



Feasibility Plan

**Town of Washington
Recreation Facilities**

Final Report

May 14, 2026



INTRODUCTION

The Town of Washington stands at a pivotal moment where continued investment in its park system must be guided by thoughtful planning rather than patchwork decisions. Current conditions like aging infrastructure, rising maintenance costs, safety concerns, and limited opportunities for expansion all underscore the need for a clear, unified vision that reflects both professional expertise and community input if we are to truly prioritize residents.

Immediate actions to improve access, enhance safety, upgrade basic amenities, and reevaluate fee structures point to deeper structural questions about long-term use, growth, and how the Town is prepared to address and manage these factors. At the same time, community-driven aspirations — ranging from a modern municipal pool and improved parking infrastructure to expanded recreational courts, accessible playgrounds, and revenue-generating amenities — demonstrate both the direction of our community's interests today and opportunities for the future.

Engaging a qualified professional consultant will allow the Town to properly assess existing conditions, validate community priorities, and develop a phased, financially responsible Recreation Master Plan that ensures future investments are strategic, equitable, and most of all aligned with Town of Washington's long-term needs.

**Master Plan
Town of Washington
Recreation Facilities
2025 - 2026
Final Report**

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Section I



**Master Plan:
Town of Washington
Recreation Facilities
2025**



“Form Follows Function”

Vision Statement:

To provide exceptional recreation opportunities and facilities through the modernization of the Town's recreation sites located at Route 44 Mabbettsville and Village of Millbrook Hall.

Mission Statement:

Provide a comprehensive "Master Plan" study to be presented to the Town of Washington Town Board.

Purpose:

To address the natural aging and deterioration of the identified facilities. The largest of which was donated to the Town of Washington in June 1930, and is commonly known as the "Town Pool." (AKA - Heidricks Property).

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Phase 1: *1

An in-depth, comprehensive inspection and analysis of the following:

- Structures -
- Infrastructures
- Land Use
- Natural Resources
- Roadways and Pedestrian Walkways
- Park Access and Site Safety/Security
- Signage, Parking
- Public Relations/Marketing

Phase 2:

Feasibility Outcomes (ROI)

Cost Analysis

Professional Assistance

Phase 3:

Public Comment/Survey

Phase 4:

Recommendations: 2 years, 5 years

Phase 5:

Public/Private Funding

Phase 6:

Public Presentation

Phase 7:

The Master Plan presented to the Town of Washington Town Board

Section II

Community Day Survey

September 20, 2026



It was the consensus of the committee that in order to be totally transparent with this process, the initial outreach to the community was sought. The public responded enthusiastically to the committee's efforts and was an impetus to reach out more broadly with an online survey.

Community Day (In person)
Saturday, September 20, 2025
Survey Results: 76 Respondents

Want:

New Pool	Splash Pad	Open Access	Dog Park
11 (14%)	5 (6%)	13 (17%)	11 (14%)
Pickleball Courts	Sensory Playground	Basketball Court/Lights	
8 (10%)	1 (1.3%)	1 (1.3%)	
Skate Park	Playground	Ice Skating Rink	Indoor Pool
3 (4%)	5 (7%)	1 (1.3%)	1 (1.3%)
Indoor Tennis	Mini-Golf	Food Vendors	Walking Trails
1 (1.3%)	1 (1.3%)	1 (1.3%)	1 (1.3%)
Tennis Courts			
1 (1.3%)			

Don't Want:

New Pool
4 (5%)

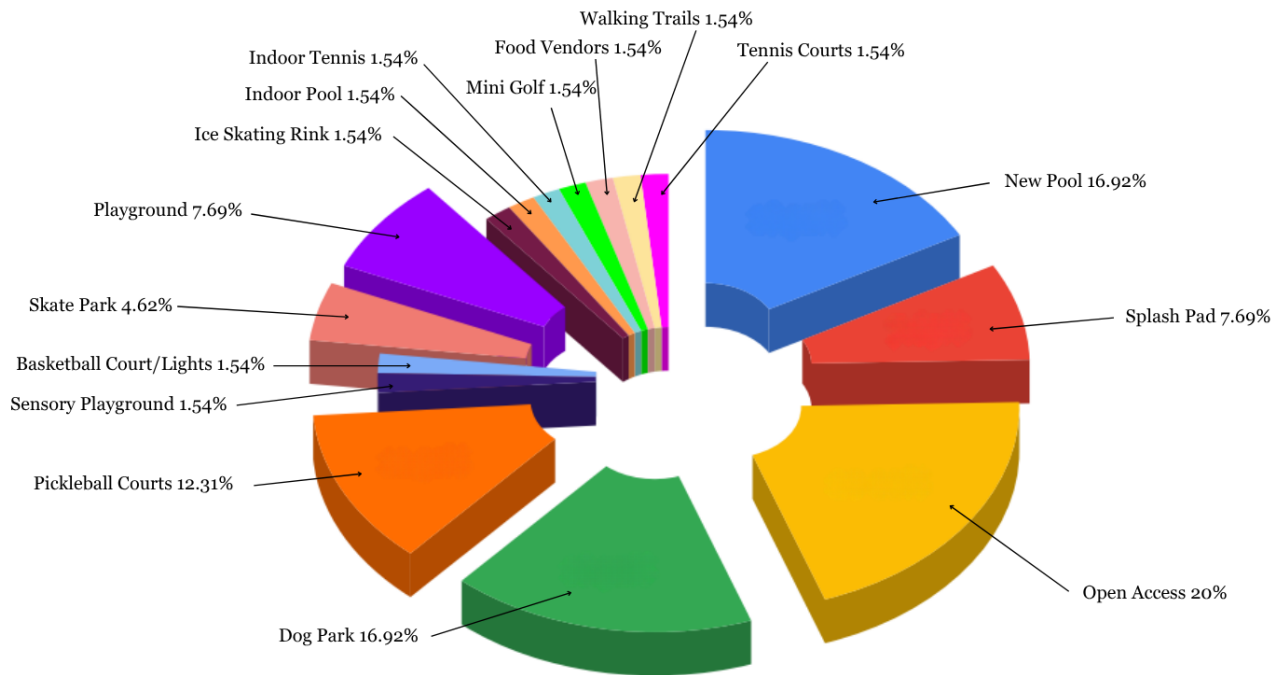
Programs Wanted:

- Full Day Camp
- Teen Events/Year Round
- Adult Events/Year Round
- Lower Senior Citizen Rates
- Craft Tables
- Music and Film Nights in Summer

Suggestions:

- Remove Poison Ivy from Volleyball Area
- Redo Sign on Large Pavilion

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Section III

Online Park Survey



Town of Washington Park Survey 2025

Since the mid 1940's the Town of Washington, along with its Recreation Department, have offered a wide range of programs and services for the enjoyment of all its residents at its park in Mabbettsville.

Recently, the Town Board has authorized a select committee to "Reimagine the Town Park" by examining and assessing the entire 29.5 acre area and all of its structures and facilities.

Please review and respond to the following online survey seeking your opinions of how you would like to see and experience the Town Park. **Please respond by December 1, 2025.**

* Indicates required question

1. About you *

What is your age range?

Mark only one.

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18-29
- ☐ 30-44
- ☐ 45-59
- ☐ 60+

2. How long have you lived in the Town of Washington?*

Mark only one.

- ☐ Less than a year
- ☐ 1-5 years
- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ 11+ years
- ☐ I don't live in the Town of Washington, I visit the park.

3. How many children live in your household?*

Mark only one.

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3+

4. What school (s) do your children attend?*

5. Park Usage

How often do you or your family visit the Town Park?*

Mark only one.

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ A few times a year
- ☐ Rarely/Never

6. What do you or your family typically use the park for?*

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Playground use
- ☐ Sports leagues or games
- ☐ Walking or running
- ☐ Swimming
- ☐ Picnic or gatherings
- ☐ Community events
- ☐ Other: _____

7. What time (s) of year do you most often visit?*

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Spring
- ☐ Summer
- ☐ Fall
- ☐ Winter

8. What prevents you from visiting the park more often?

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Limited accessibility
- ☐ Limited parking
- ☐ Lack of shade
- ☐ Hours aren't convenient
- ☐ Other:_____

9. What's most important to you?

Using the scale, rate the amenities' importance.

	Not Important at all	Slightly Important	Important	Very Important	Most Important
Playground	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Basketball Court	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Baseball/Softball Field	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pickleball Courts	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Volleyball Courts	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Tennis Courts	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pavilions & Picnic Areas	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Concession Stand	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bathrooms/ Showers/ Changing Rooms	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Swimming Facility (upgrade existing)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Swimming Facility (build new)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Parking & Lighting	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Walking Path Trails	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Dog-Friendly Area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
General Landscaping/ Green Space	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

10. How could the park better serve seniors, families with young children or teens?

11. How could the park better serve young adults 20-35?

12. What new amenities would you like to see at the Town Park?*

13. Are there accessibility improvements you'd like to see?

14. What are your favorite memories or experiences at the Town Park?

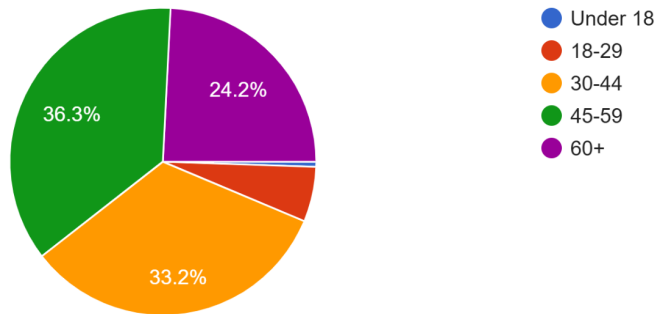
Your input will directly guide future investments and improvements in the Town of Washington Park. Thank you for helping us reimagine this community space!

Online Park Survey Results

1.

About you What is your age range?

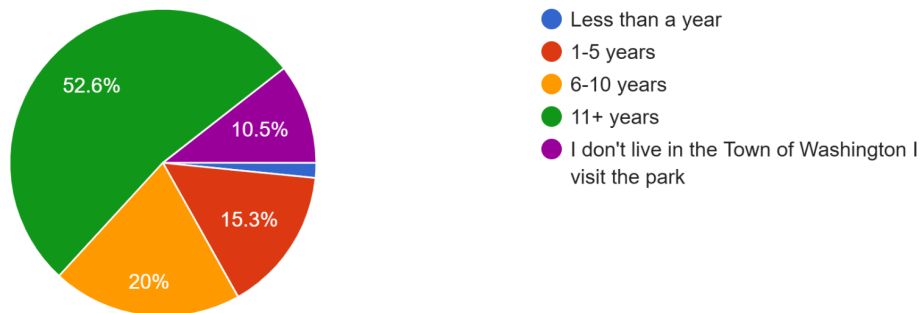
190 responses



2.

How long have you lived in the Town of Washington?

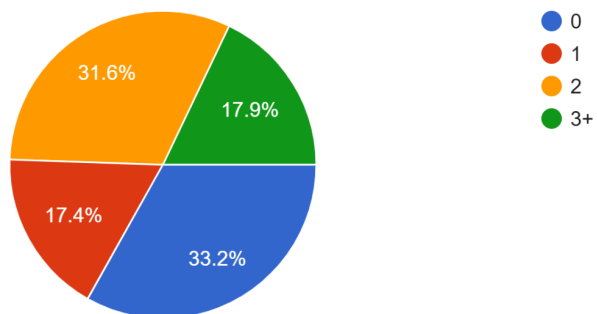
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3.

How many children live in your household?

190 responses



4. What Schools do your children attend?

Millbrook Schools 97%

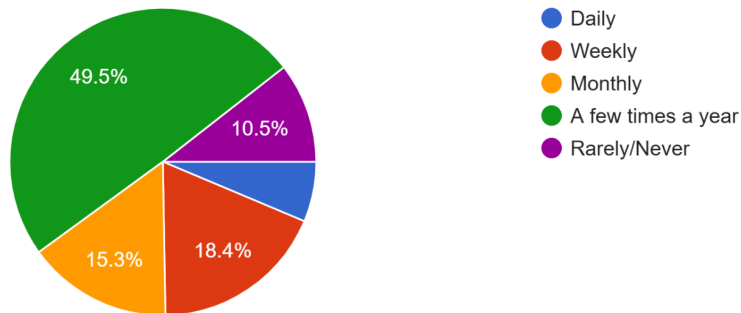
Other Schools: 3%

Dutchess Day, Pine Plains, Small Circle, St Martin, Homeschool, MECEC, Lourdes, and Indian Mountain

5.

Park Usage How often do you or your family visit the Town Park?

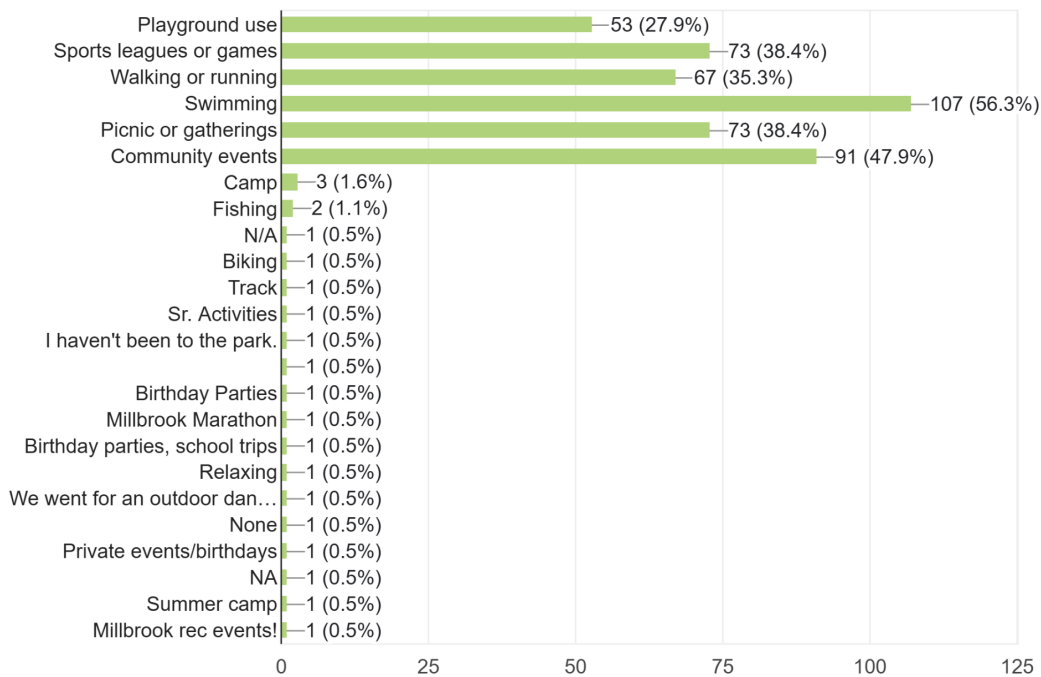
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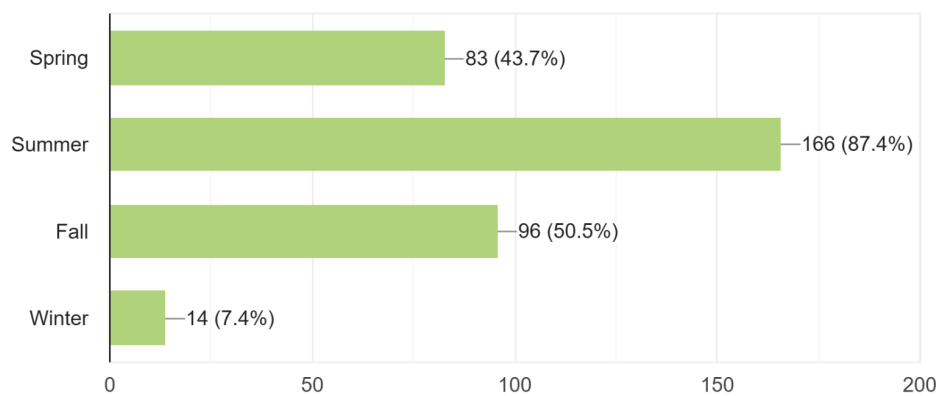
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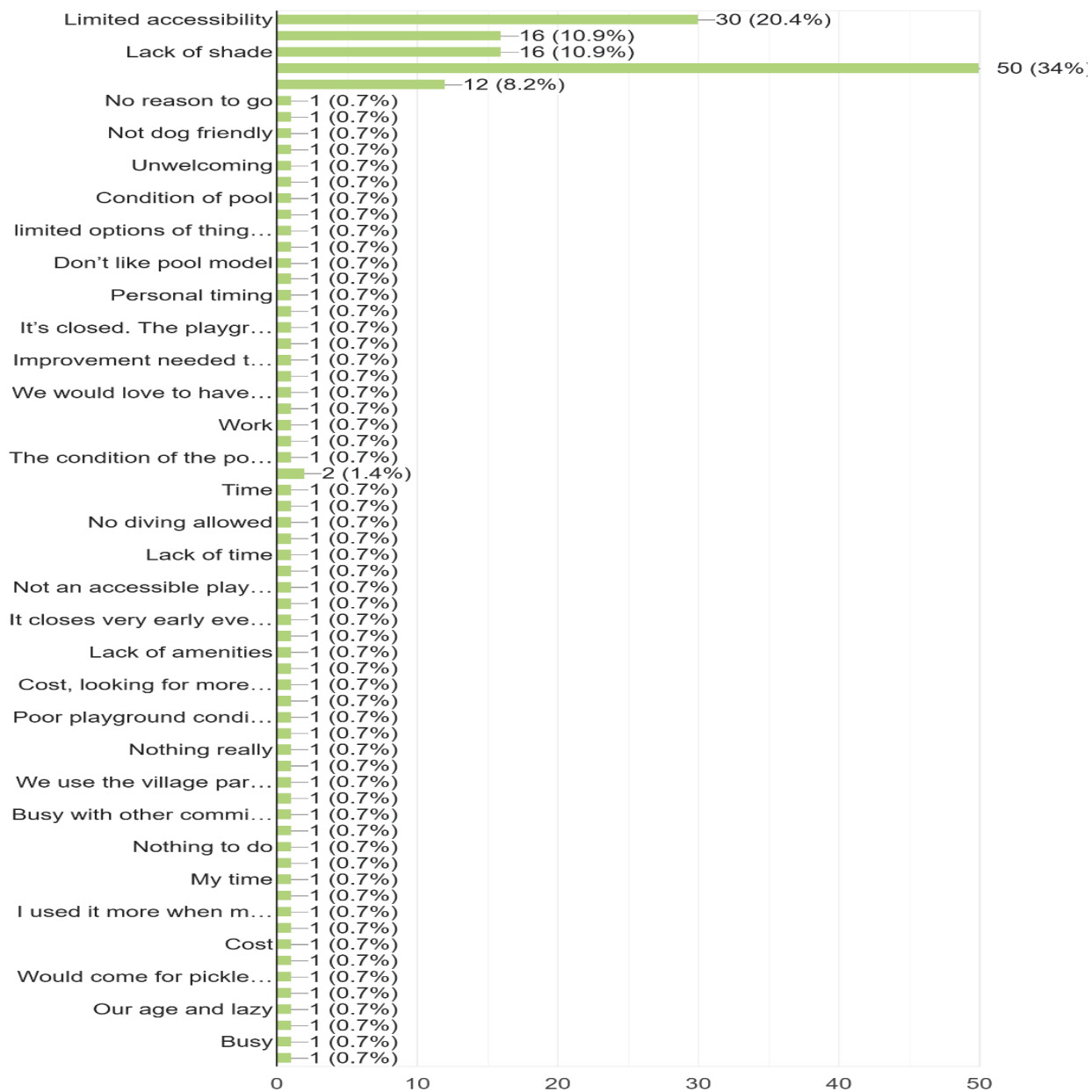
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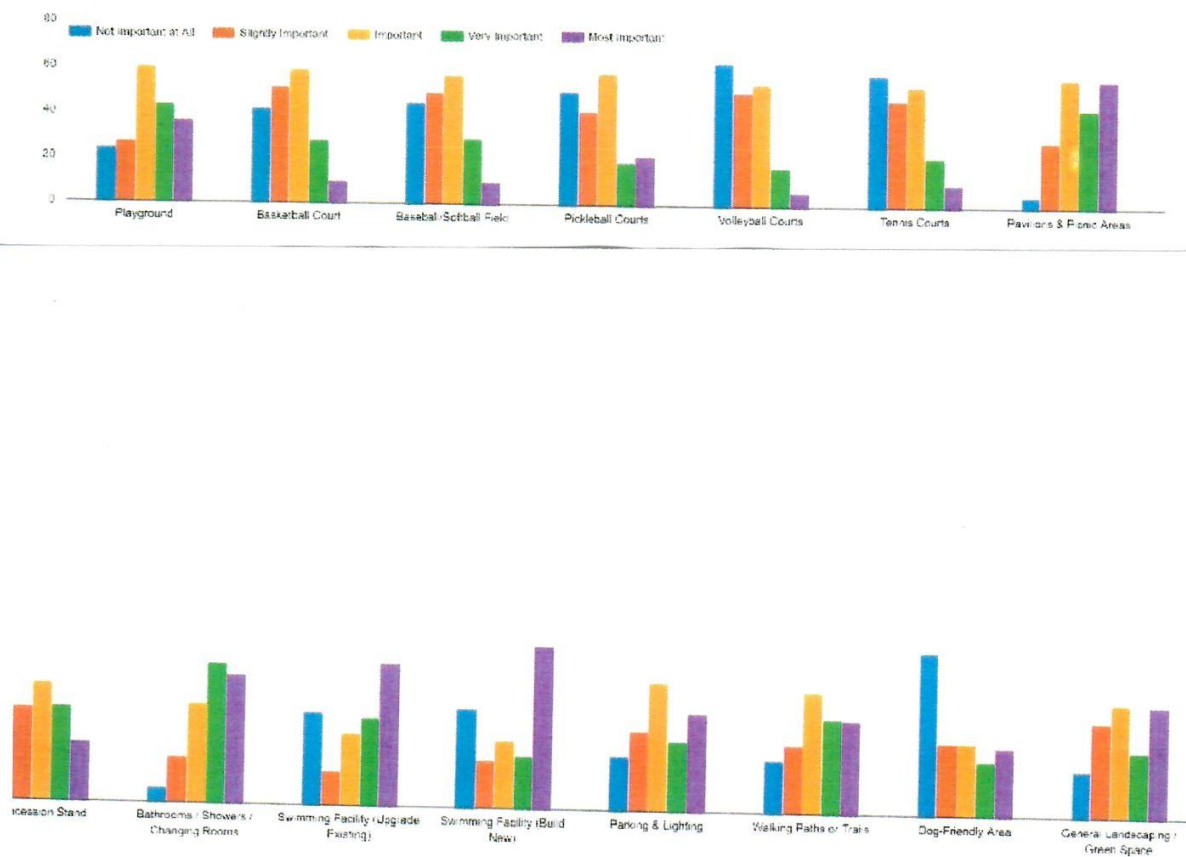
8.

What prevents you from visiting the park more often? (check all that applies)

147 responses



What's most important to you? Using the scale, rate the amenities' importance.



10. How could the park better serve seniors, families with young children or teens?

Level asphalt
Senior activities and a new pool/splash park for kids
More availability of hours open. Structured programs being available..
pickleball and dog friendly areas
Perhaps having bingo nights or paint and sip nights. More events
More sports facilities
A cinderblock bounce back wall with pavement on either side. It would be amazing for kids to practice lacrosse and tennis!
By being more affordable
Yes
Only have grown children and grandchildren
Upgrade the pool..
Shad over playground
Families - playground (for older and younger kids) that is open and accessible dawn to dusk most days with bathrooms and parking. Some sports facilities
Year round swimming , activities such as- archery,karate,gymnastics etc
I would love to see an indoor pool for year-round exercise and swimming lessons.
It's good w kids and now seniors; full day camp is helpful; teens are tricky outside of the sports but maybe more programs for them
Improve swimming resource
Indoor pool year round swimming
More sports activities
Teen programming and employment opportunities
For teens - new bbqs and pavilions would be great for hanging out. Maybe a bike park? For 7-10yr olds a playground suitable for them would be amazing.
Evening events
Paved or flattened walking paths that can accommodate wheelchairs and make walking easier
By keeping the gate open and allowing access to the grounds from dawn to dusk. Also, upgrading the playground area.
Longer hours and open all year
Improve water quality of pool, care for fields, lighting to fields and playground areas.
it seems you have a lot going on for the seniors. Maybe offer like a pizza party and game night once a month for the kids in middle school?
More activities and a bike pump track
Better swimming facility
Upgrade the playground, it's embarrassing.
Better outreach to advertise all that the public has access to
Schedule events
Would like the pool to be open longer in the summer
Senior programs
A year round (indoor) swimming pool would be amazing. Longer season for the pool and better lessons would be nice.Multiple pickleball courts could be nice. .
Ice-skating in the winter would also be so fun
make it walkable/ridable from the town?
Have more programs from toddlers
Have a shuttle from the village, plan events geared toward kids at the park
Keep swimming open the whole season
To allow full access as many town parks do in our area.
Schedule teen activities.
Events incorporating both demographics. Like parade floats,life advice
Offering fun afterschool intramural programs for kids
Upgrade pool, more hours and indoor spaces, nicer playground, trails and accessibility
Hiking trails bbqs
Would love to see a regular pool and tennis courts
Bocce courts, town rec scheduled activities
Upgrade the playground
Not really sure maybe concerts or, movies in the Park
more walking areas and trails
Add to the variety of faculty offerings and improve/upgrade existing facilities.
Open year round
Love the upgrades to the building, movie night at the building, arts, cooking class, cookie baking for the holidays
Community garden - with nutrition class and cooking
Having a chlorinated pool (not pond) for swimming as well as a splash pad would be great.
Winter activities such as snow shoes, cross country skiing
Better landscaping, butterfly garden, community garden, new ada compliance playground
Our family loves the park. We believe an upgrade to the playground as well as having the playground open year round would be a very welcomed change.
Quiet gardens or sensory areas with flowers, bird feeders, and water features for relaxation. Splash pads or small water play areas that are safe and easy to maintain.
Senior-focused programming — tai chi, gentle yoga, walking clubs, or community gardening groups.
Family events — movie nights, nature scavenger hunts, outdoor story hours, or seasonal festivals.
Child safe play area by soccer fields for siblings of players, the not for kids work-out space becomes a liability
Lights on sports fields so town practices could run later.
Fees to include children who attend millbrook school as resident and not non resident so that sport teams could have more players.
Be open with more to offer on the weekends for families with kids any age.

11. How could the park better serve young adults 20-35?

Concerts or events that draw younger adults
Once again, park being open and available. Walking area or adult exercise area with outdoor equipment..
pickleball and dog friendly areas
Have it be full of events that teens can go to. Music festivals or farmers market to attract families in the day. Lots of potential
More community events and affordability
Upgrade existing pool, continue offering quality and consistent concession stand, pleasant staff, evening events.
Attract more residents. Open year round. Add tennis courts and pickleball. Adult leagues.
Have more family events
Tennis courts, walking paths, dog friendly area
I would love to see an indoor pool for exercise.
Offer classes- art/cooking/ skills?
Swimming area upgrade
Events music
See the playground response below
Have food trucks and vendors. Have a movie night every season. And have sports events like pick up basketball games or soccer games.
Bike pump track
Better swimming facility
Maybe sports leagues such as adult softball/volleyball and nice parent friendly shaded areas for playground
more activities after school
Year round pool. Ice skating. Pickleball. Some other ideas include community events, splash pad, etc.
make it walkable/ridable from the town?
Better seating more comfortable.
By adding numerous sport courts it would encourage adults teams for that age group.
Pickleball and tennis tournaments (same for older adults)
Individual events targeting a sense of larger community not kid related /dog park
Running trails, pool upgrade, bathroom upgrade
Tennis
group sports
Food trucks movies
More recreational programs for young adults (paint & sip, young adult bookclub)
Not sure - maybe try to start leagues of some kind
cheaper cost
Sports programming for adults
Ultimate frisbee
art classes, yoga, spin classes
Sports leagues. Basketball, volleyball and pickleball
Better playground to keep kids happy a active in a safe place all year
events at the park is such a special way to become involved within the community. Hosting events that are specially geared towards young adults- concerts in the
Running and biking loops — well-marked distances, soft surfaces, and lighting for early morning/evening runs. futsal fields — great for pickup games and social recre
Seating?
Trails
More engaging athletic equipment for adults. More fitness classes for adults.
Indoor tennis, and outdoor tennis,
Indoor tennis / Pickle space for winter
Young adult intramural programs; low ropes course
Open the gates
More things in the evening hours after work
Become more dog and family friendly with upgraded facilities.
More sport related areas
Dog friendly areas, walking trails
Open mic or karaoke night
More public events/maybe bands play and have a food truck etc after hours
Start adult leagues
Better lighting and seating, accessories for facilities made easily available
Lower resident fees
More music
Organized activities

Pickle ball
More sports leagues, use of indoor spaces for programs for this age range
Longer camp hours
Fun mixers/dance parties
Make the park accessible.
I don't think the park is desirable for young adults without children
Free young adult programs
Music concerts and/or line dancing
Pickle ball, later pool hours
cleaner bathrooms and changing rooms
Fun evening events
Community center with specific area for them to have activities of their interest... committee would need their input on this.
Leagues for the various activities
Live attractions
martial arts
Be open earlier in the spring and later in the fall
Concerts
food trucks!!
Events! Music , food trucks, wine tastings etc etc - more social events
new pool and playground
Pool nights, movie nights, adult league sports
new playground and pool
Have swinging benches and conversation areas
Event space/ indoor or outdoor movie space
Have a better pool
Love the outdoor gyms - maybe group training classes?
I never know when the gate will be open or not
Take down the gates
New pool
new pool
new pool
Concerts
concerts, serve beer
More hours open in summer.
More guided activities and events
Awareness of services at park
Concerts
Build a new cleaner pool and expanded hours

12. What new amenities would you like to see at the Town Park?

Dog friendly
New pool
Pickleball courts
Year round athletic center
More handicap accessibility to areas.
Pickleball courts
New Rec Center, a pool, indoor outdoor pickle and tennis courts, walking trails
Hiking Trails
a pool
pickleball and dog friendly areas
Better swimming area
dog park
An area where dogs are allowed
A general improvement of the quality over more.
More fishing access to the pond - maybe more docks
Tennis courts
A variety of sports fields, lights for use during afternoon/evening hours.
More activity courts
Improved basketball courts, lighting at fields/track, outdoor movie screen
More parking
A splash pad
Better bathrooms and upgraded existing pool.
A beer garden
Pool, tennis, upgraded facilities.
Get rid of metal picnic tables and go for think plastic/vinyl ones.
Tennis courts with a dome - I would pay a membership fee and for lessons to support this
Indoor swimming
I would love to see an indoor pool. There is no indoor pool within 35 minutes of Millbrook.
Full day camp
Longer swimming season
Bicycle trails
Indoor pool
A new clean pool
Sports fields
NO DOGS ALLOWED and a decent swimming facility that is actually open full hours Memorial Day through Labor Day.
Pickleball courts
Swimming and playground upgrade
Concessions stand bigger more options
A new playground that is handicapped accessible, and that has sensory stations. Upgrade the baseball field.
Outdoor yoga classes.
Areas to picnic and sit all year
New playground near fields and upgrade old system near pool, lighting to fields along walking path, full bathroom near field
It's not really an amenity but a full day day camp would have been great. My granddaughter did not want to go to camp

Bike pump track
Better swimming facility
pickleball/tennis, dog friendly area, more distinct fishing area
Improved pavilion
Zip line of the playground (similar the stanford sparc park)
Events
Ice cream stand- food trucks
More seating for beach
Indoor pool, ice skating, multiple pickleball courts so an organized group can play, splash pad.
make it walkable/ridable from the town?
More toddler programs and sports
Pickleball courts, kiddie pool too easy for kids to go out past the ropes.
Pickleball
*Maybe offer programs throughout the year geared towards each age group. Dorchester County Parks & Rec in South Co
Tennis and Pickleball courts. New playground.
Tennis and pickleball courts
Swimming / bathroom/ dog park
Bathroom at the track area
Basketball court and pickleball court
More hours and better pool, trails
Updated pool
More walking trails
Pickle ball, indoor pool and facilities
regular swimming pool, new bathrooms and concession, tennis courts
Pool where you can see the bottom.
Better bathrooms
New Playground & Splashpad
bigger playground, more hiking trails
New aquatic facilities
upgraded accessible playground
upgraded playground and new pool
New picnic tables that don't splinter
New cement pool and bathrooms
More Christmas lights !! How about some reindeer, blow molds and more
new playground
An updated playground. A splash pad for little kiddos would be such a treat.
Scenic walking paths or trails — winding routes encourage exploration and relaxation. Water features — ponds, streams, fo
Benches
Lights
Pool, Splashpad, Playground, Sports fields/courts
Indoor tennis, and outdoor tennis,
Indoor tennis / Pickle space for winter
New pool, upgrade playground, updated community center
Skate park

If you could aesthetically improve the buildings and covered structures you could host nicer events.
Indoor pool open late
love it the way it is
Tennis courts, more walking paths, better accessibility. The parking lot by the soccer fields needs to be cleaned up more
Splash pad , basketball courts
Dog friendly pond
Pickleball courts.
Dog park
Corn hole courts?
Dog park area
Year round indoor and outdoor swimming pools and PickleBall courts.
Better playground
Pickleball
a dog run would be great
Additional walking trails
Not applicable
Splash pad
Swim team
Splash pad!
Pickleball
More events on weekends or Friday evenings
Splash pad, pickle ball
Upgraded swimming,
New pool
Better pickleball. Renovations to baseball field. New pool with staffed lifeguards so you can stay open.
Maybe a larger beach area and definitely updated bathrooms/changing areas
Bring back the HIGH DIVE!!!!
More hours, movie nights,
Indoor swimming
Shade by the playground, turf instead of woodchips, more seating
Splash pad for sensory based atypical children
Would the farmers market be able to relocate to the park? It would provide more options for community gatherings and
Diving board, dedicated lap lane for swimmers, longer pool hours
More parking
Bathroom and changing room
Updated renovated pool and bathrooms
Swimming facilities on a longer schedule...
An air conditioned building for senior programming and for rental for events to help support future programs
Useable baseball field for youth.
Upgraded kitchen, upgraded bathrooms, fixed volleyball net. I think we should take the place that we all know and love
get rid of the old splintered picnic tables
Bathroom
New pool
New playground that one is old and embarrassing

Pickleball, tennis, cleaner water
Tennis , pickleball, for adult games , dog park great way to meet people in the community
new pool and playground
Would like the pool to stay open longer
Inground pool
Pool
A misting area or a sensory area for those with disabilities. Definitely a splash pad or shallow fountain to run through
Indoor swimming, salt brine graduation tower
Umbrellas for picnic tables.
A public pool would be amazing
Football field for.northern dutchess raiders
Another pavillion
A proper swimming pool
More benches
Nothing in particular
Honestly, very few. Julien's running the concession stand has been a huge upgrade. The bathrooms could be a little nicer
I love to walk and hike and would love another place in the area to go to. I think a new pool that is child friendly would be
Improvements to bathrooms / concession stand
Bring back the yard sale? Walking club
Basketball court
None, maintain what you have
Increased acces for out of town local residents
Perhaps more playground equipment for children of different ages, a section for young children and a section for older ch
new pool new playground
flag football
New playground
New pool
new pool
new pool and playground, pickleball, upgrade pavilions
community garden
New pool and playground
New pool a
The ability to actually dive off of raft. I love to swim out to raft... but then what? Climb back down ladder to get back in w
update some of the areas
More hours
More hours , dog area,
Tetherball. REAL pickleball court. Flat area for fishing.
A skate park would be fun!
a New pool
New Pool, Updated Playground, and more parking areas

13. Are there accessibility improvements you'd like to see?

playground and pool Ada compliance
Better parking
Access to park throughout the year
Handicap accessibility to the swim area.
The athletic fields have minimal parking for elders.
Separate from handicap parking maybe you could have one or two senior citizens parking spots up top.
More parking
Not personally but I could see that the park is not very accessible for those with mobility issues
Let's be like Stanford and fundraiser and use local labor and donation.
Yes, I would love to see sidewalks connecting the neighborhood right outside of the village to the park.
Better handicap parking great lap swims
Playground
Yes. Don't please don't cater to the influx of Cidiots taking over Millbrook
Playground facilities for tots. Most playgrounds are for older kids.
Stanfordville just opened a lovely area that's separate from the older kids
Accessibility to the park from dawn till dusk. The pool
Open longer.
More parking
Yes, accessibility to fields with lighting. Concern during soccer and sports that end in the dark.
accessible playground
make it walkable/ridable from the town?
Better parking and more shade on the side of pool near playground .
My family used to come to the park to swim daily and my son played a lot of basketball.
Additional parking by the soccer fields. It is a safety issue with the lack of lighting when traveling back to main parking area from soccer fields after practice or games on weekday evenings.
Wheelchair accessibility, esp in parking lot—parking area is uneven
Flat parking
The main parking area is usually closed, this is a problem
entrance and exit
Private rooms with changing tables / places to breastfeed for mothers with infants
More designated parking
Playground
Playground accessible for all and accessibility for wheelchair swimming
upgraded playground for everyone with zip line like in Stanford rubber bottom for wheel chairs
New playground, that playground is older than dirt!
Wheel chair accessible swim chair
Expanded parking by fields
Definitely better parking
Indoor tennis / Pickle space for winter
Safer pedestrian routes between facilities like playground and picnic areas
Open the gates
Ensure walking paths and paths in the park are wheelchair accessible

Parking closer to playground
Fix the walking paths
General upgrade of baseball/softball fields and the bathrooms!
Always locked up
More parking and seating
More hours
Is there any chance of putting in pools similar to Tymor park or The New Paltz park?
All the pavilions should have picnic tables that allow access for wheelchairs to sit at the table.
Better parking/ bigger parking lot to turn around in
Ada compliant playground
No fee to use pavilions
new pool
new pool and playground
Playground Ada compliant
Maybe signage to remind other to be kind and respectful to all.
Longer hours.
More seating by the pool, more shade
Take down the gates
Plenty of spaces for handicap parking
Playground
Playground Ada compliant
Playground
playground, new tables
More handicapped parking
pool
New playground and pool
playground
playground with no mulch rubber bottom

14. What are your favorite memories or experiences at the Town Park?

taking my kids to the pool to meet with their friends and watch them enjoy the park with their friends.
Being a camper and spending long hours at the pool with friends and family.
Summer Camp.
Town pool
Taking nieces to the pool
summer camp and swimming after!
Sharing family time, activities with the kids.
Kids sports!!
Some of my best summers were working as an employee.
Watching my son play soccer as a child
TOW sports with our kids, summer camp for the kids
Watching my children play town soccer.
My Dad throwing my sister and I in the water as kids
Town camp, days at the pool and the Millbrook Swim Team for myself and my children!!
Just looking out my front window and seeing it and the kids attending camp in the summer
Countless - camp, Eagle Scout work projects, playing with my own kids, etc
Watching my grandchildren enjoy the pool and make new friends
We love the Trunk or Treat and egg hunts every year, and the music series this summer was fantastic.
My son learned to ride his bike on the track. We live on a dirt road so teaching him at home wasn't possible. He also did his first sports class there with SkyHawks and does town soccer
Taking out granddaughter swimming
Watching my son learning to ride a bike there.
Swimming; camp
Swimming at sunset
Great beach time
Little League, Town Pool
Fall Soccer league
I like the lake effect of the swimming area - it's great for so many ages.
Pool kids playing
Taking our kids to swim during the summer
Working there and watching the families enjoying the pool grounds and the space the pool had to offer on extremely warm days. Watching how
Bring my boys to the town pool in the summer
Community involvement and interaction at the pool.
Watching the kids have fun.
Music by the town pool, the Millbrook marathon
Swimming and picnicing
swimming every summer!
Camp, swimming, trunk or treating, kids singing at festival of trees
Picnics with my family growing up under the pavilions
Swimming. Picnics. Scouts
swimming and picking with my family on the summer.
Taking kids swimming, playing with the beach toys. I really appreciate what the town already
does and have, and I really appreciate you asking us for more ideas.
make it walkable/ridable from the town?
Meeting up with friends
Camp and pool when kids were younger
Swimming and the concession stand . The food was great when Fireside Grill ran it.
Strong sense of community through the years.
Swimming with kids, soccer!!!
Boy scout camp out / egg hunts
Working at camp
Summer camp for the kids

Soccer/pool
Visiting the first time 60 years ago with family and friends. Then many summer visits with family and friends.
childhood swimming, soccer at the fields
Swim team for kids, swimming and meeting friends there
Swimming with friends when I was young and getting a corn dog afterwards at the concession stand
Being there with my Grand Children
summer camp with my kids and staying at the park after camp!
Many... great community history!
Watching my kids play at the pool but it's time to upgrade to a real pool.
soccer, swimming, camp so happy it will be full day!
swinging for hours wish there was double swing for parent and child to swing together
Sitting in the sand playing with kids and visiting with friends. I realize sand would probably have to go if a "real" pool was made, but a splash pad
Camp was awesome, glad it's full day.
swimming
As a lifelong Town of Washington resident, summer camp was my most cherished memory at the town park.
I learned how to swim to here and attended countless birthday parties in the pavilions
I am thrilled I am able to raise my children where I grew up and I hope that one day they look back fondly on their memories
from their time spent at the park as well. I know that the TOW is committed to improving the town park experience for all demographic
and I hope to help the efforts by building a strong community for our future generations. Thank you! -Meredith Pitz
My kids rolling down the big hill from the soccer fields 🍷
Camp and swimming
town camp, the pool and little league
Playing with my kids.
Being able to play on the fields, enjoy the camp they offered,
Fishing
Soccer games in the fall
Norman Cardinal
My kids absolutely loved the camp but hard to manage with work schedule.
Gathering for community events
every thing - families - friends
Taking my nieces and nephew swimming there.
Pool
Growing up there was amazing and going to the Mrs. And me after!
Watching my child grow in independence in a monitored environment with caring older teens and adults providing supervision.
Mostly young children's joy and laughter swimming.
Reading under the trees while kids swim
We love the old swimming hole--much better than a chlorinated pool
Taking my children swimming
My children swimming
Being a teenager and having full access to the whole entire pool experience! Both High and low diving boards. Also ice skating during the winter
Camp and pool when kids were young
Swimming and having picnics
Watching my toddlers swim around
Swimming as a kid, watching my kids swim, trips from school to the park, summer camp, and SWIM
TEAM
Town camp when my kids were younger 5-7 years ago!
Sports swimming community
Swimming and playing as a child with friends
All of them
Spending time with my granddaughter
Seeing my son pass his swim test and seeing how proud he was
Spending time with my daughter in nature. I actually loved introducing her to a "fresh water" swimming experience and dock there. I wouldn't v

Learning to swim, lifeguarding, coaching swim team, teaching swim lessons
5 years of the millbrook marathon and how amazing it is to gather in the park celebrating everyone's accomplishments
Being a camper from pre k to become a group leader
Summer camp, Millbrook Swim Team, days at the pool with friends, family and kids. Picnics and reasonably priced snack bar
Too many to answer...our family lived there for 75 years until the passing of our mother a few years ago and we and life was so different.
grew up at the park and I was a lifeguard many years ago when the town used to bus the kids from the village to the park everyday
But the park remains as one if the most beautiful ones in the area and we use it for family get togethers.
I remain in the area and belong to a local church.
Taking my children swimming and for picnics
Learning how to swim
Little league, swim team.
swimming with the kids, soccer
Watching kids play soccer
Picnic with friends
camp - glad it's going full day finally
Danielle and the staff are lovely
Swimming, camp
Swimming with my husband
Playing on the playground with my kids when it was newer
Too many to list!
Kids camp, Swimming in the summer
Taking the swim test, in order to be able to swim in the deep end, 35+ years ago, as well as burning my backside on the metal slide.
Watching my kids soccer games
The Easter egg hunts
Baseball games and swimming
Swimming as a kid. Soccer as an adult.
Oh so many. The life guards are always lovely, polite & responsible. They make the town proud. The swimming instruction is incredible! —
The camp is very cute. The pool is divine—looking out at the pine trees while swimming is a gift.
That it is quiet (no radios blaring) is also a gift. The concession stand is a real treat and makes us always stay longer, because it is possible to have a
We have done camp, trunk or treat, swim lessons, grilling, picnics, Christmas carols and more at the park
that it is quiet (no tennis, no pickleball, no loud sports) makes it a wonderful place to gather & connect with family & friends.
Please do not disturb this utopian place by adding more things to it. Thank you for your care & stewardship of this wonderful place & community!
It was always the place to be when I grew up and then my boys grew up. Every day after work we would head to the Town Pool and swim, eat a
It has so much charm the way it is.
Swimming almost every day in the summer! We love the pool!
Taking my kids swimming
The pool
Swimming lessons when I was a child and then taking my children there
Swimming there all summer long, bringing my children there to swim all summer long, frozen Milky Way bars at the concession stand, ice skating th
Camp for the kids and swimming
trunk or treating festival of trees swimming
Trunk or treat, party at the pavilion
Little league games closer than Stanford, fishing
parties at the pavilions
Parties, meeting friends, concerts this past summer were nice
Egg hunt in the snow, walking the path
Egg hunt in the snow, trunk or treating, camp
Teaching my kids to ride bikes, soccer
I used to bring my young nieces and nephew here all summer when they visited from out of state. They loved the slides, shuffleboard, playground
barbecues with friends
Swimming, live music
beach time when kids were little and family parties in the park

Summer camp, swim lessons, baseball & all day swimming
soccer and town pool in the summer
Was there swimming every day in the Summer growing up.. Was very affordable then.

Section IV

Committee

Recommendations

Goals & Recommendations

1. Immediate: Non-Structural

- A. Establish a Town Board community based 501C3, tax-exempt, non-profit citizen board.
 - Sole purpose to raise money through philanthropic donations and grants in support of the Town of Washington recreation facilities and structures.
- B. Initiate formal bid process to hire a professional engineering firm specializing in the design and development of municipal recreation facilities.
- C. Declare park access from sunrise to sunset, daily.
- D. Adjust park entry fees
 - Pool, pavilion special use charges, only.

2. Immediate: Structural

Factors - maintenance costs

Outdated infrastructure

Limited expansion options

- A. Identify and initiate a series of routine maintenance, public safety, and minor landscape enhancements to the existing structures and facilities at the Town Park, based on the annual budget process.
 - Painting of buildings (interior and exterior)
 - Security and pedestrian lighting
 - Upgrade amenities: picnic tables, garbage receptacles
 - Signage: entry and on grounds
 - Replace roof on park building
- B. Engineer and construct a new access driveway to the park grounds from "Little Rest Road" to the southwest corner of the maintained park area/
 - * Important for safety of "Summer Camp" families to minimize hazardous conditions on Route 44 Main Entrance to the park during dropoff and pickup.
- C. Suspend any major expenditure on "Town Pool" structure and concession building other than emergency repairs.

3. Intermediate to Long Term Actions

Contingent upon findings by the professional design and engineering firm, as well as outcomes from the citizen surveys held in 2025, develop a multi-phased approach to re-develop the Town's recreational park with the following goals:

- A. Replace the existing "pool" swimming water area with an in-ground municipal-sized swimming pool and splash pad.
- B. Expand designated, paved parking (with ADA spaces) where appropriate and improve vehicular circulation, and pedestrian pathways throughout the park.
- C. Build one (1) tennis court
- D. Build two (2) pickleball courts

- E. Demolish existing playground structure and build ADA compatible child playground
- F. Demolish and replace the concession building to include improved bathrooms and area in an appropriate and convenient location easily accessed from various park uses.hanging areas (incorporate "First Aid" area) as well as extended food service suited for daytime and evening events.
- G. Renovate existing large pavilion
- H. Build a third pavilion on the grounds - revenue generating opportunity
- I. Build a standard sized basketball court with lighting capability
- J. Expand lighting to soccer fields walkway.
- K. Re-habilitate the dam of the pond and restore native vegetation to improve water quality and fish habitat and fishing activities.

References:

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The following cities, towns, individuals and corporations contributed significant information to this study:

Cities:

- City of Beacon
- City of Charleston, SC
- City of Newburgh

Towns:

- Town of Amenia
- Town of Fishkill
- Town of Hyde Park
- Town of Millerton
- Town of Pleasant Valley
- Town of Portsmouth, RI
- Town of Rhinebeck
- Town of Stanford
- Town of Wells, ME
- Town of New Winsor

Individuals, Corporations :

- Classic Turf (CT)
- Colliers Engineering
- Crafco (pickleball courts)
- Dutchess County Parks and Recreation
- George T. Whalen Real Estate
- Hudson Valley Sports Dome
- JP Woods Inc.
- LaBella Corporation (engineer)
- Lamont Engineers
- M & J Engineers
- Michael Shultz Electric
- Miracle: Liberty Parks and Playground
- Murphy Escavation
- Northeast Recreation
- NYS Highways Department
- Precision Ice Rinks
- Scenic Hudson
- USA Pickleball

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