

## **Appendix A**

### **2013 Parks and Recreation Survey Results Summary**

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*Survey Results*

*Dedham Park and recreation Master Plan*

*Participants*

*DY Soccer – YES*

*Dedham Girls Softball - YES*  
*Dedham Pop Warner & Cheerleading - YES*  
*Dedham Youth Baseball - YES*  
*Dedham Lacrosse - none as of yet*  
*Dedham Public Schools Athletics – YES*

*Oakdale Square Alliance – YES*

*A representative from 1 of the adult soccer leagues – YES*  
*Dedham Open Space Committee - YES*  
*Manor Neighborhood Group – none as of yet*  
*Mother Brook Community Group – none as of yet*

*Dedham Dog Park - YES*

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*Dedham Youth Soccer*

- 1) *Are the park and recreation facilities adequate to meet your present program needs? NO*

*If not, what is needed to meet your present program needs? More fields and better maintenance. We have only one field (Gonzalez) that is consistently ours to use, but it is bumpy with a lot of bare patches. It never gets the opportunity to be rested.*

- 2) *Do the present facilities meet your future program needs?*

*If not, what is needed to meet your future program needs? We would love to see some joint work between P&R and the schools to rehab the school yards. This alone would alleviate a lot of over use of Memorial, Gonzalez, Pool field, and Frietus. We would love to get the new Avery Field to be a 6V6 soccer field to replace the Pool Field, which is just horrible.*

- 3) *Is the parking adequate at the facilities? No*

*If not, what facility does not have adequate parking available? If multiple events are taking place parking is tough at Memorial Park and Gonzalez, the new lot at Gonzalez is better, but this spring there is consistently construction vehicles parked there taking up many parking spots. Can we have soccer parking in the Staples lot.*

- 4) *Is there adequate lighting for games and parking? No*

*If not, what facility does not have adequate lighting? There is only lighting for soccer at Frietus Field which makes practicing in the fall very difficult. If the back of Memorial and Gonzalez had any lighting it would help with practices and vandalism. One additional bank of lights (on the current pole) on Memorial facing the soccer area would be a great help in the fall. Some sort of security lighting is desperately needed at Gonzalez.*

- 5) *Are the fields in good playing condition? No*

*If not, what field or fields are not in good playing conditions? All of them, you do not get a true roll on any of the fields grass is lumpy, far too dry and not enough maintenance. All fields need to be top dressed to level out and reseeded/rested in order to promote proper growth*

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6) *Are there adequate amenities in close proximity to the fields, such as: bathrooms, snack stand, playground, bathrooms, etc? No*

*If not, what amenities would be desirable and which fields? The only field with accessible restrooms is Freitas field, DYS provides Port a Johns at Riverdale and Gonzalez field.*

7) *Are the fields accessible by walking or biking there? Yes*

*If not, which you like to have the ability to walk or bike to the fields?*

*If so, which fields would like to be able to walk or bike to?*

8) *Please supply us a with total number of participants in your program for past 3 years. 4800 between spring and fall soccer*

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## *Dedham Girl Softball*

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- 1) Are the park and recreation facilities adequate to meet your present program needs? *Currently, the Park & Recreation facilities meet the needs of the DGS program. It is through the permitting process with the Park & Recreation Director and Commissioners; we are able to work with the other programs in town and schedule field time that fits DGS needs.*
  
- 2) If not, what is needed to meet your present program needs?
  
- 3) Do the present facilities meet your future program needs? *Yes, at this time.*
  
- 4) If not, what is needed to meet your future program needs?
  
- 5) Is the parking adequate at the facilities? *Memorial Park is not a problem as long as there is not an event at the Legion. Loewen Field has more than enough parking*

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*If not, what facility does not have adequate parking available? Parking is very limited at the Dolan Center, there are very few spaces, and when there is another activity scheduled for the same time it is extremely dangerous to cross Common Street to park at the Northeastern Facility.*

*There are many people the use the dog park at the Dolan Center (after hours) that not only take up parking spaces, some of these dogs are not leashed and also sometimes bring the dogs down to the field area. It is a potentially dangerous situation, as there are many small children running throwing balls and being active.*

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- 6) Is there adequate lighting for games and parking? *Memorial Park is the only field that we utilize that has lights and is adequate lighting for the games on Sullivan Field.*
  
  - 7) If not, what facility does not have adequate lighting?
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8) Are the fields in good playing condition?

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If not, what field or fields are not in good playing conditions?

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9) Are there adequate amenities in close proximity to the fields, such as: bathrooms, snack stand, playground, bathrooms, etc? *There is no bathroom facility at Loewen Field, which can become an issue at times. We have had to have parents drive children home to use facilities as there are none available nearby.*

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*DGS pays for the rental of a Port a Potty to be at Church hill Park as there are no facilities there.*

If not, what amenities would be desirable and which fields?

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10) Are the fields accessible by walking or biking there? *Walking or biking is not really a factor for the Dolan Center, Common Street has no sidewalks. All other fields the DGS utilizes seem to have adequate sidewalks.*

If not, which you like to have the ability to walk or bike to the fields?

11) Please supply us a with total number of participants in your program for past 3 years. *Dedham Girls Softball has between 150 – 180 registered players for the past three years.*

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*Dedham Pop Warner*

*Park and Recreation Facilities*

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- 1) Are the park and recreation facilities adequate to meet your present program needs? *Yes*
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*If not, what is needed to meet your present program needs?*

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- 2) Do the present facilities meet your future program needs? *Yes*
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If not, what is needed to meet your future program needs?

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- 3) Is the parking adequate at the facilities? *Yes*
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If not, what facility does not have adequate parking available?

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- 4) Is there adequate lighting for games and parking? *Yes as long as the field lights are on until the parking lot is empty.*
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If not, what facility does not have adequate lighting?

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- 5) Are the fields in good playing condition? *Yes*
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If not, what field or fields are not in good playing conditions?

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6) Are there adequate amenities in close proximity to the fields, such as:  
bathrooms, snack stand, playground, bathrooms, etc? *Yes*

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If not, what amenities would be desirable and which fields?

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7) Are the fields accessible by walking or biking there? *Yes*

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If not, which you like to have the ability to walk or bike to the  
fields?

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8) Please supply us a with total number of participants in your program  
for past 3 years *200+*

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*Dedham Youth Baseball*

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- 1) Are the park and recreation facilities adequate to meet your present program needs? If not, what is needed to meet your present program needs? *“Adequate” is an interesting word choice and it is used frequently in this survey. It gives the impression that our goal, our objective is to provide facilities that are mediocre or passable, or by definition, merely adequate. It is my objective to provide excellent facilities and develop a superior program, one in which our participants will be proud of. To specifically answer the question, the most common and ongoing concern is field maintenance. If field maintenance is not done frequently and in an ongoing manner, then playing conditions deteriorate to the point where they become unsafe.*

*In addition to field maintenance, there is really no area to safely warmup. At the Rustcraft Field Complex, often, players will warm up in the area by the backstops of all three fields. This is not ideal because it tends to be a high traffic area for spectators and, more importantly, siblings, and poses a safety risk. We would benefit from a bullpen area where pitchers could safely warmup without endangering spectators.*

- 2) Do the present facilities meet your future program needs?
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If not, what is needed to meet your future program needs?

*Our program is a strong program that is anticipating future growth. We have had many recent well publicized success stories with several of our teams, drawing more interest to our program. As a result, we have new volunteers helping out and a rekindled enthusiasm around our program. Our objective is to continue to grow, develop and improve the program. At present, we are at max capacity with field availability for the number of players and games/practices that we have. There is not an open slot in the schedule. To answer the question, our number of fields currently satisfies our needs, but barely so. As the youth program continues to grow and develop, this is a problem that will persist into the older ages, with only two Major League sized Baseball diamonds (Heaphy & Davis). Additional fields, both youth sized and Major League sized, will be necessary to meet our future program needs.*

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3) Is the parking adequate at the facilities?

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If not, what facility does not have adequate parking available?

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*Parking is an issue at several fields. The complex at Memorial has issues with parents parking in handicapped spaces and designated no parking areas. DYB is working on correcting this, but it indicates less than sufficient parking. Paul Park and Condon Park are both very limited on parking. The complex at Rustcraft Road has a parking lot, but because it is somewhat removed from the fields, people park by the batting cages and in the Red Cross parking lot. DYB is addressing the parking by the batting cages, specifically the on-street parking as this creates an unsafe environment. All of this indicated that we do not have sufficient parking. That being said, I do not have a plausible solution.*

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4) Is there adequate lighting for games and parking?

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If not, what facility does not have adequate lighting?

*The youth level is using only one lighted field this season (Capone) and Babe Ruth has only one lighted field (Heaphy). Condon Park is not being utilized by DYB during any time when lights are needed. Additional lighting on Nagle and/or Collins would allow the youth schedule additional night games during the season, always a treat for the ballplayers. Also, additional lighting for Davis Field would allow for an easier schedule on the Major League sized diamonds. As it stands now, Davis and Heaphy are used excessively by DYB Babe Ruth, the High School Varsity and JV, the Middle School, and various Men's Leagues.*

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5) Are the fields in good playing condition?

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If not, what field or fields are not in good playing conditions?

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*In general, no. They are “adequate” but not above average. We would like to improve playing conditions. Ideally, we want to work towards excellent playing conditions. This can only be accomplished with constant and regular maintenance. The teams that I have been associated with have traveled to many away locations for games.*

*Comparatively speaking, we can do a lot better.*

*We also could benefit by better lines of communication. For example, if there is work that P&R cannot complete, let us know and we can attempt to utilize volunteers or outside vendors. We could also benefit from more materials, such as additional infield fill, grass seed, etc. The quality of the current infield fill being used is a low quality. Our program would benefit if the fields used the same compound or mixture that is on the new Heaphy Field. There should be line items in the budget for things like additional seed and infield mix, as well as stonedust for dugouts and batting cage areas.*

*Simple wear and tear as well as erosion from inclement weather deteriorates field conditions. Regular maintenance now is more cost effective than complete replacement or renovation later.*

*Lastly, regarding the Elementary School Fields, they are generally in deplorable condition. As I am told, this is for several reasons. 1) Because they are elementary school fields, they are lowest on the priority list 2) the school department has requested that P&R not conduct work during school hours 3) if work is done after hours, or on weekends, obviously the cost of said maintenance has not increased to overtime, time and a half, etc. A proposed solution is to have all Elementary School Fields thoroughly cleaned during April School vacation. Backstop areas need to be cleared. Pathways in and around the fields need to be cleared. Debris is generally all over the fields at this time of year due to the winter months. At present, one of the fields at Oakdale still has substantial asphalt on the field because it was plowed there over the winter. We are six weeks into our season. In addition, if we are striving to move beyond adequate, the school fields could be aerated, the infield could be tilled and groomed. In addition to a comprehensive April vacation field cleanup, regular maintenance has to find its way into the schedule. Quite simply, the younger ages are the future and lifeblood of any organization. At present, our younger aged players play in the worst conditions the town has to offer.*

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- 6) Are there adequate amenities in close proximity to the fields, such as: bathrooms, snack stand, playground, bathrooms, etc?

If not, what amenities would be desirable and which fields? *Bathroom at Paul Park, although it may be subject to vandalism.*

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7) Are the fields accessible by walking or biking there? *Really depends on where you are walking/biking from. We have fields located all over town. I do not feel that this question really applies to DYB*

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*Dedham High School*

- 1) Present field conditions meet our needs*
  - 2) More field space would be helpful. Use of the Pool Field would help with football practice.*
  - 3) Parking is Adequate.*
  - 4) Lighting is adequate as most of our night games are at the HS.*
  - 5) The playing conditions for game fields are adequate.*
  - 6) Bathroom facilities are adequate for our games.*
  - 7) Only field that is a little out of the way is Rustcraft.*
  - 8) We have had about 1800 student athletes competing in fall and spring during the last 3 years.*
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*Oakdale Square Alliance*

1) Are the park and recreation facilities adequate to meet your present program needs.

If not, what is needed to meet your present program needs?

*OSA response: The Oakdale Square Alliance and Oakdale Square neighbors and businesses are grateful to Dedham Parks & Recreation for allowing use of the Oakdale Common for our annual Light the Night holiday event for the past three years (held in December). We also used the Oakdale Common in August 2011 for a children's hero costume parade in conjunction with the National Night Out program organized by the Dedham Police Department. We find the Oakdale Common to be a wonderful meeting place for neighbors, and we only have a few concerns about "facilities." We would like to see better lighting in the Common, as well as access to electricity. Joe Flanagan provided electrical outlets on several of the the utility poles around the Common, but we found it to be difficult to run the power cords across the sidewalks into the Common.*

2) Do the present facilities meet your future program needs?

If not, what is needed to meet your future program needs?

*OSA response: As stated in the previous response, we would like to have access to electricity in the Common, either by running cords underground, or overhead in some way. Running cords across the sidewalk is not ideal. Also, the event we are planning for this year's National Night Out program includes a water activity, so a water tap would be great. Perhaps it could be connected to the sprinkler system.*

3) Is the parking adequate at the facilities?

If not, what facility does not have adequate parking available?

*OSA response: Yes, parking is adequate. Many neighbors walk to events in the Common.*

4) Is there adequate lighting for games and parking?

If not, what facility does not have adequate lighting?

*OSA response: Lighting is probably "adequate" but not great. There are motion-sensor lights, but they do not light the far end of the Common (toward Walnut Street) and the motion sensor lights are not very bright (people often trip over the granite markers during the Light the Night event).*

5) Are the fields in good playing condition?

If not, what field or fields are not in good playing conditions?

*OSA response: The grass and brick pathways are quite lovely, but the trees in the Common are in VERY BAD shape. Several fruit trees seem to have some sort of fungal infection which we have observed to be getting worse in recent years. According to notes from the most recent OSA meeting, Mark Bruno from Bartlett Landscaping has evaluated the trees and reports they are healthy, but in need of pruning. Mark will prune and fertilize at the best time this year. OSA has focused our energy on the Oakdale Common for the past few years during our Spring and Fall cleanup. Neighbors come out and pull weeds, mow the grass, rake leaves, and prune small shrubs. We are happy to do this work to help keep the Common beautiful for all visitors. In the past, it has been suggested that a trash can be placed closer to the edge of the Common for dog walkers. Dogs are not allowed in the Common, but the trash can is in the middle of the Common. There are several other trash cans in Oakdale Square, so this is only a report of a comment made at an OSA meeting in the past.*

6) Are there adequate amenities in close proximity to the fields, such as: bathrooms, snack stand, playground, bathrooms, etc?

If not, what amenities would be desirable and which fields?

*OSA response: The Oakdale Common is a very small, public park, and the available amenities (none) are perfectly appropriate for the events that we organize. We are grateful to Oakdale Square businesses and the Church of the Good Shepherd for making their restrooms available when necessary.*

7) Are the fields accessible by walking or biking there?

If not, which you like to have the ability to walk or bike to the fields?

*OSA response: Our only concern about accessing the Common by walking or biking is that the traffic dummy configuration is not ideal to manage the traffic that moves through Oakdale Square. Large trucks come through the square very often, and even drivers who know the intersection can find it difficult to manage the 5 roads meeting at one point. There is a "Keep Right" sign on the traffic dummy, but many drivers simply don't "get" it. Also, some roads are so busy that drivers don't really stop after being backed up for a few minutes, resulting in cars from the lower-traffic streets being "stuck" waiting for a break. Navigating traffic is difficult, and adding the pedestrian traffic makes it a dangerous intersection.*

Please supply us with total number of participants in your program for past 3 years.

*OSA response: Our group has 200 members who keep in touch by attending our meetings, following us on facebook, and by email. Our Light the*

*Night holiday event probably brings in close to 100 visitors. The Public Art Project brought many visitors to the Oakdale Common last summer (probably several hundred, but not all at the same time). We regularly have more than 20 volunteers who participate on our Spring and Fall cleanup events.*

*OSA additional comment: After the controversy that arose during the Dedham Public Art Project in 2012, OSA is grateful that the Parks & Recreation Department has begun to clarify what is considered appropriate usage of the Oakdale Common and other parks in Dedham. We have enormous respect for the men and women of all branches of our armed services, past - present - and future, and we hope to continue to use the Oakdale Common for small community events without future conflict. To that end, we ask that the Dedham Parks & Recreation Department consider adding some language to the master plan which clearly defines what is "appropriate" use of all Dedham Parks - including small spaces like Oakdale Common, parks with children's playground equipment, ball fields, and all parks with monuments and memorial markers.*

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*Dedham Woman's Adult Soccer*

- 1) Are the park and recreation facilities adequate to meet your present program needs? *YES*
  
- 2) Do the present facilities meet your future program needs? *YES*
  
- 3) Is the parking adequate at the facilities? *YES, AT THE DATES AND TIMES WE PLAY, THE PARKING IS ADEQUATE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE OTHER TIMES WHEN I AM COACHING A GAME OR PRACTICE FOR DYS TEAMS THAT PARKING IS DIFFICULT DUE TO THE LIMITED SPACES AT THE HIGH STREET LOT.*
  
- 4) Is there adequate lighting for games and parking? *N/A – WE PLAY OUR GAMES EITHER IN THE MORNINGS IN THE SPRING AND FALL OR EARLY EVENINGS IN THE SUMMER WHEN LIGHTS ARE NOT NECESSARY.*
  
- 5) Are the fields in good playing condition? *YES, MOST OF THE TIME*
  
- 6) Are there adequate amenities in close proximity to the fields, such as: bathrooms, snack stand, playground, bathrooms, etc? *YES – ALL WE NEED IS A PORT-A-POTTY AND THERE IS ONE AT THE FAR END OF THE FIELD.*
  
- 7) Are the fields accessible by walking or biking there? *YES, IT'S GREAT FOR THAT!*
  
- 8) Please supply us with a total number of participants in your program for past 3 years.

*WE PLAY SOCCER SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL. OUR TEAM HAS ANYWHERE FROM 20-30 PLAYERS IN A GIVEN SEASON ON THE TEAM. ABOUT 2/3RDS OF THE TEAM ARE LOCAL DEDHAM WOMEN WHO APPRECIATE HAVING THIS FIELD AVAILABLE TO PLAY SOCCER. WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS NOW FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS AND HAVE BEEN PLAYING AT GONZALEZ SINCE IT WAS BUILT. IT'S A GREAT FIELD AND HAS HELD UP JUST FINE WITH ALL THE USE IT GETS FROM THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS. I ESPECIALLY LIKE THE NEW STAIRS. THEY ARE MUCH SAFER.*

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*Open Space Comm*

1) Are the park and recreation facilities adequate to meet your present program needs? *Yes, from my point of view. A number of recreational needs were identified as part of putting together the current Open Space Plan from a survey/poll taken from the people of Dedham.*

. If not, what is needed to meet your present program needs?

2) Do the present facilities meet your future program needs? *Again, I would defer to the survey/poll taken from the people of Dedham.*

3) Is the parking adequate at the facilities? *Yes. Can be a little tight for space at Gonzalez. Maybe more spaces needed at lower memorial particularly when there is multiple baseball games going on along with kids soccer practice.*

4) Is there adequate lighting for games and parking? *Yes. Not really had to avail of this.*

5) Are the fields in good playing condition? *Mostly. Riverdale can be a little rough in the Spring.*

6) *Are there adequate amenities in close proximity to the fields, such as: bathrooms, snack stand, playground, bathrooms, etc? Mostly. I think Ruscraft could do with some sort of safety barrier at the edge of the sidewalk near the entrance gate beside the snack stand. Seems like there is potential for some kid (or parent) to walk or fall out into a busy roadway.*

7) *Are the fields accessible by walking or biking there? Yes*

8) Please supply us with total number of participants in your program for past 3 years. *N/A*

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*Dedham Dog Park Comm*

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- 1) Are the park and recreation facilities adequate to meet your present program needs?.
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If not, what is needed to meet your present program needs?  
*currently, the temporary dog park meets the needs. would like to move toward a permanent solution.*

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- 2) Do the present facilities meet your future program needs? *no*

If not, what is needed to meet your future program needs? *permanent dog park*

- 3) Is the parking adequate at the facilities? *parking is adequate when there are not otehr events. parking can be difficult during peak times, but mostly parking is okay.*

If not, what facility does not have adequate parking available? *dolan*

- 4) Are there adequate amenities in close proximity to the fields, such as: bathrooms, snack stand, playground, bathrooms, etc?

If not, what amenities would be desirable and which fields? *no bathroms available - not needed for a dog park though*

- 5) Are the fields accessible by walking or biking there? *dog park is on outskirts of town line - more central location would get more foot traffic*
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## **Appendix B**

### **2017 Community Wide Survey Results**

## **Dedham Open Space and Recreation Survey**

Survey Collector was open March 7 - April 26, 2017 (7 weeks)

The Town of Dedham wants to know what you think about open space, environmental and recreation issues in Dedham. The Town is updating its Open Space and Recreation Plan so that Dedham can continue to be eligible for state funding and map out goals and objectives for the community. The purpose of the plan is to inventory and assess current open space and recreation resources, to articulate community needs, goals and objectives, and to prepare an action plan for the next seven years.

What do we mean by “open space” and “recreation” resources?

**Open Space Resources** - Land that is protected from development in perpetuity. Protection can allow public access to nature (e.g. walking trails), protect water quality, or protect wildlife habitat (e.g. wetlands, eelgrasses, etc.).

**Recreation Resources** - Indoor and outdoor facilities for recreation, such as playgrounds, basketball courts, ball fields, indoor gyms, and centers.

### **1. List 3 open space, recreation facilities or places that you and/or your family use in Dedham. (469 responses)**

Below represents the highlights and consensus of responses (top 12 responses):

- Wilson Mountain (189)
- Memorial Park (130)
- Paul Park (60)
- Dedham Recreation Building (49)
- Endicott Estate (47)
- Mucciaccio Pool (39)
- Rustcraft (38)
- Condon Park (30)
- Charles River (29)
- Riverdale (26)
- Dedham HS Track (20)
- Temporary Dog Park (20)
- Nobles (18)

### **2. List 3 open space areas and/or recreation facilities that Dedham needs. (435 responses)**

Below represents the highlights and consensus of responses (top 12 responses):

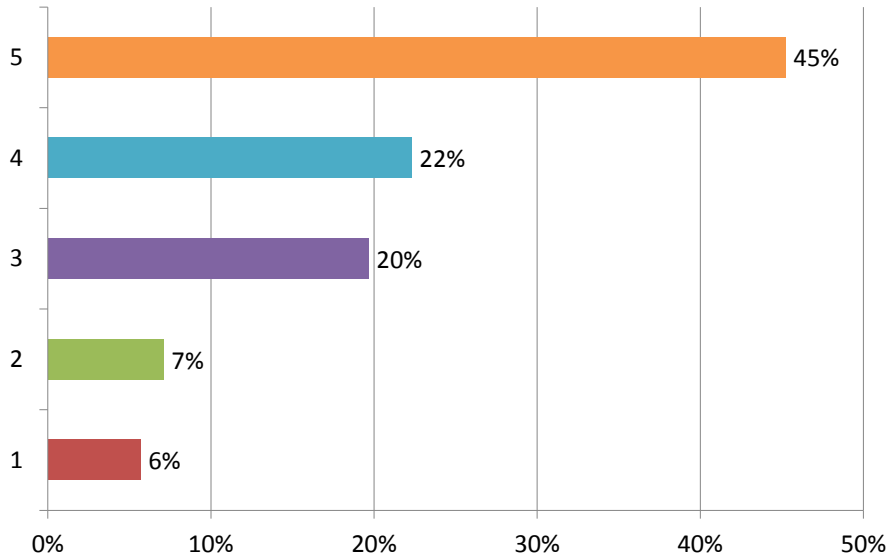
- Rail Trail (120)
- Bike Paths (65)
- More Protected Woods/Hiking/Walking Trails (58)
- Turf Lacrosse Field (57)
- Ice Skating/Hockey Rink (37)
- Splash/Spray Park (37)
- Soccer/Baseball Fields (35)
- Maintain Existing Facilities (30)
- Striar property (27)
- Improved Tennis Courts (20)
- Permanent Dog Park (20)
- On-Road Bike lanes (19)

**3. How important is it for you to preserve or acquire:** (5 = very important – 1 = least important)

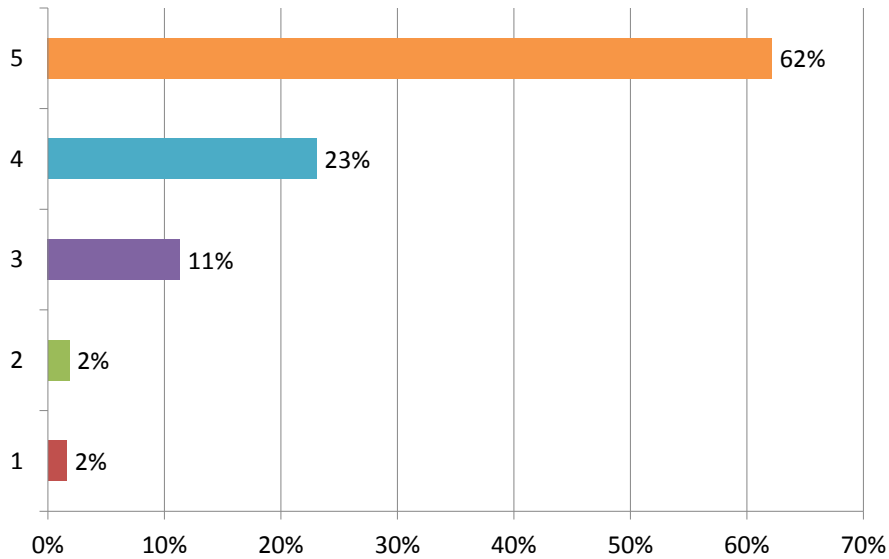
Majority of respondents generally support the preservation and/or acquisition of the following:

- Buildings and places of historical importance (67%)
- Open space to meet water conservation needs (85%)
- Open space to meet active recreation needs (88%)
- Open Space for aesthetics or passive recreation (76%)
- Open space to create a network of green spaces (56%)

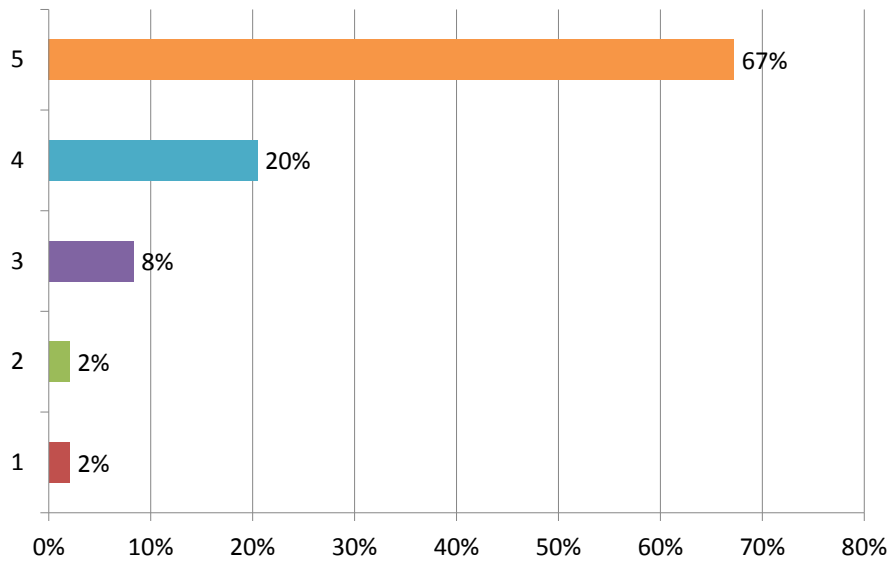
***Buildings and places of historical significance?***  
***(495 responses)***



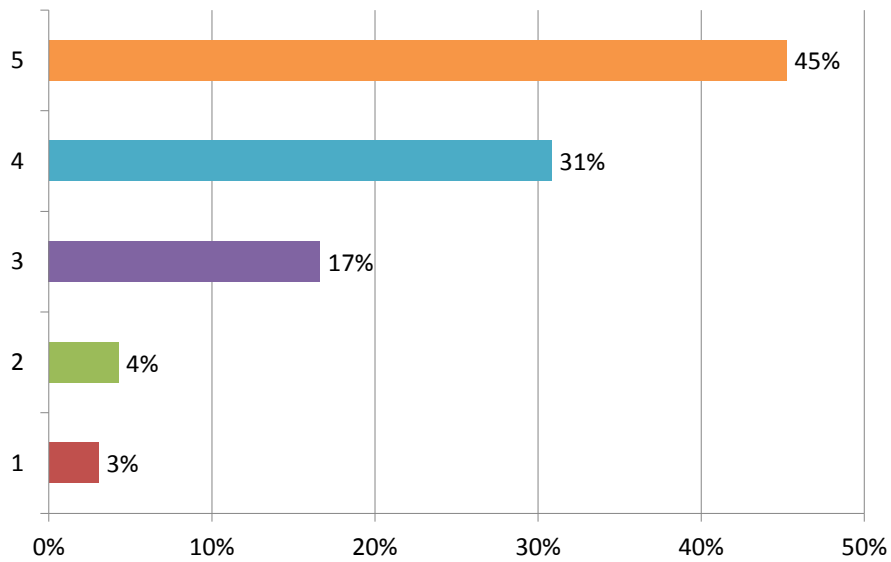
***Open space to meet water and conservation needs?***  
***(495 responses)***



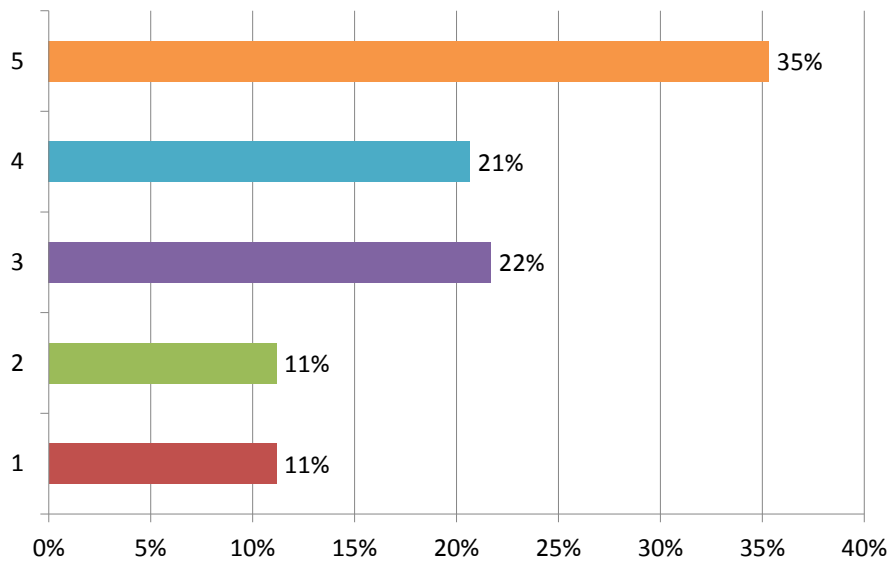
**Open space to meet our active recreation needs?**  
(495 responses)



**Open space for aesthetics or passive recreation?**  
(495 responses)



**Open space to create a network?**  
(495 responses)



**4. How satisfied are you with existing open space and recreation facilities in Dedham for the following age groups:**

Overall, respondents identified a mix of satisfaction/dissatisfaction with existing open space and recreation facilities in Dedham:

- Satisfied/Very Satisfied:
  - o Under 5
  - o 6 - 12 years
  - o 30 – 54 years
- Dissatisfied/Very Dissatisfied
  - o 13 – 17 years
  - o 18 – 19 years
  - o 55 and over

**5. General comments on level of satisfaction:**

Below represents the highlights and consensus of responses (top 12 responses):

- Overwhelming unsatisfactory response regarding field maintenance/upkeep (30)
- Teen Center/programming is needed (outside of organized sports) (12)
- Programming for seniors is needed (Council on Aging/senior center, programs, classes) (11)
- Connectivity/Accessibility (lack of): specifically ADA/universal access and sidewalks/crosswalks (11)
- More emphasis on parks (passive recreation) and not just organized sports programs (10)
- Programming for adults is needed (8)
- Paved surfaces for walking and biking (moms/families/seniors) (3)
- Communication/Dissemination of information (3)
- Amenities such as shade trees, benches, restrooms are needed at all sites (3)
- Turf lacrosse fields are needed (2)
- Water Park/Splash Pad is needed (2)
- Picnic areas are needed (2)

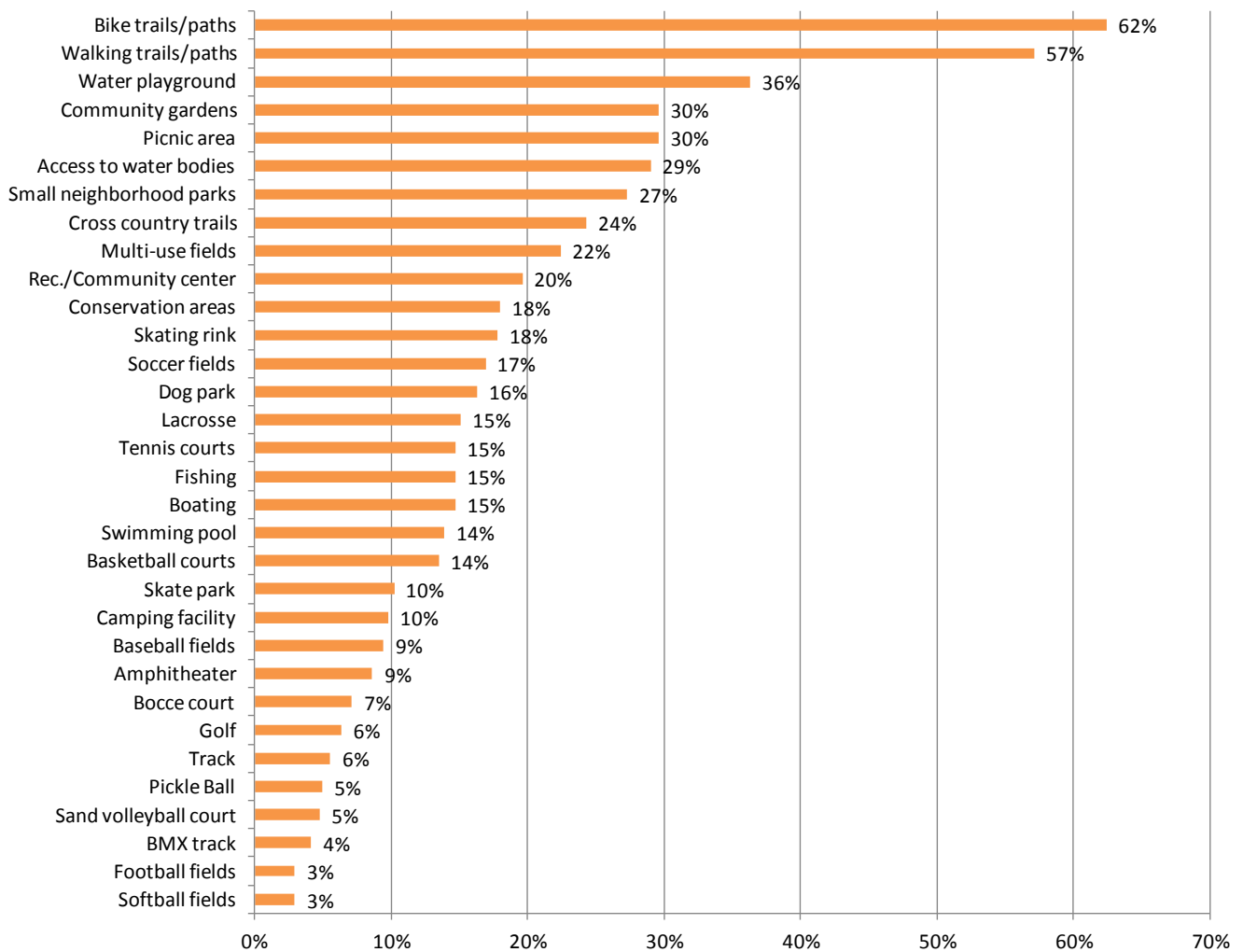


**6. Choose 5 activities or facilities you feel are NOT provided sufficiently in Dedham.**

In a comparison across the seven census block groups/village areas (Question 17) and identification of 5 activities or facilities residents feel are NOT provided sufficiently in Dedham, all areas consistently identified **Walking Paths/Trails** and/or **Bike Paths/Trails** as the top two NOT provided for sufficiently. The third top activity/facility identified across the same comparison areas reported several consistencies as well:

- Water Playground
  - 1) Greenlodge
  - 2) Oakdale
  - 3) Sprague Manor
- Community Gardens
  - 1) The Village
- Picnic Areas
  - 1) East Dedham
- Access to Water Bodies
  - 1) Riverdale
  - 2) West Dedham

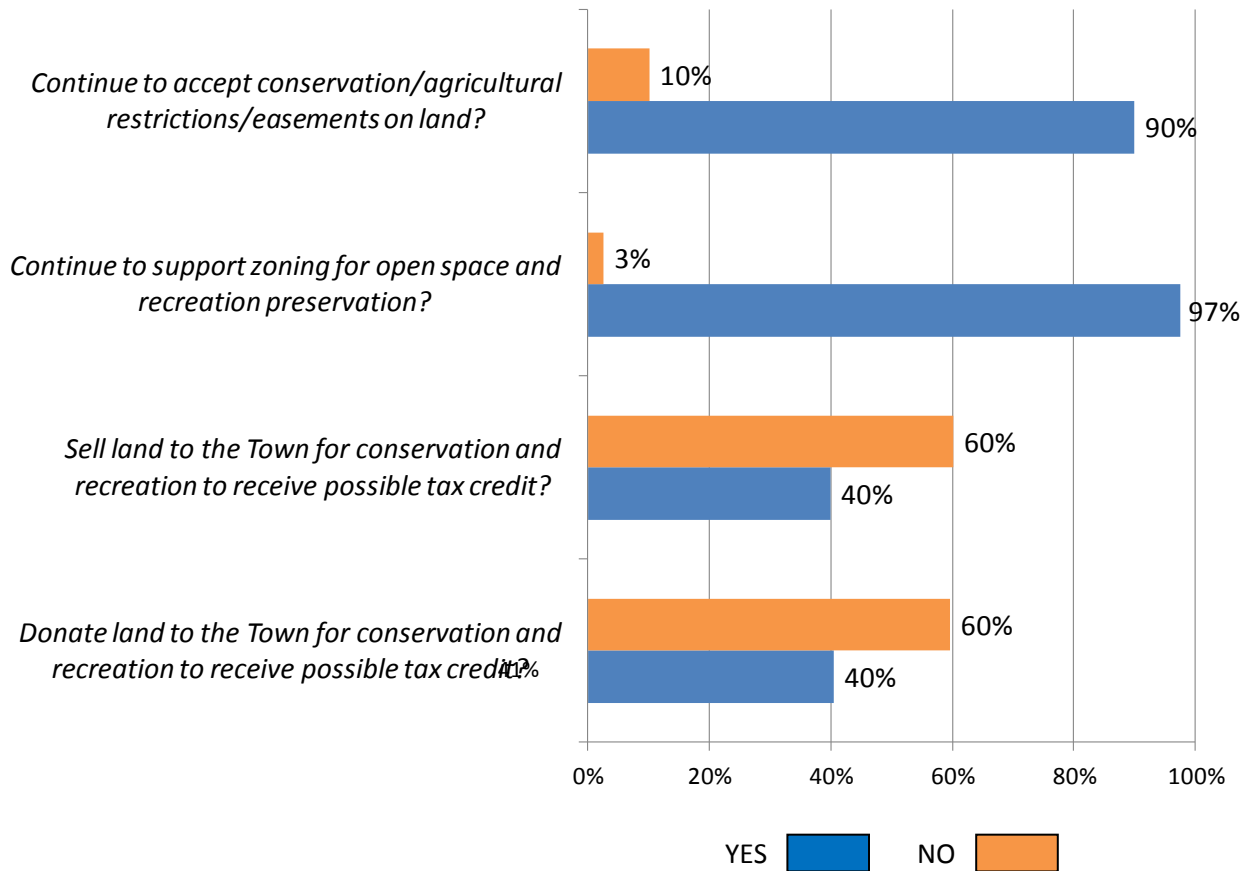
**Choose 5 activities or facilities you feel are NOT provided sufficiently.  
(490 responses)**



### 7. To preserve open space, would you:

Regarding efforts to preserve open space, respondents generally support the Town in zoning for open space and recreation preservation (97%), as well as accepting conservation and agricultural restrictions/easements (90%). However, residents donating or selling land to the Town in return for tax credits for the same purposes was not overwhelmingly supported (both at 60% not in favor).

**To preserve open space, would you:  
(484 responses)**

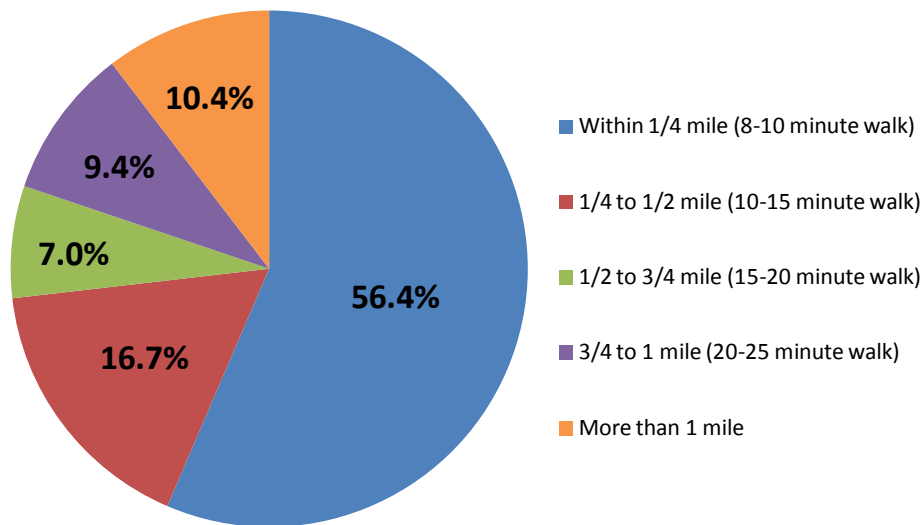


### 8. How far is the closest open space or recreation facility from your home?

Overall, a majority of respondents (56%) indicated the closest open space/recreational facility is within ¼ mile (8-10 minute walk) of their home. In a comparison across the seven census block groups/village areas (Question 17) and distance to closest open space or recreation facility, five of the seven areas had a majority of respondents (50% or greater) indicating that they live within a quarter mile (8 – 10 minute walk) of the closest open space or recreation facility:

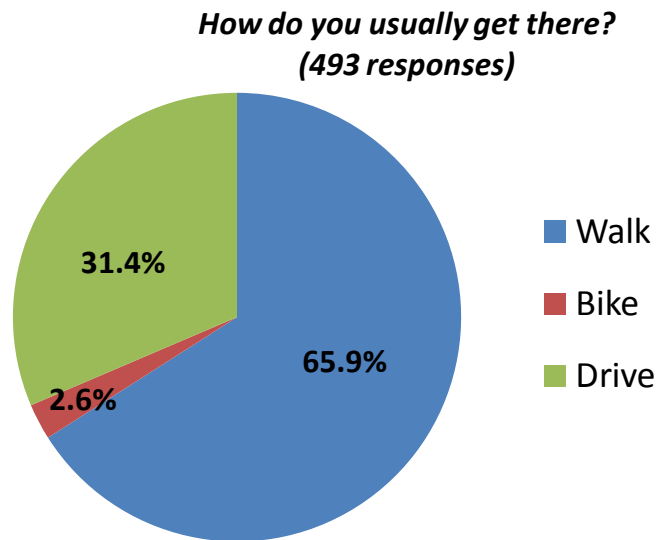
- Within a ¼ mile
  - 1) East Dedham
  - 2) Greenlodge
  - 3) Oakdale
  - 4) Sprague Manor
  - 5) Riverdale
- Between ¼ mile and ½ mile
  - 1) The Village
  - 2) West Dedham

*How far is the closest open space area or recreation facility from your home? (498 responses)*



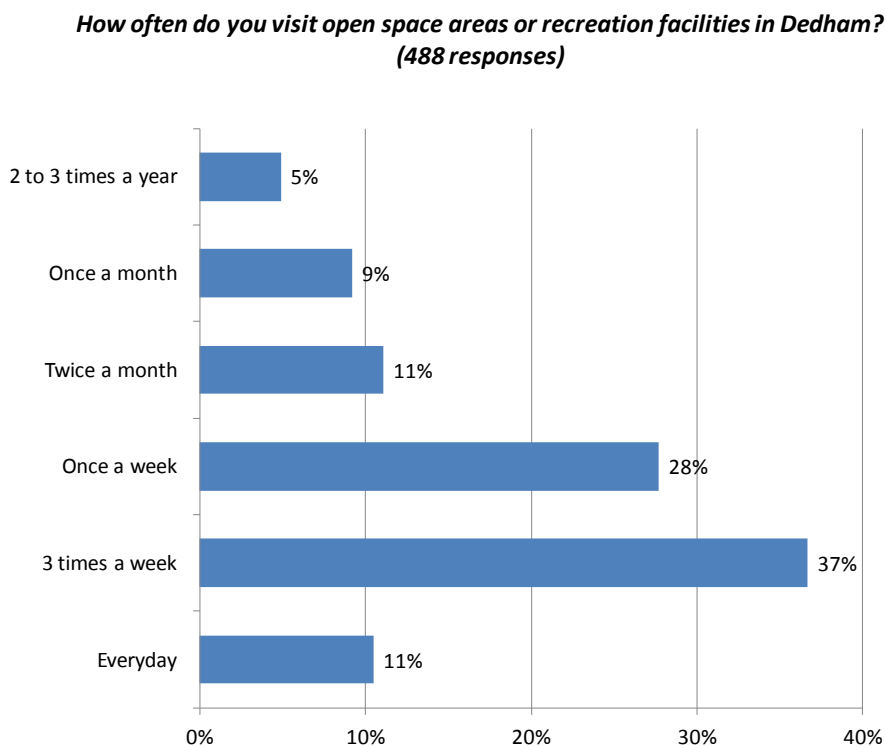
### 9. How do you usually get there?

Although attributed to an individual’s willingness to walk varies greatly depending on age, health, time availability, quality of surroundings, safety, climate, and many other factors, most people are only willing to walk a quarter-mile to get to a destination. Just under half of respondents reported living further than ¼ mile from the nearest open space or recreation facility (Question 8). Despite this, a majority of respondents (66%) indicated they still walk to the closest open space/recreational facility, even if it is outside the typical ¼ pedestrian shed.



### 10. How often do you visit open space or recreational areas in Dedham?

Almost half of respondents (48%) visit open space/recreational areas a minimum of at least 3 times a week, which is also consistent with the age cohorts represented in this survey (Question 19)...parents with children likely participating in organized sports programs.

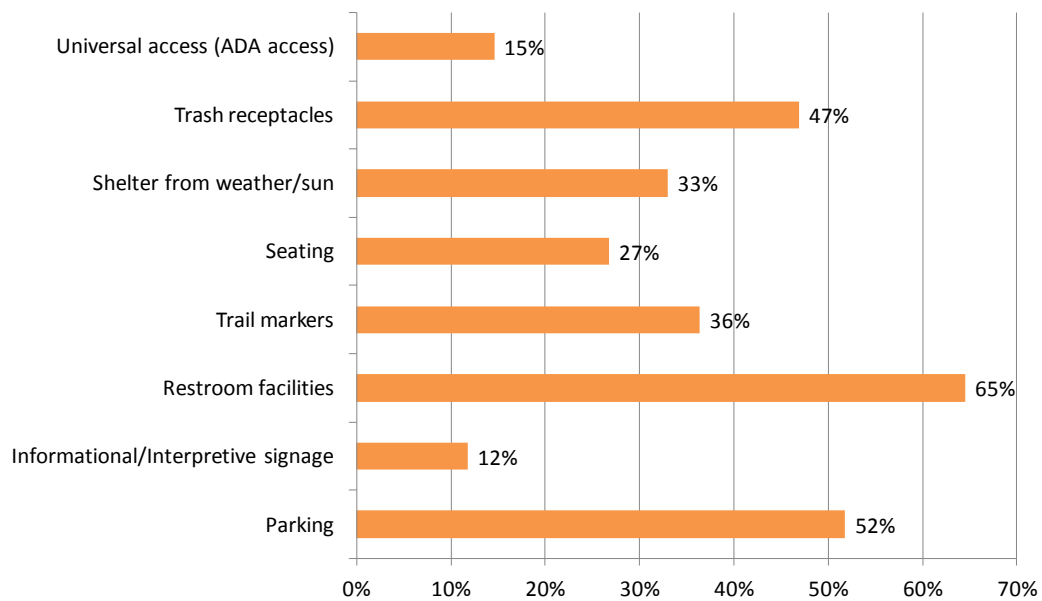


**11. Please pick the top three amenities you feel would enhance your experience the most when utilizing open space areas in Dedham?**

In a comparison across the seven census block groups/village areas (Question 17) and identification of top 3 amenities that would enhance respondent's experiences when utilizing open space areas, all areas consistently identified **Restrooms** and **Parking** as the top two amenities desired. The third top amenity identified across the same comparison reported several consistencies as well:

- Shelter from weather/sun
  - 1) East Dedham
  - 2) Greenlodge
  - 3) Sprague Manor
- Trash receptacles
  - 1) Oakdale
  - 2) Riverdale
  - 3) The Village
  - 4) West Dedham

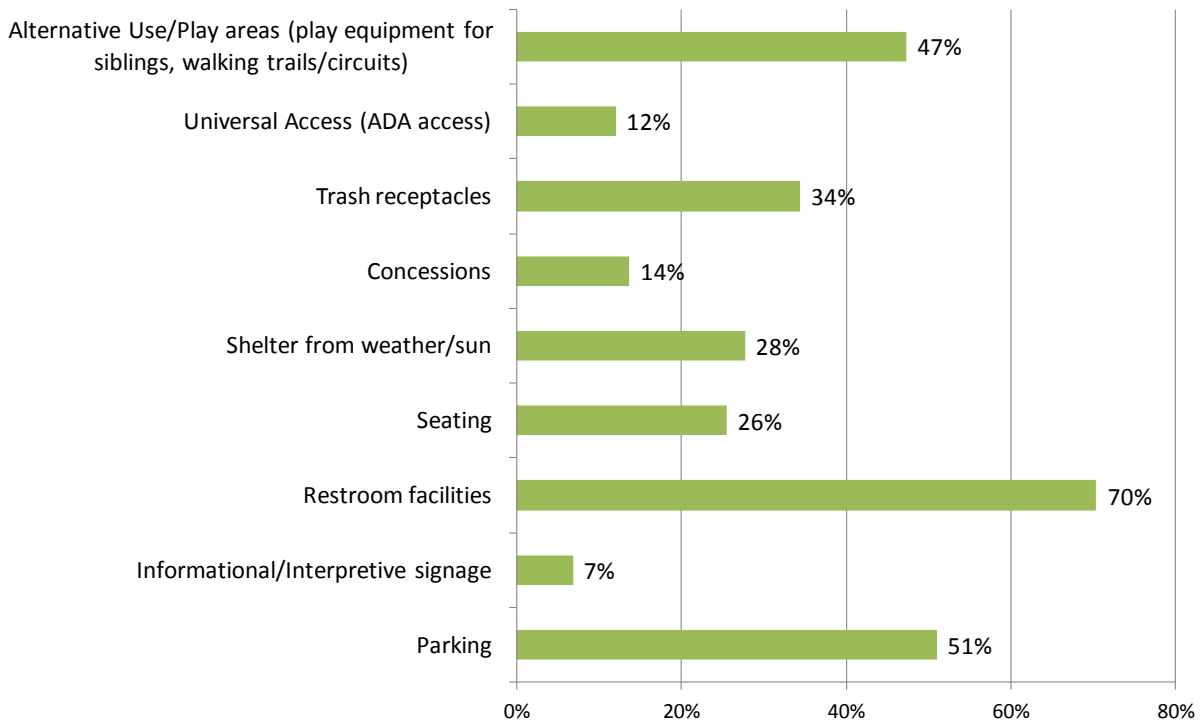
***Please pick the top three amenities you feel would enhance your experience the most when utilizing open space areas in Dedham:  
(473 responses)***



**12. Please pick the top three amenities you feel would enhance your experience the most when utilizing recreational facilities in Dedham?**

Consistent with amenities desired at open space areas (Question 11), respondents also identified the same **Restrooms** and **Parking** as the top two amenities desired when utilizing recreational facilities. The third top amenity, **Alternative Use/Play Areas**, was identified consistently across the same areas (Question 17).

***Please pick the top three amenities you feel would enhance your experience the most when utilizing recreational facilities in Dedham:  
(459 responses)***



**13. What do you like BEST about Dedham's indoor and outdoor recreational experiences and open space?**  
(259 responses)

Below represents the highlights and consensus of responses (top 12 responses):

- Proximity and cleanliness (40)
- Great variety and affordability (36)
- Various playground options for children. (23)
- Overwhelmingly, Wilson Mountain (21)
- Love the pool and staff at the pool. (18)
- Dedham has a great base of recreational and open areas but they need upkeep and rejuvenation. (14)
- Dedham Water Trail/Charles River access (13)
- Dedham recreational department program. Kids have enjoyed participating in both indoor and outdoor activities. The number of programs and cost are great. (11)
- Nothing/Nothing to Say (9)
- Endicott Estate/Greenhouse is great with a fantastic community of people. (8)
- Town continues to make improvements, great job! (5)
- The dog park (3)

**14. What would you IMPROVE about Dedham's indoor and outdoor recreational experiences and open space?** (298 responses)

Below represents the highlights and consensus of responses:

- Field availability and conditions/maintenance/quality
- More turf playing fields
- Prioritize Striar site development
- More fields in Greenlodge area
- Provision of amenities...restrooms, shade trees, benches, accessibility
- Designated fields for specific sports programs
- More info/signage, promote events at open spaces, make them better known for us new folks in town
- Lighted Tennis Courts and Basketball courts for summer evenings
- Bikes paths...there is currently no safe place to teach a kid to ride a bike or rollerblade
- More programs for teenagers or those middle school students. They need things to do on the weekends and not everyone wants to play soccer or baseball.... Programs for the moms/dads who drop their kids off at practice. Yoga while you wait for your child....
- Accessibility by sidewalk improvements
- Less focus on often male-dominated sports and focus on creation of spaces that can be used by families and individuals to enjoy the outdoors
- ADA accessibility is very important
- More Trails, connecting Dedham to its neighbors
- Access to Weld, Wigwam and Little Wigwam ponds. Walking/running trails
- Approve rail trail
- Better communication/advertising of programs/facilities
- More neighborhood parks/vest-pocket parks
- Dolan Center needs to either expand or be rebuilt with more class space, waiting room space and parking
- Connectivity of open space/recreation sites
- Dedicated training facilities for year round use. Summer programs to help advance skills
- East Dedham needs more resources

**15. What are the most important actions the Town should take in the next 5 years regarding open space and recreation opportunities?** (319 responses)

Below represents the highlights and consensus of responses:

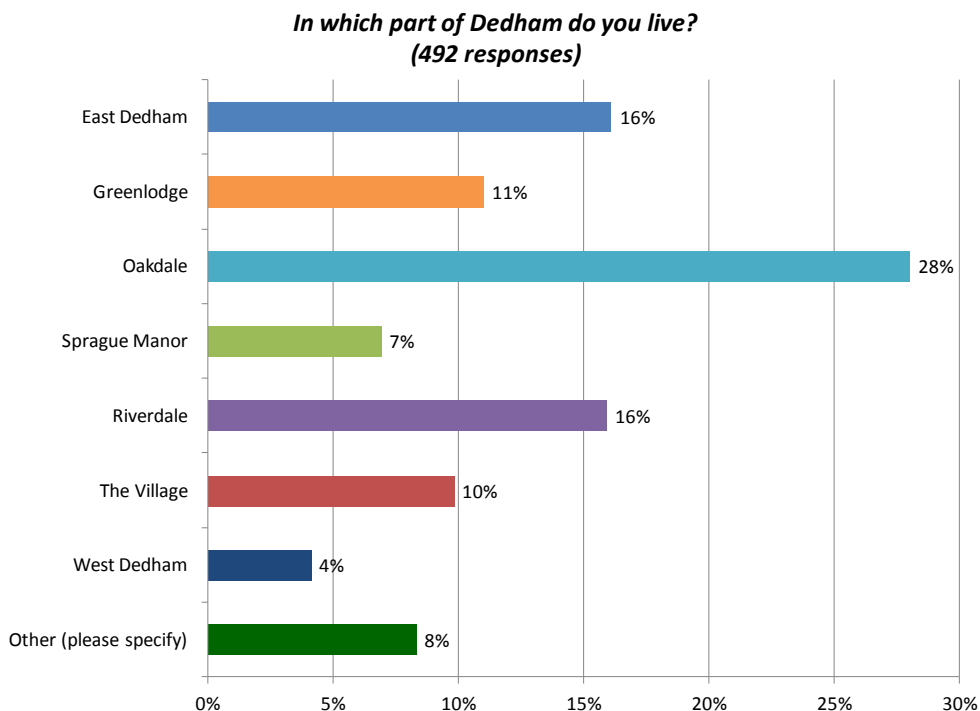
- Develop the Striar property to provide more fields, tennis courts, biking/walking trail
- Improve access to Wigwam Pond and the Charles River
- Acquire new sights for multipurpose, or turf so they can be used more
- Build Dedham Heritage Rail Trail
- Concentrate on maintenance of the existing fields (including training field) to be able to utilize the existing facilities
- Initiate a program to have a dedicated space with specific sports focus
- Developing Mother Brook walkways and waterways
- Striar property, Wigwam Pond, Wilson Mtn.
- Walking/biking trails
- More leisure space, not specifically dedicated to sports
- Pass CPA and acquire land
- Historic preservation of significant older houses outside preservation areas
- Ice rink or roller hockey rink
- To not build a rail trail
- Fulfill needs of seniors
- Prioritize wetland conservation
- Dedicate a field to lacrosse

**16. Do you live in Dedham?** (497 responses)

Almost all respondents (99%) responded they live in Dedham.

**17. In which part of Dedham do you live?**

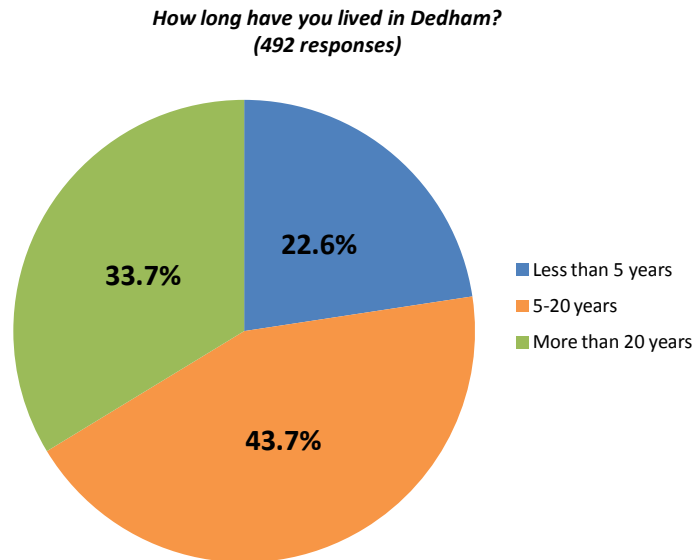
Each census block group/village area was represented by at least 20 respondents, or more. Oakdale represents the majority of respondents with 28% (or 138 respondents) followed by Riverdale and East Dedham (both at 16% or 79 respondents each), consistently reported as the census block groups with higher population densities.





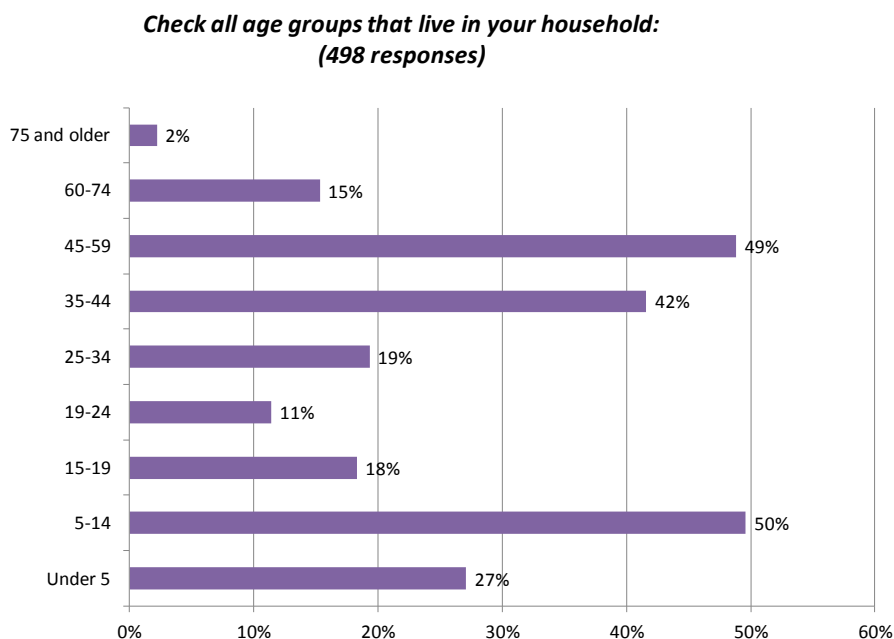
### 18. How long have you lived in Dedham?

Over three-quarters of all respondents (77%) have lived in Dedham at least 5 or more years, with one-third living in Dedham more than 20 years. This higher percentage of long-term residents have likely experienced more of the open space and recreational sites and facilities through raising their children in Dedham, as compared to the 23% of respondents reporting less than five years in town, likely representing newer, young families.



### 19. Check all age groups that live in your house?

Respondents reported similarly to the population statistics reported by the MAPC Regional Growth Projections for 2016, with a majority of age cohorts falling between 35 yrs. old – 59 yrs. old (parents) and 19 yrs. old and under (children).



**20. Are there any other comments you would like to add about Dedham's open space and recreational opportunities?** (162 responses)

Respondents provided a number of general comments regarding Dedham's open space/recreational opportunities, including:

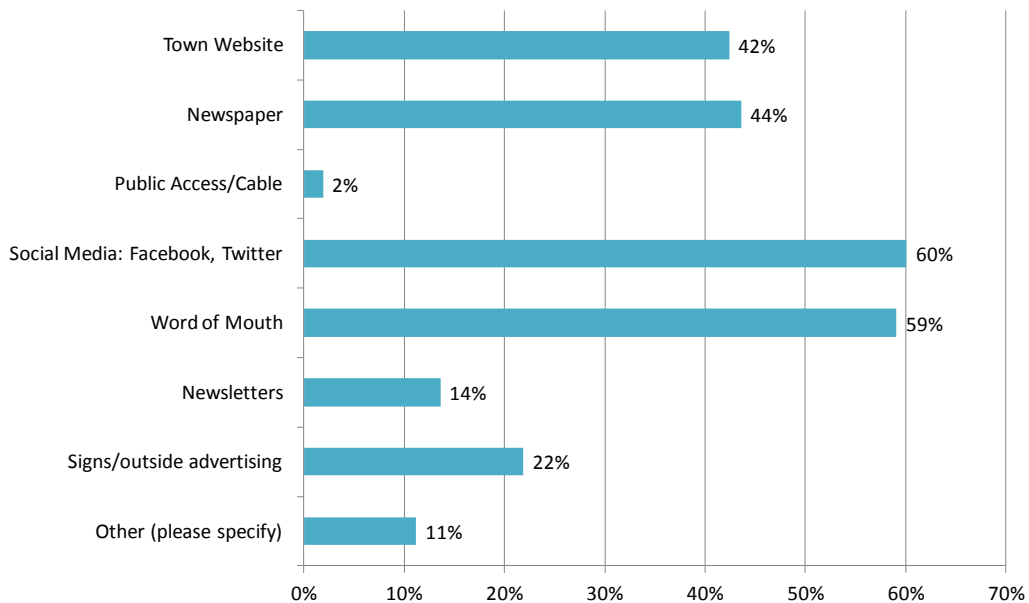
- I have lived in Dedham my whole life and there has not much been done to the fields. I have no idea as to why the taxes are not going to improve the sports fields and the school fields. Fix what we have and not add to the project list. No Rail Trail!!!!
- The pool building needs replacing.
- As a coach of Dedham Youth Lacrosse (and someone that sees what facilities other communities have), I feel that the facilities, fields, etc that are available to and dedicated to the sport of lacrosse are grossly insufficient. We could certainly use a multi-sport field, but we would need the field to be lined for lacrosse, have lights, and be made available consistently during the spring season for practice and games.
- I am embarrassed by our town soccer fields.
- Hold a fundraiser, stop all the ridiculous tax hikes and schemes.
- Dog friendly fields. Multi field complex. Affordable ice rink.
- Would love to have a dedicated lacrosse field. This sport has become very popular, and would be a great benefit to the development of our town program.
- There are some remarkable coaches that bring together the community from all different schools and backgrounds. Sports are a huge bonding mechanism for kids and community.
- Mother Brook is wonderful for East Dedham--historically, visually and the work on it by people is admirable. I just hope work continues on it.
- The rail trail should be a no brainer. The opposition arguments show the townies that are against progress and against Dedham moving into the 21st century.
- Would love to see a boat house at the Dolan Center.
- NO RAIL TRAIL! TOO EXPENSIVE! TOO MUCH RISK OF INCREASED CRIME TOWN NEEDS TO PUT MONEY TOWARDS MORE IMPORTANT THINGS- PAVE ROADS, SENIOR CENTER, STRIAR PROPERTY NO TO RAIL TRAIL TOO EXPENSIVE DECREASED PRIVACY INCREASED CRIME.
- The town including Parks and Recreation need to do more to outreach to families who do not speak English. Putting notices in other languages or having features via Google Translate to provide that option to families. There are many families in Dedham who don't have access to the information of what is available.
- I'm glad you're doing a master plan. Please address the fields, every other town has better fields than we do! Buying property for an outdoor public pool would be wonderful.
- Thank you for making this survey.
- I look forward to checking the local paper as to this topic.
- Fix the decrepit school fields. Fix the landscaping and grass areas. Let the Highway Department administrate the Parks Department.
- More adult activities - like yoga or dance in the evening. Or add aqua aerobics to the pool offerings without charging extra for it. If you made it available with a pool membership, more folks would join the pool. You would collect more money (\$200/year) rather than \$60/class. Make yoga available during youth program times (clipper swim team or gymnastics, etc.) so the parents do not hover. If you expand the youth offerings to at least 1.5 hours and put the yoga (or whatever) class within that time period, it would benefit family offerings and generate more money for the Rec. department.
- How can we make roads safer for bicycles?
- Can we get recycling bins at the fields?
- Yes, please increase community garden plots.
- Would love to see a climbing wall at some of the playgrounds.

- I would love to see the area under the Route 1 bridge by town square turned into usable space- art or maybe permanent chess/dominos tables. It would also be a great space for gardeners market on rainy days!
- I strongly supported adding a dog park soon after I moved to Dedham. Thanks so much for implementing it!
- Dedham is more than 1/3 Open Space - but much of that is not accessible due to it being wetlands. Still, the residents of this town should know that it exists and be educated about the town's biodiversity and natural history. Knowledge is the most important thing when it comes to protecting our natural resources and engaging our community to help use and preserve our open space.
- I would love to see opportunities for community rowing or crew. I noted that Dexter has river access- why can't the town?
- It would be great for little kids to have a splash pad or water feature in a couple of the playgrounds.
- Thank you very much to the Parks & Rec. team for doing a great job on involving the whole community in this process.
- More options offered for school vacations. Summer and school breaks. Parents want options to bring their kids in town. Same programs become boring after a few years for kids. Hire companies that can bring STEM programs, LEGO, cooking etc. Scouts want an open area to fly kites, set off rockets, teach robotics, teach cooking etc.
- We have so many neighbor gyms that need to Open Up after school / early evening / and weekends. Children and Adults need more Face to Face Time. How much could a janitor and a little electricity cost?
- Baseball fields!
- There is a lack of public knowledge about these areas and opportunities especially in the Riverdale area. Other parts of Dedham have rolling signs about sign ups or team victories. Riverdale is always left out. We are part of Dedham too!
- Bocce court.
- There is abundant litter throughout the town. While Dedham Civic Pride has done great things to beautify intersections and small plots, there is still far too much litter, which leaves a bad impression.
- Better promote the Dedham Trails website and the information available.
- We need more consistency and better communication. For instance, I'm a semi-regular swimmer at the Dedham Pool and I never know when it's open. I show up when it's supposed to be open and nobody is there. That really bugs me. Also, usage and drive/walk/bike depends on season. More walking/biking could be done if sidewalk shoveling was enforced. It is not. Washington Street is always un-walkable because residents don't shovel their sidewalks.
- Dedham is on the right path. Thank You!
- Programs need to be publicized more. Perhaps by inserts in Dedham Times, Dedham/West Roxbury Transcript, Needham newspaper 3-4 times a year, perhaps by roadside signs.

## 21. How do you receive your information about parks, recreation and open spaces areas and programming?

In a comparison across the seven census block groups/village areas (Question 17) and identification of how respondents receive information about parks, recreation and open space areas, most areas consistently identified **Social Media** and **Word of Mouth** as the top two ways to receive information. Sprague Manor and West Dedham consistently reported **Word of Mouth** and **Town Website** as the top two ways to receive information. The **Newspaper** was the next top selection for getting information across the majority of areas.

*How do you receive your information about parks, recreation and open space areas and programs?  
(484 responses)*

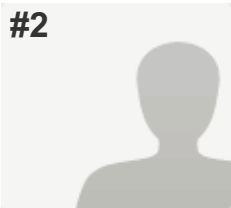


Other responses included:

- Emails
- School fliers/emails
- I would like to see an informative eletter
- Precinct 7 Facebook
- Town meetings
- The Dedham Times
- I search it out. Emails from the Rec. dept are also helpful. However, we do a poor job reaching out to the newer residents. Dedham real estate agents could provide a welcome to Dedham booklet with all the town services and opportunities.
- Friends of the Dedham Heritage Rail Trail
- Private sports organizations
- Town GIS system, Open Space Plan
- Never hear anything
- Neighbors
- Nextdoor.com is becoming important
- Parks and rec. email
- Neighborhood association emails

## **Appendix C**

### **2017 Use Group Survey Complete Results**



**COMPLETE**

**Custom Data:** Dedham Youth Soccer

**PAGE 1: Group Information**

**Q1: Organization Name**

Dedham Youth Soccer

**Q2: Your Name & Title**

**Q3: Your Phone Number**

**Q4: Your Email**

**PAGE 2: Playing Season/Practice**

**Q5: When does your playing season begin?**

Date 4/8/2017

**Q6: When does your practice season begin?**

Date 3/24/2017

**Q7: When does your playing season end?**

Date 6/18/2017

**Q8: When does your practice season end?**

Date 6/18/2017

**PAGE 3: Program Information**

**Q9: Please provide your total participation over the past three years**

2014	750
2015	800
2016	850

**Q10: Please list the divisions/ages and estimated participants in each division (please list each division and participants separately)?**

We are from age 4 through high school. There are too many to list here, we will be happy to provide detail if needed.

Dedham Recreation

**Q11: What is the Maximum Number of Teams?**

We have approximately 34 travel teams and 36 town teams, 70 total. this does not include kindergarten which is about another 50.

**Q12: Please indicate the level of play (i.e. Recreational, Competition, Elite)?**

Recreational and Competitive

**Q13: If there are multiple levels of play within your organization, please indicate and explain here.**

We have programs for all levels.

**PAGE 4: Facility/Field Information**

**Q14: Please list facility/fields used for games (list each location separately)**

This season is not typical as we are not using fields we normally have.  
Rustcraft, Capen, Avery, Rashi

Quest 15-20 All our games are on Saturday played throughout the day. Example we have 6 teams of 9 year olds and there are 6 games each week (3 in Dedham, 3 out of Dedham for travel)

**Q15: Provide typical time for games for 4-8 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Saturday 9:00am

**Q16: Provide typical time for games for 8-10 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Saturday 9:00am

**Q17: Provide typical time for games for 10-12 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Saturday 10:00am

**Q18: Provide typical time for games for 12-14 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Saturday 11:00am

**Q19: Provide typical time for games for 14-18 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Saturday 2:00pm

Sunday 4:00pm

**Q20: Provide typical time for games for 18+ years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Sunday 4:00pm

**Q21: Please list facilities/fields used for practice (list each location separately)**

Barnes Memorial Park

Travel - Rustcraft, Avery, HS, Lower Memorial, Capen, Condon, Northeastern, Gonzalez and Pool Field are closed this spring

**Q22: Please list facilities/fields used for practice (list each location separately)**

Barnes Memorial Park

Town Program (Age 5-8) Greenlodge, Oakdale, Capen, Lower Memorial, Practice times are M-F 5-8

Dedham Recreation

**Q23: Provide typical time for practice for 4-8 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	6:00pm
Tuesday	6:00pm
Wednesday	6:00pm
Thursday	6:00pm
Friday	6:00pm

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**Q24: Provide typical time for practice for 8-10 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	6:00pm
Tuesday	6:00pm
Wednesday	6:00pm
Thursday	6:00pm
Friday	6:00pm

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**Q25: Provide typical time for practice for 10-12 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q26: Provide typical time for practice for 14-18 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	7:00pm
Tuesday	7:00pm
Wednesday	7:00pm
Thursday	7:00pm
Friday	7:00pm

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**Q27: Provide typical time for practice for 18+ years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Saturday	6:00pm
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**PAGE 5: Facility/Field Locations**

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**Q28: In your opinion are the Facilities/fields you use located at appropriate spots throughout town?** Agree

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**Q29: Are there any practice or game conflicts with adjacent activities or functions?** Yes

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**PAGE 6: Utilization of Facilities/Fields**

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Dedham Recreation

**Q30: In your opinion do the existing facilities adequately accommodate both game and practice demands? (if no please explain)**

No,

Please Explain

We do not have enough space. Often there will be too many teams trying to practice at a location at one time. We have over 70 teams that would like to practice 1-2 times per week, so that is roughly 100 "practice time slots", we are quite often on top of each other.

**Q31: In your opinion is there adequate space for warming up and concurrent ongoing game play?**

No

**Q32: Are there conflicts with other leagues or sport play concurrent with your demands for facilities/fields?**

Yes

**Q33: Please provided any additional comments regarding utilization of facilities/fields**

Note that soccer is a spring and fall sport, the first few question would only allow us to put in one date.

**PAGE 7: Layout and Playability**

**Q34: Define the desirable and minimum acceptable dimension of field or court size for your sport. Include player bench area or safety run-off zone. (if there are multiple field or court sizes by age or division please list separately)**

Soccer has multiple field sizes for the different age groups. Below are estimates.

11v11 - 300/180

9v9 - 240/150

7v7 - 180/120

Younger kids 90/60

**Q35: Please provide any fencing, netting or other improvements directly related to your user group.**

Fencing at Condon would help a little, this is not a big issue.

**Q36: Does field or court orientation have an impact on play?**

Yes

**Q37: Do grades or slopes on the game surface create any play advantage or disadvantages?**

No

**Q38: Are fields or courts playable in varying weather conditions?**

No

**Q39: Does play-ability of the fields or courts vary over the duration of your season?**

Yes

**Q40: Does durability of the field turf or court surface negatively impact play?**

No

**PAGE 8: Accessibility**

**Q41: Are facilities/fields reasonably accessible for required game equipment?**

Yes

Dedham Recreation

**Q42: Is there adequate parking available?** Yes

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**Q43: Is there adequate and accessible spectator spaces?** Yes

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**Q44: Are there equipment storage needs that require on site facilities?** No,  
If, yes please explain  
At most fields there is not storage on site.

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**PAGE 9: Existing and Future Needs**

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**Q45: Do trends indicate that you will have demand for additional facilities or fields in the future?** Yes

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**Q46: In your opinion do the athletic facilities or their locations limit you from providing an opportunity for the entire community?** Disagree,  
Please Explain  
Opportunity is given, but it could be a better experience.

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**PAGE 10: General Comments**

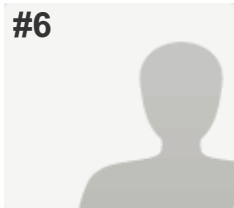
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**Q47: General/Additional Comments:**

Soccer is played in both the spring and fall.

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PAGE 1: Group Information

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**Q1: Organization Name**

Dedham Babe Ruth

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**Q2: Your Name & Title**

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**Q3: Your Phone Number**

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**Q4: Your Email**

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PAGE 2: Playing Season/Practice

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**Q5: When does your playing season begin?**

Date 04/01/2017

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**Q6: When does your practice season begin?**

Date 04/01/2017

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**Q7: When does your playing season end?**

Date 07/31/2017

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**Q8: When does your practice season end?**

Date 07/31/2017

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PAGE 3: Program Information

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**Q9: Please provide your total participation over the past three years**

2014	140
2015	140
2016	140

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**Q10: Please list the divisions/ages and estimated participants in each division (please list each division and participants separately)?**

Babe Ruth 13-15 YO's 140  
Senior Babe Ruth 15-19 YO's 20  
Junior Legion 15-17 YO's 20

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Dedham Recreation

**Q11: What is the Maximum Number of Teams?** 13 teams

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**Q12: Please indicate the level of play (i.e. Recreational, Competition, Elite)?** All 3

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**Q13: If there are multiple levels of play within your organization, please indicate and explain here.**

Regular season and summer leagues

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**PAGE 4: Facility/Field Information**

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**Q14: Please list facility/fields used for games (list each location separately)**

Heaphy and Davis Fields

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**Q16: Provide typical time for games for 8-10 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q17: Provide typical time for games for 10-12 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q18: Provide typical time for games for 12-14 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q19: Provide typical time for games for 14-18 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday 5:00pm

Tuesday 5:00pm

Wednesday 5:00pm

Thursday 5:00pm

Friday 5:00pm

Saturday 9:00am

Sunday 10:00am

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**Q20: Provide typical time for games for 18+ years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q21: Please list facilities/fields used for practice (list each location separately)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q22: Please list facilities/fields used for practice (list each location separately)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q23: Provide typical time for practice for 4-8 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q24: Provide typical time for practice for 8-10 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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Dedham Recreation

**Q25: Provide typical time for practice for 10-12 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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Friday	5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am
Sunday	10:00am

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**PAGE 5: Facility/Field Locations**

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**Q29: Are there any practice or game conflicts with adjacent activities or functions?** Yes

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**PAGE 6: Utilization of Facilities/Fields**

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**Q30: In your opinion do the existing facilities adequately accommodate both game and practice demands? (if no please explain)** Yes

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**Q31: In your opinion is there adequate space for warming up and concurrent ongoing game play?** Yes

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**Q32: Are there conflicts with other leagues or sport play concurrent with your demands for facilities/fields?** Yes

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**Q33: Please provided any additional comments regarding utilization of facilities/fields**

Heaphy and Davis are used by the High School, Babe Ruth, and several Men's Baseball Leagues. 3 or 4 games per day on these fields are common.

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**PAGE 7: Layout and Playability**

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Dedham Recreation

**Q34: Define the desirable and minimum acceptable dimension of field or court size for your sport. Include player bench area or safety run-off zone. (if there are multiple field or court sizes by age or division please list separately)**

Heaphy and Davis should both have fences during the year with 330 down the lines and 375 in centerfield.

**Q35: Please provide any fencing, netting or other improvements directly related to your user group.**

Well Babe Ruth's actual fence is being used at the dog park. We now have temporary fences for the outfield.

**Q36: Does field or court orientation have an impact on play?** Yes

**Q37: Do grades or slopes on the game surface create any play advantage or disadvantages?** Yes,  
Please Explain  
Baseball is suppose to be played on a level surface. Davis Field's slope give Dedham teams an advantage over visiting teams.

**Q38: Are fields or courts playable in varying weather conditions?** No

**Q39: Does play-ability of the fields or courts vary over the duration of your season?** Yes,  
Please explain  
The wear and tear of the spring season and heat of the summer wear down the fields.

**Q40: Does durability of the field turf or court surface negatively impact play?** No

PAGE 8: Accessibility

**Q41: Are facilities/fields reasonably accessible for required game equipment?** Yes

**Q42: Is there adequate parking available?** Yes

**Q43: Is there adequate and accessible spectator spaces?** Yes

**Q44: Are there equipment storage needs that require on site facilities?** Yes,  
If, yes please explain  
Equipment is stored in the field house.

PAGE 9: Existing and Future Needs

**Q45: Do trends indicate that you will have demand for additional facilities or fields in the future?** No

**Q46: In your opinion do the athletic facilities or their locations limit you from providing an opportunity for the entire community?** Disagree

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**PAGE 10: General Comments**

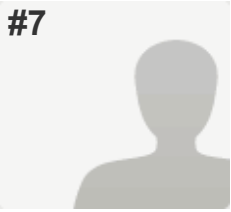
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**Q47: General/Additional Comments:**

Heaphy and Davis are used quite extensively during the spring and summer. These fields need extensive maintenance. Baseball fields are supposed to be flat. the infields need to be replaced about every 5 years.

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PAGE 1: Group Information

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Q1: Organization Name

Dedham Youth Baseball

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Q2: Your Name & Title

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Q3: Your Phone Number

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Q4: Your Email

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PAGE 2: Playing Season/Practice

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Q5: When does your playing season begin?

Date 04/21/2017

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Q6: When does your practice season begin?

Date 04/01/2017

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Q7: When does your playing season end?

Date 10/21/2017

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Q8: When does your practice season end?

Date 10/21/2017

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PAGE 3: Program Information

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Q9: Please provide your total participation over the past three years

2014	750
2015	725
2016	725

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Dedham Recreation

**Q10: Please list the divisions/ages and estimated participants in each division (please list each division and participants separately)?**

Instructional, ages 5&6, 75  
Farm, ages 7&8, 75  
Minors, ages 9&10, 75  
Majors, ages 11&12, 75  
Babe Ruth, ages 13-16, 125  
Summer Friendship League, ages 7&8, 30  
Summer Cal Ripken League, ages 9-12, 110  
Summer Babe Ruth League, ages 13-16, 60  
Minors Fall, ages 8-10, 35  
Majors Fall, ages 11&12, 35  
Babe Ruth Fall, ages 13&14, 30

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**Q11: What is the Maximum Number of Teams?**

52 teams, across Spring, Summer and Fall seasons

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**Q12: Please indicate the level of play (i.e. Recreational, Competition, Elite)?**

Spring and Fall are Recreational, Summer is Competition, Elite

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**Q13: If there are multiple levels of play within your organization, please indicate and explain here.**

Spring season is in-town recreational baseball. Summer season is competitive Elite level, travel baseball. Fall season is developmental/recreational, but it is also a travel season.

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**PAGE 4: Facility/Field Information**

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**Q14: Please list facility/fields used for games (list each location separately)**

Memorial Field, Heaphy & Davis Fields  
Fairbanks Park at Rustcraft Rd., Capone, Nagle and Collins Fields  
Paul Park  
Churchill Park  
Greenlodge School  
Oakdale School  
Riverdale School  
Condon Park

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**Q15: Provide typical time for games for 4-8 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	5:00pm
Tuesday	5:00pm
Wednesday	5:00pm
Thursday	5:00pm
Friday	5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am
Sunday	9:00am

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## Dedham Recreation

### **Q16: Provide typical time for games for 8-10 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	5:00pm
Tuesday	5:00pm
Wednesday	5:00pm
Thursday	5:00pm
Friday	5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am
Sunday	9:00am

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### **Q17: Provide typical time for games for 10-12 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	5:00pm
Tuesday	5:00pm
Wednesday	5:00pm
Thursday	5:00pm
Friday	5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am
Sunday	9:00am

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### **Q18: Provide typical time for games for 12-14 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	5:00pm
Tuesday	5:00pm
Wednesday	5:00pm
Thursday	5:00pm
Friday	5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am
Sunday	9:00am

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### **Q19: Provide typical time for games for 14-18 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	5:00pm
Tuesday	5:00pm
Wednesday	5:00pm
Thursday	5:00pm
Friday	5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am
Sunday	9:00am

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## Dedham Recreation

**Q20: Provide typical time for games for 18+ years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q21: Please list facilities/fields used for practice (list each location separately)**

Barnes Memorial Park

Heaphy Field

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**Q22: Please list facilities/fields used for practice (list each location separately)**

Barnes Memorial Park

Davis Field

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**Q23: Provide typical time for practice for 4-8 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q24: Provide typical time for practice for 8-10 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q25: Provide typical time for practice for 10-12 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q26: Provide typical time for practice for 14-18 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q27: Provide typical time for practice for 18+ years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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### PAGE 5: Facility/Field Locations

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**Q28: In your opinion are the Facilities/fields you use located at appropriate spots throughout town?** Agree

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**Q29: Are there any practice or game conflicts with adjacent activities or functions?** Yes

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### PAGE 6: Utilization of Facilities/Fields

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**Q30: In your opinion do the existing facilities adequately accommodate both game and practice demands? (if no please explain)** Yes

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**Q31: In your opinion is there adequate space for warming up and concurrent ongoing game play?** Yes

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**Q32: Are there conflicts with other leagues or sport play concurrent with your demands for facilities/fields?** Yes

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**Q33: Please provided any additional comments regarding utilization of facilities/fields**

Often, there are conflicts with Soccer at Collins & Freitas fields, as well as Condon Park and occasionally Oakdale school. In the past, when a conflict has occurred, Baseball has had the permit and soccer has not.

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### PAGE 7: Layout and Playability

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**Q34: Define the desirable and minimum acceptable dimension of field or court size for your sport. Include player bench area or safety run-off zone. (if there are multiple field or court sizes by age or division please list separately)**

Youth Baseball Fields have a 46' distance from Pitchers Mound to Home Plate, and 60' basepaths; Babe Ruth Fields have 60' 6" from Pitchers Mound to Home Plate and 90' basepaths; T-Ball sized fields generally Pitch from a distance of 40'-43'

**Q35: Please provide any fencing, netting or other improvements directly related to your user group.**

Fencing at the school fields is usually in disrepair and dangerous. This is an ongoing problem for our organization because this is the younger players first introduction to baseball.

Areas of Fencing at Paul Park and Rustcraft Rd. usually have areas that are damaged.

We have temporary fencing at Paul Park and Memorial Field for OFs.

**Q36: Does field or court orientation have an impact on play?** Yes

**Q37: Do grades or slopes on the game surface create any play advantage or disadvantages?** Yes,  
Please Explain  
Baseball Fields are supposed to be flat, with the exception of the mound. Most of the fields in town have infield lips, uneven playing surfaces, elevated or dips in basepaths and holes in the OF.

**Q38: Are fields or courts playable in varying weather conditions?** No,  
Please Explain  
Baseball fields can hold some water, but if we get a larger amount of rain, the playing surface becomes unplayable.

**Q39: Does play-ability of the fields or courts vary over the duration of your season?** Yes,  
Please explain  
Absolutely. When we are gearing up to host a tournament, focus on fields is increased and conditions improve. Then, once the tournament is over, fields tend to be ignored and conditions worsen dramatically in a very short period of time. What makes this frustrating to our organization as well as players and parents is this variance in playing condition is directly related to maintenance or lack thereof.

**Q40: Does durability of the field turf or court surface negatively impact play?** Yes

PAGE 8: Accessibility

**Q41: Are facilities/fields reasonably accessible for required game equipment?** Yes

Dedham Recreation

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<b>Q42: Is there adequate parking available?</b>	Yes
<b>Q43: Is there adequate and accessible spectator spaces?</b>	Yes
<b>Q44: Are there equipment storage needs that require on site facilities?</b>	Yes, If, yes please explain We have a storage trailer at Rustcraft and storage space at Memorial. We have no other storage space at other locations, but it would be helpful, if possible.

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**PAGE 9: Existing and Future Needs**

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<b>Q45: Do trends indicate that you will have demand for additional facilities or fields in the future?</b>	No
<b>Q46: In your opinion do the athletic facilities or their locations limit you from providing an opportunity for the entire community?</b>	Disagree, Please Explain Baseball facilities are located throughout the town at various locations.

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**PAGE 10: General Comments**

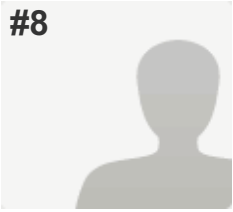
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**Q47: General/Additional Comments:**

In baseball, we do not need additional fields. The number of fields we currently have is sufficient. What we need is better maintenance of existing facilities. Playing conditions vary greatly depending on whether attention is paid to the fields. That is a frustrating problem, but a very fixable one.

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#8



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PAGE 1: Group Information

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**Q1: Organization Name**

Dedham youth Lacrosse

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**Q2: Your Name & Title**

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**Q3: Your Phone Number**

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**Q4: Your Email**

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PAGE 2: Playing Season/Practice

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**Q5: When does your playing season begin?**

Date 04/02/2017

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**Q6: When does your practice season begin?**

Date 03/06/2017

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**Q7: When does your playing season end?**

Date 06/18/2017

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**Q8: When does your practice season end?**

Date 06/18/2017

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PAGE 3: Program Information

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**Q9: Please provide your total participation over the past three years**

2014	237
2015	241
2016	260

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Dedham Recreation

**Q10: Please list the divisions/ages and estimated participants in each division (please list each division and participants separately)?**

u9 boys 30  
u9 girls 30  
u11 boys 40  
u11 girls 40  
u13 boys 30  
u13 girls 30  
u15 boys 30  
u15 boys 30  
u13 select 20  
u15 select 20

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**Q11: What is the Maximum Number of Teams?** 20

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**Q12: Please indicate the level of play (i.e. Recreational, Competition, Elite)?** competition /elite

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**Q13: If there are multiple levels of play within your organization, please indicate and explain here.**

each age group has two teams that are of equal skill level thats called "classic division" at u13 and u15 we have "select teams" but all select kids must also play on a town classic team

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**PAGE 4: Facility/Field Information**

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**Q14: Please list facility/fields used for games (list each location separately)**

high school turf  
DCD field  
nobles fields  
northeastern university field

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**Q15: Provide typical time for games for 4-8 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Sunday 12:00pm

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**Q16: Provide typical time for games for 8-10 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Sunday 2:00pm

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**Q17: Provide typical time for games for 10-12 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Sunday 4:00pm

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**Q18: Provide typical time for games for 12-14 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Friday 6:00pm

Sunday 5:00pm

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**Q19: Provide typical time for games for 14-18 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Friday 8:00pm

Sunday 11:00am

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**Q20: Provide typical time for games for 18+ years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

Dedham Recreation

**Q21: Please list facilities/fields used for practice (list each location separately)**

Barnes Memorial Park dedham highschool turf 7-8pm 2 days a week

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**Q22: Please list facilities/fields used for practice (list each location separately)**

Barnes Memorial Park nobles, Northeastern, and dcd fields

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**Q23: Provide typical time for practice for 4-8 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Tuesday 6:00pm

Thursday 6:00pm

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**Q24: Provide typical time for practice for 8-10 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday 6:00pm

Wednesday 6:00pm

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**Q25: Provide typical time for practice for 10-12 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Tuesday 6:00pm

Wednesday 6:00pm

Thursday 6:00pm

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**Q26: Provide typical time for practice for 14-18 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Tuesday 6:00pm

Wednesday 6:00pm

Thursday 6:00pm

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**Q27: Provide typical time for practice for 18+ years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**PAGE 5: Facility/Field Locations**

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**Q28: In your opinion are the Facilities/fields you use located at appropriate spots throughout town?**

Disagree

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**Q29: Are there any practice or game conflicts with adjacent activities or functions?**

Yes

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**PAGE 6: Utilization of Facilities/Fields**

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**Q30: In your opinion do the existing facilities adequately accommodate both game and practice demands? (if no please explain)**

No,  
Please Explain  
sharing a field with lacrosse is dangerous for everyone but the lacrosse players. we often have to share field space since we dont have one regularly scheduled field.

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Dedham Recreation

**Q31: In your opinion is there adequate space for warming up and concurrent ongoing game play?** No

**Q32: Are there conflicts with other leagues or sport play concurrent with your demands for facilities/fields?** Yes

**Q33: Please provided any additional comments regarding utilization of facilities/fields**

we need one field that we can rely on as open for our sport during our spring season. I never know where we are going to practice or when until opening day. I have to reschedule practices and games on a weekly bases due to field being taken with no explanation. we have to schedule with our league mbyll in January and tell them our field availability for games. we dont get approval from the schools until early march. We just need one home field that soccer cant touch for our 3 month season. Turf and lights are also important, we need it in March and april.

**PAGE 7: Layout and Playability**

**Q34: Define the desirable and minimum acceptable dimension of field or court size for your sport. Include player bench area or safety run-off zone. (if there are multiple field or court sizes by age or division please list separately)**

80x140 yards is good for all ages  
70x120 is minium

**Q35: Please provide any fencing, netting or other improvements directly related to your user group.**

tall netting on either end for missed shots is important  
a 12' masonry wall would be a huge help in teaching lacrosse. playing wall ball is a very important teaching tool. lots of towns do fund raisers to build walls to practice. 10' high by as long as you can fit

**Q36: Does field or court orientation have an impact on play?** Yes

**Q37: Do grades or slopes on the game surface create any play advantage or disadvantages?** Yes,  
Please Explain field needs to be flat

**Q38: Are fields or courts playable in varying weather conditions?** Yes,  
Please Explain we play in all weather

**Q39: Does play-ability of the fields or courts vary over the duration of your season?** Yes,  
Please explain  
we start our season in march so turf is important

**Q40: Does durability of the field turf or court surface negatively impact play?** Yes

**PAGE 8: Accessibility**

**Q41: Are facilities/fields reasonably accessible for required game equipment?** Yes

**Q42: Is there adequate parking available?** *Respondent skipped this question*

Dedham Recreation

**Q43: Is there adequate and accessible spectator spaces?**

Yes

**Q44: Are there equipment storage needs that require on site facilities?**

Yes,

If, yes please explain  
nets have to stay on site during season. lock box for balls and med kit would be very helpfull

**PAGE 9: Existing and Future Needs**

**Q45: Do trends indicate that you will have demand for additional facilities or fields in the future?**

Yes

**Q46: In your opinion do the athletic facilities or their locations limit you from providing an opportunity for the entire community?**

Agree,

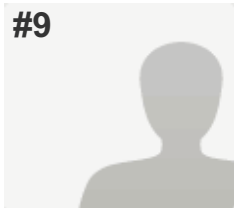
Please Explain  
we cant provide a schedule to our players or parents until the week before game one. we need reliable fields, dedicated fields. fields no one can take from us without notice or explanation

**PAGE 10: General Comments**

**Q47: General/Additional Comments:**

our sport and other spring sports are being strangled by non spring sports. please help us encourage our kids to play multiple sports by limiting field space for out of season sports. soccer should not be able to steal lacrosse or baseballs fields. they take everyone's money and dont have space for all the kids. give every sport fixed field space and limit enrollment by your field space like lacrosse has to due. This season one of my teams was only granted 2 home games all season due to lack of field availability. First home game the highschool took the field off my schedule 24 hours before the game with no explanation. I tried to reschedule to our other field that i had let soccer use for the day. they refused to give it back so I had to cancel the game

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PAGE 1: Group Information

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Q1: Organization Name

DEDHAM REC WRESTLING

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Q2: Your Name & Title

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Q3: Your Phone Number

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Q4: Your Email

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PAGE 2: Playing Season/Practice

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Q5: When does your playing season begin?

Date 01/01/2017

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Q6: When does your practice season begin?

Date 12/01/2016

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Q7: When does your playing season end?

Date 03/17/2017

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Q8: When does your practice season end?

Date 03/17/2017

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PAGE 3: Program Information

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Q9: Please provide your total participation over the past three years

2014	60+
2015	60+
2016	70+

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Q10: Please list the divisions/ages and estimated participants in each division (please list each division and participants separately)?

K-5-55  
5-8-24

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Dedham Recreation

**Q11: What is the Maximum Number of Teams?** 2

**Q12: Please indicate the level of play (i.e. Recreational, Competition, Elite)?** K-5 RECREATIONAL, 5-8 ELITE

**Q13: If there are multiple levels of play within your organization, please indicate and explain here.**

K-5 RECREATIONAL, 5-8 ELITE

**PAGE 4: Facility/Field Information**

**Q14: Please list facility/fields used for games (list each location separately)**

DOLAN CENTER 5-8 PROGRAM FOR PRACTICE ONLY, USE HS FOR MATCHES OR HAVE TO TRAVEL FOR GAMES. K-5 PROGRAM NOBLE WRESTLING ROOM FOR PRACTICE ONLY.

**Q15: Provide typical time for games for 4-8 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday 6:00pm

**Q16: Provide typical time for games for 8-10 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q17: Provide typical time for games for 10-12 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday 6:00pm

**Q18: Provide typical time for games for 12-14 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Tuesday 6:00pm

Thursday 6:00pm

Saturday 8:00am

Sunday 8:00am

**Q19: Provide typical time for games for 14-18 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Tuesday 6:00pm

Thursday 6:00pm

Saturday 7:00am

Sunday 7:00am

**Q20: Provide typical time for games for 18+ years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q21: Please list facilities/fields used for practice (list each location separately)** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q22: Please list facilities/fields used for practice (list each location separately)** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q23: Provide typical time for practice for 4-8 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

## Dedham Recreation

<b>Q24: Provide typical time for practice for 8-10 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
<b>Q25: Provide typical time for practice for 10-12 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
<b>Q26: Provide typical time for practice for 14-18 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
<b>Q27: Provide typical time for practice for 18+ years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

### PAGE 5: Facility/Field Locations

<b>Q28: In your opinion are the Facilities/fields you use located at appropriate spots throughout town?</b>	Disagree
<b>Q29: Are there any practice or game conflicts with adjacent activities or functions?</b>	No

### PAGE 6: Utilization of Facilities/Fields

<b>Q30: In your opinion do the existing facilities adequately accommodate both game and practice demands? (if no please explain)</b>	No, Please Explain DOLAN CENTER GYM TOO SMALL FOR GAMES AND SEATING
<b>Q31: In your opinion is there adequate space for warming up and concurrent ongoing game play?</b>	No
<b>Q32: Are there conflicts with other leagues or sport play concurrent with your demands for facilities/fields?</b>	Yes
<b>Q33: Please provided any additional comments regarding utilization of facilities/fields</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

### PAGE 7: Layout and Playability

**Q34: Define the desirable and minimum acceptable dimension of field or court size for your sport. Include player bench area or safety run-off zone. (if there are multiple field or court sizes by age or division please list separately)**

GYM WITH SEATING TO HANDLE 2 40X40 WRESTLING MATS

<b>Q35: Please provide any fencing, netting or other improvements directly related to your user group.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
<b>Q36: Does field or court orientation have an impact on play?</b>	No

Dedham Recreation

**Q37: Do grades or slopes on the game surface create any play advantage or disadvantages?**

No

**Q38: Are fields or courts playable in varying weather conditions?**

Yes,

Please Explain INDOOR SPORT

**Q39: Does play-ability of the fields or courts vary over the duration of your season?**

No

**Q40: Does durability of the field turf or court surface negatively impact play?**

No

**PAGE 8: Accessibility**

**Q41: Are facilities/fields reasonably accessible for required game equipment?**

Yes

**Q42: Is there adequate parking available?**

Yes

**Q43: Is there adequate and accessible spectator spaces?**

No

**Q44: Are there equipment storage needs that require on site facilities?**

Yes,

If, yes please explain

HAVE MY OWN OFFICE TO STORE WRESTLING EQUIPMENT

**PAGE 9: Existing and Future Needs**

**Q45: Do trends indicate that you will have demand for additional facilities or fields in the future?**

No

**Q46: In your opinion do the athletic facilities or their locations limit you from providing an opportunity for the entire community?**

Agree,

Please Explain

A MORE CENTRAL LOCATION WOULD GET MORE PARTICIPATION

**PAGE 10: General Comments**

**Q47: General/Additional Comments:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

#10



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PAGE 1: Group Information

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Q1: Organization Name

Dedham Girls Softball League

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Q2: Your Name & Title

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Q3: Your Phone Number

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Q4: Your Email

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PAGE 2: Playing Season/Practice

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Q5: When does your playing season begin?

Date 04/01/2017

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Q6: When does your practice season begin?

Date 04/01/2017

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Q7: When does your playing season end?

Date 10/30/2017

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Q8: When does your practice season end?

Date 10/30/2017

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PAGE 3: Program Information

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Q9: Please provide your total participation over the past three years

2014	135
2015	140
2016	145

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Dedham Recreation

**Q10: Please list the divisions/ages and estimated participants in each division (please list each division and participants separately)?**

8 & Under - 40  
10 & Under - 50  
14 & Under - 40  
18 & Under - 15

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**Q11: What is the Maximum Number of Teams?** 10

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**Q12: Please indicate the level of play (i.e. Recreational, Competition, Elite)?** Recreational & Competitive

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**Q13: If there are multiple levels of play within your organization, please indicate and explain here.**

Spring - Recreational for 8U, 10U, 14U  
Summer - Competitive Travel & Tournament 10U, 12U, 14U, 18U  
Fall - Competitive Local 10U, 12U, 14U

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**PAGE 4: Facility/Field Information**

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**Q14: Please list facility/fields used for games (list each location separately)**

Sugrue Field, Sullivan Field, Loewen Field, Churchill Field, Condon Park

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**Q15: Provide typical time for games for 4-8 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Tuesday 6:00pm  
Thursday 6:00pm

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**Q16: Provide typical time for games for 8-10 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday 6:00pm  
Tuesday 6:00pm  
Wednesday 6:00pm  
Thursday 6:00pm  
Friday 6:00pm

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**Q17: Provide typical time for games for 10-12 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday 6:00pm  
Tuesday 6:00pm  
Wednesday 6:00pm  
Thursday 6:00pm  
Friday 6:00pm

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Dedham Recreation

**Q18: Provide typical time for games for 12-14 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	6:00pm
Tuesday	6:00pm
Wednesday	6:00pm
Thursday	6:00pm
Friday	6:00pm

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**Q19: Provide typical time for games for 14-18 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	8:00pm
Tuesday	8:00pm
Wednesday	8:00pm
Thursday	8:00pm
Friday	8:00pm

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**Q20: Provide typical time for games for 18+ years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q21: Please list facilities/fields used for practice (list each location separately)**

Barnes Memorial Park	Sugrue Field
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**Q22: Please list facilities/fields used for practice (list each location separately)**

Barnes Memorial Park	Loewen Field
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**Q23: Provide typical time for practice for 4-8 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Tuesday	6:00pm
Thursday	6:00pm

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**Q24: Provide typical time for practice for 8-10 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	6:00pm
Tuesday	6:00pm
Wednesday	6:00pm
Thursday	6:00pm
Friday	6:00pm
Saturday	4:00pm
Sunday	4:00pm

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Dedham Recreation

**Q25: Provide typical time for practice for 10-12 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	6:00pm
Tuesday	6:00pm
Wednesday	6:00pm
Thursday	6:00pm
Friday	6:00pm
Saturday	10:00am
Sunday	10:00am

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**Q26: Provide typical time for practice for 14-18 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	6:00pm
Tuesday	6:00pm
Wednesday	6:00pm
Thursday	6:00pm
Friday	6:00pm
Saturday	12:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm

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**Q27: Provide typical time for practice for 18+ years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q28: In your opinion are the Facilities/fields you use located at appropriate spots throughout town?**

Agree

**Q29: Are there any practice or game conflicts with adjacent activities or functions?**

Yes

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**PAGE 6: Utilization of Facilities/Fields**

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**Q30: In your opinion do the existing facilities adequately accommodate both game and practice demands? (if no please explain)**

Yes,  
Please Explain  
Game Parking is difficult at Condon park (small lot) and Sugrue Park (due to the dog park)

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**Q31: In your opinion is there adequate space for warming up and concurrent ongoing game play?**

Yes

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**Q32: Are there conflicts with other leagues or sport play concurrent with your demands for facilities/fields?**

Yes

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Dedham Recreation

**Q33: Please provided any additional comments regarding utilization of facilities/fields**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q34: Define the desirable and minimum acceptable dimension of field or court size for your sport. Include player bench area or safety run-off zone. (if there are multiple field or court sizes by age or division please list separately)**

Official sizes can be found online. Typical -  
<http://www.diamondtexas.com/resources/fielddimensions/docs/softball%20field%20dimensions.pdf>

**Q35: Please provide any fencing, netting or other improvements directly related to your user group.**

Sullivan - No protective dugout fencing. Serious issue  
Churchill - dugout fence too low  
None of the fields have a protected area for the on-deck batter to warm up.

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**Q36: Does field or court orientation have an impact on play?** Yes

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**Q37: Do grades or slopes on the game surface create any play advantage or disadvantages?** Yes

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**Q38: Are fields or courts playable in varying weather conditions?** Yes,  
Please Explain  
Sugrue Field is playable in most weather. All other fields do not drain as well.

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**Q39: Does play-ability of the fields or courts vary over the duration of your season?** Yes,  
Please explain  
Lack of irrigation on grass fields causes wide variations in summer.

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**Q40: Does durability of the field turf or court surface negatively impact play?** Yes

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**Q41: Are facilities/fields reasonably accessible for required game equipment?** Yes

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**Q42: Is there adequate parking available?** No

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**Q43: Is there adequate and accessible spectator spaces?** Yes

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**Q44: Are there equipment storage needs that require on site facilities?** Yes,  
If, yes please explain  
Currently using job boxes at most fields to store smaller items. Larger storage would be nice for rakes, etc

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PAGE 9: Existing and Future Needs

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**Q45: Do trends indicate that you will have demand for additional facilities or fields in the future?** No

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**Q46: In your opinion do the athletic facilities or their locations limit you from providing an opportunity for the entire community?** Disagree

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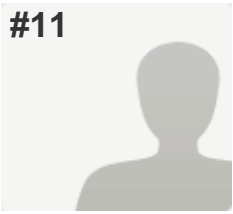
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**Q47: General/Additional Comments:** *Respondent skipped this question*

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PAGE 1: Group Information

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Q1: Organization Name

Dedham Youth Hockey

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Q2: Your Name & Title

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Q3: Your Phone Number

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Q4: Your Email

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PAGE 2: Playing Season/Practice

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Q5: When does your playing season begin?

Date 09/01/2017

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Q6: When does your practice season begin?

Date 09/01/2017

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Q7: When does your playing season end?

Date 04/15/2018

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Q8: When does your practice season end?

Date 04/01/2018

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PAGE 3: Program Information

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Q9: Please provide your total participation over the past three years

2014	250+
2015	275+
2016	300+

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Dedham Recreation

**Q10: Please list the divisions/ages and estimated participants in each division (please list each division and participants separately)?**

Learn to skate/Intro to hockey: [generally] age 4-8, 100+  
Mite (co-ed, 8U): 60  
Squirt (co-ed, 10U): 40  
Peewee (co-ed, 12U): 30  
Bantam (co-ed, 14U): 22  
Girls U12: 17  
Girls U14: 15  
Girls U18: 12  
Midget (boys, 18U): 35

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**Q11: What is the Maximum Number of Teams?**

No max; typically about 15 per team; 8 per team at mite

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**Q12: Please indicate the level of play (i.e. Recreational, Competition, Elite)?**

competition

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**Q13: If there are multiple levels of play within your organization, please indicate and explain here.**

LTS/Intro could be considered recreation

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**Q14: Please list facility/fields used for games (list each location separately)**

Practice at Boch Ice, St. Sebs and Bajko (Hyde Park); Games all over the place

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**Q15: Provide typical time for games for 4-8 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q16: Provide typical time for games for 8-10 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Saturday	12:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm

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**Q17: Provide typical time for games for 10-12 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Saturday	12:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm

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**Q18: Provide typical time for games for 12-14 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Saturday	12:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm

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**Q19: Provide typical time for games for 14-18 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Saturday	12:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm

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Dedham Recreation

**Q20: Provide typical time for games for 18+ years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Saturday	12:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm

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**Q21: Please list facilities/fields used for practice (list each location separately)**

Barnes Memorial Park	N/A
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**Q22: Please list facilities/fields used for practice (list each location separately)**

Barnes Memorial Park	N/A
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**Q23: Provide typical time for practice for 4-8 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Saturday	6:00pm
Sunday	1:00pm

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**Q24: Provide typical time for practice for 8-10 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	7:00pm
Friday	7:00pm

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**Q25: Provide typical time for practice for 10-12 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	7:00pm
Wednesday	7:00pm

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**Q26: Provide typical time for practice for 14-18 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	7:00pm
Wednesday	7:00pm

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**Q27: Provide typical time for practice for 18+ years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Wednesday	9:00pm
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<b>Q28: In your opinion are the Facilities/fields you use located at appropriate spots throughout town?</b>	N/A
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<b>Q29: Are there any practice or game conflicts with adjacent activities or functions?</b>	No
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**PAGE 6: Utilization of Facilities/Fields**

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<b>Q30: In your opinion do the existing facilities adequately accommodate both game and practice demands? (if no please explain)</b>	No, Please Explain Hockey is of course unique. A town rink would be a huge asset to both our program and the town at large.
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Dedham Recreation

**Q31: In your opinion is there adequate space for warming up and concurrent ongoing game play?** No

**Q32: Are there conflicts with other leagues or sport play concurrent with your demands for facilities/fields?** No

**Q33: Please provided any additional comments regarding utilization of facilities/fields**

Some of these do not apply to hockey.

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**Q34: Define the desirable and minimum acceptable dimension of field or court size for your sport. Include player bench area or safety run-off zone. (if there are multiple field or court sizes by age or division please list separately)**

In the development of skating facilities, off ice areas are often short changed. Adequate locker room, bench space and even off ice training areas are paramount.

**Q35: Please provide any fencing, netting or other improvements directly related to your user group.**

N/A

**Q36: Does field or court orientation have an impact on play?** No

**Q37: Do grades or slopes on the game surface create any play advantage or disadvantages?** No,  
Please Explain N/A

**Q38: Are fields or courts playable in varying weather conditions?** Yes,  
Please Explain Ice rinks have roofs!

**Q39: Does play-ability of the fields or courts vary over the duration of your season?** No,  
Please explain And climate control!

**Q40: Does durability of the field turf or court surface negatively impact play?** Yes

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**Q41: Are facilities/fields reasonably accessible for required game equipment?** Yes

**Q42: Is there adequate parking available?** No

**Q43: Is there adequate and accessible spectator spaces?** Yes



Dedham Recreation

**Q44: Are there equipment storage needs that require on site facilities?**

Yes,

If, yes please explain

Again, not all really applicable to hockey. Doing my best here. Parking is a zoo no matter the field or facility.

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**PAGE 9: Existing and Future Needs**

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**Q45: Do trends indicate that you will have demand for additional facilities or fields in the future?**

Yes

**Q46: In your opinion do the athletic facilities or their locations limit you from providing an opportunity for the entire community?**

Agree,

Please Explain

DYH enrollment continues to climb, which requires more and more ice time. Ice time is hard to come by and expensive when we can get it. Towns/programs with MDC rinks (Hyde Park/Parkway) can offer their programs less expensive ice and therefore more competitive tuition costs versus DYH. They can also get more convenient ice times.

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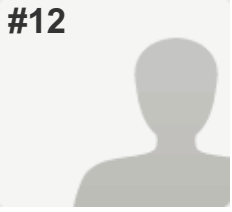
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**Q47: General/Additional Comments:**

Admittedly the development of an ice rink is an expensive endeavor. However, new rinks with multiple sheets of ice have recently been built in Canton, Attleboro and other surrounding communities. There is great demand for these facilities. A properly run ice rink should be able to cover debt services.

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PAGE 1: Group Information

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**Q1: Organization Name**

Dedham Pop Warner

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**Q2: Your Name & Title**

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**Q3: Your Phone Number**

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**Q4: Your Email**

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PAGE 2: Playing Season/Practice

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**Q5: When does your playing season begin?**

Date 08/01/2017

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**Q6: When does your practice season begin?**

Date 08/01/2017

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**Q7: When does your playing season end?**

Date 11/30/2017

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**Q8: When does your practice season end?**

Date 11/30/2017

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**Q9: Please provide your total participation over the past three years**

2014	200-225
2015	200-225
2016	200-225

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Dedham Recreation

**Q10: Please list the divisions/ages and estimated participants in each division (please list each division and participants separately)?**

Football(Cheer)  
E-Team: 25(15)  
D-Team: 25(15)  
C-Team: 25(15)  
B-Team: 25(15)  
A-Team: 25 (15)

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**Q11: What is the Maximum Number of Teams?** 10

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**Q12: Please indicate the level of play (i.e. Recreational, Competition, Elite)?** Competition

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**Q13: If there are multiple levels of play within your organization, please indicate and explain here.** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**PAGE 4: Facility/Field Information**

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**Q14: Please list facility/fields used for games (list each location separately)**

Memorial Park  
Veteran's Field (DHS)

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**Q15: Provide typical time for games for 4-8 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Friday 6:00pm

Sunday 5:00pm

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**Q16: Provide typical time for games for 8-10 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Sunday 3:00pm

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**Q17: Provide typical time for games for 10-12 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Sunday 1:00pm

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**Q18: Provide typical time for games for 12-14 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Sunday 12:00pm

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**Q19: Provide typical time for games for 14-18 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Sunday 10:00am

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**Q20: Provide typical time for games for 18+ years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q21: Please list facilities/fields used for practice (list each location separately)**

Barnes Memorial Park Barnes Memorial Park

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**Q22: Please list facilities/fields used for practice (list each location separately)** *Respondent skipped this question*

Dedham Recreation

**Q23: Provide typical time for practice for 4-8 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	5:00pm
Tuesday	5:00pm
Wednesday	5:00pm
Thursday	5:00pm
Friday	5:00pm

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**Q24: Provide typical time for practice for 8-10 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	5:00pm
Tuesday	5:00pm
Wednesday	5:00pm
Thursday	5:00pm
Friday	5:00pm

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**Q25: Provide typical time for practice for 10-12 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	5:00pm
Tuesday	5:00pm
Wednesday	5:00pm
Thursday	5:00pm
Friday	5:00pm
Saturday	10:00am

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**Q26: Provide typical time for practice for 14-18 years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

Monday	5:00pm
Tuesday	5:00pm
Wednesday	5:00pm
Thursday	5:00pm
Friday	5:00pm
Saturday	10:00am

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**Q27: Provide typical time for practice for 18+ years old (i.e. Sun, Mon, Tues, etc. and time)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**PAGE 5: Facility/Field Locations**

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**Q28: In your opinion are the Facilities/fields you use located at appropriate spots throughout town?**

Agree

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Dedham Recreation

**Q29: Are there any practice or game conflicts with adjacent activities or functions?** Yes

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**Q30: In your opinion do the existing facilities adequately accommodate both game and practice demands? (if no please explain)** Yes

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**Q31: In your opinion is there adequate space for warming up and concurrent ongoing game play?** Yes

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**Q32: Are there conflicts with other leagues or sport play concurrent with your demands for facilities/fields?** Yes

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**Q33: Please provided any additional comments regarding utilization of facilities/fields** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q34: Define the desirable and minimum acceptable dimension of field or court size for your sport. Include player bench area or safety run-off zone. (if there are multiple field or court sizes by age or division please list separately)**

384' x 208'

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**Q35: Please provide any fencing, netting or other improvements directly related to your user group.**

Field goal posts

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**Q36: Does field or court orientation have an impact on play?** Yes

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**Q37: Do grades or slopes on the game surface create any play advantage or disadvantages?** No

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**Q38: Are fields or courts playable in varying weather conditions?** Yes

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**Q39: Does play-ability of the fields or courts vary over the duration of your season?** Yes,  
Please explain  
Grass starts to die off and gets dustier as season progresses

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**Q40: Does durability of the field turf or court surface negatively impact play?** No

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**Q41: Are facilities/fields reasonably accessible for required game equipment?** Yes

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Dedham Recreation

**Q42: Is there adequate parking available?**

No

**Q43: Is there adequate and accessible spectator spaces?**

Yes

**Q44: Are there equipment storage needs that require on site facilities?**

Yes,

If, yes please explain  
Football pads and concession equipment

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**Q45: Do trends indicate that you will have demand for additional facilities or fields in the future?**

No

**Q46: In your opinion do the athletic facilities or their locations limit you from providing an opportunity for the entire community?**

Disagree

**PAGE 10: General Comments**

**Q47: General/Additional Comments:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

## **Appendix D**

### **2016 Tree Inventory and Assessment**

# Tree Inventory and Assessment

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## SUMMARY

In late June and early July 8 area parks located within the town of Dedham Massachusetts were inventoried using a combination of Level I and Level II condition assessments. An ArcGIS web link containing locations and attributes can be accessed here:

<http://satcg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Solutions/s2.html?appid=6086da6f67f94f43b37cb5afe59b63c3&ex=-7925274,5199469,-7923853,5199967,102100>

Upon opening the above link navigate to the park location desired; trees will be displayed by color indicating priority level. Red = Priority 1; Orange = Priority 2; and Yellow = Priority 3. Attributes are also found in excel spreadsheet.

A total of 140 trees were inventoried in total throughout the 9 locations, 2 are in Critical condition, 4 are Dead, 19 are Good, 70 are Fair and 45 are in poor condition (Refer to Table 1 in Observations & Findings). Maple is the dominant species followed by Oak and White Pine in this assessment sample, however, this assessment was not structured to determine species diversity within the parks. The data does suggest that Norway maple is a dominant genus at 41% of the maples assessed. Currently, Norway maple is listed on the Massachusetts invasive species list. The **Gonzalez Park** was evaluated using a level one survey from the field perspective walking along the perimeter fence and out lying perimeter. There were no trees recorded requiring a level II assessment within the park perimeter. It is recommended that trees located along the perimeter fence but outside the field at Gonzalez are reduction pruned to keep limbs from extending over the fence into the field of play as well as reduce the possibility of limb failure damaging the fence. **Dolan Center** has 32 trees that were inventoried using a level II of which 12 are in Good condition; 11 in Fair condition and 9 in poor condition. The majority of the trees surveyed at Dolan Center were less than 6" in diameter indicating that the trees were most likely planted at the time the center was established. Many of these younger trees planted along the walkway to the athletic field show signs of stress and mechanical damage as well as possible restrictions below ground which may have occurred at the time of planting. One tree located approximately 50 feet beyond the left field fence has failed and a portion of the crown is contacting the scoreboard in proximity. Mitigation recommendations are listed by tree on the attached spreadsheet. A total of 20 trees were assessed at **Condon Park** of which 2 are Dead, 13 are in Fair and 5 are in Poor condition. Four trees located within the playground area should be replaced following soil remediation. In **Rustcraft Park**, 13 trees are in Poor condition and 1 in Fair condition. The majorities of the trees surveyed in Rustcraft are located near the parking lot and have been mechanically restricted by stabilizing hardware which has contributed to their poor condition. Consideration of planting another tier of white pine on the open bank in front of the existing trees will re-establish a perimeter, reduce the amount of erosion on the bank and allow the trees in poor condition to be replaced as necessary. Care must be taken in winter to insure snow is not pushed against or stockpiled directly on the trees. **Barnes Memorial Park** has 6 trees that were assessed of which 2 in Poor condition and 4 are in Fair condition. Trees located behind bleachers are recommended for reduction pruning. At **Churchill Park**, 2 trees are in Critical condition, 1 is Dead, 3 are in Fair condition. **Paul Park** has 7 trees in Good condition, 37 in Fair condition, 45 in Poor condition and 1 tree is Dead. **Mill Pond Park** has one tree that was assessed in Fair condition. Refer to the recommendations section of this report as well as the mitigation recommendations within the attached assessment summary.

## INTRODUCTION

The majority of the parks surveyed in this assessment are areas set up for field sports with a majority of the trees on site along the perimeter. The exception to the previous statement would be Dolan Center and Paul Park. At Dolan, many of the trees planted in proximity to the facility and along the entry pathways to the athletic field have been planted as shade and ornamental trees. The trees located at Paul Park are primarily mature hardwoods and encompass not only the perimeter, but a significant portion of the parks activity area. The 9 area parks assessed in this report sustain significant use by the community and the trees within and surrounding them require monitoring for care and maintenance. By creating a mapped survey, the process of assessing the needs for maintenance and care can be accomplished in an equitable and systematic process.

## ASSIGNMENT

My assignment was to:

1. Meet with Parks & Recreation director to review scope in the following parks:
  - Dolan Center; 269 Common Street, Dedham
  - Barnes Memorial Park; Eastern Avenue, Dedham
  - Paul Park; Cedar Street, Dedham
  - Condon Park; Bussey Street, Dedham
  - Mill Pond Park, Colburn Street, Dedham
  - Gonzalez Field; (upper Memorial), Corner of High and East Street, Dedham
  - Churchill Park; Allen Lane, Dedham
  - Rustcraft; (Fairbanks Park) Rustcraft Road, Dedham
2. Provide an inventory and condition assessment of trees in assigned parks using a level one, limited visual assessment. Trees identified by limited view on park property requiring further investigation will be assessed using an ANSI Level II 360 degree ground based visual evaluation, located using ArcGIS software and observations recorded.
3. Provide recommendations for species of trees for planting and identify potential planting sites where appropriate.
4. Provide a web based ArcGis map link.
5. Report on the findings.

## LIMITS OF THE ASSIGNMENT

1. Only ground level visual testing and observation occurred in my analysis. No invasive testing to further assess the condition of trees was performed.

\*\*Figures and reference tables are found in Appendix A.

## PURPOSE AND USE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Dedham Parks & Recreation that will be used to determine management strategies for planning purposes in the parks assessed.

## OBSERVATIONS (PRIOR TO ASSESSMENT)

**Dolan Center:** The trees located along the perimeter of the Baseball field starting from the left field fence to just beyond the scoreboard are beginning to extend their canopies into the playing area. A portion of one tree in proximity to the left field fence has failed and contacted the scoreboard. Another large diameter Cottonwood is also in close proximity. A series of 3 to 4" diameter shade trees have been planted along the entrance path to the field. Many are in poor condition due to possible stress caused from mechanical wounding to below ground restrictions of the root system. The restrictions, if present, may be caused by girdling roots or improper planting. Spruce trees located near the entrance and exit of the park are being intruded by Asian Bittersweet. The invasive vine is also present on the mature trees located along Common Street bordering the Dog Park. A few of the Spruce trees are also being affected by insects. Spruce trees are planted beneath power lines near the parking area located to the left of the driveway entrance. A significant amount of Poison Ivy is growing in the areas in close proximity to the Dog Park.

**Condon Park:** Upon entering from Bussey Street, the area behind the park sign begins a border of Norway maples in poor condition and continues in close proximity to the parking area. The field perimeter is bordered by many hardwoods beginning to encroach upon the athletic field. An area of dead trees on the perimeter between left and center field is evident just beyond the established perimeter. Tree canopies extend into the playing area near the left field post. Four trees are in critical, dead and poor condition along the perimeter of the playground near Bussey Street and should be replaced after attention to the soil conditions in this area..

**Mill Pond Park:** As you enter from Colburn Street, a large Black Cherry tree is situated directly in front of the entrance near the top of the slope from the waters edge. The downward slope extends to the pond. The soil is heavily compacted and slightly eroded in places. An observation deck is located along the shore. Trees along the shore are in close proximity to one another and are flagging toward the water.

**Rustcraft (Fairbanks Park):** The parking area bordering Central Avenue and Rustcraft Road is planted with a majority of White Pine in a linear fashion along Central Avenue and half of the northerly border of the parking area. Nearly all of the white pine has been stem girdled due to stabilization hardware embedded in the stem. Some of these white pine have had the hardware removed or partially removed and may be able to bypass the scarring and loss of vascular flow, some may not. There is an area in the between the edge of the parking lot and the white pine that may be suitable for replanting of white pine. The athletic field portion appears to have several hardwoods encroaching on a portion of the playing fields.

**Barnes Memorial Park:** Trees located along the border of the park to the left of the baseball diamond are heavily encroaching toward the field. Bleachers located along the left field line are directly below many overextended limbs. There is an area of the park located near the intersection of East Street and Eastern Ave. There is a large Siberian Elm that dominates the corner and appears to be stressed.. The playground is located westerly of this portion of the site.

**Churchill Park:** A large Oak located on the perimeter near the entrance to the playground and provides a significant amount of shade.. The soil is heavily compacted. Trees growing along the perimeter fence to the right of the playground are growing into the perimeter fence. Trees along the rear perimeter of the park near the basket ball hoop are encroaching over the play area. Two large Oak trees that appear dead are located on the bank just below Brookdale Avenue. Trees located on the bank in the corner of the park by Brookdale Avenue and Harvard Street appears to be stressed. The entire perimeter along Brookdale Avenue is encroaching on the outfield. This is also evident on the area bordering the playground and basketball court.

**Paul Park:** The southern edge of the park along Paul Street is heavily populated by mature hardwoods bordering the play ground and picnic areas of the site. Trees located along Tower Street provide a buffer between the residential homes across the street. These trees appear to be stressed. The portion of the site located along Cedar Street is populated with a few trees and opens up to an area with a basketball court. Trees along the eastern perimeter are mature and full crowned. The area bordering the playground sustains a high amount of use. The soil is compacted in high pedestrian traffic areas. Many of the trees from this area extend over the playground as well as Paul Street.

**Gonzalez Park:** Trees along the East street perimeter of the park are encroaching over the fence and into a portion of the soccer field. Trees along the buffer between Barnes and Gonzalez also encroach over the fenced perimeter. There appears to be a portion of the site between the commercial buildings on Providence Avenue that would support additional planting depending upon its desired use. Trees planted along Providence Avenue are small but appear to provide soil stabilization.

\*\*Refer to spreadsheet summary provided with this document for individual tree assessment within the above parks.

## CONCLUSIONS

Based upon observations and review of individual tree assessment data, the park perimeters need periodic maintenance to reduce the encroachment of tree crowns into the playing fields. This is best performed in winter by licensed arborists. Trees located immediately adjacent to parking areas are generally in poorer condition due to limited soil volumes, compaction, species response, heat island effect and decline. Heavy compact ion due to use is to be expected on recreational sites and measures to remedy the condition can be planned in the offseason and through the use of mulch where practical. This practice will also reduce the amount of water stress as well. Tree health is currently limited by the surrounding soil conditions and environmental stresses such as drought. A small portion of smaller trees showed signs of mechanical damage at the trunk or root flare. This could have been cause during initial planting or during maintenance of the lawn area.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Follow the recommendations for mitigation provided on the excel spreadsheet.
2. Use the priority action ratings to develop a management strategy for planning.
3. Engage staff to periodically review tree conditions in assigned parks and followed up with arborist consultation.
4. Trees recommended for pruning t with deadwood or poor architecture should be pruned and followed up with an inspection by a licensed arborist.
5. Remove invasive vegetation where possible.
6. Consider radial trenching by arborist within the root zone of trees such as the large oak near the play ground by Churchill Park to increase health and vigor.
7. Monitor all trees in area parks on a routine basis.
8. Consider species diversity when determining species to plant. Do not plant trees or shrubs considered invasive in Massachusetts.
9. Distribute invasive species lists to staff and residents to aid in identification throughout the town.
10. Remove poison ivy from areas where practical or provide warning with identification information.
11. Consider planting trees in Rustcraft near parking area as suggested in Condon, Churchill, Paul, Gonzalez and Dolan Center.
12. Follow recommended species guide for geographical area.
13. Follow recommended best practices for tree planting.
14. Record maintenance measures performed.
15. Retain a Certified Arborist to review on a seasonal basis.

## GLOSSARY

**A300:** Tree care Best Management Practice performance standards for the care and maintenance of trees, shrubs, and other woody plants.

**Air Spade:** Hand held pneumatic excavation tool designed to focus highly compressed air (90 – 125 psi) from a large air compressor (185 – 375 cfm) at speeds in excess of 1300 mph. Widely used by arboricultural firms and consultants for multiple purposes including but not limited to, root excavation and pruning, root collar investigation, root zone investigation, **radial mulching**, soil restoration and utility excavation within protected root zones to minimize root disturbance during construction activities.

**ANSI:** Abbreviation for American National Standards Institute.

**DBH:** Diameter of a tree trunk at standard height measured at 4 ½ feet above ground referred to as Diameter Breast Height.

**Removal by arborist:** Action whereby a qualified arborist removes trees selected for removal within TPZ's. Trees are taken down by hand in sections to minimize damage to adjacent tree canopies, root zones, or structures.

**Root Pruning:** The pruning of roots by an Arborist using hand tools to provide a proper cut that will minimize stresses that are typically realized using traditional excavation methods such as an excavator. Roots that are cut clean are better able to recover and there is less chance of additional root damage. This method is usually prescribed by an arborist after evaluating the tree to be root pruned and reviewing the proposed design.

**Soil amendments:** Additives applied to soil based upon requirements determined by soil analysis. May be applied to increase air space and reduce compaction.

**Tree Protection Zone: (TPZ)** An area surrounding a protected tree determined by using 1 to 1.5 feet for every inch of diameter.

**Temporary Root Protection:** A temporary measure such as mulch, weight displacement matting; steel plates, etc., either singly or in combination to provide protection where pedestrian or vehicular access to tree protection zones is necessary.

**Mulching of Trees:** The application of a seasoned processed wood product to areas surrounding designated trees to increase moisture holding capacity, mitigate soil compaction and increases needed soil organic composition.

**Supplemental Watering:** Watering of plant material necessary due to periods of drought or abnormally dry conditions. Seasonally defined where daytime high temperatures reach 80 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and less than ¾ inches of recorded rainfall occurs during a 1 week period.

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APPENDIX A –

TREE CONDITION – PRIORITY RATING – TOTAL BY PARK

Priority Action Level	Tree Condition Rating	Barnes Memorial Park	Churchill Park	Condon Park	Dolan Center	Mill pond	Paul Park	Rustcraft	Grand Total
1		5	7	7	9		23		51
	Critical		2						2
	Dead		1	2			1		4
	Fair	3	3	2	4		16		28
	Good				2		1		3
2	Poor	2	1	3	3		5		14
		1		12	13	1	32	14	73
	Fair	1		10	3	1	20	1	36
	Good				4		2		6
3	Poor			2	6		10	13	31
				1	10		5		16
	Fair			1	4		1		6
Grand Total	Good				6		4		10
		6	7	20	32	1	60	14	140

Table 1: Priority action level for number of trees by associated park.

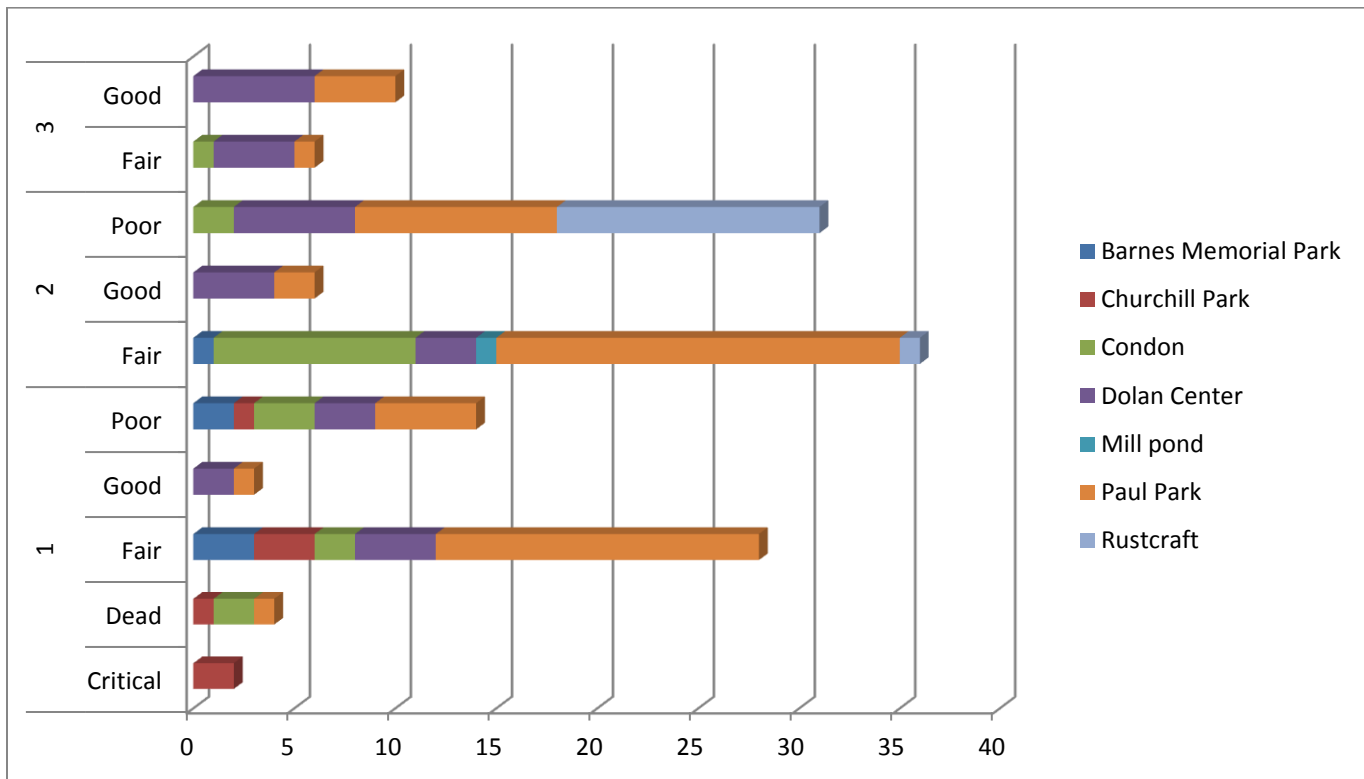


Table 2: The table above depicts the number of trees and their Priority Action level (1, 2, 3); their Condition Rating (Good, Fair, Poor, Critical, Dead) and associated Park.

NUMBER OF TREES ASSESSED BY LEVEL II BY PARK

Park	Count of Tree
Barnes Memorial Park	6
Churchill Park	7
Condon	20
Dolan Center	32
Mill pond	1
Paul Park	60
Rustcraft Park	14
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>140</b>

Table 3: Total number of trees assessed by ANSI Level II by Park.

TREE CONDITION – BY PARK

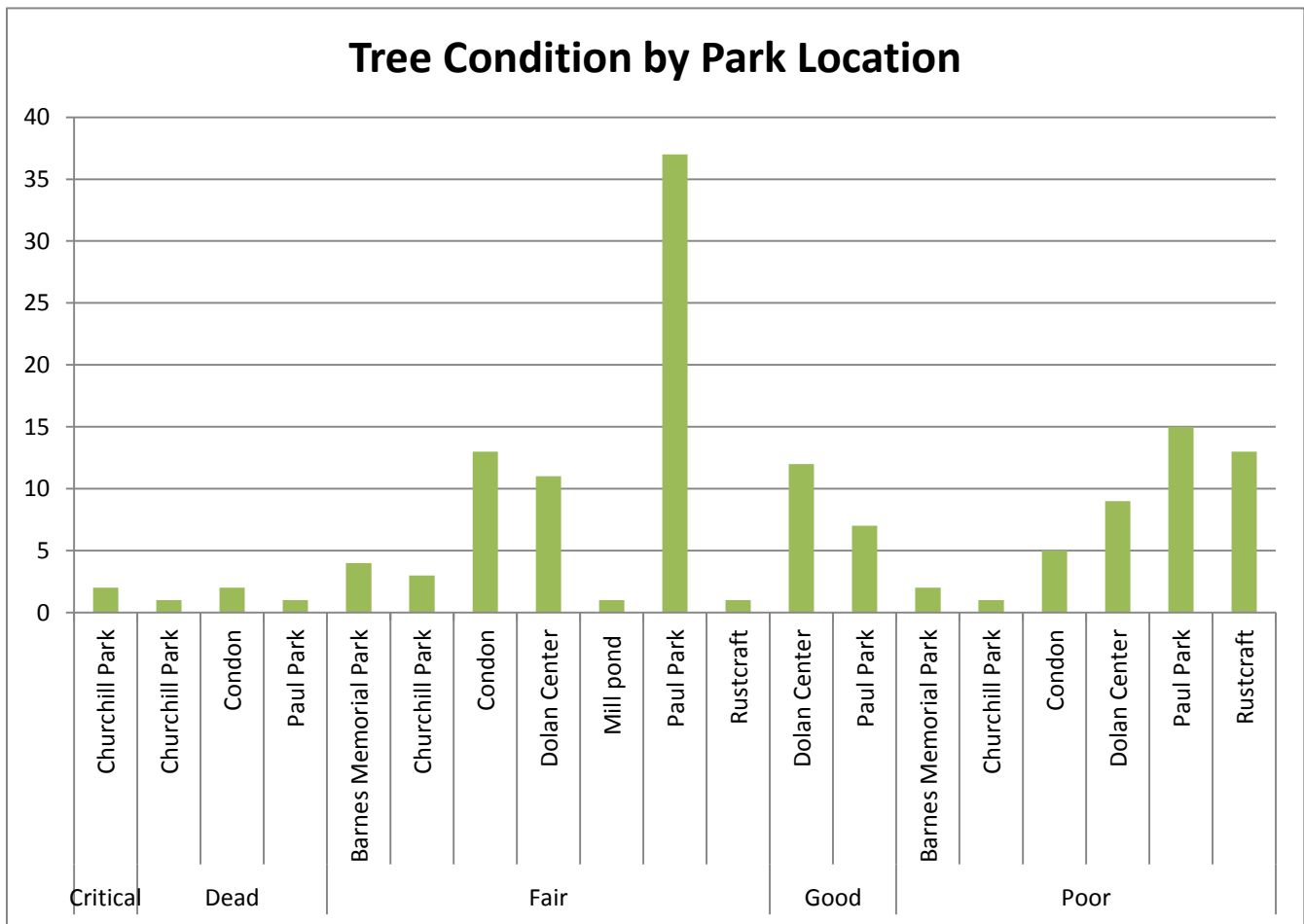


Table 4: Tree Condition Ratings: Good; Fair; Poor; Critical; Dead. Number of trees by park.



TREE SPECIES RECORDED

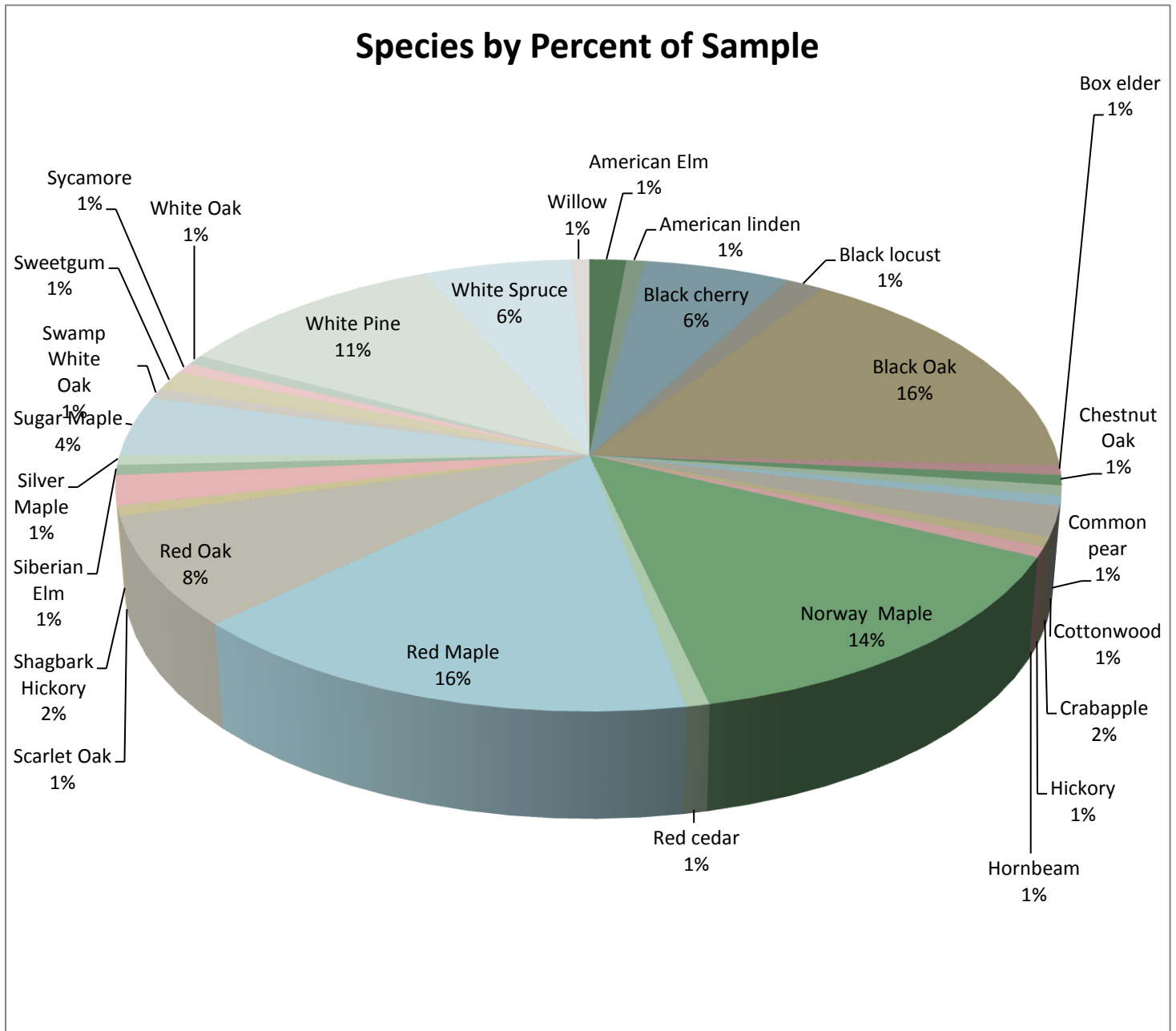


Table 5: Species recorded in all parks. Note: Not intended to be an adequate reflection of diversity, simply a listing.

MAP EXAMPLE WITH ARCGIS DATA

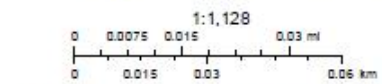
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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and

GeoEye Consulting Group

Table 6: Example of Map from ARCGIS from Dolan Center. Colors indicate rating priority.

NUMBER OF TREES BY CONDITION AND PARK

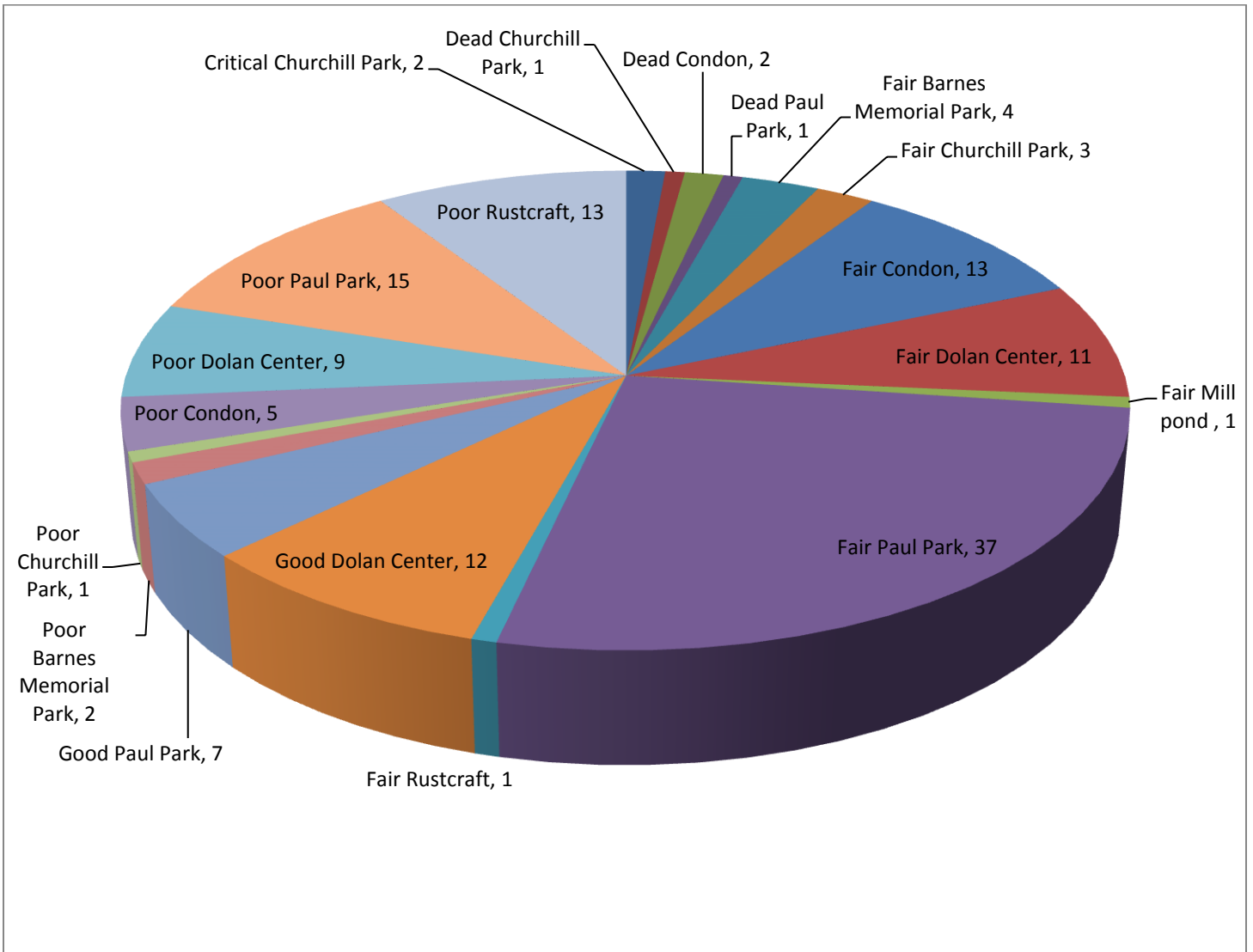


Table 7: Tree condition rating showing number of trees by park.

## APPENDIX B– ASSUMPTIONS & LIMITING CONDITIONS

1. Any legal description provided to the consultant is assumed to be correct. Any titles and ownership to any property are assumed to be good and marketable. No responsibility is assumed for matters legal in character. Any and all property is appraised or evaluated as though free and clear, under responsible ownership and competent management
2. Care has been taken to obtain all information from reliable sources. All data has been verified insofar as possible; however, the consultant can neither guarantee nor be responsible for the accuracy of information provided by others.
3. The consultant shall not be required to give testimony or attend court or any other meeting, public or private, by reason of this report unless subsequent contractual arrangements are made, including payment of an additional fee for such services as described in the original or subsequent proposal.
4. Loss or alteration of any part of this report invalidates the entire report.
5. Possession of this report or a copy thereof does not imply right of publication or use for any purpose by any other than the person to whom it is addressed, without the prior expressed written or verbal consent of the consultant.
6. Neither all nor any part of the contents of this report, nor copy thereof, shall be conveyed by anyone, including the client, to the public through advertising, public relations, news, sales or other media, without the prior expressed written or verbal consent of the consultant particularly as to value conclusions, identity of the consultant, or any reference to any professional society or institute or to any initialed designation conferred upon the consultant as stated in his qualification.
7. This report and values expressed herein represent the opinion of the consultant, and the consultant's fee is in no way contingent upon the reporting of a specified value, a stipulated results, the occurrence of a subsequent event, nor upon any finding to be reported.
8. Sketches, diagrams, graphs, and photographs in this report, being intended as visual aids, are not necessarily to scale and should not be construed as engineering or architectural reports or surveys.
9. Unless expressed otherwise: (1) information contained in this report covers only those items that were examined and reflects the condition of those items at the time of inspection; and (2) the inspection is limited to visual examination of accessible items without dissection, excavation, probing or coring. There is no warranty or guarantee, expressed or implied, that problems or deficiencies of the plants or property in question may not arise in the future.

## APPENDIX C – CERTIFICATION OF PERFORMANCE

I, Allan F. Fenner, certify:

- That I have personally inspected the tree(s) and/or property referred to in the report, and have stated my findings accurately. The extent of the evaluation is stated in the attached report and the stated terms and conditions;
- That I have no current or prospective interest in the vegetation or the property that is the subject of this report and have no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved;
- That the analysis, opinions and conclusions stated herein are my own and are based on current scientific procedures and facts;
- That my analysis, opinions and conclusions were developed and this report has been prepared according to commonly accepted arboriculture practices;
- That no one provided significant professional assistance to me, except as indicated within the report;
- That my compensation is not contingent upon the reporting or predetermined conclusion that favors the cause of the client or any other party nor upon the results of the assignment, the attainment of stipulated results, or the occurrence of any subsequent events.

I further certify that I am a member in good standing of the American Society of Consulting Arborists and International Society of Arboriculture. I have been involved in the practice of arboriculture and the care and study of trees for over 20 years.

Signed: 

Date: July 20, 2016