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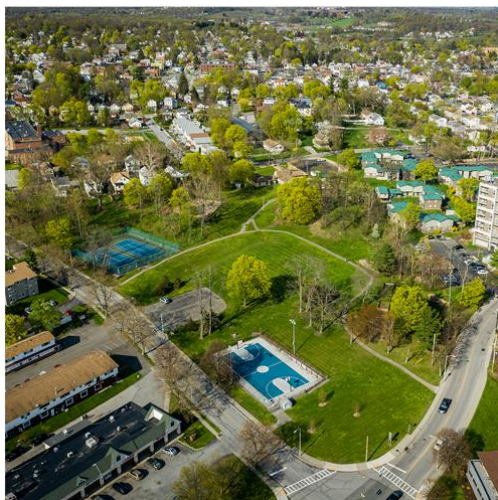


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Weston & Sampson team, on behalf of the City of Beacon, has prepared this Community Facility and Program Report.

The purpose of this report is to assess and identify current and future facility and program opportunities, within the City of Beacon to achieve the City's vision and goals of expanded programs. The plan establishes a clear direction for policy development, delivery of City services, and the prioritization of demands and opportunities. The plan positions Beacon to build on the community's unique assets while identifying new strategic initiatives to improve offerings. This effort has been rooted in an inclusive public engagement process and will seek to incorporate accessibility, cost effective improvements and maintenance, and opportunities to reuse municipal and/or non-municipal sites for recreation. This document is meant to facilitate and guide the future of programs and facilities in the City of Beacon.

Recommendations were derived from feedback from the public at in-person events and in the online survey, conversations with City staff and key stakeholders, and an assessment of the existing facilities and programs within Beacon and how they compared with the needs and desires expressed by the public. Key takeaways from the public engagement process include:

- Approximately 70% of respondents to the online survey stated that a new or expanded community center was needed within the City of Beacon, with 57% of respondents preferring a larger centralized community center over several smaller centers.
- The three items that received the highest importance rating for the City to address over the next decade were:
 - Expanded Community Programs & Activities.
 - Development of New Community Recreation Centers.
 - Preservation of Open Space & Land Acquisition.
- The three facilities that received the highest importance rating for the city to address over the next decade were:
 - Trails & Pathways.
 - Additional Restrooms and Improvements to Existing Restroom Facilities.
 - A New Community Center.
- The three programs that received the highest importance rating for the city to address over the next decade were:
 - Environmental Education & Nature Programs.
 - Music & Art in the Parks.
 - Programming for Teenagers.
- The three items that received the highest rating for how to increase engagement and utilization of City facilities were:
 - Improving the Condition & Maintenance of Parks and Facilities.
 - Improving the Communication about Program Offerings.
 - Hosting Additional Community Programs & Events.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

3.10 History of Beacon

Beacon is situated on the east bank of the Hudson River at the foot of Mount Beacon, approximately 60 miles north of New York City. Originally settled by the Villages of Matteawan and Fishkill Landing in 1709, making them among the first communities in the state, the City of Beacon was incorporated as a city in 1913 by annexing the two villages and a small portion of the Hamlet of Glenham from the Town of Fishkill. The City served as a focal point during the Revolutionary War era and was used for manufacturing of war supplies and as a fort during the 1800s¹. The name "Beacon" was derived from the signal fires atop of the 1,540-foot mountain located in the City's backdrop used to warn George Washington of British troop movements. A break in these mountains known as the Wiccoppee Pass, was carefully guarded during the Revolution, to prevent the British from targeting American troops and cadets at West Point. A considerable American force was stationed at its upper extremity during the campaign of 1777. The mountain was later a resort, and the Mount Beacon Incline Railway operated 1901-1972.

As late as the 1700's a large tribe known as the Wappinger, numbering more than a thousand Native Americans, lived in the vicinity of Fishkill. It is said they erected a palisade on Fort Hill, their village located in the valley to the north. This land would be the first land purchased in Dutchess County. On February 8th, 1682, a license was given by Thomas Dogan, Commander in Chief of the Province of New York, to Francis Rombout and Gulian Ver Planck to purchase a tract of land from the Native Americans. Under this license they bought on August 8th, 1683, from the Wappinger Native Americans a large tract of land, afterwards known as the Rombout Patent².

In the Autumn of 1776, after the evacuation of New York City from British attack and the immediate loss of the seafont, the operations of the army were carried farther into the interior of the country. Fishkill, from its safe position north of the Highlands and its proximity to the fortifications at West Point, became crowded with refugees, who fled from their homes on Long Island, seeking safety. One interior army route to Boston passed through the Town. Army stores were deposited here, and workshops were established for the manufacture of articles needed by the troops².

The City became a factory town and was known as "The Hat Making Capital of the US," with nearly 50 hat factories at its peak. From 1902 to 1975, the Mount Beacon Incline Railway, the steepest incline railway in existence, took an estimated 3 million people up to the 1,540-foot summit of Mount Beacon. This attraction eventually succumbed to fire and vandalism, and there is currently an effort to restore it¹.

The City of Beacon continued as a factory town until the 1970's, when it experienced a sharp economic decline. In recent years, however, the City has seen a rebirth. Beginning with the growth of antique and art dealers in the historic downtown, and greenways and land preservation guided by Scenic Hudson, a nonprofit environmental organization, this renaissance has most recently been spearheaded by the establishment of a museum housing the world's largest contemporary art collection, The Dia Center. Dia Beacon's headquarters, originally built in 1929 by Nabisco (National Biscuit Company) and now listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is a historic

¹ (Advisory Council on Historic Preservation , n.d.)

² (Pasture, 2022)

³ (Beacon, 2022)

steel, concrete, and glass factory building. Its most recent owner, International Paper, donated the building to Dia in 1999¹ above.

A place of historic and public interest, the residence of Mrs. John C. VanWyck is located within The City where the first printing press in the county was set up. Samuel Loudon, who had published a paper in New York City up to the time of its evacuation, moved his press and material to Fishkill. It was for a time the only paper that could be found to publish news of the public interest².

3.11 Beacon Planning and Recreation Department Overview

The Beacon Comprehensive Plan, updated in 2017, is a dynamic document that reflects the hopes and expectations of the people of Beacon, with specific objectives and recommendations about how to guide growth so as to preserve important environmental and historic resources and improve the quality of life of the residents, workers, and visitors in the community. “The Plan should change as the existing conditions and the goals and objectives of the community change”³. This document draws from the 2007 plan and other planning policies developed for other planning efforts.

There are several identified pedestrian trails and arterial roads in the city that accommodate thru-traffic and access to major development centers as well as a regional network of trails that intersect in Beacon, as well as recommendations for the importance of community centers and services within Beacon.

3.12 Mission and Goals

The missions of the Planning Board, Recreation Committee, and Recreation Department is described below.

“The Planning Board is charged with making recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council on all matters affecting the physical development of the City of Beacon, including consulting on the comprehensive plan and its implementation.”

“The Recreation Committee shall serve the City Council, Mayor, City Administrator and Recreation Director in an advisory capacity on matters concerning the establishment and maintenance of playgrounds and neighborhood recreation centers; the need for repair or replacement of equipment in such playgrounds and recreation centers, and the buildings thereon; and the need to construct, maintain and operate public baths and swimming pools. The Committee shall, upon request by the City Council, Mayor, City Administrator or Recreation Director, investigate and provide advisory opinions on the matters described above”

“The primary goal of the Department is to provide an environment which promotes and encourages the enhancement of individual lives through the social, physical, mental, and emotional benefits of participation in physical activity or passive involvement within the parks and main streets.”

3.13 Related Planning Efforts and Integration

The City of Beacon has undertaken several planning efforts in recent years that have helped direct the planning process for this plan. These documents include:

- City of Beacon Comprehensive Plan (2007, updated 2017).
- Beacon Transportation Linkages Program (2008).
- University Settlement Camp Master Plan, City of Beacon (2009).

- Waterfront Redevelopment Traffic Management Study, City of Beacon (2009).
- Harbor Management Plan, City of Beacon (2012).
- City of Beacon LWRP (2012).
- Fishkill Creek Greenway & Heritage Trail Master Plan, City of Beacon (2013).
- Reservoir Safe Yield Analysis and Groundwater Supply, City of Beacon (2014).

3.14 Methodology of this Planning Process

The Project team, including City staff, and Parks & Recreation Commission guided this project by providing input to a consulting team throughout the planning process. This collaborative effort creates a plan that fully utilizes the consultant's expertise and incorporates local knowledge and institutional history only the City staff and community members can provide. The project consisted of the following tasks:

- Document existing conditions of facilities & programs in the City.
- Prepare a Community Recreation Needs Assessment.
- Prepare a Community Facilities and Program Report.

1.1.1 *Existing Conditions of Community Facilities & Programs*

- Identification of all current recreation programs, activities, and community services provided through the Recreation Department.
- Identification and assessment of existing parks and recreation facilities operated by the City of Beacon.
- Identification of overall existing non-City Park and recreation facilities within the city limits.

1.1.2 *Community Recreation Needs Assessment*

- Research and document current gaps and future needs about recreational and community facilities, activities, and recreational programs.
- Solicit quality public input from stakeholder groups, community organizations, residents, businesses, and other interested agencies, such as the Beacon City School District.
- Assess feedback received from the City and public to determine and practice needs.

1.1.3 *Community Facilities and Programs Report*

- Prioritize inventory of improved or new facilities, programs, and services as identified through the assessment process.
- Detailed opportunities for matching identified facility, program, and service needs with existing/available resources.
- Assess staffing levels required to implement inventoried needs.
- Recommend strategies for implementing identified priorities in the short-term and longer-term with consideration of affordability and sustainability, including the potential use of piloting for new programs/ services to gauge public use or testing use of other publicly available facilities.

2.0 DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF BEACON

2.1 Recreation and Park Demographic Profile

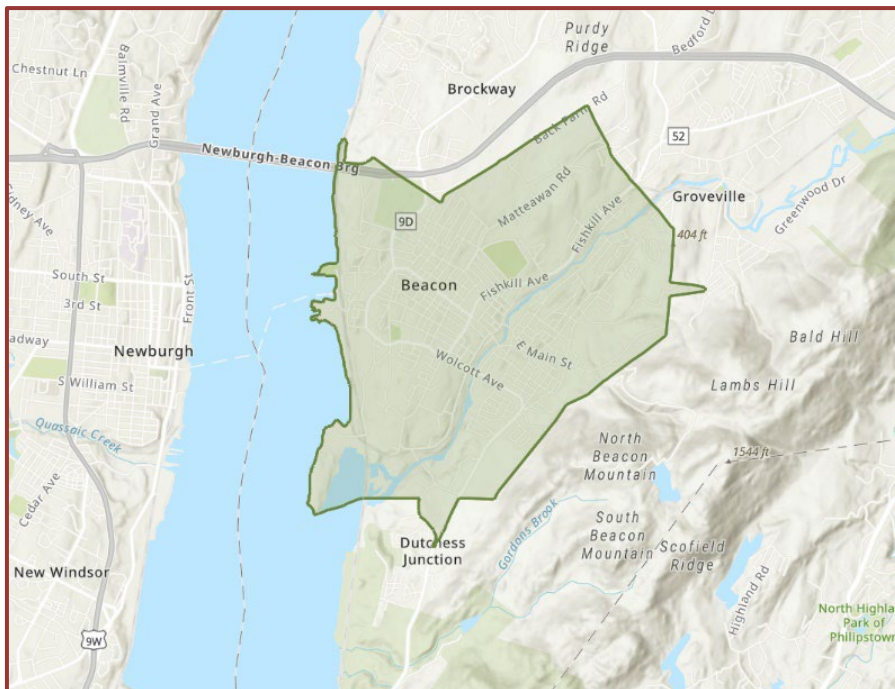
The City of Beacon Parks & Recreation demographic profile was developed to provide an analysis of household and economic data in the area, helping to understand the historical and projected changes that may impact the community. The demographics analysis provides insight into the potential market for the community's parks, trails, and recreation programs and services by highlighting where and how the community will change.

Data referenced throughout this report was primarily sourced from Esri Business Analyst as of May 2022. Population data was updated in January 2023. According to their website, Esri Business Analyst is “a solution that applies Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to extensive demographic, consumer spending, and business data to deliver on-demand analysis.” At the time of this report, Esri’s primary source for demographic information was the 2020 Census.

Finally, information about health, wellness, and disability status were sourced from the American Community Survey and the Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Foundation.

The City of Beacon utilized their city boundaries to determine the demographics of their community. The map in Figure 2.1 shows the boundary of the City of Beacon.

Figure 2.1: City of Beacon Boundary



Source: ArcGIS, 2022

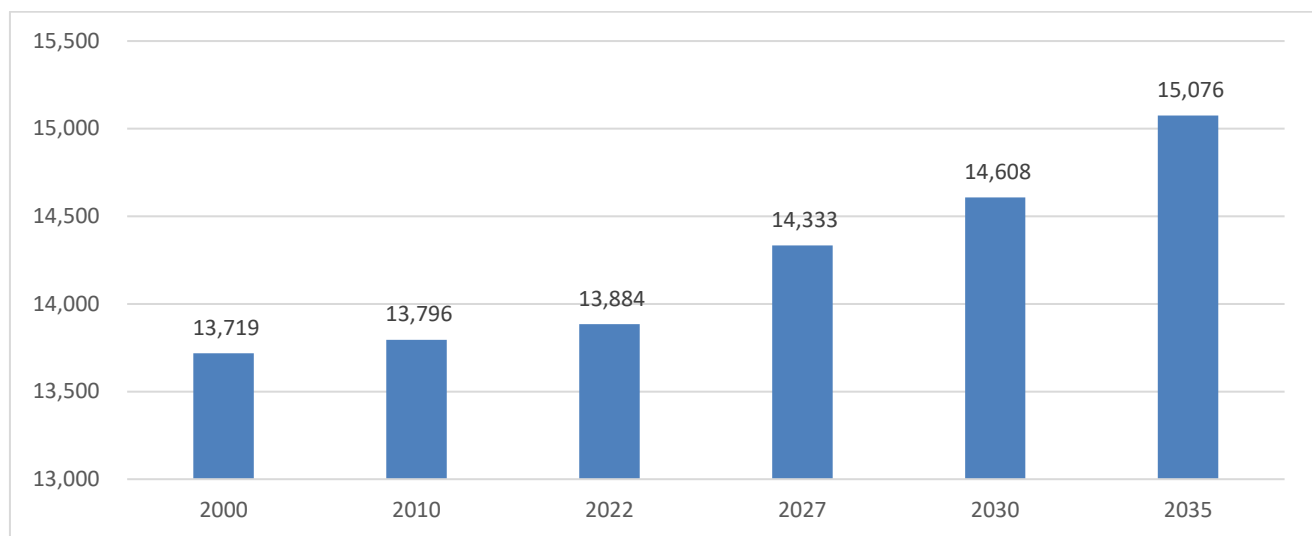
2.2 Population

The population in the City of Beacon was 13,719 in 2000 and was estimated at 13,884 in 2022. From 2000 to 2020, the compound annual growth was -0.02%, but increased to 0.37% between 2020 and 2022. Future growth is estimated at a rate of 0.64% between 2022 and 2027. Using this growth rate, future population projections could lead the City of Beacon to an estimated population of 15,076 in 2035 (Figure 2.2).

13,884
Population in 2022

The American Community Survey estimated that the population in the City of Beacon was significantly lower than Esri Business Analyst. The American Community Survey estimated that in 2021, the population was 13,769 compared to 16,237 from Esri (Figure 2.2).

Figure 2.2: Population Change in the City of Beacon



Source: Esri Business Analyst

2.3 Household Information

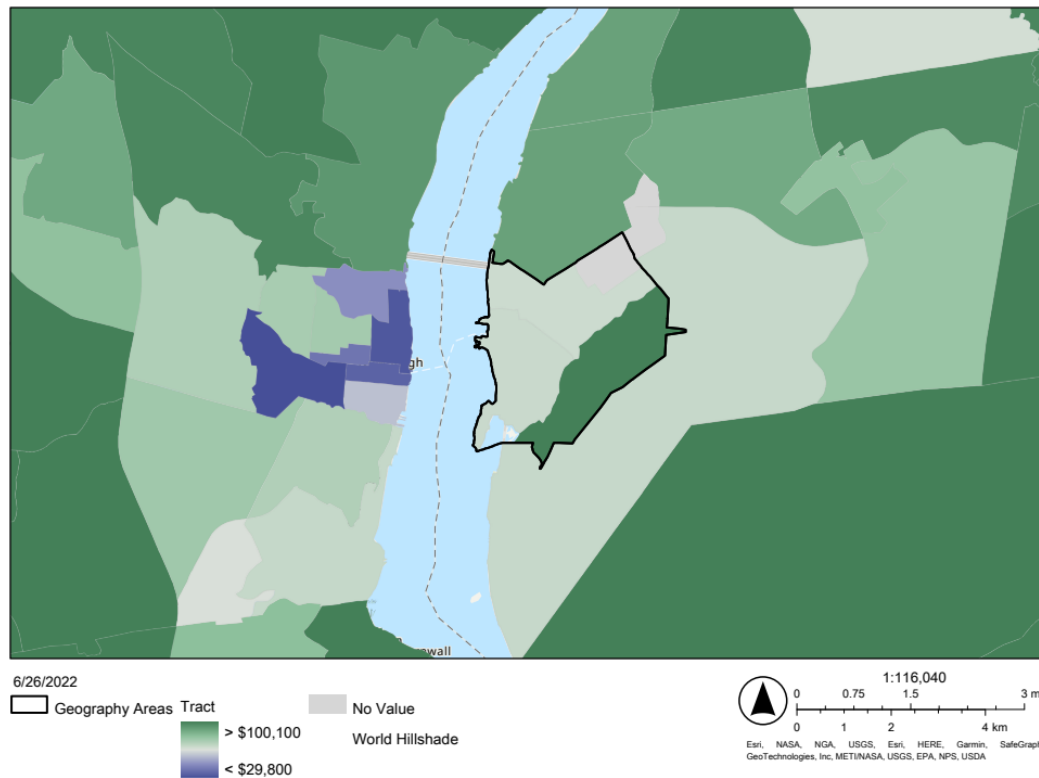
Analyzing the household characteristics within the City of Beacon indicates that the area has a higher median income but a lower average home value than the State of New York. The following facts demonstrate the key highlights related to household information compared to the state:

- The median household income was \$85,119, approximately \$6,000 more than the State of New York (\$79,320) (Esri, 2021).
- The average home value was \$379,676, less than the home value average in the State of New York (\$536,142) (Esri, 2021).
- Only 9.88% in the City of Beacon were below the poverty level in 2020, compared to 13.54% in the State of New York (ACS, 2020).
- The average household size in the City of Beacon (2.28) was very similar to the State of New York (2.53) (Esri, 2021).

Figure 2.3 shows the boundaries of the City of Beacon in black, where the dark green represents households that make over \$100,000, and the light green represents households that make close to the median household income in Beacon (\$79,320).

The gray on the northern end of the city represents households that are making on the lower end of median income in the area. The purple on the map, across the Hudson River, has multiple areas where the median household income is at or below poverty.

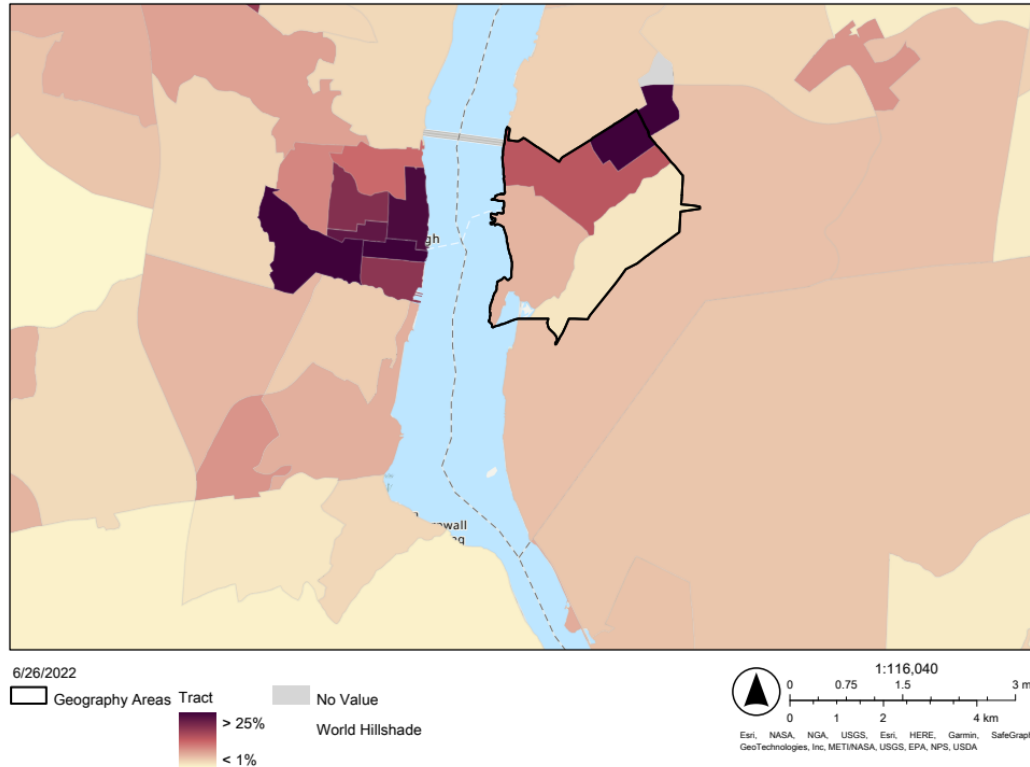
Figure 2.3: Median Household Income Distribution



Source: ArcGIS (2022); American Community Survey

Looking primarily at poverty levels, less than ten percent of the City of Beacon lives in poverty. By mapping out where these individuals live, the city can provide resources and opportunities to those in need. As seen in Figure 2.4 below, the Northeast area of Beacon is where the most households in poverty reside.

Figure 2.4: Poverty Status in the City of Beacon



Source: ArcGIS (2022); American Community Survey

2.4 Age

According to Esri Business Analyst, the median age in the City of Beacon was 41.1 years old, slightly older than the State of New York (39.6) and the United States (38.8).

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Median Age

Source: 2021 Esri Business Analyst

The age distribution in the City of Beacon in 2021 is reflective of middle age to older adults. The City of Beacon had a higher population of those between 40 and 59 years old than the population of New York and the United States. Likewise, the city had a smaller population of younger and older residents, as seen in Figure 2.5 below.

Figure 2.5: Age Distribution Comparison to New York, United States

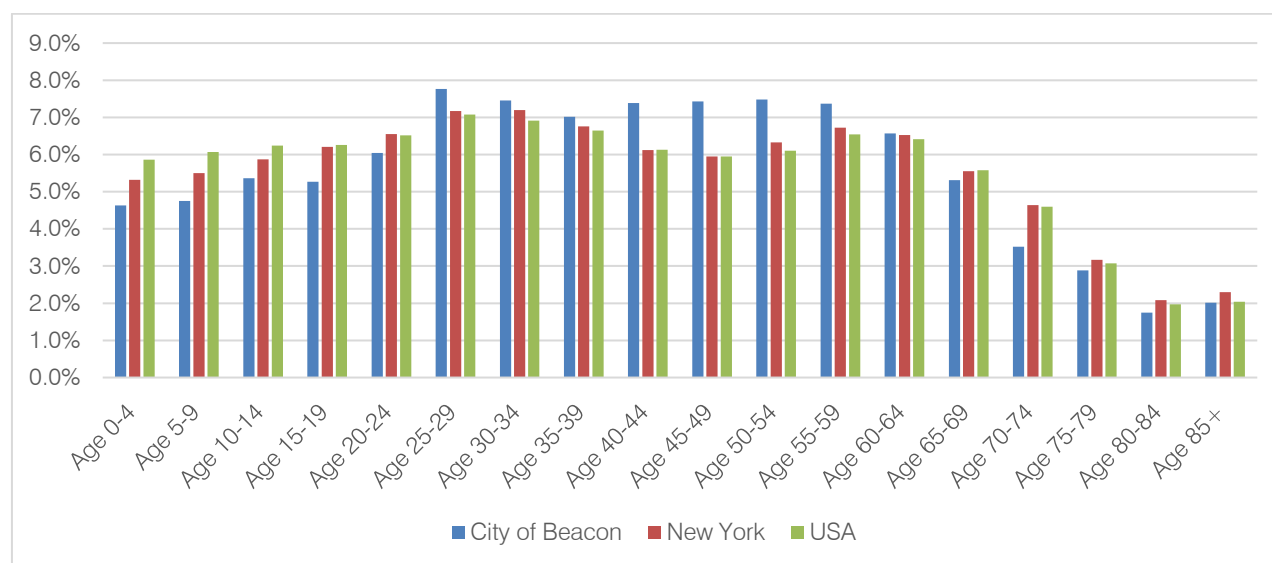


Table 2.1: Age Group Distribution from 2010-2021

	2010	2021	% Change
Age 0-4	5.22%	4.63%	-0.59%
Age 5-9	5.39%	4.75%	-0.64%
Age 10-14	5.66%	5.36%	-0.30%
Age 15-19	6.25%	5.27%	-0.98%
Age 20-24	6.02%	6.04%	+0.02%
Age 25-29	7.07%	7.77%	+0.70%
Age 30-34	7.48%	7.46%	-0.02%
Age 35-39	7.29%	7.02%	-0.27%
Age 40-44	8.38%	7.39%	-0.99%
Age 45-49	9.26%	7.43%	-1.83%
Age 50-54	8.59%	7.48%	-1.11%
Age 55-59	6.76%	7.37%	+0.61%
Age 60-64	4.90%	6.57%	+1.67%
Age 65-69	3.58%	5.31%	+1.73%
Age 70-74	2.52%	3.52%	+1.00%

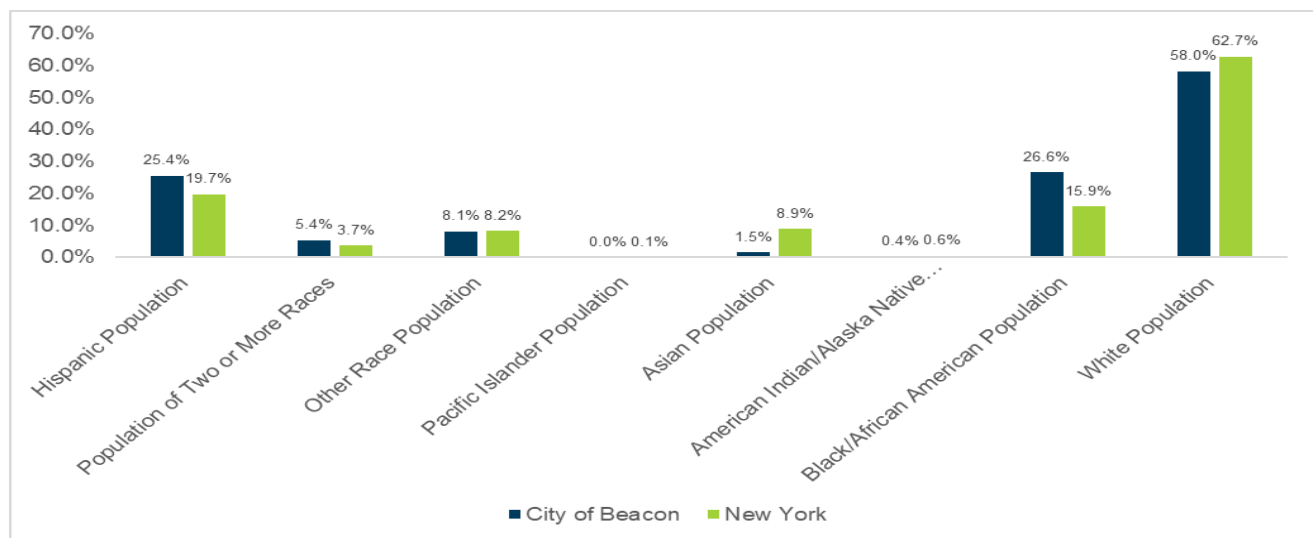
Source: Esri Business Analyst

Table 2.1 demonstrates the change in age groups amongst residents. From 2010 to 2021, the age group with the most change was 45 to 49 years – shrinking 1.83% in this age cohort. The population that experienced the largest increase in population was 65- to 69-year-olds, with a 1.73% increase.

2.5 Diversity in Beacon

Understanding the race and ethnic character of Beacon residents is important because it is reflective of the diverse history, values, and heritage of the community. The City of Beacon has a population where 25.4% identify as Hispanic origin, compared to the State of New York (19.7%). Black and African American populations make up over a quarter of the population (26.6%) while white residents make up 58% in 2021. Over 5% identified as a population of two or more races and 8.1% identified as a race not identified in the U.S. Census (Figure 2.6).

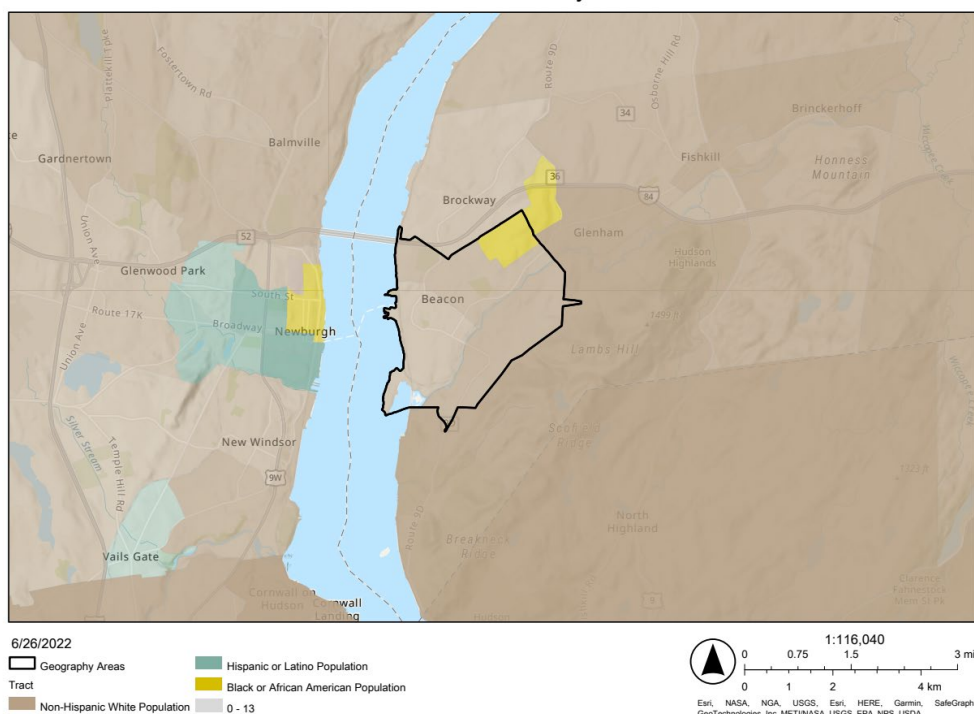
Figure 2.6: Race/Ethnicity in City of Beacon



Source: Esri Business Analyst

The non-minority white population distribution is mapped in Figure 2.7, where the yellow represents Black or African American populations, and the brown represents white, non-Hispanic populations.

Figure 2.7: Non-Minority White Race Distribution in City of Beacon



Source: ArcGIS (2022); American Community Survey

2.6 People with Disabilities

According to the American Community Survey, 13.4% of Beacon's population in 2020 experienced living with some sort of hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, self-care, and/or independent living difficulty. This is lower than the state at 11.6% but still reaffirms the importance of inclusive programming and ADA (Americans with Disability Act) transition plans for parks and facilities (Table 2.2).

Table 2.2: Type of Disabilities for Individuals Living in City of Beacon

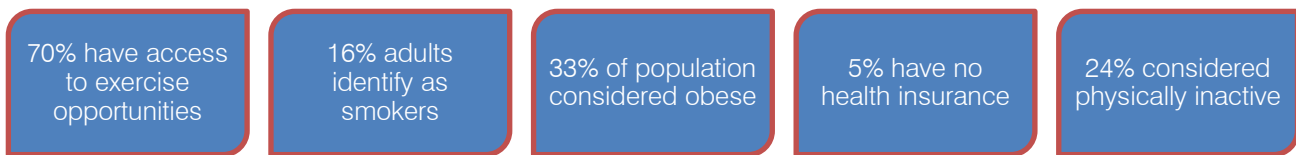
Type of Difficulty	Percent
Hearing difficulty	5.7%
Vision difficulty	3.4%
Cognitive difficulty	8.9%
Ambulatory difficulty	9.1%
Self-care difficulty	3.3%
Independent living difficulty	8.4%



2.7 Health and Wellness

Understanding the status of a community's health can help inform policies related to recreation and fitness. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's County Health Rankings and Roadmaps provided annual insight on the general health of national, state, and county populations. Dutchess County, home to the City of Beacon, is ranked among the healthiest counties in New York; in 2020, it ranked 15th out of 62 New York Counties for Health Outcomes. Figure 2.8 below provides additional information regarding the county's health data as it may relate to parks, recreation, and community services. The strengths indicated below are those areas where Dutchess County ranked higher than top U.S. performers or the State of New York. The areas to explore are those where the county ranked lower than the state or top U.S. performers.

Figure 2.8: Dutchess County Health Rankings Overview



Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's County Health Rankings and Roadmaps

3.0 EXISTING PROGRAM INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

The City of Beacon operates recreation programs within the city limits. In addition, there are over a dozen other programs offered by a variety of groups, including Scenic Hudson, the Beacon City School District, and several other non-profit organizations.

The City of Beacon Recreation Department offers an array of recreation programs that seek to meet the needs of its diverse community. For the purpose of this inventory assessment, programming of the department is grouped in the following categories: Clubs & Organizations, Community Outreach, Faith Based Organizations, Festivals & Events, Programmed Classes, and Sports.

The following is a brief description of each program category provided by the City or an alternative service provider within the City of Beacon. While not an exhaustive list, the organizations and programs listed provide an example of the variety and types of programs offered within the City.

3.1 Program Categories

3.1.1 Clubs & Organizations

A variety of clubs and organizations sponsor events and programs for Beacon residents from the Beacon City School District Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO's) at each of the elementary schools, to the Sargent Downing Community Gardens and youth scout troops. Many organizations sponsor and co-sponsor events with the Beacon Recreation Department.

Table 3.1: Examples of Clubs & Organizations in Beacon

Offered By / In Collaboration with the City	Offered Independently of the City
	Boy Scouts Beacon Pack 3001
	Girl Scouts Beacon
	J.V. Forrestal Elementary PTO
	Sargent Elementary PTO
	South Avenue Elementary PTO
	Beacon Navigators
	Sargent Downing Gardens

3.1.2 Community Outreach

The City and many alternative service providers offer a variety of community outreach programs throughout the City. From community benefit events through the American Red Cross and Salvation Army to environmental advocacy through the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater and the Conservation Advisory Committee, a variety of programs are offered to enhance the quality of life for Beacon's residents. Programs and activities in healthy lifestyles, wellness, and advocacy are presented to meet that objective, as well as to provide a socialization avenue for residents of Beacon.

Table 3.2: Examples of Community Outreach in Beacon

Offered By / In Collaboration with the City	Offered Independently of the City
Conservation Advisory Committee	American Red Cross
Green Teen Beacon	Animal Rescue Foundation / Rabies Clinic
Wee Play Community Project	Beacon Mutual Aid
	Hudson River Sloop Clearwater
	Open Arms Saturday Food Pantry
	Salvation Army

3.1.3 Faith-Based Organizations

Beacon is home to a variety of faith-based organizations which provide a variety of programs, events, and festivals at their respective facilities.

Table 3.3: Examples of Faith-Based Organizations in Beacon

Offered By / In Collaboration with the City	Offered Independently of the City
	Beacon Hebrew Alliance
	Christ Church United Methodist
	Faith Temple
	First Presbyterian Church
	Masjid Ar Rashid
	Saint Andrew/Luke Episcopal
	Salem Tabernacle
	St. Joachim Church
	Start of Bethlehem Baptist Church
	Tabernacle of Christ Church

3.1.4 Festivals & Events

Both City-produced and co-sponsored festivals and events offer diverse cultural and recreational experiences to citizens and visitors while providing a strong economic impact on the region. City produced festivals work to support the local community through involvement in several other ways including input to the operations of the events themselves; direct involvement along the lines of providing opportunity for local artists/exhibitors and non-profit organizations; consideration of local businesses; and minimizing negative impact to the local community.

Table 3.4: Examples of Festivals & Events in Beacon

Offered By / In Collaboration with the City	Offered Independently of the City
4th of July Fireworks	Benefit Softball Tournaments
Arbor Day	Benefit 5k Runs
BCSD Kindergarten Block Party	Beacon Sloop Club Festivals
City-Wide Yard Sale	Club Draw Picnic
Earth Day Cleanup	Compass Arts Summer Shows
Easter at Memorial Park	Dutchess County Senior Picnic
Riverfront Park Festivals	Special Olympics Annual Meet
South Avenue Community Cookout	
Tree Lighting	

3.1.5 Programmed Classes

A variety of programs for all ages are provided in classes that include fitness, enrichment, and sport programs. In addition, informal activities such as arts and crafts, after-school programs, and senior exercise classes are offered in City buildings, schools, and parks throughout the City.

Table 3.5: Examples of Programmed Classes in Beacon

Offered By / In Collaboration with the City	Offered Independently of the City
After School Programs	Community Drum Circle
Aqua Zumba	Daycare and Aftercare Programs
Camp @ The Camp	Dutchess BOCES GED Class
Multi-Sport Camp	Dutchess County Division of Aging Services
Tai-Chi Class	
The Beacon Pool	
Thursday Painters	
Youth Swim Lessons	
Youth Tennis Clinic	

3.1.6 Sports

Sports programming for youth and adults is provided in baseball, basketball, cheerleading, disc golf, football, soccer, and softball. Softball is provided for adults 35 and over. Youth sports opportunities are available through Department programs as well as youth sports organizations that utilize the parks and schools in City for their league activities.

Table 3.6: Examples of Programmed Sports in Beacon

Offered By / In Collaboration with the City	Offered Independently of the City
	Beacon Jr. Baseball
	Beacon Girls Softball
	Beacon Youth Football
	Beacon Soccer Club

3.1.7 Recreation Committee

The Beacon Recreation Committee consists of seven members, all of whom are residents of the City, who serve for 3 year terms. The Committee is tasked with serving in an advisory manner on matters related to maintenance, establishment, repairs, etc. for playgrounds, recreation centers, public pools, and other recreation facilities. The Committee currently contains two members and has been less active in recent years.

3.2 Program Analysis

The Weston & Sampson team assessed the recreation programs the City of Beacon delivers. This evaluation assessed the effectiveness of the provision of community recreation facilities and programs. The goal of this general overview was to identify basic information about department programs and services.

- What are the core programs, and do they match community needs and desires? What gaps in service are present in the community?
- What programs are offered by alternative providers, reducing the department's responsibility to provide such services?
- How well does the department communicate with community members about program opportunities?
- What challenges exist that may act as barriers to the department delivering high-quality programs and services?
- Does the department invest appropriate resources in community recreation?
- What trends and opportunities should the department focus on to continue to provide high-quality recreation services?

To accurately assess the effectiveness of the recreation program, the Weston & Sampson team used data from 2018 – 2022 that captured times prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some data is more current where the pandemic was less impactful.

3.3 Core Recreation Program Service Areas

Programs, events, and activities are offered primarily in six service areas identified in Table 3.6. Descriptions of the program service areas and 2019 – 2022 participation rates are summarized below, with key observations provided at the end of each section.

Table 3.7: Beacon Recreation Program Service Areas

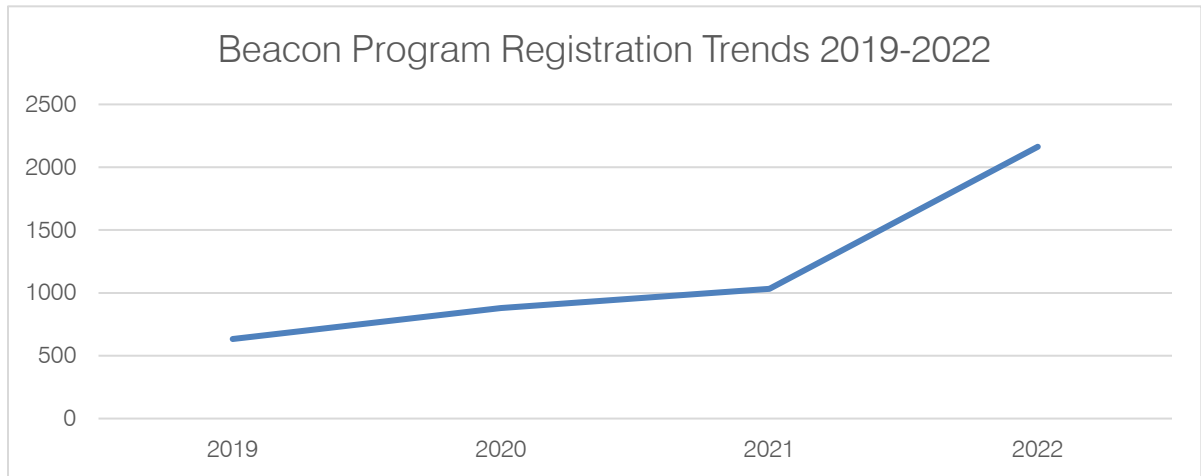
Program Service Area	Program Type
After-School Programs	After-school recreation and enrichment programs held in three elementary schools
Aquatic Programs	Aquatics programs offered June through Labor Day in the seasonal swimming pool located at Settlement Park Limited recreational swimming is offered evening and weekend hours, and the pool is available during weekday summer hours for swimming lessons and use by scheduled summer camp programs
Community and Special Events	Community events, holiday celebrations, Earth Day cleanups, etc.
Enrichment Programs	Adult and youth programs offered in fitness, wellness, gardening, etc. Examples include Tai Chi, Zumba, and American Red Cross Babysitter Training.
Youth Camps	Day camps, and school day off programs
Youth Sports	Many youth sports programs are offered by a variety of nonprofit providers (some on city-owned play fields), and the city offers sports camps, and clinics

Table 3.8 and Figure 3.1 represents participation levels in each core program category for the years 2019 – 2022 (to date). Aquatics programs have the largest participation due mainly to recreational swimming. After-school programs require the greatest level of staff interaction as many of these children participate many times per registration.

Table 3.8: Core Program Participation 2019 – 2022

Core Program Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
After-School Programs	351	110	208	405	1074
Aquatics Programs	139		577	1282	1998
Arts and Special Events		535		13	548
Enrichment Programs	3		32	28	63
Youth Camps	140	234	124	131	629
Youth Sports			92	304	396
Grand Total	633	879	1033	2163	4708

Figure 3.1: Beacon Program Recreation Trends 2019 – 2022



The City sponsored and offered many special events prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The events included Fourth of July celebration, arbor day, a citywide yard sale, earth day, holiday celebrations, and more.

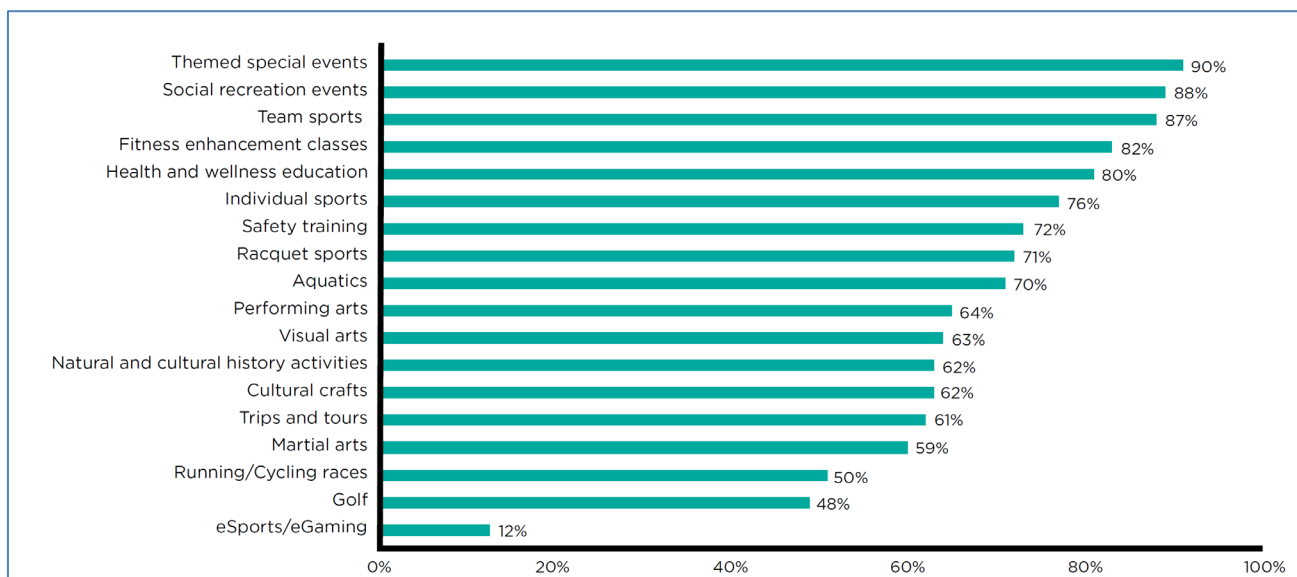
3.4 Program Demand

Program demand is demonstrated nationally, regionally, and locally to provide insight into program opportunities.

3.4.1 Nationally: Programs Offered by Parks and Recreation Agencies

The 2022 National Recreation and Park Association (NPRA) Agency Performance Review identified the most-offered activities and the percentage of agencies that offer them. Note that special events, social recreation events, and team sports top the list of program opportunities. See Figure 3.2.

Figure 3.2. Programming Offered by Parks and Recreation Agencies in the United States and Percentage of Agencies



3.4.2 Recreation Program Demand in Dutchess County, NY

Additional programming demand is documented in the New York Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), 2020 – 2025 specific to Dutchess County. The report calculated demand for certain types of recreation programs and opportunities (Table 3.9).

The plan considered that the higher the value, the greater the need. A figure of three or less indicates that the countywide recreation needs for a given activity are generally being met—but even in these cases, pockets of recreation deficiency may exist. A value of four or greater indicates a need for additional recreation sites within the county. The need might reflect the lack of facilities, or that new facilities need to be constructed to replace older ones. In this case, court games, most likely fueled by basketball and pickleball, are in extremely high demand in Dutchess County.

Table 3.9 New York State SCORP 2020-2025 – Dutchess County Demand

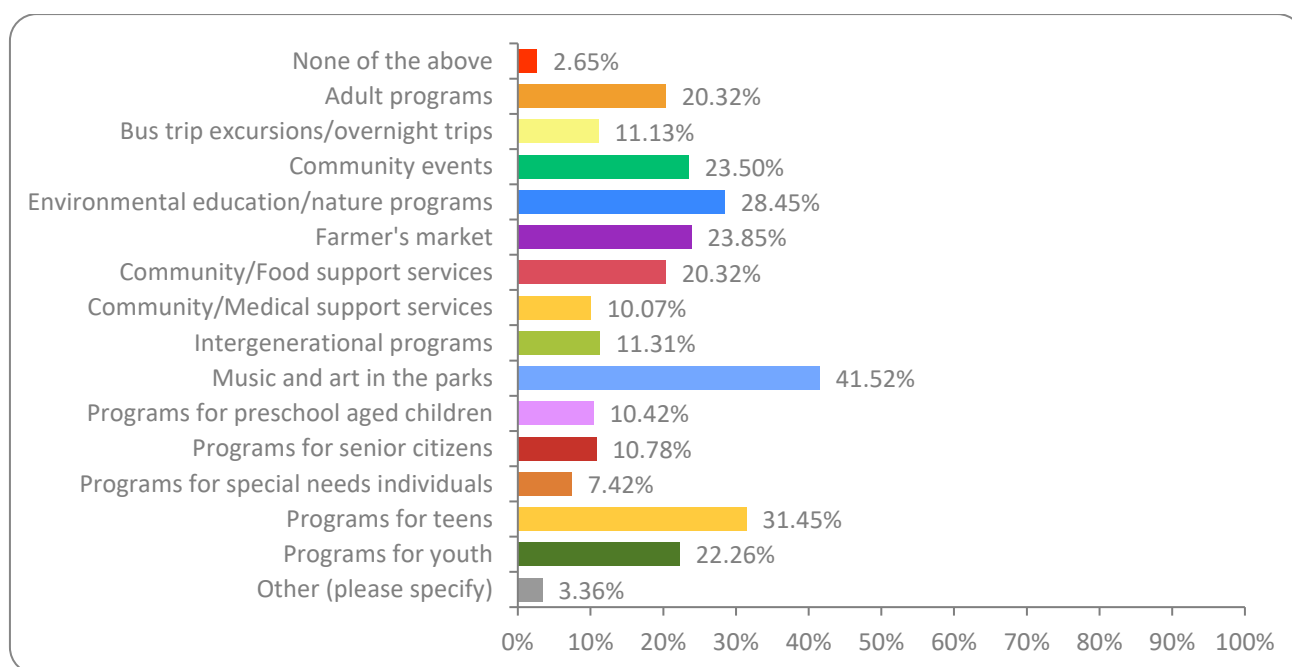
Activity	Recreation Need Rating (Greater Value = Greater Need)
Walking for enjoyment , including jogging, running, and day hiking	4
Relaxing in the park , including picnicking, playground use, visit nature centers, dog parks, croquet	5
Swimming in an ocean, lake, river, or a public or private pool	6
Bicycling on- and off-road bicycling, including mountain biking	6
Field sports , such as baseball, soccer, football, and disc golf	5
Court games , including tennis, racquetball, basketball, handball, pickleball, etc.	9
Camping , including tenting, RV, cabins, backpacking/long-distance hiking, etc.	5
Fishing from land, by boat, or ice fishing	6
Boating , including motor boating, sailing, canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, and jet skiing	5
Local winter activities , including ice skating, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, etc.	8
Golfing , including 9-hole, 18-hole, par three courses, miniature golf, driving ranges, and pitch and putt	5
Downhill winter sports , including skiing, snowboarding, ski boarding, telemark, etc.	10
Equestrian activities, including dressage, show jumping, polo, trail riding	4
Hunting , including big and small game	5

Source: New York Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

3.4.3 City of Beacon Program Demand

Program demands that the needs assessment survey identified also provides insight into additional and expanded opportunities. The top activities the needs assessment survey identified as additional or expanded activities were environmental education and nature programs, music and art programs in parks, and programs for teens were. See Figure 3.3.

Figure 3.3: Demand for Activities in Beacon



3.4 Aquatic Opportunities in Beacon

Swimming opportunities in the City are limited. The City's seasonal pool at the Settlement Park offers swimming lessons but only limited recreational swimming opportunities in the evenings, and no lap swimming. The Beacon High School Pool is open three hours a day during the summer, from 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., and three hours a day, 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., during the school year. Both seasons are based on membership. There are no aquatic opportunities, indoor or outdoor, after 10:30 a.m. for Beacon residents during non-summer months.

3.5 Age Segmentation of Programs Offered in Beacon

The Weston & Sampson team compared the city's population to program opportunities. Currently, 50% of programs the department offers are for children under 10, although that age group comprises less than 10% of the population. At the same time, adults over 40 comprise over 45% of the population but receive only 18% of programs.

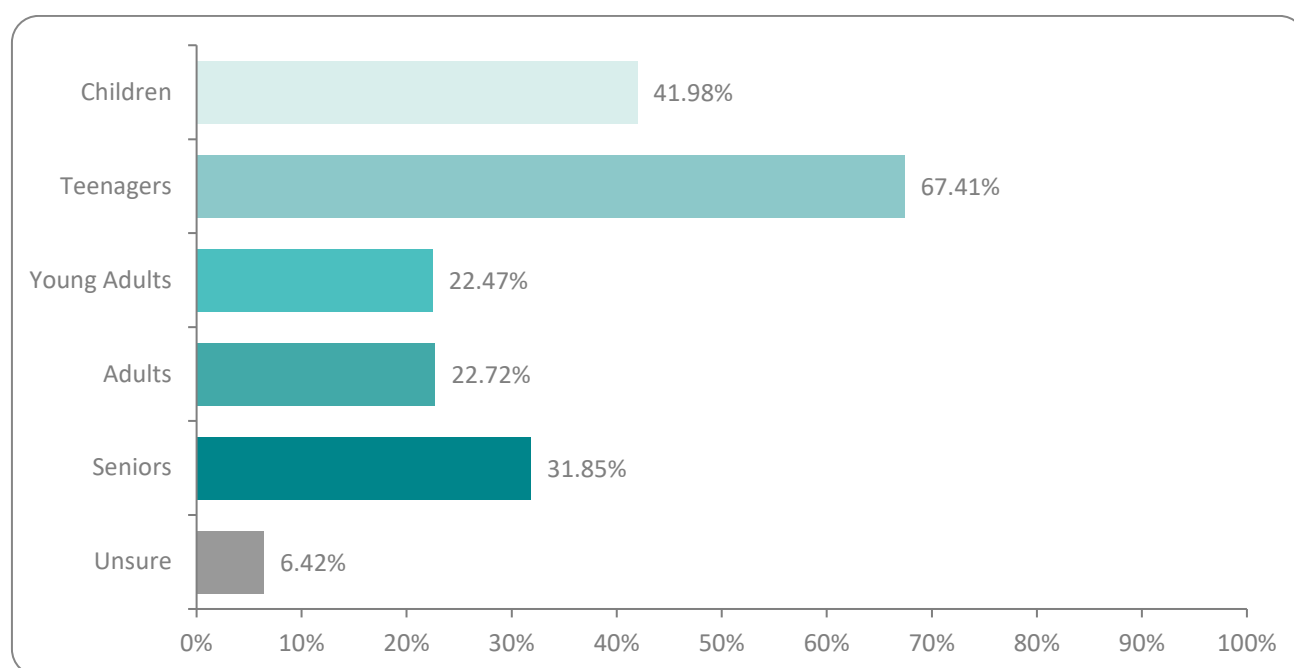
While there is no right or wrong way to distribute programs by age (dependent on local policy and resources), the Weston & Sampson team identified adult and senior programs as a significant gap in service and recommends more attention to these age groups. See Table 3.10.

Table 3.10: Programs Offered by Age Groups in Beacon

	Percentage of Registration	Approximate % of Population
0 – 10	50%	9.4%
11 – 20	15%	10.6%
21 – 30	3%	13.8%
31 – 40	13%	14.5%
41 – 50	9%	14.8%
51 – 60	3%	14.9%
61 – 70	4%	11.9%
71 – 80	2%	3.5%

When asked in the survey about age segmentation relative to a new, potential community center, respondents suggested that programs for teenagers were most important. At the same time, 28% of survey respondents suggested that new programs be developed for senior populations, which, interestingly, matches the percentage of seniors in the community (Figure 3.4).

Figure 3.4: Age Segmentation for Programs Offered in a New, Potential Community Center



3.6 Satisfaction with Existing Programs and Activities in Beacon

The needs assessment survey asked respondents to rate their satisfaction with the quality and quantity of current programs and activities. Respondents were marginally satisfied with current activities, with almost 60% suggesting a level of satisfaction. See Figure 3.5.

When asked if the number of programs was satisfactory, survey respondents suggested they would like to see more. See Figure 3.6.

Figure 3.5: Satisfaction With the Quality of Recreation Programs Offered

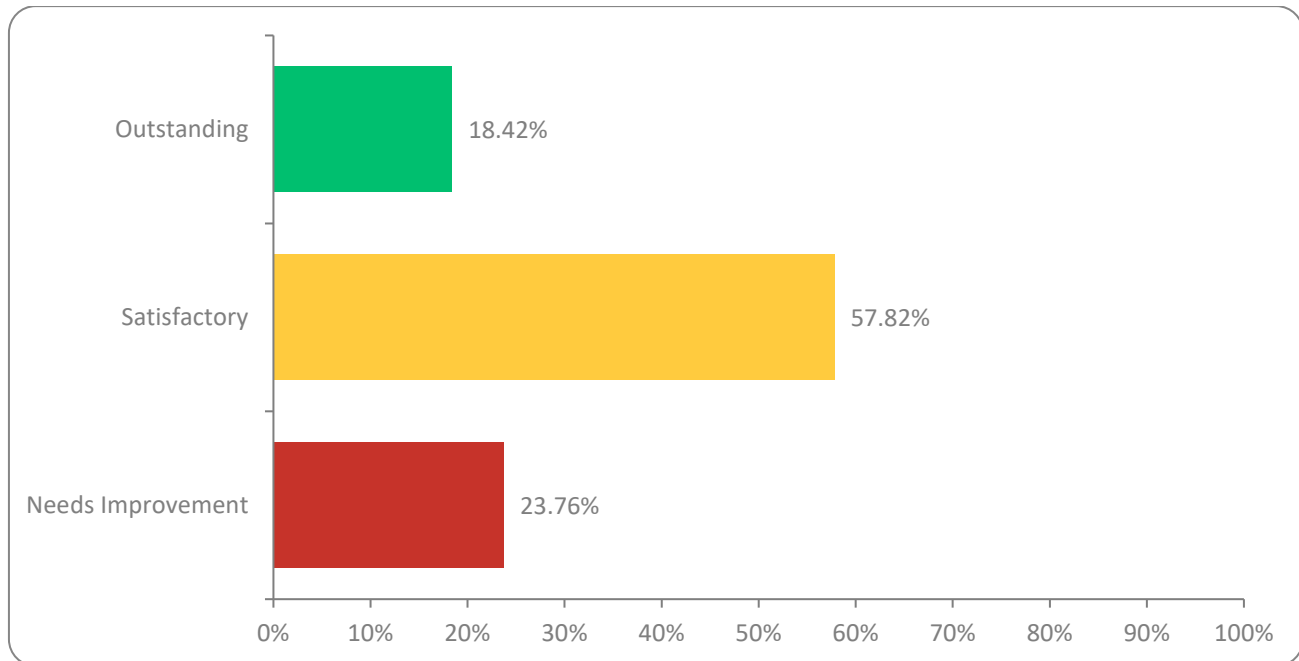
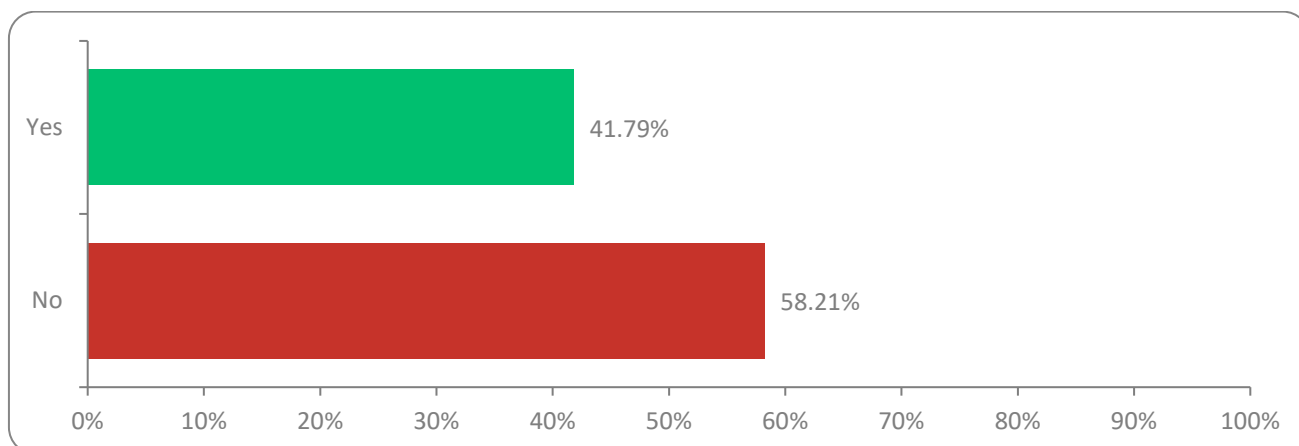


Figure 3.6: Satisfaction With the Number of Recreation Programs Offered



Survey respondents were asked what the department could improve, and of the top three suggestions, two were additional community programs and better communication about the programs and available opportunities. See Figure 3.7.

Figure 3.7: Areas to Improve Recreation Service Delivery

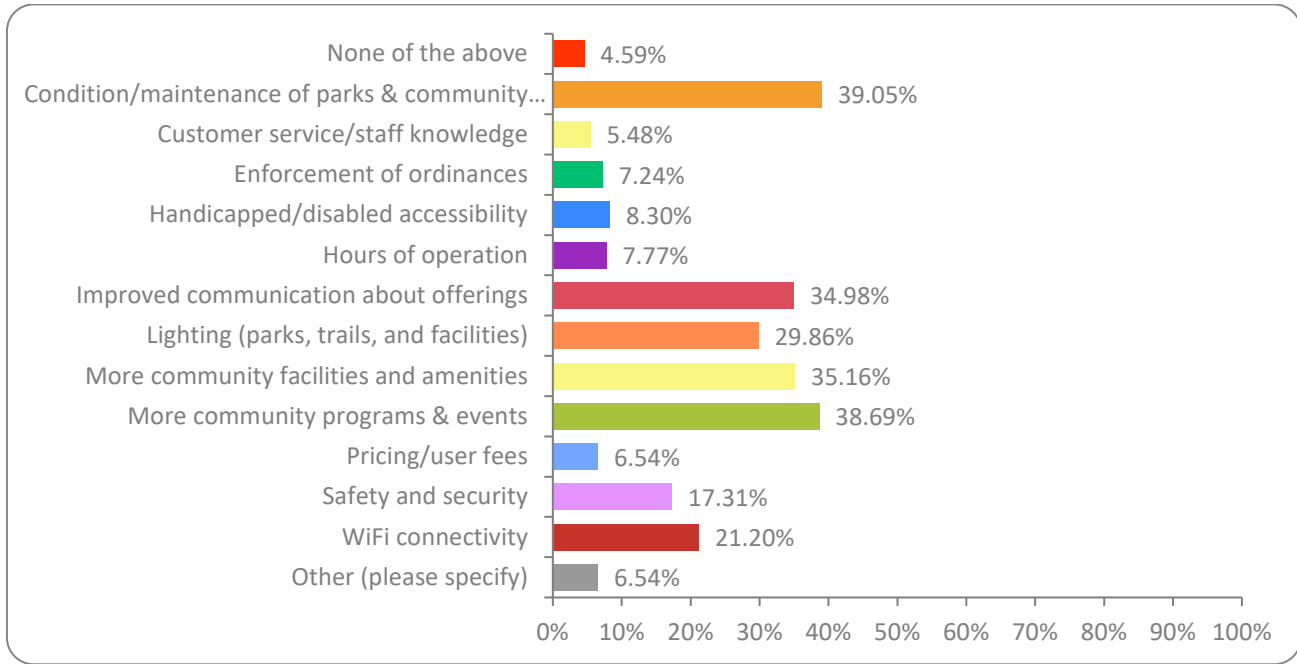
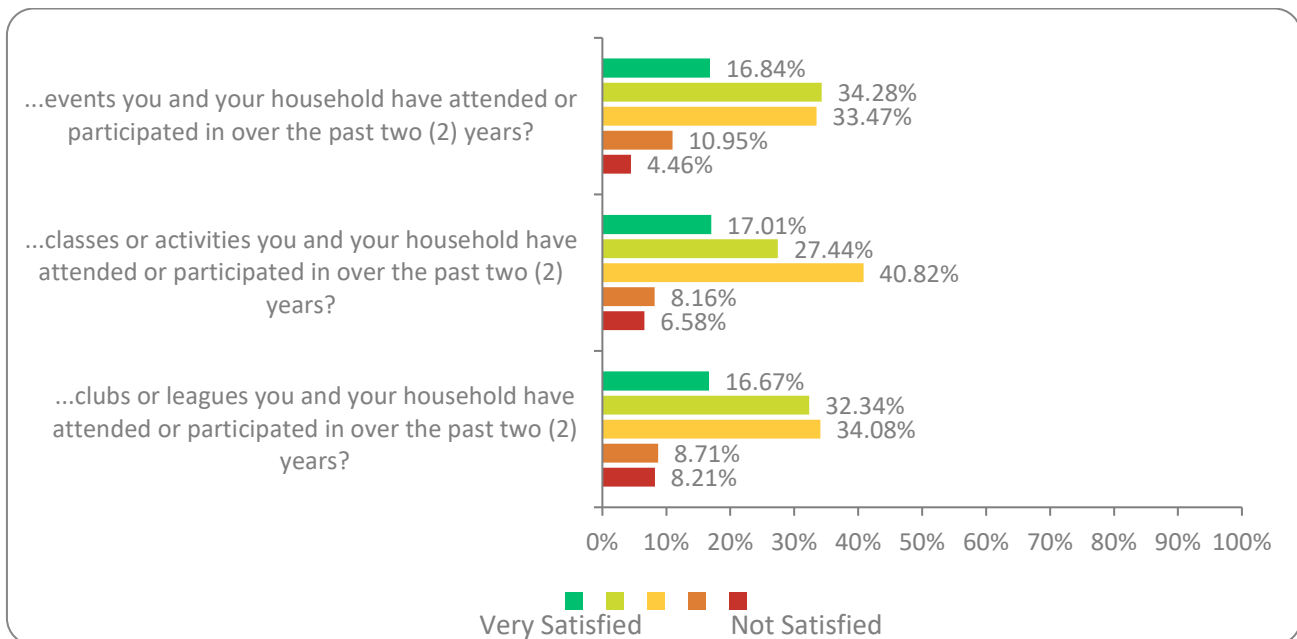


Figure 3.8: Satisfaction with Recreation Program Elements



3.7 Beacon's Investment in Recreation Program Delivery

Recreation programs and facilities are budgeted in general recreation, adult recreation, and the swimming pool facility budget. Collectively, \$672,722 has been budgeted for the recreation department in 2022 to deliver services. In Beacon, recreation programs and facilities receive 59% of the budget, in comparison to departments of similar size allocate approximately 42% of an entire department's operating expenditure to programming. As a result, Beacon allocates more budget to programming than comparable departments.

The 2022 NPRA Agency Performance Review suggests that a department serving a similar-sized community as Beacon spend between \$67.73 to \$226.43 per capita, with the median being \$117.36. In 2022, Beacon's per capita investment in recreation is \$48.45. However, it should be acknowledged that Beacon's investment in recreation has increased considerably over the last seven years and continues to grow.

Between 2015 and 2022, Beacon's investment in recreation has grown from \$212,823 in 2015 to nearly three times the budget at \$672,722 in 2022. With the exception of 2020, during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, Beacon's recreation budget dropped to \$331,241. Since the pandemic, Beacon has rebounded, and continues to invest in recreation and believes in the value of services the Recreation Department offers to the community. Revenues projected in 2022 are \$164,000 as shown in Table 3.11.

Figure 3.9: Beacon Recreation Funding Trend 2015-2022

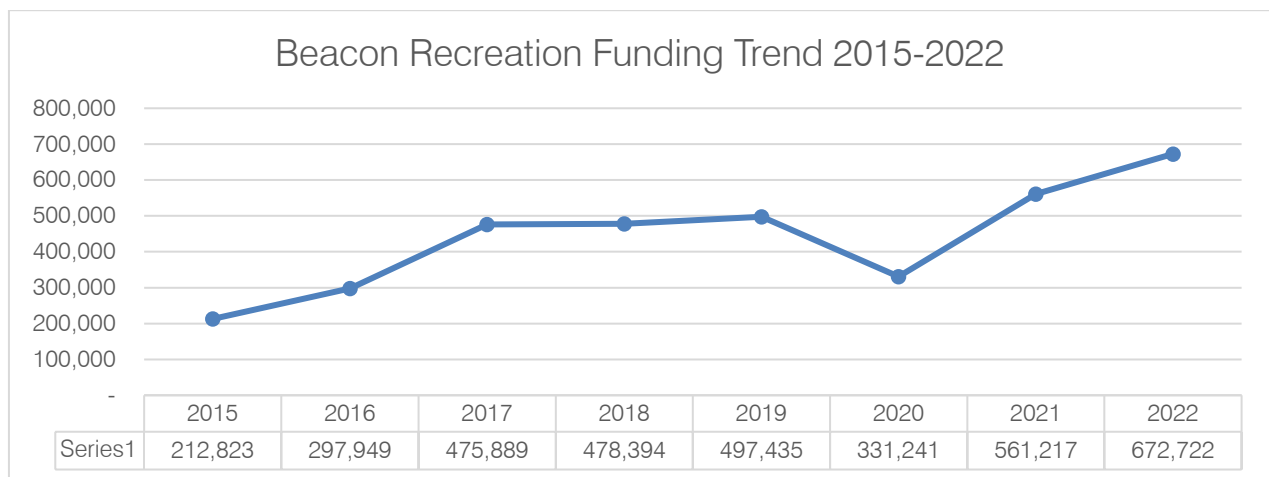


Table 3.11: Beacon 2022 Budgeted Recreation Revenues

Activity	2022 Budget
Recreation / Summer Programs	\$42,000
After-School Programs	\$102,000
Beacon Swimming Pool Facility	\$20,000
Total Revenue	\$164,000

Typical departments serving similarly sized communities as Beacon would recover 11.2% to 51.3% of all expenses, or a median cost recovery of 25%. In Beacon, the total department cost recovery is 18%.

3.7.1 Staffing to Deliver Recreation Programs

The City's recreation staff include the Recreation Director, an Assistant Recreation Director who oversees aquatics and the after-school program, and one clerical recreation assistant. The full-time recreation staff are supported with approximately \$147,000 in part-time/seasonal funding that is used to employ primarily after-school staff and lifeguards.

3.8 Communication and Marketing

As is the case with many small parks and recreation agencies, Beacon relies on many partners to help meet the recreation needs in the community. This model is efficient, cost effective, and seems to work well in Beacon.

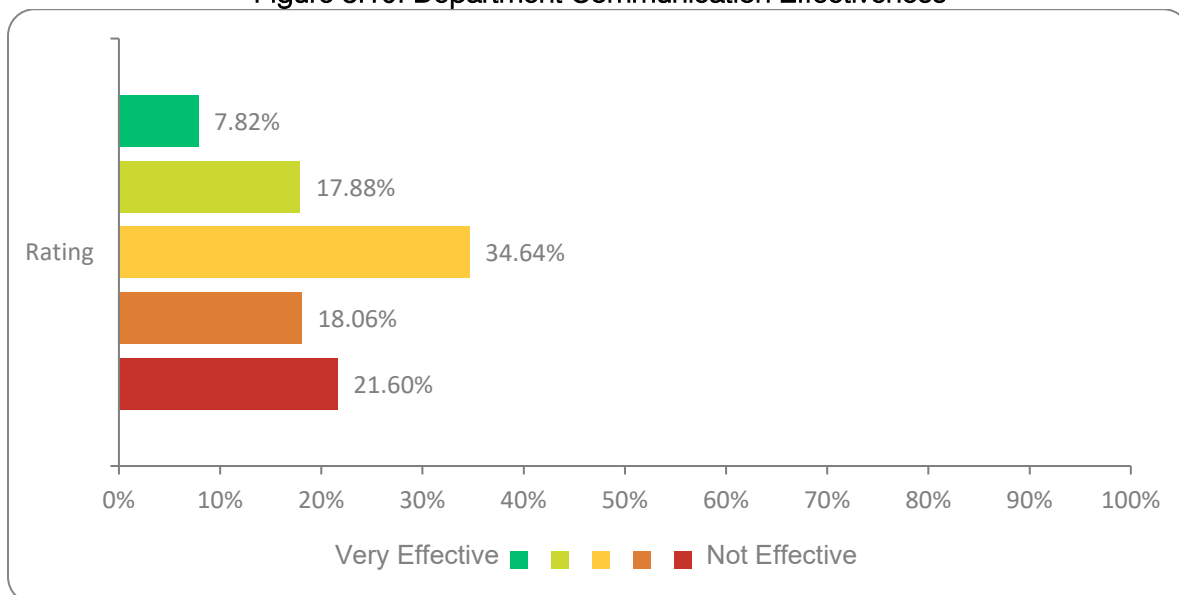
The recreation department is in a unique position to facilitate a robust community recreation program, primarily through information and referral. A revamped city webpage, a quarterly program guide, and a strong social media presence can greatly impact the Beacon community.

Currently, the department relies on its registration program webpage and various Facebook pages that are intermittently updated. The webpage listed only two activities but provided little information and no formal program descriptions. The department provides a recurring digital newsletter sent to 700 – 800 previous patrons.

3.8.1 Communication Effectiveness

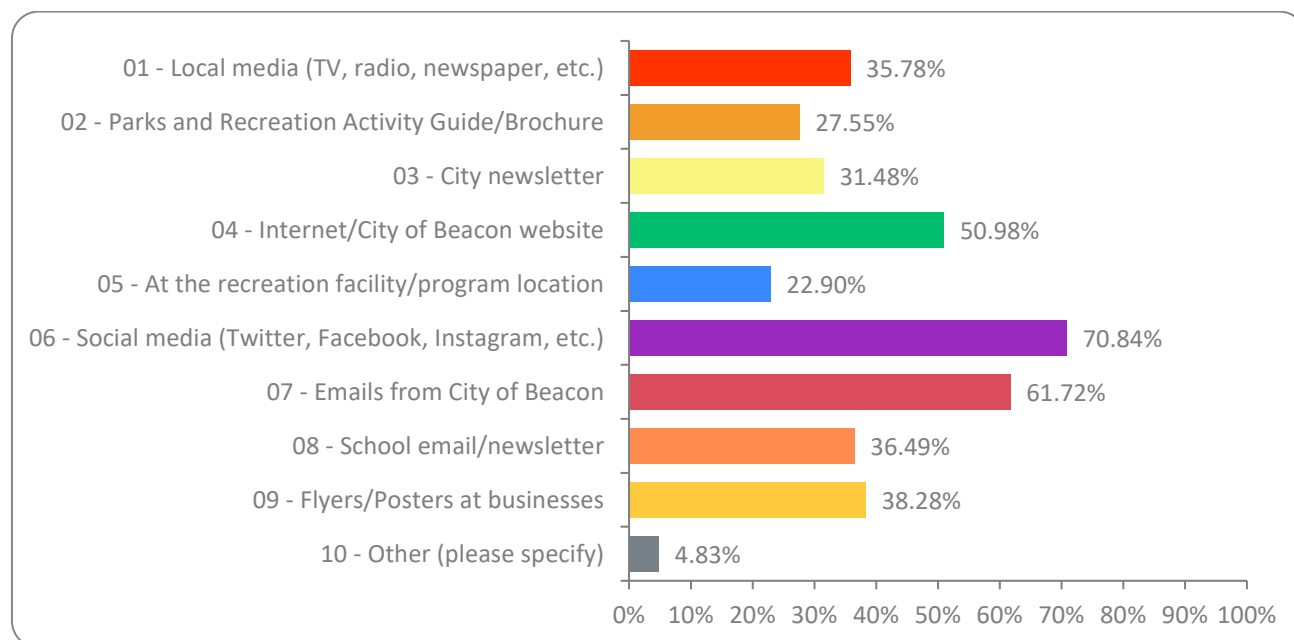
The needs assessment survey asked respondents to rate department communication. On the scale of 1 (not effective) to 5 (very effective), 39% of respondents rated communication as not effective while 9% said the department was very effective. See Figure 3.10.

Figure 3.10: Department Communication Effectiveness



When respondents were asked for their three top preferences to receive communication, they suggested internet, social media, and email communication. See Figure 3.11.

Figure 3.11: Beacon Recreation Communication Preferences



3.8.2 Marketing Future Programs

Weston & Sampson recommends a detailed and formal marketing plan to create promotion strategies and processes. The following are recommended to promote program opportunities:

1. **Program brochure** – publication of a quarterly program brochure is one part of a greater strategy for communicating program opportunities. Programs sponsored by the recreation department and department partners can be highlighted in the program brochure, along with policies and events. The department should establish publication dates at the beginning of each year, along with steps to produce programs, activities, and ultimately the program brochure.

Although parks and recreation patrons may have different preferences for how they receive information, program brochures continue to be the most widely preferred method for parks and recreation program participants, regardless of location within the United States or the size of the agency. Several goals are important when creating a program brochure:

- Maximize return on investment (ROI) from the brochure through offering various registration tools, times, etc. Agencies should make it as easy as possible for patrons to enroll in classes and activities.
- Welcome notes and letters to patrons should not be placed on the front or back cover or on the first couple of inside pages. These are prime space for attracting registrants.
- Program descriptions should follow five “C”s to attract registration:

- Clear – be clear in a broad sense; describe the activity in a way that does not limit the instructor. Use language such as “This class may include crafts and music projects.”
 - Concise – avoid phrases like “This class will...” or “You will learn...” Assume the customer knows it will be fun, but don’t say it. All recreation classes should be fun! Do not list the age in the title or in the body of the description; it should already be listed in the activity category.
 - Creative – use descriptive words and avoid repeating the same words if possible.
 - Consistent – include confirmation information at the end of the description. For example: “Bring sunscreen and a hat.”
 - Catchy – use unique descriptions. A customer should not look at a page of activities and see they start the same way (unclear). “This class will... Each class offering should be described in a way that showcases its distinctiveness and appeal
2. **Social media presence** – Regardless of platform, social media should be updated daily or every other day. By including dates and deadlines from partners, a steady flow of content should be easy to establish. Building to that point will take time but pay great dividends for the growing department.
3. **Web presence** - Managing a department webpage with policies, contact information, registration procedures, program opportunities, etc., should be the lifeblood of the department. Whether the department continues with the current MyRec page or establishes another, the Weston & Sampson team recommends an improved webpage as a top priority for the department.

3.9 Program Partnerships | Alternative Providers

The department does extremely well in creating and facilitating partnerships. It has a very good relationship with the Beacon City School District that provides space for the after-school programs and other spaces as available, free of charge to the department. Approximately 60 active program providers deliver services shown by program category in Table 3.12. Providers include the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Masons, Salvation Army, the American Red Cross, Goodfellas, the Special Olympics, and many more. Additionally, a number of programs, primarily sports the department offers, are volunteer run.

Table 3.12: Beacon Recreation Partner Program Categories

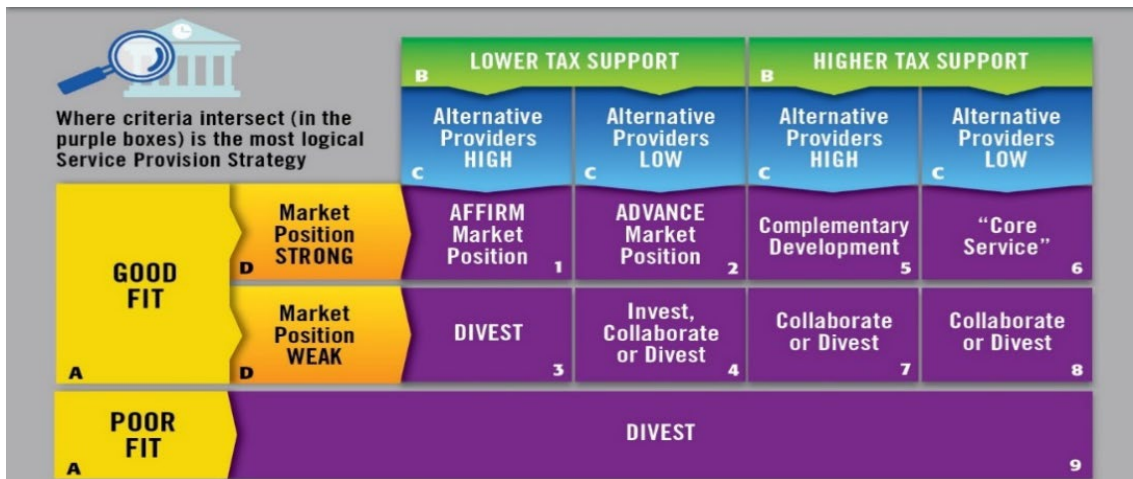
Program Category	Description	Number of Programs
Sports	Team Sports	6
Programs/Classes	Fitness Classes	8
Festivals/Events	Arts, Events, Sports	18
Faith-Based Programs	Faith-Based	10
Community Outreach	Nonprofit Service	11
Clubs/Organizations	Scouts, Fraternal Organizations	8

3.10 Program Life Cycle

Parks and recreation agencies must recognize that certain programs and activities have a lifespan and must be evaluated on a continual basis. See Figure 3.12. As the program in Beacon grows to meet demand, the following questions should be asked for each program offered:

- Is participation increasing or decreasing? If participation is increasing, then it could mean that the program should be continued. If participation is decreasing, are there steps to take to increase interest through marketing efforts, changes to the time/day of the program, format, or instructor? If not, it may be time to discontinue the program.
- Is there information contained in the participation/staff feedback that can be used to improve the program?
- Are cost recovery goals being met? If not, can program costs be reduced or can fees be realistically increased?
- Is another program provider more suitable to offer it? If yes, the department could provide referrals for its customers.
- The department can also use cancellation rates to help make decisions regarding resource allocation and to focus marketing efforts.

Figure 3.12: Program Service Provision Strategy



3.11 Key Findings

- The after-school program is a robust opportunity for the department. It is popular and well received.
- The city-owned recreation facility has a very small fieldhouse and one small programming space, insufficient to provide the kind of robust recreation program the community may desire.
- Swimming opportunities in the City are extremely limited. There are virtually no recreational swimming opportunities available to community members during non-summer months.
- Gaps in service exist for older adults. No drop-in programs are available for seniors in the city or within close proximity. However, senior populations are decreasing in the city as a percentage of overall population. Senior population decreased by 5.01% over the past decade.
- Marketing and communication are priority areas that can greatly help the department. Weston & Sampson recommends establishing a program guide with a set production and programming schedule, along with paying careful attention to social media and establishing a user-friendly website.
- Special events are in demand and a focus area for the department. Given the diverse population makeup, events that support a sense of belonging in the community are recommended as a focus area.
- Programs for teens are important to the community.
- A gap in service exists for adult programs.
- Community members are marginally satisfied with current recreation programs. This can be attributed in part due to the pandemic, but opportunities exist for creating recreation events, enrichment classes, etc.
- Partner organizations with program space can help provide additional recreation programs. The role of the department may be to promote and facilitate.
- Gross recreation spending in the city has grown from \$212,823 to \$672,722 or an increase of 216% between 2015 and 2022. However, spending lags behind what other similar sized communities might spend on a per capita basis. This is due in part to the lack of a sufficient community center which would significantly enhance the city's investment in recreation.

4.0 EXISTING FACILITY INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

The City of Beacon operates eight park and recreation facilities within the city limits. In addition, there are over a dozen other facilities owned and operated by a variety of groups, including State and Federal agencies, the Beacon City School District, and other non-profit organizations. The park system serves a City population of approximately 16,000 residents.

In 2017, the City of Beacon commissioned a Parks & Recreation Fee Study to assess the condition of recreation facilities within the City and analyze the ratio of park and open space per resident to recommend improvements. Utilizing National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) guidelines on population-based acreage needs, the study found that when accounting only for City-owned facilities the recommended ratio of 10 acres of parkland for every 1,000 residents was not met. However, when taking into account additional parkland operated by other government and non-profit agencies, sufficient acreage was provided.

The park system consists one large regional park (larger park areas with multiple park facilities; Memorial Park), three neighborhood parks (smaller park areas predominately located within neighborhoods; South Avenue Park, River Front Park, Green Street Park), two specialty park areas (predominately consist of areas with a particular use; Polhill Park, The Settlement Camp), one natural park area (predominately natural conservation area; Hiddenbrooke Park), and one linear park (pedestrian trail or transportation corridor; Fishkill Creek Greenway & Heritage Trail).

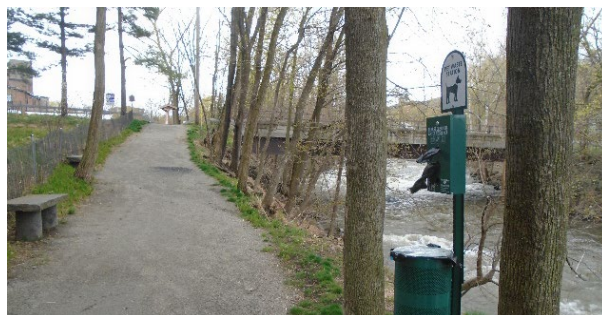
Like many communities, the City of Beacon strives to keep up with the demand for programming and facilities within its park system. It has a long-standing relationship with the Beacon City School District to share facilities and offers a variety of programs through partnerships with several local organizations including the Beacon Boulder Project, Beacon Disc Golf, Beacon Girls Softball, Beacon Junior Baseball, Beacon Youth Football, Beacon Sloop Club, Beacon Youth Soccer, Small Tribe Hoops Class, Summer Hoops Basketball, and Wee Play Community Project.

Beacon is currently working with neighboring communities on strengthening connections between regional facilities through the construction of several pedestrian and multi-use trail facilities, including the City of Beacon Greenway Trail, the Beacon / Fishkill Hudson River Trail, and the Fjord Trail to Cold Spring. These projects are currently in various stages of development.

The following is a brief description of each park facility operated by the City. Parks and trails are listed alphabetically. The Full inventory analysis can be found in Appendix C.

4.1 Fishkill Creek Greenway & Heritage Trail

The Fishkill Creek Greenway and Heritage Trail (FCGHT) began approximately 5 years ago as a master plan to provide pedestrian connections throughout the City of Beacon along Fishkill Creek. While not fully constructed, several key portions have been completed and provide scenic views and



important connections throughout the City. Constructed primarily of crushed stone, several amenities have been installed along the completed portions of the trail including benches, trailhead / kiosk signage and dog waste bins. Agreements are already in place for select parcels that an easement for future trail segments be included in any development plan, with several such areas currently under construction.

- Paths & Walkways – Comprised primarily of crushed stone, the trail is in good condition. Minor ADA compliance issues at street crossings, several of which are already planned for improvement in the near future.
- Site Amenities – Benches and “Dogipot” stations are located at frequent intervals along completed portions of the trail and are in generally good condition.
- Signage – Kiosk trailhead located at street crossings are in good condition, some graffiti on board. There is limited wayfinding or identification signage for the trail.
- Lawn / Greenspace – Lawn was in generally good condition along completed portions of the trail.
- Trees / Vegetation – Trees, shrubs, and vegetation along the trail were in good condition.

4.2 Green Street Park

Green Street Park is a small neighborhood park a little over 1 acre in size. The park contains a variety of amenities for community residents, including an old ball game pole that has become a symbol of the park. Several improvements have been made in recent years, including installation of a new playground area and construction of an ADA accessible parking space. A new plaza space is planned at the corner of the park to improve pedestrian connections.



- Basketball Court – Pavement cracks were observed in the court surfacing, with extensive patchwork repairs visible. Color surfacing and striping is worn and faded.
- Playground – Playground was recently installed and is in good condition. Signage is present and poured-in-place safety surfacing appears to be in good condition.
- Pavilion – Shade pavilion is in good condition. Minor graffiti was observed on the structure. The concrete pad was in good condition, very minor stormwater ponding observed.
- Site Amenities – Tables and waste bins beneath the pavilion were in good condition.
- Ball Game Pole – Structure is in fair condition, minor wear observed.
- Restroom Facility – Restroom structure was in fair condition. There is no ADA route to get to the restrooms, and while paint was in good condition a moderate amount of graffiti was present on the doors and CMU blocks.
- Parking Area – Asphalt of parking stalls was in good condition; quantity of stalls is limited. One stall is marked as ADA; however, no signage was present.
- Signage – No park sign or wayfinding signage was present.
- Paths & Walkways – Path is comprised of stone dust with steel edging and is in good condition. The path appeared to be well maintained.

- Lawn / Greenspace – Turf was in good condition, very few bare spots observed. Ponding was observed in a depressed area at the corner of the park, currently used for stormwater detention area.
- Trees / Vegetation – Trees were in good condition, but very few were located within the park area resulting in limited shade.

4.3 Hiddenbrooke Park

Hiddenbrooke Park is a unique area within the City of Beacon, with ownership of the overall area split between the City, the County, and private owners. The front portion of the park, which is owned and maintained by the City of Beacon, contains hiking trails, the access driveway, and is predominately comprised of wooded and meadow spaces. Dutchess County manages an area at the rear of the property abutting Mount Beacon. Private residences and an active monastery are located along the northern edge of the property and share the access drive with the City. This split ownership in addition to provisions of the grant used to purchase the property limit potential development opportunities of the park.



- Hiking Trails – Trails appeared to be in good condition and used frequently by surrounding neighborhoods.
- Parking Area – Gravel pull-off area is small in size, not adequate for use of park, and in fair condition. The driveway is paved throughout the park and is in good condition.
- Signage – Signage at the front of the park is embedded in stone pillars. They are in good condition, but difficult to read from a distance.
- Lawn / Greenspace – Meadow / lawn areas at the front of the site near the entry drive are in good condition, natural condition.
- Trees / Vegetation – Park is generally a natural area, trees appeared to be in good condition. Deadwood or trees in decline should be removed as necessary, especially around trail areas.

4.4 Memorial Park

Memorial Park is the largest active-use park located within the City limits operated by the City. The park is used by the adjacent Middle School for gym classes, practices, and sporting events. A stream is buried beneath the park, and multiple areas have drainage issues ranging from poor drainage to extensive ponding. The park contains numerous sport fields used by youth and adult athletic leagues.



- Football Fields – The football field is in fair condition with some minor drainage issues including poor drainage and ponding around the goal posts. The field has operational athletic

lighting for evening activities, and a support building for the field is operated and maintained by the Beacon Youth Football organization. The field is sometimes utilized for other sporting events, and no permanent striping is present.

- Baseball Fields – There is one full-size, two little league, and one tee-ball baseball fields located within the park. The fields are supported by the Joe Ferrone Memorial Fieldhouse, which contains storage and meeting spaces. The athletic lighting at the large field is currently inoperable. Fencing, backstops, and dugouts at all fields appeared to be in good condition, and the skinned infields were in fair condition with minor weeds and ponding. The outfields and perimeter areas appeared to be in fair condition, with moderate drainage issues ranging from soft soils to ponding. Scoreboards appeared to be in fair condition and the warning tracks were not uniformly installed and appeared to be in fair condition as well.
- Softball Fields – There are three full size and one youth softball fields located within the park. Athletic lighting is currently inoperable according to City staff. Fencing, backstops, and dugout benches at all fields appeared to be in good condition, and the skinned infields were in fair condition with minor weeds and ponding. The outfields and perimeter areas appeared to be in fair condition, with drainage issues ranging from soft soils to heavy ponding.
- Soccer Field – Like elsewhere in the park, the field turf is in fair condition, however, contains numerous ponding areas and heavily saturated soil.
- Basketball Courts – The basketball courts are in poor condition with extensive drainage issues. The court area itself is situated below grade with a concrete curb as at one point it doubled as an ice rink during winter months. While the ice-skating aspect of the court is no longer utilized, the curb prevents runoff from escaping the court area resulting in ponding in excess of 3" after rain events.
- Tennis Court – The tennis courts are currently unusable and in very poor condition. The court pavement is deteriorated, and perimeter fencing is disassembled in some areas. Netting is currently not installed, and the court surface has settled in areas and accumulated debris.
- Skate Park – The skate park is located adjacent to the southern parking lot and located where two additional tennis courts used to be situated. The skate park is community managed, was recently resurfaced and appeared to be in good condition. Fencing was intact, minor ponding observed in some areas.
- Playground / Tot Lot – Future renovations are currently planned for the Tot Lot area. Safety surface was installed and appeared to be in fair condition, and the fencing was in good condition. Play equipment is a mix of permanent structures and movable toys, appearing to be in fair condition.
- Natural Play Area – The Wee Woods play area contains fallen logs, rope courses, and other outdoor-themed installations. It appeared to be in good condition.
- Pavilion – Pavilion structures appeared to be in good condition, minor graffiti was observed.
- Site Amenities – Many of the bleachers, tables, and benches appeared to be rusted through and in poor condition. Some were missing components (end caps from bleachers, etc.) and had minor graffiti.

- Storage Sheds – The storage sheds appeared to be in good condition. According to the City Staff, they are currently too small to meet the needs of the park.
- Parking Areas – Striping within the parking areas is inconsistent and faded. There is a mix of off-road parking lots and nose-in parking directly off the side of Wilkes Street. The pavement appeared to be in fair condition, with some drainage and ponding issues evident, especially at the southern parking lot.
- Restroom Facility – The restroom facility appeared to be in good condition. A mural was recently painted on all sides of the structure as a collaborative effort between the community and a local artist, and no graffiti was visible on the structure.
- Lawn / Greenspace – The turf itself appeared to be in good condition with few bare spots, however there was extensive evidence of poor drainage, with some areas ponding over 3" of water.
- Trees / Vegetation – Trees within the park were in good condition.

4.5 Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park

Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park is located to the north of the Beacon MTA Rail Station and is only accessible by Red Flynn Drive. The park contains several basketball courts that are used by various local athletic groups, as well as sand volleyball courts and a large playground. Located on the Hudson River, the park offers scenic views up and down the river when walking along the perimeter trail. A design has been completed for improvements to the park, including reconstructing the basketball courts, expanding the parking area, and improving the pathways.



- Basketball Courts – The park contains one full and two half size basketball courts. All courts contain extensive pavement cracking, settlement, and patching. The fencing is in poor condition with several gaps and tears in the chain fabric. The court markings are faded, and the backboards have minor graffiti.
- Volleyball Courts – The sand volleyball courts are in fair condition. The netting appeared to be in good condition and well maintained, and the sand area itself has minor weeds and debris from adjacent trees within them. There is no defined edge to the sand area.
- Playground – The playground appeared to be in fair condition. Minor graffiti was observed on some play structures, and the safety surfacing lacks an adequate ADA transition from the adjacent walkways. Edging is provided in the form of varied height timber piles.
- Paths & Walkways – Paved walkways were in poor condition with extensive heaving and cracking caused by the adjacent trees being too large and planted too close to the edge of the walk. The gravel trail around the park perimeter was in fair condition, with some rutting and washout observed in spots.
- Parking Area – The parking area appeared to be in fair condition. Striping was worn and faded, and associated signage was crooked. Minor cracking was observed in the pavement.

- Site Amenities – Park grills were rusted through and in poor condition. Benches varied in material and size throughout the park; the benches along the perimeter trail were in good condition while others were generally poor. Tables located in the park interior were in similarly poor condition, and minor graffiti was evident on some pieces.
- Pavilion – The pavilion is in good condition. The concrete pad was in good condition with no cracking, and only minor graffiti was observed on the structure.
- Shoreline – The rip-rap shoreline armoring appeared to be in good condition and preventing erosion of the park shoreline.
- Storage Sheds – Storage sheds appeared to be in good condition. The fence around the shed area was in much better condition than that around the courts, and the gate was locked with a chain and lock.
- Signage – Information signage was in good condition, however there was limited wayfinding signage to get to the park.
- Lawn / Greenspace – Turf was in good condition, especially in the interior of the park. Appeared to be well draining, some small bare spots were observed near the parking lot.
- Trees / Vegetation – Trees were in generally good condition; some were located too close to the parking area and paved walkways causing damage to the pavement.

4.6 Polhill Park

Polhill Park is a small pocket park located on Main Street in downtown Beacon. It contains the visitor's center for the City and informational mapping and signage, serving as the gateway to the City. A bus stop shelter is located directly adjacent to the park.

- Visitor Center – Operated by the Chamber of Commerce, the building structure appeared to be in good condition. Would benefit from additional signage.
- Site Amenities – Tables and benches appeared to be in fair condition. There was a lack of consistent style & material across amenities – some were wood, some plastic, colors did not match, etc.
- Parking Area – There is no parking area designated for the park – the only available spaces were located at the adjacent Fire Department and were signed to prevent public parking. Only two spaces were available, each for 2-hour EV charging only, and there was one designated stall for Visitor Center employees.
- Bus Stop Shelter – Appeared to be in good condition, conveniently located to provide public transportation from the Visitor Center.
- Paths & Walkways – Plaza space appeared to be in fair condition, some weeds & moss growing within the pavers. The path to the visitor center was made of staggered steppingstones and did not appear to be ADA compliant.
- Signage – Historic marker and welcome sign appeared to be in good condition.



- Pop-Up Library – The wood structure of the pop-up library appeared to be in fair condition. The door hinge was not flush with the unit. Appeared to be well stocked with books.
- Lawn / Greenspace – Turf appeared to be in fair condition, some bare spots were evident around the paver area.
- Trees / Vegetation – Trees were generally in good condition and provided adequate shade over the area. The large evergreen tree is used for holiday displays in the winter.

4.7 The Settlement Camp Park

The Settlement Camp Park is a unique property within the City of Beacon. Formerly a residence summer camp owned and operated by the NY based not-for-profit The University Settlement. The City currently leases the land from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYS-OPRHP) for recreation; education, and conservation purposes. The property is host to a variety of activities and events including: City of Beacon Recreation Summer programming, Public Pool, Public Disc Golf Course, Event space for approximately 150 persons, Picnicking, walking, Outdoor recreation special events, community gardening, Season drive in movie theater, and informal connections to the NYNJTC maintained trail systems in the adjacent Hudson Highlands State Park. Buildings located on site not operated for summer camp purposes, the public pool or as part of the event space are generally dilapidated, spread throughout the property and not usable. There are approximately 50 total structures within the park area.



- Disc Golf – The 18-hole disc golf course was constructed and is maintained by a volunteer group and occupies one of the buildings within the park. The building is in fair condition, appropriately signed, and the notice board and course elements appeared to be in fair condition as well.
- Pool Facility – A fiberglass lined pool, the filter building and equipment was upgraded when the property was leased by the City from New York State Parks. It is currently permitted by DOH (with some items grandfathered in) and operated during the summer months. The pool appeared to be in fair condition and has a unique configuration as the pool deck slopes around it, resulting in a retaining-wall like effect at the one end of the pool.
- Theater Building – Building is in good condition, currently used for drive-in movies organized by the City and rented out by the City to residents as a wedding venue. It is very popular and used frequently.
- Summer Camp Buildings – Approximately 5 of the structures in the park located along the main loop road are used for summer camp activities by the City during the summer. The buildings are in generally fair condition with some loose boards, clutter, broken windows, etc. Intent is to provide a wilderness experience within City limits for kids.
- Gym Building – The large barn is in fair condition and contains a bouldering used by the Recreation Department as well as space for the local garden club.

- Misc. Structures – Other buildings in the property are diffuse, spread out, and in very poor condition. City currently has no plans to renovate or restore these buildings as they are in too poor condition and spread out to be adequately used for City activities and events.
- Homestead Building – This building is in good condition and currently houses the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. organizational offices. It is somewhat underutilized and contains a lot of empty rooms.
- Caretakers House- A two-bedroom ranch house utilized by the resident caretaker. The house is in good condition with recent renovations including a roof and kitchen remodel.
- Parking Area – Parking is inadequate to accommodate peak summer traffic and event crowds. The roads and parking areas are comprised of dirt and/or gravel, with no paved access roads.
- Signage – There is limited signage on site, very few wayfinding signs within the park or leading to the park.
- Lawn / Greenspace – The lawn areas were in good condition, very few bare spots observed.
- Trees / Vegetation – The park is primarily a natural area, trees appeared to be in good condition.

4.8 South Avenue Park

South Avenue Park is a large neighborhood park adjacent to the Beacon Recreation Department building. Just under 7 acres in size, the park contains several athletic court facilities and amenities. The park can be accessed by a parking lot off South Avenue or from the Recreation Department building. It is surrounded by a mix of single-family homes, apartment complexes, and Beacon Housing Authority residences. South Avenue Elementary School is located one block north of the park.



- Tennis Courts – Two tennis courts are located at the northwest corner of the park and are in fair condition. Net assemblies were in good condition; however, the court surfacing contains numerous cracks and the fencing around the court is in poor condition. The timber retaining wall supporting the courts is deteriorating, and there are currently plans to replace the wall soon.
- Basketball Court – The court surfacing is in good condition with minor cracking evident near the hoop assemblies. Minor graffiti was evident, fencing was in fair condition, and the court lighting appeared to be in good condition. As with the tennis court, the timber retaining wall is deteriorating and is planned for replacement.
- Horseshoe Court – Wood framing is deteriorating and there is extensive debris and weeds growing within the play area. Difficult to access and infrequently used according to City staff.
- Shuffleboard Court - Wood framing is deteriorating and there is extensive debris and weeds growing within the play area. Difficult to access and infrequently used according to City staff.
- Bocce Ball Court - Wood framing is deteriorating and there is extensive debris and weeds growing within the play area. Difficult to access and infrequently used according to City staff.

- Youth Employment Program Teaching Garden – Located outside of the Recreation Department, the garden is in good condition and well maintained.
- Multi-Use Open Field – Turf is in good condition, minor drainage issues evident.
- Multi-Use Paved Area – Large crack observed through center of pavement, pavement is in poor condition, extensive debris and weeds growing within the pavement area.
- Playground – Playground equipment and safety surfacing appeared to be in good condition. Some graffiti was observed on play equipment, and there is no ADA accessible route to the playground.
- Parking Areas – Main parking area off South Avenue is in fair condition, striping is very faded and there is limited lighting. The pavement is in good condition. Parking at the Recreation Department Building is in good condition, used primarily by City staff.
- Signage – No signage in parking lot, one small sign to identify park located on light pole at South Avenue parking area.
- Pavilion – Located adjacent to the Recreation Department Building, pavilion appeared well maintained and in good condition.
- Paths & Walkways – Asphalt paths are in poor condition with moderate cracking and heaving present throughout the path system. Several areas appeared to be constructed on slopes that were not ADA compliant.
- Lawn / Greenspace – Turf was in good condition, very few bare spots observed. Some minor drainage issues were evident.
- Trees / Vegetation – Trees appeared to be in good condition, located throughout the park area.

4.9 Recreation Department Building at South Avenue Park (23 West Center Street)

Home of the City Recreation Department. The building includes Recreation Department offices, a small gym area, and one classroom area for educational opportunities and gatherings.

4.10 Additional City Owned/Operated Facilities

- Former Beacon Fire Department HQ – (use to be determined) – Potential Community Flex Space
- Memorial Building – Community Flex Space, VFW
- City of Beacon DPW Facility – Community Flex Space
- Beacon Sloop Club building- Single room used for meetings and Sloop Club gatherings, a 501-c3 volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation, protection and restoration of the Hudson River.



4.11 Alternative Service Provider Facilities

The facilities listed below are not owned, maintained, or operated by the City of Beacon. These facilities serve the community in a variety of ways and can potentially be utilized by the community. Although we do not have specifics on these facilities, they are useful to this inventory.

4.11.1 Beacon City School District Facilities

- Beacon High School – Pool, Gymnasium, Weight Room, Theatre, Community Flex Space, Tennis Courts (8), Baseball Field (1), Softball Field (1), Soccer Fields (2), Multi-Sport Turf Field (1)
- Glenham Elementary – Gymnasium, Playground (2), Multi-use Grass Field, Baseball Field (1)
- J.V. Forrestal Elementary – Gymnasium, Community Garden, Playground
- Rombout Middle School – Multi-use Grass Field,
- Sargent Elementary – Playground, Beacon Soccer Club Complex, Gymnasium
- South Ave Elementary – Playground, Basketball Courts

4.11.2 Faith-Based Organization Facilities

- Beacon Hebrew Alliance- Verplanck Ave
- Christ Church United Methodist- Union St
- Faith Temple- North Cedar St
- First Presbyterian Church- Liberty St
- Masjid Ar Rashid- Main St
- Saint Andrew/Luke Episcopal- South Ave
- Salem Tabernacle- Delevan Ave
- St Joachim Church- Leonard St
- St John Church- Willow St
- Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church- 139 Main St
- Tabernacle of Christ Church- 483 Main St

4.11.3 Additional Community Facilities

- Beacon Housing Authority Forrestal Heights – Dutchess County Office of the Aging Senior Friendship Center
- NY Dept of Corrections and Community Supervision Camp Beacon (use to be determined) – formerly Beacon Correctional Facility, a female minimum security state prison.
- Dennings Point State Park – Trails, Beacon Institute for Rivers & Estuaries building
- Dia Beacon – Art Gallery, Community Flex Space
- Elks Lodge/ Beacon Elks – Community Flex Space
- Fishkill Correctional QWL Building – Community Flex Space (NYDOCCS Staff Only)
- Former Beacon High School – Art Studios
- Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson Building-John Street
- Scenic Hudson's Long Dock Park –Kayak Launch, Trails, River Center building
- Scenic Hudson's Madam Brett Park - Trails
- Scenic Hudson's Mount Beacon Park – Trails, Observation Tower
- The Salvation Army Beacon Corps Community Center- Main Street

5.0 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public engagement is fundamental to the master planning process. This input, whether received during a public forum, in a survey, or face-to-face, helps the team form a well-rounded, multi-faceted comprehension of the unique challenges and needs of the community. The Weston & Sampson team attended a variety of public events in the Summer and Fall of 2022 to obtain informal feedback about parks, open space, and recreational programming in the City of Beacon. Parks staff joined the team to assist with distribution of paper surveys and to encourage locals to submit their ideas and concerns.

Public engagement events included:

- *Stakeholder Interviews/ Focus Group Meetings (July 7th, 2022)*
Interviews and focus group workshops (multiple sessions over the course of 1 afternoon) drawing from representatives from committees and commissions, other City Departments, council members, special interest individuals and groups, associations, and other service providers (e.g., staff, schools, health clubs, seniors, open spaces, etc.), open to the public at large.
- *Online Survey (Open August 30th, 2022– November 7th, 2022)*
Developed a digital survey to solicit opinions from the community on how they view the current programs & facilities offered by the City and identify desires & goals for additional facilities and program development. This included seeking input on whether a centralized community center was needed, and if so, what programs and/or services are desired for this space. Distributed post cards & flyers to encourage public participation in the survey.
- *Park Ambassadors Share Survey at Events (Summer / Autumn 2022)*
 - Spirit of Beacon Day - September 24, 2022
 - Beacon Sloop Club Pumpkin Festival - October 16, 2022
 - Beacon Farmer's Market Halloween Party – October 30, 2022
- *Draft Report and Recommendations Presentation (February 2023)*
Present draft report and recommendations. Discuss next steps, schedule moving forward. Identify opportunities and barriers to project.

Feedback from these events aligned with the results of more formal feedback sessions. The project team received approximately 960 survey responses and extensive conversational comments. The rate of the online survey was approximately 7% of the total population of the City, which is within the average response rate typically found in communities of comparable size. Respondents relayed the importance of providing programming for all age ranges, the need for better multi-modal access to the various parks, and recommendations of the importance of community centers and services within Beacon. Community members expressed a desire to keep open spaces open and to increase dialog about recreational opportunities in the City. Specific recommendations included improvements to the Beacon Recreation Center and more events in popular parks and areas.

Formal public engagement meetings were held in July with multiple stakeholder groups. Meetings included staff and community focus groups with the goal of bringing together stakeholders with differing

points of view to solicit broad based perspectives on their experiences, challenges, and ideas for enhancing the City's parks and recreation facilities and programs. The stakeholder meetings included representatives from the local youth organizations, elected officials, City Departments, and civic organizations. Each focus group meeting lasted approximately 45 minutes. All meetings were facilitated by the Weston & Sampson team and a series of questions was used to ensure adequate input was received by all attendees. A total of 3 focus groups and stakeholder interviews were held. Aside from formal public meetings, park ambassadors throughout the City of Beacon attended numerous community events throughout the summer and autumn of 2022 to inform community members about the project and encourage participation in the online survey.

5.1 Public Survey Results

An online survey was developed to obtain input in an organized format where participants were asked to answer a range of questions developed by a collaborative process between the project team and the City. Volunteers also attended pop-up and community events with tablets to allow event attendees to complete the survey. The survey was offered in both English and Spanish, and received approximately 960 responses. A copy of the survey is included in Appendix A.

5.1.1 Survey Demographics

- Respondents had on average lived in Beacon for 15 years.
- Approximately 73 percent of respondents owned their home in the City.
- Respondents were generally well distributed between all 4 wards.
- Approximately 56 percent of respondents identified as female.
- Approximately 51 percent of respondents identified their household condition as a couple with children in the home; the average household size was 3.
- Approximately 74 percent of respondents identified as white/Caucasian.

5.1.2 Park & Community Facility Summary

- Approximately 79 percent of respondents rated the overall quality of park and community facilities as either "satisfactory" or "outstanding."
- Approximately 59 percent of respondents stated they visited a City of Beacon park or community facility at least once per week.
- The 3 facilities that received the highest importance rating were:
 1. Open & Natural Spaces
 2. Community & Neighborhood Parks
 3. Trails & Pathways.
- Respondents were generally split (51% to 49%) on whether there were enough community facilities within the City of Beacon.

5.1.3 Community Center Summary

- A majority of respondents (approximately 70%) stated that a new or expanded community center was needed in the City.
- Approximately 57 percent of respondents stated they would prefer a centralized community center, while approximately 24 percent of respondents preferred several small facilities, with the remaining 19 percent being unsure or having no preference.
- Children and Teenagers were the two groups respondents were most likely to state would be best served by a new community center.

5.1.4 Goals & Desires Summary

- The top three items that received the highest importance rating for the City to address over the next decade were:
 1. Expanded Community Programs & Activities
 2. Development of New Community Recreation Centers
 3. Preservation of Open Space / Land Acquisition.
- The top three facilities that received the highest importance rating for the City to address over the next decade were:
 1. Trails & Pathways
 2. Additional Restrooms / Improvements to Restrooms
 3. New Community Center.
- The top three programs that received the highest importance rating for the City to address over the next decade were:
 1. Environmental Education & Nature Programs
 2. Music & Art in the Parks
 3. Programs for Teenagers.
- The top three programs that received the highest rating as to what would increase respondent's engagement and utilization with City facilities were:
 1. Improving the Condition & Maintenance of Parks & Community Facilities
 2. Improved Communication about Offerings
 3. More Community Programs & Events.
- The top three communication methods that received the highest rating for the City to get information out to the public were:
 1. City of Beacon Website
 2. Social Media
 3. Emails from the City.

5.1.5 Conclusion

The survey responses listed above are not an exhaustive representation of each question asked or more nuanced responses; rather, these responses are a sampling of the types of questions asked and an overview of responses.

Overall, a majority of respondents stated that a new or expanded community center was needed in the City, and a centralized community center was preferred.

A complete summary of the survey can be found in Appendix B.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

This section describes recommendations to enhance the level of service and quality of facilities offered in the City of Beacon through improvement of existing sites, development of new facilities, organizational enhancements, financial improvements, increased programming, improved safety, and potential partnerships.

The City of Beacon operates eight park and recreation facilities within the city limits. In addition, there are over a dozen other facilities owned and operated by a variety of groups, including State and Federal agencies, the Beacon City School District, and other non-profit organizations. While the City of Beacon has great facilities that are dutifully maintained, there are several general recommendations to further improve the parks & recreation facilities and programs. In addition, there are site-specific recommendations that have been developed for each City-operated Park.

Recommendations are divided into near-term (0-2 years), mid-term (3-5 years), long term (5-10 years), or on-going (continued maintenance). Recommendations are further classified as follows:

- Compliance: Improvements include audits or assessments necessary to identify and renovate areas within the facility to comply with the latest codes and standards.
- Maintenance: Improvements include repairs necessary to maintain and operate facilities to meet the current goals and objectives of the City.
- Upgrades: Improvements include modifications or rehabilitations necessary to improve efficiencies, expand program offerings, comply with the latest codes and standards, or introduce new facilities without the need for a comprehensive reconstruction.
- Comprehensive: Improvements include reconstruction or replacement of current park facilities to improve efficiencies, reduce financial burdens, or introduce new programs and facilities.

6.1 General Recommendations

- Near-Term
 - Conduct feasibility study for expanded / enhanced community facility (*Comprehensive*)
 - Implement and update the ADA Transition Plan to address areas that are not compliant (*Compliance*)
 - Develop maintenance standards of level of service (*Maintenance*)
 - Update parks /trail maps (*Maintenance*)
 - Explore additional usage of school facilities (*Upgrades*)
 - Revitalize and encourage filling vacancies in the Recreation Committee to help guide current needs and future improvements (*Maintenance*)
- Mid-Term
 - Improve/ upgrade signage (wayfinding, directional and interpretative) (*Upgrades*)
- Long-Term
 - Improve/ upgrade existing facilities and outdated amenities that do not function well (*Upgrades / Comprehensive*)
 - Expand walking pathways and trail connectivity to and within parks (*Upgrades / Comprehensive*)
 - Develop and implement a system of park and open space plans for expanded recreational types/changing trends and conservation priorities (*Upgrades / Comprehensive*)

- Encourage Beacon's development into a regional hub for world-class multiuse trail systems by supporting on-going planning, design, and construction efforts for the Beacon-Hopewell Rail Trail and the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail projects (*Upgrades / Comprehensive*)
- On-Going
 - Improve communication and event/facility marketing (*Maintenance*)
 - Increase funding for parks and facility maintenance (*Maintenance*)
 - Improve access to athletic fields for existing and new/ growing user groups (*Maintenance*)
 - Preserve and expand open space (*Maintenance*)
 - Focus on conservation and sustainability (*Maintenance*)
 - Increase special event programming (*Maintenance*)
 - Review recreational program offering and adjust annually (*Maintenance*)

6.2 Site Specific Recommendations

6.2.1 Community Center Recommendations

- Near- Term
 - Prioritize programming for court sports such as pickleball and basketball. (*Comprehensive*)
 - Programming for the community center that received a rating greater than 70% from the public survey should be given consideration to be included in the mix of activities offered at the existing and/or new recreation center. (*Comprehensive*)
 - Hire a social media manager to provide regular updates to City websites/ social media accounts and develop a marketing plan for targeted communication approaches inform the community of events, new facilities and programs, etc. (*Upgrades*)
 - Programming for youth and teens should be prioritized for space and programming opportunities in and around the community center (*Upgrades/ Comprehensive*)
 - Evaluate programs and fees to bring cost recovery up to 25%.
- Mid-Term
 - The city should explore renovating an existing City-owned building to accommodate an expanded / enhanced Community Center. (*Upgrades/ Comprehensive*)
 - Install indoor walking trails or connections from the community center to the nearby trails or pathways (*Upgrades/ Comprehensive*)
 - Develop a feasibility study for a future indoor pool to determine how best to implement indoor aquatic facilities as part of a potential new community center. (*Upgrades/ Comprehensive*)
- Long-Term
 - Community members have expressed through the online survey conducted by City of Beacon that they would like to see a new Community Center in a centralized location. (*Comprehensive*)

6.2.2 Fishkill Creek Greenway & Heritage Trail

- Near-Term
 - Improve Non-ADA compliant roadway crossings. (*Compliance*)
 - Install additional wayfinding and identification signage for trail. (*Upgrades*)
- Long-Term
 - Complete construction of the trail network. (*Upgrades*)
- On-Going
 - Improve maintenance of the Kiosk trailheads and remove graffiti on board. (*Maintenance*)

6.2.3 Green Street Park

- Near-Term
 - Resurface or replace basketball courts with new color sealcoating and athletic striping. *(Upgrades)*
 - Regrade the site to eliminate low spots and reduce stormwater ponding. *(Upgrades)*
 - Install ADA parking signage at the existing parking stalls as needed. *(Compliance)*
 - Plant additional native trees that are Shade Proficient to provide shade within the park area. *(Upgrades)*
- Mid-Term
 - Expand parking area as warranted with accompanying ADA compliant parking stalls. *(Comprehensive/ Compliance)*
 - Improve / upgrade wayfinding signs in key park areas of connection and transit. *(Upgrades)*
- Long-Term
 - Implement previously considered park improvement plan to construct a new plaza space and provide green infrastructure to address stormwater drainage concerns. *(Comprehensive)*
- On-Going
 - Maintain existing shade canopy and remove graffiti from the structure. *(Maintenance)*
 - Remove graffiti on the doors and CMU blocks of restroom. *(Maintenance)*

6.2.4 Memorial Park

- Near-Term
 - Reconstruct basketball court to remove the curb, elevate the court area, and provide proper drainage and fencing. *(Upgrades)*
 - Reconstruct tennis court with new pavement, color sealcoat, posts & netting, and fencing or expand skate park into remaining tennis area. *(Upgrades)*
- Mid-Term
 - Reconstruct athletic fields (baseball, softball, tee ball, football) to provide proper drainage, irrigation, lighting, and athletic appurtenances. *(Comprehensive)*
 - Regrade lawn areas within the park to provide drainage and reduce standing water. A soil analysis should be conducted to determine if additional measures such as underdrains, soil remediation, etc. are warranted. *(Comprehensive)*
 - Reconstruct or renovation of the City Park Department Utility Building *(Upgrades)*
- Long-Term
 - Replace old site amenities & furnishings (benches, tables, etc.) that are deteriorating with new site furnishings. If possible and applicable, match the make & model of newly installed furnishings either at Memorial Park or at other parks within the City for ease of maintenance. *(Upgrades)*
 - Install a larger storage shed to supplement the several small sheds located within park. *(Upgrades)*
 - Repaint faded lines in the parking lots and reconfigure the parking stall layout to maximize use and improve circulation. *(Comprehensive)*

- On-Going
 - Maintain existing pavilion and clean graffiti from the structure. *(Maintenance)*

6.2.5 *Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park*

- Near-Term
 - Install an ADA compliant access ramp to the playground and ensure safety surfacing is maintained to be ADA compliant. *(Compliance)*
 - Repair walkways where displacement and heaving from tree roots has occurred. Ensure ADA compliant slopes and surfaces are achieved. *(Maintenance / Compliance)*
 - Restripe parking lot and reset damaged parking signs. Patch, repair, and sealcoat parking area to eliminate cracks and heaves in the pavement. *(Maintenance / Compliance)*
- Mid-Term
 - Remove old and rusted site furnishings (benches, tables, grills, etc.) and replace them with new site amenities. If possible and applicable, match the make & model of newly installed furnishings either at River Front Park or at other parks within the City for ease of maintenance. *(Upgrades)*
 - Improve / upgrade wayfinding signs in key park areas of connection and transit. *(Upgrades)*
- Long-Term
 - Implement previously completed design of park area. *(Comprehensive)*
 - Reconstruct basketball court new color sealcoat, athletic striping, fencing, and athletic appurtenances. *(Comprehensive)*
- On-Going
 - Trim and maintain existing trees adjacent to volleyball court to reduce debris. *(Maintenance)*
 - Remove graffiti observed on play structures. *(Maintenance)*
 - Prune and maintain tree roots adjacent to walkways to prevent pavement heaving and displacement. *(Maintenance)*
 - Maintain existing pavilion and clean graffiti from the structure. *(Maintenance)*

6.2.6 *Polhill Park*

- Near-Term
 - Improve / upgrade signage around visitor's center. *(Upgrades)*
 - Construct an ADA compliant walkway towards the Visitor's Center. *(Compliance)*
 - Install and/or repair geofabric beneath pavers and lawn areas to reduce weed and moss growth. *(Maintenance / Upgrades)*
- Mid-Term
 - Remove old and rusted site furnishings (benches, tables, grills, etc.) and replace them with new site amenities. If possible and applicable, match the make & model of newly installed furnishings either at Polhill Park or at other parks within the City for ease of maintenance. *(Upgrades)*
 - Add additional visitor parking stalls near the Visitor's Center. *(Upgrades)*

6.2.7 *The Settlement Camp Park*

- Mid-Term
 - Expand parking areas to accommodate traffic and use during peak summer months, including the appropriate quantity of ADA stalls, and replace existing gravel roads with asphalt. *(Upgrades / Compliance)*

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- Renovate the existing pool facility to meet current NYS Department of Health codes and regulations. *(Compliance / Upgrades)*
- Improve / upgrade wayfinding signs in key park areas of connection and transit. *(Upgrades)*
- Long-Term
 - Complete a structural assessment of underutilized buildings to determine if any are suitable for renovation & reuse for camp operations and identify unsafe structures that should be considered for removal. *(Compliance / Maintenance / Upgrades)*
- On-Going
 - Maintain buildings currently used by the City for camp operations; repair loose floorboards, pick up clutter and debris, repair or replace broken windows, etc. *(Maintenance)*

6.2.8 South Avenue Park

- Near-Term
 - Complete planned reconstruction of existing timber retaining walls to maintain structural integrity and prevent deterioration of the park facilities. *(Maintenance / Upgrades)*
 - Install an ADA accessible route to the playground and ensure safety surfacing is maintained to be ADA compliant. *(Compliance)*
 - Reconstruct and realign walkways within the park to be ADA compliant. *(Compliance)*
- Mid-Term
 - Reconstruct existing tennis courts with new color sealcoat, athletic striping, and fencing. *(Upgrades)*
 - Resurface existing basketball courts with new color sealcoat and athletic striping. *(Upgrades)*
 - Restripe and sealcoat the existing parking lot and install additional site lighting to improve safety. *(Upgrades)*
 - Improve / upgrade wayfinding signs in key park areas of connection and transit and install a new formal park sign. *(Upgrades)*
- Long-Term
 - Reconstruct or remove the horseshoe pits, shuffleboard courts, and bocce ball court if not used by City residents. Consider installation of new plaza or picnic space to capitalize on high point of site and views into the City. *(Upgrades / Comprehensive)*
 - Reconstruct or remove the paved area and consider installation of new plaza or picnic space to capitalize on high point of site and views into the City. *(Upgrades / Comprehensive)*
 - Construct a new restroom facility and a new park pavilion *(Upgrades)*

6.3 Conclusion

Parks across the City of Beacon are well maintained, especially given limited operations and maintenance staffing. Areas for improvement are typically related to outdated amenities and facilities like pavilions, play equipment, and irrigation. In some cases, complete removal of unsafe or substandard facilities is recommended, while in others, repair to these features may be considered. In all parks, accessibility, tree planting/maintenance, and improved wayfinding signage is recommended to increase usership and provide a safe community environment.

Like many communities, the City of Beacon strives to keep up with the demand for programming and facilities within its park system. It has a long-standing relationship with the Beacon City School District to share facilities and offers a variety of programs through partnerships with several local organizations including Beacon Disc Golf, Beacon Girls Softball, Beacon Junior Baseball, Beacon Youth Football,

Beacon Sloop Club, Beacon Youth Soccer, Small Tribe Hoops Class, Summer Hoops Basketball, and Wee Play Community Project.

Beacon is currently working with neighboring communities on strengthening connections between regional facilities through the construction of several pedestrian and multi-use trail facilities, including the City of Beacon Greenway Trail, the Beacon / Fishkill Hudson River Trail, and the Fjord Trail to Cold Spring. These projects are currently in various stages of development.

APPENDIX A

Public Presentations

COMMUNITY FACILITY & PROGRAM REPORT

Project Overview & Status Update

City of

Beacon, New York



June 6, 2022

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Principal-in-Charge



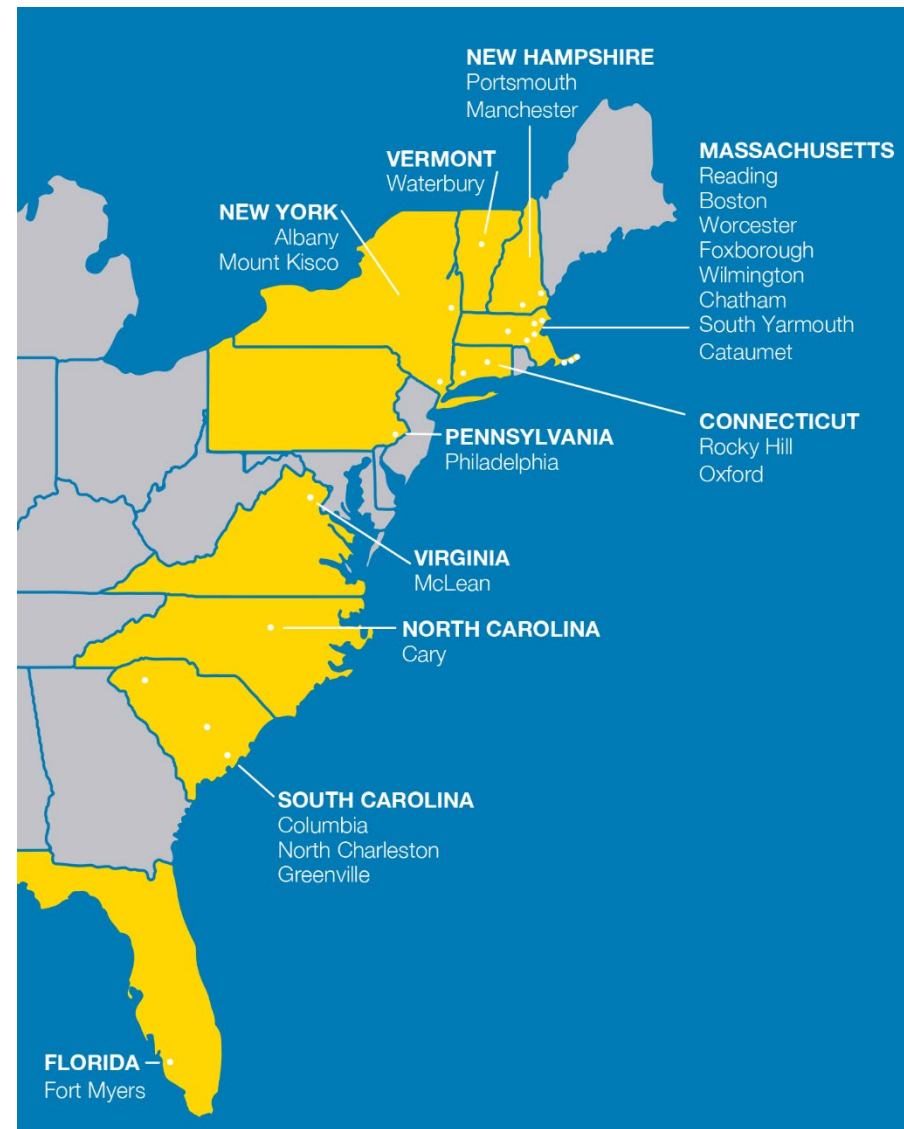
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project understanding

developing a city-wide community facility and program report

The City of Beacon seeks to develop a report which will focus on each of the city's recreational and community facilities and programs, as well as partnerships with local community organizations, to assess the current and future programming opportunities and recommend an implementation strategy to achieve the City's vision and goals of expanded programs.



project objectives

developing a city-wide community facility and program report

Compile a Recreation Facility & Program Inventory

Develop a Community Recreation Needs Assessment

Prepare a Community Facility & Program Report

project scope & schedule

developing a city-wide community facility and program report

Task 1 – Kickoff Meeting & Existing Conditions Analysis

- April - June 2022 (*In Progress*)
 - Conduct site investigations of existing recreation and programming facilities within the City, accompanied by City Staff
 - Review background documentation, including the 2013 Centennial Book, 2017 Comprehensive Plan, 2017 Fee Study Report and 2020 Natural Resources Inventory
 - Develop a base map from available GIS data
 - Compile a comprehensive inventory of existing programs, activities, and community services provided through the City and associated volunteer and community organizations.

project scope & schedule

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Task 2 – Community Recreation Needs Assessment

- May - June 2022 (*In Progress*)
 - Prepare a Community Recreation Needs Assessment to analyze recreation trends, community needs, programming needs and investment prioritization
 - Specific attention given to potential centralized community center
 - Conduct a Demographics & Trends Analysis to predict changes to the population (age, gender, ethnicity, income, etc.) and identify regional interest and participation levels for existing and future recreation facilities and programming
 - Conduct a Facility Inventory, Resource Mapping and Level of Service Analysis utilizing information gathered in Task 1 to evaluate potential future park sites, parcels for development, trail corridors, programming distribution, etc.
 - Conduct a Program Inventory Analysis of programs and services currently provided by the City and relevant associations (schools, volunteer groups, etc.) to categorize the types of programs offered within the City and help inform the public engagement process

project scope & schedule

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Task 3 – Public Outreach

- June – October 2022
 - Conduct stakeholder interviews & focus group meetings
 - Develop a survey to be distributed through municipal channels, park ambassadors, email (*Can be completed either online or as a paper copy*)
 - Park ambassadors and/or City staff to attend public events throughout the summer to distribute the survey and inform public of the project
 - *Bookend with Strawberry Festival and Spirit of Beacon Day*
 - Public Meeting in September to inform residents of the project status and encourage participation in the survey
 - Public Meeting in October to present the results of the Survey and share next steps

project scope & schedule

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Task 4 – Draft & Final Report

- November – December 2022
 - Findings Presentation to be shared with City Staff and at a public meeting
 - Compile a Key Issues Analysis Matrix to identify focus areas of the report
 - Conduct a Visioning Workshop to analyze findings, assess feasibility, and identify potential constraints & challenges
 - Develop recommendations for addressing community wants & needs, identify potential property acquisitions & development opportunities, create schematic plans for potential new facilities, and prioritize specific goals or projects
 - Identify potential funding strategies through taxes, grants, donors, and partnerships
 - Prepare a Draft Report encompassing data gathered from previous tasks for review and comment by the City
 - Present Final Report at a public meeting and potential approval at a City Council Meeting

status update

task 1 - kickoff meeting & existing conditions analysis

- Held kickoff meeting on April 11th with staff to review project goals, tasks, schedule
- Completed Existing Conditions Analysis
 - Reviewed background materials provided by the City
 - Performed site visits with staff on April 19th
 - Developed Existing Conditions Inventory for City-owned & operated facilities
 - South Avenue Park
 - Polhill Park
 - Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park
 - Memorial Park
 - Hiddenbrooke Park
 - Green Street Park
 - The Settlement Camp
 - Fishkill Creek Greenway & Heritage Trail
 - And others.

status update

task 1 - kickoff meeting & existing conditions analysis

Recreation Department Building at South Avenue Park (23 West Center Street)

- Office / Conference Space
- Small Gymnasium
- Program Highlights
 - Grocery Distribution
 - Classroom / Educational Space
 - Beacon Community Tai Chi
 - Imagination Playground Block Party
 - Zumba Gold



status update

task 1 - kickoff meeting & existing conditions analysis

South Avenue Park

- Good Condition
 - Community Garden
 - Recreation Center
 - Pavilion
 - Turf & Vegetation
 - Fair Condition
 - Tennis & Basketball Courts
 - Playground
 - Parking
 - Paths
 - Poor Condition
 - Horseshoe & Bocce Ball Areas
 - Signage
- Program Highlights
 - **Rec Center Support**



status update

task 1 - kickoff meeting & existing conditions analysis

Polhill Park

- Good Condition
 - Visitor Center
 - Bus Shelter
 - Trees & Vegetation
 - Signage
- Fair Condition
 - Benches & Tables
 - Paths
 - Pop-Up Library
 - Turf
- Program Highlights
 - Little Free Library
 - Councilmember "Office Hour" Location
 - March / Walk Point
 - Community Gathering



status update

task 1 - kickoff meeting & existing conditions analysis

Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park

- Good Condition
 - Pavilion
 - Shoreline
 - Storage Sheds
 - Signage
 - Turf
- Fair Condition
 - Volleyball Courts
 - Playground
 - Parking
 - Trees & Vegetation
- Poor Condition
 - Benches, Tables & Grills
 - Paths
 - Basketball Courts
- Program Highlights
 - **Beacon Hoops**
 - **River Pool / Swim**



status update

task 1 - kickoff meeting & existing conditions analysis

Memorial Park

- Good Condition
 - Skate Park
 - Playground Areas
 - Restroom
 - Trees & Vegetation
 - Fair Condition
 - Athletic Fields
 - Pavilions
 - Parking
 - Turf
 - Storage Sheds
 - Poor Condition
 - Basketball Courts
 - Tennis Court
 - Benches, Site Amenities
- Program Highlights
 - Beacon Youth Football
 - Meeting Space
 - Beacon Jr. Baseball
 - Beacon Jr. Softball
 - **Multi-Sport Camp**
 - **Grocery Distribution**



status update

task 1 - kickoff meeting & existing conditions analysis

Hiddenbrooke Park

- Good Condition
 - Turf & Vegetation
- Fair Condition
 - Hiking Trails
 - Parking Area
 - Signage
- Program Highlights
 - Open / Natural Space



status update

task 1 - kickoff meeting & existing conditions analysis

Green Street Park

- Good Condition
 - Playground
 - Parking
 - Paths
 - Turf & Vegetation
- Fair Condition
 - Basketball Court
 - Pavilion
 - Ball Game Pole
 - Restroom
- Poor Condition
 - Signage
- Program Highlights
 - Community Gathering



status update

task 1 - kickoff meeting & existing conditions analysis

The Settlement Camp

- Good Condition
 - Trees & Vegetation
 - Theater Building
 - Fair Condition
 - Disc Golf Course
 - Pool Facility
 - Camp Buildings
 - Camp Barn
 - Homestead Buildings
 - Signage
 - Turf
 - Poor Condition
 - Various Structures
 - Parking
- Program Highlights
 - Summer Camp
 - Wedding Venue
 - Drive-In Theater
 - Youth Swim Lessons
 - Aqua Zumba
 - Disc Golf
 - Sargent Downing Garden Club
 - Beacon Bouldering



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task 1 - kickoff meeting & existing conditions analysis

Fishkill Creek Greenway & Heritage Trail

- Good Condition
 - Benches, Site Amenities
 - Trees & Vegetation
 - Turf
- Fair Condition
 - Signage
 - Paths
- Program Highlights
 - Trails



status update

task 1 - kickoff meeting & existing conditions analysis

City Operated Community Facilities & Programs

- **Beacon Housing Authority**
 - Grocery Distribution
 - Hair Salon (Residents Only)
- **Camp Beacon**
 - TBD, former low security work camp
- **City of Beacon DPW Facility**
 - Community Flex Space
- **Former Beacon Fire Department HQ**
 - TBD, Potential Community Flex Space
- **Memorial Building**
 - Community Flex Space
 - VFW



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task 1 - kickoff meeting & existing conditions analysis

Beacon City School District Operated Recreation Facilities & Programs

- Beacon High School
 - Pool
 - Gymnasium
 - Weight Room
 - Theater Room
 - Community Flex Space
 - Tennis Courts (8)
 - Baseball Field (1)
 - Softball Field (1)
 - Soccer Fields (2)
 - Multi-Sport Turf Field (1)
- Rombout Middle School
 - Multi-Use Grass Field
- Glenham Elementary School
 - Gymnasium
 - Playground (2)
 - Multi-use Grass Field
 - Baseball Field (1)
- JV Forrestal Elementary School
 - Gymnasium
 - Community Garden
 - Playground
- Sargent Elementary School
 - Playground
 - Beacon Soccer Club Complex
 - Gymnasium
- South Avenue Elementary School
 - Playground
 - Basketball Courts



- Program Highlights at Elementary Schools
 - **After School Program**
- Program Highlights at Rombout Middle School
 - **Multi-Sport Camp**

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task 1 - kickoff meeting & existing conditions analysis

Other Community Facilities & Programs

Additional Facilities

- Dennings Point State Park – Trails
- Dia Beacon – Art Gallery, Community Flex Space
- Elks Lodge/ Beacon Elks – Community Flex Space
- Fishkill Correctional Community Center – Community Flex Space (Staff Only)
- Former Beacon High School – Art Studios
- John Street Building
- Long Dock Park – Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Kayak Launch, Trails
- Madam Brett Park – Trails
- Main Street Building
- Main Street (Outdoor Events)
- Mount Beacon Park – Trails, Observation Tower
- Riverfront Park + Building
- Salvation Army



Faith Based Organization Facilities

- Christ Church United Methodist
- Cedar Street Building
- Delavan St Building
- Hanna Lane Building
- Leonard Street Building
- Route 52 Building
- South Ave Building
- Union Street Building

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task 2 - community recreation needs assessment (in-progress)

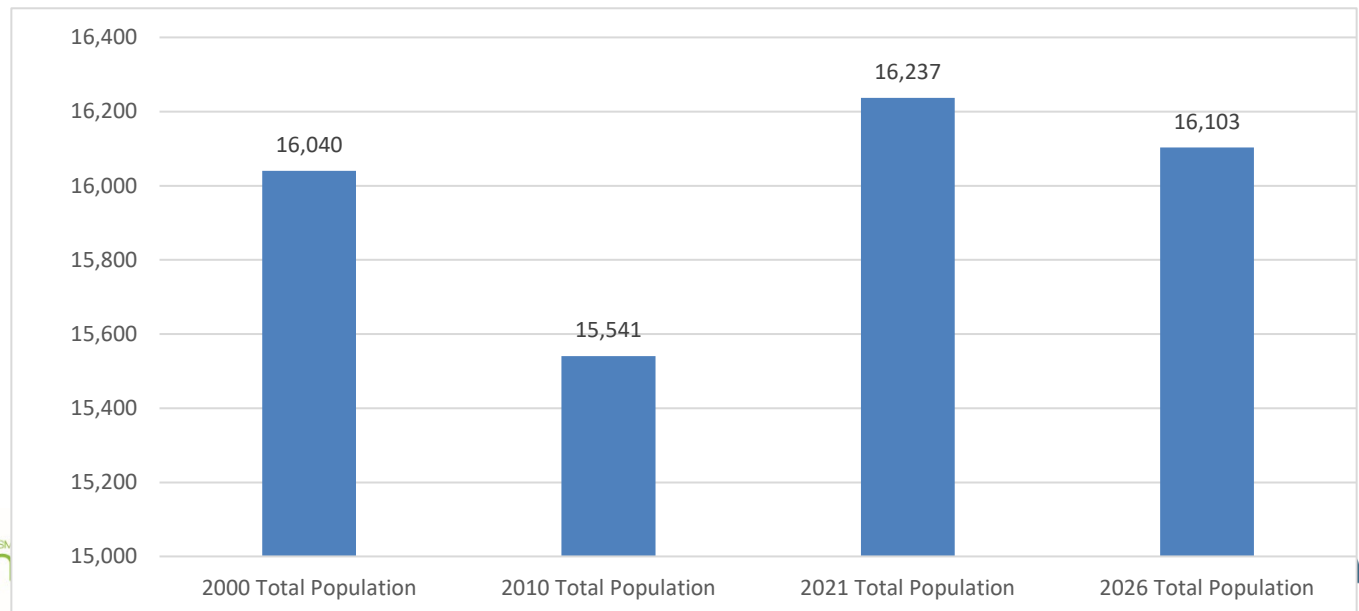
Community Demographic Profile - to provide an analysis of household and economic data in the area, helping to understand the historical and projected changes that may impact the community. (*Esri Business Analyst 5/22*)

Population:

- Since 2000, the community has not experienced significant growth or decrease in population.
- From 2010 to 2021, the compound annual growth rate was 0.39%, but is projected to decline to a rate of -0.17% from 2021 to 2026.

16,237

Population

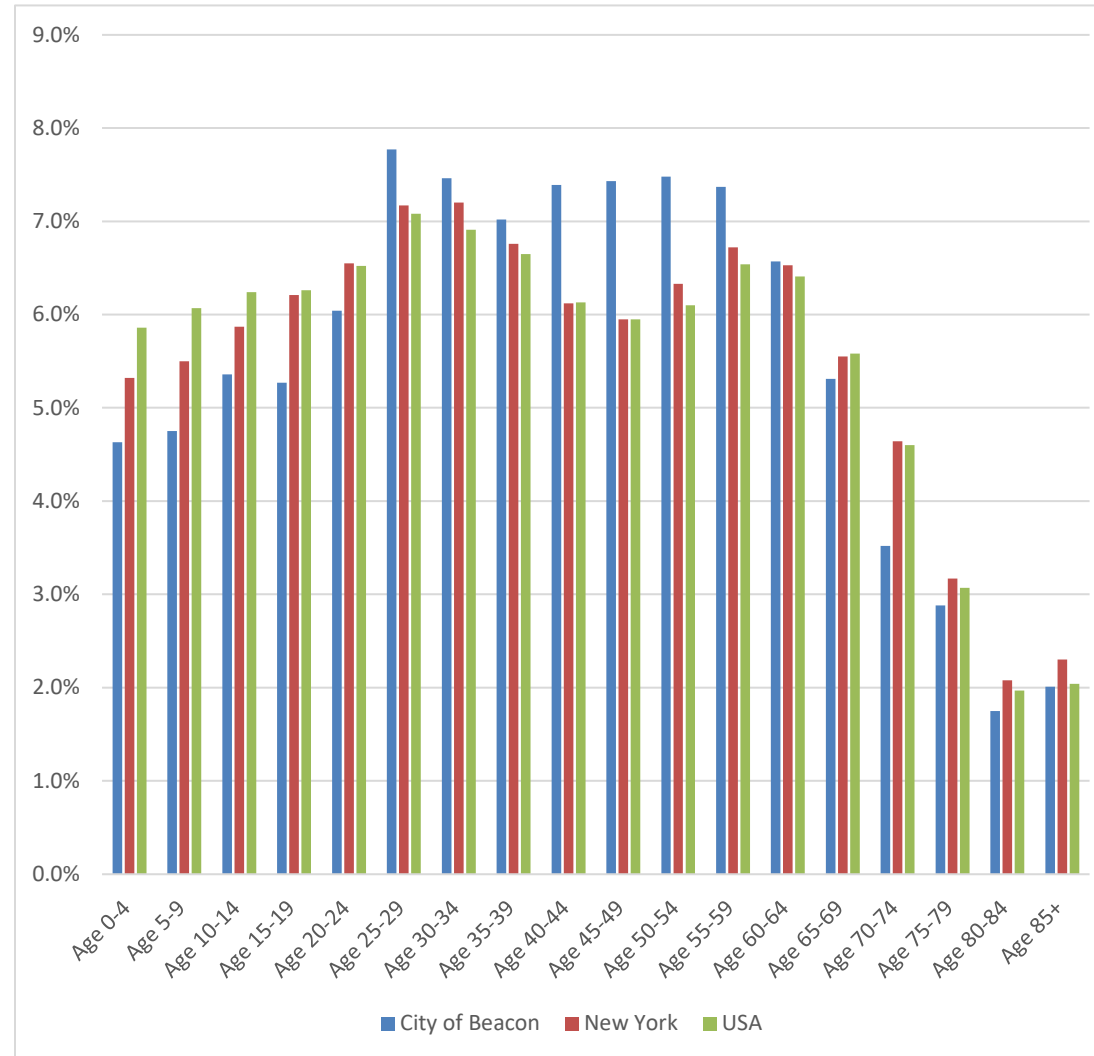


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Age

- Median age = 41.1 yrs old (NYS 39.6 and US 38.8).
- Age distribution = middle age to older adults.
- From 2010 to 2021
 - 45 to 49 yr old age group had largest increase of 1.83%
 - 60 to 64 yr old age group had largest decline in population with a 1.67% decrease.

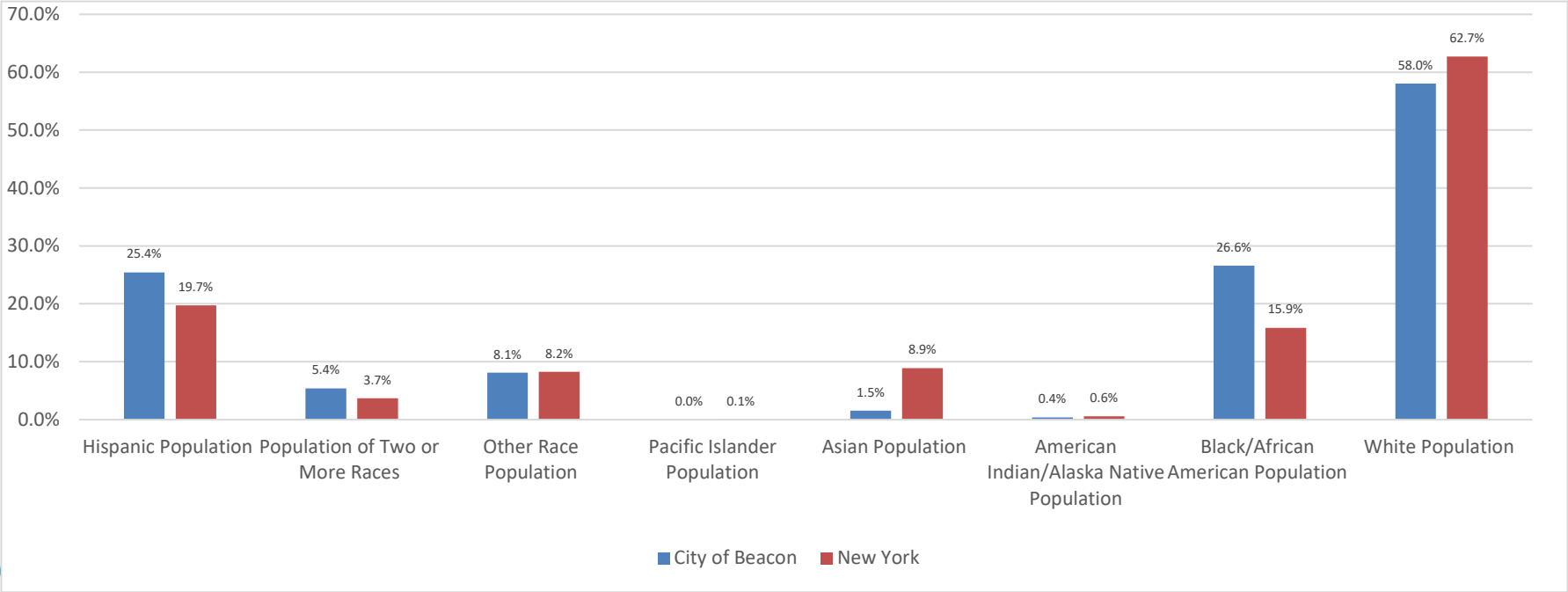


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task 2 - community recreation needs assessment (in-progress)

Diversity

- 25.4% - Hispanic origin (NYS - 19.7%)
- 26.6% - Black and African American
- 58% - White or Caucasian
 - Over 5% identified as a population of two or more races
 - 8.1% identified as a race not identified in the U.S. Census.



status update

task 2 - community recreation needs assessment (in-progress)

People with Disabilities

- 13.4% of Beacon’s population in 2020 live with a disability. (NYS 11.6%).
- Types of disabilities within the City of Beacon:
 - Hearing difficulty – 3.2%
 - Vision difficulty – 1.8%
 - Cognitive difficulty – 4.5%
 - Ambulatory difficulty – 6.5%
 - Self-care difficulty – 2.1%
 - Independent living difficulty – 6.5%

Health Outcomes

Dutchess County is ranked among the healthiest counties in New York; in 2020 (15th out of 62 NYS Counties)

HEALTH STATS

16% adults identify as smokers

70% have access to exercise opportunities

5% have no health insurance

33% of population considered obese

24% considered physically inactive

status update

task 3 - public outreach

Overall Strategy - Public Engagement Principals:

- **Inform** – Communicate to community members and stakeholders about the project and raise awareness about the master planning process, schedule, and how people can be involved and stay informed.
- **Consult** – Present the project to the steering committee and community throughout the public engagement process.
- **Involve** – Establish a project steering committee to help advise the progress of the project, collect public input, and give out information about the project.
- **Collaborate** – Analyze, evaluate and discuss public comments to respond and categorize similar topics with the steering committee and community.
- **Empower** – Community members and stakeholders should understand that new facilities come with new programming that the public can help shape and inform.

status update

task 3 - public outreach

Stakeholder Interviews & Focus Group Meetings (Early June)

- One-Day workshops with representatives from committees, City departments, Council members, special interest groups, and open to the public. Potential representatives include:
 - Youth Sports Organizations
 - School Organizations
 - Community Groups
- Goal of the workshops are to kickoff the public engagement process and get a first look at some of the needs and desires of interested community groups. Input gathered from the workshops will help inform the final version of the public survey and be incorporated into the final report.

task 3

public outreach

Online Survey (July - September)

- An online survey will be developed based on stakeholder and Council feedback to seek input on whether a centralized community center is needed, and if so what programs or services are desired for this space. Survey can be advertised on the City's, promotional flyers could be included in City distributed mail, and park ambassadors can promote the survey at events throughout the summer.
- Survey will be translated into Spanish.
- Survey will include questions about demographic information, programs currently used by respondents, ease of access / travel times to these programs, transportation uses / preferences, additional programs desired by the respondents, and opportunities to sign up for additional information about the project.

task 3

public outreach

Online Survey (July - September)

City Events - Park Ambassadors can share survey to attendees on tablets or laptops at:

- Beacon Dog Park Stop By
- Beacon Free Loop Bus
- Beacon Hoop Summer Basketball Nights Stop By
- Beacon Housing Friendship Center Stop By
- Beacon Mutual Aid Grocery Distributions
- Beacon Sloop Club Weeknight Sails
- BeaconArts and Chamber of Commerce
- Community Cook Out at South Ave Park
- Fareground Grocery Distributions
- Green Teen Weekly Market
- PTO/ PTA in school outreach
- Public Hours at the Beacon Pool
- Saturday Rec Center Food Pantry
- Spirit of Beacon Day
- Summer and Fall Festivals
- Summer Playground Stop By
- Summer Programming Attendants
- Sunday Farmers Market
- Youth Summer Sports Stop By

task 3

public outreach

Public Meetings (September - October)

- Public Meeting #1 – Community Input (Late Sept)
 - Provide information and expand upon information received from the focus group and online survey. Focus on gather thoughts, ideas, needs and desires from the community and share pertinent existing conditions information.
 - Final push for online survey responses before closing survey at end of September
- Public Meeting #2 – Findings Presentation (Oct)
 - Present a summary of the findings from the existing conditions inventory, survey, and analyses to validate findings with staff, stakeholders, and the community.
 - Gather final round of input to be included in the Report.
- Draft Report (Nov)
- Final Presentation for Adoption (Dec Workshop + Council Meeting)

project schedule

Phase	Month								
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1 Kickoff + Existing Conditions Analysis	M								
2 Community Recreation Needs Assessment									
3 Public Outreach			M		M			M	
Stakeholder Interviews									
Digital Community Survey									
Public Meeting #1 (Community Input)									
Public Meeting #2 (Findings Present)									
Draft Recommendations Present									
Final Presentation									
4 Draft/Final Report									M

COMMUNITY FACILITY & PROGRAM REPORT

Thank You!

Questions? Comments?

Daniel Biggs, RLA
Principal-in-Charge



COMMUNITY FACILITY AND PROGRAM REPORT

APPENDIX B

Public Survey Summary

COMMUNITY FACILITY & PROGRAM REPORT

Public Survey & Key Findings Presentation

City of

Beacon, New York



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Public Outreach Strategies

- Create Online Survey
- Post survey on City Website + include notice with City mailer (utility bill or other)
- Park Ambassadors share survey on tablets at events
 - Beacon Junior Baseball Game Days
 - Beacon Bears Football Game Days
 - Beacon Girls Softball Game Days
 - Beacon Soccer Club Game Days
 - Wee Play Community Project
 - Beacon Mutual Aid
 - Sargent Elementary PTO
 - Forrestal Elementary PTO
 - South Ave Elementary PTO
 - Rombout Middle School PTO
 - Beacon High School PTO

Draft Recommendations Presentation

Present final preferred plan. Discuss next steps, schedule moving forward. Identify opportunities and barriers to project.

Final Presentation for Adoption (December)

Present final preferred plan. Discuss next steps, schedule moving forward. Identify opportunities and barriers to project.

Focus Group Meetings

- Community Center as Hub for Climate Mitigation & Education
- Improve City communication about events and programs

survey result summary

Q1 If you have visited any City of Beacon parks, community facilities, or trails, please list which ones.

parks city parks trails camp visited University Settlement Camp
Madam Brett Dennings Denning Point Dennings Point Pohill Park
Seeger Riverfront Park Settlement Brett Dennings Point
Beacon Rec Center River Front Park pocket road trail playground
Riverfront Park Green Park Pete Toshi Memorial Park Madam
Park South Ave Dog Park Madam Brett University Settlement
Rec Center Brett Park Dennings Park Mt Beacon
Long Dock Madame Mount Beacon Park Pete Seeger
Park Mount Beacon Yes Madam Brett Park
Fishkill Creek Greenway Memorial Park Long
Park Polhill Park Park Madam Brett Long Dock Pete
South Ave Park Memorial Field Beacon Pool
waterfront Park Green Street Memorial Park Mount
Settlement Camp Mount beacon trail
Park Long Dock Park Beacon Pool
Long Dock Park Memorial Park South
Memorial Park Park South Avenue Memorial
Memorial Park Pete Green Street Park High School
Memorial Park Green Greenway trail
Green St Park trail Mt Beacon Riverfront Park
Dock Park Madam Pete Toshi Seeger
Toshi Seeger Riverfront trail fields Hiddenbrooke Loopers
Park Dennings Point Mt Beacon trail Long Dock
Dock Madame Brett Park Green St hiking trails Madame Brett
Fjord Trail Mt Beacon trails Dennings Point South Avenue Park
Riverfront Park South Madame Brett Park Dennings Point trail pool
Brett Park Long Toshi Seeger Park Memorial Park Mt Riverfront Hiddenbrook
Pete Seeger Park Beacon parks Park River Front Wee Woods
Memorial Park River Dock Pete Toshi Park University facilities skatepark
Sargent Seeger Park Long skate park

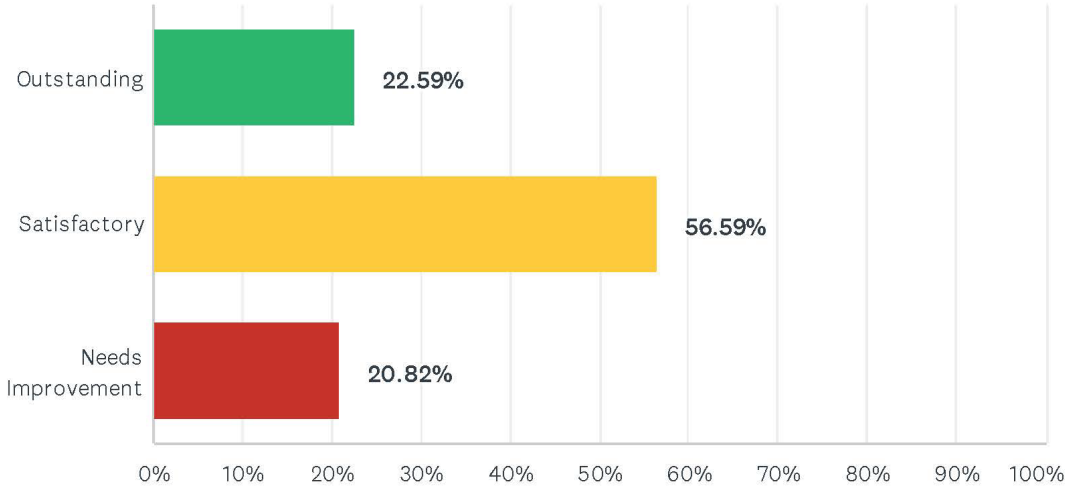
survey result summary

Q2 What activities or programs do you and your household typically engage in when visiting City of Beacon parks, community facilities, or trails?

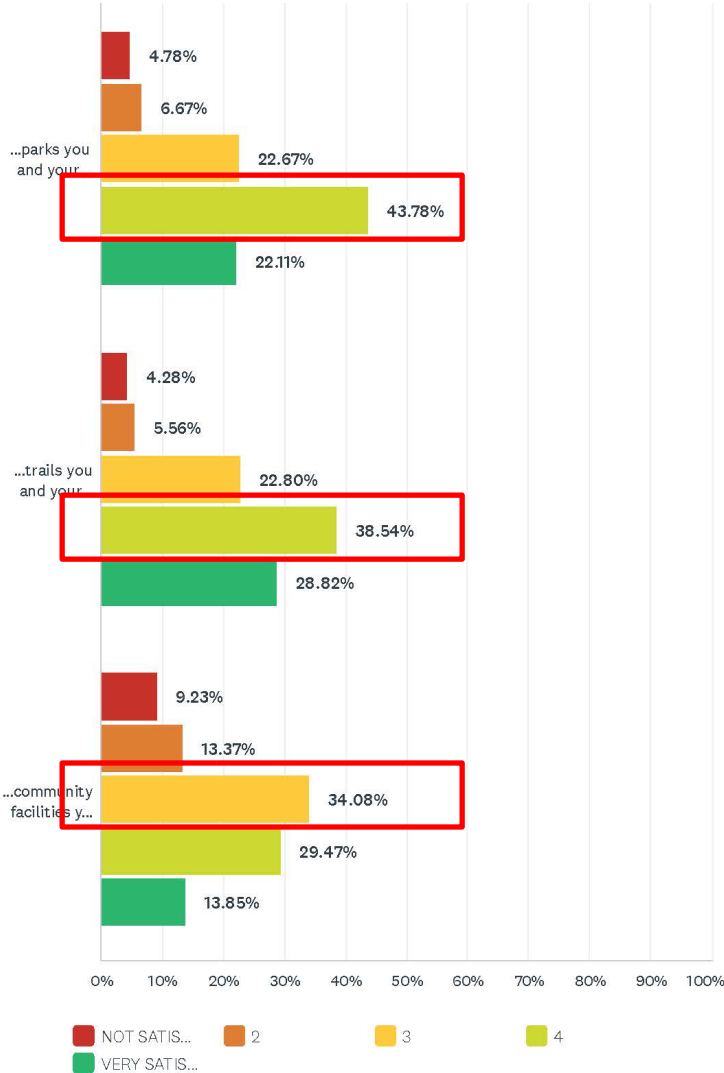
play sports fields eating watching kids performances nature Hiking walking biking
Playing basketball use playground none rec center dog walking Nothing
activities yoga softball etc Walking trails sitting hanging long dock
skate park enjoying nature tennis Skating kayaking parties
Hiking walking Walking dog walking Basketball hanging friends
baseball ride bikes Walking hiking volleyball festivals
memorial trails usually running walk around swimming
meeting friends picnics around play use Walking
exercise Hiking taking playgrounds skatepark
soccer go park park programs sports mostly go sledding
family football Skateboarding basketball courts Beacon
main street events meetings Memorial Park art biking music
hiking biking basketball football games looking pool camp
playing playground photography relaxing mountain friends Shopping
Walking biking birthday parties fireworks mount beacon Community events
ice cream reading children community Pickleball Fishing school Walking dog
Hiking picnics

survey result summary

Q3 How would you describe the overall quality of the parks and community facilities in the City of Beacon?



Q4 How satisfied have you and your household been with the quality of City of Beacon...

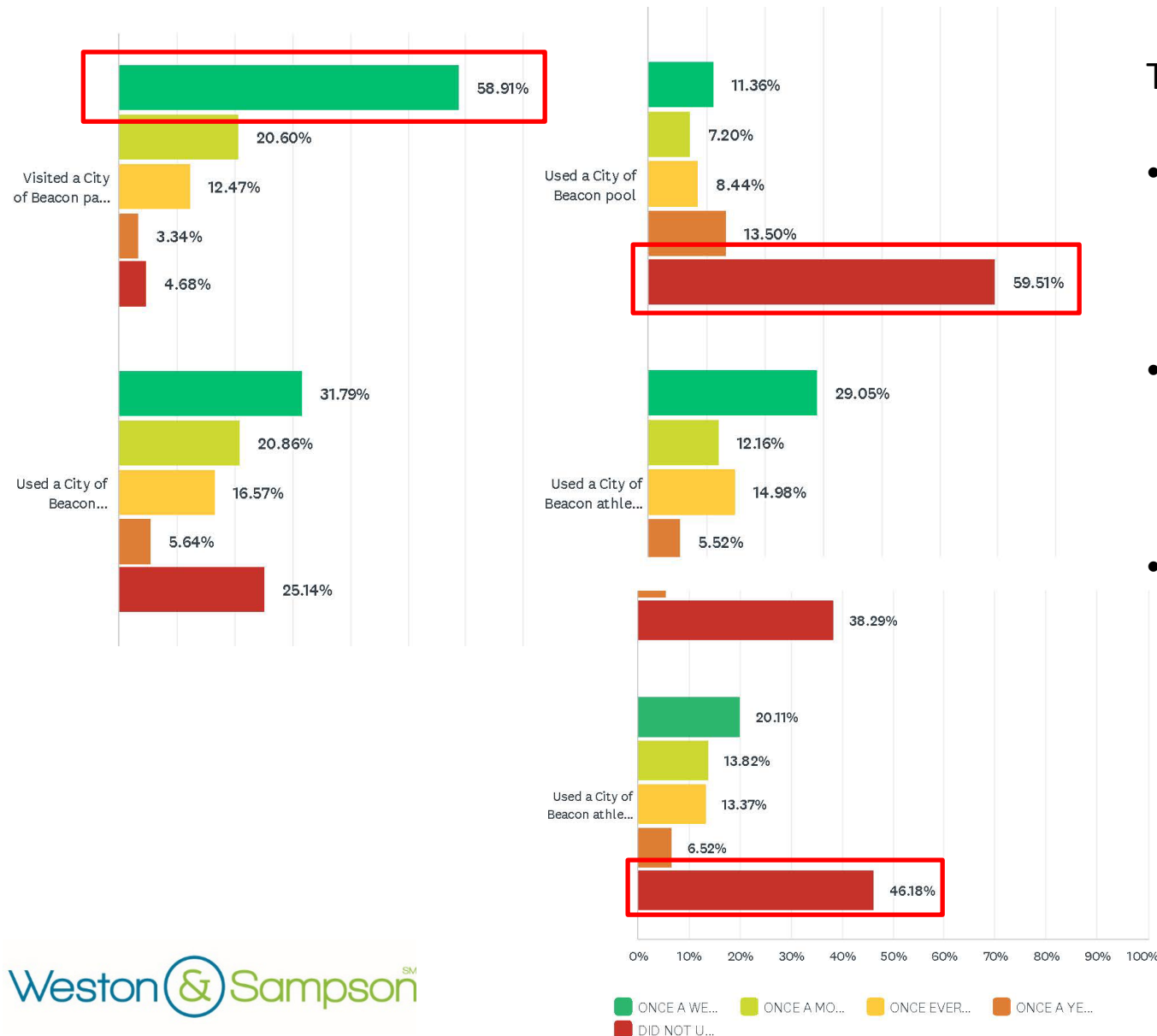


Top 3 Responses

- Satisfied with parks Household has visited (past 2 yr)
- Satisfied with trails household has visited (past 2 yr)
- Moderately satisfied with community facilities household has visited (past 2 yr)

survey result summary

Q5 In the past 12 months, how frequently have you and your household:

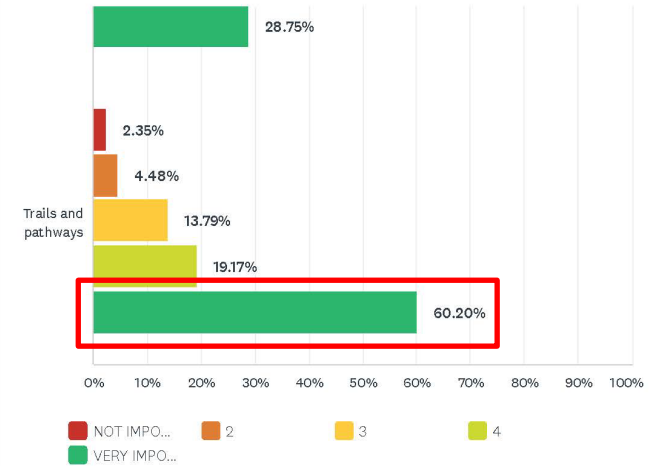
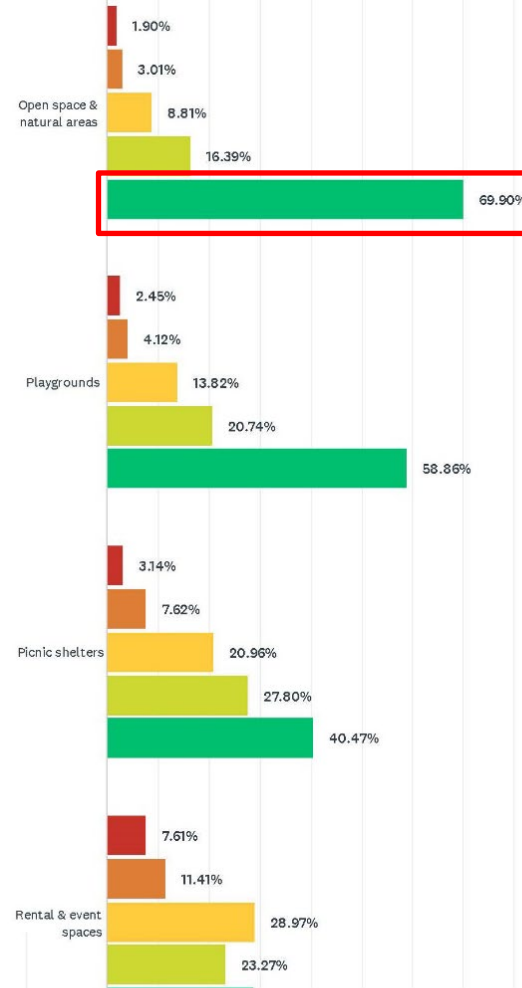
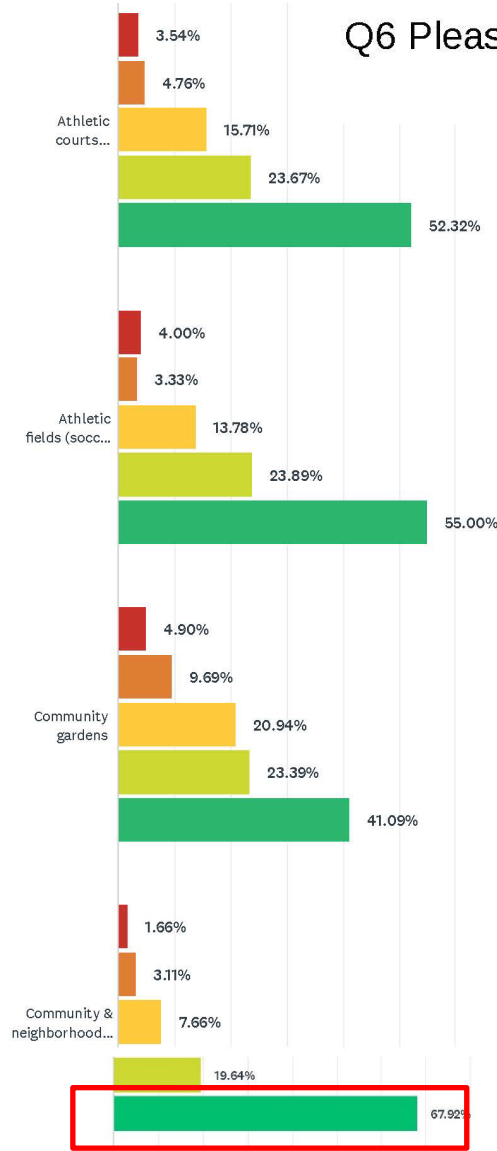


Top 3 Responses

- Did not Use / Know of a City of Beacon Pool
- Once a week or more Visited a City of Beacon Park
- Did not Use / Know of a City of Beacon Athletic Court

survey result summary

Q6 Please rate how important the following existing community facilities are in meeting the needs of the City of Beacon.

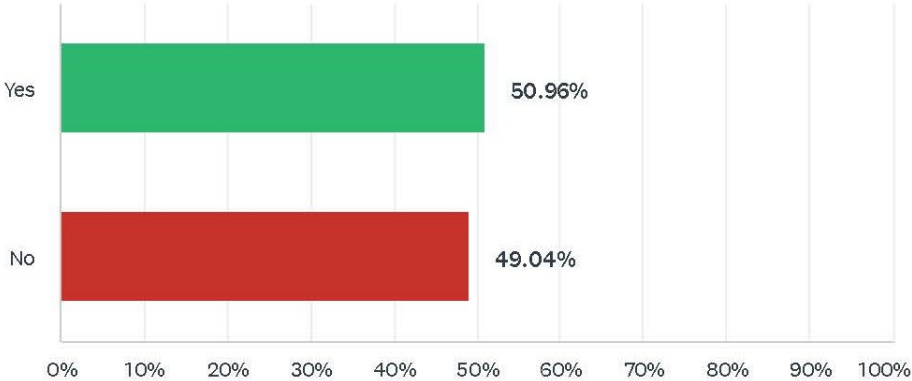


Top 3 Responses

- Open space & natural areas
- Community & neighborhood parks
- Trails & Pathways

survey result summary

Q7 Do you believe there are enough community facilities in the City of Beacon?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.96%	450
No	49.04%	433
TOTAL		883

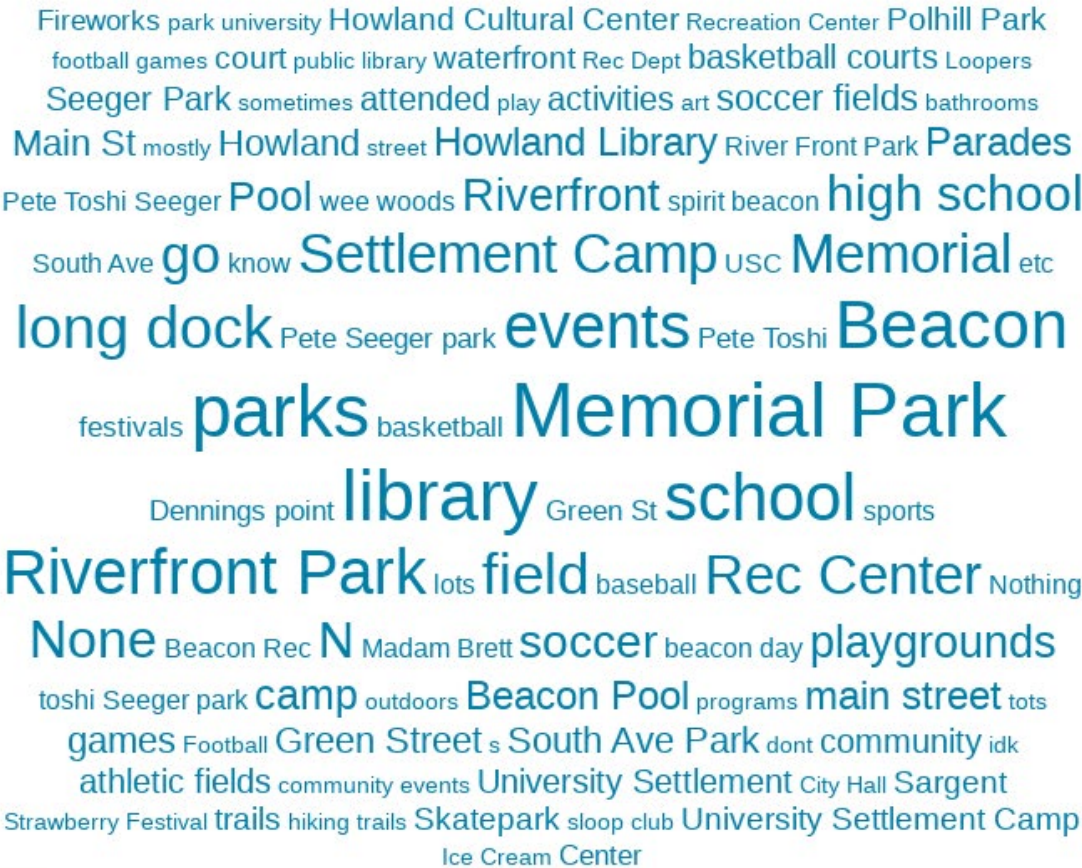
survey result summary

Q8 If you have signed up for and/or attended any community program, please list which ones.

ve library activities toddler Sloop Club years Settlement Camp school summer camp Women
Beacon Rec lot children past youth na Library story time pumpkin Compass Arts
helped farmers market clubs softball Howland story time Various art
sloop club festivals community Beacon Baseball pool Memorial Park
swim lessons recreation park storytime Beacon Hoops Afterschool
N free Camp Camp Volleyball camp run
school program Howland Cultural Center
summer camp wee play None mutual aid library
tennis programs rec center Beacon strawberry festival
events Center Soccer concerts youth soccer many
school Corn food distribution Girls
story time library clean kids pool membership sports years ago
Beacon Pool market Flea market Green teen Earth Day clean attended
City festivals s spirit beacon day etc signed dance parades Green
Beacon Soccer football beacon soccer club little basketball hoops baseball team
festivals Riverfront Park rec soccer Swimming Historical Society go dance classes music used

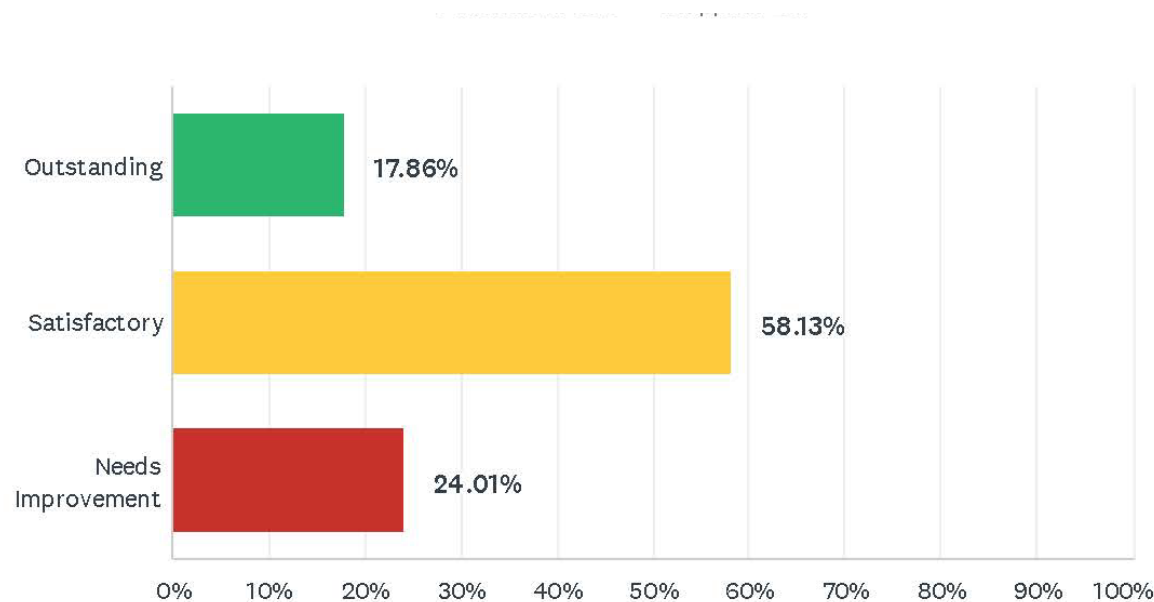
survey result summary

Q9 What City of Beacon facilities do you and your household typically go to when attending community programs, events, or activities?

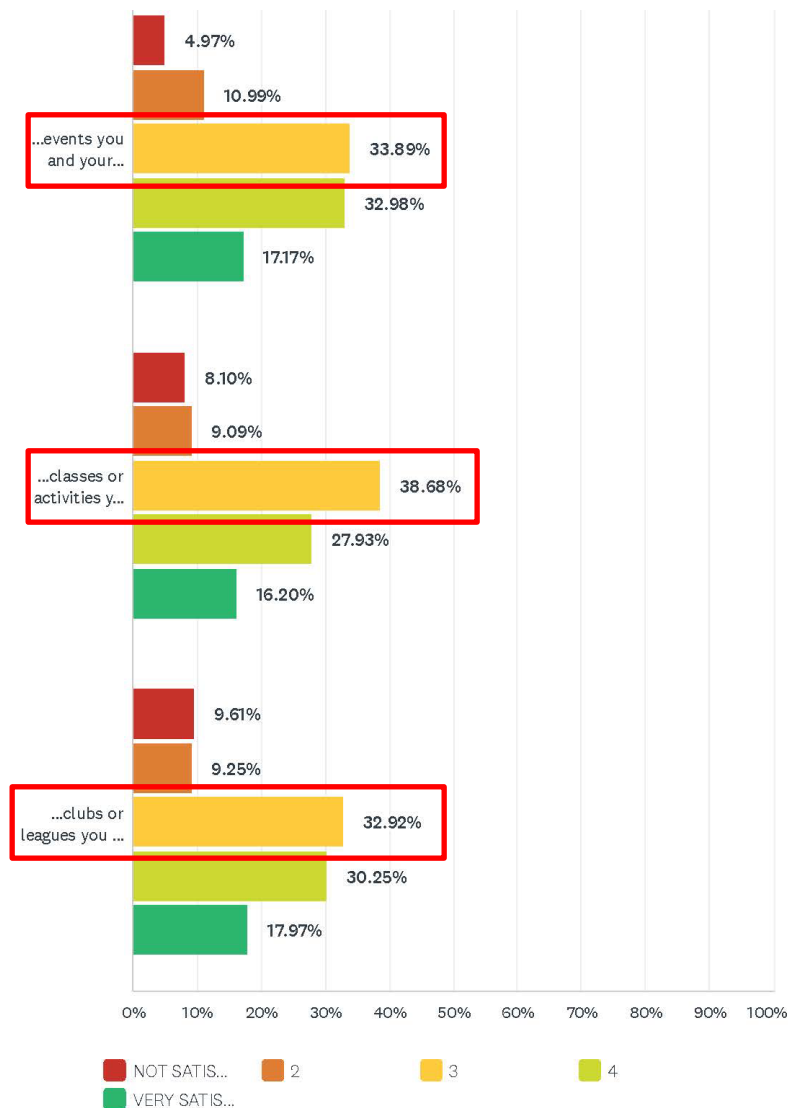


survey result summary

Q10 How would you describe the overall quality of the community programs in the City of Beacon?



Q11 How satisfied have you and your household been with the quality of City of Beacon...

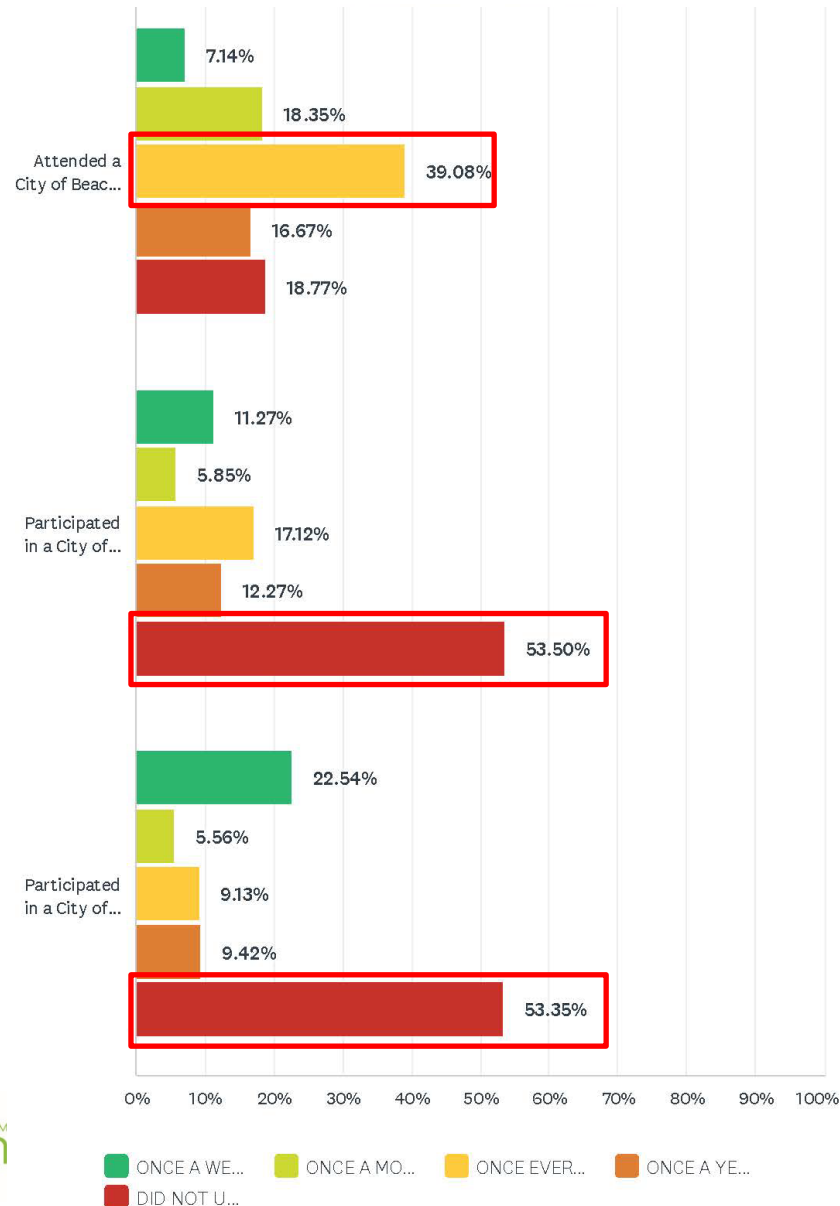


Top 3 Responses

- Moderately satisfied with events household has attended (past 2 yr)
- Moderately satisfied with classes or activities household has attended (past 2 yr)
- Moderately satisfied with clubs or leagues household has attended (past 2 yr)

survey result summary

Q12 In the past 12 months, how frequently have you and your household:

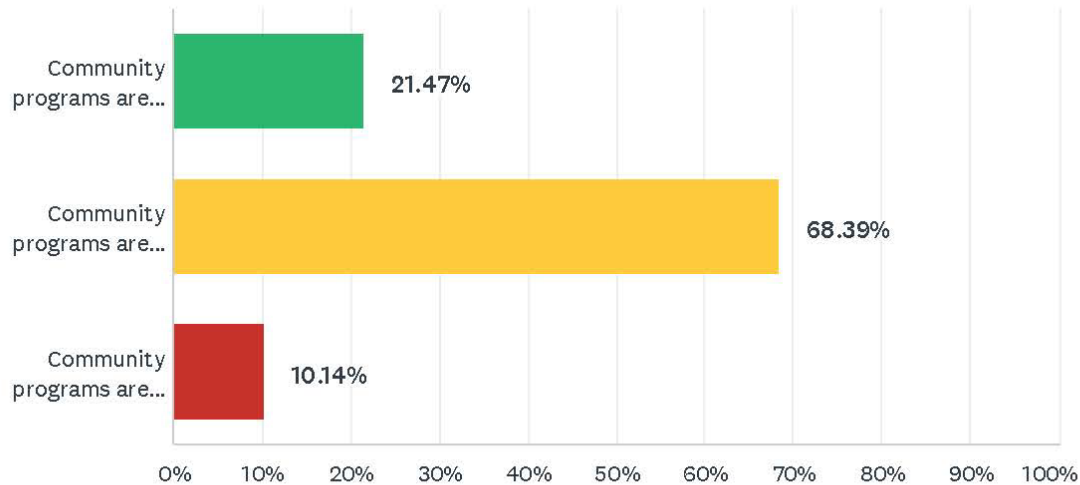


Top 3 Responses

- Once every few months households attended city of Beacon event
- Did not use / know Beacon have community programs
- Did not use / know Beacon have a recreational program

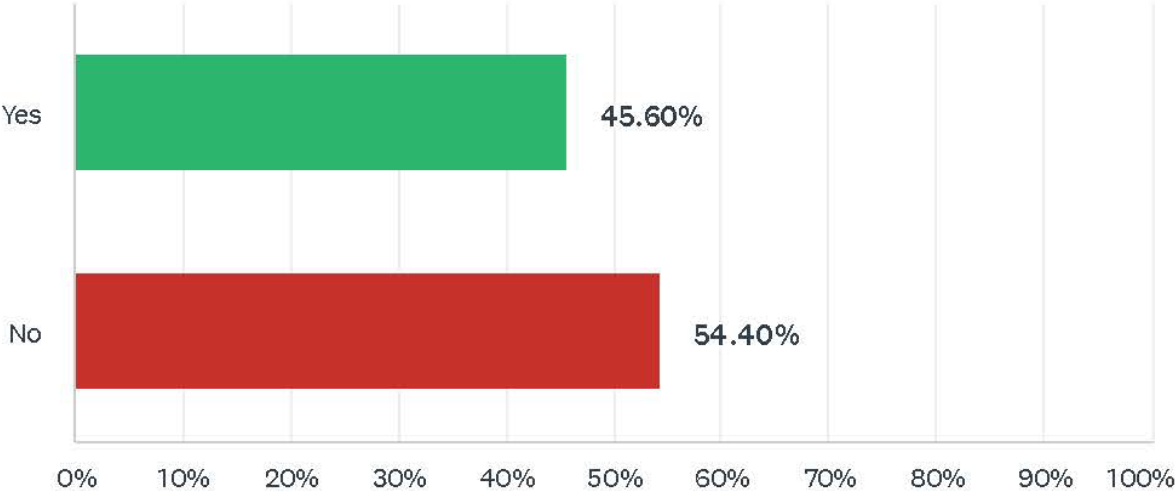
survey result summary

Q13 In your experience, are existing community programs offered within the City of Beacon available when requested? For example, if you call to sign up for a class, is there an opening?

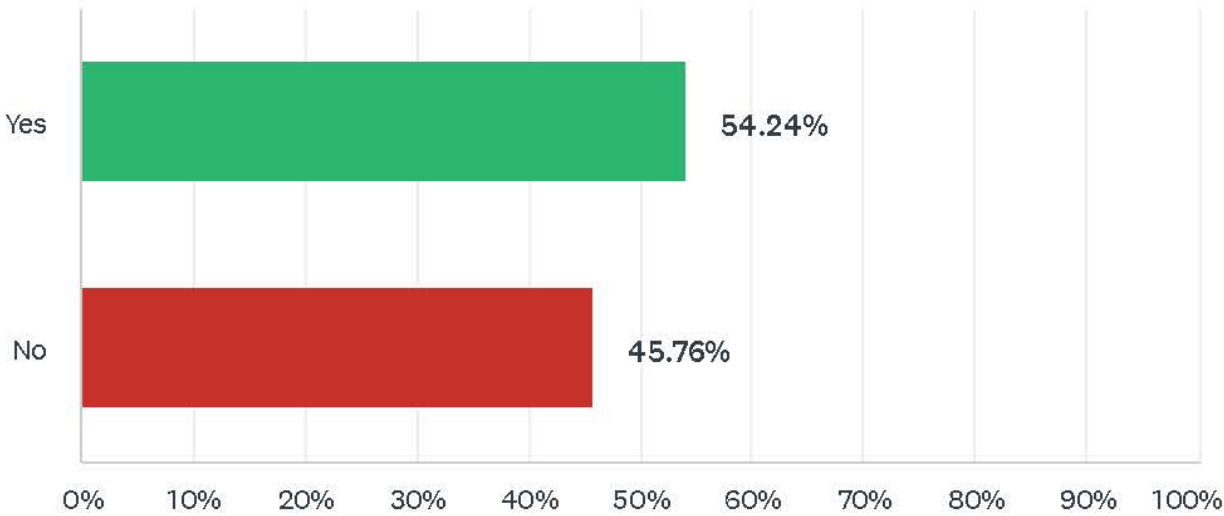


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Community programs are always available	21.47%	108
Community programs are sometimes available	68.39%	344
Community programs are never available / always full	10.14%	51
TOTAL		503

Q14 Do you believe there are enough community program offerings in the City of Beacon?



Q15 Do you believe there are enough community facilities in the City of Beacon for events, gatherings, or services?



survey result summary

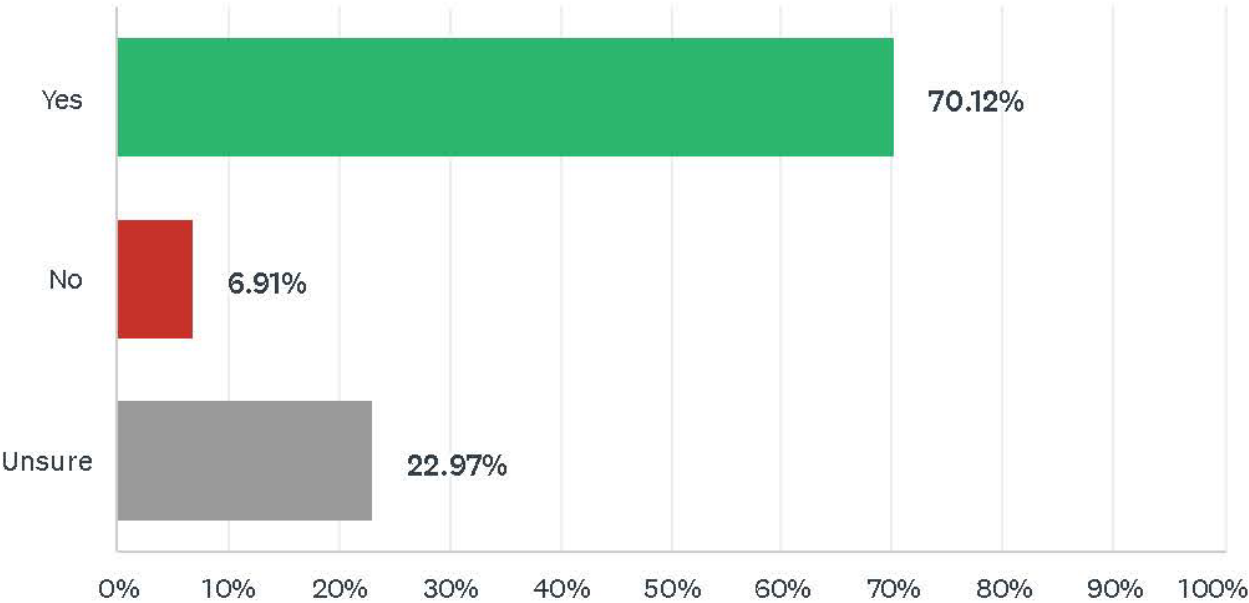
Q16 Please list the three (3) MOST important or critical COMMUNITY FACILITY or COMMUNITY PROGRAM needs in the City of Beacon.

children Child care Recreation dont know Soccer fields Indoor sports Teen Center
summer camp Pool afterschool Beacon know Recreation center Adult
rec center public Library areas Skatepark gym facility
Public Restrooms teens Baseball community Affordable kids Free
Youth Larger Parks Senior programs Outdoor
community center high school space bathroom
school clean center leagues Sports idk Indoor events Art
athletic trails hiking Soccer safe classes football Memorial Park None
playgrounds Performance Space activities Public bathroom Composting Indoor Pool
place skate park Better

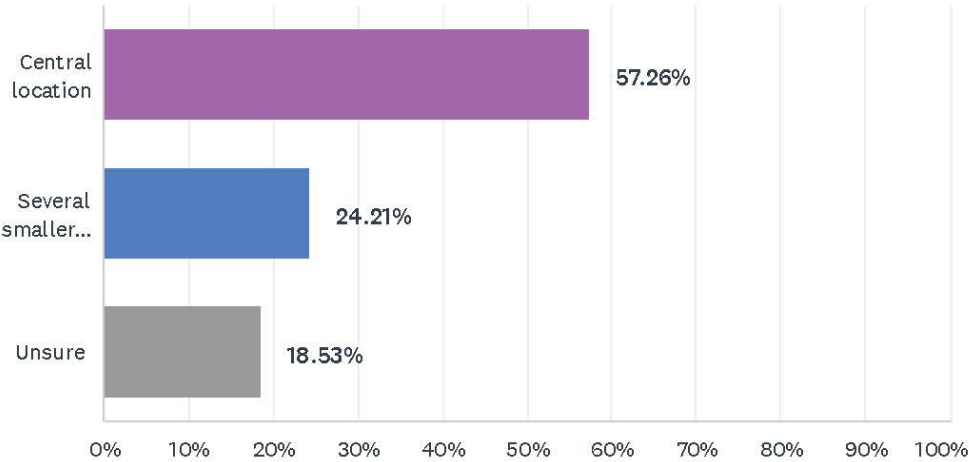
Teen sure idk weekends youth etc community center Library gatherings biking
people Recreation kids support adults green spaces Arts rec center school
Community events Beacon club events Better space access
parks Children programs Soccer Community
Affordable classes Performance Space pool Teen programs indoor
gathering space facilities Community gardens activities senior sports City
trails areas Center things know Playgrounds Outdoor None Public Skatepark Nature

fields gathering spaces camp adult classes Art None event space cleaner center
baseball areas youth Affordable venue club housing Music facility adults
garden sports Senior center Beacon Skate park school programs
skatepark school Large Senior Library community care
parks Community center programs age space
places pool know Playgrounds Long Dock events rec center
classes people children Free Indoor upgraded activities performances
Trail bigger kids gym courts gather Memorial Park Football
community garden Summer camp Public sports fields Better high school outdoor
idk

Q17 The City of Beacon is considering developing a community center and would appreciate your feedback on the following: Is a community center needed?

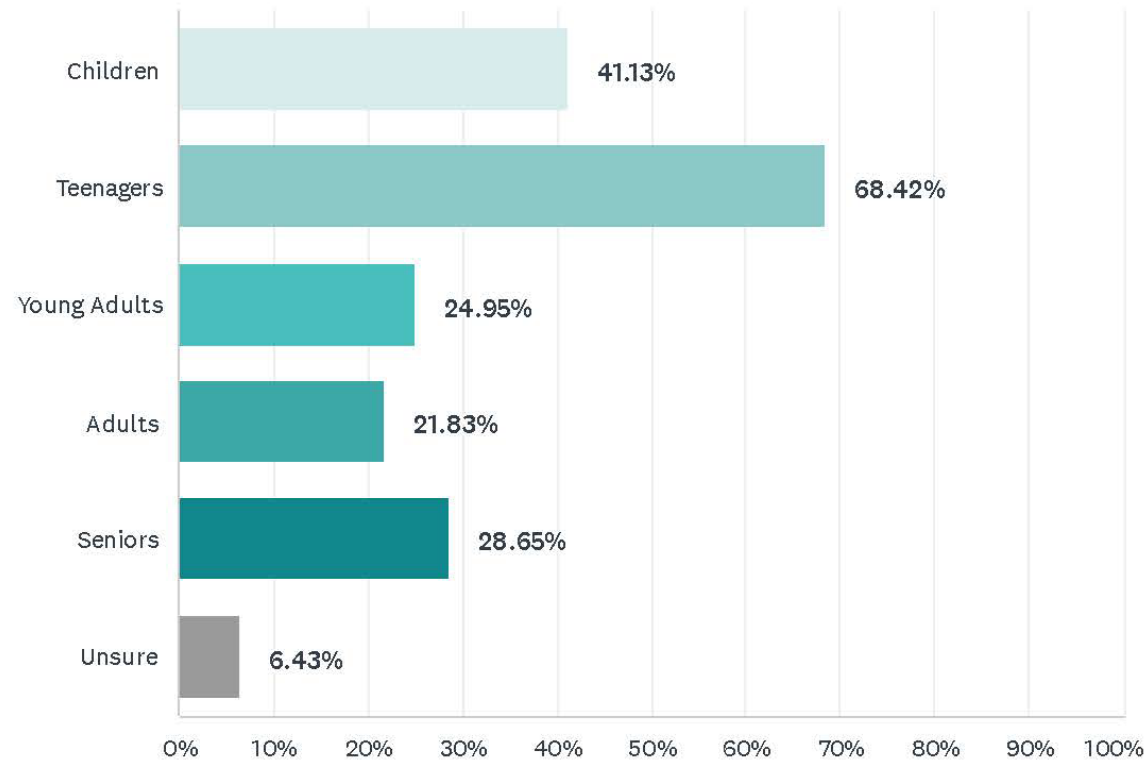


Q18 If yes, should the community center be at one central location or spread out across the City at several smaller facilities?



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Central location		57.26%	272
Several smaller facilities		24.21%	115
Unsure		18.53%	88
TOTAL			475

Q19 What age would be best served by a community center? PICK TWO
(2)



Q20 What activities and programs would you like to see offered at a community center?



Q21 What amenities would you like to see in or at a community center? For example, classroom space, gymnasium, meeting rooms, etc.

A word cloud featuring various types of spaces and facilities. The words are arranged in a dense, overlapping manner, with some words appearing larger than others. The colors are primarily shades of blue and teal, with some words in white. The words include: free space, classroom, space, center, free internet, gym, meeting, game rooms, Basketball courts, community center, teen, swim pool, library, style, exercise, equipment, sports, clubs, play, workout, large, party, computer, reading, Meeting, social, stage, hall, theater, go, outdoor, space, art, studio, gym, meeting, rooms, dance, studio, gymnasium, meeting, rooms, green, community, see, classes, maybe, indoor, playground, kitchen, multipurpose, rooms, community, garden, meeting, rooms, computer, lab, space, open spaces, gym, space, art, gymnasium, activities, classroom, space, fitness, classrooms, theatre, area, people, pool, used, event, space, idk, indoor, pool, commercial kitchen, performance, space, place, events, performance, small, art, studio, nice, study, services, etc, tennis, work, rented, art, studio, bathrooms, music, lounge, gatherings, Cafe, dance, music, studios, COURT, rec room, facilities, weight room, Class rooms, pickle ball courts, gardens, High School rental.

survey result summary

Q22 In your opinion, how important are the following items for the City of Beacon to address over the next 5 to 10 years?

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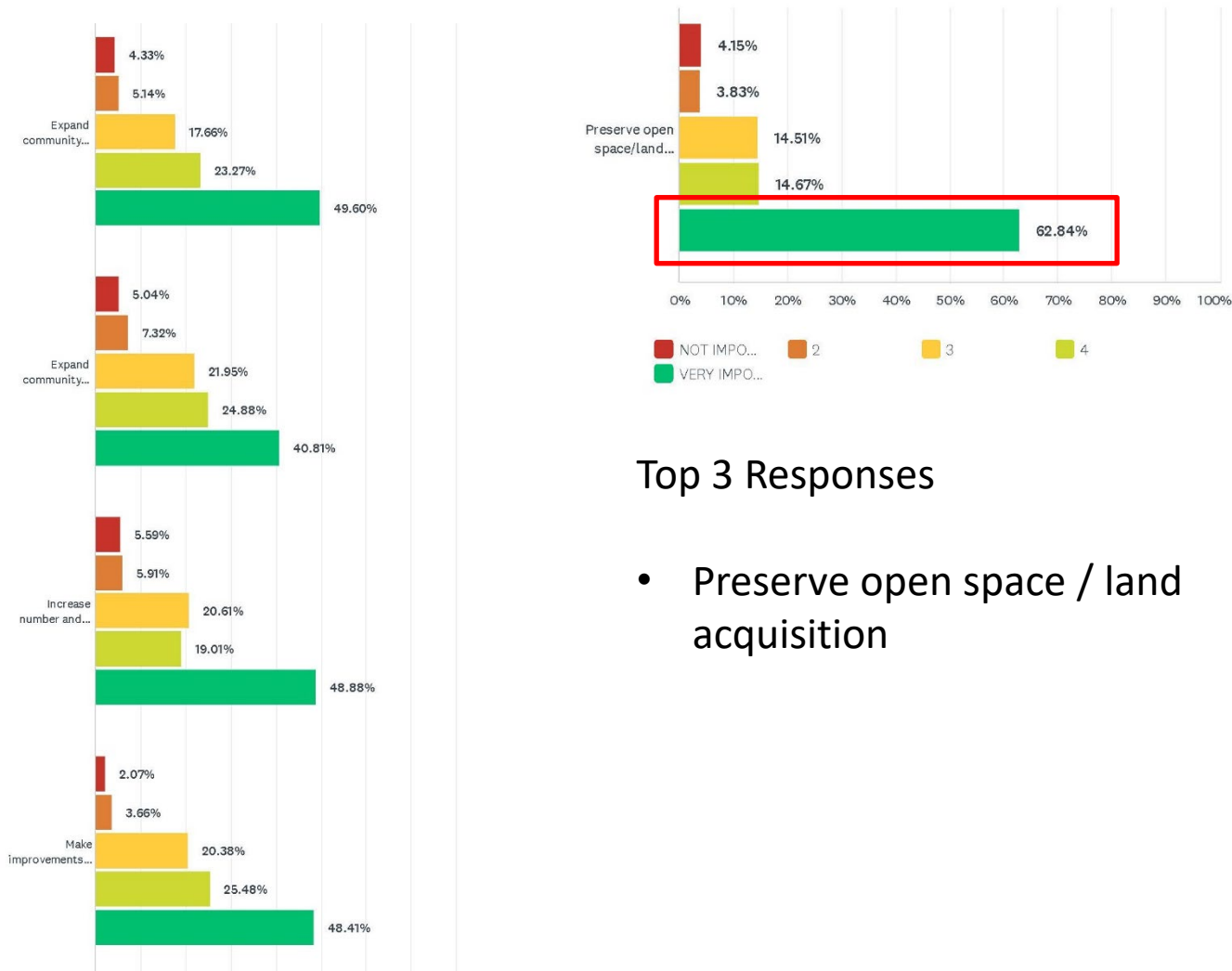


Top 3 Responses

- Expand community programs and activities
- Develop new community recreation centers
- Next Slide
- Preserve open space / land acquisition

survey result summary

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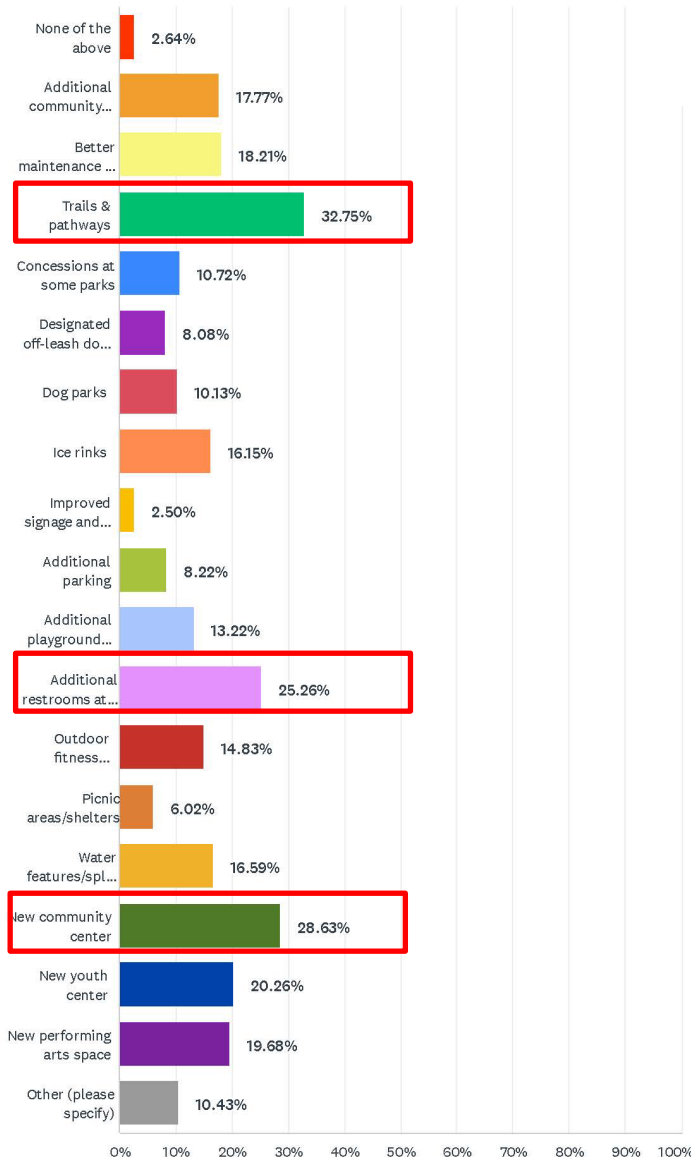


Top 3 Responses

- Preserve open space / land acquisition

survey result summary

Q23 Please indicate the additions or expansions of the following COMMUNITY FACILITIES that you and your household would most like to see by checking the boxes. SELECT UP TO THREE (3)

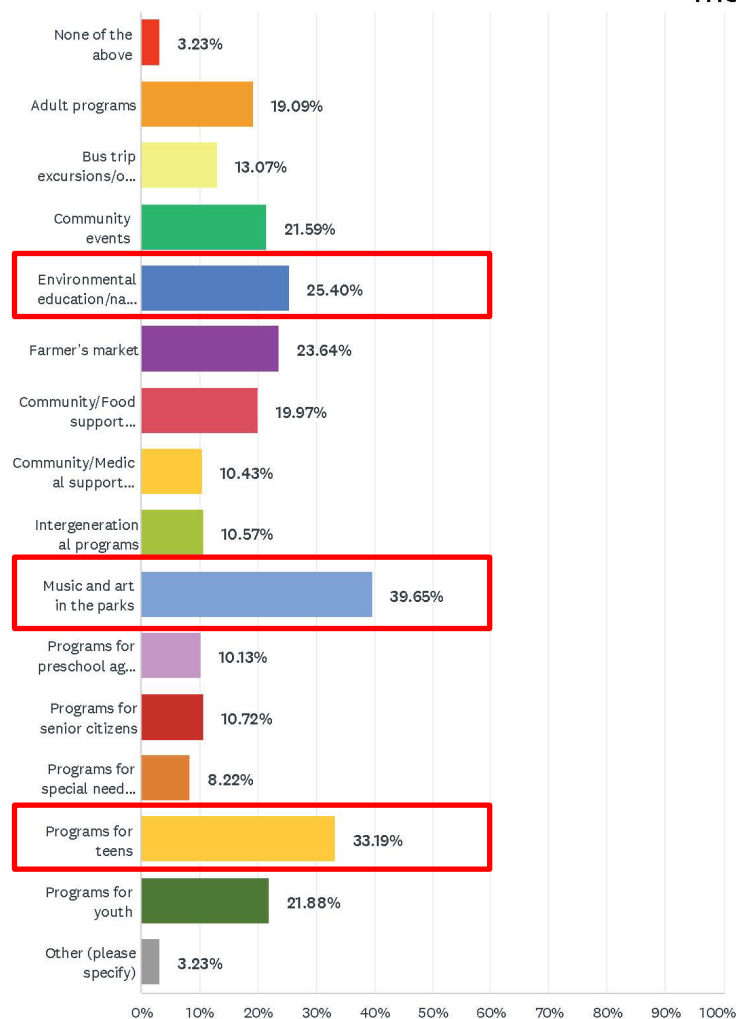


Top 3 Responses

- Trails & pathways
- Additional restrooms at some parks / improvements to existing restrooms
- New community center

survey result summary

Q24 Please indicate the additions or expansions of the following COMMUNITY PROGRAMS that you and your household would most like to see by checking the boxes. SELECT UP TO THREE (3)

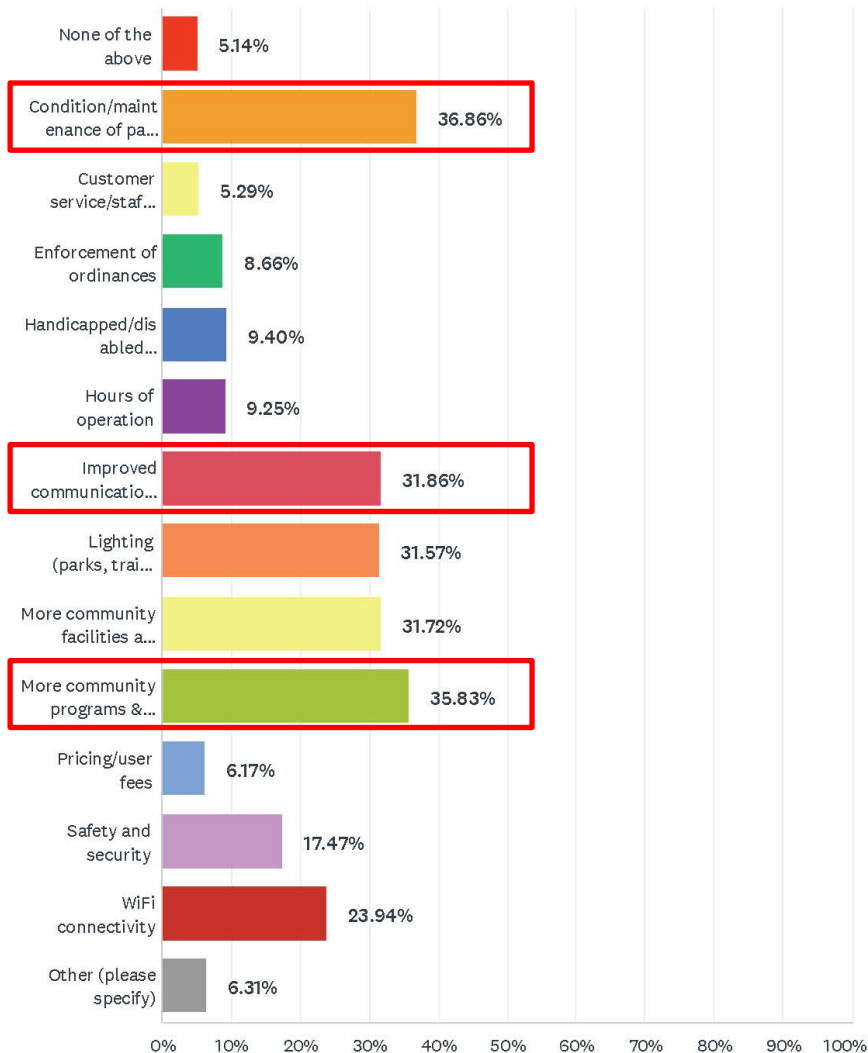


Top 3 Responses

- Environmental education / nature programs
- Music & art in the parks
- Programs for teens

survey result summary

Q25 What are the areas that, if addressed by the City of Beacon, would increase your or your household's utilization of City of Beacon parks or community facilities? SELECT UP TO THREE (3)

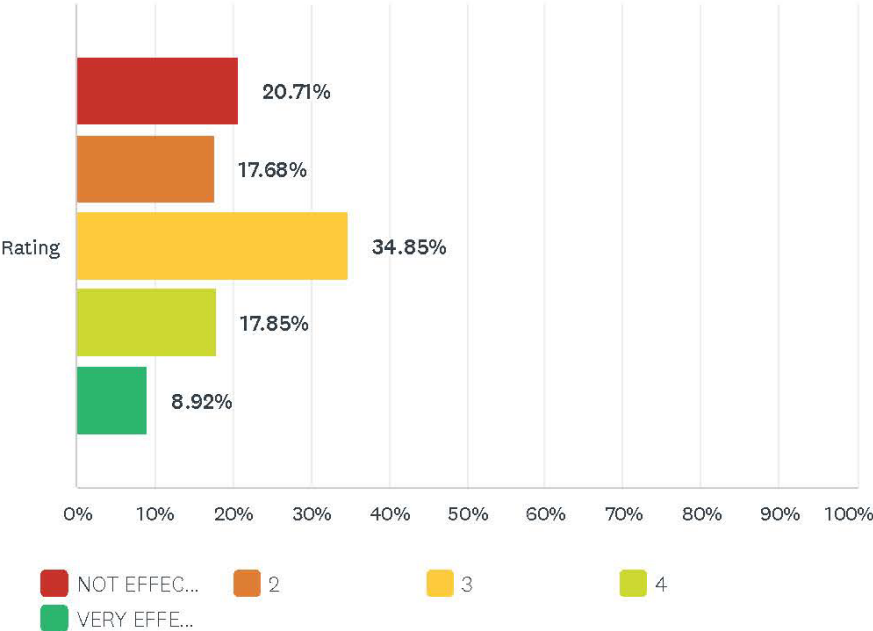


Top 3 Responses

- Condition / maintenance of parks & community facilities
- Improved communication about offerings
- More community programs & events

Q26 How effective is the City of Beacon at reaching you with information on community facilities and programs?

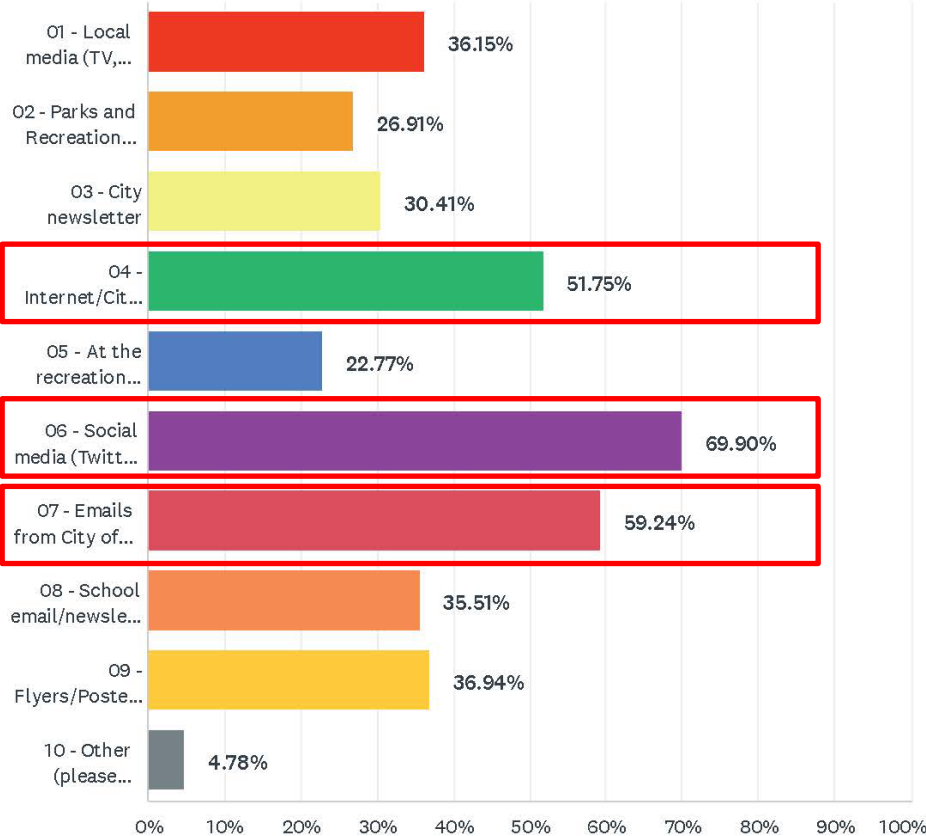
Answered: 594 Skipped: 366



	NOT EFFECTIVE1	2	3	4	VERY EFFECTIVE5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Rating	20.71%	17.68%	34.85%	17.85%	8.92%	594	2.77
	123	105	207	106	53		

survey result summary

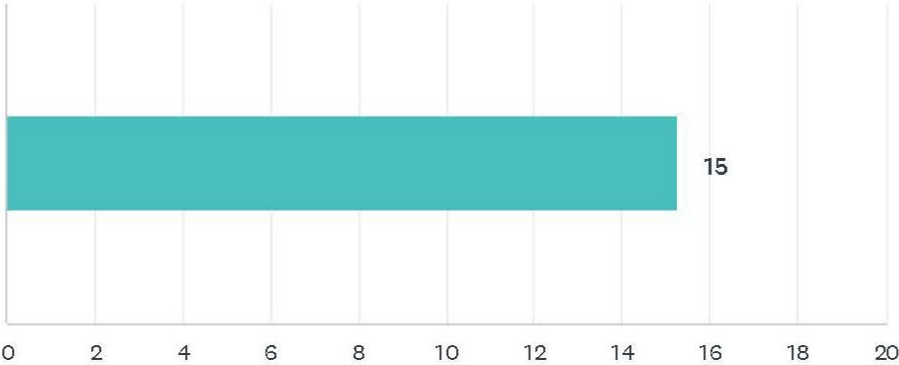
Q27 In your opinion, what is the best way to get information about community facilities and programs? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY



Top 3 Responses

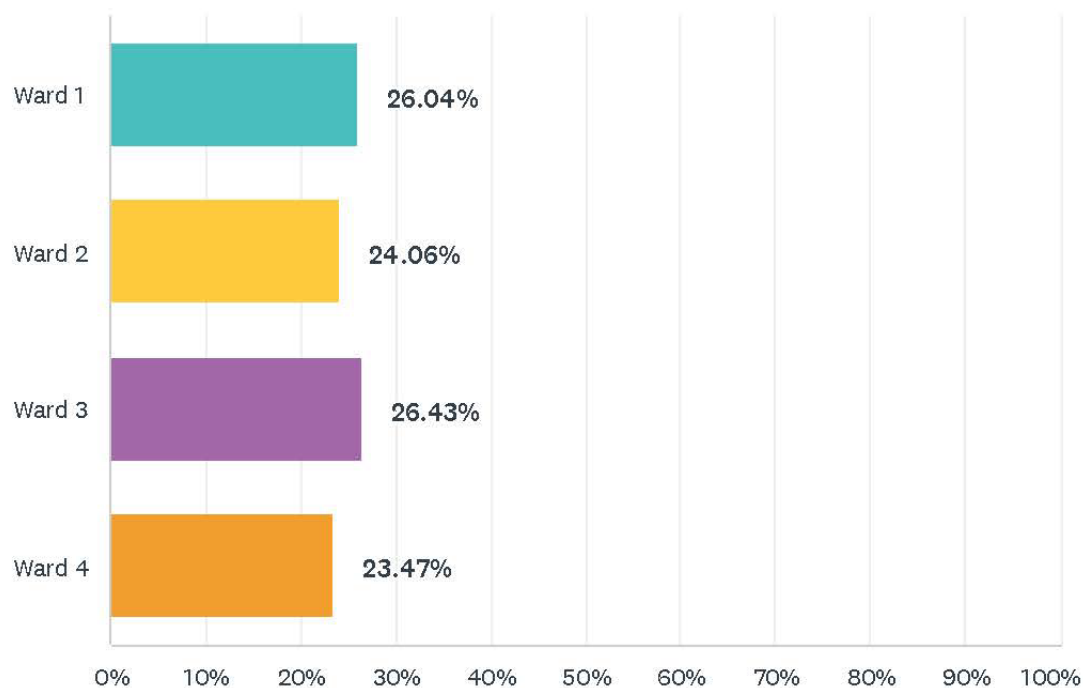
- Internet / City of Beacon website
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)
- Emails from City of Beacon

Q28 How long have you lived in the City of Beacon?

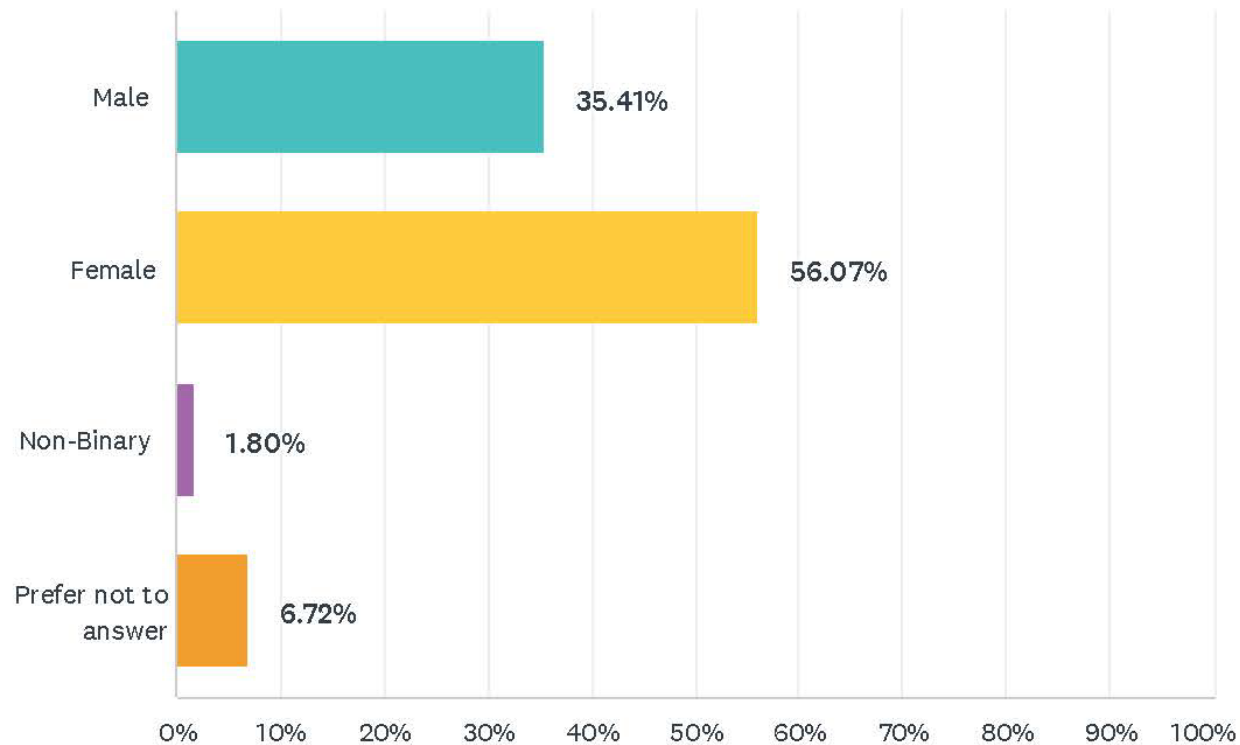


ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	15	9,093	596
Total Respondents: 596			

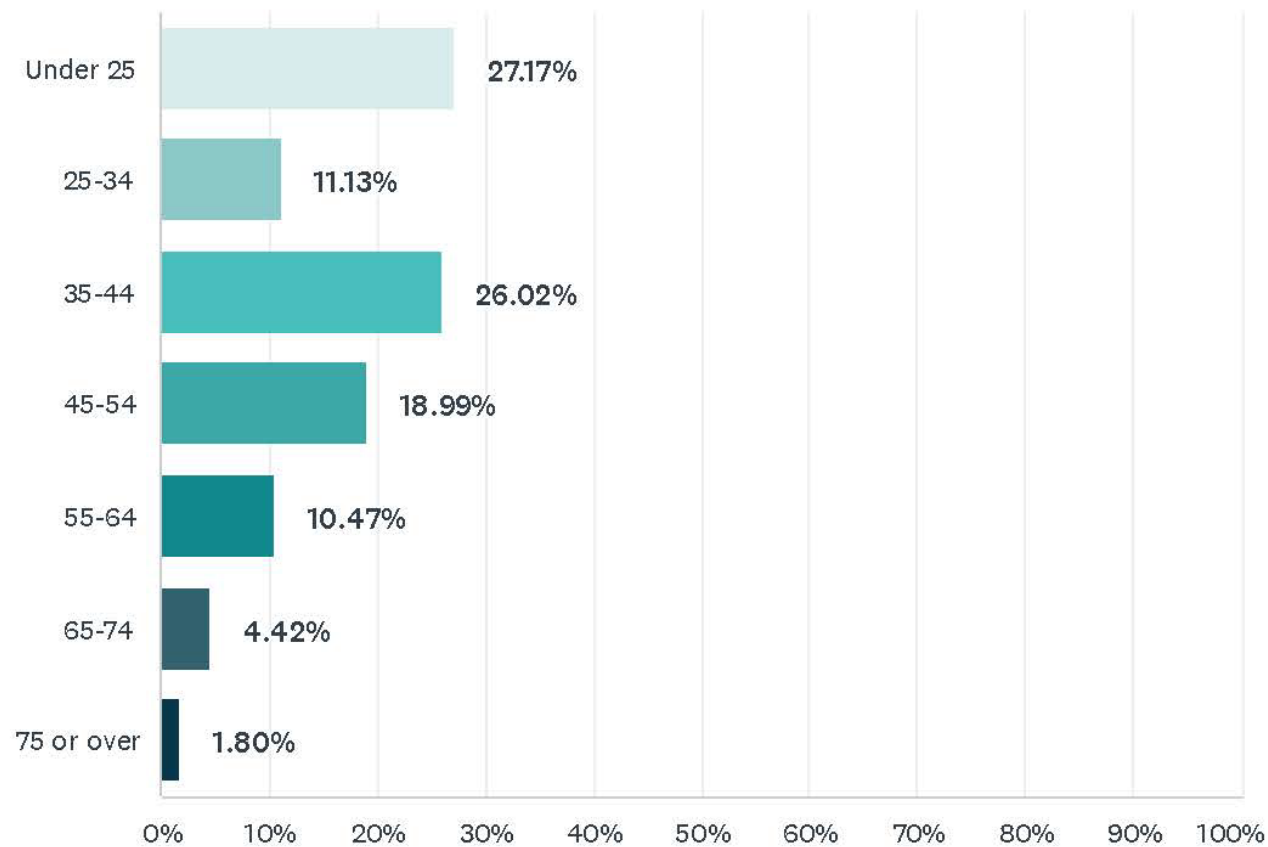
Q29 In which area (voting district) of the City of Beacon do you live? If unsure, refer to the map for clarification.



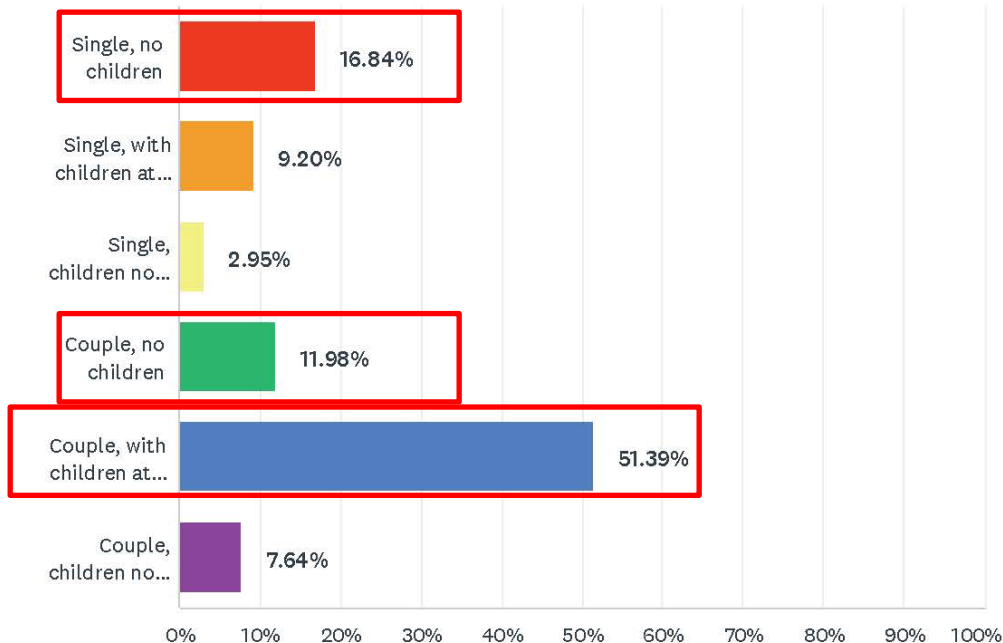
Q30 Please Indicate your gender:



Q31 What is your age?



Q32 Which of these categories best applies to your household?

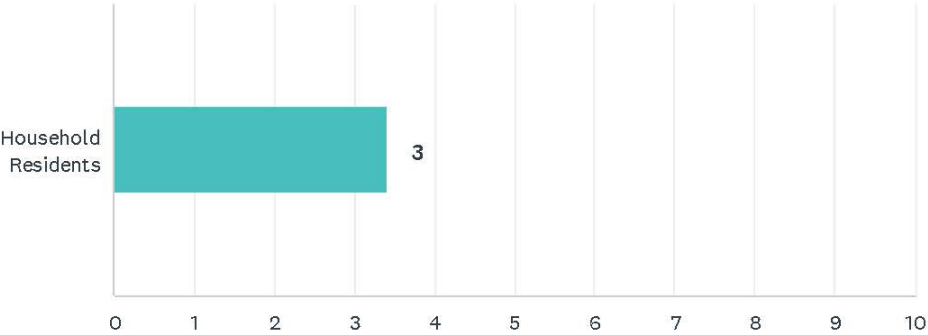


Top 3 Responses

- Single, no children
- Couple, no children
- Couple, with children at home

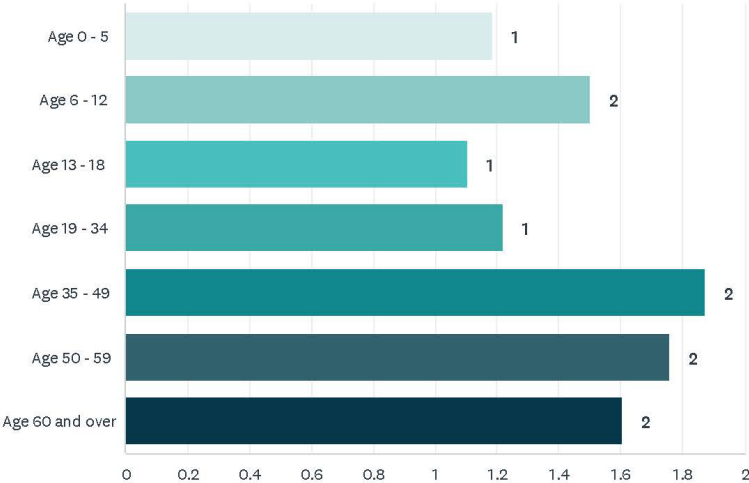
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Q33 Including yourself, how many people in total typically reside in your household? Please enter a number.



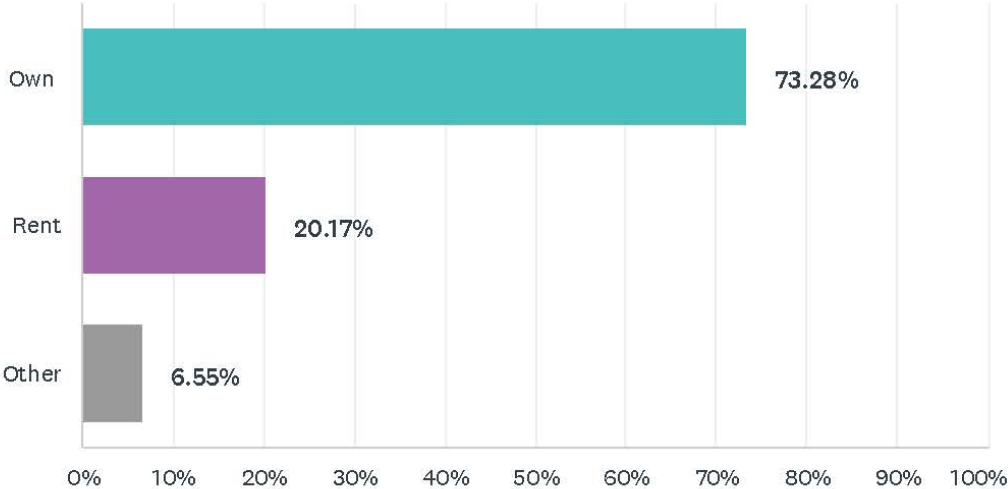
ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Household Residents	3	1,928	566
Total Respondents: 566			

Q34 How many people in your household are in the following age ranges?
Please enter a number.

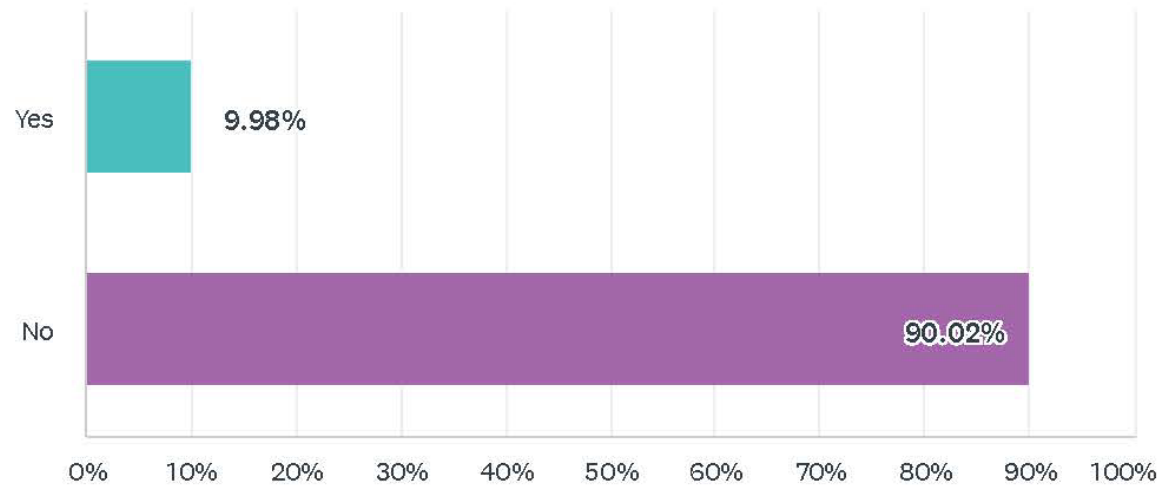


ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Age 0 - 5	1	248	209
Age 6 - 12	2	408	272
Age 13 - 18	1	239	216
Age 19 - 34	1	245	201
Age 35 - 49	2	670	358
Age 50 - 59	2	306	174
Age 60 and over	2	245	153
Total Respondents: 567			

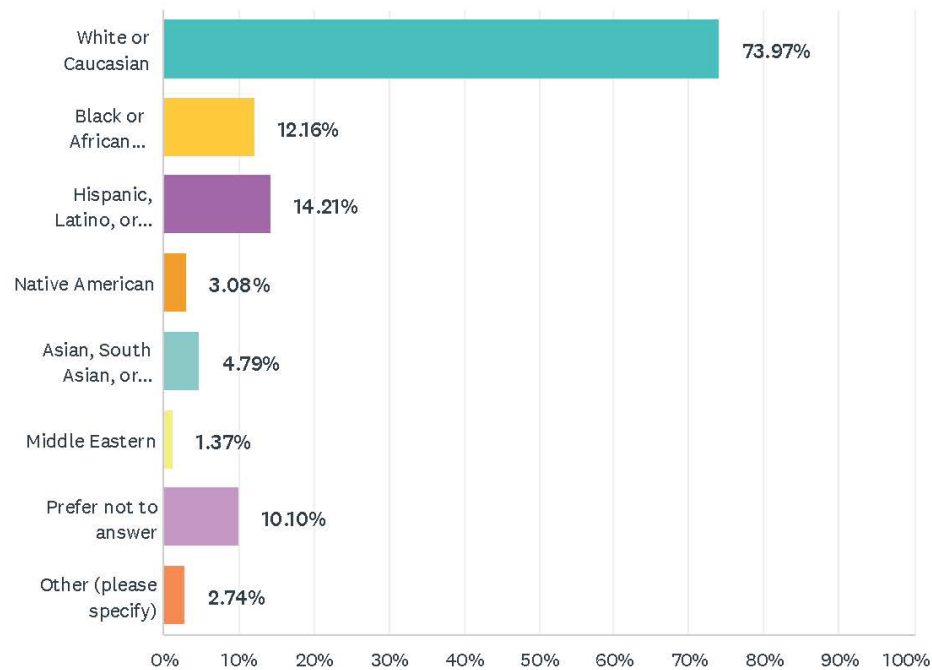
Q35 Do you (or the head of your household) own or rent your residence in the City of Beacon?



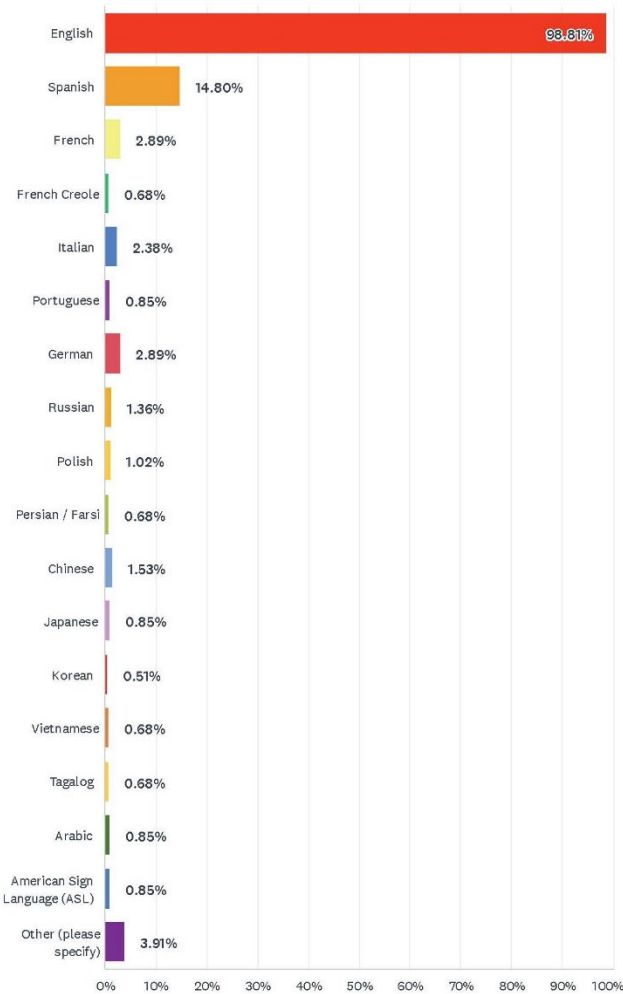
Q36 Does your household have a need for ADA-accessible (Americans with Disabilities) facilities and services?



Q37 What race/ethnicity do you consider yourself to be? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

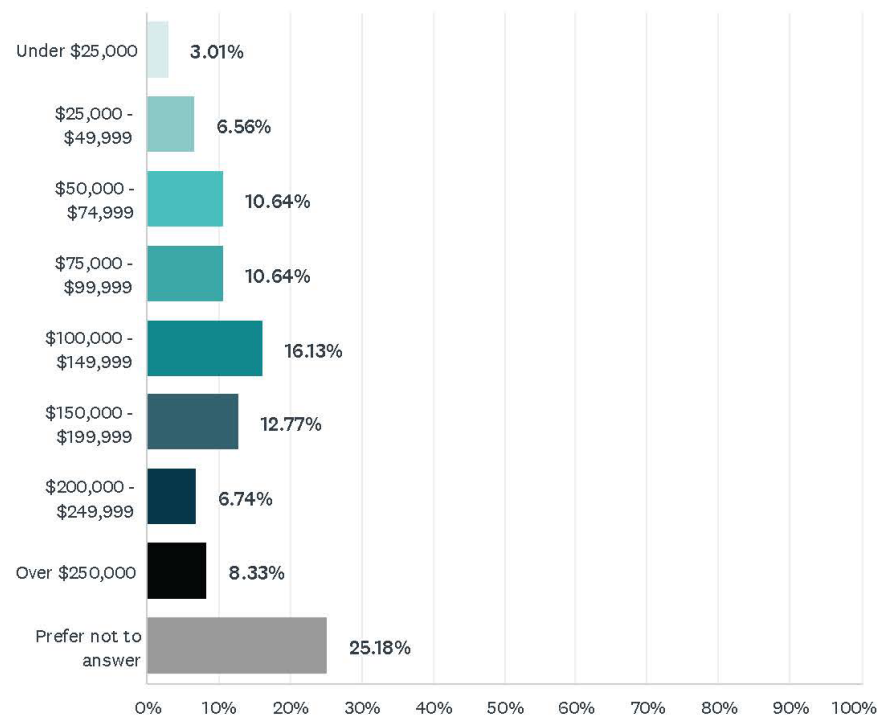


Q38 What languages are spoken in your household? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY



survey result summary

Q39 Which of these categories best describes the total gross annual income of your household (before taxes)?



COMMUNITY FACILITY AND PROGRAM REPORT

APPENDIX C

Field Inventory

City of Beacon Facilities Inventory

Facility Name

South Avenue Park

Address

South Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508

Inventory Date:

Apr. 19

Ownership:

GIS point

Area

6.9 AC

Ambiance Score

2

Rating Key: 3= Exceeds Expectation

Client

Other:

2=Meets Expectations

1=Below Expectations

Action Plan: Retaining Walls are slated to be repaired

Action Plan Completed?

No

Comments:

South Avenue Park Recommendations

Facility Component

ID	Feature	Rating	Qty	Comments (inc. uses)
SAP-1	Tennis Courts	2	2	Court is in fair condition, moderate cracking, fence is in poor condition, nets are in good condition, ret. walls in poor condition
SAP-2	Basketball Court	2	1	Court area is in excellent condition, hoop assembly in good condition, minor graffiti, lighting in good condition, ret. walls in poor condition
SAP-3	Horseshoe Court	1	2	Wood framing is deteriorating, extensive debris & weeds observed in play area
SAP-4	Shuffleboard Court	1	1	Wood framing is deteriorating, extensive debris & weeds observed in play area
SAP-5	Bocceball Court	1	1	Wood framing is deteriorating, extensive debris & weeds observed in play area
SAP-6	Community Garden	3	1	Located adjacent to the Rec Center, well maintained and in good condition
SAP-7	Multi-Use Open Field	2	1	Turf is in good condition, minor drainage issues evident
SAP-8	Multi-Use Paved Area	1	1	Large crack observed through center of pavement, weeds & debris evident
SAP-9	Playground	2	1	Minor graffiti observed, no ADA accessible route to play area, safety surfacing was installed
SAP-10	Recreation Center	3	1	Building is in good condition, contains City offices, small gym area, and 1 classroom space
SAP-11	Parking Area	2	2	Main area located off South Avenue is in fair condition, striping is faded, limited lighting; parking at Rec Center is in good condition
SAP-12	Signage	1	-	Only 1 small street sign to identify park
SAP-13	Pavilion	3		Located adjacent to the Rec Center, well maintained and in good condition
SAP-14	Paths & Walkways	2	1	Moderate cracking observed through path system, some areas do no appear to be ADA compliant
SAP-15	Lawn / Grass	3	-	Lawn areas were in good condition, very few bare spots observed
SAP-16	Trees / Vegetation	3	-	Trees were in good condition, prune & remove deadwood as necessary
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SAP-30				

Additional Comments/Explanation of high or low rating:

Confirm depth of safety surfacing, maintain through regular audits

City of Beacon Facilities Inventory

Facility Name

Polhill Park

Address

Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508

Inventory Date:

Apr. 19

GIS point

Area

0.25 AC

Ownership:

Ambiance Score

2

Rating Key: 3= Exceeds Expectation

Client

2=Meets Expectations

Other:

1=Below Expectations

Action Plan:

Action Plan Completed?

Comments:

Polhill Park Recommendations

Facility Component

ID	Feature	Rating	Qty	Comments (inc. uses)
PHP-1	Visitor Center	3	1	Operated by Chamber of Commerce, building is in good condition
PHP-2	Benches / Tables / Site Amenities	2	5	Tables appeared to be in good condition, wooden bench was in fair condition, not all amenities matched in style/color/etc.
PHP-3	Parking Area	1	0	No parking area desgintaged for park / visitor center, most spots reserved for staff, only 2 spots open for 2 hr parking for EV only
PHP-4	Bus Stop Shelter	3	1	Bus stop shelter was in good condition
PHP-5	Paths & Walkways	2	-	Plaza space in fair condition, minor weeds/moss observed, path to Visitor Center made of stepping stones, not ADA compliant
PHP-6	Signage	3	2	Historic markers & welcome sign in good condition
PHP-7	Pop-Up Library	2	1	Library structure was in fair condition, door hinge not flush/ level, many books were stocked
PHP-8	Lawn / Grass	2	-	Lawn was in fair condition, some bare spots/sparce areas around pavers
PHP-9	Trees / Vegetation	3	-	Trees were generally in good condition, provide ample shade to paver area, prune & remove dead wood as necessary
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Additional Comments/Explanation of high or low rating:

Add parking stalls to accommodate people coming to the Visitor Center

City of Beacon Facilities Inventory

Facility Name

River Front Park

Address

2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon, NY 12058

Inventory Date:

Apr. 19

Ownership:

GIS point

Area

11.5 AC

Ambiance Score

2

Rating Key: 3= Exceeds Expectation

Client

 2=Meets Expectations

Other:

 1=Below Expectations

Action Plan:

Action Plan Completed?

Comments: Redesign of eastern portion of park has been completed and is awating funding

River Front Park Recommendations

Facility Component

ID	Feature	Rating	Qty	Comments (inc. uses)
RFP-1	Basketball Courts	1	3	One full & two half-size courts, extensive pavement cracking, fencing in poor condition, pavement is uneven, many patched areas
RFP-2	Volleyball Courts	2	2	Net assembly in fair condition, sand was in fair condition, some weeds/debris observed
RFP-3	Playground	2	1	Minor graffiti observed, ADA transition was not compliant, safety surfacing was installed
RFP-4	Paths & Walkways	1	-	Paved walkways were in poor condition with extensive heaving/cracking, gravel areas in fair condition, rutting observed, minor ponding
RFP-5	Parking Area	2	1	Pavement is in fair condition, minor cracking observed, striping is faded, signs were crooked
RFP-6	Benches / Tables / Site Amenities	1	-	Grills were rusted through, tables were rusted and in poor condition, some benches along walkways in good condition, minor graffiti
RFP-7	Pavilion	3	1	Pavilion was in good condition, minor graffiti
RFP-8	Shoreline	3	-	Riprap / boulder armoring appeared to be in good condition, no evidence of erosion found
RFP-9	Storage Sheds	3	2	Sheds were in good condition, fence with lock & chain were in fair condition
RFP-10	Signage	3	-	Informational signage was in good condition, wayfinding signage to park was adequate
RFP-11	Lawn / Grass	3	-	Lawn was in good condition, minor bare spots in areas near parking lot
RFP-12	Trees / Vegetation	2	-	Trees were generally in good condition, some are located too close to walkways & parking lot, prune & remove dead wood as necessary
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Additional Comments/Explanation of high or low rating:

City of Beacon Facilities Inventory

Facility Name
Address

Memorial Park
Robert Cahill Drive, Beacon, NY 12508

Inventory Date:
Ownershp:

Apr. 19

GIS point

Area

49.3 AC

Ambiance Score

3

Rating Key: 3= Exceeds Expectation

Client

Other:

2=Meets Expectations

1=Below Expectations

Action Plan:

Comments:

Park is utilized by adjacent Middle School for gym classes, practices, etc. Buried stream runs beneath park. Multiple drainage issues observed throughout park (poor infiltration, ponding, etc.)

Memorial Park Recommendations

Facility Component

ID	Feature	Rating	Qty	Comments (inc. uses)
MP-1	Football Field	2	1	Support building operated by Beacon Youth Football organization, lighting in good condition, lawn area in fair condition, drainage issues
MP-2	Baseball Field	2	1	Meeting space available in support building, lighting does not function, fencing/backstop/dugouts in good condition, drainage issues
MP-3	Little League Field	2	2	Fencing/backstop in good condition, skinned infield in fair condition, outfield in fair condition, drainage issues
MP-4	Softball Field	2	3	Fencing/backstop in good condition, skinned infield in fair condition, outfield in fair condition, drainage issues
MP-5	Youth Softball Field	2	1	Fencing/backstop in good condition, skinned infield in fair condition, outfield in fair condition, drainage issues
MP-6	Soccer Field	2	1	Turf is in good condition, drainage issues evident
MP-7	Basketball Courts	1	2	Extensive draiange issues, water ponded ±2", court area is curbed and was previously utilized as an ice rink
MP-8	Tennis Courts	1	1	Currently unusable, extensive pavement deterioration, fencing is disassembled in areas, extensive debris & settlement
MP-9	Skate Park	3	1	Community managed, recently resurfaced, fence in good condition
MP-10	Playground / Tot Lot	2	2	Surfacing installed and in fair condition, equipment in good condition, future renovations planned
MP-11	Natural Playground	3	1	Constructed of fallen logs, rope course, etc., in good condition
MP-12	Pavlion	2	2	Pavilion structures are in good condition, minor graffiti
MP-13	Bleachers, Benches, Site Amenities	1	-	Many pieces are rotted through, rusted, missing end caps
MP-14	Storage Sheds	2	1	Storage area is in generally good condition, too small for needs
MP-15	Parking Area	2	-	Striping is inconsistent, off street parking areas and nose-in parking off road, pavement in fair condition, drainage issues
MP-16	Restroom Facility	3	1	Mural painted on walls, no graffiti, facility in good condition, locks are functional
MP-17	Lawn / Grass	2	-	Lawn is in good condition, poor drainage and extensive ponding in some areas
MP-18	Trees / Vegetation	3	-	Trees were in good condition, prune & remove deadwood as necessary
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Additional Comments/Explanation of high or low rating:

City of Beacon Facilities Inventory

Facility Name

Address

Hiddenbrooke Park

27 Hiddenbrook Drive, Beacon, NY 12508

Inventory Date:

Ownership:

Apr. 19

GIS point

Area

Client

Other:

103.3 AC

2=Meets Expectations

1=Below Expectations

Ambiance Score

3

Rating Key: 3= Exceeds Expectation

Action Plan:

Action Plan Completed?

Comments:

Front part of park owned by City, private properties located deeper into park and County managed area behind towards Mount Beacon. All entities share a single driveway for egress. Conditions of grant used to purchase property limits potential development opportunities.

Hiddenbrooke Park Recommendations

Facility Component

ID	Feature	Rating	Qty	Comments (inc. uses)
HBP-1	Hiking Trails	2	-	Trails appeared to be in good condition, used frequently by surrounding neighborhood
HBP-2	Parking Area	2	-	Gravel pull-off area is in fair condition but small, paved driveway/road through park is in good condition
HBP-3	Signage	2	-	Signage at front of park embedded in stone pillars, good condition, difficult to read
HBP-4	Lawn / Grass	3	-	Lawn areas at front entrance are in good condition
HBP-5	Trees / Vegetation	3	-	Natural area, trees appeared to be in good condition, prune & remove dead wood as necessary
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Additional Comments/Explanation of high or low rating:

City of Beacon Facilities Inventory

Facility Name

Green Street Park

Address

25 Green Street, Beacon, NY 12058

Inventory Date:

Apr. 19

GIS point

Area

1.4 AC

Ownership:

Client

Other:

Ambiance Score

3

Rating Key: 3= Exceeds Expectation

2=Meets Expectations

1=Below Expectations

Action Plan:

Action Plan Completed?

Comments:

Future plaza space planned, pole ball game feature is used as the symbol for the park

Green Street Park Recommendations

Facility Component				
ID	Feature	Rating	Qty	Comments (inc. uses)
GSP-1	Basketball Court	2	1	Minor cracking observed, extensive patchwork, surfacing & striping is worn
GSP-2	Playground	3	1	Playground is new and in good condition, combination of PIP surface and wood fiber
GSP-3	Pavilion	2	1	Pavilion was in good condition, minor graffiti
GSP-4	Ball Game Pole	2	1	Pole was in fair condition, minor wear observed
GSP-5	Restroom Facility	2	1	Facility was in fair condition, moderate graffiti present
GSP-6	Parking Area	3	1	Pavement was in good condition, limited parking, ADA spot with markings
GSP-7	Signage	1	-	No park sign present, no wayfinding signage
GSP-8	Paths & Walkways	3	-	Stonedust path with steel edging in good condition, appeared well maintained
GSP-9	Lawn / Grass	3	-	Lawn areas were in good condition, very few bare spots observed
GSP-10	Trees / Vegetation	3	-	Trees were in good condition, limited shade, prune & remove deadwood as necessary
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Additional Comments/Explanation of high or low rating:

City of Beacon Facilities Inventory

Facility Name
Address

The Settlement Camp
724 Wolcott Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508

Inventory Date:
Ownership:

Apr. 19

GIS point
Client

Area
Other: NYSOPRHP (Leased by City)

50.0 AC

Ambiance Score

3

Rating Key: 3= Exceeds Expectation
2=Meets Expectations
1=Below Expectations

Action Plan:
Action Plan Completed?

Comments:
Summertime operated by the City, 2 2-week long sessions with ±70 kids per session. Theater building rented out as wedding venue, comfortably holds 100-150 people, very popular. Buildings not operated for summer camp purposes are generally dilapidated, spread throughout property, not usable. ±50 total structures. Drive in theater events for ±30 cars.

The Settlement Camp Recommendations

Facility Component				
ID	Feature	Rating	Qty	Comments (inc. uses)
TSC-1	Disk Golf Course	2	1	Operated by volunteer group, building in fair condition, sign in good condition, notice board in good condition
TSC-2	Pool Facility	2	1	Fiberglass lined pool, filter building & equipment was upgraded when purchased, permitted by DOH, some items may be grandfathered
TSC-3	Theater Building	3	1	Rented as venue space, in good condition
TSC-4	Summer Camp Buildings	2	±3	Used for summer camp activities, generally good condition, some clutter, loose boards, broken windows, etc.
TSC-5	Summer Camp Barn	2	1	Barn is in good condition, contains space for garden club (underutilized, not very active) and rock climbing
TSC-6	Misc Other Structures	1	±40	Most structures not utilized for summer camp are dilapidated and in poor condition, too scattered / diffuse to be readily used
TSC-7	Homestead Building	2	1	Building is in good condition, some underutilized space, currently houses the Hudson River Sloop organization offices
TSC-8	Parking Area	1	-	Parking is inadequate to accommodate peak summer & event crowds, dirt / gravel roads are in fair condition.
TSC-9	Signage	2	-	Limited signage on site, very little wayfinding signs
TSC-10	Lawn / Grass	2	-	Lawn areas were in good condition, very few bare spots observed
TSC-11	Trees / Vegetation	3	-	Natural area, trees appeared to be in good condition, prune & remove dead wood as necessary
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Additional Comments/Explanation of high or low rating:

City of Beacon Facilities Inventory

Facility Name

Address

Fishkill Creek Greenway & Heritage Trail

8 Long Dock Road, Beacon, NY 12508

Inventory Date:

Apr. 19

GIS point

Area

Ownership:

Client

Other: Private with Trail Easement

Ambiance Score

3

Rating Key: 3= Exceeds Expectation

2=Meets Expectations

1=Below Expectations

Action Plan:

Action Plan Completed?

Comments:

Partially constructed in areas, not fully completed. Sections that are built are well maintained. Agreements are in place for some parcels that if developed must include easement areas for additional trail construction.

Fishkill Creek Greenway & Heritage Trail Recommendations

Facility Component				
ID	Feature	Rating	Qty	Comments (inc. uses)
GHT-1	Paths & Walkways	2	-	Trail is crushed stone, in good condition, minor ADA issues at street crossings
GHT-2	Benches, Dogipots, Site Amenities	3	-	Benches & dogipots are located frequently along constructed portions of the trail and in good condition
GHT-3	Signage	2	-	Trailhead / Kiosk signage in good condition, limited identification signage, limited wayfinding signage
GHT-4	Parking Area	N/A	-	No formal parking areas, connects to several locations throughout the City
GHT-5	Lawn / Grass	3	-	Lawn areas were in good condition, very few bare spots observed
GHT-6	Trees / Vegetation	3	-	Trees were in good condition, prune & remove deadwood as necessary
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Additional Comments/Explanation of high or low rating:

City of Beacon Facilities Inventory

Facility Name

Fjord Trail

Address

8 Long Dock Road, Beacon, NY 12508

Inventory Date:

Apr. 19

Ownership:

GIS point

Area

Client

Other:

2=Meets Expectations

1=Below Expectations

Ambiance Score

N/A

Rating Key: 3= Exceeds Expectation

Action Plan:

Action Plan Completed?

Comments: Currently in Master Planning Phase, will connect Beacon to Cold Spring with connections to Dennings Point Park, Long Dock Park, Madam Brett Park.

Fjord Trail Recommendations

Facility Component

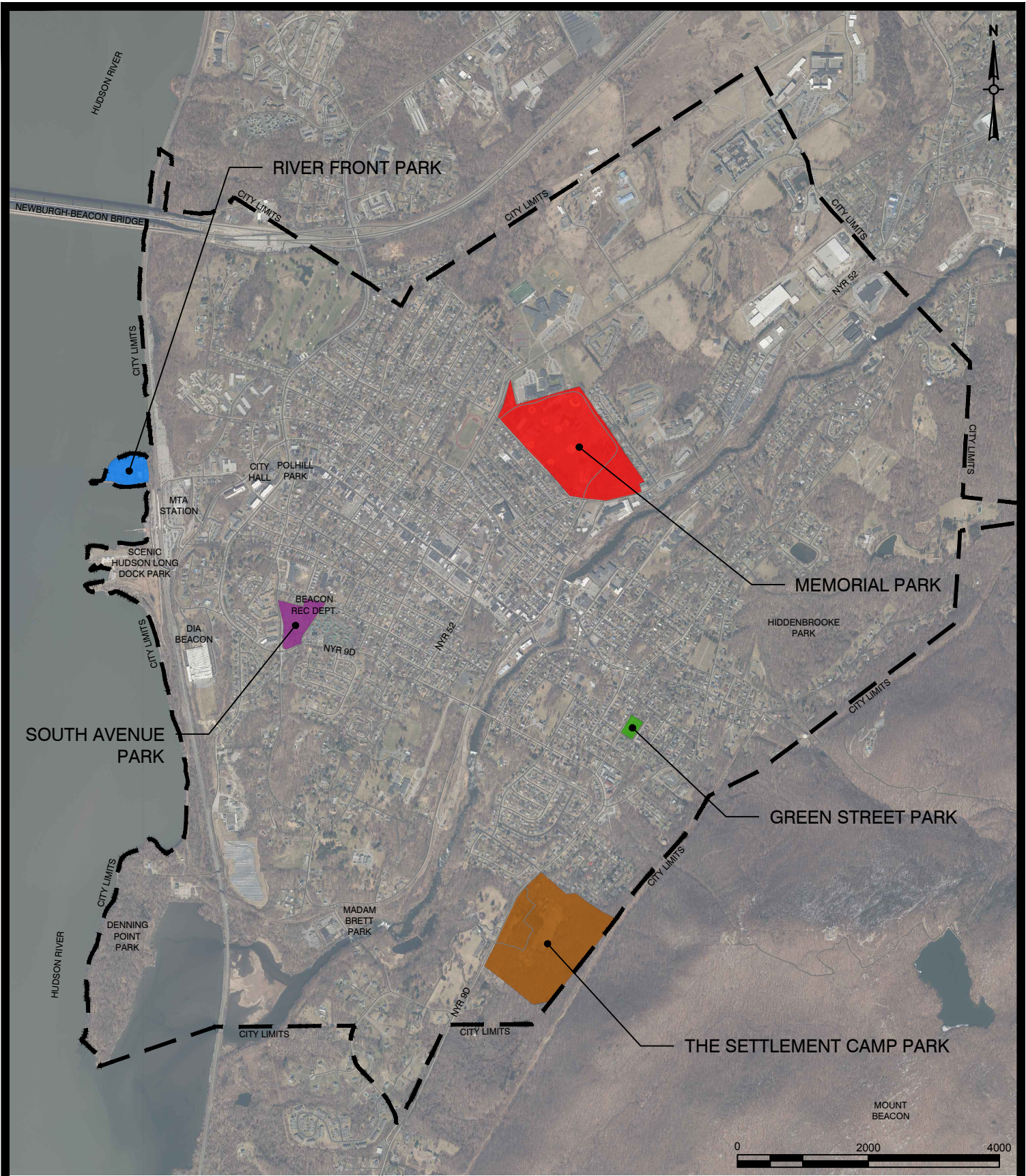
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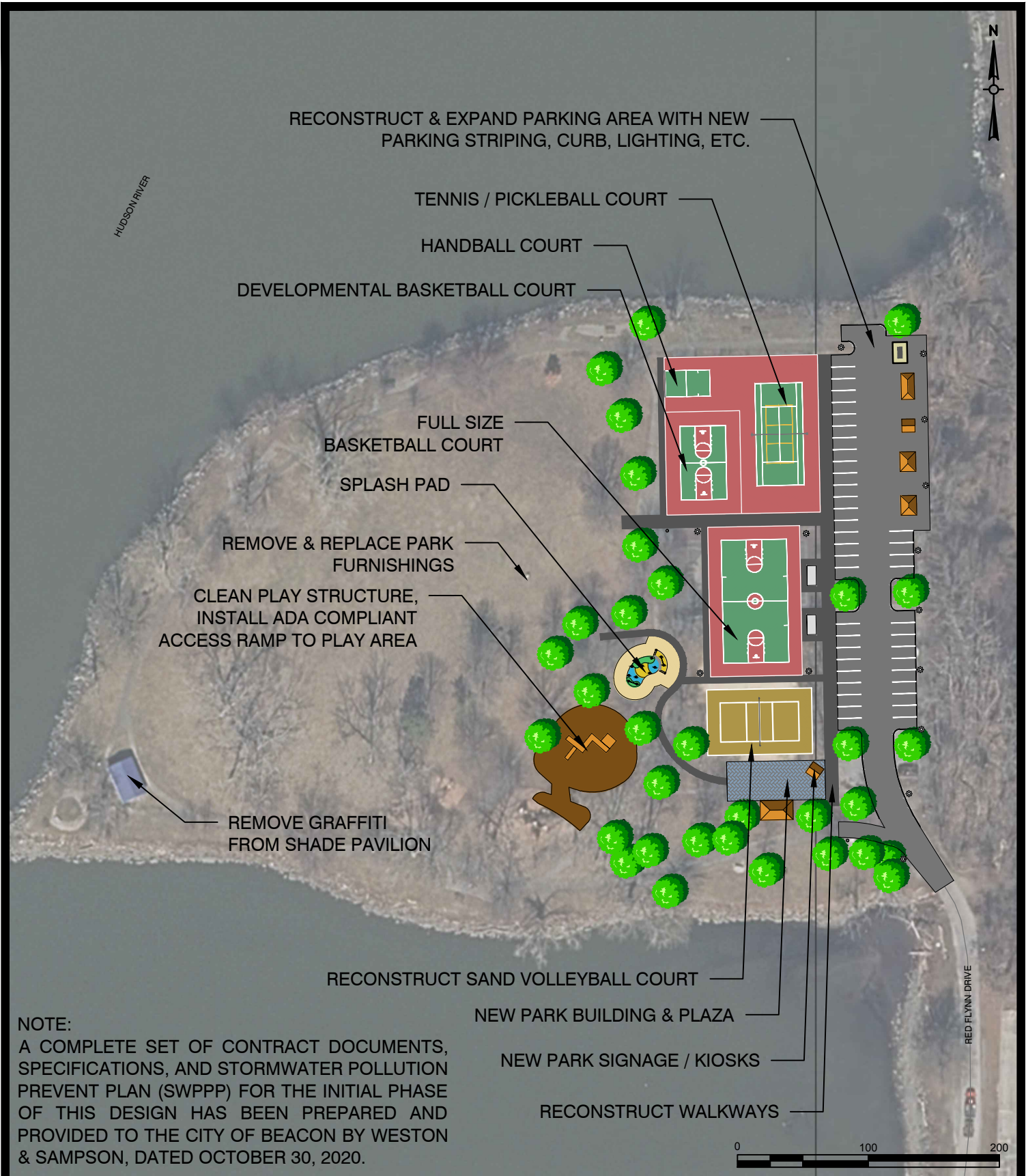
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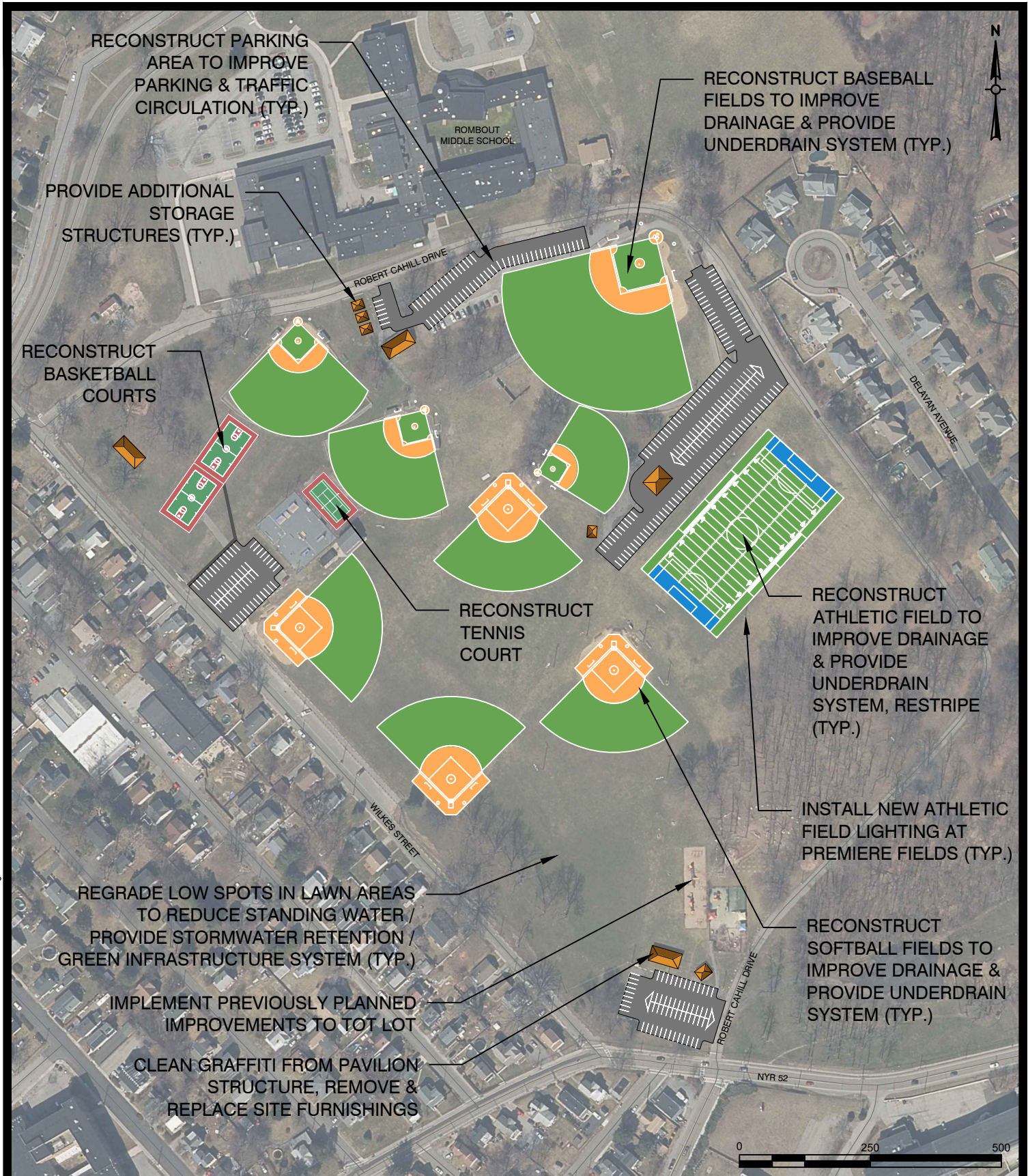
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			OVERALL PARK LOCATION MAP

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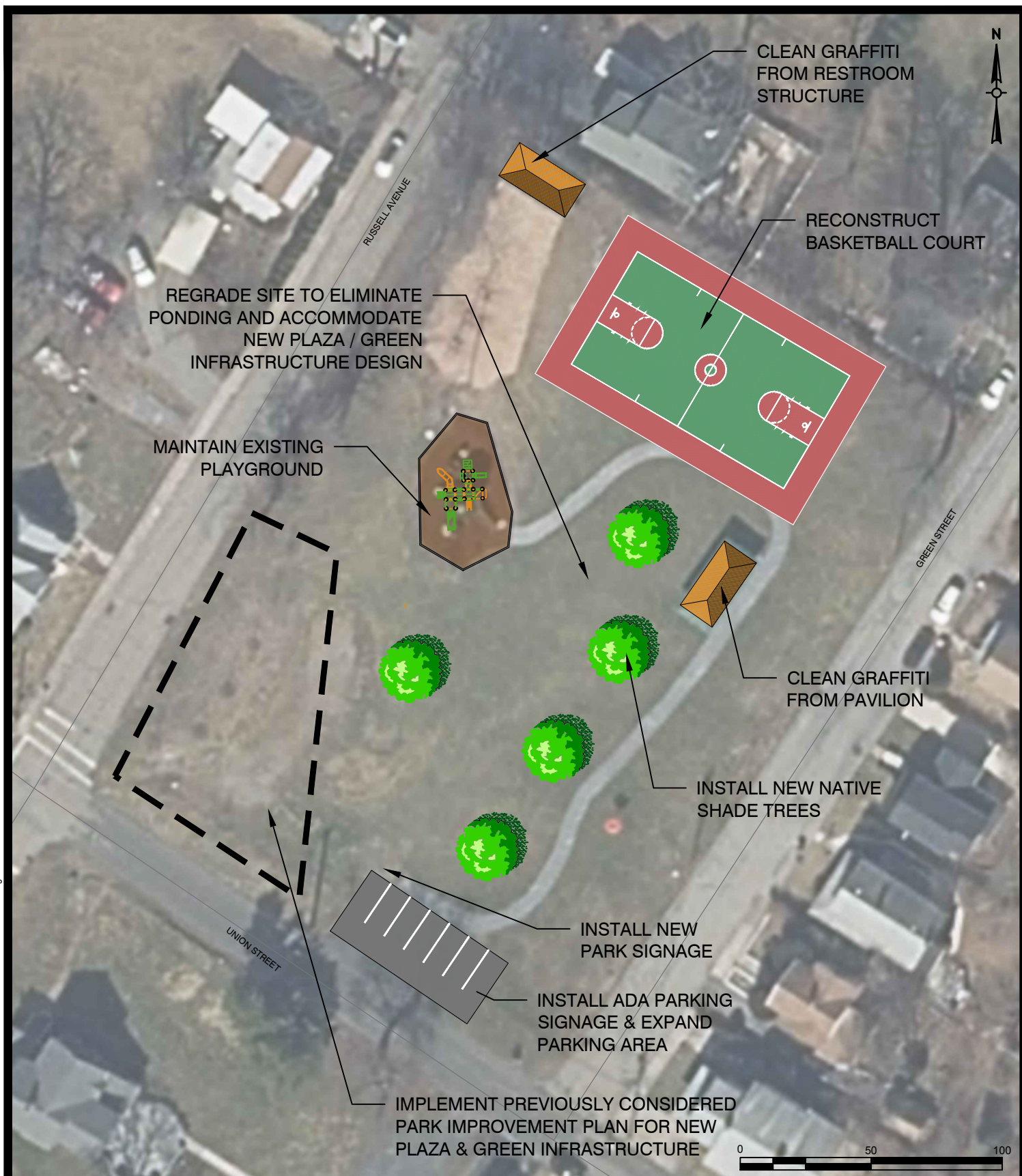
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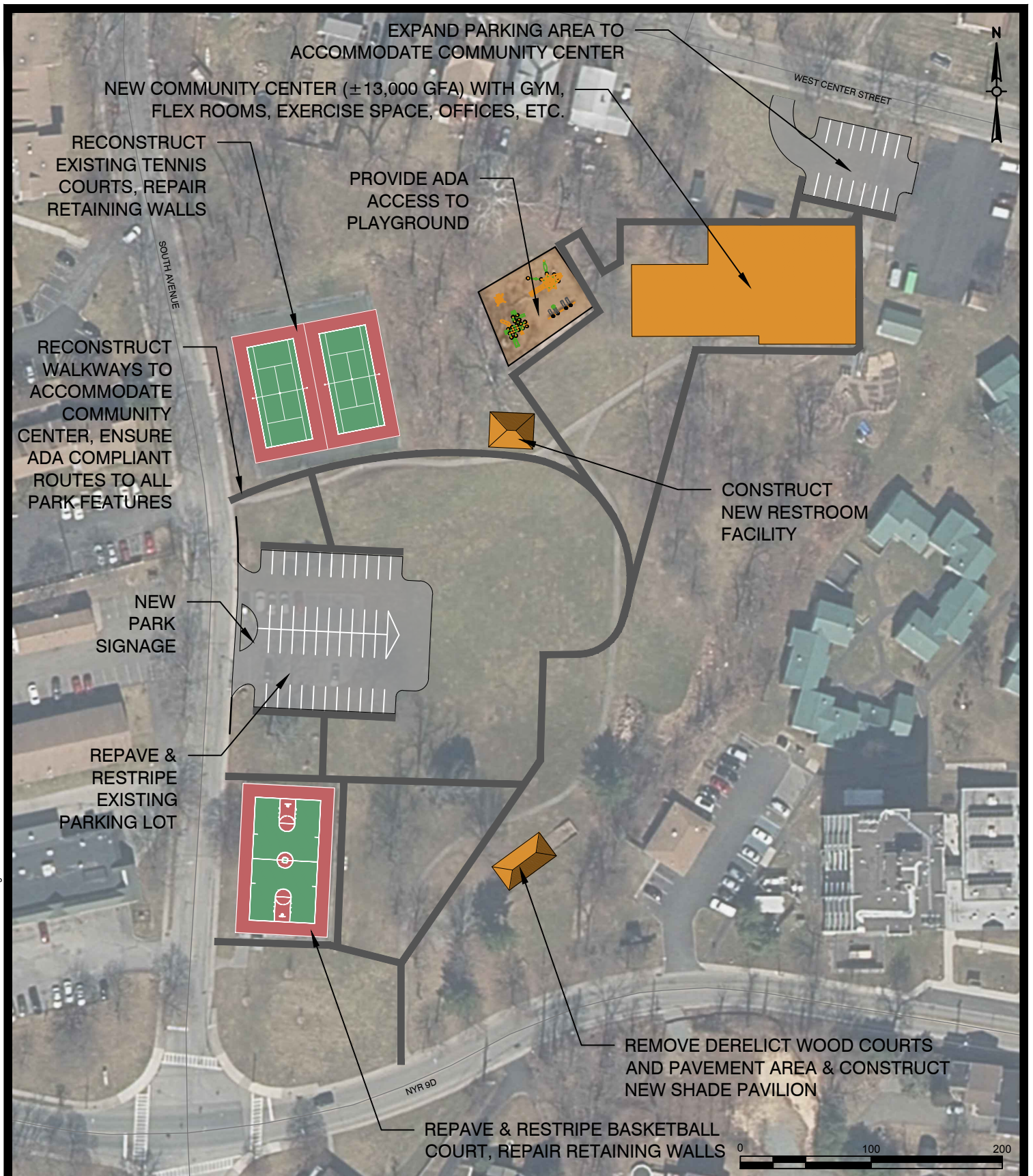
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