 2 Expand Outdoor Recreational Facilities





## Theme #1: Improve Universal Accessibility

Based on a comprehensive on-site inventory and opportunity analysis, all of Burlington's recreational facilities would benefit from accessibility improvements including:

- The addition of accessible paths between parking and recreational amenities
- Locating site amenities along accessible routes
- Providing accessible parking spaces where feasible

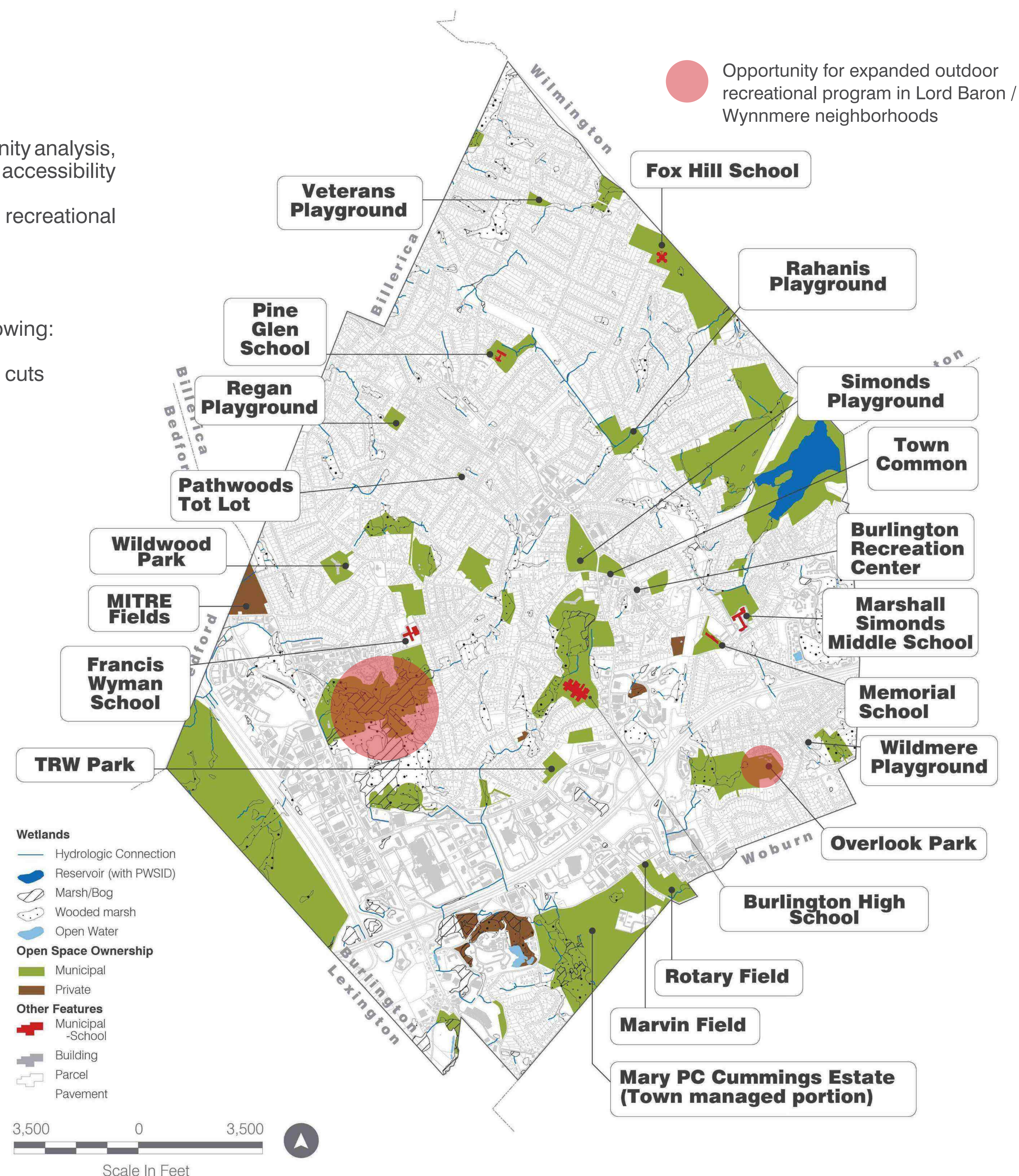
In the community survey, respondents indicated the following:

- 62% desire improvements to accessible restrooms
- 34% desire improvements to paths, ramps, and curb cuts



## ***Theme #2: Improve Geographic Distribution of Outdoor Recreational Opportunities***

- The Lord Baron and Wynnmere neighborhoods are currently undeserved by recreational facilities and would benefit from additional amenities.
- Implementing the Master Plan for Overlook Park and the conversion of the Vine wellfields into a recreational amenity would provide needed access to outdoor facilities in these neighborhoods.





# **APPENDIX D: SITE EVALUATIONS**

# TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Marvin Field

ADDRESS: 100 South Bedford Street, Burlington, MA 01803



### INTENSITY OF USE

☐ high      ☒ medium      ☐ low  
☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

### USER GROUPS

☐ neighborhood      ☒ town      ☐ regional  
☒ kids/families      ☒ teens      ☐ adults/elderly  
☒ sports leagues      ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

**No users observed at time of site visit (winter).**

### CONTEXT

☒ residential      ☐ mixed-use      ☒ commercial  
☐ industrial      ☐ oceanfront      ☐ conservation area

acreage: 4.5 acres

Other context notes:

**The site is bounded by car dealerships, Microsoft corporate office, and a law office. It is adjacent to a wooded area and Rotary Field to the south.**

### Other Notes:

**-Locked during the day to prevent large vehicles from entering.  
-Property is under the Mary Cummings trust, which means buildings/structures cannot be added without permission.  
-There is a conservation easement and the Town is looking to develop the site for the continued use of playing fields.**

# SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pathways	condition rating
material:	(1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt	<u>Fair to poor</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> concrete	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> pavers	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aggregate/ stonedust	<u>Fair to poor</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fencing material:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link	<u>Fair to poor</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl coated c.l.	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> ornamental	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood guard rail	<u>Fair</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> grading / drainage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> low/wet areas	<input type="checkbox"/> blocked structures
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA compliant grates	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> utilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> gas	<input type="checkbox"/> water
<input type="checkbox"/> cameras for security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> electric
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> pedestrian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sports	<input type="checkbox"/> other
manufacturer/ model: <u>MUSCO</u>	

## SITE ACCESS

<input type="checkbox"/> sidewalk	<input type="checkbox"/> bike route
<input type="checkbox"/> trails	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parking	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public lot	
<input type="checkbox"/> street	
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____

## SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

<input type="checkbox"/> picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/> monuments
<input type="checkbox"/> shade shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> benches
<input type="checkbox"/> interpretive signage	<input type="checkbox"/> trash
<input type="checkbox"/> regulatory signage	<input type="checkbox"/> bike rack
<input type="checkbox"/> drinking fountain	<input type="checkbox"/> boat ramp
<input type="checkbox"/> splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> concessions
<input type="checkbox"/> fishing deck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sports fields <b>Softball</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> courts	<input type="checkbox"/> playground
<input type="checkbox"/> boardwalk	<input type="checkbox"/> other _____

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE NOTES:

There is a mix of asphalt, sand and gravel at the informal parking and around the east side of the field in fair to poor condition. There are no accessible marked parking spaces or accessible pathway connections to the bleachers and field. The gravel parking lot shows water ponding / low areas and sediment has collected behind the backstop indicating a need for water management.

## SITE AMENITIES NOTES:

There is a softball field with sports lighting. There is an entry sign.

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# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## ATHLETIC FIELDS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                              | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                              | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> poor                   | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation                        |   |

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**280' outfield, no bases observed but approx. 60' between bases.**

☒ field fencing

Material condition rating  
(1-2-3=good-fair-poor)

- |  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link | <u><b>Fair to poor</b></u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l.     | _____                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports netting        | _____                      |

☒ seating

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dugouts      | <input type="checkbox"/> shade                |

☒ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: **MUSCO**

## COURTS **None.**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                    | <input type="checkbox"/> good                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                    | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                    | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                            |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ court fencing

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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> chain link        | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l. | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports            | _____ |

☐ seating

- |                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts      | <input type="checkbox"/> shade     |

☐ court lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ skate park condition

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> concrete      | <input type="checkbox"/> good |
| <input type="checkbox"/> surface mount | <input type="checkbox"/> fair |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> poor |

## ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

**Ponding and signs of erosion were observed within the infield and team bench area. The infield is in poor condition. The softball field does not have the optimal orientation. The team benches are in fair condition. The chain link fence is rusted in places, the backstop is in poor condition and the ball netting is in poor condition. No irrigation observed.**

## COURT NOTES:

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Correct the field grading to mitigate water ponding in the infield and around the team benches.
- Provide an accessible route to the field and bleachers.
- Add and upgrade site amenities, such as a scoreboard, team benches, drinking fountains, and shade.
- Replace the fencing near the retaining wall and ball netting.

# ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

## PARKING

Lot

On-Site

Total # parking spaces: 

No marked spaces. Space for approx. 25 cars.

# Accessible parking spaces: 

0

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:

There are no accessible parking spaces.

## ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Any ponding of water?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible route to all elements?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible route to some elements?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of 1/2" maximum?	<div>N/A</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

## PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES N/A

Is there a swing set?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a play structure?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, is it accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Meets standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

Any other sports/recreation on site? 

☒ yes

☐ no

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☐ yes

☒ no

There is a softball field.

Are there berm cuts onto the courts? 

☐ yes

☐ no

N/A

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:

There are no accessible paths connecting site amenities.

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 N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is surface material accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

List other amenities and accessibility:



**CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:**

There is a vehicular entrance to the field that was locked at at the day of the site visit. There is a mixed gravel asphalt path along the east side of the field. There are no accessible routes throughout the site. There is a gravel road that connects the site to Rotary Field.

**PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:**

The site is mostly natural turf. There are mature deciduous trees that bound the edge of the site and the gravel road that connects to Rotary Field. Many of the trees are covered by overgrown vines and some are in poor condition. Observed signs of tree pruning along the gravel road.

**VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:**

There are open views across the field and through the trees to the adjacent offices (in winter).

**ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:**

**RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:**

- Regrade the field to mitigate water ponding and erosion.
- Formalize parking area and vehicular circulation. Add accessible parking spaces.
- Add accessible pathway connections to the field and bleachers.
- Upgrade or add site amenities including a scoreboard, fencing, team benches / dugouts with shade, and drinking fountains.
- Replace the fencing near the retaining wall and ball netting.



# TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Mary Cummings Park

ADDRESS: 25 Blanchard Road, Burlington, MA 01803



### 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: 5.6 acres (parking lot, field, and walking loop)

Other context notes:

**There is a water tower and cell phone tower adjacent to the site. To the northwest, there are woods that back into residences. To the South and southwest is a trail system that is owned by the Trustees of Reservations.**

### Other Context Notes:

**-Youth soccer is the primary user.  
-Northeastern located at the back of the property and has used the field to test drones.  
-Youth lacrosse has used the fields in the past.  
-The Town is considering the site as a location for a cricket field.**



# SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pathways material:	condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)
<input type="checkbox"/> asphalt	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> concrete	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> pavers	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aggregate/ stonedust	<u>Fair</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fencing material:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link	<u>There is a chain link fence around stormwater area in fair condition.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl coated c.l.	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> ornamental	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood guard rail	<u>Good</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> grading / drainage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> low/wet areas	<input type="checkbox"/> blocked structures
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA compliant grates	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> utilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> gas	<input type="checkbox"/> water
<input type="checkbox"/> cameras for security	<input type="checkbox"/> electric
<input type="checkbox"/> lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> pedestrian
<input type="checkbox"/> sports	<input type="checkbox"/> other
manufacturer/ model: _____	

## SITE ACCESS

<input type="checkbox"/> sidewalk	<input type="checkbox"/> bike route
<input type="checkbox"/> trails	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parking	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public lot	
<input type="checkbox"/> street	
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____

## SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/> monuments
<input type="checkbox"/> shade shelter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> benches
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> interpretive signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> trash
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> regulatory signage	<input type="checkbox"/> bike rack
<input type="checkbox"/> drinking fountain	<input type="checkbox"/> boat ramp
<input type="checkbox"/> splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> concessions
<input type="checkbox"/> fishing deck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sports fields
<input type="checkbox"/> courts	<input type="checkbox"/> playground
<input type="checkbox"/> boardwalk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other

Grass multipurpose field

Connection to expanded trails

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE NOTES:

There is a gravel walking path around the multipurpose field with uneven and eroded areas. It connects to the Trustees Reservation trail system. The accessible parking spaces are marked but not paved, and there is no accessible pathway connection from the parking to the field. Water ponding was observed in the gravel parking lot.

## SITE AMENITIES NOTES:

There are adequate benches and picnic tables located along the gravel loop that are not located adjacent to accessible pathways or on accessible surfacing. There are trees along the perimeter walking loop. There is an entry sign, park regulatory signage, a sign indicating to use caution on the gravel walking paths, and wayfinding signage along the walking path that describes the adjacent Trustees Reservation trail system.

# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## ATHLETIC FIELDS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                              | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                   | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                              | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation                        |   |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**The multipurpose extents are approximately 415' x 280'**

☐ field fencing **None.**

Material condition rating  
(1-2-3=good-fair-poor)

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|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> chain link        | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l. | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports netting    | _____ |

☐ seating **None.**

- |                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts      | <input type="checkbox"/> shade     |

☐ field lighting **None.**

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

## COURTS **There are no courts.**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                    | <input type="checkbox"/> good                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                    | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                    | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                            |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ court fencing

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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> chain link        | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l. | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports            | _____ |

☐ seating

- |                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts      | <input type="checkbox"/> shade     |

☐ court lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ skate park condition

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> concrete      | <input type="checkbox"/> good |
| <input type="checkbox"/> surface mount | <input type="checkbox"/> fair |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> poor |

## ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

**The natural turf appears in fair to good condition. There is no spectator seating. There were no field markings observed at the time of the site visit (winter). Tire marks on the grass were observed.**

## COURT NOTES:

**There are no courts.**

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## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

**Depending on the intensity of use, the fields could benefit from seating for players and spectators, shade, drinking fountains, and irrigation.**

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# ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

## PARKING

Lot

On-Site

Total # parking spaces:

There are no marked spaces, but there is space for approx. 60 cars. There is accessible signage at 3 spaces.

# Accessible parking spaces:

Signage ☒

Aisle 5' ☐

Aisle 8' ☐

Curbscut ☐

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

Striping ☐

There is no accessible surfacing or 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:

There are signs for (3) accessible spaces, but these spaces are not on accessible surfacing and are not striped.

## ACCESS & CIRCULATION

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

## PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

None.

Is there a swing set?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a play structure?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, is it accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Meets standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

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

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☐ yes ☒ no

There is a multipurpose field.

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 specivy:  
There is no accessible route from the parking to the walking path or fields.

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:	8	0
Drinking Fountains:		
Tables:	4	0
5% of tables must be accessible		
Grill:		
Note the height of cooking surface		
Picnic Shelters:		

Trail Amenities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is surface material accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

List other amenities and accessibility.

The walking path is gravel with uneven areas and erosion.



**CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:**

There is a walking path around the multipurpose field. There is a designated parking lot for the park adjacent to the amenities but there is no accessible connection. The walking path connects to adjacent trail system managed by the Trustees of Reservations.

**PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:**

Natural turf covers most of the site area. Birch and zelkova trees line the parking area. Young deciduous trees are planted on the outside of the gravel walking loop. There are planted stormwater management areas adjacent to the parking lot.

**VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:**

The field is located at a relative high point and there are views that span over adjacent wooded areas beyond the site. There are clear views between the parking area, the field, and the walking loop.

**ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:**

**RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:**

- Depending on usage, consider incorporating additional field amenities such as shade, players benches, spectator seating, drinking fountains, and irrigation.
- Upgrade accessibility throughout the site. Pave the accessible parking spaces and provide an accessible route to the field and walking path. Consider upgrading the walking path material to be accessible, and locate picnic tables and benches along accessible routes.
- Town is considering this location for a cricket field - create a master plan that explores options for the cricket field space with a multipurpose field overly.





# TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Overlook Park

ADDRESS: 1 Edgemere Ave, Burlington, MA 01803



### INTENSITY OF USE

☐ high ☒ medium ☐ low  
☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

### USER GROUPS

☒ neighborhood ☒ town ☐ regional  
☒ kids/families ☒ teens ☒ adults/elderly  
☐ sports leagues ☒ other Burlington Players (theater group)

### CONTEXT

☒ residential ☐ mixed-use ☐ commercial  
☐ industrial ☐ oceanfront ☒ conservation area

acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

Other context notes:

**The park entrance is located at the end of a street in a residential neighborhood. Residential neighborhoods line the north, east, and south borders of the site. The park property is bounded to the west by the Little Brook Conservation Area.**

**The park is seeing increased use by neighborhood residents. There is a theater that hosts performances by the Burlington Players. Neighborhood residents also use the hill for sledding in the winter.**



# SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

☒ pathways material:

condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)

☒ asphalt

Fair / Poor (access drive to top of hill)

☐ concrete

☐ pavers

☐ aggregate/ stonedust

☐ fencing material:

☐ chain link

☒ vinyl coated c.l.

Good (at playground)

☐ ornamental

☐ wood guard rail

☒ grading / drainage

**Consider drainage solutions for hill / slope runoff.**

☐ low/wet areas

☐ blocked structures

☐ ADA compliant grates

☒ utilities

☐ gas

☒ water

☒ electric

☐ cameras for security

☒ lighting

☐ pedestrian

☐ sports

☒ other

manufacturer/ model:

There are lights mounted on the exterior of the theater building.

## SITE ACCESS

☒ sidewalk

☐ bike route

☒ trails

**There is access via the Little Brook Conservation Area trails.**

☒ parking

**There is space for parking, but no formal striped spots or signage.**

☐ public lot

☐ street

☐ other:

## SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

☒ picnic area

☐ monuments

**There is a picnic table at the top of the hill.**

☐ shade shelter

☒ benches

**The bench is located at the playground.**

☐ interpretive signage

☐ trash

☐ regulatory signage

☐ bike rack

☐ drinking fountain

☐ boat ramp

☐ splash pad

☐ swimming

☐ restrooms

☐ concessions

☐ fishing deck

☐ sports fields

☒ courts

☒ playground

☐ boardwalk

☒ other

**Theater building, maintenance building, trail connection to conservation land**

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE NOTES:

There is an asphalt area for informal parking around the theater and maintenance buildings, which are located at the bottom of the slope closest to the entrance. A steep asphalt road in fair to poor condition traverses the slope, leading to the top of the hill. The site does not have accessible routes or parking.

## SITE AMENTIES NOTES:

There is a picnic table located at the top of the hill, which was informally brought to the location by members of the community. Otherwise, seating is limited. There is no entry wayfinding or signage.

# PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

## COMPONENTS

☒ 2-5 age structure

☒ 5-12 age structure

☐ water elements

☒ seating for caregivers

☐ drinking fountain

☐ shade

☒ swings

☐ ADA

☒ infant

☐ belt

☒ standard

☒ slides

☒ 2-5 age

☐ 5-12 age

Materials: **Plastic and metal**

☒ Individual elements:  
**Fitness bars, spinners, swings, play structures, slide**

## SURFACING:

**material**

☐ PIP rubber

☒ wood fiber

☐ sand

☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

**compliance**

☐ meets requirements

☒ does NOT meet the requirements

## PLAYGROUND NOTES:

There is play equipment for ages 2-12 that includes features with swinging, spinning, and sliding play types. There is wood fiber surfacing that does not meet accessibility requirements. There is one bench for caregiver seating.

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

Given the playground's increased use by neighborhood residents, there is opportunity to upgrade the playground surfacing and equipment. New equipment could incorporate a wider variety of inclusive play opportunities, such as exploratory, sensory, and interactive pieces. Additional recommendations include adding an accessible route that connects the playground to the sidewalk along Edgemere Ave, and formalized accessible parking spaces. Additional accessible caregiver seating could also be beneficial.

## PLAY VALUE

motor skills

☐ rocking

☒ swinging

☒ spinning

☐ climbing

☒ sliding

☐ balancing

cognitive skills

☐ manipulative

☐ interactive

☐ exploratory

☐ engagement with peers

☐ problem solving

☐ other unstructured play:  
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# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## ATHLETIC FIELDS **None.**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                   | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                   | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                   | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation             |   |

☐ 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 **(1) Basketball court**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                    | <input type="checkbox"/> good                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                    | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> poor         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> poor                 |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**Approx. 40' x 75'**

☒ court fencing

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

☒ chain link                      **Poor, rusted**

☐ 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:

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## COURT NOTES:

**The basketball court is in very poor condition. The fence is rusted and vegetation is overgrown. It does not appear to be used.**

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## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

**Since active recreation is not desired at this site, consider replacing the defunct basketball court with an alternative program.**

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# ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

## PARKING

Lot

On-Site

Total # parking spaces: 

No marked parking spaces or clear parking area. There is space for ~10 cars, +/-

# 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:

There are no marked parking spaces.

## ACCESS & CIRCULATION

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

## PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a play structure?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, is it accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Meets standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Any other sports/recreation on site? 

☒ yes

☐ no

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☐ yes

☒ no

There is a basketball court in poor condition.

Are there berm cuts onto the courts? 

☐ yes

☒ no

Bleachers are ADA compliant? 

☐ yes

☐ no

Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas

The basketball hoops are approximately 10' height.

## 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:

See notes below.

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:	1	0
Drinking Fountains:		
Tables:	1	0
5% of tables must be accessible		
Grill:		
Note the height of cooking surface		
Picnic Shelters:		

Trail Amenities	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is surface material accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

List other amenities and accessibility:

The playground, picnic area or sledding on the hill, and conservation trail connection are not connected by accessible routes. There is no accessible parking associated with these amenities.







**CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:**

There are no clear pedestrian or vehicular circulation routes or formalized parking areas located at the site. There is an asphalt path that leads to the top of a hill, a high point with views during the winter. At the top of the hill, there is access to a trail system that is a part of the Little Brook Conservation Area. There is no wayfinding or signage. There is a route through the woods on the west side of the site that is overgrown and not accessible.

**PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:**

There are native trees including pines and oaks throughout the site. The trees on the hillside near the theater building are in poor condition.

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**VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:**

At the top of the hill, there are views of the Boston skyline in the winter. The site is a former Nike missile site.

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**ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:**

Ample wooded areas provide shade.

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**RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:**

A phased concept plan has been developed for the site that incorporates the site observations and recommendations. Phase 1 features the following:

- Accessible connections and formalized parking with accessible spaces.
- Accessible trails that connect to the existing conservation area trails.
- Upgraded inclusive playground.
- Vehicular route to the top of the hill with accessible trail access.
- Stormwater management.
- Open lawn area and new tree plantings along the path.
- Wayfinding/signage.

Programs proposed in future phases include an accessible lift for sledding, picnic area, pavilion, pump track, amphitheater, and preschool.



# TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Pathwoods Tot Lot

ADDRESS: 20 Pathwoods Ave, Burlington MA, 01803



### 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: 0.36 acres

Other context notes:

The site is located within a residential neighborhood  
with good tree canopy coverage.

# SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pathways	condition rating
material:	(1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt	<b>Fair</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> concrete	
<input type="checkbox"/> pavers	
<input type="checkbox"/> aggregate/ stonedust	
<input type="checkbox"/> fencing material:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link	<b>Poor</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl coated c.l.	
<input type="checkbox"/> ornamental	
<input type="checkbox"/> wood guard rail	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> grading / drainage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> low/wet areas	<input type="checkbox"/> blocked structures
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA compliant grates	
<input type="checkbox"/> utilities	<b>None.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> gas	<input type="checkbox"/> water
<input type="checkbox"/> cameras for security	<input type="checkbox"/> electric
<input type="checkbox"/> lighting	<b>None.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> sports	<input type="checkbox"/> pedestrian
<input type="checkbox"/> other	
manufacturer/ model: _____	

## SITE ACCESS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sidewalk	<input type="checkbox"/> bike route
<input type="checkbox"/> trails	
<input type="checkbox"/> parking	
<input type="checkbox"/> public lot	<b>There are no marked parking spaces - on street parking only.</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> street	
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____

## SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

<input type="checkbox"/> picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/> monuments
<input type="checkbox"/> shade shelter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> benches
<input type="checkbox"/> interpretive signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> trash
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> regulatory signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bike rack
<input type="checkbox"/> drinking fountain	<input type="checkbox"/> boat ramp
<input type="checkbox"/> splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> concessions
<input type="checkbox"/> fishing deck	<input type="checkbox"/> sports fields
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> courts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> playground
<input type="checkbox"/> boardwalk	<input type="checkbox"/> other _____

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE NOTES:

**There is an asphalt path in fair condition that connects the playground and basketball court to the street. The slope of the path near the entrance is not accessible and there are uneven portions of asphalt. The chain link fence is in poor condition.**

## SITE AMENITIES NOTES:

**The site has two benches, a waste receptacle, and bike racks. These amenities are not located adjacent to accessible pathways. There is regulatory park signage.**

# PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

## COMPONENTS

- ☒ 2-5 age structure
- ☐ water elements
- ☐ drinking fountain
- ☒ swings
- ☐ ADA
- ☒ belt
- ☐ 5-12 age structure
- ☒ seating for caregivers
- ☒ shade
- ☐ standard

☒ slides

☒ 2-5 age

☐ 5-12 age

Materials: **Plastic and metal**

☒ Individual elements:  
**Slide, infant swings, belt swings, overhead spinning piece, balance beam, small climbing blocks, rocker, metal climbing ladder**

## SURFACING:

- material**
- ☐ PIP rubber
- ☐ wood fiber
- ☐ sand
- ☒ other: **Rubber mulch**
- compliance**
- ☐ meets requirements
- ☒ does NOT meet the requirements

## PLAY VALUE

- motor skills

☒ rocking

☒ swinging

☒ spinning

☒ climbing

☒ sliding

☒ balancing
- cognitive skills

☐ manipulative

☐ interactive

☐ exploratory

☐ engagement with peers

☐ problem solving

☐ other unstructured play:

## PLAYGROUND NOTES:

**The playground equipment offers a variety of experiences to explore and develop motor skills such as rocking, swinging, spinning, climbing, sliding, and balancing. The surfacing is loose rubber mulch which is not accessible. There is a plastic barrier several inches above grade between the asphalt path and the play surfacing. The surrounding mature tree canopy provides ample shade.**

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

**The playground could benefit from upgraded, inclusive play equipment pieces that offer opportunities to engage cognitive skills such as interactive, exploratory, and unstructured play elements. The surfacing could be updated to meet accessibility compliance and the step between the adjacent path and the play area should be removed and surfacing made flush.**



# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## ATHLETIC FIELDS **None.**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                   | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                   | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                   | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation             |   |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ field fencing

Material                      condition rating  
(1-2-3=good-fair-poor)

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> chain link        | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l. | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports netting    | _____ |

☐ seating

- |                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts      | <input type="checkbox"/> shade     |

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

## COURTS

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                    | <input type="checkbox"/> good                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair         | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                    | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                            |
|  | <b>None</b>  |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**The court is not full size. Its dimensions are approx. 25' X 30'**

☐ court fencing **None**

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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> chain link        | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l. | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports            | _____ |

☐ seating **None.**

- |                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts      | <input type="checkbox"/> shade     |

☐ court lighting **None.**

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ skate park condition

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> concrete      | <input type="checkbox"/> good |
| <input type="checkbox"/> surface mount | <input type="checkbox"/> fair |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> poor |

## ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

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## COURT NOTES:

**There is an asphalt area with one basketball hoop and no court markings. The asphalt and hoop are in fair condition.**

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## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

**If desired and depending on its use, the hoop and surfacing could be upgraded and include striping. A low height basketball hoop could potentially be added for younger children. The asphalt area could also incorporate painted games such as four square or a painted obstacle course, if desired. Seating around the court area for players and caregivers could also be beneficial.**

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# ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

## PARKING

Lot

On-Site

Total # parking spaces:

None associated with the site.

# Accessible parking spaces:

None

Signage

☐

Aisle 5'

☐

Aisle 8'

☐

Curbscut

☐

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:

There are no marked accessible spaces. Visitors park along the adjacent street.

## ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Any ponding of water?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible route to all elements?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible route to some elements?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage? Regulatory only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of 1/2" maximum? N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

## PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a play structure?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, is it accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Meets standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

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

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☐ yes ☒ no

There is a basketball court area. It is located along an asphalt path, but is not accessible from the street 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

The basketball hoop is approx. 10' height

## 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:

See below.

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:	2	0
Drinking Fountains:		
Tables:		
5% of tables must be accessible		
Grill:		
Note the height of cooking surface		
Picnic Shelters:		

Trail Amenities	None	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is surface material accessible?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities	None	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

List other amenities and accessibility:

The grade at the entrance does not meet accessible slope criteria. The asphalt path and playground surfacing are not flush.

## CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:

There are no sidewalks on the adjacent streets and there is no formal parking area. To access the site by vehicle, visitors park along the street. There is an asphalt path that connects the court and playground to the street, but the asphalt is cracked at the entrance and is not accessible.

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## PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:

The site is bounded by mature oak trees that provide ample shade.

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## VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:

There are no blocked views between amenities (court and playground are visible from anywhere on the site).

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## ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:

There are boulders / rock outcroppings along the border of the site near the entrance.

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## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Upgrade the path surfacing and grade the entrance so that meets accessible slope requirements.
- Place benches along accessible routes and consider adding additional amenities such as seating near the court area and a picnic table.
- Upgrade the playground surfacing and equipment to be inclusive and capture a wide range of motor and cognitive skills. Remove the barrier between the adjacent path and make the surfacing flush.
- Consider upgrading the court area with new surfacing, a low hoop, and painted asphalt games, if desirable.
- Consider adding entry signage and signage along the road for the playground to encourage awareness and traffic calming.





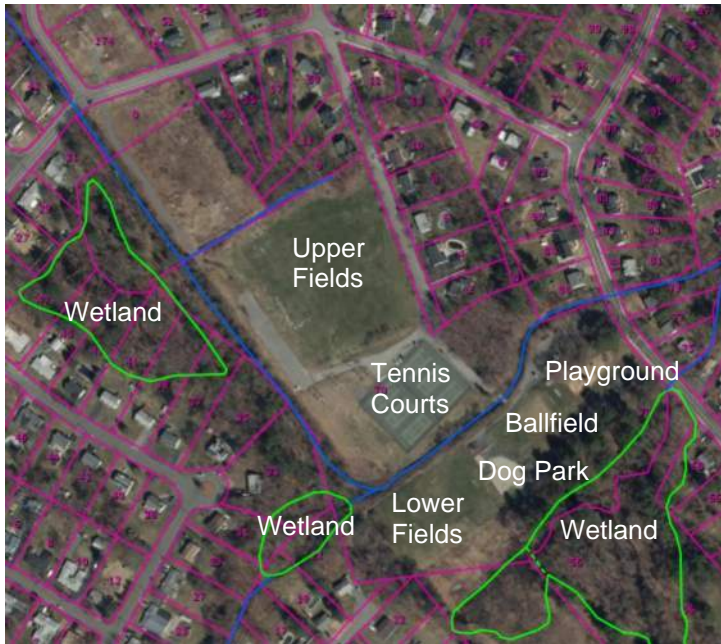


# TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Rahanis Playground

ADDRESS: 84 Mill St, Burlington, MA 01803



### 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: 17.7 acres

Other context notes:

**The park is surrounded by residential neighborhoods. Part of the site is below overhead powerlines.**

**The dog park was well used at the time of the site visit.**

### Other Context Notes:

**-The site is heavily used - one of the 3 busiest parks in the Town.  
The site is heavily programmed: youth soccer, high school sports, youth softball, youth lacrosse, and the high school tennis team play here.**

# SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pathways	condition rating
material:	(1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt	<u>Good</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> concrete	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> pavers	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aggregate/ stonedust	<u>Peastone at dog park - fair</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fencing material:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link	<u>Poor</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vinyl coated c.l.	<u>Good - at dog park</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> ornamental	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood guard rail	<u>Good</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> grading / drainage	
<input type="checkbox"/> low/wet areas	<input type="checkbox"/> blocked structures
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA compliant grates	
<input type="checkbox"/> utilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> gas	<input type="checkbox"/> water
<input type="checkbox"/> cameras for security	<input type="checkbox"/> electric
<input type="checkbox"/> lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> pedestrian
<input type="checkbox"/> sports	<input type="checkbox"/> other
manufacturer/ model: _____	

## SITE ACCESS

<input type="checkbox"/> sidewalk	<input type="checkbox"/> bike route
<input type="checkbox"/> trails	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parking	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public lot	
<input type="checkbox"/> street	
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____

## SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/> monuments
<input type="checkbox"/> shade shelter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> benches
<input type="checkbox"/> interpretive signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> trash
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> regulatory signage	<input type="checkbox"/> bike rack
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> drinking fountain	<input type="checkbox"/> boat ramp
<input type="checkbox"/> splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> concessions
<input type="checkbox"/> fishing deck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sports fields
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> courts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> playground
<input type="checkbox"/> boardwalk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other <u>Dog park</u>

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE NOTES:

The asphalt parking lot area is in good condition near the playground, but there are lots of cracks and low areas near the tennis courts and upper fields. There is an asphalt path that is partially covered by wood fiber mulch. The gravel path that leads past the ballfield to the dog park and upper fields is in fair condition and has some low wet areas near the dog park. To access the tennis courts and upper fields from the main entrance, there is a bridge in fair condition. There are additional parking areas near the courts and upper fields.

## SITE AMENITIES NOTES:

The major site amenities include a playground, upper and lower multipurpose fields, a softball field, a basketball and a sand volleyball court, 6 tennis courts, and a dog park. Other amenities include a picnic table and restrooms near the playground with a drinking fountain mounted on the building (locked during time of site visit).



# PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

## COMPONENTS

- ☒ 2-5 age structure
- ☐ water elements
- ☒ drinking fountain
- ☒ swings
- ☐ ADA
- ☐ belt
- ☒ 5-12 age structure
- ☐ seating for caregivers
- ☐ shade
- ☒ infant
- ☐ standard

☒ slides

☒ 2-5 age

☒ 5-12 age

Materials: Plastic and metal, rope

☒ Individual elements:  
2-5 age play structure, 5-12 play structure, climbing structure for ages 5-12, 2 infant swings, ship play structure, ball pit

## SURFACING:

- material

☐ PIP rubber

☒ wood fiber

☐ sand

☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_
- compliance

☐ meets requirements

☒ does NOT meet the requirements

## PLAY VALUE

- motor skills

☐ rocking

☒ swinging

☐ spinning

☒ climbing

☒ sliding

☐ balancing
- cognitive skills

☐ manipulative

☒ interactive

☐ exploratory

☐ engagement with peers

☐ problem solving

☒ other unstructured play:  
Ship pretend play structure

## PLAYGROUND NOTES:

The play equipment is in fair condition. There are a mix of motor and cognitive skill play values including swinging, climbing, sliding, manipulative, and unstructured play. There is a play ship that offers opportunity for pretend play. The surfacing is wood fiber and bounded by plastic edging, and there is a gap between the play surface and the adjacent asphalt path. There is a lot of natural shade provided by the adjacent tree canopy. There is a light pole near the playground that needs to be upgraded and the adjacent bench is not located along accessible surfacing.

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

- Upgrade play equipment and incorporate a range of motor and cognitive play opportunities. Add accessible, inclusive equipment and upgrade surfacing to be accessible.
  - Make play surfacing flush with adjacent path.
  - Locate caregiver seating along accessible surfacing.
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# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## Assessment for Softball Field and Basketball Court

### ATHLETIC FIELDS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                              | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                   | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                              | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation                        |   |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**The infield bases are closer than 60' apart and the outfield is 165'.**

☒ field fencing

Material condition rating  
(1-2-3=good-fair-poor)

☒ chain link Fair

☒ vinyl-coated c.l. Fair to good

☐ sports netting \_\_\_\_\_

☒ seating

☒ team benches ☒ bleachers

☐ dugouts ☐ shade

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

### COURTS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                               | <input type="checkbox"/> good                                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                    | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> poor                            |
- No basketball lines, faded four square court lines**

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ court fencing

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

☒ chain link Poor

☐ 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:

There is one softball field in fair condition overall. At the time of the site visit the infield was wet, indicating drainage issues. The field is not oriented in the optimal location for solar interference. There are team benches and spectator seating are in fair condition, not accessible. The fencing and backstop are in fair condition.

### COURT NOTES:

- The asphalt basketball court is in fair condition.
- There are no basketball court markings. There are two faded four square markings and fencing in poor condition, and there is no adjacent seating.
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### RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Upgrade the court surfacing and equipment, and add court markings depending on level of use.
  - Upgrade the chain link fencing behind the basketball hoops.
  - Provide court bench seating for players and spectators.
  - Upgrade the softball infield.
  - Provide accessible routes to fields and provide accessible spectator seating.
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# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## Assessment for Lower Fields and Volleyball Court

### ATHLETIC FIELDS

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

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☒ field fencing **There is space for one 240x210 field (U11-U12) or two 195x135' fields (U9-U10)**

Material condition rating  
(1-2-3=good-fair-poor)

- ☒ chain link Poor
- ☐ 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  
**70'x50' - meets standard with 10' runoff area**

☐ 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 turf is in fair condition with some uneven areas. There were 4 soccer nets but no field markings at the time of the site visit. The fields are located under power lines, and there is no sports lighting, spectator seating, or team benches.

### COURT NOTES:

There is a lot of debris on the court and the net is in fair condition. There is no accessible route to the court, and there is no seating for players or spectators.

### RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Upgrade the field turf, provide an accessible connection to the fields, and incorporate spectator and team bench seating.
- Depending on usage, consider replacing the volleyball netting, clearing the debris, incorporating benches for players and spectators, and providing an accessible route.



# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## Assessment for Upper Fields and Tennis Courts

### ATHLETIC FIELDS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                              | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                   | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                              | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation                        |   |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**There is space for one 330x210 field (U13-U19) or two 230x150 (U11-U12) fields**

☒ field fencing

Material condition rating  
(1-2-3=good-fair-poor)

☒ chain link Poor

☐ vinyl-coated c.l. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ sports netting \_\_\_\_\_

☐ seating

☐ team benches

☐ bleachers

☐ dugouts

☐ shade

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

### COURTS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                    | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                               | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                                       |

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**36' x 78'**

☒ court fencing

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

☐ chain link \_\_\_\_\_

☒ vinyl-coated c.l. Fair

☐ sports \_\_\_\_\_

☒ seating

☒ team benches

☒ bleachers

☐ dugouts

☐ shade

☐ court lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ skate park condition

☐ concrete

☐ good

☐ surface mount

☐ fair

☐ poor

### ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

At the time of the site visit, there were 5 soccer nets. Overhead power lines run over the west edge of the site. There were no field markings at the time of the site visit, and no spectator seating or team benches were observed. Observed areas of poor drainage and uneven surfacing.

### RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Upgrade the court surfacing and add additional spectator seating and benches for team players.
- Consider regrading and upgrading the turf field, and incorporating team benches, spectator seating, and accessible connections to the field and amenities.

### COURT NOTES:

There are 6 tennis courts in fair condition. The striping is clear but there are some cracked areas on the courts. There were no nets in place a the time of the site visit. There are bleachers on one side of the courts on asphalt paving adjacent to parking, and several team benches in the court area. The courts were locked at the time of the site visit.

# ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

## PARKING

Lot

On-Site

Total # parking spaces:30 (by playground), 23 (by tennis courts), 44 (by upper fields)

# 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:

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:

There are ample benches in the dog park, but they are not located adjacent to accessible surfacing. The picnic tables near the playground are not located adjacent to accessible paths, and the picnic bench is not located along an accessible route.

Picnic Facilities

Benches:10

Drinking Fountains:10

Tables:20

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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Any ponding of water?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible route to all elements?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible route to some elements?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of ½" maximum?	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

## PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a play structure?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, is it accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Meets standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

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

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☐ yes ☒ no

Gravel road to the dog park and lower fields is not accessible. The dog park surfacing (peastone) is not accessible. There is a gap between the path and the playground surfacing. There are no accessible routes to the fields and spectator seating areas.

Trail Amenities	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is surface material accessible?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

List other amenities and accessibility:

The dog park is mostly peastone, and there are no accessible connections provided to the benches within the dog park area.

## CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:

There are two vehicular entrances to the site (asphalt) - one near the courts and upper fields to the north, and a second near the playground. There are asphalt walks that connect the parking to the playground area - one of the walkways is partially covered by wood fiber surfacing. A wide gravel path connects the parking to the softball field and dog park. A wood bridge over a stream is in fair condition and connects the gravel path on the south side of the park to the upper courts and fields.

## PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:

There are mature evergreen trees along the perimeter of the site, and medium sized deciduous trees along the southern edge of the upper fields. There is dense understory growth along the stream.

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## VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:

Vegetation along the stream partially conceals views between the upper and lower sections of the park.

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## ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:

There is a stream that runs through the site and wetlands along the perimeter of the site. Potential upgrades should consider sensitive wetland environmental conditions and any required associated permitting. Vegetation management along the stream is needed.

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## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Upgrade play equipment and incorporate a range of motor and cognitive play opportunities. Add accessible, inclusive equipment and upgrade surfacing to be accessible.
- Make play surfacing flush with adjacent path.
- Locate caregiver seating along accessible surfacing at the playground.
- Upgrade the basketball court surfacing and equipment, and add court markings depending on level of use. Upgrade the chain link fencing behind the basketball hoops.
- Provide basketball court bench seating for players and spectators.
- Upgrade the softball infield.
- Provide accessible routes to fields and provide accessible spectator seating.
- Upgrade and regrade the natural turf fields, provide an accessible connection to the fields, and incorporate spectator and team bench seating.
- Depending on usage, consider replacing the volleyball netting, clearing the debris, incorporating benches for players and spectators, and providing an accessible route.



### **Recommended strategies and actions (continued):**

- Upgrade the tennis court surfacing and add additional spectator seating and benches for team players.**
- Create an accessible picnic area, and add additional site amenities such as drinking fountains and benches along accessible routes.**
- Provide accessible routes from accessible parking to all site amenities.**
- Replace the bridge over the stream with an accessible connection.**
- Add accessible signage at all accessible spaces.**
- Potential upgrades should consider sensitive wetland environmental conditions and any required associated permitting. Vegetation management along the stream could also be beneficial.**





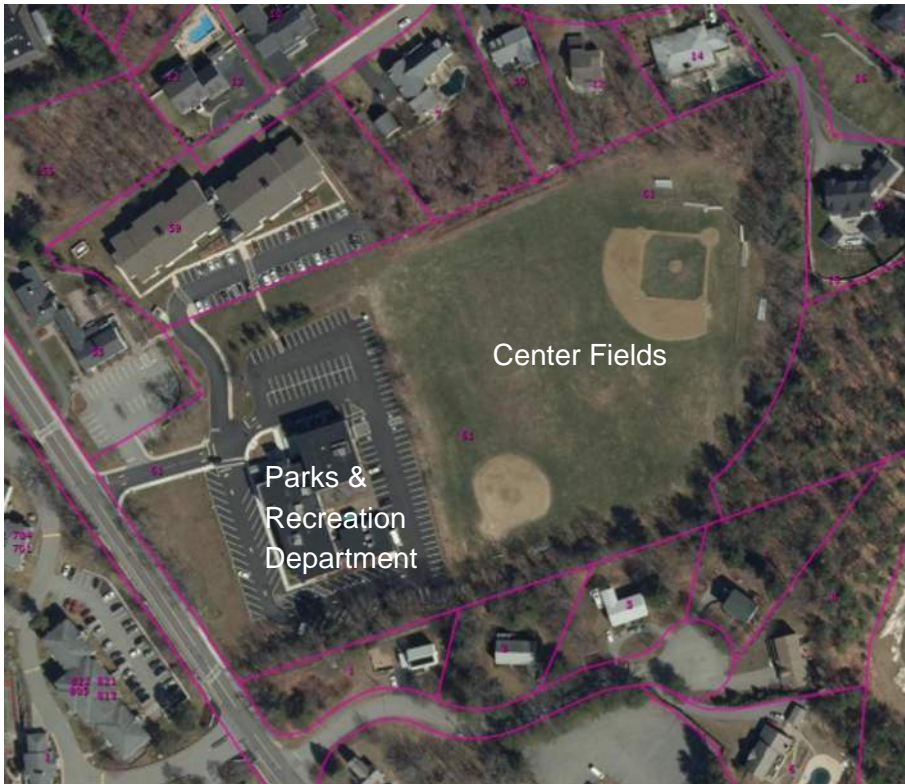


# TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Recreation Department

ADDRESS: 61 Center Street, Burlington, MA 01803



### INTENSITY OF USE

☒ high      ☐ medium      ☐ low  
**Seasonally**  
☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

### USER GROUPS

☒ neighborhood      ☒ town      ☐ regional  
☒ kids/families      ☐ teens      ☐ adults/elderly  
☒ sports leagues      ☒ other      **Observed dog walkers on day of site visit (winter).**

### CONTEXT

☒ residential      ☐ mixed-use      ☐ commercial  
☐ industrial      ☐ oceanfront      ☐ conservation area

acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

Other context notes:

### Other Context Notes:

**-Fairly busy seasonally: adult softball, baseball, youth baseball / softball, recreation programs all use these fields 7 days/week.**

**The site is located behind the Parks & Recreation Department Building. There are apartments and single family residences to the north and south. There are woods buffering the fields and the residential properties. It is located within close proximity to the Town center (approximately 800' walking distance from the fields to the Town Common).**



# SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pathways	condition rating
material:	(1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt	<b>Parking lot - Good</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> concrete	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pavers	<b>Pavers at dugout - Fair</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> aggregate/ stonedust	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> fencing material:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl coated c.l.	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> ornamental	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood guard rail	<b>Good</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> grading / drainage	
<input type="checkbox"/> low/wet areas	<input type="checkbox"/> blocked structures
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA compliant grates	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> utilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> gas	<input type="checkbox"/> water
<input type="checkbox"/> cameras for security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> electric
	<b>Electric hand hole</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> pedestrian
<input type="checkbox"/> sports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other
	<b>Parking lot lighting</b>
manufacturer/ model: _____	

## SITE ACCESS

<input type="checkbox"/> sidewalk	<input type="checkbox"/> bike route
<input type="checkbox"/> trails	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parking	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public lot	<b>There are (2) accessible spaces next to the field entrance. There is a (4) hour parking limit.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> street	
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____

## SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/> monuments
<input type="checkbox"/> shade shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> benches
<input type="checkbox"/> interpretive signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> trash
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> regulatory signage	<input type="checkbox"/> bike rack
<input type="checkbox"/> drinking fountain	<input type="checkbox"/> boat ramp
<input type="checkbox"/> splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> concessions
<input type="checkbox"/> fishing deck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sports fields
<input type="checkbox"/> courts	<input type="checkbox"/> playground
<input type="checkbox"/> boardwalk	<input type="checkbox"/> other _____

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE NOTES:

- **There is an asphalt parking lot that appears to be shared with the Parks & Recreation Building employees and visitors. There are chain link backstops in fair condition and a wooden guardrail between the parking and the fields. There is parking lot lighting but no field lighting. No irrigation was observed. There is chain link fence at the baseball field between the players bench and field.**

## SITE AMENITIES NOTES:

**There is a baseball field, a softball field, bleachers, and players benches. There is also a picnic table near the parking area behind the wooden guardrail, a trash can. There is also regulatory signage and signage stating that there is 4-hour parking limit.**

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# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## ATHLETIC FIELDS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                              | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                   | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                              | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation                        |   |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**Little league field & softball field meet standards, but outfields overlap**

☒ field fencing

Material condition rating  
(1-2-3=good-fair-poor)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link | <b>Good at baseball field, softball backstop fair</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l.     | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports netting        | _____   |

☒ seating **aluminum**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts                 | <input type="checkbox"/> shade                |

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

## COURTS **None.**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                    | <input type="checkbox"/> good                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                    | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                    | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                            |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ court fencing

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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> chain link        | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l. | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports            | _____ |

☐ seating

- |                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts      | <input type="checkbox"/> shade     |

☐ court lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ skate park condition

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| <input type="checkbox"/> concrete      | <input type="checkbox"/> good |
| <input type="checkbox"/> surface mount | <input type="checkbox"/> fair |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> poor |

## ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

## COURT NOTES: **None.**

**The softball infield is very wet in areas. There is uneven surfacing / rills around home plate that indicate signs of erosion. The orientation of the softball field is close to optimal. The baseball field is not oriented in an optimal direction for solar interference. There is a lot of uneven infield surfacing at the baseball field and no bases were in place at the time of the site visit (winter). The outfields overlap, so games cannot be played concurrently.**

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## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Depending on intensity of use, consider upgrading the team benches with covered dugouts expanding spectator seating, and adding sports lighting.
- Add accessible routes to the fields and spectator seating.
- Upgrade the infields and regrade to correct grading issues.

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# ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

## PARKING

Lot

On-Site

Total # parking spaces: **Approx. +/- 100 in overall lot.**

# Accessible parking spaces: **2 adjacent to field entrance**

Signage ☒

Aisle 5' ☒

Aisle 8' ☐

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

Striping ☒

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

Bleachers are ADA compliant? ☐ yes ☒ no

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:

**There is a note about 4-hour parking limit.**

## ACCESS & CIRCULATION

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

## PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES **N/A**

Is there a swing set?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a play structure?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, is it accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Meets standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

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

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☒ yes ☐ no

**- There is a softball field and a baseball field.**

**- There are no accessible routes to these fields.**

## 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:

**There are no accessible paths throughout the site.**

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:		
Drinking Fountains:		
Tables:	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
5% of tables must be accessible		
Grill:		
Note the height of cooking surface		
Picnic Shelters:		

<b>Trail Amenities</b> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is surface material accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
<b>Boat Docks &amp; Fishing Facilities</b> <b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

List other amenities and accessibility:



**CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:**

The entrance and parking is shared with the Parks & Recreation Building entrance. There are accessible spaces adjacent to the field entrance but no accessible routes connect the parking to the fields.

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**PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:**

There are mature trees around the perimeter of the site including birch, maple, oak, and sumac. The site consists of predominantly natural grass.

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**VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:**

The site cannot be seen from the street. There are open views across the fields from the parking lot.

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**ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:**

There are several small rock outcroppings toward the perimeter of the site.

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**RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:**

- Depending on intensity of use, consider upgrading the team benches with covered dugouts and expanding spectator seating.
  - Replace the backstop closest to the parking lot.
  - Add accessible routes to the fields.
  - Upgrade the infields and regrade to correct grading issues.
  - Depending on intensity of use, consider updating the picnic table area to be accessible with shade.
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# TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Regan Park

ADDRESS: 14 Sumpter Road, Burlington, MA 01803



### 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: 5.4 acres

Other context notes:

**The site is surrounded by single family residential properties. The east of the site is wooded.**

**No users were observed at the time of site visit (winter)**

### Other Context Notes:

**-Little league baseball and softball play here.  
-Lots of neighborhood kids play here.  
-The site includes the Town's most accessible playground (completed in 2017).**



# SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pathways	condition rating
material:	(1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt	<u>Fair to good</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> concrete	<u>Good</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pavers	<u>Fair (at team benches)</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aggregate/ stonedust	<u>Gravel parking - fair to poor</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fencing material:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link	<u>Good to fair</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl coated c.l.	<u></u>
<input type="checkbox"/> ornamental	<u></u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood guard rail	<u>Good</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> grading / drainage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> low/wet areas	<input type="checkbox"/> blocked structures
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA compliant grates	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> utilities	<u>irrigation box</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> gas	<input type="checkbox"/> water
<input type="checkbox"/> cameras for security	<input type="checkbox"/> electric
<input type="checkbox"/> lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> pedestrian
<input type="checkbox"/> sports	<input type="checkbox"/> other
manufacturer/ model: <u></u>	

## SITE ACCESS

<input type="checkbox"/> sidewalk	<input type="checkbox"/> bike route
<input type="checkbox"/> trails	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parking	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public lot	
<input type="checkbox"/> street	
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<u></u>

## SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/> monuments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> shade shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> benches
<input type="checkbox"/> interpretive signage	<input type="checkbox"/> trash
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> regulatory signage	<input type="checkbox"/> bike rack
<input type="checkbox"/> drinking fountain	<input type="checkbox"/> boat ramp
<input type="checkbox"/> splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> concessions
<input type="checkbox"/> fishing deck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sports fields
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> courts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> playground
<input type="checkbox"/> boardwalk	<input type="checkbox"/> other <u></u>

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE NOTES:

There are accessible paths from accessible parking to the playground, picnic area, and basketball court. The paved paths are in good condition. The parking lot is gravel with uneven surfacing but the accessible spaces are paved. The surface markings at the accessible spaces are worn. There is no accessible path to the baseball field, two of the swings, and the ball pit area.

## SITE AMENITIES NOTES:

There are two picnic tables on concrete with an overhead shade structure. The route to the picnic tables is accessible but the tables do not have ADA wheelchair spaces. There is a playground and a little league baseball field. There are no benches. There is an entry sign and regulatory signage.

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# PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

## COMPONENTS

- ☒ 2-5 age structure
- ☐ 5-12 age structure
- ☐ water elements
- ☐ seating for caregivers
- ☐ drinking fountain
- ☒ shade
- ☒ swings
- ☐ ADA
- ☒ infant
- ☒ belt
- ☐ standard
- ☒ slides
- ☒ 2-5 age
- ☒ 5-12 age
- one larger slide good for 5-12 age group, but overall structure geared toward younger kids
- Materials: Plastic and metal
- ☒ Individual elements:
- musical element, climbing structure, monkey bars, belt swings, infant swing, play structure with 2 slides, communication board

## SURFACING:

- material

☒ PIP rubber

☐ wood fiber

☐ sand

☒ other:
- compliance

☒ meets requirements

☐ does NOT meet the requirements
- There are two swings on worn grass / beaten earth that are not accessible

## PLAY VALUE

- motor skills

☐ rocking

☒ swinging

☐ spinning

☒ climbing

☒ sliding

☒ balancing
- cognitive skills

☐ manipulative

☐ interactive

☐ exploratory

☒ engagement with peers

☐ problem solving

☒ other unstructured play:
- musical elements, communication board, ball pit

manufacturer/condition of equipment:

Good condition

NOTE:

## PLAYGROUND NOTES:

There is an accessible route from the parking to the main play area. There are swings without an accessible connection and there is no accessible route to the ball pit. The rubber play surfacing is accessible and in good condition and the play equipment is in good condition. Many types of play are offered including swinging, climbing, balancing, and music elements. There is a communication board as well. The overall playground is geared toward younger kids but there are several opportunities for the 5-12 age group. There is no seating for caregivers.

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

Add seating for caregivers. Provide an accessible route to the ball pit.

# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## ATHLETIC FIELDS

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|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                              | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                   | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                              | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation                        |   |

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards  
**60' between bases, 180' outfield**

☒ field fencing

Material      condition rating  
(1-2-3=good-fair-poor)

☒ chain link      Good to fair

☐ vinyl-coated c.l.      \_\_\_\_\_

☐ sports netting      \_\_\_\_\_

☒ seating

☒ team benches      ☒ bleachers

☐ dugouts      ☐ shade

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

## COURTS

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|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                               | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                               | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                                       |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**Basketball court is 75x45, pickleball courts are 20' x 40'**

☐ 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 high chain link fence between the playground and the little league field is in fair to good condition. There are bleachers and team benches, not connected by accessible routes. The infield is muddy and uneven with patches of grass.

## COURT NOTES:

There is a full basketball court overlaid with striping for (2) pickleball courts. Two four square courts are painted on one end.

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

-Regrade the field to help with drainage and upgrade to infield so that the surfacing is even and without grass patches.

-Add accessible routes to the field and spectator seating.

-Consider adding benches to the court area and fencing to stop stray balls.

-Consider adding shaded dugout spaces.

-Consider adding court fencing to prevent pickleballs from going onto the playground or into the woods.



# ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

## PARKING

Lot

On-Site

Gravel lot with unmarked spaces

Total # parking spaces: - space for approx. 30 cars

# Accessible parking spaces: 2

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:

The accessible parking spaces are paved. The rest is gravel without marked spaces.

## ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Any ponding of water?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible route to all elements?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible route to some elements?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of 1/2" maximum?	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

## PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a play structure?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, is it accessible?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Meets standards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

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

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☒ yes ☒ no

The little league baseball field and corresponding amenities are not accessible. The pickleball / basketball / four square courts are connected to the parking by an accessible pathway.

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

Bleachers are ADA compliant? ☐ yes ☒ no

Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas

The basketball hoops are approximately 10' height. No pickleball equipment was observed.

## 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:

Two swings at the playground area and the ball pit do not have accessible routes. The playground and shade shelter are connected by accessible routes.

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:		
Drinking Fountains:		
Tables:	2	0
5% of tables must be accessible		
Grill:		
Note the height of cooking surface		
Picnic Shelters:	1	1

\*accessible by walkway, but no ADA picnic tables.

Trail Amenities	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is surface material accessible?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

List other amenities and accessibility:

**CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:**

The site is accessed through neighborhoods. There are accessible connections between the parking, playground, courts, and picnic shelter area. There is no accessible connection to the little league field or spectator seating from the parking area. There is a steep road down to the site parking lot, and no sidewalk access or bike racks.

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**PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:**

Most of the site is comprised of natural turf grass. There are mature deciduous trees bordering the site that provide afternoon shade to the little league outfield , playground, and courts.

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**VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:**

There are open views across the site from the playground, court, to the field and parking area.

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**ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:**

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**RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:**

- Consider adding additional seating for caregivers at the playground area and a drinking fountain.
  - Regrade the field to help with drainage and upgrade to infield so that the surfacing is even and without grass patches.
  - Add accessible routes to the field and spectator seating.
  - Consider adding benches to the court area.
  - Consider adding shaded dugout spaces.
  - Consider adding court fencing to prevent pickleballs from going onto the playground or into the woods.
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# TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Rotary Field

ADDRESS: 110 South Bedford Street, Burlington, MA 01803



### INTENSITY OF USE

☐ high ☒ medium ☐ low  
☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTEXT

☒ residential ☐ mixed-use ☒ commercial  
☐ industrial ☐ oceanfront ☐ conservation area

acreage: 2.3 acres

Other context notes:

**The site is bounded by wooded, commercial, and residential areas. It is adjacent to Marvin Field.**

### USER GROUPS

☐ neighborhood ☒ town ☐ regional  
☒ kids/families ☒ teens ☐ adults/elderly  
☒ sports leagues ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

**No users observed at time of site visit (winter).**

### Other Site Context Notes:

**-Locked during the day to prevent vehicles from entering the site.**

# SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pathways material:	condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt	<u>Fair to poor, at entrance</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> concrete	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> pavers	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aggregate/ stonedust	<u>Fair to poor</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fencing material:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link	<u>Good around infield, fair to poor at outfield</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl coated c.l.	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> ornamental	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood guard rail	<u>Fair</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> grading / drainage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> low/wet areas	<input type="checkbox"/> blocked structures
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA compliant grates	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> utilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> gas	<input type="checkbox"/> water
<input type="checkbox"/> cameras for security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> electric
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> pedestrian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sports	<input type="checkbox"/> other
manufacturer/ model: <u>MUSCO</u>	

## SITE ACCESS

<input type="checkbox"/> sidewalk	<input type="checkbox"/> bike route
<input type="checkbox"/> trails	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parking	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public lot	
<input type="checkbox"/> street	
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____

## SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

<input type="checkbox"/> picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/> monuments
<input type="checkbox"/> shade shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> benches
<input type="checkbox"/> interpretive signage	<input type="checkbox"/> trash
<input type="checkbox"/> regulatory signage	<input type="checkbox"/> bike rack
<input type="checkbox"/> drinking fountain	<input type="checkbox"/> boat ramp
<input type="checkbox"/> splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> concessions
<input type="checkbox"/> fishing deck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sports fields <u>Softball</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> courts	<input type="checkbox"/> playground
<input type="checkbox"/> boardwalk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other <u>Blank wooden kiosk, entry sign</u>

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE NOTES:

The vehicular gate was locked at the time of the site visit (winter). There is a sign adjacent to the gate. There is a gravel parking area without striping with lots of low spots and uneven surfacing. Stone steps with wooden handrails are required to access the field from the parking area. There is a stone retaining wall that borders one side of the parking area. No irrigation was observed.

## SITE AMENITIES NOTES:

There is a sign at the entrance, a softball field, and a wooden kiosk.

# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## ATHLETIC FIELDS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                              | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                   | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                              | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation                        |   |

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

45' from home plate to mound, 60' between bases, 280' outfield

☒ field fencing

Material condition rating  
(1-2-3=good-fair-poor)

☒ chain link Fair

☐ vinyl-coated c.l. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ sports netting \_\_\_\_\_

☒ seating

☒ team benches ☒ bleachers

☒ dugouts ☐ shade

☒ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: MUSCO

## COURTS **None.**

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                    | <input type="checkbox"/> good                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                    | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

Lots of water ponding was observed in the infield. There are aluminum team benches and spectator seating, not connected by accessible paths. In left field, there is sediment collecting as a result of runoff from the parking area. The backstop has areas of rust. The grass outfield has uneven areas.

## COURT NOTES:

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## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Correct the grading in the infield to mitigate the ponding / muddy areas observed.
- Regrade the outfield to correct uneven areas.
- Regrade the parking area and integrate stormwater management strategies to address runoff.
- Depending on level of use, consider adding field amenities such as drinking fountains, covered dugouts, and additional spectator seating.
- Add accessible connections.
- Replace the backstop.



# ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

## PARKING

Lot

On-Site

Total # parking spaces: 

No marked spaces. Space for approx. 25 cars.

# Accessible parking spaces: 

0

Signage ☐

Aisle 5' ☐

Aisle 8' ☐

Curbscut ☐

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:  

There are no marked accessible parking spaces.

## ACCESS & CIRCULATION

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

## PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES N/A

Is there a swing set?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a play structure?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, is it accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Meets standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

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

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

There is a softball field.

N/A

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:  

There are no accessible pathways at the site.

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 <div>N/A</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is surface material accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities <div>N/A</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

List other amenities and accessibility.

## **CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:**

There is a gravel parking area in fair to poor condition. The field elevation is lower than the parking area and is accessed by stairs from the gravel parking lot. There is a gravel road that connects to Marvin Field to the north. The vehicular entrance gate was locked at the time of the site visit (winter). There are no accessible connections between the parking, bleachers, and field.

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## **PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:**

The site is mostly natural turf. There are mature deciduous trees at the edge of the site and the gravel road that connects to Marvin Field. Many of the trees are covered by overgrown vines and some are in poor condition. Observed signs of tree pruning along the gravel road.

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## **VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:**

There are open views across the field and between the parking area and field. The field is visible from the adjacent street.

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## **ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:**

There is a wetland area approximately 250' from the field to the east.

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## **RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:**

- Correct the grading in the infield to mitigate the ponding / muddy areas observed.
  - Regrade the outfield to correct uneven areas.
  - Provide accessible connections between the parking, bleachers, and field amenities.
  - Regrade the parking area and integrate stormwater management strategies to address runoff.
  - Depending on level of use, consider adding amenities such as drinking fountains, dugouts, and additional spectator seating.
  - Replace the backstop.
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# TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Simonds Park

ADDRESS: 10 Bedford Street, Burlington MA 01803



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Other context notes:

**The site is located adjacent to the Town Common and bounded by moderate to high trafficked roads.**

# SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pathways material:	condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt	<u>Fair</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> concrete	<u>Good - new walk to play</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pavers	<u>Fair</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aggregate/ stonedust	<u>Fair</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fencing material:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link	<u></u>
<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl coated c.l.	<u></u>
<input type="checkbox"/> ornamental	<u></u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood guard rail	<u></u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> grading / drainage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> low/wet areas	<input type="checkbox"/> blocked structures
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA compliant grates	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> utilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> gas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> water
<input type="checkbox"/> cameras for security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> electric
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> pedestrian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other <b>Parking lot</b>
manufacturer/ model: <u></u>	

## SITE ACCESS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sidewalk	<input type="checkbox"/> bike route
<input type="checkbox"/> trails	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parking	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public lot	
<input type="checkbox"/> street	
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<u></u>

## SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/> monuments
<input type="checkbox"/> shade shelter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> benches
<input type="checkbox"/> interpretive signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> trash
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> regulatory signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bike rack
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> drinking fountain	<input type="checkbox"/> boat ramp
<input type="checkbox"/> splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> restrooms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> concessions
<input type="checkbox"/> fishing deck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sports fields
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> courts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> playground
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> boardwalk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other <b>There are scoreboards, a disc golf course, a wading pool, preschool / program building, skate park, grills</b>

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE NOTES:

The asphalt parking and paths throughout the site is in overall fair condition, with some areas of minor cracking, wear and low points, particularly at lower parking lot. The accessible wooden boardwalk that leads through the trees is in good condition. There are stairs that lead from the upper playground area to the courts, that are in fair condition, and a new concrete accessible walk by the playground is in good condition. Chain link fencing throughout the site is in generally fair condition with some areas needing replacement.

## SITE AMENITIES NOTES:

Major site amenities include two lighted little league fields, one lighted softball field, two lighted tennis courts, 3 pickleball courts, two lighted basketball courts, a wading pool, a playground, a skate park, a disc golf course, a street hockey court, picnic areas, a concessions building with restrooms, and a preschool / program building. There are ample picnic tables and benches throughout the site but most are not located along accessible routes, and many do not have shade. There are picnic tables along a concrete walk on a concrete pad next to the wading pool. There is a small building next to the playground that is currently used as a preschool. The disc golf course is in poor condition in place - the posts are tipping and the concrete foundation is exposed.

# PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

## COMPONENTS

- ☒ 2-5 age structure
- ☐ water elements
- ☐ drinking fountain
- ☒ swings
- ☐ ADA
- ☒ infant
- ☒ belt
- ☐ standard
- ☒ 5-12 age structure
- ☒ seating for caregivers
- ☐ shade

0-2 play structure

Plastic tire swing

☒ slides

☒ 2-5 age

☒ 5-12 age

Materials: Plastic and metal

- ☐ Individual elements:  
Plastic tire swing, belt swings, infant swings, 0-2 play structure, play tunnel, 2-5 age play structure, 5-12 age play structures

## SURFACING:

- material

☐ PIP rubber

☒ wood fiber

☐ sand

☒ other: Brick
- compliance

☐ meets requirements

☒ does NOT meet the requirements

## PLAY VALUE

- motor skills

☐ rocking

☒ swinging

☒ spinning

☒ climbing

☒ sliding

☐ balancing
- cognitive skills

☒ manipulative

☐ interactive

☒ exploratory

☐ engagement with peers

☐ problem solving

☒ other unstructured play:

Boards integrated into play structure

Tunnel

Communication board on fence

## PLAYGROUND NOTES:

Playground equipment is in fair condition, with some rust observed. The fencing is in fair to poor condition and there is a low concrete retaining wall that bounds the site. There is an accessible concrete walk that leads from the parking area to the playground entrance.

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

A master plan has been developed for the playground that includes upgraded and inclusive play equipment for ages 0-13+, seating for caregivers and teens, a sensory trail with sensory elements, an embankment slide, an upgraded picnic area and pavilion, and a water play area. New perimeter fencing, accessible walks to amenities, and accessible rubber playground surfacing are also a part of the master plan design.



# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

Little league field (west) and pickleball courts, skate park

## ATHLETIC FIELDS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                              | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                   | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                              | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation                        |   |

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**200' outfield and 60' bases**

☒ field fencing

Material      condition rating  
(1-2-3=good-fair-poor)

- |  |             |
|--|-------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link | <u>Good</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l.     | _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports netting        | _____       |

☒ seating

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts                 | <input type="checkbox"/> shade                |

☒ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

## COURTS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                               | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                               | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                                       |

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**20' x 44' with 7' min. runoff zone**

☒ court fencing

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

- |  |             |
|--|-------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link | <u>Good</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l.     | _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports                | _____       |

☐ seating

- |                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts      | <input type="checkbox"/> shade     |

☒ court lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ skate park condition

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> concrete | <input type="checkbox"/> good            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> surface mount       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> poor            |

## ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

Field in fair condition with some grass patches in the infield, and has sports lighting. The dimensions meet standard sizing for little league fields and the orientation is close to optimal for solar interference. The team benches and spectator seating are not accessible. The path to the team benches is not accessible (gravel area). There is scoreboard and a press box.

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Add additional spectator seating and upgrade team benches with covered dugouts. Provide accessible connections to the seating / field from the parking area.
- Upgrade the asphalt path to the courts and provide additional amenities such as seating and drinking fountains.
- Maintain the skatepark / clear debris and upgrade the asphalt path to the skatepark. Add seating along the adjacent path. Consider moving the picnic table from the skatepark to outside of the fencing along an accessible route.

## COURT NOTES:

The court surfacing and striping is in good condition - observed many users at the courts. The asphalt path is in fair to poor condition outside of the courts and there are no seating or drinking fountains. There is court lighting. The adjacent skate park is in fair condition - there is some debris on the surfacing and wear on the equipment. There is a picnic table in the middle of the skate park.

# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## Little league field (east) and tennis courts

### ATHLETIC FIELDS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                              | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                   | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                              | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation                        |   |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**180' outfield and 60' bases**

☒ field fencing

Material condition rating  
(1-2-3=good-fair-poor)

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> chain link        | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l. | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports netting    | _____ |

☒ seating

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts                 | <input type="checkbox"/> shade                |

☒ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

### COURTS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                    | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                               | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                                       |

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**78'x36'**

☒ court fencing

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

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link | <b>Fair, some rust at top of fence</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l.     | _____                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports                | _____                                  |

☐ seating

- |                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts      | <input type="checkbox"/> shade     |

☒ court lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ skate park condition

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> concrete      | <input type="checkbox"/> good |
| <input type="checkbox"/> surface mount | <input type="checkbox"/> fair |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> poor |

### ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

The field is in good to fair condition - there are some minor wet areas in the infield. There is a painted concrete retaining wall in fair condition and the bleachers are not accessible. The fencing is in fair condition. The asphalt path leading from the parking to field is in fair condition with uneven areas. The field is close to optimal orientation. There are lots of leaves near the bleachers. There is a press box, ball netting, and lighting, and dugouts are in fair / poor condition.

### COURT NOTES:

- Striping is in good condition, but there is some debris (leaves, pine needles) on the court surfacing. The fence has some signs of wear. There are no benches or drinking fountains nearby. There is court lighting. Stairs are needed to access the courts.

### RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Provide an accessible route to the tennis courts, and maintain free of debris. Consider adding amenities along adjacent path such as team benches and drinking fountains nearby.
- Upgrade asphalt paths and provide accessible connections to bleachers and fields.
- Adjust grading at minor low spots on the infield. Upgrade the field fencing.
- Upgrade the team bench areas with covered dugouts and add additional, accessible spectator seating.

# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## Softball field and basketball courts

### ATHLETIC FIELDS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good                   | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                              | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                              | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation                        |   |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**170' outfield and 60' bases**

☒ 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

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

### COURTS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                               | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                               | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                                       |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☒ court fencing

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

☒ chain link                      **Poor**

☒ vinyl-coated c.l.                      **Good**

☐ sports                      \_\_\_\_\_

☒ seating

☒ team benches                      ☐ bleachers

☐ dugouts                      ☐ shade

☒ court lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ skate park condition

☐ concrete                      ☐ good

☐ surface mount                      ☐ fair

☐ poor

### ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

Field in good to fair condition, and has sports lighting. The outfield is slightly shorter than average / recommended and the field is not in optimal orientation for solar interference. The team benches and spectator seating are not accessible. There is a scoreboard. The infield is in fair condition, and there are track/tire marks observed at time of visit.

### COURT NOTES:

The court surfacing and markings are in good conditions, as well as the hoops. The 4' chain link fence is in poor condition and the black fence along the street side is in fair condition. There are two benches on concrete pads that are not located along accessible walks, and there is court lighting.

### RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Provide accessible connections to the field and bleachers.
- Upgrade the team bench areas to address low points, and provide accessible connections. Consider adding covered dugout areas.
- Upgrade the team bench areas with covered dugouts and add additional, accessible spectator seating.
- Upgrade the chain link fencing near the court area and add accessible connections to the team benches.



# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## Street hockey court

### ATHLETIC FIELDS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                   | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                   | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                   | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation             |   |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ field fencing

Material condition rating  
(1-2-3=good-fair-poor)

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> chain link        | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l. | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports netting    | _____ |

☐ seating

- |                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts      | <input type="checkbox"/> shade     |

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

### COURTS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                               | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                               | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                                       |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☒ court fencing

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

- |  |             |
|--|-------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link | <u>Fair</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l.     | _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports                | _____       |

☐ seating

- |                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts      | <input type="checkbox"/> shade     |

☐ court lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ skate park condition

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> concrete      | <input type="checkbox"/> good |
| <input type="checkbox"/> surface mount | <input type="checkbox"/> fair |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> poor |

### ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

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### COURT NOTES:

The surfacing and striping is in good condition. One movable goal observed at time of site visit. The fence has some signs of wear. There are no benches or drinking fountains nearby. There is court lighting. Stairs are needed to access the courts.

### RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

-Provide an accessible route to the street hockey court. Consider adding amenities along adjacent path such as team benches and drinking fountains nearby.

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# ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

## PARKING

Lot

On-Site

Total # parking spaces:

Apprx. 90 at upper lot, 7 accessible.  
No markings at lower lot, but two signs for accessible spaces.

# Accessible parking spaces:

Signage ☒

Aisle 5' ☒

Aisle 8' ☒

Curbscut ☒

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

Striping ☒

Lower lot has signage only.

Accessible parking closest to accessible entrance? ☒

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

Parking is by permit only? ☐ yes ☒ no

Parking Notes:  
The upper lot has marked and striped accessible spaces located next to amenities. The lower lot does not have any markings, but has signage on the fence for 2 accessible spaces.

## ACCESS & CIRCULATION

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

## PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a play structure?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, is it accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Meets standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

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

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

The sports facilities require accessible connections from 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  
Standard basketball hoops, apprx 10'

## 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 areas and benches are mostly not located next to accessible paths.

Picnic Facilities

Benches: ☐ yes ☒ no

Drinking Fountains: ☐ yes ☒ no

Tables: ☐ yes ☒ no

5% of tables must be accessible Grill: ☐ yes ☒ no

Note the height of cooking surface Picnic Shelters: ☐ yes ☒ no

Total #

# Accessible

appx. 10

0

appx. 14

2

0

Trail Amenities Disc golf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is surface material accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

List other amenities and accessibility:  
The disc golf course / trail is not accessible and needs upgrades to benches and signage.

## CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:

There is a road that leads through the site, up the hill to the main parking lot. From the main parking lot there is a concrete path that leads to the playground, and an asphalt road that leads down to the pickleball and skate park. To access the lower courts (tennis and street hockey), stairs are required. From the main parking lot there is also a path that leads to the east little league field. Adjacent to the west fields (little league and softball) and basketball courts, there is a lower parking area without striping in fair to poor condition. Overall, most amenities are not connected to parking by accessible routes. There is also no accessible route or signage for the disc golf course, located behind the playground.

## PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:

Most of the site is grass turf. There are also mature oak and pine trees throughout the site, including along the playground. The disc golf course is in the woods along trails, which is dominated mostly by pine and oak species.

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## VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:

The playground and main parking lot is located at a relative high point. One can see the other fields and courts from the top of the hill, and the Town Common beyond the site.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:

There are natural rock outcroppings throughout the site.

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## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Add additional spectator seating and upgrade team benches with covered dugouts. Provide accessible connections to the seating / fields from parking areas.
- Upgrade the asphalt path to all the pickleball courts and provide additional amenities such as seating and drinking fountains.
- Maintain the skatepark / clear debris and upgrade the asphalt path to the skatepark. Add seating along the adjacent path. Consider moving the picnic table from the skatepark to outside of the fencing along an accessible route.
- Provide an accessible route to the tennis courts, and maintain free of debris. Consider adding amenities along adjacent path such as team benches and drinking fountains nearby.
- Adjust grading in infields with wet areas and upgrade fencing.
- Upgrade the team bench areas with covered dugouts and add additional, accessible spectator seating.
- Provide an accessible route to the street hockey court.
- Provide accessible routes to all recreational amenities, including benches, picnic tables, and drinking fountains.
- Upgrade the asphalt and provide markings for the lower parking lot.
- Upgrade benches and signage at the disc golf course.









# TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Town Common

ADDRESS: 2 Bedford St, Burlington, MA 01803



### INTENSITY OF USE

☒ high ☐ medium ☐ low

☒ other: The Town Common hosts numerous town-wide events each year. It is heavily used year-round.

### USER GROUPS

☒ neighborhood ☒ town ☒ regional  
☒ kids/families ☒ teens ☒ adults/elderly  
☐ sports leagues ☒ other Dog walkers and joggers observed using the site.

### CONTEXT

☐ residential ☒ mixed-use ☐ commercial  
☐ industrial ☐ oceanfront ☐ conservation area

acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

Other context notes:

**The site is located adjacent to Town municipal buildings and commercial businesses, and is bounded by moderate to highly trafficked roads. There is a sculpture garden to the east of the site and Simonds Park borders the west side.**

### Other Context Notes:

**-Regionally-based events include Celebrate Burlington (10k people annually), and Tree Lighting Event. The Town averages 33,000 people for all events total, and the majority are on the Town Common.**  
**-Community groups also use the site, including Indian Americans of Burlington, charity walks, and arts groups (pigs on the common artwork planned).**  
**-There is a large apartment complex off of Center St that draws informal visitors.**



# SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pathways material:	condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt	<b>Mostly fair, poor in some areas.</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> concrete	<b>Fair</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pavers	<b>Good at World Trade Center Memorial, Fair at Rotary Garden Club plaza.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> aggregate/ stonedust	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> fencing material:	
<input type="checkbox"/> chain link	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl coated c.l.	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> ornamental	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> wood guard rail	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> grading / drainage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> low/wet areas	<input type="checkbox"/> blocked structures
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA compliant grates	<b>Some low areas along asphalt path.</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> utilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> gas	<input type="checkbox"/> water
<input type="checkbox"/> cameras for security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> electric
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lighting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pedestrian
<input type="checkbox"/> sports	<input type="checkbox"/> other
manufacturer/ model:	<b>Uplighting at Town of Burlington sign</b>
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## SITE ACCESS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sidewalk	<input type="checkbox"/> bike route
<input type="checkbox"/> trails	
<input type="checkbox"/> parking	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public lot	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> street	
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____

## SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> picnic area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> monuments
<input type="checkbox"/> shade shelter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> benches
<input type="checkbox"/> interpretive signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> trash
<input type="checkbox"/> regulatory signage	<input type="checkbox"/> bike rack
<input type="checkbox"/> drinking fountain	<input type="checkbox"/> boat ramp
<input type="checkbox"/> splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> concessions
<input type="checkbox"/> fishing deck	<input type="checkbox"/> sports fields
<input type="checkbox"/> courts	<input type="checkbox"/> playground
<input type="checkbox"/> boardwalk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other
	<b>Bandstand, sculptures, flag poles</b>

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE NOTES:

Asphalt paths provide connections between the perimeter concrete sidewalk and site features. Some low areas and cracking were observed along the asphalt paths. Most of the site is covered by open lawn space. The pavers are in good condition at the World Trade Center memorial and in fair condition at the Rotary Club garden plaza. There are two low stone walls along the paths.

## SITE AMENITIES NOTES:

There is a centrally-located bandstand and memorials include a Burlington Olympians plaque, a John F Kennedy Memorial, a World Trade Center Memorial, a Veterans Memorial Park, a Burlington Heritage Trail plaque, and individual memorial plaques and benches. There is pedestrian lighting along the paths and there is a Town of Burlington sign raised with uplighting and bounded by a low brick wall. There are (2) sculptures on the southwest corner of the site. Site amenities include backed benches with armrests along the interior paths, picnic tables, trash receptacles, and lighting. The picnic tables are not adjacent to accessible paths and do not include accessible companion spaces. There is a Rotary Club garden plaza with benches that are not directly adjacent to accessible surfacing. There is a flagpole with uplighting, and there are several additional flagpoles at the Veterans memorial.

# ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

## PARKING

Lot      On-Site

Total # parking spaces: **No designated lot for Town Common parking. There are (2) accessible spaces on the street.**

Signage ☒ Aisle 5' ☐ Aisle 8' ☐ Curbscut ☐ 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:

**There are (2) accessible parking spaces adjacent to crosswalks that lead to the site.**

## ACCESS & CIRCULATION

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

## PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES **None.**

Is there a swing set?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a play structure?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, is it accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Meets standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

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

**N/A**

Are there berm cuts onto the courts? ☐ yes ☐ no **N/A**

Bleachers are ADA compliant? ☐ yes ☐ no **N/A**

Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas  
**N/A**

## 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:

**The picnic tables are not located next to accessible paths. The bandstand is not accessible.**

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:	<u>33</u>	<u>33</u>
Drinking Fountains:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Tables:	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
5% of tables must be accessible		
Grill:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Note the height of cooking surface		
Picnic Shelters:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**The benches have backs and armrests. They do not have accessible companion spaces.**

<b>Trail Amenities <b>None.</b></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is surface material accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
<b>Boat Docks &amp; Fishing Facilities <b>None.</b></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

List other amenities and accessibility:

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**CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:**

The site is bounded by sidewalks. From the sidewalks, there are (6) concrete and asphalt path access points that traverse the site and connect site features including memorials and a centrally located bandstand. Most of the paths are in acceptable condition but there are a few areas with low points that could benefit from minor repairs. The north-south path has stairs that lead toward the bandstand, but other paths have accessible slopes and do not require stairs. There is no parking specifically designated for the site, but there are lots behind adjacent municipal buildings that are used for parking during town-wide events.

**PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:**

There are mature evergreen and deciduous specimen trees throughout the site. Observed shrub material includes burning bush, rhododendrons, roses, and holly. Most of the site coverage is lawn.

**VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:**

There are open views across the site, and to adjacent buildings.

**ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:**

**RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:**

- Repair minor cracking / low areas along asphalt paths.
- Provide an accessible route to the World Trade Center memorial.
- Add an accessible ramp to the bandstand.
- Create an accessible picnic area along the accessible path and consider adding companion spaces to benches for wheelchair seating.
- Consider incorporating interpretive signage describing the site and town history and wayfinding signage for the Common and context, if desirable.







# TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: TRW Park

ADDRESS: 26 Burlington Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01803



### INTENSITY OF USE

☐ high ☐ medium ☒ low  
☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

### USER GROUPS

☒ neighborhood ☒ town ☐ regional  
☒ kids/families ☒ teens ☒ adults/elderly  
☒ sports leagues ☒ other Dog walkers observed.

### CONTEXT

☒ residential ☐ mixed-use ☒ commercial  
☐ industrial ☐ oceanfront ☐ conservation area

acreage: 7 acres

Other context notes:

**Adjacent properties include residential neighborhoods to the north / west, an assisted living facility to the northeast, and highly trafficked Burlington Mall Road to the south and east.**

### Other Context Notes:

**-The adjacent senior center uses the walking trail.**  
**-The fitness court sees some activity but is underutilized.**  
**-The fields are too small for high school and adult sports.**  
**-The Town is considering a teen/adult park with flexible use like Lawn on D with outdoor games to attract businesses to the area.**  
**-Other programs the Town is considering are walking trails, pickleball courts, skating, and a splash pad.**

# SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pathways material:	condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt	<u>Fair (perimeter path)</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> concrete	<u>Good (walk at fitness area)</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pavers	<u>Good (fitness area)</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aggregate/ stonedust	<u>Fair (gravel parking area)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fencing material:	
<input type="checkbox"/> chain link	<u></u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vinyl coated c.l.	<u>Fair to Poor</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> ornamental	<u></u>
<input type="checkbox"/> wood guard rail	<u></u>
<input type="checkbox"/> grading / drainage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> low/wet areas	<input type="checkbox"/> blocked structures
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA compliant grates	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> utilities	<u>Irrigation infrastructure noted.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> gas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> water
<input type="checkbox"/> cameras for security	<input type="checkbox"/> electric
<input type="checkbox"/> lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> pedestrian
<input type="checkbox"/> sports	<input type="checkbox"/> other
manufacturer/ model: <u></u>	

## SITE ACCESS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sidewalk	<input type="checkbox"/> bike route
<input type="checkbox"/> trails	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parking	<u>The parking lot is gravel. There are (2) marked accessible spots but no striping.</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public lot	
<input type="checkbox"/> street	
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<u></u>

## SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/> monuments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> shade shelter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> benches
<input type="checkbox"/> interpretive signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> trash
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> regulatory signage	<input type="checkbox"/> bike rack
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> drinking fountain	<input type="checkbox"/> boat ramp
<input type="checkbox"/> splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> concessions
<input type="checkbox"/> fishing deck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sports fields
<input type="checkbox"/> courts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> playground
<input type="checkbox"/> boardwalk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other <u>fitness area, hand sanitizer station</u>

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE NOTES:

The fitness area and adjacent concrete walk appear to be newer than the rest of the paving and are in good condition. The asphalt perimeter path is in fair condition and has low areas / uneven surfacing. The parking lot is gravel in fair condition. The chain link fencing is in fair to poor condition. There is covered seating on a concrete pad along the perimeter walking loop. Irrigation boxes observed.

## SITE AMENITIES NOTES:

There is regulatory signage, a drinking fountain, a playground, a picnic area within the playground, two benches adjacent to mature pine trees, a waste receptacle, a picnic table behind the backstop, little league ballfields, a fitness area, a walking loop, and hand sanitizer station. The fitness equipment is in good condition. Benches and the drinking fountain are not located along accessible routes. There is signage for trail near the adjacent assisted living facility.



# PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

## COMPONENTS

- ☒ 2-5 age structure
- ☒ 5-12 age structure
- ☐ water elements
- ☒ seating for caregivers
- ☒ drinking fountain
- ☐ shade
- ☐ swings
- ☒ ADA
- ☒ infant
- ☒ belt
- ☐ standard
- ☐ slides
- ☒ 2-5 age
- ☒ 5-12 age

Materials: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Individual elements:

(1) fitness play structure with monkey bars and small track ride, (4) belt swings and (2) infant swings, age 2-5 play structure with slides and stepped blocks, covered picnic table

## SURFACING:

- material

☐ PIP rubber

☒ wood fiber

☐ sand

☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_
- compliance

☐ meets requirements

☒ does NOT meet the requirements

## PLAY VALUE

- motor skills

☐ rocking

☒ swinging

☐ spinning

☒ climbing

☒ sliding

☐ balancing
- cognitive skills

☐ manipulative

☐ interactive

☐ exploratory

☐ engagement with peers

☐ problem solving

☐ other unstructured play:

## PLAYGROUND NOTES:

The playground equipment is outdated and in fair to poor condition. There is a covered picnic table and play structures and swings for children ages 2-12 that offer motor skills play value such as swinging, sliding and climbing.

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## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

- Upgrade play equipment to incorporate a range of motor and cognitive play opportunities. Add accessible, inclusive equipment and upgrade surfacing to be accessible.
- Provide accessible connections between parking and playground and other site amenities. Add accessible caregiver seating
- Upgrade playground fencing.
- Add berming / trees between the playground and street to buffer traffic.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## ATHLETIC FIELDS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                              | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                   | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                              | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation                        |   |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☒ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link	<b>Backstop fencing is in fair condition</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l.	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> sports netting	_____

- |  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> seating      |                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts                 | <input type="checkbox"/> shade     |

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

## COURTS **None.**

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                    | <input type="checkbox"/> good                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                    | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                    | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                            |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**The little league field to the south has approximately 175' clearance between home plate and outfield, which is lower than the minimum recommended distance of 200'**

material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
<input type="checkbox"/> chain link	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l.	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> sports	_____

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> seating      |                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts      | <input type="checkbox"/> shade     |

☐ court lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

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|---|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> skate park condition |                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> concrete             | <input type="checkbox"/> good |
| <input type="checkbox"/> surface mount        | <input type="checkbox"/> fair |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> poor |

## ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

**There are two little league baseball fields. No bases were observed at the time of visit. There is only one skinned infield in poor condition. The fields are not oriented in the optimal condition for solar interference.**

## COURT NOTES:

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## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Consider fully upgrading the little league fields, including regrading, infields, and fencing.
- Consider adding covered dugout areas and spectator seating.
- Add accessible routes to the fields from the parking area.
- Add and upgrade fencing for the ballfields.
- Depending on intensity of use, consider adding sports lighting.

# ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

## PARKING

Lot

On-Site

Total # parking spaces:

# Accessible parking spaces:

Signage ☒ Aisle 5' ☐  
Aisle 8' ☐

Curbscut ☐  
Min. 3'; 1:12 slopes  
textured or painted

Striping ☐

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

Bleachers are ADA compliant? ☐ yes ☐ no

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:

The parking lot is gravel. There are no marked spaces.

## ACCESS & CIRCULATION

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

N/A

## PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a play structure?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, is it accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Meets standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

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

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☐ yes ☐ no

There are two diamond fields that do not have accessible path connections or seating.

## 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:

There is no connection to the perimeter path, the playground, or the parking area. There is an accessible connection between the perimeter path and the fitness court.

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:	2	0
Drinking Fountains:	1	0
Tables:	2	0
5% of tables must be accessible	0	0
Grill:		
Note the height of cooking surface		
Picnic Shelters:	0	0

Trail Amenities	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	N/A
Is surface material accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	
Is there signage for visually impaired?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	N/A
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	

List other amenities and accessibility:



**CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:**

The parking area is gravel and there is signage for accessible spaces but no markings or accessible surfacing. There are no accessible connections between site elements such as between parking and playground, and the playground and the perimeter walking loop. The asphalt perimeter walking loop has uneven areas. There is no clear route between the parking and field / perimeter walking path.

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**PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:**

In some areas of the perimeter walking loop, the vegetation is overgrown and impedes travel and accessibility. Some invasive species such as autumn olive were noted. Maple trees and medium-sized pines are the dominant tree species along the perimeter of the site. The majority of the site is natural grass.

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**VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:**

There are open views from the parking, playground, and across the fields. The site can be seen from the highly trafficked adjacent street.

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**ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:**

The site could benefit from pruning and invasive species management around the perimeter walking loop.

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**RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:**

- Create accessible parking spaces that have accessible surfacing.
- Create accessible routes to connect site amenities and parking. Create a clear route that allows visitors to access the fields, fitness area, and walking loop without traversing the playground.
- Updates site amenities such as picnic tables, drinking fountains, benches, and waste receptacles and locate them along accessible routes.
- Upgrade playground surfacing and equipment to be accessible and provide a variety of physical and cognitive, inclusive play opportunities.
- Noise mitigation strategies such as berming could offer a buffer between the site and the adjacent road.
- If desirable to keep play field programs onsite, consider fully upgrading the little league fields, including regrading, infields, and fencing. Consider adding covered dugout areas and spectator seating.
- Create a master plan for the site that includes alternative program ideas considered by the Town, such as a flexible space with outdoor games, upgraded walking trail, pickleball courts, and a splash pad.







# TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Veterans Park

ADDRESS: 110 Wilmington Rd, Burlington, MA 01803



### 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: 3.6 acres

Other context notes:

The park is located within a residential area along state route MA-62.

### Other Context Notes:

-The site is used by youth baseball (mostly) and youth softball.



## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

☒ grading / drainage

☒ low/wet areas    ☐ blocked structures

☐ ADA compliant grates

☒ utilities    **Irrigation box observed**

☐ gas                      ☐ water                      ☐ electric

☐ cameras for security \_\_\_\_\_

☐ lighting                      ☐ pedestrian

☐ sports                      ☐ other

manufacturer/ model: \_\_\_\_\_

The entry and parking is mixed asphalt / gravel with low areas and uneven surfacing. An asphalt path connects the parking area to the playground. The wood guardrail along the parking area is in fair to poor condition. An irrigation box was observed.

Major site amenities include a playground, a half basketball court with two four square courts, and a little league baseball field. Toward the east of the playground is a shade structure on a concrete slab in very poor condition. There is a flag pole near the street adjacent to the parking area. The site does not have any benches or drinking fountains.

☐ sidewalk

☐ bike route

☐ trails

☒ parking

☒ public lot

☐ street

☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/> monuments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> shade shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> benches
<input type="checkbox"/> interpretive signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> trash
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> regulatory signage	<input type="checkbox"/> bike rack
<input type="checkbox"/> drinking fountain	<input type="checkbox"/> boat ramp
<input type="checkbox"/> splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> concessions
<input type="checkbox"/> fishing deck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sports fields
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> courts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> playground
<input type="checkbox"/> boardwalk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other <b>Flagpole</b>

# PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

## COMPONENTS

- ☒ 2-5 age structure
- ☐ 5-12 age structure
- ☐ water elements
- ☐ seating for caregivers
- ☐ drinking fountain
- ☐ shade
- ☒ swings
- ☐ ADA
- ☐ infant
- ☐ belt
- ☐ standard

☒ slides

☒ 2-5 age

☐ 5-12 age

Materials: Plastic and metal

- ☐ Individual elements:
- play structure with slides, play panels and monkey bars, fitness play structure, (4) belt and (2) infant swings, talk tubes

## SURFACING:

### material

- ☐ PIP rubber
- ☒ wood fiber
- ☐ sand
- ☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

### compliance

- ☐ meets requirements
- ☒ does NOT meet the requirements

## PLAY VALUE

- motor skills

☐ rocking

☒ swinging

☐ spinning

☒ climbing

☒ sliding

☐ balancing
- cognitive skills

☒ manipulative

☐ interactive

☐ exploratory

☒ engagement with peers

☐ problem solving

☐ other unstructured play:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## PLAYGROUND NOTES:

The play equipment is in fair condition and appears dated. There are a mix of motor and cognitive skill play values including swinging, climbing, sliding, manipulative, and engagement with peers. On the play structure there is a learning braille play panel. The surfacing is wood fiber and bounded by plastic edging.

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

- Upgrade play equipment and incorporate a range of motor and cognitive play opportunities. Add accessible, inclusive equipment and upgrade surfacing to be accessible.
- Locate caregiver seating along accessible surfacing.
- Incorporate shade into structures or near play area.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## ATHLETIC FIELDS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                              | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                   | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                              | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation                        |   |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**Outfield distance at the shortest point is 180'**

☒ field fencing

Material                      condition rating  
(1-2-3=good-fair-poor)

☒ chain link                      **Fair** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ vinyl-coated c.l.                      \_\_\_\_\_

☐ sports netting                      \_\_\_\_\_

☒ seating

☒ team benches                      ☒ bleachers

☐ dugouts                      ☐ shade

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

## COURTS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                               | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                               | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                                       |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**Not full half court (markings 30'). No runoff zone.**

☐ 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 fencing and backstop are in fair condition. The fields are in fair condition and the infield is very wet / muddy with low areas. Orientation is not optimal for solar interference. The team benches and bleachers are not accessible and are in fair to poor condition.

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Upgrade team benches and spectator seating and provide accessible connections.
- Consider adding shaded dugout structures.
- Regrade the infield and correct uneven surfacing.
- Evaluate usage of the court, consider adding benches for players or spectators.
- Provide an accessible connection to the court.

## COURT NOTES:

The court is in good condition with clear markings. The markings are not for a full half court and there is no runoff zone. There is one basketball hoop in good condition, and no fencing or seating around the court.



# ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

## PARKING

Lot

On-Site

Total # parking spaces: 

Mixed asphalt / gravel lot with no marked spaces or accessible 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:

## ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	<div><div>yes</div><div>no</div></div>
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	<div><div>yes</div><div>no</div></div>
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	<div><div>yes</div><div>no</div></div>
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	<div><div>yes</div><div>no</div></div>
Any ponding of water?	<div><div>yes</div><div>no</div></div>
Accessible route to all elements?	<div><div>yes</div><div>no</div></div>
Accessible route to some elements?	<div><div>yes</div><div>no</div></div>
Is there signage?	<div><div>yes</div><div>no</div></div>
Is there signage for visually impaired?	<div><div>yes</div><div>no</div></div>
Grates in the path of travel have openings of 1/2" maximum?	<div><div>N/A</div><div>yes</div><div>no</div></div>

## PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

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

Any other sports/recreation on site? 

yes

no

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

yes

no

There is a little league field, a half basketball court, and four square courts.

Are there berm cuts onto the courts? 

yes

no

Bleachers are ADA compliant? 

yes

no

Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas

approx. 10' hoop height

## 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:

There is a shade structure in very poor condition not located along an accessible walk. It should be replaced and located adjacent to an accessible path.

Picnic Facilities

Total #

# Accessible

Benches:

Drinking Fountains:

Tables:

5% of tables must be accessible

Grill:

Note the height of cooking surface

Picnic Shelters:

1

0

<b>Trail Amenities</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is surface material accessible?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
<b>Boat Docks &amp; Fishing Facilities</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

List other amenities and accessibility:

**CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:**

The entrance is along a moderate to highly trafficked route and is mixed asphalt / gravel with low areas collecting water. An asphalt path connects the parking area to the playground. There are no accessible parking spaces or accessible connections between site amenities.

**PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:**

The site is comprised of mostly natural grass. There is a wooded area with mature deciduous and evergreen trees beyond the outfield fencing.

**VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:**

There are open views between amenities, and between the adjacent street and the site.

**ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:**

Wetland area borders the easternmost area of the site, approximately 275' from the little league field. Potential upgrades to the park will need to consider any permitting requirements that apply.

**RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:**

- Remove the shade structure on concrete slab. Consider replacing it with an upgraded picnic shelter along an accessible walkway in a more central location. Upgrade the wooden guardrail.
- Create accessible parking spaces with signage, markings, and compliant surfacing. Provide accessible connections from the parking area to all site amenities.
- Consider incorporating site amenities along accessible paths such as picnic tables, benches, and drinking fountains.
- Upgrade play equipment and incorporate a range of motor and cognitive play opportunities. Add accessible, inclusive equipment and upgrade surfacing to be accessible.
- Locate caregiver seating along accessible surfacing.
- Incorporate shade into structures or near play area.
- Upgrade team benches and spectator seating and provide accessible connections.
- Consider adding shaded dugout structures.
- Regrade the infield and correct uneven surfacing.
- If usage warrants, consider creating a master plan that upgrades and reorients all elements of the site.
- Potential upgrades to the park will need to consider any permitting requirements that apply.







# TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Wildmere Playground

ADDRESS: 19 Wildmere Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Other context notes:

**The site is located within a residential neighborhood. The back of the site is wooded and part of the site is wetland.**

**Observed a caregiver and young child on the playground.**

### Other Context Notes:

**-The neighborhood is affordable and younger populations are moving in. The neighborhood is an Environmental Justice neighborhood.**  
**-The Town is planning upgrading the playground surfacing to poured in place rubber next year.**  
**-Parking is not being considered - there is space to park on the street.**  
**-The Court is used by residents of Woburn.**

# SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pathways material:	condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt	<u>Fair</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> concrete	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> pavers	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> aggregate/ stonedust	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> fencing material:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link	<u>Poor</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl coated c.l.	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> ornamental	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> wood guard rail	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> grading / drainage	
<input type="checkbox"/> low/wet areas	<input type="checkbox"/> blocked structures
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA compliant grates	
<input type="checkbox"/> utilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> gas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> water
<input type="checkbox"/> cameras for security	<input type="checkbox"/> electric
<input type="checkbox"/> lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> pedestrian
<input type="checkbox"/> sports	<input type="checkbox"/> other
manufacturer/ model: _____	

## SITE ACCESS

<input type="checkbox"/> sidewalk	<input type="checkbox"/> bike route
<input type="checkbox"/> trails	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parking	
<input type="checkbox"/> public lot	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> street	<b>No dedicated parking.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____

## SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/> monuments
<input type="checkbox"/> shade shelter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> benches
<input type="checkbox"/> interpretive signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> trash
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> regulatory signage	<input type="checkbox"/> bike rack
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> drinking fountain	<input type="checkbox"/> boat ramp
<input type="checkbox"/> splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> concessions
<input type="checkbox"/> fishing deck	<input type="checkbox"/> sports fields
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> courts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> playground
<input type="checkbox"/> boardwalk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other <u>Memorial plaque at flagpole</u>

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE NOTES:

There is an asphalt path connecting site amenities that is in fair condition. The chain link fence at the site entrance is in poor condition.

## SITE AMENTIES NOTES:

The main amenities include a basketball court and playground. Other site amenities include two picnic tables, a memorial plaque and flagpole, a drinking fountain, picnic tables, benches, and waste receptacles. The drinking fountain is rusted. There is also entry and regulatory signage. Street parking is available but there are no designated accessible parking spaces.

# PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

## COMPONENTS

- ☐ 2-5 age structure
- ☐ 5-12 age structure
- ☐ water elements
- ☐ seating for caregivers
- ☐ drinking fountain
- ☐ shade
- ☒ swings
- ☐ ADA
- ☒ infant
- ☐ belt
- ☒ standard

☒ slides

☒ 2-5 age

☒ 5-12 age

Materials: **Plastic and metal**

- ☐ Individual elements:  
**(2) slide structures for younger children, two small climbing structures, parallel bars, a tunnel, ground play panels, (2) infant and (4) belt swings**

## SURFACING:

### material

- ☐ PIP rubber
- ☒ wood fiber
- ☐ sand
- ☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

### compliance

- ☐ meets requirements
- ☒ does NOT meet the requirements

## PLAY VALUE

- motor skills

☐ rocking

☒ swinging

☐ spinning

☒ climbing

☒ sliding

☐ balancing
- cognitive skills

☒ manipulative

**Play panel wheel**

☐ interactive

☐ exploratory

☐ engagement with peers

☐ problem solving

☐ other unstructured play:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## PLAYGROUND NOTES:

**The playground surfacing is wood fiber and is not accessible. It is bounded by black plastic edging. The equipment is in fair condition and play value includes sliding, climbing, and swinging. There are also ground play panels and a tunnel. Observed swings being repaired.**

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

- Upgrade play equipment to incorporate a range of motor and cognitive play opportunities. Add accessible, inclusive equipment and upgrade surfacing to be accessible.**
- Locate caregiver seating along accessible surfacing.**
- With any upgrades, consider proximity to wetland / potential permitting requirements.**

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# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## ATHLETIC FIELDS **None.**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                   | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                   | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                   | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation             |   |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ field fencing

Material condition rating  
(1-2-3=good-fair-poor)

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> chain link        | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l. | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports netting    | _____ |

☐ seating

- |                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts      | <input type="checkbox"/> shade     |

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

## COURTS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                               | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                               | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                                       |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ court fencing

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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> chain link        | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l. | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports            | _____ |

☐ seating

- |                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts      | <input type="checkbox"/> shade     |

☐ court lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ skate park condition

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> concrete      | <input type="checkbox"/> good |
| <input type="checkbox"/> surface mount | <input type="checkbox"/> fair |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> poor |

## ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

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## COURT NOTES:

**There is a basketball court with surfacing, striping, and hoops in good condition. There are two four square courts. Observed chalk artwork. There is no runoff zone.**

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Add accessible benches for players, caregivers, or spectators.
- With any upgrades, consider proximity to wetland / potential permitting requirements.

# ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

## PARKING

Lot

On-Site

Total # parking spaces: 

No dedicated parking.

# Accessible parking spaces:

Signage ☐

Aisle 5' ☐

Aisle 8' ☐

Curbscut ☐

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:

There are no accessible parking spaces.

## ACCESS & CIRCULATION

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

## PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a play structure?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, is it accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Meets standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Any other sports/recreation on site? 

☒ yes ☐ no

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☒ yes ☐ no

There is a basketball court that is connected to an asphalt walkway.

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:

The playground is bounded by plastic edging and is not accessible from the adjacent path.

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:	3	0
Drinking Fountains:		
Tables:	2	0
5% of tables must be accessible		
Grill:		
Note the height of cooking surface		
Picnic Shelters:		

Trail Amenities N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is surface material accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

List other amenities and accessibility:

## **CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:**

An asphalt path leads from the street to the basketball court and to the playground. It is slightly larger than 3' in width and is in fair condition.

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## **PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:**

There is a large oak tree adjacent to the playground. Lots of wooded area at the back of the site. There is natural turf around the court and playground. Arborvitae next to the memorial plaque and flagpole.

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## **VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:**

There are open views from the street to the site, and between the playground and the basketball court.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:**

Part of the site is wetland (classified as wooded swamp). The boundary is 10' from the edge of the playground area. Potential upgrades will need to consider permitting requirements. Wooded area and wetlands provide habitat - lots of native birds observed.

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## **RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:**

- Create an accessible picnic area and locate benches along accessible routes.
  - Add accessible benches near the court for players, caregivers, or spectators.
  - Upgrade play equipment to incorporate a range of motor and cognitive play opportunities. Add accessible, inclusive equipment and upgrade surfacing to be accessible.
  - Locate caregiver seating along accessible playground surfacing.
  - With any upgrades, consider proximity to wetland / potential permitting requirements.
  - Replace the fencing along the street.
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# TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Wildwood Park

ADDRESS: 114-116 Bedford Street, Burlington MA 01803



### INTENSITY OF USE

☒ high      ☐ medium      ☐ low  
☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTEXT

☒ residential      ☐ mixed-use      ☐ commercial  
☐ industrial      ☐ oceanfront      ☐ conservation area

acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

Other context notes:

**The site is located along Route 62 and is bounded approx. 100'-200' of wooded area. Beyond the wooded area are single family residences.**

### USER GROUPS

☒ neighborhood      ☒ town      ☒ regional  
☒ kids/families      ☒ teens      ☒ adults/elderly  
☒ sports leagues      ☒ other \_\_\_\_\_

**Observed adult/elderly users and caregivers with young children walking the perimeter path. Dog walkers / people playing with dogs in the fields.**

**Observed children riding tricycles on the basketball courts.**

### Other Context Notes:

**-The site used to be an elementary school.  
-Baseball and softball leagues use the fields in the spring, and youth soccer uses fields in the fall.  
-The fitness equipment is for a casual fitness person that could workout while watching kids on the playground.  
-The Town is considering widening the walking path around park.  
-The park is about 12 years old.**

# SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pathways	condition rating
material:	(1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt	<u>Good</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> concrete	<u>Good</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> pavers	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> aggregate/ stonedust	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> fencing material:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link	<u>Fair</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl coated c.l.	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> ornamental	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> wood guard rail	_____
<b>Wood fencing near parking in good condition.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> grading / drainage	
<input type="checkbox"/> low/wet areas	<input type="checkbox"/> blocked structures
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA compliant grates	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> utilities	<b>irrigation boxes observed</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> gas	<input type="checkbox"/> water
<input type="checkbox"/> cameras for security	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> pedestrian
<input type="checkbox"/> sports	<input type="checkbox"/> other
manufacturer/ model: _____	

## SITE ACCESS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sidewalk	<input type="checkbox"/> bike route
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> trails	<b>Path through woods to adjacent neighborhoods.</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parking	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public lot	<input type="checkbox"/> street
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____

## SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/> monuments
<input type="checkbox"/> shade shelter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> benches
<input type="checkbox"/> interpretive signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> trash
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> regulatory signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bike rack
<input type="checkbox"/> drinking fountain	<input type="checkbox"/> boat ramp
<input type="checkbox"/> splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> concessions
<b>Portable</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fishing deck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sports fields
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> courts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> playground
<input type="checkbox"/> boardwalk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other <b>Fitness equipment</b>

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE NOTES:

The asphalt parking areas and perimeter path are in good condition. The concrete at the bench pads and fitness area is in good condition. Irrigation utility boxes observed. The chain link fencing is in fair condition (south side of site) and the wood fencing near the parking is in good condition.

## SITE AMENITIES NOTES:

There is a paved walking loop around the field, a playground, two basketball courts, a large baseball field, overlapping multipurpose field space, a softball field, and fitness equipment. There are many benches with backs and armrests located on concrete pads along the asphalt walking loop. Overall, there are adequate site amenities including bike racks, trash receptacles, picnic tables, and entry signage. There are numerous picnic tables that are not located along accessible routes. There is one accessible picnic table located near the playground. There is a portable restroom adjacent to the fitness equipment and park regulatory signage.



# PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

## COMPONENTS

- ☒ 2-5 age structure
- ☐ water elements
- ☐ drinking fountain
- ☒ swings
- ☐ ADA
- ☐ belt
- ☒ 5-12 age structure
- ☒ seating for caregivers
- ☐ shade
- ☒ slides
- ☒ 2-5 age
- ☒ 5-12 age

Materials: Plastic and metal

- ☐ Individual elements:  
There is a spinner, little bug seats, a communication board, a ball pit, infant and belt swings, and play structures for ages 2-5.

## SURFACING:

- material**

☐ PIP rubber

☒ wood fiber

☐ sand

☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_
- compliance**

☐ meets requirements

☒ does NOT meet the requirements

## PLAY VALUE

- motor skills

☐ rocking

☒ swinging

☒ spinning

☒ climbing

☒ sliding

☐ balancing
- cognitive skills

☐ manipulative

☐ interactive

☐ exploratory

☒ engagement with peers

☐ problem solving

☒ other unstructured play:

Communication board

## PLAYGROUND NOTES:

The playground surfacing is wood fiber and it is +/-6" below the adjacent asphalt path connection. The playground equipment is in fair condition and includes a variety of motor skills play and a communication board. There is a ball pit that is not connected by an accessible route. There are benches for caregivers along the perimeter of the play area on concrete pads. There is one accessible picnic table located near the playground.

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

- Upgrade playground surfacing to be accessible level with the adjacent path.

-Upgrade playground equipment and incorporate a variety of motor and cognitive skill play value, including inclusive play elements.
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# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## ATHLETIC FIELDS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good                   | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                              | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                              | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation                        |   |

☒ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**The outfields overlap each other and the multipurpose fields.**

☐ 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

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

## COURTS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                               | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                               | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                                       |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**Approx. dimensions are 82' x 50', shorter than standards**

☒ court fencing

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

☒ chain link Good

☐ 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 natural turf and infields are in good/fair condition. There is some grass on the edge of the softball infield. Soccer nets observed in good condition. There are aluminum bleachers without accessible connections. Observed striping for soccer fields. No bases observed at the softball field at time of site visit. Bases are 90' apart (regulation) at the baseball field. The softball field is not in optimal orientation, and the baseball field is optimally oriented.

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Provide accessible connections to spectator seating and team bench areas.
- Consider adding covered dugouts.
- Provide accessible path to bench seating near courts.

## COURT NOTES:

— The two basketball courts and hoops are in good condition. There is a 4' chain link fence between the court and parking area in good condition. There is a 6' fence between the court and woods / street. Bench seating not directly adjacent to courts.

# 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:

## ACCESS & CIRCULATION

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

## PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a play structure?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, is it accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Meets standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

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

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

No accessible connections to team benches or spectator seating. Accessible route to the basketball courts.

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

Bleachers are ADA compliant? ☐ yes ☒ no

Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas

Basketball hoops approx. 10' height.

## 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:

The playground surfacing has a >1/4" drop from the path. Some picnic tables and benches are not located along accessible routes.

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:	21	15
Drinking Fountains:		
Tables:	12	1
5% of tables must be accessible		
Grill:	1	
Note the height of cooking surface		
Picnic Shelters:		

Trail Amenities	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is surface material accessible?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

List other amenities and accessibility:

There is an accessible route to the fitness area. The fitness area surfacing is accessible.



## **CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:**

There are two main site access points with marked parking spaces - one to the northeast nearest to the fields and one to the south that is closest to the basketball courts and playground. There is sidewalk access to the parking area. There is a walking path around the fields. There is a paved walking path that leads from the walking path to the adjacent neighborhoods.

## **PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:**

There are birches within the site along the walking path. Mature oaks and pines dominate the tree species along the perimeter of the site. Most of the site is covered by natural turf. There are small / young trees planted around the south parking area.

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## **VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:**

There are open views across the fields to the playground, fitness area, and courts.

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## **ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:**

There are boulder rock outcroppings in areas along the perimeter of the site.

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## **RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:**

- Locate picnic tables along accessible routes.
  - Upgrade playground surfacing to be accessible and flush with the adjacent path.
  - Upgrade playground equipment to incorporate a wider range of play value and inclusive play elements.
  - Provide accessible connections to spectator seating and team bench areas.
  - Observed children using the court for informal play and tricycle use. If usage allows, consider incorporating an asphalt play zone.
  - Provide accessible path to bench seating near courts.
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# TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Memorial Elementary School

ADDRESS: 125 Winn St, Burlington, MA 01803



### INTENSITY OF USE

☐ high ☒ medium ☐ low

☒ other: Playground adjacent to fields not used.

### USER GROUPS

☐ neighborhood ☒ town ☐ regional

☒ kids/families ☐ teens ☐ adults/elderly

☒ sports leagues ☒ other School property. Observed informal use at fields. Youth soccer and football use the fields during sports season.

### CONTEXT

☒ residential ☐ mixed-use ☐ commercial  
☐ industrial ☐ oceanfront ☐ conservation area

acreage: 14.6 acres

Other context notes:

**Residential to the west, south, and north. Across the street from Marshall Simonds Middle School. St. Margaret's School to the southeast.**



# SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pathways	condition rating
material:	(1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt	<u>Fair</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> concrete	<u>Good</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> pavers	<u></u>
<input type="checkbox"/> aggregate/ stonedust	<u></u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fencing material:	<b>See other sheets for playground and field fencing.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> chain link	<u></u>
<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl coated c.l.	<u></u>
<input type="checkbox"/> ornamental	<u></u>
<input type="checkbox"/> wood guard rail	<u></u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> grading / drainage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> low/wet areas	<input type="checkbox"/> blocked structures
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA compliant grates	
<input type="checkbox"/> utilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> gas	<input type="checkbox"/> water
<input type="checkbox"/> cameras for security	<input type="checkbox"/> electric
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> pedestrian
<input type="checkbox"/> sports	<input type="checkbox"/> other <b>Parking lot lighting</b>
manufacturer/ model: <u></u>	

## SITE ACCESS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sidewalk	<input type="checkbox"/> bike route
<input type="checkbox"/> trails	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parking	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public lot	
<input type="checkbox"/> street	
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<u></u>

## SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/> monuments
<input type="checkbox"/> shade shelter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> benches
<input type="checkbox"/> interpretive signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> trash
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> regulatory signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bike rack
<input type="checkbox"/> drinking fountain	<input type="checkbox"/> boat ramp
<input type="checkbox"/> splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> concessions
<input type="checkbox"/> fishing deck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sports fields
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> courts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> playground
<input type="checkbox"/> boardwalk	<input type="checkbox"/> other <u></u>

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE NOTES:

The asphalt parking and path that leads to the upper fields is in fair condition. There is a detectable warning mat that is cracked and missing a corner piece. There are 5 cafe tables with board games in the center on concrete next to the playground.

## SITE AMENITIES NOTES:

The playground adjacent to the school has ample site amenities including benches, trash, bike racks, and cafe tables. There are no amenities near the upper field. There is a picnic table adjacent to the unused playground near the field.

# PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

## Playground 1 - adjacent to school building

### COMPONENTS

- ☐ 2-5 age structure
- ☒ 5-12 age structure
- ☐ water elements
- ☒ seating for caregivers
- ☐ drinking fountain
- ☐ shade
- ☒ swings
- ☒ ADA
- ☐ infant
- ☒ belt
- ☐ standard
- ☒ slides
- ☐ 2-5 age
- ☐ 5-12 age
- Materials: Plastic, metal
- ☐ Individual elements:  
Spinner, 5-12 structure, fitness structure, swings

### SURFACING:

- material

☐ PIP rubber

☐ wood fiber

☐ sand

☒ other: Artificial turf
- compliance

☒ meets requirements

☐ does NOT meet the requirements

### PLAY VALUE

- motor skills

☒ rocking

☒ swinging

☒ spinning

☒ climbing

☒ sliding

☐ balancing
- cognitive skills

☐ manipulative

☐ interactive

☐ exploratory

☐ engagement with peers

☐ problem solving

☒ other unstructured play:  
Communication board

### PLAYGROUND NOTES:

Playground and seating area in overall good condition. It is bounded by a black fence with a gate in good condition. The surfacing is accessible and the playground equipment offers a variety of motor skill values. There is one accessible swing and a communication board fixed to the perimeter fencing. There are benches along the concrete walkway adjacent to the playground and court areas.

### RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

Playground and seating area in overall good condition. It is bounded by a black fence with a gate in good condition. The surfacing is accessible and the playground equipment offers a variety of motor skill values. There is one accessible swing and a communication board fixed to the perimeter fencing.

# PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

## Playground 2 - near fields

### COMPONENTS

- ☐ 2-5 age structure    ☒ 5-12 age structure
- ☐ water elements    ☒ seating for caregivers
- ☐ drinking fountain    ☐ shade
- ☒ swings
- ☐ ADA    ☐ infant
- ☒ belt    ☐ standard

☒ slides

☐ 2-5 age

☒ 5-12 age

Materials: **Plastic, metal**

☐ Individual elements:  
**Swing play structure, balance beam, and swings**

### PLAY VALUE

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

### SURFACING:

#### material

- ☐ PIP rubber
- ☒ wood fiber
- ☐ sand
- ☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### compliance

- ☐ meets requirements
- ☒ does NOT meet the requirements

manufacturer/condition of equipment:

**Poor**

NOTE:

### PLAYGROUND NOTES:

**The playground is located near the field area and is in poor condition and unused. The surfacing is wood fiber with plastic edging, and equipment is dated and needs to be replaced or removed. There is no accessible connection to the playground or adjacent picnic table.**

### RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

**The playground should be removed, as it is in poor condition, lacks accessibility, and is unused. If desired by the community, a new playground could be considered near the field area and an accessible connection added. The picnic table could be located closer to the field along an accessible route and pad.**



# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## ATHLETIC FIELDS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                              | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                   | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                              | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation                        |   |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards  
**Field area approx. 340'x210' - U13-U19 soccer (or younger), slightly smaller than standard football field size**

☒ field fencing

Material      condition rating  
(1-2-3=good-fair-poor)

☐ chain link      \_\_\_\_\_

☒ vinyl-coated c.l.      **Fair to poor**

☒ sports netting      **Poor**

☐ seating

☐ team benches

☐ bleachers

☐ dugouts

☐ shade

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

## COURTS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                               | <input type="checkbox"/> good                                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                               | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                                       |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards  
**small asphalt area, not standard dimensions**

☐ 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 athletic field is used by youth soccer and youth football. There are no field amenities such as seating for players or spectators, and no field lighting or scoreboard. The fence is in fair to poor condition. Portable soccer goals observed in good condition. Some areas of grass in poor condition at time of observation (winter)

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

Add amenities to the field including team benches, spectator seating, and potentially field lighting depending on intensity of use. Add accessible connections to these amenities.

Replace the fence and ball netting at the field.

The basketball hoops could be replaced, and the four square markings formalized, if usage warrants it.

## COURT NOTES:

There is an asphalt area with two basketball hoops and informal four square markings. The basketball hoops are in fair/poor condition.

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# ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

## PARKING

Total # parking spaces:

Lot

On-Site

62

# Accessible parking spaces:

2, plus 3 in lot  
partway up hill

Signage

☒

Aisle 5'

☒

Aisle 8'

☐

Curbscut

☐

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:

There are 62 striped spaces (2 accessible) on the east parking area at the school. Halfway up the hill, there are additional spaces without striping and worn accessible markings.

## ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Any ponding of water?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible route to all elements?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible route to some elements?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of 1/2" maximum?	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

## PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Below applies to playground adjacent to school building.

Is there a swing set?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a play structure?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, is it accessible?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Meets standards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

Any other sports/recreation on site?

☒ yes

☐ no

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☒ yes

☐ no

The playground and court area adjacent to the school building are accessible. The playground near the field area is unused and not accessible. There is an accessible route to the field area.

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:  
There is a picnic table located adjacent to the upper playground that is not located along an accessible route.

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:		
Drinking Fountains:		
Tables:	1	0
5% of tables must be accessible		
Grill:		
Note the height of cooking surface		
Picnic Shelters:		

Trail Amenities	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is surface material accessible?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

List other amenities and accessibility:

## CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:

There is a vehicular entrance and parking lot next to the playground, asphalt area, and seating area near the building. There are two accessible parking spaces adjacent to the concrete path that leads to the playground / seating area. There is also a sidewalk connection and concrete path that leads to a crosswalk across the parking lot. A separate vehicular entrance with no pedestrian path leads to the field area, which is higher elevation than the playground area. There is a parking area halfway up the hill with faded accessible markings, and an asphalt path leads from this parking area to the field. There is no accessible connection to the playground at the top of the hill near the field.

## PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:

There is lawn, and mature trees along the perimeter of the site. At the seating area adjacent to the school building, there is one large maple tree that provides good shade. There are some younger deciduous trees along the playground area near the building. The field and hill are predominantly lawn / grass.

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## VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:

There are views of the playground and parking area from the upper field.

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## ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:

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## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- The playground near the field should be removed, as it is in poor condition, lacks accessibility, and is unused. If desired by the community, a new playground could be considered near the field area and an accessible connection added. The picnic table could be located closer to the field along an accessible route and pad.
- Add amenities to the field including team benches, spectator seating, and potentially field lighting depending on intensity of use. Add accessible connections to these amenities.
- Replace the fence and ball netting at the field.
- The basketball hoops could be replaced, and the four square markings formalized, if usage warrants it.
- Replace the cracked ADA detectable warning surface in the parking lot.







# TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Pine Glen Elementary School

ADDRESS: 1 Pine Glen Way, Burlington, MA 01803



### INTENSITY OF USE

☐ high ☒ medium ☐ low  
☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

### USER GROUPS

☐ neighborhood ☒ town ☐ regional  
☒ kids/families ☐ teens ☐ adults/elderly  
☒ sports leagues ☒ other

**Very active parent group, indoor gym used as a rain location in the summer. Used for school activities.**

### CONTEXT

☒ residential ☐ mixed-use ☐ commercial  
☐ industrial ☐ oceanfront ☒ conservation area

acreage: 11.8 acres

Other context notes:

**The site is surrounded by residential neighborhoods. To the south and east, there is a wooded buffer between the adjacent properties. The Pine Glen Conservation Area is adjacent to the northeast of the site.**

# SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pathways material:	condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt	<u>Poor</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> concrete	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> pavers	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> aggregate/ stonedust	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fencing material:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link	<u>Poor</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vinyl coated c.l.	<u>Good/fair at playground</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> ornamental	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> wood guard rail	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> grading / drainage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> low/wet areas	<input type="checkbox"/> blocked structures
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA compliant grates	
<input type="checkbox"/> utilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> gas	<input type="checkbox"/> water
<input type="checkbox"/> cameras for security	<input type="checkbox"/> electric
<input type="checkbox"/> lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> pedestrian
<input type="checkbox"/> sports	<input type="checkbox"/> other
manufacturer/ model: _____	

## SITE ACCESS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sidewalk	<input type="checkbox"/> bike route
<input type="checkbox"/> trails	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parking	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public lot	
<input type="checkbox"/> street	
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____

## SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/> monuments
<input type="checkbox"/> shade shelter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> benches
<input type="checkbox"/> interpretive signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> trash
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> regulatory signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bike rack
<input type="checkbox"/> drinking fountain	<input type="checkbox"/> boat ramp
<input type="checkbox"/> splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> concessions
<input type="checkbox"/> fishing deck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sports fields
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> courts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> playground
<input type="checkbox"/> boardwalk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other <u>Flagpole</u>

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE NOTES:

The asphalt sidewalks in the parking lot, the asphalt pathway along the field, and the asphalt path at the back of the school are in poor condition with low wet and uneven areas. The chain link fence around the site is in poor condition, and the fence around the playground is in fair/good condition.

## SITE AMENITIES NOTES:

Site program includes a playground, half basketball court and four square court, and open field area. There is a school sign at the front of the building, a regulatory sign for dog owners, playground signage, and signage for the adjacent trail connections. There are bike racks and trash cans in fair/poor condition. There is a picnic area at the back of the school, which is not located along an accessible route or surfacing. At the school entry is a flagpole, bounders, and bench seating.



# PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

Anticipated playground update in 5-10 years

## COMPONENTS

- ☐ 2-5 age structure
- ☒ 5-12 age structure
- ☐ water elements
- ☒ seating for caregivers
- ☐ drinking fountain
- ☐ shade
- ☒ swings
- ☒ ADA
- ☐ infant
- ☒ belt
- ☐ standard

☒ slides

☐ 2-5 age

☒ 5-12 age

Materials: Plastic and metal

- ☐ Individual elements:  
**Monkey bars, balance beam, climbing structure, communication board, swings, overhead spinners, play structure with slides**

## SURFACING:

material

- ☐ PIP rubber
- ☒ wood fiber
- ☐ sand
- ☐ other:

compliance

- ☐ meets requirements
- ☒ does NOT meet the requirements

manufacturer/condition of equipment:

Landscape Structures / Fair

NOTE:

**There is a perforated rubber mat over the wood fiber that connects some play pieces, but it does not fully connect to the playground entrance**

## PLAYGROUND NOTES:

**The play equipment is in fair condition and appears dated. There is a variety of motor skill play opportunities including swinging, spinning, climbing, sliding, balancing, and engagement with peers. There is one accessible swing. The surfacing is wood fiber, with some areas overlaid with perforated rubber matting. There are two Adirondack chairs within the play area, and the playground is bounded by a black chain link fence.**

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

- Upgrade play equipment and incorporate a wider diversity of play opportunities. Add accessible, inclusive equipment and upgrade surfacing to be accessible.**
- Locate accessible caregiver seating along accessible surfacing.**
- Incorporate shade into structures or near play area.**

## PLAY VALUE

- motor skills

☐ rocking

☒ swinging

☒ spinning

☒ climbing

☒ sliding

☒ balancing
- cognitive skills

☐ manipulative

☐ interactive

☐ exploratory

☒ engagement with peers

☐ problem solving

☐ other unstructured play:

**Communication board**

# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## ATHLETIC FIELDS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                              | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                   | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                              | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation                        |   |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☒ field fencing

Material                      condition rating  
(1-2-3=good-fair-poor)

☒ chain link                      Poor

☐ vinyl-coated c.l.                      \_\_\_\_\_

☐ sports netting                      \_\_\_\_\_

☐ seating

☐ team benches

☐ bleachers

☐ dugouts

☐ shade

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

## COURTS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                               | <input type="checkbox"/> good                                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                               | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                                       |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

**30'x30' asphalt area for basketball**

☐ 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 chain link fence along the field is in very poor condition. There is a backstop that is overgrown and does appear to be used as a ballfield. There are low areas with saturated soils in the field. There is signage for the Pine Glen Conservation Area along the north edge of the field.

## COURT NOTES:

Asphalt area with basketball hoop and foul line markings in fair/poor condition. There is also a square asphalt area 10' away with four square markings, also in fair/poor condition. In the parking lot, there are two basketball hoops in poor condition.

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

- Remove the backstop in poor condition, or replace if a ballfield is desired at the site.
- Replace the chain link fencing in poor condition.
- Remove the basketball hoops in poor condition in the parking lot area.
- If considering the field for youth sports practice, regrade the field to mitigate low areas.
- Consider consolidating the four square and basketball court into one asphalt area and locate along accessible route.

# ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

## PARKING

Total # parking spaces:

Lot

On-Site

110

# Accessible parking spaces:

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:

5 accessible spaces including 1 van space are required for the amount of parking on site.

## ACCESS & CIRCULATION

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

## PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

Is there a swing set?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a play structure?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, is it accessible?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Meets standards?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

Any other sports/recreation on site?

☒ yes

☐ no

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☐ yes

☐ no

The half basketball court and field area are not accessible.

Are there berm cuts onto the courts?

☐ yes

☒ no

Bleachers are ADA compliant?

☐ yes

☐ no

Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas

Approx. 10' basketball hoops

## 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:

The picnic area and benches are not accessible.

Picnic Facilities	Total #	# Accessible
Benches:	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
Drinking Fountains:		
Tables:	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
5% of tables must be accessible		
Grill:		
Note the height of cooking surface		
Picnic Shelters:		

Trail Amenities	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is surface material accessible?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

List other amenities and accessibility:



**CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:**

There are two parking areas, with a one way drop off area at the front of the building. The asphalt walkways throughout the parking and drop off area are in poor condition with cracked and uneven surfacing. There is a parking lot with accessible spaces along the side of the building with a path connecting to the building entrance. At the back of the school, there is an asphalt path that leads from the school to the playground area in fair condition with some low/uneven areas. The asphalt path along the field adjacent to the school is in poor condition with low/uneven/wet areas. There are trails that lead from the field to the Pine Glen Conservation Area.

**PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:**

There are several mature oak and pine specimen trees throughout the site. Most of site site plant material is natural turf.

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**VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:**

There are open views between the field and playground area. The playground is at the back of the school and cannot be seen from the parking or entrance.

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**ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:**

The Pine Glen Conservation area is adjacent to the site.

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**RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:**

- Repair the asphalt paths throughout the site to correct uneven areas and provide accessibility.
- Replace the chain link fencing in poor condition.
- Upgrade the site amenities and include accessible ones, such as picnic tables, trash receptacles, and bike racks.
- Upgrade play equipment and incorporate a wider diversity of play opportunities. Add accessible, inclusive equipment and upgrade surfacing to be accessible.
- Locate accessible caregiver seating along accessible surfacing.
- Incorporate shade into structures or near play area.
- Remove the backstop which appears to be unused, or replace if a ballfield is desired at the site.
- Remove the basketball hoops in poor condition in the parking lot area.
- If considering the field for youth sports practice, regrade the field to mitigate low areas.
- Consider consolidating the four square and basketball court into one asphalt area and locate along an accessible route.



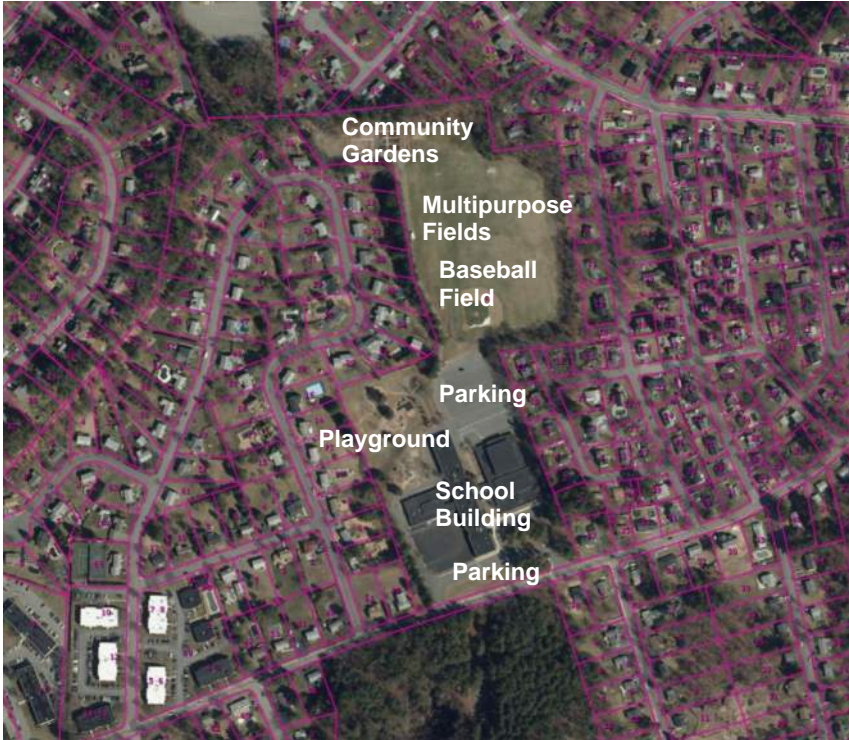


# TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Site Assessment Form

NAME OF SITE: Francis Wyman Elementary School

ADDRESS: 41 Terrace Hall Ave, Burlington, MA 01803



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Other context notes:

Residential neighborhoods bound the site.  
Across the street from the school are wellfields.  
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### Other Context Notes:

**-A play surface is desired by school near the playground.**  
**-600 kids use the play areas during recess.**  
**-A new baseball field is planned to replace the existing ballfield. The fence for the ballfield will be in place seasonally, as the field is also used for soccer.**  
**-There is a community garden behind the fields.**



# SITE INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pathways material:	condition rating (1-2-3 = good-fair-poor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt	<u>Fair to poor</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> concrete	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pavers	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aggregate/ stonedust	<u>Fair</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fencing material:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link	<u>Poor</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl coated c.l.	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> ornamental	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> wood guard rail	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> grading / drainage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> low/wet areas	<input type="checkbox"/> blocked structures
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA compliant grates	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> utilities	<u>irrigation</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> gas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> water
<input type="checkbox"/> cameras for security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> electric
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lighting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pedestrian
<input type="checkbox"/> sports	<input type="checkbox"/> other
manufacturer/ model: _____	

## SITE ACCESS

<input type="checkbox"/> sidewalk	<input type="checkbox"/> bike route
<input type="checkbox"/> trails	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parking	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public lot	
<input type="checkbox"/> street	
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____

## SITE FURNISHINGS + AMENITIES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/> monuments
<input type="checkbox"/> shade shelter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> benches
<input type="checkbox"/> interpretive signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> trash
<input type="checkbox"/> regulatory signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bike rack
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> drinking fountain	<input type="checkbox"/> boat ramp
<input type="checkbox"/> splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> concessions
<input type="checkbox"/> fishing deck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sports fields
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> courts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> playground
<input type="checkbox"/> boardwalk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other <u>Boulder amphitheater, community gardens</u>

## SITE INFRASTRUCTURE NOTES:

**Paths / walkways are asphalt and stone dust in fair to poor condition with low/wet areas and significant cracking in some places. There is pedestrian lighting near the ballfield.**

## SITE AMENITIES NOTES:

**There are numerous picnic tables and benches, but some are in poor condition - a blue picnic bench was noted to be significantly bent. There is a trash can near the path that leads to the playground. Most site amenities are not located along accessible routes.**

# PLAYGROUND INVENTORY

## COMPONENTS

- ☐ 2-5 age structure
- ☒ 5-12 age structure
- ☒ water elements
- ☐ seating for caregivers
- ☐ drinking fountain
- ☐ shade
- ☒ swings
- ☒ ADA
- ☐ infant
- ☒ belt
- ☐ standard

☒ slides

☒ 2-5 age

☒ 5-12 age

Materials: **Metal, plastic**

☒ Individual elements:  
**Large play structure, accessible carousel, swings, sensory play elements, ball pit, ball tower**

## SURFACING:

### material

- ☒ PIP rubber
- ☐ wood fiber
- ☒ sand
- ☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

### compliance

- ☒ meets requirements
- ☐ does NOT meet the requirements

## PLAY VALUE

- motor skills

☐ rocking

☒ swinging

☒ spinning

☒ climbing

☒ sliding

☐ balancing
- cognitive skills

☒ manipulative

☐ interactive

☐ exploratory

☒ engagement with peers

☐ problem solving

☒ other unstructured play:  
**Sensory play panels, sand play table, ball pit, sound elements**

manufacturer/condition of equipment:

**Good - new**

NOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

## PLAYGROUND NOTES:

**There is a playground in good condition that is accessible by stair or by accessible asphalt path. The railing along the path is in poor condition. At the lower play area, there is wood fiber surfacing with a poured in place rubber path that connects accessible elements. The play equipment offers a range of motor and cognitive opportunities. At the upper playground, the asphalt path is very worn with low areas and uneven edges.**

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS:

- Replace the path and railing that leads to the lower play area.**
- Upgrade the path in the sensory play area, and connect each element to create improved accessibility.**
- Pave the path that winds around the play areas.**

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# ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS INVENTORY

## ATHLETIC FIELDS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> natural turf condition | <input type="checkbox"/> synthetic turf condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                              | <input type="checkbox"/> good                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair                   | <input type="checkbox"/> fair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                              | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation                        |   |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☒ field fencing

Material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chain link	<u>Fair</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l.	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> sports netting	_____

☒ seating

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts                 | <input type="checkbox"/> shade                |

☐ field lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

## COURTS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> court surface condition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> color surfacing/lines condition |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good <b>pavers</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> good                                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair <b>asphalt</b>     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair <b>asphalt</b>             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> poor                               | <input type="checkbox"/> poor                                       |

☐ dimensions meet MIAA/NFHS standards

☐ court fencing

material	condition rating (1-2-3=good-fair-poor)
<input type="checkbox"/> chain link	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl-coated c.l.	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> sports	_____

☐ seating

- |                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> team benches | <input type="checkbox"/> bleachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts      | <input type="checkbox"/> shade     |

☐ court lighting

manufacturer/condition: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ skate park condition

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> concrete      | <input type="checkbox"/> good |
| <input type="checkbox"/> surface mount | <input type="checkbox"/> fair |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> poor |

## ATHLETIC FIELD NOTES:

A new baseball field is planned to replace the existing ballfield. The fence for the ballfield will be in place seasonally, as the field is also used for soccer. Lots of geese observed on the field. Some erosion / drainage issues were observed.

## COURT NOTES:

There is a small asphalt area with four square markings and a basketball hoop near the lower playground. An additional asphalt pad has a ball funnel. There is a basketball hoop with paver surfacing near the upper sensory play area.

## RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:

-Consider consolidating the lower court areas into one asphalt play area.

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# ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

## PARKING

Lot

On-Site

Total # parking spaces:

181

# Accessible parking spaces:

9

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:

There are accessible spaces near the building entrances and field. Accessible spaces could be located closer to the play areas with a crosswalk.

## ACCESS & CIRCULATION

Primary public entrances accessible to person with wheelchair independency?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible path to travel from passenger disembarking area to accessible entrance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Disembarking area at accessible entrance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Surface firm, stable, evenly paved/hard-packed (no cracks, slip resistant)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Any ponding of water?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible route to all elements?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Accessible route to some elements?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Grates in the path of travel have openings of 1/2" maximum?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

## PLAY RECREATION FACILITIES

For lower playground:

Is there a swing set?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, are there any swings accessible?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a play structure?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, is it accessible?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Meets standards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is the same experience provided to ALL?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

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

If yes, specify facility and check for accessibility

☐ yes ☒ no

The sports field amenities (benches, spectator seating) are not accessible.

N/A

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

Bleachers are ADA compliant? ☐ yes ☒ no

Note dimension and height of equipment at game areas

10' standard height basketball hoop

## 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 tables and benches at the play area and at the front of the school are not located along accessible routes.

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	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is surface material accessible?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Trail dimensions and slope gradients meet all ADA requirements?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there signage for visually impaired?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Boat Docks & Fishing Facilities	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Is there a handrail?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Are there arm rests, bait shelves, and fish cleaning tables?		<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

List other amenities and accessibility:

Upper sensory play area does not have accessible path connections between elements.

**CIRCULATION & CONNECTIVITY NOTES:**

There are two parking areas, one at the front of the school and a larger one around the back near the play areas and the little league field. Both areas have marked accessible parking. The lower playground is accessible by an asphalt path with handrails in poor condition. Stairs lead up to the sensory play area, which is also accessible at grade through the school. There is a little league field toward the back of the site that has planned upgrades. Community gardens are located beyond the little league field, and closest vehicular access is by road through a separate entrance. An asphalt path in worn condition leads from the parking lot past the little league field to the community gardens.

**PLANT MATERIAL NOTES:**

The site consists of deciduous trees (mostly oaks), shrubs, and mature evergreens. The field is lawn.

**VIEWSHEDS & HISTORICAL RESOURCES NOTES:**

The play areas and the field are at separate sides of the parking lot and not visible to each other.

**ENVIROMENTAL RESOURCES & CONCERNS NOTES:**

**RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES & ACTIONS:**

- Replace the path and railing that leads to the lower play area.
- Upgrade the path in the sensory play area, and connect each element to create improved accessibility.
- Pave the path that winds around the play areas.
- Consider consolidating the lower court areas into one asphalt play area.
- Consider accessible parking and a crosswalk to the play areas.
- Upgrade asphalt surfacing at the community garden area, and consider adding accessible garden beds.
- Locate site amenities (picnic tables, benches) along accessible routes.









# **APPENDIX E: INVENTORY TABLES**

### Inventory of Park Property Amenities

Parks Properties	Softball	Baseball	Multipurpose Rectangular Field	Synthetic Turf Field	Cricket Field	Tennis Court	Basketball Court	Pickleball Court	Playground	Swimming Pool	Skate Park	Dog Park
Marvin Field	1											
Mary Cummings			1									
MITRE Fields	2	1	1		1							
Overlook Park							1		1			
Pathwoods Tot Lot							0.5		1			
Rahanis Playground	1		2			6	1		1			1
Recreation Center	1	1	1									
Regan Playground		1					1	2	1			
Rotary Field	1											
Simonds Park	1	2				1	2	4	1		1	
Town Common												
TRW Playground		2	1						1			
Veterans Playground		1					0.5		1			
Wildmere Playground							1		1			
Wildwood Playground	1	1	1				2		1			
<b>Total Park Properties</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>



## Inventory of School Property Amenities

*\* Indicates that there are planned improvements to amenities*

School Properties	Softball	Baseball	Multipurpose Rectangular Field	Synthetic Turf Field	Cricket Field	Tennis Court	Basketball Court	Pickleball Court	Playground	Swimming Pool	Skate Park	Dog Park
<b>Pine Glen Elementary School</b>			1				0.5		1			
<b>Memorial Elementary School</b>			1						2			
<b>Francis Wyman Elementary School</b>		1	2				0.5		1			
<b>Fox Hill Elementary School*</b>	1						1		2			
<b>Marshall Simonds Middle School*</b>			1	1								
<b>Burlington High School*</b>			2	1								
<b>Total School Properties</b>	1	1	7	2	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	0
<b>Total Park and School Properties</b>	9	10	14	2	1	7	11	6	15	0	1	1

# **APPENDIX F: PERMITTING & REGISTRATION CHARTS**



Town of Burlington  
Parks & Recreation Department  
61 Center Street  
Burlington, MA 01803  
Phone: 781-270-1695  
Fax: 781-270-1657

Alcoholic beverages and smoking are **NOT** permitted at Parks & Recreation facilities.

## FIELD PERMIT APPLICATION

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature of Applicant (See Disclaimer below) Organization

Activity Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_

Field Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ % Burlington Residents: \_\_\_\_\_

***Events exceeding 100 participants are considered a Special Event and requires a Special Event Permit***

Will there be a fee to participate? \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Will food be served? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, have you contacted the Board of Health? \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be entertainment? \_\_\_\_\_ Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

### Disclaimer

The person whose name appears above is responsible for the action of all persons using the field site in association with this permit. This includes responsibility for the removal of all litter and all damages to the site. The permit will immediately be revoked for the use of alcohol, smoking, any illegal substance, violation of the law and any behavior deemed inappropriate by the Director of Parks & Recreation or his/her duly appointed representative. If at any time an unfavorable condition exists or conduct by a participant or participants is deemed inappropriate, the Director of Parks & Recreation or his/her duly appointed representative reserves the right, in the interest of public safety, to discontinue all activities or dismiss the person or persons detrimental to the activity. As a condition of use, the permit holder agrees to furnish at their own expense, Police or other protection, if deemed necessary by the Director of Parks & Recreation or his/her duly appointed designee, and to reimburse the Town of Burlington for any damages done to the site. I further agree to release and save harmless the Town of Burlington, its officers, employees, agents and attorneys from any and all liability or expenses arising out of any incident occurring at the permitted facility.

**\*My signature above indicates that I have read and agree to the above Disclaimer, and the information listed on the back of this application and understand and will fully abide by the terms, conditions and provisions contained or referred to therein.**





Town of Burlington  
Parks & Recreation Department  
Field Permit Structure

Effective Date: TBD

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
Parks & Recreation Department programs, Burlington scholastic sports and Burlington youth sport organizations	Adult or youth groups over 90% Burlington residents, or Burlington businesses  <b>All requests must be accompanied by a roster(s)</b>	All events including tournaments, *Non-profit events **Requires Insurance	Private clinics, camps and all other groups **Requires Insurance
No permit fee	\$25 per hour	\$50 application fee. See chart below for additional fees.	\$50 application fee. See event packet for additional fees.

# of Participants	0 – 20	21 – 50	51 – 100	101 - 200	201 -500	Over 500
Fee Charged by org.	<b>Fees are based on 2 hours of use</b>					
\$0	\$20	\$50	\$100	\$200	\$500	\$600
\$1 or more						
	½ Day: minimum of \$100 or 10% of income; whichever is higher					
	Full Day: minimum of \$200 or 15% of income; whichever is higher					
	Weekly (Mon – Fri) / Weekend (Sat/Sun): minimum of \$1,000 or 25% of income; whichever is higher					

**Lights:**

- Lights are available at Marvin Field, Rotary Field, Varsity Field, Brush (MSMS) Field, and Simonds Park Fields. Lights will be turned off by 11 PM; 10 PM at Simonds Park.
- Light fee is calculated at the current electrical rate

**Fees:**

- Approved by the Director of Parks & Recreation and are subject to review by the Rec. Commission.

**\*Non-profit:**

- To qualify as a non-profit the organization must be registered as a non-profit with the State of Massachusetts and provide a 501 (c) certificate. If the non-profit organization is not Burlington based, they must have a Burlington resident as the sponsor. The organization's name must match the name registered with the State of Massachusetts.

**\*\*Insurance:**

- Certificate of Liability, naming the "Town of Burlington, including all subsidiaries and affiliates; and all directors, officers, employees and volunteers of such entities" as an additional insured may be required.

***Additional fees may be assessed by the Director of Parks & Recreation for staffing, portable toilets and other incurred expenses and are the responsibility of the permittee.***

Town of Burlington  
Parks & Recreation Department  
61 Center Street  
Burlington, MA 01803  
781-270-1695

## REGULATIONS

### **SPRING SEASON**

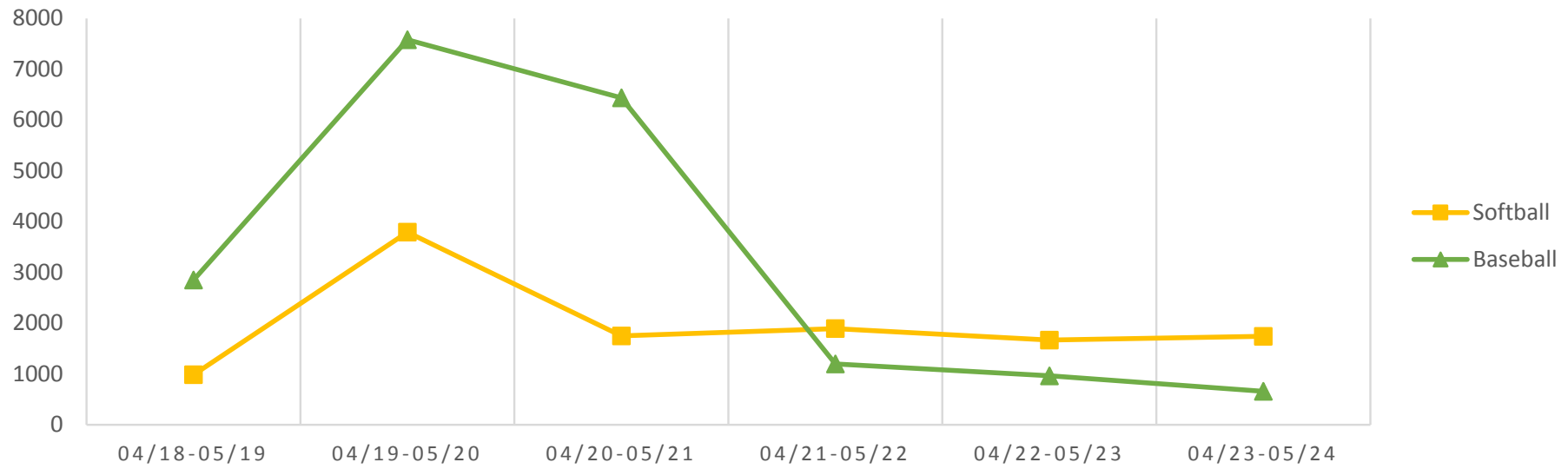
**Do not use fields until the  
Parks Superintendent rules them  
ready for play.  
Please call 781-270-1695 for field status.**

1. **Please carry your permit with you to the reserved facility as proof of your reservation.**
2. School teams have priority; you must wait for them to finish, regardless of your permit starting time.
3. Littering is punishable by fines up to \$100.
4. Park in designated areas only. People who park or drive upon fields or courts may be fined and/or suspended.
5. **Alcoholic beverages and smoking are NOT permitted at Parks & Recreation facilities.**
6. If your event is rained out, you must notify the Parks & Recreation Department the next business day so that a make-up date can be discussed.
7. Groups that violate Parks & Recreation Department regulations may have permits revoked and may be subject to legal action.
8. The Recreation Commission reserves the right to revise these regulations at any time and to rule on situations not specifically covered by these regulations.

### **TURF FIELDS**

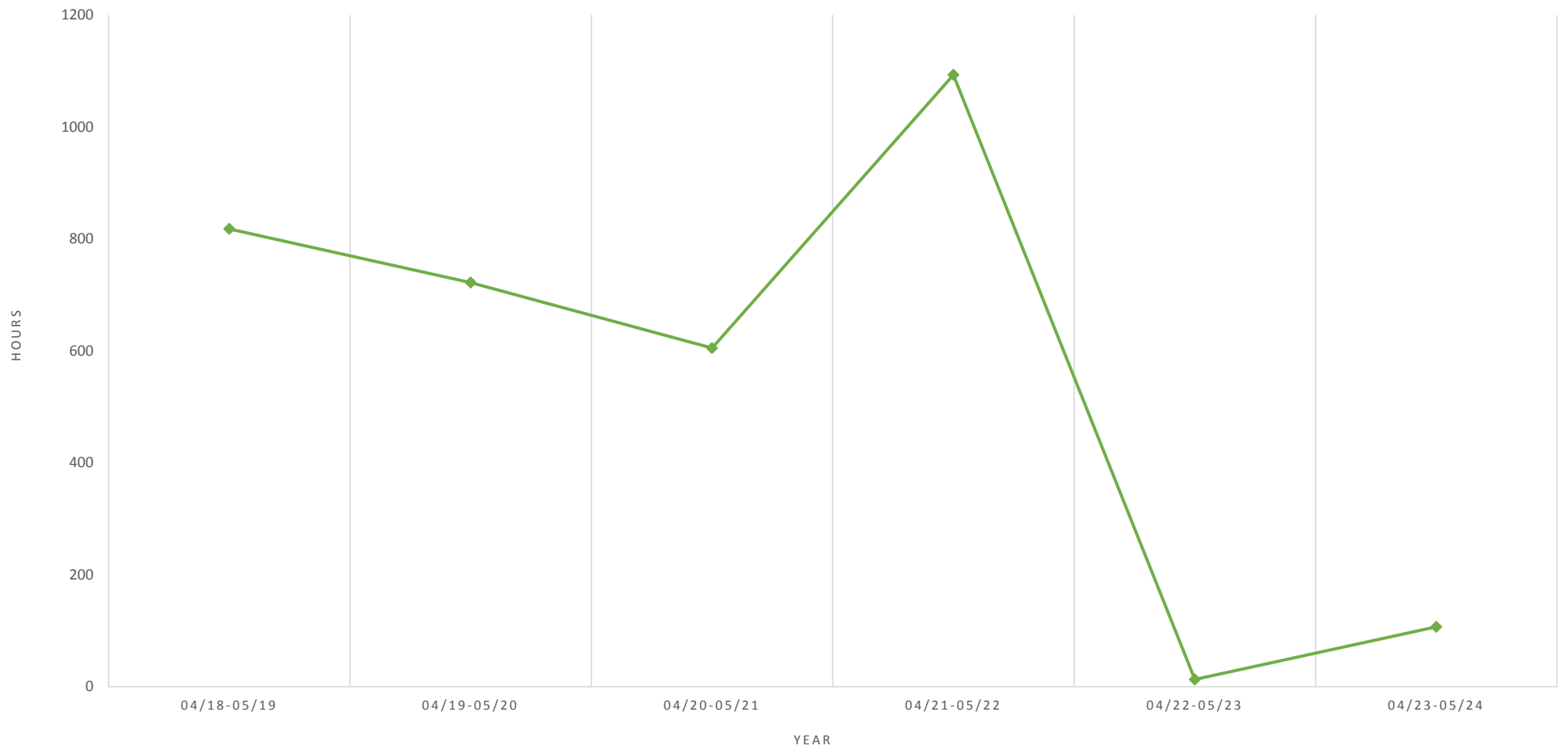
9. Participants accessing Varsity and Brush fields should cross the track in the designated areas. Protective mats should be placed on the track surface before crossing onto the playing field.
10. When moving goals, nets or other athletic equipment from the playing surface, do not drag across the turf or track surface. Equipment should be placed in designated area that does not interfere with other sporting events.

## SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL

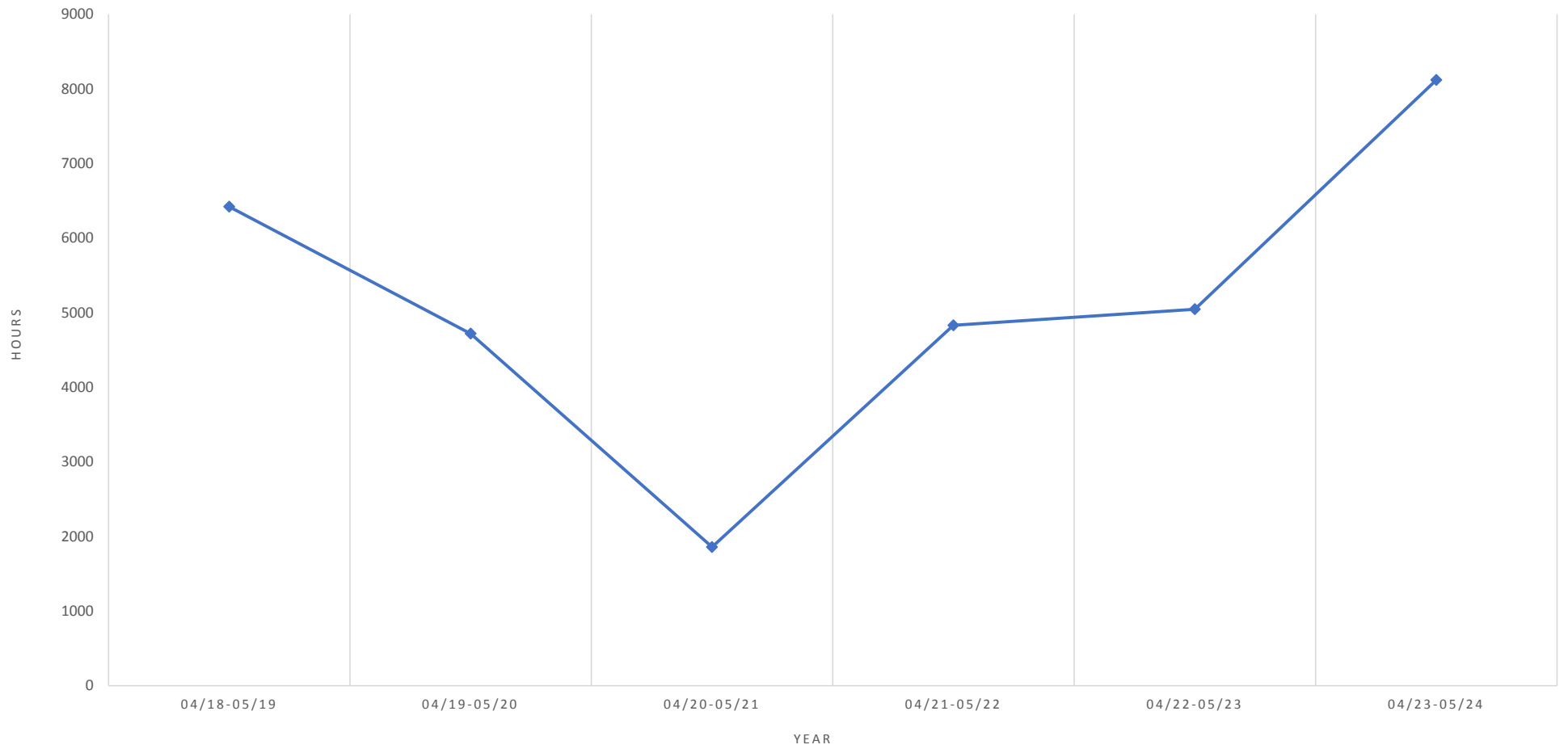




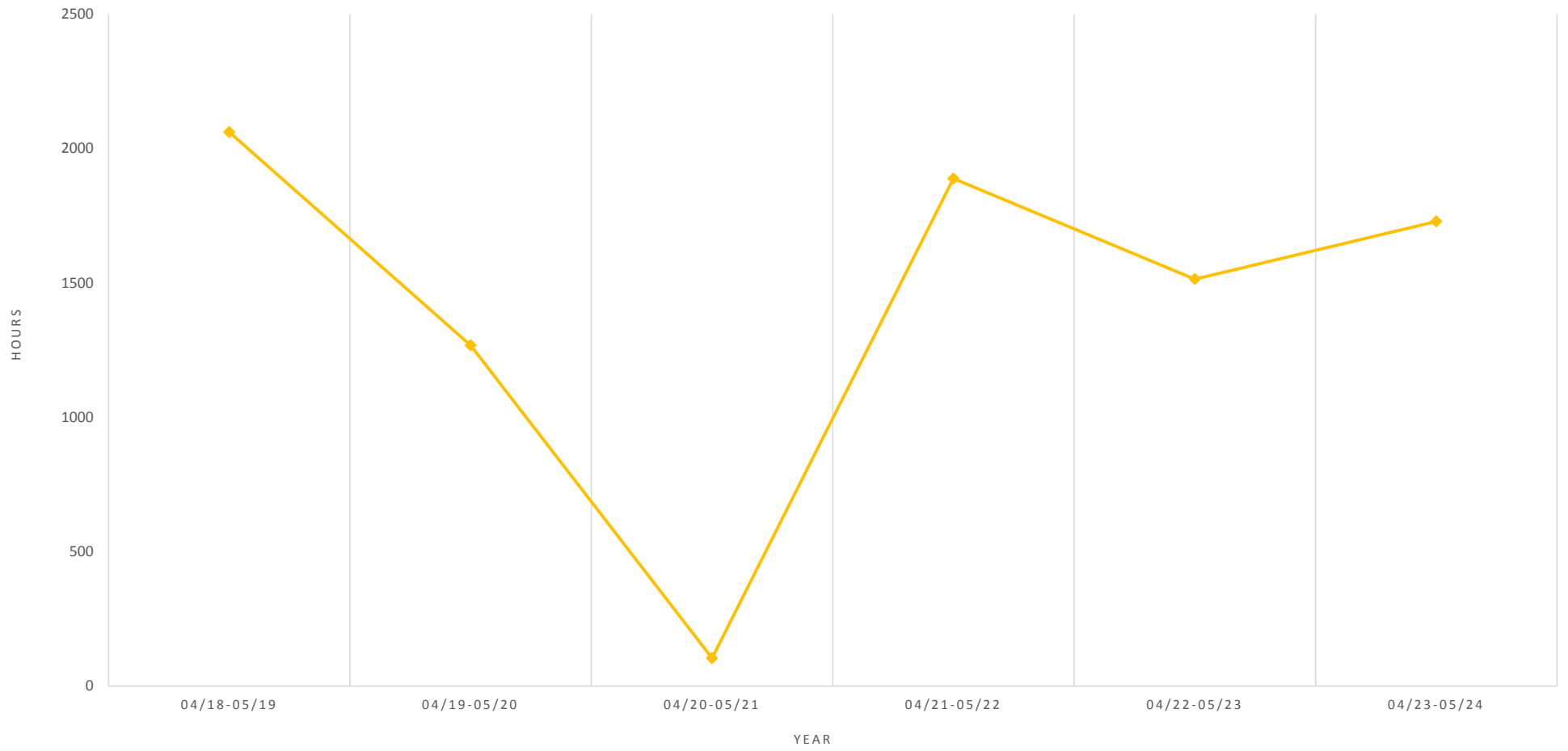
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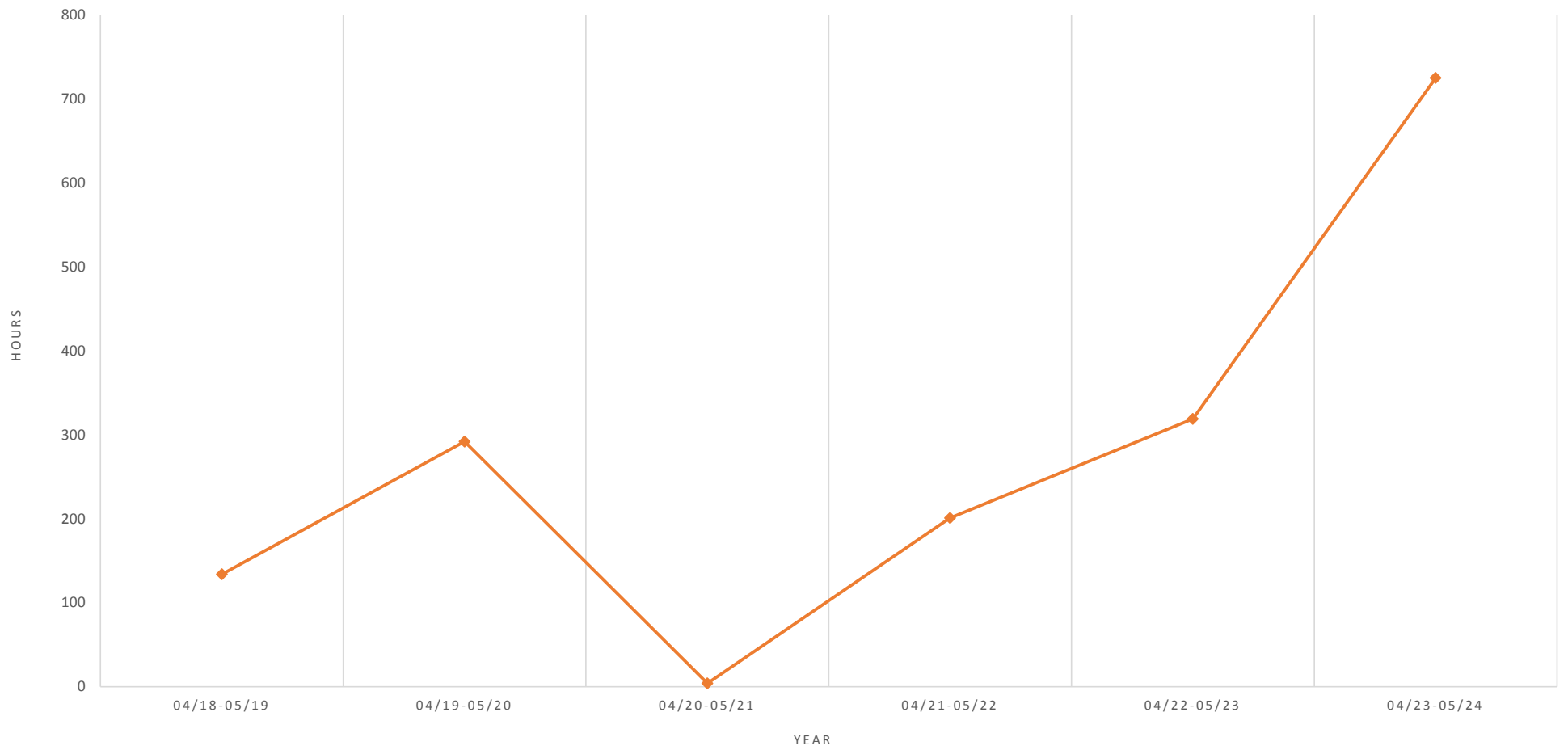


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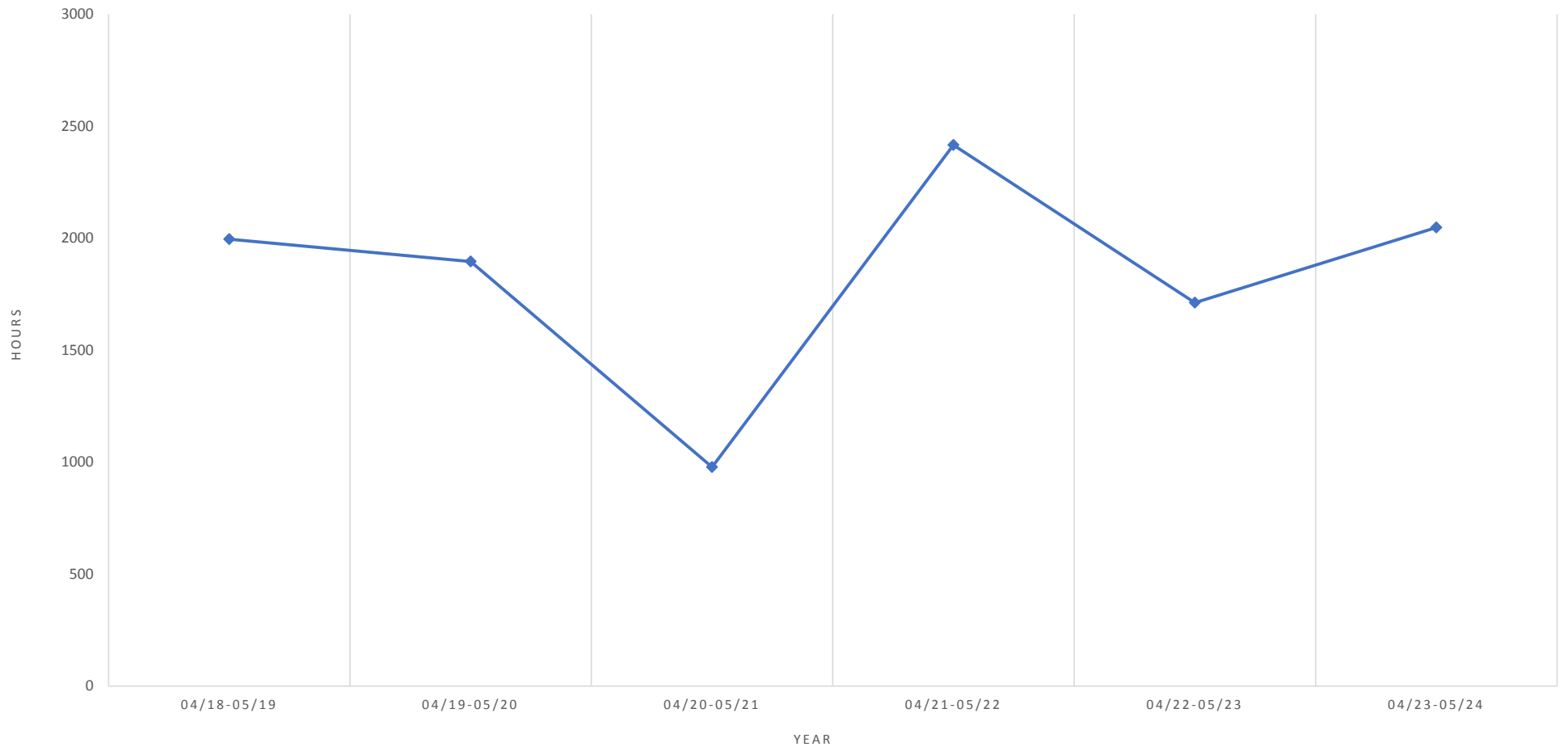




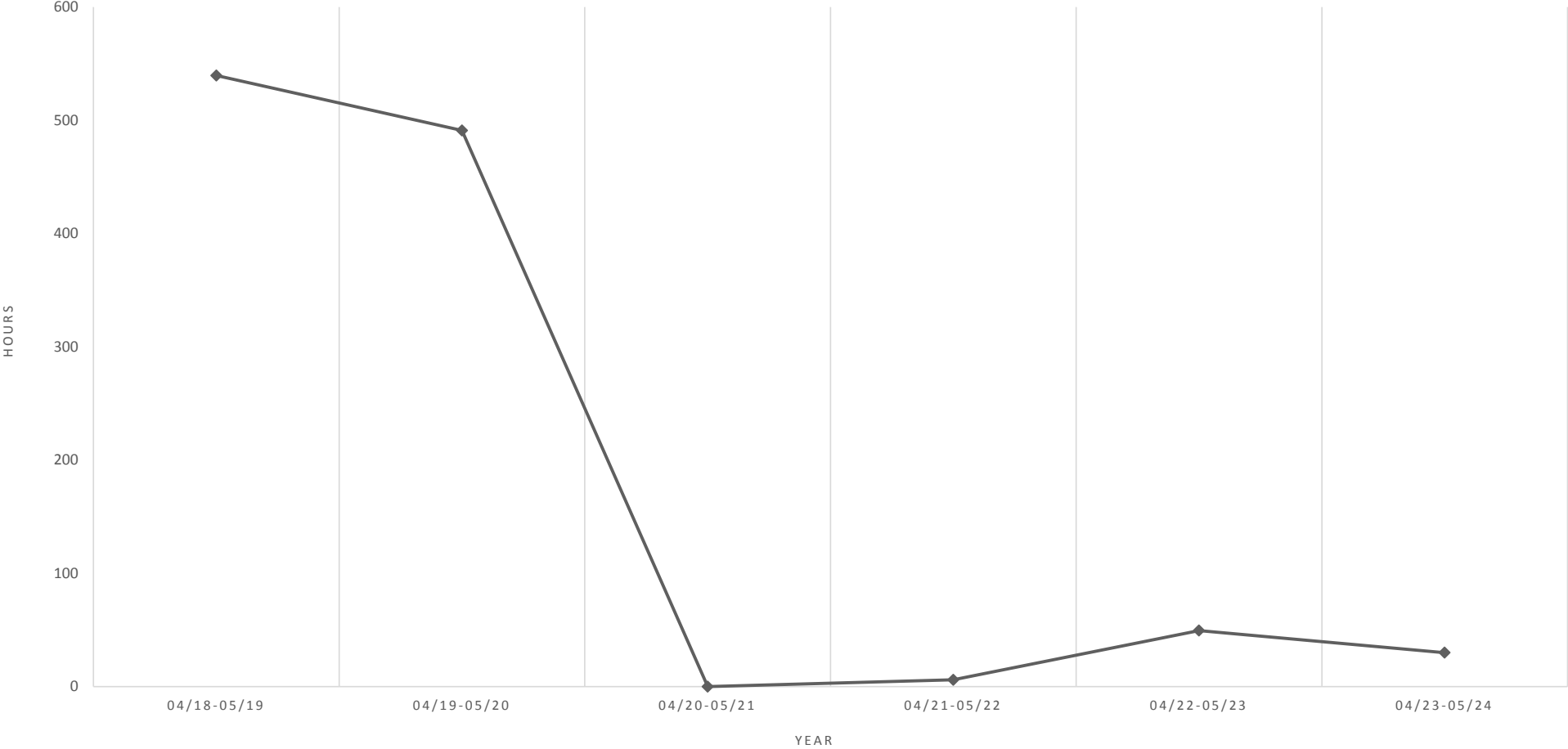
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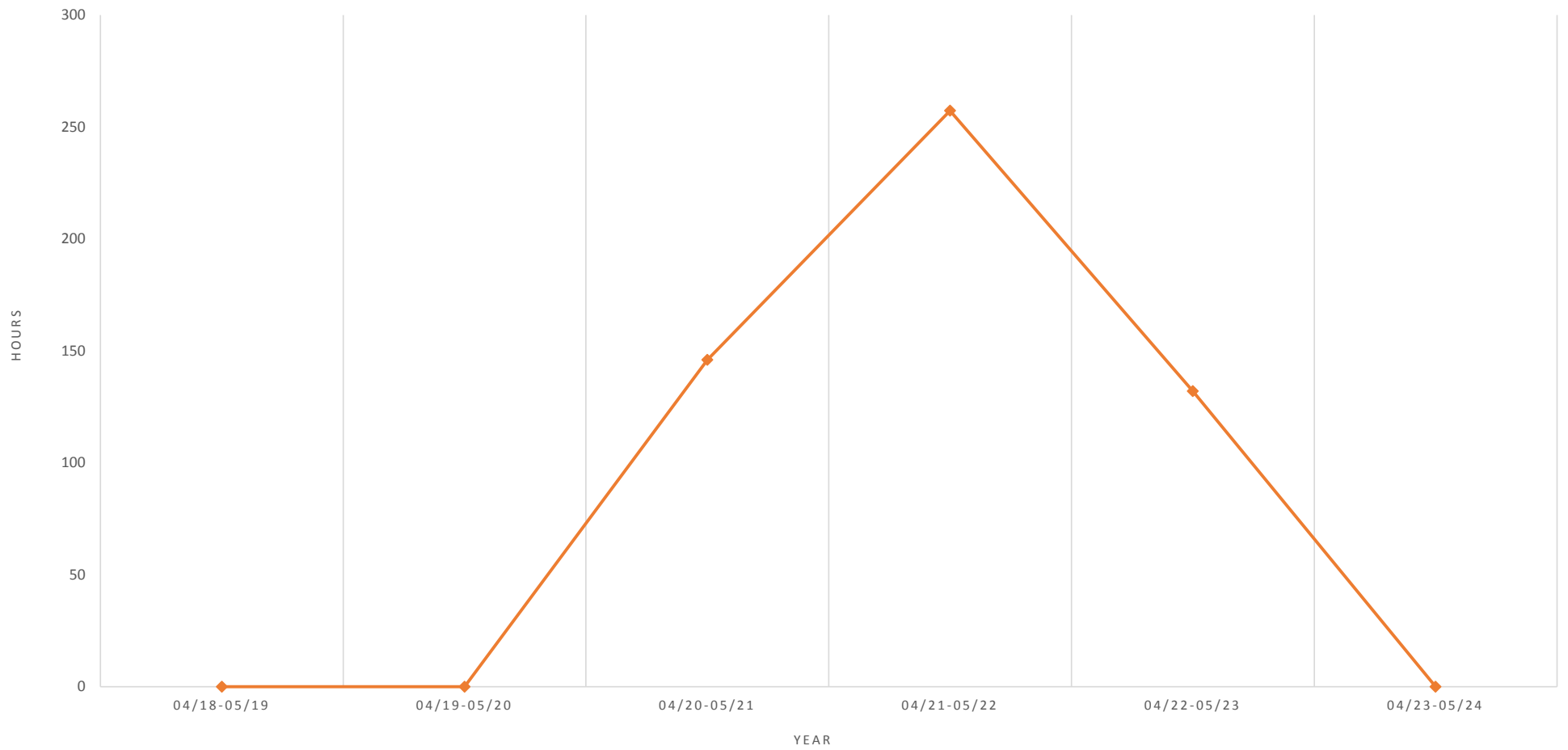


FIELD HOCKEY

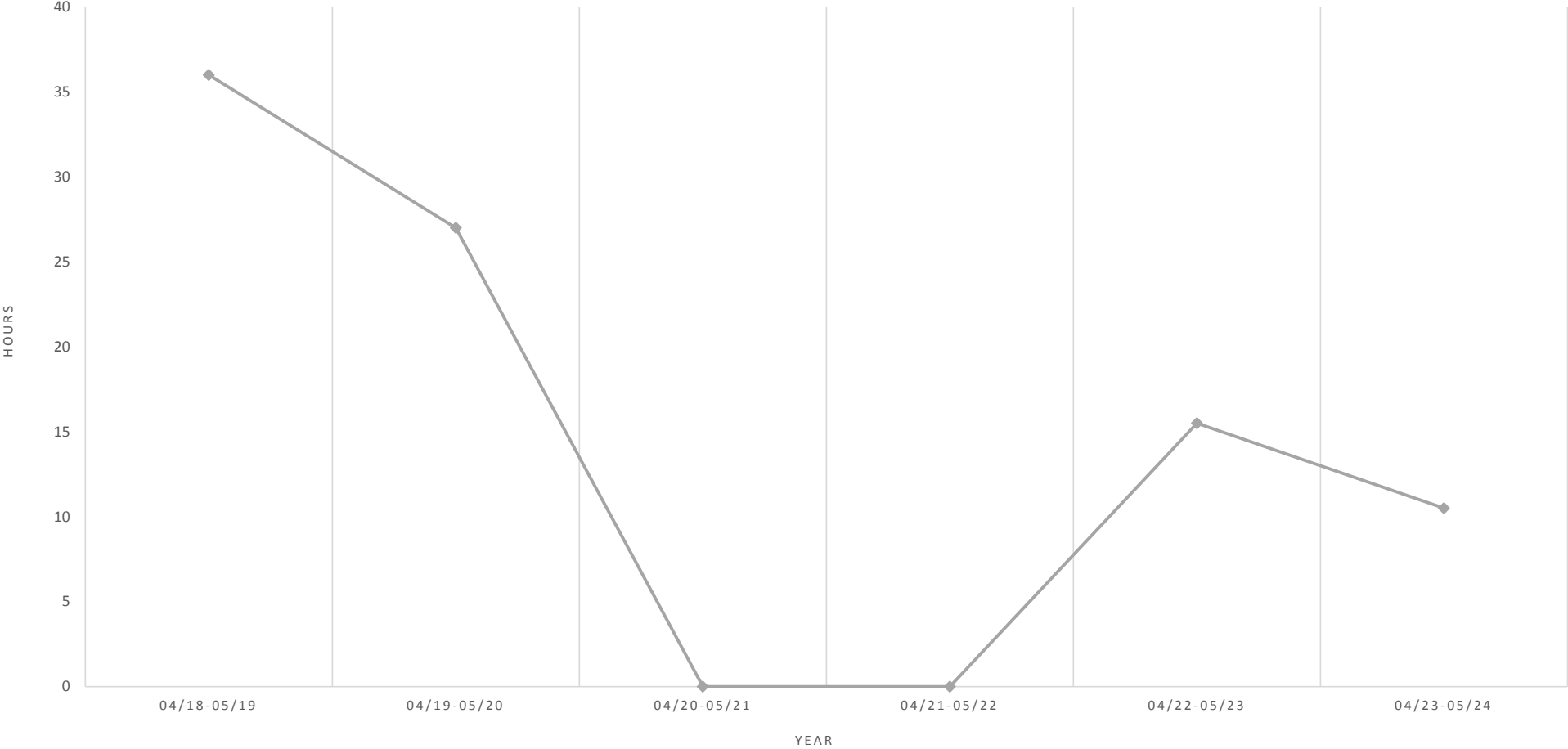




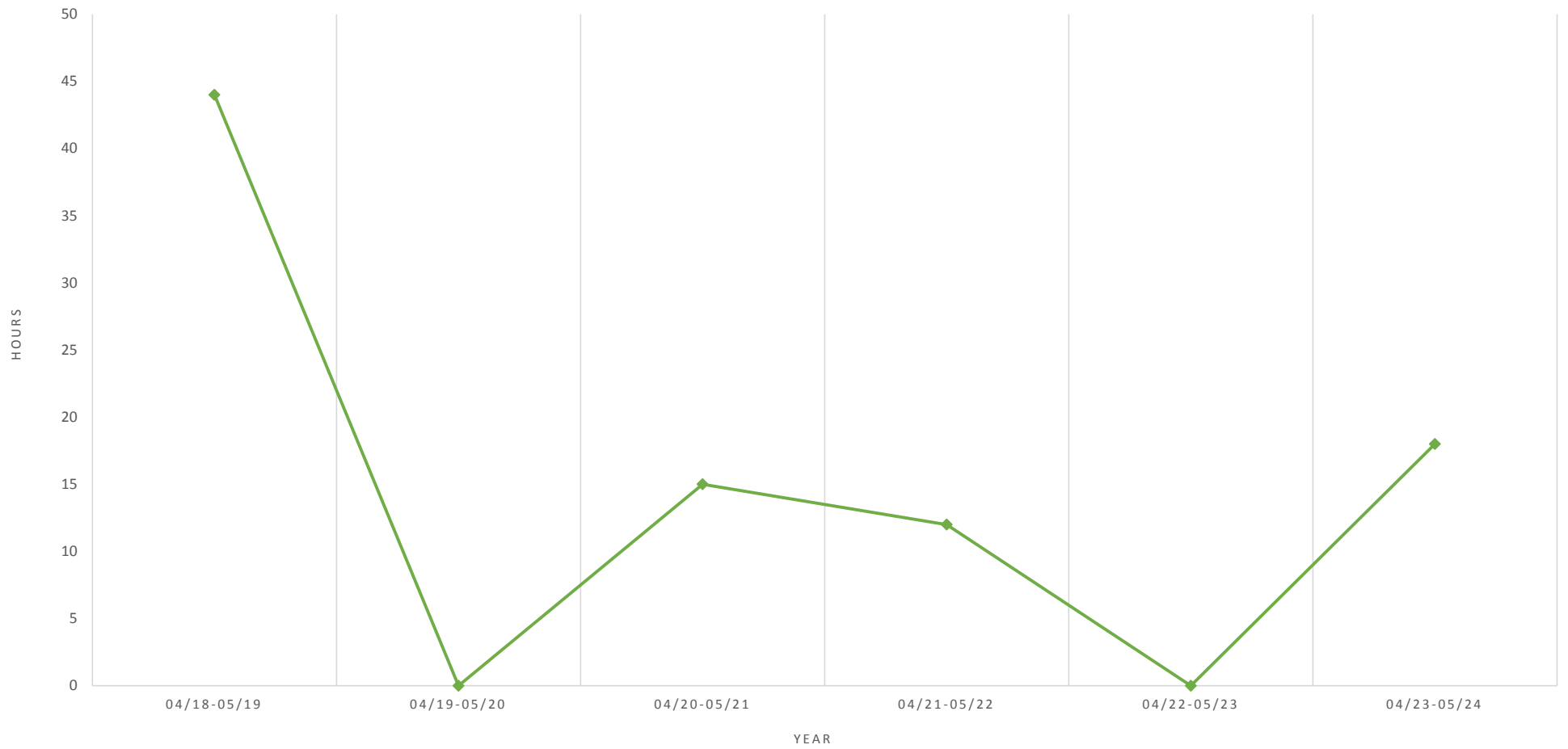
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ULTIMATE FRISBEE

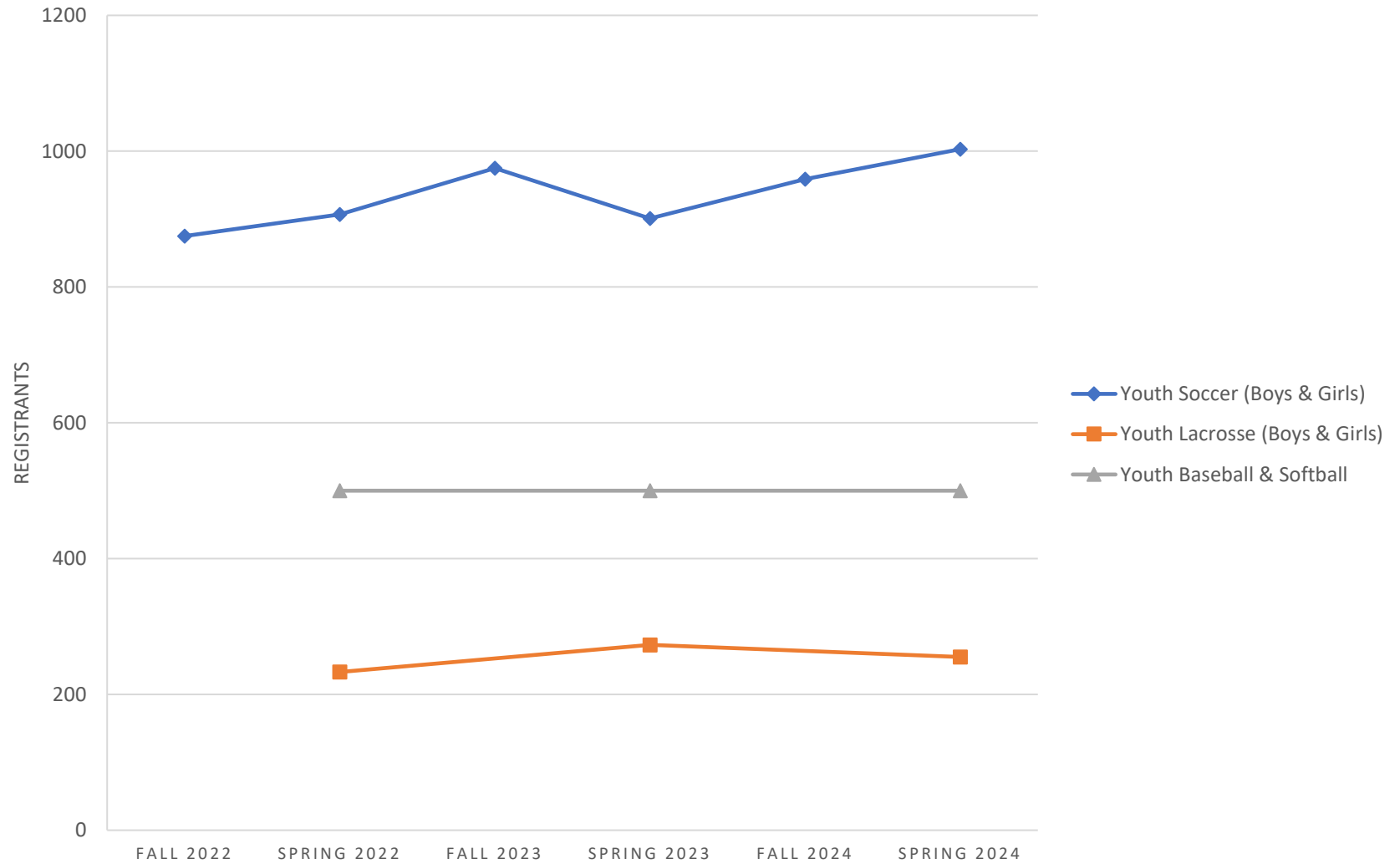


## FLAG FOOTBALL





## REGISTRATION RATES



*Permitting Data for Pickleball and Field Hockey Court / Field Reservations - 2022 -2023\**

**PICKLEBALL**

**Spring 2022**

**Learn to Play Pickleball**

Thursday April 21-May 26th 6-7:20pm

**Next Level Pickleball**

Monday April 18- May 23rd 4-5:20pm

**Summer 2022**

**Learn to Play Pickleball**

Thursday June 2- 31st 5-6:20pm

**Next Level Pickleball**

Friday June 3- July 11th 11am-12:20pm

**Fall 2022**

**Learn to Play Pickleball**

Tuesday Sept 20 - October 25th 5-6:15pm

**Next Level Pickleball**

Friday sept 23 - October 28th 9:30-10:45 \*\*\*this was cancelled

**Club 50 April 30 - October 29**

Tuesday 6-8pm - Social

Thursday 6:30-8:30pm - Beginner

Saturday 4-6pm Intermediate

**Spring 2023**

**Learn to Play Pickleball**

Thursday April 13 - May 18th 5-6:30pm

**Next Level Pickleball**

Monday April 10-May 15th 5-6:30pm

**Summer 2023**

**Learn to Play Pickleball 5 - 6:30 pm Simonds Park**

Wed. & Fri. June 21 - July 5th 460633-A

Thurs. Aug. 17 - Sept. 14th 460633-B

**Next Level Pickleball** Mondays, Aug. 21 - Sept. 25th (not 9/4) 5 - 6:30 pm, Simonds Park Courts  
Activity #: 480403-A

**Fall 2023**

**Learn to Play Pickleball**

Thursdays Oct. 5 - Nov. 2nd 5 - 6:30pm Simonds Park 160633-A

**Club 50 April - October**

Monday 9-10:30am - Social

Tuesday 6-8pm - Social

Thursday 6:30-8:30pm - Beginner

Saturday 6-8pm Intermediate

Year	Permitted Hours
2022	199.5
2023	241.5

**FIELD HOCKEY****Spring 2022**

Field Hockey

Tuesday April 5 - May 24th 6:30-8:30pm

**Summer 2022**

Field Hockey Camp

Mon-Thurs July 25-28th 9-11am

**Fall 2022**

Middle School Field Hockey

September - October

Sunday 5:45-6:45pm

Tuesday 7-8pm

**Field Hockey Clinic**

Sundays Sept 11 - October 16 4:45-5:45pm

**Spring 2023**

Field Hockey

Tuesday April 4 - May 23rd 6:30-8:30pm

**Summer 2023**

Field Hockey Clinic

Monday - Thurs July 24-27th 5-7pm

**Fall 2023**

Middle School Field Hockey

September - October

Sunday 5:45-6:45pm

Tuesday 7-8pm



Field Hockey  
Sunday Sept 10-Oct 15th  
4:15-5:15pm

**Spring 2024**

Field Hockey  
Tuesday April 9-May 21  
6:30-7:30pm

Year	Permitted Hours
2022	47
2023	48
Spring 2024 only	7

*\*Data provided on 05/30/2024 by Brendan Egan and Tricia LaFauci, Burlington Parks & Recreation*

# **APPENDIX G: CPSI GENERAL MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST**

## APPENDIX A: SUGGESTED GENERAL MAINTENANCE CHECKLISTS

### Surfacing (§2.4)

- ☐ Adequate protective surfacing under and around the equipment.
  - ☐ Install/replace surfacing
- ☐ Surfacing materials have not deteriorated.
  - ☐ Replace surfacing
  - ☐ Other maintenance: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Loose-fill surfacing materials have no foreign objects or debris.
  - ☐ Remove trash and debris
- ☐ Loose-fill surfacing materials are not compacted.
  - ☐ Rake and fluff surfacing
- ☐ Loose-fill surfacing materials have not been displaced under heavy use areas such as under swings or at slide exits.
  - ☐ Rake and fluff surfacing

### Drainage (§2.4)

- ☐ The entire play area has satisfactory drainage, especially in heavy use areas such as under swings and at slide exits.
  - ☐ Improve drainage
  - ☐ Other maintenance: \_\_\_\_\_

### General Hazards

- ☐ There are no sharp points, corners or edges on the equipment (§3.4).
- ☐ There are no missing or damaged protective caps or plugs (§3.4).
- ☐ There are no hazardous protrusions (§3.2 and Appendix B).
- ☐ There are no potential clothing entanglement hazards, such as open S-hooks or protruding bolts (§2.5.2, §3.2, §5.3.8.1 and Appendix B).
- ☐ There are no crush and shearing points on exposed moving parts (§3.1).
- ☐ There are no trip hazards, such as exposed footings or anchoring devices and rocks, roots, or any other obstacles in a use zone (§3.6).

### NOTES:

DATE OF INSPECTION:

### Security of Hardware (§2.5)

- ☐ There are no loose fastening devices or worn connections.
  - ☐ Replace fasteners
  - ☐ Other maintenance: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Moving parts, such as swing hangers, merry-go-round bearings, and track rides, are not worn.
  - ☐ Replace part
  - ☐ Other maintenance: \_\_\_\_\_

### Durability of Equipment (§2.5)

- ☐ There are no rust, rot, cracks, or splinters on any equipment (check carefully where it comes in contact with the ground).
- ☐ There are no broken or missing components on the equipment (e.g., handrails, guardrails, protective barriers, steps, or rungs).
- ☐ There are no damaged fences, benches, or signs on the playground.
- ☐ All equipment is securely anchored.

### Leaded Paint (§2.5.4)

- ☐ Paint (especially lead paint) is not peeling, cracking, chipping, or chalking.
- ☐ There are no areas of visible leaded paint chips or accumulation of lead dust.
  - ☐ Mitigate lead paint hazards

### General Upkeep of Playgrounds (§4)

- ☐ There are no user modifications to the equipment, such as strings and ropes tied to equipment, swings looped over top rails, etc.
  - ☐ Remove string or rope
  - ☐ Correct other modification
- ☐ The entire playground is free from debris or litter such as tree branches, soda cans, bottles, glass, etc.
  - ☐ Clean playground
- ☐ There are no missing trash receptacles.
  - ☐ Replace trash receptacle
- ☐ Trash receptacles are not full.
  - ☐ Empty trash

INSPECTION BY:



## **Routine Inspection and Maintenance Issues**

- ☐ Broken equipment such as loose bolts, missing end caps, cracks, etc.
- ☐ Broken glass & other trash
- ☐ Cracks in plastics
- ☐ Loose anchoring
- ☐ Hazardous or dangerous debris
- ☐ Insect damage
- ☐ Problems with surfacing
- ☐ Displaced loose-fill surfacing (see Section 4.3)
- ☐ Holes, flakes, and/or buckling of unitary surfacing
- ☐ User modifications (such as ropes tied to parts or equipment rearranged)
- ☐ Vandalism
- ☐ Worn, loose, damaged, or missing parts
- ☐ Wood splitting
- ☐ Rusted or corroded metals
- ☐ Rot

# **APPENDIX H: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD SUMMARY**

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## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD SUMMARY

### Town of Burlington

Outdoor Facility Master Plan

November 2024

## MEMORANDUM

The public comment period for the Burlington Outdoor Facility Master Plan (OFMP) spanned 21 days, from October 11th, 2024 through November 1st, 2024 and was available online on the Burlington Parks & Recreation Department's website, Facebook page, and Instagram account. Promotion for the public comment period was done through Burlington Parks & Recreation Department's website and social media platforms. The public comment period yielded 38 responses to the survey's three (3) multiple choice questions, as well as 25 responses to the survey's one (1) open-ended prompt. Below is a summary of the responses with the highest ratings highlighted in **blue bolded color**:

1. Improving Existing Outdoor Recreation Opportunities
  - a. **Improve Existing Playgrounds** – 31 respondents (84%) **ranked improving existing playgrounds as very important**, 7 (18%) ranked as maybe important, and 0 (0%) ranked as not important.
  - b. **Upgrade Fields & Courts** – 22 respondents (58%) **ranked upgrading fields and courts as very important**, 14 (37%) as maybe important, and 2 (5%) as not important.
  - c. **Upgrade Park Amenities** – 30 respondents (79%) **ranked upgrading park amenities as very important**, 7 (18%) as maybe important, and 1 (3%) as not important.
2. Expand Outdoor Recreational Facilities
  - a. **Expand Water-Based Play Opportunities** – 28 respondents (74%) **ranked as very important**, 7 (18%) ranked as maybe important, and 3 (8%) as not important.
  - b. **Create Opportunities for Winter Sports** – 17 respondents (45%) ranked as very important, 19 (50%) **ranked as maybe important**, and 2 (5%) as not important.
  - c. **Incorporate Expanded Active Recreational Programming into Underutilized Sites** – 12 respondents (32%) ranked as very important, 19 (50%) **ranked as maybe important**, and 7 (18%) ranked as not important.
  - d. **Expand Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure** – 17 respondents (45%) **ranked as very important**, 13 (34%) ranked as maybe important, and 8 (21%) ranked as not important.
  - e. **Expand Walking and Hiking Opportunities** – 25 respondents (66%) **ranked as very important**, 10 (26%) ranked as maybe important, and 3 (8%) ranked as not important.



## APPENDIX H

# PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD SUMMARY

### 3. Provide Equitable Access to Outdoor Recreational Opportunities

- a. **Improve Universal Accessibility** – 25 respondents (66%) **ranked as very important**, 12 (32%) ranked as maybe important, and 1 (3%) ranked as not important.
- b. **Improve Geographic Distribution of Outdoor Recreational Opportunities** – 17 respondents (45%) **ranked as very important**, 15 (39%) ranked as maybe important, and 6 (16%) ranked as not important.

### 4. Please Add Any Additional Comments About The Outdoor Facility Master Plan

This open response question allowed for respondents to write in any additional comments about the OFMP and received 25 unique responses. Below is a summary of the most frequently commented topics:

- a. **Pool** – 9 of the respondents (36%) left comments about wanting a swimming pool. Commenters cited the expanded programming potential a swimming pool would offer beyond what a splash pad or the wading pool can.
- b. **Upgrades to Playgrounds** – 9 of the respondents (36%) had comments about playgrounds and the desire for upgrades to surfacing, seating, equipment, and shading.
- c. **Bathrooms** – 2 respondents (8%) commented on the need to provide bathroom facilities citing accessibility and maintenance concerns around the current portable toilets.
- d. **Hiking, Biking, and Walking Trails** – 3 respondents (12%) commented on the desire for expanded hiking, biking, and walking opportunities and the potential to connect with surrounding trails.
- e. **Programming** – 3 respondents (12%) commented on the desire for expanded programming opportunities including programming for families, teens, and town-wide events.