

Open Space & Recreation Plan 2024-2031

Let the City of Haverhill know your thoughts and opinions about protecting open space and creating recreational opportunities.

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

2. What street do you live on?

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

Least Important ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 ☐5 Most Important

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

☐ Often (3+ times a week)

☐ Weekly

☐ Monthly

☐ Occasionally (3+ times a year)

☐ Never

☐ Other _____

5. 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.

☐ 12th Ave Park

☐ Bradford Rail Trail

☐ Cashman Field

☐ Clement Farm/Legion Field

☐ Crystal Lake Area

☐ Hannah Dustin Rest Area

☐ HHS Athletic Fields

☐ John's Woods

☐ Meadowbrook Conservation Area

☐ Plug Pond Rec Area

☐ Riverside Park

☐ Round Pond

☐ Swasey Field

☐ Tattersall Farm

☐ Wheeler Woods

☐ Whittier's Birthplace

☐ Winnekenni Park

☐ Other _____

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

- ☐ Don't know the locations
- ☐ Not conveniently located
- ☐ Too crowded
- ☐ Not interested or enjoyable
- ☐ Lack of accessibility
- ☐ Do not have transportation
- ☐ Parking
- ☐ Feel unsafe
- ☐ Proper lighting
- ☐ Conditions are poor
- ☐ Lack of adequate amenities (eg. Bathrooms, Seating)
- ☐ Lack of time
- ☐ Poor signage and trail markings
- ☐ Other _____

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

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

9. How important is the following in enhancing Haverhill's community:

	<i>Very Important</i>	<i>Somewhat Important</i>	<i>Not Important</i>	<i>Not Sure/Don't Know</i>
Protecting open space and wildlife				
Providing zoning protections for street trees, hilltops, and scenic roads				
Protecting farmland				
Protecting the Merrimack River				
Expanding the riverwalk along the Merrimack River				
Promoting paddling in the City's lakes and rivers				
Protecting other water resources				

Creating conservation areas/hiking trails				
Developing bicycle & jogging trails				
Preserving historic aspects of the city				
Developing athletic fields				
Creating playgrounds & tot lots				
Adding supervised summer recreational programs				

Other comments/concerns:

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

	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Not Sure/Don't Know</i>
You personally						
Youth (Under 18)						
Young Adults (18-26)						
Adults						
Seniors (Over 65)						
People with disabilities						

Other comments/concerns:

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

	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Not Sure/Don't Know</i>
Large parks (e.g. Winnekenni Park, Riverside Park, Plug Pond, Swazey Park)						
Small neighborhood parks (e.g. Cashmans Field, 12th avenue)						
Passive recreational areas (e.g. Meadowbrook Conservation Area, Crystal Gorge)						
Bicycle, jogging, and hiking trails throughout the City.						
Bradford Rail Trail						
Downtown Boardwalk						
Community Gardens (e.g. Tattersall Farm, River St.)						
Outdoor winter activities (e.g. cross-country skiing, skating, sledding)						
Outdoor summer activities (e.g. public beach swimming, boating, fishing)						
Boating and fishing access to the Merrimack River						
Boating and fishing access to the City's lakes and ponds						
Baseball and softball fields						
Soccer, lacrosse, and football fields						
Basketball courts						
Tennis and pickleball courts						
Playgrounds and tot lots						
Skateboarding park						
Handicapped-friendly play equipment						

Spray park						
Dog parks						
Disc golf course (Clement Farm)						
Restroom Facilities						
Overall Park Safety and Security						

Other comments/concerns:

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

	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Not Sure/Don't Know</i>
City resources (e.g. library, citizen center, etc.)						
City facilities (e.g. ice rink, high school pool, school fields.)						
City programs (e.g. athletic leagues, festivals, recycling etc.)						
Private recreational facilities (e.g. athletic/fitness clubs, golf courses, skiing, etc.)						
Heritage preservation (e.g. Buttonwoods Museum, JG Whittier Birthplace, Tattersall Farm, etc.)						
Fostering farming land uses (e.g. pick-your-own fruit, animal farms, etc.)						
Managing growth						
Protection of open space						

Other comments/concerns:

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

- ☐ Phone call/Voicemail
- ☐ Email newsletter
- ☐ Text
- ☐ Newspaper
- ☐ Community TV (Channel 22)
- ☐ Radio (eg. WHAV)
- ☐ Posters/yard signs
- ☐ Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
- ☐ City website - cityofhaverhill.com
- ☐ Other _____

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