Town of Lynnfield Master Plan

Goals & Policies
Statement

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- 6. Research funding options to set aside funding for open space acquisition to meet Town needs for conservation and recreation.
- 7. Enact through Town Meeting appropriate zoning bylaw changes.

Open space and recreation needs and concerns that were cited in the open space survey and in conversations with residents are as follows:

- Many residents are unaware of the number and type of recreation and open space facilities that are available to them.
- Playgrounds and ballfields need to be upgraded and restrooms should be added to many of the facilities.
- Many residents felt there is a need for more activities for older children.
- The majority of residents who responded to the survey and who were interviewed expressed a desire for more connection to other communities and between areas in town through hiking, biking and walking trails and sidewalks.
- Some residents stated that there may not be a need for acquiring new areas for open space and recreation as much as there is a need to preserve, enhance and promote the existing areas. However, some residents feel there is still a need for additional land for athletic fields.

Services & Facilities

The Task 1 process of reviewing literature, speaking to Town officials and community leaders resulted in the following assessment of Town services and facilities.

Schools

- The two elementary schools are currently at capacity, the middle school is close to reaching capacity and the high school's facility is able to accommodate future growth. The Superintendent feels that the schools' space needs will be met through flexibility in arranging classroom space and no new schools will be necessary in the near future.
- Most people move to Lynnfield for the high quality school system. The quality of education is the highest priority for new home buyers.