

March 7, 2017 Public Workshop Summary

Below is a summary of the top answers heard by you and your neighbors at the public workshop. [CLICK HERE](#) to see a summary of ALL the feedback.

Question 1. What are we doing well? What is the Town doing well by way of protecting the natural environment and/or providing recreational opportunities for residents?

- Creation of trails for recreation (Dolan Center, Wilson Mountain) (22)
- Access to Charles River and other water trails (18)
- Recreational and sports opportunities for kids/teens all year long (15)
- Maintenance of fields/parks (12)
- Awareness of open space amenities, and in turn, stewards of sites (7)

Question 2: What could we do better? What existing recreation facilities could benefit from improvements? How could they be improved? What natural resource protection strategies being used by the Town could be strengthened?

#1 Priority

- Better balance/maintenance of youth sports/fields (equal opportunities for space) (39)
Group 1, 2,
- Maintenance of fields (31) Group 3, 5
- Better connectivity/bikes/pedestrians (21) Group 4

#2 Priority

- Equal recreation opportunities for all ages/demographics (primarily adults) (8) Group

- Better communication of programming by age group/demographic (branding/marketing) (10) Group 2
- Better connectivity/bikes/pedestrians (21) Group 3
- Improved access/maintenance of waterways (6) Group 3
- Access to Wigwam Pond (5) Group 5

#3 Priority

- Davis Field at Memorial Park needs improvements (4) Group 1
- Port a johns/restrooms are needed (7) Group 2
- Better balance/maintenance of youth sports/fields (equal opportunities for space) (39) Group 3, 4, 5

Question 3: What is the Town not doing? What are new recreational opportunities that the Town should consider? What natural areas need protection but are not? What are some new strategies to protect the natural environment?

#1 Priority

- More lacrosse fields (12) Group 1, 2
- Green space in Dedham Square/the Village (5) Group 1
- Striar property...do something! (11) Group 3
- Improved field maintenance (17) Group 4
- Striar property development (12) Group 5
- Rail Trail (18) Group 5

#2 Priority

- Programming for growing senior population (8) Group 1

- Safety (sidewalks, cross walks and traffic lights) at/near parks (Fairbank and Memorial Park) (12) Group 1, 2
- Bike paths (8) #2 Priority – Group 3
- Improved communication on open space/programming amenities (12) Group 4
#3 Priority
- On road bike lanes (3) Group 1
- Swimming spots in summer(4) Group 2
- Splash park/outdoor pool (6) Group 3
- Improved communication on open space/programming amenities (12) Group 4
- Bike paths (8) Group 5
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