



**TOWN OF WOODBURY
PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN
Woodbury, Connecticut
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INTRODUCTION

The Town of Woodbury Parks and Recreation Master Plan is intended to help meet the needs of current and future residents by positioning Woodbury to build on the community's unique parks and recreation assets and identify new opportunities. The plan establishes a clear direction to guide Town staff, the Parks and Recreation Commission, advisory committees and elected officials in their efforts to enhance the community's parks and recreation services and facilities over the next 2 to 10 years.

The Town of Woodbury Parks and Recreation Master Plan was done in large part in-house with help from Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NWCOG) with the community outreach and mapping.

The February 2020 Town of Woodbury Plan Of Conservation and Development (POCD) recommended that a Parks and Recreation master plan be developed in a two year period.

The most recent Master Plan was completed in 1991 for Hollow Park only. The P&R Department has most recently based planning on the department's Strategic Plan for Woodbury Town Parks, combined with the 5 year P&R Capital Plan submitted for budget approval each year. This document brings the two together.

Information regarding programs and trail maps are available on-line at woodburyparksandrec.org

Residents can sign up for notifications and newsletters, as well as register for programs on-line.

Parks & Recreation Mission Statement:

The Woodbury Parks and Recreation Department provides all residents of Woodbury, Connecticut and Region 14 students with entertaining and educational activities for all ages. The department maintains and develops parks and recreation facilities as well as coordinates the many groups who regularly use them. It promotes public events in order to encourage a spirit of community, friendly society, and common identity among residents.

SECTION ONE: BACKGROUND

The 1991 Master Plan for Hollow Park is the most recent plan completed. Before the 1991 Plan, three master plans for Hollow Park were prepared during the previous 20 years.

“The Hollow Park property has an irregular configuration encompassing its 70+/- acres. The north boundary follows the properties which front on Hollow Road. The easterly boundary is located at the toe of the slope behind the homes and businesses on Main Street beginning at Pilgrim’s Mall and extending to the vicinity of the 1754 House. Thereafter, the property follows the Pomperaug River for a distance of 900 feet. The southerly boundary of the park is similarly irregular following the toe of the slope of Castle Rock (38 acres Castle Rock property was acquired in 2002 by Town of Woodbury). The westerly boundary generally is perpendicular to the Pomperaug River running from the river to Route 317, Sycamore Avenue.”

“Hollow Park, as it exists, was acquired in two parcels. The first acquisition of 56 +/- acres was made in the 1960’s and contains that portion of the property which has been developed for active recreation. The second parcel was acquired in the mid-1970’s after each materials had been removed and the site regraded.”

“Most of the property falls within the 100-year flood plain of the Pomperaug River and lies below elevation 240. Only the northeast and northwest corners of the park and the aforementioned toe of Castle Rock are above the regulatory flood plain.”

“The soils at Hollow Park were identified in the field by certified soils scientists, Northeast Soils, In general, the soils are very well drained sands and gravels formed by the alluvial action of the Pomperaug River.”

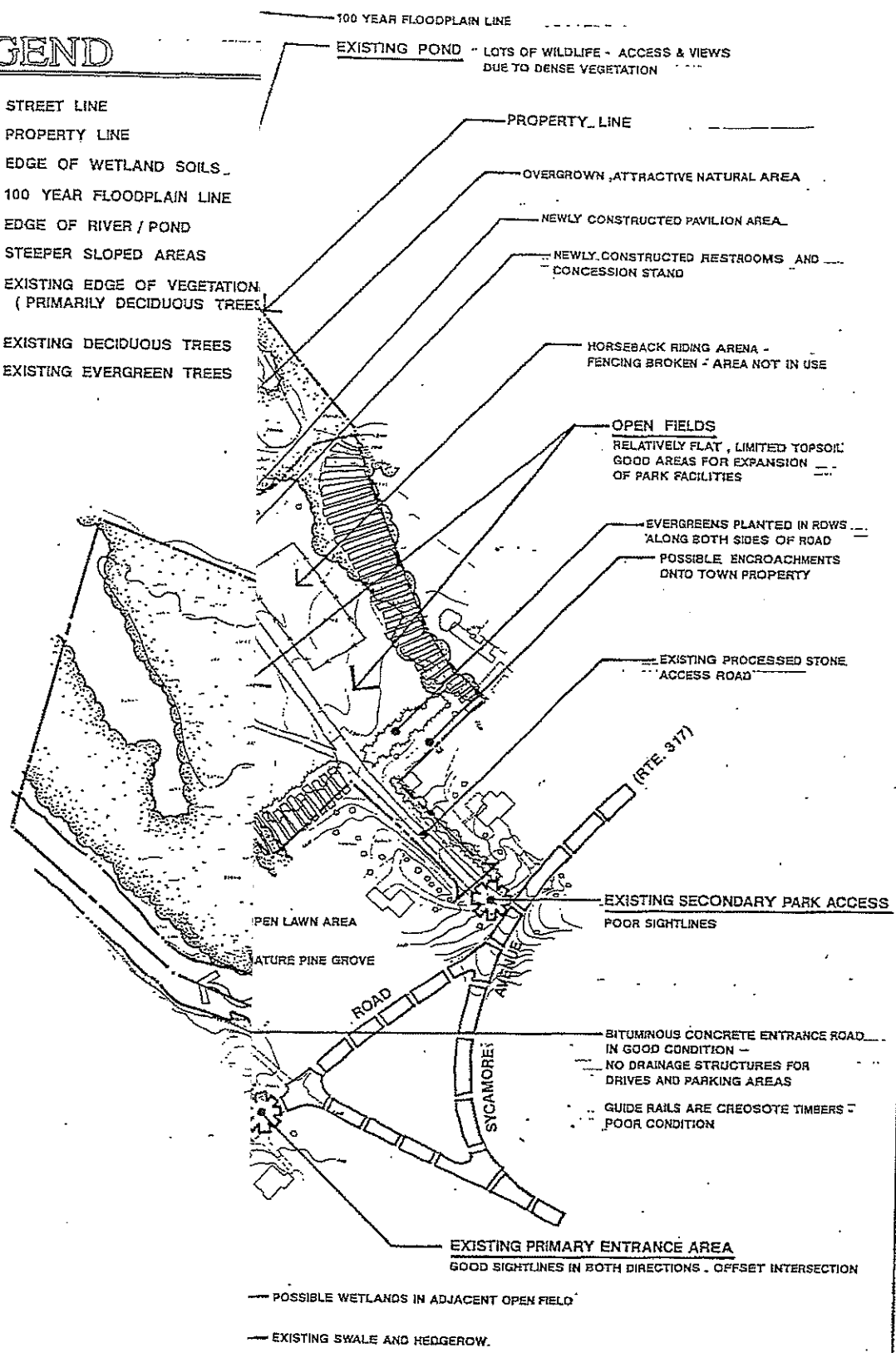
“Perhaps the single site feature which contributes significantly to the quality of Hollow Park is the Pomperaug River. While the Department of Environmental Protection classifies it as Class B/A, the Pomperaug at this point is an excellent trout stream with high aesthetic value. ... Constructing trails to the river and along the river bank would enable the public to benefit from its beauty.”

“Hollow Park lies within the OS-80 Residence District. All of the property below elevation 140 is in the Flood Plain District as well. The entrance to the property falls within the Woodbury Historic District. Park and Recreation uses are permitted within the OS-80 Zone subject to the granting of a special exception by the Woodbury Zoning Commission.”

See Hollow Park site analysis from the 1991 Master Plan on page 6.

LEGEND

- STREET LINE
- PROPERTY LINE
- EDGE OF WETLAND SOILS
- 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN LINE
- EDGE OF RIVER / POND
- ▨ STEEPER SLOPED AREAS
- ☁ EXISTING EDGE OF VEGETATION (PRIMARYLY DECIDUOUS TREES)
- EXISTING DECIDUOUS TREES
- ◉ EXISTING EVERGREEN TREES



THE ANALYSIS

LOW PARK BURY, CONNECTICUT

E. & M. MACBROOM, INC. 470 WEST MAIN STREET CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT

PLANNING EFFORTS:

The Town of Woodbury has undertaken several planning efforts in recent years that helped direct this planning process, including the following:

2009 Plan of Conservation and Development (92 pages)

2015 American Institute of Architects (AIA) Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) Report for Main Street (62 pages)

2018 P&R Strategic Plan for Woodbury Town Parks

2019-2024 P&R Capital Improvement Plan

2020-2025 P&R Capital Improvement Plan

P&R Hollow Pond Survey—2019

2018 Trolley Bed Preserve Management Plan (84 pages), can be found at:

https://www.woodburyparksandrec.org/forms/5880_trolley_bed_mp.pdf

2020 Town of Woodbury Plan of Conservation and Development (91 pages) Full plan can be found at:

https://woodburyct.org/vertical/Sites/%7B59751637-3DF2-41D3-B20A-866E470B1D1D%7D/uploads/WoodburyPOCD-Final-Compressed_Correct_effective_date_2nd_version.pdf

P&R Master Plan Survey—2021

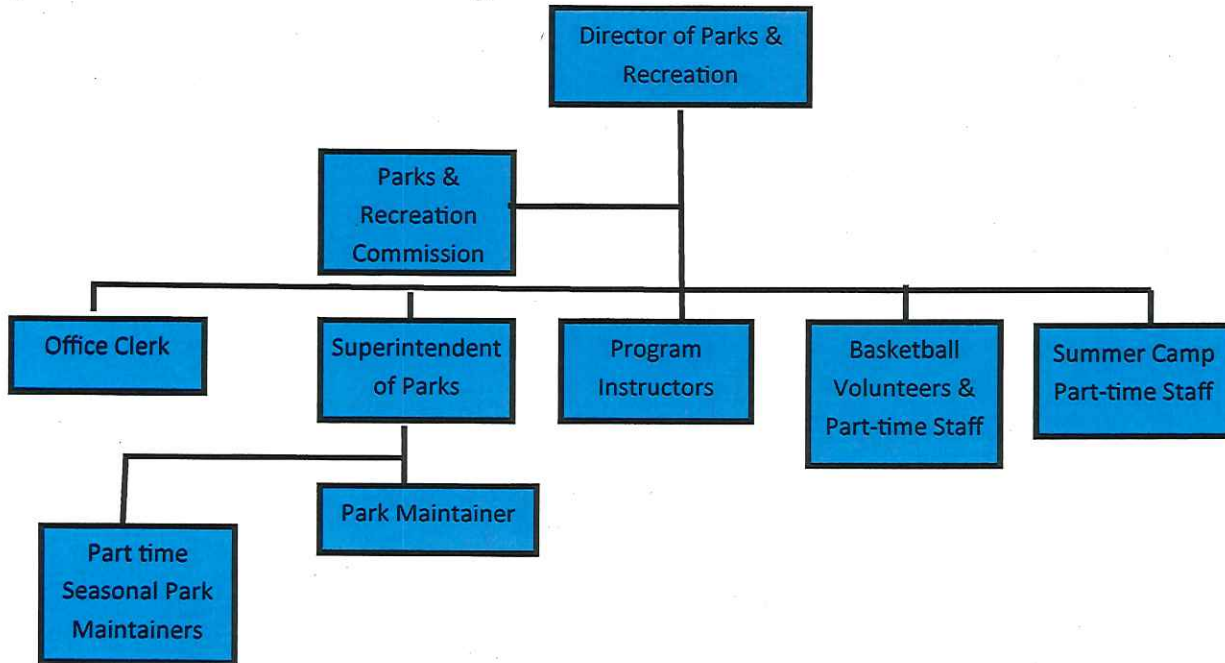
MASTER PLAN TIMELINE:

Startup Meeting	January 7th, 2020 P&R Commission Meeting
Field Inventory and Analysis	March—December, 2020
Cooperation with NWCOG	February—May, 2021
Stakeholder online survey	May, 2021
Findings and Recommendations	September, 2021
Draft of final plan	December, 2021

SECTION TWO: CURRENT CONDITIONS

Parks & Recreation Department Staffing:

The organizational and management structure and staffing of the Town's Parks & Recreation Department consists of the following:

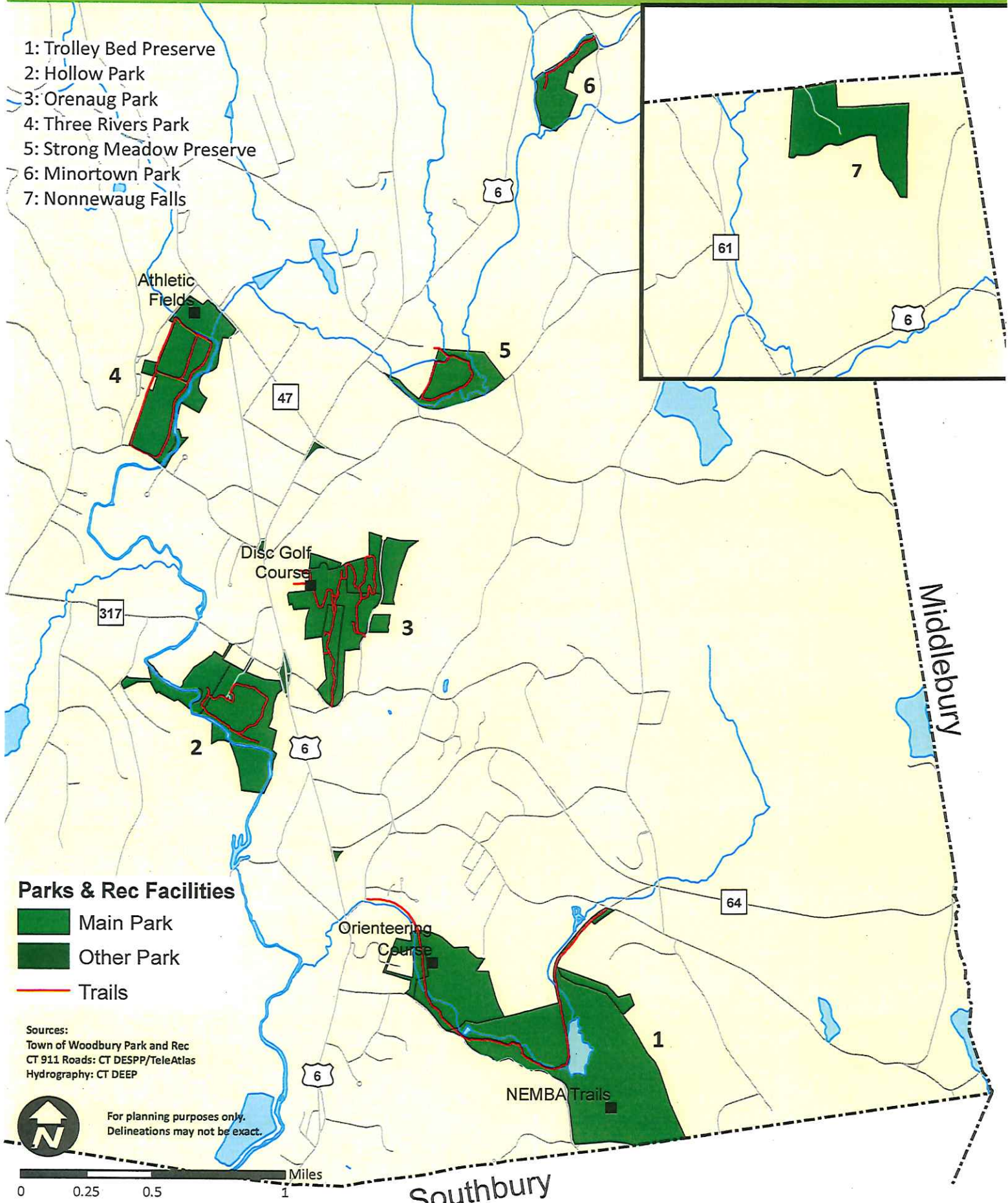


STAFF:

- Director of Parks and Recreation
- P&R Office Clerk
- Superintendent of Parks
- Park Maintainer
- Operations/Maintenance Staff: 1 part-time seasonal assistants)
- Seasonal Staff:
 - Summer Camp Staff (approximately 20)
 - Basketball Refs (approximately 10)
 - Flag Football Refs (approximately 10)
- Volunteers (basketball coaches, flag football coaches, event assistance)

Woodbury Town Owned Parks

- 1: Trolley Bed Preserve
- 2: Hollow Park
- 3: Orenaug Park
- 4: Three Rivers Park
- 5: Strong Meadow Preserve
- 6: Minortown Park
- 7: Nonnewaug Falls



Parks & Rec Facilities

- Main Park
- Other Park
- Trails

Sources:
 Town of Woodbury Park and Rec
 CT 911 Roads: CT DESPP/TeleAtlas
 Hydrography: CT DEEP



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HOLLOW PARK:

Total Acreage: 73.7
Purchased in 1969 (60.5) and 1975 (13.21)
Address: 43 Hollow Road



The topography of Hollow Park is quite flat and most of the property falls within the 100-year flood plain of the Pomperaug River and lies below elevation 240.

There are three entrances to Hollow Park: Main entrance, Upper Hollow entrance, and Lower Hollow (near flower shop) entrance.

This is the most central park in Woodbury and it sees the most activity. This is a busy park with sports groups, dog walkers, and general public use. This is also the scene of several events during the year. Summer Concert Series, Lions Car Show, Fireman's Carnival, Earth Day, Picnic and Pops concert, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Trick or Trunk, and many private parties in the pavilion.

- ◆ We have 5 baseball fields
- ◆ A large Upper Hollow multipurpose field that can accommodate several soccer fields
- ◆ The post tension concrete slab located in the upper area is the proposed location for the new Maintenance Facility (Barn)
- ◆ Playground, new in 2018
- ◆ Basketball court
- ◆ Gaga pit
- ◆ Open air Pavilion, with picnic tables
- ◆ Sand volleyball court
- ◆ Pond
- ◆ The Pomperaug River runs along the rear edge of Hollow Park and there is a trail along this river which is utilized by many.
- ◆ Bathroom facility/food service building.

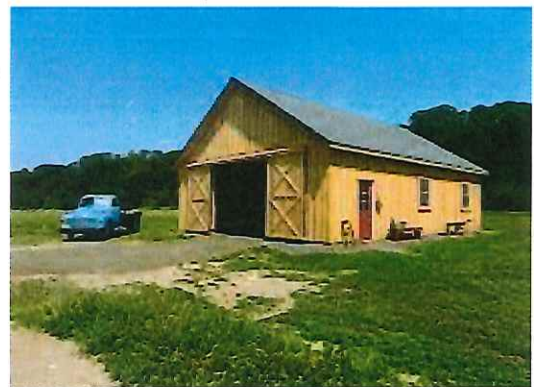
Periodic Maintenance:

Enhancements should be made to this park every year as needed. For example, a new net for the Volleyball court, a replacement water fountain, replacement grille, re-doing of a ball field, or addition or replacement of a piece of equipment at the playground.

Future Capital Improvements (ref# to cost timeline):

- Hollow Pond (H1) We have a two stage plan of reclamation to provide a more aesthetically pleasing feature of the park that can be used by everyone to enjoy picnics, passive recreation, bird watching and enjoy the natural habitat of pond life. The beach sand will be replaced with grass, the chain link fence will be removed. Additional fencing installed around the playground area itself. This will improve the overall appearance of this park and make this area more inviting. This plan is on-going.

- Maintenance Shed/Barn (H2)—build a new maintenance shed at Hollow Park on concrete slab in upper hollow previously used as a skateboard park. (Photo is an example).



- Lower Hollow Fields (H3)— renovate the entire lower hollow, bring in soil and re-surface, re-grade, and add irrigation.
- Wi-Fi added to the Pavilion area. This would create another space for people to ‘work from home’, it would enable music to be streamed for an event. People are reliant on information from the world wide web more and more for everyday functions, it would bring the park in line with current times.
- Lamppost Lighting—to be researched by a committee to be cohesive with proposed lighting in other parks to coordinate with the Planning Commission’s Walkway for Woodbury Master Plan.
- Video Monitoring (H4) – First two camera’s installed in December 2020, one more installed in 2021. Future need for two more cameras.
- Outdoor chess and ping pong tables (H5)— additional to those already planned for 2022.



- Re-do gravel parking lot (H6) – pave the entrance at each opening, to prevent the continual pot-holes. Bring in additional gravel and regrade. Add curbing to all parking areas and roadways to contain gravel and make maintenance more manageable. Employ the services of an engineer to create a plan.
- Lights for Field #1 (H7) to enable use into the evening making tournaments and make-up games possible.
- Add a Splash Pad (H8) water feature to the current Hollow Park amenities. A splash pad or spray pool is a recreation area, often in a public park, for water play that has little or no standing water. It is a non-slip textured concrete slab with various nozzles and features that can shower, spray, rain, mist, and shoot streams of water to create an awe-inspiring and inviting place for recreational play. This creates an entertaining and interactive way for children, or the young at heart, to cool off and play. There can be additional 'structures' such as arches, pretend water hydrants, whirligigs, dump buckets, etc. to add additional elements and create more unexpected fun! The water is recycled using a pump system, making it economical and not a drain on the environment. This is said to eliminate the need for lifeguards or other supervision. As a water amenity the installation of a splash pad would fill the need for a cooling off recreational space often requested in surveys and general requests made to the department by townspeople. Splash Pad to be installed in current basketball court area next to Playground.
- Replace and add park benches (H9) , following the 2017 Plan for Benches (p. 32) in Woodbury.



- Add Percussion Play in playground area to enhance the play activities for our children.
- Add Adult Outdoor Exercise Equipment – Fitness Court (H10) to the Lower Hollow entrance area which has been studied to be not in the Flood Plain or Wetlands. Some additional parking will be added the the current parking. (Photo example)



- Re-side bathroom structure (H11) to match the new barn on the upper hollow and bring consistency in 'look' for the park.



- Bike Assistant Stand and Bike Rack



- Pavilion area enhancement (H12) – grade and massage the slope from the bathroom on both sides to create an amphitheater for better natural seating for watching the concerts and other activities in the pavilion.
- Pillars and attractive, programmable with warning system, gate (H13) with ability to be lock the entrance at dusk and open at dawn. When the park is closed due to weather, downed limbs, fertilizer application or other reasons, there is a need for a substantial gate that is also attractive. Two stone pillars with wrought iron gate to be added to front entrance. (Photo example)



- Convert the former Lifeguard Shack near pond into a basic concession stand for use by sports organization on a per season basis. Electricity already present, add a drinks fridge/cooler and outlet for coffee making facilities.
- Change the use of the current Concession Stand in the bathroom block either to storage for sports equipment , family changing room for splash pad or increase the number of bathrooms.
- Replace 12 picnic tables (H14) as current tables are now 15 years old.
- Add new Basketball court (H15) to overflow parking area behind playground to replace removal of old Basketball court.
- Add 2 Pickleball courts (H16) to area next to new Basketball court behind playground area.
- Add an additional sand volleyball court.



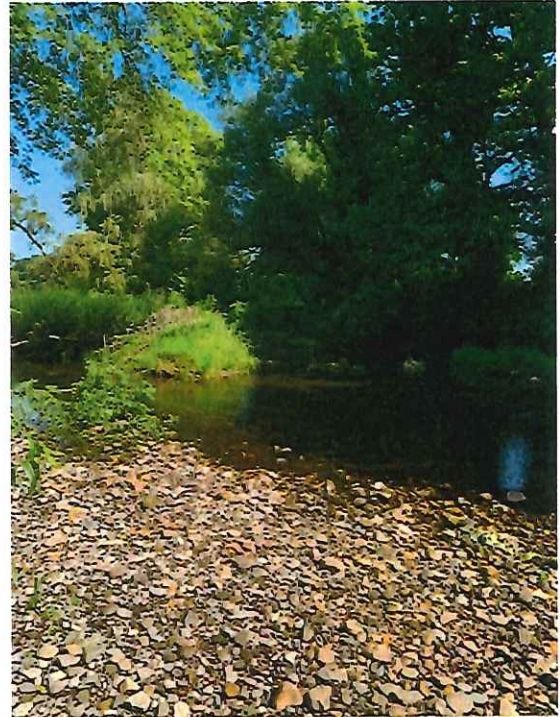
- Road Network
- Trails
- Hollow Park Property Line
- Park Features
- Batting Cage
- Building
- Dugout - Permanent
- Dugout - Temporary
- Equipment
- Future Grass Area
- Future Splash Pad
- Future Sport Court
- Future Storage Building
- Parking
- Pavilion
- Playground
- Sport Court
- Sport Field

THREE RIVERS PARK:

Total Acreage: 71.3

Purchased: 2001

Address: 58 Westwood Road



This is made up of two sections, the athletic fields to the north, which is a large multipurpose area that currently has 3 or 4 soccer fields of varying sizes located. This is well maintained and used essentially 7 days a week in the spring, summer and fall seasons. This park is almost entirely in a Flood Plain.

The south side of the Three Rivers park, across the river, is a large area of farmland with a trail along the river that is used extensively by hikers, walkers, joggers and dog walkers.

A map of the walking trails can be found on the website woodburyparksandrec.org and on page 16 of this report.

Future Capital Improvements:

- Both North and South Park Areas: Improve parking lots by adding 'aprons' (TR1) from road into parking lot to limit washout and ruts. Employ an engineer to create a plan.
- Park and Rec equipment will be moved from the Three Rivers barn to the Hollow Park new barn and we will no longer need to use this facility.

North Side (Athletic Fields):

- New well and irrigation system (TR2).
- Improve sight lines (TR3) from upper parking lot to athletic fields and provide a grassed slope for watching the games. To do this we would remove pony barn, clear the hill and massage it to become a natural slope for sitting and for easy viewing over the top if seated in one's car.



South Side: (Walking Trail and Large Farmed Field):

- Reclaim the field (TR4) by having grass mowed area to enable use for events such as Earth Day, Civil War re-enactments, Outdoor Movie Night, Farmers Market, Car Show, etc. This would alleviate the need for the Lower Hollow to be the event location, and therefore make the addition of irrigation throughout those fields possible.
- Open Air Pavilion (TR5) for future events to alleviate the event use on the athletic fields at the Hollow. Additional picnic tables for this facility, solar lights.
- Lamppost Lighting to be consistent with lighting in other parks.
- Add lighting to the parking lot using solar power.
- Temporary Ice Rink (TR6) Ice skating has been identified as a top request by residents. A portion of the 'event space' could be used. Light up the rink using solar power lights.



Three Rivers Park Trail Map

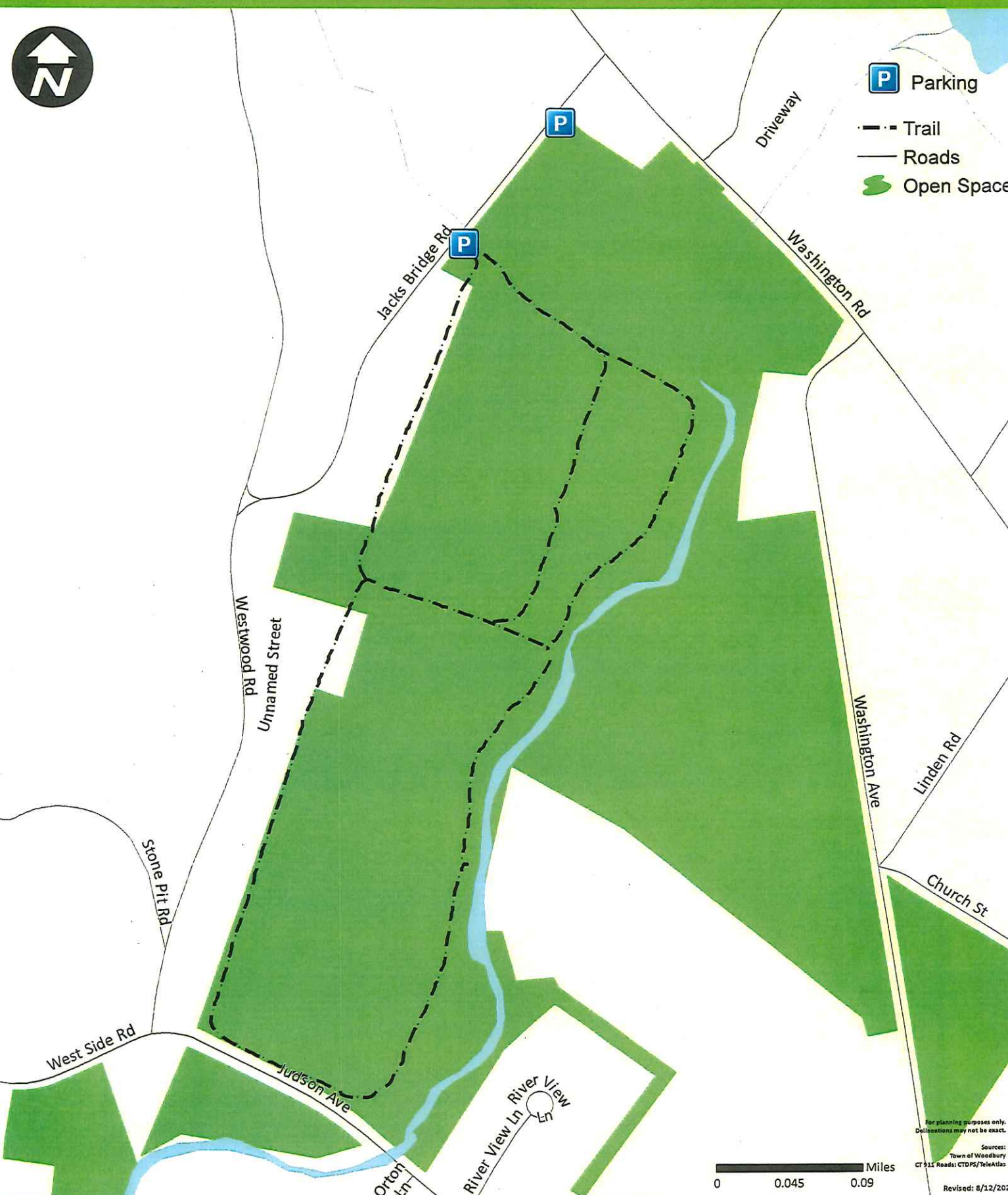


 Parking

 Trail

 Roads

 Open Space



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Sources:
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CT 911 Roads: CTDP/5/TeleAtlas

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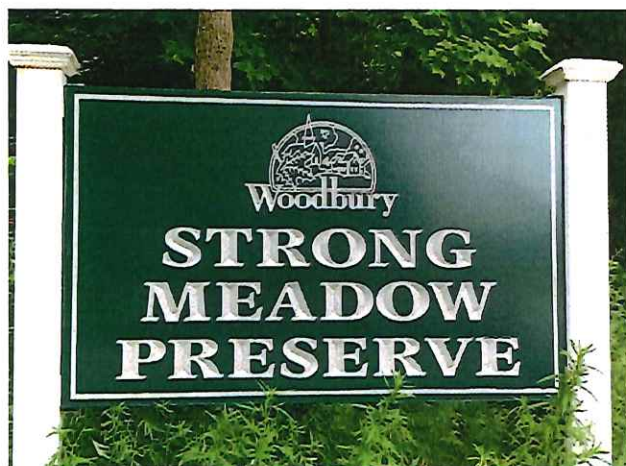


STRONG MEADOW PRESERVE:

Total Acreage: 37.25

Purchased: 2001

Address: Scratchville Road



Strong Meadow Preserve is also made up of two parcels, with a river running between the two. The smaller area to the east is farmed with corn or hay, and the larger area to the west has been seeded with grass but not properly leveled for athletic use, so is only useable for events. Most of the acreage is considered flood plain. The entrance to this park is at the end of Scratchville Road, which offers some parking, but we have gained permission from Inland Wetlands this year to be allowed to park on the field, after going across the bridge, to the right, for daily special events.

Future Capital Improvements:

West Side:

- Designate a leash-free Dog Park zone. This is frequently requested by residents. Strong Preserve is an ideal location as it would take minimal investment.
- There is adequate parking on Scratchville road.
- A notice/rule board and disposable dog bags would be required.

East Side: N/A


Strong Preserve Trail Map



 Parking

 Trail

 Roads

 Open Space

Main St N

Quassuk Rd

Scratchville Rd



Middle Road Tpke

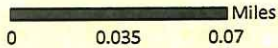
Old Middle Road Tpke

White Deer Rock Rd

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Sources:
Town of Woodbury
CT 911 Roads/CTGPS/TeleAtlas

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ORENAUG PARK:

Total Acreage: 78.45

Purchased: 1892 (57); 1970 (21.45)

Address: 41 Park Road

A history of Orenaug Park and the Observation Tower, as well as an Orenaug Park Trail Map are available on-line at woodburyparksandrec.org.

This is a hiking trail from Park Road, up and over a hill to the Observation Tower and down the other side to the Senior Community Center, used by hikers and dog walkers a fair amount.

From the Walk Woodbury pamphlet: “.5 miles from Park Road to tower; .4 miles from Senior Center to tower. At the Park Rd trailhead are two stone pillars constructed from stones collected from each of the 48 states with later additions for Alaska and Hawaii. Ascend the Observation Tower’s open grid stairway, protected by sturdy wire mesh, to the enclosed deck for 360 degree views (70 steps). The Park is located on a basalt (trap rock) ridge overlooking the Pomperaug River Valley, a miniature rift valley, similar to Connecticut’s Central Valley, both formed during the Mesozoic Era when the super continent Panagea pulled apart.”

The stone pillars at the entrance to the trail, consisting of stones from all 50 states, and the 180 foot stone wall, were restored in 2020.



At the Senior/Community Center end of Orenaug Park is a newly installed Disc Frisbee course.



Future Capital Improvements:

Install benches at points along the trail with views over Woodbury.

Additional trails cut and marked (OP4).

Orienteering course (OP1) designed.

Paint and repair Observation Tower, due in 2030.

Repair pond wall (OP2) on Park Road

Create picnic area (OP3) behind pillars on Park Road



Oreanaug Park Trail Map

The Oreanaug Observation Tower was built in 1901. It was a panoramic view of at least six surrounding towns. It stands 68 ft high from the base to the roof, 260 ft above street level and 520 feet above sea level. It is located at coordinates: Latitude 41° 32' 36" Longitude 73° 12' 11"



Features

- Bethel Rock
- Parking
- Observation Tower
- Viewpoint
- Stone Pillar

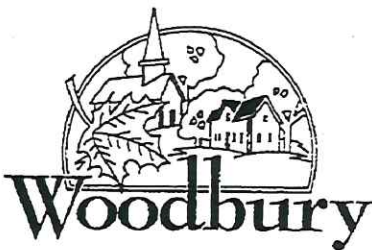
Trail Name

- Bethel Rock Trail
- Red Trail
- Loop Trail
- Tower Trail
- Unmarked Trail
- Park Boundary

Oreanaug is the Native American Name for the trap rock cliffs. The two stone pillars at the Red Trail entrance are made of 50 stones, each one being from a different state. During the settlement of Woodbury, Bethel Rock was an outdoor chapel where the Town's people went to worship on Sunday. For more history of the park, please go to the Town Hall or Library.

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Sources:
Town of Woodbury
Trails: NVCOG
Hydrography: CT DEEP



First land deed from the Indians
April 12th 1659

revised: 11/8/2021



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TROLLEY BED PRESERVE:

Total Acreage: 245.5

Purchased: 2016

Address: Old Sherman Hill

This is the most recent town acquisition; formerly the Aquarion Water Company property. The 64.15 acre North Parcel is located on the north side of Middlebury Road (Route 64) and can be accessed through a metal gate on Tuttle Road, and from the abutting Flanders Nature Center's 686-acre Whittmore Sanctuary which borders Lake Quassapaug and has an extensive trail system.

The 181.35 acre South Parcel straddles the Woodbury/Southbury town line and contains two former water supply reservoirs .

A Trolley Bed Preserve Trail Map is available at woodburyparksandrec.org. The Preserve continues to be used by the public primarily for hiking, dog-walking, fishing and other forms of passive recreation.

Mountain Bike Trails created by NEMBA (New England Mountain Bike Association) are on the eastern side of the property, in the mid to south section. These are maintained by volunteers from NEMBA and are a welcome addition to the park. They attract local and out of town riders who enjoy these trails immensely.

Maps of the five NEMBA trails are available at Trailforks.com/region/trolley-preserve .

The Town commissioned a Property Management Plan for the Trolley Bed Preserve in 2017 which guides the Parks and Recreation department.

Appropriate future uses of the Preserve as are discussed in the Trolley Bed Committee Report (2016) are outdoor recreation, natural resource conservation and a place to engage in "quiet contemplation." The primary stewardship goals are to protect habitat for sensitive wildlife and plants while allowing appropriate public recreational uses including those permitted by the Conservation Easement.

There are erosion issues on the main trail that Park and Recreation is currently addressing through general maintenance. There are a few areas that will need attention in coordination with Public Works, after an engineering study is done to meet the requirements of the Inland Wetlands agency.

Ongoing Improvements:

- Continue with NEMBA Bike Trail creation
- Improved parking on Scuppo Road - Employ an engineer to create a parking plan.

Trolley Bed Preserve Trail Map



Parking



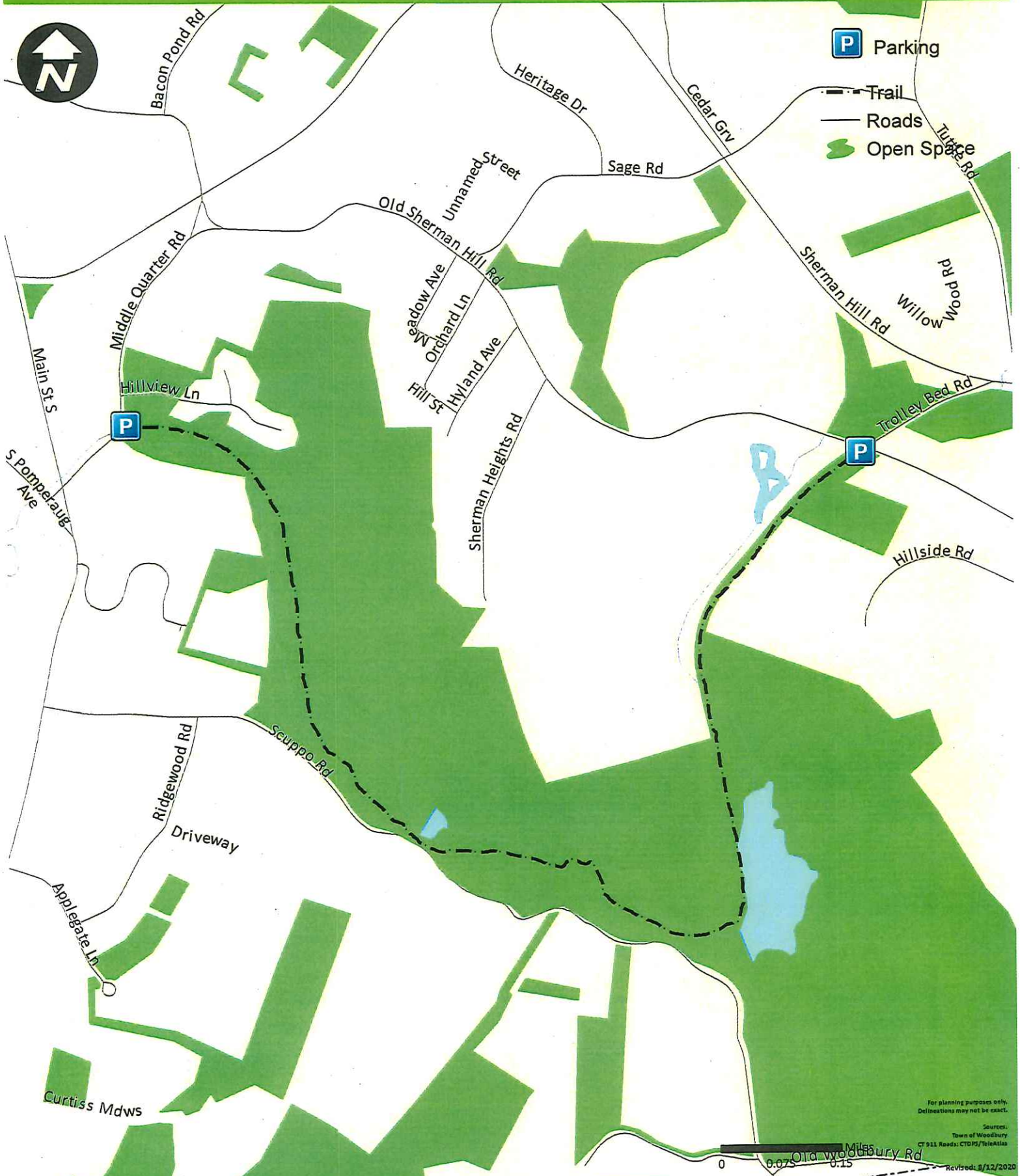
Trail



Roads



Open Space



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NONNEWAUG FALLS

Total Acreage: 50 acres

Purchased: 2002

Address: Falls Road, accessed from Hickory Lane, Bethlehem

From the 2010 Walk Woodbury pamphlet: 'The Nonnewaug Falls Preserve can be found in the northeast corner of Woodbury. From the parking by the gate continue to the end of Falls Rd, the waterfalls are located at the end of a path into the hemlocks, south of two ancient oak trees of great size. Nestled in a hemlock grove, Nonnewaug Falls has long been known as a place of great beauty. For some 350 years, its name recalls the Sachem Nonnewaug.

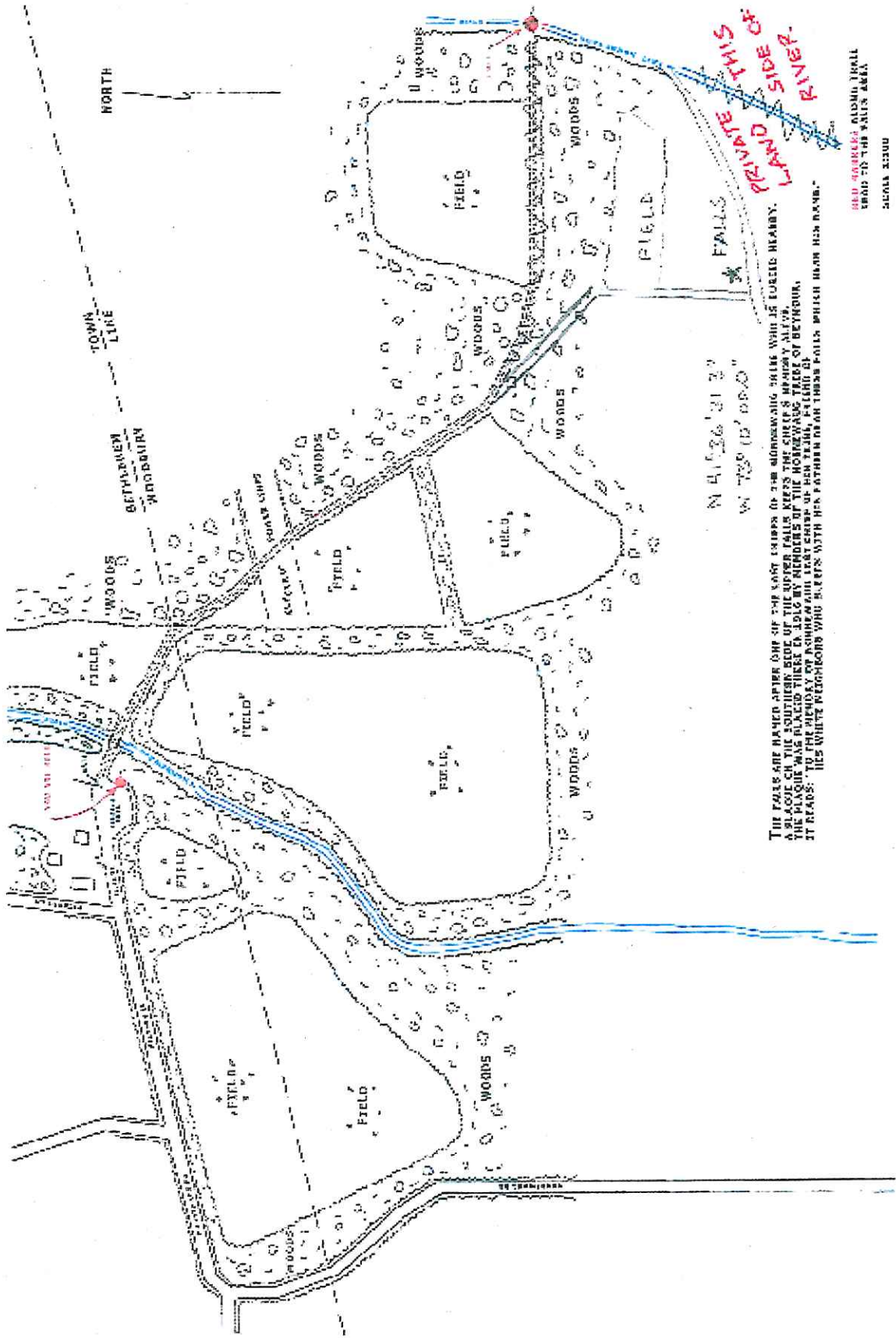
A map of Nonnewaug Falls Trail is available at woodburyparksandrec.org.

Ongoing Improvements:

- New Kiosk at entrance – Future Eagle Scout project.
- Trail Markings for the path to the falls.



NONNEWAUG FALLS TRAIL MAP

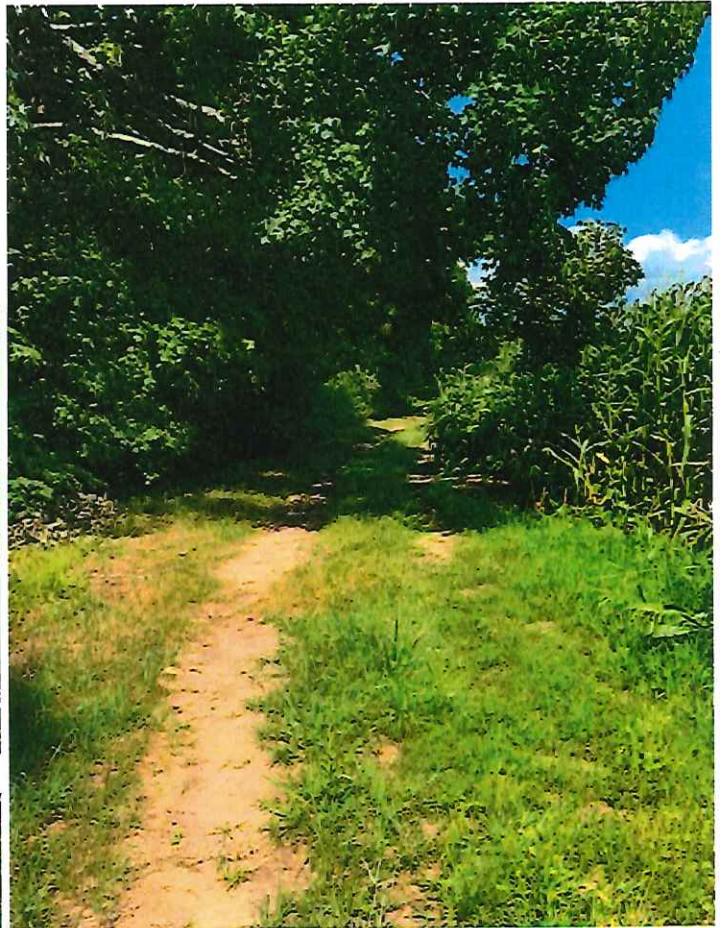
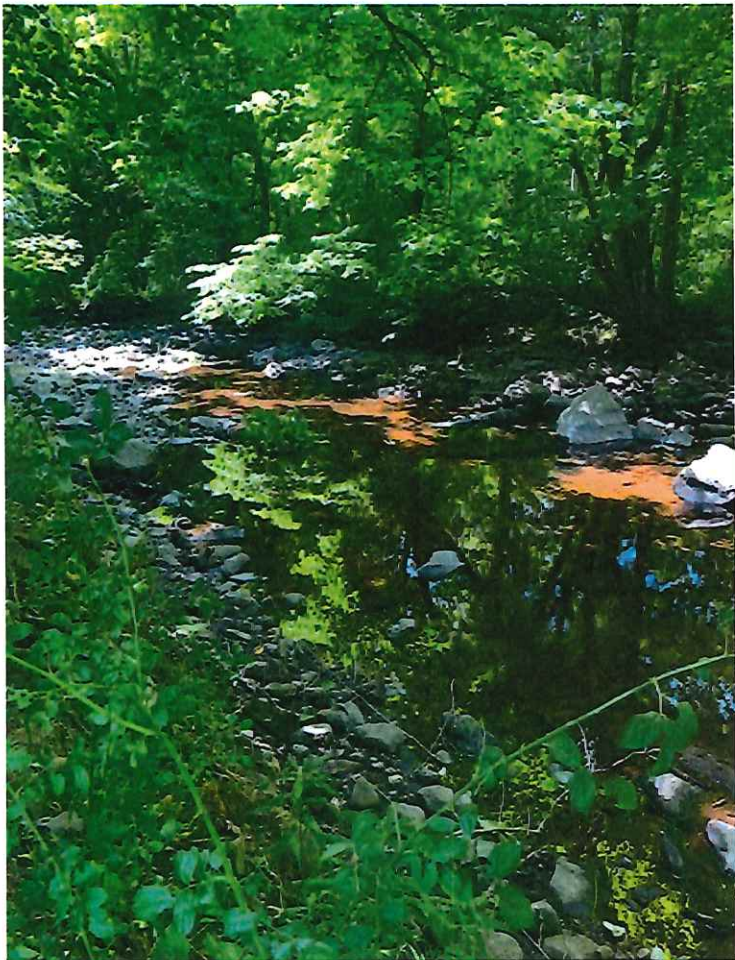


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RED BARRETS ALONG TRAIL ROAD TO THE FALLS AREA
SCALE 1:2000

**MINORTOWN ROAD:
Total Acreage: 22.48
Purchased: 2012
Address: Minortown Road**

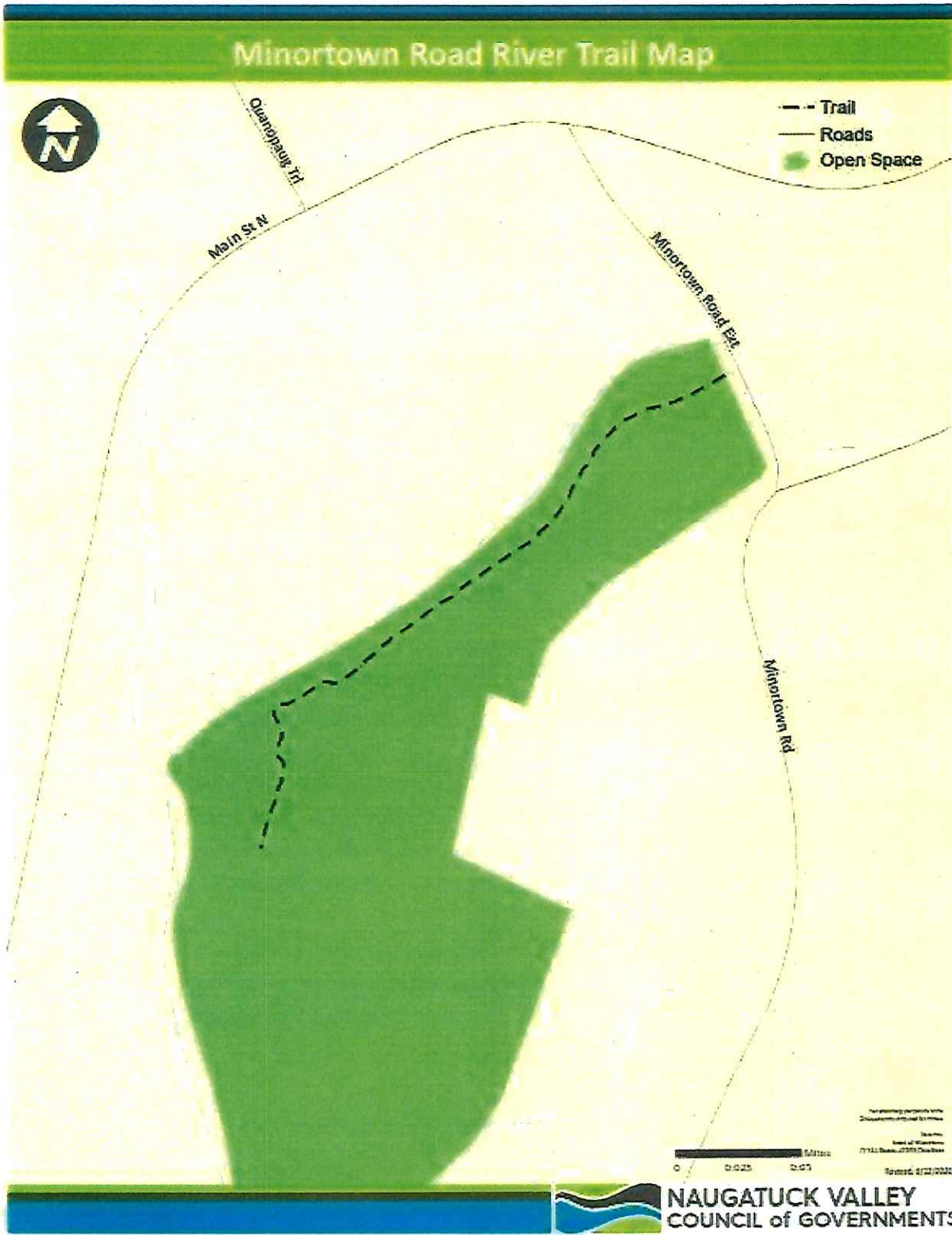
Minortown Road Preserve is leased to a local farmer to grow corn. There is a trail that runs along the river side for people to walk and enjoy. There is easy access to fishing, or you can just take a walk and enjoy the scenic trail. There is sufficient parking at the gate for approximately three cars.



Minortown Road River Trail Map



- Trail
- Roads
- Open Space



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NORTH GREEN with Bandstand

Total Acreage: 1.88

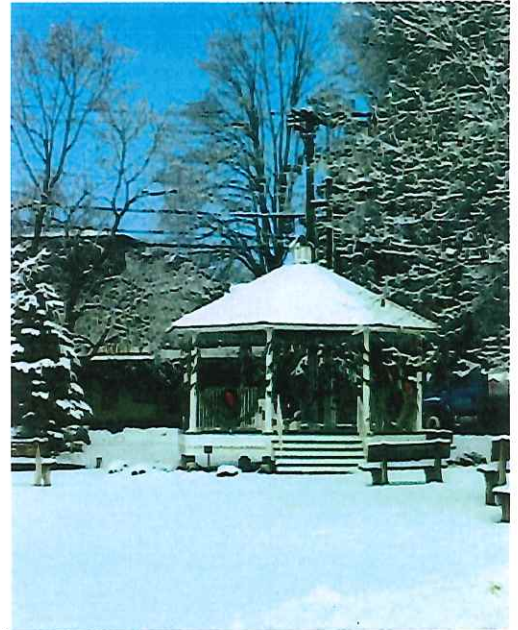
Purchased: 1930

Address: 11 Main Street South

The North Green, located at the intersection of Rte. 6 and Pleasant Street, includes the Leroy Anderson Bandstand, several benches and the town holiday lighted trees. The road, Green Circle, completes the boundary of North Green.

Future Capital Improvements:

Per recommendations of the AIA (American Institute of Architects) SDAT Report, develop a plan for vitalizing the North Green (NG1) in such a way as to provide a gathering place for individuals or for use for events/programs by town groups of small to medium size. Coordinate with the Planning Commission regarding the Sidewalk Study as well as the Corridor Study, to assess whether Green Circle should be one way, allowing for parking.



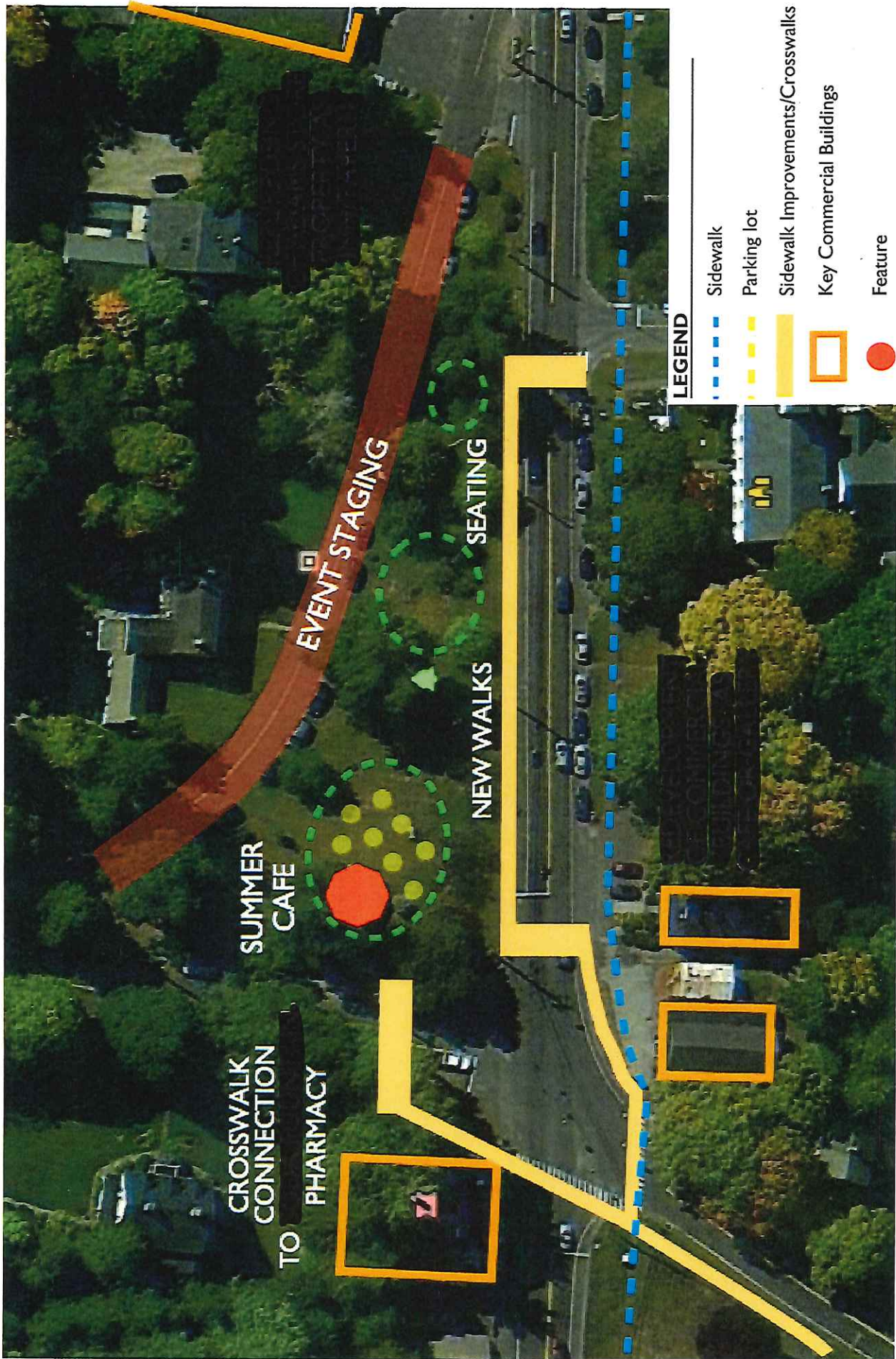
Design and implement a plan that will: (Engineer needed for this project)

- a. Draw positive visual attention to the park for people passing through town.
 - b. Accommodate flexible seating that can be arranged in a seasonal cafe style or to support events/programs for small to medium size audiences and/or an individual by themselves or with some friends to comfortably gather.
 - c. Reconfigure parking to be more attractive and better accommodates cars on the Pleasant Street side across from Canfield Corner and on the park side of Green Circle Road.
- To meet these requirements, we suggest creating a series of brick pathways in a star pattern with seating and landscaping to create a welcoming space for people to enjoy and use. Concept Plan should be developed in coordination with the Sidewalk Committee.

Ongoing Improvements:

- Water Fountain with Dog bowl attachment
- Bike Assistant station and bike rack
- Chess tables





NORTH GREEN - PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

CANNON GREEN:
Total Acreage: 0.99
Address: Main Street South



This park is along Main Street and used mainly as a ceremonial location to remember those who have gone before us in Woodbury and have given their lives for our freedom. There are monuments to each of the wars and annual Memorial Day Parade ends here for a ceremony. The Veterans also hold a small ceremony here on Veterans Day in November.

WASHINGTON PARK (Rt. 6 and 64)
Total Acreage: 0.54, Purchased: 1985
Address: Route 6/Rout 64

Located at the 'doorway' to Woodbury, this park is a beautiful first impression to our town.

The Pomperaug Garden Club maintain the flowerbeds and oversee the plantings to make this a scenic site to enter.

Ongoing Improvements:

- Bike Assistant station and bike rack



POST OFFICE GREEN/CUSHMAN COMMON:

Total Acreage: 0.66

Purchased: 1930

Address: Main Street South, Washington Ave & Judson Ave

This is a small park outside the Post Office on Main Street South with flowerbeds maintained by the Pomperaug Garden Club. It is a place to relax when walking Main Street, enjoy the flowering trees in season and sometimes it is used for small demonstrations.



BICENTENNIAL GREEN:

Total Acreage: 0.99

Purchased: 1972

Address: Main Street South, Hollow Road



This green is home to a “Charter Oak” tree that was landscaped in 2019 to make it easier to maintain and bring in some native plantings.

In the future we would like to terrace the hill to make mowing and maintaining this park more manageable. It has become a place to sit and enjoy the view over Hollow Park.

Ongoing Improvements:

Build a retaining wall (BG1) along the Hollow Road side of park, terrace the bank and create natural seating. Engineer needed for this project.

All Parks – Benches

The 2017 Plan for Benches in Woodbury should be followed, reminding town planners going forward.

Uniformity of benches in conjunction with the “Walkways for Woodbury” plan by the Planning Commission and the Lions Club. As we replace or add benches in town, they should be uniform. We would like to see a consistency with those that have been placed in the Hollow Park playground.

We request and will coordinate a meeting with the First Selectman, the Lions Club, and Parks & Recreation to agree on a plan on how to replace both the town and the Lions Club supplied benches currently placed around town. Funding for this is to be requested in the Capital Plan for 2022-23.



SECTION THREE: COMMUNITY INPUT

Per the 2020 POCD, the town conducted an online survey in 2018 that had over 100 responses. Respondents identified a range of priorities for the Plan update with maintaining the town's historic and rural character being the most popular responses. Building on the 2018 survey, two additional surveys were conducted in 2019, which yielded over three hundred responses. The general sentiment of survey participants placed tremendous value on Woodbury's rural character, landscape, natural resources, and cultural assets.

When asked "What about Woodbury do you value the most?", the second most popular answer identified as highly valued were 'historic properties' and 'parks and open spaces'.

When asked what the Town should place 'more' focus on, 64% answered protection of natural resources/open space preservation. Approximately 55% said trails, greenways, and passive recreation areas. Only 15% responded a need to improve recreation programs, and 18% for need to improve parks and athletic fields.

Survey respondents were asked to fill in the statement "I would like to see a _____ in Woodbury", with answers including - Sports complex or more athletic fields, - Well maintained fishing and/or natural pond at the Hollow Park.

Survey respondents were asked what type of recreation or entertainment you would like to have in Woodbury, top answers included a swimming pool (81%), Town beach facility (53%), movie theater (53%), and teen center (38%).

The public outreach summary conducted by Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. for 'Plan Woodbury' in 2019 was used for reference, as well as the resulting POCD itself, effective February 2020.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Park and Recreation Department put together a Master Plan Survey for the public to respond online, starting in May 2021. The P&R on-line survey received 339 responses.

Q1: Woodbury resident yes 89% of 338 answered

Q2: Hollow Park visit 92% of 339
57% attend event, 55% walk for pleasure, 46% use playground

Q7: Trolley Bed Preserve visit 49% of 303
83% hiking, 41% walk dog

Q12: Three Rivers Park visit 66% of 297
75% walk for pleasure, 41% walk dog

Q17: Orenaug Park visit 56% of 290
72% walk for pleasure, 58% for both climb tower and hike

Q22: Nonnewaug Falls visit 40% of 288
77% walk for pleasure, 67% hiking

Q27: Minortown Preserve visit 11% of 284
72% walk for pleasure, 50% walk dog

Q32: Strong Preserve visit 21% of 282
72% walk for pleasure, 40% walk dog

Question asked for additional facilities not currently available yielded 186 comments.

33 responded 'No additional', 51 would like a community pool, 5 responded basketball courts, 6 requested pickleball/tennis courts, 10 for more walking paths, 7 for skate park, 5 for dog park, 16 for improved pond area at Hollow, and an additional 46 miscellaneous comments.

SECTION FOUR: PROGRAMS

The P&R Department operates fully online, maintaining a website for all programs, event information, park booking information, announcements, general information on activities in town, production of email blasts and as a location for people to register for all programs that we offer. It is constantly updated.

The P&R Department puts out three "Brochures" annually, Winter (January-March) Spring/Summer (April-August) and Fall (September-December). Although these will contain the bulk of the offerings, we continue to update our offerings online as changes occur and additions are made.

The P&R Department maintains an on-line social presence on Facebook with announcements and reminders in a timely manner.

Programming is fluid, to the extent that programs be added or removed based on public demand, as well as maintaining the traditional programs that our community uses such as the Summer Camp.

In 2010, the full-time position of Recreation Specialist was eliminated from the department. The loss of this position led to a lack of sufficient staff to continue to manage all previous programming. Programming that was successful and popular including the Town Wide Tag Sale, Outdoor Movie Night, weekly summer Farmer's Market and more, had to cease.

To increase the number of programs offered would require additional staffing levels. The town should look to return the position of a full time Recreation Specialist while keeping our full time Director and part-time Clerk. The department is at capacity at this present time with the current staffing levels.

W.O.W. (What's On in Woodbury) is a collaboration between the Woodbury Public Library, Woodbury Parks and Recreation and the Woodbury Senior Community Center. WOW provides additional high quality FREE programs for community members of all ages.

SECTION FIVE: PARK IMPROVEMENT TIMELINE AND COSTS

FISCAL YEAR	PARK		PROJECT	ANTICIPATED COST	
2021-22	Hollow Park	H1	Pond Area Reclamation	\$28,600	Work done in-house, or
			Remove sand/replace soil/grass	\$75,000	Professional quote
2021-22	Hollow Park	H5	Outdoor Chess and Ping Pong Table	\$10,000	Vendors being researched
2021-22	Three Rivers	TR3	Improve sight lines from upper parking lot, remove pony barn		
2021-22	Three Rivers	TR1	Add aprons to both parking lots		
2022-23	Hollow Park	H2	Maintenance Shed/Barn	\$350,000	
2022-23	Hollow Park	H3	Lower Athletic Fields renovation and installation of irrigation	\$250,000	
2022-23	Hollow Park	H4	Video Monitoring Camera	\$5,000	
2022-23	Hollow Park	H10	Adult Outdoor Exercise Equipment - Fitness Court	\$150,000	
2022-23	Hollow Park	H6	Re-do gravel parking lot	TBD	Engineer required
2022-23	Hollow Park	H15	New Basketball Court	\$65,000	Engineer required
		H16	New Pickleball (2) Court	TBD	Engineer required
2022-23	Hollow Park	H8	Add a Splash Pad	\$300,000	Engineer required
2022-23	Oreanaug Park	OP2	Repair Pond Wall on Park Road	\$17,500	
2022-23	Oreanaug Park	OP3	Create Picnic Area behind pillars on Park Road	TBD	
2022-23	Three Rivers	TR4	Reclaim field to become an event space	TBD	
2022-23	Three Rivers	TR6	Temporary Ice Rink in Winter Months	TBD	
2023-24	Three Rivers	TR5	Open Air Pavilion	TBD	
2023-24	Hollow Park		Additional Sand Volleyball Courts	TBD	
2023-24	Hollow Park	H12	Pavilion Enhancement	TBD	
2023-24	Hollow Park	H13	Entrance Gate	TBD	
2023-24	Hollow Park	H11	Re-side Bathroom/Concession Stand building	TBD	
2023-24	Three Rivers	TR2	New well and irrigation system for North Side (athletic fields)	TBD	

SECTION SIX: FUTURE PROJECTS TO BE STUDIED

From conducting the studies/surveys and listening to comments from the public, there are some other elements to improving the towns Parks and Recreation Facilities that have been requested that are in addition to those already mentioned in the pages of this plan, these are:

- Dedicated Recreation Building with gym space, teen center.
- Pool
- Pickleball Courts
- Tennis Courts
- Link the Trolley Bed Trail with the Greenway that starts in Middlebury and ends at Quassy Field and continue down to Woodbury Main Street South.
- A study to determine if the a bridge (H17) from Hollow Park to Castle Rock is plausible.

These projects can be studied for future development should the Town of Woodbury decide to invest in more land and/or buildings for Parks and Recreation uses, preferably not in flood plains.

APPENDIX

- Appendix A: 2020 Town of Woodbury Plan of Conservation and Development
p.47 & p.51
- Appendix B: 2019-2024 P&R Capital Improvement Plan
- Appendix C: 2020-2025 P&R Capital Improvement Plan
- Appendix D: 2021-2022 P&R Capital Improvement Plan
- Appendix E: 2018 P&R Strategic Plan for Woodbury Town Parks
- Appendix F: List of Town Owned Parks with Statistics

Parks & Recreational Facilities

Woodbury has several parks that are owned, managed, and maintained by the Town. The parks range from passive open space sites to active parks with ball fields and courts. In total, the parks comprise approximately 550 acres. In addition to the park facilities, Region 14 School athletic and playground facilities are available for use by Woodbury residents. Combined, the park and school facilities have 12 tee ball, softball, and baseball diamonds; 26 acres of athletic field space used for multiple sports; 2 basketball courts; 5 tennis courts; 1 sand volleyball court; 3 playgrounds; 1 football field; and 1 running track.

While there are multiple outdoor facilities for residents to enjoy, indoor recreation space is limited to school facilities. Additionally, the town lacks aquatics based recreation facilities since the closure of the swimming pond at Hollow Park.

Hollow Park

Hollow Park has softball, baseball, soccer and multi-use fields as well as a river walk along the Pomperaug River. The park also has a covered pavilion, picnic tables, a basketball court, sand volleyball and playgrounds.

Nonnewaug Falls

Located on the town line of Woodbury and Bethlehem, features a trail along fields that leads to a waterfall.

Oreanaug Park

The park is comprised of a mountain forest with hiking trails that lead from Park Road and the Town's municipal complex to an observation tower built in 1911 which stands at 520 feet in elevation.

Strong Meadow Preserve

The preserve is located near Nonnewaug High School and has open farm fields, athletic fields, and a trail with river access.

Three Rivers Park

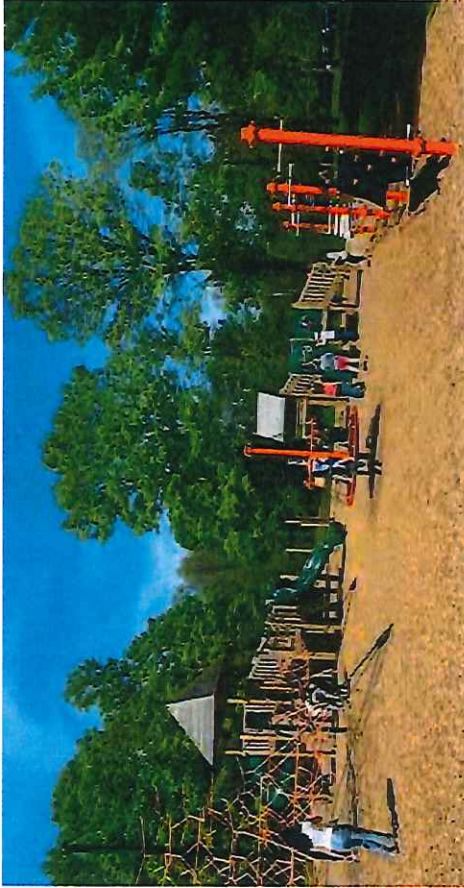
The park has a large multi-use athletic field. The park also has open fields and passive areas with trails that provide access to the Pomperaug River. The park is also home to a barn and Town maintenance and storage facilities.

Trolley Bed Preserve

The preserve is located in the area of a former trolley line and is a passive open space with trails, forested areas, and meadows.

Town Greens

The Parks Department maintains several Town Greens including North Green, Town Hall Green, Cannon Green, Post Office Green, Bicentennial Green, and Washington Park.



New playground at Hollow Park Image Source: Woodbury Parks & Recreation

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Parks	Features	Site Area (acres)
Hollow Park	Athletic fields, courts, playgrounds, pavilion, picnic tables	131.3
Nonnewaug Falls	Trail, river access, passive open space	50.0
Oreanaug Park	Trail, passive open space, disc golf	84.2
Strong Meadow Preserve	Open field, athletic fields, trail, river access	30.7
Three Rivers Park	Athletic fields, open fields, trail, river access, maint. fac.	74.3
Trolley Bed Preserve	Trail, passive open space	183.3

Park and School Athletic Facilities	Quantity	Location
Softball/tee ball diamonds	7	Hollow Park, Mitchell Elementary, Woodbury Middle, Nonnewaug HS
Small baseball diamonds	2	Hollow Park
Full size baseball diamonds	3	Hollow Park, Woodbury Middle, Nonnewaug HS
Athletic fields (soccer, lacrosse, football practice, other)	26 acres	Hollow Park, Three Rivers Park, Mitchell Elementary, Woodbury Middle, Nonnewaug HS
Basketball courts	2	Hollow Park, Woodbury Middle
Tennis courts	5	Woodbury Middle, Nonnewaug HS
Sand volleyball court	1	Hollow Park
Playscapes	3	Hollow Park, Mitchell Elementary
Football field	1	Nonnewaug HS
Running track	1	Nonnewaug HS

Facilities & Services Goal

Provide and support quality municipal and regional facilities and services.

Strategies and Supporting Actions

1. Develop a facilities plan that addresses Town requirements for office space as well as goals for interior recreation and community space. This plan should include an inventory of buildings currently owned by the Town, and should identify other properties, including, but not limited to, properties owned by Region 14, that might be available for purchase or lease to meet Town requirements. The plan should include scenarios for the reallocation of space and for renovation, expansion and/or construction to address accessibility concerns, to better accommodate municipal operations and to address the community's desire for additional meeting space and indoor event/recreation space. In preparing the Plan, the Town should assess the viability of installing energy efficient systems and employing renewable energy as a means to reduce operating costs at each facility and should also assess the feasibility of reducing impermeable surfaces and other methods to promote sustainable practices.

Action 1: The Board of Selectman should regularly engage in discussions with the Board of Education to identify measures that the Town can take to support the District's efforts to implement the recommendations of its 2019 facilities plan and reduce operating costs.

Action 2: The Public Building Commission should oversee the development of a facilities plan that provides a long range plan of Town facilities and identifies near term capital improvement needs. The plan should also identify ADA compliance needs and energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy sources that could be deployed to reduce operating costs. If the Commission requires the assistance of a consultant to develop the Plan, the Town should providing funding for those services.

Action 3: The Boards of Selectman and Finance should commit fiscal resources via the Town's capital improvement plan towards facility modifications and improvements recommended in the facilities plan and initiate those improvements.

Action 4: The Public Buildings Committee should oversee facility improvements with priority placed on ADA compliance improvements to facilities that are recommended for continued use.

2. Develop a parks and recreation master plan. A parks and recreation master plan would provide a detailed parks facilities inventory, assessment of facility conditions, establish recreation needs based upon national standards and resident preference, and develop a maintenance plan with recommendations for sustainable practices that would reduce the Department's energy requirements and water usage and identify integrated pest management practices. The masterplan would build upon recommendations of the 2010 POCD, which identified multiple recommendations for recreation facility and programming improvements, some of which have been implemented. The Parks and Recreation Department also has a strategic plan that documents maintenance practices and capital improvements needed at the Town's parks. The capital improvement plan identifies approximately \$0.5 million of improvements needed over a five-year period. A masterplan would build upon the current strategic plan by identifying the most fiscally prudent investments that should be made in the parks system.

Action 1: The Town's Park and Recreation Commission, with support of the Parks & Recreation Department, should build upon its existing strategic plan to develop a parks & recreation masterplan that identifies recreation facility and programming needs.

Action 2: The Boards of Selectmen and Finance should provide the funding necessary to develop a parks & recreation masterplan should outside assistance be needed.

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Woodbury Parks & Recreation Capital Plan 2019-2024

2019-2020

Field Refurbishment (Hollow/Three Rivers/Strong)	\$ 15,000
Build Out of Senior Community Center Basement	\$100,000 (\$50,000 from LoCip)
New Maintenance Barn and Storage Shed at Hollow Park	\$187,000
Zero Turn Mower	\$ 11,000
Hollow Pond Renovation	\$ 30,000
Gravel for park parking lots	\$ 5,000

2020-2021

Field Refurbishment (Hollow/Three Rivers/Strong)	\$ 15,000
Irrigation of Three Rivers Athletic Field	\$ TBD
Video Monitoring Equipment for parks	\$ TBD

2021-2022

Field Refurbishment (Hollow/Three Rivers/Strong)	\$ 15,000
Pro-Core Aerator	\$ 30,000
Additional Recreational Facilities	\$ TBD

2022-2023

Field Refurbishment (Hollow/Three Rivers/Strong)	\$ 15,000
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2023-2024

Field Refurbishment (Hollow/Three Rivers/Strong)	\$ 15,000
Recreation & Cultural Center	\$ TBD
Pool	\$ TBD

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Woodbury Parks & Recreation Capital Plan 2020-2025

2020-2021

On Going Maintenance:

Field Refurbishment (Hollow/Three Rivers/Strong)	\$ 15,000
Hollow Pond Renovation with hydro raking	\$ 40,000
Repair of Hollow Park Basketball Court	\$ 20,000
Repairs to Orenaug Pond Retaining Wall	\$ 17,500
Refinishing the WMS tennis courts, sharing 50% cost with Region	\$ 11,000
Tree Maintenance	\$ 10,000

Enhancement Projects:

WiFi and Installation of Video Monitoring Equipment for Hollow Park	\$ 5,000
Concrete Barriers for Three Rivers Barn	\$ 18,000
New Maintenance Barn and Storage Shed at Hollow Park	\$187,000
Build Out of Senior Community Center Basement or move department?	\$250,000/estimate
Concrete Ping Pong and Chess tables	\$ 10,000

2021-2022

On Going Maintenance:

Field Refurbishment (Hollow/Three Rivers/Strong)	\$ 15,000
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Enhancement Projects:

Irrigation of Lower Hollow	\$135,000
National Fitness Campaign – Fitness Court	\$100,000 with \$30,000 grant

POCD/Greenway – Section 4, Transportation and Infrastructure: 5.1

Engineer for Trolley Bed Erosion Remediation Plan	\$ 50,000
Cost of doing the work that is recommended by the engineer for the Trolley Bed Erosion Remediation Plan	\$TBD

POCD/Master Plan/Facilities – Section 2, Environmental Resources: 1.1

Engineer to produce plans for a bridge to connect the Hollow to Castle Rock	\$TBD
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2022-2023

On Going Maintenance:

Field Refurbishment (Hollow/Three Rivers/Strong)	\$ 15,000
Fencing Repairs – Backstops for Field #1 and #5	\$ 20,000

Enhancement Projects:

Splash Pad for Hollow Park	\$300,000
Irrigation of Three Rivers Athletic Field	\$ TBD
Additional Recreational Facilities	\$ TBD

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2021-2022

On Going Maintenance:

Repair of Hollow Park Basketball Court	\$ 65,000
Repairs to Orenaug Pond Retaining Wall	\$ 17,500
Tree Maintenance	\$ 10,000
Repair and Replace electrical panel boxes	\$ 10,000
Repairs to Field #5	\$ 8,600

Enhancement Projects:

New Maintenance Barn and Storage Shed at Hollow Park	\$275,000
Build Out of Senior Community Center Basement/move department/renovate?	\$250,000/estimate
Concrete Ping Pong and Chess tables	\$ 10,000
National Fitness Campaign – Fitness Court	\$139,500 with \$30,000 grant
Remove Pony Barn and massage slope for improved view from parking lot	\$ 5,000
Additional Camera's for Hollow Park	\$ 5,000
Additional Sand Volleyball Court behind basketball court at Hollow Park	\$ 5,000
Master Plan Consultant	\$ 10,000

2022-2023

On Going Maintenance:

Replace Trailer	\$ 6,000
Replace current Truck (2020 prices)	\$ 72,000
Repairs to Field #1	\$ 6,255

Enhancement Projects:

Re-surface and Irrigate of Lower Hollow	\$250,000 (approximately)
Splash Pad for Hollow Park	\$300,000
Lights for Field #1 at Lower Hollow	\$ TBD

POCD/Master Plan/Facilities – Section 2, Environmental Resources: 1.1

Engineer to produce plans for a bridge to connect the Hollow to Castle Rock	\$ TBD
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2023-2024

On Going Maintenance:

Replace Ground Master (Toro/4500)	\$ 60,000 minus trade in
Repairs to Field #3	\$ TBD

Enhancement Projects:

Irrigation of Three Rivers Athletic Field and Well	\$ TBD
Pavilion Enhancement – create Amphitheatre	\$ TBD
Winter Temporary Ice Rink	\$ 5,000
North Green Beautification and Enhancements	\$ TBD

2024-2025

On Going Maintenance:

Replace Pro-Core Aerator (2020 prices)	\$ 28,000
Replace Rotary Spreader	\$ 2,500
Repairs to Field #2	\$ TBD

2025-2026

On Going Maintenance:

Repaint of Fire Tower	\$ 30,000 approximately
Replace John Deere Utility Vehicle	\$ TBD
Zero Turn Mower	\$ 12,000 (2020 pricing)
Repairs to Field #4	\$ TBD

Enhancement Projects:

Pool	\$ TBD
Recreation & Cultural Center	\$ TBD

Strategic Plan for Woodbury Town Parks - 2018

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This document is an explanation of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan. We describe each park, listing the required continued maintenance for each park, what enhancements we need to make and finally the future capital improvements.

Description of Parks:

HOLLOW PARK:

This is the most central park for the town and it sees the most activity. We have 5 baseball fields and a large multipurpose field that can accommodate 2 soccer fields. Our skate park is located in the upper area, there is a playground, a basketball court, a pavilion and a pond that has previously been used for swimming and is now under review as to its use moving forward. The river runs along the edge and there is a trail along this river which is utilized by many. This is a busy park with sports groups, dog walkers, and general public use.

This is also the scene of several events during the year. Summer Concert Series, Lions Car Show, Fireman's Carnival, Earth Day, Picnic and Pops, Easter Egg Hunt, Trick or Trunk, and many private parties in the pavilion.

Maintenance:

- Athletic Fields are mown twice weekly during the season. They are fertilized, aerated, seeded on a seasonal basis. Patch up jobs are done as needed.
- Ball Field clay is groomed 4 times a week during the season. The grass areas are fertilized, aerated and seeded on a seasonal basis. Patch up jobs are done as needed.
- Ball fields are readied for play each spring but revamping the clay areas where necessary, adding clay, where necessary, etc.
- Playground is groomed daily during the spring/summer season, weekly during the rest of the year. Weekly safety check.
- Trails are checked monthly
- Pond: aerate, rake beach, weed, mow banks, general maintenance to keep it tidy.
- Trash bins are emptied daily in the spring/summer fall season, and weekly during the rest of the year.
- Doggy pot bags are filled weekly
- Skateboard park is checked daily during all months of good weather
- Bathrooms are open from mid-April to October 31, cleaned daily.
- Pavilion is cleaned three times a week during the season of use, sometimes more if there are more events taking place.
- Flower barrels are planted in the spring and again in the summer, and they require daily watering.
- All non-athletic areas are mowed weekly during the season.
- Fall cleanup is done three times in the fall of each year.
- Continual cleanup of sticks, rubbish, and other debris happens all year long.
- Irrigation is automated for the Upper Hollow but done by hand for Field One. This is done throughout the season on Field One by hand.
- Grooming of volleyball court 4 times a week during the spring and summer season.
- Gravel parking lots are re-graded and holes patched once a year.
- Playground bark mulch renewed and re-spread once a season.
- Replace or mend fencing as needed.
- Improvements to individual athletic fields, such as re-sodding a baseball field, reconfiguring drainage

Periodic Maintenance:

Enhancements should be made to this park every year. For example, current needs are: a new net for the Volleyball court, a replacement water fountain, replacement grille, re-doing of a ball field, or addition or replacement of a piece of equipment at the playground or skateboard park.

Future Capital Improvements:

- ~~Replacement of backstop on Field One~~ **Done March, 2017**
- Pond – restore to natural state to keep maintenance to a minimum.
- Replacement of the current playground
- Lights to illuminate the area of the Lower Hollow used for event parking and activities
- Maintenance Shed – Renovation of current barn at Three Rivers versus build a new maintenance shed at Hollow Park.
- Irrigation for the Lower Hollow (Upper Hollow completed – Summer 2016)
- Video Monitoring
- Outdoor chess and ping pong tables
- Adult Exercise Equipment
- Additional recreational facilities such as paddle tennis courts, tennis courts, bocce court

THREE RIVERS:

This is made up of two sections, the athletic fields to the north, which is a large multipurpose area that currently has 3 or 4 soccer fields of varying sizes located. This is well maintained and used essentially 7 days a week in the spring, summer and fall seasons.

The south side of the Three Rivers park, across the river, is a large area of farm land with a trail along the river that is used extensively by hikers, walkers, joggers and dog walkers

Maintenance : North Side:

- Athletic Fields are mown twice weekly during the season. They are fertilized, aerated, seeded on a seasonal basis. Patch up jobs are done as needed.
- Non-athletic areas are mowed and strimmed once a week
- Garbage is collected daily in season, weekly off season
- Athletic fields are aerated, fertilized and seeded seasonally
- Replace or mend fencing as needed.

South Side:

- Trail is mown monthly in the summer months.
- Tree trimming as needed
- Doggy Pot bags changed weekly
- Garbage removed daily in season, weekly out of season

Periodic Maintenance:

North Side: N/A
South Side: N/A

Future Capital Improvements:

North Side: New well and irrigation system.
South Side: Reclaim the field by planting hay only to enable use for events.

STRONG MEADOW PRESERVE:

This is also made up of two parcels, with a river running between the two. The smaller area to the east is farmed with corn or hay, and the larger area to the west has been seeded with grass but not properly leveled for athletic use, so is only useable for events. The entrance to this park is down Scratchville Road, which offers little parking but we have gained permission from Wetlands this year to be allowed to park on the field, after going across the bridge, to the right, for daily special events.

Maintenance:

West:

- During the spring/summer and fall months the field is mowed every other month.
- Garbage is emptied twice weekly during the pleasant weather, and weekly during the rest of the year
- A portion of the grass acreage is aerated, seeded and fertilized in order to create a usable field for some sports use, such as flag football, ultimate Frisbee and volleyball in the future.
- The road to the field is kept clear of leaves and debris in the fall.
- General maintenance is conducted to keep the grass mowed along the road to make way for parking
- The Jerry Stomski tree is watered.

East: This is currently farmed

Periodic Maintenance:

West: N/A

East: N/A

Future Capital Improvements:

West: Lease to a farmer to farm only hay to allow for future reclamation for athletic fields if needed in the future.

East: N/A

ORENAUG PARK:

This is a trail from Park Road, up and over a hill to the fire tower and down the other side to the Senior Center. This is walked by hikers and dog walkers a fair amount. There is a Fire tower at the top.

Maintenance:

- Safety repairs and repainting of Fire Tower is needed.
- Trails are walked monthly to clear trash and natural debris that might have fallen on the path.
- Grass path is mowed to the opening in the stone wall in the summer to give easy and obvious access to the trail from the senior center side

Periodic Maintenance: N/A

Future Capital Improvements:

- Log benches at points along the trail with views over Woodbury installed.
- More trails cut and marked
- Orienteering course designed.
- Frisbee golf course

TROLLEY TRAIL PRESERVE:

This is the latest town acquisition; it is the old Aquarion property. It is a large piece of property with a main walk from Tuttle Road down to the area to the side and behind Ayla's. It is used by dog walkers and other walkers.

Based on obligations for current parks it is unrealistic to assume that Park and Recreation Department can maintain the Trolley Trail Preserve without additional resources (personnel, equipment and funding).

Once the Management Plan for this property is completed we will have more information from which to assess what would be additionally required to manage this property.

Other Parks: The following parks are mainly for scenic beauty and enhancement of the overall attractiveness of our town.

NONNEWAUG FALLS: (Trail along the side of fields to a beautiful waterfall)

Maintenance:

- Trail markings – “Falls this way”, etc.
- Monthly trail inspection for trash and safety issues
- Parking lot inspection and annual maintenance

Periodic Maintenance: N/A

Future Capital Improvements: N/A

NORTH GREEN (Tree lighting, weddings, art events)

Maintenance:

- Trash collection, bi-weekly
- Grass mowed weekly in season
- Band Stand repair – annually
- Mulching and weeding of all areas around trees
- Tree pruning – annually
- Check and usually repair, the electricity use for tree lighting
- Arrange for tree lights to be replaced and added to the tree for annual tree lighting
- Fall cleanup of leaves, twice in season
- Grass is aerated, seeded and fertilized once a season.

Periodic Maintenance: N/A

Future Capital Improvements:

Per recommendations of the AIA study, develop a plan for vitalizing the North Green in such a way as to provide a gathering place for individuals or for use for events/programs by town groups of small to medium size.

Design and implement a plan that will:

- a. Draw positive visual attention to the park for people passing through town.
- b. Accommodate flexible seating that can be arranged in a seasonal cafe style or to support.

events/programs for small to medium size audiences and/or an individual by himself/herself or with some friends to comfortably gather.

- c. Reconfigure parking to be more attractive and better accommodates cars on the Pleasant Street side across from Canfield Corner and on the park side of Green Circle Road.

TOWN HALL GREEN:

Maintenance:

- Grass mowed weekly in season
- Mulching and weeding of all areas around trees
- Tree pruning – annually
- Fall cleanup of leaves, twice in season
- Grass is aerated, seeded

Periodic Maintenance: N/A

Future Capital Improvements:

This is not a Town Park and therefore not under our jurisdiction.

CANNON GREEN: (Memorial Day speeches and Veterans Day Ceremony)

Maintenance:

- Grass mowed weekly in season
- Flowerbeds and monument areas mulched.
- Grass is aerated, seeded and fertilized once a season.
- Trees pruned annually

Periodic Maintenance: N/A

Future Capital Improvements: N/A

WASHINGTON PARK (Rt. 6 and 64) (Political rallies at election time!)

Maintenance:

- Grass mowed weekly in season
- Flowerbeds mulched.
- Grass is aerated, seeded and fertilized once a season.
- Trees pruned annually
- Electricity checked for annual tree lighting.

Periodic Maintenance: N/A

Future Capital Improvements: N/A

POST OFFICE GREEN:

Maintenance:

- Grass mowed weekly in season
- Flowerbeds mulched.
- Grass is aerated, seeded and fertilized once a season.
- Trees pruned annually.

Periodic Maintenance: N/A

Future Capital Improvements: N/A

BICENTENNIAL GREEN: (Opposite the flower shop):

Maintenance:

- Grass mowed weekly in season
- Flowerbeds mulched.
- Grass is aerated, seeded and fertilized once a season.
- Trees pruned annually.

Periodic Maintenance: N/A

Future Capital Improvements: N/A

WOODBURY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

TOWN PARKS	Date of Acquisition	Total Acres	Notes
HOLLOW PARK 43 Hollow Rd	12/1/1969 9/20/1975	60.5 acres 13.21 acres	Vol 103/p 038 - Assessor Map 103-013 Vol 114/p1501 - Assessor Map 036-068A Developer Map: 16/882-875 Active park with trail along the Pomperaug River
ORENAUG 41 Park Rd.	6/20/1892 1/20/1970 11/20/1970	57 acres 8 acres 13.45 acres	Vol. 053/p548, Assessor Map 103-208 Vol 103/p.188, Assessor Map 088-001 Vol. ##/p.##/Map 088-001B Developer Map: None Trail to Observation Tower and rock climbing
THREE RIVER MEADOWS PARK 58 Westwood Road	4/20/2001	71.3 acres	Vol. 257/p877 , Assessor Map 038-0541 Developer Map: 27/100 10 acres used for multipurpose fields. Riverwalk, Section on Rt. 47 used for town tree nursery
FRANK AND EVELYN STRONG MEADOW PRESERVE Scratchville Road	10/22/2001	30.68 (Scratchville) 6.57 (Middle Rd Tpke)	Vol. 264/p.897 , Assessor Map 023-018B-B Developer map: 29/27 Strong Family named property. Walking path along the Nonnewaug River. Property under development

DESIGNATED RECREATION AREAS	Date of Acquisition	Total Acres	Notes
NONNEWAUG FALLS Falls Road access is from Hickory Lane, Bethlehem	2/9/2002	50 acres	Vol. 274/p.104, Assessor Map 081-011 Developer Map: Agriculture, Trails and "The Falls" Access to Falls Rd is from Hickory Lane, Bethlehem
CASTLE ROCK Great Hollow Road.	7/30/2002	38.14 acres	Vol. 277/711, Assessor Map 034-013A/1 Developer Map: 29/56 Considered by some a part of Hollow Park Steep Trails. Limited access. Deed restrictions.
TROLLEY BED TRAIL Old Sherman Hill Road.	6/3/87 8/21/2003	8.21 acres 4.21 acres	Vol. 159/p.401, Assessor Map 019-106 Vol. 301/996, Assessor Map 019-003A Developer Map: none/ 21/33 Trails
TROLLEY BED PRESERVE	11/2/2016	175.08 acres 64.15 acres	Vol. 0418/0399 Assessor Map: 017-040 Developer Map: 32 147-149 Vol.??/?? Assessor Map: 108-089 Land Acquired from Aquarion. State grant secured for purchase. Property restrictions apply as state easement is attached. Passive use

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<p>MINORTOWN ?? # # Minortown Road</p>	<p>12/20/2012</p>	<p>22.48 acres</p>	<p>Vol. 0418/0916 (state easement) Vol. 0394/p. 0702. Assessor Map 025-002C/2 Developer Map: 32/123 Designated as part of the state Greenway program Walk along the Nonnewaug River, Fishing, Agriculture {??}</p>
<p>SHERWOOD PROPERTY Pomperaug Road</p>	<p>12/2017</p>	<p>13.88</p>	<p>Vol. 0424/0588 Assessor Map 034-019 Conservation Committee overseeing this project. Passive recreation area.</p>

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NORTH GREEN 11 Main Street South	8/18/1930	1.88 acres	Vol. 066/p.497, Assessor Map 105-15771 Developer Map: 11/599 Marker for start of History Walk Bandstand dedicated to Leroy Anderson
CANNON GREEN Main Street South	???????	0.99 acres	Vol. ##/ p.## Assessor Map: 103-050 Developer Map: None Home to the Soldier's Monument honoring residents of the Civil War. Additional boulders honoring veterans of WWI, WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War
BICENTENNIAL GREEN Hollow Road	7/6/1972	.99 acre	Vol. 108/p.401, Assessor Map 103-050 Developer Map: 14/704
HITCHCOCK Scuppo Road	2/1/1991	63.2 acres	Vol. 180/p.719, Assessor Map 086-001 Developer Map: None on file land adjoins the 'Reservoir' property
CUSHMAN COMMON Main Street South (across from Post Office)	8/18/1930	.66 acres	Vol. 66/p.497 Assessor Map 104-106 Developer Map: None Boulder dedication to Dr. George Cushman and another memorial to active service men and women on duty from our town. It is also known as Memorial Green.
WASHINGTON PARK (MQD) Rt. 6/Rt. 64	10/22/1985	.54 acre	Vol. 146/p. 331 Assessor Map 102-035B Developer Map: None
DEPARTMENT LOCATION			
Rec House 9 Mountain Road	3/11/1924	.13 acres	Vol. 065/p.180 Assessor map 104-058A Developer map: None Bought by town in 1927 for municipal purposes. 1977-2007 used by town as the Senior Center. In 2009, becomes location for the Parks and Recreation Department. Located in Historic District and is in the Main Street design area

Notes:

- Information obtained from Town Assessor files.
- Developer map corresponds to the map found at the Town Clerk Office
- Designated Recreation Areas are designated by the Board of Selectman and are protected by the Town Park and Recreation Ordinances.