1. What street do you live on?

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1. How many years have you been a Haverhill resident?

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| **How many years have you been a Haverhill resident?** | | |
| **Total Responses: 858** | | |
| <3 years | 81 | **9%** |
| 4-10 years | 156 | **18%** |
| 11-20 years | 229 | **27%** |
| 21-30 years | 129 | **15%** |
| 31-40 years | 113 | **13%** |
| 41-50 years | 84 | **10%** |
| 51-60 years | 26 | **3%** |
| 61+ | 35 | **4%** |

1. How important are parks, recreation, and open space issues to you?

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| **How important are parks, recreation, and open space issues to you?** | | |
| **Total Responses: 858** | | |
| Most important 5 | 593 | **69.1%** |
| 4 | 229 | **26.7%** |
| 3 | 27 | **3.1%** |
| 2 | 5 | **0.6%** |
| Least Important 1 | 4 | **0.5%** |

1. How frequently do you visit Haverhill's parks, recreation, and open space areas?

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| **How frequent do you visit Haverhill's parks, recreation, and open space areas?** | | |
| **Total Responses: 858** | | |
| Never | 6 | **1%** |
| Other | 20 | **2%** |
| Occasionally (3+ times a year) | 93 | **11%** |
| Monthly | 160 | **19%** |
| Often (3+ times a week) | 259 | **30%** |
| Weekly | 320 | **37%** |

1. The Haverhill parks, recreation, and open space system includes many properties. List the names of the top five parks, playgrounds or other open space properties that you visit.

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| **The Haverhill parks, recreation, and open space system includes many properties. List the names of the top five parks, playgrounds or other open space properties that you visit.** | | |
| **Total Responses: 858** | | |
| Winnekenni Park | 748 | **87%** |
| Riverside Park | 606 | **71%** |
| Bradford Rail Trail | 435 | **51%** |
| Plug Pond Rec Area | 333 | **39%** |
| HHS Athletic Fields | 272 | **32%** |
| Tattersall Farm | 218 | **25%** |
| Swasey Field | 204 | **24%** |
| Crystal Lake Area | 191 | **22%** |
| Round Pond | 120 | **14%** |
| Meadowbrook Conservation Area | 107 | **12%** |
| Cashman Field | 98 | **11%** |
| Whittier’s Birthplace | 74 | **9%** |
| Clement Farm/Legion Field | 69 | **8%** |
| Other | 68 | **8%** |
| 12th Ave Park | 67 | **8%** |
| John’s Woods | 48 | **6%** |
| Wheeler Woods | 29 | **3%** |
| Hannah Dustin Park | 27 | **3%** |

“Other” Responses:

Alfred Park

American legion

Area around NECCO

Bailey Reservation

Bailey Reservation

Bay Point Reservation

Boardwalk

Bradford Common

Bradford Common

Bradford Common

Bradford yacht club “fish” playground

Brandy Brow

Brandy Brow

Bullen Park

Buttonwoods trail

Cashman Skate Park

City Boardwalk and many of the walkable streets

Columbus Park

Consentino

Do not know them by name

Dog park behind the old Smiley School

downtown boardwalk

East Meadow River water conservation area

Elementary School Fields

Elementary school fields for practices

Fish park near the yacht club

Gale Park

GAR park

get back to me on that

Golden Hill

Haverhill City Cemetery

Haverhill Skate Plaza

hill view school in ward hill

Hunking

Hunking fields

Hunking Middle School

Hunking School

Hunking School

I rotate between most of them so limiting to five is near impossible

I use the parks located at Bradford Elementary

Kenoza Lake

Kenoza Lake trails

Lake Pentucket

Lake Pentucket

Leave these spaces alone.

Legions field softball

Meadowbrook

Merrimack River (in kayak)

Merrimack River!

Middle Road

Millvale

Millvale Reservoir

Mostly school/public playgrounds

Park at the Corner of Washington St & Railroad Square

park on river st near methuen line

Pentucket Lake

pines recreation area

Portland St And Union St playground

Rail Trail

River park on Rt. 110

Riverfront Park

School parks

School playgrounds

Silver Hill

SkiBradford (wish it was open in summer and fall)

St James

St James

Tilton school

Tobey Park

Trail around Kenoza Lake

Union Park

Veterans memorial ice rink

Veterans Memorial Rink

Veterans skating rink

Walnut Square School Playground

Washington Landing Park

Washington Playground

1. What reasons limit your usage of Haverhill’s parks, recreation, and open spaces? Check all that apply.

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| **What reasons limit your usage of Haverhill’s parks, recreation, and open spaces? Check all that apply.** | | |
| **Total Responses: 858** | | |
| Lack of adequate amenities | 366 | **43%** |
| Conditions are poor | 259 | **30%** |
| Don't know the locations | 236 | **28%** |
| Lack of time | 229 | **27%** |
| Feel unsafe | 226 | **26%** |
| Parking | 135 | **16%** |
| Poor signage and trail markings | 135 | **16%** |
| Other | 125 | **15%** |
| Proper lighting | 123 | **14%** |
| Not conveniently located | 79 | **9%** |
| Too crowded | 59 | **7%** |
| Not interested or enjoyable | 58 | **7%** |
| Lack of accessibility | 39 | **5%** |
| Do not have transportation | 26 | **3%** |

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| **‘Other’ Responses: 125** |
| Abandoned homeless tents with sharps laying around |
| A lot of the playground equipment is not at the skill level for all ages. Too much climbing and not enough swings. |
| Bad Weather |
| Baseball fields are in horrible condition which makes it difficult to use them safely. |
| Bradford Common |
| Bradford Rail Trail is great but finding a parking spot is hard. Haverhill needs more free parking downtown. |
| Buttonwoods trail washes out with high tide. No railings to prevent falling in river. |
| Cant bring my dog |
| Closest park is almost 4 miles away. Not convenient at all. |
| Dedicated sidewalks and bike lanes along Water Street would increase walkable access to nearby parks |
| Dogs not allowed - don’t feel safe walking/hiking without due to health issues |
| Drug paraphernalia found on sand at ponds and parks or drugs being done in public. |
| Haverhill does a poor job of maintaining cleaning and supervising |
| I feel the HHS field is a lot of very open space that isn’t fully utilized. |
| I have young children and some of the hikes are a bit challenging for the right now. |
| I often don’t know if some of these places are public use or require permission. Tatersall farm is a good example of this. |
| I onlyFeel unsafe if I am walking alone in a remote area |
| I usually go to the same places over and over |
| I was badly injured on the Buttonwoods trail I reported it to the mayor's office in my concerns went unanswered. There is a sign there inviting people to enjoy it and yet it is a dangerous and unattended trail. |
| I’d like more single track hiking and biking trails |
| It would be great if a play ground was dog friendly |
| Lack of available recreational fields for youth sports. Particularly soccer. Due to New England weather fields can only be used half the year. We desperately need more turf fields |
| Lack of cleanliness and pride in baseball fields. |
| lack of covered area for temporary shelter |
| Lack of enforcement of fishing license and limits. |
| Lack of engaging playground equipment for babies and toddlers |
| Lack of facilities or options |
| Lack of maintenance |
| Lack of picnic tables to relax and enjoy the day picnicking |
| Lack of waste bins and proper upkeep |
| Lakes and ponds not taken cared of. Little to NO access to fish these areas. |
| Legion field needs bathrooms for girls softball. Not porta potty |
| Litter |
| More picnic tables please! |
| Mud season |
| my health |
| need bathrooms |
| Need more bathrooms |
| no boathouse for Haverhill crew team |
| NO RESTROOMS IN WINTER!!! |
| Not clean |
| Not walking distance from home |
| Off leash dogs |
| Parks near me more convenient |
| people litter too much and it makes me mad |
| People using parks for other reasons besides what they are intended for |
| pets esses |
| places people can read a book or play video games in a car |
| Places with tall grass have ticks |
| pollution |
| poor weather |
| Rail trail needs to be longer even the streets need walkable sidewalks |
| Rail trails need to be plowed in winter & area maintenance (replacing broken fencing on Bradford rail trail) |
| Restrictions on dogs especially at Tattersall Farm |
| Signage could improve |
| Skate park is not maintained and does not have good ramps for beginners many woods ramps are rotting through and unusable would use regularly if maintained and improved |
| Sketchy areas on new section of Bradford Rail Trail, Buttonwoods Trail, wooded section of Riverside ParkAmong others |
| Some areas have a lot of trash or homeless areas |
| Some our kids have just outgrown |
| Some places are too hot/sunny in the summer. We have to keep moving to stay with the shade. |
| Terrible fields quality |
| The amount of single men sitting in cars watching everyone at plug pond |
| The Bridge walk from the holes 18 to 1 is falling apart and has been for years. It's a liability. Every time I call the town they say it's been reported. That's been. YEARS now. Soon we won't be able to walk from the legion to holes one. Why is this being ignored? People and even kids could get so hurt! |
| The park at the corner of Washington St (in addition to many other areas in downtown)have dog poop everywhere. |
| The playgrounds are often neglected. Some (like Riverside Park) have rusting parts. It is dangerous for little kids. |
| Too much trash |
| Trails at winnekenni are often too muddy to use. A lot of litter around Round Pond. Playground equipment geared towards preschool kids instead of older kids. |
| Trails have become dirty trash and signs of partying/drinking left behind. |
| Unfortunately children are unsupervised especially at plugs pond |
| Wasted space instead of actual fields that soccer and lacrosse could use. |
| Weather |
| Weather lots of rain last year. And I had no idea that there were this many recreational spots in Haverhill. Even with 4 kids. |
| wet and mucky |
| Winnekenni has become over crowded - I like to fish plugs but there is ALWAYS trouble there |
| Winnikenni Park grounds are full of dog poop |
| because I walk the park by the haverhill stadium almost weekly I only walk the streets around my neighborhood a few other days of the week |
| Daylight. I work out of town so weekends and weekdays @ Daylight Savings Time |
| Dogs off leash |
| dogs off leashes @ Wheeler Woods |
| I don't limit |
| I don't limit the use due to any of the above reasons |
| I love my own yard! |
| I tend to go to the locations I can walk to from home |
| I use the parks as much as I can |
| I visit many of the spaces multiple times in a week. |
| Lack of adequate facilities for skateboarding |
| limited free time |
| Love the areas but have a yard at our house to play in |
| Lucky to live in RV |
| Mud and ticks |
| My physical limitations & don't like walking/hiking. |
| Needs sidewalks on North Broadway to Tattersall Farm |
| No choice but to use them for youth sports |
| No need |
| No real trouble. |
| None |
| None of the above. I always visit and don't let any of those reasons limit me |
| not allowed |
| Not limited |
| Not sure |
| nothing |
| prefer to have a companion for larger wooded properties |
| skibidi |
| Snow at Riverside Park |
| Still working |
| The mud and swampy trails at winnekenni |
| These are the areas I prefer and are walkable from my home. |
| Time |
| Too hot or too cold |
| Towns to interested in apartments |
| Trails are short-would be good to connect smaller trails |
| Unsure which are appropriate for my toddler |
| We often but not always take our kids to playgrounds outside of Haverhill that are well designed for creativity and prolonged visits. |
| Weather |
| Weather and other activities |
| Winnie kinnieToo crowded most of the rest I go to are good. |
| You over develop everything you touch. |

1. What activities do you travel out of Haverhill for, if any?

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| **What activities do you travel out of Haverhill for, if any?** | | |
| **Total Responses: 658** | | |
| Hiking/Biking/Running/Walking | 270 | **41%** |
| Sports | 172 | **26%** |
| Playground | 77 | **12%** |
| Beach/Lake | 63 | **10%** |
| Water Parks/Swimming | 58 | **9%** |
| Indoor Activities | 37 | **6%** |
| Dog related | 36 | **5%** |
| Canoe/Kayak | 34 | **5%** |
| Shopping | 34 | **5%** |
| Skiing | 27 | **4%** |
| Fishing/Camping/Hunting | 25 | **4%** |
| Skate Parks | 21 | **3%** |
| Food/Eating | 17 | **3%** |
| Golf/Disc Golf | 17 | **3%** |
| Bird Watching/Wildlife/Nature | 14 | **2%** |
| Music/Festivals | 14 | **2%** |

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| 1 baseball |
| Action Cove in West Newbury |
| Action Cove is better than anything I'm Haverhill |
| Affordable and clean indoor swimming pool space |
| All activities |
| Almost all |
| Amusement Parks, Parks, Events |
| Andover / North Andover for hiking and their parks |
| Any activities catered to toddlers like playspacea, splash pads and parks |
| Apple picking |
| Arcades, parks, indoor attractions |
| Art exhibit and cultural events |
| ATHLETICS |
| Athletics |
| Audubon or federal sanctuary; state park, museums |
| Baseball |
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| Baseball |
| Baseball |
| Baseball and basketball |
| Baseball fields |
| Baseball fields, family friendly space, basketball courts for kids that are well paved and safe for kids |
| Baseball fields, Soccer fields |
| Baseball Fields. |
| Baseball Games |
| Baseball, batting cages, consessions, picnics and other activities. |
| Baseball, gymnastics |
| Baseball, lacrosse, golf |
| Baseball. Hiking |
| Basically if I want to entertain my children or have them engage in an activity, I have to leave Haverhill because there’s nothing for kids. And if there is, only the ones who have an IN know about it. |
| Basketball |
| Basketball |
| Basketball |
| Basketball and baseball and work |
| Basketball, Hiking, Family time at parks. |
| Beach |
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| Beach , skiing |
| Beach access |
| Beach visits |
| Beach walking |
| BEACH WALKS |
| Beach, biking |
| Beach, mountains |
| Beach, ocean |
| Beach, playgrounds, hiking |
| Beach, rail trails, downhill skiing, longer hikes, gardens, historic home tours, museums, picnic areas, music |
| Beach, skiing |
| Beach/swimming |
| Beach/swimming, hiking |
| beaches |
| Beaches |
| Beaches, hiking |
| Beaches, skiing, boating |
| Better and longer railtrail |
| Better playgrounds |
| Better playgrounds |
| Better playgrounds, age appropriate playgrounds, splash pads, other recreational areas |
| Better playgrounds, safer walking trails |
| Better playgrounds, street hockey |
| Bicycling, parks, box lacrosse |
| Bigger hikes |
| Bike path, rail trail |
| Bike riding, golf |
| Bike trails |
| Bike trails |
| Bike trails |
| Biking |
| Biking and running |
| Biking, hiking |
| Biking, hiking, boating |
| Biking, hiking, group activities |
| Biking, paddleboarding |
| Biking, pond skating |
| Biking, sking |
| Biking, swimming, skiing, kayaking, paddle board, pickleball, dog parks |
| Biking. Running. |
| bird watching |
| Bird watching in other towns |
| Birdwatching, hiking, conservation volunteering |
| Boating and swimming |
| Botanical Gardens, also Soccer Fields |
| Business, vacations, visit family |
| Camping |
| Camping |
| camping, beach/ocean, sledding |
| Camping, hiking |
| Camping. |
| Camps. Lowell has free camps at playgrounds that are open to non residents. |
| Canoeing |
| Children fairs activities guided walks moonlight walks community festivals food trucks kids activities |
| Children’s playground |
| children’s swimming &basketball, day care, hiking trails, children’s learning workshops/camps |
| Children's rec |
| City walking; Newburyport, Portsmouth, Salem MA |
| Clean spaces to walk my dog that doesn’t have any big dogs and is also quiet |
| Cleaner/safer play grounds. Hiking trails |
| Concerts |
| Concerts, skiing, shopping |
| Crew / Regattas |
| Crew practices for my high schooler. We have to go Groveland at least 3 days a week when water training is scheduled. |
| Dance classes |
| day hiking, dining, shopping |
| Different parks and swimming |
| Different trails, waterfront access, beach access, birdwatching/photographing, outside with food options s ie food trucks, snack stands |
| Dining and experiencing art-related activities. Museums + galleries |
| Dining, zoo, |
| Disc Golf |
| Disc golf |
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| Disc Golf |
| Disc golf, running on trails, hiking, walking dog, beaches |
| Diverse playground equipment, better maintained basketball courts, wildlife & conservation signage. |
| Doctors Appointments, beach |
| Dog park |
| Dog park |
| Dog park, more pickleball |
| Dog parks |
| Dog Parks |
| Dog parks, activities for older kids |
| Dog parks, walking trails, kids play parks |
| Dog walking. Hiking. |
| Downtown shopping, baseball training, kayaking |
| Eating |
| Eating, shopping, jump parks. |
| Ebike on trails |
| Enclosed playgrounds, dog parks (the one in Groveland is so nice for both those things!) |
| Entertainment |
| Entertainment, night life, shopping, recreation, |
| Event/party space |
| Events and activities |
| Events at public parks, birthday party rentals at other town parks |
| Everything |
| Everything |
| Exercise |
| Family |
| Family activities (Arcades, trampoline park - Apex center in Marlboro MA), |
| Family and warmer climate |
| Family indoor entertainment |
| Farmers markets, food truck festivals |
| Fields to play rec games. |
| Fishing, hiking, kayaking |
| Fishing. Baseball. Sports. |
| Flag football |
| Floor hockey |
| Food, historical places. |
| Football and baseball fields for youth |
| Free Outdoor music events, playgrounds, hiking trails, free outdoor movies in the park, |
| Frequently walk at the North Andover town common. Easy access, free parking, flat path. |
| Fun things to do/more walkable areas |
| Gardens |
| Gardens |
| Going to a skate park |
| Going to the beach |
| going to the beach or the mountains, generally hiking |
| Golf |
| Golf, Soccer |
| Grandchildren sports events |
| Group mountain bike trail rides, clinics, Pump Track in Chelmsford, skiing in NH, Backpacking & hiking. |
| Groveland for parks and lake |
| Groveland playgrounds/West Newbury playgrounds |
| Gumnastica |
| Gym, shopping, hiking |
| Gymnastics |
| Healthy kids running |
| HHS Crew Team |
| Hike |
| Hike/walk |
| Hikes, dog parks |
| Hikes, parks, water parks |
| Hikes, trail walks, dog walks, biking. |
| Hikes, water parks, soccer fields |
| Hikes; kayaking |
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| Hiking |
| Hiking (longer distances), rock climbing |
| hiking ,, walking,biking |
| hiking / walking / kayaking - Haverhill spaces are to small. I typically walk anywhere from 5-6 miles in areas less crowded and troublesome |
| Hiking and ATV’ing |
| hiking and kayaking |
| Hiking in other conservation areas |
| Hiking in the mountains |
| Hiking in the mountains |
| Hiking in White Mtns |
| Hiking trails |
| Hiking trails along waterways/lakes, kids like to find new playgrounds like the field of dreams in Salem nh |
| hiking trails in North Andover. I live on the North Andover line |
| Hiking trails, beach, playgrounds |
| Hiking uphill |
| Hiking with my daughter, dog walking, playgrounds, bike riding |
| Hiking with my dog off leash |
| Hiking, paddle boarding, Nordic skiing, swimming |
| Hiking, beaches, fishing |
| Hiking, bicycling (trail) |
| Hiking, biking |
| Hiking, biking, dog parks |
| Hiking, biking, sports. |
| Hiking, biking, swimming at the beach, paddling, camping |
| hiking, biking, swimming, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, shopping/strolling, ping pong, picknick, concerts, outside movie nights |
| hiking, canoeing, baseball, soccer |
| Hiking, cleaner, less traveled trails |
| Hiking, community events like craft and flea markets, music and stage shows |
| Hiking, concerts |
| Hiking, cross country skiing, biking |
| Hiking, dining, shopping |
| Hiking, dog park |
| Hiking, dog walking |
| Hiking, dog walking |
| Hiking, dog walking |
| Hiking, dog walking, baseball |
| Hiking, entertainment |
| Hiking, history, museums |
| Hiking, kayaking, skiing |
| Hiking, larger Playgrounds, Boating |
| Hiking, long paved bike trail (utilize Windham rail trail a lot- Bradford is short and feels unsafe in some spots) |
| Hiking, parks with water access better amenities for the kids, tennis courts |
| Hiking, playgrounds |
| Hiking, Playgrounds |
| Hiking, playgrounds, sports (indoor facilities) |
| Hiking, running, cycling. |
| Hiking, see the ocean |
| Hiking, shopping, beaches, theater |
| Hiking, Sitting on the Beach/Watching The Waves, Biking, Sight Seeing, Museums |
| hiking, skiing |
| Hiking, skiing |
| Hiking, skiing, biking, swimming, |
| Hiking, snowshoeing, and walking longer rail trail systems |
| Hiking, snowshoeing, walking trails, kayaking |
| hiking, soccer, biking, playgrounds |
| Hiking, sports |
| hiking, swimming |
| Hiking, swimming, and we go to parks that are fenced in (Drummond in NA or Penguin in Andover) |
| Hiking, swimming, camping, fishing, hunting |
| Hiking, swimming, sledding, playground |
| Hiking, swimming, sports |
| Hiking, taking kids to nicer parks, skateboarding in Amesbury |
| Hiking. We have some options, but variety can be nice. |
| Hiking. Beach. Dining. Sightseeing. Museums. Botanical Gardens. trustees of Reservation properties. |
| Hiking. Nature watching |
| Hiking/mountains |
| hiking/walking trails that are clearly marked and maintained. Better playgrounds. |
| Hiking/walking trails with views and bridges |
| Hockey, Football, Baseball |
| Horses,Polo |
| Hunting |
| I don't do any |
| i dont leave my house im so sigma |
| I drive to Salem Rail trail bc the Haverhill one is 1 mile long! All entertainment: Movies, Arcades, Adventure courses, Boda Borg, Shows, Mini golf |
| I go to surrounding cities/town to use their splash pads (Amesbury) or larger parks with larger playscapes |
| I often walk trails in Newburyport and Salisbury as well as here in Haverhill. |
| I photograph wildlife |
| I travel out of Haverhill for Airsoft fields and bowling. |
| In terms of outdoor recreation, longer walking trails and hikes on better maintained surfaces for kids (as I’m a parent of small children). As well as theater and musical performances as Haverhill offerings are limited |
| Indoor pickleball, grandkids lacrosse |
| Indoor playgrounds |
| Indoor rec. |
| Indoor recreational opportunities. Swimming at a pool. |
| Indoor sports |
| Indoor Trampoline/ jump parks, children’s museums, science museums, outdoor parks with more equipments |
| Ipswich Wildlife Sanctuary, Crane estate |
| Kayaking |
| Kayaking |
| Kayaking |
| Kayaking |
| Kayaking Hiking biking |
| kayaking and hiking |
| Kayaking, canoeing |
| kayaking, canoeing, beaches & swimming (fresh and saltwater) |
| Kayaking, hiking and cycling |
| Kayaking, hiking, archery, fishing |
| Kayaking, youth sports, summer camp |
| Keep Haverhill simple and quiet. |
| Kids basketball hoops |
| Kids parks - lacrosse - flag football |
| Kids sports |
| Kids sports and long hikes |
| Kingston NH for lake |
| Kite festival, Kids day with sports games |
| Lacrosse, field hockey, baseball, football, soccer |
| Lacrosse, hiking, skiing |
| Lacrosse, tennis |
| Lake life |
| Lakes |
| Larger parks with more slides and equipment for my kids. Parks closer to the water with beach access. Parks with soccer fields. Parks with better baseball fields. |
| LIVE THEATRE, FESTIVALS, MUSEUMS, MUSIC EVENTS |
| longer bike trails and hiking trails |
| Looking at scenery; photography; shopping; movie theatres |
| Lots of outdoor recreation |
| Maudsley state park, beach, Parker river reservation |
| Methuen MA and Salem NH for trampoline parks. |
| More hiking trails |
| more hiking/walking, more kayaking |
| more scenic low level walks |
| Most |
| Most if not all recreational activities, my favorite is mill pond west Newbury |
| Mostly scenic drives due to lack of accessibility and facilities |
| Mountain biking |
| Mountain Biking, hiking, snowboarding. |
| Mountain climbing |
| Mountain Hikes, swimming |
| Mountains & beach |
| Mountains/ocean |
| Movies Theatres |
| Movies, hiking, kids activities |
| museums |
| Museums, festivals, concerts, ethnic restaurants |
| Museums, restaurants, |
| museums, restaurants, visiting friends, hiking other places |
| museums, such as the PEM |
| Museums. |
| Nature trails and picnic parks |
| Nature walks, place to launch kayak/paddle board |
| Newburyport Boston |
| Newburyport for their parks and trails |
| Newburyport rail trail. Other sports events |
| Nice, well equipped playgrounds |
| Nicer, less cluttered parks or trails |
| Not many other than health needs in Boston |
| Not sure what you want here we leave the city for all kinds of things |
| Nothing |
| Off leash dog parks |
| Off leash dog trails |
| Off leash dog walking |
| off-leash dog park. I know we have one at Riverside Park, but it is very very small. |
| Organized youth sports and mountain biking trails |
| Other league sports |
| other parks |
| Other parks amesbury |
| Other sport teams |
| Outdoor Art Installations, Fairs |
| Paddle board/kayaking; hikes/walks; picnics |
| Park walks with my dog, gallery visits, playgrounds |
| Parks |
| Parks |
| parks, hiking, baseball |
| parks, museums |
| Parks, playgrounds, food, family activities |
| Parks, rail trails |
| Parks, trails, museums, indoor play places |
| Parks, walking trails |
| Paved trails that are good for biking/skating/strollers, we enjoy visiting playgrounds in other towns too (Action Cove, Drummond, Boy Scout Park, Field of Dreams). I feel our playgrounds lack variety. Most playgrounds are the same equipment, just in a different spot or are in neighborhoods that are sketchy. |
| Pickleball courts. Bicycle riding on paved wooded trails. Playgrounds for our grandchildren |
| Pickleball, swimming, |
| Places I can take my service dog when he is not working and ultimately places where I can walk him off leash. |
| Play many Golf Courses in MA & NH |
| Play on better fields for my kids t9 play sports |
| Play structure/playground for older kids -not just toddlers. |
| Playground |
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| Playgrounds |
| Playgrounds and biking trails |
| Playgrounds such as Boy Scout park, Endicott Park, Cashman Park, Groveland Pines |
| Playgrounds to Newburyport and North Andover |
| Playgrounds with bathrooms |
| Playgrounds with other equipment |
| playgrounds, beaches, hiking |
| Playgrounds, hikes |
| Playgrounds, hiking trails, swimming |
| Playgrounds, larger splash pads, parks with kids size bike paths/loops |
| Playgrounds, softball games, splash parks |
| Playgrounds. Splash pads |
| Playgrounds. We would love a playground like the one at field of Dreams in Salem Nh or Action cove in west Newbury to be created in Haverhill. |
| Pretty much everything besides sports and school |
| Proximity to ocean |
| Public pool, rollerskating, outdoor concerts, outdoor public skating |
| Public swimming pool |
| Rail trail in Newburyport instead of Bradford. Parks for my kids bc riverside isn’t rusted and outdated for my under 3 year old kids |
| Rail trail walks/bike rides |
| Rail trail, dog swimming |
| rail trail, hiking, pickleball |
| Rail trails in Groveland Salisbury and Newburyport |
| Recreating |
| Recreation |
| recreation, shopping, restaurants, boating |
| Recreational activities, hiking, roller skating, movies, mini golf, family entertainment. |
| Restaurant, board walks. Beach combing |
| Restaurants, bicycle paths, hiking, pickleball |
| Restaurants, movies |
| Restaurants, Movies, Plays |
| Retail Shopping |
| Riding bike |
| Riverfront activities in Newburyport, music, play areas, open green for lunch watching the boats and river. |
| Rock climbing |
| rock climbing, restaurants, arts classes, bird watching |
| Roller Skating |
| Roller skating, Biking, hiking, snowshoeing, and snowboarding |
| Rollerskating and beach |
| Rowing |
| Rowing, my team goes to groveland pines |
| Run, walk, hike, picnic, bike |
| Running |
| Running trails |
| Running trails |
| Running, hiking, biking, skiing, horseback riding |
| Running, hiking, soccer, walking |
| Running, hiking, walking |
| Running. |
| Salem, NH parks |
| Salisbury Beach Park |
| Sea coast hiking |
| Seacoast activities |
| Senior golf and pickleball |
| Senior league baseball |
| Shady playgrounds. Ocean access. Walkable, visitor-friendly cities (Newburyport--we can eat, walk, and playground there without having to move our car). |
| Shopping |
| Shopping |
| Shopping |
| Shopping and dining |
| Shopping w no tax |
| Shopping, dining, walking, beach, hiking |
| Shopping, movies, eating out, soccer |
| Shopping, sailing, vacation |
| Shopping, vacationing |
| Shopping, walking |
| shopping, walking in stores |
| shopping, waterparks, amusement parks |
| Shopping, work |
| Shoppping, doctors |
| single track mountain biking and hiking |
| Skate bowrd |
| Skate parks |
| Skateboarding |
| Skateboarding |
| Skatepark and longer trails to rollerblade |
| Skateparks |
| Skating |
| Skating |
| Skating |
| Skiing |
| Skiing and bike riding |
| Skiing fishing hiking camping |
| Skiing mountain climbing |
| skiing, cyclying |
| Skiing, hiking, |
| skiing, hiking, beach |
| Skiing, hiking/walking |
| Skiing, mountains, dog walking |
| Skiing, youth sports, hiking |
| Soccer |
| Soccer |
| soccer |
| Soccer |
| Soccer |
| Soccer |
| Soccer |
| Soccer |
| soccer volleyball |
| Soccer, Basketball |
| Soccer, fitness |
| soccer, parks, waterfront activities |
| Softball |
| softball and baseball |
| Softball, baseball, field hockey |
| sometimes YMCA I help my mom feed homeless people and at the parks I host meetings for people who have issues like I do at home |
| son's crew practice with out of town club |
| Spending time on the beach |
| Sporting events, movies |
| Sports |
| Sports |
| Sports |
| Sports |
| Sports |
| Sports |
| Sports |
| sports |
| Sports |
| Sports |
| sports - batting cages |
| Sports (soccer, baseball, golf), beaches |
| Sport's and playgrounds |
| Sports games/practices |
| Sports, hiking |
| Sports, movies, shopping |
| Sports, playgrounds |
| Sports, playgrounds & parks for my children. |
| Sports, vacations, work |
| Sprinklers/splash pads |
| Street Hockey Courts, outdoor entertainment ( music ), soccer fields |
| Swimming |
| Swimming |
| Swimming |
| Swimming |
| Swimming |
| Swimming |
| Swimming |
| Swimming and other water fun! |
| Swimming indoor |
| swimming, hiking |
| Swimming, hiking, kayaking |
| Swimming, ice skating, fishing, hiking, geocaching, soccer practice, biking, exploring |
| Swimming, rolling skating, bowling |
| Swimming, walking |
| Swimming. |
| take my dog to Mill Pond in W.Newbury |
| Taking my dog to the park or playing catch with our sons. |
| Tennis and basketball |
| Tennis now that all the courts are gone. |
| The beach |
| The beach |
| The beach |
| The Beach / Ocean |
| the beach occasionally |
| The beach, cycling |
| The ocean, gambling, walking, golfing |
| The park in amesbury for their disc golf and covered seating areas. Newburyport for their summer movie and music series as well as the proximity of cashman park to rail trail and downtown. Groveland dog park. |
| Theater |
| Theater |
| Theater. Shopping. Concerts. Senior events |
| Theme Parks, Arcades, family. Haverhill has no decent arcade. :( |
| To see places with animals |
| to visit family |
| To visit National Parks and hike |
| Toddler play grounds |
| Toddler playground |
| Toddler playgrounds, sports fields |
| Trail riding, hiking |
| Trail running, hunting, fishing, cycling |
| trail walking |
| Trail walking, splash pads for kids |
| Trails at Maudsley and Bradley Palmer |
| Trails for hiking, biking, sports, swimming |
| Trails, off road vehicles |
| Trampoline parks |
| Trampoline parks etc |
| Trampoline, and arcade entertainment |
| Travel Baseball, Cheer gym |
| Trustees of Reservation sites, Plum Island |
| Tubing, hiking |
| Turf fields |
| Visit family |
| Visit nh beaches |
| Visit other lakes and better local parks. |
| Visit other parks outdoor activities |
| visiting a family member |
| volleyball |
| Walk |
| walk on ocean shore |
| walking |
| Walking |
| Walking |
| Walking |
| Walking / hiking |
| Walking marginal Way, visit Rockport, visit Newburyport downtown. |
| walking on well-mainteained sidewalks |
| Walking rail trails, fishing |
| walking trails |
| Walking trails |
| walking trails |
| Walking trails on water. Easy kayaking put ins not in river. Softball, Field hockey, sledding, |
| walking trails, dog trails, paved trails (long) |
| Walking, bike riding, basketball, soccer |
| walking, boating |
| Walking, hiking |
| Walking, hiking |
| Walking, shopping |
| Walking, shopping, dining out, cultural activities |
| Walking. |
| Walking/biking |
| Walking/Biking on proper trails |
| Walking/Hiking |
| Walking/Hiking |
| walking/hiking/playgrounds with restrooms |
| Walks, hikes, kayaking |
| Walks, hikes, playground for kids |
| water activities, boating, kyaking, biking (rail trail not long enough) |
| Water activities-beach/boating |
| Water Park |
| Water park. Zoo. Splash pads |
| Water parks , baseball |
| Waterfront views (walking, picnic) |
| We hike the White Mountains and also enjoy hiking in Newburyport (Maudslay) |
| We mostly travel outside of Haverhill for different restaurant experiences and to ski at bigger mountains. |
| Work |
| Work |
| Work |
| Work |
| Work |
| Work and life. |
| Work, coastal exploration and walking |
| work, hiking, shopping, etc. I travel out of haverhill for almost everything |
| Work, shopping, hiking |
| Work, sports |
| Work, vacation (FL), visit relatives |
| Work, visit it historical markers |
| Work, visiting friends and family, shopping |
| X-country skiing |
| YMCA/playgrouds |
| yoga, eating out, hiking |
| youth basketball |
| Youth sports |
| Youth sports |
| Youth Sports |
| Youth sports |
| Youth sports, hiking, beach |
| Youth sports/extracurriculars, playgrounds, |

1. What facilities/activities would you like to see more of in Haverhill?

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| **Total Responses: 858** |
| Access to river |
| Access to swimming lessons for kids |
| Access to the river, for boats kayaks. The one dock downtown isn't adequate or easy to bring your own kayak too. |
| Accessible parks |
| accessible playing fields that are clean safe |
| Accessible trails with parking - when you are mobility limited you don’t want to use up your walking energy getting to/from parking spots |
| Activities for children- street hockey, bike trails, walking trails |
| Activities for kids |
| Activities for pre-K children. Lots of fields, designed for older children adults.. |
| Activities for teens / older children |
| Activities for tween/teenage children |
| Activities for.youth |
| Add more softball fields in the city or better parking at the legion fields. |
| Adequate restrooms year-round. Other places keep them open. Especially important when I am out with my young gr daughter. |
| ADEQUATE SOCCER FIELDS!! |
| Adult soccer league, more creative playgrounds |
| adult sports |
| Affordable classes, fishing, woodworking, trades, kids classes, adult classes. |
| afternoon programming |
| Ages 8-14 sports. Not just jr hillies cheerleading. Lax has great program, would like to see field hockey, flag football, basketball. Basketball tourneys for all ages at riverside park. |
| Agritourism, boathouse for crew team |
| All access bathrooms, water bottle refill stations, lighting, benches, sunshade, garbage& recycling removal increased frequency |
| all noted above |
| An atrium for warmth & beauty during the winter that has cooling mist during the summer; large outdoor ice skating rink that turns into splash pad in the summer (these multi-use units exist); more picnic areas; outdoor music theater |
| Animals |
| Another splash pad, more unique/special equipment at play grounds |
| Any outdoor activities in nature! |
| Anything accessible & safe |
| Anything for kids families |
| anything more for children families |
| Arboretum |
| Arcades. Pipe Dream, but maybe we can build wooden coaster in park like Zippin Pippin in Wisconsin. |
| ARCHERY CANOES KAYAKS |
| Art music |
| Art music |
| Art fairs, festivals, concerts |
| Arts community spaces |
| Arts & better Senior Center environment offerings |
| As above |
| Athletic fields |
| Attention to already existing fields/courts |
| ATV trails |
| Ball fields |
| Baseball |
| baseball |
| Baseball |
| Baseball |
| Baseball fields are in terrible shape need to be improved. Turf athletic fields would be nice. |
| Baseball fields, enclosed playgrounds, water park |
| Baseball outdoor indoor, soccer outdoor indoor |
| Baseball tunnels for training, kayak/paddleboard rental at Plug Pond |
| Baseball, gymnastics, basketball |
| Basketball |
| Basketball courts hangout spots for teens where they can be without being harassed by adults police just for being there. anything easily accessible vitransit for families without reliable cars! |
| Basketball courts, playgrounds with loitering laws enforced |
| Basketball courts, running trails |
| Basketball for kids ages 4-6 |
| bathrooms |
| Bathrooms playgrounds |
| Bathrooms trash cans at Clement Farm disc golf course |
| Bathrooms at fields stadiums. Better care; investment pride in youth fields. large, approved fenced in dog park/area. |
| Bathrooms at playgrounds, more upkeep, larger play structures, maintained fields |
| bathrooms, better parking areas |
| Bathrooms; ways to bicycle without danger from traffic without endangering walkers; safe places to put bicycle when going into store (so using bike for err s becomes an option) |
| Batting cages |
| Batting Cages for baseball / softball |
| Batting cages for use at baseball fields. |
| Batting cages. |
| because I am 83 I do not look for other activities |
| beginner adult lessons tennis pickle ball, summer adult fitness at the park, yogat the park or boardwalk,music at the park with setup like Tuscan Village, beginner knitting, crotcheting activities similar to Peabody Parks Rec |
| Better access to the river - boathouse for the HHS Crew Team |
| Better ball fields |
| Better ball fields convenient bathrooms |
| better baseball soccer fields, hiking trails |
| Better baseball fields / riverside upgrade |
| Better baseball fields, parks with bathrooms |
| Better bike access facilities. |
| better boat launch access to Merrimack River More forested walking, biking trails |
| Better care of playgrounds |
| better dog park, fitness walk |
| Better field conditions  Safer field conditions  More access to the best fields |
| Better fields for soccer |
| Better fields for youth sports (baseball, soccer, lacrosse, etc.) |
| Better fields. Better drainage. |
| Better indoor facilities for lacrosse. |
| Better kept baseball fields, family friendly picnic space Basketball courts for kids, |
| Better more maintained fields without the cost of using them go up or baseball registration fees |
| Better playground designs especially for young children. More activities for young children in Haverhill |
| Better playgrounds |
| Better playgrounds in safer areas with additional amenities such as splash pads |
| Better playgrounds, more library events geared towards children under 10, more concerts/b s… at public grounds |
| Better Quality baseball fields |
| Better quality shops restaurants |
| Better rail trail |
| Better restrooms for baseball at Riverside snack shack would be tremendous. |
| better skate park |
| Better space for recreation athletics |
| Better sports fields |
| Better trail signage, more organized events at these locations. |
| better trash bathroom usages for the parks |
| Better use ofHHS pool, pickleball ,school gyms, more indoor winter activities |
| better walking / running / biking trailings. better trail markers, maps, |
| Better/larger playgrounds like windham park in windham or field of dreams in Salem. Would be good to have accessible places as my husb is disabled - mobility can be hard. |
| Bicycle races, dance parties in the evening in good weather |
| bicycling trails |
| Bike paths |
| Bike paths |
| bike paths longer than mile |
| Bike trails |
| Bike trails |
| Bike trails |
| Bike trails better dog parks |
| Bike trails sidewalks |
| Bike trails / tennis courts |
| Biking |
| Biking, paddleboarding |
| Biking, skateboarding, family related gathering places. |
| Birdwatching |
| Birthday rentals events |
| boat house for HHS crew regattas |
| Boat house for HS Crew Team |
| Boat house or water access |
| Boat house! We have extensive riverfront areas in Haverhill, yet rowers (including HHS crew!) have to go to other towns or practice in Plug’s Pond. We should amplify Haverhill’s riverfront possibilities! |
| boat house/place for HHS crew team to launch on the Merrimack. |
| Boat ramps |
| boathouse |
| Boathouse |
| Boathouse |
| Boathouse dedicated access for high school crew team |
| Boathouse for access to river |
| boathouse for crew especially for the HHS team |
| boathouse for haverhill high school’s rowing team |
| Boathouse for HHS Crew team. |
| Boathouse for kayaking on the Merrimack or for the HHS Crew Team |
| Boathouse, sailing lessons, downtown revitalization for dark spaces |
| Boating |
| Boating |
| Bocce |
| book store, group hikes |
| Bowling alley, roller skating, tennis court at Win.-park, movie theatre…oh wait, you took family outings away put in ungodly pot shops. |
| Bowling, roller skating, bike paths |
| Bradford Common should be lit up for Holidays fountain would b great. |
| Bringing more focus to the Merrimack River |
| Canoe, paddle board, kayak are |
| can't think of anything |
| Children’s sports |
| city sponsored parks page/app, like All Trails but just for Haverhill. Would highlight history nature found there, but also maybe have reporting function for problems ideas |
| CLEAN bathrooms; updated play areas |
| Clean dog parks |
| Clean open trails for hiking/walking |
| Clean parks |
| Clean parks! |
| Clean up Events |
| Clean, safe walking areas |
| Clean, safe walking areas |
| Cleaner facilities |
| Cleaner parks, splash pad, additional sports fields |
| Cleaner parks. |
| Cleaner safer parks |
| Community bike rides, more dedicated walking paths / trails (separated from traffic) for example, paved running trail that goes all the way around cashman park would be great. |
| Community Building |
| Community center downtown with adult programs |
| Community events centered around the spaces |
| Community events. |
| Community Garden, Seed Library, More benches/safe walkway paths, More trees, More advertisement about community spaces, educational opportunities for kids/adults about our environment, more native flowers/shrubs for pollinators birds, |
| Community kids fest.. community park cleans ups.. teen parties at citizens center like the old days more teens children related activities family fun amd gathering |
| Compare Haverhill rec website activities to over /N. over |
| Concerts |
| concerts |
| concession st at riverside park I think would be very successful during spring, summer fall sports |
| Connect the Bradford rail trail to grovel path |
| Connected trails walkways |
| Conservation l for hunting recreational use |
| conservation of current properties |
| Continue to exp trail network |
| Continued progression of the Rail Trail |
| continuous paved trails, wooded maintained trails |
| Dance Studio |
| Dedicated properly maintained fields. Indoor sports facility |
| Dedicated SAFE soccer fields |
| Dedicated field space for youth sports. These isn’t single soccer field that’s not at school there isn’t single field for lacrosse in Haverhill. |
| Dedicated Soccer fields. Better trails. |
| Dedicated Soccer fields. Multi use turf fields |
| dedicated soccer fields. we travel all over the place. its ridiculous |
| Designated areas for sports teams. Allow the fields to be used as fields for the kids who pay to play in the rec department leagues so they can have SAFE fields. It’s embarrassing to have other teams come here see how disgraceful the field conditions are. Please invest in our children!!!!! |
| Disc golf |
| Disc golf |
| Disc golf |
| Disc golf, Clement farm is one of the best free courses in the region brings people from all over New Engl on regular basis but at times can be crowded difficult for locals to play but another course would not only cement Haverhill as disc golf hub but provide another great space for Haverhill residents to enjoy. |
| diversity in the types of spaces offered for children/youth. |
| Docks to restaurants |
| Dog friendly |
| Dog friendly areas |
| Dog friendly parks |
| Dog friendly places, with play ground access |
| Dog park |
| Dog park |
| Dog park in Bradford - ideally on the rail trail would be fabulous |
| Dog parks |
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| Dog parks |
| dog parks |
| Dog parks |
| Dog parks of larger scale , bike walking trail. |
| Dog parks, community game spaces - chess park, shuffleboard, bocce ball court, skate park, open theater |
| Dog parks, pickleball, bike trails, water sports |
| dog parks, swimming |
| Dog waste receptacles at trail heads. |
| Downtown dog park |
| Downtown events |
| Educational activities for the community that highlight sustainability regenerative practices. For example, bringing awareness to the opportunities for more green space such as unused parking lots over-paved areas. |
| Enrichment activity for youth |
| Entertainment for kids |
| Events |
| Everything in the above answered questions. |
| Exercise options |
| Exp ed rail trail. More walking trails, better athletic fields |
| Extended rail trail, wooded trails, waterfront usage |
| extension of rail trail to include loop to other side |
| Facilities/activities for seniors w/wo families , safe place to play badminton |
| Family activities |
| Family entertainment facilities, roller skating rink, arcades, CLEAN SAFE picnic areas, CLEAN SAFE outdoor play areas with bathroom facilities proper shaded areas |
| family events for the kids |
| Family fairs/events |
| Family fitness nature exploration. Doing great so far! |
| Farmers Markets |
| Fenced in parks, farms, splash pads |
| Festivals community events |
| Festivals events |
| Festivals food fest |
| Festivals. Wish the parks were cleaner maintained more. |
| Fewer housing development, more open space, parks for children, walking trails |
| Fields basketball courts for sports |
| fields for youth sports that are well maintained, in safe areas, not flooded |
| Fields/ parks/ trails maintained |
| Finish the Bradford rail trail |
| Fishing durbies |
| Fishing, boating, utilization of the river & lakes |
| Fix the baseballs fields at stadium for riverside Bradford |
| Flag football, soccer |
| Flat fields for soccer, football lacrosse. |
| food trucks |
| Food trucks |
| Foraging Groups, bathrooms on longer trails, |
| fortnie toilet |
| Free events for children |
| Free family events |
| Free or affordable activities for all ages. Outdoor exercise options. Walkable green space eating areas other than restaurants bars |
| Free outdoor music movies in field/green space; nicer playgrounds |
| Free sports for kids |
| Full connected riverwalk, continued effort to keep parks well maintained, trash pick up |
| Gardens |
| Gardens |
| Gardens |
| gardens, family friendly, physical/active |
| Getting chance to learn new sport or activities. |
| Great playgrounds- multi age |
| Green spaces with seating shade |
| Groomed trails |
| group activities |
| Group exercise/yogin the Park. Maybe at winnekenni castle sunset yoga |
| group meetings for people who have issues at home like I do |
| guided trail walks or other events at these locations |
| Hguided hikes |
| hiking |
| Hiking |
| Hiking trails |
| Hiking trails |
| Hiking trails |
| Hiking Trails in Bradford/Ward Hill |
| Hiking trails that are easy to navigate. |
| Hiking trails that are marked |
| Hiking, biking |
| hiking, cross country skiing, group hikes, maybe more of picnic pavilion or b shell for outdoor events |
| Hiking, Mountain Biking |
| Hiking, pickle ball, bike paths |
| Hiking/walking/biking trails |
| How about adding fresh water largemouth bass to your lakes ponds?? |
| I actually think the city is doing pretty good job! |
| I am the president of RB Baseball we desperately need access to another field or 2. When I started in the league 10 years ago there were 4-5 more fields than we have now. This affects our ability to provide kids with the experience they deserve. |
| I believe that the baseball fields at the Stadium need refresher. Especially the back fields. It would be great to have some bathroom accommodations not just port o potties. Then if we got them they would need to be maintained. The summer time have concession st open to the public |
| I can’t think of any. |
| I don’t know |
| i don’t know |
| I feel it’s well balanced |
| I hear there is plan for total awesome pumptrack. Do it! |
| I LOVE Haverhill's parks! I love how well-used they are by so many families, dog-walkers, etc. What I'd like to see improved are the sidewalks along the streets that surround the parks so that they are easier to access. One other amenity that I ( others) would love is an indoor walking facility for the winter months. |
| I love the ideof skateboard park |
| I love the trails in green space especially around Meadowbrook the reservoir, more marked trails in other locations |
| I think "less is more”. I feel the areas surrounding the lakes are not maintained to be sustainable. The amount of trails surrounding the reservoir needs to be addressed as they are increasing erosion. |
| I think Haverhill has incredible amenities, but they need to be better kept up as far as paving, bathrooms, parking, etc. |
| I think Haverhill has lot of good areas but could use more better maintenance of spaces |
| I would like community fairs like at stadium during 4th of July. I’d like to see more for teens. I just drove by the old Bradford college it looked so sad. |
| I would like to see better more fields for soccer, lacrosse field hockey. Futsal courts would also be an excellent addition. There are some towns that have ordinances that require that new or refurbished basketball courts be combined with futsal courts. This is worth looking into. |
| I would like to see better field conditions |
| I would like to see kayak rental for the river, more adult sports leagues, map of where the parks trails are, |
| I would like to see more organized activities for younger children. |
| I would like to see plug pond utilized in summer for day camps for children through the recreation department. I would also like to see open safe walking trails around Kenoza, plugs pond round pond. |
| I would like to see the areas that we have maintained |
| I would like to see the bradford rail trail exp ed cleaned up. I have felt unsafe there multiple times as result I don't use that trail unless I am looking for short walk will be with at least two other people.  I would also like better signage at places like John's woods. I feel like most trails in the city are not marked well. |
| I would like to see the empty space across from Northern Essex, that the city bought sold the wood to pay for park across town. That needs to be parking lot. It looks like dumping ground. There are NO sidewalks along KenozStreet from Issac park on. There are also “No Parking “ signs along Kenozstreet (across from Northern Essex), therefore making entrance to the trails along the lake only possible if one wants to walk through wooded area. |
| I would like to see the more playscapes added to our local parks. The current ones are small fit only few children. I would also like to see more splash pads added throughout the city the Haverhill high school pool open to the public during the summer. It would also be cool to have events on the rail trail with food trucks, bouncy houses any activities for kids. |
| I would like to see the parks cleaned more frequently great police presence. |
| I would love to see boathouse for our residents students to be able to access the river for activities including crew. |
| I would love to see the Bradford rail trail be extented alomng the river |
| I would love to see the playgrounds better maintained— sadly trash inappropriate / vulgar graffiti is problem. More spray pads as our summers get warmer. In our larger parks, dream would be to attract local or regional theater company or some of the schools do performance series outdoors. Similarly, outdoor concert series or community movie nights in the summer with portable projector. more activation of the River, eventual extension of the riverwalk so it is complete circuit from the Basilere to Comeau Bridges |
| I’d like to see larger variety of ages represented at each playground rather than some playgrounds being for younger kids some for older. Less pickle ball courts or whatever new fad hits next. I’m honestly surprised there wasn’t ninjwarrior course |
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| I’d love if our downtown was like Newburyport’s or Amesbury |
| I’d love if there were parks that had structures meant for multi-ages. park similar to cashman in Newburyport is what I have in mind. |
| I’d love to see put-in spots for canoes kayaks on the Little River or other small bodies of water. The bigger parks like Winnekenni could really use reliable bathrooms. |
| Ice cream, concessions |
| Ice rink |
| I'd like more nature with learning programs, owl hikes, education on our wildlife. Tattersall illegally mowed while nesting bobolinks were still there few years back, which is illegal. The stadium has osprey the town keeps trying to get rid of them. Build few osprey nesting st s instead so they aren't on the lights. Just other night cops were debating shooting an injured Swan, Thank God caring people found help instead |
| I'd like to see that bridge repaired. I'd like to stop having to call the town about it every 6 months for YEARS. |
| idk |
| If only we one of those pump tracks I keep hearing about. |
| Improved playgrounds, street hockey |
| Improved senior league baseball fields for the teenage players |
| Improved trails at Winnekenni, improvements to the numerous fields at the stadium |
| Improvements to neglected baseball fields at Hunking & other schools for usage |
| Improvements to the baseball fields |
| In thought about this |
| Inclusive Playgrounds, splash parks, wadding pools, kids activities |
| Indoor outdoor skating, indoor/all season swimming |
| Indoor activities for kids teens for the colder weather |
| Indoor activities like, bowling, arcades, rolling skating. These kids gave nothing to do so there is so much troubled kids. |
| Indoor activity places more group activities |
| Indoor Athletic space |
| Indoor baseball training, skateboarding |
| Indoor family entertainment |
| Indoor pickball |
| Indoor playground |
| indoor playgrounds |
| Indoor pool |
| Indoor recreation |
| Indoor soccer fields |
| Indoor sports complex, Skating places, areas to do picnics, additional parking at Winnekenni |
| Indoor sports facilities! |
| Indoor training facility |
| Indoor turf |
| Jump park, more playgrounds, bigger splash pad, concessions at riverside baseball games. |
| Kayak access |
| Kayak/Paddleboard/Canoe Rental @Plug's Pond |
| Kayaking |
| Kayaking |
| Kayaking |
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| Kayaks |
| keep purchasing l for recreational use. Haverhill is over developed |
| Keep the american legion softball fields for the youth girls in haverhill |
| Kid friendly parks (toddler) |
| Kids activities |
| Kids fishing day |
| Kids size outdoor basketball hoops. More police presence at existing parks |
| Lacrosse |
| Lakes/ swimming areas/ hiking areas / biking areas |
| Larger/nicer dog parks, off leash areas |
| Learn how to sail. Charles River program. |
| Less buildings, new apartment complexes run down spaces. Stop the overgrowth if the city clean up the parks spaces we currently have |
| Less development |
| Less development, more trees hiking areas to enjoy nature |
| Less high rise building |
| Less pay parking |
| Lighted baseball fields, more playgrounds, walking trails |
| Lighted walking/running trail or track. |
| Lighting, batting cages, fields being clean. |
| Little River trail development |
| Live entertainment |
| Live music |
| Live music venue |
| local sports that are inclusive |
| long bike trail 10+ miles, hiking trails, outdoor music venue like Lowell’s. More bike lanes crosswalks. |
| Longer hikes, public golf access |
| Longer paved bike trail |
| Longer rail trail |
| Longer trails |
| Longer trails (Winnekenni is great but all others are quite short) |
| Lounges, captivating nightlife, open space activities/access (Boston-lawn on D) (Woburn-tavern in the square quad), food trucks, more entertainment/nightlife on riverside neighborhood |
| maintained hiking trails |
| Make youth sports fields useable. Youth sports fields are not maintained well leading to teams not wanting to use them or can’t use them . |
| Many parks have better facilities for families, especially children, such as dining areas with tables chairs. It would also be interesting to ban the use of radio or loud music, after all, we go to the lake or parks to relax, talk observe nature. |
| Map of hiking trails playgrounds. |
| Maps |
| Marked trails |
| More access to High School facilities, trail maintenance |
| More accessible areas & restrooms |
| More activities for children such as outdoor concerts or kids movies/plays in the park maybe mini scooper bowl to raise money for the activities |
| More activities for older youth (teens) |
| More affordable activities for kids. Something for children to do. There is nothing for kids in Haverhill. You have amazement that’s not really thing if you’re 15. Then people want to complain about how violent the schools are. We barely have anything to keep these kids engaged in anything positive. If we do, please call me/text me let me know what Haverhill has to offer for children to stay engaged in the community away from the streets violence. 978-476-4173 |
| More After school Acting clubs |
| More age appropriate equipment at all parks |
| More areas for street hockey pickle ball, more areas to host picnics/bbqs. Outdoor, covered event space would be nice. |
| More basketball courts outside, more walking trails, more sidewalks to walk on, such as North Broadway Broadway |
| More bathroom access at parks signage to show where they are located. More information or an information booth/wall somewhere in Haverhill that gives information on recreational areas events in Haverhill. information booth would be ideal. |
| More biking walking connections between recreation areas. Being able to bike more safely on 125 Water St would greatly increase my time spent recreating in different areas parks besides the rail trail. bike lane across Basiliere bridge could help connect downtown with the rail trail |
| More biking options, extension-of the rail trail for biking walking. |
| More carnival activities or family fun days in park...more workouts in the park |
| more children led activity |
| more clean bathrooms |
| More clean up days. Too much dumping at Plug Pond |
| More clean, fix-up the playgrounds, water park... |
| More comfortable picnic areas (some buffer from traffic, decent views, good reason to be there). More public facilities (composting toilets are great option). Multi-use areas (go for hike, stop in for wee coffee & s wich, then have break at the playground). Continue the Riverwalk so we can walk continuously along the river with seating planters along the way. |
| More conservation l for walk |
| More disc golf mountain biking would be amazing |
| More disc golf courses |
| More dog friendly preferably fenced locations |
| More dog park areas that are fenced in. |
| More events in the summer months like river ruckus the Haverhill farmers market. |
| more events like the Bradford Common series that Paul Prue organizes |
| More facilities activities for families! Skatel Chunky's closing leaves not whole lot of variety for families to do, especially in the winter. Summer concerts/movie nights/ performers would great. Would love to see Kidsfest make comeback. |
| More fields for non baseball youth sports. Lacrosse, Soccer, Field Hockey etc |
| More fields with better drainage |
| More flowers community gardens |
| More focus on teenage youth. Skate /or bike parks. Safe place for them to hang out. |
| More for teens |
| More green space less buildings/appointment/condos |
| more gyms with easier access |
| More hiking trails, more fields for soccer, baseball, softball, lacrosse, field hockey |
| More hiking trails, upgraded parks with more picnic tables/gazebos, bathroom facilities |
| More history preservation of wildlife green spaces. Would love to see more green space downtown maybe some pedestrian only streets |
| More inclusive family spaces, whether that be at restaurants or in parks, for families with smaller children. Better early childhood programming at the library with an updated indoor activity space (currently held in auditorium no windows) |
| More long hiking trails |
| More markets festivals. GAR Park is very under utilized |
| More multi-functional green spaces where all ages can gather to do something stimulating outside. Definitely better access through proper signage space for parking. |
| More open green spaces downtown dog-friendly areas / parks |
| More open space accessible by foot for Bradford, Central skatepark, lights bathroom at the softball fields, theater rehe space. |
| More open space, with trails/ kayak rentals on the ponds |
| More open spaces that are mowed trails that are cleared as ticks are an issue |
| More opportunities for kayaking/ Canoeing on the Merrimack River. boathouse! |
| More opportunities for youth |
| More organized athletics for adults |
| More outdoor activities for families |
| more outdoor concerts festivals, more events that highlight Haverhill's treasures |
| More parking |
| more parks for children's sports |
| More parks for our kids less building big skyscrapers |
| More peaceful places people can walk to enjoy |
| More places open to dogs hunting, at least bow hunting. |
| More places to walk enjoy time with our dog |
| More play areas for children with more activities |
| More play centers |
| more playgrounds swings for kids |
| More playgrounds for older kids open fields for pick up sports (soccer, kickball). Tennis courts |
| More playgrounds, nicer sports fields, proper skate park space with ramps rails, paved trails for biking walking |
| More pocket parks downtown |
| More private clubs |
| More protected (from development) open space. |
| More pubilc access to the river, it could be our most important public resource. Stop letting private entities monopolize the river. boathouse space for Haverhill High crew team, or community sailing program would be great start. |
| More public space outdoor activities mixed uses |
| More quality fields |
| More readily accessible information about the areas what they kind of activities have |
| More river based opportunities |
| More riverfront parks |
| More safe walking areas |
| more senior citizen friendly parks |
| More sidewalks like the new ones on route 97 those should be extended up to crystal street |
| More space for kids/teens to hang out |
| More spaces for teens. We have lots of playgrounds for smaller kids but not as much for tweens teens. |
| More splash pads, more younger kid parks that are updated not rusty |
| More sports offered at you get age. Tennis, Field Hockey |
| More staff to clean up needles, broken glass other unsafe trash |
| More things for kids |
| More things for kids to do outside safely. There’s nothing close to my house except Crystal Lake it’s not somewhere I would bring my daughter to because of the amount of beer cans I have found out back there. |
| More things for kids to go to indoors outdoors |
| More things for kids. We lost skate l mini golf etc |
| More things for kids/ teens/ young adults |
| More things for the youth |
| More things to keep our kids busy |
| More toddler playgrounds |
| More trail systems; upgrade of the stadium amenities to bring more tournaments to the area. |
| more trails preserved woodl s, better access to the Merrimack more activities on it. |
| More Trails / more restrooms at ballfields |
| More trails with historic trail markers |
| More usage of events at Tatterstall Farm |
| More walking areas that are safe |
| more walking paths sledding areas |
| More walking trails that are well lit patrolled. Some parts of the rail trail are isolated I’m nervous taking kids there. |
| More walking/biking trails |
| More walking/running paths |
| More workout( stretching machines), acessable walking paths( cleared) |
| Mountain biking trails |
| Movie theater |
| Movie theater, Level 99, Trader Joe's, Fun entertainment complex like Apex, Good Mini Golf, Updated Baseball pitching machines, Roller Skating Rink, The Haverhill Railntrail to connect to the next towns rail trails-continuity to the rail trail system |
| Movie theater, neighborhood recreational facilities |
| Movie theater, shopping mall, soccer field |
| Movie theatre |
| Movie theatre, maybe pickleball in public areas |
| Movie. Comedy |
| Much better youth sports amenities, devoted fields for individual sports outside of baseball softball, most importantly, better upkeep of all fields |
| multi-use artificial turf fields in central locations like Riverside Park |
| Museums |
| Museums. |
| Music theater |
| music store would be nice |
| Music, games, clubs, groups |
| My son is on the high school Crew Team. Would be great for there to be boat house for the team in town. |
| natural food coop, community centers, artisan bakery, pottery studio, more bike paths |
| nature education partnership/ programming more present with the public schools. As parent, educator Haverhill citizen I would or love to see improved playgrounds nature programming for all, in Haverhill. |
| nature groups |
| Nature trails, picnic tables, bathrooms |
| Neighborhood parks run better |
| New safe playgrounds (with rubber tiles instead of wood chips), clean well-maintained bathrooms, fenced-in playgrounds, educational programs to teach kids about nature. |
| Newer playgrounds, more splash pads, walking trails |
| Nice fields that are maintained. |
| Nice, well equipped, wooden playgrounds |
| Nicer playgrounds, youth activities, better access to information regarding these. Geared towards older adults |
| Nicer playgrounds. Well kept trail along the merrimack |
| Nicer soccer/lacrosse fields, more toddler friendly.play grounds. |
| No more new apartment buildings |
| None try to stop taxing us to death |
| Not sure - happy |
| Nothing more |
| nothing particular |
| Nothing, it's all good |
| Off leash dog areas |
| Off leash dog areas that are not fenced in, looking for large areas of l you can have dogs off leash. Toddler Friendly playground for ages 1-4 are very hard to find are basically non existent in Haverhill |
| off-leash dog park, trails along the merrimack |
| Open access to the river in Haverhill. |
| Open air markets |
| Open festivals |
| Open passive space |
| Open Space Dog Park |
| Open the gates at the River Park on Rt. 110 year round. |
| Organized activities |
| Organized activities at the Parks. |
| Organized events for kids |
| Organized events, suitable to various age groups |
| Organized outdoor activities for kids |
| Organized sports |
| Our softball baseball teams need batting cage enclosures. |
| Out door basketball league |
| Outdoor concerts. |
| Outdoor entertainment, music, fairs, river front bars/restaurant for middle aged adults, |
| Outdoor festivals, more places to walk in nature, better dog park |
| Outdoor film festival, golf tournaments, community cleanups |
| outdoor group exercise/yoga |
| Outdoor gym equipment, safer walking trails for women, music food events |
| Outdoor interactive spaces for older children (8-14) |
| Outdoor kids activities |
| Outdoor music venue (not storage units) family entertainment complex |
| Outdoor places for middle school teens. We’ve lost skatel cedar l . Create more things for pre-teen teens to give them something to do stay out of trouble! |
| Outdoor plays |
| Outdoor rinks, more toddler type play space, |
| Outdoor Rinks, Street Hockey Rinks. |
| Outdoor roller skating |
| Outdoor skating |
| Outdoor sports (basketball, tennis, pickleball, biking, volleyball) small hikes, outdoor games for families, community pools, |
| Outdoor summer camp at farms/parks, more youth rec programs, rail trails/bike path |
| Outdoor theaters |
| Outside gym |
| paint ball |
| Paintball |
| Parent/child swings! I think I saw them in Beverly, MA. |
| PARK REC |
| Park activities safe |
| Park events |
| Parking |
| Parking |
| Parks |
| Parks |
| Parks |
| parks places for kids to gather that are supervised |
| Parks on the Bradford side |
| parks with more fun kid friendly equipments SHADE over equipments benches  More walking trails |
| Parks, galleries in downtown, skate park, outdoor markets during warm months |
| Paved trails like the rail trail |
| Perhaps quality skate park, better public playgrounds |
| permanent location for the HHS crew team to access the river for practice within the city. |
| pickle ball |
| Pickle ball court league |
| Pickleball |
| Pickleball |
| Pickleball floor hockey |
| Pickleball courts, tennis, walking pathways |
| Pickleball courts, walking trails |
| Pickleball courts. Updated playgrounds, better maintained, less trash |
| pickleball, hiking, rail trail |
| Picnic areas |
| picnic areas with BBQ pits |
| Picnic tables at all locations |
| Picnics, fairs, concerts |
| place to dance |
| Places for kids under 18 to go places to go to besides bars. |
| Places for kids! |
| Places.to.sit. |
| Play areas for children, community events/festivals, dog friendly areas |
| play structure at riverside park |
| Play structures, riverside park is dropping the ball with their “not fun” playground. |
| Playground with splash pad |
| Playground, activities for families. |
| Playgrounds |
| Playgrounds |
| Playgrounds |
| Playgrounds |
| Playgrounds Open Fields Maintained Hiking Trails |
| Playgrounds sports |
| Playgrounds & tennis courts |
| Playgrounds for older elementary/middle grade students. Marked hiking paths. |
| Playgrounds for school age kids |
| Playgrounds with more elaborate climbing structures |
| Playgrounds with more swings less climbing apparatuses. |
| Playgrounds with water features. Trails along the river. |
| Playgrounds with 🚽 |
| Playgrounds, better athletic fields, walking trails |
| Playgrounds, courts |
| Playgrounds, quality tennis courts |
| Playgrounds. Free concerts. |
| Plug Pond better maintained |
| Pond skating area |
| Pools |
| Pools!! |
| posted list of all recreational properties so they're easy to find, including details such as mileage, level of difficulty, bathrooms, etc. |
| Proper fields for the kids sport teams |
| Protected woodl s for trails wildlife |
| Protection from sun at parks & playgrounds (shade, sunscreen dispenser); youth basketball court; rec league alternatives to expensive private programs; zip-lines at playgrounds. |
| Public gardens |
| public gardens, native gardens |
| Public gym, splash pads, dog parks |
| Public hunting areas |
| Public pools |
| public swimming pool lessons |
| Public Swimming pool or splash pads. Swazey field doesn't feel safe for me to visit |
| Pump track for bikes & bike skill building field. |
| Pump Track for bikes. |
| pump track!!!!!! |
| Pumptracks, bike tracks, dog parks |
| Quiet nature focused areas in lower income areas |
| Rail trail expansion |
| Rail trail extended, urban parks |
| Rail trail extensions |
| Real, enforced bike lanes on more roads |
| recreation, shopping, restaurants, walking trails, more riverside access, boating (canoes, kayaks, river boats |
| Recreations places, paint places sports activities |
| Renovation to the crumbling bridge at Clement Farm \*safety hazard\* |
| Rental/smart bikes, dedicated playing fields (soccer) |
| Restaurants, Roller Rinks |
| Restaurantss, Mixed Use Music / Art Venues |
| retail galleries |
| revitalizing these parks recreation areas to their former glory |
| River activities |
| Riverfront park, riverfront concerts, vendors, open space for children to run around, picnics etc by the river. |
| Riverside Park could be cornerstone to Haverhill Parks. Our parks baseball fields are embarrassing compared to other towns. |
| Riverside park should have outdoor ice skating during winter for rent. Add food hut for baseball ganes during spring summer. Water sprinkler should have been put there instead of at swasey. |
| Rock Climbing (outdoor climbing wall) |
| rock climbing, good bird watching locations, skateboard park |
| Roller Skating Rink |
| Roller skating, pump track |
| Rollerskating rink, new skatepark in better location, outdoor performance space, more options for youth summer day camps |
| Running track, soccer fields |
| running trails |
| Running Trails |
| Running/walking/biking paths trails |
| Safe arefor kids to bike. Longer rail trail. |
| Safe teenage hang outs |
| Safe walkable sites, parking, good lighting, benches, accessible for disabled. |
| Safe walking paths |
| Safe walking trails |
| Safe, fenced in areas for children to play |
| Safer built up Riverbank |
| safer bike lanes |
| safer newer playgrounds |
| Safer parks |
| Security compounds |
| Self-guided architectural walks -- e.g., in the Highl s neighborhood or downtown |
| Senior golf pickle ball through the senior center |
| Sidewalk; signs of bus stops. It would be strongly helpful to have the sidewalk connect at the intersection of Farrwood Dr continue well into South Main St. |
| Sidewalks to allow for safer walking around streets, playground in my neighborhood, marked trails with more accessible parking |
| Sidewalks, rail trails, walking |
| single track hiking biking trails |
| skate park |
| Skate Park |
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| skate park |
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| Skate park |
| Skate park |
| Skate Park! |
| Skate park, activities for people with disabilities |
| Skate Park, Pump Track |
| Skate park, running areas, mountain bike trails, pump track/ dirt jumps |
| Skate parks |
| Skateboarding, hiking, nature walks |
| Skatepark |
| Skatepark, Boathouse |
| Skateparks |
| Skateparks |
| Skateparks |
| Skating rink/Bike trails |
| Ski/snow shoe trails |
| Skiing, camping, fishing |
| Small nique businesses that are not hair, nail, or dollar stores |
| snack st at riverside fields |
| Soccer |
| Soccer |
| Soccer field at 12th ave |
| Soccer fields |
| Soccer fields |
| Soccer fields |
| Soccer fields |
| Soccer Fields, better play grounds |
| Soccer Fields, Public Parks on the river |
| Soccer firlds |
| Soccer, tennis |
| Something for our teens, there isn't many spaces besides the YMCsince skatel closed in the folder months. |
| Something for the kids to do |
| Something for the kids. jump park or something |
| Something for tween/teens |
| Spaces for children. There is nothing other than parks |
| Spaces on the Methuen line |
| Splash pad/water play in areas other than the Aves or Swasey |
| Splash pads |
| Splash pads, recreation |
| Splash parks, parks with bathrooms, mini golf, |
| Sport  Splash pads for summer  More “ soccer field”  Indoor field in winter my kids wants to practice play soccer |
| Sporting facilities |
| Sports |
| Sports |
| Sports fields |
| Sports venues with concessions. People that actually care about one another (you can’t fix that. We need dugouts for our ball fields, chalk for base paths tools available to care for fields that ppl can actually use |
| Spray parks, open areas for picnics/outings with groups, bike trails |
| Stop building apartments with no infrastructure |
| summer programs for young people; canopies over playgrounds so they are more comfortable |
| Swimming |
| swimming |
| Swimming |
| Swimming area, better maintained hiking trails |
| Swimming pool |
| Swimming pools |
| Swimming pools , spray park at riverside |
| Swimming water sports |
| Swimming! More areas to kayak |
| tee ball fields |
| Teenager fun spaces |
| Teenagers activities, volunteering activities that kids or teens can do |
| Tennis Courts |
| Tennis courts |
| Tennis courts |
| Tennis courts bathrooms |
| Tennis courts, basketball courts |
| Tennis courts, basketball courts, lacrosse fields, soccer fields. |
| tennis courts, bike lanes, work out stations along trails, cross country trails, mountain bike trails, pedestrian zone, outdoor ping pong tables, picknick areas, outdoor concerts/movies |
| Tennis courts, mountain bike trails |
| Tennis Courts. The Riverside park needs an upgraded playground for the kids. |
| Tennis, circuit training |
| The HHS Crew team needs boat launch boat house, which can also be used by the city public just like the football stadium baseball fields etc! |
| The kids would like pumptrack for bikes. |
| The parks I have been visiting are littered in trash, especially in the summer. More trash recycling, more service for them. Noise limits would be nice for those trying to enjoy nature. Boomboxes are common. |
| The tennis courts are in shambles due to poor planning. Also the HS crew team needs boat house. wonderful spot would be near the Methuen line on the river. |
| THEATRE, MUSIC CONCERTS |
| There is great need for place so that children can do some type of activity in winter. |
| Things for kids |
| Things for kids to do - miss Skatel . Date night activities for adults (like Wicked Axe) |
| Things for teens to do. We've lost so many of our activities, skating rink, movie theater, we have rinky dink little skate park. Kids get into trouble when there isnt anything to do |
| Things geared towards children |
| Tournament grade baseball fields to bring people into the city |
| Trader Joe’s |
| Trader Joe’s. Sorry that’s priority! Activity- things for kids to do |
| Trader Joe's, more walkable areas in general. Things to do/see. There used to be video game bar which was so cool but it shut down during covid :( Things that aren't just restaurants you have to struggle to find parking for |
| Trail extensions |
| Trail maintenance |
| Trail side dining, rentals sail boats kayaks on more easily navigable waters ie ponds, lakes rather than river which cab get smelly dangerous ( be nice to have pedal boats available on Winnekenni lagoon or Plug Pond, more river tours with history or birding nature tours, festivals, would like to see more support of farm l s so we can keep them around not develop them into thous apartments. |
| Trail signage, historical markers, native plants, |
| Trail systems |
| Trails |
| Trails |
| Trails |
| trails in better condition, bathrooms |
| Trails kept in good condition |
| Trails. Better maintenance trash dog poop cleanup |
| Trampoline park |
| Trash cans, signage |
| Turf field for recreation department public use, open fields that are well maintained with less garbage/empty bottles/etc well lit. Better equal options for all sports- soccer, lacrosse, baseball etc. bigger recreation department that reaches more youth/families within the city. |
| turf field for youth sports. We are the only city that still has to practice in gyms play on grass fields. |
| Turf fields for youth sports, sidewalks in neighborhoods that are not currently safe to walk/cycle in. |
| Turf fields or soccer fields |
| Turf Fields, lighting on sports fields |
| Turf or better condition fields for youth sports |
| Unsure |
| Update GAR Park or find new arefor temporary vendor space, an outdoor (concert) venue |
| Updated Childrens playgrounds |
| Upgrade trails,bog bridges |
| Volleyball |
| volleyball outdoor, place with water view that you can be able to park or take hike nearby |
| Waking trails |
| walkable parks |
| walking bridge on old Thompson rd connecting the trails for meadowbrook conservation |
| Walking paths, picnic areas, theater |
| Walking spaces play equipment for children |
| Walking trails |
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| Walking trails |
| Walking trails |
| Walking trails that are safe away from traffic. Parks that are gated |
| walking trails to be clearly marked |
| Walking trails, clean fields for lacrosse, sports |
| Walking/Biking trails that contact to the network of trails all around Haverhill |
| Walking/hiking trails, more accessible use of the Merrimack River |
| Water front access |
| Water park, soccer fields/goals |
| Water recreation near river |
| Water sports such as rowing |
| Waterparks |
| We need proper youth sports area/complex. Our city should have fields that could accommodate multiple sports, including but not limited to field hockey, lacrosse soccer. Such complex would allow the city to invest in our youth programs in each of the above sports. It would be amazing to offer more options l also allow us to bolster our high school teams in these sports. Of course while providing safe positive options for the youth of our city. |
| We need teen center. Teens do not have many places to go hangout with friends, so they tend to get into trouble. I think teen center that had maybe video games, movie nights, food snacks, etc. would be great for them especially since Skatel is gone. |
| Web site with all possibilities what's going on |
| Weekend events, live music |
| Well maintained sports facilities that aren’t an embarrassment. Water not st ing on fields days after it rains |
| Well marked walking trails, parking downtown, better maintenance of winnekenni park ,footpaths in poor shape.festivals in parks or more concerts. |
| Wooded trails, kayaking, river cruises, more on the downtown boardwalk |
| Woods |
| Would be great if city stopped development in wooded areas. Families should be able to explore in their own neighborhoods. So keep wooded areas, slow down development. |
| Yoga |
| Yoga/Zumba/exercise outdoor in park |
| younger kid friendly, enclosed playground |
| Youth baseball Field |
| youth basketball |
| Youth camps |
| Youth entertainment options |
| Youth fields could be better - especially softball. It’s not even grass just weeds. |
| Youth football field better baseball / softball fields |
| Youth programs |
| Youth sports fields for more than just baseball |

1. How important is the following in enhancing Haverhill’s community:

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| **Total Responses: 858** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **How important is the following in enhancing Haverhill’s community:** | **Very Important** | | **Somewhat Important** | | **Not Important** | | **Mixed response** | | **Don't Know** | |
| Protecting the Merrimack River | 734 | **86%** | 107 | **12%** | 5 | **1%** | 6 | **1%** | 6 | **1%** |
| Protecting open space and wildlife | 713 | **83%** | 132 | **15%** | 5 | **1%** | 5 | **1%** | 3 | **0%** |
| Protecting other water resources | 657 | **77%** | 164 | **19%** | 17 | **2%** | 8 | **1%** | 12 | **1%** |
| Creating conservation areas/hiking trails | 599 | **70%** | 222 | **26%** | 29 | **3%** | 3 | **0%** | 5 | **1%** |
| Protecting farmland | 589 | **69%** | 230 | **27%** | 22 | **3%** | 6 | **1%** | 11 | **1%** |
| Preserving historic aspects of the city | 519 | **60%** | 274 | **32%** | 47 | **5%** | 9 | **1%** | 9 | **1%** |
| Providing zoning protections for street trees, hilltops, and scenic roads | 512 | **60%** | 278 | **32%** | 37 | **4%** | 5 | **1%** | 26 | **3%** |
| Developing bicycle & jogging trails | 487 | **57%** | 277 | **32%** | 78 | **9%** | 4 | **0%** | 12 | **1%** |
| Expanding the riverwalk along the Merrimack River | 477 | **56%** | 286 | **33%** | 73 | **9%** | 8 | **1%** | 14 | **2%** |
| Creating playgrounds & tot lots | 450 | **52%** | 298 | **35%** | 84 | **10%** | 10 | **1%** | 16 | **2%** |
| Adding supervised summer recreational programs | 442 | **52%** | 288 | **34%** | 83 | **10%** | 12 | **1%** | 33 | **4%** |
| Developing athletic fields | 441 | **51%** | 281 | **33%** | 108 | **13%** | 8 | **1%** | 20 | **2%** |
| Expanding the riverwalk along the Merrimack River | 354 | **41%** | 305 | **36%** | 156 | **18%** | 14 | **2%** | 29 | **3%** |

Comments:

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| **Total Responses: 162** | | |
| **Comment Topic** | **# of Comments** | **% Comments** |
| Community Engagement | 39 | **24%** |
| Parks/Trails | 35 | **22%** |
| Housing & Development | 23 | **14%** |
| Athletic Fields | 20 | **12%** |
| Merrimack River | 20 | **12%** |
| Resource Management | 9 | **6%** |
| Bike/Rail Trail | 4 | **2%** |
| Open Space | 4 | **2%** |
| Playgrounds | 4 | **2%** |
| Random Comment | 3 | **2%** |
| Dog Park | 2 | **1%** |

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| **Total Comments: 162** |
| We need a bigger investment in our youth sports programs. |
| 12 th ave park sucks |
| A summer program for kids would be awesome. Don’t feel comfortable with any available options |
| Above question allows multiple answers for each line item, which makes the results confusing. Kindly fix it soon. |
| adding seating, like Adirondack chairs, along the boardwalk |
| Again, Boat House would go a long way to making the crew team a core member of the HS athletic family. |
| All of these are important but are given lesser priority because they are at least somewhat already in existence |
| And all the years I've lived here and raised children I feel like there is not enough recreation space given to teens. I tried to revamp the skatepark at cashman Field back in 1999 |
| Athletic fields should be this city's FIRST priority |
| Athletic fields would. Be great. Compared to other towns our facilities are poor. An indoor turf area for the kids in the winter would be great too. |
| Baseball fields should be turned over to Riverside baseball so they can be mowed, kept up with properly. Fields should have lights on all fields. |
| Better maintaining of River Park on Rte110 |
| Build a skatepark |
| Build more recreation centers |
| Build up our parks and take care of them |
| Can you possibly bring our ppl together, I’ve never seen the lack of a sense of community anywhere like I have in Haverhill |
| Certainly a city has many important priorities beyond open space. But without protections I fear flawed development could chip away at this valuable resource. Joni Mitchell said it best: "You don't know what you've got till it's gone." It takes a lot of ongoing effort to ensure that open space is not only preserved, but well maintained. |
| Cleaning up traffic islands (e.g., Golden Hill/Kenoza) and creating spaces with seating and other amenities. |
| Creating more outdoor safe spaces for kids and adults |
| Dog poop people not picking up after their dogs and leaving trash behind. |
| Don't forget recreational spaces that are available for adults to use (at least during some designated hours), pickleball, swimming, etc. |
| educating people about carrying out what they carry in when using hiking trails. Respect wild life. leash dogs with no recall. |
| Ensure that \*all\* feel welcome, not just those who fall into particular categories. |
| Erosion on the Merrimack River, invasive species management, safe kayaking on the river |
| Expand MEVA to include recreational destinations. |
| Financially affordable, low,low no cost programs |
| Haverhill High Crew team needs a boat house and access in the city to the Merrimack river, |
| Haverhill High Crew team needs a space , boathouse on the eiver |
| Haverhill High Crew Team needs permanent access to Merrimack River. Practice and accessibility continue to be an issue - reliant on when Groveland puts in docks. We need access! |
| Haverhill needs to stop allowing building in areas of wetlands and critical open space |
| Help maintain and improve Clement Farm Disc Golf course |
| HHS Crew Team needs a place to access the river and store their boats. Let's a get a boat house and a public boat ramp for Haverhill!!! |
| Homeless on the street. Does not feel safe even going out to the restaurants or any store in downtown |
| how do i type on chromebook |
| I grew up utilizing Zinns playground - it was THE BEST! |
| I have my issues w/ anyone kayaking on the Merrimack - depending on the time of year it can be technical / dangerous with the current flow. Besides Friends Landing there is no other "put-in" - and now that the rail trail is there - very limited parking. Parking there can also lead to a flat tire - littered w/ debris |
| I have not been impressed with how Haverhill protects its open space for wildlife. Not everything needs to be optimized for people. |
| I hope this is a real survey. Haverhill could be so much better if it stopped focusing on apartment building. For so many reasons!!!! |
| I Like the dog parks at riverside., great that they’re expanding the Bradford rail trail, great expansion of pickleball courts at riverside, More places for Kayaking, feeling safer and less crowds at plug pond, |
| I love the city, but it needs more resources |
| I support any activity for the kids. Right now there is a lack of activities for them. |
| I think before some of the recreation areas are added, safety concerns should be addressed as well as established rules/fines for littering/keeping these spaces nice |
| I want safe areas for town sports |
| I want us to enjoy the greenspaces and to limit development in outlying areas of the city. These greenspaces have always been a strong asset. |
| I wish the heavily traveled section of the Winnekenni dirt road (below the slope below the castle) could get some drainage help again. It did a long time ago and it keeps the road from being completely wet and limits it to one side. |
| I wish there were more to do in Haverhill that's not sports related. Arts, nature, and community service are a few things that the city needs more activities for. |
| I work in the North Andover public school system and get to see first hand how incredible their youth programs are and would love to see Haverhill try to adopt similar services and offerings. In terms of green spaces, I think Haverhill has so much to offer and would love to see them utilized more by residents and out of towners, who can then see all Haverhill has to offer from recreation to dining and shopping. With this in mind, I believe all recreation projects should keep sustainability and environmental impact at the forefront of planning and implementation. |
| I would just like to see more trails made for walking and bikes |
| I would love to see swasey park walking trails get paved, and the playground be more accessible! |
| I'd love to see bike trails connected to the rail trail |
| If we preserve open space please develop hiking/mountain biking trails and set money aside for bi-annual maintenance as the brush especially poison ivy grows into the trail. |
| In many parks people go with their pets and sometimes they don't pick up their pups. |
| Increased policing in parks |
| It would be interesting if we could have a barbecue by the lake. |
| It's an excellent city and it's very quiet, I'm happy to be a part of Haverhill. |
| It's very important to maintain our city and country feel as indicated in our master plan. This is achieved with our current zoning and building up the city center rather than out. Our open spaces, parks, and farms are treasures to be celebrated and maintained. |
| Keep in mind that environmental/eco-literacy is a developing educational area and so opinions will vary depending on experience. |
| Lack of water access to river for nonmotorized boat access |
| Lots |
| Love the idea of summer programs, when I was a kid there were free pools, one where holy family now is and one at wood school, and food was brought to kids, sandwich, apple and milk. Of course parents need to stop letting kids stay in on video games. |
| Maintaining what we already have should be a priority over development |
| Maintenance budget to keep clean and safe needed |
| Many open spaces have become dumping areas. |
| More activities for kids |
| More available, publicized and visible handicap parking for outdoor events and activities |
| More public things that will keep people active for free! |
| More social places for middle aged adults to gather |
| More spaces for dog parks that are fenced in like the ones at Riverside Park those are so wonderful. |
| My concern is when new playgrounds have been developed they are in areas that are not well supervised, lit or maintained so doing more of the same won’t bring people to the facilities.  There are so many beautiful homes, properties and areas that have been destroyed or turned into condos rather then preserving the historic areas.  The fields are not maintained and are over used. I go to other towns where you can see someone has care and pride in their community- that is not the same in Haverhill. I often try to get to fields early to clean them up before practices and games  The grass is often not cut and kids fall into holes in the fields  It would be incredible if Haverhill would develop and maintain an outdoor sports complex |
| Necc had a great summer youth program with stem and various activities but has atipp it over covid. Haverhill is missing this.  Thank you for asking for input. Good luck |
| Need more proactive protection of conservation trails and areas. Both cleanup and enforcement. More conservation officer visibility and enforcement. Too much dog poop and bags, trash and illegal dumping |
| Need to better maintain the athletic fields. They’re gonna get someone hurt and it’s embarrassing when playing against visiting towns. |
| Need to keep Hunters out of Winnekenni Park and post signs. Last season saw 4 different hunters out there and even the police didn't know there was no hunting allowed out there. |
| Need to maintain trails/parks we have. |
| New/Quality skatepark, a boathouse for the Haverhill High School Crew Team |
| No activities for active seniors |
| No comments. |
| No more developing please |
| No shopping at little stores besides Winged Rabbit |
| Not enough safe areas for tweens/teens to do activities without costing $$$$$$$$$. Need new YMCA LOCATION!!!! HAVERHILL is ghetto compared to surrounding areas. |
| Not enough soccer fields. Youth sports need better facilities. |
| Not enough water access for students. |
| Not sure my answers are completely city wide inclusive as there are locations I have not visited iin my 37 year residency. |
| Other adjacent towns’ facilities are 100x better and it’s very embarrassing |
| Our kids play youth soccer and conditions are not good. Some of the fields they have played on our unsafe and would not pass a safety assessment. |
| Our son played baseball at cashman Field last year and nobody had access to the bathroom. This was very frustrating. This park is walking distance from our house but we never go there because it always smells like urine and marijuana. There's also been an issue that people are not picking up after their dog and there tends to be a lot of trash there. |
| Our youth fields are deplorable in comparison to other towns |
| Overall clean the streets. Lots of trash appearing everywhere. Clean the trash and educate. |
| Playgrounds are okay if made useful by putting canopies over them and adequate seating for parents/caretakers |
| Playgrounds have had great development. Now onto teens and adults. |
| Please do not change zoning to increase housing density that destroys our water supply. |
| Please do not turn our city streets into bike paths. The advantage for a few bicyclists does not equate to the disadvantage for many drivers. |
| Please fix that bridge at Clement Farm Disc Golf course before a child slips thorough there and gets rushed to the hospital |
| Please improve parking for pickleball at the stadium. Also pickleball at winniekinnie would be great! |
| Please No clubs or “discoteca “. More sport more reading more connection with nature |
| Plug pond is not patrolled enough. People living in their cars and acting strange at all hours. |
| Preserving open space, community gardens, with global warming farm land will be needed in the future as the earth warms and southern areas become too hot for agriculture. Protect the river as water will a needed resource in the future. |
| Priority should be cleaning up litter, fines for dog crap bags |
| promoting paddles should come with some restrictions to avoid drowning |
| Promoting walking, jogging, running, and cycling is a great initiative to keep people active through all stages of their life. |
| Recreation & Environmental / Decarbonization & Pollution Reduction Master Plan balanced w/the need for affordable housing. |
| Removing trees in urban spaces that are growing wildly like that bunch of trees blocking the Essex St Mural |
| Safety |
| Safety |
| Safety in the open spaces/parks |
| Safety needs to be better...a woman should feel safe walking alone.. |
| Sewage Overflows!!!!!!! |
| SKATE PARK!!!!! |
| Stop building apartments on every open space. It's not making Haverhill better. |
| Stop building housing without having the same equal recreation and schools to support all these extra people |
| Stop development before spending more tax dollars on these places which will become crowded and trashed by uncaring people |
| Stop overbuilding and clean up and maintain the places the city already had. Create new spaces in rundown lots to prevent new buildings |
| Summer recreation programs for Haverhill children should be free. |
| Supervised summer activities need to be brought back |
| Take care of the fields you have. Our soccer coach has mowed the Elm St. field and St James field on more than one occasion because the city does not maintain properly. |
| Teen places to be. The best way to keep them out of trouble is to give them good places to be, from basketball courts and skate parks to safe walking & free hang-out areas |
| Teenagers are often left out of recreational planning. They need a safe place to gather with friends. Maybe some large rocks to sit on, benches, or tables.  Teenagers want to be able to hang out with their friends, listen to music, and take pictures. Last year, teenagers in my summer program proposed ideas to the Mayor, but it fell on deaf ears. |
| Thank you for allowing the public to have input into conservation/recreational planning! |
| Thank you for putting this together for feedback. |
| Thank you for your efforts |
| Thank you. |
| That you see when the police do a stop/check on young people with backpacks |
| The areas should be picked up as well. |
| The athletic fields need to be updated and better maintained |
| The baseball fields used by Riverside Bradford Baseball are in poor condition. The league is restricted by the recreation department to fix or maintain the fields. It’s embarrassing to the league when we play home games against other towns that care for and maintain their fields. Also there has been no city support in the league for the many years that my son has played in the league. Many of the feeder sports teams in the city could benefit from the mentorship from both of the high schools in town and also maybe from forming a partnership with Northern Essex Community College. |
| The city has a major problem regarding hunting. A city with 65k residents needs clearly marked hunting areas and far more than a 500ft setback from homes/dwellings for discharge. It makes the variety of trails unsafe during hunting seasons & citizens don’t even realize hunters are in the area. |
| The city has plenty of baseball fields already installed just not all are maintained. The city has very few soccer fields that are permenantly installed and are all in extremely poor condition, except the high school since it is turf. |
| The city needs to create more reliable places for people who have an athletic background to play at, whether its an indoor field for snowy and rainy days and better quality fields. |
| The city’s fields (baseball/soccer/football) must be upgraded and better maintained. |
| The conditions of the baseball fields is embarrassing. Fields that were redone (Swasey and Hunking were down poorly with no drainage)  Riverside facilities have old dugouts and fields flood. |
| The HHS Crew team would benefit from a boat house along the river. |
| The HS needs added Classrooms, not a pickleball court. They don't ha e enough rooms for their students |
| The Hunking playground should be looked at. The K-4 kids attending there don't have much to use at it. |
| The improvements at Plug Pond are appreciated but there have been drainage issues from the start and still ongoing. Hope to see the playground floods and walkway floods remedied. Also the walkway needs a barrier because cars keep driving on it and creating big muddy ruts. Thanks for soliciting feedback. |
| The Swasey Senior league baseball field has major drainage issues severely limiting its use. An outfield fence is desperately needed on that field to eliminate people from walking through the field during games oblivious to the fact that a game is going on. Someone is likely to get hurt particularly little children by a baseball. |
| The town needs to stop building apartments |
| The walking trails at Winnekinni are in terrible condition. There is a lot of space at the high school for more usable athletic fields and they are in terrible condition. |
| There are 20+ baseball and softball fields yet soccer and lacrosse have to use the same city beat up, poorly maintained fields year after year. Fortunately the high school has supported youth sports but their space is now becoming over crowded |
| There is so much construction of apartment buildings/condos. Overwhelming concern on the negative impact this will have on the city. Outdoor areas and activities draw people to cities. But not when traffic is heavy and impossible to get over bridges in less than 10min during peak times. This will only get worse as the construction finishes in the large complexes in Bradford. |
| There isn’t much for youth to do in all areas of the City; the Haverhill YMCA has a plan to become the public/private partner of NECC and create opportunities for youth, adults, and families for outside, including aquatics, field space, and more |
| These questions seem unusually focuse on specifically where homeless populations reside. If the city is unable to house their people they should not be thinking about building or expanding anything BUT housing |
| Too many developments from the same three people!! Expand, bring other ideas/visions/opportunities - more minority owned |
| trash pick up and maintain the parks we have |
| Views of the Merrimack River are being blocked by buildings. I heard talk a year or two ago that businesses/restaurants might be allowed to put tables and booths on the boardwalk along the river; that should not be allowed, as the boardwalk and view of the river should stay free, unobstructed and available for all |
| Want to bring my family to a clean, safe environment |
| We frequent Plug Pond a lot during the summer. They need more police presence or more attentive staff. Our experience last year was awful. Lots of trash everyday we visited, lots of young staff not actively maintaining the area, no one enforcing rules, people playing loud inappropriate music, smoking, drinking, etc. It makes me not want to bring my kids anymore. |
| We have amazing sections of woods to recreate. Let’s stop developing hilltops and letting our current trail systems erode away. |
| We have some great resources in Haverhill, just poorly maintained. Schools are falling apart .Parks are under maintained. |
| We like to go to parks and playgrounds with my son but 99% of the time we travel out of town because the playgrounds in Haverhill are really small or do not have a variety of equipment. Two weekends ago we drove around to several of the public parks and playgrounds at schools to play and it feels as though many are geared for much smaller children and toddlers. It would also be nice to have spaces that are accessible for both adults and children. It would be nice to utilize our own city’s spaces that are part of our community versus driving elsewhere. |
| We love the rail trail and the riverside dog park. I know they are used frequently and are a great addition. |
| We need our roads fixed |
| We need to do a better job maintaining current structures and parks. The upkeep at Riverside park and other fields is minimal. |
| We need to improve our public spaces to encourage people to invest in Haverhill |
| We should only build playgrounds and parks if we have a continued maintenance plan for them. Some of the playgrounds have are not maintained enough and trash isn't picked up enough weekly. The city empties the trash can but doesn't pick up the trash on the ground around it or in the playground |
| When traveling outside of Haverhill to play baseball you see how other towns/cities really take great care of their facilities. It’s sad that we have such poor facilities here. |
| why are people so ignorent to parks (litter and ruining the envirernent) |
| Why are random inspectors stopping at my home to ask about my chickens? I thought this was the United States. |
| Winni trail needs maintenance on a more regular basis. Lots of wash out areas. Leash law needs to be enforced everywhere. Dogs are not everyone’s friend. |
| would love safer bike paths over the bridges.... yet don't want it to relocate wildlife and cut trees for this for a trail off road.... the bike lane near winnekenni is super dangerous because cars think it is a passing lane...it is too wide. |
| Would love to see expansion of SAFE pathways along the river |
| Would love to see GAR Park used less as a homeless camp and more as an event space with the stage. |
| You say “protecting”, but you override to build what you want, that is deceptive. Protecting means don’t touch. The new Hunking school looks like a jail, with a cold black fence and guardhouse. It use to be so free and open. You ruined it. New construction has atrocious architecture. Black and grey boxes, all too tall for the area. The city is overbuilding on every square inch. That monstrosity across from the cemetery is too much for that plot of land. I DREAD your Pentucket bank/garage overbuild. The work you did on Kenoza is terrible. Way too much paint, and crazy lane changes, all for the few blocks of travel…nobody needs that many signs every 15-feet, for a little road around a lake in a residential neighborhood. Having section-8 and illegal aliens pay nothing, and others pay $3-4k/month, has made for a lot more crime down town. We don’t shop/dine there, haven’t for years because it’s not safe. Also, nothing is handicapped accessible downtown. I was able to do the drive through at Pentucket bank, but now it’s across the street— there is no handicap parking nearby for those with a wheelchair or walker. So as I use the far away drive up ATM, my family and I will just keep over the Groveland bridge to other towns. Those cafés that sprung up on the sidewalk, the signs, the planters, entrances—how is that handicap accessible?? There is nothing in Haverhill but ever increasing taxes, pot shops, tattoo parlors, and criminals. “Haver-lawerance”, it seems, is a real thing. |

1. The recreation needs of the following are met by the City's park, recreation, and open space system for:

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| **Total Responses: 858** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **The recreation needs of the following are met by the City's park, recreation, and open space system for:** | **Strongly Disagree** | | **Disagree** | | **Neutral** | | **Agree** | | **Strongly agree** | | **Mixed response** | | **Don’t Know** | |
| You personally | 30 | **3%** | 103 | **12%** | 281 | **33%** | 331 | **39%** | 96 | **11%** | 8 | **1%** | 9 | **1%** |
| Youth (Under 18) | 78 | **9%** | 209 | **24%** | 226 | **26%** | 149 | **17%** | 119 | **14%** | 16 | **2%** | 61 | **7%** |
| Young Adults (18-26) | 51 | **6%** | 188 | **22%** | 267 | **31%** | 177 | **21%** | 83 | **10%** | 10 | **1%** | 82 | **10%** |
| Adults | 25 | **3%** | 95 | **11%** | 301 | **35%** | 316 | **37%** | 83 | **10%** | 5 | **1%** | 33 | **4%** |
| Seniors (Over 65) | 45 | **5%** | 145 | **17%** | 289 | **34%** | 183 | **21%** | 91 | **11%** | 11 | **1%** | 94 | **11%** |
| People with disabilities | 80 | **9%** | 196 | **23%** | 244 | **28%** | 77 | **9%** | 83 | **10%** | 13 | **2%** | 165 | **19%** |

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| **Total Comments: 96** | | |
| **Comment Topic** | **# Comments** | **% Comments** |
| Sports Facilities/Maintenance | 16 | **21%** |
| Better Accessibility for people with Disabilities (Recreation, Transportation) | 12 | **15%** |
| Open Space Acquisition/Maintenance | 12 | **15%** |
| Better Transportation/Sidewalks | 12 | **15%** |
| Other | 12 | **15%** |
| More Recreation Year-Round | 9 | **12%** |
| Improved Community Engagement | 5 | **6%** |
| Better Communication | 4 | **5%** |
| Growth Management | 4 | **5%** |
| Areas for Dogs | 2 | **3%** |
| City Improvements | 2 | **3%** |
| More Safety | 2 | **3%** |

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| **Total Comments: 96** |
| A lot of recreational areas are hard to walk if you have typical mobility issues for seniors. |
| Access to the pool and other facilities for seniors |
| Accessiblity for people with disablities is one we should pay attention to. It also would be nice to have a resident naturalist and a cabin or place where people could go to learn more about our local ecology, particularly for the young people |
| Additional green space is needed throughout Haverhill that is accessible |
| After traveling to other cities for sports, the conditions of our fields for youth sports are embarrassing. |
| Baseball fields are horrible. Bad drainage, crab grass, fading infield quality especially Swasey but not much better else where. Other towns are so much better and more invested |
| Boat house/launch for crew team is needed. |
| Boathouse for HHS Crew teams. |
| Build better parks |
| Can't use some of the areas when you close the restrooms. Portable toilets next to Winnekenni Castle seemed to be always available - but were replaced by one locked building. At the entrance, the "Public Restrooms" sign on the front leads people to the PADLOCKED back. |
| Crating a 3.1 million pickleball and tennis court sounds great for adults but it shouldn’t have been built at the high school. To lose anymore parking is ridiculous! |
| Dog parks are needed |
| Fields should go to youth first |
| Haverhill needs another safe, easily walkable 2-3 mile trail/park besides Riverside for everyone adults, seniors, kids in strollers, folks in wheelchairs |
| High school facilities are great but not available enough for youth athletics. Youth sports should have access to those when high school teams don’t need them instead it is a priority to rent them. |
| I am a senior that needs more access to a gym, exercise that doesn't require a monthly fee |
| I don’t really know outside my demographic although I have heard others complain about lack of places for teens to go |
| I think if the city is attempting to attract folks to open spaces on a 24/7 basis then there needs to be a more robust approach to cleaning, maintaining and securing. I think the city needs to recognize the areas that are environmentally sensitive and protect those areas. Are there state or private organizations that could offer guidance? Guidance in how to maintain a sustainable natural area around the reservoir while eliminating/curtailing invasive species, Is there a plan to replace trees that are removed? |
| I will report this to the board of health if the bridge isn't fixed this spring |
| I would love to see places or specific times where we can have dogs / off leash specifically at Tattersall Farm. Years ago John Tattersall used to let me and my dog pheasant hunt on his property... |
| If Haverhill is unwilling to maintain locations, allow volunteers. |
| If there are events or programs the city put together throughout the summer time, I am unaware of it. Maybe marketing is an issue. However, the few things I have heard of throughout my time here haven't seemed to be centered or focused on the families in need, or the communities they live in. |
| If there are programs, im not aware of them. Most of the recreation dept emails I get are for sports or video games. It would be nice to expand the offerings to other activities, like music, theater, arts. My son isn’t able to access the Y or B&G club because the environment is too overstimulating with so many kids and the chaos that can come with that. He’s not a huge athlete so sports programs aren’t really his thing. Would be nice to have other options. Again, if there are some I don’t hear much of it. |
| I'm a frequent walker in the parks as well as along the city's streets in several different neighborhoods. Many sidewalks are inaccessible to folks with mobility issues. Curb cuts are missing/haphazard, sidewalks are very uneven, even around schools and parks. As a result, I often walk in the street because it's the flattest surface, though not the safest. |
| I'm too freaking old to know what's appropriate for other age groups |
| Is it at all possible to find someone who can bring our people together because we have a massive people problem in this city? |
| It appears everything is geared to people with dogs. |
| It is to our eternal shame that Hannah Duston is celebrated with a statue in our central downtown park. If our leaders haven't the spine to remove it, they could at least do more than to plant a crysanthemum in front of the panel on its base that refers to my ancestors as "savages" |
| It would be very good to have a good area for autism children. |
| Look at Menino Park |
| Maybe repair the roads, they are terrible. |
| More community events need to happen—-•Bring a food truck festival like our surrounding communities have |
| More improvements are needed. Add crosswalks in north Broadway cars fly by. Can’t cross over to tattersall farm or John’s woods. Bike lane on north Broadway |
| More staff are needed to maintain what areas we have. Start ticketing people for littering and destroying the equipment on playgrounds |
| My answers here are largely unfavorable, but to be fair, I admit I am likely uninformed about all the options available |
| Need more senior activities |
| No more building home unless it’s 2acres or more, less pay parking space |
| No playgrounds north of 495. We would like a splash pad or nice playground |
| North Andover has a park featuring a “Communication Board.” It features techniques to communicate with individuals of varying abilities. |
| Not enough activities for children, teenagers, families |
| Not enough quality fields for soccer or lacrosse |
| Not sure what has been added for children with disabilities |
| Nothing about the city really takes people with disabilities into account |
| Our athletic fields need regular maintenance and updating. Without this, residents are force to leave Haverhill to practice and play |
| Playgrounds, except Swaysey, tend to be by limited age range, and they are too sunny and hot in the summer. Not sure that youth 12-18 have enough activities, particularly if they don't do sports? |
| Please add pickleball to Winnie Kinnie |
| Please plant more trees |
| Right now I feel they are for crime and I don't feel safe bringing my family to downtown and other locations because of crimes happening |
| Riverside Park feels like such a wasted asset. There are so many unused baseball and softball fields. |
| Seems like seniors are priority with facilities |
| Sidewalks and crosswalks are treacherous in too many areas to be safe for seniors and disabled people. In some places the sidewalks just end. |
| Sidewalks and more parking at some of the parks. |
| Sidewalks need work although improved over the years. |
| Some of the areas for walking in woods are not kept up well, hard for older people to walk |
| Stadium fields need massive improvements |
| Stop buildinf |
| Stop building apartments work on infrastructure |
| Stop city development |
| The above question is not worded in a way that makes sense |
| The city needs more soccer fields for the youth soccer program. |
| The city needs to develop parks that cater for the elderly, including equipment for them to exercise. In the case of children, it would be interesting if the parks had more cameras and, if possible, security while the park is open. |
| The field conditions are deplorable. Soccer and lacrosse fields that when not covered with standing water, are not level, unmowed and covered with holes. In addition, baseball fields that are dustbowls with no lines, pitching mounds with massive holes, and outfields littered with trash. |
| The upkeep on the baseball fields is terrible. RB2 has had a dangerous hole in center field for a couple of years now. It's embarrassing having teams from other cities having to be warned about the conditions of our fields. Swasey field's water management and upkeep is atrocious. We are unable to add dirt to the mound which led to an exposed mat on the field for the entire last season. Requests to bring the mound into playable conditions were ignored and it because of the slippery nature of the mat we had to have kids pitch in front of the mound for a whole season. A nice field is useless if we can't provide basic baseball functionalities like a working mound. In addition the drainage is so bad that with the wet spring we had to cancel an insane amount of games. With strict rules not to play when there is standing water we had days where standing water was on the field even with no rain due to the irrigation system. I dont believe the irrigation was over watering the field is just that bad draining water. |
| THERE ARE ZERO BIKE RACKS DOWNTOWN (despite claiming to be bike friendly) |
| There is not enough being done for children's sports in the city. The fields and courts are never taken care of and maintained the way they should be. Pickel ball is great foe older adults but what about our our softball fields, soccer fields, baseball fields, basketball courts. |
| Transpo to sites for children, elderly & disabled are here, but I wonder how easy to get for everyone? I know CoA and others have good programs. |
| trash at parks needs to be cleaned up |
| Vinnie does a great with kid programs in the city. But that is only seasonal |
| Want to feel more comfortable with my children alone. |
| We do not have children so we just use the hiking trails |
| we need better transportation infrastructure at bus stops, and more accessible open space. Most recreation revolves around athletics; it would be nice to have other options for all age groups |
| When I travel to other communities and see their public facilities I am embarassed for Haverhill. We need to and can do better |
| Winter time is a tough time for disabled and elderly to get out and about (due to darkness and ice/snow) |
| With the aging of our City I think seniors and young adults and disabled are the most significantly under supported |
| You have very little access to the lakes and ponds. Trim some trees, open up more fishing areas. |
| Safety and maintenance is very important |
| Good job |
| Keep it up, this is an excellent city, thank you for keeping it as it is. |

1. The City meets my expectations in regards to providing and maintaining the following:

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| **Total Responses: 858** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **The City meets my expectations in regards to providing and maintaining the following:** | **Strongly Disagree** | | **Disagree** | | **Neutral** | | **Agree** | | **Strongly agree** | | **Don’t Know** | | **Mixed response** | |
| Restroom Facilities | 178 | **21%** | 256 | **30%** | 184 | **21%** | 79 | **9%** | 39 | **5%** | 108 | **13%** | 14 | **2%** |
| Overall Park Safety and Security | 110 | **13%** | 211 | **25%** | 256 | **30%** | 146 | **17%** | 58 | **7%** | 67 | **8%** | 10 | **1%** |
| Outdoor winter activities | 92 | **11%** | 202 | **24%** | 250 | **29%** | 92 | **11%** | 50 | **6%** | 149 | **17%** | 23 | **3%** |
| Small neighborhood parks | 78 | **9%** | 167 | **19%** | 294 | **34%** | 137 | **16%** | 42 | **5%** | 119 | **14%** | 21 | **2%** |
| Outdoor summer activities | 72 | **8%** | 166 | **19%** | 269 | **31%** | 163 | **19%** | 76 | **9%** | 97 | **11%** | 15 | **2%** |
| Bicycle, jogging, and hiking trails throughout the City. | 68 | **8%** | 162 | **19%** | 283 | **33%** | 193 | **22%** | 53 | **6%** | 82 | **10%** | 17 | **2%** |
| Playgrounds and tot lots | 82 | **10%** | 153 | **18%** | 259 | **30%** | 202 | **24%** | 59 | **7%** | 93 | **11%** | 10 | **1%** |
| Dog parks | 104 | **12%** | 149 | **17%** | 249 | **29%** | 120 | **14%** | 49 | **6%** | 172 | **20%** | 15 | **2%** |
| Handicapped-friendly play equipment | 99 | **12%** | 145 | **17%** | 250 | **29%** | 76 | **9%** | 42 | **5%** | 235 | **27%** | 11 | **1%** |
| Skateboarding park | 102 | **12%** | 140 | **16%** | 259 | **30%** | 71 | **8%** | 39 | **5%** | 234 | **27%** | 13 | **2%** |
| Boating and fishing access to the Merrimack River | 69 | **8%** | 137 | **16%** | 291 | **34%** | 133 | **16%** | 51 | **6%** | 160 | **19%** | 17 | **2%** |
| Basketball courts | 79 | **9%** | 136 | **16%** | 273 | **32%** | 138 | **16%** | 62 | **7%** | 158 | **18%** | 12 | **1%** |
| Large parks | 55 | **6%** | 130 | **15%** | 147 | **17%** | 362 | **42%** | 144 | **17%** | 8 | **1%** | 12 | **1%** |
| Boating and fishing access to the City’s lakes and ponds | 63 | **7%** | 119 | **14%** | 303 | **35%** | 142 | **17%** | 61 | **7%** | 157 | **18%** | 13 | **2%** |
| Soccer, lacrosse, and football fields | 101 | **12%** | 115 | **13%** | 239 | **28%** | 183 | **21%** | 69 | **8%** | 137 | **16%** | 14 | **2%** |
| Baseball and softball fields | 87 | **10%** | 108 | **13%** | 229 | **27%** | 224 | **26%** | 80 | **9%** | 117 | **14%** | 13 | **2%** |
| Spray park | 58 | **7%** | 107 | **12%** | 263 | **31%** | 165 | **19%** | 56 | **7%** | 196 | **23%** | 13 | **2%** |
| Tennis and pickleball courts | 53 | **6%** | 100 | **12%** | 276 | **32%** | 181 | **21%** | 87 | **10%** | 150 | **17%** | 11 | **1%** |
| Passive recreational areas | 37 | **4%** | 99 | **12%** | 294 | **34%** | 203 | **24%** | 61 | **7%** | 147 | **17%** | 17 | **2%** |
| Bradford Rail Trail | 28 | **3%** | 84 | **10%** | 217 | **25%** | 322 | **38%** | 125 | **15%** | 74 | **9%** | 8 | **1%** |
| Community Gardens | 29 | **3%** | 79 | **9%** | 280 | **33%** | 223 | **26%** | 72 | **8%** | 161 | **19%** | 14 | **2%** |
| Downtown Boardwalk | 30 | **3%** | 77 | **9%** | 214 | **25%** | 356 | **41%** | 119 | **14%** | 51 | **6%** | 11 | **1%** |
| Disc golf course (Clement Farm) | 46 | **5%** | 75 | **9%** | 282 | **33%** | 134 | **16%** | 52 | **6%** | 256 | **30%** | 13 | **2%** |

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| **Total Comments: 126** |
| City needs a more comprehensive Maintenace and cleaning schedule. Each playground should be cleaned weekly (not just trash barrel emptying). Determine alternative strategies to provide clean and well-maintained playgrounds (adopt a park group/neighborhood group, teen employees?) |
| 12th Ave park needs to be kept cleaner. It’s the closest park to my house and we drive to another park. |
| A guideline to allow dogs to play in the lake would be welcome, but in an area away from the public, perhaps creating a space next to the lake just for dogs to play in the water and sand. |
| A lot of the smaller parks and fields are maintained by kind citizens who clean up trash and rake fields |
| A public boat ramp to the Merrimack would be a great addition, as well as developing some of the smaller rivers for canoe and kayaking. We have a few small rivers that would be great for this but access sucks and they are not maintained so trees block the way |
| Access to trash cans and recycling. |
| Add year round restrooms. Other cities/states have them. Recent outdoor days in NH (Benson's) and York, Maine (North Beach) had working restrooms. Also - necessary for the homeless. |
| Although the city has done their part and supplies adequate materials, the dog waste left on the walking path at Haverhill Stadium is concerning. I often go out of town to walk, for this reason. |
| Baseball and softball have clear priority it seems.   There are so many unused baseball and softball diamonds that could easily be removed, and allowing football, lacrosse, soccer, field hockey to have space of their own would be a major boon. Need a youth track and field program too. Look at how successful Haverhill High track is! |
| Baseball fields are not maintained. Trash mowed right off and everywhere. Embarrassing athletic field conditions |
| Baseball fields need major updating. Home plates are popping up, pitcher rubbers are not level or missing. Fields are not consistently mowed. Swasey field last season was unplayable due to drainage issues. For the amount of money put into this area it is inexcusable. There are not enough acceptable baseball fields in this city for the amount of teams. The 8u all star team had to travel to Dracut and use their fields to play on. This is causing many parents in the city to pay additional money to play on club teams. A city the size and population of Haverhill should have dedicated soccer facilities. Currently playing on whatever school yard is available. Games are played on the back corner of the high school. This area is not regularly mowed(coaches have to bring string trimmers) there is not proper drainage so the field is always wet. There was a six foot sink hole with one orange cone in it for the entire season. Traveling to other towns and cities with varying populations and seeing their facilities leaves Haverhill a lot to be desired. A few items on a wish list would be batting cages at the stadium and possible indoor facility with multi purpose turf fields. Currently all Haverhill sports teams travel to NH. |
| Bathroom nasty. Need way of keep river cleaner with more security. Seeing insane amounts of needes and drug paraphernalia on river banks and playgrounds and fields. |
| Boat ramp in Bradford is in poor condition. Groveland has good boat ramp. The carriage road around Kenoza Lake is severely eroded in places & part of it no longer exists on the lower road toward NECC. It is easier to maintain it if the problem is nipped in the bud. I have been using the area for years & observe that the park is seeing a lot more use than previously. The carriage road deterioration is accelerating at a rapid pace. Some mt. bike clubs have been maintaining single-track trails for biking-commendable. More of these, please. The trail around Lake Saltonstall toward Winnekenni is rough rubble-difficult walking. |
| Bradford rail trail is becoming run down very quickly. Tons of inappropriate graffiti under the bridge and is over run with homeless men hanging out along the trail. As a mother with 2 small children, I no longer feel safe walking it unless my husband is with me. |
| Can you please get rid of the abandoned tent at clement farms, fix the bridge that you need to cross in order to play, and add a trash barrel that the Dpw picks up weekly? |
| City does not maintain Tattersall Farm Community Garden. Trustees manage. |
| clean up the parks. support wild life and hikers |
| Clement Farm disc golf volunteers are amazing. The bridge behind the Legion is a danger that the City needs to take responsibility for. |
| Clement farm is barely touched by the city, most maintenance is completed by volunteers. Bridges to access course are falling apart and dangerous |
| Didn’t forget security |
| Dog park is small, without benches or objects for animals to climb on . |
| Don’t overbuild anything listed above. |
| don't visit parks much |
| Downtown needs a public, decent sized, dog park solution |
| Every park in haverhill is just a pets park. You need to be very carefully walking |
| Every playground we go to, I pick up trash. Additionally, I made notes in my previous comment section about how awful Plug Pond was last year. Truly hoping to see it better maintained and managed this year. |
| Fewer pickleball courts. More playing fields and playgrounds for youth!!!!! Particularly soccer and lacrosse fields that are for those sports only. |
| General safety is always a concern |
| Getting the police to help around Crystal Lake regarding open fires, hunting, trespassing after sunset is impossible. |
| Had to bring our own lawnmower to cut the baseball field grass |
| I already mentioned something needs to be done to address the buttonwoods trail it is slippery and dangerous. I was badly hurt falling from the trail into the riverbed. I ended up with 11 stitches. I did report it to the city and no one got back to me with any type of plan or thoughts on the matter. A bit disappointing. |
| I answer neutral because I would expect them to be cleaner. |
| I appreciate the efforts at Winnikenni Castle and grounds, especially the beautiful flower gardens around the castle and the maintained restroom and picnic tables. Thank you. |
| I believe that volunteers help with the restrooms and clean up of these facilities. I want the city to have people designated to manage these facilities. |
| I believe the city is doing at minimum a good job but that is because I want to believe it. |
| I haven't been able to snowshoe for 2 winters now... Not the city's fault! |
| I honestly feel like the city has done zero for Clement Farm Disc Golf to the point of ignoring blatant safety hazards to the users. |
| I live directly next to Riverside park and walk it every day, it’s very disappointing the pickleball nets were removed over the winter. There are plenty of outdoor winter rated nets the could go up during the colder months, people were setting up their own janky nets with rope to try and utilize on nicer days and it discouraged use of the courts |
| I run year round, but the bathrooms at Riverside are always closed in the winter. Also, please extend the rail trail to meet up with the Gorgeous Groveland trail! It's too short currently to use for much. |
| I think haverhill has done a good job for parks and recreation even though i do not participate as i used to |
| I think that many people are unaware of what is available for the public. Finding a way to promote or advertise what is available to citizens with descriptions may help draw more interest. |
| I used to walk a riverside park more but since finding the salem Rail trail I don't bc the bathrooms are usually locked or ha e no toilet paper, or no soap and paper towels |
| I would like to see enforcement after dark to keep areas clean safe |
| I would love to see dedicated dog parks. |
| I would love to see improvements with these! |
| I’m not sure if you know this, but you have a huge people problem in Haverhill or maybe it’s more Bradford than Haverhill now that I think about it. The people just don’t get along. |
| It would be great to have a dog park somewhere in Downtown where dogs could be let off leash or even just more green space in general. A lot of residents in the area have dogs. Also I would love if the boardwalk behind the Hidden Pig & the portion by Barrio were connected. I love taking my dog down there for walks in the warmer months. |
| I've already commented on illegal mowing of tattersall, this was 3 years ago. I called mayor's office, I emailed tattersall committee and the gentleman in charge of the town. Nobody cared! I'm not impressed at all |
| I've used the dog parks, thry cdn ve in tough shape some parts of the year due to rsin & thaw. Not a big fan as some folks bring pups who may not vax up to date. |
| Kids being jerks and vandalizing public property, homeless people and addicts roaming these areas. |
| Lacrosse fields were somewhat better last year since we used the high school and stadium but are still far below what we see when we go to other towns and practice fields are terrible. Plus practicing in gyms to start the season is awful. We play teams that practice on indoor turf fields at least once a week to start the season. |
| Lots of homeless and trash not under control |
| Maintain better. Add more lighting, actually mow the grass, fix the fields so they are playable for youth, pick up trash, have more trash receptacles available. |
| Maintenance means more employees. |
| Make Clement Farm the best disc golf course in the state! |
| Many of the small parks and Swazey park are in unsafe areas so I would never take my children to them. There are no parks Ayer village or west parish area of the city. The city needs a place for easier access to the river for boats |
| More basketball courts |
| More building is not the answer. Let the beauty of nature show for itself. No more building, keep wooded areas sacred |
| Most of Riverside Park is dedicated to Baseball and Softball fields, there used to be a dedicated soccer field. There is plenty of room to add in more soccer/lacrosse fields but nothing has been done. The soccer teams are the last to get space and last to get fields released to them from the city. The fields soccer has to use are in such disrepair, they are an embarrassment to play on. In the fall the soccer teams have no where to practice with lights or adequate lighting. |
| Much of the daily park maintenance is done by the residents of the city and not the city itself. Sadly this is often better since the city's "improvements" are often things like cutting down trees at Kenoza that have caused major water issues on the trails. Things like trash pickups are done by people walking the trail, whereas when the city does this they drive a vehicle down the main trail at Kenoza which tears up the trail and they only see the obvious trash. |
| N/A |
| N/A |
| Need better facilities for bathroom and add another water spray park |
| Need to connect Bradford rail Trail to the Groveland one. |
| No |
| no |
| No |
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| None |
| None |
| None |
| none |
| None |
| None |
| Nope |
| nope |
| Not enough bathroom facilities at Riverside Park |
| Not enough public bathrooms at public places |
| Not enough trash cans or litter pick up. Never seen security at any of the parks |
| One criticism I have is the bathroom facilities at Winnekenni aren’t great. They seem to be locked 3 out of 4 seasons, and when they are open, they are always disgusting and dirty and not maintained.   I guess the bathroom at Riverside is also frequently closed. I am not sure why it is closed “off seasons” but it is really difficult to manage park visits with no bathroom, especially when bringing kids! |
| Parks need to made safer and more accessible for all. There are no spray parks for kids to play at in the summer that is for all ages, there needs to be more tee-ball locations. |
| Pickleball at stadium needs clean out often. |
| Playground at Tattersall Farm is deteriorating and needs some repairs |
| Plug Pond does not have certified lifeguards, and isn’t considered safe. There has been small investments, however for a community the size of Haverhill with as much land, there are far too little offerings.  Innovation is needed. Partnerships with not profits with initial investments and plans for long term sustainability is needed that provides equitable opportunities to all in Haverhill |
| Riverside park baseball areas are full of trash all the time. Parents and coaches are encouraged to bag it up. City does not have staff to maintain these areas. |
| Safety is a concern |
| Safety is always an issue and the up keep and lack of outdoor sport areas for children and adults. |
| Safety, cleaning, and maintenance |
| Shameful that the town puts this on the back burner not knowing how many people walk on that bridge. The stats say that 16,000 people will walk on that bridge in 2024. Fix it |
| Some issues with trash and trash pickup at parks. Also, communication about available adult recreation (co-ed softball, pickleball) is not fantastic. Hard to find/ access some of that stuff. Soccer fields are abysmal, I coached my son through several seasons and none of the options were good. |
| Some of the fields ( ex. JG Whittier ) floods a lot , are there camera on the rail trail /stadium … also the shooting at Swaseys a few years ago should never have happened |
| Some of these I didn’t even know existed and/or are accessible to the public |
| Stop building apartments |
| Stop turning this city into Lawrence and remove the ugly painting on the wall near st. Joseph’s chuurch |
| Tattersall Farm is a city owned property & the city Doesn't spend any money or do hardly any Maintenace there. |
| Tech feedback: on a cellphone, the above questions are too much to answer because the layout makes it hard to remember which is what. It would be better to have one section for each with the option to choose vs how it is. The boxes move and you have to scroll down which makes you forget which box you’re checking and then they also slide left and right which makes you check off the wrong one so you have to go back up to the top to figure out which box you’re checking off.   If they are in their own section though it’s easier or even grouping some together to consolidate space and not overwhelm people.   I hope this makes sense. |
| Tennis courts at Winnekini could use an upgrade and restrooms |
| Thank you for asking (having this survey). Haverhill is so rich in recreational resources and I am glad the city is trying to manage them in the best way possible. A couple of thoughts about the great four-mile trail around the reservoir--it is being loved to death (overused) and I am afraid I don't have a solution as I am one of the over-users. Bicyclists also use this trail and pose a danger to walkers--I don't know what to suggest about this either, unfortunately. The kayak launch at the downtown city dock makes access to the river super easy--I wonder how many kayakers in the area know about it? |
| The baseball fields and pickleball courts are immaculate. Meanwhile, lacrosse and soccer fields are embarrassing |
| The baseball fields are in terrible shape and rely on volunteers to maintain. When competing against neighboring towns, our fields are an embarrassment. The restrooms at Riverside are not clean and do not feel safe. |
| The city meets my expectations.That being said my expectations are very low from the city |
| The condition of the soccer fields are terrible in the city. The grass is not cut, there is a problem with standing water. The baseball fields at Swasey were consistently wet, not usable. This is not a safe area to be in at dusk, loud music. It is embarrassing for other towns to come into the city for baseball and soccer games and see the condition of the fields. |
| The condition of the trails at Winnekinni are poor. The condition of most of the athletic fields throughout the city are poor. We are not making the most of the field space at Haverhill High School. |
| The dog park at Riverside smells so bad you can barely walk past it. I see Coaches caring for fields because city workers don't do it |
| The rail trail feels dangerous at night, Ive found plug pond to sometimes get very messy in the summer. |
| The softball fields (at Riverside) are basically sand, rather than the better quality dirt that you find at fields across the Merrimack Valley. Ground balls die in the sand and every time a player tries to field a ball in the infield, they end up with a face and glove full of sand. Additionally, the benches, bleachers, and fences need to be maintained better. |
| The town needs to invest in the softball fields |
| Their is not enough lights around Swazey park especially at night and there always people not pick up after dogz and letting them off leash .Their is always trash and over flow trash bans. |
| There are dangerous trees at Winnekinni that need to be felled. |
| There is a lot of trash and glass on the trails at winnekenni. I’ve been picking it up for over a decade but littering never seems to stop. Perhaps a campaign to help with this? More trash barrels? |
| there is so much trash around the dumpsters in the parks |
| these questions were a bit hard to answer because I don't know about the sports facilitites for instance. Bathroom facilities at Winnikinni need a major upgrade, but they are important to be there. |
| This survey is hard to read on a cell phone can't see the categories as you scroll down to the different activities and properties are being rated |
| Tons of baseball fields but not many softball. Need more police presence at basketball courts outside of riverside park. The trails Committee does great with trails! |
| Too much trash in many of the areas, riverside park by river, winnekenni, crystal lake. Too many off-leash dogs for safety. The tree cutting at winnekenni was horrendous. It completely ruined one trail and looks awful. |
| Tough when on travel soccer going to other fields that a beautiful and Haverhill’s are in tough shape and now losing a big one at Consentino |
| Usable restroom would be nice. Patrol larger parks. |
| Water taxi service between Haverhill and Newburyport would be amazing. |
| We need lighted flat fields for youth sports |
| Why have all the tennis courts been removed? Why were the tennis courts at Winnikinni taken down as well as Riverside? |
| Winnekenni trails are disgraceful. Rocks and tree stumps on the paths are getting worse every year |
| With these amenities come increased municipal responsibilities. I see little of this at the reservoir. |
| You rely too much on volunteers like team Haverhill etc to clean up these places and the litter/dog crap bags are insane in volume. No idea what winter events exist apart from skiing which is not budget friendly |

1. The City meets my expectations in regard to the following needs:

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| **Total Responses: 858** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **The City meets my expectations in regard to the following needs:** | **Strongly Disagree** | | **Disagree** | | **Neutral** | | **Agree** | | **Strongly agree** | | **Don’t Know** | | **Mixed Response** | |
| Managing growth | 169 | **20%** | 192 | **22%** | 221 | **26%** | 127 | **15%** | 46 | **5%** | 96 | **11%** | 7 | **1%** |
| Protection of open space | 119 | **14%** | 170 | **20%** | 257 | **30%** | 170 | **20%** | 59 | **7%** | 75 | **9%** | 8 | **1%** |
| City programs | 51 | **6%** | 148 | **17%** | 244 | **28%** | 282 | **33%** | 72 | **8%** | 45 | **5%** | 16 | **2%** |
| City facilities | 40 | **5%** | 146 | **17%** | 252 | **29%** | 242 | **28%** | 65 | **8%** | 100 | **12%** | 13 | **2%** |
| Fostering farming land uses | 46 | **5%** | 129 | **15%** | 281 | **33%** | 238 | **28%** | 62 | **7%** | 96 | **11%** | 6 | **1%** |
| Private recreational facilities | 37 | **4%** | 79 | **9%** | 248 | **29%** | 297 | **35%** | 90 | **10%** | 95 | **11%** | 12 | **1%** |
| Heritage preservation | 17 | **2%** | 55 | **6%** | 252 | **29%** | 348 | **41%** | 103 | **12%** | 80 | **9%** | 3 | **0%** |
| City resources | 22 | **3%** | 49 | **6%** | 169 | **20%** | 420 | **49%** | 174 | **20%** | 21 | **2%** | 3 | **0%** |

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| **Total Comments: 129** |
| Haverhill has an abundance of outdoor space that could be a highlight of the city. Unfortunately it is not easy to navigate the city website and find this information and much of it is not maintained by the city, leaving our space in a state of disrepair. |
| Athletic fields need major renovation and maintenance. Getting children to play outside and not be on devices is very important. Playing on good fields with decent facilities is important. With all the building going on in this city currently, I am sure that the population will increase. |
| Attempting to change 2 acres zoning is a mistake. Most of these lots are on septic, or located near wetlands or watersheds.. |
| Blank on purpose. |
| Carry out more agressive information campaigns about city events to the community |
| Case I haven’t said it the six times before it huge people problem in the city |
| City does not maintain the state owned skating rink. Public skating is minimal and should be free for children. |
| City is expanding to fast with new construction and solar farms. Acres and acres of prime woodlands have been cut down. |
| Concerns about building in open space and near water sources and in neighborhoods that are getting flooded |
| Enough water resources for all the new housing projects. Traffic especially when bridge construction begins, school seats/staff. |
| Everyone will benefit from adding more shaded places for outdoor enjoyment in hot weather |
| Fields need improvement, better drainage |
| Growth is fine, as long as there is a plan. Creating home ownership opportunities should be encouraged, not just apartments. |
| Haverhill could do better managing growth and protecting open space. |
| Haverhill has a Public Relations problem. The perception is that we're just an urban area, filled with danger, while the reality is quite different. How can we change this to reflect who we really are as a community? |
| Having moved here from Eastern Essex County, the growth and lack if protection for open space is concerning |
| Having to limit the amount of chickens one can have in a residential area with no neighbors and in a farming community I think the city has overstepped its bounds. |
| High school fields not maintained, outdoor bathrooms are dirty and often locked at high school. They need more outdoor resources and parking by the track at HHS. The indoor tennis building is useless to this community. |
| How does the city help space like buttonwoods and whittier? I know they did zero for the fire fighting museum |
| I am not familiar about all these questions . |
| I am not sure how open space is being protected. Some open space areas I was unaware of, however I feel that is it very important to save existing farmland and conservation areas. |
| I am worried that the city is overbuilding housing units |
| I am worried that the development in the downtown area will overtake the historic portions. So many have been demolished. The Pentucket Bank building that fit in with our history will be torn down with the new development. Will we have another out of place Jenga Heights building, ugly Atherton, or disproportionate new 229 Water St thing currently being built?  We need more conversions such as the Hamel Mill Lofts that respect our history. Also - please require 229 Water St builders and others to restore the roads as before the construction. The major utility work on the other end of Water St/Lincoln Ave restored the roads to be smooth and not destroy our cars. The 229 Water St utility work is bumpy! |
| I feel too many new housing developments are being built. The school (even the new Hunking) are so over crowded.  I would like to see more things for teens to do.. do we have a skate park?   The high school pool locker rooms are terrible. The ceilings in the girls locker room leak when raining! Water pours through the ceilings right past the electrical light fixtures. |
| I hope the tax revenue from all the new condos and apartments get spent to fix some of these quality of life issues, people won't stay and play if our facilities appear to be neglected or inadequate. |
| I hope we are protecting our open spac;e it is very important! The farms are essential to our city as well. Significant improvement could be made with Buttonwoods given the rich history in our city. The library is central to the life of this city. I think we could have more programs for all ages! |
| I live right near the HHS pool and I have no idea what is even offered there. Are their public swim classes or free swim?! Very old buildings. |
| I really love the library but I don’t know what is going on with the parking situation the past few years. It’s nearly impossible to find parking during the daytime, so I don’t even bother going.  I don’t know if people using the courthouse are taking up the whole lot? Or there just happens to be a ton of people with cars using the library all day… But now I typically avoid the library during the day because there is nowhere to park |
| I think lots of open space is being used to build more infrastructure that most likely won’t be accessible to the people that actually need housing. I think it would be better to build environment-conscious communal space instead. |
| I think the city grants permission to those with enough money to build/construct on areas that should be protected; there should be better assessment and citizen input on when a developer wants to build multiple condos in the area and the depletion of resources. Haverhill already has multiple infrastructure and educational resource constraints and it is irresponsible to add more without concrete plans to rectify these issues. An incremental increase to housing/construction should result in an incremental increase in city resources in tandem or the city will fall into disrepair and receivership. |
| I wish there were adult classes offered at the ice rink for learning figure skating; fruit trees and bushes should be planted everywhere; disappointed fun unique places like Skateland are being lost; more city sponsored events please! |
| I would like to see more enrichment activities for children. The library is a phenomenal asset for our children and the entire community. |
| I would love it if we had better equipped aquatic programs in the city. We are Y members and the swimming instruction is nice but the pool is so poorly heated it is almost unusable, and the facility is really lacking, while Cedardale is quite expensive. Perhaps expansion of public support to the Y could help, or opening up HHS facilities further? I would also love to see more city rec options and better advertised, we consistently only find out about offerings till after they are closed. For bright spots— we love love love the library, and the recycling program is superb |
| I would rather see new parks than more housing being constructed |
| I'm concerned that we are trying to develop every square inch of the city to increase tax base. For example, building an office park on/near marshland. Blatantly ignoring zoning laws to approve multi dwelling housing. I've lived in overdeveloped cities-Lynn, Malden, Everett. I specifically moved to Haverhill because there is more open space and more appropriate amount of space between dwellings. MA will never solve its housing crisis so please, let's be thoughtful about how and where we develop this city to meet commercial and residential needs. |
| In my neighborhood two formerly wooded areas have been clear cut for a nursing home and a diesel fuel filling station. No conservation of woodlands and no protection of drinking water and wetlands. It is destruction of a woodland habitat and the installation of a toxic fuel business promoting, poor air quality, noise pollution, and a threat to the City’s drinking water. |
| It seems the city isn’t leaving any open space. Where there is open space, apartments are being built. Stop city development and recover / spend tax dollars on improving current resident conditions. |
| It seems there are apartments or condos popping up in every open space. |
| It would be nice if you could actually use the library. The parking is a joke. The court takes 100 percent of the parking lot on most days. Also there has been a broken window in the club room at the ice rink for well over a year. |
| It's often not clear how well growth is being managed until late in the process. |
| Keep our historic monuments and areas preserved, please. |
| Major housing developments (like DiBurro's) need to include bodegas, small pharmacies, hair salon/barber, tiny bank, dry cleaner drop-off sites, & daycare so that we can manage our growth responsibly. |
| maybe a learn to garden activity |
| More farm animals |
| More open spaces need recreation development; trails, access etc. |
| More options for indoor recreation for people with disabilities...would love to see a program that allows those with physical handicap to buy a greatly reduced membership to places like the YMCA, Cedardale, etc....My doctor wants me swimming, however I can't afford a membership to any of these places, and for the limited use of the facilities I would get, it certainly doesnt justify the price of membership. The National MS Society has started programs with a number of facilities around the country that offer such programs...none are near here. |
| N/A |
| N/A |
| Need balanced development and some say in what new buildings look like. Two new apartment buildings are hideous boxes with no beauty |
| Need more community events. |
| Need to do a better job at museums or conservation land l. Not much happens at tattersall or any other local public place |
| Need to know where parking without pay meters, so I can walk to downtown. |
| no |
| No |
| None |
| None |
| None |
| None |
| none |
| None |
| nope |
| Nothing is geared towards the youth in this city, lots of information on families who would qualify financially, however extremely difficult to find information for families who do not meet a minimum income |
| On the whole, the city seems to be doing a pretty good job of protecting open space. But I am concerned we will soon lose the beautiful view of the bend in the Merrimack one can see to the left when coming down the hill on Main Street. That view is for all of us, it shouldn't be privatized. Indeed we all need it, to keep us humble and in awe. |
| Our city is growing rapidly and housing is going up everywhere. Our schools need work and are never going to be able to handle all this growth. We need to fix what we have first before all this growth hits. Our roads are one giant pothole. Our fields and outdoor play areas at schools are not maintained or updated. Our outdoor sporting areas for all sports is embarrassing compared to other sports from the conditions of the fields and courts to the lack of bathrooms and accommodations. We can't have night games or sports due to safety or lack of lighting because what we have doesn't always work or doesn't safely light. The inside of the stadium football field is beautiful but nobody can use it. We have no out door middle school sport teams because there are no where for them to play outside. Our outdoor swimming areas are never maintained the way they should be. |
| Please consider weekly recycling |
| Please stop building apartment buildings. Schools are overcrowded and we don’t need more population here. |
| Previous Mayor Fiorentini was hostile to farms because he felt her didn’t pay enough taxes on the land. That’s a foolish way of looking at it — we should want locally produced food and sustainable resources such as farms. Please support them. |
| Protection of open space has not been a priority from what I've observed exploring the city, and from what I have seen at conservation committee meetings. |
| Quit trying to jam people into the city with new apartments. Create family friendly entertainment venues |
| Recent environmentally unfriendly businesses opening on upper Hilldale Ave is concerning |
| Recycling barrels like the trash barrels should be provided. During windy days too much recycling ends up in the streets, water and woodlands. |
| Recycling every week would be so helpful. And limiting single family homes to 1 trash barrel per week. |
| School baseball fields have not been used/maintained for years. The local league, RB, is no longer allowed to use school fields, which limits number of games that can be played. |
| School maintenance plans needed, same roof problems in our public schools for decades |
| Shdhdj |
| SLOW DOWN/STOP MEGA DEVELOPMENTS. |
| So far over the past decade the city has only cared about building nothing else, it brings a whole host of issues, not in the least over crowding of our schools that desperately need help with their demographic. We need to care about things and options for our young people. |
| So fortunate to have farm stands in city. Let's support farmers by maintaining open space. |
| Some City resources like the library are amazing, others not so much. |
| Stop building |
| Stop building apartments |
| Stop building apartments everywhere. Pick up recycling every week. |
| Stop developing everything around. We need open space and recreation. |
| That last one was less overwhelming and easier to answer |
| The amount of new construction is horrific. Hundreds of apartments being built within miles of one another and the lack of consideration for traffic or the demands that will be put on city resources that are already underfunded and inadequately maintained. |
| The amount of trash left in the streets after scheduled recycling and trash days is concerning. |
| The Citizen Center needs to be refreshed; the kitchen is outdated, the building is depressing, and I don't think people know about its value. We also need a dedicated senior center. |
| The City does NOT do enough to support historical or cultural organizations in Haverhill |
| The city does very little to maintain Tattersall Farm |
| The city is doing everything it can to grow uncontrollably selling every last bit of unused space for housing. In my opinion there is no regard for saving open green spaces. There is no thought into what will citizens do or what the children will have to do in Haverhill. It is very quickly turning into a concrete jungle under the banner of growing and progress! Lets rehab what we have and improve what we have first. |
| The city is getting too over crowded. Too many people on the streets. The traffic leaving my street takes so long. Time to get across town has more than doubled. We don't need more homes, we need more commerce. Bring money in with businesses filled with people who stay in Haverhill for entertainment |
| The condition of the fields makes people look elsewhere for activities for their children. Many parents are opting to participate in club teams because of the condition of the Haverhill fields. |
| The forestry program has changed a lot of outdoor space without taking into account invasive management. The logging plans were also deviated from with no consequence. End logging in the city parks. It increases habitat when standing and fallen dead trees are left as-is. |
| The ice rink, pool, stadium are barely maintained to a usable level. |
| The last time I looked up public free skate or swim at the high school, it seemed access was fairly limited |
| The library is way too "woke." |
| The new Bradford condos ( where Skateland used to be ) will surely be nightmare for traffic over that bridge unless something is changed , it’s horrible now , also Lafayette square traffic is terrible .. Bradford ski area is awesome for the kids as well as Winnikini for sledding and the walk around the basin |
| The public ice skating times are very limited and not truly accessible to the youth on a consistent basis |
| The stops/checks [referred to in previous answers] |
| The trails of crystal lake were destroyed by loggers that never followed through with clean up or replanting. |
| There are too many housing plans that impact neighborhoods without thoughts to parking. Don't visit downtown most of the time because there isn't parking available and I used to love walking there and popping into shops while walking the area |
| There isn’t a “third space” option that is for the whole community, meaning it’s an affordable option that brings the family together and allows for the family to get healthy together. This is why the Haverhill YMCA’s master plan includes an opportunity for an updated, expanded, facility to meet the needs of the community today and for the future. |
| There needs to be a better job of letting city residents know what is available and when such as open skate time or hiking trails |
| There’s an ice rink?!? |
| There’s an ice rink?!? |
| There's literally nothing to do downtown aside from eat and walk or attend the occasional event. Why isn't there a movie theater or something entertaining down there |
| This city is turning into a dump |
| Tired of see homeless hanging around and in library. Homeless trying to steal your things while standing 7 feet away. Don't think fair for library personnel or kids/teens doing homework after school. |
| Too many multi unit residences/condos. Houses being built too close to each other. Many builders care more about making the dollars rather than building quality homes with some land between them. City should require 1 lot acre minimum |
| Too many new houses with no infrastructure improvement. The new construction by ledge road is raising the water leading to more flooding of peoples properties, and objections are ignored. |
| Too many units on too small lots. Tearing down single family homes and putting up 8 units is ruining the essence of the city |
| Too much development |
| Too much low income housing focus |
| Too much new apartment development. Too many duplexes being built in what used to be nice open neighborhoods, now they look like apartment rows. Get rid of the duplex exception that allows developers to basically put two houses where only one was previously. |
| Too much overdevelopment despite what experts say. Streets/bridges can’t handle more traffic |
| Trails in woods need maintenance to cut back over growth, tree blow down, and fix wet areas |
| We are developing too fast without a solid plan for infrastructure and supports/added resources for our new residents. |
| We go to Amesbury for pick your own. We also go to other towns for kayaking and canoeing. Boat house would be a great addition to the city. |
| We have a lot of these things but they're in bad shape ie citizens center, library, Winnekenni Castle |
| We need a new high school. It is deplorable. |
| We need to activate our Agricultural Commission and develop and pass a Right to Farm ordinance including encouraging agritourism. We need to help our farms become more viable so they don't fall to development. |
| We need to be more aware of how large scale building 15+ units are affecting our city resources and our schools. Less huge apartment buoldings that extract wealth from the community and more smaller projects that allow residents to build wealth by purchasing (condos multi family, single family etc) |
| We should not be adding more and more apartment complexes before upgrading the infrastructure to support current residents. The roads, city water and sewage etc... are not capable of supporting current residents. Adding more and more apartment buildings before upgrading schools, roads and public utilities is poor planning all around. |
| While housing is desperately needed, current construction is mostly an ugly mix of whatever fits in an available space with no sense of aesthetics whatsoever. |
| Would like examples of ways city is protecting open space |

1. What is the best way for you to receive information on parks, recreation and open space facilities, services, and programs?

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| **What is the best way for you to receive information on parks, recreation and open space facilities, services, and programs?** | | |
| **Total Responses: 858** | | |
| Email newsletter | 568 | **66%** |
| Social media (Facebook Instagram) | 549 | **64%** |
| City website - cityofhaverhill.com | 429 | **50%** |
| Text | 202 | **24%** |
| Newspaper | 164 | **19%** |
| Radio (eg. WHAV) | 160 | **19%** |
| Posters/yard signs | 143 | **17%** |
| Community TV (Channel 22) | 82 | **10%** |
| Phone call/Voicemail | 61 | **7%** |

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| **Total Comments: 23** |
| City of Haverhill website is really hard to navigate |
| I wouldn't even know to look for that information were it not for this survey |
| Mailing |
| The postal service mailings |
| trail booklet for sale that I own |
| Whav Daily Emails (faster and greater detail tham the Eagle Trib) BiLingual CITY Robo-calls are the best! |
| WHAV online |
| WHAV online newspaper |
| Word of mouth |
| Mailings to residences |
| School system |
| A city space map placed somewhere like winnekinni with marks for parks |
| A more user friendly city website! |
| Flyer mailed to residents. |
| Information Kiosk would be great at the library or somewhere outside |
| Letters from schools |
| that is accessible at all hours/days. |
| WHAV & Haverhill Life are terrific resources for communication |

1. Please offer your comments or suggestions regarding open space and recreational goals for the City of Haverhill.

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| **Total Comments: 264** |
| We need to bring our athletic fields to a better state. Trails need consistent and clear trail markers and signage. Need to make it easier to find playgrounds and trail information on the website (with locations, amenities). Can city get more volunteers involved in trail, park, athletic fields and playground upkeep? |
| 1)John's woods is so muddy and tough to navigate unless it's frozen, add a few new trails. 2)Crystal lake area needs new growth trees, lots of dead wood standing and better parking, like bigger lot off the road and paved or at least safer than what's there now.3) Neighborhood park on hanscom Ave is so muddy it needs to have update like paver walk way to enter. Thank you for these considerations. |
| A boat house or launch for the High School Crew Team would be outstanding |
| A city the size of Haverhill needs a dedicated soccer facility. All athletic fields need to be renovated and maintained on a regular basis. There are many baseball fields in this city that are not taken care of. Ex. Cashman Park, 12th Ave, Hunking and the baseball and softball fields outside of the Haverhill stadium. |
| A longer rail trail is much needed! For runners, the length of the rail trail is too short. |
| Add more restroom facilities at playgrounds and parks |
| Add Skateparks for all of the bored teenagers!! |
| Always room for improvement, can only do so much with what resources and officials allow. |
| An area for HHS crew team to have more access to river for practice and events. |
| Anything I can bring by dog to would be outstanding! |
| Anything to promote people being active is welcome. Something like this would be grear: https://www.nationalfitnesscampaign.com/app |
| As previously mentioned the kids really need more ball fields and for more staffing to maintain the fields. My negative ratings are NOT a reflection of the effort of Ben Delaware and Vinny. They have always been great to RB Baseball and truly do their best. But from what I understand they are limited by the resources given to them by the city. Thank you and happy to chat to anyone about this. Matt Souza 508-498-2742 |
| As with most things in Haverhill (in my experience), there needs to be a solid plan to maintain and new additions. There have been lots of nice things added to the city, but within 5 years, they are already showing signs of deterioration. |
| At some of the trail heads it would be nice to have a dog waste bag receptacle like at Riverside park, so the dog waste bags do not get left on the trails or at the trailhead. |
| Balance the need for more housing, broaden tax base while maintaining recreational spaces for growing population |
| Bathrooms and trash cans at Clement Farm disc golf course would be a very positive quality-of-life change. |
| Better layout for Riverside baseball fields. Too much wasted space and hardly any facilities or vendors. |
| Better signage- I got kinda   lost the first time walking around Kenoza lake and I’m an experienced hiker. And better maintenance of smaller trails like John’s woods. |
| Boathouse |
| Boathouse for HHS Crew teams. |
| Build a boat house on the river! |
| Build a skatepark |
| Building of a quality concrete skatepark, building of a boathouse for crew team and other patrons |
| Cashman’s park is very neglected and the playground equipment offers nothing for younger children. Trash is constant. There are many children who live in the housing development off of Hilldale who would benefit from improved programming at this park! |
| City should improve their city calendars and websites for maintaining info regarding open space and programs happening through city. |
| City sold Smiley school which could have given this part of city a great place for playground/splash pad. There is a dog section. City likes dogs more than the kids? |
| Clean up the fields. Cut the grass when the soccer team is going to be using them. We had a coach bring his own weed wacker to make the fields usable. It is very sad these kids don't have the fields to use for sports. |
| Clement Farm Disc Golf Course is one of the highest rated and most popular disc golf courses in the state thanks to the volunteers who built and maintain it. It brings hundreds of people to Haverhill each week during the summer. Those people spend money in the city and support local businesses. The city should support the efforts of the people who run the course at Clement Farm to keep it well maintained and making sure those who play there will keep coming back. |
| Community Nursing at the CC, and our Library are the best kept secrets of Haverhill! They deserve more recognition and promotion from the city! COA Newsletter is great too! Library should have a huge open house with |
| Connect the riverwalk, downtown dog park |
| Conservation commission and DPW must fix the stone bridge at the Legion ASAP |
| Consistent facilities at each area I.e splash pads at all parks playgrounds not just two. Need a park playground area with playground equipment in the Columbia Park and Amesbury Road area. Children need walkable access to playgrounds recreation. |
| Continue to maintain and preserve the green space in our city. Consider clearing trees/branches hanging over powerlines though... |
| Crystal Lake Area has OHV use, and locals making random trails and disrupting streams and drainage in addition to building structures like teepees. Little to no attention occurs to the area from the city |
| Do better Haverhill. You have been dismissing soccer for years. Now lacrosse. It's embarrassing and we should be ashamed. |
| Do better! |
| Equitable open space design in urban(densely packed)areas is important to me. |
| Everything in moderation, I personally do not use all things offered in Haverhill but pay for them. |
| Excited and optimistic that we'll begin to see positive change in Haverhill soon. |
| Family picnics, games, kids volunteering in programs. Outside, appreciate the outdoors and cell free time to be kids. |
| Fix skate park please |
| Fix the bridge at Clement farm that is almost completely gone. That course is maintained by 3 volunteers only. They have no resources to build a bridge. And I will report it to the state as a safety issue. It's crumbling to pieces! Fix it! |
| Fix up playground across from riverside park to make it usable for young kids. Clean up trails along merrimack river. There’s needles and trash. |
| Form true commitees with real experience |
| Free senior activities + access to opportunities of interest for them. |
| Get a soccer field please. clean up the dog poop and trash all over the city. Nasty stuff at winneikinnei |
| Great place to live! |
| Haverhill boathouse and community rowing |
| Haverhill gotten much better, now has opportunity to be exceptional! |
| Haverhill has all the potential in the world, and is not allotting proper funds to many of these areas in comparison to other towns/communities - where this town and its facilities should shine, rather many look under maintained and disregarded |
| Haverhill has great space, but no plan to improve on the fields. We invite other towns via travel softball and baseball programs and it’s embarrassing what our city fields look like in comparison to Lowell, Methuen, even Lawrence. |
| Haverhill has some beautiful areas but unfortunately the city is focusing its time on development and overpopulation, maintaining and creating new areas for citizens. The park trails systems are falling apart not maintained extremely unsafe and over by homeless and drugs. We live close to plugs pond and the work and playground. The update last year is great but we feel unsafe allowing our children to go there. The people that it brings loud, loud obnoxious, rude, invisibly doing drugs. Young families and people in general feel extremely unsafe going to any of our parks. The Bradford rail trail is a nice addition, but once again, homeless, punks and unruly people are allowed to take it over. Perfect example is the buttonwood Trail in Riverside along the Merrimack. This was a large project years ago and was supposed to be a nice walking trail along the water but now it is dilapidated overrun, unsafe, homeless drugs, etc.   The city needs to focus on the infrastructure that we already have instead of building, new apartment, buildings allowing additional development and overpopulating the already Overpopulated city in school system.  Clean up the parks, patrol them and give it back to the people who actually use them and not th drugs and homeless that rule them now |
| Haverhill is a unique City in that we have so much rural land, water sources, and cultural treasures. Proper zoning to protect historic, agricultural and recreational areas is very important to me |
| Haverhill is beautiful. |
| Haverhill is such a large city. While the Bradford rail trail is wonderful I would love to see other walking spaces safely maintained. And a sledding hill open to the public is a dream. |
| Haverhill library started a summer music program. Would like to see the city support it and start using the stage/shell. |
| Haverhill needs a wider range of business/entertainment like Trader Joe's, boutiques/gift shops, cafés, roller rink, rock climbing, escape room, adult/family entertainment, etc. We DON'T need any more condos, storage facilities, banks, barber shops/salons. |
| Having some more trails for cross country skiing or mountain biking in town would be amazing. Some more tennis courts and longer bike trails would be nice as well. Keep up the good work! |
| HHS Crew Team and needs a boathouse for permanent access to the river |
| HHS Crew Team needs a boathouse!!!! |
| Hoping the Little River dam removal proceeds |
| i do not have any comments |
| I don’t ‘Face-Twit or Insta-Spam’. I don’t subscribe to the newspaper. Posters are juvenile and cheap looking, and they usually just blow around. Do not clog phone lines for advertisements, that should be for emergency use only. |
| I feel like Haverhill is not as young children friendly. Most of the playgrounds are catered to older kids, parks in other cities have a tot playground. Haverhill could use another splash pad that is fenced in for security. Haverhill should offer more playgroups with different types of activities like other nearby towns offer. |
| I feel that we need to adapt for more open places for kids of all intellectual levels to contribute |
| I feel the city needs to drill down on who needs the recreational areas the most, in their respected geographical location. For example, if there is a need for a basketball court near Lafayette Sq. for the youth in the community, constructing a pickleball court instead would be counter productive for that community, and wouldn't be fiscally responsible either. I also feel there needs to be productive outlets/programs for the Haverhill youth during the summertime. This could help rebuild some of the communities in need, while providing a productive outlet for the kids at-risk... which is every Haverhill child. |
| I have a plan for a bike pump track that could be an excellent addition to the city. |
| I have been a constant user of Haverhill's recreational facilities and open space since I moved here when I was 10 years old. I think our trail systems in the various conservation areas are a hidden gem of the city that I've spent countless hours walking and exploring with family, friends and pets. I began playing disc golf a couple of years before the course at Clement Farm was established and it has become my favorite hobby/past time since and that is largely due to the incredible course and community the volunteers have created there. There are some incredible statistics available (contact the Haverhill Disc Golf Association if interested) to see just how much of a draw the course has become to people from all over the state and beyond, to the point that I think the argument could be made that it brings as many people to visit Haverhill as anything else it offers and a second course would only increase that and help alleviate the overcrowding the current course can see at peak times (due to its popularity and quality). The best part is the sport is perfect to highlight the natural beauty of Haverhill green spaces and courses are designed to use what the terrain offers with altering as little as possible, helping to maintain healthy forests and courses can be installed for minimal cost compared to ball fields and courts and can be enjoyed by more people at one time. |
| I love our Bradford Rail Trail and look forward to its further expansion. At the same time, as we develop it and similar spaces, we alter wildlife habitats and yes, also the habitats of our unhoused people. Efforts to manage recreation must go hand in hand with efforts to learn about and address the needs of all who live here, so they can thrive. |
| I mentioned the teens needing a place to be teens. |
| I said before, I'd Ike to see more programs teaching about nature and wildlife. |
| I think a great part to help Haverhill would be to allow Haverhill High School’s rowing team access to the Merrimack river and even a boathouse. This is because as a team, we are set back by having to wait for the OK to row on the river. Having access to the river and a boathouse will not only give us access without asking and bothering others, but it will also protect our boats in the boathouse as well as give the team more time on the water before big regattas(races). |
| I think that Haverhill does a great job. I would like to see more cleanup along the areas aforementioned. |
| I think the city does a great job, but there’s always room for improvement and ways to make our beautiful area accessible for all residents. |
| I think the city is doing a good job. |
| I think the city really does great work. I rode (MTB) at Crystal Saturday 4/20, the trails are great, downed trees cut & moved. I experiebcecsame at Kenoza. Also if we can work with you for a pump track, I wonder how Tattersall would be, Winnikenni up by NECC? New Monument St. B&G Club site (Synergy with them)Looking forward to helping! |
| I think there are more activities for kids in Haverhill, than there are adults. I'm 41 years old and I love running, hiking, walking, and cycling; and wish there was a greater emphasis on supporting those activities. I'd love to try kayaking too, but am unsure where and when I am allowed to do that? |
| I want to see the continuation of the good work that has been done with some better balance in two areas. 1. It’s great that we have so many softball and baseball facilities, and I would like to see more opportunities for space for other sports like soccer, flag football and lacrosse for youth teams. And 2. I would like to see some real care taken to control the growth of our population so that a strain isn’t put on our public safety, natural resources or infrastructure. |
| I wish I can use them, but the lack of info/availability of handicap parking means I can’t |
| I would like to establish a network of urban downtown walking trails of graduated intensity. I pitched the idea a few years ago at Possible Dreams, but couldn't find someone or group to help map it out. Would still like to do this. Alison Colby-Campbell is my name |
| I would like to see an expansion of the bradford rail trail. It is entirely too short. It also needs better security. I have felt unsafe safe there multiple times.  Hiking trails in the city need better signage.   The athletic field usage is not good in my opinion. It is utterly embarrassing to see Varsity sports games being played on the multi-use field at the high school, especially when the city and school has a statium. No other school in the area plays Varsity games on what is essentially a practice field, they are played that the schools stadiums. The multi-use field does not have adequate seating for spectators, it is extremely difficult navigate to and comfortably watch an event there for people with disabilities and the bathroom facilities are a joke. It also lacks lighting for evening games or practices. The viewing from the stands at that field for softball games is atrocious. And the accessibility for softball games is even worse than it is for other sports. I find it to be quite embarrassing when friends from other cities and towns in the area come to Haverhill for a Varsity game and see the very expensive newish multi-use turf field that was so poorly designed for spectators/visitors being used as a game location instead of the practice field it seems to have been designed to be. |
| I would like to see maintenance of our recreational spaces (athletic fields, trash, bathrooms) be added into the city budget. |
| I would like to see parks and sports fields built and no more apartments building. |
| I would like to see the focus on the health of the community including clean air and water, mitigating effects of climate change, and reducing noise pollution, rather than on beautification. I would like to see more trees, conservation of properties, restoring and managing properties to increase biodiversity, reduce influx of invasive plants, including native plants/plantings in developments, managing erosion. |
| I would like to see the legion field taken care of better for the girls softball. The fields are in terrible shape especially after some rain which causes large uneven areas in the infield that can cause injury. The outfield is very bumpy with ants everywhere and dog droppings |
| I would love a map/guide of Haverhill's recreational sites. Also, more flower gardens incorporated into current sites, more responsible landscaping, more community garden allotments. It would be a bonus if the community gardens are accessible by one of the trails or are adjacent to another site. Develop in such a way to limit the number of car trips and also consideration of folding each of the recreational activities into another activity is the way to go. And, don't forget, everyone needs to wee. We often we need to leave an activity/site because there are no public facilities. Thank you! |
| I would love to see a tot friendly enclosed playground that is not on school property and feels safe with parking |
| I would love to see an expansion of youth sports, fields, and facilities. The City should foster a safe environment for all, with police presence in some areas, if necessary. Also, special care should be taken to preserve our historical markers and monuments, etc as is, and free of revision. |
| I would love to see foraging programs as well as the creation of a community food forest. |
| I would love to see more investment into parks. Our dog parks are a sad excuse for dog parks when compared to neighboring communities (we drive past Riverside to go to Groveland). It would also be great to see school fields in use. The Hunking baseball field has never been used. It just sits there. |
| I would love to see the farmland and protected areas of Haverhill remain protected and not be developed. I also feel a boathouse to access the Merrimack River would be a wonderful asset to our community. We are fortunate to have a crew team at the high school and it would be amazing to give those students the ability to row in their community. It would also allow residents to enjoy the river as well. |
| I would really like to see more activities and and resources available for youth and teens outside of the Y and B&G club. They are great resources but I don’t know if they are enough. The more youth can get involved in activities, it limits idle time where they could be getting into trouble and helps develop and sense of community. |
| I’d love to chat with anyone more. Call me or email me anytime. Andytarasuk@yahoo.com or 978-891-4700 |
| I'd like to see an open dog park with a running trail through it. Preferably a miile plus track of open dog space. |
| Improve baseball fields |
| Improve playgrounds and add more splash pads. The city wants to attract young families but they do not offer anything new or interesting for families of young kids to do. |
| In general I’ve been happy with the upkeep of riverside park that I walk to with my dogs and toddler every day. Several times I have seen police officers pull up and yell at people that were clearly off leash training their dogs with a certified trainer guiding them while the dogs had e collars on, or enjoying a controlled off leash walk with their dog very far from any area with others present, they were doing this in an area of the park where no one was around and 400+ feet from walkable paths, there is clearly a need for designated off leash areas, not only at Riverside park but also other Haverhill open spaces and I would like to see more spaces offer this option to people that have dogs that are trained on e-collars and that have full control. Fenced Dog parks are called fight clubs for a reason by all reputable trainers and in my opinion with the dog fights I see on a daily basis this is not a good option for most dogs. We need both options both fenced and unfenced. |
| It has been recognized that the beauty of Haverhill lies in the urban/ rural mix. There needs to be a conscious effort to maintain that aspect and to make ways for urban residents [ singles, families and children] to have access and learn to appreciate all that Haverhill has. |
| It is difficult to address the interests of an entire city with limited properties and limited funding. Dual use / multi use / seasonal use/ scheduled use properties may offer a solution that adapts to current needs while allowing various activities during all 4 seasons. For example, farming in the spring and summer, sports, hunting, dogs in the fall / x-country skiing in the winter. |
| It is sad that our high school crew team has to leave town to launch boats to practice their sport. We are on the river and we need more access to it. |
| It’s a long shot but it would be nice to make the connection between Winnekinis main lot and Merrill lot into a proper trail. At least sidewalks! Many people do not not even grasp that this on road portion makes a loop around the park. |
| Just some investment in cleaning up parks :) |
| Less building, no more apartments, we can’t handle the growth, police, schools and fire departments are not equipped to handle larger population. We need to protect 2 acre RR zoning and not allow more growth through apartment buildings. This does NOT attract the class of citizens we need in our city. My own grown kids will not live or move back to Haverhill. |
| Lets get going! |
| Limiting size of apartment developments in Bradford. recent projects are too big and will cause increased traffic congestion |
| Looking forward to the new downtown project but again concerns of traffic on Ginty and parking |
| Love the location of the 2023 farmers market. I realize that isn't owned by the city, but loved the atmosphere. Would like to see that continue. Also, the music events that take place there on Friday nights during the summer, I'd like to see expanded or adjusted to other nights of the week (like Saturday/Sunday when families have more free time). Also would like to see these extended well into spring/fall. |
| Maintain what we have before wadting money on building new facilities. |
| Maintenance is lacking and/or intermittent at many locations, where nothing happens unless people complain about poor conditions. |
| Make better use of the Haverhill Trails Committee |
| Make the playground areas safe and offer something in outlying neighborhoods |
| Making biking safer on city streets with more bike racks for secure storage while shopping. More riverside walking, biking and boating of all kinds. |
| Maybe we can build a wooden roller coaster. A city built a wooden coaster and it was successful! I know, this is a pipe dream of mine. |
| More activities for activr seniors ie new Tennis facilty being built at hs |
| More communication about available rec programming, especially for adults, would be helpful. I have not found the city website to be too user friendly. |
| More frequently updated woodchips or rubber protective flooring in recreational areas for little kids |
| More funding |
| More improvements and maintenance to all baseball fields. Swasey field feels unsafe and is always in very poor condition for baseball. Riverside baseball fields could use updates and proper maintenance |
| More literature and/or advertising that the places exist and what they offer! |
| More pickleball courts throughout the city. Concessions facility at riverside park baseball games. |
| More playgrounds that aren't school based, as these are monopolized by YMCA programming after school and on breaks. More labeling and maintaining of trails, especially at winnekenni, particularly putting down wooden walkways in areas that are consistently too muddy to walk. More resources devoted to trash pick up, as the public spaces are often filled with litter. |
| More recreation for people with disabilities and young adults |
| More trail maps. |
| More trash cans (with lids) available at all locations to prevent litter and promote more folks cleaning up after themselves and others. More doggy bag dispensers as well. |
| More wildflowers or flowers planted throughout the city |
| More youth programs; safe walking/jogging packed trails for all ages |
| Most of our public parks look pretty shabby. Trees are neglected. Grass needs fertilizer and lime. Spend more city resources on these areas. |
| Most of the tennis courts in the city have been replaced by pickle ball courts which I feel is unfair. Haverhill needs more public athletic facilities and places where people can stay active without the need for a membership or paying money. Community events, especially in the summer would be fun. Work on keeping the stadium and hhs athletics maintained for the athletes. Work on building up the stadium. The more added the more people will be outside and moving :) |
| My best wish is for this city to very deliberate about protecting open space. It is a treasure and we should make is more accessible. I encourage more programs about the natural history of the spaces of our river and how to protect them for all ages. |
| My children are involved in Haverhill Youth Soccer and Riverside Bradford Baseball. I'd love to see more dedicated soccer fields. When we travel to other cities nearby, their fields are in much better condition both in terms of the field itself and for spectators. The baseball fields we use at Riverside are okay, but often uneven and subject to flooding. |
| My kids didn’t play soccer, but for years I have always heard there aren’t enough soccer fields. Also, the HHS crew team deserves a boat ramp to the Merrimack River.   Improve when possible, but always maintain. |
| N/A |
| nah am good |
| Nah im good |
| Need improvement of the baseball fields and parks |
| Need more and better maintained (grass seeding, fertilized/watered athletic fields. Need more trees around ponds trimmed or taken down for room for fishing from the shore. Cleaned and drug paraphernalia free parks and swimming areas. Need more conservation land for hunting. Need better facilities. More police presence at city parks. |
| Need more parks and recreation areas for children and adults those with and without disabilities. |
| Need to increase police presence, clean up streets. Create more events for community gathering, bands, concerts, open antique homes (tattersall etc) |
| Need to invest in maintenance and checking that the upkeep and trash removal is actually done |
| never give me a survey again |
| New housing has little green space. More trails, bike lanes, flowers and greenery are quality of life issues. Density requires more of these things as well as community gardens. |
| No |
| No |
| No more building please. We have residents in our community who deserve a safe places to play, hike and enjoy the outdoors. Continuing to build is going to overcrowd these areas and cost the city more to maintain. |
| None |
| none |
| None |
| None at this time |
| not much outdoor use since our daughter is grown but do like attending fairs and festivals in Summer/fall |
| Now that cedardale is bought out and Amazement was a great place for kids. I would like to see something for kids. |
| One amazing playground would be more of an attraction than 8 mediocre playgrounds |
| Open space and outdoor recreational activities are very important to the health of the citizens and the overall image of the city. As much as the state needs more housing to accommodate all the people that wish to live in our area, keeping open space is more important, in my opinion. |
| Open space is a critical characteristic of this city; once it’s gone it’s gone forever. Protection and careful planning are needed to ensure we don’t lose this valuable asset. |
| Our baseball and softball fields are not adequate for our youth athletes! The drainage is terrible and the fields at the stadium were littered in building materials for the 2023 season. It was embarrassing. Our youth deserve better. |
| Our first goals should be to maintain what we have now with weekly (or more often) cleaning of trash cans, etc maintaining fields at parks, cleaning and repairing play equipment at existing parks and adding security (police patrols) this is for all city recreational areas including those in rural areas like meadowbrook, .We also need to better maintain trails. |
| Our park facilities are bare minimum if that and could be so much better. We need good trails and better maintenance |
| Overall cleanliness and maintenance of useful ares |
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| Parks for kids to play shouldn't be rusty. It would be nice if the ground was not woodchips |
| Playground maintenance needs improvement. |
| Please consider adding a small neighborhood park near Farrwood Dr and sidewalk in the future. It would be nice to be able to walk to one. Also, please consider adding bus stop signage where they’re actually stop. Parks should be more accessible and convenient to reach for all residents. |
| Please consider my earlier mention of a place for winter/inclement weather activity. Those of us who are frequent walkers for our health need a safe/affordable place to walk/exercise when the weather is bad. An indoor walking track (with adequate parking) would be ideal. I was hoping something like that would have filled the space left from the old Building 19 in Riverside. |
| Please consider the added responsibility to the city by keeping areas open 24/7. I would like to see the areas deforested by the city made sustainable.native plants are being killed by invasive species. Folks are fishing at the lake. Fishing line is hanging from trees and in the water. It is a danger to diving birds. There may be trails that need to be closed during certain seasons in order to not be degraded by use in wet or winter seasons. |
| Please continue to monitor these areas, especially to be aware of conservation areas/potentials. Thank you. |
| Please continue to plant native trees, shrubs, flowers in Haverhill, and please continue to protect conservation land & open spaces. While recreation is important, protecting the nature/wildlife habitats is essential. Thank you for all you do to protect! |
| Please develop an athletic complex that can be well maintained and support the youth of this city. Please protect the beautiful history and parks of this city. The rec department has been a great resource for the city but n Ed’s help to have an effective recreation department for a city of this size. |
| Please improve the drainage of the Swasey Senior league field and install an outfield/homerun fence. |
| Please improve the website and access to information regarding Haverhill parks and rec |
| Please keep them clean, safe, and repair them periodically. |
| Please protect the green space we have and curtail development of these areas. |
| PLEASE read my comments on other pages. I've been involved with youth sports as a parent for 16 years and as a community member for 35 years. This is the worst I've seen fields other than when Swayze was first re-done. Unfortunately was not kept up with. My kids come home from games all cut up because the dirt is so coarse there now it cuts through their baseball pants when sliding. We couldn't even use the fields over the summer because of how badly they don't drain properly. It's a shame other towns don't want to play in haverhill because of how bad ALL the fields are |
| Please see a few pages back. |
| Please stop the gentrification via developers buying up all our lands and building unaffordable yet too small for the needs of the city. |
| Please, don’t take down the miniature golf park. |
| Please, please have a dedicated GRASS soccer facility. HYS is one of, if not the largest, youth sports organization and we are constantly scrambling for space |
| Please, protect the remaining open space, and wetlands. It's not empty space waiting to be developed. Open space is good for the city. |
| Plug Pond swimming open earlier than 10 am in summer. |
| Posters/Yard signs/ Flyers that have been created by people / youth/ seniors/others in a contest. Get businesses to donate prizes and supplies . |
| Preserve as much open space as possible. Offer a variety of activities for the toddler to the elderly. |
| PRESERVE AT ALL COSTS - ESPECIALLY OUR FARMS AND RIVERSIDE AREA |
| Put in a boat house and public ramps for the river. Dial back the construction until better safeguards for property owners and wild life can be implemented. |
| Put woodlands into a Land Trust to protect it from development. |
| Really need to feel safe in the beautiful spaces in our city. Not always the case |
| Riverside Park could offer so much more as a crown jewel of Haverhill. 70% of the land is established for sports, yet go unused for a majority of the time (the stadium and the many baseball/softball fields). The city should account for what sports and activities the growing population IS interested in and not WAS interested in. There are countless examples of other cities who have taken on renovation projects for similar issues with their stadiums and surrounding land. Those places have become thriving places of sports and recreation for the community. It feels like Riverside could be that to the Haverhill Community.   The recreation dept feels like it is stuck in the past with communication and opportunities. The website is dated and there is no engagement with the community beyond those who are seeking them out. A large amount of the city's population have no idea that they even provide sports and activities. |
| Riverside Park is a jewel. It should be treated as such. Besides the new pickle ball courts and some very minor upgrades to the riverwalk and playgrounds, it has been largely neglected. Fencing around baseball fields is hazardous, fields turn into dust bowls in the summer months and the grass is not cut frequently enough. The city should really spend time on trying to secure federal funds for a complete overhaul of the athletic fields and walking trails at Riverside Park. |
| safety is key,in the downtown areas. Haverhill has too many slumlords more regulation on that, open space and outdoor activities something like Tuscan village,ordinances on maintaining your property. Creating more summer activities at the Haverhill Stadium, more family, friendly activities more events! |
| Scale back building multi unit buildings, especially along Merrimack river. Don't take away the view or access to walk and stop. The new building on Water St. (by Sunoco station) is an example of what NOT to do. |
| Should try to connect Haverhill rail trail/biking trail to others so there is a more substantial route. |
| single track hiking and biking trails |
| Skate Park |
| Start protecting our open fields an woodlands |
| Step up and partner in managing Clement Disc golf. The city could use another disc golf course and doesn't need million dollar pickle ball courts. |
| Stop building apartments and create family friendly indoor activity spaces. There’s nothing for families or teens to do in the city. |
| Stop building apartments and packing people on top of each other. Focus on cleaning up the city. Offer free trash removal for areas of high litter (aka where there are mainly renters that don't care about the property they live in). |
| Stop developing in neighborhoods that have wooded areas with trails. |
| Stop selling and developing every last inch of the river front! stop approving over priced apartments that are being crowded into small spaces. Invest in the river front property wwe still have by installing green spaces, parks that families can enjoy a picnic, or you can just go sit and read a book outside. |
| Stop the overbuilding of condos and multi units. Please |
| Stop with the building of apartments. This city can handle the needs of the people who already live here. Stop selling land for construction. |
| Stricter rules for development near protected spaces. Incentive for 51a owners to keep property in that designation vs sell to developer. Collaboration with citizens trying to save open space, less secretive process. Ty |
| Strongly advise surveying younger teens about what they need/want. We have lost so many entertainment and recreation options (private businesses) for them over the past few years. It would be great if the city could create public amenities for them. |
| Such an important aspect to the success of the city. Clean up, maintenance and improvement should never be put on hold. |
| Thank you for asking for resident input. We all need to protect our historical treasures and rural open environment while also building out and improving our downtown area to encourage more families to visit our city. |
| Thank you for seeking input from residents! |
| The city does not protect wetlands or parks. Too many buildings going up displacing people and animals. |
| The city has long neglected the needs of various youth sports organizations except for baseball. In the past when other towns come and visit our fields such as Consentino, Bradford El, WMS, St James we were a laughingstock. Happy the high school has offered the use of its turf and soccer fields. However the space is now overcrowded and the city continues to neglect ALL of the grass fields at our elementary and middle schools. Hopefully with a new mayor this will change, and quickly. |
| The city is to concerned with apartments and condos then it is how beautiful the town can be also not having enough resources like fire and police along with city parks workers is a huge issue |
| The city needs to communicate better with regards to what is available. Very little on social media and the city website is really hard to navigate. |
| The city needs to invest in more sports clinics for learning tennis, golf, swimming, crew, etc. |
| The city needs to reevaluate the parks, trails and other outdoor spaces. They are all rundown, outdated, unsafe and overrun in cases by homeless and drugs. Time and money needs to be spent on cleaning up that’s areas for all of the city residents. No new buildings need to be added and all vacant lots should be turned into play grounds, water splash pads etc.   Keep all open spaces open and use our tax dollars to clean them up! Millions have been spent on trails and named after old leadership but once complete they are not cared for. Kids, mothers/women and families should not feel unsafe on any of these sites. Homeless, drugs and rowdy people should not control or over run city places. As a father I do not allow my wife of kids to be at any of the city parks or trials alone. It’s despicable that the city and our leadership have allowed it to get this bad. |
| The city should preserve the ones we have and take care to make sure they will be in existence in the future. People who do not respect these areas should be punished/fined. |
| The disc golf course could benefit from a few key things that the city could provide. Disc golf has created a great community and draws folks from all over New England to Haverhill. |
| The farmers market in the Bradford common was such a great idea. The amount of parks are great, however maintenance and security is needed to keep them clean and safe. |
| The goals from the previous OSRP were great. Now we need to work to accomplish them and build upon them. Pass a right to farm bylaw. We should do more to prevent indiscriminate clear cutting of trees on lots and add a scenic byway ordinance. |
| The HHS Crew team needs a boat launch and boat house, which can also be used by the city and public just like the football stadium and baseball fields etc! |
| The Hunking playground should be looked at. The K-4 kids attending there don't have much to use at it. |
| The information needs to be easy to find. And posted at the beginning of the correct seasons |
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| The Merrimack River is one of the most valuable assets we have. Visual as well as physical access is important and we are compromising this aspect by building skyscrapers & ugly apartment buildings on or near the riverbank, obstructing grand views. The recent construction of an apartment building on Water Street at the site of the former gas station is an example of such an eyesore. The Bradford riverbank apartment behemoth is another example. Farmland is being gobbled up by developers & crammed with Vinyl McMansions. Let's not change zoning so that development runs rampant. |
| The river is greatly underutilized as a recreation resource. We should seek improved waterfront access. As the river (slowly) gets cleaner it should become the focal point of outdoor planning in downtown Haverhill. |
| The school facilities need some attention. Some areas I’d the high school are in need of deep cleaning inside and outside the facilities (HHS pool building). The city could do better at cleaning the outside spaces like Riverside Park and Plugs Pond. |
| The stops/checks |
| The summer program and after school program at the Wood School is one of the best programs offered by the city and a great value. |
| There are many needs but a safe, accessible, well-equipped playground for children is needed. (Action Cove is West Newbury is a great inspiration) |
| There could exist a more comprehensive and systematic level of outreach and communication. I would sign up for regular communication via Facebook or email etc. better communicate volunteer opportunities |
| There needs to be a commitment to the children in this community with both the schools AND the recreational activities. There is a lack of adequate access to the current fields. And on top of that the field conditions are downright embarrassing. Far too many students don’t even know what recreational activities the town even offers as the information isn't distributed by the schools or communicated effectively. |
| There's too much building g going on in Haverhill. Pretty soon there won't be any open space. Also every time a new building goes up the roads are ripped up and the repair job is a joke |
| These are not luxuries, they are essential services. They are investments which yield a positive return over and over. We have a valuable asset in Haverhill and an obligation to preserve it for the benefit ALL residents. |
| This is my selfish (but for the people!) promotion of my pumptrack project! |
| This survey highlights resources that I was not aware of. |
| Trash removal is a problem at Riverside and Winnikini. Bathrooms are not available at children's sports events. |
| Update the green space (pocket park) at Walnut Square School. So that it can be used by the school kids and community |
| Walnut Square School is a space that could be recreational for families outside of the school day. It has a small park/green space that abuts it. It would be great to fence that area and redo the playground there. During the school day, students would have access to green space; after school and weekends/vacations, families could have a safe, fenced in area to play with a beautiful historic school in the background. |
| Water Street Gateway Access Project is especially appealing and I hope it's still planned to be completed. I think it's be a great connection piece to increase access and highlight the Merrimack |
| We are a few developments away from losing any chance of creating more open space and preserving habitat for our wildlife. Our zoning laws and enforcement of them are non existent when a developer is proposing something. The city has so much to offer for recreation and outdoor space but not if we continue on the path we've been traveling for the past several years. |
| We have a lot of potentially great spaces that mainly need better maintenance to be great: regular cleaning and trash pick-up, proper drainage, good lighting, bathrooms that aren’t padlocked shut. Maybe this means easing up from Fiorentini’s relentless campaigns to hire more cops so we can hire more DPW & recreation & community staff instead. Make a better city by giving youth and families great things to do, not by arresting them. |
| We have some wonderful parks, farms, and recreational areas! I’m grateful that Haverhill has them. I’d like to see bathrooms maintained at the larger ones. I’m excited for possible expansion of the boardwalk or rail trail. But it’s hard to find out where done of the smaller parks are, or where to park to access them. |
| We need activities to keep are children busy, |
| We need more parks in the Bradford area. |
| We need more places for people to go. More activities. And fun and new ones at that. Too many houses are being built when we have no where to go. |
| We need more soccer fields and turf fields for the youth |
| We need to clean up the fields for youth sports…it’s an embarrassment when other cities/towns come to us to play…and we should want to represent Haverhill better. |
| We need to continue the investment in these facilities. Easy access is required, especially in areas of environmental justice communities. |
| We need to do a better job at protecting our land and more of it. We need to improve the cleanliness of our current recreational areas. |
| We need to do better. As mentioned before we are growing rapidly and we need more to improve the quality of what we have in our city. Our rec sporting areas are embarrassing compared to most cities. There is no town involvement keeping things up-to-date or maintained. Baseball, softball, soccer, basketball programs are all suffering down outdoor months because the conditions of the fields and courts and the lack of amenities available. Would love to see more city involvement with our outdoor sports and activities for all seasons. |
| We need to utilize the Merrimack River and grow our Rowing sport at the High School. It’s a shame to have a beautiful river and not utilize it. |
| We should have more animals in Haverhill to bring out its beauty we would have more economic income with closer farms in the area selling goods |
| We walked along the Riverwalk Boardwalk the other day and there was so much trash under it and along the road by Market Basket. I think if the city were kept clean it would be less likely to attract undesirable elements. |
| What is going to be down about the trash ??? If it wasn't for Team Haverhill - the city would remain a "dump". |
| While the city does a lot of great things, as a baseball coach for many years, the restrictions on usage of school baseball fields when there are no school teams by organizations like Riverside Bradford doesn't make sense. The city is strict about organizations not performing any maintenance but fails to do so on thier own. The Hunking baseball field is in terrible condition and is also unavailable for booking through parks and rec for practice. This needs to improve. |
| Who installed the horrible lighting at the park between Mill St. and Rt. 110. It looks like a concentration camp at night and is blinding to drivers coming from Merrimack. The park is very nice and has been improved recently but the lighting aesthetic is very 'prison gate'. Ugly and cheap is the best description I can think of. |
| Whoever decides the playground equipment has never been a kid themselves. The equipment at riverside is lame. Look at the most popular parks in surrounding towns for inspiration. Salem nh. Andover newbury Groveland |
| Winnikini trails need filling of ruts would like to see smooth trails I'm there at least 4x week and have met people who have fallen due to uneven surfaces I also don't think it's necessary to build apartments wherever they will fit!! Concerned about the former Greenleaf gardens work and its location being so close to the wetlands and reservoir . Thank you for giving us the opportunity to voice our concerns |
| With all of the new living spaces, we need open space walkable and safe for all of these new people thank you! |
| Would love public education on ratio of protected land vs new and existing buildings. |
| Would love some activities for kids during school vacation and. More hours for skating at high school |
| Would love to have an app that tells you about all the green spaces and community spaces, hours of operation, whether they are free/public or paid/private, maps for them, etc |
| Would love to see as much open space protected and preserved as possible, with safe, well-marked 'destination' hiking and walking trails for all seasons! |
| Would love to see more program offerings and variety from the Rec department. We've only done one program and it was quite pricey. |
| Year round access to restrooms would be convenient especially at winnekenni as people use the park in the winter too. When you drive by Cashman park you can smell urine. I assume it's from people urinating at the park. Even during baseball season we didn't have access to the bathrooms. Kids had to leave in the middle of their games to go to the nearest gas station which is inconvenient and unfair. |
| You are all doing a great job. Keep it up! |
| You have got a long way to go. The city has some great options that could be really cool, so I don’t know if it’s lack of motivation, lack of funding, or a little bit of both, but we can do much better than this I coached my son’s baseball team, and it was embarrassing when we traveled around to all the other cities, and saw their fields and brought people here to our mud soaked or sand blowing fields. There’s so much potential I just need some TLC and last, but not least the people around here just do not get along. I never seen anything like it. I’m born and raised Boston mass baby and our communities never operated like this the sense of entitlement up here is vomit inducing, I’ve never seen anything like it in my life I’m 44 years old. The only reason we are here in the city is because our rent right now is at a rate that we’re not gonna find anywhere else we live in a beautiful home, and we don’t wanna pull our son away from all his friends right now, because the trauma that comes with that is not good , the juice is not worth the squeeze if you know what I mean. We are on our way though. We gotta get around some good people. |