

Appendix: Methuen Open Space & Recreation Plan for the 2020s

Documentation of Public Process & Civic Engagement



June 2021

City of Methuen
Mayor Neil Perry



Public Outreach & Comment on Methuen's Open Space & Recreation Plan

The in-house planning team at Methuen's Department of Economic and Community Development Office led the 2-year planning process and prepared documents for review by the Mayor's OSRP Advisory Committee on

Attached are sampling of documentation from the public process including:

- **Summary of On-Line Community Survey Distributed Fall 2019 to Summer 2020**
- **Public Comments Received with Survey Responses**
- **Agendas of OSRP Advisory Committee Meetings**
- **Notice of Public Meeting on Draft Plan & Meeting Notes**

Methuen Open Space & Recreation Plan 2020-- Community Needs Survey

Monday, August 17, 2020

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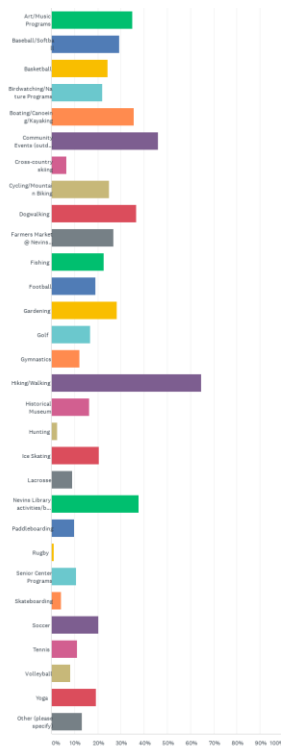
Total Responses

Date Created: Thursday, September 12, 2019

Complete Responses: 661

What recreational activities do you and/or members of your household participate in and find most enjoyable? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 657 Skipped: 4

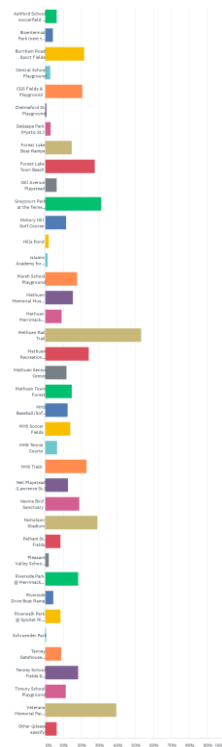


household participate in and find most enjoyable? (Select all that apply.)

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Art/Music Programs	34.86%	229
Baseball/Softball	29.22%	192
Basketball	24.20%	159
Birdwatching/Nature Programs	22.07%	145
Boating/Canoeing/Kayaking	35.46%	233
Community Events (outdoor movie nights, concerts, festivals etc.)	45.97%	302
Cross-country skiing	6.39%	42
Cycling/Mountain Biking	24.96%	164
Dogwalking	36.68%	241
Farmers Market @ Nevins Library	26.79%	176
Fishing	22.68%	149
Football	19.03%	125
Gardening	28.16%	185
Golf	16.74%	110
Gymnastics	12.18%	80
Hiking/Walking	64.69%	425
Historical Museum	16.29%	107
Hunting	2.59%	17
Ice Skating	20.55%	135
Lacrosse	8.98%	59
Nevins Library activities/book clubs	37.75%	248
Paddleboarding	9.74%	64
Rugby	1.07%	7
Senior Center Programs	10.65%	70
Skateboarding	4.26%	28
Soccer	20.24%	133
Tennis	11.11%	73
Volleyball	8.22%	54
Yoga	19.18%	126
Other (please specify)	13.09%	86
Total Respondents: 657		

Answered: 649 Skipped: 12



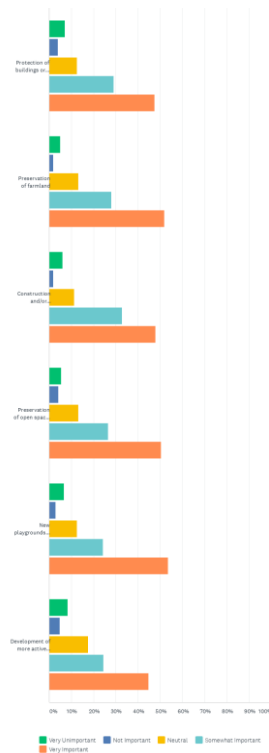
What are the outdoor recreation/open space/cultural facilities you and members of your household most frequently use and are of highest importance to you. (Select all that apply)

Answered: 649 Skipped: 12

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Ashtford School soccerfield and playground	6.47% 42
Bicentennial Park (next to Library)	4.47% 29
Burnham Road Sport Fields	21.73% 141
Central School Playground	2.93% 19
COS Fields & Playground	20.80% 135
Chalmersford St. Playground	0.92% 6
DeGasper Park (Mystic St.)	3.08% 20
Forest Lake Boat Ramps	14.95% 97
Forest Lake Town Beach	27.58% 179
Gil Avenue Playstead	6.47% 42
Greycourt Park at the Tenney Estate	31.12% 202
Hickory Hill Golf Course	11.71% 76
Hills Pond	2.18% 14
Islamic Academy for Peace Field & Playground	1.39% 9
Marsh School Playground	17.72% 115
Methuen Memorial Music Hall	15.41% 100
Methuen Merrimack Valley YMCA & softball field	9.24% 60
Methuen Rail Trail	53.31% 346
Methuen Recreation Dept. Programs & Special Events	24.35% 158
Methuen Senior Center	12.02% 78
Methuen Town Forest	14.79% 96
MHS Baseball/Softball Field	12.48% 81
MHS Soccer Fields	14.02% 91
MHS Tennis Courts	6.78% 44
MHS Track	22.96% 149
Nell Playstead (Lawrence St.)	12.79% 83
Nevins Bird Sanctuary	18.95% 123
Nicholson Stadium	29.12% 189
Pelham St. Fields	8.63% 56
Pleasant Valley School Playground	2.00% 13
Riverside Park @ Merrimack River	18.34% 119
Riverside Drive Boat Ramp	4.62% 30
Riverwalk Park @ Spicket River (DeGood St.)	8.47% 55
Schreuderer Park	0.62% 4
Tenney Gatehouse Historical Museum	8.94% 58
Tenney School Fields & Playground	18.49% 120
Timony School Playground	11.40% 74
Veterans Memorial Park (Milk St.)	39.80% 257
Other (please specify)	6.47% 42
Total Respondents: 649	

Q3: In your opinion, how important are the following activities?

Answered: 660 Skipped: 1



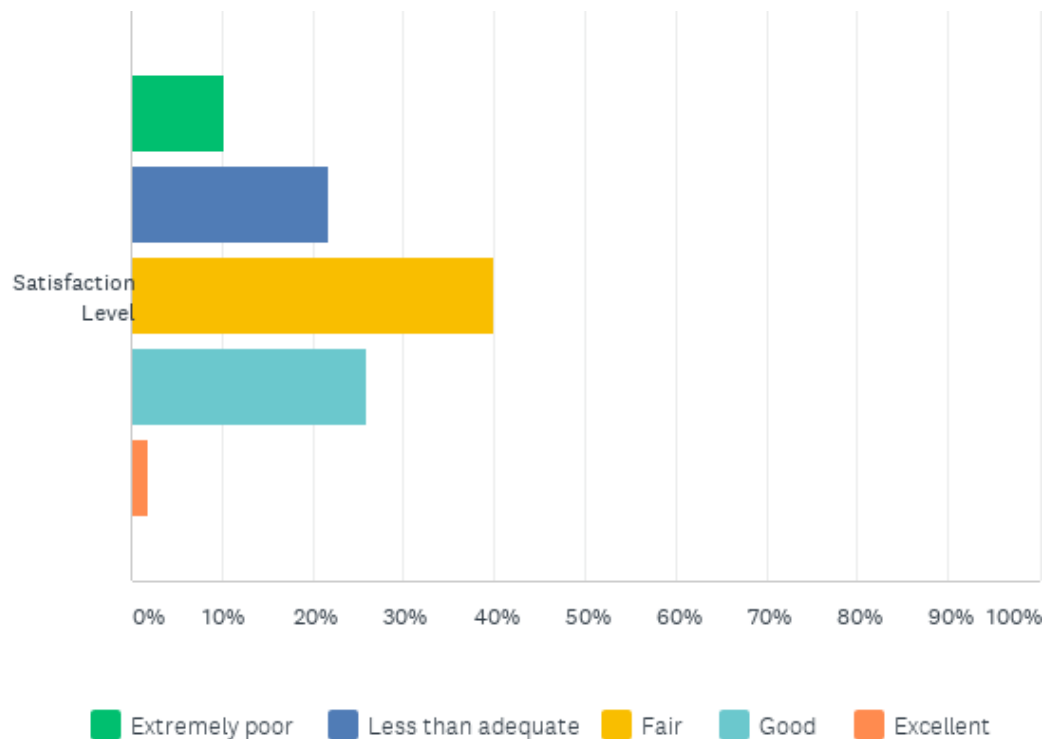
Q3: In your opinion, how important are the following activities?

Answered: 660 Skipped: 1

	VERY UNIMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Protection of buildings or places of historical interest	7.14% 47	3.95% 26	12.46% 82	29.03% 191	47.42% 312	658	4.06
Preservation of farmland	5.05% 33	1.83% 12	13.15% 86	28.13% 184	51.83% 339	654	4.20
Construction and/or extension of paths and walking trails	6.12% 40	1.83% 12	11.31% 74	32.87% 215	47.86% 313	654	4.15
Preservation of open space for conservation purposes	5.51% 36	4.29% 28	13.17% 86	26.65% 174	50.38% 329	653	4.12
New playgrounds and/or upgrade of playground equipment for children	6.75% 44	2.91% 19	12.58% 82	24.23% 158	53.53% 349	652	4.15
Development of more active recreation areas including sports playing fields	8.29% 54	4.76% 31	17.67% 115	24.58% 160	44.70% 291	651	3.93

Q4: In general, how would you rate the supply and condition of Methuen's active recreation parks and playgrounds?

Answered: 655 Skipped: 6



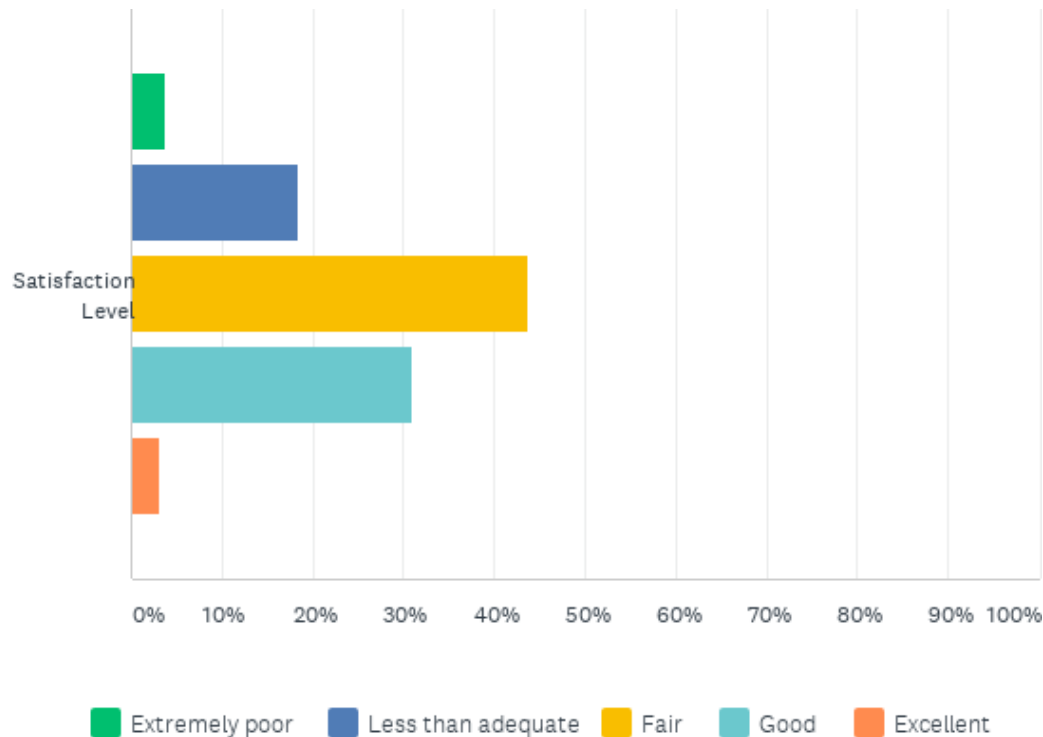
Q4: In general, how would you rate the supply and condition of Methuen's active recreation parks and playgrounds?

Answered: 655 Skipped: 6

	EXTREMELY POOR	LESS THAN ADEQUATE	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Satisfaction Level	10.23% 67	21.83% 143	40.00% 262	25.95% 170	1.98% 13	655	2.88

Q1. In general, how would you rate the supply and condition of Methuen conservation lands and passive recreation areas (hiking/walking trails)?

Answered: 647 Skipped: 14



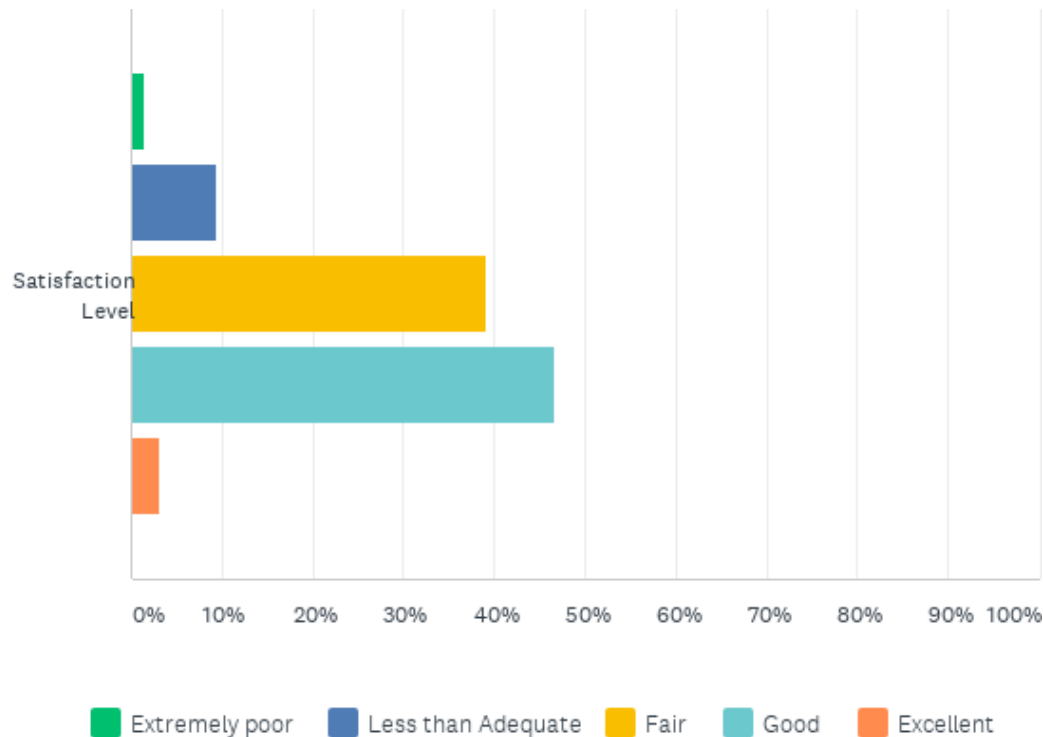
Overall, how would you rate the supply and condition of
**Methuen conservation lands and passive recreation areas
(hiking/walking trails)?**

Answered: 647 Skipped: 14

	EXTREMELY POOR	LESS THAN ADEQUATE	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Satisfaction Level	3.71% 24	18.39% 119	43.74% 283	31.07% 201	3.09% 20	647	3.11

Q6: In general, how would you rate the supply and condition of Methuen's historic and cultural facilities?

Answered: 649 Skipped: 12



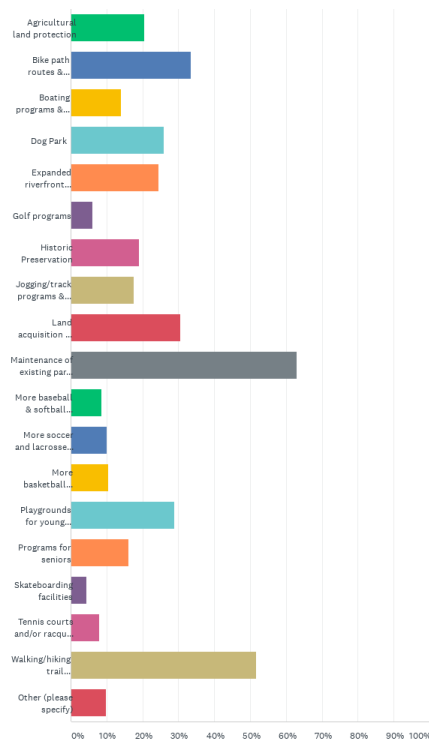
Q6: In general, how would you rate the supply and condition of Methuen's historic and cultural facilities?

Answered: 649 Skipped: 12

	EXTREMELY POOR	LESS THAN ADEQUATE	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Satisfaction Level	1.54% 10	9.40% 61	39.14% 254	46.69% 303	3.24% 21	649	3.41

open space and recreation program over the next decade (Select your top 3)

Answered: 660 Skipped: 1



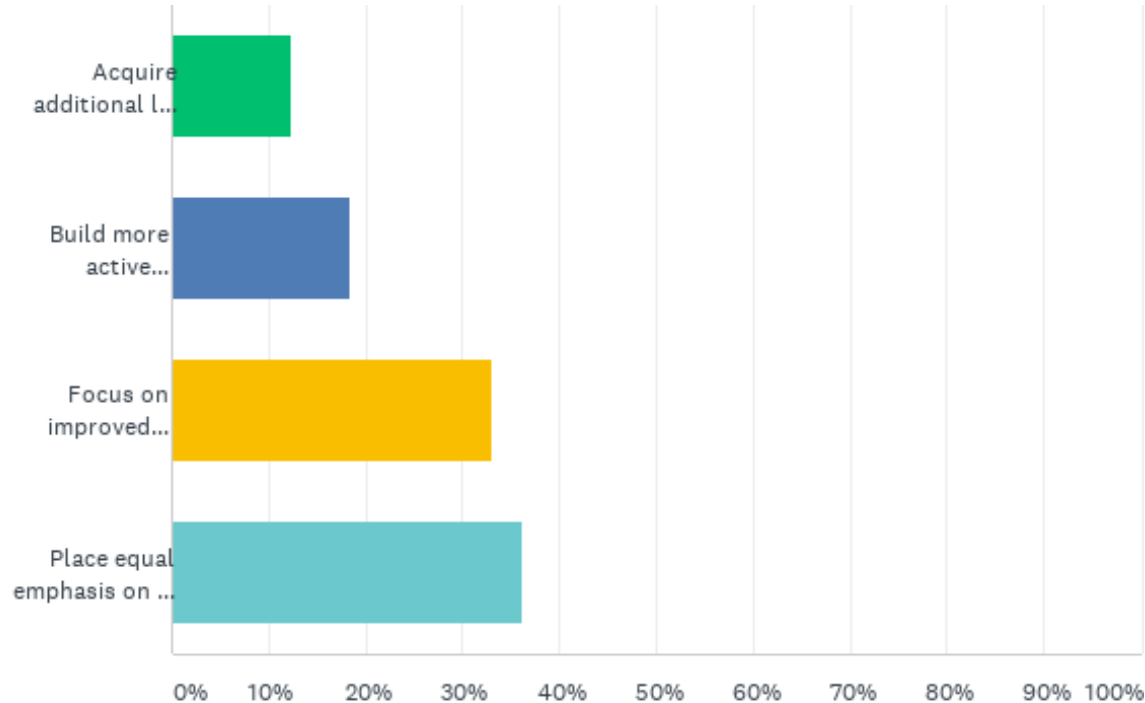
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Answered: 660 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agricultural land protection	20.45%	135
Bike path routes & facilities	33.48%	221
Boating programs & facilities	14.09%	93
Dog Park	25.91%	171
Expanded riverfront access	24.39%	161
Golf programs	6.06%	40
Historic Preservation	19.09%	126
Jogging/track programs & facilities	17.58%	116
Land acquisition for open space & environmental habitat protection	30.61%	202
Maintenance of existing parks and recreation areas	62.88%	415
More baseball & softball fields	8.64%	57
More soccer and lacrosse fields	10.00%	66
More basketball courts	10.45%	69
Playgrounds for young children	28.79%	190
Programs for seniors	16.21%	107
Skateboarding facilities	4.39%	29
Tennis courts and/or racquet sport facilities	8.03%	53
Walking/hiking trail improvements & extensions	51.67%	341
Other (please specify)	9.85%	65
Total Respondents: 660		

Q8: Which should Methuen consider the top priority in its Open Space and Recreation planning?

Answered: 655 Skipped: 6



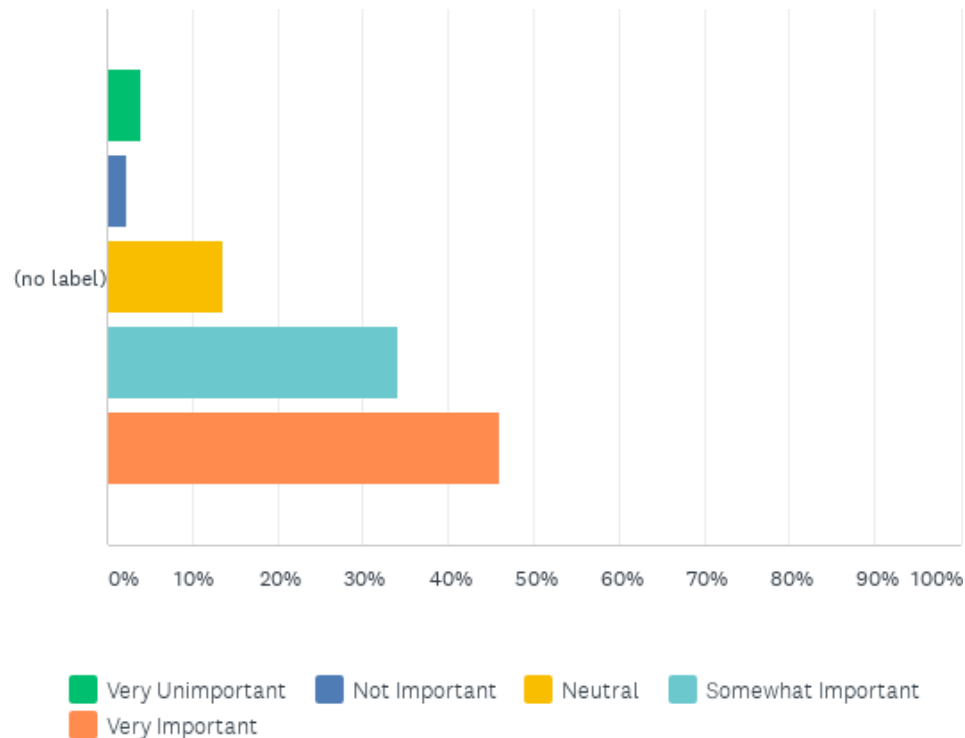
Q8: Which should Methuen consider the top priority in its Open Space and Recreation planning?

Answered: 655 Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Acquire additional land for open space protection	12.37%	81
Build more active recreation facilities including sports fields and playgrounds	18.47%	121
Focus on improved maintenance at existing recreation & conservation areas	32.98%	216
Place equal emphasis on all three--open space protection, active recreation & maintenance programs	36.18%	237
TOTAL	655	

Q9: How important is it to you for Methuen to acquire and preserve open space for conservation and recreation?

Answered: 657 Skipped: 4



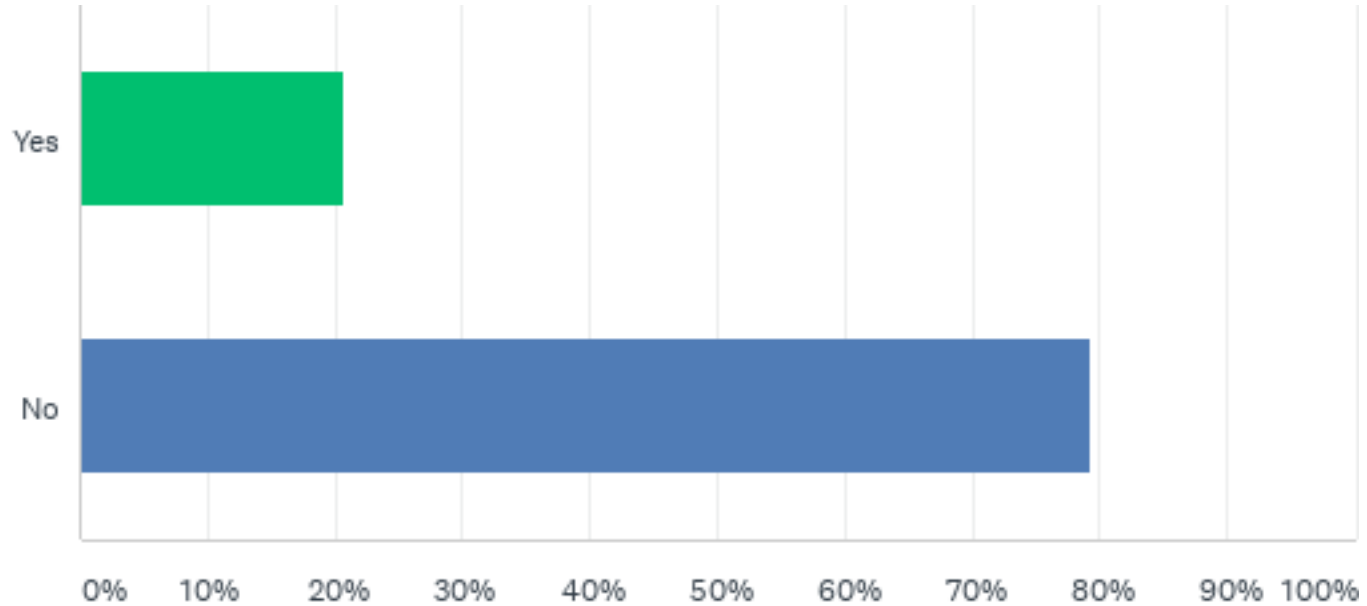
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Answered: 657 Skipped: 4

	VERY UNIMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	3.96% 26	2.28% 15	13.55% 89	34.09% 224	46.12% 303	657	4.16

should make an effort to acquire for open space protection or recreation?

Answered: 630 Skipped: 31



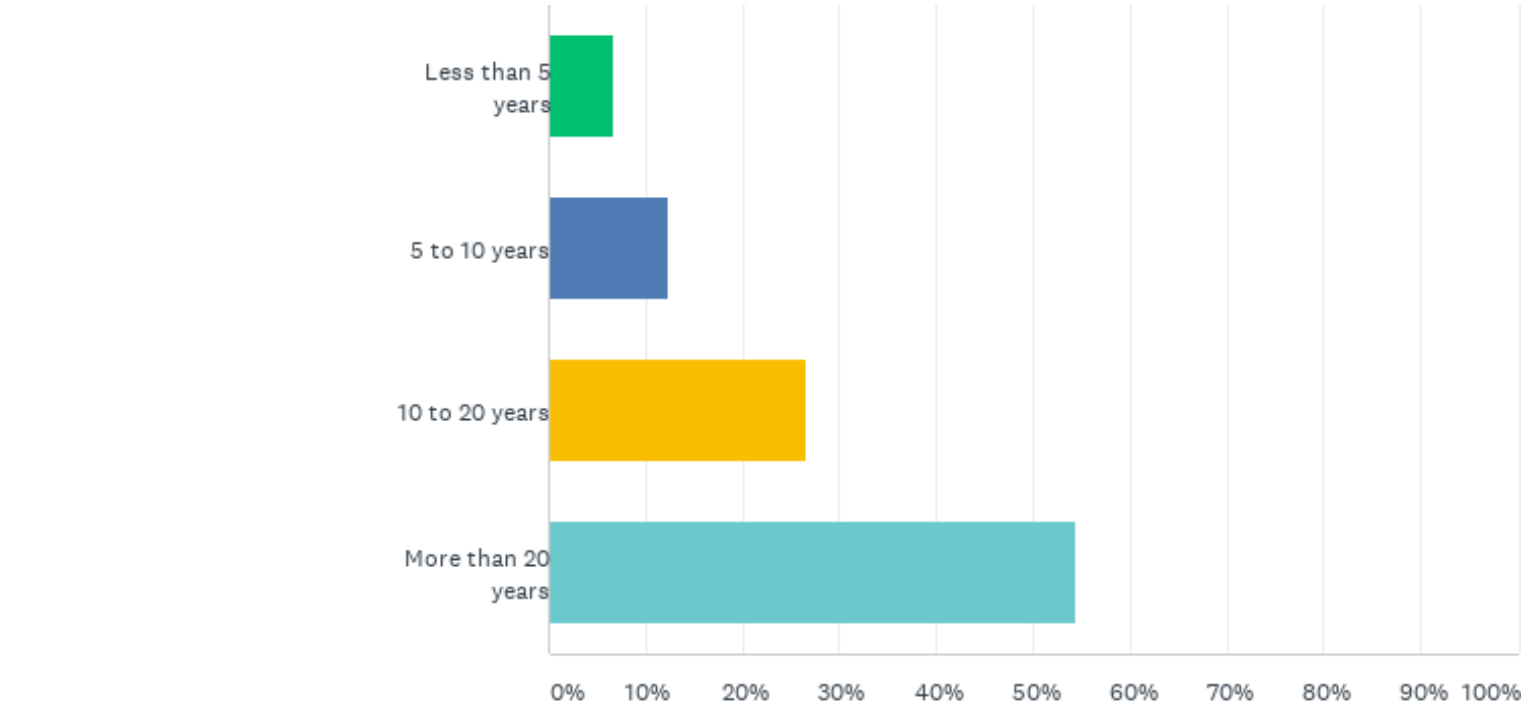
Are there any areas of specific property you believe the city should make an effort to acquire for open space protection or recreation?

Answered: 630 Skipped: 31

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	20.63%	130
No	79.37%	500
TOTAL		630

Q11: How long have you been a resident of Methuen?

Answered: 657 Skipped: 4



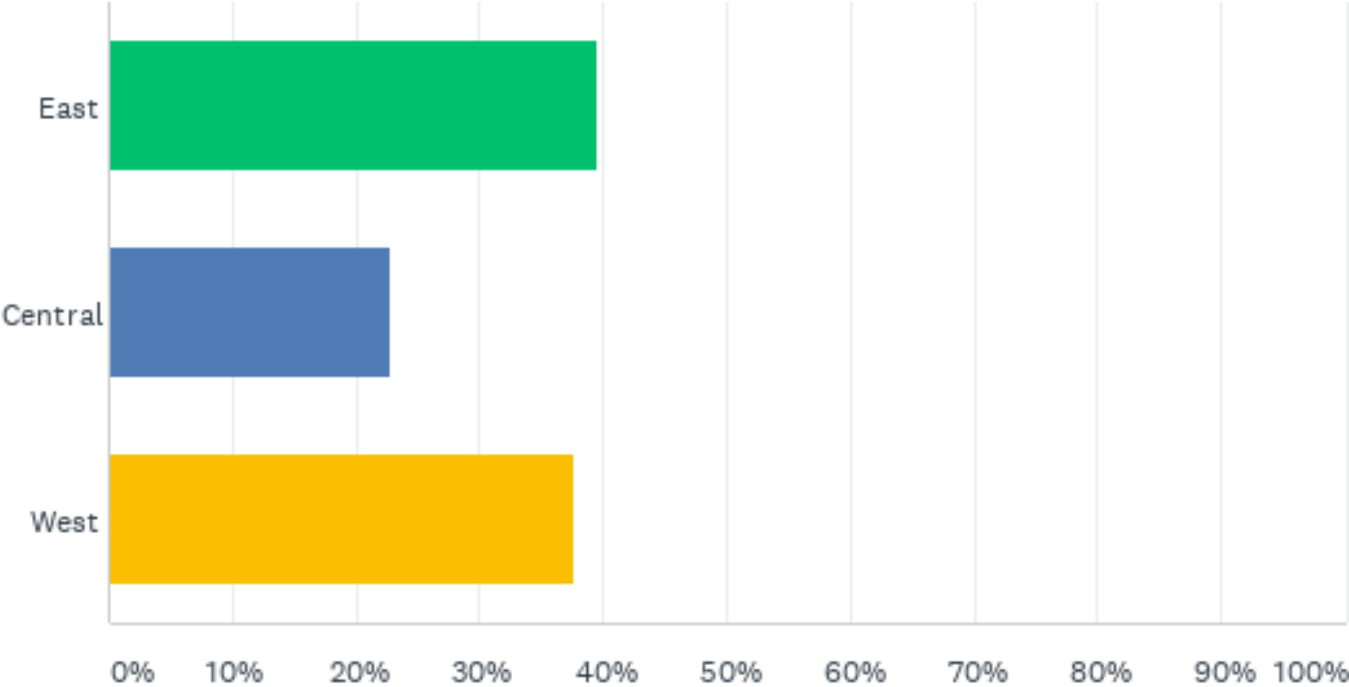
Q11: How long have you been a resident of Methuen?

Answered: 657 Skipped: 4

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 5 years	6.70%	44
5 to 10 years	12.33%	81
10 to 20 years	26.48%	174
More than 20 years	54.49%	358
TOTAL		657

Q12: In which section of Methuen do you live?

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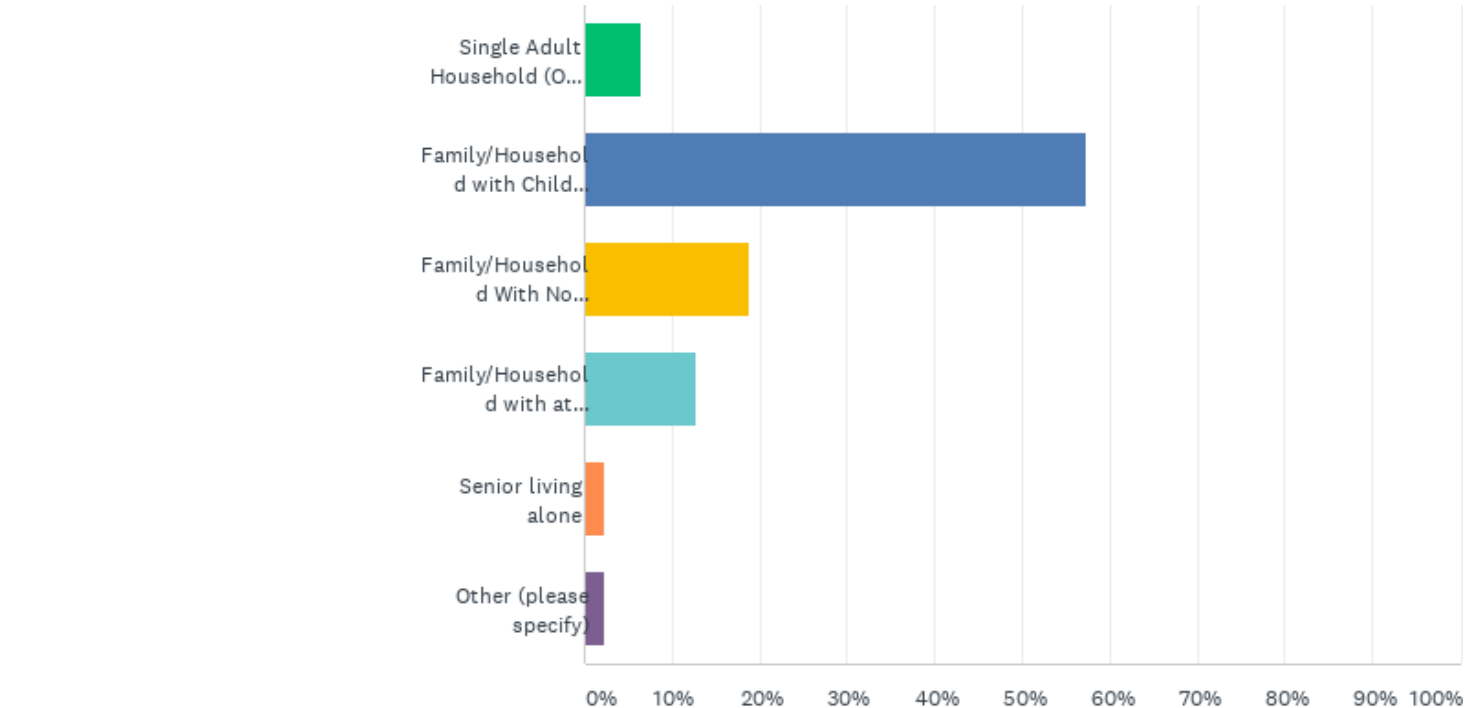
Q12: In which section of Methuen do you live?

Answered: 657 Skipped: 4

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
East	39.57%	260
Central	22.83%	150
West	37.60%	247
TOTAL		657

Q13: Which best describes your current living situation?

Answered: 659 Skipped: 2



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Answered: 659 Skipped: 2

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single Adult Household (Over 18 Years and Under 65 Years)	6.53%	43
Family/Household with Children Under Age 18	57.36%	378
Family/Household With No Children Under Age 18	18.82%	124
Family/Household with at least one Senior (over Age 65)	12.75%	84
Senior living alone	2.28%	15
Other (please specify)	2.28%	15
TOTAL		659

Q14 Please add your comments/suggestions on Methuen open space and recreation planning and what you would like to see done in the decade. Results of this survey will be part of Methuen's Open Space and Recreation Plan Update 2020. Thank you for your participation.

Answered: 265 Skipped: 396

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More efforts to preserve our city's history. Better support from the City Council and Mayor for preservation efforts.	8/17/2020 5:45 AM
2	Dont overbuild And overcrowd this city. Protect the land that we have left. Please consider more playground and a splash pad for children. Thank you!	8/16/2020 9:07 PM
3	None	8/15/2020 8:01 PM
4	Stop tearing down trees to build new buildings and houses!! Improve the condition of existing parks before making new ones! We should not worry about litter or drugs when using the park. Our kids should feel safe when there. Put the basketball hoop back up at Veterans Park. Fix the street hockey rink so its usable with new boards. Overhaul the tennis courts at the high school and Homestead Acres. The grass soccer fields should have nice grass that is well maintained, not overgrown and uneven. The hockey rink has improved a lot the past year but it still is dated/dingy and doesn't fit in with the modern high school.	8/15/2020 6:49 PM
5	Would love to se more years of the loop. Also need playgrounds and walk routes that are safe and not off the beaten path A lot of times I leave Methuen to go to other towns for their parks Ipswich river park in North Reading is a great place	8/15/2020 6:49 PM
6	Make green space at loop for people to gather and socialize and have live music	8/15/2020 5:41 PM
7	Stop building	8/15/2020 5:33 PM
8	Fix the splash pad at gill ave. Fix the playground at gill ave. Put effort in for the kids of this neighborhood	8/15/2020 11:25 AM
9	We have beautiful space and I'd love to see it better maintained and utilized. For example, Gil Ave park is beautiful space! Fix the splash pad, add some swings, and have youth soccer programs there instead of centennial park.	8/15/2020 10:57 AM
10	Place for swim and dive, more bike friendly routes, gymnastics and bodyweight park, place for good night sky or air show viewing. I could see degaspe making a good dog park with signs notify on the highway. If we put info, we might be able to get federal funds to maintain as an interstate rest area. Approve a last stop pot shop right near the dog park "rest area" with portions of the profits to the city. Also side of road leaf collection vacuum machines like they have in Newton in the fall. I'd like to see botanical gardens somewhere in Methuen too. The area behind city hall would be nice. In Huntsville Alabama they have a drive through festival of lights for \$20 a person at their botanical gardens. Many businesses sponsor the displays. It would be a good option to try for this year, especially with corona. Maybe do a fall/spooky theme drive through "haunted gardens" as a practice instead of trick or treating with a \$5 suggested admission donation to go towards whatever department is most in need.	8/15/2020 10:37 AM
11	Update and maintain Town Hall and Library. Maintain Rail Trail. Continue to have sports (skiing, ice skating etc.) for kids-my kids loved it. Use Historical buildings for venues (weddings etc.)	8/15/2020 9:47 AM
12	I would personally like to see our become part of city planning for the future of Methuen. I'd like to see more public art projects and spaces I'd like to see color in this beautiful city.	8/15/2020 9:32 AM
13	There needs to be a plan! What is the future goal and how can we maintain the current facilities we have that are old and delapitated!	8/15/2020 6:45 AM
14	Do with this information as you will. I am a lifelong Methuen resident, recently married and now have a small child. There is a building downtown where I currently reside. My wife and I are going to buy a home, soon, and it will not be in Methuen. That being said, please, allow my to explain why: From where I live; I sit and I watch the various activities occurring on both Broadway and Osgood streets. I remember the Osgood Street park when I was a kid and what a treat it was to go there when we were allowed. I can't afford that same enjoyment to my daughter. I watch as grown adults sit in various areas of the park doing drugs, selling drugs, carrying on; you name it. I watch the same things happen in the parking lot across the street. Yes, someone will say; "Well, say something". I have. Multiple times, along with other tenants. It's a shame to me what this town has become. From where I sit each night I watch as one of the town parks is used as a drug den when there are so many families around here with small children that should be able to enjoy it. Again, do with this information as you will. If there is a way I can assist in any improvements I would be more than happy to do what I can. As a child I dreamed of owning a home in this town like we had growing up. I no longer even entertain that	8/14/2020 9:00 PM

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dream unless I start to see drastic changes. Thank you, Mark Brien 978-994-7621
Mbrien17@gmail.com

15	Bike/walking trails, river development, dog park	8/14/2020 5:41 PM
16	Please add more safe and accessible walking trails	8/14/2020 5:11 PM
17	More trash and recycling receptacles on the Methuen Rail Trail. Better upkeep on walking paths/ trails. Better signs in Greycourt.	8/14/2020 3:57 PM
18	Methuen should support and help the rail trail. It is the most popular spot in the city.	8/14/2020 2:11 PM
19	Thanks for the opportunity to voice our opinions. All the residents are still pissed about the police contracts we are quiet but haven't forgotten.	8/14/2020 11:01 AM
20	Adding and enforcing bike lanes.	8/14/2020 10:34 AM
21	Dog park	8/14/2020 9:16 AM
22	The east side is becoming overdeveloped and remaining open space should be preserved for animal habitat and public access to nature.	8/14/2020 8:23 AM
23	Would like to have a parking area at the end of Washington St; reopen the parking area at the old ski hill instead of at Sandy Beach; access to the Searles estate, the city should have purchased it and included it with the Graycourt Park.	8/14/2020 7:52 AM
24	The fields our children play sports on are deplorable. We need to address the conditions of all fields	8/14/2020 5:07 AM
25	I'd like to see an outdoor skating rink at the Loop.	8/14/2020 3:04 AM
26	Just please update ALL the parks with new equipment! I know Tenney street park gets grants for updating but we have several other parks that need updates.	8/13/2020 10:42 PM
27	I would like to see the senior center expanded (when/if it reopens) and I love the rail trail	8/13/2020 9:56 PM
28	Need good lighting on the rail trail. Up keep on bird sanctuary	8/13/2020 9:44 PM
29	Preservation of the overhang at the Train Depot. Maintain the bridge over the Falls near downtown Methuen. Repair/replace the roof on the turrets at the Spicket River near the Music Hall.	8/13/2020 9:40 PM
30	I think it is important to keep some open spaces. There is too much development. Also making more use of the Merrimack river and maintaining hiking trails.	8/13/2020 9:23 PM
31	We need to restore historic sites and use that history for revenue	8/13/2020 9:22 PM
32	We'd love a town pool	8/13/2020 9:21 PM
33	Veterans Park needs more parking and major improvements. Needs to be cleaned up and fixed up.	8/13/2020 9:03 PM
34	The parks and playgrounds are in severe need of upgrade	8/13/2020 8:40 PM
35	Minimize new construction that reduces current green space.	8/6/2020 10:37 PM
36	Methuen needs more safe places to recreate. Stop building on every square inch and preserve some natural areas. Our roads are unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists. Efforts to make safe cycle lanes and improved sidewalks would enable citizens to use non motor means of transportation and to safely exercise outdoors. And try to keep our historical buildings intact, it's a huge part of the city's legacy	8/6/2020 9:14 PM
37	Please take care of our playgrounds and walking areas. This city has spent a lot of money in sports fields, it is time to take care if other things. We should invest in SIDEWALKS, they are recreation too!! Sidewalks should be added to main streets. Sidewalks are desperately needed in HOWE street, people are walking there in the street and it is unsafe.	8/6/2020 7:28 PM
38	Fix all existing parks. We don't need more we need our existing spaces to have stuff added to them and upgraded. The equipment is unsafe and disrepair. Why waste money adding when you can update clean, add structures, and reconstruct.	8/6/2020 10:46 AM
39	We need a dog park it would bring revenue from other towns too.	8/6/2020 9:42 AM

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40	It would be great to build a playground near a walking path or Rec center to have a destination that encompasses all age groups.	8/6/2020 9:27 AM
41	We have some really beautiful open space in Methuen unfortunately most of it is poorly maintained. Playground updates and upkeep of landscaping and trash clean up would be amazing.	8/6/2020 8:50 AM
42	CGS playground and back field needs help!!!!	8/6/2020 8:33 AM
43	Stop overdevelopment. Stop making deals with the devil for housing and then allowing "buy outs" so the builder gets exactly what they want. Get rid of buyouts and get the residents involved in all future building \ developments	8/5/2020 11:59 PM
44	I think our city really lacks community outreach programming. I and several other Methuen residents would love to see more community events like you see in neighboring communities like having a local art gallery where local artists can share their work or even hosting more nights like the movie nights. These are troubling times and our community needs this more than ever. Also I think focusing on the clean up of some of the conservation lands like on Danton Drive, the rail trail in spots, etc. I would absolutely LOVE to see Methuen have a community garden!	8/5/2020 10:27 PM
45	Our historical buildings should be a priority and maintained as such. also, The walls must be maintained and pointed up ongoing.	8/5/2020 9:29 PM
46	more enforcement of regulations/laws at existing facilities. (i.e. the waverunners operating illegally and recklessly)	8/5/2020 9:16 PM
47	I'd love to see downtown Methuen renovated. It would be nice to attract some businesses, restaurants, etc.	8/5/2020 4:35 PM
48	Really need to stop allowing our open space to be sold to developers. Our schools are taxed as it is and are minimally funded. School system was a major factor of us moving here and I fear that is no longer the case when families are looking to relocate. Must make it desirable to younger families.	8/5/2020 4:05 PM
49	Let's make Forest Lake a destination. Get some kayaks and other rental equipment down there plus clean up the dilapidated equipment down there now.	8/5/2020 3:55 PM
50	Thank you for the survey.	8/5/2020 3:45 PM
51	Stop building so many single family developments	7/29/2020 2:28 PM
52	Clean up the streets of the city! it looks like a dump...liter everywhere, leaves that haven't been removed, trash, beer cans, glass, bottles, etc. the Tenney school parking lot has so many huge holes, including some in front of the handicapped parking, someone is going to get hurt. The school yards are a disgrace. I have never felt embarrassed to live here, until recently. You would think during COVID workers should have taken the time outside to clean up parks, streets, trimmed trees, removed brush, leaves....come on Methuen !!!	7/29/2020 9:35 AM
53	I would like to see a full public playground that is safe and clean for kids to play at other than the playgrounds at the schools.	7/29/2020 8:32 AM
54	Veteran's Park is a dump, no maintenance with extensive drug usage. Same thing with Gill Ave. park. Marsh school can't keep the basketball hoops with nets.	7/29/2020 8:14 AM
55	I would like to have continued focus on maintaining our open land and historic buildings.	7/28/2020 5:07 PM
56	I'd like to see more garbage cans and the addition of recycling bins at parks and sports venues. Majority of garbage at these locations are water bottles and other drinking bottles that are all recyclable. Hopefully if there were more receptacles people would use them and there would be less litter. Maybe even the solar powered ones.	7/27/2020 2:12 PM
57	side walks are in need of work	7/27/2020 1:07 PM
58	Methuen's parks lack any sense of creativity and imagination in their design and uses. Everything is the easiest and most basic design. Great parks, playgrounds and trails have the ability to attract people to communities. Also, what we have is poorly maintained. Our rec dept has been offering the same sad, understaffed and oversubscribed programs for years. All our neighboring communities offer more robust everything. People are willing to pay for these programs! Also, why arent the programs from the senior center and rec dept combined?	7/27/2020 11:30 AM

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59	Cleaner parks. Irrigated fields. Functioning bathrooms at fields.	7/27/2020 11:17 AM
60	Renovate veterans park, and build a youth center	7/27/2020 8:36 AM
61	In addition I would like our streets cleaned of debris and sidewalks fixed.	7/27/2020 7:19 AM
62	I have a 3 year old daughter who loves parks and playgrounds. There is nothing in Methuen I'd feel comfortable taking her too. We travel to abutting towns like Andover, Salem, Windham etc. We have a lot of friends in Methuen with younger children and it would be nice to have a nice local playground we could all meet at.	7/27/2020 5:40 AM
63	Better maintenance at parks & playgrounds especially proper waste barrels & recycling barrels that are maintained would be a start.	7/26/2020 11:57 PM
64	None	7/26/2020 11:09 PM
65	Stop building apartments before we start looking like Lawrence. We left Lawrence to get away from all the congestion.	7/26/2020 12:32 PM
66	For too many years we've watched the sports facilities thrive at the expense of other outdoor activities. To preserve the character of Methuen it is important to change priorities to ensure and facilitate access to nature and places to escape to.	7/24/2020 11:10 AM
67	When builders place construction on their plan, they leave lots/ares as conservation but do nothing to make it useable. Most simply leave a muddy hole! They also clear too much of the existing vegetation.	7/24/2020 8:51 AM
68	More opportunities for kids to play hockey	7/23/2020 11:59 PM
69	Add additional parking to the veteran's park (milk street)	7/23/2020 10:15 PM
70	Encourage private funds and volunteers to help bring together the community on various projects.	7/23/2020 9:59 PM
71	More river acces, boating. More parking for boats, and cars. More water activities Canoes, paddle boarding. River front dinning	7/23/2020 9:56 PM
72	Someone should try to start up wheelchair sports for teens and older that welcomes Methuen residents and outside wheelchair user from different towns. There are no sports programs close to here that teens in wheelchairs that are not developmentally delayed can participate in.	7/23/2020 9:53 PM
73	Methuen needs a place for older kids middle school and High school that is more than just a basketball court. A skatepark and a pump track would be great, someplace that they would want to go hang out with friends. Older kids have no outdoor space to go.	7/23/2020 9:27 PM
74	Create more fields or an athletic complex for kids so all sports can play Such as soccer, lacrosse. There are many baseball fields in town and only football is given the upper turf at the stadium leaving not much space for lAcrosse and soccer. A playground complex with sprinklers would be nice as well for smaller children.	7/23/2020 9:24 PM
75	Kids need more fields to play sports .	7/23/2020 9:20 PM
76	I think is a great idea for families.Thank you for your time and support ...	7/23/2020 9:01 PM
77	Would love to see the Neil baseball fields updated and bathrooms working it's in a beautiful location with the Searles walls around. Would love to see Burnham Rd fields get rid of the car wash people who blast radios while kids are trying to play. Love to see rail trail work continued. Milk street Park needs lots of work trees need to be cut and fields need to be kept up. It's a great park would love to see the street hockey rink fixed so that it's usable and maybe move the basketball court up front so it's not so hidden.	7/23/2020 8:55 PM
78	Please no more multi unit housing developments to add traffic. Instead beautify open spaces with nice landscaping, parking a few basketball courts	7/23/2020 8:47 PM
79	We need a community pool indoor outdoor As a parent of former cheerleaders more gymnasium space for practice.	7/23/2020 8:46 PM
80	The baseball fields are an embarrassment to kids and coaches when other towns come to play Methuen teams. All the other surrounding towns have better maintained fields. The stands in the hockey rink are a lawsuit waiting to happen. They are in terrible shape because the	7/23/2020 8:30 PM

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dehumidifier was neglected for years. Now that there is a new humidifier the stands should be replaced and the rink which is the only facility that makes money should be open all year.

81	n/a	7/23/2020 8:21 PM
82	Better care of current fields. Irrigation at tenney and fix irrigation at cgs. Cleanup and rework of gill ave with added police presence	7/20/2020 12:25 PM
83	Start more sports program for older teens and adults such as wheelchair basketball. Skateboard areas for wheelchair user.. have school ground accessible for entry of wheelchair users. Just have activities and accessibility for all disabled age groups not just young children	7/18/2020 12:04 AM
84	We have some beautiful spaces. I believe focusing energy on improving and preserving the areas we have	7/17/2020 9:28 PM
85	Slow down big developments focus on recreation for youth and adults	7/17/2020 3:40 PM
86	I'd like to see the rail trail connect to the NH piece all paved and more dog-friendly green space	7/17/2020 3:36 PM
87	bowling alley, maybe a place teens can go so they aren't on the street and they can stay out of trouble	7/17/2020 3:26 PM
88	Please consider developing an MHS baseball field close to the high school as well as a softball field very close to the high school. The existing baseball field is a shame considering the \$100m remodel, and the field was not considered for stands, etc. And the girls who cannot/do not drive have a very difficult time getting to Burnham Rd. Please consider constructing fields near the high school. Thank you.	6/3/2020 3:58 PM
89	It's important to work with the youth sports organizations to improve and maintain current fields.	4/30/2020 12:21 PM
90	The town should mandate that all existing sidewalks be passable. There are many sections now growing weeds and grass after long being covered with debris. Adding more sidewalks would also be a plus for all residents. Let's keep healthy and Methuen moving!	3/28/2020 2:28 PM
91	Methuen needs a capital improvement plan to build walkable sidewalks. They should also add separate bike lanes on Howe, pleasant valley, Merrimack, East Jackson and Lowell st.	3/1/2020 8:03 PM
92	Methuen has acquired multiple parcels of land through development agreements. Trails and parking should be developed to provide access to all of methuen citizens	2/26/2020 7:07 PM
93	Stop Building homes on small lots and no more apartment buildings. We need trees and open space.	2/26/2020 2:17 PM
94	This past fall, I attended a street hockey event at Milk Street Park. The park is in need of renovations, it's very secluded, run down and I wouldn't feel safe bringing my kids back. It needs to be cleaned up.	2/20/2020 9:02 PM
95	Open space for nature observation, farming and environmental conservation will make Methuen a more desirable place to live.	2/20/2020 1:03 PM
96	Fix the sidewalks getting to some of these recreation spaces and improve the crosswalks. Lighting and accessibility is important.	2/18/2020 4:34 PM
97	More open green space for nature observation and enjoyment is crucial for the future of Methuen as a desirable place to live. Preservation of farmland is also crucial. There are plenty of parks with playgrounds and places to play ball. Maintaining these parks that already exist is more important than creating more.	2/18/2020 11:30 AM
98	When we first moved to Methuen 2013 we used to hear the cheers of the children using the Methuen soccer fields. That grew less and less every year. Now when we walk the dogs or hike with the kids the Methuen soccer fields on Hampshire roads are unmowed. The grass was hay like and about 4 feet tall. The soccer nets were broken and abandoned. I am not sure what is happening with that property but its a tick nesting field.	2/17/2020 8:24 AM
99	I think we need more side walkes and better upgraded playground for the youth. Also we need to fix the insides of school s especially the CGS because it is all messed up	2/12/2020 7:59 PM
100	Get city employees to do there job. Fire the Police chief.	2/10/2020 4:54 PM
101	Secure East Methuen conservation land.	2/10/2020 1:10 PM

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102	Please stop all the new construction in the city. We DO NOT need any more over 55 housing.	2/7/2020 5:57 PM
103	I would like to see a more active and vibrant downtown area. I would also like to see more activities around community clean up days, etc.	2/6/2020 8:44 PM
104	Pickleball courts and lessons please!	2/6/2020 2:26 PM
105	Stop building houses/complexes on top of each other. Widen roads in new developments and put in sidewalks. Adhere to the lot sizes when building. No variances.	1/25/2020 6:51 PM
106	You have GOT TO STOP SELLING THE LAND TO DEVELOPERS. It is disheartening to see what my town has become all in the chase for money that never appears as projected.	1/7/2020 2:31 PM
107	The "Bird Sanctuary" is not really a bird sanctuary as it is too loud and next to highway. Make new sanctuary in better area if possible or stop advertising a bird sanctuary. People who come for the sanctuary may leave poor reviews on the rail trail once they are brought to an area that is not what is advertised on the website. There is a lot of potential for a dog park at The Loop. People walk their dogs there consistently, so the crowd will not have to transition, it leads to the potential for a doggy day care there as people do their shopping or buy their morning coffee in the area so convenience would be a huge perk. Once people are there with their dogs it is easy to get them interested in shopping in the area as well. Lastly, there is nothing in Methuen Square to draw people into town and walk around. I think some local shops (coffee, jewelry, a vamped up new salon) would make a large difference. It is silly to rent out spaces in that area to shops like "the home shop" or "marabella properties" are not good investments for an area that is supposed to draw people into methuen. town square has a lot more potential than how it is being utilized.	12/30/2019 12:08 PM
108	Restrictions should be placed on multi-unit developments throughout the city. As much open space for recreation and agriculture as possible should be maintained/developed in an effort to retain the historical and cultural heritage of Methuen.	12/30/2019 10:10 AM
109	I remember the good old days when sportsmen were plenty and welcomed in town . The Town Forest is under utilized and as a legal hunter I see no reason town land cannot be made available to pursue a lawful and well regulated activity which also benefits wildlife and the community .	12/30/2019 7:29 AM
110	We do not need pot shops. to fund this Those folks who would like to indulge can take the bus to Haverhill. we do NOT need any more housing at the LOOP on either side. We DO need business that can pay taxes and we need to thank those that do	12/16/2019 6:40 PM
111	We need to endeavor to remove the "yuck factor" from our recreational spaces by placing emphasis on cleanliness, upkeep and modernization. A lot of infrastructure appears to be crumbling - including sidewalks from weeds and grass, etc. It gives our city a somewhat dilapidated look in some parts.	12/16/2019 12:59 AM
112	I haven't seen anything on the East side of Methuen that looks inviting, whether it's a public or private space, aside from a couple restaurants. I usually travel to neighboring cities.	12/7/2019 1:57 AM
113	The baseball fields in town are in need of serious upgrades and maintenance. We are way behind all other towns in the Merrimack Valley. Vets Park and The Neil Playstead baseball fields need to be fixed; pitching mounds, home plates, infield/outfield grass, infield dirt, dugouts, lighting and bathroom facilities	12/3/2019 9:30 AM
114	The city has done a fantastic job providing sports fields for practice and games. I would like to see the city invest in maintaining the Rail Trail and other natural areas.	12/3/2019 7:51 AM
115	DO NOT GIVE ONE NICKEL TO THE FITZ FAMILY. AND IF MS ZIEGLER THINKS POT SHOPS ARE SO IMPORTANT PUT THEM IN HER NEIGHBORHOOD. WE DO NOT NEED ANY MORE HOUSING/TRAFFIC IN THE LOOP AREA. WHAT WE NEED ARE BUSINESSES THERE THAT WILL PAY TAXES THAT CAN BE USED FOR ACQUISITION AND MAINTENANCE THANK YOU FOR ASKING	12/2/2019 5:08 PM
116	No marijuana shops.	12/2/2019 3:34 PM
117	Methuen has done a pretty decent job of obtaining and creating recreational spaces. Maintenance is KEY to having people enjoy them!	11/29/2019 12:35 PM
118	Areas of the town where there is open land especially around existing parks needs to be looked at for future expansion.	11/23/2019 6:05 AM

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119	Adding More Sports/Recreation Programs. Creating more field access & program options for low income children. Some children's families may not have the money to pay for them to use a gym or pay for them to join a team. If the funding for that cannot happen for that specifically then make different options. As long as they have something to choose from. Sometimes when kids are busy it keeps them out of trouble. I think if kids have options of things to do it would be much helpful & beneficial to the youth of Methuen. I would like to also see more opportunities for teens to volunteer in environmental projects. More things for Children/ Teens of Methuen. For some teens it may be hard to get a job for mental health reasons, they don't know the process so I also recommend a job program for teens to learn how to get a job & learn life skills as well as gaining the experience for the next steps and eventually getting a job. I also wish that there were more mental health groups specifically. I want to end the stigma. More clubs, more activities, more options! - McKayla Nieves, 17 Senior 20'	11/15/2019 11:20 PM
120	More walking trails	11/14/2019 10:21 PM
121	Milk Street park needs a major upgrade to it's playground facilities. I would like to see a larger splash pad added in Methuen similar to what Lowell has at Shedd Park.	11/12/2019 9:29 PM
122	Poor management	11/6/2019 10:46 AM
123	We desperately need more recreation area for town sports and more recreation facilities/playgrounds for young children. The parks that are in existence are not properly maintained, clean or functional.	11/5/2019 11:22 AM
124	Adjusting the traffic flow at Riverside Dr and Route 110 and also at 113/110 as traffic is far to backed up. Repainting of all lines on a Riverside drive as promised more than a year ago. Put crosswalk lights at Burnham road and Riverside drive to allow pedestrians to cross safely as needed. Those would need to include audible signals for sight impaired or elderly pedestrians! Speeding on Riverside needs to be addressed as promised more than a year ago! No improvements should be approved without resolutions to current problems. The crosswalk at Riverside dr and Glen Ave goes into a dirt / grass area that is unusable to any handicapped persons and must be fixed.	11/5/2019 10:24 AM
125	I believe the most important thing to do is to maintain the grounds in which we already have. Yes we HAD a beautiful rail trail but have you walked down there? There is a TON of homeless people in tents in the woods, people doing drugs, needles everywhere. Please look into things before building new places that aren't maintained in the first place.	11/4/2019 4:00 PM
126	Playgrounds and activities that are friendly to toddlers.	11/4/2019 11:51 AM
127	The Fitzgeralds do not need to benefit from any open space/conservation acquisition. I would prefer to see the town acquire other properties and not for sports and recreation. Just for the sake of keeping them green is enough. Not looking to see PMA turned into housing either.	11/2/2019 7:27 PM
128	The playgrounds need to be refreshed and kept up to date.	11/1/2019 2:37 PM
129	I no longer feel safe at Veteran's Park on Milk St. I have seen suspicious activity there and it is very secluded. It's a shame, my family enjoyed it a lot when my grown children were little.	10/30/2019 4:58 PM
130	We should have area where children are welcomed and can ride bikes.	10/30/2019 12:14 PM
131	Focus on commercial development to lower taxes	10/29/2019 6:28 PM
132	We need a safe place for our older kids to hang out. I would love to see a bike/skatepark. Not all kids play traditional ball sports. Kids who enjoy riding bikes or skateboarding are left to ride on the streets and don't have a place to hang out. A facility that accomodates all kids, skatepark, playgrounds, basketball courts, fields, and a picnic area. That was monitored by police patrols would be an asset to the city and it's youth.	10/26/2019 11:54 AM
133	Keeping up with proper Operation & Maintenance of existing open space, recreation areas and historic buildings should be high priority.	10/24/2019 6:43 AM
134	Current playgrounds offer sports fields but the upkeep of playground equipment and basketball hoops has not been a priority. Also, lets not let our current historical areas be lost or over renovated to the point that they loose they charm.	10/18/2019 4:16 PM
135	Pickleball has become extremely popular especially among seniors. It would be great to see the recreation department support this growing sport.	10/16/2019 4:57 PM

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136	I think Greycourt is a great asset to our city that is underused.	10/15/2019 4:45 PM
137	use existing buget only, no increases.	10/13/2019 11:33 AM
138	Fix and add more parks, and add more sports fields and courts	10/12/2019 9:31 AM
139	Open/clear trails and the parking lots on Hampshire Rd for the old ski hill trails; open/clear trails, parking at the end of Washington St; boat/canoe launch on the west side of where the rail trail crosses the Spicket River at the end of Pine St;	10/10/2019 4:19 PM
140	Don't need to create more if we can't take care of what we have . Dpw is one city function maybe a few workers could focus on parks and recreation	10/9/2019 7:56 PM
141	Place a moratorium on developments that provide hosing to more than 5 families total. No more developments like Wheeler Road. Martins Tree Farm, and Pie Hill. We are full up, roads and services are maxed out.	10/9/2019 8:53 AM
142	we need more activities for Seniors and for the children.	10/8/2019 3:29 PM
143	The DPW needs to be staffed appropriately to do their job. The city is a disgrace with overgrown weeds and litter throughout. The DPW location and building is deplorable. The leadership in this city has been severely lacking for far too long.	10/7/2019 6:19 PM
144	City is very deficient in safe walking areas. Most streets do not even have sidewalks. Too many derelict open spaces with great potential	10/7/2019 2:49 PM
145	Methuen's playspaces for children are simply outdated, poorly maintained and frankly - unfun. There are so many great places to look at as examples of innovative play structures and places - but not in Methuen. It would be great if they were adaptive for disabilities too. The sprinkler park at Gill Ave was poorly planned, designed and is hardly maintained. It was like someone just picked a few items out of the most boring catalog for water parks. We must also invest in our current active play places like soccer, lax and softball fields. They are what outsiders see when they come to Methuen and some of them are simply a mess. Finally, we need to protect our natural habitats and expand on highlighting uses for them. The Nevins Bird sanctuary is a great example! Does most of Methuen know about it? Forest Lake is another example of an under supported natural asset. It's a mess and needs to be better operated. There are simple ways to do it if someone would actually spend the time to THINK! Why not have a working group to think about how to leverage this great space.	10/6/2019 6:17 PM
146	Methuen baseball fields need MAJOR upgrades and upkeep. Compared to other towns they are in horrible shape. Playgrounds also need to be upgraded and maintained for safety. And a dog park would be a wonderful local addition.	10/4/2019 8:33 AM
147	I don't feel very safe on methuen rail trail and go to Salem/Windham for their trail. I'd like to improve what we have here	10/3/2019 9:42 PM
148	More places for families to come together and be more of a community	10/2/2019 6:15 PM
149	I would love to see a city clean up day begin again. That would help residents take care of their properties and have more pride in where they live. A children's park which spans multiple ages. Skate board park.	10/2/2019 3:54 PM
150	Cut the police budget to pay for these programs	10/1/2019 12:37 PM
151	stop the destruction of our forests for building	10/1/2019 8:21 AM
152	The sidewalks need to have smooth paths so seniors can walk to the senior center and downtown. Make them wide enough for motorized wheelchairs and scooters so they can get about town. Make it a thing Methuen becomes known for. Have the police patrol it during daylight so the seniors feel safe.	10/1/2019 7:29 AM
153	There is an urgent need to identify more field space for sports programs, particularly soccer. Also, the East side of the city, east of Route 495, has no local parks for our children, with ball fields or playgrounds. Why isn't Sargent Field being put to use for any of this? A new basketball hoop was put up, which my sons and their friends try to use, but it is basically in the trees, while the rest of the space sits doing nothing. Maybe a playground, a soccer field, expanding the basketball court? It would be great if kids in this part of the city had a local park they could get to without a parent having to drive them across the city, or riding their bikes along very busy roads to get to Milk St, for instance.	9/30/2019 10:54 AM

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154	Moratorium of any new residential development; finding new stores willing to use tax breaks to reinvent downtown. It's horrific sad and Been that way. Open the river, clean all parks of goose dung. If we don't clean city hall and find investors a small crawl forward is all we can expect.	9/28/2019 4:47 PM
155	Splash pads for kids, better baseball fields, better park equipment like surrounding towns. Our parks are a embarrassment	9/28/2019 7:56 AM
156	Please improve the walking trail at veterans park	9/27/2019 3:20 PM
157	The city is pretty much at capacity. The schools are at capacity. Traffic is a nightmare, it takes forever to drive through "town". I understand the need to progress with the times, but there is really enough building. We need to keep and preserve what little land we have left. We should update buildings, parks, etc. that we already have, especially before thinking about building more.	9/27/2019 2:48 PM
158	Methuen is being over developed with seemingly no plan. As a result we are losing accessible recreational areas. The streets are unsafe for walkers/runners and cyclists due to excessive speeding vehicles as the infrastructure for all the new development is completely inadequate. Make some functional safe space for healthy recreation if you are serious about keeping Methuen a desirable location to live.	9/27/2019 8:16 AM
159	Take care of and maintain the playgrounds we already have...	9/26/2019 10:26 PM
160	I am in my late 30s and have lived here my entire life. It saddens me to see the overdevelopment of Town from not only 40B projects but also the ZBA allowing variances for homes to be built on undersized lots. Better zoning laws need to be put in place to require a certain amount of open space or affordable units that will count towards our inventory for special permits issued.	9/26/2019 8:38 PM
161	Stop building and leave open spaces and keep up parks	9/26/2019 8:30 PM
162	Would like to see Mystic Pond cleaned up and kill the weeds in it. And keep with the amount of fields that we have in town and keep them in top shape.	9/26/2019 5:16 PM
163	Stop the building of homes. However, if must build the neighborhood with wide streets, sidewalks, and lot sizes that conform with zoning. Stop building large housing developments. Methuen is community of home owners with yards for children to play in. Not condo owners, not apartments. I drive around town and find that the layout is turning into Lawrence. Congested, no parking, and bad things going on.	9/26/2019 4:56 PM
164	Stop allowing projects such as the "senior" living project on Howe St. I don't know of any seniors who will be able to afford to live there. I don't understand how the city leaders allowed that to happen.	9/26/2019 4:01 PM
165	No more building. Schools and roads are too crowded. We have a lot of water front area that we dont use well. Make walking/jogging trails, boating programs (sailing, kayaking, etc), restaurants with water views (like amesbury and newburyport). Also, NEED to get new business to the loop, that will be a waste land soon.	9/26/2019 9:15 AM
166	your 10 years to late and you have destroyed most of the open space in the east district ,and I find this all a bunch of bs the will never amount to anything productive and will only line the pockets of friends of the politically connected	9/26/2019 8:40 AM
167	Rail trail, biking paths	9/26/2019 8:04 AM
168	I would like to see us maintain our green spaces. In the past 10 years we have lost a lot of trees to development.	9/26/2019 7:36 AM
169	The rail trail is great! Veterans Park needs the walkways paved! Dangerous for older people to walk on.	9/26/2019 7:26 AM
170	I enjoy the programs for children and the seniors. I think engaging all ages of the community is important. Maintenance and updating the existing parks is important to me as well as preserving the conservation Areas and protecting habitats for Methuen's non human residents. Also historical properties are important as well. I wish there were more tours and or museums that displayed the historical significance to the city.	9/26/2019 7:05 AM
171	I would love to see a playground that is more geared towards children with special needs such as activities where they can get a lot of sensory input. A fence around a playground is huge for caregivers of children with special needs, it ensures they won't bolt off.	9/26/2019 6:52 AM

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172	.	9/26/2019 6:15 AM
173	The milk st. Park needs new playground equipments been in methuen for 10 years and never seen any updates and i have 2 young kids that love the park! I usually go outside methuen for parks... Another idea a splash pad would be kinda neat as well.	9/25/2019 9:35 PM
174	How about a community pool or even a splash pad? Forest Lake seemed like a great option to cool off until we went and saw its condition, including being riddled with goose poop.	9/25/2019 9:12 PM
175	Please fix the MHS track so the kids can have events at their home track.	9/25/2019 9:02 PM
176	Dog Park!!	9/25/2019 8:57 PM
177	Just looking for a dog park. I have to drive to Andover or NH for one.	9/25/2019 8:06 PM
178	Business/ community partnerships to expand community and values	9/25/2019 4:17 PM
179	Put in a splash pad at the Milk St. Park where the old outdoor hockey rink is.	9/25/2019 4:05 PM
180	Allowing building in seemingly every open parcel of land put enormous strain on police, fire and other needed departments. If we can't provide necessary coverage then we can't allow building!	9/25/2019 2:08 PM
181	We need more space for art and cultural activities, especially in the downtown area.	9/25/2019 1:43 PM
182	Highly recommend a dog park	9/25/2019 12:20 PM
183	Improve Forest Lake area, Long Lake in Littleton MA is good example of what to do. Improve outside activities for kids. Basketball, walking area etc is needed. Wilmington has a great example of this on Cross St.	9/25/2019 11:33 AM
184	Methuen sails to adequately fund the Rec Department and to help finance volunteer programs	9/25/2019 10:55 AM
185	We need to better maintain our sporting fields along with providing new fields for the up-and-coming city. We also need the conservation land to help keep the wildlife out of our congested neighborhoods.	9/25/2019 8:44 AM
186	I would love to see a dog park	9/25/2019 8:23 AM
187	When will there be a survey about roads and side walks. Railroad st needs new safe sidewalks.	9/25/2019 8:03 AM
188	Stop building housing bad keep open areas for the wildlife that are losing their homeland more and more each day.	9/25/2019 7:36 AM
189	We should take care of ,preserve and leave the next generations all that we have enjoyed ourselves and more .	9/25/2019 7:03 AM
190	Stop adding new subdivisions. The city is crowded and traffic is increasing. Any and all open space should be preserved and strict zoning should be imposed for people who own large parcels of land.	9/25/2019 5:45 AM
191	The current financial situation in Methuen needs to be addressed. There are people who are passionate about preserving and improving various areas. Gathering these individuals, promoting and encouraging participation to action is what Methuen needs. We need individuals in government who are willing to get involved, work with the people and be present in the public view.	9/25/2019 3:21 AM
192	Would love to see more community opportunities- such as food truck events with cornhole and music and whatnot. There's not much of those things in the area - I travel to Boston to experience that. Boating would be fantastic to have as part of forest lake or the river front. The river front could have so much potential.	9/25/2019 2:33 AM
193	So many wonderful spaces not utilized efficiently. So many other communities that have a common use space. Look at Ipswich River Park in North Reading. That would be amazing to have something like that in Methuen. Maybe Gill Ave park but you would be challenged keeping the space clean and Junkie free.	9/24/2019 11:33 PM
194	Better security at the Veteran's Park. I no longer feel safe walking in the path that is surrounded by trees.	9/24/2019 10:32 PM

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195	I would focus a lot of attention on Veterans Park. Parking there is horrible. Need to get rid of that unused dek hockey rink. Possibly think about putting a splash pad there instead.	9/24/2019 10:04 PM
196	We desperately need a park with a new playground, maybe a splash pad, walking track, basketball, etc. Veterans park is abandoned with the hockey deck and basketball hoops that aren't used. There is alot of space, maybe make more and upgrade the whole area. Also the parking there is terrible. When we go for sports reasons, there are never enough spaces. If not Veterans, then somewhere we need a nice city park, that is not at one of the schools.	9/24/2019 9:46 PM
197	N/A	9/24/2019 9:45 PM
198	I think we need to preserve our in residential land, while cleaning up our parks/sport fields. Let's bring in advertising to our fields, and grants for our conservation land and playgrounds	9/24/2019 9:28 PM
199	Indoor sports facility	9/24/2019 9:22 PM
200	I would like to see a building turned in to a shared space. Art gallery meets incubator kitchen for those unable to rent space, meets clothing store. I designed a space 6 years ago that is similar in Pennsylvania and am happy to assist pro bono. Feel free to contact me: jessicavandewalle@gmail.com	9/24/2019 8:46 PM
201	Please look at making Methuen more walkable to the schools, downtown and to the Loop. Consider programs such as Safe Routes to School and Complete Streets like other Massachusetts communities.	9/24/2019 8:46 PM
202	The Rail Trail is wonderful and the work that has been done is fabulous. Our household would love to see the Rail Trail maintained. Great job Methuen. Thank you.	9/24/2019 8:44 PM
203	Upgrade and develop the Riverfront	9/24/2019 8:41 PM
204	It is extremely important to preserve our historic properties and green spaces in order to provide a quality of life that the residents of Methuen deserve.	9/24/2019 8:34 PM
205	the old ski area is crying out to be turned into a recreation space, so is the old farm along the river. Neither place is buildable. Good luck with this though! doubt much will come of it	9/24/2019 8:31 PM
206	Maintain, FIX and improve what we already have before building new. Milk St park and Gil Ave are beautiful and fun spaces. FIX the broken play equipment and splash pad. Place trash receptacles. Have police drive through periodically throughout the day/establish a presence. Riverfront park is nice but I've witnessed two drug deals while there with my kids. A simple police presence would deter this.	9/24/2019 8:20 PM
207	Dog park, take care of baseball fields and upgrade their poor conditions.	9/24/2019 7:45 PM
208	We definitely don't need more apartment complexes to overburden schools but not create new taxpayers.	9/24/2019 7:41 PM
209	Methuen's parks and playgrounds are outdated and NEED to be focused on. We need a great playground for children and families in a good location.	9/24/2019 7:31 PM
210	We tend to leave town for our outdoor recreation. I would like there to be more for us in the city.	9/24/2019 6:40 PM
211	Community center for both kids and seniors	9/24/2019 5:37 PM
212	Please get a public recreational swimming pool in place.	9/24/2019 5:36 PM
213	We need to clean up abandoned properties, add open spaces and the rail Trail clean. Would also like to see a dog park.	9/24/2019 5:32 PM
214	Safe places for children to go, hang out and play sports	9/24/2019 4:14 PM
215	N/A	9/24/2019 3:57 PM
216	I would love to see a dog park in Methuen. My only hesitation is that with Methuen's inadequate government, I fear upkeep of it and registration of dogs and owner would not be regulated as it should.	9/24/2019 3:55 PM
217	Current baseball fields should be more frequently maintained during the season	9/24/2019 3:50 PM
218	Would love to see more flowers in the Spring and Summer for residents to enjoy. Adding flowers to our existing parks or creating a flower garden would be awesome.	9/24/2019 3:15 PM

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219	Would love to see Forest Lake utilized in a better way. Allow resident day passes (so we could use it for private events/birthday parties, etc), rent out the pavilion, update bath houses. This is a great asset that is not being used to it's full potential.	9/24/2019 3:04 PM
220	Soccer field with concession stand! Indoor sports facility	9/24/2019 2:54 PM
221	The last time I went to the park to play with the kids, it was unsafe. We have one major park in the city, how hard is it to maintain it? Also, there was work put into River Park, why is there no playground? So much potential there. If people are buying houses at \$400,000-600,000, they should not have to go to Windham to bring their kids to a safe park.	9/24/2019 2:46 PM
222	Thanks for conducting this survey, look forward to reviewing the plan.	9/24/2019 2:44 PM
223	Stop the building of Toll company massive building developments. Adopt the CPA so we can access funds for historic preservation and open space acquisition.	9/24/2019 2:27 PM
224	Methuen is quickly becoming over populated, protecting our open space in forest & farms Will help keep this town controllable And give our children a reason to stay here.	9/24/2019 2:27 PM
225	Strategic planning for maintenance of playgrounds and athletic fields. The development of a Parks Department to better maintain the areas. MORE GRANT APPLICATIONS AND MONEY FOR THE CITY.	9/24/2019 2:26 PM
226	At least where we live, there's really poor sidewalk maintenance/availability, which makes it difficult to walk to nearby recreation spaces (ie: Riverside Dr to Raymond J Martin Riverside Park)	9/24/2019 2:20 PM
227	I have three children and regularly leave the city so they can utilize safe playgrounds in other towns. A tot lot would be great, safe playground equipment. Friendship park in Chelmsford and Griffin Park in windham are great examples. In theory the walking area of the milk st playground is great but the wooded area makes me feel unsafe even in daylight. Other walking trails in the open would be helpful!	9/24/2019 2:11 PM
228	We live off of Howe Street. Howe Street is very busy with vehicle traffic and with the addition of even more housing public housing being added, it's sure to be busier. Maybe not the best area for open recreation areas. Also, the CGS playground and basketball court gets noisy. This is not an issue during school hours (would rather hear kids playing during recess instead of what we hear at night and weekends) but more during evening and weekend hours. Between the crowds, vehicles with loud music, basketball and occasional adult language, it takes our peace quiet away. A curfew should be established at all open area recreation areas and more monitoring by the local police.	9/24/2019 2:00 PM
229	Redesign Veterans Park. This is a large, underutilized park has so much potential! Located so close to the Loop, a fantastic Park could draw people to Methuen and bring their business here as well. Unfortunately, as it is now, this park does not have proper drainage systems, the trails and small playground are too often flooded, the large play structure is in horrible/dangerous shape. Street hockey rink is an awesome space to let kids play freely in a contained area. I've brought my children there to ride bikes and scooter many times, but the walls and surface are just in deplorable shape! the walking paths at this park are warped making it hard to let young children ride bicycles on it without tipping over. Does secluded basketball court is a Haven for unruly games. People constantly let their dogs Rome unleashed at this park. It is dangerous to bring families there. No one seems to care about obey laws or abiding by basic decencies because this park is so secluded and unmonitored. Frankly, it attracts a peculiar crowd of people. As such, my family refers to this as the "Odd Park" that playground next to the central administration building is a waste of space. I've lived in Methuen over 15 years and have only seen it used maybe once or twice. It is antiquated, an unsafe. I suggest building a park that is handicap accessible and appropriate for young children. I'm a parent of two boys with autism, one (age 3.5) with some balance issues as well. I am not comfortable bringing him to any playground in Methuen without keeping him within arms reach. I drive all the way to Andover to let him play safely at penguin Park. of my friends with children, all of us bring our kids to Griffin Park in Windham New Hampshire, penguin Park in Andover, for shedd Park in Lowell all fenced-in. Methuen playgrounds don't compare.	9/24/2019 1:57 PM
230	N/a	9/24/2019 1:41 PM
231	Forest lake is a hidden gem. Need to put more funds into forest lake.	9/24/2019 1:38 PM
232	Make sure all parks,playgrounds, fields are safe. Many parents are worried about needles	9/24/2019 1:35 PM

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233	Hoping to see more activities for children and teenagers	9/24/2019 1:30 PM
234	Upkeep of fields. More turf. Hampshire road purchase and development	9/24/2019 1:24 PM
235	More walking trails that residents can go to with their pets without getting turned away or harrassed by other town redidents	9/24/2019 1:20 PM
236	Presently Methuen doesn't take care of its fields well and the utilization of the fields are not very well plan out.	9/24/2019 1:02 PM
237	Need to curb the building of new developments and preserve any undeveloped land that is left.	9/24/2019 12:58 PM
238	Please maintain open green space, and fix up the playgrounds!! We need to maintain green space and stop building houses on them!!!!!!	9/24/2019 12:52 PM
239	My vote would be to primarily focus on the clean up, improvements and ongoing maintenance of the existing sports fields and parks, and also preservation of the current conservation areas.	9/24/2019 12:47 PM
240	I really believe there should be a large sports complex for the kids to play multiple sports. The fact that the city needs to utilize a donated field for youth soccer is unacceptable to me. Dracut has a great sports complex with soccer and football and walking tracks etc. I think the Milk St. Park is very sketchy, my wife won't walk there and we certainly won't let our kids ride their bikes on that track. We have seen drug paraphernalia and know of at least 1 drug overdoes in that park. It just doesn't seem like a safe park for families. I know there are already baseball fields at Milk St. and The Neil Playstead. I feel like those should be kept up better through the city.	9/24/2019 12:43 PM
241	Every time you let a builder build a housing or apt complex , make it a requirement to use their equipment and resources to build a sports complex or playground. Not necessarily give us land just resources to offset costs !!!	9/24/2019 12:38 PM
242	Lance would love a Dog Park!!! He is a very political dog... bird watching & long walks... his parents would like city hall to have City hall hours to either include a late night OR make city employees work till 5 on Friday's so they can actually accommodate the residents who pay their salaries through their taxes.	9/24/2019 12:29 PM
243	Would love to see something comparable to Don Park in Derry, NH, with tennis and pickle ball courts.	9/24/2019 12:16 PM
244	Our existing playgrounds and parks need more love and care.	9/24/2019 12:12 PM
245	Less development of unused land. Everyon complains about wildlife. We need to let them have some space. Redeveloping existing dilapidated property instead. I know it can cost more but....	9/24/2019 12:02 PM
246	A well maintained and WELL GOVERNED (keep the bad dogs/people away and enforce rules) dog park.	9/24/2019 12:01 PM
247	Update the current parks and recreation spaces. Veterans park needs some TLC and make the Sargent field nice again. Also add a dog park would be great	9/24/2019 11:49 AM
248	The conditions of the baseball fields at the high school and especially Pelham street need to be improved.	9/24/2019 11:47 AM
249	The field on West Ayer St needs some upgrades.	9/24/2019 11:42 AM
250	The condition of Our baseball fields are dangerous and embarrassing. We need extensive work in the fields and the restrooms need significant repairs. They are often unsanitary due to plumbing issues.	9/24/2019 11:39 AM
251	More accessible and safe playgrounds	9/24/2019 11:39 AM
252	Purchase open land tracts in east methuen. No public open space here.	9/24/2019 11:34 AM
253	Turn this City around by creating more conservation programs and involve the children. It will create jobs and revenue, community services, resident participation, and pride. Stop the builders from destroying large land areas. Only allow single family dwellings to be built which will prevent clear cutting. Pay attention to the endangered species that are desperately trying to live alongside us (Emerald Pines, Howe and Hampstead Streets, for example). Have a citywide tree planting effort. This survey is the most outreach to our residents I've seen to	9/24/2019 11:33 AM

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date. Thank you to whomever's idea it was. I stopped trying to fight with the City officials because nobody was listening. Not Joe, Bill, or Ron. Or the City Council when Fountain was there. We need to do and be better for our children and generations to come. Everyone needs a place to live, sure, but we need to be responsible stewards of the land we have in our borders. We don't have enough pride or backbone to do the right thing. Let's go!

254	I am not opposed to acquiring space for conservation/recreation. However, I do not feel the city of Methuen comes close to maintaining the current facilities we already have at a reasonable standard. When folks from other communities come to our parks, they should feel like they are seeing the standard benchmark. Let's get to that point before we add more than we cannot properly maintain.	9/24/2019 11:32 AM
255	I would like no more residential building going up in the east end or for any end in that matter. Methuen is crowded enough. Revamp the loop and get some places in there that will be worth going too. Bowling alley/maybe a Dave n busters/ laser tag/ paintball. Idk something to attract people there. Better places to eat as well.	9/24/2019 11:31 AM
256	Maintain and update playgrounds	9/24/2019 11:06 AM
257	Bike paths, sidewalks, gardens but with environmentally conscious and safe upkeep.	9/24/2019 10:52 AM
258	Many families have to drive their children 30-60 min away to sports due to the lack of an indoor sports complex. We could use on in our city.	9/24/2019 10:50 AM
259	Upgrade current facilities (Vets Park is a dilapidated embarrassment) and expand Rec Dept. offering to include adult programs.	9/24/2019 10:37 AM
260	Methuen does have a few art groups but they should be more formalized and brought together and have a working space - interior and exteriors, to add more vibrancy to the community.	9/24/2019 10:35 AM
261	Maybe arena or theater for plays	9/24/2019 10:29 AM
262	Before we begin to invent new projects we need to take care of what we currently have. We also must insist that developers are held to current or stricter zoning. They keep rapping the land, robbing the community of open space.	9/24/2019 10:21 AM
263	There is a constant challenge in open fields available to sports other than baseball. Also all the playgrounds should be looked at to make sure they are functioning. The ashford street playground is in rough shape as well as no playground on burnham road. Another importnat paet of this discussion in preserving open space for recreational use is adequate parking and lights.	9/24/2019 10:21 AM
264	Our top priority should be to update existing parks and open spaces. Our city tennis court is embarrassing. It's on the corner of Old Homestead and Copley Drive. Start with updating these existing parks and sports courts and go from there.	9/21/2019 8:04 AM
265	I think Bill Manzi does an amazing job at running all these programs. He is always checking in with his staff and is so involved and such a pleasant, happy guy. He is so wonderful with all the kids, patient and is so well respected by all the kids and parents. The rec dept won't the same the day he retires, those are some big shoes to fill!! Thank you Bill for all that you do for our kids of Methuen!!	9/20/2019 8:30 AM

CITY OF METHUEN – PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Mayor's Advisory Committee on Methuen 2020 Update to the Open Space
& Recreation Plan with the Economic & Community Development
Department

Via Zoom Conference

Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on the City's Update of the Open Space & Recreation Plan is scheduled for Thursday evening at 6:30 P.M. July 23, 2020. Because of the ongoing Covid-19 emergency, the meeting will be held by the Zoom teleconference platform hosted by the Economic & Community Development

Agenda for the Meeting:

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Purpose of the Advisory Committee
- 3) Open Space & Recreation Planning Process
- 4) Overview of Growth and Change in Methuen

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Respectfully Submitted by
William Buckley, Director
Economic & Community Development Dept.

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Via Zoom Conference

Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on the City's Update of the Open Space & Recreation Plan is scheduled for Thursday evening at 6:30 P.M. August 27, 2020. Because of the ongoing Covid-19 emergency, the meeting will be held by the Zoom teleconference platform hosted by the Economic & Community Development.

Agenda for the Meeting:

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Overview of Goals & Objectives from the Prior OSRP
- 3) Assessment: Progress/Challenges in the 2010s
- 4) Needs Analysis – Methuen Open Space/Recreation Community Survey
- 5) Discussion on Updated Goals for the 2020s

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**Mayor's Advisory Committee on Methuen 2020 Update to the Open Space
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Department**

Via Zoom Conference

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting #3 of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on the City's Update of the Open Space & Recreation Plan is scheduled for Thursday evening at 6:30 P.M. Sept. 24, 2020. Because of the ongoing Covid-19 emergency, the meeting will be held by the Zoom teleconference platform hosted by the Economic & Community Development

Agenda for the Meeting:

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Discussion of Goals & Objectives Draft
- 3) Other Business -- Members
- 4) Next Meeting - Thursday, October 22, 2020

Members of the public and/or interested parties seeking to attend the Zoom Web conference meeting can sign up via e-mail to Environmental Planner Joseph Cosgrove at jcosgrove@cityofmethuen.net (Deadline of 2 P.M. Thursday Sept. 24, 2020 for sign-up.)

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CITY OF METHUEN – PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Mayor's Advisory Committee on Methuen 2020 Update to the Open Space
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Department

Via Zoom Conference

Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting #4 of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on the City's Update of the Open Space & Recreation Plan is scheduled for Thursday evening at 6:30 P.M. October 22, 2020. Because of the ongoing Covid-19 emergency, the meeting will be held by the Zoom teleconference platform hosted by the Economic & Community Development

Agenda for the Meeting:

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Parks & Open Space Inventory
 - Required Mapping for OSRP
 - Essex GreenBelt Regional Priority Mapping & Assessment
- 3) Discussion: Action Plan of Projects/Programs for the 2020s
- 4) Next Meeting - November 19th

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CITY OF METHUEN – PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Mayor's Advisory Committee on Methuen Update to the Open Space & Recreation Plan with the Economic & Community Development Department

Via Zoom Conference

Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting #5 of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on the City's Update of the Open Space & Recreation Plan is scheduled for Thursday evening at 6:30 P.M. May 6, 2021. Because of the ongoing Covid-19 emergency, the meeting will be held by the Zoom teleconference platform hosted by the Economic & Community Development

Agenda for the Meeting:

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Discussion/Comments on Circulated Plan Draft
- 3) Discussion of Action Plan Priorities
- 4) Schedule for Public Review/Public Meeting

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Respectfully Submitted by
William Buckley, Director
Economic & Community Development Dept.

CITY OF METHUEN – PUBLIC MEETING

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Methuen Open Space & Recreation Plan Update for the 2020s – Public Listening Session

Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 7 pm

Methuen Dept. of Economic & Community Development will be holding a public meeting to present draft of the City's Open Space & Recreation Plan and receive public comment on projects and priorities identified in the plan. The draft plan is available at the City of Methuen website

<https://www.cityofmethuen.net/openspaceandrecreationplan>

IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE during the Public Comment portion of the meeting , there will be 2 options for you.

To participate through the Zoom conference which will be AUDIO ONLY, there will be a link below this paragraph . When you click on the link, it is very important that you enter your information correctly to receive your invitation and instructions. You need to sign up by **NOON on the day of the meeting**. You can participate using a computer or phone.

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this public meeting will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible.

PUBLIC MEETING: Methuen's Open Space & Recreation Plan for the 2020s

A Community "Virtual" Zoom Meeting

Thursday, June 10th, 2021 @ 7 P.M.

Methuen Dept. of Economic & Community Development will hold a public meeting to present draft of the City's Open Space & Recreation Plan. Purpose of the meeting is to receive community input on projects and priorities identified in the plan.

The draft plan is available at the City of Methuen website

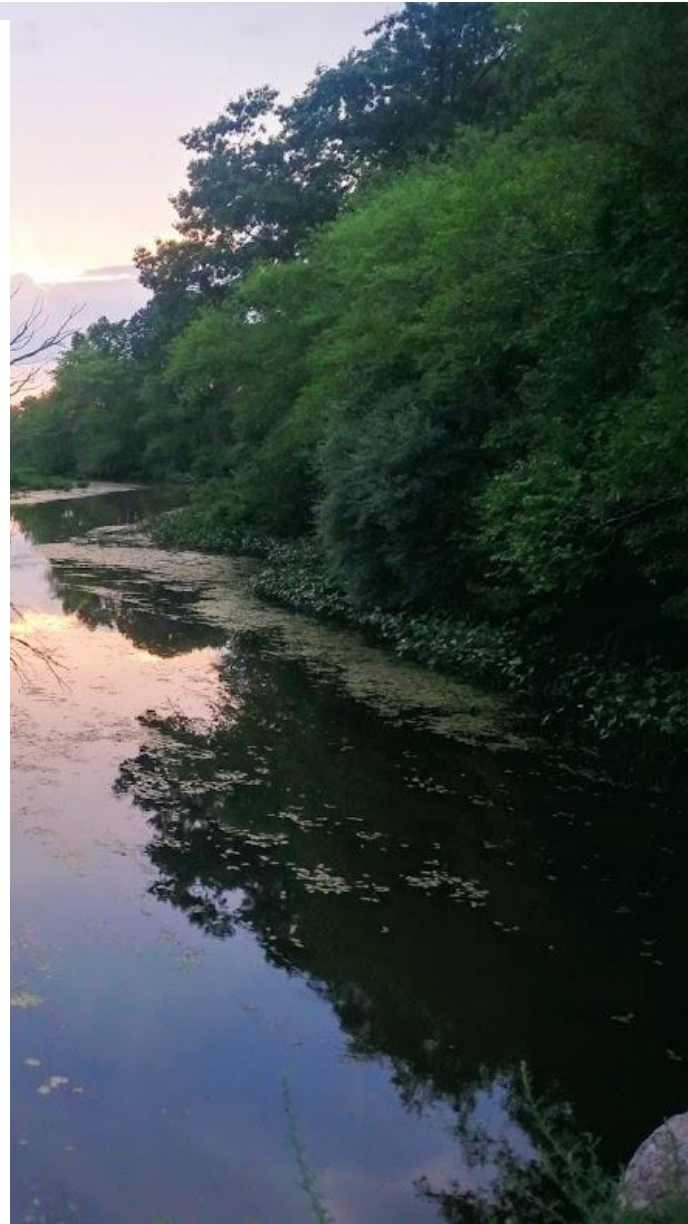
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City of Methuen
Mayor Neil Perry



CITY OF METHUEN – PUBLIC MEETING NOTES

Public Meeting on Draft of Methuen's Open Space & Recreation Plan Update

Via Zoom Conference

Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Online attendees:

- William Buckley, Methuen Economic & Community Development Director
- Joseph Cosgrove, Environmental Planner/Energy Manager
- Kathleen Colwell, Director, Community Development
- Steve Angelo, Director, Recreation Dept.
- Councilor Jessica Finocchiaro
- Will Castro
- Octavien Spanner
- Cara Seaman
- Mike Rossi
- John Hadley
- Matt Kraunelis
- Mimi Leger

Meeting is held via Zoom conference because of pandemic restrictions. Methuen Economic & Community Development Director William Buckley opened the meeting shortly after 7 P.M.

Mr. Buckley thanked members of the Advisory Committee who have participated in the planning process over the past year. The planning document and action plan recommendations, he said, lay the groundwork in identifying project priorities for the City to guide decision-making in the Methuen capital investment program (CIP) and grant funding applications. He welcomed and introduced Mr. Angelo who this month joined the City as the new Recreation Dept. Director.

Mr. Cosgrove presented overview of the draft plan including process summary, Methuen updated demographics, Open Space/Recreation goals and objectives, and action plan for the 2020s. (see attached presentation.)

Comments/questions:

Will Castro asked if there's any security actions to protect parks. Mr. Cosgrove responded that there has been coordination with Police and incident response including increased patrols at parks including Greycourt. Security has been an issue received in public comment including the on-line survey conducted last year and addressing will require more than a police response but a

community response including in building vibrancy at parks, open spaces through arts, programming and civic engagement/involvement.

Mimi Leger asked about the possibility of the City budgeting for arts projects. Mr. Cosgrove noted that specific capital investment decisions are made through the City's CIP process and that the City would be looking to be more proactive in integrating arts into project development and design. Also City would hope to use the OSRP structure to coordinate with the Cultural Council and make case to regional funders in plan project implementation.

Councilor Finocchiaro thanked staff and Advisory Committee for work in putting together the plan draft and looks forward to continuing conversation in advancing open space/recreation priorities.

Octavien Spanner asked whether CDBG funds can be used for projects. Mr. Cosgrove noted that Methuen secures CDBG funding through the state's Small Cities program. CDBG funding, designed to benefit low/moderate income residents, has been used by City in past for improvements at neighborhood parks in the Arlington neighborhood as well as accessibility features and can be a potential source for future projects.

Steve Angelo thanked the staff and Committee for their work and said he's looking forward to working with the group in moving the plan forward as the new Recreation Director. He stressed how important it was to have a plan with input from the community bringing funds to Methuen and building good projects.

Mr. Cosgrove expressed hope that Committee would continue to be engaged in the implementation phases of the action plan as the City moves projects through planning, design and construction and makes the case for local, state, regional and federal funding. Plan and activity updates will continue to be posted on the OSRP web page at <https://www.cityofmethuen.net/openspaceandrecreationplan>

Mr. Buckley closed meeting by noting plan as an ongoing, working document. City will continue to take public comment before finalizing and submitting to state Division of Conservation Services in the next month.

Meeting adjourned shortly after 8 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by
Joseph Cosgrove
Environmental Planner/Energy Manager