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INTRODUCTION: WHO WE ARE

- Landscape Architects
  - Sports + Recreation Facilities, Parks, and Playgrounds
- Aquatic Designers
- Engineers
- Architects
- Environmental Scientists
WESTON RECREATION MASTER PLAN

BASIC PROJECT GOALS

• Complete an inventory and analysis of specific recreation facilities
• Complete a public outreach and needs assessment process to identify and prioritize community needs
• Develop a strategic plan for improving existing facilities and/or constructing new facilities to meet community needs, safety, accessibility, and gender equity
• Outline a potential implementation process to include funding and phasing strategies
NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- Facility Inspections + Observations: Fields, Gymnasiums, and Pools
- User Survey + Public Input Meetings + Stakeholder Meetings
- Field Usage Matrix: Current Capacity versus Total Usage
- Geographic Distribution
- Trends + Future Needs
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PRIMARY TASKS

FIELD PROPERTIES
- Alphabet Field
- Brook School Field
- Burchard Park at College Pond
- Burt Field
- Cherry Brook Park
- Czarnowski Field
- Ferrelli Field
- Malone Field
- Meadowbrook School
- Rivers School
- Weston High School Middle School Complex
- Field Elementary School
- Woodland School

GYMNASIUM PROPERTIES
- Country School
- Weston High School
- Weston Middle School
- Field Elementary School
- Woodland School

POOL PROPERTIES
- Memorial Pool
- Middle School Pool

FACILITY INSPECTIONS + OBSERVATIONS
FIELD USAGE MATRIX: CURRENT CAPACITY VERSUS TOTAL USAGE

• Work with town staff and stakeholder groups to obtain all usage data
• Identify programs using the field
• Total hours of use per season per team
• Total hours per field per season versus recommended hours of use for turf viability
  - 250 to 550 hours per year, depending on performance level of the field
STRATEGIC PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENTS

- New, redeveloped, or reconfigured fields
- New or renovated ancillary facilities
- New or adjusted programming offerings
- Site by site improvement strategies
- Property expansions and new property acquisitions
- New or replacement synthetic turf field footprints
- Capital and operational cost implications
- Phasing / funding and implementation strategies
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KEY ISSUES

Parks and Fields
- Improve pedestrian circulation and accessibility (ADA compliance)
- Improve and organize parking
- Consider providing new, smaller neighborhood playgrounds
- Provide more fitness and walking loops at existing park facilities
- Renovate lower performing fields or courts
- Provide targeted drainage improvements to existing athletic fields
- Renovate / upgrade or build new support buildings
- Improve site amenities (spectator seating, shade shelters, picnic areas, benches, etc.)
- Consider adding pickleball courts

Indoor Recreation and Pools
- Consider an extensive feasibility study for the construction of a new indoor rec facility
  - Option 1 – Middle School pool addition
  - Option 2 – New pool/gym/indoor track facility
- Memorial Pool filtration system will need replacement between 2023 and 2025
- Memorial Pool facilities are showing signs of age and deterioration, renovations should be analyzed and considered in conjunction with filtration system replacement
- Middle School pool does not have a dedicated diving area
- Middle School pool spectator seating is inadequate
A few fields appear to be underused (Fields 6, 7 and 8 at the HS; Ferrelli Field)

Provide pickleball courts

Better program distribution

Site amenities are lacking

Improve pedestrian circulation and ADA accessibility town-wide

More access to gym facilities during school hours
WESTON RECREATION MASTER PLAN
SURVEY RESULTS – KEY TAKEAWAYS (239 participants)

Parks and Fields
• Majority of respondents rated satisfaction with fields as slightly above average
• In terms of quality, 50% rated facilities as adequate and 21% say they need improvement
• Sites with the highest average performance rating: Burchard Park and High School Middle School complex
• Sites with the lowest average performance rating: Burt Field, Cherry Brook, and Ferrelli Field
• At Burt Field and Cherry Brook, site amenities and parking were identified as needing improvement
• At Ferrelli Field, respondents identified the playing field, parking, and amenities as needing improvement
• The amenities at Alphabet Field were poorly rated, which is a heavily used site
• Respondents wanted more fitness loops for walking or jogging and better winter uses
• In terms of amenities, respondents desired better parking, restrooms, more seating, and shade shelters
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SURVEY RESULTS – KEY TAKEAWAYS (239 participants)

Gymnasiums
• Over 50% of respondents did not utilize school gyms except for the Middle School
• Most gyms are utilized 1-2 times per week, 1-2 times per year, or never
• Overall quality of gyms rated above average; Satisfaction rated above average
• The #1 complaint about gym facilities was limited availability for open gyms
• 47% requested a new indoor gym or track facility

Pools
• A majority of respondents use Memorial Pool a couple times a week or a few times a year
• 50% do not use the Middle School pool
• Overall, Memorial Pool is more well-received than the Middle School pool
• The #1 complaint about the Town pools is that they are too cold
• At the Middle School pool, spectator amenities rated poorly and were identified as needing improvement

Potential Indoor Multi-Use Facility
• 60% ranked an indoor gym and expansion of the Middle School pool in their top three when asked what facilities the Town should add
• 55% ranked an additional swimming pool in their top three facilities needed
This supplemental survey was designed to explore in more detail the information learned in our previous survey.

- 68% indicated Weston should pursue more **outdoor** recreation facilities that is currently inadequately served by existing facilities
- Top two facilities the Town should add
  1. Fitness or walking loops (48%)
  2. Biking loops (25%)
- 75% indicated the town should pursue additional **indoor** recreation facilities
- Top three indoor active recreation facilities the Town should pursue
  1. Swimming pool (45%)
  2. Fitness areas (cardio, cross-fit, etc.) (45%)
  3. Indoor track loop (36%)
- If a new indoor recreation facilities is pursued, 69% said it should have separate public access
- 58% indicated that the Town should own a potential, new indoor facility; 38% indicated the Town should enter a public-private partnership
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS -
EXISTING CONDITIONS-

CHERRY BROOK PARK

- BASEBALL FIELD
- INFORMAL PARKING
- BASKETBALL COURT
- MULTI-USE FIELD
EXISTING CONDITIONS -

FERRELLI FIELD
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS-

WESTON, MA
FERRELLI FIELD - OPTION 1
MAY 2019
EXISTING CONDITIONS-

WESTON HIGH SCHOOL
MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPLEX
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS -
EXISTING CONDITIONS -

MALONE FIELD & CAT ROCK
EXISTING CONDITIONS-

WOODLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND
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