

Open Space Plan Update Survey Results

6/15/2015

Questions that have requested written responses have been filtered for the greatest trends. A full list of all responses provided are included in Appendix A. All paper copies results have been merged with the online results to create one master results list found below. Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number.

1. Where do you live in Sudbury:

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
North	141	37%
South	81	21%
Center	156	41%
No Responses	2	1%
Total	380	100%

2. Gender:

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Male	168	44%
Female	210	55%
No Responses	5	1%
Total	383	100%

3. Total occupants in your household:

1	7
2	65
3	40
4	161
5	79
6	19
7	2
8	1
9	1
Total	375

4. How many children 18 or under live in your household:

358 Response(s)	
0	97
1	38
2	159
3	64
4	17
5	1
Total	376

5. Do any retired persons live in your household:

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	75	20%
No	301	79%
No Responses	4	1%
Total	380	100%

6. How many years have you lived in Sudbury:

377 Response(s)

7. Your age:

355 Response(s)

8. Do you feel the Town's outdoor recreational areas meet your needs?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	162	42%
No	218	57%
No Responses	3	1%
Total	383	100%

9. If you answered no to question 8, what is missing?

220 Response(s) sidewalks, bike trails, and outdoor pool are trending.

10. Which recreational areas in Sudbury do you visit the most?

346 Response(s) Haskell was listed the most with Featherland and Davis trending.

11. How often do you visit those areas?

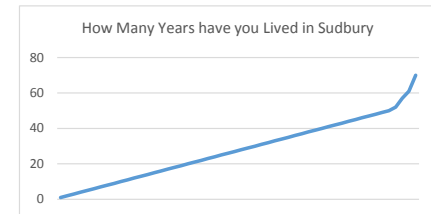
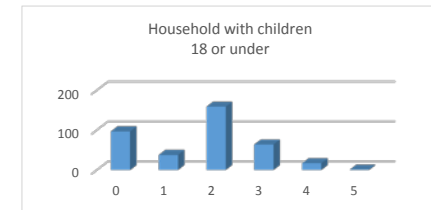
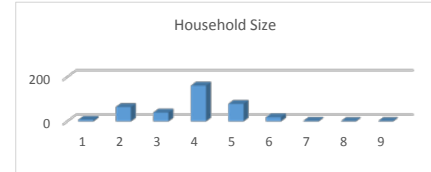
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Weekly	294	78%
Monthly	48	13%
Less Than 5 Times a Year	18	5%
Rarely	12	3%
No Responses	6	2%
Total	378	100%

12. What parts of the Town do you think could be enhanced by additional recreational opportunities?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
North	114	30%
South	82	22%
Center	115	31%
No Responses	65	17%
Total	376	100%

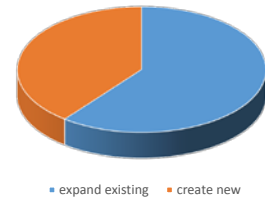
13. What should the Town do to increase accessibility and public enjoyment of recreational facilities?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
More/better public parking facilities	59	9%
Improve existing facilities	180	27%
Acquire/build new facilities	131	20%
Construct sidewalks or walking paths linking recreation lands	222	34%
Other	65	10%
Total	657	100%



14. Do you favor expanding existing recreational areas or creating new areas?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Expand existing	209	55%
Create new	136	36%
No Responses	36	9%
Total	381	100%

Do you favor expanding existing recreational areas or creating new areas?



15. Would you support funding for additional artificial turf fields?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	145	38%
No	227	60%
No Responses	9	2%
Total	381	100%

16. Do you utilize the recreational trails in the town's conservation areas?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	307	80%
No	74	19%
No Responses	1	0.3%
Total	382	100%

17. If Yes, how often?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Daily	33	9%
Weekly	98	26%
Monthly	92	24%
Occasionally	95	25%
No Responses	62	16%
Total	380	100%

18. Do you find them in good condition?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	263	67.5%
No	49	13.0%
No Responses	70	19.3%
Total	382	100%

For what purpose do you use conservation areas?



19. For what purpose do you use them? (check all that apply)		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Hiking	191	32%
Running/Walking	189	32%
Walking Pets	143	24%
Riding Horses	4	1%
Birdwatching	48	8%
Other	25	4%
Total	600	100%

Which option do you prefer for construction of a rail trail along the Mass Central Rail Corridor?



20. Which option do you prefer for construction of a rail trail along the Mass Central Rail Corridor (the east-west line from Wayland to Hudson)?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Proceed with a town-funded, fast track, soft surface trail as endorsed by Sudbury Greenways	150	39%
Apply for state funds to construct the trail, knowing this will take >10 years to be completed	62	16%
Do nothing until it is decided if NStar (Eversource) is going to install a transmission line along the corridor and piggy back with them to create a rail trail	116	30%
Do nothing with this rail corridor	42	11%
No Responses	13	3%
Total	383	100%

21. Should the Town develop active recreation (ballfields, etc) uses at the Melone Gravel Pit on Route 117?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	214	57%
No	138	37%
No Responses	25	7%
Total	377	100%

22. Should the Town restore the Melone Gravel Pit on Route 117 for conservation and passive recreation use (trails, etc.)?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	194	51%
No	155	41%
No Responses	29	8%
Total	378	100%

23. Should the Town continue its annual incremental expansion of the walkway program using Community Preservation Act funds, or do you favor a larger effort with funding from a debt override?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Continue using CPA funds	261	69%
Larger effort from debt override	101	27%
No Responses	19	5%
Total	381	100%

24. How do you receive information regarding Sudbury's recreational programs and opportunities? (Please check all that apply)		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Park & Recreation website	151	16%
Park & Recreation email list	98	11%
Town Manager Newsletter	42	5%
Town website (various areas)	92	10%
User Group website	69	8%
Park & Recreation quarterly publication (mailed to all households)	173	19%
School newsletters	69	8%
Word of mouth	185	20%
Other	39	4%
Total	918	100%

25. What should the Town do to increase awareness of the range of recreational opportunities in Sudbury?

128 Response(s) Social Media is far and away trending

26. Which methods do you favor to preserve open space? (Check all that apply)

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Town purchase of land	207	22%
Town purchase of conservation restrictions on land	178	19%
Dedication of open space by developers	138	15%
Zoning to encourage open space conservation	191	20%
Cooperative land conservation efforts with public and private land trusts	218	23%
Other	19	2%
Total	951	100%

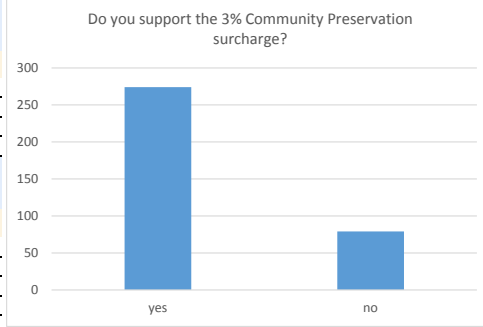
27. On a scale of 1-8, with 1 being the most desired, how would you like the Town to prioritize the preservation of new open space land?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.

	Most Desired								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	total
Ability to link open space parcels together	53	48	41	41	48	34	21	35	321
Preservation of wetlands and priority habitats, i.e., endangered species	17%	15%	13%	13%	15%	11%	7%	11%	100%
Opportunities for passive recreation, i.e. trails	87	61	51	33	35	26	20	10	323
	27%	19%	16%	10%	11%	8%	6%	3%	100%
Opportunities for scenic views and vistas	82	63	63	42	37	18	10	6	321
	26%	20%	20%	13%	12%	6%	3%	2%	100%
Preserve smaller, vacant lots	17	49	50	68	41	47	28	21	321
	5%	15%	16%	21%	13%	15%	9%	7%	100%
Concentrate on preserving land that will be sold for development	1	10	15	28	42	56	78	87	317
	0%	3%	5%	9%	13%	18%	25%	27%	100%
Purchase all properties offered to the Town under MGL Chapter 61 regardless of size or	54	32	33	39	34	56	41	31	320
	17%	10%	10%	12%	11%	18%	13%	10%	100%
Preserve active agricultural properties	11	16	21	19	31	45	83	91	317
	3%	5%	7%	6%	10%	14%	26%	29%	100%
	25	48	49	52	50	35	32	32	323
	8%	15%	15%	16%	15%	11%	10%	10%	100%

28. Do you support the 3% Community Preservation surcharge which funds open space, recreation, historic preservation and affordable housing initiatives:

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	274	72%
No	79	21%
No Responses	27	7%
Total	380	100%



29. Have you supported the Town's recent land preservation efforts using Community Preservation Act funds, including Pantry Brook Farm, Nobscot Boy Scout Reservation, Cutting Farm, Fairbank Farm, Libby property and Johnson Farm?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
YesAll	206	54%
Yes Some	125	33%
No	22	6%
No Responses	27	7%
Total	380	100%

30. Which projects were not supported?

65 Response(s) Johnson Farm and Cutting are trending.

31. Should the Town increase local farming and food production opportunities, with either a Town-owned farm, or expanded community gardens?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes, town-owned farm	24	6%
Yes, expanded community gardens	91	24%
Yes, both	154	40%
No	81	21%
No Responses	34	9%
Total	384	100%

32. What should the Town do to increase awareness of the range of open space opportunities in Sudbury? (Check all that apply)

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
School educational programs	195	24%
Organized hikes in conservation land	196	24%
Email/website updates	267	33%
Organized conservation land work days	157	19%
Total	815	100%

33. Please list any parcels of land that you think should be acquired or preserved by the Town for open space or recreation uses?

70 Response(s) Wayside Inn, Melone Gravel Pit, Raytheon, Davis Field are trending.

34. Where did you obtain this survey?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Town Website	118	31%
Town Meeting handout	12	3%
Park & Recreation mail/email	73	19%
Sudbury Water District mail/email	0	0%
Town Office Building	11	3%
Other - Facebook and other emailers	144	38%
No Responses	22	6%
Total	380	100%

35. Please use this space for any comments or suggestions you would like to add relative to active/passive recreation and open space efforts in Sudbury.

115 Response(s)

Open Space Plan Update Survey Results

Appendix A

Written Responses

3. Total occupants in your household: - Responses

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Answer

They meet my needs but am sad to see that more than likely Davis field will become more sports focused. If the town meeting question passes, I hope that Park and Rec will consider the passive use of this gem of an area a priority which I am concerned has been ignored. For example, no sports on Saturday or Sunday mornings.

1) A bike trail

2) A Sudbury hiking route from Wayside in to Nobscot, to Johnson Farm, north to Wolbach and Round Hill, west to Assabet and back to the Wayside Inn.

Rail trail. Paths for running, biking, etc.

rail trail

Open fields and trails for hiking with dogs - specifically dog friendly. Sudbury is decidedly dog unfriendly.

would like a rail trail (even though I answered yes)

more tennis courts, better maintained

Bike trails, outdoor pool, beach/picnic area

My son has autism and all of the adaptive programs we've signed him up for have been very sparsely attended. I would love to see an inclusion sports program that aides kids with developmental delays while also including "typical" kids.

more athletic fields

Adequate tennis courts, maintained trails, open field space with no organized sports fields, picnic areas

Tennis courts that are not in a state of disrepair. Also courts that we are able to use in the morning when the sun is not so high. At this time we can only use them in the afternoon when teams and camps are done. I am a morning person and prefer to play earlier than later.

Also walking and paved biking trails

more open areas/parks, playgrounds, community pool, sidewalks

Public tennis courts

Rail trails

More side walks

Work with LS to open some of the property to residents. Specifically the indoor climbing wall

We need the tennis courts replaced at Featherland ASAP. We do not have enough available courts in Sudbury for the size of our town. The young children of this town need access to courts to begin being introduced to this wonderful life long sport.

Open space is also needed for winter sports like cross country skiing (groomed trails ideally)

bike path

green space for teens

We would love to see a sprinkler park for kids (especially designed for older kids as there is less for them to do in Sudbury). Watertown, Waltham, Belmont and many other towns have wonderful ones and it is a very popular activities for families.

Safe routes for running and biking. Many roads are narrow without sidewalks.

An outdoor public pool and a splash park.

The parks are nice. However we need rail trails (even the proposed gravel trails would be a huge improvement). Currently we have to drive to neighboring towns to find a safe place to bike or XC ski with the kids.

we'd like an outdoor pool that is accessible without a wait list. And better tennis courts - private options are very expensive

Paved rail trails, both north-south and east-west.

Better trail interconnections between town, SVT, and F&W owned lands.

Bike trails.

More sidewalks, bike trails, and open space for casual recreation, dog walking, etc.

Lack of caring about maintenance, keeping things well maintained, cleaned

I'd love to see both rail trails available for all peoples to utilize our precious spaces.

Generally, I am pleased with the recreational areas but I'd like to see more areas suitable for a long walk or bike ride with children.

Paved Rail Trail. Addition of ice rink was good. A fenced in dog park would be nice

Would like to see the tennis courts at Featherland fixed.

I wish there was someplace outdoors to swim during the summer months (either a town pool or a pond). The private pools in town aren't cost effective for working parents or people that just want to swim occasionally.

A public ice skating rink would also be nice.

Community garden site on South side

More connections between walking trails and conservation areas throughout town

A couple of tracked cross-county ski opportunities when snow allows

the main Featherland field is now ruined with the high chain link fencing. so we are missing a nice, centrally located, aesthetically pleasing field complex -- like what we had.

GRAVEL rail trails.

basketball courts in the south.

Need more tennis courts. Bring back the ones at Featherland.

Outdoor town pool.

Updated women's locker room at current town pool.

Would love a paved recreational trail, outdoor pool, spray park, hang out spot for teens.

Bike path

Sidewalks

Community pool and fitness center that is not disgusting - needs to be on par with neighbor towns like Concord (Beede Center)

Enough community oriented sports fields - there are some, but need more community oriented field space with multiple fields to foster sense of community - including non sports uses

Paved bike trail connecting with other towns.

An outdoor public pool for Sudbury Residents

A natural play area - similar to what concord has done with ripley playscape - <http://www.ripleyplayscape.org/> Forget about the big plastic playgrounds - children need to experience more natural surroundings.

rail trails

outdoor pool

sprinkler park

Safe & paved paths to bike ride. More tennis courts. An outdoor town pool. More contiguous sidewalks. A dog park so residents don't use fenced in tennis courts.

The only thing missing is a rail trail that we can enjoy with our children sooner rather than later. I'd like to see the town officially get behind the completion of a stone dust East/West trail that we can enjoy in the very near term, as we await the paved BFRT completion. The two would complement each other greatly.

A pool, water sprinkler spot or climbing wall would be great. Tennis courts need to be redone at Featherland or at least fenced. I feel we have so many sports-oriented fields, but not so many other options. Of course a rail trail would be lovely!

We do not have walking trails like Lincoln on this side of town.

More walking, biking paths, more sidewalks that lead to open space/parks.

Sprinkler park and paved bike trails

Rail trail
Skate park
Sprinkler park
Biking trails, sprinkler park, more shaded play spaces for kids, community gardens.
A paved rail trail and a fenced dog park.
Sidewalks to easily walk to such areas
Walking/biking trails and sidewalks are desperately needed to access recreational areas.
the rail trail is an exciting idea and a new town recreation facility and outdoor community pool.
accessible recreation for a high school student
Rail trails, outdoor splash pad, outdoor pool
A community center/gathering place to be proud of and a town center.
Feel the loss of the Featherland tennis courts this spring. We would also like to see more trails for safe biking with our first graders (would be great to get to the center of town via MCRT). A community center would also be welcome for recreation.
More playing fields in par with the top towns in Massachusetts
Not enough playing fields for all-age official sports activities
rail trails - prefer not paved.... Also a water park and a community center would be well used....
Outdoor pool
Love to see Melone developed into sports complex
The sports fields have been overused and are showing signs of wear.
better fields for the younger kids of Sudbury. The older kids have Haskell and Featherland, but the younger kids only practice at Davis which can be used a lot better than it is but only if the town puts some money into it
rail trails
As someone who manages a team, it is very difficult to rent and pay for field space. There is only one person you can go to. There is no effort to problem solve or help if the answer is no. It would be great to have a centralized web based portal where reservations could be made, bills paid, and schedules could be viewed.
- Featherland tennis courts - We use then several times a week in the spring and summer. We want them back!
Where do I park?
Where do I get trail maps?
Where do I get trail information (dog-friendly vs. dog-free; ranking difficulty; camping and/or picnicking; nearest facilities; trash pickup vs. carry out; and so on)
Indoor Ice Rink, more tennis courts
An outdoor pool or a spray park for my kids.
Have been waiting since 80's for rail trails & walkways. Recent destruction of Featherland Tennis Courts w/o \$ promptly reconstruct was deplorable. Same for Plan to destroy Davis Field Park and support by Town Boards. We need an outdoor seasonal Swimming Pools (at least 2) like Lincoln, Concord etc.
Rail trails
I have trouble getting a field to play soccer on.

We need a consistent open space policy and fewer sports fields. There are too few places to walk and enjoy. Davis Field is good, but they are going to ruin it with baseball fields.
Bike trails, better walking trails & sidewalks!
Splash park or outdoor pool, bike paths (Bruce Freeman and others), more sidewalks!
More variety of offerings ie tennis
Running/Walking Track - Additional Playgrounds
I believe that the sports fields have reached capacity, and we need additional fields for all sports - multi-use fields and ball fields.
More walkways and/or connecting trails. Note trail surface material should be in compliance with all bylaws. Crushed stone/stone dust is acceptable in environmentally sensitive areas.
Dedicated bike and walking paths
North Sudbury needs more outdoor recreational areas, 90% are in town center or south of town center, very inconvenient for children or other people to enjoy being sudbury resident.
paved bike trail
need additional active field space, not enough fields
That said, just because they meet my needs doesn't mean there aren't enhancements that could be made. Benches, views, picnic areas on some of the conservation land would be nice. Recreation should include wild places as well as organised sports.
More investment in bike paths
Nothing
rail trail!!
I walk the tracks between Morse and Haynes, but the people who abut the track between Haynes and Pantry have closed off access, so I have to walk around. The trail from Pantry to 117 is difficult. Once over the Concord line, the trail is wonderful. I'd love the Sudbury trail to at least be walkable until BFRT comes in.
Outdoor Community Pool area
Tennis courts at featherland
More ball fields, restored tennis courts at Featherland and an indoor hockey rink.
Not enough fields, tennis courts
more baseball fields
an outdoor pool
I wold like true paved rail trails like the ARRT. I'm not interested in an investment in them otherwise. A few more soccer fields would be useful. We seem pretty cramped on the existing footprints.
Open space and recreational areas are exclusive to central/north sudbury.
Bike trail
Yoga
Bike path
We are missing additional fields for sports that would allow us to rest and protect our existing resources.

SIDEWALKS Playing Fields

Please re do the tennis courts at Featherland! It is a disgrace to the town that these were left in such disrepair, and now a rumor is surfacing that they will be torn down. Please fix them! The high school team uses them, as well as citizens. A town such as Sudbury should have good courts available. The ones at Feeley are very windy.
We need to do better on walkways in the southern part of town

The town I grew up in had a town pool (outdoor), for all residents, with a snackbar, a town golf course, and a town ice skating rink. It had loads of well maintained paths & sidewalks - the kind that you weren't at risk of tripping on if you had bad eyesight or a distracted child. Community based recreation & safe sidewalks / paths are huge gaps.
Bike trail/path
Rail trail
Outdoor town pool
more walking areas
Bike and walking trails
Not handicap assessable enough

Rail trail, paved version
picnic tables, benches, toilets, walking path or track.
Splash park.
More places for young children outside of team sport fields.
Now its all, and only, about team fields for baseball, soccer and lacrosse.
Greenway rail trail
Could use a multi-purpose facility that incorporated a hockey rink in the winter.
Outdoor pool
the sledding hill that was lost when LS was rebuilt was a wonderful, zero cost amenity enjoyed by huge numbers.
Rail Trail
An outdoor town pool and a town skating rink would be idea additions.
Haskell field is overused, part of this field space is currently closed. Davis field is uneven and does not drain properly. Cutting and Community stadium are a benefit especially in the wet spring time which we have had for several years in a row.
Overall very good but a fenced in dog park (as they have in Maynard) would be nice.
more bike trail, a town center for activities
more playing fields
the fields are overly crowded, many of the fields are not well enough maintained for safe play (holes and divots in Davis Field)
the fields are overused and/or not in adequate condition. particularly the baseball fields.
There is a lack of field space for our children!!!
The soccer fields are limited for the number of players and the baseball fields are the same way. The baseball fields are unsafe. You cannot expect kids at recess not to ruin the fields at recess. This happens regularly at Noyes. Nixon is literally dirt, etc.
more land, more trails for biking
paved bike/running/roller blading path..
Bike Trail
Poor maintenance, dangerous fields. No pride in upkeep.
More field space and rail trail
More playgrounds and sports fields on the center to south parts of town.
Our local tennis courts are not usable right now. Also, the soccer fields have been hard to get practices on this whole season.
Understanding the recent vote on Davis, I think it could be improved just at a basic infrastructure level. The actual field aside, the parking lot is dangerous if it is continued to be used a youth soccer area.

Would also like to know what as my kids get older they can SAFELY ride their bikes to these locations which is not the case now.

Park & Rec does a wonderful job with the town fields. Haskell is overused, resulting in entire seasons of non-use for regeneration. The importance of healthy fields for the long term is much more important than the short term scheduling issues. The Davis Field plan was a good alternative. The traffic study should be done before voting next time.

outdoor spray park for kids

outdoor pool

tennis courts

more turf fields or nice grass fields

bike trail

I would like to see the Railroad conversion project implemented

Davis could be better used if level. Cutting could be used more if it had lights - this is particularly important in the early spring when Davis and Haskell are often still closed and in the fall when days are short (resulting in canceled practices/games).

Without more use of Davis and Cutting, Haskell needs to be periodically closed to recover.

The grounds at the schools pale in comparison to our neighboring towns. We have a ton of walking trails in this town and open space, what we are lacking are better youth sports venues.

I am tired of this town actively trying to chase away young families. Our sidewalks are decaying faster than we are improving/adding more.

More soccer fields, less baseballs fields

The baseball fields at the schools are slightly above soccer fields in 3rd world countries

We pay for our children to play soccer, the coaches spend their personal time coaching yet so many practices have had to be cancelled (few cpl weeks especially because the fields are closed), this is not fair.

Better maintenance. We miss the beginning of every soccer season. Also, the Davis field could be more useful. And, there is so much baseball going on, seems like the fields could be in better condition - especially the ones at the elementary schools.

more playable fields

safer sidewalks to walk or jog

designated bike trails

Outdoor pool

More turf and more lit fields.

I also think a deck for deck hockey would get lots of use and would be a great addition.

Would love a tennis court option in the cutting field complex.

The fields at the elementary schools need better upkeep

Adequate sports facilities (baseball, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, tennis), bike lanes on roads, sun screens on playgrounds.

spray park and more community walking/biking areas

Safe fields that are in decent shape - too many young kids playing on baseball fields with 8" drops between the grass and the infield dirt (safety) - too many holes in the overcrowded soccer fields at Haskell and Davis. We have baseball fields that our youngest kids play on without infield dirt (crime lab) - or are just piles of dirt (Nixon).

Insufficient grass fields for volume of use. Poor condition of some fields.

Public outdoor pool

We have soccer and lacrosse players and the ability to get field space for practices and games is very difficult. We've been told recently that due to field closures due to overuse, we're unable to practice. Open space fields (e.g. for soccer and lacrosse) are desperately needed or we will need to take our kids out of town to play club.

Bike path

Boating

There are too few baseball fields and turf soccer fields. The community center, (I know it's being worked on), is embarrassing. The pool and it's locker facilities and not good, (I won't go to the pool because of them). Losing the tennis courts is really sad.

These may not be your purview(?):

Rail Trail for biking.

Sidewalk on Union Ave for walking to services instead of driving

More grass soccer fields with adequate drainage and lights!

But our own indoor ice hockey rink would be nice!

More fields for the kids

fields that can be used earlier in the spring

Quality of Davis field for soccer is insufficient - uneven, long grass and poor drainage. Baseball and soccer fields seem overused and poor quality in some places.

Not enough soccer fields
We are over crowded and need more playing fields

Adequate number of acceptable baseball fields. Adequate number of artificial turf soccer and lacrosse fields. Adequate number of fields with lights for evening games/practices. We need sidewalks along more streets, especially busy roads or narrow roads. Two roads that desperately need sidewalks are Dutton Rd and Old Garrison Rd. Also completing the long discussed Bruce Freeman rail trail needs to be a high priority.
A longer walking path with mile markers. An outdoor, spongy track (like Lexington's rec center has), more basketball courts, more tennis courts.

More & better outdoor restrooms at Haskell

Water fountains at Haskell
We need more space... soccer fields are crowded, we need more variety in recreational space to allow for additional programming.
"Yes", for me personally, but "No" for some of the kids involved in sports. 1-2 weeks of outdoor sports are lost each early spring and late fall due to lack of lights on Cutting and Davis not be suitable for baseball or soccer (other than little kids).
Tennis courts, adequate sports fields for soccer lacrosse etc.
Better baseball fields

The baseball fields at the schools are awful. They have big holes all over the place, are poorly maintained, and frankly dangerous for our kids. Haskell and featherland are ok. there are facilities for organized sports although many need improvement - ie the Fairbanks pool locker facilities, several tennis facilities are in disrepair, add lights at some of the fields, alternatives when weather is bad like this spring and no one plays/practices for 3 weeks of the season)

Exercise classes at Fairbank
Bike paths, better town pool
Paths Trail etc
There are not enough grass fields for soccer and lacrosse
Davis field needs a new parking lot

The little league baseball fields we use at the elementary schools need to improved and maintained, or stop using them.

Bigger, clearer maps of the facilities/ fields are important to help families, especially visiting teams, to find their playing fields.

Parking at lower Fatherland needs to improve.

More fields for playing organized sports. More turf fields and more fields that have lights.

More indoor fields and basketball courts

Inadequate lighting prevents fall programs from completing their practice schedule due to daylight savings time change. Constant juggling of schedules in the event of poor weather because of lack of field space to coordinate makeup games.

Rail Trail. The loss of tennis courts at Featherland also leaves a gap, despite the other courts.

safe bike trails and sidewalks. We have to pay for our children to take the school bus even though we live within walking distance of their schools, because they would have to walk on the side of a busy street with NO sidewalks.

More and better quality youth fields. A dog park.

The recent no-vote on the soccer field remediation was disappointing and surprising.

I would like to have better space for bicycles. It is currently very difficult to go on a family bike ride as there aren't any consistent off-street bike routes.

I would also like an indoor/outdoor pool with summer picnic space for families.

We need to be able to maintain the quality of our fields. If they are overused, then the fields will have to be shut down for repairs. It seems that although needs are being met today, more fields should be created as demand/use grows.

Adequate kids fields for soccer, baseball and lacrosse.

We need more baseball fields in Sudbury - travelling to Smith in Lincoln is difficult on week nights

paved bike path

dog park

Places to walk that are not on major roads.

OR

Sidewalks on Union Ave. for accessing route 20 from town center

OR

Converting old rail lines to hiking paths

Could use a nicer rest room at Haskell Field, however.

1) usable soccer fields (both my kids' teams have had field space issues--not enough usable space, especially now when half of Haskell field is closed.

2) I voted twice for lights to be built at Cutting--out voted twice by what I believe to be elderly population of Sudbury.

3) usable public tennis courts that are crack free and properly fenced.

More space, fields, woods etc

Bike trails, more youth soccer field

improvement of school grass/ baseball fields.

quality of grass, baseball fields at Noyes 1 and 2 makes it difficult to play baseball and not sure if other sports teams uses these fields as well but they may feel similarly

bike trails, rail trails, sidewalks

Practice space for youth soccer and baseball are becoming increasingly limited. This results in difficult scheduling for practice and game times.

would like updated tennis courts

also need more field space

Rail Trail; Sidewalks

A designated bike trail/wide walking path for dogs & strollers.

No, would love more space to cross country ski and walk dogs.

Soccer fields are overused and are in bad shape.

sidewalks and rail trails

sidealks

The town needs more green space. More fields are needed to keep up with the youth population.

more field space. grass fields are overused and we either have to deal with resting them 9and losing use) or killing them long term. need more options in order to rotate use better.

suitable athletic fields

There should be more fields with lights for play after 6pm and Davis Field should be utilized to service the Children of Sudbury rather than the Dogs of other communities.

Many of the fields seem to be closed because of overuse.

In addition, parking at the unpaved lot at Davis Field is dangerous - paving would help people drive in the same direction; park properly and not be dangerous for children to walk from their car to the field.

More baseball fields

Field space and good use of the space by using lighting
 Generally the answer is yes, but it would be nice to have a bike trail.
 Additional sports fields for team sports. tight coordination for existing grass and turf fields. appears that we are forced to turn away interested sports groups and limit team numbers due to facility limitations existing now
 Investment into additional existing playing fields and the addition of several more.
 our kids soccer and baseball fields are overused and we need more space. several grass fields cannot be used this year due to overuse.
 We need more fields for baseball and soccer.
 more outdoor basketball courts
 one outdoor swimming pool
 one outdoor ice rink (a decent one)
 Tennis, youth baseball fields
 Better outdoor playing fields (sports fields) for children. Additionally walking and biking paths would be nice.
 bike trails / better fields (play-ability / drainage)
 a bicycle path, preferably unpaved
 Better/more recreational fields for youth sports.

10. Which recreational areas in Sudbury do you visit the most? - Responses

Davis Field and walking paths
 LSHRH tennis courts
 walkways
 Tippling Rock Trail Hail and Nobscot Reservation
 Davis, Haskell
 Conservation Trails and Haskell Field
 conservation areas
 Hop Brook, Atkinson Pool, Davis Field
 Davis Field
 Davis Field and Haskell Field.
 conservation land, wildlife refuge
 LSRHS
 tennis courts
 Haskell, Featherland
 conservation Trails, Haskell field, Davis
 Haskell Field, the trails off of Old Lancaster Road and Surrey Lane
 baseball fields
 Smile playground
 haskell
 All of them, we are very active
 walking and biking on roads
 Davis
 SMILE playground
 Haskell Field for playground
 Pool
 Side walks
 Davis Field - most
 Atkinson - 2nd
 Haskell, Davis
 feeley
 haskell
 trails and conservation land
 SMILE playground
 Haskell, Davis
 Haskell, Assabet
 walking trails
 Haskell playground
 Fairbanks/Atkinson
 Baseball field
 Hike/ski paths off of Dutton
 SVT properties
 Walking trails
 Feeley, LSRHS
 conservation trails
 Davis field
 Assabet, Davis field and trail, SVT properties
 Haskell field, Davis Field, Featherland Field, Feely Field
 used to be the pool. Very disappointed in the fairbanks pool director. There seems to be a real lack of interest in park and recreation getting involved in the community Spent 30 years building a place for the community. Now they outsource and have lost the interest of people in town. very sad.
 Tippling Rock;
 Haynes Meadow (corner of Old Lancaster & Hudson Rd.);
 Brues Woods;
 Featherland Park and Fairbanks for athletic activities
 Conservation trails
 Featherland, Davis Field, Nobscot

When kids were in school- Haskell,
 Davis field

LS fields/ tennis

Tennis courts by Raymond rd

Walks in North area of town
 Atkinson pool
 The conservation lands.

Lincoln Meadows
Nobscot reservation
Areas along NS rail right of way
Featherland
Grist Mill

baseball diamonds
Haskell and Cutting fields
Hop Brook
TI Sales Field
Haskell
Featherland, Feeley field, Haskell field
conservation land off Dutton Road
Smile playground, park & rec. Assabet wildlife refuge.
Sports fields
Featherland, Haskell, Asabett trails, Memorial Forest, LS fields, Feeley
Tippling rock, Haskell playground, Featherland Baseball fields, Atkinson pool
I go running in the conservation land weekly. We use the community center indoor pool. We use the playground at Haskil Fields.
Trails and roads
Atkinson Pool

Hiking on SVT trails
Tennis courts, grass fields and turf
Hiking trails
fairbanks, atkinson, park
Tennis courts, soccer fields, conservation trails.
Haskell Field, Smile Playground, Hop Brook Pond, Tippling Rock, Featherland Park.
middle school
Haskell playground and fields. Featherland tennis courts
King Phillip conservation land, Lyons-cutler reservation, nobscot Boy Scout reservation
I go to Lincoln.
Haskell field/smile playground, open space off of Peakham Rd, Haynes school playground.
LS fields
Davis Field
Haskell field
Soccer fields
Playgrounds
Haskell Field
Davis Faribanks
Meachen
Haskell playground, Gray reservation trails, ball fields
Featherland, Davis
Softball fields, LS football field, outside ice rink, Willis lake
Davis Field, leave it alone please
the trails and playgrounds.
when my kids were younger - baseball fields and soccer fields, SMILE playground.

Now that they are older, just use the high school.

Would love an accessible trail for my daughter to be able to ride her bike.
Haskell field/playground, atkinson pool, tippling rock
Davis Farm; feather land.
LSsports fields
Fairbanks
Haskell Field, Atkinson pool, Davis, Featherland
Haskell
Featherland
Davis Field
Haskell
Fairbank, Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge
Smile Playground near Fairbanks; Davis Soccer Fields; Various Baseball Fields
Davis, Feeley, Haskell
Feeley Field, Davis Field, Haskell Field
Haskell, Davis, Featherland, elementary school baseball fields
Trails
Wayside Inn and Memorial Park for hiking and XC skiing
LS Fields
Cutting Field
Haskell Field
Boys Scout Reservation
community field, Atkinson pool
- Featherland tennis courts
- Haskell
- Davis Field for flying RC planes
- SVT land parcels for walks
Davis Field, Haskell Field
Hopbrook, LS fields, Fieldhouse
Softball Fields
Davis Atkinson Conservation Areas
Disused rail right of ways, Hop Brook, other open areas.
Davis Field
Haskell field, nature trails, cutting field
Davis field, Fairbanks pool & playground, Haynes Elementary School playground
Davis Farm, But mostly walk in Concord as its more interesting

Davis Field
Cutting, Haskell, L-S Community Field
Davis Field is the only one for seniors. And we do use the limited walkways - why don't they reach route 20? This is mystifying!
Davis Field, Davis farm, hop brook reservation, old rifle range, boy scout reserve
davis field
davis conservation land
Haskell, Cutting, Davis
Haskell, Featherland, & Frost farm
Davis Field for walks, running the dog, picnics, playing Frisbee.

Atkinson pool and Grey's Reservation.
Davis Field
Davis Field. Great open space for us with peaceful beauty.
tipping rock
memorial forest
Hiking in conservation land
SMILE playground, Fairbanks, soccer fields
Cutting
Fairbanks
Davis feild
Feeley Fields
Conservation land off Old Lancaster/Hudson Rd
SMILE Playground and Davis Field
Haskell and Cutting for organized kids soccer events.

Davis and Grist Mill to relax and enjoy the outside with family. Davis to fly kites.
Featherlands and Haskell Field
Assabet River Wildlife Center, Fairbanks, walkways
All conservation lands
Pantry Brook
Nobscot
Lincoln Meadows
King Phillip
Hop Brook
Haynes Meadow
Davis Field
40 fairbank rd. Most facilities (swimming, youth center, etc) are at that place
Great Meadows NWLR on Hudson Rd., conservation land like Gray reservation
Haskell
Haynes meadow, Hop Brook
Various conservation areas, walkways
I'm not sure whether the areas are Town, SVT, or otherwise owned, but I visit properties with walking trails.
Davis Field
Haskell, Cutting, Featherland courts, LS fields, Hop Brrok, Tipping Rock, Davis, Atkinson
Tracks mentioned above
Haskell
sidewalks to and thru Heritage park
Occasionally the trails at the corner of Hudson and Old Lancaster
Haskell and Featherland
featherland park
Featherland and other ball fields
Sports fields
the soccer fields at Haskell
Lower Featherland
Featherland tennis courts (when they were open)
Feeley tennis courts
Hop Brook Conservation area
Round Hill/Lincoln Meadows conservation area
Great Meadows refuge on Hudson Road
Wolbach Farm
Haskell
Davis
Featherland
Park
Haskell and Davis fields.
Haskell, Featherland, fields at LS, woods behind Curtis middle school
Curtis, haskell
Smile playground and Fairbank fields
Haynes Meadow and Gray Reservation
Haskell field playground
Walking trails
Davis Field
Haskell Field
LSRHS
Curtis
Conservation Land
Most conservation and SVT land Davis Field and Farm a favorite.
hop brook
Upper featherland - softball
Haskell, Cutting
Davis Field
Haskell, tennis courts at LS, and Featherland.
Walking trails off Hudson Rd.
walkways on Nobscot road

One of my kids plays soccer and my family belongs to SS&T. When my kids were smaller we used to go to the playground but we've just outgrown it.

Various trails

The trails through the woods around the town

Trails

Conservation land open to dog walking

Hop Brook areas. N-S Railroad tracks. Gray Reservation. Dutton Road trails. SVT parcels

Tennis Courts and outdoor walking areas (SVT etc)

Haskelds fields, park and rack

Schools

Fairbank road field pool etc.

Haynes Meadow

Davis Field, Davis Conservation, Haynes Meadow

Haskell playground.

unpaved walking paths

Haskel and LS fields

Haskell field

Baseball fields

Grass fields... baseball, soccer, lacrosse etc.

Haskell and Atkinson

Assabet River NWR

Nobscot

MemorialForest

Davis field

Tennis courts, ice skating, tipping rock

Atkinson pool

Davis Field, Haskell Field

soccer fields

Sudbury conservation trails

walking paths, sidewalks

Atkinson, Davis

Feeley for women's softball. Haskell for walking

1. Haskell Fields, Featherlands (weekly)

2. Willis Pond landing, Cutting Field, Haynes Meadow, Assabet Nat'l Refuge (okay it's not town land but the town has an interest in it), Pantry Brook (each a few times per year)

Featherland and Haskell.

Haynes Meadow and Gray Reservation

Haskell, Davis, Cutting and Community stadium. We also visit the numerous park space to walk our dog.

Haskell Field, Hope Brook reservation, Davis Field

asabet park, sudbury valley

Lyons-Cutler, Assabet, Hop Brook Marsh, Memorial Forest, unnamed conservation land on Blueberry Hill, Gray Reservation, Lincoln Woods, Great Meadows

Feeley Field

Haskell, Cutting, LSRHS Fields

Haskell Field

Haskell field, Davis field, featherland, Noyes playing fields, Curtis field, and LS highschool

Haskell

Featherland

Haskell

Haskell

Soccer and Baseball

tipping rock

gray reservation

assabet wildlife refuge

Haskel, Haskel work out area. Cutting and High School turf fields. Featherland Tennis Courts.

Feeley and Haskell

sports fields

fields

Haskell

Haskel, Featherland, LS, Feeley

Haskell & Cutting

Haskell Field and Playgorund, Fairbank Pool, an Davis Field.

Haskell

Haskell, Davis, Atkinson

Davis

Featherland

Fairbanks/Haskell

Noyes

Haskell and Cutting

Atkinson pool

Smile Playground

Davis Field

LSHS

Haskell

Davis Field

Fairbanks

Noyes

Curtis

Haskell Field

Haskell, Davis, TI-sales fields

Haskell Field, White's pond, Curtis fields, Davis Field

In order, Haskell, Davis, and Cutting Fields

Featherland, Haskell, Tipping Rock, the trails behind Curtis, and Feeley.

haskell, cutting

Haskell, Cutting and LS

Haskell
Featherland
haskell fields
Davis, Haskell, Featherland, and the school playgrounds
Haskell, Featherland, Feeley,
Haskell
Haskell, Featherland
Haskell
Haskell, Davis and Featherland
Baseball fields (various - Loring, Noyes, Featherland)
Davis Field
Smile Playground
Haskell.
Haskell and the schools
Haskell field, High school tennis courts
Featherland
Haskell
Featherland, Feeley
playgrounds, soccer fields
Featherland Park, Davis Field, Haskell Field and Wayside Inn
Fairbanks, Cutting, LS fields
Conservation land, athletic fields
Davis Field, Featherland Park, Heritage Park, and some of the woodlands, including Nobscot and the White Pond trail near Concord. I am a active hiker and often have my dog with me.
Haskell
Davis
LS Highschool
Haskell, Cutting
Conservation land
Soccer fields
Haskell & Cutting
Haskell
Haskell
Featherland
Cutting

actually it's almost daily (question 11 below)

Haskell Field
Cutting Field
LS Field
Davis Field
Tennis Courts in So. Sudbury
Conservation land on corner of Peakham and Hudson
Boat landing on Sudbury River (Wayland?)
Grist Mill area (Wayside Inn land)
Trails- especially Hop Brook where I frequently run. We also use the playground and Davis soccer field.
haskell, conservation land
Haskell Field
haskell
Haskell
cutting
Haskell, Cutting and Feeley
Haskell
Haskell-soccer
Fields for the kids
soccer fields
Atkinson, Haskell, Davis, cutting,
Haskell
Haskell and Cutting
Haskell Field
Haskell field and playground, Atkinson pool, biking around town on the sidewalks.
haskell field, swimming pool
Haskell and Davis
soccer/baseball fields for children's sports team activities.
Haskell Field, Davis Field, Feely Field
Haskell and walking trails
Cutting field, Haskell park
Haskell
Haskell and noyes baseball diamond.
In order: haskell,cutting, fair banks pool, LSRH, field house, davis
Haskell Field, Blueberry Hill trails (behind Curtis), old railroad bed.
haskell
Featherland Park
Davis Farm

Haskell Field, Featherland Park men's softball diamond and tennis courts, Feeley fields, Curtis softball field, Davis field, Cutting, wooded conservation area off Pine Street
Fairbanks with grandkids
Davis. Etc to walk
Grass fields
Haskell, Featherland, Elementary schools, Atkinson Pool, Davis, and Smith
Haskell field and playground

Haskell
Featherland
Lincoln Sudbury high school
The Fieldhouse
Curtis middle school
Haskell, Featherland, LS, Toland Outdoor Rink
Haskell Playground, Wadsworth Cemetery, Goodnow Library, Haynes Meadow
Haskell, LSRHS, Cutting
Haskell
Hop Brook Conservation Area, Desert Natural Area and adjacent conservation area, Assabet NWR, Featherland Park, Sudbury River (multiple kayak put-ins)
Haskell Field, Featherland baseball complex, Cutting Field, Davis Field
Featherland
Haskell
Baseball, soccer and lacrosse fields
Conservation land hiking trails
Davis and Haskell fields.
Nixon, Noyes, Haskell, Loring, Fetherland, Davis. Soccer and Baseball field.
Haskell and the baseball fields.
Haskell
Featherland, Davis, Cutting, Noyes.
Haskell and Featherland
smile park, various hiking trails, soccer fields
soccer fields, Tipling Rock, trails off Old Lancaster/Hudson Road
none
Nobscot

Assabet Wildlife Refuge

Gray Reservaton/Hop Brook Meadows

Haskell Field

I visit wooded trails in woods/Conservation Land daily. Both my kids play/practice soccer at Haskell and/or Cutting fields, depending where there practices are assigned. Even off soccer season, my kids meet their friends for friendly soccer pick up games at both Cutting and Haskell Fields.

Haskell

Assabet River Refuge

Hop Brook

Davis, Fairbanks

Atkinson pool, davis field, noyes 1 & 2, Haynes school playground.

soccer and softball fields

Hop Brook

Cutting Field

Haskell Field

Playground

Featherland, Noyes, Haskell

conversation areas, hiking trails

Haskell and Cutting Fields

soccer fields and baseball fields

Haskell, Davis. Featherland

Atkinson, Haskell, Hopbrook Conservation area

Hop Brook, Nobscot,

Haskel field

Soccer Fields

Atkinson

Playground across the street from Atkinson

assabet, memorial forest and all of the sports fields

Haven't really, except the woods now and then. Am interested in paved rail trail.

conservation lands

haskell

haskell

athletic fields

Curtis and Smile Park and Fairbanks Field.

Haskell field, Cutting, LS Turf

Haskell Field, Davis Field, Cutting Field

Featherlands, high school, noyes

Haskell and LS

baseball fields

Fairbanks - Haskell Field

Haskell Field, Cutting Field, Raymond Road Fields in S.Sudbury, Hop Brook woods off Dutton Road, Fields at Curtis Middle Sch and LS Fields

Featherland, Loring, Noyes, Nixon, Crime Lab and Fairbank.

Haskell, Featherlands

Haskell field

Feather land

Haskell, Davis, Noyes

Baseball and soccer fields

davis field / Haskell fields

kayak the Sudbury river

Baseball fields, soccer fields and lax fields.

13. What should the Town do to increase accessibility and public enjoyment of recreational facilities? - Other responses

Make sure that recreation is not only defined by the needs of youth sports

build the Bruce Freeman rail trail as planned.

Trails that connect major parks, center, shops, schools

They are sufficient. Invest money elsewhere

Create more programs to use the properties

continuous sidewalk throughout Rt 20, esp from Shaw's plaza to Longfellow Club

staff that cares

Make them more known to everyone
 walking trails
 leave things that are working alone and fix those that need repair
 Build the rails trails - at long last... its been talked about for 15 years.
 bike trails
 build the rail trails
 MAINTAIN the walkways you have!
 Use Melone for athletic fields
 maintain and fully utilize what we have before developing more lax/baseball
 USE MELONE as was planned
 keep open space open
 Keep Davis as is.
 Tier II Chrome Test
 Tier II Firefox Test
 Tier II Internet Explorer Test
 maintain current facilities & lands
 bike paths
 Paved rail trails
 clear tracks for walking until rail trails come in
 More fields
 outdoor swimming pool
 Public awareness
 Ensure ADA compliance to public facilities
 Bike paths
 Do not create new ones, but rather take better care of the ones it already has
 nothing it's good
 use Ti Sales fields
 fix roads and sidewalks
 preserve open space - especially center and south
 Stop baseball paying large amounts of money to monopolize fields
 Finish the bike path
 trail care, signage
 more field space
 Proceed with the Davis and Cutting projects. I checked no to Malone assuming Da
 asphalt bike trails connecting to other towns
 Lets preserve open space and enhance what we already have.
 facilities are adequate if managed and maintained effectively
 better maintenance, lights for existing
 whatever is decided, the rustic nature of Sudbury should be preserved
 Create more recreational fields
 bike paths
 better restroom
 More grass fields
 Whichever is more cost-effective
 construct the BFRT
 Bike path/ rail trail
 Rail Trail Development
 Desperately need more usable soccer fields for our kids to be able to compete.
 stop building houses
 parking at Davis is atrocious
 Biking paths
 Rail Trail
 Make sure Rail Trail is paved
 Rail Trails
 maybe little league takes over fields attached to schools -
 Lighting
 Bike path
 bike path

19. For what purpose do you use them? (check all that apply) - Other responses

cross country skiing
 dog/human walking
 picnic
 Mountain biking
 XC ski, biking
 Wildlife watching
 XC skiing
 observe nature
 Tier II Chrome Test
 Tier II Firefox Test
 Tier II Internet Explorer Test
 enjoying nature
 Would like to use them for biking
 Can't use them not assessable for a wheel chair
 recreation and nature watching
 enjoying their natural existance
 Family picnics
 biking
 biking (with children) where permitted
 photography
 Plant Study
 Snowshoeing
 shortcut to connect to other neighborhoods & schools
 nothing
 Cross Country Skiing throughout winter

24. How do you receive information regarding Sudbury's recreational programs and opportunities? (Please check all that apply) - Other responses

Facebook/One Sudbury
one sudbury
One Sudbury FB
One Sudbury on Facebook, Sudbury Family Network
One Sudbury
Facebook
Newspaper
One Sudbury Facebook pg
e-mail other groups (SVT, Trustees of Reservations, etc.)
Selectmen Meetings Town Meeting
internet
Town Crier
One Sudbury
Little League and Sudbury Soccer sites
Tier II Chrome Test
Tier II Firefox Test
Tier II Internet Explorer Test
attend meetings, talk to commissioners
OneSudbury
One Sudbury
CObservation Commission
Town Crier
One sudbury
Facebook
Crier
SVT
Sudbury Town Crier
in town sports programs like LSSL, LS Softball
newspaper
One Sudbury
Town Crier
The Crier
SVT, Sudbury Youth Sports leagues
SYSA
Town Crier
SVT emails, Senior Center bulletin
Programs brochure
At Commission on Disability meetings
emails

25. What should the Town do to increase awareness of the range of recreational opportunities in Sudbury? - Responses

Perhaps use the quarterly publication to discuss them in more detail in addition to the courses you can sign up for.
I'm not sure, but, if figure out how to get people attention and bottle it, that would fund all of the above.
Email list, Social media like Facebook, Twitter.
newsletter
Separate website (from P & R) of Recreational Activities in Sudbury, MA
twitter
Have a Recreational forum where all groups offering Recreational activities are present and can discuss their programs.
User friendly website
I think the town should take care of what they have before "branching " out. These questions are ridiculous-should have been a bit more detailed, however Im sure Mr Williamson wanted it vague
Create more programs
enhance social media
Work with groups like the Sudbury Family Network and Sudbury NewComers club to host fun events at these areas to introduce a broader range of people to them
organize events
facebook page
Signage around town
categorize and advertise all available opportunities in a one place on the town website
Promote at festivals at LS and July 4th etc
Mailer to homes
Have a town email list
Town facebook page
Use social media to promote.
Listings in town crier
Monthly news letters from April to October

Get a new park and rec director who cares less about awards more about creating community. The absentee rate for some of the staff is horrible. The town manager has taken her eye off the ball. It is time to replace the management hire people who care. You have lost some very good people who put their heart and soul in their jobs. Make big changes Annual mailings to households listing all avenues of recreation including many of the CPC purchased land that people have access to that no one knows about (Fairbank Farm for example). Signs should be put up on these properties to let people know it is for them to use
Do a better job of reaching people by email. Make a concerted effort to expand the town manager newsletter. Most people do not even know about it. I only signed up in the last year and that was from word of mouth.

There are some recreational opportunities that don't seem to get publicity like the ice rinks. It would also be nice to know which ponds are accessible for boating, etc.
Host events
Marketing - at the library, texts, Facebook page
Facebook, email
website
Leverage social media sites, such as Sudbury Bulletin Board and One Sudbury, to reach more people in a more modern way.
Have a Facebook page and utilize school websites to promote programs and spaces
It would be great if there was a trail guide/open space guide or pamphlet that could be free or purchased with explanations of use areas, as well as locations (addresses) and parking options for these areas.
newsletter

Facebook site

Lg banners over street like in Framingham

Greater presence on Facebook.

If someone wants to find out what is available they can easily do so on-line. I don't think anything else is needed.

Not sure this is relevant.

Perhaps an email from Park & Rec with an overview of the current facilities, land and recreational activities available. The current activities publication and email is great but maybe a more general outline would be helpful.

Highlight in the town crier. We highlight a senior citizen each week - which is fantastic, but how about highlighting what recreational opportunities we have?

Create a town Facebook Page

Facebook page

Clearer websites with easier indicators of where to sign up for more info and mailing list

I think the information gets out there.

Offer exposure opportunities...walks, runs, events at these venues...specialize them...have a conservation walk for seniors...etc.

Allow youth sports programs to advertise (with a brief description and registration information) in the Park and Rec brochure.

This is critical because the Park and Rec brochure is one of the only ways that families of young children learn about recreation opportunities.

Comprehensive brochure listing

a) what is the property, and where is it

b) types of uses

c) parking and access

d) seasonal character (so it's a field in summer; can we cross-country ski or snowshoe in winter?)

e) hours and restrictions (e.g. no dogs)

This survey and other issues related to such important topics should be mailed to all Sudbury residents, not left to chance finding. As it stands, those with vested interests one way or another will fill this out and influence a vote that should represent Sudbury as a whole.

First there is a big difference between recreation and all of this organized sports focus in this study. Think there are too many meetings etc before the decision meetings. Can't pay attention to all this noise. But when things go off the rails - Like the plan to repurpose Davis Field Park, then it's time to pay attention and ACT.

Guided walks

More advertising, e.g., Town Crier

a weekly column/article in the local papers concentrating on seasonal changes, conservation lands

Improve the current ball fields rather than creating new ones.

Email monthly newsletter. Unsure of what the Park & Rec. quarterly publication that is mailed to households is - I don't recall receiving that.

Create a FB page and post.

Put information on the Park & Rec website

Nothing

I think the Town does a reasonable marketing job. Not everyone will utilize what is available and for those that are interested have several avenues for learning more (e.g.

Town/dept websites, social media, word of mouth, exploring).

town recreational website needs to be more developed to give the Sudbury residents or other people more awareness of what is around them. Also, as resident of north Sudbury, I feel the range of recreational opportunities are much fewer compared to center and south part. This definitely needs to be improved to make Sudbury a better living place.

Improve town website and promote the options.

publish an updated map of all areas open to public recreation including town conservation land, SVT, and any other accessible properties

I think the town is doing a good job with this already

Publicize more

If there are other programs and opportunities besides what's listed in the quarterly publication, find a way to make it more public. I'd start by posting to the One Sudbury Facebook page and invite members to join/like the website - user group website?? never heard of it!

Mailings

email

Right now--send out or email flyers to every household about the conservation trails, the Great Meadows refuge, Wolbach Farm, Wayside Inn (I know there are walking trails adjacent to that property but I am not sure what they are) and encourage people to use them for walking or riding bikes.

Twitter.

Have events at the different spaces

Better website

Enhancing the website to provide more clear information about the recreational sites and opportunities.

More effective outreach. I believe the vast majority of residents do not use what we have.

nothing, most people know it, let the residents look into it, there is loads of information already available

Facebook? Open up dialogue in an unbiased way

Publish locations w/ amenities in the phone book?

Monthly newsletter to residents and

Website alerts etc.

Hold a walk in each area in the spring and fall.

Yes, I'm very disappointed with the park n rec

Nothing

Feature a conservation area of the quarter in the Park and Rec publication and/or on the Park & Rec website: a photo, brief description of trail system, address of trailhead/parking.

I am well informed

Keep the road signposts in good condition

More information on the town website

Ask for volunteers to care for trails.

There are too many fields already. I've been coaching 16 years of American Legion and have never seen a town other than Sudbury with 5 big diamonds. The problem is there are too many kids doing everything. They all play soccer so you need fields for them, they all play baseball so you need fields for them, then they all go to lacrosse, HS doesn't help

no awareness needed;

just pave the damn trail and connect it to Bruce Freeman

Some questions are rigged. For instance, I do not want any more sidewalks built. You cannot maintain the ones you have. The philosophy in Sudbury is build and then don't keep up. Schools, cemetery, unkempt, Senior center looks like a war zone. Maintain with pride what you have and all will be well.

My awareness of activities and opportunities in town is largely through my kids. I wouldn't use the fields nearly as much for youth sports. Can there be more events at these spaces to encourage their use? Can we have a Trail Run 5K instead of road race?

keep the website updated and connected to the schools.

Place on Park & Recreation website

I believe there is awareness of the opportunities.

Don't do stuff like item 28 where youth recreation is completely left out. Embarrassing that this is clearly an attempt to focus efforts on open space.

Stop trying to pass things via town meeting which is a process that has not improved in the last 400 years

There are many private small businesses that provide recreational activities. Perhaps the town can promote small business run recreation in a cooperative way as part of providing the community with recreational opportunities. It would provide a broader contribution to the town.

if there's a web site and ability to subscribe to a newsletter, not sure how much more the town should do to share information, assuming all information is being shared.

Facebook page

encourage wider use of the P&R email list as well as regular updates on Wicked Local.

events - preservation, use, educational

More info on website and easier to navigate site

I think the town does a fine job providing information regarding what facilities are available

No opinion

Offer guided tours to showcase properties. Create linkages to maps. Some areas have good maps available others do not have links to maps.

Nothing new needed. Awareness is already quite high.

Email

post a periodic listing in the crier of events.

create specific link on town website for recreational and public events.

Send emails

Include links to additional town websites/info in the emails sent to notify taxes are due. Add emailing households, perhaps quarterly, timely Sudbury events.

Good question.

Probably explore more social media opportunities; Facebook, twitter, instagram, pinterest, mapmyrun.

MapMyRun (or other fitness app) would be nice to have all the trails mapped by the community.

Be brief and simple in your communications

Promote it with expanded website and perhaps have dedicated awareness events or days. Example: Sudbury Recreation Days with events held at all of the towns recreation locations.

No improvements necessary, I feel very well-informed about recreational opportunities available in Sudbury.

Publish trail maps online and include info about this content on the park and rec website, in the park and rec publication and in school newsletters.

publicize events, put a calendar in the paper/town website

Promote your email list; didn't know it existed.

It's ridiculous that only LLC businesses can offer recreational programming through park and rec. Teachers in town used to be able to run community programs to provide services but now you have to be an LLC to run a program. My popular programs Fairytale Ballet and Monster Blast preschool movement classes were well attended but now defunct.

Not sure since I know people do NOT favor an increase in taxes!

Any of the above: email, newsletter, school newsletters...

Facebook

Periodic articles in the Town Crier

Updates on the town website

Email notifications

We receive a quarterly publication from the Atkinson Pool with detailed information. We keep it and check it actively for recreation opportunities. It would be great to have a pamphlet with a map showing available trails and any activities even once a year.

Have one web source where everything is listed.

Publish good trail maps

That's a loaded question. Provide adequate field space so that the "range of recreational opportunities" can be had

Signs posted at major shopping areas.

town paper; town website;

Monthly email

Through school and town websites

Cooperative actions with the schools to bring large student groups to the outdoor recre., trails, woods areas, and field areas that we already have. Help students know and appreciate what we/they have right in backyards here in Sudbury. Help them get involved too. Remember a significant percentage will stay or return with their families in future
tweet / Local paper / websites

26. Which methods do you favor to preserve open space? (Check all that apply) - Other responses

anything that does not involve taking more in taxes!

all the above

combination

The town has enough open space. Develop tax dollars

NOT building on the open space we have

Tier II Chrome Test

Tier II Firefox Test

Tier II Internet Explorer Test

Mixed affordable housing and open space

I don't know much about these choices

private land trusts only.

stop building

actively fight to repeal 40B

we have enough open space

All of the above. Sudbury is becoming too overdeveloped!

Analyze projects case by case

Quit raising property taxes - they are already abominable!!!

Need better understanding of how it works to answer

None - we already have way too much open space and conservation land

27. On a scale of 1-8, with 1 being the most desired, how would you like the Town to prioritize the preservation of new open space land? - Comments

[No Responses]

30. Which projects were not supported? - Responses

Johnson Farm Fairbank Farm Pantry Brook

Johnson Farm.

johnson Farm

Johnson Farm only because we paid too much, delayed the submission of the housing plan creating opportunity for the developer, could have purchased it earlier for far less money.

I had no idea those efforts existed.

I am frustrated with the way Johnson Farm was handled and that the town ended up having to spend so much more for the same land that they could have purchased for less initially.

Johnson Farm

I only supported Johnson, I did not know about the others.

I can not support the park and rec department. It is embarrassing to waste money on lazy staff
Fairbank Farm, Johnson Farm
I supported Pantry Brook but we paid a lot of money to the owners and the Town doesn't even own the land and has VERY limited access to it.

I supported Johnson Farm but wish we could have bought the land for cheaper years ago and been able to preserve the front meadow.
I didn't know enough about all of these projects.

I did not support the Town's purchase of the Johnson Farm due to the mismanagement of the process and the price the town paid. The cost to taxpayers was not in line with market value, past purchase records or past assessed valuation. Either the land is wetlands or it is not...it should not depend on 40B or 'not in my backyard' politics.

Davis

Lenny's rail trail which will never be built in my lifetime.

I'm unfamiliar with Libby property, cutting farm and Fairbanks farm

Johnson Farm

The way Johnson Farm was handled was absurd. It should have been purchased BEFORE the developer purchased it and increased the price.

Johnson Farm - we should have bought it when first offered. Seems many errors were made and due diligence not done.

All were

The Pantry Rd Farm Deal did not provide reasonable public access for \$ spent. Very Poor work by town staff ending with this result. Putting fake Turf fields at Cutting simply dumb. Think leasing of Lincoln Rd Conservation Land prevents public enjoyment of these parcels, should be left as open fields for passive recreation Same Davis Farm
None of them

I don't support any that want to build or create the character of Sudbury, rather than preserve it. We were all for the community preservation act until we found out it was burning a hole in the committee's pocket.

Do NOT support developing Davis Field for athletic fields.

Don't know enough about all of them.

Johnson Farm

Cutting And Johnson farm

I did not support, unknown of these. I feel sudbury town needs to find more developer to bring their interest in development, not just too conservative about saving land, mostly wet land.

Cutting

I don't know much about the specifics of these efforts. I did vote no against lighting at cutting - the field is reaching the end of its life.

Nobscot

Pantry

Jonhson

I would have supported Pantry and Johnson under more reasonable conditions

I was only aware of the Johnson. Farm effort and supported it.

Johnson Farm - poorly handled, the developer left with too much of our money!

Johnson

Rail trails

Johnson Farm, Fairbank Farm and Cutting

Johnson

Johnson Farm

Cutting

Johnson

I answered some as I have not lived in town long enough to have experienced the process on all of these transactions.

Johnson Farm, specifically.

I vote when I am in town,

but I travel for work and cannot always vote when needed

NA

All but Nobscot. Waste of money.

Fairbank Farm, Cutting Farm

I support all land preservation in this town. One of the primary reasons we moved to Sudbury is that we fell in love with the conservation land & open spaces. We have two very athletic children in elementary school and they do not need a perfectly manicured ball field to become good players. Lets improve our existing fields.

Davis field development

I would need to investigate further to have a clear opinion.

none

not sure

The one that recently cost in excess of \$7,000,000 for the right to lease.

N/A

It is not clear when the town is supporting these with CPA. Several initiatives I have not heard of. Reading the weekly Crier has not informed of all efforts or costs. I would answer yes to #28 above if town election was required to use the funds, however it is often clear that these funds are allocated without town wide majority in favor.

Libby & perhaps Johnson Farm

I'm not familiar with all he projects and so my previous answer was some. All that I'm aware of, I have supported.

Johnson Farm

CPA funds should be used as they were advertised to the voters when enacted - to purchase open space. Should not be used for sidewalk construction, affordable housing or historic conservation. CPA has turned into another tax that will not disappear even when there is no more open property in the town,

I supported acquiring the land in town center because that area will benefit from a commercial presence and it's charm will draw people to our beautiful community. I oppose buying up land for the sake of avoiding development. Development brings in more revenue for the town and if we are careful planners, we can use that to our benefit.

Johnson Farm

Johnson Farm

Cutting

n/a

33. Please list any parcels of land that you think should be acquired or preserved by the Town for open space or recreation uses? - Responses

Wayside Inn

1) Honora Haynes

2) McLagan.

There are larger parcels, but, in terms of maintain Sudbury's rural feel, these are the top 2 parcels.

Morse Road horse farm

Davis Field

anywhere you can, stop the McMansions!!!

Davis Field should be preserved as is - as unstructured, multi-use open space - the only of it's kind in Sudbury.

Horse farm on concord road, fairview farm on 117,

Davis Field

The horse farm on Morse Rd is on the top of my personal list. It is close to existing recreational land (Featherland Park), abuts a potential rail trail and is a large & beautiful spot of land.

I was happy with the outcome of the Davis Farm vote. We have spent millions in CPA funds to preserve open space and, even with good intentions for town youth, it made no sense to ruin a wonderful open space area with baseball fields that are ugly unlike soccer/lax fields that are less obtrusive. Also, consider traffic on 117 for Melone/Davis. St. Anselm church property.

the 5 acre farm inside the Hopedill Brown Rd. circle.

Honora Haynes' land/horse farm.

DAVIS FIELD -- do not ruin that beautiful land with more baseball fields and parking spaces. And NO Turf should be introduced there

Any open lots along routes 20, 27, Concord Road, and Hudson Road.

East/West Railway bed

any parcels in historic districts

Would love to see the acquisition of a parcel in excess of 1 acre to create a community garden.

Davis Field

RAYTHEON!!!!

All available

Keep Davis as is!!

Melons if it is deemed safe.

None

Use Melone instead of Davis for Baseball fields.

Preserve Melone for open space/recreation. NO 40B!!!

Fairview Farm.

The town should acquire the entirety of Davis as conservation land, since so many rare species are seen there and no where else, because of its size.

Davis Field

Davis Field should remain multi-use and open space. It's utterly inappropriate for ball fields.

Davis Field

Malone Property

Those properties currently listed and ranked in the open space & recreation plan.

Wayside inn

Davis should be untouched

Broad Acres Farm

preserve Davis filed as is.

put ball fields on Melone.

Melone.

Raytheon

Malone

Agricultural land north/east on Concord towards Nashawtuc.

Morse road horse farm

Any land available should be preserved

continue to opportunistically add space to the parks in the town center

I believe open space is less a priority than resolving the 40B issue. Developers can select the properties they wish to develop into 40B projects which may have no rhyme or reason for the town's future. If the town can select a parcel that makes sense to develop into 40B, it can then turn to preserving key natural areas of the town.

Davis Field

pave the bike trail

Nobscot and route 20. Working on a 20 year eyesore. Make it a pocket park for gods sake

Davis Field

Parcel Behind North Gate Farm on Concord Road

Raytheon

Considering there are too few options, Melone and Raytheon

You would know way better than me

unknown

Open Space: Davis Field, in its entirety. No formal recreational development.

Davis should be used as it is deeded, for more active recreation.

Poor Farm Meadows would be ideal for 1 or 2 open space soccer fields. While still preserving some space for agriculture

Cavicchio land

Land suitable for more athletic fields.

Melone

Davis Field

Melone and Raytheon

On the left side of concord road past LSRHS where there is a field with a small circle of pine trees in the middle.

It is not clear without a map of what is preserved what spaces should be.

Although probably too expensive, it would be cool to have Raytheon made into trails, bike park, playground, volleyball courts, basketball courts, etc.

I think we should look to existing recreation space and think more creatively about how it is used. Can we do more with existing school grounds to meet needs of various sport programs? E.g., the majority of Noyes grounds are not used during school hours. Can we re-organize that space to get better use of it? I imagine Loring could be improved too.

I voted to revamp Davis for organized recreational use. Are there other parcels of land that can be adjusted/used for additional much needed soccer field space?

Anything without a building currently on it or even knock down some house and rip up roads to create more green space in town

new baseball/soccer facilities or significant enhancement of school fields.

Stone Farm on Route 20 and along Horse Pond Rd. Nice to drive by open fields.

The town should encourage development and stop buying land - it waste of money. Also, please rescind the wetland bylaw.

Police Station

David field ballfields

34. Where did you obtain this survey? - Other responses

Town of Sudbury Twitter

One Sudbury Facebook page

Facebook

Facebook

One Sudbury

Facebook/One Sudbury

onesudbury facebook page
facebook
Facebook
Facebook - One Sudbury
One Sudbury facebook
One Sudbury Facebook group
Town Facebook group
Facebook
friend emailed to me
Facebook link
Facebook
emailed to me
facebook - onesudbury
Facebook
One Sudbury Facebook
One Sudbury
link on One Sudbury Facebook group
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35. Please use this space for any comments or suggestions you would like to add relative to active/passive recreation and open space efforts in Sudbury. - Responses

As mentioned earlier, it would be a shame if Davis Fields ends up like other fields that really are not used except for sports. The fields setup simply do not allow for the enjoyment of passive recreation that is enjoyed by so many at Davis Fields. Supposedly, people are being told that Park and Rec plans to consider that with the design at Davis Field. However, I remember when the town was told that the town was going to find another spot for lax fields when baseball took over the space at Featherland and it literally took years for that to happen.....So, I don't really trust that. It is important to design the field with the dog walkers, flyers etc in mind and guarantee that there will desirable weekend hours that sports teams will not use the field.

The Sudbury Listening Project final report urges the Town to explain decisions more. That may cause trouble in the short run, but, in the long run, it pays off, IMHO.

Keep doing a great job! Imagine a wet dog emerging from a pool of negativity and unjust criticism and do as Taylor Swift says and "Shake it off!"

acquiring Morse Road horse farm could be a nice opportunity to complement Featherland fields and BFRT corridor, and valuable vernal pool areas while also preserving Sudbury's most notable privately-owned viewscape.

Question 20 is very misleadingly phrased.

We're tired of constant override votes. Get things planned properly and into a regular budget.

Communication in this town is terrible. All the "cool kids" seem to know what's going on, pluses and minuses, etc, while the rest of us who are interested but not regularly visiting Selectmen meetings are left to piece together what's really going on. Take the rail trail thing. Is voting "YES" actually voting for a rail trail, or is it voting to wait for Nstar, or is it voting to wait for the state, or what? Where is the place where I can go find out?

I do NOT support use of town funds to prevent lower income/rental construction as occurred with the recent Johnson Farm issue. That was deeply embarrassing and elitist.

More organized activities linking people of similar interests. Possibly a tennis tournament like there are town organized road races.

Reach out to LS to see what more can be offered to the town. Maybe link LS adult Ed offerings with park & rec.

I'd love to see more emphasis on maintaining the recreation area/ fields that we have as opposed to creating new ones.

I feel like there is definitely a shortage of recreational activities for upper elementary/middle school age children. I would love to see a sprinkler park and perhaps a playground /parkour/ area designed for older kids. It would be great for them to have similar opportunities that other age groups in town have. There seem to be tons of opportunities for senior citizens and younger children in town.

Question #20 is poorly constructed and will result in misleading findings. The options presented are not comprehensive. A town-funded, fast-track trail does NOT have to be soft surface. There should be an option for a town-funded paved trail. Incremental cost based on Wayland's research is \$120K/mile, which is same as Rail to Trail Conservancy estimates and total cost of ownership is less than stone dust.

I feel it is premature to voice any opinion on the development of Melone until a full and complete survey has been done on the toxicity of the land.

It is extremely disappointing to see that an outdoor pool is not part of the Atkinson Community Center redevelopment plan. The town not only loses an incredible amount of money to private pools in Marlborough, Concord, Lincoln and 2 private pools in Sudbury to name a few, but many families cannot afford the price those pools charge to be members. An outdoor summer pool and splash park would be a huge asset to the town. Perhaps build the new pool at Atkinson with a bubble that could be removed in the summer.

I strongly support the immediate rail trail project. This is the only way that I will be able to use the trails with my family. It is a small cost per household with a big benefit on the quality of life for residents (otherwise I have to drive 20-40 minutes away for similar amenities). It will also benefit local businesses that are near the rail trails. Davis field should be preserved as public use open space. Many folks use it for exercise, socializing, and nature watching. There is not enough dedicated open space in Sudbury for people of all ages to congregate, since there are no open parks. When we first moved to Sudbury, we heard long-tenured neighbors lament the increased development within the town. Now being here for 14 years ourselves, I believe the town has done a commendable job in preserving places that make Sudbury special.

It is not easy, nor inexpensive, but is so very important for both current & future residents.

I think the focus of the survey is exactly right: Preserving space and also linking these lands to maximize the opportunity to explore & enjoy them. In an era when car transportation needs are at such a high priority, this is very difficult to do but I believe it is just so important.

Thank you for your time.

James Levy

I would rather see the town fund sidewalks than rail-trails, particularly those on busy streets like Dutton Rd. where children are expected to walk to the Middle School yet only some sections of the road has sidewalks.

I think the town has enough ball fields and should spend more time and money taking care of the ones it has. It would be nice to have a useful central town green. We turned half of the newly purchased property into a drainage ditch when it could have been landscaped better into a bigger space for events, gatherings, etc.

more open space. hiking trails and open meadows. natural farmland preservation. Consider as much emphasis on recreation facilities for adults as on playing fields for children. Continue where possible programs to get more people on bikes and safe roads/trails. I appreciate your creation of this survey. From the questions and response choices listed I get a feel for the directions the town want to move toward. Forward thinking governance is always appreciated. We have such a beautiful town with a rich history. I would love to see every effort made to preserve the nature of the town, to connect our neighborhoods and create safe walkways for our children, especially.

THANK YOU for seeking our opinion and conducting this survey!

I would like to see Sudbury preserved - the reason we moved here was because of Sudbury's unique position as a true bridge between urban and rural living - developing our town center would be wonderful, and connecting the northern area of town to the historic center via a soft bed rail trail would benefit so many residents - families and empty nesters. Anything that connects our community is a strengthening force. I often see the same people out walking and enjoying our trails. I would also like to see the Featherland courts fixed - but not completely replaced - they only need to be good enough to be safe - they don't have to be competition-grade courts. So much emphasis is put on sports fields, I'd like to see a return to a focus on preservation and conservation.

Please, no selectmen should work for a developer or corporate entity and represent the town! Given the benefit of the doubt, it is still very difficult to serve two masters and serve both to best of your abilities. No matter what your intentions are.

#12 - I did not want to answer because I am not sure of the need, but the survey would not let me answer that way.

I dream of a walkable town center with a small two movie theatre, a bakery, and family owned stores!

Fix the tennis courts, do not turn them into parking or other uses. I think Davis field should be re-done so it drains and can be used for sports in the Spring. If people don't want ball fields there then fix the fields at the elementary schools and Curtis and then lock them during school so the kids don't destroy them. If the schools don't like it take the maintenance out of each school budget and bill them if the town has to make repairs.

Enough with the fields for the sports community. Sudbury is more than this user group and the number of kids enrolled in the schools is decreasing.

If we have a rail trail, it need to be handicapped accessible for me to support it.

We would really like to see trails that our young family can use to get from our home to the library and other places in town. We'd also love options for other family recreation opportunities like tennis courts (featherland), outdoor town pool, splash pad/sprinkler.

People in the upper echelon need to start working together instead of supporting their own interests when elected to represent the town.

If the folks on the BOS cannot set aside their petty differences and figure out how to get along - they should get out of the game.

thank you for offering the survey. It feels like a few are charged with the responsibility and as a result, it often feels inaccessible and difficult to have a voice. this is great.

Rather than take away space (such as Davis Field) to support baseball/soccer, use other space (Melone) and invest in existing fields (Nixon, Loring, etc) to help meet the need. More needs to be done to preserve agriculture in Sudbury.

There is a total omission of organized sports (aside from the "Active Recreation" question on Melone) in this survey. I don't do organized sports, but given the Davis Field article at Town Meeting, there is a perceived need in the community for playing fields that should be addressed in the OSRP. If it's not a town priority, state that explicitly.

The Town should actively pursue getting the rights to use the inactive rail lines in town from their various responsible parties (DOR, MassDOT, CSX).

If the town is going to build walkways, the town needs to clear, plow and maintain them. Costs for these services should be called out in the budget and factored in when proposing new walkway construction.

The town should develop an organized plan for acquiring Chapter 61 properties on which we have right of first refusal, including both scheduling the steps of the process to meet the deadlines and having funds available that don't require a special town meeting.

The town should not be allowing private interests or single- sport interest to influence development for their own desires. Thought and input needs to be taken from all Sudbury residents. Results should be quantitative not based on "show of hand" and influenced by who shows up.

I would really like to see the Melone property turned into a giant recreational area with something for everyone, including (but not limited to):

- an outdoor town pool and/or a spray park
- multi-use sports fields
- baseball/softball fields
- tennis courts
- a community track
- walking trails
- concessions
- BATHROOMS/changing rooms
- a driving range (golf)
- dog park
- a playground equipped for special needs
- pavilions that can be rented for parties
- a volleyball court

Need to Permanently preserve some Town Land such as Davis Field Park as a park that remains available to all and which does not destroy the rural-agriculture nature of the RT 117 corridor from Farrar Pond in Lincoln past Brigham farm in Concord, the Verrill Farm lands in Concord & Sudbury all the way to the Davis Farm Conservation Land in Sudbury.

We Need Walkways on Concord RD, Pantry Road Haynes Rd Marlboro Road NOW not is 10, 15 or 20 years.

Why does it seem the conservation commission is still planning on meeting about Davis even though development was voted against? Do these people have an ounce of sense?

Maintaining open space, space that is not defined by one or two sets of activities, in our town is essential. The conserved and undeveloped land in Sudbury gives Sudbury charm and character. Having places to enjoy that are clear, lowly attended, open and undeveloped are incredibly valuable and wonderfully peaceful....places like that are incredibly scarce in and around this part of our state.

I highly encourage Sudbury to consider the idea of just cause we can, must we? The open spaces we have are useful and available for play AS IS. And for play of all types, unscheduled, "pickup", spontaneous, creative play.

- I want to investigate costs as well as pro's & con's of fixing current playing fields.
- I am in favor of artificial turf only without tire pellets
- I want to expand/develop Ti-High centrally located property
- I want the Melone property fully investigated for playing fields

- I want Park & Rec to honor the town's voted interest in not developing Davis field (what is wrong with you guys?!!!!)

My children grew up in Sudbury, but haven't participated in organized sports. Instead they've done lots of other Parks and Rec programs, done Earth Day clean ups, Relay for Life and walked every trail in town 100 times. I have sometimes felt that Sudbury forgets about kids like them. We have become a town that is so gung ho about our sports teams, we forget that a big chunk of our population doesn't participate in those teams. For my kids, Davis Field has been a godsend. They have played with the dog, walked the perimeter, explored the wetlands, had picnics with friends and launched rockets with their dad. Davis is perfect exactly as it is. And the only place of its kind for kids like mine. You've heard many voices like mine by now. Why not listen to them? Leave Davis field alone.

The preservation of Davis Field in its current condition is essential for our enjoyment of the open spaces. This multi-use field is a rare gem that will only become more valuable. Walkways are critical. Dutton Road from Pratt's Mill to Tanbark without a walkway is treacherous - and we walk it regularly.

To much concentration I active sports ie soccer, lacrosse, baseball.

More emphasis on developing other options ie tennis courts, walking, biking, hiking trails

I thought Davis Field had already been voted on and determined to saved for open space!

Leave Davis alone - it is an open recreation space that is used for ALL. Everyone wants Malone built. Make it happen please!!!

I was at the Town Meeting evening regarding the Davis Field debate. I have two children (middle school and elementary school). I coach Sudbury youth sports and have done so for over 4 years. I oppose the repositioning of Davis Field for more than what it is currently used for today passive recreation and in-town soccer for very young kids (Kindergarten / first grade?).

Sudbury has underutilized assets that are in need of repair and which, if upgraded can serve multiple user groups. I specifically cite the elementary school fields. I acknowledge the conditions of these fields needs to be improved. Investment in improving (regrading, replanting grass, etc.) seems to be a logical response to improving fields for our kids during school hours and for after hour sports activities. At Town Meeting, I heard the cost to improve and maintain the school fields made this option not viable. I find this hard to believe. If we cannot maintain our existing assets we should not build new assets.

All recreational amenities, including rail trails, should be designed and built in compliance with all local bylaws and state & federal law(s). If a proposed recreational amenity can not be designed and built in full compliance then alternate sites and right of ways should be considered and utilized for said amenity. This is with the understanding some mitigation may be acceptable under the law(s). Sudbury's master plan has always placed environment (wetland bylaws, storm water bylaws, and wildlife consideration) ahead of recreation and development. Let us honor the opinion of the majority of the voters when, and only when, that majority opinion does not require exclusion of the bylaws.

I am for paved rails and I think the town is doing the right thing by waiting for the funds even if it will take a little longer. Please make sure people who are organizing to clean up the trails on their own have proper permissions and supervision to make sure our natural habitats are preserved. Check the One Sudbury facebook group for info on what people are planning to do.

Post on the Sudbury group important messages such as the one about the beaver dams being removed by people.

I think Sudbury offers a lot of variety of recreation and open spaces. I do not want the town or tax payers to have hardship by continuing to expanding. I'll all for preserving nature and open spaces and trying to accommodate linking these areas, but only when causing undue burden on the Town budget or tax payers or land owners who abut those areas (e.g. I fell bad for the land owners who moved to Sudbury to enjoy more of nature and soon will have a paved rail trail with loss of wildlife and perfect view of more concrete with an increase of noise & waste pollution). Sometimes the few are burdened for the good of the many --- I think Sudbury has enough existing recreational/space opportunities so that no one should be burdened other than maintaining what exists. Thank you!

Adding bike trails should be an immediate priority. Preserve the use of Davis Field for radio control (or identify a better facility).

North sudbury feels like not well developed compare to center or south, that is why the house prices in center or south increased a lot, while north is still not very popular in sudbury. I noticed new homes are being built along route 117. I do not know how much the land was sold to the developer, but I feel it is better to preserve that space for commercial use (e.g rent to commercial) than to just sell it to build homes. The land price is surely underestimated. Also, building affordable houses/condos will not bring sudbury too much profit, however, may to some extent, lower the market value of houses in sudbury. If more space could be used to build commercial use, even as kids program, the profit is long-term and will bring more and more people in sudbury. If sudbury is getting more and more popular in greater boston area, such as brookline (although this is not too reasonable), the town budget will be increased, since more people or investors will be interested in putting money here

Would love to see a more informative, easy to access town website.

We love the many places we can hike in Sudbury.

I think we have enough playing fields in town. I get very tired of the never ending pleas for more fields supported by studies done by the same consulting firm year after year.

Given all the enormous yards in town, can't children play in their own yards???

We need to stop trying to jam in low income housing projects and protect our open space.

I'm all about walking ability. I mentioned the rail road tracks above. That is a priority for me, but equally important are sidewalks. Marlboro Road was passed for sidewalks 15+ years ago and yet nothing has happened there. Because we were just under 2 miles to Nixon (1.95 to be exact) we had to pay for bus service. I found it unreasonable to charge for bussing when there was no sidewalk to use instead. We did walk many times because the kids enjoyed it and it was a great way to start the day, but the Marlboro Rd part was dangerous at 7:00. Also We can't safely walk the other direction on Marlboro to the fields at Haskell.

If planners start looking at walking patterns, they'd see that the loop of Marlboro, Mossman and Willis make up a very popular 3 mile loop. Marlboro and Willis have areas without sidewalks - Marlboro being the busiest. I'm sure there are plenty of similar walking loops in town.

Thank you for taking the time to ask,

Kim Bennett 5 Hunters Run

i have seen families playing tennis without the fence up. There is no need for additional parking at featherland. Not once this year has there been a need. It is pitiful that Sudbury is considering taking away the courts.

Building Baseball fields on the Melone property solves other issues for P&R along with LS Baseball. It makes no sense this is not happening and is stalled by some individuals. Developers have too much influence in Sudbury. WE need to stop the influence peddling and make better decisions for the town.

I was disappointed that voters didn't support the use of Davis Field to include the soccer and baseball fields. I think it would have been a great integration of passive space and active recreation. We already have so many wonderful places to walk dogs (passive recreation trails/conservation trails) and the town does need better baseball fields. I would also like to see some sort of rail trail developed. Why can't we as a town get our s--t together to do this? How have other towns been able to get a rail trail passed and built when we can't seem to get it done?

Some kind person went on FB and tried to suggest cleaning up some of the old rail trails. The amount of work to do just to get permissions to clean up the trails was RIDICULOUS. Someone needs to head up the effort to build a rail trail but also, the different constituents (conservation, private landowners, etc.) need to get behind it and support it.

South Sudbury needs playgrounds and fields.

Curtis was overloaded when there are multiple events at the same time. This weekend there was baseball and the smile run. There was no parking. 2 events shouldn't happen at the exact same time

If the town is compelled to try and meet our affordable housing quota, then please spread it evenly through the town. It's not fair to change the plans for the gravel pit now. South sudbury and the Loring school alone shouldn't carry the burden of the town.

You can't discuss open space and recreational planning without first resolving the affordable housing issues, as the priority for many south sudbury families is to first prevent our school from becoming over-burdened. Our kids deserve fields and playgrounds close to home, too!!

Kudos for July 4th Road Race

Please, listen to the residents and honor their wishes.

Reduce the influence by the developers.

Demand more accountability and transparency from the Town Planner.

I detest the idea of artificial turf; there is a lot of data on its hazards, and several towns do not use it because of this. There are many concerned parents about our kids playing on artificial turf. Please analyze the data in depth or hold off until longer range studies are available before exposing our children to this.

Thank you.

I hope that the town takes the opportunity to honestly assess the value of "active" vs "passive" recreation areas. Our town has wonderful amenities that could be better utilized rather than adding new active facilities.

Increasing passive facilities increases the dwindling habitats available to wildlife that has been diminished by development. Further, passive recreation areas allow the town opportunities to prevent developers from pursuing housing under 40B. Lastly, open recreation space helps with our towns financial solvency by removing property from development that increases head counts in schools or from playing fields that need to be maintained throughout their life cycle.

Again, I hope your groups take the time to review how possible expansions impact the long term wellbeing of our town and not simply turn it into an overcrowded suburb like Newton, Needham or Wellesley.

Best,

Nicholas Clayton

8 Pine Ridge Rd

I want to see a detailed list of what the par n rec spends money on full disclosure of the last 10 years of funds cost and money sitting on the bank. I want the building of new houses to stop. Leave the wooded area alone. No rail trail. Figure out what to do with Raytheon property. Get rid of the board members who are part box the corruption in this town.

Do what you can without pushing out old townies that can't afford to live here if taxes keep going up. PLEASE

See above commentary about 40B.

Two further notes:

- I am dead against any artificial turf sports venues in town. Having played on Lexington's artificial fields I believe it is a tremendous waste of money and precious resources. Grass works just fine.

- I would be delighted to see accelerated progress regarding the rail trail but get confused as to what the town's position is, particularly with the new addition of the Greenways effort.

I'm concerned that there appears to a continued focus of overpaying for wetlands purchases. As mentioned in the beginning Haskell field has been under heavy use for the past 4-5 years and yet the town appears to be more willing to pay \$1-\$2 million to purchase wetlands, and not to provide improvements to space that can be used for both active and passive recreational space.

CPA funds should not be used for sidewalks.

Large-scale CPA funds should not be used for ballfields or for artificial turf.

In Order of Priority:

1) lobby hard/quickly to repeal 40B

-- we have to outspend the contractors to get this repealed

-- contractors are lining their pockets under this law

-- they don't care that they destroy towns in the process

2) pave the bike trail & connect to other towns

3) buy every vacant property we can before a developer gets it

No need to spend money/time/brainpower on awareness or tours. Word of mouth in Sudbury is very effective, as are the newspapers (Town Crier & Globe).

Trail head signs are delapidated and falling down (see Hop brook). Another example of no upkeep - only build new. Other "trail heads" have signs and boards that are a waste (two on Marlboro road). Land to knowhere.

I deplore the spin denigrating the non- "Greenway" alternatives in the phrasing of the question on the rail trail. It has been astudy in how to do nothing constructive over a deplorable number of years.

I think that Sudbury residents (based on many interviews) desire a paved BFRT, and are not interested in a crushed stone path. Of those I have had had discussions with regarding the rail trail issue, they are emphatically against Sudbury Greenways' proposal. Please do the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail properly to benefit everyone. Pave it so it can be used by children, adults and the elderly alike. Thanks.

Do your best. I have seen the discussions at Town Meeting and they can be frustrating. I was disappointed by the Cutting Field lights and Davis field field improvements.

Get more people using Park and Rec assets who normally might not. The Sudbury Sprint Tri and Halloween 5K are awesome. Create more 5k events but put them on public lands. At these events, remind people they are taking advantage of Park and Rec assets.

To some extent, create a stronger brand awareness of the value that is brought to the community.

Thank you. Although some of this survey was difficult to understand, and I would have liked a "do not know / need more information" option for many, I really appreciate the effort to assess residents opinions and to continue to facilitate recreational opportunities in the town.

Marc

I value the town's efforts in promoting an active healthy lifestyle. This is of far greater importance to me than simply conserving land to avoid future development or preserve wetlands. We need to balance the use of funds for activities that people of all ages will use, keeping in mind that the future of our town depends much more heavily on the families who live here and will move here than it does the older residents. If we focus only on the number and quality of sport fields (baseball and soccer), those children who play those sports will benefit but what have we given up for the rest of our residents? Pathways/walkways can be used by everyone. Should we create new ball fields because those at the elementary schools aren't "in good shape"? Noyes currently has two fields- only one of which is used regularly by the school. Can't we renovate the other that is there to please the baseball folks? Could we create a soccer field in between the two baseball fields at Noyes? Thinkcreatively

I am all for open space and land preservation. But it must come from a surplus in the budget. Quit raising personal property taxes. Raise money through private funding. I'd like to see sidewalks prioritized within 2 miles of schools, esp on cut through roads.

COntinued preservation of large parcels.

Would like to see builders restricted from tearing down smaller houses and replacing with "mcmansions." Sudbury needs more character.

Also would like to see the town work with Wayside Inn to create recreation opportunities on the lake behind the inn. (which might mean water treatment?)

My only complaint about existing hiking trails in Sudbury is that they have been ruined by people who don't clean up after their pets. For this reason we tend to do most of our hiking at Nobscot, where fewer dogs are seen (probably because they are supposed to be on leash through the Boy Scout property). I feel that dogs should be prohibited from some trails.

I don't know a great deal about this subject so maybe more education needs to go on in the community and schools.

I was extremely frustrated in my attempt to support Soccer Soccer at the recent town meeting in their attempt to create more usable field space so that existing field space does not get over used (leading to being shut down--like half the field at Haskell presently.) I feel like this town of approx. 17,000 is being governed by a relatively small number of individuals, many of whom are senior citizens whose children are grown--so they don't see a need for supporting those of us who have children who desire to play town sports--soccer, lacrosse, baseball, etc. I feel strongly that there needs to be a more reasonable way to designate residents' tax money for our children to have athletic fields so they can prepare to compete with surrounding competitive sports towns to appear to have reasonable athletic space, many of which also possess lights for night play.

Stop building houses in town and start preserving open space before it's all gone

would love for town to consider adding splash pad for kids to enjoy in the summer. Not a lot of shade area available for summer fun.

Town Planner is way to cozy with developers, seeming to advocate their interests over the interests of the town.

why do we need to wait 10+ year to build a paved rail trail? Seems like the town has consistently voted in favor of this proposal for the past 10 years and nothing has happened. Greenway is better than nothing but it would be helpful to see/hear an independent summary as to why the paved option will take decades.

Sidewalks should be a priority - in particular sidewalks along busier roads need to be designed with a buffer (thinking along Maynard Road - that sidewalk is useless - right on top of the road, crosses over 27 multiple times at insane locations).

We have enough fields. Put some money into Davis, Haynes, Noyes, Nixon, etc... and upgrade those fields. I'd also vote for more multi-use grass fields (ie not baseball as those limit other uses (Lax,soccer, football, fieldhockey, etc...)). No one has talked about indoor facilities but could use a Fieldhouse type complex for indoor soccer/lacrosse/basketball/volleyball/hockey) - maybe at the soon vacant Raytheon or Malone.

The open land is key to preserving Sudbury's history and scenic beauty. A community art space/studios would also be nice as a collective center for artists and those interested in learning about the arts.

I feel that the many trails in town are perfect for walks etc. We have miles of trails. Adding more field space for youth activities is going to be a benefit for everyone. This is a town of young people. The schools are great and that brings in the young families. our property value will increase if more amenities are available for these families. Having more field space gives the opportunity for many more sport and recreation activities for the kids. My own family has older teenagers. We are already done with the need for fields. But, I do feel strongly that it only makes the town more desirable and will increase my own house value.

The town needs to realign its priorities and stop the ongoing open space manifest destiny - it is not sustainable and drains limited resources from other needed capital improvements such as schools, buildings, athletic fields and yes, economic development. Focus should be put on increasing the commercial tax base through real estate development. Real estate is driven by growth, growth in population, income and jobs - in order to be financially sustainable the Town needs economic sustainability.

Davis Field should have ball fields for the future of Sudbury and its community strength.

Do not let 40B housing destroy our valuable open space and wetlands.

Raytheon should be developed to complete our 40B obligation.

We need to change how the town votes on proposals. The vote on the field occurred at 11pm on a weeknight, and was decided by 300 people. For those with kids, that is a very difficult time.

Wording of question 20 seems biased, which will impact meaning of results.

We have a great town. There are many recreational opportunities here and would like to see grow community awareness and shared responsibility for the future of these.

Would be very good to add more recreational fields where open spaces already exist to use. Recommend that Davis Field be continued to be looked at for upgrade as there is much space available to use effectively without removing woodlands.