

TOWN OF SUDBURY · MASSACHUSETTS

2026 Open Space & Recreation Plan

OCTOBER 2026 DRAFT PLAN



Table of Contents

Acknowledgements	3
01 Executive Summary	4
02 Introduction	6
A. Statement of Purpose	6
B. Planning Process & Public Participation	6
03 Community Setting	9
A. Regional Context	9
B. Population Characteristics	13
C. Growth & Development Patterns	16
04 Environmental Inventory & Analysis	22
A. Soils and Topography	22
B. Water Resources	24
C. Vegetation	29
D. Fisheries & Wildlife	37
E. Scenic Resources and Unique Environments	44
F. Climate Change Impacts	50
05 Conservation & Recreation Lands Inventory	56
A. Three Types of Land Inventories	58
B. Park & Open Space Equity	88
06 Analysis of Needs	90
A. Summary of Natural Resource Protection Needs	90
B. Summary of Community's Outdoor Recreation Needs	92
C. Management Needs	97
07 Ten-Year Action Plan	100
Letters of Support	119
References	120
Appendix A: Maps	122
Appendix B: Historic Resources	123
Appendix C: Public Engagement Results	135

Acknowledgements

The Town of Sudbury (Town) engaged BSC Group as its consultant to oversee the creation of this 2026-2036 Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). The Town would like to thank the residents, volunteers, stakeholders, and other partners who helped shape this OSRP, in particular the following:



Town of Sudbury Staff

- Andrew J. Sheehan, Town Manager
- Adam R. Burney, Director of Planning & Community Development, MPA
- Lori Capone, Conservation Coordinator
- Vivian Zeng, Director of Health & Community Services, MPH, REHS, CHO
- Sarah Ernst, Assistant Park and Recreation Director

Select Board

- Janie W. Dretler, Chair
- Radha R. Gargeya, Vice Chair
- Daniel E. Carty, Member
- Lisa V. Kouchakdjian, Member
- Charles G. Russo, Member

Planning Board

- Stephen Garvin, Chair
- John Sugrue, Vice Chair
- Kirsten Roopenian, Member
- Anuraj Shah, Member
- Julie Zelermyer Perlman, Member

Park and Recreation Commission

- Mara L. Huston, Chair
- William Atkeson, Vice Chair
- Robert C. Beagan, Member
- Laurie Eliason, Member
- Ryan J. Poteat, Member

Conservation Commission

- David Henkels, Chair
- Kenneth Holtz, Vice Chair
- Jeremy Cook, Member
- Harry Hoffman, Member
- Kathleen Rogers, Member
- Mark Sevier, Member
- Victor Sulkowski, Member

BSC GROUP

BSC Group, Inc.

- Heather Gould, Director of Planning, AICP
- Aqsa Butt, Project Manager & Senior Planner, SITES AP
- Tabitha Wilson, Senior Planner, AICP
- Adam Duchesneau, Senior Planner, AICP
- Teddy Campbell, Planner
- Megan Gaughan, GIS Analyst



Sudbury Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, Credit: BSC Group

01 Executive Summary

Sudbury's open spaces are an important part of the community's character and quality of life. Its forests, fields, wetlands, trails, parks, and waterways provide opportunities for recreation, support wildlife and natural systems, and contribute to the town's resilience to a changing climate. Protecting these resources has long been a priority for Sudbury, and the Town of Sudbury (Town) has demonstrated commitment through sustained investment in land preservation and maintenance.

The town's open space system is defined not only by the amount of protected land, but also by the relationships among its resources. The Sudbury River and its tributaries, protected wetlands and floodplains, forested conservation lands, working farms, historic landscapes, parks, athletic fields, and regional rail trails together shape the community's rural character and daily quality of life. These resources support both passive recreation and organized activities while protecting water resources, wildlife habitat, and scenic landscapes.

Sudbury was among the first communities in Massachusetts to adopt the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in 2002, and over the last decade alone, the Town has committed nearly \$6.2 million to land preservation and improvements. That investment reflects a clear community value: the places that make Sudbury special are worth protecting.

The 2026-2036 Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) builds on that legacy while looking ahead to the next decade. It provides a roadmap for protecting and enhancing Sudbury's natural resources, open spaces, parks, trails, and recreational facilities, with particular attention to climate resilience, ecological health, connectivity, and equitable access. It also reestablishes the Town's eligibility for state funding assistance for future open space and recreation acquisitions and improvements.

Sudbury has many valuable natural and recreational resources, but not every opportunity can be pursued at once. As land becomes available, development pressures emerge, recreational needs evolve, and climate impacts intensify, the OSRP provides a framework for deciding what to protect, where to invest, and which actions will provide the greatest long-term benefits.

The OSRP brings together information regarding Sudbury's natural resources, recreation assets, and community needs, and translates this into a Ten-Year Action Plan. Consistent with the Massachusetts Open Space and Recreation Planner's Workbook (2025), the Action Plan identifies priorities, responsible parties, potential funding sources, and timeframes which allows progress to be tracked and opportunities to be acted upon as they arise.

Residents want Sudbury's parks, trails, and conservation areas to be better maintained, easier to navigate, and more accessible, while retaining Sudbury's rural character. Seven goals provide the foundation for this work:

- 1 Preserve Sudbury's rural character, and natural, scenic, historic, and cultural resources.
- 2 Protect and restore wildlife habitat and ecologically significant lands.
- 3 Protect and improve water resources and water quality.
- 4 Provide diverse and accessible recreation opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.
- 5 Expand connected walking, bicycling, and trail networks throughout the community.
- 6 Steward and maintain parks, trails, conservation areas, and recreational facilities for the long term.
- 7 Strengthen climate resilience through conservation and thoughtful stewardship.

These goals do not stand alone. The OSRP reinforces priorities established through other Town initiatives, including the 2021 Master Plan, 2019 Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Workshop Summary of Findings, 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and 2021 ADA Transition Plan for Parks. This OSRP intentionally engaged the Park and Recreation Commission to ensure recreation needs and perspectives informed the planning process and the identification of priorities for recreation properties. The OSRP also considers the 2025 Town-Wide Athletic Field Evaluation and Needs Assessment Study as supporting context for system-wide priorities related to recreation facilities, maintenance, accessibility, and long-term stewardship.

These plans and community priorities support the continued protection of Sudbury's landscapes, improved access to recreation, and long-term stewardship of the town's natural resources.



Sudbury OSRP Open House, Credit: BSC Group

02 Introduction

A. Statement of Purpose

This OSRP provides the Town with a framework for preserving and maintaining land for open space and recreation and helps establish priorities among the parcels under consideration.

In Sudbury, the OSRP also provides a shared framework for coordinating land protection, passive recreation, trails, parks, athletic facilities, and recreation programming. It is intended to help the Town consider how these resources work together to serve residents of different ages and abilities while sustaining the natural and historic landscapes that define the community. Sudbury's previous OSRP efforts include:

- Open Space and Recreation Plan (1978-1983, 1984-1988, 1997-2002, and 2009-2013)
- Trail Linkage Plan (1984-1988)

Many of the goals and objectives identified in previous studies have been achieved, however, many remain unaddressed and new goals have emerged. Sudbury continues to grow and its finite open land resources are diminishing. This OSRP will assist the Town in meeting its open space and recreation needs over the next ten years.

B. Planning Process & Public Participation

The public involvement process was designed to gather input from residents and community stakeholders throughout the development of the OSRP.

Public Participation

Community input played an important role in shaping the OSRP. Residents shared their perspectives through a community survey and an open house, providing feedback on Sudbury's open space and recreation resources, current needs, and priorities for the future. This feedback helped inform the OSRP's goals and recommendations. In October 2026, BSC

Group presented the final OSRP recommendations at a public meeting and gathered additional feedback through an open-mic comment session.

The community survey, open house, and public meeting were promoted through the following outreach and communication efforts:

- Advertised at the Virtual Town Forum introducing the OSRP update process and providing an early opportunity for public education, questions, and input.
- Advertised at the Flynn Building (Town Offices), Fairbank Community Center and Senior Center, Goodnow Library, and the Department of Public Works.
- Advertised on the Town website, Town of Sudbury Facebook page, Sudbury Department of Public Works Facebook page, Sudbury Senior Center Facebook page, and reposted by Sudbury Valley Trustees, Sudbury Select Board, and Police Department Facebook pages.
- Advertised at local coffee shops and grocery stores.
- Shared with the users of MyRec by the Recreation Department.



Social Media Post, Credit: Goodnow Library, BSC Group

Community Survey

The community survey was made available on February 16, 2026, and closed on March 31, 2026. The survey was conducted to understand the needs and concerns of Sudbury's residents related to open space and recreation. The community survey received a total of 877 responses. A summary of key findings is included in Section 6: Analysis of Needs, with full results available in Appendix C: Survey & Public Engagement Results.

Community Open House

The Town held an open house style meeting on May 28, 2026. Participants contributed feedback through display maps, dot voting boards, and a Mad Libs activity that captured their recreational preferences and priorities. A digital version of the Mad Libs activity was also made available on the Town's website between May 28, 2026, and June 18, 2026, for additional feedback. A summary of the activities and results are included in Section 6: Analysis of Needs, with the full results available in Appendix C: Survey & Public Engagement Results.



Open House & Public Input Session on May 28, 2026, Credit: BSC Group

Field Notes: Sudbury's Open Space & Recreation Plan

Noun: a person, place, animal, or thing
Adjective: A descriptive word
Verb: an action word

One of the open spaces I visit in Sudbury is T. piling Rock (noun).

My favorite thing to do there is hike (verb) & observe nature (verb).

I visit it with my wife + dog (noun). We travel there by car (noun).

It takes me about 12 (number) minutes.

I try to visit at least 1 (number) times per month (day/week/month).

When I'm there, I love to hike (verb), commune with nature (verb), & exercise dog (verb).

The best word to describe this place is serene (adjective).

I wish this space had more parking (noun) and less ticks (noun).

It would be amazing if we could _____ (verb) there someday.

The biggest thing that stops me from visiting more often is Schedule (noun). If that were fixed, I would visit more often!

In the future, I hope this space will be full of other hikers (noun) and feel inviting (adjective) for everyone.

Field Notes: Sudbury's Open Space & Recreation Plan

Noun: a person, place, animal, or thing
Adjective: A descriptive word
Verb: an action word

One of the open spaces I visit in Sudbury is Willis Pond (noun).

My favorite thing to do there is canoe (verb) & birdwatch (verb).

I visit it with my children (noun). We travel there by foot (noun).

It takes me about 1 (number) minutes.

I try to visit at least 1 (number) times per day (day/week/month).

When I'm there, I love to teach (verb), gather (verb), & play (verb).

The best word to describe this place is serene (adjective).

I wish this space had more information (noun) and less pollution (noun).

It would be amazing if we could forage, fish & swim (verb) there someday.

The biggest thing that stops me from visiting more often is fear of heavy metal (noun). If that were fixed, I would visit more often!

In the future, I hope this space will be full of healthy wildlife (noun) and feel safe (adjective) for everyone.

Mad Libs Activities, Credit: BSC Group



Sudbury Broadacres Farms, Credit: BSC Group

03 Community Setting

A. Regional Context

Sudbury is located in Middlesex County approximately 25 miles west of Boston in the heart of the MetroWest region. The town is bordered by Concord and Lincoln to the north, Marlborough, Maynard, Stow, and Hudson to the west, Wayland to the east, and Framingham to the south. The major thoroughfares through town are state Routes 20, 27, and 117, all running in a roughly east/west direction.¹ According to 2024 U.S. Census American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, the community had just over 19,300 residents.

Sudbury's predominantly residential, low-density development pattern is shaped by extensive conservation land, wetlands, water supply protection areas, historic landscapes, and limited commercial and industrial areas. Business and industrial zoning occupies a relatively small portion of the community, which is largely concentrated in areas along Route 20. This land use pattern makes the protection, stewardship, and public accessibility of existing open space and recreation resources especially important to the town's overall character and quality of life.

Sudbury is also located within the SuAsCo Watershed which includes the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers. The Sudbury River flows along the eastern boundary of the town, forming a natural border with the Town of Wayland. Most of the river's floodplain is protected open space owned by federal and state agencies including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, and Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game. Major streams flowing into the Sudbury River include Hop Brook and Pantry Brook.

Sudbury's protected forests, wetlands, floodplains, farms, historic landscapes, and expanding rail trail network are consistent with MetroCommon 2050 priorities for land conservation, recreation access, accessibility, and regional connectivity.² The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

¹ See Figure 3-1. Regional Context Map, and Appendix A.

² metrocommon.mapc.org/read-the-plan

(BFRT) and Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT) (both discussed in greater detail later in Open Space Based Infrastructure section of this report) are additional particularly important regional connections, linking Sudbury residents to nearby communities, open spaces, and other trail networks. Sudbury is also one of the many communities located along the Bay Circuit Trail & Greenway, a regional greenway that encircles the greater Boston metropolitan area (also discussed later in Open Space Based Infrastructure section of this report).

The BFRT, MCRT, and Bay Circuit Trail continue to evolve through partnerships among state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, and volunteers to complete trail segments, improve trail access and connectivity, and in the case of Bay Circuit Trail, support land protection and trail stewardship.



BFRT near Parkinson Parcel, Credit: BSC Group

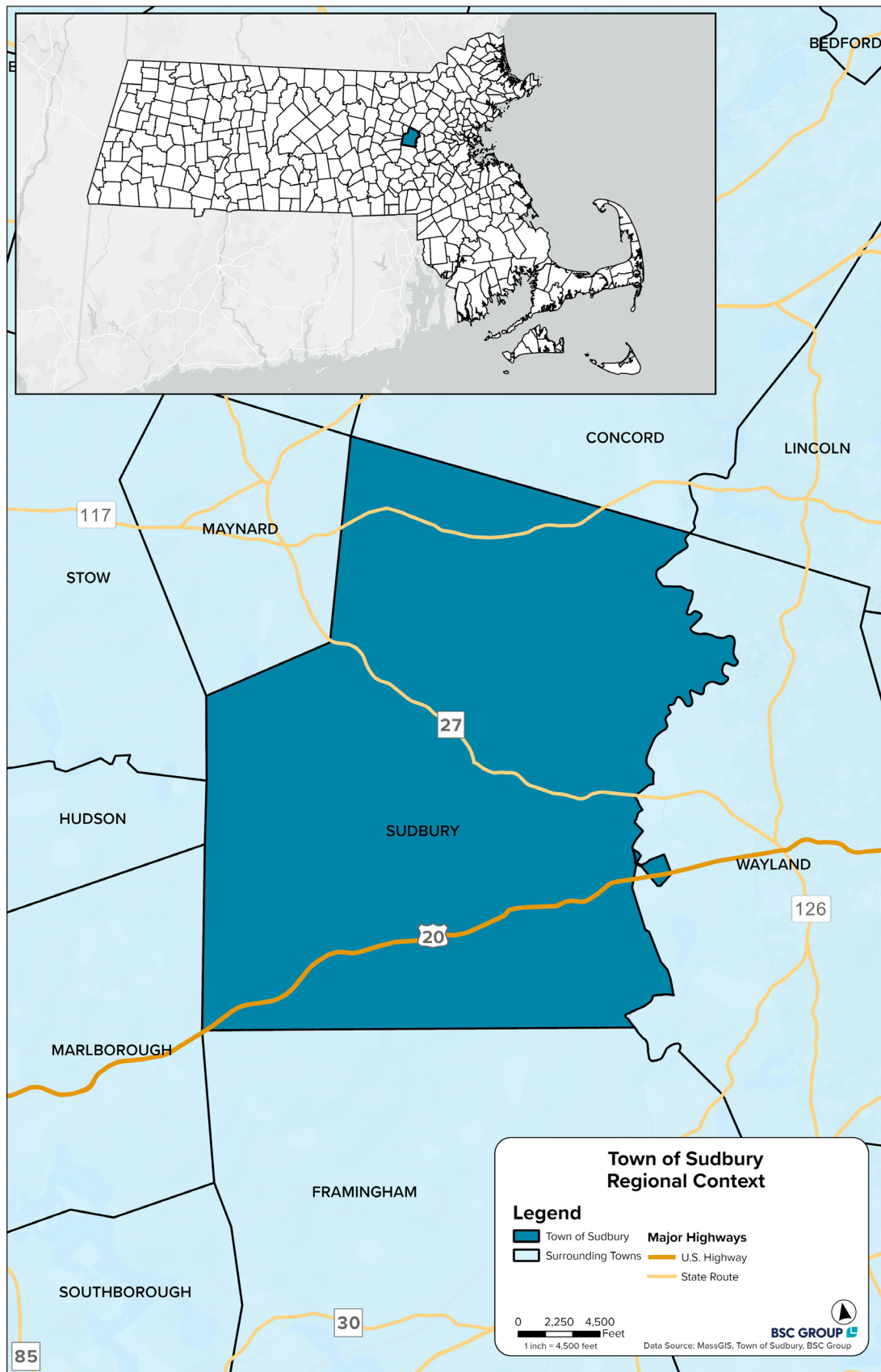


Figure 3-1. Regional Context Map (Draft)

Sudbury's large protected landscapes extend beyond municipal boundaries and are an important part of the town's open space system. The Nobscot Scout Reservation spans into Framingham and adjoins Callahan State Park through public and private lands, creating a broad network of open space, wildlife habitat, and trails. A 303-acre portion of the Nobscot Scout Reservation in Sudbury is permanently protected by a conservation restriction co-held by the Town of Sudbury and Sudbury Valley Trustees. The restriction was acquired in 2008 through a partnership involving the Town, Sudbury Valley Trustees, the former Knox Trail Council, Community Preservation Act funding, private fundraising, and a state Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) grant.

Along the Sudbury-Concord border, Frost Farm Conservation Land contributes to an interconnected landscape that supports water resources, wildlife habitat, and passive recreation. Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge includes more than 500 acres within Sudbury and extends into Wayland. To the west, conservation lands in Sudbury and neighboring communities include the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge and the Women's Federation Memorial Forest. These landscapes connect Sudbury residents to regionally significant conservation and recreation resources.



Frost Farm, Credit: BSC Group

B. Population Characteristics

The data in this section is sourced from the 2024 U.S. Census ACS 5-Year Estimates (2019-2024) unless noted otherwise.

The rapid population growth from the 1940s through the 1960s in Sudbury was driven by the availability of land for residential development and the town's proximity to Boston. More recent data indicates population growth has continued at a slower pace. According to 2024 ACS data, Sudbury's population was 19,306 residents. Recent projections from the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute suggest growth is expected to continue, with the population reaching approximately 25,221 residents by 2050.

Density

Since 1945, Sudbury has transitioned from a rural agricultural community to a suburban one. As noted above, according to the 2024 ACS, Sudbury's population was 19,306, which represents an increase of 7.7% from the population reported in April 2008 during preparation of the prior OSRP. Sudbury has approximately 24.4 square miles of land area, resulting in a population density of approximately 791 people per square mile. This relatively low density reflects the town's suburban character, extensive conservation lands, and significant areas of protected open space.

Age

Over the past decade, Sudbury's age distribution has remained relatively stable, with modest growth among older and young adults, and small declines among children and middle-aged residents. Children under 18 still make up nearly one-third of the population, reinforcing the need for parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, trails, and recreation programs that serve youth and families.

Adults ages 18 to 64 represent more than half of Sudbury's population. Accessible, flexible recreation opportunities, including walking and biking trails, parks, open fields, and multi-use facilities, can support residents balancing work and family responsibilities, as well as organized and informal outdoor activity.

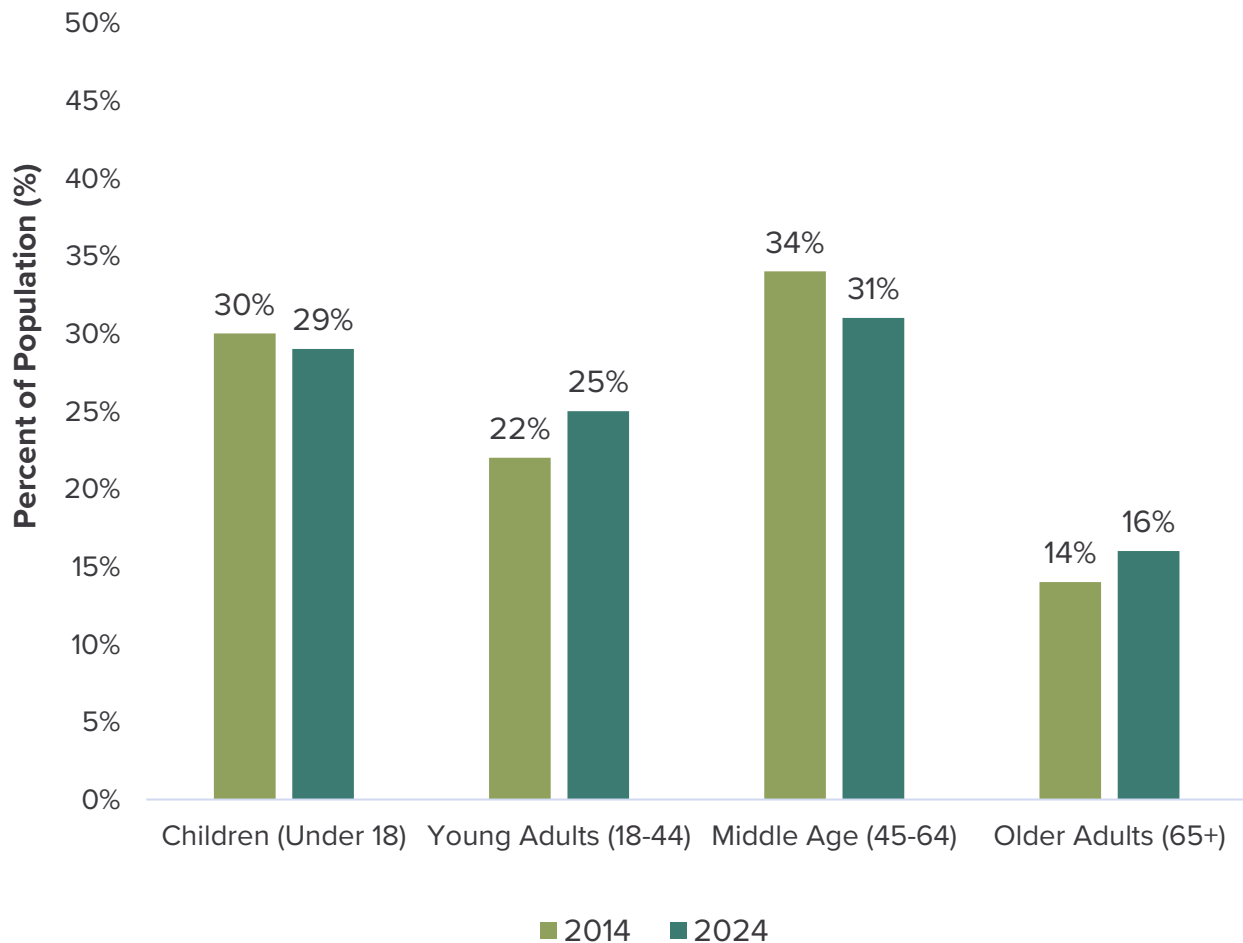


Figure 3-2. Population by Age Cohort (2014-2024)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates

Older adults, aged 65 and over, now comprise approximately 16% of Sudbury's population, a share that is expected to continue increasing over time.

In the community survey, older adults in Sudbury prioritized nature trails, walking and bicycling connections, sidewalks, seating, shade, and outdoor swimming. These priorities highlight the importance of providing accessible recreational opportunities that support healthy aging, wellness, and social connection. Families identified splash pads, multi-use fields, outdoor swimming, restrooms, and safer sidewalks in the community survey.

These demographic trends emphasize the need for a diverse parks and open space system that continues to serve children and families while adapting to the evolving recreational needs of an aging population.

Income

Sudbury is a relatively affluent residential community, with household incomes significantly higher than county and statewide averages. According to the 2024 ACS, the median household income in Sudbury was \$236,250 and per capita income was approximately \$96,800. Many family households have incomes exceeding \$250,000, although incomes vary among households, particularly between family and non-family households.

These income characteristics shape housing costs and reinforce the importance of maintaining free and low-cost access to parks, trails, conservation lands, and recreation programs for residents of all ages and incomes.

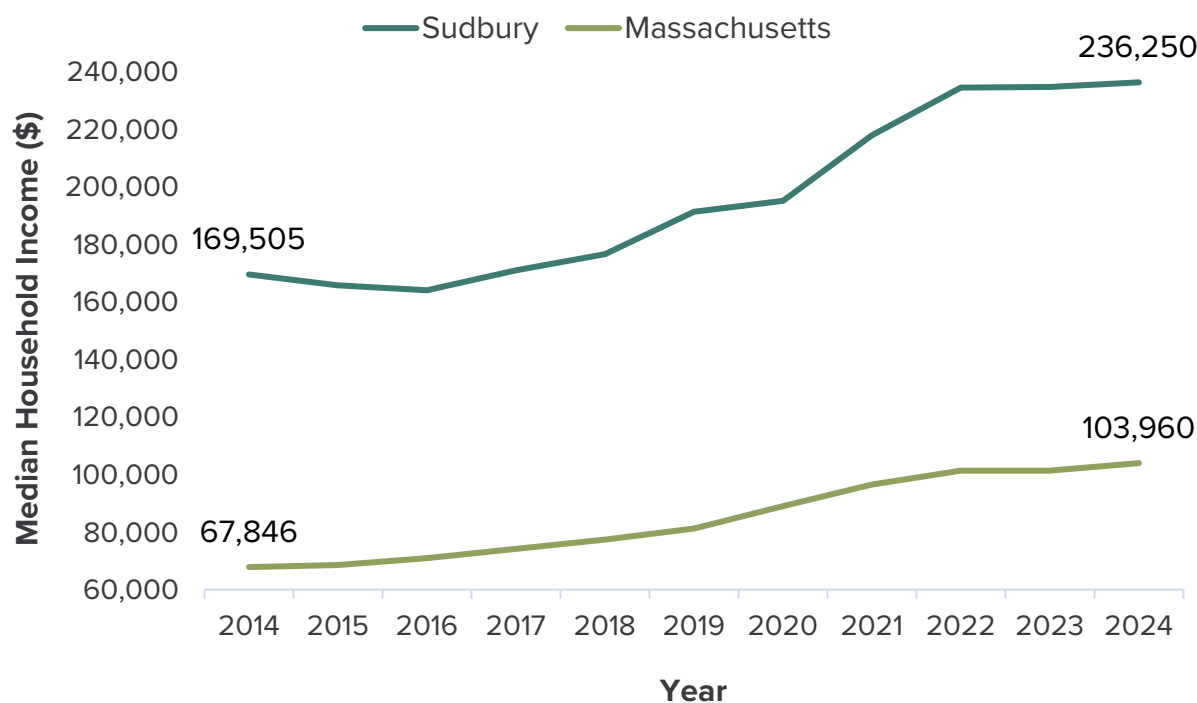


Figure 3-3. Median Household Income, Sudbury & Massachusetts (2014-2024)
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates

Environmental Justice Populations

According to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), there are currently no Environmental Justice (EJ) populations located within the Town of Sudbury. However, other demographic and community characteristics remain important to consider in open space and recreation planning, including age distribution, household composition, and accessibility needs (see Section 5 Park & Open Space Equity for details).



Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, Credit: BSC Group

C. Growth & Development Patterns

Open Space-Based Infrastructure

Sudbury has become an important regional hub for bicycle and pedestrian trails in the MetroWest area, largely due to the presence of the BFRT and MCRT, two major rail-trail corridors which intersect in Sudbury and officially opened in 2026. The BFRT, a paved shared-use path built along a former railroad line, runs north-south through the town as part of a larger corridor that connects Lowell, Chelmsford, Westford, Carlisle, Acton, Concord, Sudbury, and (eventually) Framingham. The trail provides a flat, accessible route for cyclists, runners, and walkers, passing through wooded areas and wetlands including crossings of Hop Brook and Pantry Brook, offering both recreational and transportation benefits. The BFRT consists of a 10-foot-wide paved path with a 2-foot-wide packed shoulders on both sides. The trail is 20 miles long from Lowell to its current terminus in Sudbury at the intersection with the MCRT, just north of Route 20. The BFRT is open to non-motorized uses such as cycling, jogging, walking, rollerblading, and, when covered in snow, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes are allowed on the BFRT as well.

Running east-west through Sudbury, the MCRT is a multi-use path built along a historic rail corridor. The recently completed Sudbury-Hudson segment connects to the BFRT at the

Diamond Crossing and continues west into Hudson, where it connects with the Assabet River Rail Trail. These trails create an important regional network for cycling and walking. The MCRT is part of a longer regional route envisioned to extend from Boston to Northampton. Additional segments remain planned or under development.³

The intersection of the BFRT and MCRT at the Diamond Crossing is a defining feature of Sudbury's recreation and transportation network. It links two major regional corridors and strengthens access to walking, bicycling, and nearby open spaces. Community survey responses and open house participants identified trail connections, safer walking and bicycling routes, wayfinding, and improved access to conservation areas as continuing priorities.

Sudbury's trail, park, and recreation facilities function as a connected system. The BFRT and its connections to properties such as Broadacres Farm, Barton Farms, Davis Farm, Frost Farm, and Parkinson Field support walking, bicycling, recreation access, and community connectivity. Sites such as the Fairbank Community Center, Cutting Field, Davis Field, Haskell Field, Feeley Field, Featherland Park, Parkinson Field, and other Town recreation properties support organized athletics, informal recreation, community programming, and public gathering. Maintaining and improving these existing assets is a central theme of the community feedback summarized in Section 6.



BFRT near Davis Field, Credit: BSC Group

³ Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation. *Mass Central Rail Trail - Wayside*. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/mass-central-rail-trail-wayside>

The Bay Circuit Trail in Sudbury crosses the Sudbury River into town from Wayland, continues through the community and over Nobscot Hill, and extends south into Framingham, providing residents with regional hiking access and connections to nearby conservation lands and open space resources. First envisioned in 1929 as an “outer Emerald Necklace,” the concept proposed a continuous greenbelt of parks, conservation lands, and recreational corridors to serve the growing population of eastern Massachusetts. Today (2026), the Bay Circuit Trail is a 230-mile-long multi-use trail extending from Plum Island in Newburyport to Kingston Bay in Duxbury, passing through more than thirty communities and linking a wide range of natural, historic, and recreational landscapes.

Willis Lake, Sudbury’s largest Great Pond, provides public access for boating and other water-based recreation. The Lake Shore Drive access area includes a public boat ramp suitable for light trailered craft and a fishing dock.

Preserved watershed lands, including land owned and managed by the Sudbury Water District, provide additional opportunities for passive recreation where public access is permitted. Trails within these water supply lands connect to the adjacent Haynes Meadow Conservation Land. These linked conservation and watershed lands provide opportunities for passive recreation while protecting wetlands, water supply resources, wildlife habitat, and scenic natural landscapes along Hop Brook.

Long Term Development Patterns

Sudbury developed as a rural agricultural community and transitioned rapidly to a suburban residential community following World War II. Today, land use remains predominantly residential, with additional areas devoted to conservation land, agriculture, and limited commercial and industrial activity. Within this development pattern, Sudbury’s parks, conservation lands, farms, trails, and water resources provide an important counterpoint to residential development. They preserve the town’s rural character while providing places for walking, biking, environmental education, organized recreation, and informal outdoor activity. The community feedback summarized in Section 6 reinforces the importance of maintaining these existing resources and improving access and connections among them.

A 2016 buildout analysis conducted by MAPC found that, under zoning in effect at the time, a substantial number of additional homes could be constructed on the remaining developable land, with associated impacts on infrastructure, municipal services, and natural resources. Since the analysis, multi-family development has added at least 407 apartments in three completed developments: The Coolidge at Sudbury, Avalon Sudbury, and Cold Brook Crossing. These developments came about through a variety of permitting mechanisms including Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 40B, but also through the Town’s adopted Mixed-Use Overlay District (MUOD), North Road Residential Overlay District (NRROD), and Melone Smart Growth Overlay District (SGOD), which complies with MGL Chapter 40R. Sudbury’s zoning framework also includes a Multi-Family Overlay District (MFOD) which complies with MGL Chapter 40A, Section 3A by allowing multi-family housing as of right. The Town’s Zoning Bylaw also contains provisions which allow for accessory dwelling units (ADU) by Special Permit in residential zoning districts. These changes affect how remaining

development potential and resulting impacts on open space and natural resources should be evaluated. The 2016 analysis should therefore be considered historical context rather than a current measure of development potential or open space protection needs.

While housing growth has continued over time, average household size in Sudbury has declined and the population has gradually aged. These trends reflect broader regional patterns and influence land consumption, service demand, and long-term development pressure. The housing stock in town is dominated by single-family homes, with limited rental opportunities, reinforcing a low-density residential pattern.

The Town's Zoning Bylaw is primarily residentially oriented, with large minimum lot sizes generally between one and one-and-a-half acres, which maintains the community's low-density character. Commercial and industrial zoning districts occupy relatively small portions of the town and are largely concentrated along the Route 20 corridor. Additional overlay districts in the Zoning Bylaw provide protection for water resources, floodplains, and targeted growth areas. Figure 3-5. Zoning Districts Map illustrates the current zoning framework.

Since adoption of the Community Preservation Act in 2002, the Town has protected a significant amount of land through acquisition and conservation restrictions, helping to preserve natural resources and guide development patterns. These efforts include the Town's 2008 acquisition, with Sudbury Valley Trustees, of a conservation restriction protecting 303 acres of the Nobscot Scout Reservation, as well as other protected areas described in Section 5.

The 2021 Master Plan emphasizes directing development to appropriate locations, supporting village-style mixed-use areas, and preserving environmentally sensitive land. As the Town considers future zoning amendments, development proposals, and redevelopment, it should evaluate potential effects on wetlands, water resources, wildlife habitat, agricultural land, scenic resources, and connected open space.

Future development patterns will also be influenced by decisions regarding public facilities, transportation, utilities, and other infrastructure. The Town should consider how these investments may affect land use, open space, natural resources, and public access, particularly in areas with sensitive environmental resources.

The OSRP provides an open space and recreation lens for future Town planning and project review. It identifies sensitive natural resources, connected conservation lands, recreation assets, and public-access needs that should inform future land-use, infrastructure, and resource-protection decisions.

Sudbury is divided into 11 base zoning districts:⁴

- Single Residence A (A-Res)
- Single Residence C (C-Res)
- Wayside Inn Historic Preservation (WI)
- Business (BD)
- Limited Business (LBD)
- Village Business (VBD)
- Industrial (ID)
- Limited Industrial (LID)
- Research (RD)
- Industrial Park (IP)
- Open Space (OS)

In addition to these base zoning districts, the Town has established several overlay districts. Overlay districts are areas with special requirements or which allow for modifications to the standard Zoning Bylaw without changing the underlying base zoning, allowing more flexible or alternative requirements in targeted areas. The Town's overlay zoning districts include:

- Floodplain Overlay District
- Water Resource Protection Overlay Districts (WRPOD)
- Wireless Services Overlay District
- Mixed-Use Overlay District (MUOD)
- North Road Residential Overlay District (NRROD)
- Melone Smart Growth Overlay District (SGOD)
- Multi-Family Overlay District (MFOD)

Sudbury also contains four local historic districts, which are essentially overlay districts, but they require an additional permitting process. Any alteration to a structure within these local historic districts, which are not like-for-like replacements, require approval from the Historic Districts Commission before the project can proceed to seek the remaining permitting approvals. The Town's four local historic districts include:

- Old Sudbury and Hudson Road Historic District
- Wayside Inn Historic Districts 1 and 2
- King Philip Historic District
- George Pitts Tavern Historic District

⁴ See Figure 3-5. Zoning Districts Map and Appendix A.

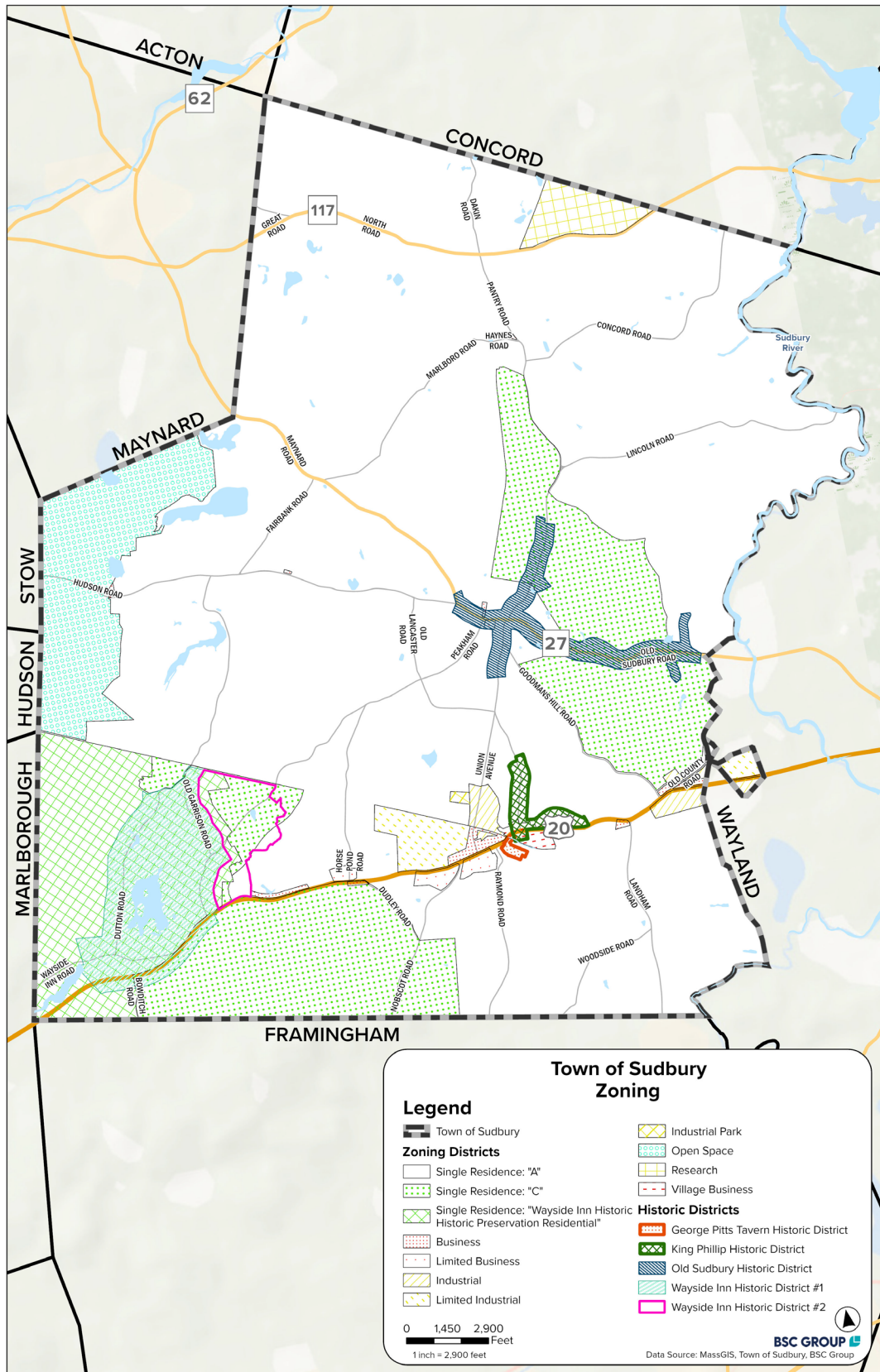


Figure 3-4. Zoning Map (Draft)



Sudbury Barton Farms Conservation Area, Credit: BSC Group

04 Environmental Inventory & Analysis

A. Soils and Topography

The soils of Sudbury (Middlesex County) are typical of glaciated New England landscapes and are well documented in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Soil Survey. These soils reflect a combination of glacial till uplands, stratified sand and gravel outwash, and poorly drained wetlands/floodplains, as well as agricultural soils.⁵ Below is a structured description of the soils of Sudbury.

- **Well to Excessively Drained Soils:** Deep, sandy, or gravelly soils that are well to excessively drained cover over 47% of the town and can affect both water supply and septic systems. Highly drained soils may require additional irrigation and increased maintenance for recreational fields. Excessively drained soils in portions of Memorial Forest, part of the Desert Natural Area, support the distinctive pitch pine-scrub oak barrens community.
- **Wetland and Poorly Drained Soils:** Four percent (4%) of the town has soils such as peats, mucks, or those with a high-water table, which also affect septic suitability. Poorly drained soils can limit the usability of recreational areas, particularly after rainfall, and may require additional drainage improvements. Although hydric and floodplain soils constrain development, the rivers, streams, wetlands, and floodplains associated with these soils provide a wide range of recreational opportunities. Canoeing, kayaking, bird watching, hiking, and catch and release fishing are popular activities along the Sudbury River and other streams and wetlands throughout Sudbury.
- **Agricultural Soils:** Approximately 10% of Sudbury's soils are classified as Prime Farmland and 31% as Farmland of Statewide Importance. Although portions of these soils have been converted to residential development, active agricultural operations and lands enrolled in Chapter 61A, together with conservation lands and historic farm properties, remain important agricultural and conservation resources that help preserve Sudbury's rural character and agricultural heritage.

⁵ See Figure 4-1. Soils Map, & Appendix A.

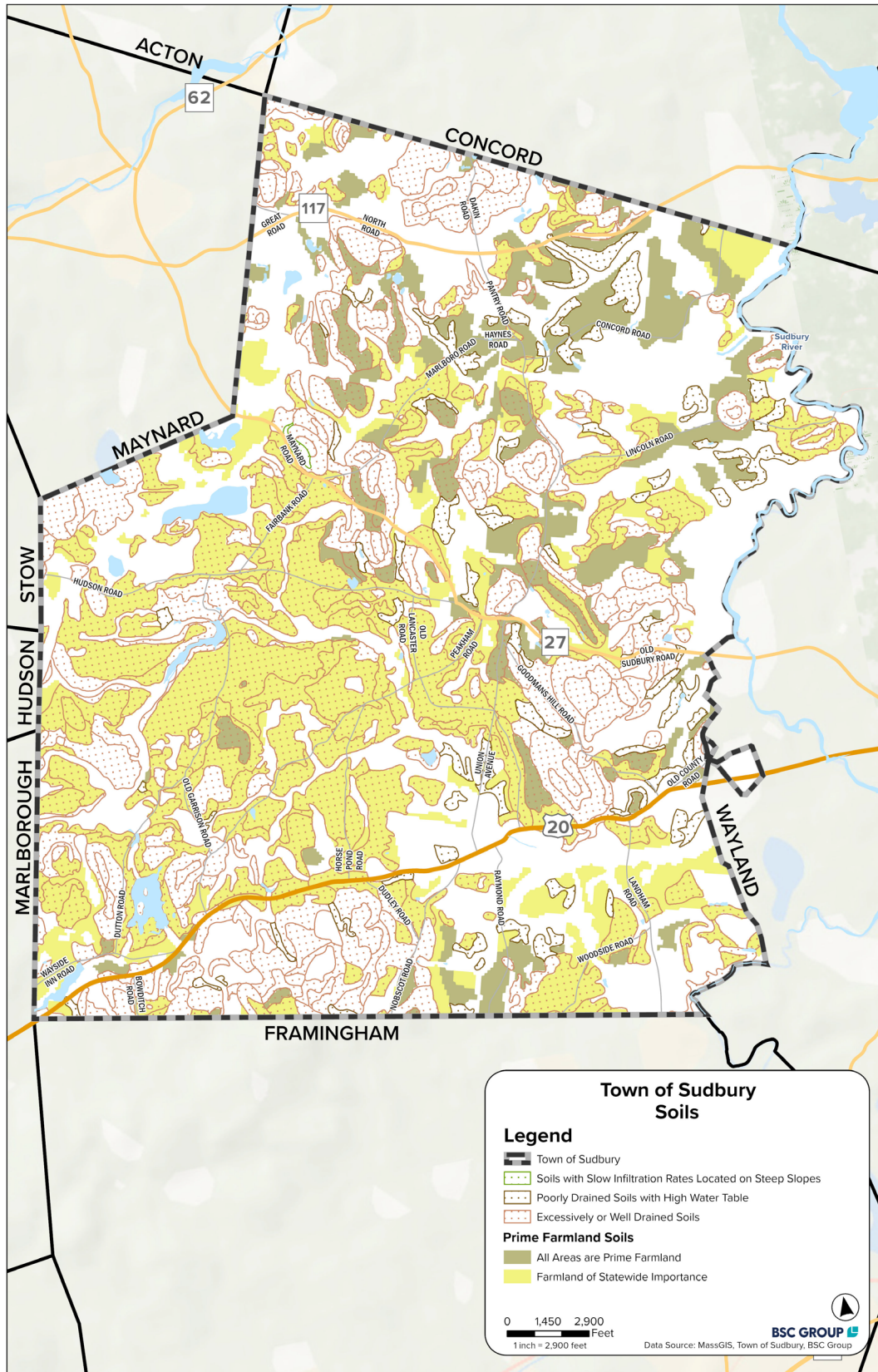


Figure 4-1. Soils Map (Draft)

B. Water Resources

Watershed

Sudbury is located within the SuAsCo Watershed which includes the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers. The Sudbury, Assabet & Concord Wild & Scenic River Stewardship Council is a regional partnership that advances protection and stewardship of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers and their associated natural, scenic, recreational, and cultural resources.

The Sudbury River flows along the eastern boundary of the town, forming a natural border with the Town of Wayland. Most of the river's floodplain is protected open space owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Massachusetts Departments of Conservation and Recreation and Fish and Game. The Sudbury River is a vital recreational resource for boaters, canoeists, anglers, bird watchers, and wildlife enthusiasts. Major streams flowing into the Sudbury River include Hop Brook and Pantry Brook.

The Hop Brook Protection Association supports water quality work in the Hop Brook Watershed, including funding for OARS' monitoring and analysis of Hop Brook and the Lower Sudbury River. OARS, the Organization for the Assabet, Sudbury, and Concord Rivers, conducts water quality monitoring, supports ecological restoration and climate resilience efforts, provides public education and recreation resources, and works with communities and agencies on watershed protection. This work provides information that can help inform local stewardship and resource protection decisions.

Surface Water

Sudbury contains a diverse network of surface water resources, including the Sudbury River and its tributaries such as Hop Brook, Pantry Brook, and Wash Brook. In addition, several ponds, such as Stearns Mill Pond, Willis Lake, Carding Mill Pond, and Grist Mill Pond contribute to the town's hydrologic system and provide ecological, recreational, and aesthetic value.

The town relies primarily on Sudbury Water District groundwater wells for its drinking water supply. These wells are located on land owned by the Sudbury Water District within wellhead protection areas that extend into portions of Framingham and Concord.⁶

Sudbury River, Pantry Brook, Hop Brook, Carding Mill Pond, and Grist Mill Pond are designated as impaired waters. These waterbodies face a range of water quality challenges, including nutrient pollution, invasive aquatic vegetation, and other impairments. Detailed water-quality assessment and impairment information is maintained by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and should be consulted as conditions and assessments are updated.

Water resource stewardship is also a community priority. Community survey and open house feedback emphasized improving water quality, restoring wetlands, protecting native

⁶ See Figure 4-2. Water Resources Map, & Appendix A.

vegetation, and enhancing stewardship of water resources, particularly at Willis Lake. Continued protection of the Sudbury River, Hop Brook, Pantry Brook, ponds, aquifer recharge areas, and associated wetlands will support the health of the SuAsCo Watershed, the town's drinking-water resources, wildlife habitat, and passive recreation opportunities. Protecting water resources emerged as a significant priority, with specific interest in water quality, wetlands, native vegetation, and Willis Lake stewardship.

The Sudbury River is classified as a Class B waterbody under the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards, meaning it is designated as habitat for fish, other aquatic life, and wildlife, while also supporting primary and secondary contact recreation. The Sudbury River is also designated as a National Wild and Scenic River throughout its entire length in Sudbury, recognizing and protecting the river's significant ecological, scenic, recreational, and cultural values.⁷

Aquifer Recharge Areas

Sudbury's drinking water is supplied by the Sudbury Water District through groundwater wells. Significant aquifer recharge areas in Sudbury are generally associated with stratified sand and gravel deposits, including areas near the Sudbury River and Sudbury Water District lands. These areas are important because well-drained and excessively drained soils can allow contaminants to move more readily into groundwater. Preserving land within recharge areas and limiting incompatible development helps protect long term drinking water quality and supply. Activities within aquifer recharge areas may also require a Special Use Permit.

The following Town-owned recreational facilities are located within aquifer recharge areas:

- Davis Field
- Ephraim Curtis Middle School
- Israel Loring School

Some recharge areas are further delineated by MassDEP as Zone II wellhead protection areas, which identify the land area that contributes groundwater to public water supply wells. The Water Resources Map identifies approved wellhead protection zones surrounding community groundwater wells. The Town regulates land use within Water Resource Protection Overlay Districts (WRPOD) to protect, preserve, and improve groundwater quality.

The following Town-owned recreational facilities are located within Zone II wellhead protection areas:

- Horse Pond Road Playground
- Haskell Field
- Frank Feely Field
- Fairbank Community Center

⁷ See Figure 4-4. Unique Features Map, & Appendix A.

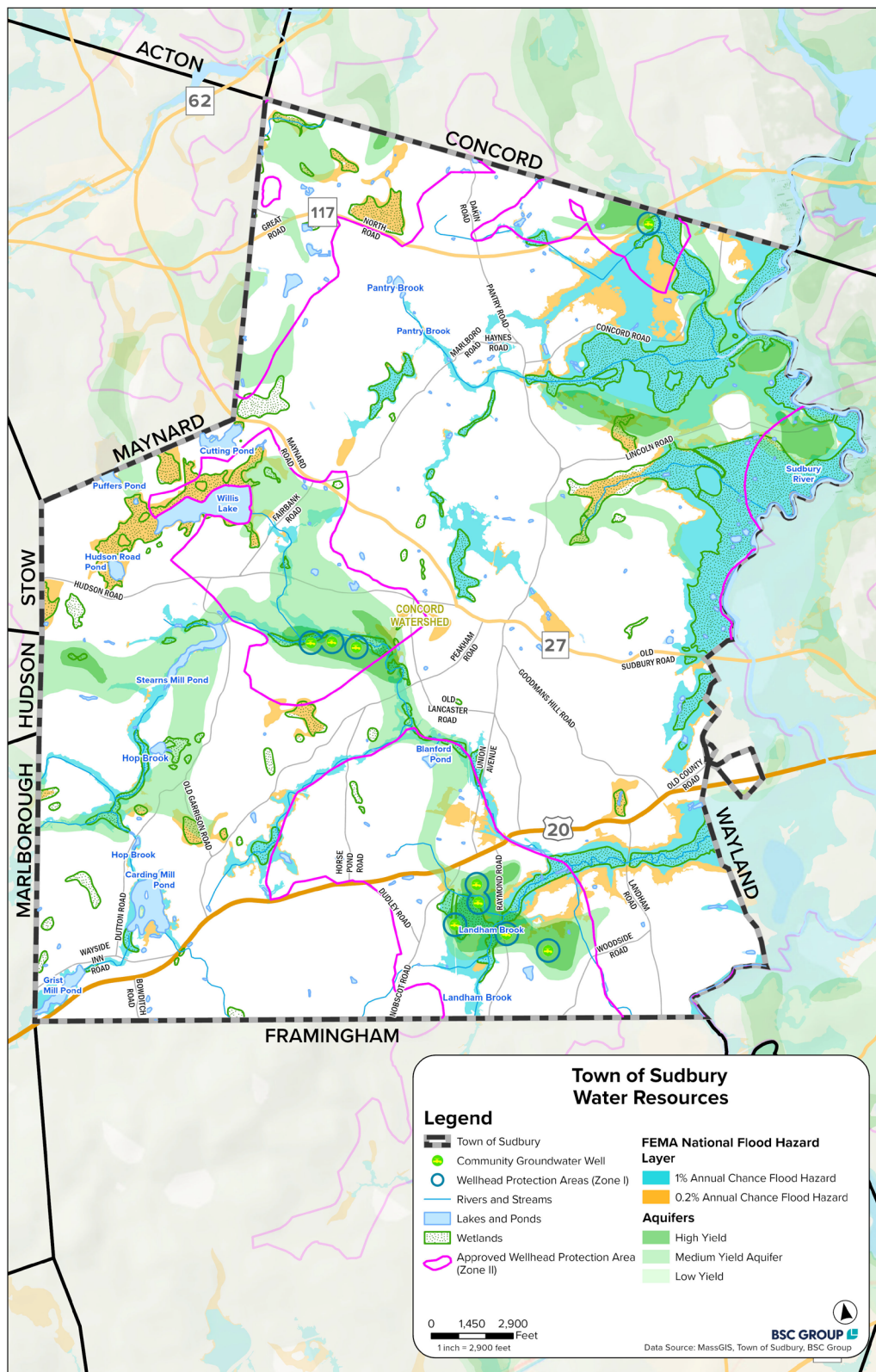


Figure 4-2. Water Resources Map (Draft)

Flood Hazard Areas

Sudbury's rivers, wetlands, and floodplains are defining features of the town's landscape. These natural systems are subject to periodic flooding during heavy rainfall, spring snowmelt, and other significant storm events, while also providing important ecological functions such as flood storage, groundwater recharge, and water quality protection. The 2020 Sudbury Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies flooding associated with heavy rainfall as one of the town's most significant natural hazards due to its frequency and potential impacts on infrastructure, private property, and natural resources.

Flood hazard areas are concentrated along the Sudbury River and its tributaries, where Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-designated 100-year and 500-year floodplains reflect the natural extent of floodwaters during major storm events.⁸ The Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge is part of the Sudbury River floodplain and serves as an important natural flood storage area where wetlands and floodplain habitats help store floodwaters while supporting diverse wildlife habitat.

Floodplains, wetlands, forests, and other protected open spaces help reduce flood risk by slowing runoff, storing floodwaters, filtering pollutants, improving water quality, supporting groundwater recharge, and maintaining wildlife habitat. Conserving these natural systems, together with continued improvements to stormwater infrastructure and restoration of natural hydrology where appropriate, will help strengthen community resilience while protecting recreation resources, wildlife habitat, and drinking water supplies.

Development within flood-prone areas is regulated through Sudbury's Floodplain Overlay District. Recreational facilities within the overlay district may require a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Frank Feely Field and Davis Field are Town-owned athletic facilities that fall within the Floodplain Overlay District.

These regulations help reduce flood risk while protecting wetlands, water resources, and other environmentally sensitive lands.

Wetlands

Wetlands and associated regulated resource areas are extensive in Sudbury. Town materials indicate more than 26% of the community falls within areas subject to wetland regulations. Wetlands occur throughout the town, particularly within the Sudbury River floodplain and along its tributaries. Floodplain forests, wooded swamps, marshes, wet meadows, and other wetland communities support diverse plant and wildlife populations while providing important ecosystem services, including flood storage, groundwater recharge, water -quality protection, and erosion control. Many of these resources are protected within the Town's extensive network of conservation lands.

⁸ See Figure 4-2. Water Resources Map, and Appendix A.

Lands within 100 feet of wetland resource areas and 200 feet of perennial streams and rivers are protected by the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (WPA) and therefore may require a permit from the Conservation Commission. Sudbury's Wetlands Administration Bylaw also provides a framework for protecting wetlands and adjacent resource areas by regulating activities that could adversely affect their ecological functions.

The following Town-owned athletic facilities may be impacted by wetland regulations:

- Davis Field
- Cutting Field
- Frank Feely Field
- Parkinson Field
- Horse Pond Road Playground (behind State Crime Lab)
- Israel Loring School Field and Playground
- Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School

Continued stewardship of these resources will help preserve biodiversity, protect water resources, and strengthen the town's resilience to future flooding and other climate-related impacts.



Frank Feely Field, Credit: BSC Group

C. Vegetation

General Inventory

Sudbury's open space system includes extensive forests, wetlands, fields, agricultural lands, and other natural landscapes that shape the town's character and provide habitat, water resource protection, scenic value, and opportunities for passive outdoor use. The composition and condition of these landscapes are important to the long-term stewardship of conservation lands and other open space resources.

Sudbury's vegetation reflects a diverse mosaic of forested uplands, wetlands, open fields, and agricultural landscapes. Oak-dominated forests characterize portions of the well-drained uplands in the Nobscot area and along Hop Brook, while evergreen woodland communities contribute to the character of conservation lands including Memorial Forest, Hop Brook and Hop Brook Marsh Conservation Lands, and Davis Farm Conservation Land. Wetland vegetation along the Sudbury River and its tributaries includes floodplain forests, wooded swamps, marshes, wet meadows, and other communities that provide habitat, flood storage, and water quality functions. Open fields, farmed landscapes, and managed meadows add to the town's ecological diversity, scenic character, and pollinator habitat.

Sudbury's upland forests include mixed oak, oak-white pine, white pine, and pitch pine communities. Mixed oak forests commonly include white and red oak, with white pine often present. Red maple, black cherry, and white ash occur in some locations, while eastern hemlock is found on cooler slopes. Understory and shrub vegetation documented in prior local inventories includes witch hazel, highbush and lowbush blueberries, viburnums, huckleberries, and other native species.

Mixed Oak Forests

A mixture of oak species (white, red, and black) dominates the majority of Sudbury forests with white pine often comprising a strong component. These forests average 60-80 years old, with many trees ranging from 8-16" in diameter. Oak dominates the dry crests of eskers as seen on the town property west of Curtis School or on well-drained sandy plains as found in the southwest corner of Memorial Forest. Otherwise, at mid to lower slopes, red and black oaks are most common with some mixing of white ash, American elm, black cherry, and red maple. More occasionally sugar maples, beech, and/or black birch are seen growing in richer soils. Eastern Hemlock can be found on cool north-south slopes, but rarely in large numbers.

Mid-story vegetation consists often of saplings of these same species. Witch-hazel and spice bush may be found along slopes by streams or wetlands.

Shrub layers are rarely dense due to shading by closed tree canopy. However, scattered about are clumps of America hazelnut (*Corylus Americana*), highbush blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*), northern arrowwood (*Viburnum recognitum*), and nannyberry (*Viburnum lentago*). Where more light penetrates due to a fallen tree or two or along the edge of a trail,

there are often dense patches of low growing black huckleberry (*Gaylussacia baccata*), early blueberry (*Vaccinium vacillans*) and low bush blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium*) with sheep laurel (*Kalmia angustifolia*) mixed in. Herbaceous plants, those that disappear in winter, include scattered evergreen woodfern (*Dryopteris intermedia*), swathes of hay-scented fern (*Dennstaedtia punctilobula*), and often ubiquitous Canada mayflower (*Maianthemum canadense*). More rarely seen in cooler sites are bunchberry (*Cornus Canadensis*), bluebead lily (*Clintonia borealis*), and the delicate, ephemeral wood anemones (*Anemone quinquefolia*). Evergreen groundcovers include the fragrant-leaved wintergreen (*Gaultheria procumbens*), diminutive twinflower (*Linnaea borealis*), partridge berry (*Mitchella repens*), the more prominent pipsissewa (*Chimaphila umbellata*), striped wintergreen (*Chimaphila maculate*), dewberry (*Rubus flagellaris*), and shinleaves (*Pyrola rotundifolia* and *Pyrola elliptica*). Occasionally, one will find the ghostly clusters of Indian pipes (*Monotropa uniflora*), a parasite. Various creeping, bushy clubmosses (*Lycopodium obscurum*, *L. tristachyum*, *L. complanatum*, and *L. clavatum*) add interest throughout the year as well. Open patches have various blackberries that are attractive to wildlife, meadowsweet, young gray birch, cherry, and all too often the exotic European blackthorn.

Oak forests dominate several of our most popular conservation lands. The Boy Scout land and Nobscot Reservation, which encompasses most of Nobscot Mountain, is almost exclusively oak woods due to its steep, well drained slopes and lack of disturbance over many years. Mostly oak canopies shade Hop Brook Marsh, Hop Brook, and other town conservation lands. The variety of associated species, the dramatic seasonal changes (including late fall color) and the varied terrain usually associated with these forests provide excellent nature experiences for Sudbury residents. Also, many of these wooded areas are near to schools, providing for rich educational opportunities.

Oaks are rated as the most important food for wildlife. The mast or acorn crop provides vital nutrition for grey squirrels, chipmunks, deer, wild turkey, and blue jays. Deer browse on the young growth as do grouse. The trees young, old, and dying provide nesting cover for a variety of birds and other mammals.

White Pine Forests

Some small areas around Sudbury are almost exclusively white pine. White pine stands frequently grow on sandy soils where once there was an abandoned field. Due to site conditions and chance, including the release of seeds in a high-yield seed year, there are a number of areas of exclusively white pine. These sites have scant under story of saplings, shrubs, herbs, or evergreen groundcovers. While some stands could provide good timber and some wildlife value, when they are located on public or private conservation lands such as Memorial Forest, Hop Brook and Hop Brook Marsh conservation lands, and Davis Farm Conservation Land, these dense evergreen woodlands provide great aesthetic appeal. The open understory, stillness, and often impressive trunks provide the walker with a sense of tranquility and awe. In winter, such forests can harbor flocks of chickadees and kinglets and the occasional great horned owl.

Pitch Pine Community

The southwestern sections of Sudbury (and eastern Marlborough), where glacial Lake Sudbury once stood, have deep deposits of sandy soil. These very well-drained sites support predominantly pitch pine forests (*Pinus rigida*). Although some of these forests types are now growing into mixed oak/pitch pine forests, areas which have had repeated fires such as “the Desert” area of town, have large stands of this fire-adapted species. Occasionally red maple, cherry, or a tree oak will sprout into an opening. Where fires have been most frequent or intense, thereby creating open areas, scrub oak forms impenetrable thickets. The various members of the Heath family (*Gaylussacia baccata*, *Vaccinium vacillans*, and *V. angustifolia*) can also be abundant. Sweet fern (*Comptonia peregrina*), meadowsweet (*Spiraea latifolia*), and frostweed (*Helianthemum canadense*) may grow into these open patches as well. Herbaceous plants are uncommon except for bracken fern (*Pteridium aquifolium*), Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pennsylvanica*), and rarely the lovely bird's-foot violet (*Viola pedata*). Asters and goldenrods may be found in openings or along trails in the fall.

These burned over areas provide a mosaic of evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs, patches that are conducive to wildlife. Deer browse on the oak sprouts along with grouse, and potentially wild turkey. Palm warblers, towhees, and cuckoos are common in these dry, second growth habitats.

While some observers consider these pine stands as stark, and others consider such areas wastelands, the pitch pine community in Sudbury is one of its rarest habitat types. With careful management by a coalition of landowners of the Desert Project Area, this natural area is open for passive recreation. The many woodland trails, the dry wooded habitats interspersed with lush wetlands and streams provide excellent opportunities for people to explore the subtle, often contrasting, qualities of this natural habitat.

Invasive Species

Invasive plant species documented in Sudbury include Japanese knotweed, garlic mustard, glossy buckthorn, Oriental bittersweet, purple loosestrife, multiflora rose, and Japanese hops. These species are often associated with disturbed areas and wetlands. Managing invasive species is important to maintaining habitat quality and the ecological functions of Sudbury's natural areas. Participants raised invasive species, ticks, poison ivy, overgrown vegetation, native planting, and habitat restoration as stewardship concerns. The SuAsCo Cisma (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area) is a partnership of organizations working to manage and control invasive species across the SuAsCo Watershed.

Public Shade Trees

Public shade trees contribute to Sudbury's scenic character, environmental quality, and community resilience. Common street tree species include maple, oak, honeylocust, linden, and other ornamental trees adapted to New England's climate. Healthy public trees provide numerous benefits, including shade, stormwater management, improved air quality, wildlife

habitat, and enhanced streetscapes. The 2021 Master Plan identifies opportunities to strengthen the town's long-term management of public trees through the development of a forestry management plan for publicly owned forested areas and a tree preservation bylaw with tree preservation and replanting standards. Public shade trees are managed by the Town's Tree Warden and Department of Public Works, while the Conservation Office oversees the stewardship of forests and natural resources on conservation lands. These efforts help maintain the Town's public tree resources and forested conservation lands, contributing to community character, environmental quality, and resilience.

Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species

The Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) identifies several endangered and threatened plant species in Sudbury, shown in Table 4-1. These rare plants are associated with peatlands, marshes, and other wetland habitats. Protecting wetlands and their surrounding buffer areas is critical for maintaining the hydrologic conditions and habitat quality that support these state-listed species.

Table 4-1: NHESP Listing for Sudbury, MA

Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Taxonomic Group	Most Recent Observation
Endangered			
Heartleaf Twayblade	<i>Neottia cordata</i>	Vascular Plants	1897
Lion's Foot	<i>Nabalus serpentarius</i>	Vascular Plants	1931
Pod-grass	<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>	Vascular Plants	1896
Tall Nut-sedge	<i>Scleria triglomerata</i>	Vascular Plants	1899
Threatened			
Bog Sedge	<i>Carex exilis</i>	Vascular Plants	1905
Britton's Violet	<i>Viola brittoniana</i>	Vascular Plants	1931
Englemann's Flatsedge	<i>Cypress engelmannii</i>	Vascular Plants	2025
Leafy White Orchid	<i>Platanthera dilatata</i>	Vascular Plants	1900s
Long's Bulrush	<i>Scirpus longii</i>	Vascular Plants	2008
Slender Cottongrass	<i>Eriophorum gracile</i>	Vascular Plants	1905
Swamp Oats	<i>Sphenopholis pensylvanica</i>	Vascular Plants	1896
Special Concern			
Fen Sedge	<i>Carex tetanica</i>	Vascular Plants	1902

Agricultural Land

Sudbury has working farms and lands enrolled in Chapter 61A, including Siena Farms, a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) operation. More than 700 acres of agricultural land in Sudbury are temporarily protected under Chapter 61A, which provides tax incentives for landowners to keep land in agricultural production. Several farms are permanently protected through Agricultural Preservation Restrictions (APRs), helping to ensure the long-term viability of agricultural uses (see Table 5-3. Protected Private Parcels for a complete list).

In addition, conservation lands and historic farm properties, such as Barton Farms and Broadacres Farm, remain important open space resources that preserve scenic landscapes, open fields, and the town's rural character. Sudbury's Agricultural Commission is being reactivated and provides an opportunity to strengthen coordination with the local farming community and increase public awareness regarding agricultural resources. Sudbury also protects agricultural activities through its Right-to-Farm Bylaw (Chapter 166 of the Town Bylaws), which encourages agricultural-based economic opportunities, and helps preserve farmland and farming practices within the town.

Areas of Prime Farmland Soils and Farmland Soils of Statewide Importance further support the town's agricultural resources and provide opportunities for continued agricultural use in the future.⁹



Broadacres Farm, Credit: BSC Group

⁹ See Figure 4-1. Soils Map, & Appendix A.

Wetland Vegetation

Sudbury has a great variety of wetland types from forested and shrub swamps to deep water marshes to ponds, lakes, streams, and rivers. Each has its own associated set of species, although these habitats often transition into one another, creating a mosaic of wetland communities. This diversity contributes substantially to the wildlife habitat and scenic value of the town's wetlands. Many wetlands are less accessible than upland areas because trails can be difficult to construct and maintain in these environments. While this limits opportunities for public access, it also helps preserve undisturbed habitat that wildlife rely on for food, shelter, breeding, and migration. Wetlands support some of the town's greatest biodiversity and are often connected by streams and smaller wetland areas.

As discussed in the Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species section, rare plants in Sudbury are associated with peatlands, marshes, and other wetland environments. In addition, freshwater wetlands associated with the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord River systems, including red maple swamps, shrub swamps, emergent marshes, and wet meadows, are especially important for recreational fishing and waterfowl. Vegetation such as red maple, alder, buttonbush, cattails, and sedges contribute to the health, biodiversity, and productivity of these aquatic ecosystems.

Wet Meadow

A wonderful example of a wet meadow is the area just south of Feeley Field on Raymond Road. This acre (or more) of open land provides a buffer to the ball fields and is mowed annually. Annual mowing and the wet mucky soils provides excellent habitat for a large diversity of herbaceous wetland plants: sedges, rushes, grasses, and wildflowers that are very unusual in Sudbury. The variety of plants also provides for an abundance of unusual butterflies and dragonflies.

The 2009 OSRP notes that the wet meadow at Feeley Field was used with permission by the New England Wildflower Society for advanced botanical courses and wetland boundary delineation training. It also provided opportunities for botanists and entomologists. Open wet meadow habitats can support species such as American woodcock, which use these areas for courtship displays.

Wet meadows are relatively uncommon in Sudbury, as many former meadows have transitioned to shrubland and red maple swamp. The Feeley Field wet meadow provides locally distinctive habitat, educational value, and a vegetated buffer adjacent to the ball fields.

Bogs

Sudbury contains a small number of bog and kettle hole wetland communities. These specialized wetland systems are sensitive to changes in water quality.

Cedar Swamp

A cedar swamp is located in northern Sudbury near Route 117, and another occurs along the north side of Willis Lake on Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Red Maple Swamp

By far the most common wetland type in Sudbury and throughout the Northeast, red maple swamps can be found in isolated wetland pockets, wetlands adjacent to small streams, and along the edges of lakes and rivers throughout Sudbury. It is the most common wetland in people's backyards. The dominant species is red maple (*Acer rubrum*) which can be mixed with white ash (*Fraxinus americana*), white pine (*Pinus strobus*), and American elm (*Ulmus americana*). The understory can vary greatly within and between individual swamps depending on land use history, seasonal fluctuations in the water table, and pure chance. On the drier end of the wetland spectrum are scattered clumps of sweet pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*), highbush blueberries, silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*), male berry (*Lyonia ligustrina*), chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*), swamp azalea (*Rhododendron viscosum*), winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*) with an herbaceous layer of ferns including sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*), interrupted and/or cinnamon fern (*Osmunda claytoniana*, *O. cinnamomea*), and sometimes royal fern (*O. regalis*) in more moist depressions. Spice bush (*Lindera benzoin*) is more rarely seen due to its preference for rich soils. The bold leaves of skunk cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*) are often a frequent sight in these wet woodlands, especially along slow or intermittent streams, along with bright yellow marsh marigolds (*Caltha palustris*) in spring, and sometimes brilliant red cardinal flowers (*Lobelia cardinalis*) in August. Sphagnum moss may fill in wet depressions. Where the water table may fluctuate 2-3 feet and the area was once a pasture, tussock sedge (*Carex stricta*) may predominate below a canopy of red maple.

Due to their prevalence on both public and private land, red maple swamps are often not considered to be of particular interest; however, to the attentive nature watcher, these areas provide a wide number of opportunities. Red maple swamps harbor many different animals and plants that are relatively accessible to the viewer. Many conservation lands have trails that skirt the edges of such areas, allowing the walker to view these lush habitats. Also, because they are protected, red maple swamps provide buffers between houses and reduce densities, adding to the rural feeling and privacy of homeowners in the town.

Shrub Swamps

Where deep water (1-2') stresses and thereby reduces the number of deep-rooted trees, large tussocks of sedge may support islands of extremely dense shrubs under a scant over-story of trees or no trees at all. Many of the shrub species listed above become dense and often bear bounties of fruits that attract a variety of wildlife, particularly birds. Buttonbush is common in some deep-water shrub swamps. Also, along the edges of sluggish open water may be found thickets of bayberry and leatherleaf. The openings created by such wetland hydrology can be aesthetically pleasing as well as of high value.

Marsh

Marshes are dominated by herbaceous plants that can survive in up to 3 feet of water. Typically, in Sudbury we notice cattail marshes, often with clumps of alder (*Alnus spp.*), shrub willows (*Salix spp.*) and/or black willow (*Salix nigra*), near the edge or on widely scattered islands. Marshes occur throughout Sudbury, including in the Raymond Road area, where low-lying wetlands are associated with the Sudbury Water District wellfield. Purple loosestrife, a nonnative invasive species introduced from Europe, occurs in Sudbury wetlands and can form dense stands that displace native wetland vegetation.

The marshes along parts of Hop Brook, including Memorial Forest, Hop Brook and Hop Brook Marsh Conservation Lands, are notable for the dominance of 4- to 5-foot reedcanary-grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) which forms wide belts along the edge of the stream. While much of the area may appear to be a monoculture, in disturbed areas such as beaver meadows and ice scours, there can be a great diversity of annual species including arrow-leaved tear thumb (*Polygonum arifolium*, *P. sagittatum*), water smartweeds (*P. hydropiper*), water purslane (*Ludwigia palustris*), bugle weeds (*Lycopus spp.*) rice cutgrass (*Leersia*, and jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*)) colonizing the bare ground. Perennial burreeds (*Sparganium spp.*), arrowheads (*Sagittaria spp.*), softrush (*Scirpus validus*), and other sedges persist on less disturbed sites. Orange tangles of parasitic dodder clamber over the grasses and large black and yellow spiders mark their fine webs with a white zig-zag to warn mammals of their work. There are also stiff stands of cattail (*Typha latifolia*), giant burreed (*Sparganium americanum*), and occasionally soft-stem bulrush with their linear, up-right leaves. Wool-grass (*Scirpus cyperinus*), with its soft cinnamon heads and tussocks of arching thin leaves can dominate areas as well. A few culms of the state-listed river bulrush (*Scirpus fluvistile*) are found in disturbed areas. Nearer the upland, blue-joint grass (*Calamagrostis canadensis*) and tussock sedge begin to replace the reed-canary grass. Wetland shrubs such as blueberry, arrowwood, and winterberry skirt the edges along with healthy red maple. Spikes of brilliant cardinal flower are particularly appealing in late summer. Of note are several bands of red maple that succumbed to the higher water table caused by beaver dams at various points along the brook. Dead grey trunks, many still with bark, have become popular nesting, feeding, and roosting areas for woodpeckers, black phoebes, and eastern kingbirds.

Protected marshes along Hop Brook provide habitat for insects, songbirds, waterfowl, and mammals. Dragonflies, damselflies, spiders, and other invertebrates are common components of these wetland ecosystems and provide food for birds and other wildlife. Beavers are also present along Hop Brook, where their activity can influence wetland conditions and habitat structure.

Vernal Pools

Sudbury's gently rolling topography contributes to the occurrence of numerous vernal pools. As shown in Figure 4-3, Natural Resources Map, the town contains many NHESP certified and potential vernal pools. The Conservation Commission has supported protective buffers around vernal pools to help maintain the habitat needed by amphibians and other wildlife.

D. Fisheries & Wildlife

General Inventory

Sudbury's extensive network of rivers, ponds, wetlands, forests, and open spaces supports a diverse array of fish and wildlife species. The Sudbury River and the community's freshwater habitats support fish such as bass, pickerel, eel, and shad, as well as amphibians, including frogs and salamanders, that rely on wetlands and vernal pools for breeding. These aquatic systems also provide habitat for turtles and other reptiles.

Sudbury's wildlife habitat includes wooded wetlands, floodplain forests, shrub swamps, wet meadows, marshes, ponds and streams, open fields, thickets, deciduous woodlands, and coniferous woodlands. These habitats occur as an interconnected system, particularly along the Sudbury River and its tributaries, and within larger protected landscapes. Wetlands and wetland edge habitats provide breeding, feeding, shelter, and movement areas for amphibians, birds, mammals, and other wildlife, while fields, thickets, and forest edges support a different mix of pollinators, small mammals, birds, and larger predators.

The connected conservation lands associated with Hop Brook, Hop Brook Marsh, Memorial Forest, and the Sudbury River corridor are especially important because they link upland and wetland habitats across property boundaries. Maintaining these connections helps reduce habitat fragmentation and supports wildlife movement between larger protected areas. Forested habitats also vary in their wildlife value: deciduous forests provide mast and nesting resources, while coniferous stands offer year-round cover, particularly during winter.

The Sudbury River corridor, Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Pantry Brook Wildlife Management Area, Nobscot conservation lands, and other large conservation landscapes support waterfowl, migratory birds, amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and other wildlife. These resources also support birdwatching, nature study, and other forms of passive outdoor use.

The Desert Natural Area, which includes Sudbury Valley Trustees' Memorial Forest and adjoining conservation lands in Sudbury and Marlborough, contains a globally rare pitch pine-scrub oak barrens community. The area's well-drained, nutrient poor sandy soils support a habitat mosaic of pine-oak forest, barrens, cold water streams, marshes, and wetlands. This uncommon habitat supports rare and declining wildlife, including whip-poor-will, prairie warbler, American woodcock, rare insects, and turtles. Conservation partners, including Sudbury Valley Trustees, the Town of Sudbury, the City of Marlborough, and state agencies, are using invasive species management, selective tree removal, and prescribed fire to restore and maintain the open canopy conditions on which the barrens community depends.

Birds are a highly visible and diverse component of Sudbury's wildlife. Commonly observed species include great blue heron, wood duck, red-tailed hawk, and wild turkey. Waterfowl, wading birds, songbirds, and birds of prey are commonly observed throughout town.

Mammals found in Sudbury range from large species such as white-tailed deer and coyote to mid-sized mammals including red fox, beaver, muskrat, raccoon, and skunk, as well as a variety of small mammals. These species occupy forested areas, wetlands, and edge habitats and are well adapted to the Town's mix of natural and developed landscapes.

Wooded Wetlands

These occur on the periphery of the river floodplain, particularly along tributary streams and upstream along upland watercourses and water bodies. Pockets of such areas also occur in kettle depressions, in outwash areas and in uplands of high table.

Deer and other mammals use these areas for shelter in winter. Deer prefer the cover of the softwood wetlands, which also provide forage. Song birds feed on the fruit and insects are plentiful here. These are important breeding areas for such amphibious species as frogs, salamanders, and toads.

Seasonally Flooded Basin or Flats, Shrub Swamp, and Meadows

In Sudbury, these habitat types occur mostly in the floodplain areas and along upland streams and water bodies. The soil may be waterlogged or covered with water during the spring, but are well drained during the growing season.

Animals supported include migratory waterfowl, muskrat, some mink and weasel, raptors (hawks and owls), raccoons, deer, game birds (pheasant, woodcock, and grouse). The seasonally flooded basins and flats provide the primary feeding and resting areas for migratory waterfowl.

Bogs and Shallow Marshes

These occur mostly around Willis Lake, Pantry Brook, and Allowance Brook, as well as scattered upland areas. The most likely plants are heath shrubs, cranberries, sedges, sphagnum moss, and sundews. Trees include red maples, some hemlock, black spruce, and white cedar. In the wetter areas cattails, some bulrushes, pickerelweed, arrowheads, and some larger sedges abound.

Deep Marsh

Deep marshes occur along the Sudbury River and in scattered upland areas of high water table. Vegetation is similar to the shallow marsh. Deep marshes also provide the nesting and feeding areas for many waterfowl, but are not as significant in this respect as the shallow marshes. The fringes of deep marshes are feeding and watering grounds for upland mammals (raccoons, skunks, deer) and wading water birds. Their primary importance is for fisheries and other aquatic recreation.

Fields

Fields are important home habitats for small mammals which form the basis of major food chains. Primary consumers such as mice, woodchucks, and rabbits live and feed in this habitat, providing critical food sources for secondary consumers such as hawks, foxes, coyotes, and owls. Fields also provide food for song birds and game birds, as well as for larger grazing animals such as deer.

The following are of particular value as wildlife habitats: fields bordered by thickets, forests and/or marshes, fields which have water sources or are/near water sources, and fields which provide a diversity of vegetation.

Davis Field includes open grassland habitat that supports nesting Bobolinks, a migratory grassland bird. Bobolinks nest on the ground in tall grass and are vulnerable to habitat loss, grassland fragmentation, mowing, and other disturbances during the nesting season. Declines in Bobolink and other grassland bird populations are closely associated with the loss and alteration of suitable grassland habitat. Protecting and managing remaining grassland areas at Davis Field, including consideration of nesting season timing for mowing and site management decisions, can help maintain this valuable local habitat.

Brush Lands or Thickets

These frequently occur in proximity to open fields as they are a habitat most often created by vegetative succession or the over-growth of unused agricultural fields.

Thickets provide critical shelter and forage for song birds, game birds (woodcock, pheasant, grouse) and small mammals (rabbits, muskrats when near wetlands), particularly in winter. Thickets in proximity to open fields are of particular value as the two habitats are attractive to many of the same wildlife species during different seasons, when each provides different shelter and foraging resources.

Deciduous Woodlands

The habitat is dominated by grey squirrels, chipmunks, raccoons, and song birds (downy woodpeckers, chickadees, blue jays). Other less predominant resident species include skunk, foxes, weasels, mink, nesting hawks (migratory), deer, pheasants, and certain waterfowl if near water.

Deciduous woodlands lose many active resident species in winter to hibernation (subsurface burrows or hollow trees) and to migration (song bird species and hawks). Several species do not remain all year in this habitat, but move according to the season (food and shelter availability), most often to thickets and/or coniferous woodlands.

Coniferous Woodlands

Because of its year round foliage, this habitat is attractive to wildlife during winter months. Deer, particularly, prefer to "yard" in these areas during months of heavy snows. Also, hawks nest in this habitat summer; herons nest as well, particularly if near marshland; owls nest year round (and hunt in nearby fields); and raccoons and red squirrels prefer this habitat year round. If this habitat is near a water hole and/or field, it will be of increased wildlife value due to the food need of many coniferous-preferring wildlife species.

Wildlife Corridors

The Sudbury River, Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, and Pantry Brook Wildlife Management Area serve as a key regional corridor for rare species. A network of wetlands, woodlands, vernal pools, and other natural habitats along the Sudbury River corridor supports rare species, migratory birds, waterfowl, and a wide range of wildlife. Conservation properties such as the Landham Brook Marsh Conservation Area provide important wildlife linkages to this corridor and help maintain contiguous open space that connects to larger wildlife corridors extending into the surrounding communities of Wayland and Concord.

Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, potential habitat for several species federally listed or proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act occurs within Sudbury, including the federally endangered northern long-eared bat, the proposed endangered tricolored bat, and the proposed threatened monarch butterfly. At the state level, the NHESP maps multiple Priority Habitats of Rare Species within Sudbury. These habitats occur in several of the town's major natural-resource and conservation areas, including along the Sudbury River, and in and around the Pantry Brook Wildlife Management Area, Nobscot Scout Reservation, Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, and other large protected open space areas.

Cutting Field, Parkinson Field, and Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School all fall within NHESP Priority Habitats for Rare Species and Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife. Projects affecting these areas may be subject to review under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act.¹⁰

¹⁰ See Figure 4-3. Natural Resources Map, & Table 4-2.

Table 4-2. NHESP-Documented State-Listed Species for Sudbury, MA

Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	Taxonomic Group	Most Recent Observation
Endangered			
American Bittern	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	Bird	2008
Least Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Bird	2009
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	Bird	2010
Sedge Wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	Bird	1945
Special Concern			
Blue-spotted Salamander (complex)	<i>Ambystoma laterale pop. 1</i>	Amphibian	2022
Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	Bird	2017
Eastern Box Turtle	<i>Terrapene carolina</i>	Reptile	2022
Eastern Whip-poor-will	<i>Antrostomus vociferus</i>	Bird	2015
Herodias Underwing Moth	<i>Catocala herodias</i>	Butterfly/Moth	2015
Pine Barrens Zanclognatha	<i>Zanclognatha martha</i>	Butterfly/Moth	2015
Purple Tiger Beetle	<i>Cicindela purpurea</i>	Beetle	1923
Wood Turtle	<i>Glyptemys insculpta</i>	Reptile	2022
Threatened			
Blanding's Turtle	<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>	Reptile	2008
Hentz's Red-bellied Tiger Beetle	<i>Cicindelidia rufiventris hentzii</i>	Beetle	Historic
Marbled Salamander	<i>Ambystoma opacum</i>	Amphibian	1896
Ringed Boghaunter	<i>Williamsonia lintneri</i>	Dragonfly/Damselfly	2023

BioMap Information

BioMap is a non-regulatory conservation planning tool to plan and prioritize conservation actions. In contrast, NHESP Priority Habitat is a regulatory screening tool to allow the NHESP to review projects or activities for impacts to state-listed species under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA). BioMap is an important tool to guide strategic protection and stewardship of lands and waters that are most important for conserving biological diversity in Massachusetts. The two elements of BioMap are as follows:

- **Core Habitat:** Identifies areas critical for the long-term persistence of rare species, exemplary natural communities, and resilient ecosystems.
- **Critical Natural Landscape:** Identifies large landscapes minimally impacted by development and buffers to core habitats and coastal areas, both of which enhance connectivity and resilience.

Sudbury contains a significant amount of ecologically important land identified through BioMap, Massachusetts' conservation planning framework. Nearly one-third of the town (4,795 acres or 30%) is designated as BioMap Core Habitat, with over 3,455 acres currently protected. These areas provide critical habitat for rare species, wetlands, aquatic systems, and vernal pools.

Sudbury also includes approximately 2,874 acres of BioMap Critical Natural Landscape, representing 18% of the town, with roughly 2,086 acres protected. These areas help maintain ecological processes, habitat connectivity, and natural buffers around sensitive resources.

In addition, more than 6,127 acres of BioMap Local Components, covering 39% of the community, have been identified as important for local biodiversity and ecological resilience, with approximately 3,727 acres protected. Regional Components account for another 1,478 acres, most of which are already protected.

The town's Core Habitat is largely made up of Rare Species Core habitat (4,397 acres), along with extensive Wetland Core (1,276 acres) and Vernal Pool Core habitat (1,894 acres). Sudbury also supports a broad network of local landscapes, wetlands, aquatic habitats, and habitat buffers that contribute to overall ecosystem health and connectivity. These resources highlight Sudbury's strong conservation framework, and the important role protected open space plays in preserving biodiversity and ecological resilience across the community.

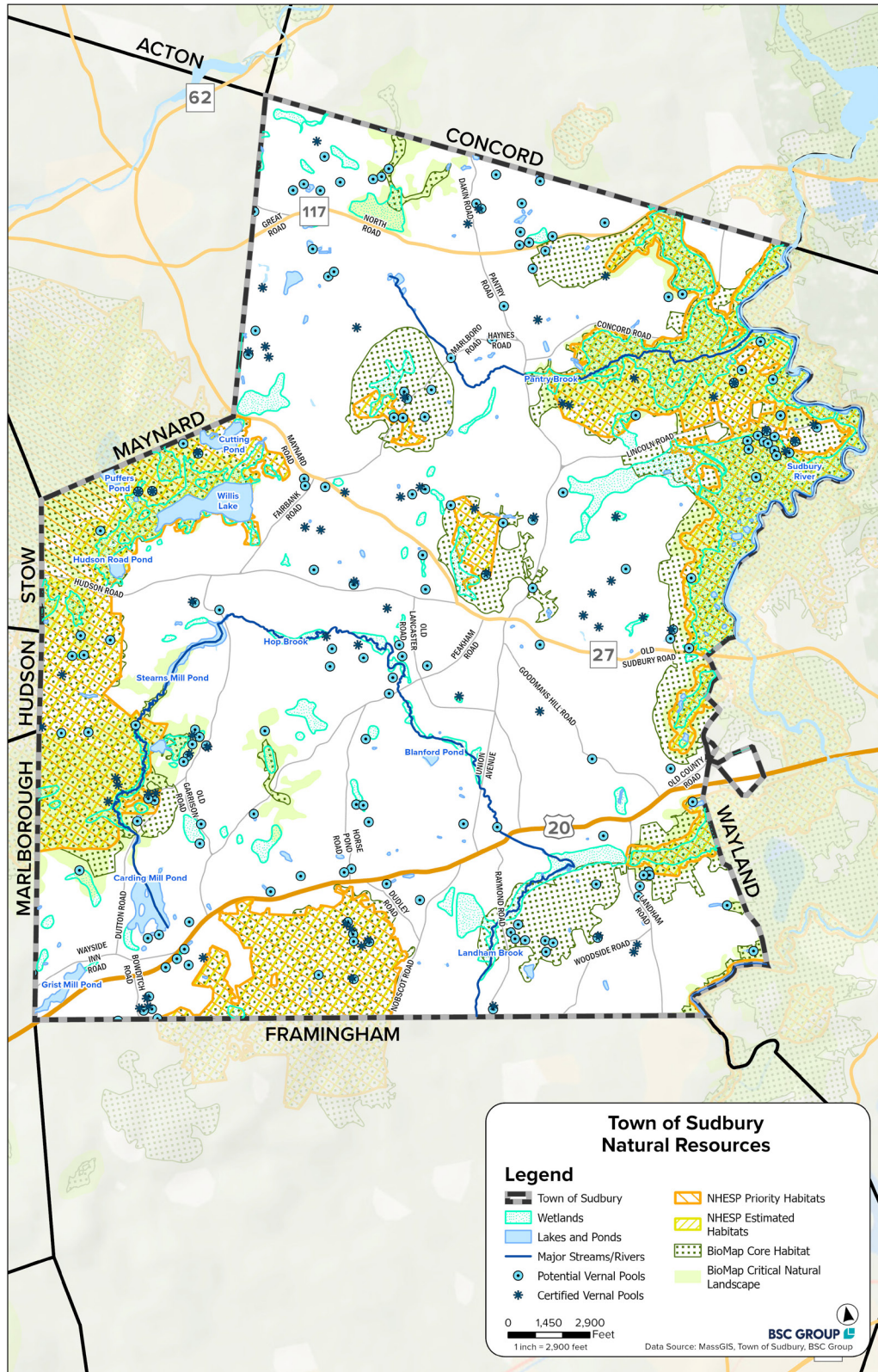


Figure 4-3. Natural Resources Map (Draft)

E. Scenic Resources and Unique Environments

Sudbury's scenic character is shaped by a connected network of rivers, wetlands, forested uplands, agricultural fields, historic districts, and trails. Along the eastern edge of the community, the Sudbury River and Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge provide broad views of open water and wetlands. Pantry Brook and Hop Brook extend this water-based landscape into the central and western portions of town, where wooded wetlands, conservation lands, and trail networks create quieter scenic settings. In the southwest, the Nobscot Conservation Area, Nobscot Scout Reservation, and Tippling Rock form a large, forested landscape with elevated views and extensive trail connections. In western Sudbury, Memorial Forest provides access to the Desert Natural Area's globally unique pitch pine-scrub oak barrens, as well as cold-water streams, beaver wetlands, and pine forest.

Geologic Features

Sudbury's landscape reflects its glacial history, with gently rolling terrain, outwash plains, kettle depressions, and scattered glacial erratics contributing to the town's varied topography. Extensive wetlands and floodplain soils associated with the Sudbury River system define geologic and ecological features, shaping land use patterns and preserving large areas of undeveloped open space. These riverine and wetland systems distinguish Sudbury from many neighboring communities, creating broad, contiguous natural landscapes that serve as scenic resources while also providing critical flood storage.

Sudbury's hills and valleys do not represent a single geologic formation. Rather, they reflect a combination of older bedrock uplands and the erosion, deposition, and meltwater processes associated with glacial retreat. The Nobscot Hill complex, including Tippling Rock, is a prominent bedrock upland shaped by glacial scouring. Other glacial landforms in town include the drumlins at Round Hill and Weir Hill, as well as eskers, kettle holes, and a kame terrace at Gray Conservation Area and Haynes Meadow. The Desert Natural Area developed on sandy deposits left on the bottom of Glacial Lake Sudbury after the lake drained.



Glacial Erratic at Gray Conservation Area, Credit: Sudbury Valley Trustees

The town's highest elevations occur in the Nobscot Hill area along the Sudbury-Framingham border. Tippling Rock, a prominent overlook within the Nobscot conservation lands in Sudbury, reaches approximately 410 feet above sea level. Other high points include Green Hill, Goodman Hill, Pendleton Hill, Flagstaff Hill, Willis Hill, and Round Hill.



Tippling Rock, Credit: Town of Sudbury

Cultural, Archaeological, and Historic Resources

Sudbury contains historic districts, landmarks, archaeological resources, and cultural landscapes that reflect Indigenous presence, early English settlement, and centuries of farming and rural life. Historic farms, burial grounds, stone walls, roadways, and mill sites contribute to Sudbury's cultural landscape and scenic character. The Historical Commission supports preservation by conducting and advancing historic resource surveys and preservation planning, administering the Town's Demolition Delay Bylaw, and overseeing Town-owned historic properties and sites. Within Sudbury's designated local historic districts, the Historic Districts Commission reviews visible exterior alterations to historically or architecturally significant buildings, places, and landscape features. These roles complement, but do not replace, the land protection tools used to conserve open space and agricultural land.

Historic mill sites illustrate the relationship between Sudbury's landscape, water resources, and settlement patterns. Small falls along Hop Brook were controlled by modest dams and mill ponds, providing power for local grist, saw, fulling, and tanning mills. The Wayside Inn area retains a grist mill and mill pond, while Mill Village marks the location of former mills and related commercial activity along Hop Brook. In contrast, the Sudbury River's low gradient and broad floodplain limited its usefulness for water-powered industry within the community. These contrasting water resources influenced where mills and related commercial activity developed in Sudbury.¹¹

¹¹ <https://sudbury.ma.us/conservationcommission/smooth-river-small-falls>



Wayside Inn Grist Mill, Credit: BSC Group

Unique Environments

Sudbury includes several unique and environmentally sensitive areas that combine high ecological value with scenic and recreational importance. Portions of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord River system are designated as a National Wild and Scenic River, recognized for their outstanding ecology, history, scenery, and recreation value.¹² Large tracts of wetlands, vernal pools, and forested uplands are identified as Priority Habitat for rare species and are included within Natural Heritage BioMap Core Habitat and Critical Natural Landscape areas. These interconnected ecosystems support biodiversity, protect drinking water resources, and maintain landscape connectivity. Protecting these unique environments is essential to preserving Sudbury's rural character, scenic landscapes, and extensive network of open space and recreational resources for future generations.

¹² See Figure 4-4 and Figure 4-5. Unique Features Map, & Appendix A.

The Nobscot Scout Reservation, the largest undeveloped parcel of land in Sudbury, spans into Framingham and, via both public and private lands, adjoins Callahan State Park, creating a vast network of open space, wildlife habitat, and public trail systems of over 1,000 acres.

Sudbury is bordered by several significant conservation landscapes that provide regional habitat, water resource, scenic, and trail connections, although these areas are not all contiguous. Along the Sudbury-Concord border, Frost Farm Conservation Land includes open meadows, forested areas, streams, and trails. The BFRT enters Sudbury from Concord and follows the western edge of the property. On the town's eastern side, Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge includes the Sudbury unit along the Sudbury River and provides wetland, woodland, and river-based habitat and public access opportunities. To the west, the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge includes land in Sudbury, Stow, Maynard, and Hudson, while Memorial Forest and the Desert Natural Area extend across the Sudbury-Marlborough boundary. These landscapes contribute to the region's network of protected habitat and open space.



Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, Credit: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

These large conservation landscapes are complemented by smaller places that contribute to Sudbury's identity and ecological diversity. They provide opportunities for passive recreation, environmental education, scenic enjoyment, and stewardship while helping maintain connections among wetlands, forests, waterways, and open lands.

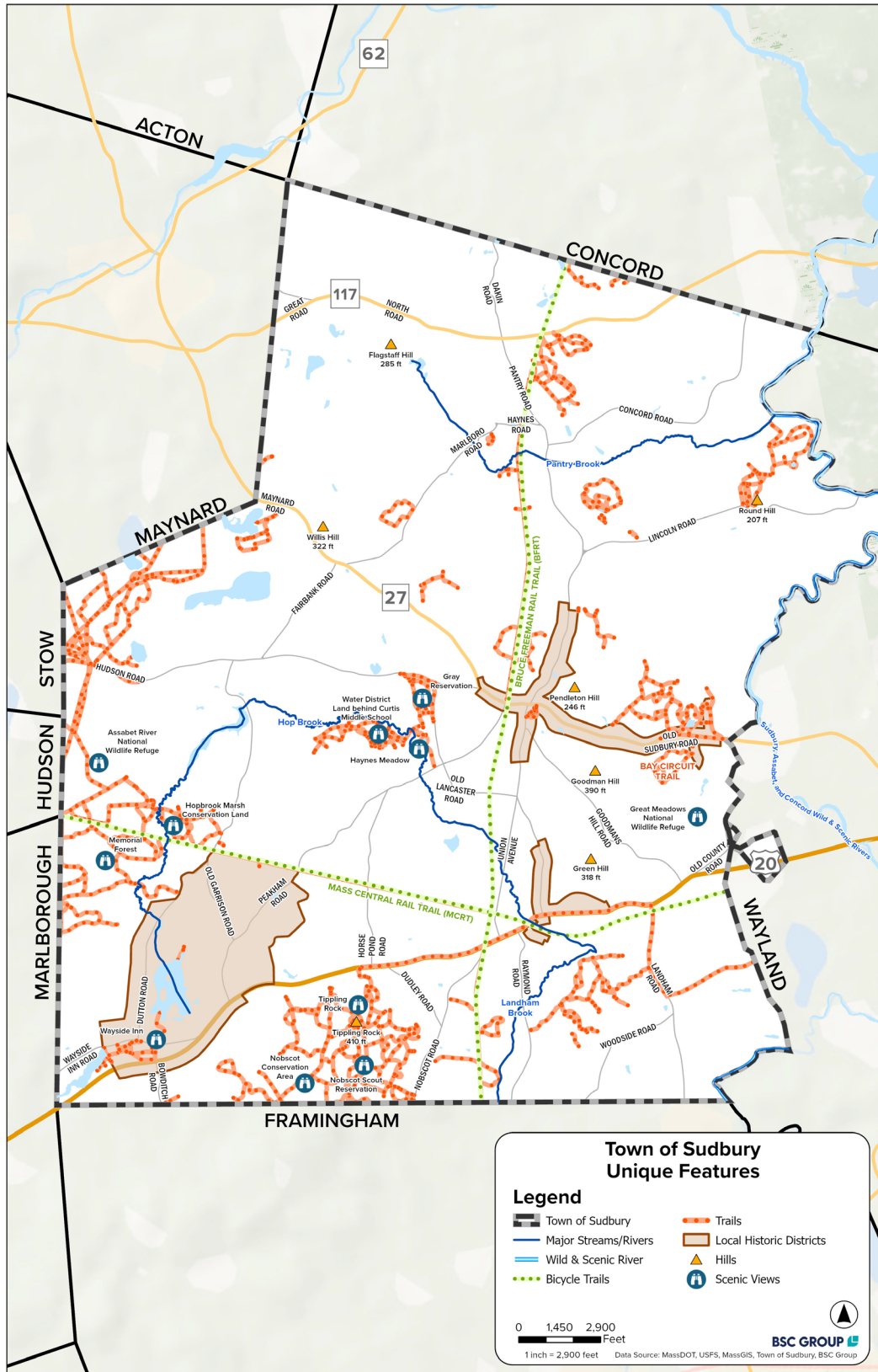


Figure 4-4. Unique Features Map (Draft)

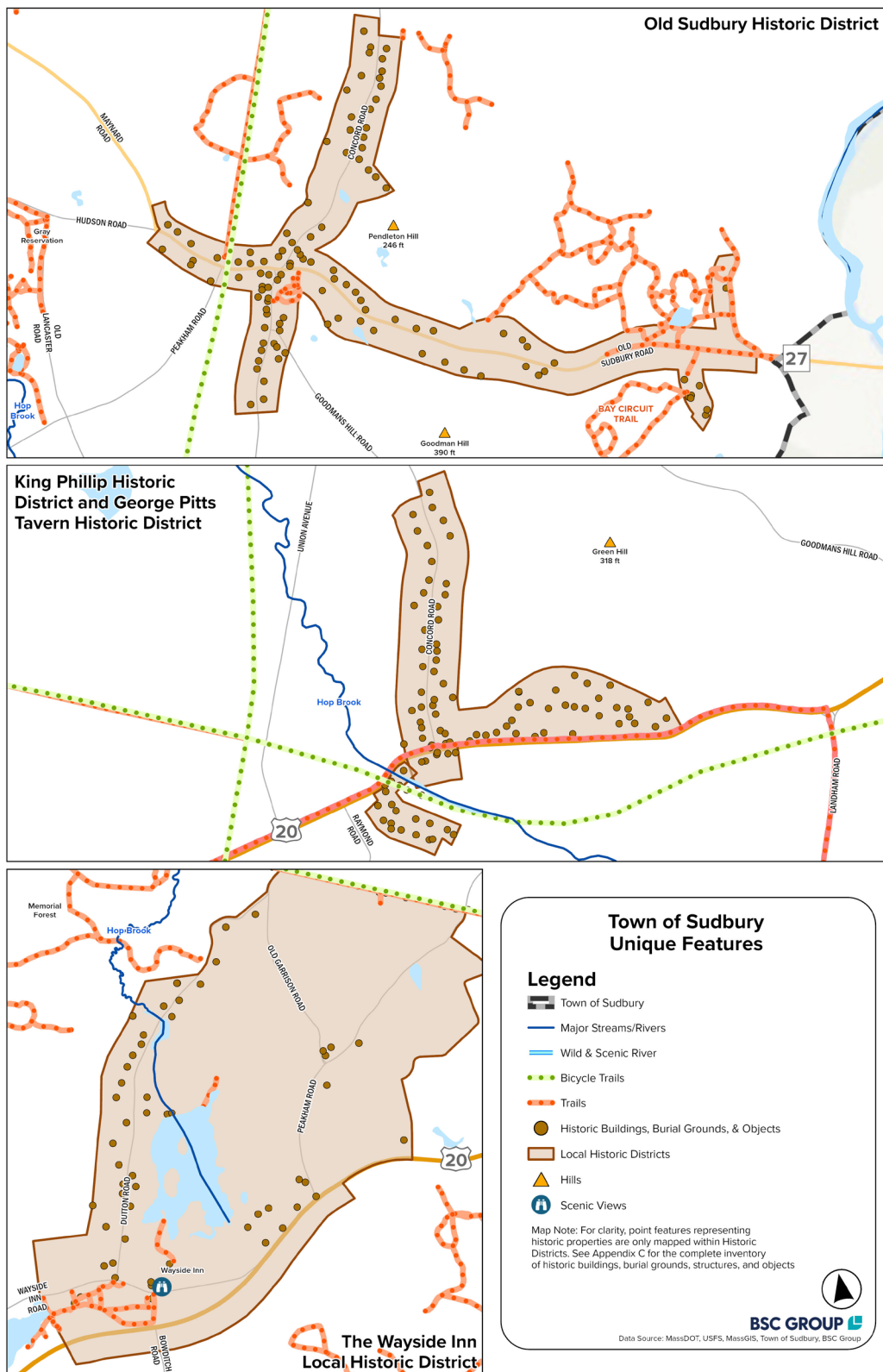


Figure 4-5. Unique Features Inset Map (Draft)

F. Climate Change Impacts

MVP Planning Process

Through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness 2.0 Planning Process, Sudbury identified priorities that intersect with this OSRP's land protection, recreation access, water resource, and community resilience goals. Open space and recreation assets contribute to these priorities by protecting wetlands and floodplains, supporting local food production, providing walking and bicycling connections, and maintaining parks, trails, and public facilities that residents can use during normal conditions and extreme weather. The priorities most directly relevant to this OSRP concern local food production, flood risk and water quality, active transportation, climate-adaptive open space planning, and the role of public facilities and community networks during extreme weather. These priorities are as follows:

- **Priority 1:** Enhance food system resilience by improving access to diverse food sources, supporting local food production, and addressing climate-related disruptions to food availability.
- **Priority 2:** Reduce flood risk and improve water quality through regional watershed management, enhanced stormwater and water conservation policies, and incentive programs.
- **Priority 5:** Expand and maintain a safe, all-season active transportation network that connects neighborhoods, train stations, and recreational paths, promoting awareness of routes and resources to reduce reliance on personal vehicles.
- **Priority 9:** Incorporate climate-adaptive strategies into Sudbury's ongoing open space and recreation planning, enhancing flood management and ecosystem restoration objectives.

Land Protection and Prioritization

Resilient & Connected Lands

Analysis using *The Nature Conservancy's Resilient and Connected Lands Mapping Tool* indicates Sudbury contains a mix of ecological resilience, with higher resilience concentrated in its extensive forests, wetlands, and protected open spaces, and lower resilience in developed residential and commercial areas where landscape fragmentation limits habitat connectivity. Particularly resilient areas include the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge and Sudbury River corridor, Carding Mill Pond and surrounding conservation lands in the southwest, the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, the Marlborough-Sudbury State Forest and the connected Memorial Forest, Hop Brook Marsh conservation lands, and the Nobscot Conservation Area. These connected landscapes also enhance the value of Sudbury's open space system for passive outdoor recreation. Larger, connected areas can support longer trail experiences, wildlife observation, nature study, scenic enjoyment, and access to varied forest,

wetland, and river landscapes. Protecting connections among these lands helps sustain the ecological settings that make these recreation experiences possible.¹³

Parks & Open Spaces for Mitigation

In Sudbury, conservation lands and recreation assets together function as community resilience infrastructure. Forests, wetlands, floodplains, and connected conservation lands support cooling, groundwater recharge, flood storage, water quality, habitat, and landscape connectivity. Parks, athletic fields, trails, playgrounds, and outdoor gathering spaces also support physical activity, social connection, and community well-being. Community feedback emphasized maintaining parks, trails, athletic fields, playground equipment, shade trees, restrooms, and other amenities, while also improving accessibility and connections among these resources.

Sudbury's recreation properties demonstrate how these functions occur at the local level. Haskell Field and the adjacent Fairbank Community Center campus bring together athletic fields, a playground, fitness facilities, indoor recreation, senior programming, and community gathering spaces. Feeley Field, Featherland Park, Davis Field, and other active recreation properties provide fields, courts, and outdoor facilities while retaining permeable land within developed portions of the community. The BFRT and its connections to properties such as Broadacres Farm, Featherland Park, Parkinson Field, Davis Farm, and Frost Farm support walking, bicycling, recreation access, and community connectivity. These properties support physical activity and social connection while contributing to cooling, stormwater infiltration, and the town's broader network of open land.



BFRT Connector to Davis Field (left) and BFRT near Parkinson Field (right), Credit: BSC Group

¹³ See Figure 4-6. Climate Change Map, & Appendix A.

Natural grass athletic fields are also part of Sudbury's community resilience infrastructure. In addition to supporting organized recreation, their permeable surfaces can contribute to stormwater infiltration and outdoor cooling while retaining flexible open space within developed areas. Maintaining healthy turf and adequate usable field capacity supports both their recreational function and the long-term stewardship of these community assets.

Hot Spots

Hotspots are areas with the highest 5% of Land Surface Temperature Index values within the Metropolitan Area Planning Council region. Figure 4-6 shows Sudbury's mapped hotspots are concentrated primarily along the Route 20 corridor at Bridges by EPOCH, Avalon Sudbury, Highcrest at Meadow Walk, Sudbury Crossing Plaza, and Whole Foods. A separate hotspot is mapped at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.

The mapped locations generally consist of developed properties with concentrations of buildings, pavement, parking areas, and other impervious surfaces. In the context of this OSRP, the hotspot mapping helps illustrate the value of maintaining tree canopy, shade, permeable surfaces, and nearby parks and open spaces that can help reduce heat exposure and improve outdoor comfort. The mapping is intended as a planning level screening tool and does not, by itself, establish project priorities or site specific recommendations.

Flood Mitigation

BSC Group's Inland Flood Risk Model for Massachusetts models pluvial flooding, which results from heavy rainfall independently of overflowing rivers and streams, and fluvial flooding, which is associated with rivers and streams. The model output estimates the extent of the 1% annual chance flood event under present day conditions and projected 2050 and 2070 climate scenarios. Precipitation estimates were obtained from the ResilientMass Climate Change Projections Dashboard.

FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) support the National Flood Insurance Program and identify regulatory flood hazard areas. BSC Group's inland flood modeling serves a different purpose by providing planning level information that incorporates projected future increases in precipitation and pluvial flooding. Consequently, the modeled extent can extend beyond FEMA's mapped floodway and 1% annual chance flood hazard areas in some locations.

Many of the conservation lands that intersect the modeled flood extents are associated with Sudbury's network of brooks, ponds, wetlands, and floodplains. Examples include Memorial Forest, Hop Brook Marsh, Carding Mill Pond, and Grist Mill Pond along the Hop Brook system, Pantry Brook Wildlife Management Area along Pantry Brook and its tributaries, and Lyons-Cutler Reservation and other protected lands associated with the Landham Brook and Wash Brook. Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge is closely associated with the Sudbury River floodplain. The modeled exposure of these properties reflects, in part, the natural location and function of these protected landscapes. These areas can accommodate and temporarily store

floodwater, protect water quality, sustain wetland and riparian habitat, and help reduce impacts elsewhere in the watershed.

Illustrative Property Examples

Planning level flood modeling indicates portions of the following recreation properties and conservation lands intersect the estimated 1% annual chance flood extent under one or more modeled scenarios. These properties are illustrative examples and do not constitute a comprehensive inventory of parks, recreation properties, or conservation lands with modeled flood exposure. Preparing a parcel level flood exposure assessment is outside the scope of this OSRP. However, because the Town has flood model data available through a separate project, selected results are included as supplemental context for understanding how parks, recreation properties, and conservation lands contribute to and may be affected by future flood resilience.

Inclusion indicates some portion of a property intersects a modeled flood extent under one or more scenarios. It does not indicate the entire property is affected or that recurring flooding, damage, or an operational drainage problem has been documented.

Recreation Properties

Intersecting the 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) Flood Extent (Current, 2050, or 2070)

- Davis Field
- Frank G. Feely Field
- Haskell Field
- Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Athletic Fields

Conservation Lands

Intersecting the 1% AEP Flood Extent (Current, 2050, or 2070)

- Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge
- Carding Mill Pond Conservation Area
- Davis Farm Conservation Area
- Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
- Grist Mill Pond Area
- Hop Brook Marsh Conservation Land
- Haynes Meadow
- Landham Brook Marsh Conservation Area
- Lincoln Meadows
- Lyons-Cutler Reservation
- Marlborough-Sudbury State Forest
- Memorial Forest
- Pantry Brook Wildlife Management Area
- Powers Road Conservation Area
- Raymond Reservation
- Wash Brook Parcel

The model does not account for stormwater infrastructure, which may influence local flooding conditions. The results should therefore be used as a screening tool rather than as a parcel level determination of flood risk.

Other Town planning documents and site assessments provide additional context. Sudbury's 2019 Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness report identified flooding and intense rainfall as priority hazards, documented localized flooding and drainage concerns in several areas of town, and recognized wetlands, floodplains, forests, and other pervious open spaces as community resilience assets.

The 2025 Town-Wide Athletic Field Evaluation and Needs Assessment Study provides more site specific information for recreation properties. At Davis Field, users reported the south end does not drain well and is often avoided until conditions become drier. At Frank Feeley Field, users reported poor drainage, particularly at the lower 90-foot diamond, where wet conditions limit use during spring and following substantial rainfall. In contrast, the assessment described Haskell Field as draining well and did not identify a specific drainage deficiency at the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School athletic fields. Although portions of Haskell Field intersect the planning level flood extent, this suggests parts of the field may experience shallow water during a less frequent, severe storm. It does not indicate whether the field drains slowly after more typical rainfall, which is the condition most relevant to day-to-day field use.

These findings can help the Town identify locations where continued floodplain protection, habitat restoration, stormwater management, facility maintenance, or other nature based resilience measures may warrant consideration through future planning and project specific evaluation.



Frank Feeley Field, Credit: BSC Group

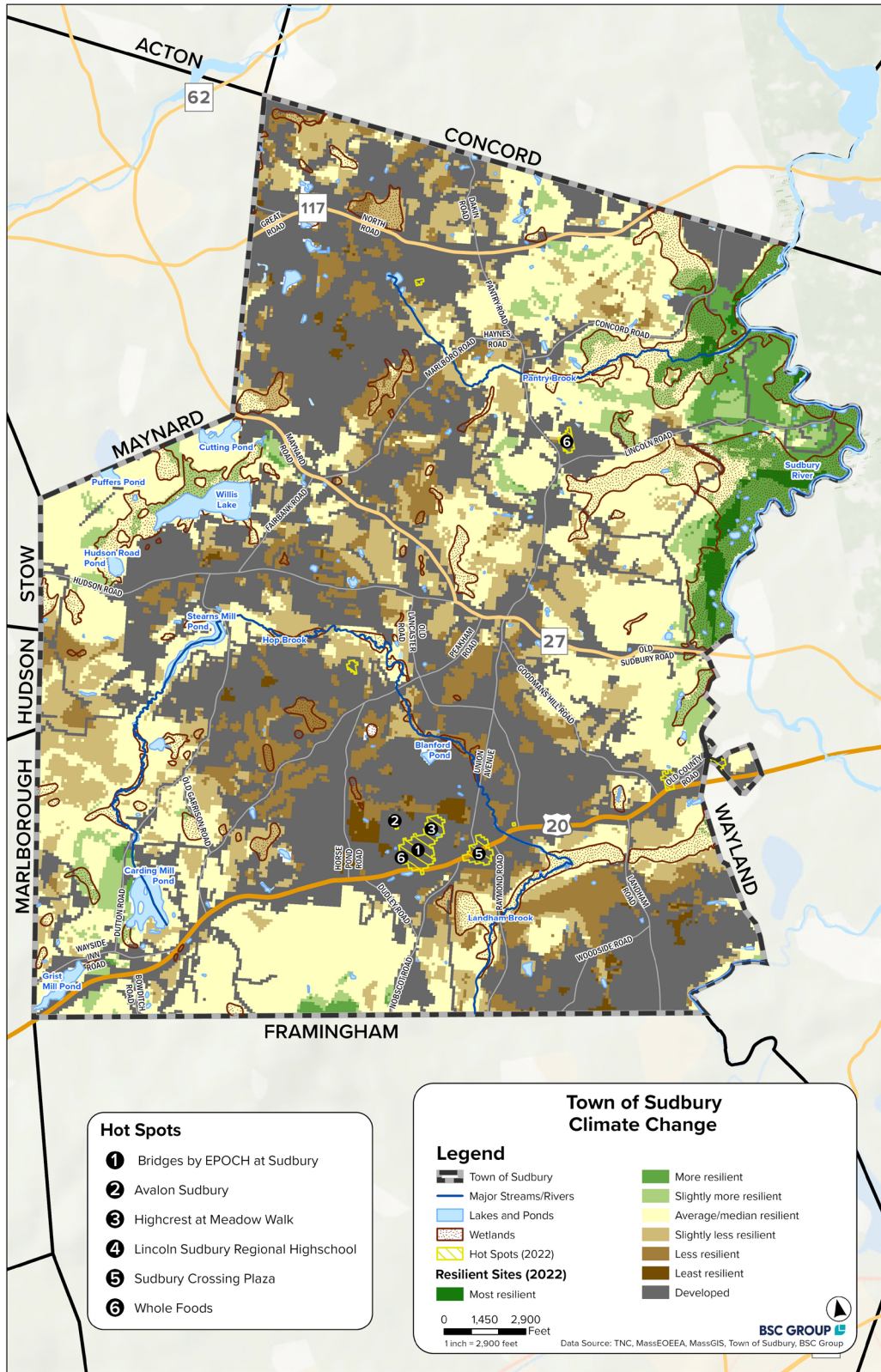


Figure 4-6. Climate Change Map (Draft)



Fairbank Community Center, Credit: BSC Group

05 Conservation & Recreation Lands Inventory

Definition of Protection

Open space includes conservation areas, forests, farmland, recreation land, green buffers along roads, and other undeveloped land protected for conservation or recreation. It can also include vacant or underused land that is not currently protected but has the potential to become parks, trails, or community green spaces.

Open space may support both passive and active recreation. Passive recreation includes activities that take place in natural settings with minimal impact on the environment, such as walking, hiking, non-motorized biking, and nature study. Active recreation includes activities that typically require developed facilities or altered landscapes, such as playgrounds, sports fields, and courts for activities like soccer, tennis, and baseball.

The protection of open space ensures land remains available for conservation and recreation rather than being developed for other uses. The degree of protection afforded by a parcel depends on many factors, including applicable laws and regulations, use, ownership, management, funding sources, and the circumstances for its acquisition and improvement. As a result, open space lands can have varying levels of long-term protection.

Level of Protection

The levels of protection described below are consistent with state open space protection classifications.

- **Protected in Perpetuity:** Land dedicated to park and recreation purposes by deed is considered protected open space. Land is also considered permanently protected if it's owned by the Town's Conservation Commission and Recreation Commission; held by

state conservation and/or recreation agencies under Article 97 protection; owned by nonprofit land trusts; or acquired or improved using federal or state assistance funds. Private land is also considered protected if it is subject to a deed restriction in perpetuity, an Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR), or a Conservation Restriction (CR).

- **Temporary or Term Limited:** Land that is legally protected for a limited period of time (e.g., a short-term conservation restriction) or temporarily protected due to its functional use. For example, some water district lands are only temporarily protected while serving a water resource protection function. This category also includes land enrolled in the state's Chapter 61 tax program.

The Chapter 61 program provides tax incentives to landowners who commit to keeping their land undeveloped for a specified period of time. The program includes three categories: Chapter 61 (forest land), Chapter 61A (agricultural land), and Chapter 61B (recreational and open space land), each with specific criteria related to minimum acreage and enrollment duration. If land enrolled in Chapter 61, 61A, or 61B is proposed for development or another non-chapter use, the Town has the opportunity to match a purchase offer before the land is converted.

- **Limited:** Land protected by legal mechanisms other than those described above, such as a requirement for a majority municipal vote to change its status, or through functional or traditional use. This category also includes land likely to remain open space for other reasons, such as Mount Pleasant Cemetery.
- **None:** Land that is not permanently protected for conservation, recreation, water supply, or other open space purposes. This category may include privately owned undeveloped land, as well as Town-owned land without permanent protection. This land may be sold, developed, or converted to another use in the future. Identifying these lands can help inform future protection priorities.

The Importance of Protecting Open Space

Open spaces provide important environmental benefits by protecting wildlife habitat, improving air and water quality, reducing urban heat island impacts, managing stormwater runoff, and increasing community resilience to climate change and flooding.

A recent report by the Trust for Public Land, *The Undeniable ROI of Community Parks and Green Spaces*, found that every \$1 invested in parks and recreation returns, on average, \$3 in local economic benefits each year. These benefits stem from reduced stormwater treatment, improved public health outcomes, consumer savings on fitness and recreation, among other factors.

Protecting open space also provides significant economic benefits. Parks, trails, conservation areas, waterways, and other recreational resources support tourism, local businesses, and outdoor recreation industries across Massachusetts. According to the Massachusetts Office of Outdoor Recreation, the state's outdoor recreation economy contributed more than \$14.6

billion to the Massachusetts economy in 2024 and supported approximately 108,000 jobs. Continued investment in open space protection and recreational access strengthens community health, quality of life, neighborhood vitality, and local economic development.

A. Three Types of Land Inventories

Municipally Owned Conservation & Recreation Properties

Sudbury's Park and Recreation Commission manages the parks, playgrounds, and recreation facilities identified in Table 5-1. Over the past decade, the Town has leveraged CPA funding to improve and enhance numerous recreation and conservation properties.

Since the 2009 Open Space and Recreation Plan, Sudbury has completed several recreational facility improvements and added amenities that have expanded opportunities for outdoor recreation and community activities. While relatively few entirely new parks have been created, the Town has made significant investments in upgrading existing facilities and expanding recreational infrastructure.

One of the most significant projects has been the redevelopment of the Fairbank Community Center, located adjacent to Haskell Field. Construction of the new facility began in 2022 and includes a modern gymnasium, multipurpose recreation spaces, and a Senior Center, while retaining the Atkinson Pool as a vital component of the Center. The facility serves as a major hub for indoor recreation, community programming, athletic activities, and community gatherings.



Fairbank Community Center, Credit: BSC Group



Fairbank Community Center, Credit: BSC Group

Sudbury has also invested in improvements to its outdoor recreation facilities. At Featherland Park, aging tennis courts were reconstructed and converted into updated multi-use courts that support tennis, basketball, and pickleball, reflecting growing demand for flexible recreational spaces. The Town is also continuing enhancements to the Frank Feeley Fields, building on improvements completed several years ago. The Town also added a multi-sport court on the Fairbank Community Center campus. A pavilion and additional outdoor recreation amenities are being evaluated through the Landscape Master Plan.



Featherland Park, Credit: BSC Group

CPA funding has supported many of these projects, as well as the completion of a Town-Wide Athletic Field Evaluation Needs Assessment Study and Master Plan. In 2025, CPA funds were approved to prepare a Landscape Master Plan for Haskell Field and the Fairbank Community Center campus. The plan will establish a framework for the long-term improvement, accessibility, and programming of these important community recreation facilities.

Several additional initiatives are currently underway, including:

- CPA-funded improvements to the SMILE Playground at Haskell Field.
- CPA-funded restroom renovations at Haskell Field.
- CPA-funded recreation improvements at Davis Field.
- CPA-funded recreation improvements at Broadacres Farm and Featherland Park.
- CPA-funded recreation improvements at Feely softball fields.
- Heritage Park improvements and Cricket Pond remediation.
- An ongoing planning and visioning process for the Liberty Ledge property.



Feeley Softball Improvements, Credit: Town of Sudbury

The Conservation Commission manages numerous conservation areas identified in Table 5-1. The CPA has supported the acquisition of conservation land, in addition to improvements at the recreation properties noted above. CPA funding has supported design and construction associated with the BFRT, enhancing opportunities for outdoor recreation, bicycling, walking, and community connectivity. In addition, CPA funds have been used to acquire and protect significant open space and recreation resources, including Broadacres Farm, helping to preserve Sudbury's natural landscapes, recreational opportunities, and rural character.



Sudbury BFRT near Broadacres Farms, Credit: BSC Group

Table 5-1 provides a complete inventory of recreation and conservation lands managed by the Park and Recreation Commission and Conservation Commission. Properties protected by a CR and/or an APR are denoted with an asterisk (*). The 2009 Open Space and Recreation Plan identified 42 parcels the Town was interested in purchasing or preserving. Since then, the Town has acquired or protected several of these priority parcels, either in fee or through conservation restrictions, including:

- CSX Corridor
- Fairbank Farm
- Broadacres Farm
- Johnson Farm
- Liberty Ledge
- Pantry Brook Farm

The 2025 Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Plan notes that the Town continues to have an interest in the remaining open space parcels identified in the 2009 OSRP.

The recreational potential included in Table 5-1 was developed based on priorities identified through the 2021 ADA Transition Plan for Sudbury Parks and 2025 Town-Wide Athletic Field Evaluation and Needs Assessment Study, as well as input gathered during the planning process through the community survey, mad lib activities, open house, and public meeting. This input particularly informed consideration of accessibility improvements, trail connections and wayfinding, playground and restroom needs, athletic field capacity, water-based recreation, and future community use of sites such as Liberty Ledge and Willis Lake.



Liberty Ledge, Credit: Town of Sudbury



Liberty Ledge, Credit: BSC Group

Table 5-1: Municipally Owned Conservation & Recreation Properties

Property Name	Current Use	Recreational Potential	Condition	Public Access	Grant
Park and Recreation Commission Properties					
Broadacres Farm (Northeast of Morse Road & East of BFRT)	Former Horse Farm Fields Woodlands Wetland Resource Areas Abuts BFRT BFRT Parking Lot	Evaluate opportunities for athletic fields, baseball, pickleball courts, playground facilities, and passive recreation while protecting natural resources. Provide accessible parking and restroom facilities.	Good	Open to all	CPA
Cutting Field	Soccer Lacrosse	Improve ADA parking and site lighting.	Excellent	Open to all	CPA
Davis Field	Open field used for youth sports such as soccer and football and Charles River Radio Flyers Model airplane and rocket launch Parking for BFRT	Develop two to three regulation size natural grass rectangular fields to expand multipurpose athletic field capacity. Potential improvements include drainage, field leveling, accessible routes, parking, and pedestrian circulation. The fields could support soccer, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee, football, radio controlled flying activities, and other community recreation uses, with flexible field configurations to respond to changing needs and help rotate and rest other natural grass fields in Town.	Good	Open to all	CPA

Property Name	Current Use	Recreational Potential	Condition	Public Access	Grant
Dutton Road and Barton Drive Parcel	Access to Stearns Mill Pond	Enhance access to Stearns Mill Pond.	Good	Open to all	N/A
Fairbank Community Center	Basketball Courts Picnic Area Atkinson Swimming Pool Outdoor Pavilion Pickleball Courts Ice Rink (Winter) Atkinson Dive Well Full Gymnasium Recreation Programming Rooms Senior Center	Expand senior fitness and teen programming, increase access to indoor courts and open gym hours, and enhance year-round indoor recreation opportunities. Potential improvements include a second outdoor basketball court, pavilions to support camp programming and public seating, and an accessible walking circuit path connecting the fields and other recreation amenities. Additional opportunities will be evaluated through the Landscape Master Plan.	Excellent	Open to all	CPA
Frank Feeley Field	Tennis Courts Three Softball Fields One Baseball Field Pickleball Courts Two Concession Stands Picnic Area Spectator Seating	Rehabilitate and expand tennis facilities, evaluate opportunities to optimize athletic field use, and improve accessible connections among courts, fields, seating, concession facilities, restrooms and parking.	Good	Open to all	CPA

Property Name	Current Use	Recreational Potential	Condition	Public Access	Grant
Featherland Park	Three Little League Baseball Fields Two Batting Cages Baseball Field Softball Field Four Tennis/Pickleball Courts Four Half-Court Basketball Hoops Four Pickleball Courts Ice Rink (winter only) Concession Stand Adjacent BFRT	Expand and improve baseball, tennis and pickleball facilities. Add lighting where appropriate, improve parking and circulation, and improve accessible connections among fields, courts, concession areas, seating and other amenities.	Fair	Open to all	CPA
Grinnell Park	World War I Memorial	Improve accessible walkways and seating, including accessible connections to benches and the World War I Memorial, while maintaining the park's memorial and passive recreation function.	Fair	Open to all	N/A
Haskell Field	Ten Soccer Fields Baseball Diamond Playground Concession Stand Fitness Area Multi-use Athletic Fields (Soccer, Lacrosse, etc.) Football Walking Path GaGa Ball Pit	Complete ongoing and planned playground and restroom improvements, restore shade and toddler play opportunities, develop a circuit path connecting recreation areas, add a lacrosse practice wall, improve lighting, drinking facilities, and accessible connections, and enhance supporting visitor amenities. Additional improvements and recreational opportunities are being evaluated through the Landscape Master Plan.	Good	Open to all	CPA

Property Name	Current Use	Recreational Potential	Condition	Public Access	Grant
Horse Pond Road Playground (behind State Crime Lab)	Baseball Field Playground	N/A	Fair	Open to all	N/A
Parkinson Field	Soccer Ultimate Frisbee Adjacent BFRT Parking for BFRT	Improve driveway access, parking, circulation and ADA accessibility, including an accessible route between the parking area and field, to support soccer, lacrosse, ultimate Frisbee and access to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail.	Good	Open to all	CPA
Willis Lake Access	Dock and Boat Launch Catch and Release, Boating, Picnicking, Sunbathing	Improve boat and water access, accessible launch facilities, parking, picnic facilities, wayfinding, and restroom access. Support water quality monitoring and improvement, invasive species management, and environmental stewardship, and expand opportunities for safe fishing, boating, and other water-based recreation.	Fair	Open to all	N/A
Conservation Commission Properties					
Adams Road Property	Trail Vernal Pools	N/A	Good	Open to all	N/A
Barton Farms	Farm Fields Wetlands Hiking & Trails Pantry Brook Camping by Permit	N/A	N/A	Open to all	LAND

Property Name	Current Use	Recreational Potential	Condition	Public Access	Grant
Broadacres Farm (Southwest of Morse Road and West of BFRT)	Former Horse Farm Meadows Woodlands Wetlands Hiking & Trails abuts BFRT	N/A	Fair	Open to all	
Carding Mill Pond Conservation Area	Carding Mill Pond Hop Brook Cash Trail Wetlands Historic Carding Mill Ford's Machine Shop	Improve public access and wayfinding. Improve stewardship of Carding Mill Pond and associated wetlands and evaluate public access at the existing non-motorized kayak launch and picnic area.	Poor	Currently closed due to vandalism	N/A
Cedar Swamp Conservation Area	Wetlands	N/A	Good	Open to all	N/A
Conservation Area on Concord-Sudbury Line	Adjacent to Sudbury Water District	N/A	Good	Open to all	N/A
Crystal Lake Parcel	Wetlands	N/A	Good	Open to all	N/A

Property Name	Current Use	Recreational Potential	Condition	Public Access	Grant
Davis Farm	Trails Camping by Permit Sledding Slope Cross Country Skiing Rock Observation Forested Area Agriculture abuts BFRT Nesting grounds for Bobolink Pollinator Garden	Improve trail maintenance and drainage where feasible, manage off leash dogs and pet waste.	Fair	Open to all	LAND
Dickson Land*	Trails Conservation Restriction	N/A	Good	Open to all	CPA
Fieldstone Farm Conservation Area	Vernal Pool	N/A	Good	Open to all	N/A
Flintlock Lane Conservation Area	Forested Area	N/A	Good	Open to all	N/A
Forest Street Parcel	Wooded Swamp	N/A	Good	Open to all	N/A
Frost Farm (portion controlled by the Conservation Commission)	Hiking & Trails Camping abuts BFRT Wetlands Cold Brook	Evaluate whether additional property identification signage is needed at Frost Farm to clarify that the conservation land is publicly accessible.	Good	Open to all	N/A

Property Name	Current Use	Recreational Potential	Condition	Public Access	Grant
Haynes Meadow	Camping Hiking & Trails Historical Significance Biking Cross Country Skiing	N/A	Good	Open to all	N/A
Hop Brook Marsh	Camping Hiking & Trails Biking Cross Country Skiing Forested Area abuts proposed Mass Central Rail Trail Wetlands Glacial Landscape Hope Brook Vernal Pools ADA Parking for BFRT ADA Trail to Duck Pond	Improve safe walking and bicycle connections to the property. Manage off leash dogs and pet waste, maintain and enhance natural surface trails.	Good	Open to all	N/A
Hunt Road Conservation Area	Adjacent to Wooded Swamp	N/A	Good	Open to all	N/A
Kato Drive Conservation Area	Adjacent to Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge	N/A	Good	Open to all	N/A

Property Name	Current Use	Recreational Potential	Condition	Public Access	Grant
King Philip Woods	Camping Hiking & Trails Historical Significance Biking Forested Area Ponds Streams Wetlands	Improve trail maintenance and vegetation management, including clearing overgrown/narrow trail sections and managing poison ivy where feasible.	Fair	Open to all	MA Fish & Wildlife CPA
Landham Brook Marsh*	Hiking & Trails Cross Country Skiing Wooded Swamp Marsh Meadows Conservation Restriction	N/A	Good	Open to all	CPA Private donations raised by Sudbury Valley Trustees
Libby Land*	Trails Conservation Restriction	N/A	Good	Open to all	CPA
Lincoln Meadows	Camping Hiking Community Gardens	Strengthen connections to Great Meadows, and enhance trail maps, wayfinding, environmental education, and wildlife interpretation.	Good	Open to all	LAND CPA
Mahoney Farm	Wetlands Trails Forested Area Open Meadow	Improve public information about trail access, including maps, trailhead identification, and wayfinding, while protecting wetlands, forest, and meadow habitat.	Fair	Open to all	N/A

Property Name	Current Use	Recreational Potential	Condition	Public Access	Grant
Mineway Brook Parcel	Adjacent to Mineway Brook Corridor Wooded Swamp	N/A	Good	Open to all	N/A
Morse Road Conservation Area	Wetlands Mineway Brook	N/A	Good	Open to all	N/A
Newfell Conservation Area	Wetlands Wet Meadow Pantry Brook	N/A	Fair	Open to all	N/A
Nobscot Conservation Lands	Woodland Historic Sites Abandoned Apple Orchard Wetlands Ford's Folly Structure Camping Hiking & Trails Biking Cross Country Skiing	Improve vegetation and trail management, including poison ivy and overgrown trail sections. Manage off leash dog conflicts and pet waste, maintain trail maps and wayfinding, and support hiking, biking, cross country skiing, and nature study.	Good	Open to all	N/A
Old Framingham Road Property	Vacant	N/A	Good	Open to all	N/A
Piper Farm	Camping Hiking & Trails Cross Country Skiing	N/A	Good	Open to all	LWCF

Property Name	Current Use	Recreational Potential	Condition	Public Access	Grant
Poor Farm (Meachen-Meggs Land)	Hiking & Trails Forested Area Agriculture Wetlands	N/A	Good	Open to all	N/A
Raymond Reservation	Wetlands Trails	N/A	Poor	Open to all	N/A
Tippling Rock Trail	Camping Hiking & Trails Scenic Overlook Glacial Features	Maintain trails, trailhead access and parking, improve wayfinding and seasonal access, and protect scenic, geological, and natural resources.	Good	Open to all	N/A
Waite Parcel	Forested Area	N/A	Good	Open to all	N/A
Wash Brook Parcel	Wash Brook Marsh Meadow Wooded Swamp	N/A	Good	Open to all	N/A

Public Properties Providing Conservation & Recreation Amenities

The public properties listed in Table 5-2 provide conservation or recreational amenities but are not managed by the Conservation Commission or Park and Recreation Commission. Properties protected by a CR are denoted with a single asterisk (*).

Table 5-2: Public Properties Providing Conservation & Recreation Amenities

Property Name	Owner	Current Use
Albee Conservation Area	Sudbury Valley Trustees	Wetlands
Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge	United States Department of the Interior	Wildlife Refuge Trail & Hiking Hunting Cross County Skiing
Bay Circuit Trail	Division of State Parks and Recreation/Department of Fish and Game	Multi-Use Trail
Boston Post Road Conservation Area	Sudbury Valley Trustees	Wooded Swamp
Bracket-Leland Conservation Area	Sudbury Valley Trustees	Wooded Swamp
Broadacres Farm	Town of Sudbury Select Board	Former Farm House Former Riding Arena and Stable
Bruce Freeman Rail Trail	MassDOT	Rail Trail
Brues Woods	Sudbury Valley Trustees	Trail & Hiking Wooded Swamp
Ephraim Curtis Middle School Fields	Town of Sudbury	Soccer Baseball Field Hockey Softball

Property Name	Owner	Current Use
Cail Farm	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands Adjacent to Davis Field
Cutler Farm Conservation Area	Sudbury Valley Trustees	Wooded Swamp
Cutler Gift	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
CSX Corridor	Town of Sudbury	Future Extension of BFRT
General John Nixon School	Town of Sudbury	Baseball Field Basketball Court Open Recreational Fields Soccer Goals in the Outfield
Gray Conservation Area	Sudbury Valley Trustees	Trail & Hiking Cross Country Skiing Glacial Feature Self-Guided Tour
Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge	United States Department of the Interior	Wildlife Refuge Forested Area Trail & Hiking Sudbury River
Haynes School	Town of Sudbury	Basketball Soccer Softball
Haynes Garrison Site	Town of Sudbury	Historic Landmark Trails connecting to adjacent King Phillip Woods Conservation Land

Property Name	Owner	Current Use
Heritage Park	Historical Commission	Dogwood Walk Cricket Pond Picnic Area Memorials and Benches
Israel Loring School Field and Playground	Town of Sudbury	Soccer Baseball Playground
Liberty Ledge	Town of Sudbury	Private Summer Camp Playing Fields (Soccer, Lacrosse, and Softball) Two Picnic Areas One Large Basketball Court One Small Basketball Court Pickleball Courts Tennis Court Garden Sandbox Fishing Pond Pavilion Golf Area Gaga Ball Court Beachfront

Property Name	Owner	Current Use
Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Athletic Fields	Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District	Football Field Hockey Fitness Center Baseball Basketball Lacrosse Rock Climbing Wall Ropes Course Soccer Tennis
Lyons Cutler Reservation	Sudbury Valley Trustees	Trail & Hiking
Mass Central Rail Trail	DCR - Division of State Parks and Recreation	Rail Trail
Marlborough-Sudbury State Forest	DCR - Division of State Parks and Recreation	Trail & Hiking
Melone Parcel	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Memorial Forest	Sudbury Valley Trustees	Trail & Hiking Cross Country Skiing Horseback Riding Globally Rare Desert Nature Area
Nobscot Scout Reservation*	Mayflower Council	Hiking Conservation Restriction Historical Site

Property Name	Owner	Current Use
Pantry Brook WMA	Department of Fish and Game	Wildlife Management Area Forested Area Trail & Hiking Hunting
Parcel Near Water Row	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Marsh Sudbury River
Peter Noyes School	Town of Sudbury	Baseball Fields Youth Sized Soccer Fields
Powers Road Conservation Area	Sudbury Valley Trustees	Wooded Swamp & Mixed Trees
Ridge Hill Conservation Area	Sudbury Valley Trustees	Wooded Swamp
Round Hill	Sudbury Valley Trustees	Trail & Hiking Cross Country Skiing Horseback Riding
Surrey Lane Property	Town of Sudbury	Swamp Hop Brook Trailhead
Unnamed Conservation Area on Allan Ave	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Area on Arborwood Road	Town of Sudbury	None
Unnamed Conservation Area on Birchwood Ave	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands

Property Name	Owner	Current Use
Unnamed Conservation Area on Bowditch Road	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands Boundary Brook Third Boundary Pond
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Boston Post Road	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Camperdown Lane	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Cedar Creek Road	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Area on Clifford Road	Town of Sudbury	None
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Concord Road	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Dutton Road	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Elderberry Circle	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Forest Street	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Great Lakes Drive	Town of Sudbury	None
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Hudson Road	Town of Sudbury	None
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Hunt Road	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands

Property Name	Owner	Current Use
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Lincoln Lane	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Area on Marlboro Road	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Area on Minebrook Road	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Moore Road	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Mossman Road	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Nelson Drive	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Old County Road	Town of Sudbury	None
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Old Sudbury Road	Town of Sudbury	None
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Powder Mill Road	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Powers Road	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Area on Raymond Road	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Areas on Richard Ave	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Area on Run Brook Circle	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands

Property Name	Owner	Current Use
Unnamed Conservation Area on Sexton Street	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Area on Snowberry Lane	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Area on Stockfarm Road	Town of Sudbury	None
Unnamed Conservation Area on Union Ave	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Area on Virginia Ridge Road	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Area on Walker Farm Road	Town of Sudbury	None
Unnamed Conservation Area on Water Row	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Area on Watt Street	Town of Sudbury	Wetlands
Unnamed Conservation Area on Willis Lake Drive	Town of Sudbury	None
Water District Land, multiple locations	Sudbury Water District	Water Protection Land
Wolbach Farm*	Sudbury Valley Trustees	All Persons Trail Storybook Trail Conservation Restriction SVT Headquarters

Protected Private Parcels

Private protected lands in Sudbury include private forested lands (Chapter 61 classified), agricultural lands (Chapter 61A classified), recreation lands (Chapter 61B classified), and private lands under a CR or an APR.

Table 5-3 Protected Private Parcels

Parcel ID	Property Address	Duration of Easement	Current Use
F10-0101	605 Concord Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
L06-0101	24 Tippling Rock Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
L06-0009	69 Nobscot Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
L05-0007	1 Nobscot Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
L05-0004	Nobscot Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
L05-0003	Boston Post Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
L05-0001	Nobscot Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
L05-0005	Nobscot Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
L05-0200	Nobscot Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
E06-0352	322 Maynard Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
E06-0353	328 Maynard Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
F06-0405	92 Fairbank Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
E07-0140	87 Cudworth Lane	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
E09-0802	34 Musket Lane	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
F08-0502	36 Willis Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
F08-0506	18 Wolbach Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
G08-0406	12 Maynard Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
M07-0014	30 Nobscot Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
K05-0108	0 Washington Drive	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
B09-0001	Nolan Circle	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
H11-0306	950 Sudbury Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
H11-0307	950 Sudbury Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
K08-0038	0 Station Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction

Parcel ID	Property Address	Duration of Easement	Current Use
K11-0053	30 Goodmans Hill Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
K11-0052	26 Goodmans Hill Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
K11-0004	68 Old County Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
K11-0051	132 Goodmans Hill Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
F11-0203	Lincoln Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
K06-0600	132 Boston Post Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
K09-0060	307 Boston Post Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
H09-0018	132 Concord Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
H09-0204	3 Antique Circle	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
H09-0016	233 Concord Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
H09-0206	239 Concord Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
K04-0601	Peakham Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
J11-0305	132 Wolbach Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
C10-0613	40 Tantamouse TRL	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
C10-0109	43 Skyview Lane	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
C10-0112	25 Skyview Lane	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
C10-0113	19 Skyview Lane	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
C10-0114	15 Skyview Lane	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
E06-0501	Maynard Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
E06-0550	22 Cutting Lane	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
E06-0549	24 Cutting Lane	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
E06-0541	14 Arboretum Way	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
E06-0542	18 Arboretum Way	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
E06-0543	24 Arboretum Way	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
E06-0544	26 Arboretum Way	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
E06-0545	34 Arboretum Way	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
E06-0546	40 Arboretum Way	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction

Parcel ID	Property Address	Duration of Easement	Current Use
G04-0030	Moore Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
G04-0009	54 Moore Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
E12-0102	941 Concord Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
L03-0356	47 Bigelow Drive	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
F05-0007	75 Harness Lane	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
F05-0719	94 Butler Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
F14-0027	0 Lincoln Lane	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
F14-0016	17 Lincoln Lane	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
F14-0028	0 Lincoln Lane	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
D10-0504	Pantry Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
F14-0010	41 Lincoln Lane	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
E08-0601	165 Marlboro Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
D11-0003	4 Cail Farm Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
D11-0004	Concord Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
K08-0020	35 Maple Ave 102	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
F11-0300	Lincoln Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
F11-0005	Lincoln Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction
C11-0400	0 North Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
E10-0201	652 Concord Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
E10-0200	667 Concord Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
J03-0004	181 Dutton Road	In Perpetuity	Conservation Restriction Chapter 61B Recreational Land
E09-0501	270 Marlboro Road	In Perpetuity	Agricultural Preservation Restriction
F07-0507	80 Goodnow Road	In Perpetuity	Agricultural Preservation Restriction
G07-0508	75 Goodnow Road	In Perpetuity	Agricultural Preservation Restriction

Parcel ID	Property Address	Duration of Easement	Current Use
K02-0310	94 Pride's Crossing	In Perpetuity	Agricultural Preservation Restriction
K02-0312	100 Pride's Crossing	In Perpetuity	Agricultural Preservation Restriction
H10-0200	135 Old Sudbury Road	In Perpetuity	Agricultural Preservation Restriction
K06-0602	554 Boston Post Road	In Perpetuity	Agricultural Preservation Restriction
E09-0501	0 Marlboro Road	In Perpetuity	Agricultural Preservation Restriction
E098-0600	304 Marlboro Road	In Perpetuity	Agricultural Preservation Restriction
E09-0600	304 Marlboro Road	In Perpetuity	Agricultural Preservation Restriction Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
F11-0004	284 Lincoln Road	In Perpetuity	Agricultural Preservation Restriction Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
D10-0500	Concord Road	In Perpetuity	Agricultural Preservation Restriction Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
D11-0500	101 North Road	In Perpetuity	Agricultural Preservation Restriction Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
E06-0500	Maynard Road	Term-Limited	Agricultural Preservation Restriction Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
L09-0002	Landham Road	In Perpetuity	Easement
F13-0016	Lincoln Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61 Forested Land
F14-0021	56 Lincoln Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61 Forested Land
F14-0022	Lincoln Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61 Forested Land
F14-0117	0 Lincoln Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61 Forested Land
F14-0118	0 Lincoln Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61 Forested Land
C10-0009	North Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
C10-0400	206 North Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
C10-0401	0 North Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
C10-0402	0 North Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
C12-0005	North Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
C12-0200	33-35 North Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land

Parcel ID	Property Address	Duration of Easement	Current Use
D09-0002	113 Haynes Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
D09-0300	Haynes Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
D12-0200	1011 Concord Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
E10-0700	Haynes Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
E12-0007	Concord Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
G10-0501	151 Plympton Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
G10-0504	Plympton Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
G11-0005	Plympton Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
G11-0300	Plympton Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
H10-0200	Water Row	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
H10-0203	135 Old Sudbury Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
J07-0006	Harveys Farm Lane	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
J07-0007	Codjer Lane	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
J07-0009	Codjer Lane	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
J07-0012	Codjer Lane	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
J07-0012-A	Codjer Lane	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
J07-0205	Codjer Lane	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
J07-0401	Codjer Lane	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
J08-0006	0 Codjer Lane	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
J08-0501	0 Codjer Lane	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
J08-0502	0 Codjer Lane	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
J08-0503	0 Codjer Lane	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
K06-0016	Boston Post Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
K06-0017	0 Boston Post Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
K06-0018	578 Boston Post Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
K07-0014	566 Boston Post Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
K07-0015	Boston Post Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land

Parcel ID	Property Address	Duration of Easement	Current Use
K08-0105	Codjer Lane	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
K08-0302	Confidence Way	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
K08-0303	Confidence Way	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
K08-0304	Concord Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
L07-0201	Nobscot Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
L07-0202	120 Nobscot Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61A Agricultural Land
B07-0300	145 Powder Mill Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61B Recreational Land
C07-0021	261 Mossman Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61B Recreational Land
D13-0300	Concord Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61B Recreational Land
G11-0500	10 New Bridge Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61B Recreational Land
H05-0029	60 Hemlock Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61B Recreational Land
H08-0008	248 Old Lancaster Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61B Recreational Land
J03-0005	0 Dutton Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61B Recreational Land
M09-0702	18 Hopestill Brown Road	Term-Limited	Chapter 61B Recreational Land

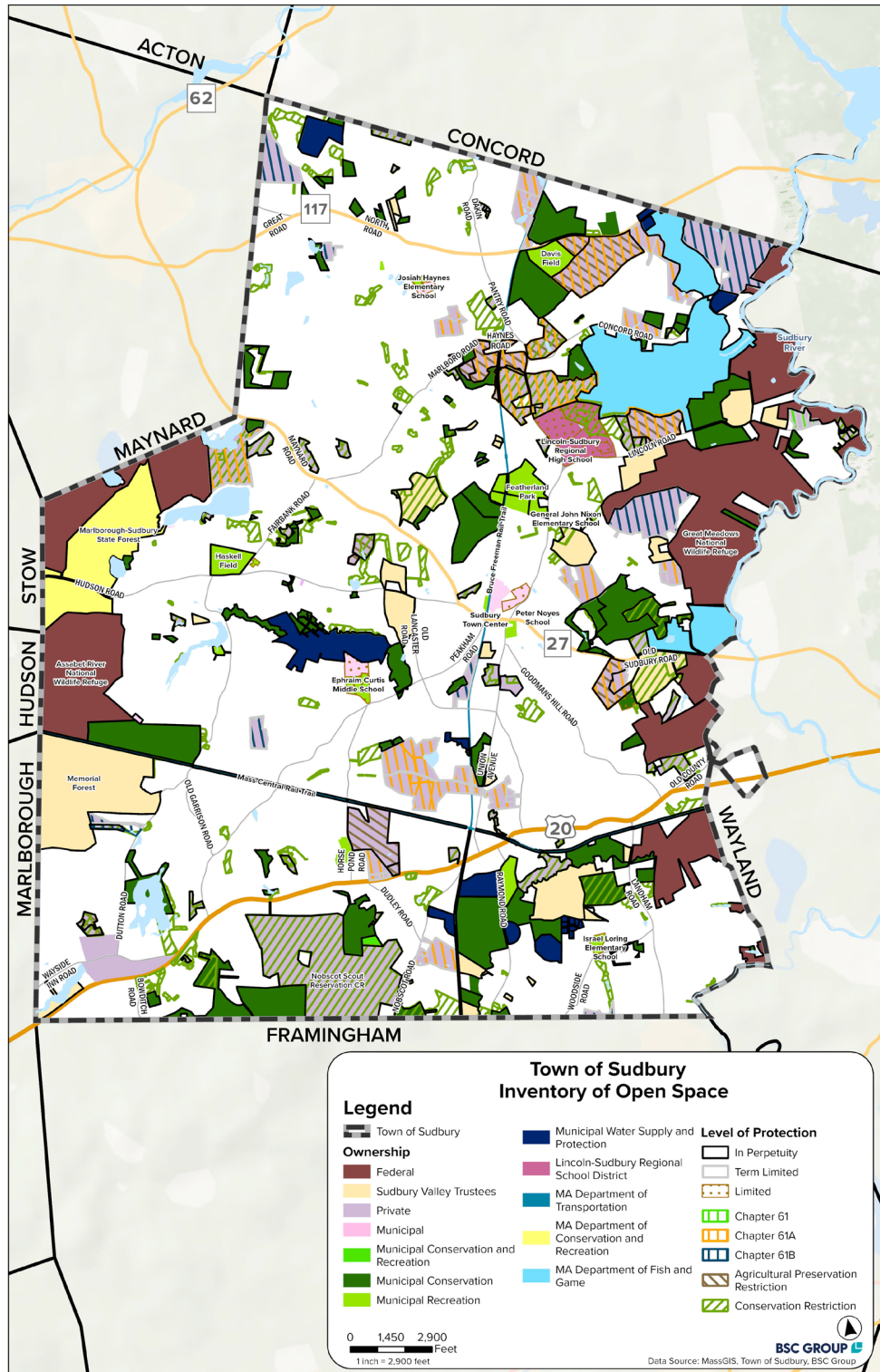


Figure 5-1. Inventory of Open Space Map (Draft)

B. Park & Open Space Equity

According to EOEEA, there are currently no designated EJ populations within the Town of Sudbury. However, park equity extends beyond EJ designation and includes ensuring residents of all ages, abilities, incomes, and household types have equitable access to parks, trails, conservation lands, and recreational opportunities. According to the U.S. Census ACS, approximately 1,030 Sudbury residents report having a disability, and nearly 45% of these individuals are age 65 or older. These demographics highlight the importance of providing accessible parks, trails, recreational facilities, programs, and services that support inclusive participation in recreation and community life.

The Trust for Public Land's ParkServe tool estimates that 68% of Sudbury residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park. Community survey responses, however, reflect a different picture, with approximately 25% of respondents reporting they can walk to a park or recreation facility within five minutes and just over 28% within ten minutes. This difference may reflect the distinction between modeled park accessibility and residents lived experiences. While ParkServe measures proximity using six equally weighted indicators: population density, density of low-income households, density of people of color, air pollution respiratory hazard, urban heat island exposure, and health indicators, the real life experience may vary. Using ParkServe, Accessible park service areas are modeled using GIS data and a half-mile walking network that accounts for barriers such as highways, rail lines, and rivers without pedestrian crossings. However, using a standardized walking network, survey responses suggest factors such as sidewalk availability, bicycle and pedestrian connections, roadway crossings, trail connectivity, and the location of desired recreational destinations influence how residents experience access to parks and open space. These findings indicate that while recreational opportunities are generally available throughout Sudbury, access may vary by neighborhood and the quality of transportation connections.

Sudbury has a median household income of approximately \$236,250 and an overall poverty rate of about 3%. Although poverty levels are relatively low, approximately 7% of residents age 65 and older were living below the poverty level in 2024. Maintaining free or low-cost recreational opportunities, parks, trails, and community spaces helps ensure residents of all incomes, particularly older adults living on fixed incomes, can continue to benefit from outdoor recreation and community amenities. Although Sudbury generally experiences favorable public health outcomes compared to statewide averages, supported in part by high educational attainment and access to health care, health indicators such as diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, and asthma remain important considerations when evaluating community needs. Asthma prevalence, for example, is slightly higher than the statewide average (9% compared to 8%), while rates of heart disease, hypertension, and diabetes are lower than state averages. Continued investment in accessible parks, trails, conservation lands, sidewalks, bicycle connections, and recreational programming can help support physical activity, improve mental well-being, encourage active transportation, and promote healthy lifestyles for residents of all ages and abilities.

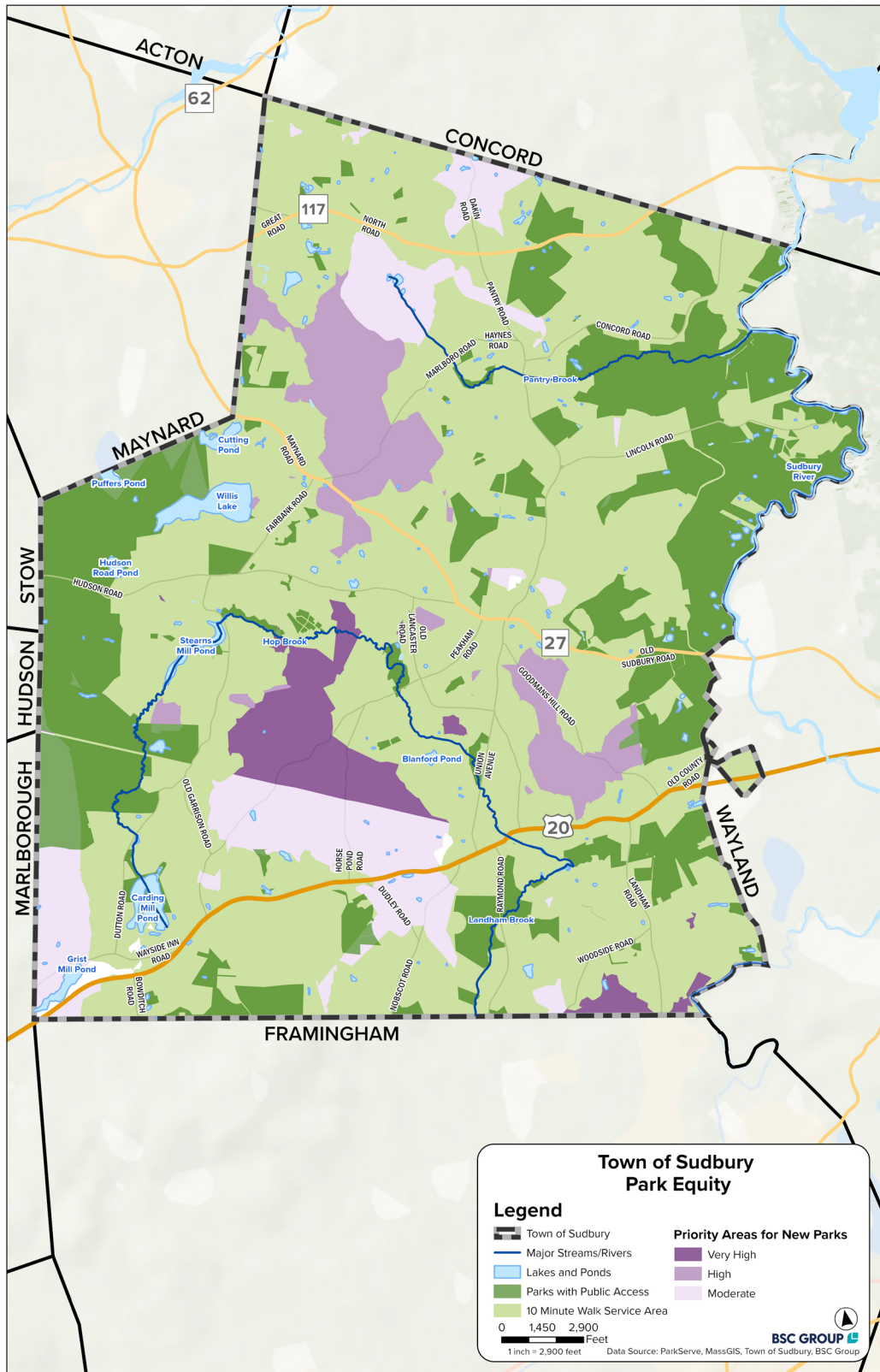


Figure 5-2. Park Equity Map (Draft)



The analysis of needs was informed by community input gathered through the community survey, open house, Mad Libs activity, and public comment session. A summary of the community survey results and other engagement findings is provided in Appendix C: Public Engagement Results.

Public engagement efforts conducted as part of this OSRP consistently demonstrated strong community support for protecting Sudbury's natural resources, which residents identified as central to the town's identity, ecological health, and rural character. Community feedback emphasized conserving forests, wetlands, waterways, agricultural lands, and wildlife habitat while maintaining opportunities for passive recreation, environmental education, and stewardship.

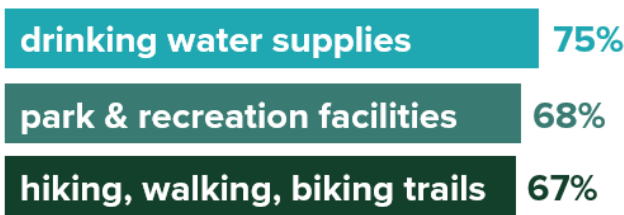
Sudbury's extensive network of protected open spaces, agricultural lands, and conservation areas provides a strong foundation for natural resource protection. CPA funding has supported the acquisition, protection, and maintenance of significant open space and recreation resources, including Broadacres Farm, helping preserve the town's natural landscapes, recreational opportunities, and rural character. Community feedback also emphasized the importance of protecting additional priority open spaces and maintaining connectivity among conservation lands to support wildlife habitat and ecological resilience.

The Nature Conservancy's Resilient and Connected Lands mapping identifies Sudbury's forests, wetlands, floodplains, and conservation lands as some of the region's most resilient landscapes, including the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, Sudbury River corridor, Nobscot Conservation Area, Marlborough-Sudbury State Forest, and Carding Mill Pond conservation lands. These connected landscapes support habitat connectivity, species movement, flood storage, and long-term climate adaptation while helping identify priorities for future land conservation and acquisition.

Protecting water resources emerged as a significant priority among community survey respondents. Sudbury's extensive wetlands, rivers, streams, ponds, aquifer recharge areas, and wellhead protection areas provide critical ecosystem services, including drinking water protection, groundwater recharge, flood attenuation, water filtration, and wildlife habitat. Community feedback highlighted the importance of improving water quality, restoring wetlands, protecting native vegetation, and enhancing stewardship of water resources, particularly at Willis Lake. Continued protection of the Sudbury River, its tributaries, aquifer recharge areas, and associated wetlands will be essential to maintaining the health of the SuAsCo Watershed and the town's drinking water supply.



The **top three** priorities are:



Preserving and protecting natural areas and outdoor spaces in Sudbury is very important.

Community Survey Results, Credit: BSC Group

Agricultural preservation remains another important component of Sudbury's natural resource strategy. Working farms, Chapter 61A lands, APRs, and CSA operations contribute to the town's rural character, local food production, and open landscapes. Continued protection of these lands will help maintain Sudbury's agricultural heritage.

Community survey respondents also emphasized the importance of ongoing stewardship of conservation lands through habitat restoration, invasive species management, vegetation management, environmental education, and interpretive signage. Overall, community feedback supports the actions of continued investment in land conservation, habitat connectivity, water resource protection, agricultural preservation, ecological restoration, and environmental stewardship to preserve Sudbury's natural resources, biodiversity, scenic landscapes, and rural character for future generations.

B. Summary of Community's Outdoor Recreation Needs

Recreation & Special Needs

As discussed in Section 3: Community Context, Sudbury's age structure highlights the importance of maintaining a diverse system of parks and open spaces that accommodates youth recreation, family-oriented activities, and accessible opportunities for older residents.

Older adults aged 65 and over represent about 16% of Sudbury's population, a segment that is expected to grow over time. This group often benefits from recreational opportunities that support health, wellness, and social engagement, including accessible walking paths, nature areas, passive recreation spaces, and well-designed seating and gathering areas. Community survey responses from older adults identified nature trails and outdoor swimming as the greatest unmet needs, while expanding the bicycle and pedestrian network, providing safer and wider sidewalks, and linking open spaces and trails were identified as the highest priorities for improvement. Older adults also expressed interest in expanded year-round recreation opportunities and improved comfort amenities, including benches, shade, and accessible walking routes.

According to the 2024 U.S. Census ACS, approximately 1,030 Sudbury residents report having a disability. Reflecting these needs, improving accessibility to parks, trails, conservation areas, and recreational facilities emerged as an important priority in the community survey. Survey responses from households that included a person with a disability identified outdoor swimming and splash pads as the greatest unmet recreation needs, while safer sidewalks and new restroom facilities emerged as the highest priorities for improving existing parks and recreation facilities.

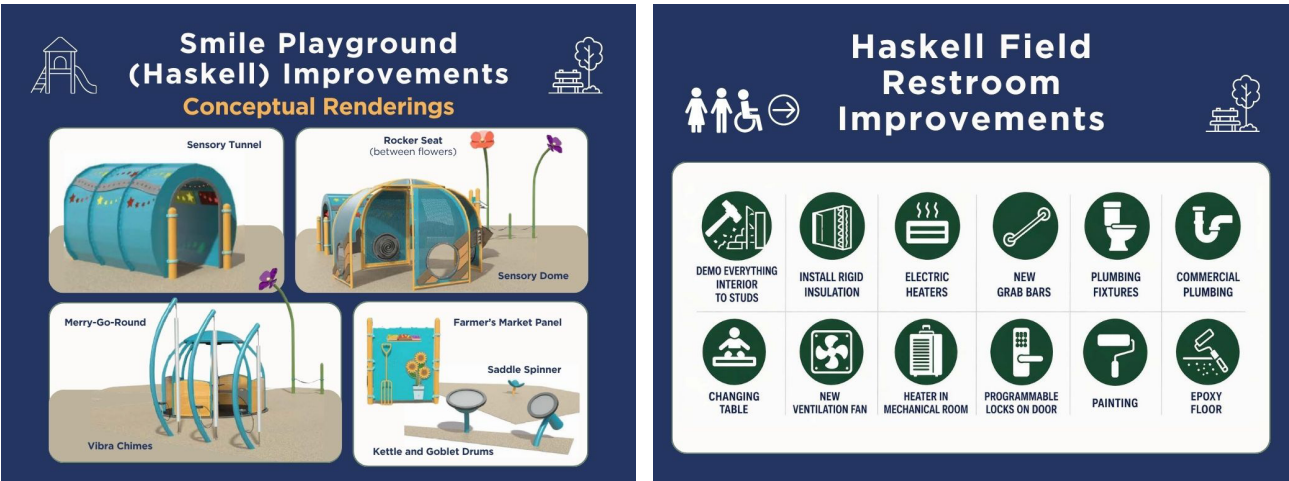
In 2022, the Town completed the redevelopment of the ADA compliant Fairbank Community Center adjacent to Haskell Field, creating a modern facility with a gymnasium, multipurpose recreation spaces, and a Senior Center. The center serves as a major hub for indoor recreation, community programming, athletic activities, and public gatherings. In 2026, the Town updated the priority rankings for parks identified in its ADA Transition Plan, including Broadacres Farm, Liberty Ledge, Davis Field, Featherland Park, Feeley Field, Grinnell Park, Haskell Field, Heritage Park, Horse Pond Road Playground (behind State Crime Lab), and Willis Lake Access. The Sudbury Park and Recreation Department also offers inclusive and adaptive programs that provide recreational and athletic opportunities for individuals with disabilities and physical limitations. Survey respondents specifically identified opportunities to improve accessibility to trails and conservation areas through ADA compliant design, including accessible trail surfaces, improved trailheads, seating, wayfinding, and better connections from sidewalks and parking areas. Open house participants similarly identified improving accessibility for people with physical challenges as a priority, reinforcing the need for continued investment in universally accessible parks, trails, and recreational facilities.

Teen programs received the highest dissatisfaction rate (22%) in the community survey, indicating an opportunity to expand recreation opportunities for older youth. Survey respondents identified a need for additional teen programming, expanded indoor recreation and basketball opportunities, greater access to gymnasiums and open court hours, and additional recreational opportunities that better serve middle and high school students. Write-in responses also emphasized improving youth access to the Fairbank Community Center and expanding affordable recreation opportunities for teens. Town staff identified transportation access to the Fairbank Community Center as a significant barrier to participation in programs offered at the facility.

Community survey feedback reported higher satisfaction with recreation opportunities for children than for other age groups but identified several improvements to better support families. Households with children identified splash pads, multiuse athletic fields, and outdoor swimming as the greatest unmet recreation needs, while new restroom facilities, safer sidewalks, and upgraded sports courts and fields were identified as the highest priorities for improving existing parks and recreation facilities. Many of these needs can be addressed through targeted improvements to existing parks, playgrounds, trails, and recreation facilities.

Haskell Playground emerged as a key priority site through the community survey and open house. Participants recommended restoring toddler play equipment, mature shade trees, restroom facilities, improved accessibility, and safer walking and bicycling connections. Respondents also emphasized the playground's importance as a community gathering place for young families.

Several related initiatives are already underway. CPA-funded improvements to the SMILE Playground and Haskell Field include new inclusive playground equipment, sensory and interactive play features, ADA accessibility improvements, and renovations to heavily used public restrooms. These investments will create more accessible and welcoming recreational spaces for children and families of all ages and abilities.



Smile Playground Improvements & Conceptual Renderings, Credit: Town of Sudbury

Community feedback from the survey expressed interest in expanding existing athletic facilities, including additional basketball courts, pickleball courts, and multiuse athletic fields, while also providing new recreational amenities such as a disc golf course, bicycle pump track, and skate park. Open house participants also expressed interest in a cricket field.

Place based feedback reinforced these findings by identifying opportunities to improve accessibility and connectivity along the town's rail trails and conservation areas and strengthening the overall trail and open space network. Recent completion of the BFRT and MCRT segments has expanded opportunities for walking and bicycling within Sudbury and to neighboring communities.

The 4.4-mile Sudbury segment of the BFRT is open to the public, extending from the Concord-Sudbury town line to the Diamond Junction near Union Avenue, where it intersects with the east-west MCRT. The BFRT Phase 3 extension is in design and would add approximately 1.5 miles from the Diamond Junction to Eaton Road West in Framingham. The project is included in the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for federal fiscal years 2029 and 2030. When complete, the BFRT will extend approximately 25 miles between Lowell and Framingham.

The BFRT provides access to Town-owned conservation and recreation lands, including Broadacres Farm, Davis Farm, and Frost Farm. A connection at Haynes Road also provides access to Barton Farms, while traveling toward the Town Center provides access to other Town-owned open space and recreation areas, including Parkinson Field.

The MCRT extends west from east of Landham Road through Sudbury to Stow and Hudson, where it connects with the Assabet River Rail Trail. The next MCRT phase, which would extend east across the Sudbury River to Wayland Center, is in design, with construction anticipated to begin in 2028.

Respondents also identified Liberty Ledge as an opportunity to expand community access and programming, with many expressing interest in greater public use of the property through seasonal recreation, community events, and expanded year-round access where appropriate. Additional feedback emphasized enhancing existing parks, trails, and conservation areas through expanded amenities, educational trails, interpretive signage, and information about local natural resources. Overall, community feedback consistently emphasized enhancing and better connecting Sudbury's existing parks, trails, and conservation areas while preserving the town's natural resources and rural character through improved accessibility, bicycle and pedestrian connections, wayfinding, environmental stewardship, and thoughtful stewardship of existing recreational assets.

The **top three** priorities for open space and recreational spending include:



The **top four** priorities for improvements to existing park and recreation facilities include:



Community Survey Results, Credit: BSC Group

In addition to identifying specific recreation needs, survey respondents were asked to describe in one word how they hoped Sudbury's parks and open spaces would evolve over the next ten years. Common themes reflected a desire for a recreation system that is more accessible, connected, inclusive, maintained, modern, and inviting. Respondents also envisioned parks and open spaces that are safer, cleaner, more sustainable, family-friendly, and well maintained while continuing to protect Sudbury's natural resources. These themes reinforce the community's desire to enhance existing parks and recreation facilities while preserving the town's rural character.



Word Cloud Survey Response, Credit: BSC Group

Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Alignment

It is important for the Town to consider the priorities identified in the Massachusetts Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) when developing future projects and pursuing funding opportunities. Demonstrating consistency with statewide recreation priorities can improve competitiveness for grant programs while confirming that many of Sudbury's identified recreation and conservation needs are shared across the Commonwealth.

Sudbury's community priorities align closely with the 2023 SCORP, including expanding trail connectivity, improving accessibility and access to outdoor recreation, enhancing water based recreation opportunities, investing in neighborhood parks, stewarding conservation lands, and improving public awareness of existing recreation resources. Table 6-1 summarizes how several of the Town's priority initiatives support the goals of the 2023 SCORP.

Table 6-1. Alignment of Town Priorities with the 2023 Massachusetts SCORP

2023 SCORP	Town Priorities
Goal 1. Improve Access to Water-based Recreation Facilities	▪ Improve access to water based recreation facilities including Willis Lake. ▪ Evaluate opportunities to expand public swimming opportunities.
Goal 2. Support Trail Projects	▪ Expand and improve bicycle, pedestrian, and trail connections between neighborhoods, schools, parks, conservation lands, community facilities, and regional trails. ▪ Continue coordinating with regional partners to improve connections between the Mass Central Rail Trail, Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, and Sudbury's local trail network.
Goal 3. Create and Renovate Neighborhood Parks	▪ Complete planned improvements to the SMILE Playground, Haskell Field, and other neighborhood parks. ▪ Continue implementing ADA accessibility improvements identified in the Town's ADA Transition Plan for Parks.
4. Create Opportunities to Enjoy Protected Natural Areas	▪ Improve public access to conservation lands through trail improvements, accessible trailheads, wayfinding, interpretive signage, and environmental education where appropriate.

2023 SCORP	Town Priorities
	Continue invasive species management, habitat restoration, and ecological stewardship on conservation lands to protect biodiversity and enhance visitor experiences.

C. Management Needs

In addition to capital improvements, community feedback highlighted the importance of continued management and stewardship of Sudbury's parks, trails, and conservation areas. Respondents emphasized the need for regular maintenance of recreational facilities, trails, and park amenities, including athletic fields, playground equipment, benches, restrooms, shade trees, drinking fountains, and other visitor amenities. Vegetation management was also identified as a priority, with respondents expressing concerns about ticks, poison ivy, invasive species, and overgrown vegetation that can limit access to and enjoyment of open spaces.

The 2025 Town-Wide Athletic Field Evaluation and Needs Assessment Study reinforces the importance of field capacity as a management consideration. The assessment estimated approximately 10,689 scheduled team events annually and found 15 of 33 recreation and athletic areas exceeded the study's suggested capacity of 200-250 team uses per year, with three additional areas approaching capacity. The fields that currently experience the most use are those at Featherland Park, the synthetic turf fields at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, Frank Feely Field, and Haskell Field.



Haskell Field, Credit: BSC Group

According to the Field Assessment, a well maintained, irrigated, and properly rested natural turf field can typically sustain between 200 and 250 team uses annually. Heavily used fields generally require a 30- to 45-day rest period during an active growing season to support turf and root zone recovery. Maintaining sufficient usable field capacity helps distribute play, provide time for turf recovery, and allow maintenance practices such as aeration, topdressing, and overseeding to address compaction and restore grass coverage. Field capacity is therefore both a recreation access and long term asset management consideration.

The Field Assessment found Sudbury's principal constraint is not necessarily the amount of land available for athletic use, but the number of fields currently game ready. Stakeholders identified a shortage of adequate and usable baseball diamonds, drainage limitations at Frank Feeley Field, and opportunities to improve existing or underused field space at Broadacres Farm, Davis Field, and Parkinson Field. The assessment also identified poor conditions or limited usability at several school properties, indicating a need for continued coordination between the Town and Sudbury Public Schools regarding field rehabilitation, scheduling, and maintenance.

The Field Assessment identified lighting, additional game ready baseball capacity, improvements of underutilized fields, drainage improvements at Frank Feeley Field, parking and circulation improvements, and continued field maintenance as priority needs to help address scheduling constraints and meet existing demand.



Davis Field, Credit: Town of Sudbury



Frank Feeley Field, Credit: Town of Sudbury

Management needs to extend beyond active recreation properties. Community survey respondents also emphasized the importance of balancing recreation with natural resource protection through ongoing habitat restoration, wetland management, water quality monitoring and improvements, invasive species management, and environmental stewardship. Place based feedback identified opportunities to improve access, water quality, restore native vegetation, manage invasive species, reduce litter, and enhance the long-term stewardship of ponds and conservation areas, including locations such as Willis Lake.

Improving communication and awareness of existing recreation opportunities also emerged as a management priority. The community survey found a lack of awareness of available recreation programs and opportunities (39%) was the most common reason respondents did not participate in recreation programs or visit conservation areas, followed by lack of time (31%). Respondents identified opportunities to expand trail maps, wayfinding, interpretive signage, educational trails, and outreach to improve awareness of parks, conservation areas, trail connections, and recreational programs. Educational information about local natural resources, wildlife, ecological stewardship, and responsible trail use was also identified to encourage appreciation and long-term stewardship of Sudbury's open spaces.

Continued collaboration among Town departments, boards and committees, partner organizations, volunteers, and community members will be important for implementing these management priorities. Coordinated stewardship, maintenance, environmental education, and community engagement can help protect Sudbury's natural resources while ensuring parks and recreation facilities remain safe, accessible, welcoming, and well maintained for residents of all ages and abilities.



Heritage Park, Credit: BSC Group

07 Ten-Year Action Plan

The Ten-Year Action Plan provides a framework for implementing the goals and recommendations of this OSRP over the coming decade. It serves as a roadmap for protecting and enhancing Sudbury's natural, cultural, and recreational resources while remaining flexible to respond to evolving community needs, funding opportunities, and emerging priorities. These actions will help keep Sudbury's natural, historic, and recreational resources protected, connected, and resilient.

Responsible Parties

Specific parties have been identified for each action step, but it is important for all Town departments, boards, commissions, and committees to work cooperatively and with good communication to best implement these OSRP goals as well as any other Town initiatives.

Acronyms for Responsible Parties

- Agricultural Commission (AC)
- Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC)
- Commission on Disability (COD)
- Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
- Conservation Commission (CC)
- Conservation Office (CO)
- Council on Aging (COA)
- Department of Public Works (DPW)
- Health Department (HD)
- Historical Commission (HC)

- Information Systems (IS)
- Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School (LSRHS)
- Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Committee (LSRHSC)
- Park and Recreation Commission (PRC)
- Planning & Community Development Department (PCD)
- Planning Board (PB)
- Rail Trails Advisory Committee (RTAC)
- Select Board (SB)
- Sudbury Police Department (PD)
- Sudbury Public Schools (SPS)
- Sudbury Water District (SWD)
- Sustainability Coordinator (SC)
- Town Manager (TM)
- Transportation Committee (TC)
- Tree Warden (TW)

Potential Funding, Financing, and Technical Assistance Sources

In addition to the Town's General Fund, potential funding sources identified in the Action Plan include grant programs, local funding mechanisms, financing programs, partnership opportunities, and technical assistance resources that may support implementation of Sudbury's open space and recreation goals. These sources are potential resources only and do not represent committed funding. The Town's Capital Improvement Plan may support larger capital projects. The Town Operating Budget supports annual municipal appropriations for ongoing programs, maintenance, planning, and smaller improvements. Staff Time and Volunteer Time refer to the effort contributed by municipal staff, boards and committees, partner organizations, and community volunteers to advance an action.

- **Community Preservation Act (CPA)**
- **Environmental & Climate One Stop (ECO One Stop)** EEA Dam & Seawall Repair or Removal Program, EEA Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant, EEA Cooling Corridors Program, EEA Planning Assistance Grant, DER Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Program
- **MA Community One Stop for Growth (One Stop)** MassWorks Infrastructure Program
- **MA Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR)** Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Program
- **MA Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR)** MassTrails Grant Program, Urban

and Community Forestry Challenge Grant Program, Community Forest Program (administered in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service)

- **MA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)** 604(b) Water Quality Management Planning Grant Program, Section 319 Nonpoint Source Competitive Grant Program, Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program (financing)
- **MA Department of Fish and Game (DF&G)** MA Community Biodiversity Grant Program
- **MA Department of Transportation (MassDOT)** Chapter 90 Program (formula funding), Complete Streets Funding Program, Shared Streets and Spaces Grant Program, Transportation Improvement Program (regional programming)
- **MA Division of Conservation Services (DCS)** Conservation Partnership Grant Program, Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Grant Program, MA Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Program, Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant Program, Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant Program, Landscape Partnership Grant Program, Land Conservation Assistance Grant Program, Land Acquisition for Forest Reserves Grant Program
- **MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife)** Habitat Management Grant Program
- **MA Office on Disability (MOD)** Municipal ADA Improvement Grant
- **MA Office of Outdoor Recreation (MOOR)** Inclusive and Accessible Events Grants Program
- **Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)** District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program and Technical Assistance Program
- **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)** Northeast Forests and Rivers Fund
- **Sudbury Foundation (SF)**
- **Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT)**
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)** Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- **U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT)** Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)
- **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)** Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

Priority Level

The priority level identifies the relative implementation priority of each action based on community needs, natural resource protection priorities, public input, regulatory requirements, available funding opportunities, and coordination with ongoing Town initiatives. Priority levels are intended to guide implementation rather than establish a rigid sequence, as project timing will depend on funding availability, partnerships, permitting requirements, and other implementation considerations. All actions identified in the Action Plan are important to achieving the goals of this OSRP.

Table 7-1: Level of Priority

Priority	Description
P1	Actions that address immediate needs, regulatory requirements, public safety, resource protection, or projects with strong community support or near-term funding opportunities.
P2	Important actions that build on P1 initiatives or require additional planning, partnerships, or funding before implementation.
P3	Long-term or opportunity-driven actions that remain important but are anticipated to occur later in the planning period or as resources become available.

Ten-Year Action Plan

The Town of Sudbury recognizes many projects require multiple years to plan, fund, permit, and implement. Many actions identified under each goal begin with planning, design, or partnership development, followed by a period of securing funding before implementation. As a result, actions are shown over multiple years where appropriate, and implementation may be adjusted as funding, partnerships, regulatory requirements, and community priorities evolve.

Table 7-2: Ten-Year Action Plan

Actions	Priority	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source	Timeframe (Years)									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Goal 1: Preserve Sudbury's rural character, and natural, scenic, historic, and cultural resources.													
Protect working farms, agricultural lands, and areas containing Prime Farmland Soils and Farmland Soils of Statewide Importance through conservation, Agricultural Preservation Restrictions, CPA funded acquisition where appropriate, and other voluntary land protection tools.	P1	AC CPC PCD CC SB	CPA MDAR SVT USDA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Support the long-term viability of agriculture by encouraging continued enrollment in Chapter 61A and other farmland preservation programs, and develop an evaluation system to prioritize Chapter 61 and Chapter 61A lands for acquisition.	P2	AC PB SB PCD	MDAR Staff Time	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Work with the Agricultural Commission, local farmers, and landowners to promote agriculture, agricultural education, and local food production by supporting farmers markets, farm stands, and community-supported agriculture.	P2	AC PCD SC	Staff Time MDAR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Preserve historic farm properties, historic landscapes, archeological areas, and scenic public viewpoints open fields, and agricultural landscapes that contribute to Sudbury's rural identity.	P3	AC CPC CC CO PB HC	CPA DCS MDAR SVT USDA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Actions	Priority	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source	Timeframe (Years)									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Encourage land use, zoning, and infrastructure planning that directs future development away from environmentally sensitive lands and supports preservation of rural character.	P2	CC CO DPW PCD PB	MAPC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Continue collaborating with neighboring communities, land trusts, and state and federal agencies to permanently protect and connect forests, wetlands, meadows, agricultural lands, riparian areas, and other open spaces to improve habitat connectivity.	P2	CC CO PCD PB AC TM	DCS MassWildlife MAPC SVT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Create and update a GIS database dedicated to agriculture, including layers for Prime Soils, Prime Forests, all existing farms, existing Agricultural Preservation Restrictions, and backyard farms.	P1	PCD IS AC	MAPC Staff Time	X	X	X							
Work with the agricultural community to share information on farm programs, regulations, and best practices, including how to minimize impacts from emerging threats including climate change, development pressures, and invasive species such as the Spotted Lanternfly and Japanese hops.	P1	AC CO PCD SC	MAPC Staff Time	X	X	X							
Promote policies and programs that help existing farms remain economically viable.	P3	AC PCD	Staff Time	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Actions	Priority	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source	Timeframe (Years)									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Work with Wayside Inn Foundation to permanently protect Wayside Inn property through a Conservation Restriction.	P1	CC CO HC	CPA DCS Staff Time	X	X	X							
Goal 2: Protect and restore wildlife habitat and ecologically significant lands.													
Continue protecting forests, wetlands, floodplains, wildlife habitat, and other significant natural resources through land conservation and stewardship.	P2	CPC CC CO	CPA DCR DCS MassWildlife NFWF SVT FWS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Continue invasive species management, habitat restoration, and public education, with particular attention to the BFRT, Hop Brook Mill Ponds, and the SuAsCo Watershed.	P2	CPC CC CO DPW RTAC	CPA MassWildlife NFWF FWS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Actions	Priority	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source	Timeframe (Years)									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Prioritize protection of resilient and connected lands that strengthen habitat connectivity, biodiversity, species movement, and long-term ecological adaptation, such as BioMap Core Habitat, through strategic land management plans.	P2	CPC CC CO	CPA DCR DCS DF&G MassWildlife NFWF SVT FWS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Restore native vegetation, wetlands, and other degraded habitats on conservation lands where appropriate.	P2	CPC CC CO	CPA DCS MassWildlife NFWF FWS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Expand environmental education and interpretive information related to wildlife, habitat, invasive species, and responsible use of conservation lands.	P2	CC CO SPS	Staff Time DF&G MassWildlife MOOR	X	X	X							
Continue to create pollinator gardens to improve biodiversity.	P3	CPC CC CO PRC DPW SC	CPA DF&G	X	X	X	X	X					

Actions	Priority	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source	Timeframe (Years)									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Increase public awareness of environmental and public health impacts of pesticides and rodenticides, and promote integrated pest management alternatives.	P2	CC CO HD	Staff Time	X	X	X							
Prioritize habitat connectivity and wildlife movement during infrastructure construction or improvements, such as roads, dams, and trails, including wildlife crossings and dam removal where appropriate.	P2	CIAC CC CO DPW	ECO One Stop DF&G MassWildlife NFWF Staff Time	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Balance public access and recreation in natural areas with the protection of sensitive habitats through evaluation of trails and other recreation uses.	P2	CC CO PRC	MassWildlife Staff Time	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Support aquatic biodiversity by implementing turtle road crossing protection measures, beaver management, safe passage for vernal pool species, and encouraging vernal pool certification.	P2	CC CO DPW	ECO One Stop DF&G MassWildlife NFWF	X	X	X	X	X					

Actions	Priority	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source	Timeframe (Years)									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Goal 3: Protect and improve water resources and water quality.													
Protect rivers, streams, ponds, wetlands, aquifer recharge areas, and wellhead protection areas through land acquisition and conservation.	P2	CPC CC CO SWD	CPA DEP DCS MassWildlife NFWF SVT FWS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Improve water quality through wetland restoration, native vegetation management, water quality monitoring, invasive species management, and watershed stewardship.	P2	CPC CC CO	CPA DEP DCS MassWildlife NFWF FWS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Continue stewardship and water quality improvements at Willis Lake, Hop Brook, Mill Ponds, and SuAsCo Watershed, collaborating with partner groups.	P1	CPC CC HD CO	CPA DEP DCS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Support regional watershed management, low-impact development, nature-based stormwater management, water conservation, and incentive programs that reduce impervious surfaces, promote infiltration where appropriate, reduce flood risk, and improve water quality.	P2	CC CO SWD PCD DPW	DEP DCS NFWF FWS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Actions	Priority	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source	Timeframe (Years)									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Continue collaborating with the City of Marlborough to support reductions in nutrient loading from the Marlborough Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant and to evaluate removal or reconstruction of the Hager Pond Dam.	P2	SB CC CO DPW HD TM	ECO One Stop DEP DCS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Establish a rain barrel program and promote public education of water saving techniques and responsible lawn care, fertilizer and pesticide use, and deicing practices to reduce pollutants and nutrient imbalances.	P2	CO HD SWD SPS	Staff Time	X	X	X							
Protect water resources from impacts associated with development, considering project location and stormwater management.	P2	PB PCD CC CO	Staff Time	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Appoint a Town representative and alternate to the SuAsCo River Stewardship Council to represent Sudbury's interests, support coordination of the River Conservation Plan, share information on Town activities affecting the rivers, and participate in regional river protection, stewardship, and public engagement efforts.	P1	SB CC CO	Volunteer & Staff Time	X			X			X			X

Actions	Priority	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source	Timeframe (Years)									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Support completion and implementation of the Hop Brook Watershed Based Plan and its priority remediation actions.	P1	CPC CC CO DPW HD PCD	CPA ECO One Stop DEP MAPC	X	X	X	X	X					
Goal 4: Provide diverse, accessible recreation opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.													
Improve access to water-based recreation facilities, including Willis Lake.	P1	CIAC CPC COD PRC	CPA MOD	X	X	X	X						
Evaluate opportunities to expand public swimming.	P2	CPC COD PRC PCD	CPA	X	X								
Complete planned improvements to the SMILE Playground, Haskell Field, Davis Field, Broadacres Farm, Featherland Park, and other neighborhood parks.	P1	CIAC CPC COD DPW PRC	DCS MOD CPA	X	X	X							

Actions	Priority	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source	Timeframe (Years)									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Continue implementing ADA accessibility improvements identified through the Town's ADA Transition Plan for Parks.	P1	CIAC CPC COD COA DPW PRC	CPA MOD DCS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Develop ADA compliant trail connections from MCRT to Duck Pond in Hop Brook Conservation Land and to Memorial Forest/Natural Desert Area. Also develop an ADA compliant parking area at Dutton Road access to MCRT.	P2	CO CC RTAC DPW COD PRC	DCR CPA MassDOT MOD	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Expand recreation opportunities for teens, including indoor recreation, basketball, gym access, open court hours, affordable programming, and transportation connections that improve access to recreational facilities and programs, including the Fairbank Community Center.	P2	CPC LSRHS LSRHSC PRC TC	CPA MAPC U.S. DOT Staff Time	X	X	X	X	X					
Evaluate opportunities and potential locations for additional recreation amenities identified through public engagement, including splash pads, pickleball courts, basketball courts, multiuse fields, a disc golf course, bicycle pump track, skate park, and cricket field.	P2	CIAC CPC PRC PCD DPW	CPA DCS MAPC Staff Time	X	X	X							

Actions	Priority	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source	Timeframe (Years)									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Improve seating, shade, restrooms, accessible walking routes, and other comfort amenities at parks and recreation facilities.	P2	CIAC CPC COD COA PRC DPW	CPA MOD	X	X	X							
Evaluate opportunities to expand community access and programming at Liberty Ledge, including seasonal recreation, community events, and year-round access where appropriate.	P2	TM PRC COD	MAPC MOOR Staff Time	X	X	X							
Evaluate opportunities to improve existing and underused fields to expand game ready athletic field capacity, including 60/70-foot baseball and multipurpose field capacity, at locations such as Broadacres Farm, Davis Field, and Parkinson Field.	P1	PRC DPW PCD CPC	Staff Time CPA DCS MAPC	X	X	X							
Evaluate athletic lighting at existing recreation properties where it may extend usable hours, subject to site conditions, neighborhood impacts, environmental considerations, permitting requirements, operating costs, and public input.	P2	PRC DPW PCD CPC CO SPS	Staff Time CPA DCS	X	X	X	X	X					
Evaluate parking, pedestrian circulation, and accessible connections at athletic fields as part of future field improvement and rehabilitation projects.	P2	PRC DPW COD CPC	CPA DCS MOD	X	X	X	X	X					

Actions	Priority	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source	Timeframe (Years)									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Goal 5: Expand connected walking, bicycling, and trail networks throughout the community.													
Update Town’s Trail Linkage Plan to identify opportunities to improve bicycle, pedestrian, and trail connections between neighborhoods, schools, parks, conservation lands, community facilities, and regional trails, including opportunities to reroute segments of the Bay Circuit Trail from town roads to improve safety and the user experience.	P2	CO RTAC PCD COD DPW PRC PB CC	CPA DCR MAPC MOD	X	X	X							
Implement the Town Walkway Prioritization Plan, prioritizing connectivity and ADA accessibility.	P1	CIAC COD DPW PCD PB	One Stop MassDOT MOD U.S. DOT	X	X	X	X	X					
Continue coordinating with regional partners to advance MCRT connections to Wayland, and BFRT connections to Framingham, and connections between these regional rail trails and Sudbury’s local trail network.	P2	RTAC PCD CPC TM	DCR CPA MassDOT MAPC	X	X	X	X	X					
Improve trail maps, wayfinding, route information, and public awareness of walking, bicycling, and trail connections.	P2	CO RTAC PCD	DCR Staff Time	X	X	X							

Actions	Priority	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source	Timeframe (Years)									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Expand and maintain a safe, all-season active transportation network connecting neighborhoods, schools, community destinations, and recreational paths.	P2	CIAC CPC COD DPW PCD PB RTAC	CPA One Stop DCR MassDOT MOD U.S. DOT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Goal 6: Steward and maintain parks, trails, conservation areas, and recreational facilities for the long term.													
Improve public access to conservation lands through trail improvements, accessible trailheads, wayfinding, interpretive signage, and environmental education where appropriate.	P2	CPC COD CC CO PRC RTAC LSRHS SPS	CPA DCR MOD SF	X	X	X	X	X					
Continue routine maintenance and rehabilitation of parks, playgrounds, trails, conservation areas, restrooms, and recreation facilities to support safe, durable, accessible, and environmentally responsible public use.	P2	DPW PRC CO	DCS Town Operating Budget Staff Time	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Actions	Priority	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source	Timeframe (Years)									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Manage ticks, poison ivy, invasive species, and overgrown vegetation where they limit safe access and use, prioritize invasive species management based on ecological threat and feasibility of control, and remain vigilant for early detection invasive species.	P1	CO HD DPW CC	Staff Time MassWildlife DF&G	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Expand trail maps, interpretive signage, educational trails, and outreach about recreation resources, their locations, and responsible trail use.	P2	CO RTAC	Staff Time SF	X	X	X	X	X					
Develop and maintain long-term management plans for Town-owned conservation lands, including habitat management strategies that maintain diverse meadow, forest, shrubland, and wetland habitats where ecologically appropriate, and coordinate stewardship and maintenance among Town departments, boards, committees, partner organizations, volunteers, and community members.	P2	CO CC DPW	Staff Time Volunteer Time	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Identify sustainable operating and capital funding for ongoing maintenance of conservation land and Town-managed open spaces, and pursue CPA and other appropriate funding for eligible significant projects.	P1	PRC CC CO DPW CIAC TM CPC	CPA Town Operating Budget	X		X		X		X		X	

Actions	Priority	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source	Timeframe (Years)									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Develop and implement a coordinated athletic field use and maintenance program that addresses field rotation, seasonal rest periods, wet-weather closures, aeration, topdressing, overseeding, drainage, and monitoring of use relative to field capacity.	P1	PRC DPW SPS	Staff Time	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Address documented drainage and usability issues at Frank Feeley Field and coordinate with Sudbury Public Schools to evaluate rehabilitation of existing school athletic fields.	P1	PRC DPW SPS PCD CPC	CPA DCS	X	X	X	X	X					
Evaluate and install property identification signage at conservation and open space areas, as needed, to clarify public access and improve awareness of available resources. Prioritize Frost Farm and the Military Training Field on Old County Road.	P2	CC CO RTAC DPW CPC	Staff Time CPA DCS MAPC	X	X	X			X	X			
Goal 7: Strengthen climate resilience through conservation and thoughtful stewardship.													
Evaluate flood mitigation opportunities at parks and recreation facilities with projected future flood exposure.	P1	PCD PRC DPW	ECO One Stop MAPC	X	X	X							
Incorporate shade, drinking water, and cooling amenities into park renovations where appropriate.	P2	CPC CIAC PRC PCD DPW	CPA ECO One Stop	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Actions	Priority	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source	Timeframe (Years)									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Incorporate climate adaptive strategies into open space, recreation, land conservation, and stewardship planning.	P2	CO PCD SC	Staff Time ECO One Stop DCS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Use nature-based solutions to improve flood storage, restore ecological functions, and increase the resilience of flood prone parks and conservation lands.	P2	CO DPW PRC PCD CPC	CPA ECO One Stop DEP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Prioritize permanent protection of resilient forests, mature forests, wetlands, floodplains, riparian areas, aquifer recharge areas, and connected conservation lands that reduce habitat fragmentation, support wildlife movement, provide flood storage, sequester carbon, and strengthen climate adaptation. Coordinate with neighboring communities and regional conservation organizations to advance landscape scale connectivity.	P2	CO CC PCD PB TM	CPA DCR DCS NFWF MassWildlife FWS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Expand tree canopy and shade improvements in identified hotspot areas, particularly along the Route 20 corridor and in other areas with limited canopy. Where feasible, use a diverse mix of native tree species to increase resilience to pests, disease, drought, and changing climate conditions.	P2	CC PCD DPW CO SC TW	ECO One Stop DCR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Letters of Support

Placeholder: this section will include letters of support from the Town Manager, Planning Board, Parks & Recreation Commission, Conservation Commission, MAPC, and SVT.

References

- Bay Circuit Alliance. n.d. *Bay Circuit Trail and Greenway*. Accessed 2026. www.baycircuit.org. n.d. *BFRT.org*. Accessed 2026. www.brucefreemanrailtrail.org.
- CISMA Sudbury-Assabet-Concord River Watershed. n.d. "https://cisma-suasco.org/" *SuAsCo CISMA*. Accessed 2026. <https://cisma-suasco.org/>.
- Federal Emergency Management Agency . n.d. *FEMA*. Accessed 2026. www.fema.gov.
- Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. n.d. "Trail Status in Sudbury." *brucefreemanrailtrail.org*. Accessed 2026. <https://brucefreemanrailtrail.org/the-trail-so-far/trail-sudbury/>.
- Gale Associates, Inc. . 2025. "Sudbury Town-Wide Athletic Field Evaluation and Needs Assessment Study." September. <https://sudbury.ma.us/parkrecreationcommission/sudbury-town-wide-athletic-field-evaluation-and-needs-assessment-study/>.
- Horsley Witten Group, Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc., Camoin Associates. 2021. "Sudbury Master Plan."
- MA Department of Public Health. n.d. *DPH EJ Tool*. Accessed 2026. www.matracking.ehs.state.ma.us.
- MA Department of Revenue. 2026. "Annual Community Preservation Act Distribution." https://dls-gw.dor.state.ma.us/reports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=Misc_Forms.CPA_Distributions&xt_cpa-PageNr=9&rdDataCache=456684310&rdShowModes=&rdSort=&rdNewPageNr=True1&rdRequestForwarding=Form.
- MAPC. n.d. "MetroCommon 2050." Accessed 2026. metrocommon.mapc.org/read-the-plan.
- Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation. n.d. *Mass Central Rail Trail - Wayside*. Accessed 2026. www.mass.gov.
- Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. n.d. *Callahan Park*. Accessed 2026. www.mass.gov/dcr.
- Massachusetts Department of Public Health. 2023. *Massachusetts Health Data Tool*. www.healthdatatool.mass.gov.
- Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA). n.d. *EJ Data Viewer*. Accessed 2026. www.mass.gov.
- Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC). n.d. *MAPC.org*. Accessed 2026. www.mapc.org.
- MetroWest Regional Transit Authority. n.d. *Transit Services*. Accessed 2026. www.mwrta.com.
- OARS. n.d. "Our Work." *oars3rivers.org/*. Accessed 2026. <https://oars3rivers.org/our-work>.
- . 2025. "Presenting Science in Action." *oars3rivers.org*. <https://oars3rivers.org/presenting-science-in-action/>.
- Regional Housing Services Office, JM Goldson LLC . 2025. "Sudbury Housing Production Plan." <https://sudbury.ma.us/housingtrust/wp-content/uploads/sites/304/2025/07/Sudbury-Housing-Production-Plan-EOHLC-Approved-251009.pdf>.
- Sudbury Valley of Trustees. n.d. "Memorial Forest." *www.svtweb.org*. Accessed 2026. <https://www.svtweb.org/properties/page/memorial-forest-sudbury?utm>.
- . n.d. "Memorial Forest." *www.svtweb.org*. Accessed 2026. <https://www.svtweb.org/properties/page/memorial-forest-sudbury>.
- Sudbury Valley Trustees. 2025. "Pitch Pine-Scrub Oak Barrens Restoration." *www.svtweb.org*. <https://www.svtweb.org/stewardship/pitch%20pine-scrub%20oak%20barrens%20restoration?utm>.
- . n.d. *Sudbury River Watershed*. Accessed 2026. www.svtweb.org.
- Sudbury, Assabet, & Concord Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Council. n.d. *Sudbury, Assabet, & Concord Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Council*. Accessed 2026. www.suasco.org.

- The Trust for Public Land. n.d.
- Town of Sudbury. 2008. "303 acres of Nobscot Scout Reservation preserved." *sudbury.ma.us*.
<https://sudbury.ma.us/pcd/2008/12/18/303-acres-of-nobscot-scout-reservation-preserved/>.
- . 2026. "Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Sudbury Information." *sudbury.ma.us*. September.
<https://sudbury.ma.us/pcd/2024/02/14/bruce-freeman-rail-trail-update-info-2/>.
- . 2025. "Community Preservation Plan." October. <https://sudbury.ma.us/cpc/2025/11/18/2025-community-preservation-plan/>.
- . n.d. "Davis Farm Trail Guide." <https://sudbury.ma.us>. Accessed 2026.
<https://sudbury.ma.us/conservationcommission/wp-content/uploads/sites/273/2024/02/Davis-Farm-Trail-Guide-2024.pdf?version=bc6a2b150b1c2fb5f1ca5988b38915c9&utm>.
- . n.d. "Haskell Field Restroom Renovation & Smile Playground Improvements." <https://sudbury.ma.us>. Accessed 2026.
<https://sudbury.ma.us/townmanager/2026/05/31/haskell-field-bathroom-renovation-smile-playground-improvements/>.
- . n.d. "Historic Preservation Plan." *sudbury.ma.us*. Accessed 2026.
<https://sudbury.ma.us/historicalcommission/historic-preservation-plan>.
- . n.d. "Living with Wetlands." <https://cdn.sudbury.ma.us>. Accessed 2026.
<https://cdn.sudbury.ma.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/272/2017/06/SUDBURYBROCHUREFINAL.pdf?version=1a899c4980a93a0ae0397d1e6d1e68e0&utm>.
- Town of Sudbury. 2013. "Open Space and Recreation Plan."
- . n.d. "Setting the Post-Glacial Scene." *sudbury.ma.us*. Accessed 2026.
<https://sudbury.ma.us/conservationcommission/setting-the-post-glacial-scene>.
- . n.d. "Smooth River, Small Falls." <https://sudbury.ma.us>. Accessed 2026.
<https://sudbury.ma.us/conservationcommission/smooth-river-small-falls>.
- . n.d. "Sudbury's Historic Districts." *sudbury.ma.us*. Accessed 2026.
<https://sudbury.ma.us/historicdistricts/historicdistricts>.
- Town of Sudbury Water District. n.d. *Water Supply System*. Accessed 2026.
www.sudburywaterdistrict.org.
- n.d. *Trailforks*. Accessed 2026. www.trailforks.com.
- Trust for Public Land. 2026. "The Undeniable ROI of Community Parks and Green Spaces."
- U.S. Census Bureau. 2024. *ACS 5-Year Estimates*. www.data.census.gov.
- US Fish and Wildlife Service. n.d. *Great Meadows National Refuge*. Accessed 2026.
www.fws.gov.
- US Geological Service. n.d. *US Geological Service*. Accessed 2026. www.usgs.gov.

Appendix A: Maps

Placeholder: this section will include 24x36 maps in the final draft.

Appendix B: Historic Resources

Designations

LHD: Local Historic District (401 Properties)

MA/HL: Massachusetts Historic Landmark (15 Properties)

NRDIS: National Register District (133 Properties)

NRIND: National Register - Individual Property (11 Properties)

NRTRA: National Register of Thematic Resources (2 Properties)

PR: Preservation Restriction (4 Properties)

Historic Properties with Designations in Sudbury, MA

Property Name	Designations
Allen, J. P. House	LHD
Arnold, Edwin House	LHD
Bailey, William B. - Darling, Trowbridge House	LHD
Bank Building	LHD
Bent, Thomas Elbridge and Matilda L. Phelps - Gleason, Augusta M. Morse House	NRDIS; LHD
Bigelow, Rev. Jacob Parsonage	LHD; NRDIS
Bogle - Walker House	NRIND
Bogle Sisters House	LHD
Bonazzoli, Alfred F. House	LHD
Bonazzoli, Alfred F. House	LHD
Bowen, Arthur House	LHD
Bowry, Clara Grant House	LHD
Bowry, Clara Grant House	LHD
Bradshaw, Forrest D. Garage	LHD
Brewer, Moses House	NRTRA; NRIND; LHD

Property Name	Designations
Brigham, Capt. William House	LHD; NRDIS
Brown, H. House	LHD
Brown, Israel How House	LHD
Burr, Clifford Barstow and Myra House	LHD
Burr, Clifford Barstow Garage	LHD
Burr, Clifford House	LHD
Burr, Hiram G. House	LHD
Buxton, Anne Halleran House	LHD; NRDIS
Buxton, Anne Halleran House	LHD; NRDIS
Buxton, Anne Halleran House	LHD; NRDIS
Buxton, Anne Halleran House	LHD; NRDIS
Caldwell, Robert Barn	LHD
Caldwell, Robert Barn	LHD
Candy House	LHD; NRDIS
Carding Millpond	LHD
Carding Millpond Earthen Dam	LHD
Carpenter House	LHD; NRDIS
Carpenter House	LHD; NRDIS
Carpenter House	LHD; NRDIS
Center District School - Sudbury Grange No. 121	LHD; NRDIS; PR
Center School - Sudbury High School	LHD; NRDIS
Center School - Sudbury High School	LHD; NRDIS
Central Massachusetts Railroad - Section Tool House (Milepost #19.75)	LHD
Citibank	LHD
Civil War - Union Soldier Monument	NRIND; LHD
Clark House	LHD

Property Name	Designations
Cole, B. S. - Bradshaw, Forrest D. House	LHD
Cutler, Christopher G. House	LHD
Cutter - Dakin House	LHD
Dakin , J. H. - Hunt, Nicholas B. New England Barn	LHD
Davison House	LHD; NRDIS
Davison, William C. Carriage House	LHD; NRDIS
Debye House	LHD; NRDIS
Donaghy, Karl W. and Marion House	LHD
Donaghy, Karl W. Garage	LHD
Duane, George Bernard and Margaret Ellen House	LHD
Dutton Lodge	LHD
Dutton Lodge Wing	LHD
Dutton, Solomon House	LHD
Fairbank, Harvey N. Shed - Agricultural Garage	LHD; NRDIS
Fairbank, Jonathan and Hannah Morse - Walker, Abijah and Mary Noyes House	LHD
Fairbank, Jonathan and Hannah Morse - Walker, Abijah and Mary Noyes House	LHD
Fairbank, Winthrop H. New England Bank Barn	LHD; NRDIS
Ferden, William M. and Clara L. Reid House	LHD; NRDIS
First Parish Church of Sudbury	LHD; NRDIS; PR
First Parish Church of Sudbury Carriage Shed	LHD; NRDIS
First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts	NRTRA
Foss, Fred N. and Olive Williams Double House	LHD
Foss, Fred N. Garage	LHD
Framingham and Lowell Railroad Station - Old Colony Railroad Station	LHD; NRDIS
French Road Pond	LHD

Property Name	Designations
Garfield House	LHD; NRDIS
Garfield, Francis and Sarah J. Battles House	LHD; NRDIS
Garfield, Francis House	LHD
Garfield, Francis Shop Building	NRDIS; LHD
Garfield, John W. House	LHD; NRDIS
Garfield, John W. House	LHD; NRDIS
Garfield, John W. House	LHD; NRDIS
Garfield, John W. House	LHD; NRDIS
Garfield, John W. Jr. Wheelwright Shop	LHD
Gelpke House	LHD; NRDIS
George Pitts Tavern Historic District	LHD
Gerry, Hon. Charles Frederick House	LHD; NRDIS
Goodnow Library	NRIND; LHD
Goodnow Library	PR; NRIND; LHD
Goodnow, Franklin Wheeler New England Barn	LHD
Goodnow, John B. House	LHD; NRDIS
Goodnow, Martin House	LHD
Gott, George House - Wayside Cottage	LHD
Goulding, Henry E. House	LHD
Greenwood, Daniel House	LHD; NRDIS
Grinnell, Frank Veteran Memorial Park - Sudbury World War I Honor Roll	LHD; NRDIS
Hadley, Frank House - Meadowland	LHD; NRDIS
Hager, William and Mary House	LHD; MA/HL; NRDIS
Hall, John C. House	LHD
Hanow House	LHD; NRDIS
Harrington House	LHD; NRDIS

Property Name	Designations
Harrington House	LHD; NRDIS
Hawes, Leon E. and Jennie F. Duvey House	LHD; NRDIS
Haynes Garrison House Site	NRDIS
Haynes Garrison House Site Marker	NRDIS; LHD
Haynes, Elisha W. and Nancy M. Johnson House	LHD; NRDIS
Haynes, Elisha W. and Nancy M. Johnson House	LHD; NRDIS
Hill Jewelers	LHD
Hinlein House	LHD; NRDIS
Hoagland House	LHD; NRDIS
Hobson, Emma A. - Shedd, Jean A. House	LHD
Horr, Richard Rush House	LHD
Hosmer, Rev. Edwin B. House	LHD; NRDIS
Hosmer, Rev. Edwin B. House	LHD; NRDIS
Howe Hall	LHD; NRDIS
Howe, Adam House	LHD; MA/HL; NRDIS
Howe, Frank House	LHD
Hunt - Powers, Abijah House	LHD; NRDIS
Hunt, Emory House	LHD
Hunt, George Washington House	LHD
Hunt, Jonas Sewall and Eliza Gerry House	LHD; NRDIS
Hurlbut, Rev. Rufus House	LHD; NRDIS
Jones House	LHD; NRDIS
Jones, Gwennlyon M. House	LHD
Jones, Percival and Elizabeth House	LHD
Jones, William P. House	LHD
Joyce House	LHD; NRDIS

Property Name	Designations
Joyce House	LHD; NRDIS
Kidder, Enoch Shoe Shop	LHD
King Philip Historic District	LHD
Lanham Elementary School	LHD
Loring, Rev. Israel Parsonage	LHD; NRDIS
Loring, Rev. Israel Parsonage	LHD; NRDIS
Maher House	LHD; NRDIS
Maher House	LHD; NRDIS
Maher House	LHD; NRDIS
Marshall House	LHD; NRDIS
Marshall House	LHD; NRDIS
Marshall, David Edwin and Elizabeth J. Cole House	LHD
Martha - Mary Chapel	LHD; MA/HL; NRDIS
Mazzarese House	LHD; NRDIS
McClaren, James House	LHD
McDonough House	LHD; NRDIS
McDonough House	LHD; NRDIS
McDonough House	LHD; NRDIS
Memorial Congregational Church	LHD
Milestone, 1767	NRIND
Milestone, 1767	NRIND
Milestone, 1767	NRIND
Milestone, 1767	NRIND
Milestone, 1767	LHD; NRIND
Milestone, 1767	LHD; MA/HL; NRIND; NRDIS
Moore, Curtis Benjamin and Mary Ann Elizabeth Brown House	LHD; NRDIS

Property Name	Designations
Moore, Curtis Benjamin New England Barn	LHD; NRDIS
Moore, Joel House	LHD; NRDIS
Moore, Joel House	LHD; NRDIS
Moore, Joel House	LHD; NRDIS
Moore, Joel House	LHD; NRDIS
Moore, L. House	LHD; NRDIS
Moore, Reuben and Lucinda Brigham House	LHD; NRDIS
Morse, George and Irma House	LHD; NRDIS
Morse, R. D. Milk House	LHD
Morse, Richard D. Barn	LHD
Mount Pleasant Cemetery	LHD; NRDIS
Mount Wadsworth Cemetery	LHD
New Cemetery	LHD; NRDIS
Noyes House	LHD; NRDIS
Noyes, Daniel - Warren, William S. House	LHD
Noyes, Daniel - Warren, William S. House	LHD
Nurney House	LHD; NRDIS
Nurney House	LHD; NRDIS
O'Neil House	LHD; NRDIS
O'Neil House	LHD; NRDIS
O'Neil House	LHD; NRDIS
Old Colony Railroad Freight House	LHD; NRDIS
Old North Sudbury Post Office and Carriage Barn	PR
Old Sudbury Historic District	LHD
Oliver, Richard P. New England Barn	LHD; NRDIS
Parmenter Garrison Site Marker	LHD; MA/HL; NRDIS

Property Name	Designations
Parmenter, Abel House	LHD; MA/HL; NRDIS
Parmenter, Abel House	LHD
Parmenter, Abel New England Bank Barn	LHD
Parmenter, Charles O. House	LHD
Parmenter, George House	LHD
Parmenter, Luman Frost and Alice Howe House	LHD
Parmenter, Samuel O. and Nancy Delpha Hunt House	LHD
Parmenter, Samuel O. New England Barn	LHD
Piper, Walter Elbridge House	LHD; NRDIS
Puffer, Dexter R. and Mary House	LHD
Puffer, James J. and Henrietta Wheeler House	LHD; NRDIS
Puffer, James J. and Henrietta Wheeler House	LHD; NRDIS
Quirk Property	LHD; NRDIS
Revolutionary War Monument	LHD; NRDIS
Rice, Henry House	LHD; NRDIS
Rice, Henry House	LHD; NRDIS
Rice, Henry House	LHD; NRDIS
Rice, Henry House	LHD; NRDIS
Richardson - Morse, Richard Dana and Helen Hutchins House	LHD
Richardson House	LHD
Richardson, Abel House	LHD
Richardson, Benjamin Hemenway Jr. Bank Barn	LHD
Richardson, Benjamin Hemenway Jr. House	LHD
Richardson, Clifford W. House	LHD
Richardson, Gideon and Lucy Hemenway House	LHD
Richardson, Josiah House	LHD

Property Name	Designations
Rogers House	LHD; NRDIS
Rond, Alphonse and Emily Gertrude Newton Hurlbut House	LHD
Rudolph House	LHD; NRDIS
Saint Elizabeth's of Hungary Chapel	LHD; NRDIS
Saint Elizabeth's of Hungary Chapel	LHD; NRDIS
Saint Elizabeth's of Hungary Chapel	LHD; NRDIS
Sears House	LHD; NRDIS
Shaw, Rev. Linus H. House	LHD; NRDIS
Smith, E. - Hall, Seneca W. Barn	LHD
Smith, Gardner Hunt and Susan S. Parmenter - Goodnow, Franklin Wheeler House	LHD
Smith, Thomas House	LHD; NRDIS
Smith, Tilley and Susannah - Fairbank, Winthrop H. and Ida N. Hayes House	LHD; NRDIS
Smith, Tillie Farm	LHD; NRDIS
South School Annex	LHD
South School Annex	LHD
Southwest District Schoolhouse	LHD
Southwest District Schoolhouse	LHD
Spiller House	LHD; NRDIS
Stearns, Thomas House	LHD; NRDIS
Stearns, Thomas House	LHD; NRDIS
Stearns, Thomas House	LHD; NRDIS
Stearns, Thomas House	LHD; NRDIS
Stiles, Eady Parker and Clara House	LHD; NRDIS
Stiles, Eady Parker English Barn	LHD; NRDIS
Stone House	LHD; NRDIS

Property Name	Designations
Stone House	LHD; NRDIS
Stone House	LHD; NRDIS
Stone House	LHD; NRDIS
Sudbury - Framingham Mile Post 23	LHD
Sudbury Burying Place - Revolutionary War Cemetery	LHD; NRDIS
Sudbury Burying Place - Revolutionary War Cemetery	LHD; NRDIS
Sudbury Center Historic District	NRDIS
Sudbury Common	LHD; NRDIS
Sudbury Common Marker	LHD; NRDIS
Sudbury Episcopal Church	LHD; NRDIS
Sudbury Episcopal Church Parsonage	LHD; NRDIS
Sudbury Episcopal Church Parsonage	LHD; NRDIS
Sudbury Episcopal Church Parsonage	LHD; NRDIS
Sudbury Fire Department	LHD; NRDIS
Sudbury Hearse House	LHD; NRDIS
Sudbury Hearse House	LHD; NRDIS
Sudbury Methodist Church	LHD; NRDIS
Sudbury Methodist Church	LHD; NRDIS
Sudbury Methodist Church Parsonage	LHD; NRDIS
Sudbury Methodist Church Parsonage	LHD; NRDIS
Sudbury Town Hall	LHD; NRDIS
Sudbury Town Pound	LHD; NRDIS
Tallant House	LHD; NRDIS
Taylor Real Estate Office	LHD
Taylor, George New England Barn	LHD; NRDIS
Taylor, Sewall House and Wheelwright Shop	LHD; NRDIS

Property Name	Designations
The Wayside Inn Historic District	MA/HL; NRDIS
The Wayside Inn Local Historic District	LHD
Tower, Jonas Blacksmith Shop Site	LHD; NRDIS
Tower, Jonas House	LHD; NRDIS
Tower, Jonas New England Barn	NRDIS; LHD
Townes, Archer H. House	LHD
Underwood, Samuel and Ina L. Moore House	LHD
Walker House Barn #1	LHD
Walker House Barn #1	LHD
Walker House Barn #2	LHD
Walker House Barn #2	LHD
Warren House	LHD; NRDIS
Warren House	LHD; NRDIS
Warren House	LHD; NRDIS
Wayside Inn - Cold Storage Cellar	LHD; NRDIS; MA/HL
Wayside Inn - Gate House	LHD; MA/HL; NRDIS
Wayside Inn - Ice House	LHD; MA/HL; NRDIS
Wayside Inn - Josephine Pond	LHD; NRDIS; MA/HL
Wayside Inn - Old Barn	LHD; MA/HL; NRDIS
Wayside Inn - Redstone School	LHD; MA/HL; NRDIS
Wayside Inn Grist Mill	LHD; MA/HL; NRDIS
Wayside Inn, The	LHD; MA/HL; NRDIS
Wheeler, Elisha Barn - Twin Ash Farm Barn	LHD; NRDIS
Wheeler, Elisha Barn - Twin Ash Farm Barn	LHD; NRDIS
Wheeler, Elisha Barn - Twin Ash Farm Barn	LHD; NRDIS
Wheeler, Elisha Barn - Twin Ash Farm Barn	LHD; NRDIS

Property Name	Designations
Wheeler, Elisha House - Twin Ash Farm	LHD; NRDIS
Wheeler, Elisha House - Twin Ash Farm	LHD; NRDIS
Wheeler, Elisha House - Twin Ash Farm	LHD; NRDIS
Wheeler, Elisha House - Twin Ash Farm	LHD; NRDIS
White, Arthur H. Barn	LHD; NRDIS
White, Arthur H. Garage	LHD; NRDIS
Whitehall	LHD; NRDIS
Whitehall	LHD; NRDIS
Whitehall	LHD; NRDIS
Wolbach Caretaker's Cottage	NRDIS; LHD
Wolbach Carriage House - Barn	NRDIS; LHD
Wolbach Conservatory	NRDIS; LHD
Wolbach Garden	NRDIS; LHD
Wolbach Garden Shelter	NRDIS; LHD
Wood, Abraham - Allen, John House	LHD
Woodberry, Robert Crosby House	LHD
Woodbury, J. A. Carding Mill - Carding Mill House	LHD
Woodbury, Miriam L. House	LHD
Wooley House	LHD; NRDIS
Young, Albert Newton and Harriet Olive Spiller House	LHD
Zapasnik House	LHD; NRDIS

Note: This inventory includes historic resources with local, state, or national historic designations. Properties that are inventoried in MACRIS but do not have a formal designation or identified property name are not included.

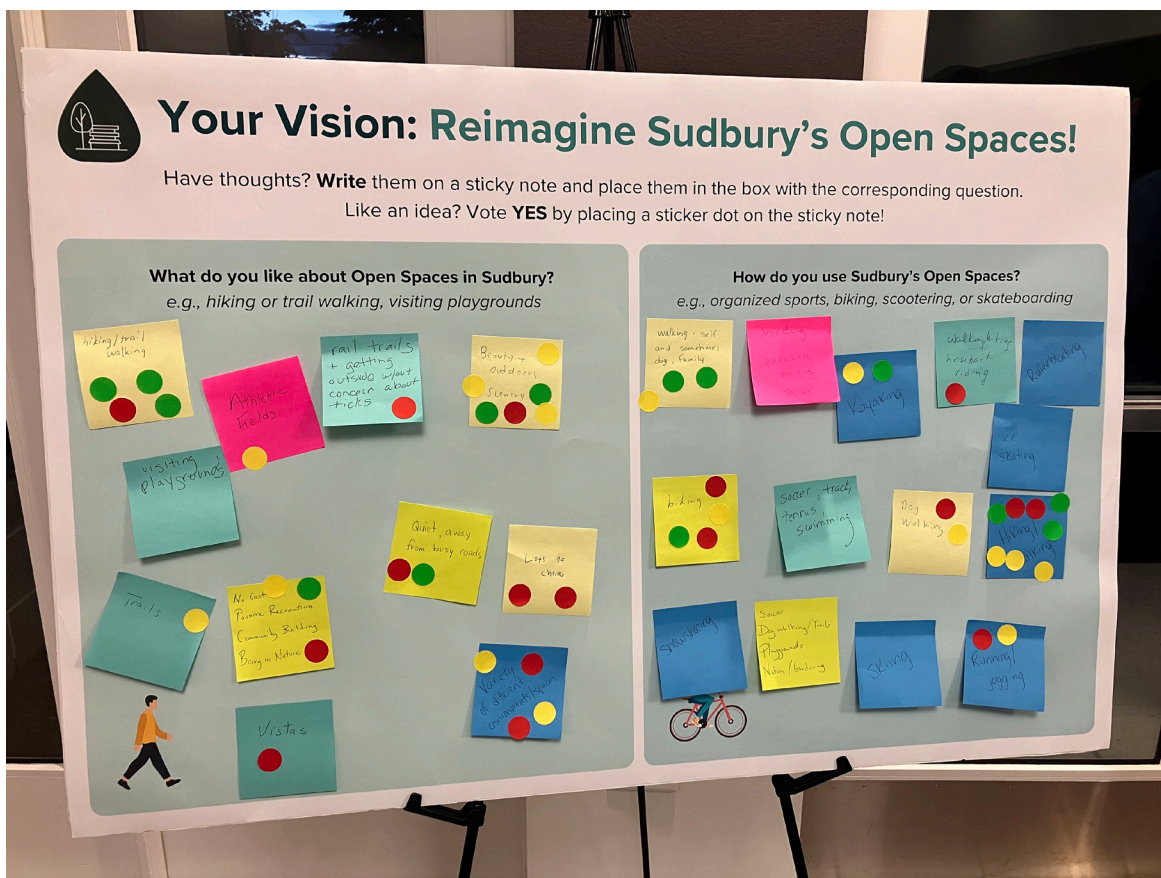
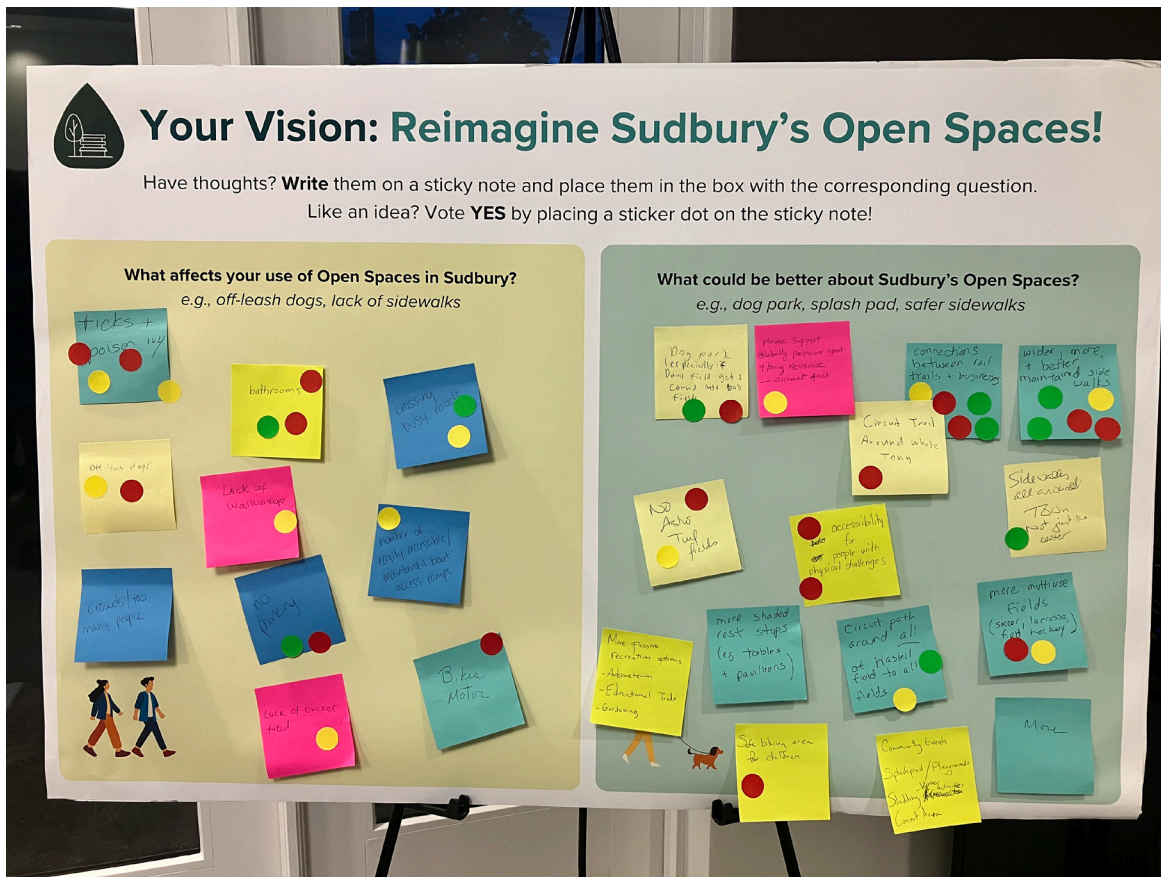
Appendix C: Public Engagement Results

Open House Public Engagement Board Comments, May 29, 2026

NOTE: For the boards above, each sticky note is counted as one (1) vote, and each dot is counted as one (1) vote.

Question	Votes
What do you like about Open Spaces in Sudbury?	Beauty + Outdoors Scenery (7) Hiking/Trail Walking (5) Variety Of Different Environments/Spaces (5) No Cost Passive Recreation, Community Building, Being In Nature (4) Lots of Choice (3) Quiet, Away From Busy Roads (3) Athletic Fields (2) Rail Trails + Getting Outside Without Concern About Ticks (2) Trails (2) Vistas (2) Visting Playgrounds (1)
How do you use Sudbury's Open Spaces?	Hiking/Walking (9) Biking (5) Walking - Self and Sometimes Dog, Family (4) Dog Walking (3) Kayaking (3) Running/Jogging (3) Walking/Hiking, Horseback Riding (2) Birding, Pickleball, Walking, Soccer (1) Ice Skating (1) Rollerblading (1) Snowshoeing (1) Soccer, Dog Walking/Trails, Playground, Nature/Gardening (1) Soccer, Track, Tennis, Swimming (1)

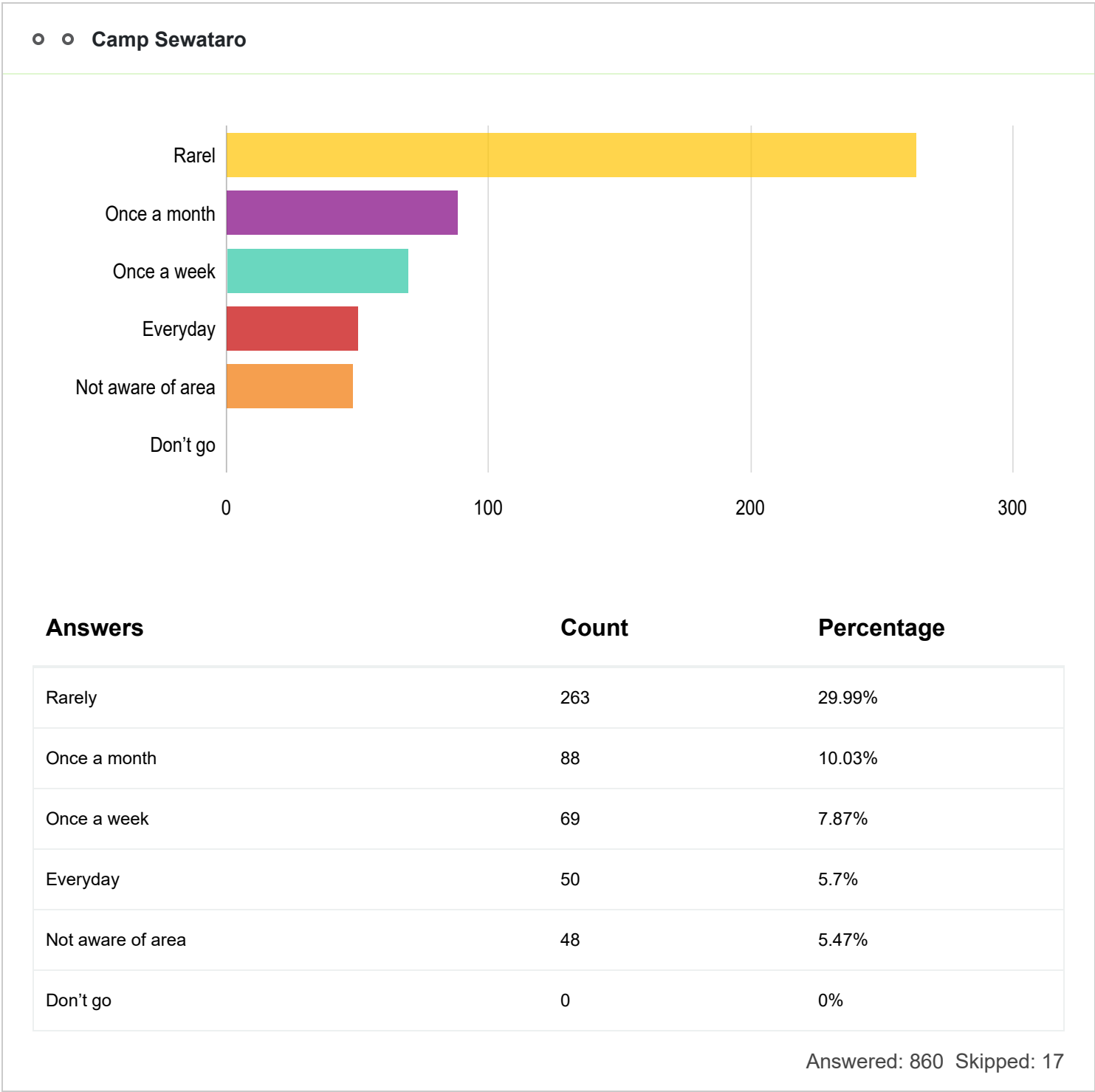
Question	Votes
What affects your use of Open Spaces in Sudbury?	Ticks + Poison Ivy (5) Bathrooms (4) Crossing Busy Roads (3) No Parking (3) Off Leash Dogs (3) Bikes Motor (2) Crowds/Too Many People (2) Lack of Cricket Field (2) Lack of Walkways (2) Number of Easily Accessible/Maintained Boat Access Ramps (2)
What could be better about Sudbury's Open Spaces?	Connections Between Rail Trails + Businesses (6) Wider, More, + Better Maintained Sidewalks (6) Accessibility For People With Physical Challenges (3) Circuit Path Around All Of Haskell Field To All Fields (3) Dog Park – Especially If Davis Field Gets Carved Into Ball Fields (3) More Multiuse Fields (Soccer, Lacross, Field Hockey) (3) No AstroTurf Fields (3) Circuit Trail Around Whole Town (2) Please Support Globally Popular Sport & Bring Revenue – Cricket Field (2) Safe Biking Area For Children (2) Sidewalks All Around Town Not Just In The Center (2) More (1) More Passive Recreation Options – Arboretum – Educational Trails – Gardening (1) More Shaded Rest Stops (e.g. Tables, Pavilions) (1)



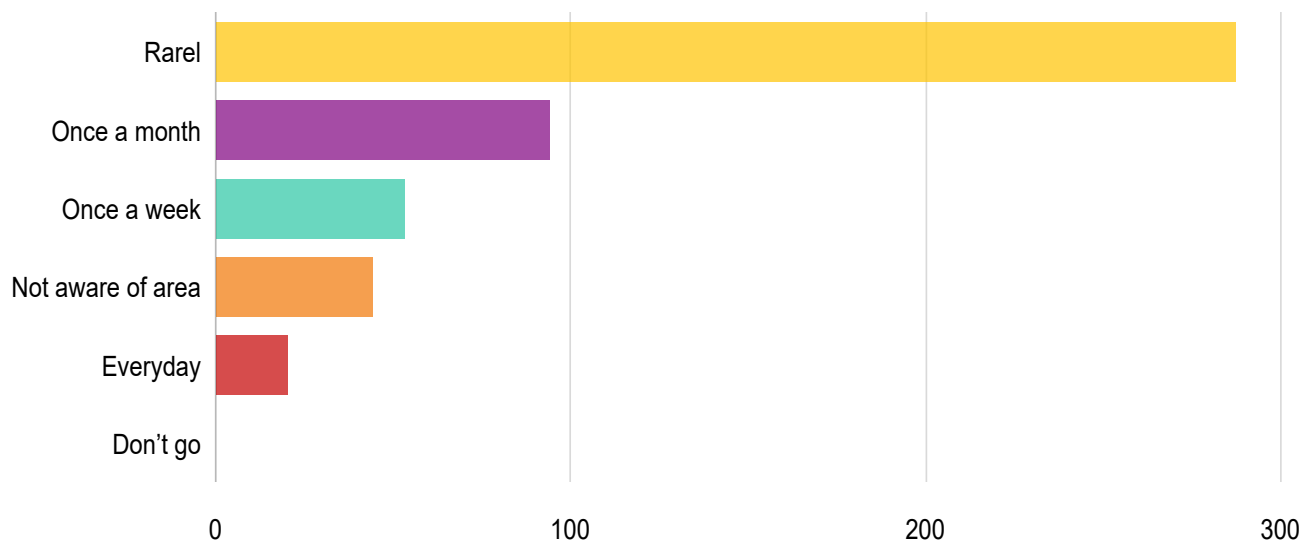
2026 Sudbury Open Space & Recreation Plan Survey

Open Space & Recreation

Open Space & Recreation > 1. How often do you visit the following town owned parks and recreational facilities (managed by Parks and Recreation) in Sudbury?



○ ○ Davis Field



Answers

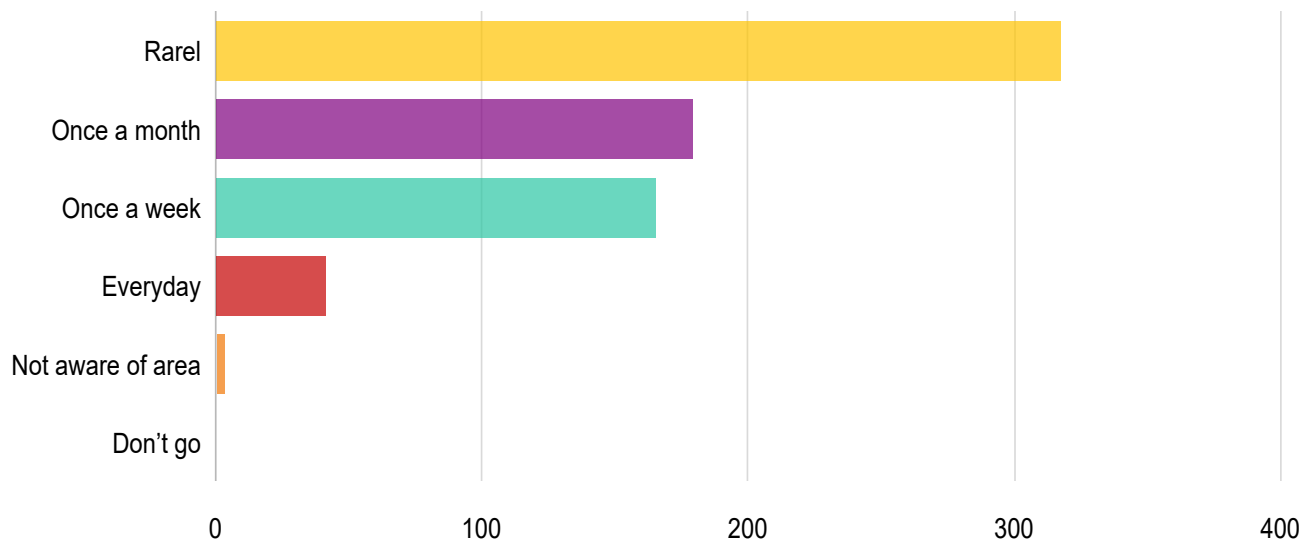
Count

Percentage

Rarely	287	32.73%
Once a month	94	10.72%
Once a week	53	6.04%
Not aware of area	44	5.02%
Everyday	20	2.28%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 862 Skipped: 15

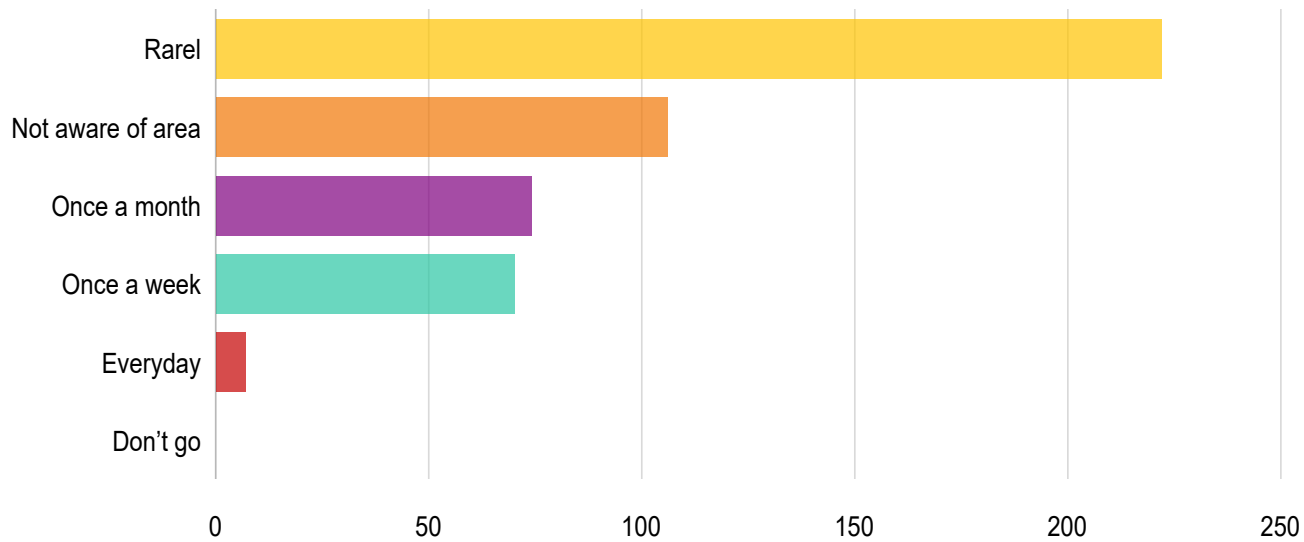
○ ○ Fairbank Community Center/ Atkinson Pool



Answers	Count	Percentage
Rarely	317	36.15%
Once a month	179	20.41%
Once a week	165	18.81%
Everyday	41	4.68%
Not aware of area	3	0.34%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 863 Skipped: 14

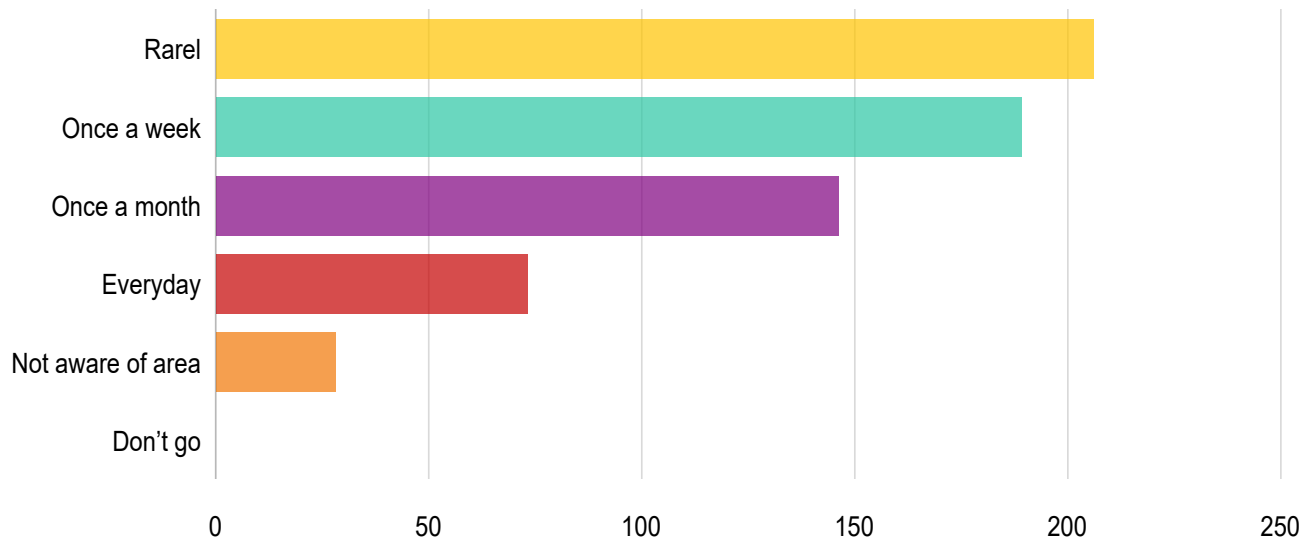
○ ○ Feeley Field



Answers	Count	Percentage
Rarely	222	25.31%
Not aware of area	106	12.09%
Once a month	74	8.44%
Once a week	70	7.98%
Everyday	7	0.8%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 857 Skipped: 20

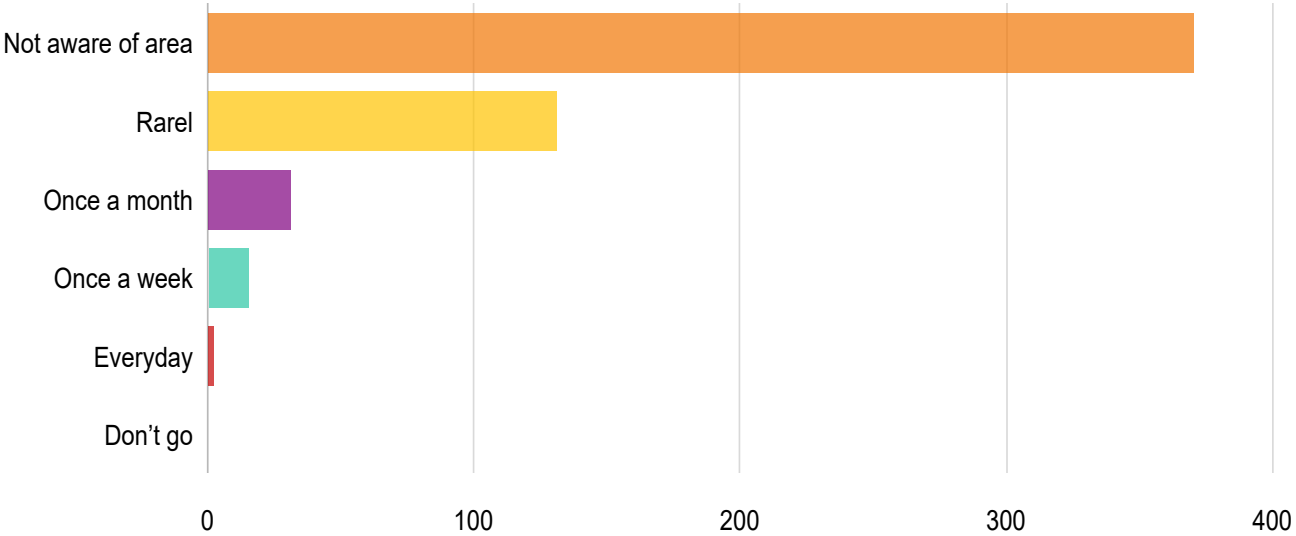
○ ○ Featherland Park



Answers	Count	Percentage
Rarely	206	23.49%
Once a week	189	21.55%
Once a month	146	16.65%
Everyday	73	8.32%
Not aware of area	28	3.19%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 862 Skipped: 15

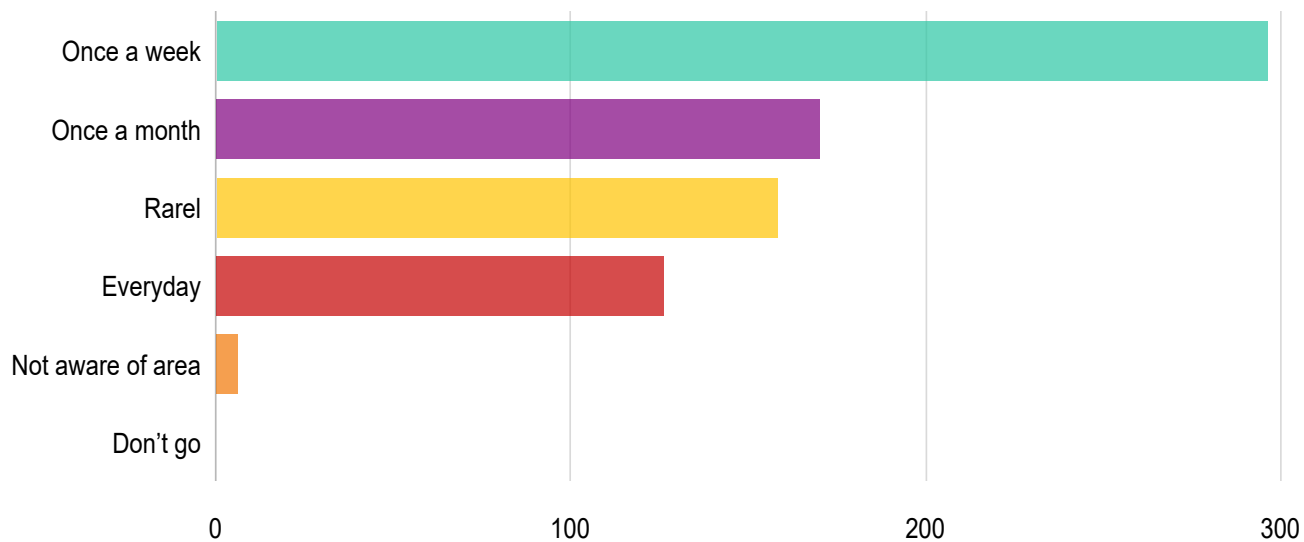
Grinnell Park



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not aware of area	370	42.19%
Rarely	131	14.94%
Once a month	31	3.53%
Once a week	15	1.71%
Everyday	2	0.23%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 855 Skipped: 22

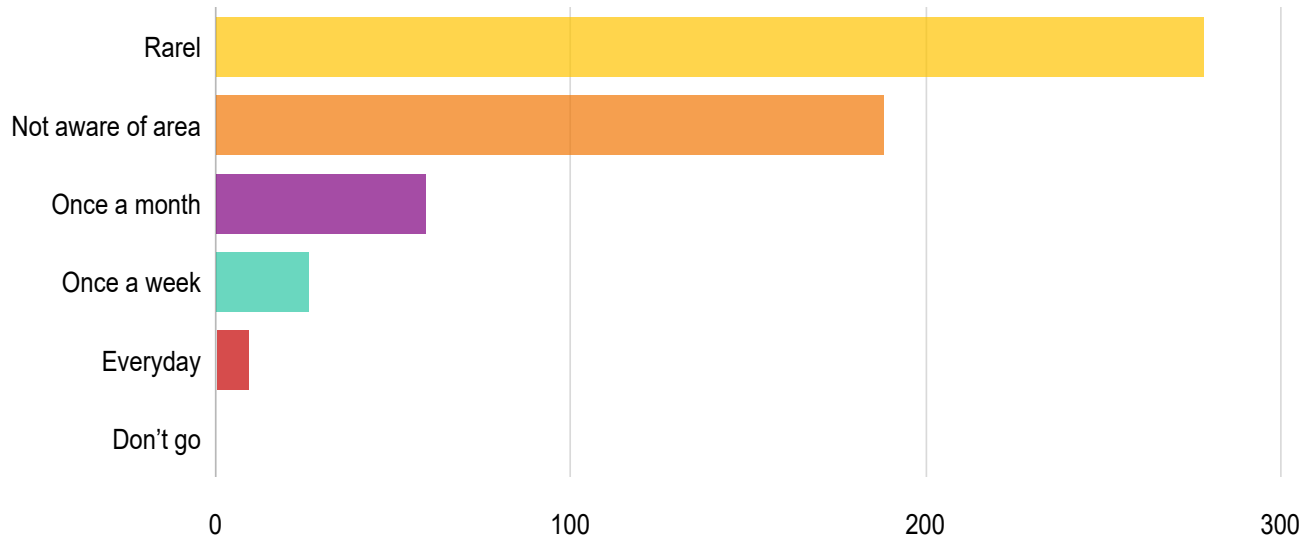
○ ○ Haskell Field



Answers	Count	Percentage
Once a week	296	33.75%
Once a month	170	19.38%
Rarely	158	18.02%
Everyday	126	14.37%
Not aware of area	6	0.68%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 866 Skipped: 11

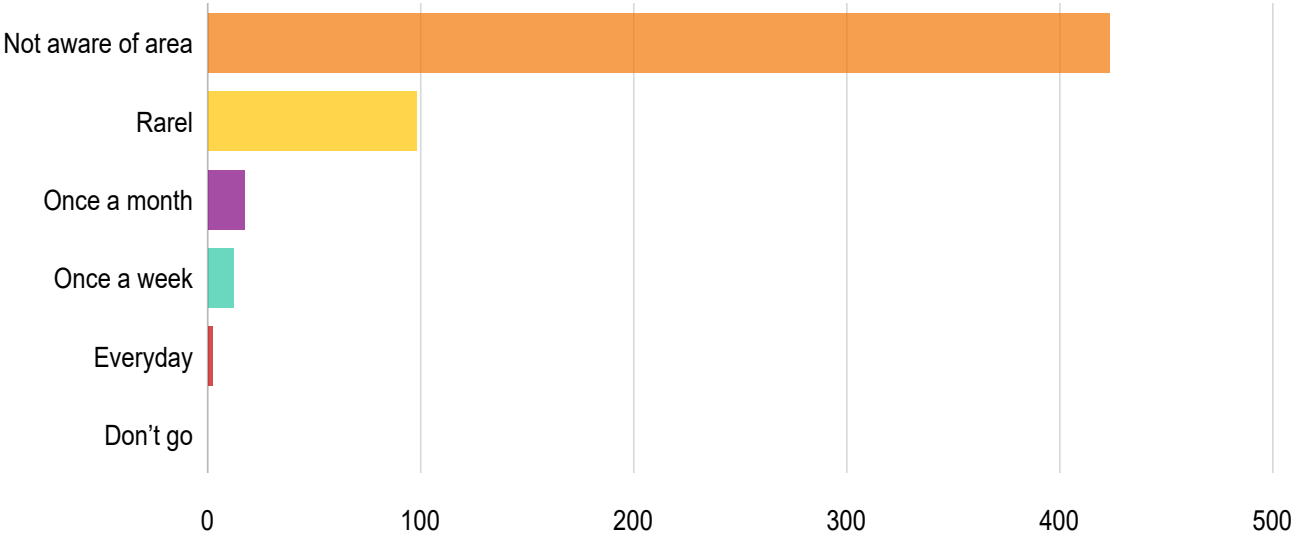
○ ○ Heritage Park



Answers	Count	Percentage
Rarely	278	31.7%
Not aware of area	188	21.44%
Once a month	59	6.73%
Once a week	26	2.96%
Everyday	9	1.03%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 854 Skipped: 23

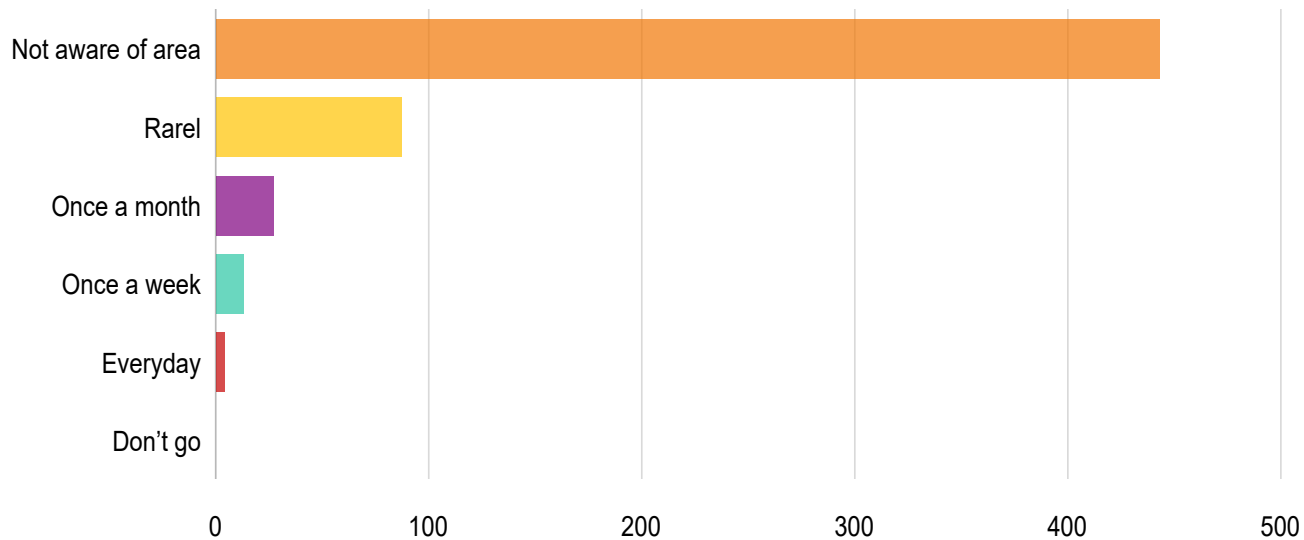
○ ○ Horse Pond Playground



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not aware of area	423	48.23%
Rarely	98	11.17%
Once a month	17	1.94%
Once a week	12	1.37%
Everyday	2	0.23%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 859 Skipped: 18

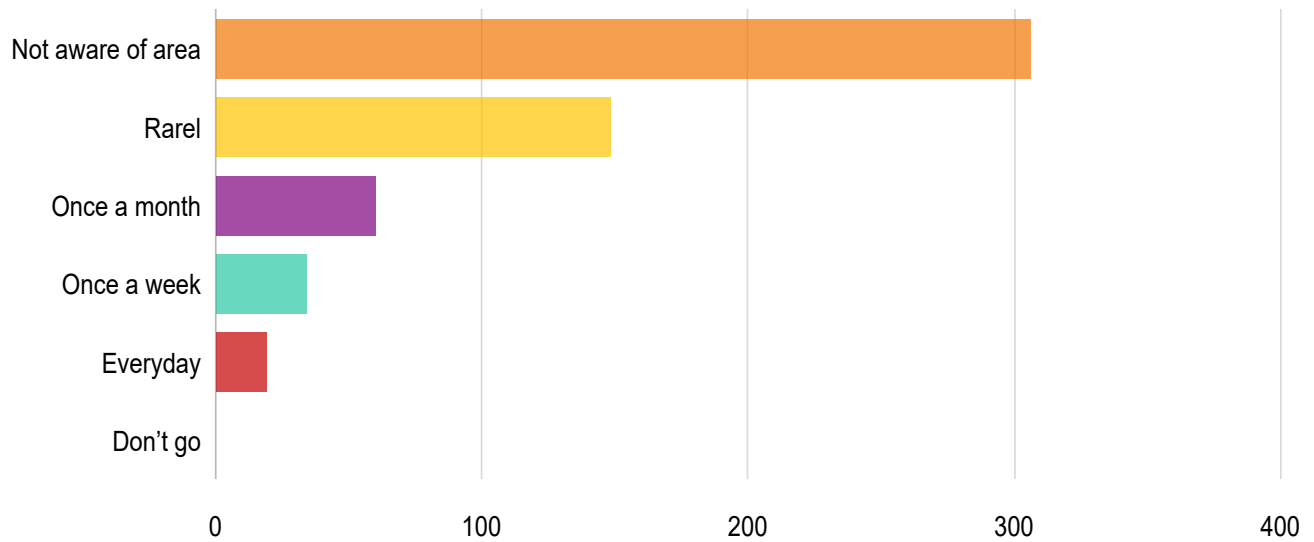
○ ○ Parkinson Field



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not aware of area	443	50.51%
Rarely	87	9.92%
Once a month	27	3.08%
Once a week	13	1.48%
Everyday	4	0.46%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 857 Skipped: 20

○ ○ Willis Lake Access

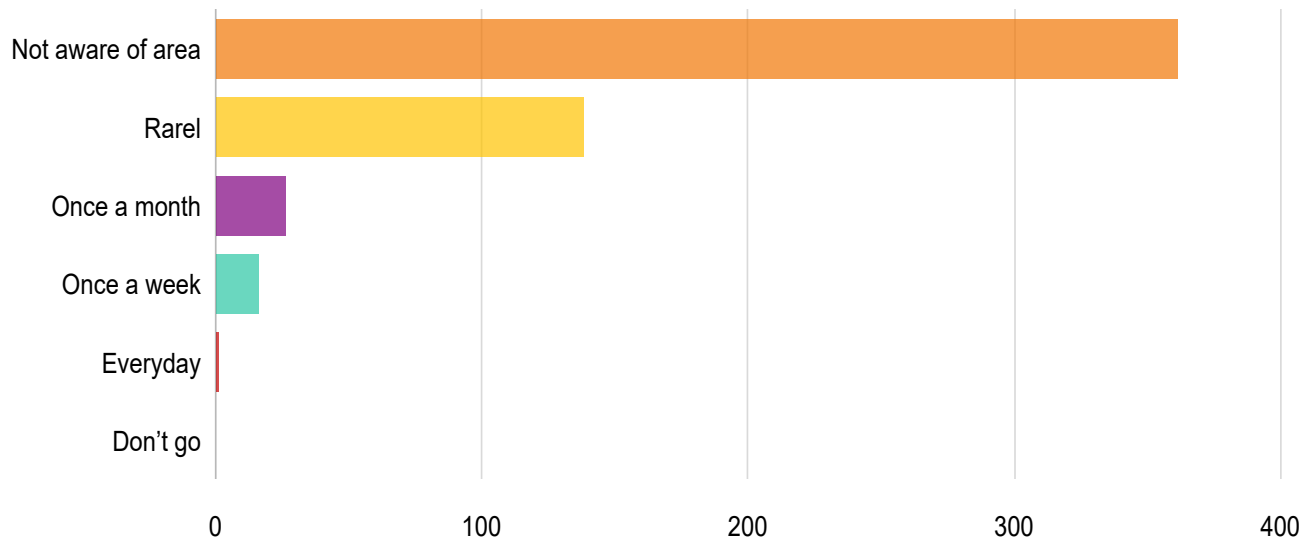


Answers	Count	Percentage
Not aware of area	306	34.89%
Rarely	148	16.88%
Once a month	60	6.84%
Once a week	34	3.88%
Everyday	19	2.17%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 860 Skipped: 17

Open Space & Recreation > 2. How often do you visit the following town owned conservation areas (managed by the Conservation Commission) in Sudbury?

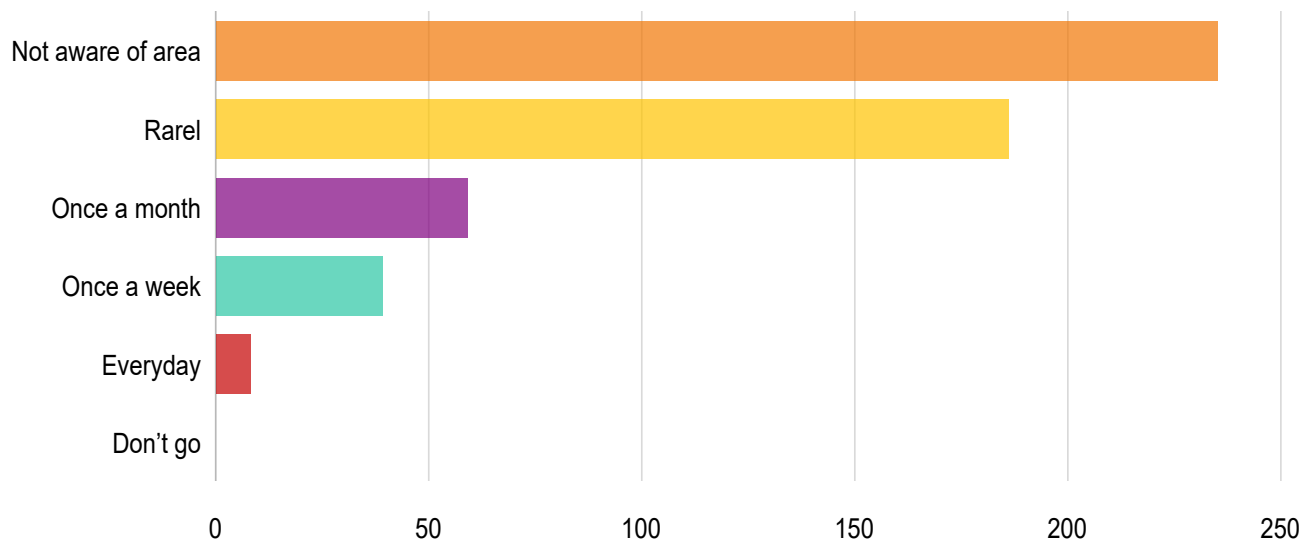
☐ ☐ Barton Farm



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not aware of area	361	41.16%
Rarely	138	15.74%
Once a month	26	2.96%
Once a week	16	1.82%
Everyday	1	0.11%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 843 Skipped: 34

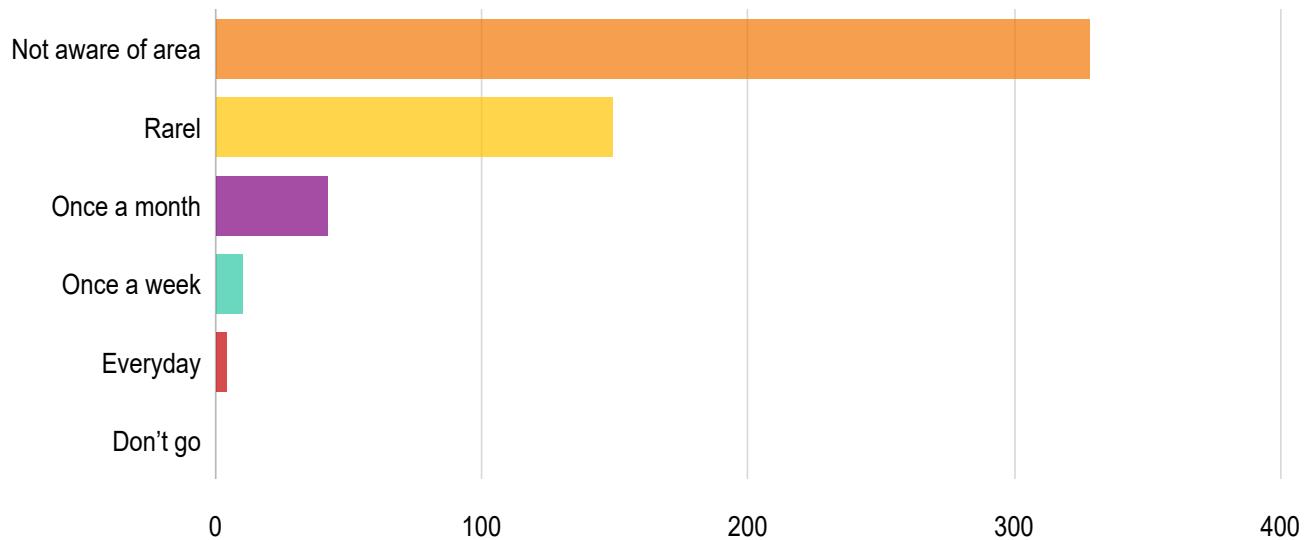
○ ○ Broadacres Farm



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not aware of area	235	26.8%
Rarely	186	21.21%
Once a month	59	6.73%
Once a week	39	4.45%
Everyday	8	0.91%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 848 Skipped: 29

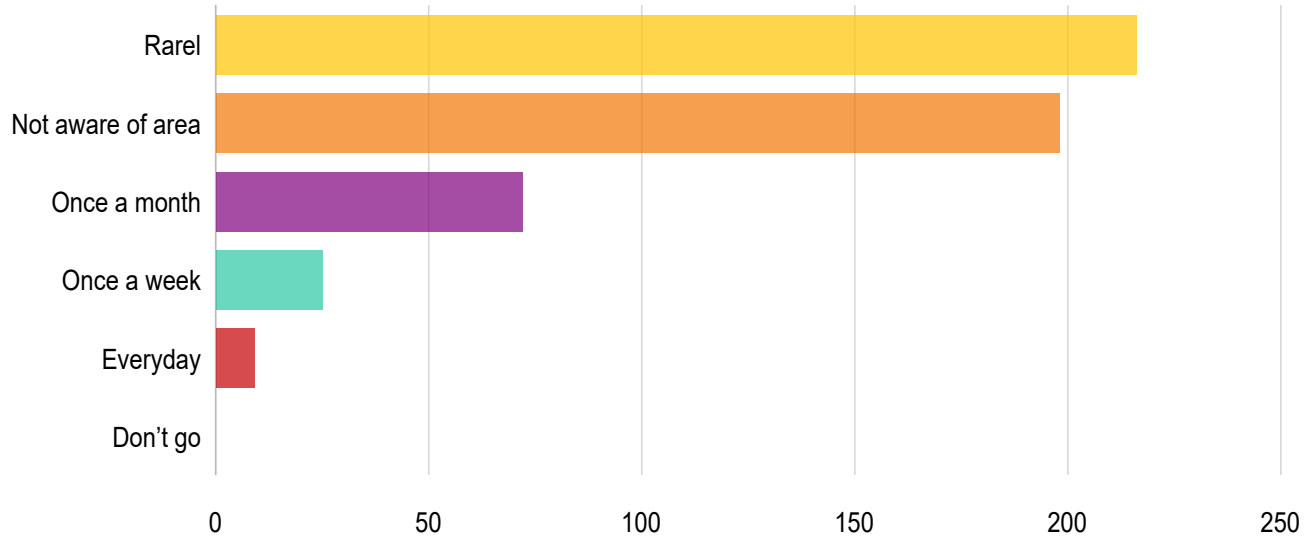
◦ ◦ Carding Mill Pond Conservation Area



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not aware of area	328	37.4%
Rarely	149	16.99%
Once a month	42	4.79%
Once a week	10	1.14%
Everyday	4	0.46%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 843 Skipped: 34

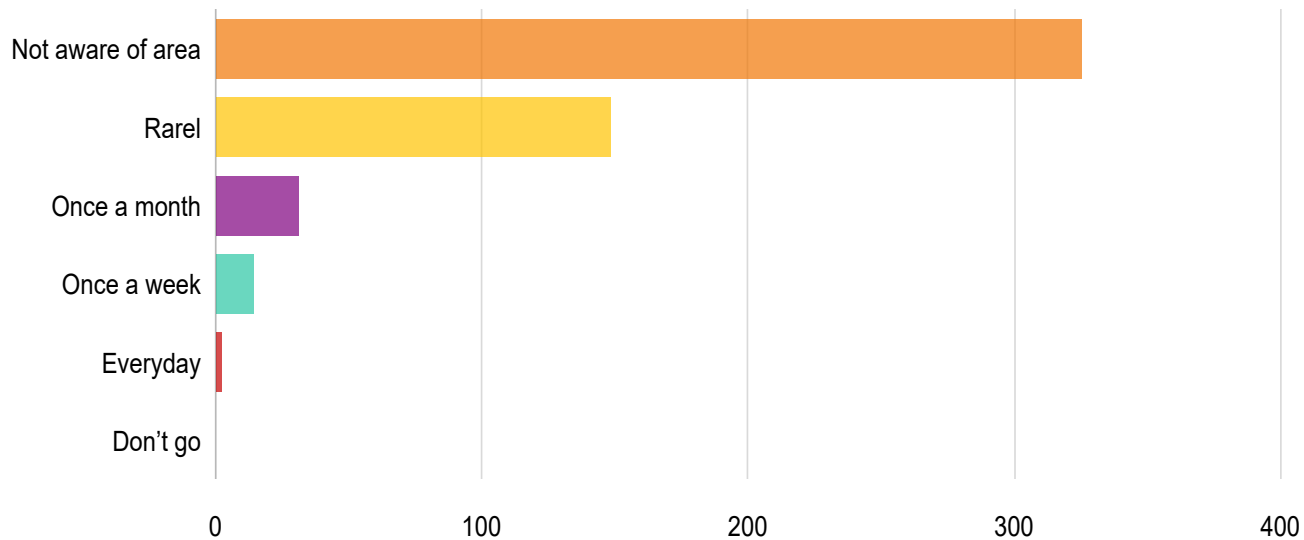
○ ○ Davis Farm



Answers	Count	Percentage
Rarely	216	24.63%
Not aware of area	198	22.58%
Once a month	72	8.21%
Once a week	25	2.85%
Everyday	9	1.03%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 846 Skipped: 31

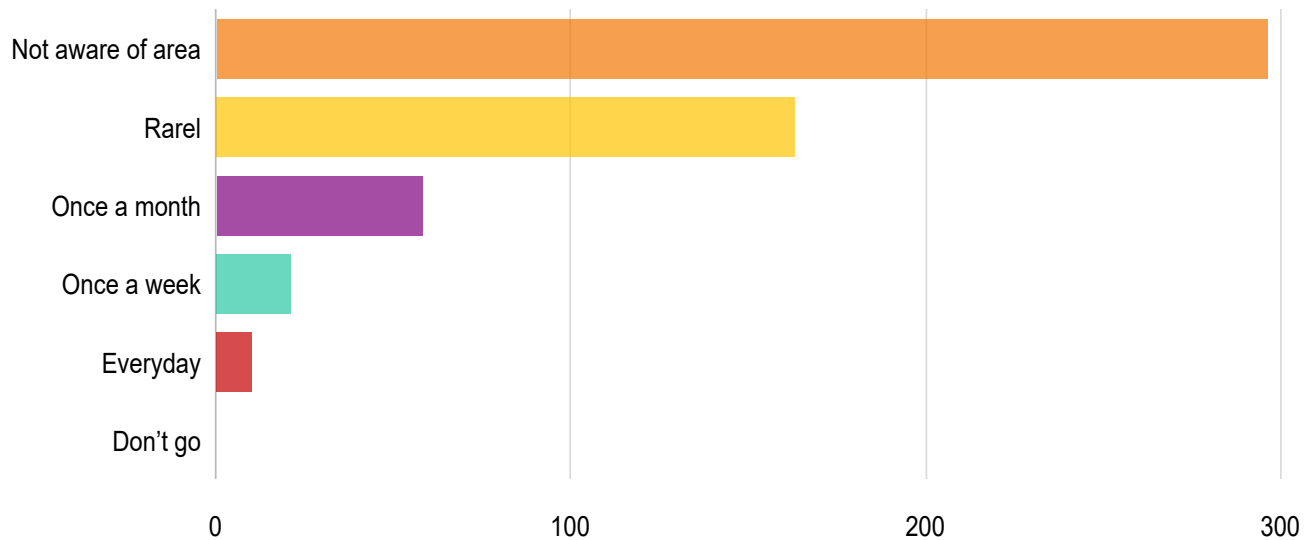
○ ○ Frost Farm



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not aware of area	325	37.06%
Rarely	148	16.88%
Once a month	31	3.53%
Once a week	14	1.6%
Everyday	2	0.23%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 842 Skipped: 35

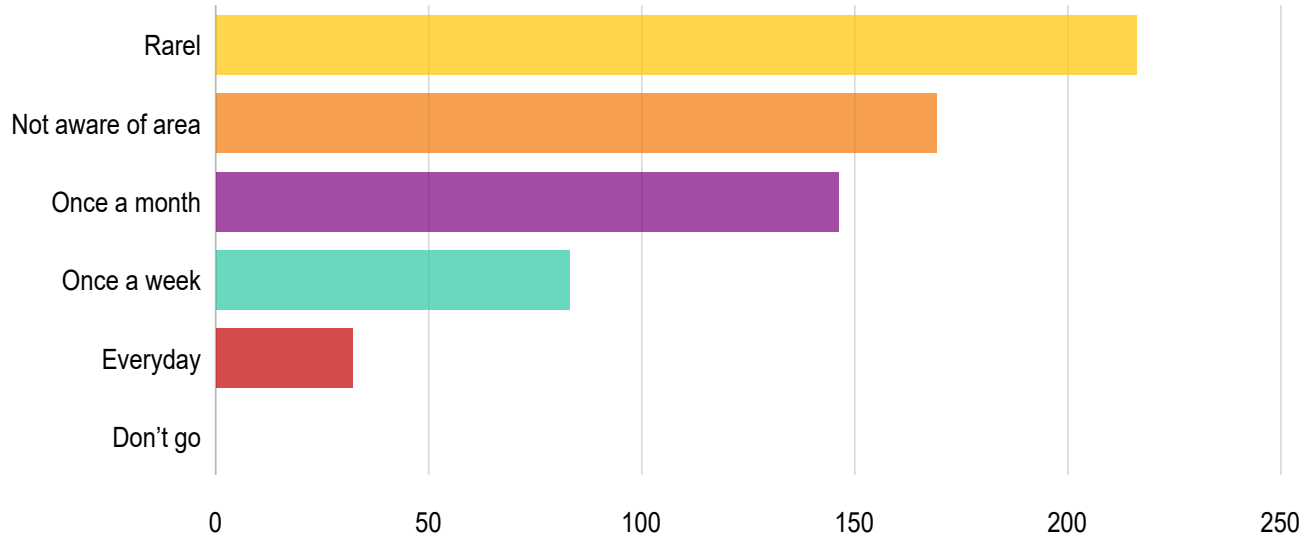
○ ○ Haynes Meadow



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not aware of area	296	33.75%
Rarely	163	18.59%
Once a month	58	6.61%
Once a week	21	2.39%
Everyday	10	1.14%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 845 Skipped: 32

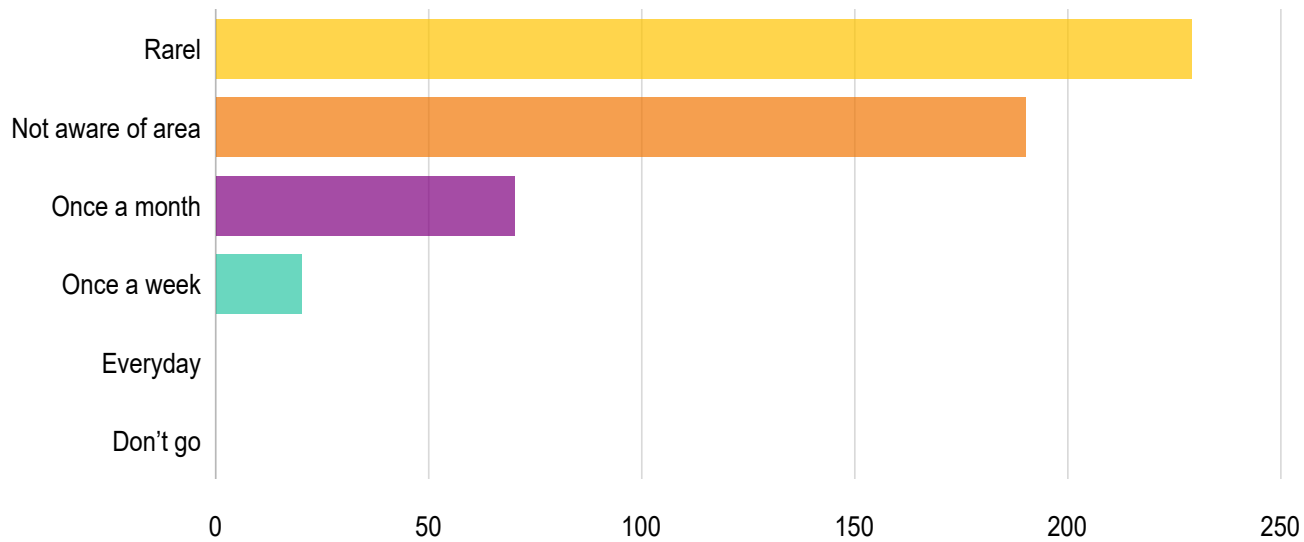
◦ ◦ Hop Brook Marsh



Answers	Count	Percentage
Rarely	216	24.63%
Not aware of area	169	19.27%
Once a month	146	16.65%
Once a week	83	9.46%
Everyday	32	3.65%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 856 Skipped: 21

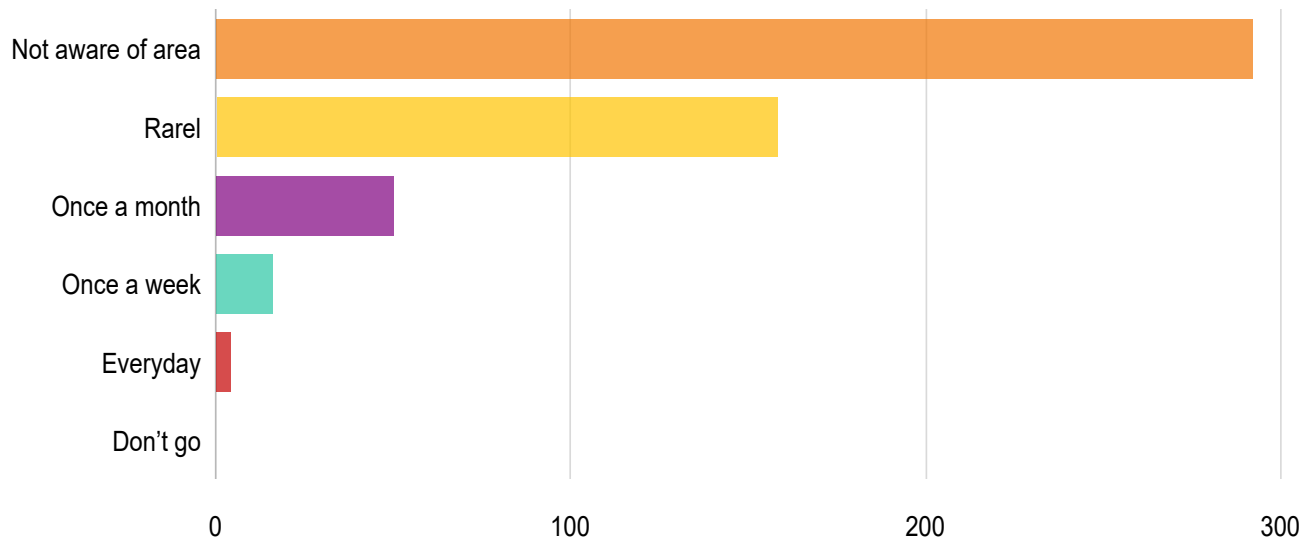
◦ ◦ King Philip Woods



Answers	Count	Percentage
Rarely	229	26.11%
Not aware of area	190	21.66%
Once a month	70	7.98%
Once a week	20	2.28%
Everyday	0	0%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 847 Skipped: 30

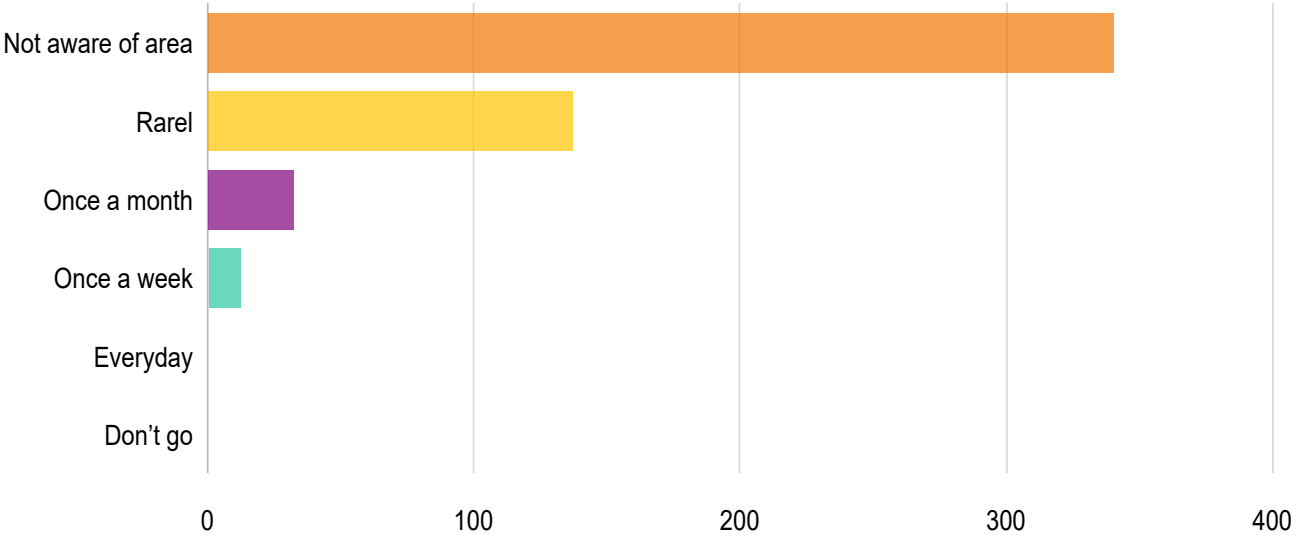
Landham Brook Marsh



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not aware of area	292	33.3%
Rarely	158	18.02%
Once a month	50	5.7%
Once a week	16	1.82%
Everyday	4	0.46%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 839 Skipped: 38

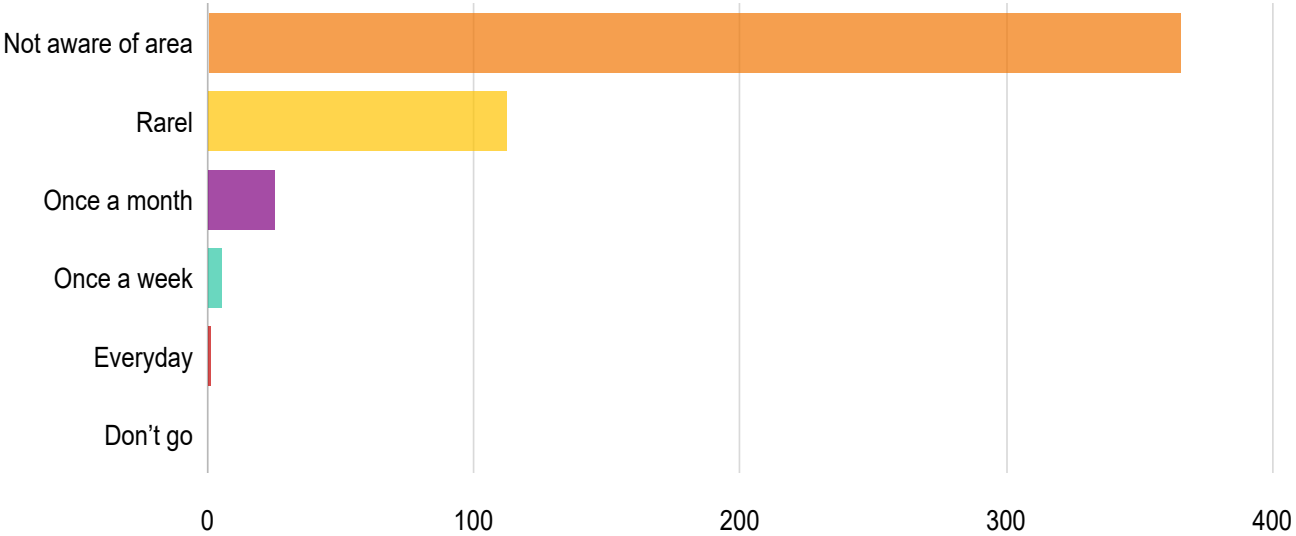
◦ ◦ Lincoln Meadows



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not aware of area	340	38.77%
Rarely	137	15.62%
Once a month	32	3.65%
Once a week	12	1.37%
Everyday	0	0%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 840 Skipped: 37

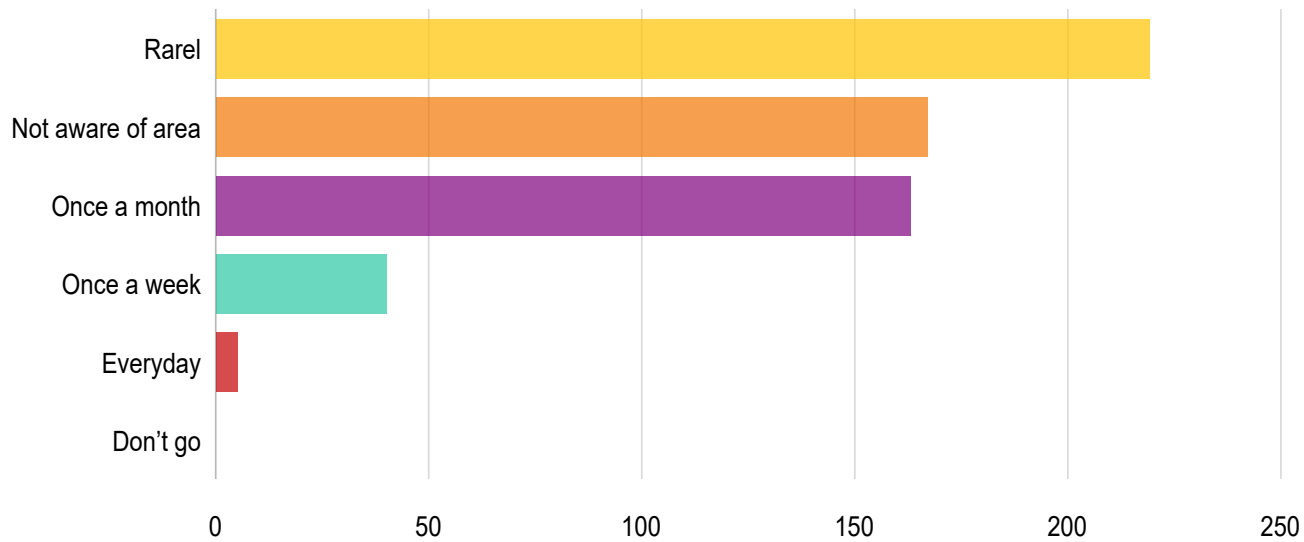
○ ○ Mahoney Farm



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not aware of area	365	41.62%
Rarely	112	12.77%
Once a month	25	2.85%
Once a week	5	0.57%
Everyday	1	0.11%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 841 Skipped: 36

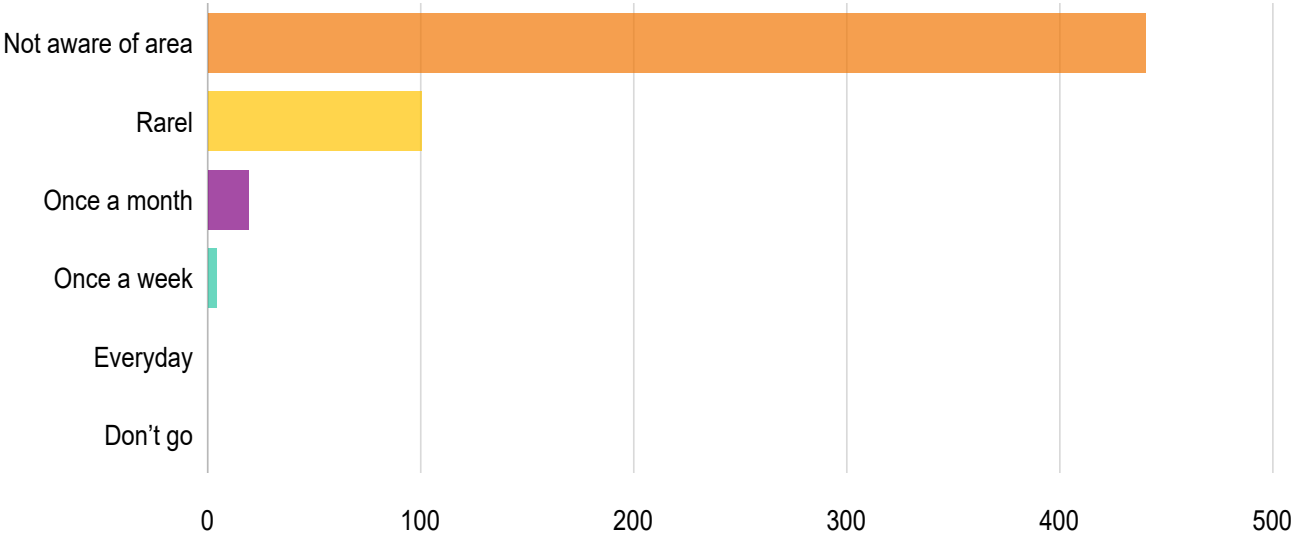
◦ ◦ Nobscot



Answers	Count	Percentage
Rarely	219	24.97%
Not aware of area	167	19.04%
Once a month	163	18.59%
Once a week	40	4.56%
Everyday	5	0.57%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 850 Skipped: 27

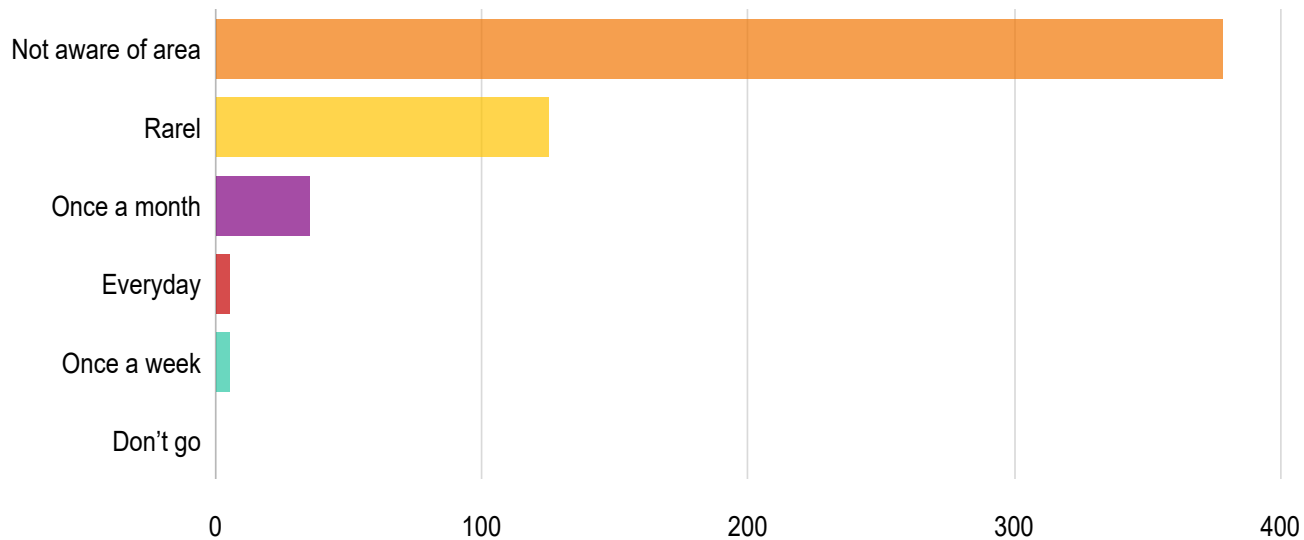
○ ○ Piper Farm



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not aware of area	440	50.17%
Rarely	100	11.4%
Once a month	19	2.17%
Once a week	4	0.46%
Everyday	0	0%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 838 Skipped: 39

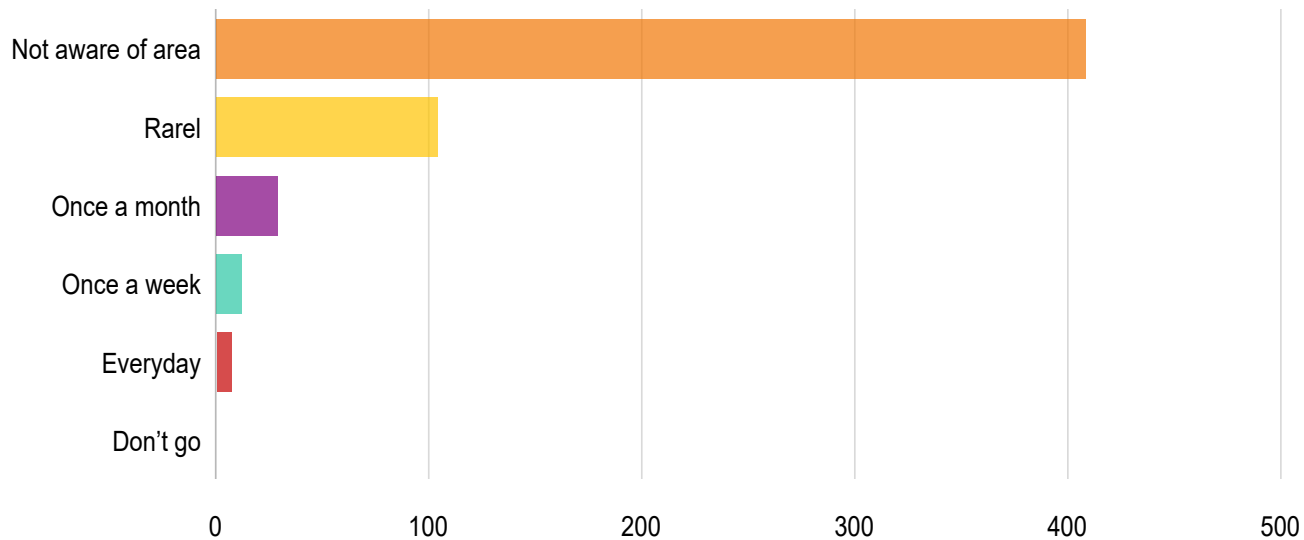
◦ ◦ Raymond Reservation



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not aware of area	378	43.1%
Rarely	125	14.25%
Once a month	35	3.99%
Everyday	5	0.57%
Once a week	5	0.57%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 835 Skipped: 42

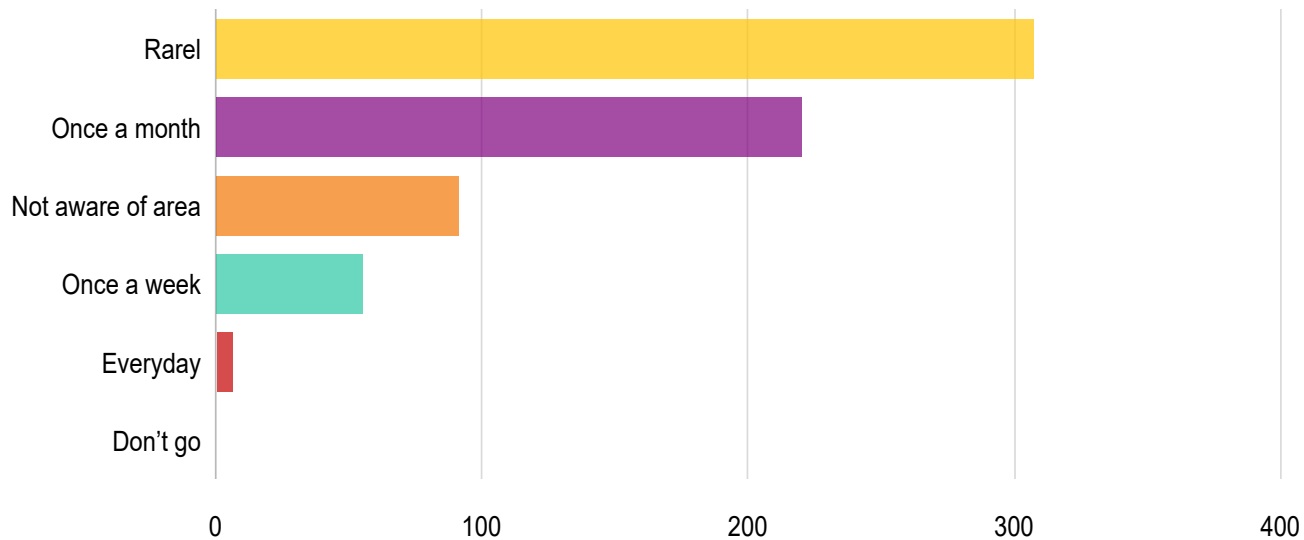
○ ○ Poor Farm Meadow



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not aware of area	408	46.52%
Rarely	104	11.86%
Once a month	29	3.31%
Once a week	12	1.37%
Everyday	7	0.8%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 841 Skipped: 36

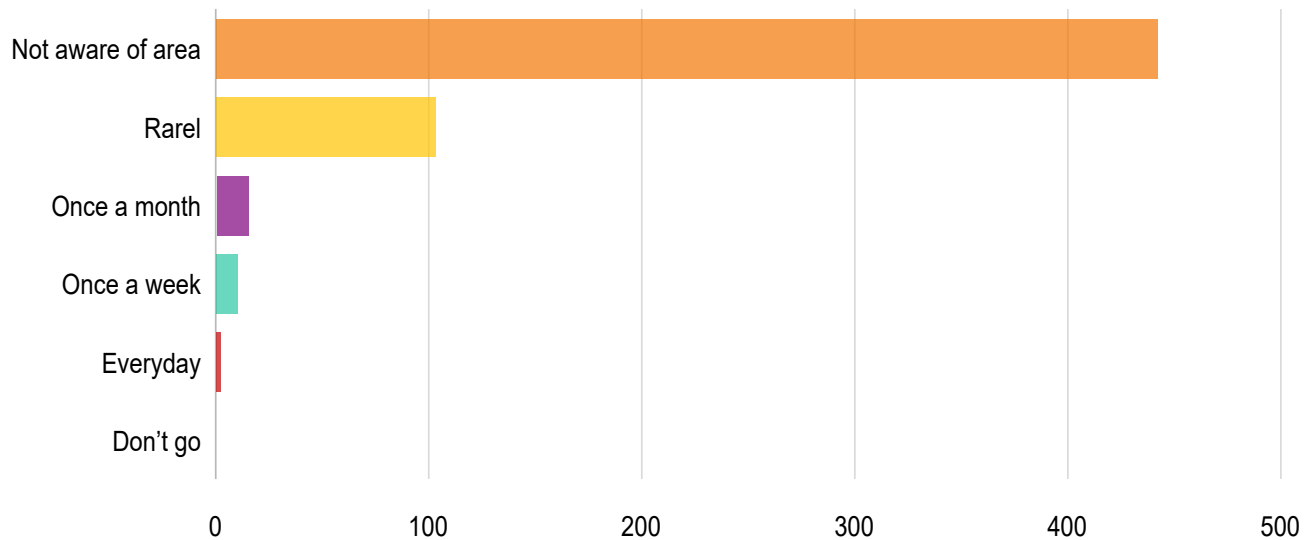
◦ ◦ Tippling Rock Trail



Answers	Count	Percentage
Rarely	307	35.01%
Once a month	220	25.09%
Not aware of area	91	10.38%
Once a week	55	6.27%
Everyday	6	0.68%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 851 Skipped: 26

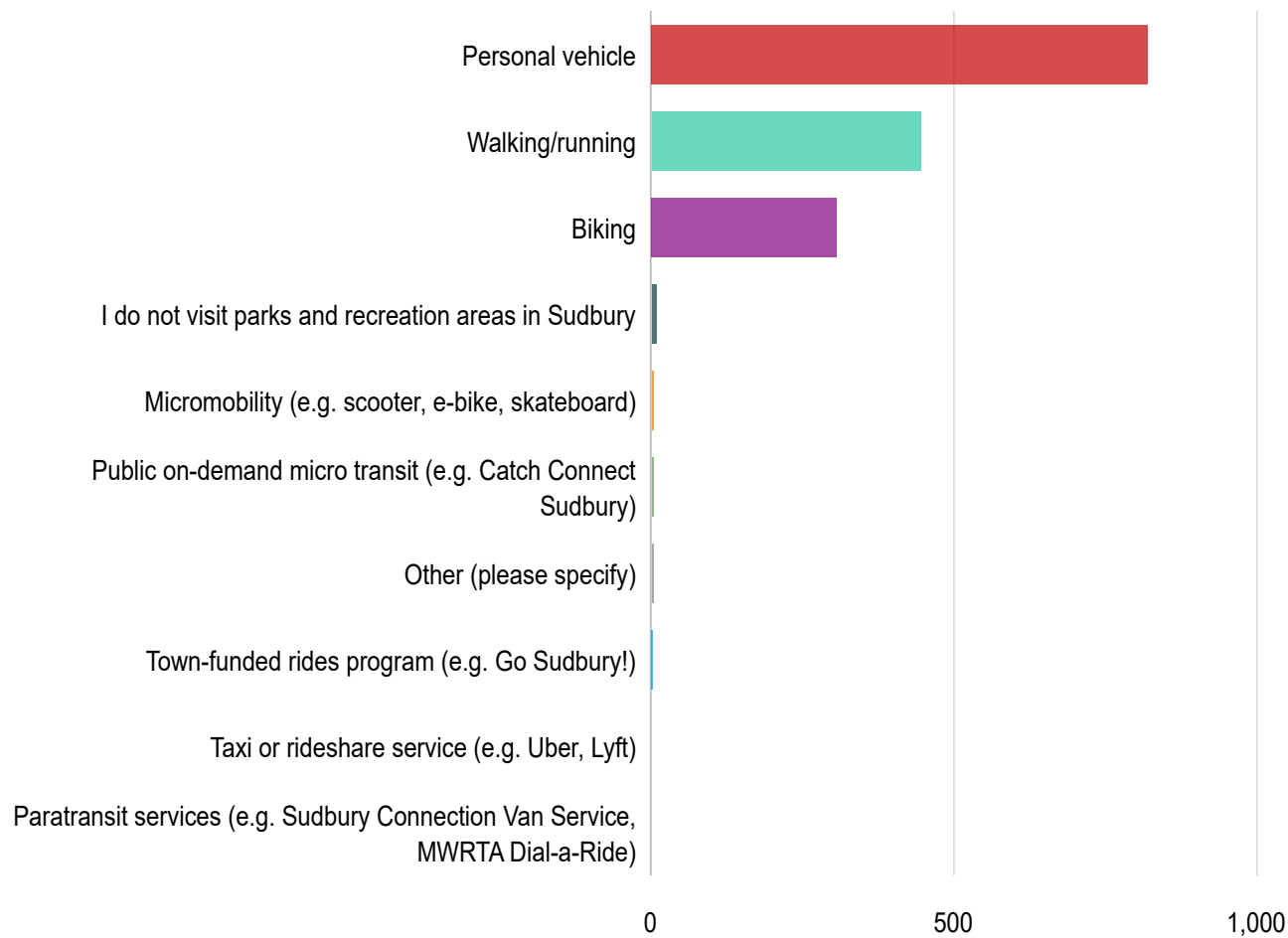
Wake Robin Conservation Area



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not aware of area	442	50.4%
Rarely	103	11.74%
Once a month	15	1.71%
Once a week	10	1.14%
Everyday	2	0.23%
Don't go	0	0%

Answered: 841 Skipped: 36

3. How do you typically travel to parks and recreation facilities in Sudbury?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Personal vehicle	818	93.27%
Walking/running	444	50.63%
Biking	306	34.89%
I do not visit parks and recreation areas in Sudbury	8	0.91%
Micromobility (e.g. scooter, e-bike, skateboard)	3	0.34%
Public on-demand micro transit (e.g. Catch Connect Sudbury)	3	0.34%
Other (please specify)	3	0.34%
Town-funded rides program (e.g. Go Sudbury!)	2	0.23%
Taxi or rideshare service (e.g. Uber, Lyft)	0	0%
Paratransit services (e.g. Sudbury Connection Van Service, MWRTA Dial-a-Ride)	0	0%

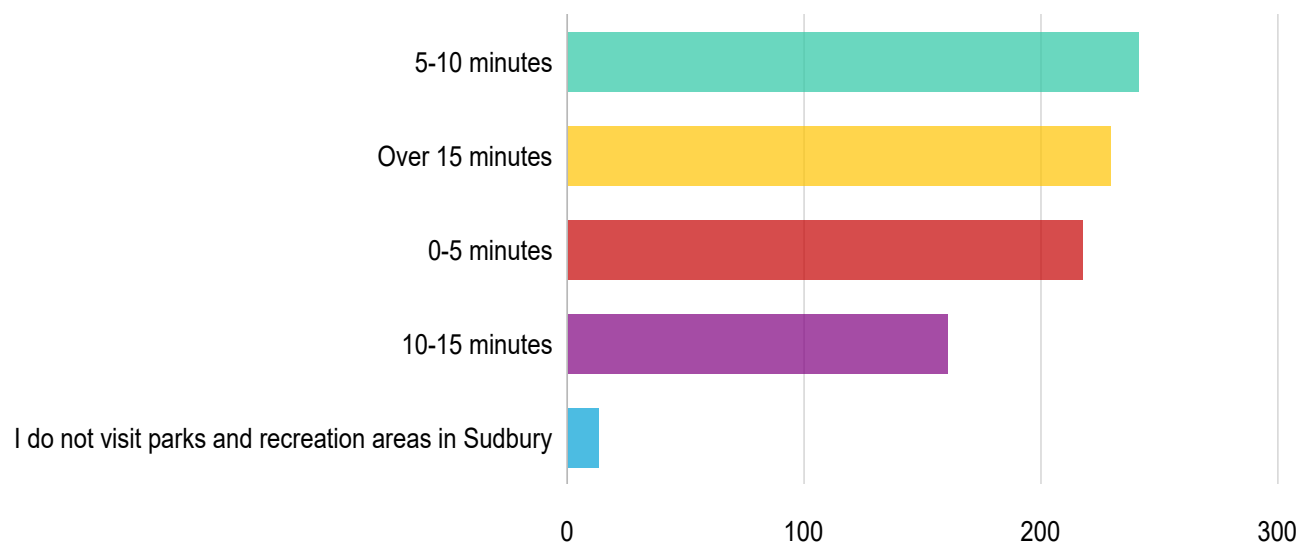
Paratransit services (e.g. Sudbury Connection Van Service,
MWRTA Dial-a-Ride)

0

0%

Answered: 870 Skipped: 7

4. On average, how long does it take you to walk to a park or recreation...



Answers

Count

Percentage

5-10 minutes

241

27.48%

Over 15 minutes

229

26.11%

0-5 minutes

217

24.74%

10-15 minutes

160

18.24%

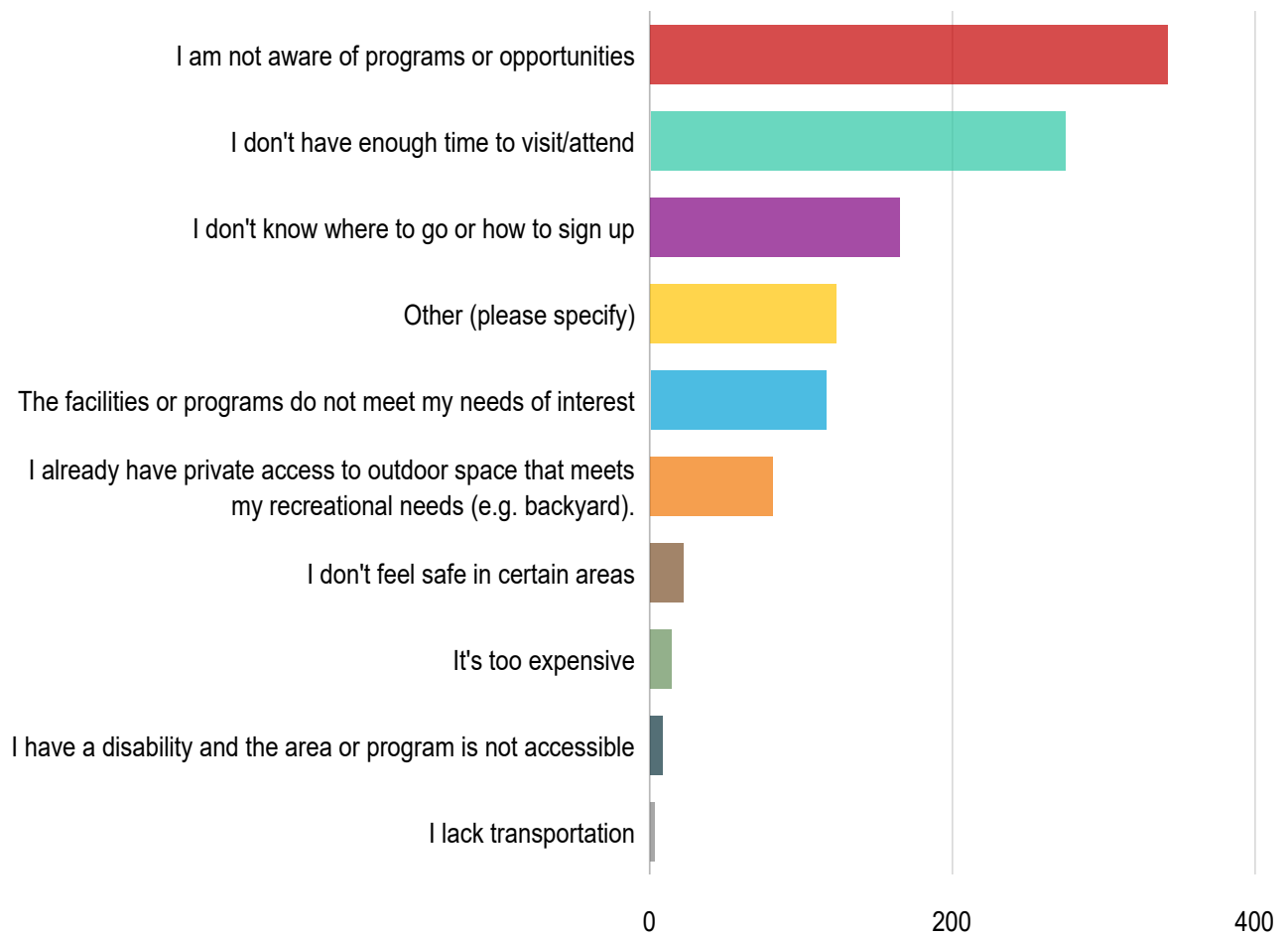
I do not visit parks and recreation areas in Sudbury

13

1.48%

Answered: 860 Skipped: 17

5. Is there anything that keeps you from using recreation or conservation areas, or...



Answers	Count	Percentage
I am not aware of programs or opportunities	342	39%
I don't have enough time to visit/attend	274	31.24%
I don't know where to go or how to sign up	165	18.81%
Other (please specify)	123	14.03%
The facilities or programs do not meet my needs of interest	116	13.23%
I already have private access to outdoor space that meets my recreational needs (e.g. backyard).	81	9.24%
I don't feel safe in certain areas	22	2.51%
It's too expensive	14	1.6%

I have a disability and the area or program is not accessible	8	0.91%
I lack transportation	3	0.34%

Answered: 709 Skipped: 168

6. Please select what you consider to be the biggest unmet open space needs in...



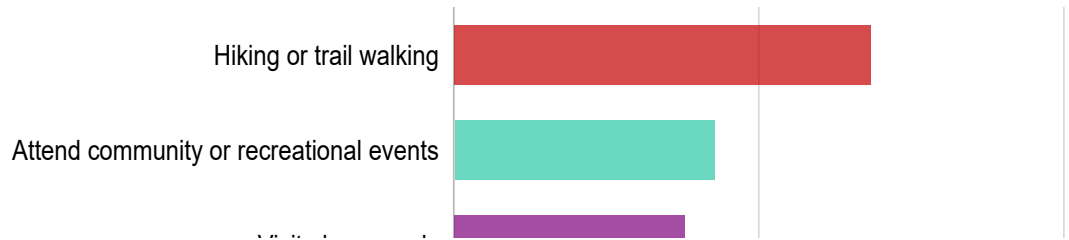
Answers **Count** **Percentage**

Splash pad	253	28.85%	
Designated outdoor swimming area	246	28.05%	
Additional multi-use fields (football, lacrosse, field hockey, soccer)	190	21.66%	
Additional boating facilities for kayaking/canoes			
Additional playgrounds	181	20.64%	
Dog parks	176	20.07%	
Additional softball field/baseball field	165	18.81%	
Additional bandstand and performance areas	157	17.9%	
Additional nature trails	148	16.88%	
Additional boating facilities for kayaking/canoes	143	16.31%	
Additional basketball courts	123	14.03%	
Additional picnic areas	118	13.45%	
Additional bandstand and performance areas	118	13.45%	
Additional pickleball courts	114	13%	
Other (please specify)	108	12.31%	
Additional ice skating rink	99	11.29%	
Additional indoor swimming facilities	95	10.83%	

Additional fishing access or opportunities	Additional tennis courts	77	8.78%	
Additional community gardens		75	8.55%	
Additional track and field facilities	Additional outdoor fitness equipment	71	8.1%	
Disc golf course		71	8.1%	
Additional tennis courts		67	7.64%	
Skateboard park		55	6.27%	
Additional outdoor fitness equipment		52	5.93%	

Answered: 842 Skipped: 35

7. What activities do you participate in when visiting parks and recreation facilities in...



Answers	Count	Percentage
---------	-------	------------

Hiking or trail walking	683	77.88%
Attend community or recreational events	426	48.57%
Visit playgrounds	378	43.1%
Walk dogs	356	40.59%
Biking, scootering, or skateboarding	354	40.36%
Organized sports (team or individual)	354	40.36%
Casual pick-up sports or games	229	26.11%
Participate in recreational programs (e.g. indoor pickleball, summer camp)	195	22.23%
Swim at Atkinson Pool	172	19.61%
Trail biking/mountain biking	151	17.22%
Ice skating	126	14.37%
Snowshoeing	101	11.52%
Boating non-motorized (e.g sailing, kayaking, paddleboarding)	77	8.78%
Cross country skiing	73	8.32%
Other (please specify)	39	4.45%
Play golf	25	2.85%
Play ultimate frisbee	24	2.74%
Hunting (regulated, in designated areas such as Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge)	15	1.71%

Heard Pond	2
Haskell Field	2
Cushing Memorial Park in Framingham Wayland Town Beach	2
Yoga programming	1
Yes. Waltham has an amazing new playground and Arlington due to proximity to cafes and parking for recreation and town dog park which is fenced in.	1
Yes. Travel to Hop Brook Marsh on foot by running. Lack of sidewalks, narrow roads and speeding vehicles make it harrowing to get to areas of recreation	1
Yes. The dedicated pickleball fields in Framingham, Wayland and Weston.	1
Yes. Stow trails and town forest. Stow community gardens.	1
Yes. Refuge trails in Stow. Battle Road and Reformatory trails in Concord	1
Yes. Mount Misery, concord river, assabet river boat landing	1
Yes. Indoor & outdoor tennis & pickleball. Walk dogs in dog friendly spaces where dogs are under control.	1
Yes. I visit Camp Sewarato often. I really enjoy the natural woods and trails there. The pond for fishing is a big plus for families who want to get together for fishing. Just watching the wild animals there (bird, squirrel, etc.) is very satisfying. Please protect the wildlife habitat and biodiversity at Camp Sewarato.	1
Yes. I regularly visit pickleball courts in Framingham(Butterworth), Weston(Burchard), Needham(Mills Field), Jamaica Plain(English school) for pickleball. They all have dedicated pickleball courts with permanent net and some have lights at night.	1
Yes. Concord, Lincoln, Framingham, Wayland, Stow, Weston hiking areas. West Concord downtown for shops/restaurants near bike trail.	1
yes. bedford has much better playgrounds for kids and they actually improve them when they say they're going to do so	1
Yes. Sports activities for kids, dog walking.	1
Yes. Marlboro conservation land. Federal Wildlife land. Rail trails.	1
Yes, WHS for pickleball	1

yes, we visit playgrounds in framingham with nice toddler friendly structures and recreational/outdoor activities at The Garden in the Woods.	1
Yes, we frequently use other playgrounds (specifically Carlisle, Concord, and Waltham), and the splash pad in Marlborough.	1
Yes, we explore trails in communities throughout MA and other states. We hike and bike ride.	1
Yes, walking on trails in Lincoln.	1
Yes, trails in other towns where people leash their dogs, which no one in Sudbury enforces	1
Yes, too many to list!	1
Yes, SVT-owned properties, mostly in Sudbury, Wayland, or Concord, Mass Audubon properties in Lincoln, National Park Service properties in Concord.	1
Yes, splash pads in Marlboro (Ghiloni park) or Waltham. Mountain biking in Framingham's Callahan or Nobscott side. Leominster town forest for mountain biking and Russel mill town forest. Waltham's Western Greenway for mountain biking.	1
Yes, splash pad in Marlborough, Calagan park, Assabet Wildlife refuge	1
Yes, Sherman bridge in Wayland or Sudbury Rd in Stow, for Paddle boarding. I have a membership for an outdoor pool, but I would like to have access to one from the tonw.	1
Yes, Sewataro and Haskell Field	1
Yes, Mt Misery in Lincoln a few times a week.	1
Yes, Maynard Dog Park, Mt Misery, Splash Pad in Marlborough and Waltham, Playground/Park in Concord	1
Yes, Marlboro splash pad. Concord rail trails.	1
Yes, I often by at the Assabet wilderness area. I would love to have better trails in Sudbury, like the Assabet wilderness area.	1
Yes, I like to explore the different hiking trails nearby. I plan to go to waltham for their new playground and in the summer we go to the Marlboro splash pad (the one by fireflies).	1
Yes, I go to Heard Farm in Wayland because it is close to my house.	1
Yes, I go to Assabet Wildlife refuge weekly to run and hike. We use the Beede center in Concord for indoor swimming and swim lessons. Weston for cross-country skiing	1

Yes, hiking trails in Lincoln.	1
Yes, Haskell	1
Yes, every town north on the BFRT to Chelmsford and every town west on the MCRT to Berlin. It would be great to have safe access (bike paths) south and east.	1
Yes, Assabet Wildlife Refuge.	1
Yes, all local fields for sports. The most important thing is the maintenance of said fields for quality games and as part of the appeal the town. When we travel to other towns who keep up their fields better and have more dedicated sports space (like Cutting instead of Haskell), it engenders a feeling of lacking in our town.	1
Yes white pond	1
yes we visit playgrounds in nearby towns	1
Yes Wayland and concord for walking trails and playground	1
Yes Walden and White Pond for summer swim on weekends	1
Yes I sometimes go to Weston Framingham Acton Natick Burlington to play pickleball	1
Yes - to Waltham and Marlborough for splash pads and to Concord or Carlisle for better playgrounds	1
Yes - Southborough Driving Range, Stow Acres driving range, area golf courses	1
Yes - Mount Misery in Lincoln, Cow Common Meadow in Wayland, Heard Farm in Wayland, Sudbury / Marlborough State Forest - mainly to take walks and hikes	1
Yes - Marlborough - Ghiloni Park and Williams Lake; Framingham - Cochituate State Park; Concord - Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge; Southborough - Fayville Park	1
Yes - Heard Fields in Wayland	1
YES - Concord playgrounds and I visit Boston weekly for walkable neighborhoods + playgrounds w coffee shops nearby. (Could we please get a Karma Coffee (or any) pop up at Fairbanks for all us parents waiting at sporting events + playground	1
Yes - Concord playgrounds	1
Wright woods, Mt Misery, Adams Woods, Walden Pond, Pine Hill trails for trail running and/or mountain biking	1

Wolbach Farm Hosmer House Assabet wildlife preserve White Pond Walden Pond Mt. Misery Weir Hill and Round Hill Brues Woods	1
White Pond, Walden Pond for swimming, SUP	1
White Pond in Concord Walden Pond in Concord	1
White Pond in Concord for swimming, Boston United volleyball/pickleball in Wayland	1
White pond in concord	1
Weston, Marlborough	1
Weston town green holds numerous events and has a very clear permitting process. Sudbury's permit process for public use of space is non existent and no department is accountable for answering questions if a community group wants to use the space.	1
Weston to cat rock park since it's a big space where dogs can be off leash, same with Stow town forest.	1
Weston library playground, alpine rd playground wayland, landham road playground in waltham, concord playground by library	1
Weston dog park, Marlborough playground	1
Weston Cat rock Park, Lincoln, Concord, Boston	1
Weston and Wayland Playgrounds. They are larger and better equipped than Sudbury	1
Weston and wayland open spaces	1
West Concord\Concord. Walking around the SIDEWALKS. Biking to a coffee shop	1
We walk our dog in Stow, use the Bruce Friedman trail in multiple towns for walking and cycling, visit Framingham's Callahan dog park, use the Minuteman bike trail.	1
We used to travel to walk Sewataro when before we moved to Sudbury.	1
We travel to other playgrounds and to the skate park in Hudson	1
We take the kids to splash pad in Marlborough sometimes	1
We regularly walk the Sudbury BFRT Rail Trail and neighboring rail trails. We love rail trails!	1

We regularly visit Lincoln for the trails to walk our dog. We visit Mount Misery and the trails that lead to the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum.	1
We really need spaces that are accessible as we have a member of the family who is a wheelchair user. A track that is accessible would be fantastic. We often go to Acton to play baseball as they have an accessible field, paths, etc. a track would be great to run outside of the school tracks as well as an accessible frisbee golf course. An outdoor pool with zero entry would also be great.	1
We loved the Fairbanks ice skating rink.	1
We love the new rail trail, but having a safe sidewalk to the trail would help immensely. At the very least, the speed limit on Union should be reduced to 30mph.	1
We go to Waltham and marlborough for their better parks and splash pads. our community playgrounds are terrible for a family heavy town.	1
We go to the Assabet frequently for walking, the little museum, and fresh air.	1
We frequently hike in Stow Town Forest or in conservation areas in Concord or Lincoln.	1
We enjoy swimming at White Pond Beach and Walden Pond. We've also been summer members of Lincoln's outdoor pool and Weston's outdoor pool (at great expense for non-residents) in the past.	1
We belong to Greenwood, where our child participates in swim & tennis lessons. We live close by, so he can easily bike there. Before we got into Greenwood, our son went to camp at Sewataro. Hubby loves the tennis league at Greenwood, but also meets friends for basketball or tennis courts at Sewataro or Featherland. We all enjoy biking on the Rail Trails.	1
Wayside inn for walks. Marlborough and Waltham for splash pads and playgrounds. We used to live in Waltham and the playgrounds are incredible! I know many Sudbury residents who bring their kids to nearby towns, especially for the splash pads. We also belong to wayland town beach and sometimes visit the wayland town pool.	1
Wayland: Heard Farm, Hamlen Woods. Concord: Wright Woods, Hapgood-Wright Forest. Bolton: Delaney Flood Control Site	1
Wayland, Weston	1
Wayland, Heard Farm Nobscot Framingham side	1
Wayland, Concord trails	1
Wayland Rail Trail (Cent. Mass).	1

Wayland high school tennis court for Pickleball	1
Wayland high and acton high for basketball. Concord hiking and bike trails. Out door basketball courts in surrounding towns because too much pickleball and tennis on Sudbury basketball courts	1
Wayland heard farm. Metro west YMCA,	1
Wayland Hamlin woods for hiking	1
Wayland Community Pool. It's outdoors in the summer and if you can't get into the two swim clubs, or don't be long to Longfellow, it's an option.	1
Wayland community garden Assabet	1
Wayland COA	1
Wayland boat launch on Sudbury River at Rt 20. Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge for some biking.	1
Wayland beach	1
Waltham, all the parks and playgrounds are surprisingly much better than Sudbury	1
Waltham which has better parks and amenities. Concord for field access for soccer and other sports.	1
Waltham Ice hockey rink on Tottenham Pond Road Loring Arena Framingham MDC skating rink in Brighton (Cleveland Circle) ¹	1
Waltham for their splash pads, concord and Wayland for their playgrounds, acton for their ice rink, Wayland for outdoor swimming	1
Walking trails in Lincoln and Wayland, Heard Farm in Wayland is our favorite	1
walking paths/hiking trails: sudbury valley trustees, the pond in Berlin	1
Walk through Sewetaro and my son and his friends fish at Sewetaro ponds all the time in the summer	1
Walden woods	1
Walden Pond White Pond Lake Boone Underwood Pool	1
Walden Pond Nobscot	1

Very frequently use Trails which extend from Dutton Road west through woods over into Marlboro (2 miles). Hike, X-C ski, Mtn Bike, Road Bike, Ride on new bike paths/ rail trails (paved) into adjacent towns. Kayak in Sudbury River, Assabet River, Concord River . launch in Sudbury, Stow, Concord. Use the (Nobscot Reservation and Scout Camp and Tippling Rock areas joined) in Sudbury and Framingham for hiking and X-C Ski in past, participated in Sudbury adult sports teams which also had games in adjacent towns.	1
Various rail trails Mount Misery in Lincoln	1
Typically the nicer playgrounds in nearby communities.	1
Trails. Health club. Indoor golf and mini golf.	1
Trails in surrounding towns.	1
Trails in Concord, Lincoln and Wayland. Specifically Heard Farm in Wayland, Walden Pond area in Lincoln and Mattison Field area in Concord	1
Trails in Concord and Lincoln	1
Trails for biking in Weston's Ogilvie Town Forest. Biking on the BFRT to Concord and Acton. Biking on the MCRT to Hudson, Wayland and Weston. In Sudbury: trails in forest behind Lincoln-Sudbury High School (connects to my property). Trails at SVT's Round Hill.	1
Towns with outdoor pools! Lexington has a great one.	1
Tippling Rock, Mt. Misery, Walden Pond, Water conservation land along Hop Brook, Asset Wildlife Refuge	1
Tippling Rock, Hop Brook Marsh, Assabet, Calahan	1
There are very toddler appropriate pieces of playground equipment at SMILE playground and no shade. Even though it's walking distance, we constantly have to drive to another town (Wayland, Wellesley, Weston) to use their playgrounds. My daughter is 3 and SMILE playground was closed during summer weekdays every summer of her life. I can't believe how high my taxes are in relation to our poor access to age appropriate recreation for the under 5 set. Parks and Rec seems to offer almost no programming for her age.	1
The Thoreau Club for aquatic exercise classes and well thought out locker room facilities. The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail system and other rail trails.	1
The rail trail system in other towns.	1
The playground and track in Concord	1

Swimming at Walden Pond, walking/biking/birding on mapped/marked trails at Assabet River Wildlife Refuge, walking/birding on mapped, marked trails in Acton (including the arboretum), Concord, Carlisle, Wayland, Weston, Stow.	1
SVT Trails Drumlin Farm Weston and Wayland trails Camps in other towns: Concord Academy and Fenn LINX Camp - Wellesley YMCA camps - Wayland and Hopkinton	1
SVT properties	1
Sudbury Valley Trustees properties, Walden Pond, Great Meadows, Assabet River NWR	1
Stowe basketball, swim. Ice rinks/skating Framingham, Marlboro, etc.	1
Stow Town Forest to walk dog off leash	1
Stow town forest- mtn biking Bolton quarry area- mtn biking Acton- pickleball Concord- pickleball Concord rifle range/ off leash dog walking My misery- dog walking/hike	1
Stow town forest (stow) Great hill recreation(acton) Mount misery (lincoln) Fairhaven bay trails (concord) Twin ponds (lincoln/weston) Cat Rock (weekdays) Estabrook and October farm (concord - summer)	1
State Parks- Callahan and Walden Pond Private gym for pool access Wayland for pool access	1
Sports centers in neighboring towns for youth sports.	1
splashpad and playground at ghiloni park in marlborough jones field playground in action we used to go to haskell more often for the playground but that just feels like a disappointing place now	1
Splash pads in Waltham	1
Sometimes for pools	1
sometime Atkinson pool but its hard to reserve a spot and expensive for me	1
Skate Park (Acton/Hudson), disc golf (Devens)	1
Since tennis courts are poor conditions, I go to other town to play without any concerns.	1
Sewataro, Nobscot and tippling rock	1
Sewataro predominantly for walking, pickup games and fishing. Haskell and Davis fields for sports.	1
Sewataro Camp: We use this camp for our kids in the summer, but also thoroughly enjoy walking in and around the camp area to take in the beautiful nature/landscape year-round.	1

Sewataro , Davis, rail trail	1
Sewataro - it is very peaceful and a great addition for Sudbury residents.	1
Sewarto- dog walking , enjoying nature	1
Rail trails in Sudbury.	1
Rail Trails have been visited in other towns	1
rail trail biking areas in nearby towns	1
Pump track in Acton.	1
Princeton: Wachusett Mtn	1
Playgrounds/splash pads are superior in adjacent communities. Same for dog walking.	1
playgrounds in Maynard and Framingham	1
Playground in Acton	1
Play golf, horseback riding	1
Pickleball is easier in other areas due to easy online booking.	1
Pickleball in Natick Golf in wayland	1
Pickleball	1
Parks. Playgrounds.	1
Our younger boys use the Lacrosse Bounce Back Wall at LS Regional HS from time-to-time, when the students aren't using it. They also use Forekicks in Marlborough and TeamWorks in Acton for sport activities.	1
Other town turfs fields. Go to acton for turf baseball fields. Especially indoor sports over the winter. None to use in Sudbury because never available	1
Other playgrounds in surrounding areas that have better equipment	1
Other playgrounds in neighboring towns (Wayland, Natick) and Ghiloni park splash pad	1
Often travel to Maynard, Acton and Concord for hiking, and to Concord for swimming and splash pad.	1
Off leash dog parks in Framingham	1

Occasionally visit other communities for open space trail walking (e.g., Heard Farm in Wayland)	1
Not really but Haskell is closest—used to go regularly when child played soccer	1
Not really	1
Not in winter	1
No. I'm primarily at Featherland playing baseball	1
No, we are primarily at the baseball fields in Sudbury.	1
No, we are more likely to travel west of here to the Midstate Trail or to the New England Trail. We also visit Trustees of Reservations properties.	1
No, but I do spend much of the summer at my NH home with lakeside access	1
Natick, Wayland	1
Natick, KOHR Golf Center	1
Natick	1
Nara Park: Sledding, playground, pond.	1
NARA park, Stow's swimming area	1
NARA Park in Acton. Also, Rideout park in West Concord	1
Nara Park in Acton is an amazing facility! I used to go see LS Track and Field compete there. I was very jealous of the huge new covered picnic area and bandstand. I don't understand why Sudbury can't have a better outdoor area with covered tables.	1
Nara Park in Acton	1
Nara park for disability bike rentals	1
My White Pond loop starts and ends in Sudbury (park behind the R&D buildings on Rt.117) but is mainly in Concord. Walden Pond. North Bridge. DeCordova. Biking on the BFRT and CentralMass railtrails crosses into adjacent towns. Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge (partly in Sudbury).	1
My family will go to Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School	1
Mt. Misery in Lincoln	1

Mt. misery	1
Mountain biking trails all over the state. The trails in Sudbury are limited and don't have features like jumps and drops	1
mountain biking - Callahan State Park	1
Mount Misery in Lincoln	1
Mount Misery (Lincoln), Gates pond (Berlin), Callahan State Park (Framingham)	1
Mostly Sewataro; would love to see more activities happening (music, farmer's market...)	1
Most the areas are unheard off.	1
Monthly walks mentioned above, as much as 45 minutes away, but not repeatedly.	1
Minuteman bike trail	1
Memorial Forest, Assabet river wildlife refuge	1
Maynard, Wayland, Weston, Waltham	1
Maynard, Concord and Lincoln for trails or kayak drop in.	1
Maynard track, assabet national wildlife refuge, mount misery, Maynard rail trail	1
Maynard to their public golf course. Marlborough, when my kids were young, for their splash pad park. Cushing Memorial Park for walking, letting my kids go on their bikes/scooters when they were young, and then walking and picnic at the playground. Wayland for the bike trails before the Sudbury trails were open. Drumlin Farm (also when my kids were young). I go to the trails and fields at Wayside Inn, Assabet, and the trails behind Curtis Middle School often. I know they are in Sudbury, but I don't see them listed, or I am not aware of their official name.	1
Maynard Dog Park, Callahan State Park, Southborough (soccer fields, turf facilities), Marlborough (indoor courts, futsal), Framingham for biking paths	1
Maynard dog park	1
Maynard Assabet refuge. Thoreau Club pool and splash pad.	1
Mass Wildlife Preserve - Hudson	1
Mass Audubon sites.	1

Marlborough Splash Pad Drumlin Farm	1
Marlborough splash pad	1
Marlborough and Framingham for hiking and walking trails, Wayland for the rail trail in the past	1
Marlborough and concord for dog parks.	1
Marlborough - splash pad. Concord -playground. Framingham - swimming for children	1
Marlborough - splash pad and playground Acton and Concord - playgrounds and biking trails	1
Marlborough - Ghiloni Park, Memorial Beach for beach access, picnic, and basketball court.	1
Marlborough - Ghiloni park walking path	1
Marlboro splash pad	1
Marlboro has great playgrounds and we go there often. Fairbanks has a pretty old and damaged playground and all the other playgrounds in Sudbury seem to be at schools. It does not seem there is any public access to our pool, but lots of nearby communities have nice looking swimming areas available free to residents.	1
Marborough for their park with the splash pad. Carlisle for their playground.	1
Many of the open spaces, courts, trails in Lincoln and Concord.	1
Many - Lincoln, Wayland, Weston	1
LS high school (badminton, tennis)	1
love the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and the Mass Central Rail Trail. Running on these routes brings me into Concord, Wayland, and Marlborough.	1
Loring Ice Arena (Framingham)	1
Longfellow, btone, and volleyball boston united all in Wayland	1
Longfellow pool, hudson splash pad, waltham trails and playgrounds	1
Local splash parks	1
Lincoln--trails around Codman Estate, Drumlin Farm, Mt Misery West Concord--Rifle Range/rail trail Stow--Assabet Acton trails/Arboretum	1

Lincoln-Mt. Misery	1
Lincoln, Concord and Stow	1
Lincoln trails	1
Lincoln to hike with my dog off leash and swim in White Pond	1
lincoln public pool, concord swim and fitness	1
Lincoln pool, Concord camps	1
Lincoln for Codman pool and Mount misery, Acton for Nara Park, Wayland for town Beach, Concord for Walden Pond	1
Landham trail Haynes	1
Lake Cochituate for kayaking and swimming. Wayland Town Beach for swimming.	1
Lake Boon Pine Bluffs recreation area	1
Lake Boon (Stow) go paddle boarding Callahan State Park to hike/run/mountain bike with dog off leash Skate park in Hudson	1
I've thought about using other towns' pools (Concord) given how frequently Atkinson seems to have issues and unexpectedly closes, or takes lanes out of service for programs, lessons, etc. The pool membership's limited hours are inconvenient for people with 9–5 jobs and make it difficult to justify the cost, and booking single swims is too much trouble to be bothered.	1
I've gone to the Weston pickle ball courts Occasionally pay to use the basketball hoop at Longfellow in Wayland or the Framingham YMCA	1
Indoor fields for sports (teamworks in acton), outdoor swimming (wayland beach), Heard Farm for dog walking, Skiing (bring back the Featherland rope tow!!), Wayland high school indoor track for running in winter (would be great to have had one at the community center)	1
Indoor and Outdoor Golf courses	1
I've biked 97% of Sudbury roads and trails and 80-90% of most neighboring towns, so most of them. I feel Acton in particular does a great job with its open space	1
I'm a fan of Sudbury Valley Trust and spend a lot of time on their properties and trails	1
I would go to other towns that have turf fields	1

I will travel for parks, I travel to Waltham for splash pads, and to other areas where parks are closer to basketball courts or bike trails so more to do for my older children.	1
I walk my dog to Haskell everyday and I bring my kids there for sports in the fall and spring	1
I walk my dog daily in Camp Sewataro. I like to bring friends and family to refresh in nature, sounds and sights of animals/nature. I walk Parkinson's field and Ti sales fields with my dog and friends. The land behind Frost Farm is beautiful anytime of the year. I have snowshoe on all of these properties. I like to ride on the BFRT within Sudbury and to many of the towns that it extends to. It is safe and I don't need to worry about crazy distracted drivers on road.	1
I visit some areas in stow to walk.	1
I visit other open space conservation areas in Concord, Maynard, Bolton, etc - where SVT properties are - for a change of pace.	1
I used to go to Cushing Park in Framingham. I go to Callahan State Park in Framingham. I also go to Nobscot scout reservation, and the Assabet area. I am not too familiar with many of the spaces in Sudbury that are open to the public	1
I use the bike trails including sudbury's bike trails which are a true gem	1
I travel to Wayland daily to walk my dog so that we can go off leash.	1
I take the kids fishing in other surrounding towns	1
I stay in Sudbury	1
I spend the most time at the Haskell fields with my two children who both play town soccer.	1
I regularly (multiple times a week) go out of town for Hockey games and practices. I also will go to Herd Farm in Wayland to walk for exercise and for pups. I find it hard to use the new bike trails, especially living in south sudbury. There is no parking or easy access in the neighborhood to use them. I also find it frustrating that the town will take over the haskell playground during the summer for summer camps.	1
I love the splash pad in Waltham.	1
I Love the Rail Trails. I would like outside lighted tennis courts. The original design of the Senior Center was to have a gym/fitness equipment for seniors, it never happened.	1
I like to visit the White Pond in Concord	1

I hike/take photographs at many local parks including ARNWR, Delaney Wildlife Management Area, SVT Memorial Forest, SVT Lyons-Cutler, Mount Misery. My son's traveling soccer team plays on fields all over MetroWest.	1
I have used Concord recreation programs since I couldn't get into Sudbury Pickleball	1
I have a membership at a gym for fitness	1
I go to the splash pads in Waltham and Marlborough	1
I go on bird walks in Concord sponsored by the Brookline Bird Club.	1
I frequent Sewataro and love the open space.	1
I bike on adjacent bike trails to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail such as Mass Central Rail Trail and Assabet River Rail Trail.	1
Hudson Marlboro Watertown	1
Hudson splash pad Maynard dog park	1
Hudson has a few good trails as well as Lincoln. We used to go to other playgrounds in other towns when our kids were younger that had more elements for older kids (7+) and that had better shade.	1
Hop Brook and Haskell	1
Hockey- Valley Sports and NESC XC Ski- Weston Ski Track	1
Hiking trails I no longer have young children. When they were young my answers would have been very different.	1
Hiking in Framingham, Callahan park. Swimming in Concord when Atkinson was closed.	1
Heard Pond in Wayland Callahan State Park	1
Heard Field in Wayland; Trustees properties	1
Heard Farm, other town beaches	1
Heard Farm, Callahan State Park, Weston Reservoir, Aqueduct trails in Framingham and Wayland.	1
Heard Farm in Wayland	1
Heard Farm in Wayland- beautiful and nicely maintained. And Fido dog park in Natick - a great space.	1

Have to go to Stow or Maynard to find an open basketball court.	1
Haskell field/Fairbank community center is <1 mile away from me and we regulary go for the fields, playgrounds, events, and summer camp. I was not aware of many of the other locations on this list.	1
Haskell field, Gray Reservation, bike trails	1
Haskell Field for various youth rec programs and general recreation at playground and fields	1
Haskell Field for kids sports, Fairbanks for ice skating, Davis and Hop Brook for walking my dog.	1
Haskell Field and Playground	1
Haskell Field & playground	1
Haskell field Atkinson pool	1
Haskell	1
Greenways in Wayland	1
Great meadows NWR, drumlin farm, assabet river NWR.	1
Great meadows in concord, wright woods in concord	1
Go to the bike trails (Bruce Freeman and Mass Central)	1
Ghioloni Park in marlboro the park splash pad	1
Ghiloni Splash park in Marlborough, ans children's playgrounds in Waltham, Belmont, and Arlington	1
Ghiloni Park splash pad	1
Ghiloni Park in Marlborough	1
Generally go hiking at places with longer trails than are available in Sudbury. ~3 -4 miles is my preferred distance. Sudbury's properties are mostly too small and disconnected from each other to be appealing.	1
Freely Field and the walk trail along Raymond RD. Maybe a bench place at the marsh area?	1
Framingham ice skating rink, pickleball courts	1
Framingham	1
Fore kicks , field house, teamworks	1

For tennis, I signed up Longfellow membership for winter indoor courts. During summer time, I usually go to Wayland high school for open courts during night time. If I can not find a court in Featherland park, I will try Sudbury high school. If not available either, I usually give up waiting in featherland park. For pickball, featherland park is the only outdoor place. But we usually have to wait for long times sharing courts with tennis players. Also, we have to move the pickleball nets every time. Very often, I will go to Burchard Field (20 minutes) for fixed net pickleball courts, or Butterworth Park in Framingham, etc. In the winter time, I only go to Fairbank center for indoor basketball courts, but the courts are so limited always waiting for long lines.	1
Feeley, Featherland, Hop Brook, Haskell, the BFRT	1
Favorite local places for hiking are Assabet River refuge and many in Concord - October Farm, Old Rifle Range, Fairhaven, Walden	1
Fairbanks, haskell	1
Everyday to rec center	1
Drumlin Farm Many other town sports fields for soccer and softball	1
Dog park in Maynard or Framingham	1
Dog park in Marlborough	1
Dog park	1
Disc golf courses in surrounding towns	1
Devens- disc golf	1
Cushing park in Framingham and the rail trail in Framingham	1
Cushing Park Framingham for walking easily with a stroller and easy access to a playground. Hannah Williams playground in Wayland because it's shady. Castle in the Trees Littleton because it's an amazing playground with tons of seating for adults and shady.	1
Cushing Memorial Park Framingham. Sll fogs leashed and area is extremely well maintained and plowed in winter.	1
Cross country skiing at Great Brook, Carlisle, MA Ice skating - various arenas	1
Cross country at Great Meadows.	1
Concord: White Pond, Walden Pond	1

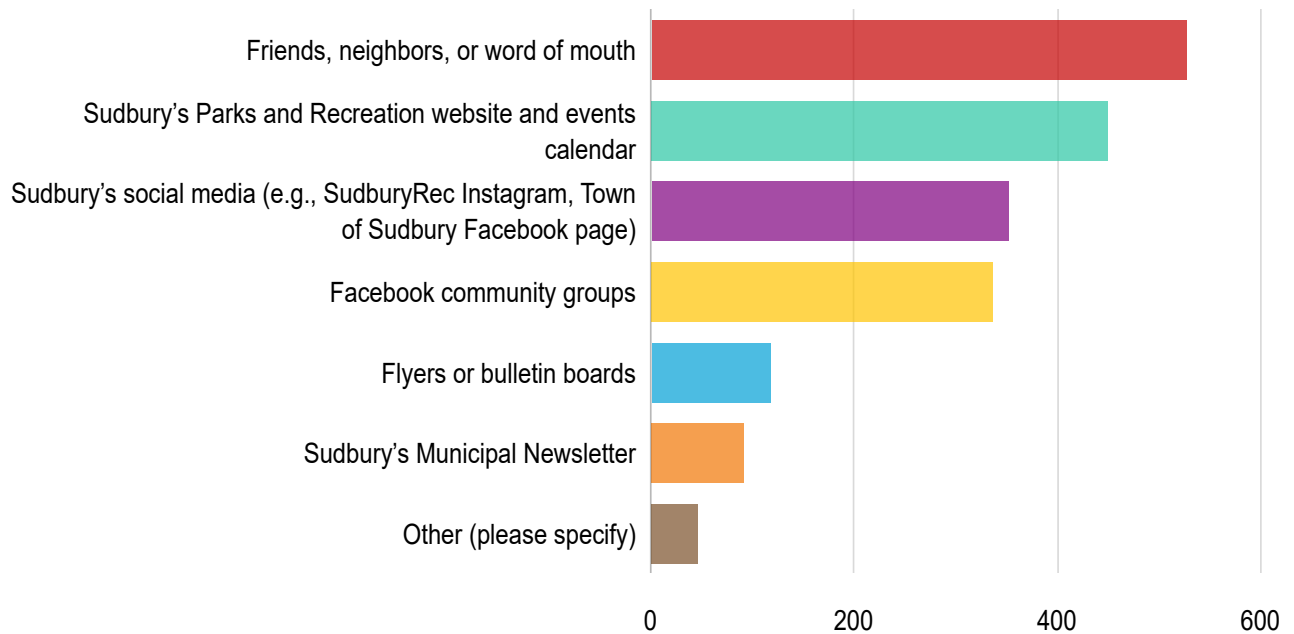
Concord/Lincoln in 9 acres corner area.	1
Concord, north bridge Lincoln, trails, codman, drumlin	1
Concord, Natick, Wellesley, Lexington	1
Concord walking trails, Carlisle for XC skiing and mtb, stow for mtb, Acton for outdoor music, Acton for outdoor swimming, concord for Walden swimming,	1
Concord trails, Bike trails	1
Concord trails	1
Concord for swimming- Thoreau Club / Beede Center Boys and girls club- Maynard	1
Concord for open field and trails	1
Concord for ice skating rinks, Hudson and Marlboro for splashpads or other towns for outdoor swimming,	1
Concord Emerson park, Mount Misery	1
Concord Boke trails and several preservation lands	1
Concord and Wayland rail trails (loving the Sudbury ones, too!)	1
Concord (rail trail), Minuteman Park walkways, Maynard and Stow access to Assabet, Reformatory Trail (Concord), Walden Pond.	1
Concord - White Pond, Walden Pond Wayland Town Pond Lincoln trails	1
Concord - White Pond	1
Concord - Fairy Land Concord - near Sudbury River	1
Codman Pool in Lincoln. YMCA in Framingham.	1
Codman pool in Lincoln, Battle Road trail in Concord	1
Codman Farm area; Heard Farm; NW Framingham trails; Concord trails; Boston Harbor Walk, etc.	1
Cochituate trail	1
Charter Oak Country Club	1

Castle in the Trees Playground in Littleton Trails at Drumlin Farm Westwood High School to walk the track while my kids play on the field Wayland for volleyball	1
Cape for fishing and boating and swimming	1
Camp Sewataro	1
Callahan State Park, Wayland pond for swimming	1
Callahan State Park in Framingham	1
Callahan --framingham with dog	1
Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and Mass Central Rail Trail	1
Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary, Natick Grey Reservation	1
Boston Sports Institute on Rt 9 in Wellesley which has ice rinks and pool. I believe the town acquired the land and the facility is operated and managed by Edge Sports Group. The Town of Wellesley receives priority access to ice and pool time for local schools. Mutually beneficial public-private partnership.	1
Boating in Concord	1
bike paths for kids to safely get around towns	1
BFT	1
BFRT, Davis, Haskel are staples	1
Beede Ctr Concord Steinberg Health Concord	1
Beede center in Concord, Rideout playground in Concord, Castle playground in Carlisle, Ghiloni Park splash pad in Marlborough	1
basketball courts in nearby towns, Our town's shared basketball court is always occupied by Tennis or pickleball players	1
Baseball fields in Lincoln, walking trails in Hudson and Wayland, dog park in Framingham	1
Atkinson to swim	1
Atkinson Pool Heritage Park Haskell Field	1
Assebett preserve for biking Stow town forest for mountain biking	1

Assebet Wildlife Refuge, Mount Misery	1
Assabet, Mount Misery, Reformatory branch trail	1
Assabet, Maynard, Lincoln, Wayland, Cochichuate, Acton, Nara Park	1
Assabet Wildlife Refuge	1
Assabet trail for being in nature; but the rail trail additions have really helped!	1
Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, Garden in the Woods, Walden Pond, Great Meadows, Lake Boon	1
Assabet refuge in Maynard	1
Assabet national wildlife refuge, stow Sudbury line	1
Assabet national wildlife refuge	1
Assabet in Stow/Maynard	1
Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge for walking and X-country skiing.	1
As a family, we regularly use many of the walking trails in town, sports fields at Haskell and Featherland, Sewataro for hikes, family picnics and other open space to walk our dog.	1
ARNWR- to run trails and use paved/plowed road in winter. Wayland Community Pool- for the excellent Masters swim program	1
All in town	1
Additional hiking trails	1
Acton Red & Green Trail by the Assabet River, OX Bow in Harvard, Acton Arboretum, Saw Mill Pasture Weston, Pratts Mill Brook - Acton, BFRT in Concord, Rail Trail in Maynard,	1
Acton playgrounds Concord playgrounds	1
Acton playground, Acton rail trail	1
200 Trapelo Rd, Waltham, MA - accessible playground with splashpad and mini golf	1
Needham sunita Williams playground Weston town hall park Wellesley college trails	1

Answered: 420 Skipped: 457

8. Where do you learn about recreational programming in Sudbury?



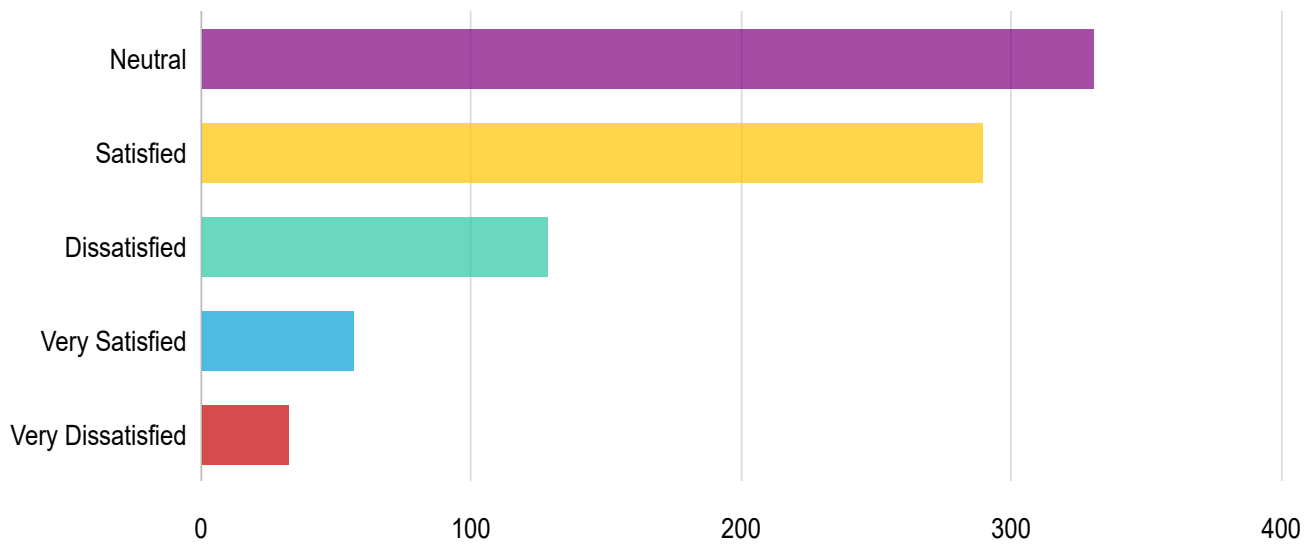
Answers Count Percentage

Friends, neighbors, or word of mouth	526	59.98%
Sudbury's Parks and Recreation website and events calendar	449	51.2%
Sudbury's social media (e.g., SudburyRec Instagram, Town of Sudbury Facebook page)	351	40.02%
Facebook community groups	336	38.31%
Flyers or bulletin boards	117	13.34%
Sudbury's Municipal Newsletter	91	10.38%
Other (please specify)	46	5.25%

Answered: 833 Skipped: 44

Open Space & Recreation > 9. How satisfied are you with the current state of parks and recreational opportunities in Sudbury?

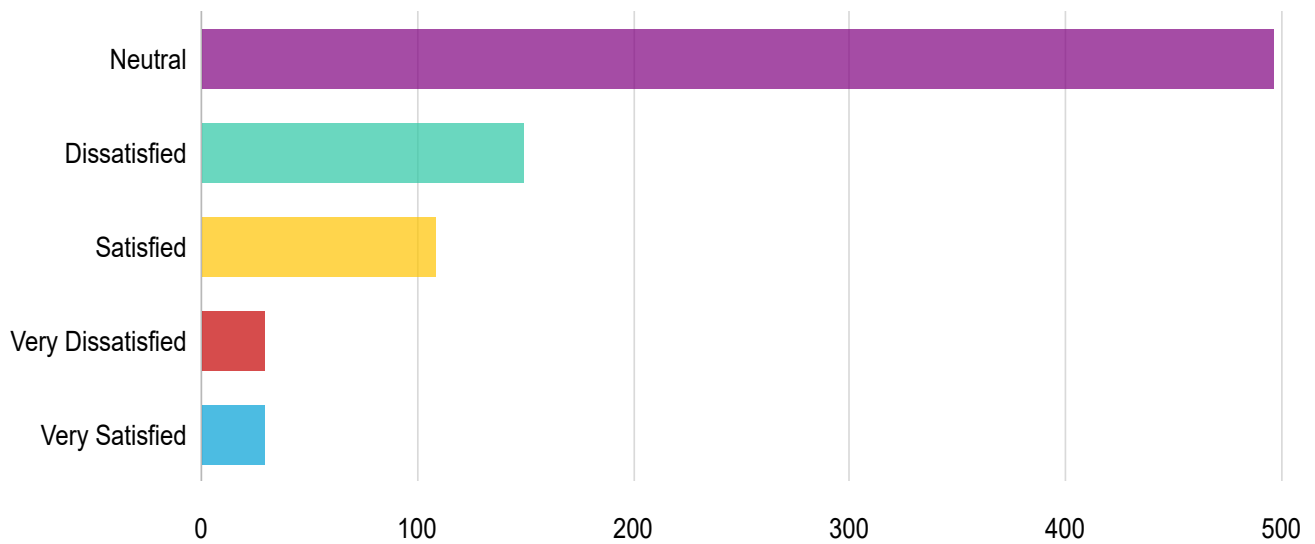
Availability of existing recreational programs/opportunities for children



Answers	Count	Percentage
Neutral	330	37.63%
Satisfied	289	32.95%
Dissatisfied	128	14.6%
Very Satisfied	56	6.39%
Very Dissatisfied	32	3.65%

Answered: 835 Skipped: 42

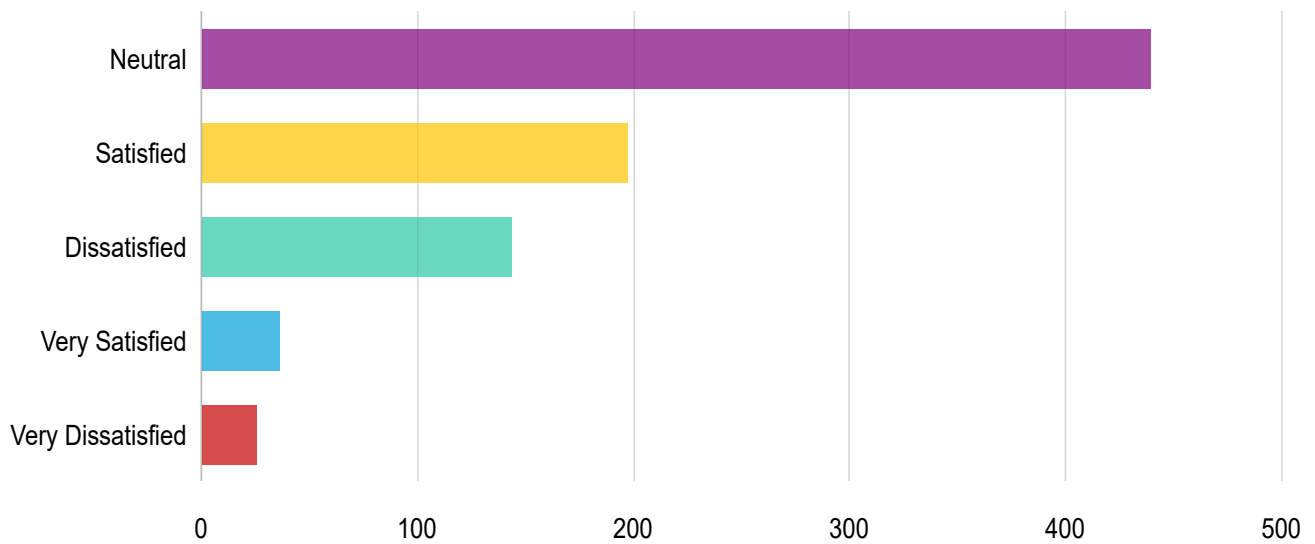
○ ○ Availability of existing recreational programs/opportunities for teens



Answers	Count	Percentage
Neutral	496	56.56%
Dissatisfied	149	16.99%
Satisfied	108	12.31%
Very Dissatisfied	29	3.31%
Very Satisfied	29	3.31%

Answered: 811 Skipped: 66

○ ○ Availability of existing recreational programs/opportunities for adults

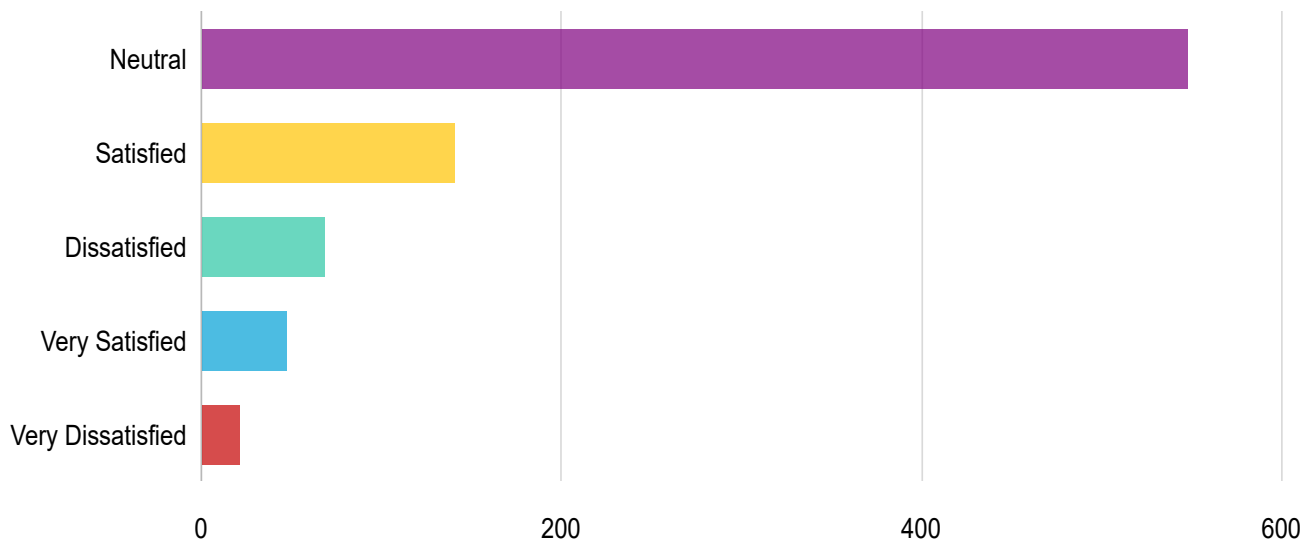


Answers	Count	Percentage
---------	-------	------------

Neutral	439	50.06%
Satisfied	197	22.46%
Dissatisfied	143	16.31%
Very Satisfied	36	4.1%
Very Dissatisfied	25	2.85%

Answered: 840 Skipped: 37

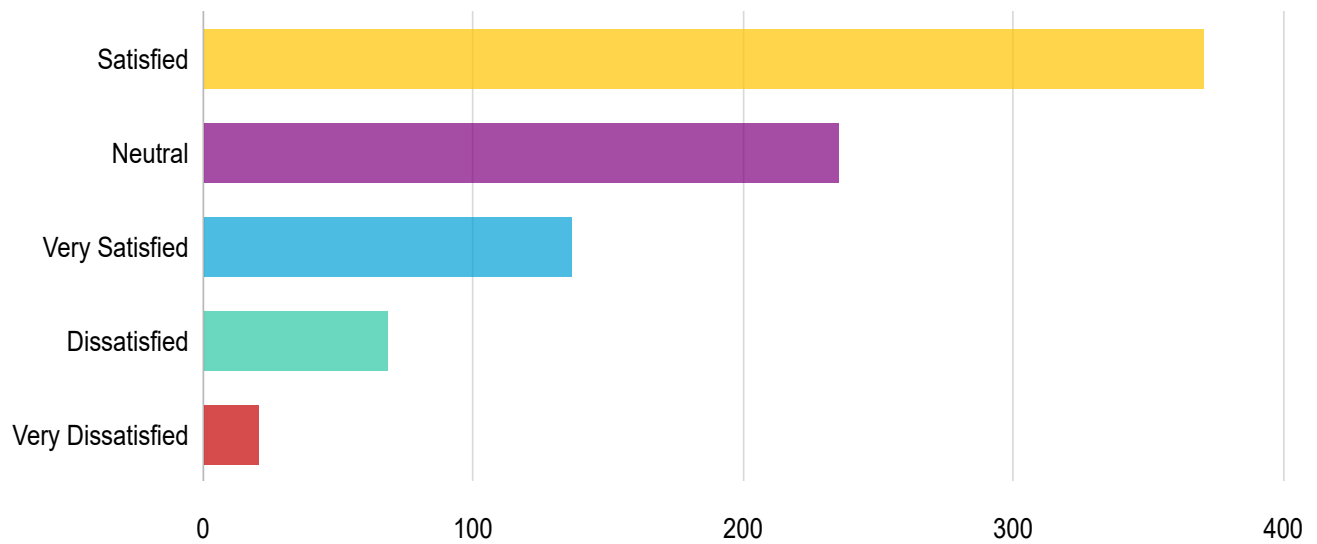
○ ○ Availability of existing recreational programs/opportunities for aging...



Answers	Count	Percentage
Neutral	547	62.37%
Satisfied	140	15.96%
Dissatisfied	68	7.75%
Very Satisfied	47	5.36%
Very Dissatisfied	21	2.39%

Answered: 823 Skipped: 54

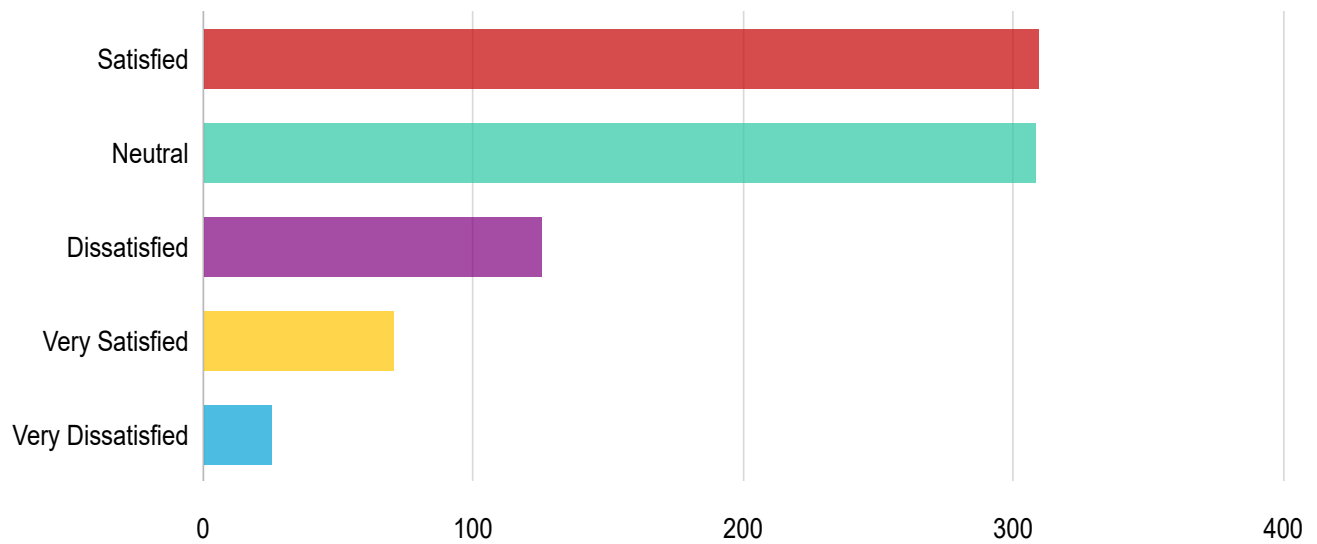
○ ○ Availability of existing hiking and biking opportunities



Answers	Count	Percentage
Satisfied	370	42.19%
Neutral	235	26.8%
Very Satisfied	136	15.51%
Dissatisfied	68	7.75%
Very Dissatisfied	20	2.28%

Answered: 829 Skipped: 48

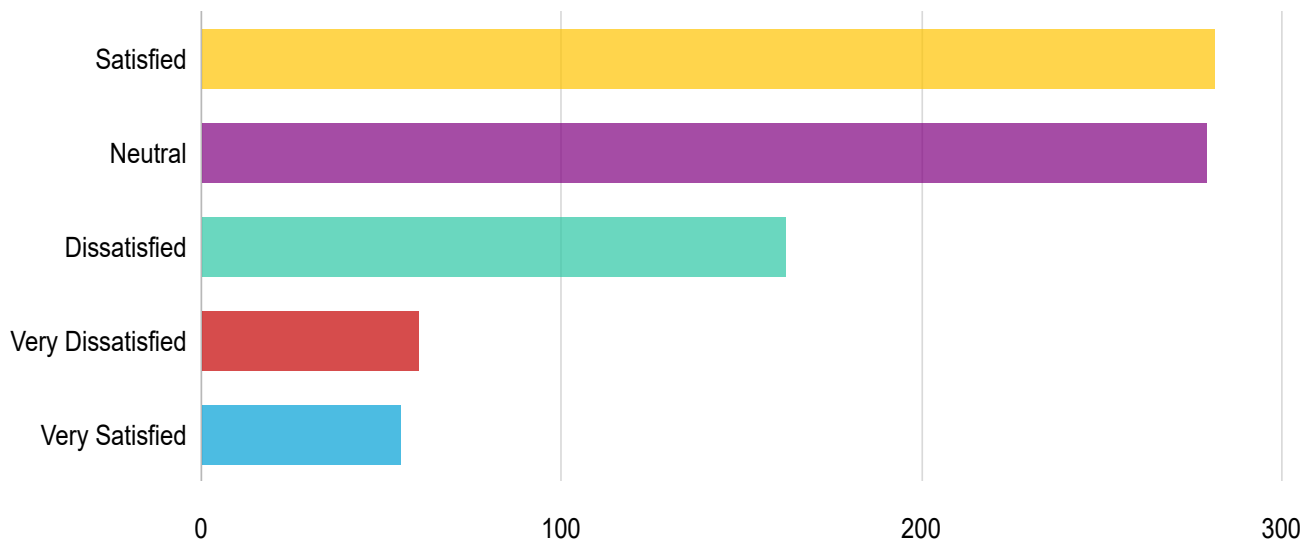
○ ○ Accessibility of recreational facilities (physical access and proximity)



Answers	Count	Percentage
Satisfied	309	35.23%
Neutral	308	35.12%
Dissatisfied	125	14.25%
Very Satisfied	70	7.98%
Very Dissatisfied	25	2.85%

Answered: 837 Skipped: 40

○ ○ Condition and maintenance of existing outdoor recreational facilities

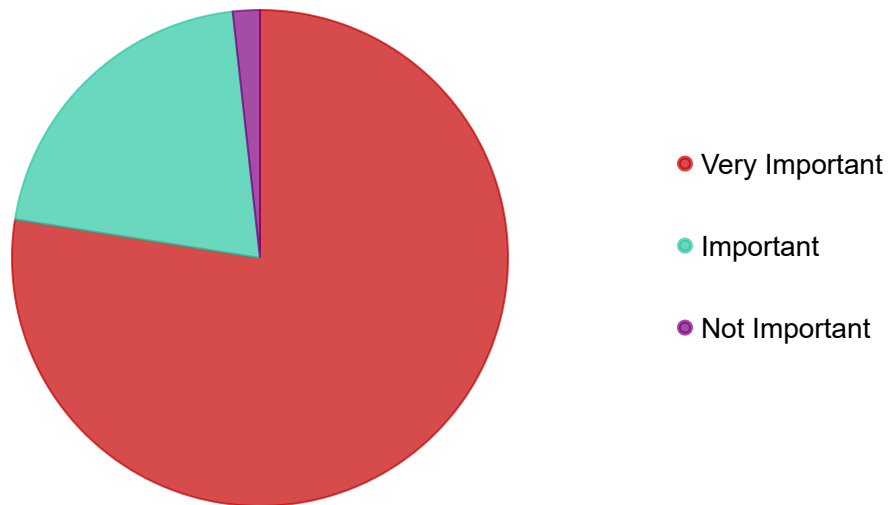


Answers	Count	Percentage
Satisfied	281	32.04%
Neutral	279	31.81%
Dissatisfied	162	18.47%
Very Dissatisfied	60	6.84%
Very Satisfied	55	6.27%

Answered: 837 Skipped: 40

Open Space & Recreation > 10. How important is it to you to preserve and protect the following in Sudbury?

☐ ☐ Drinking water supplies



Answers

Count

Percentage

Very Important

661

75.37%

Important

177

20.18%

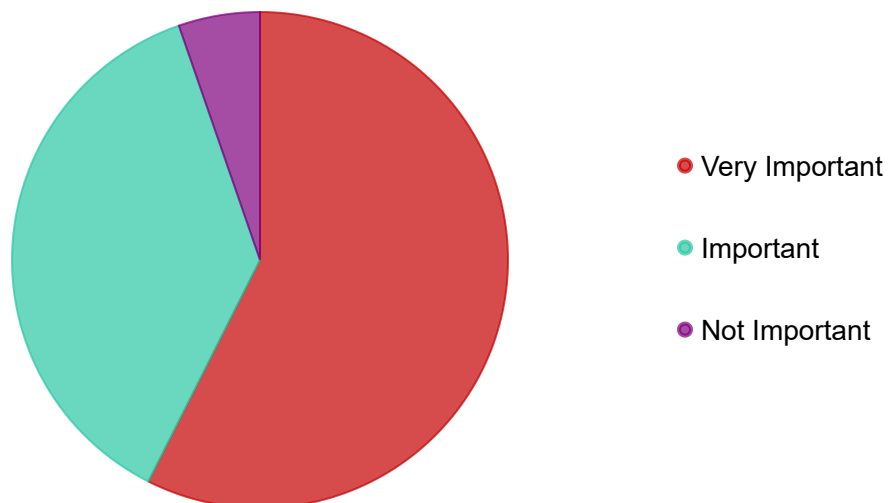
Not Important

15

1.71%

Answered: 853 Skipped: 24

○ ○ Wildlife habitat and biodiversity



Answers**Count****Percentage**

Very Important

487

55.53%

Important

316

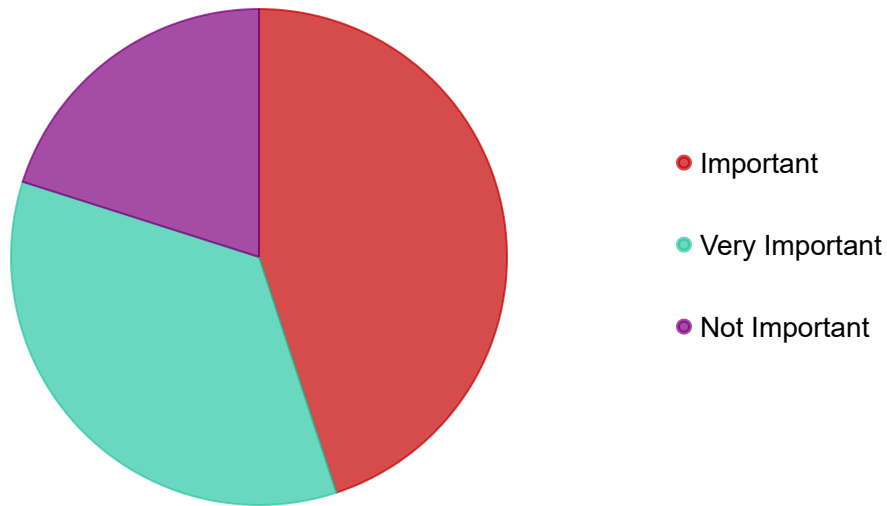
36.03%

Not Important

45

5.13%

Answered: 848 Skipped: 29

○ ○ Agricultural land**Answers****Count****Percentage**

Important

378

43.1%

Very Important

294

33.52%

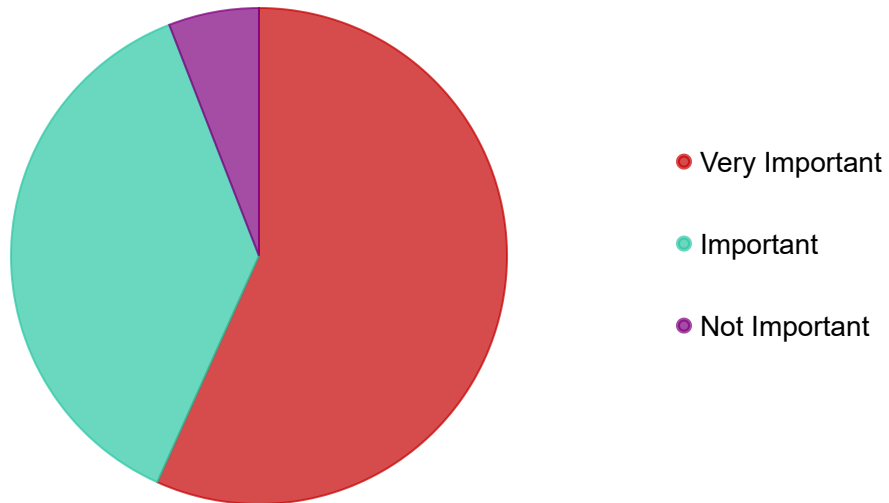
Not Important

169

19.27%

Answered: 841 Skipped: 36

○ ○ Water bodies and wetlands



Answers

Count

Percentage

Very Important

481

54.85%

Important

317

36.15%

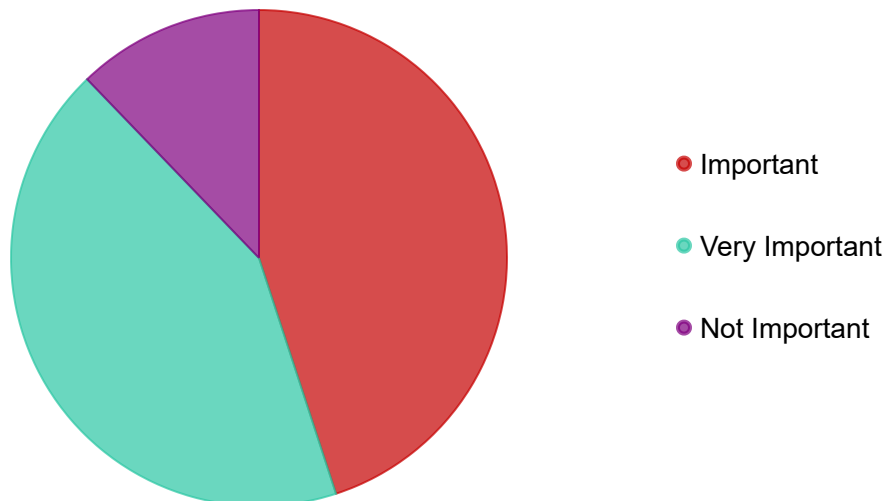
Not Important

50

5.7%

Answered: 848 Skipped: 29

○ ○ Historic and cultural resources



Answers**Count****Percentage**

Important

380

43.33%

Very Important

362

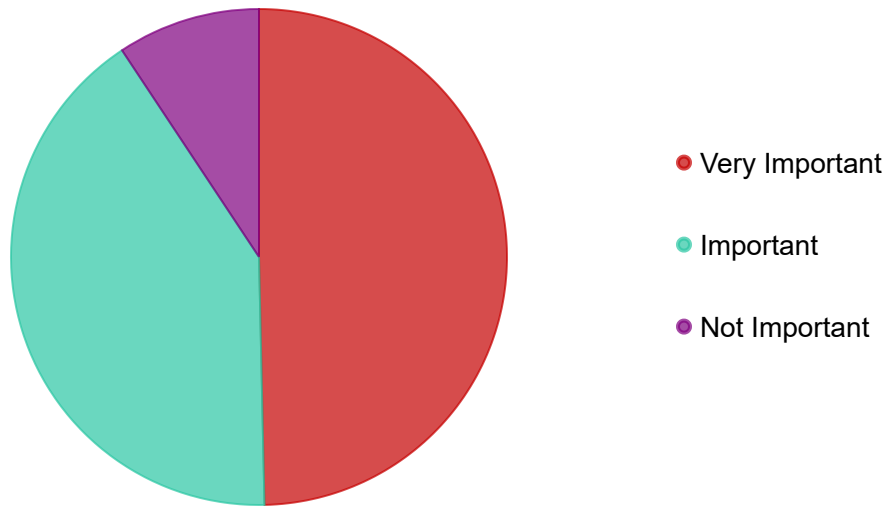
41.28%

Not Important

103

11.74%

Answered: 845 Skipped: 32

○ ○ Shade trees/street trees**Answers****Count****Percentage**

Very Important

421

48%

Important

348

39.68%

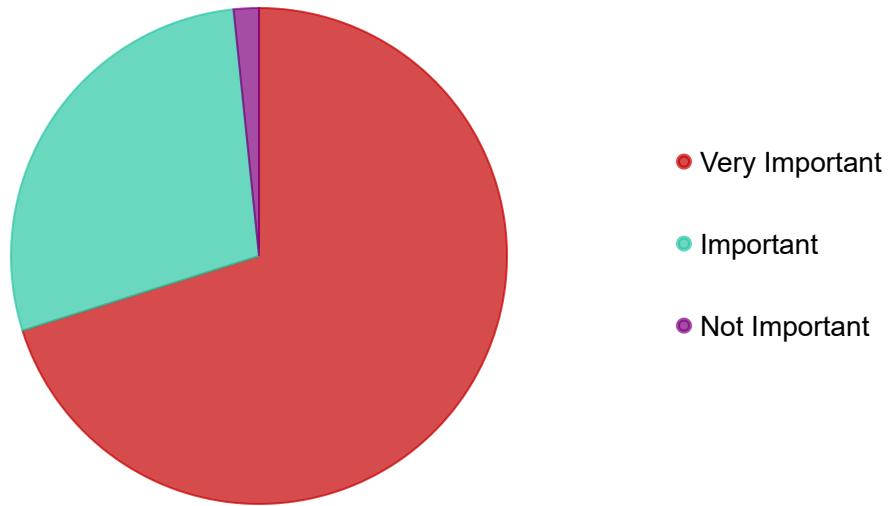
Not Important

79

9.01%

Answered: 848 Skipped: 29

○ ○ Town-owned parks, playgrounds, and/or recreational facilities



Answers

Count

Percentage

Very Important

599

68.3%

Important

241

27.48%

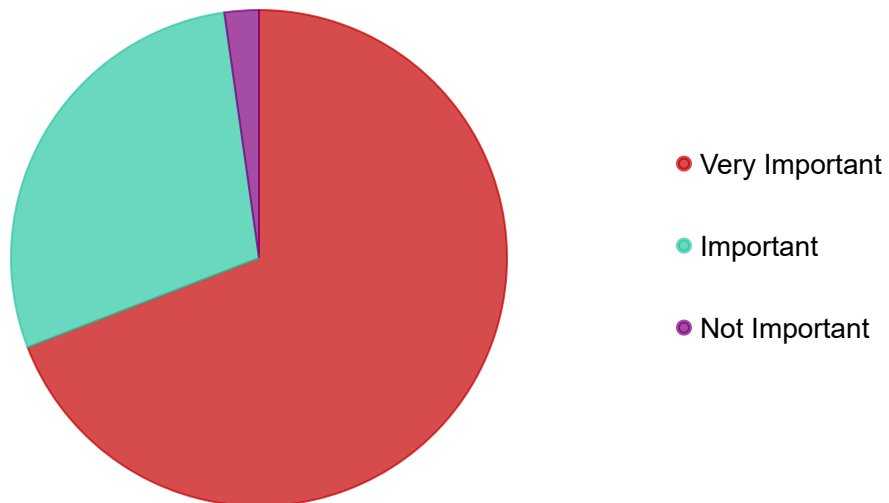
Not Important

14

1.6%

Answered: 854 Skipped: 23

○ ○ Hiking, biking, and walking trails



Answers**Count****Percentage**

Very Important

587

66.93%

Important

243

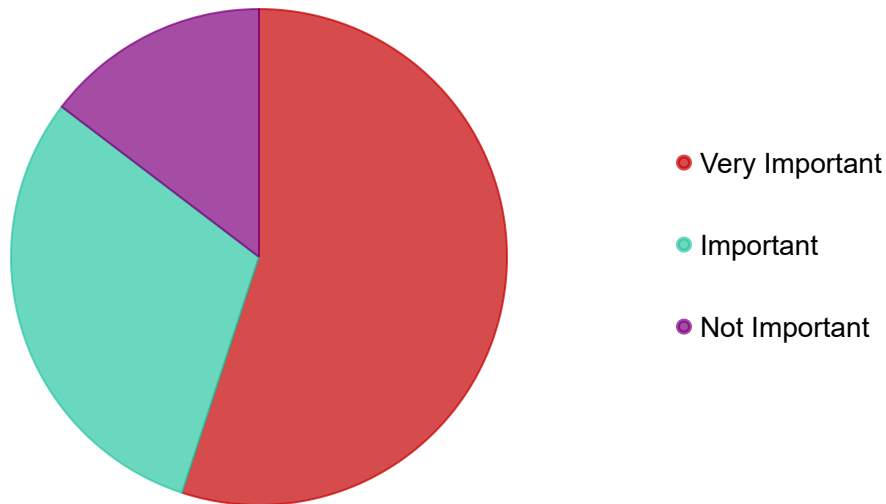
27.71%

Not Important

19

2.17%

Answered: 849 Skipped: 28

○ ○ Preserving land from development**Answers****Count****Percentage**

Very Important

466

53.14%

Important

257

29.3%

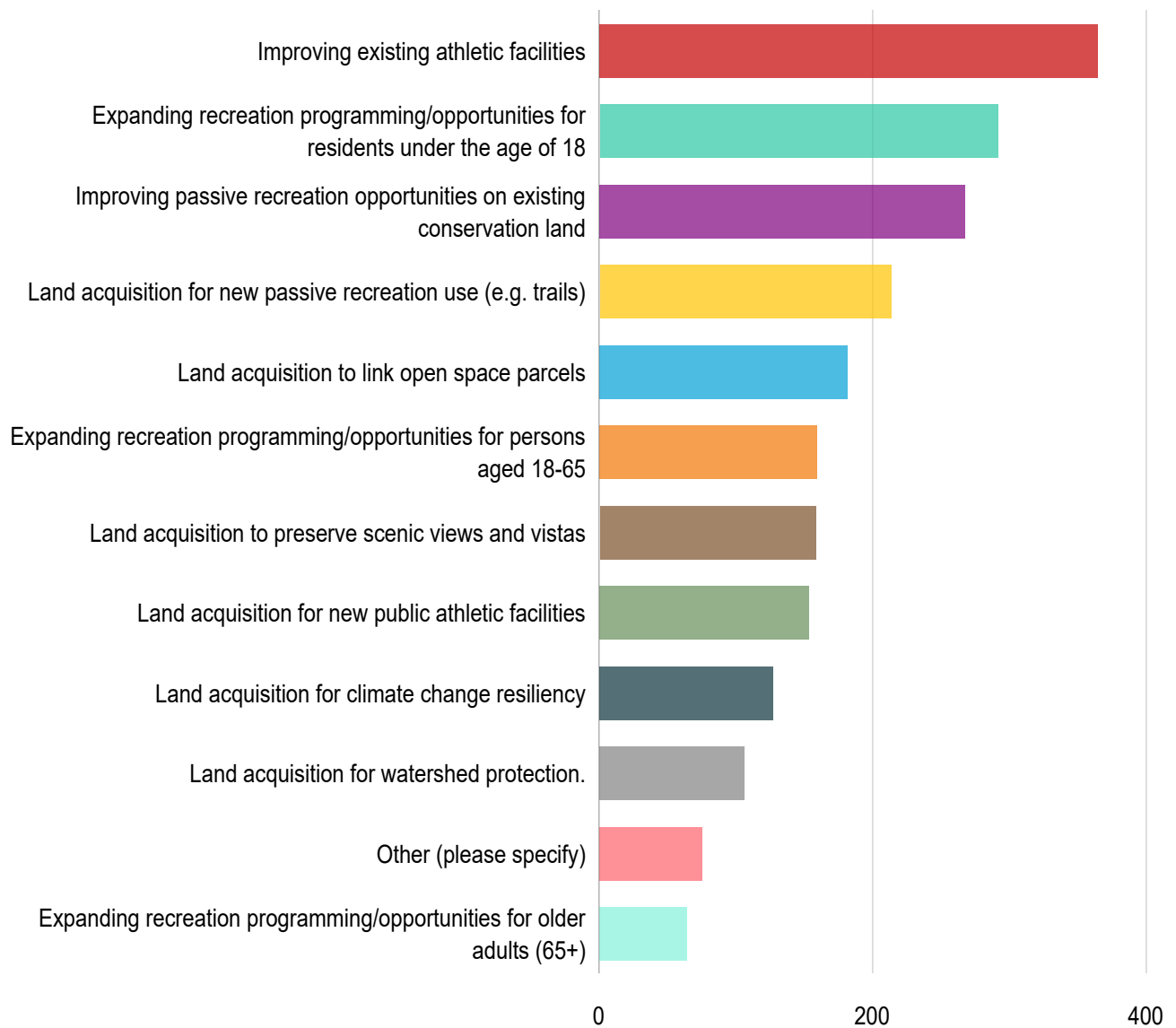
Not Important

124

14.14%

Answered: 847 Skipped: 30

○ 11. What should Sudbury's priorities be for open space and recreational expenditure?

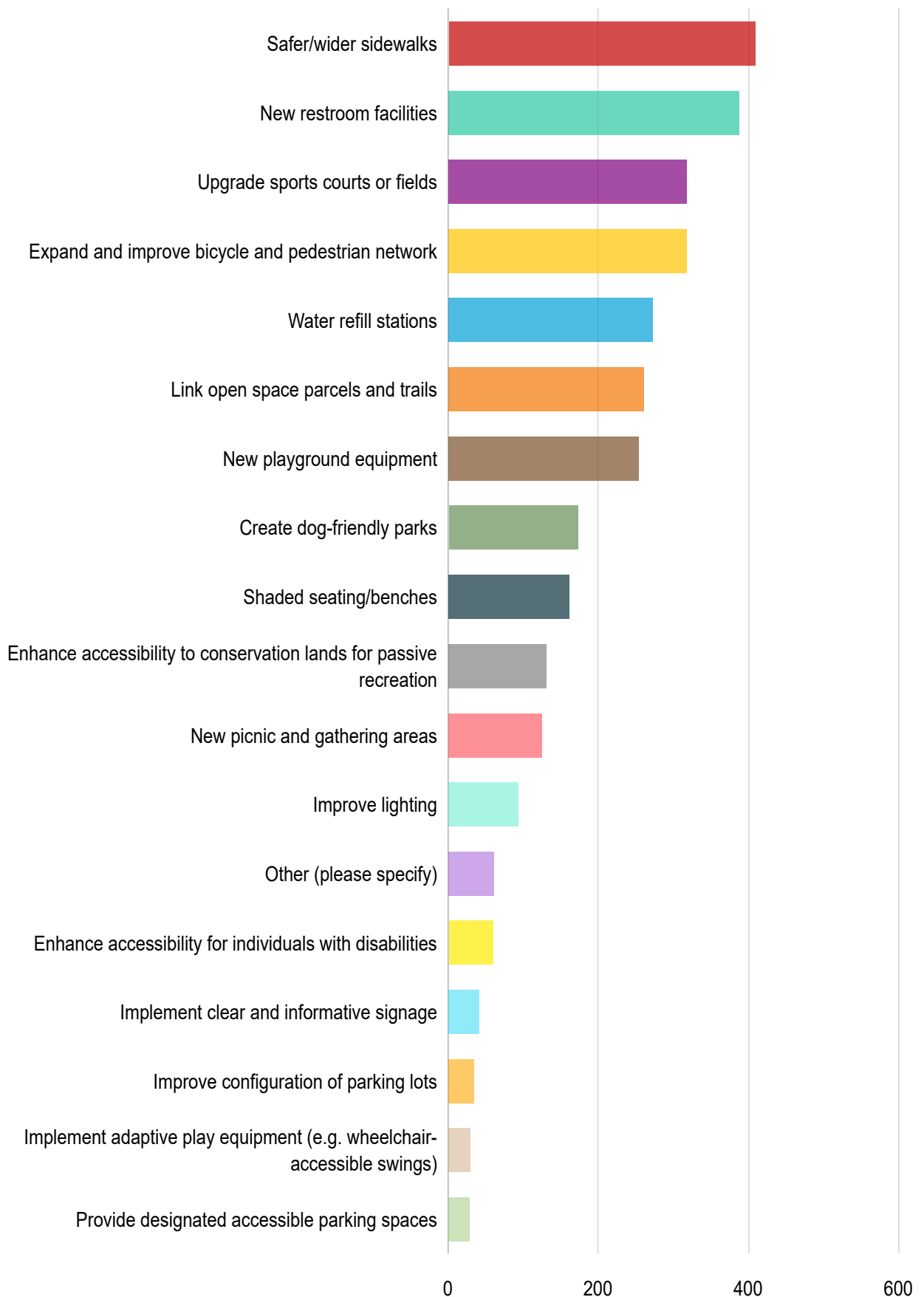


Answers	Count	Percentage
Improving existing athletic facilities	364	41.51%
Expanding recreation programming/opportunities for residents under the age of 18	291	33.18%
Improving passive recreation opportunities on existing conservation land	267	30.44%
Land acquisition for new passive recreation use (e.g. trails)	213	24.29%
Land acquisition to link open space parcels	181	20.64%

Expanding recreation programming/opportunities for persons aged 18-65	159	18.13%
Land acquisition to preserve scenic views and vistas	158	18.02%
Land acquisition for new public athletic facilities	153	17.45%
Land acquisition for climate change resiliency	127	14.48%
Land acquisition for watershed protection.	106	12.09%
Other (please specify)	75	8.55%
Expanding recreation programming/opportunities for older adults (65+)	64	7.3%

Answered: 846 Skipped: 31

o **12. Please select your top desired improvements for existing parks and recreation...**



Answers	Count	Percentage
Safer/wider sidewalks	408	46.52%
New restroom facilities	387	44.13%
Upgrade sports courts or fields	317	36.15%
Expand and improve bicycle and pedestrian network	317	36.15%
Water refill stations	272	31.01%
Link open space parcels and trails	260	29.65%
New playground equipment	253	28.85%
Create dog-friendly parks	172	19.61%
Shaded seating/benches	161	18.36%
Enhance accessibility to conservation lands for passive recreation	130	14.82%
New picnic and gathering areas	124	14.14%
Improve lighting	93	10.6%
Other (please specify)	60	6.84%
Enhance accessibility for individuals with disabilities	59	6.73%
Implement clear and informative signage	41	4.68%
Improve configuration of parking lots	34	3.88%
Implement adaptive play equipment (e.g. wheelchair-accessible swings)	29	3.31%
Provide designated accessible parking spaces	28	3.19%

Answered: 853 Skipped: 24

- 13. Are there any recreation or conservation areas in Sudbury that you avoid? If so,...



Response	Count
no	35
None	9
No.	5
The Haskell bathrooms are awful. It is a great space for walking, playing sports, using the playground, all with a convenient parking lot. Lots of visiting town soccer teams come here. After going to other town fields, I appreciate Haskell except the bathrooms are disgusting and make for a poor impression.	2
NA	2
N/A	2
Anything that could have snakes. Such as very watery spaces.	2
Would love more playgrounds, splash pad, parks, baseball fields	1
Wolbach Farm has too many ticks.	1
Willis lake, have heard several mixed opinions/ local stories of contamination from the old ammo bunker. Stories of excessive cancer rates in dogs and people getting sick who swim in the water.	1
wetland with mosquitoes	1

We tend to avoid sewataro, which is sad since we supposed the towns acquisition of it. We swam there once last year and it was very unwelcoming (very small space to use without the fun stuff used by campers). I feel like you aren't really welcome there for walks.	1
We only go to Haskell for soccer otherwise its not a scenic or inviting park. We dont walk around town center - traffic	1
We definitely avoid Davis Field due to the number of people who treat it like an off-leash dog park.	1
We avoid Davis for goose /dog poop and off-leash dogs, I don't go to Hop Brook anymore because of a run-in with off-leash dogs. Broadacres was a wonderful sledding hill for many years that now has a big piece of rusty machinery on it in the middle of the sledding hill. It would have been nice to think about that before putting it up, plus it detracts from the beautiful scene - whether it's historical or not it doesn't belong for beauty and safety. We went to Maynard to sled which is disappointing.	1
We avoid Atkinson Pool because the temperature is too cold. Please consider heating it so people can use it more	1
We	1
Walking trails too narrow for passing without hitting shrubbery	1
Walking on the wooded trails. I stick with the rail trail. The trails aren't well maintained and I'm nervous about the wildlife nearby.	1
Trails that have ticks.	1
There should be more open time available at Fairbanks community center. I don't want to avoid it but find that I am not allowed to use it!	1
there are off leash and aggressive dogs on some trails. I would like enforcement of leash laws.	1
The school-owned baseball fields are not properly maintained, and the conditions are poor, making them dangerous. More fields at Featherland park would allow for better quality and safer conditions.	1
The restrooms at Haskell are awful.	1
The pool	1
The playground near the CVS seems too hard for my kids.	1

The new community center feels very difficult to use. I love that there are many opportunities in the senior center side, but we've been told that there isn't the staffing or insurance for things like using the multipurpose spaces for community gatherings (high school athletic banquets, for example, or a game night for families), and the ability to use the gym for pickup pickleball feels restricted. It feels like we built this amazing space, but it's mostly the senior center side that's able to be fully used. I understand the need for there to be a staff member to supervise or be the point person for the facility... were funds not budgeted for enough staff so that the larger community (beyond seniors) can use the community center?	1
The new "community center" especially the pool. What a huge disappointment. Nothing is free and everything is scheduled. What a travesty	1
The Haskell field bathrooms!	1
The conservation land is difficult to access by its nature. The bike paths have helped with this but instead of large car parking lots we should have bike parking areas with better signage of what's out there.	1
the brand new extremely expensive bike path we paid MORE in taxes for bc its not cleared of snow!!! whats the point - we live where it snows, clear it!!!!	1
The bathrooms at Haskell Avoid any areas where ppl have their dogs off leash (please enforce this!) if I'm with either my dog or my children.	1
The bathrooms at Haskell field are disgusting and my children refuse to use them. Since the Fairbanks building isn't open on the weekends, we find ourselves driving home to use a restroom. This is unacceptable.	1
The bathrooms at Haskell Field and Assabet Trail are often unusable.	1
The bathrooms at Haskell can be embarrassing during high sports season. They are worse than those of the towns we visit for sporting events. Often the water is broken. Better and more routine upkeep of this should really be a priority.	1
The bathroom at Haskell field - not maintained The Haskell field playground (the smile playground) needs to be redone - it's current state is unacceptable	1
The athletic fields because of the dog poop.	1
The area around Hop Brook has eroded so much that the tree roots are extreme tripping hazards, so I have stopped walking there.	1
Some trails/areas can be overgrown with poison ivy. Some areas prone to flooding.	1

Some trails the owners don't have a place to dispose of poop bags do poop and bags are everywhere. It's terrible.	1
Smile playground offers nothing for children anymore. This used to be our favorite family spot.	1
Sewataro. It's a total waste of \$\$\$	1
Sewataro. It's surrounded by a fence and doesn't feel welcoming like other town properties. You wouldn't even know it's a town property. It's a hill and parking is horrible. What was the point of acquiring it? There was no plan and it's doesn't meet any of the town goals. We don't need to buy more land. We have so much. We need more tax revenue to help pay for what we already have.	1
Sewataro is a waste. Town residents don't get to the enjoy the land that was purchased. The park should be open to residents in the summer for swimming. There could/should be more events similar to Acton/NARA park concert series. A fitness center should be added to Fairbanks for Seniors. The space does not look like it should have cost 29 million dollars..... Outdoor tennis courts with lighting should be added for seniors.	1
Sewataro because residents of the town do not have enough access	1
Sewataro because it seems private. We should just sell it.	1
Sewatao. Out of the way, the swimming area is often high in bacteria. Fish in the water are dead. No decent restroom facilities. The pools are always off limits to residents.	1
See above. Sewataro is the nearest to me but I hate to go there . It isn't pretty to walk around with its collection of ramshackle buildings and it's too small for a nice walk.	1
School fields are a mess. They should be taken care of like fatherland or new fields are needed to meet spring / fall demand	1
Rt 20 area. Too much traffic. South Sudbury - too far.	1
Recently, the playground at Haskell Field. It was previously a favorite place to bring my children, visiting multiple times per week but since the "improvement" or lack thereof, we don't visit at all. We only use school playgrounds now and are restricted by the times we can use them. The Haskell Field playground has so much potential. For a town as focused on schools and families as Sudbury is, it's surprising that there is no adequate town playground.	1

Raymond reservation is extremely difficult to access or navigate. I don't think there are any public access points. There is almost no where to put a kayak in; you have to drag it through the woods and around a barbwire behind Sudbury Water then down a causeway to the one place you can launch. There are snakes everywhere and more mosquitoes than in the Amazon. Once you're in, you can't paddle without bumping the swarms of turtles (there's more of them than water) and I got poison ivy in places I can't even see, so I now avoid it.	1
Rail trails in the dark or low use times.	1
Rail Trail. Used to be an enjoyable trail to observe nature. Now bicycles, roller bladers zip by and adults/children are often inconsiderate. Walkers often play music or talk loudly on speaker phone.	1
Poor Farm Meadow is the nearest to my house. Unfortunately it is poorly maintained for running and it connects to Marlboro road with a little stub sidewalk and the southern end of Willis Rd with no sidewalk.	1
Outdoor walking/hiking/biking/ X-C areas which dont have enough public parking (and so can be overfilled on wkds when arrive), and /or where the parking gets very wet/muddy as questionable for getting car in/out.	1
Not really.	1
not really, if I worked less I'd have more time to visit them all!	1
Not really, If I dont go to that area its just because its out of the way. I live near town center so anything off thiose key roads are most accessible and things that take an effort to meanger over to get depriotized.	1
Nope!	1
None, just don't go to many	1
None that I can think of - I am not as familiar wtih them all	1
Nobscot and Davis - I love these spaces for hiking and Sunet/Moon rise viewing - the unleashed dogs and careless pet owners is concerning. Especially after facing few aggresive dogs.	1
No. But we don't go to Barton Farm very much, because walking to it on Marlboro Road is dangerous.	1
No, but I do tend to use the ones closer to me for walking. I like walking more in nature than in the roads.	1
No, but I did not realize how many conservation areas Sudbury owns/manages. I think part of that is due to the lack of a spotlight on these by the town to residents.	1

No but bathrooms at Haskell are an embarrassment and very poorly maintained.	1
My biggest concern is the need for wider and even sidewalks. It's scary biking to the BF rail trail in North Sudbury, as there are minimal sidewalks to ride on and the roads are too narrow. We could use more connectivity to improve access to the trails, and to Sewataro to enjoy during resident hours outside of camp	1
Most of the parks as there are unleashed dogs and dog waste.	1
More Baseball fields at Featherland So that kids who play baseball can play on actual fields rather than school fields that are unplayable and full of weeds and dangerous to play baseball on.	1
Many of the trails are poorly maintained and overgrown and thus difficult to walk the trails and full of ticks.	1
Lower Featherland - the parking is atrocious	1
Love Subury's dedication to preserving land	1
King Phillips trails are essentially overgrown and riddled with poison ivy. The wonderful resource could be better utilized with modest maintenance effort.	1
King Phillip Woods...ticks	1
King Phillip and Broad Acres...I avoid areas I fear may be filled with ticks	1
King Phillip - to many ticks/overgrown trails/high coyote activity	1
King philips and broad acres because too many ticks	1
King Philip. Trails too narrow, lots of poson ivy	1
King Philip woods- has too many ticks Davis field-aggressive dogs with owners that can's control them	1
King Philip because of poison ivy	1
King Philip - trails are narrow and almost impassible	1
In warmer weather, the uphill and downhill stretches of Nobscot off Brimstone Lane have poison ivy that crosses the trails, making it impossible for those allergic to use. This cuts off miles of trail opportunities, sadly. I know it's not an "invasive" species, but it impacts our ability to enjoy the trails in this part of town.	1
I wouldn't say "avoid", but I don't use any recreational space on the north side because I live on the south side.	1

I will not go to Sewataro until the town gets its act together on this land. I voted for the acquisition but I'm incensed by the fact that we haven't done anything with the property since. It could be the best town park in Massachusetts, but instead it's treated like private property with nothing for anyone to do once they are there.	1
I used to love to go to Davis field. But it has turned into a dog wildland. Dog walkers do not scoop the poop. It looks like a WWII bomber went over, but with poop. I love walking my small dog, but there are many big dogs running around off-leash and unpoliced. 1) There should be designated times for big dogs, off leash, 2) poop pick up should be enforced with fines, 3) we should have several fenced in dog partks, for different sized dogs.	1
I really enjoy walking the many conservation trails, especially those around the Curtis Middle School. My experience however, is sometimes completely ruined by inconsiderate dog owners that allow their off-leash dogs to run at and jump on me. Also, I am disgusted by the amount of dog waste (oddly bagged and left) on conservation area trails and the rail trail. Perhaps there should be some "dog free" trails or more enforcement and fines for dog owners that don't abide by leash laws and dog waste removal. Walden Pond, for example, is dog-free.	1
I now avoid Gray reservation and area behind Curtis for X-country skiing because after I break a trail, people routinely walk and spoil it for future skiing.	1
I never use Davis field unless I'm really in the mood for dog poop and ticks.	1
I never go to Sewataro because it is either never open, has limited hours, or there is camp going on, or I can't bring a dog. I am still unclear why the town bought the camp and there are never enough slots for town kids to go, it is crazy expensive and limited benefit for town residents considering all the limitations.	1
I love the Dutton Rd./Hopbrook Marsh area but I avoid it when signs about hunting season are posted. We should be able to use that land without worrying about sharing it with hunters. A lot of people have to wear blaze orange to feel safer.	1
I have not been back to the Piper in ages because when I went it was full of poison ivy.	1
I have avoided Davis Field for years. The field is filled with ankle-twisting ruts and it is loaded with dog poop. It would be cleaner to take a walk in the transfer station dumpster.	1
I go where I'm familiar. This survey is a good reminder to try somewhere new. Maybe Sudbury Valley Trustees can coordinate with the Rec department and have some guided walks to introduce more residents to the opportunities.	1

I go to the ones on or near the rail trails. Even ones that aren't far but different to safety get to I tend not to visit. Poor Farm is a good example; it's not far but it isn't well connected to get to other than by car. The roads are not well suited for biking or walking.	1
I don't even know where they are, so I wouldn't know what to avoid.	1
I don't avoid any of the spaces intentionally. The land, recreation opportunities and focus on conservation is what led me to purchase my home in Sudbury for family including 2 young kids.	1
I don't understand the hunting rules in Assabet wildlife refuge and I'm afraid of getting shot	1
I don't like trails with off-leash dogs and too much dog doo. People need to pick up after their dogs and not leave waste bags on the trails or in trees. If you are a dog owner you have to carry it away with you and dispose of it properly.	1
I don't like to take my family into wooded trails. The ticks have become a real issue.	1
I don't let the kids swim in Willis Lake because it is so polluted, also only catch and release fishing there. I live in the neighborhood and am so sad it hasn't been cleaned up, since it would be a great little swimming hole for the kiddos.	1
I don't actively avoid any open space/recreation area in town. It's more a matter of what my family is involved with — swim, hiking/walking, biking, soccer, etc.— that determines where we go.	1
I avoid things for tick-related reasons pr lack of shade sometimes but nothing in particular	1
I avoid the trails because people don't get off their bikes and walk across the street as is required. I also don't like that some have sensors and flash when people are near intersections and others do not. It's very anxious making and frustrating. If people aren't going to follow the rules then help out those who are driving because very often people do not stop and look before bolting out.	1
I avoid Sewataro because it's frustrating to see all the amenities and activities that are locked down and tarped over, unavailable to Sudbury residents who are paying for the property. The fencing, the abundance of security cameras, as well as the presence of people living in the houses makes it very awkward to go on the property. It feels unwelcoming and eerily abandoned - like a post-apocalyptic neighborhood that miraculously avoided the nuclear blast. There are more signs of human life and activity in some of the most remote parts of our trails and conservation land.	1
I avoid most conservation areas due to risk of tick borne illnesses . Would be more likely to walk, bike or hike in these areas if they were maintained better (i.e. short grass, wide clear trails).	1
I avoid King Phillip Woods in spring, summer and fall because it has the most ticks of any place I have ever been. It's great in winter...	1

I avoid in summer months the areas that are not shaded. Currently I do not use the sidewalk to get anywhere because they are so utterly unsafe. The pavement is not maintained and the shrubs and bushes along them are dangerous to pedestrians.	1
I avoid Haskell because I get mean looks from people when I have my dogs even though I pick up after them and dispose.	1
I avoid Davis Field due to the number of unleashed dogs and proliferation of dog poop.	1
I avoid Davis Field because people use it as a dog park. I don't feel safe taking my kids there because of that. I also avoid Haskell Field during the day, outside of their youth sports, for the same reason. There's no monitoring of off-leash dogs in these areas.	1
I avoid bridges over Hop Brook on Mass Central Rail Trail due to high EMF exposure from attached transmission line.	1
I avoid areas with unrestrained dogs. Many if the places in the list I don't know.	1
I avoid any areas that hunting is allowed. There is no enforcement of rules and I've heard gunshots on conservation land on Sundays, and during bow hunting only season. Hunters are going to do whatever they want.	1
I avoid all of the areas where hunting is allowed. Not everyone obeys the hunting laws.	1
I am frustrated with Sewartaro so I don't tend to go there. That purchase was expensive and our ROI as town is limited unless you have a child in their expensive day camp. This could be a great town park.	1
I avoid the Haskell bathrooms. They are gross, never have soap or toilet paper and will often be locked by mistake causing long lines on sports days	1
Hop Brook conservation land. Too many aggressive off leash dogs	1
Hop brook and Davis field and anywhere else with uncontrolled off leash dogs	1
Haynes meadow - unleashed dogs	1
Haskell, Davis, Nobscot, Broadacres, because of the excessive dog poop. It's disgusting. Owners should be steeply fined or dogs banned.	1
Haskell walking trail in the summer due to MOSQUITOES. Avoid all the wooded trails at the same time for the same reason, including BFRT and CMRT. Areas where people let their dogs run with little supervision. Too many neglect to dispose of dog waste.	1

Haskell Playground. Since the redo it's become boring for children. We never use any public playgrounds in Sudbury. We always travel to Concord or Acton. Or use school playgrounds. For the amount of money we pay in taxes We really should have a better playground. There are so many kids in Sudbury. It's embarrassing. The restrooms are also disgusting. We play soccer there and we can't even use the bathrooms because they are filthy. It's not acceptable when so many kids are at that playground and playing sports for bathrooms to look like that. Trashes also need to be emptied regularly. Water fountains should be working, especially in the summer when it's very hot. It's basic things that we need that for some reason it's so difficult to get.	1
Haskell Playground really needs work. There is very little shade, not enough equipment, and the ground is a tripping hazard	1
Haskell playground is too hot for summer activities due to removal of trees.	1
Haskell playground bathrooms we're disgusting last few times I went	1
Haskell playground and bathrooms are deplorable. We should be ashamed when others visit.	1
Haskell Fields bathrooms. They are disgusting!	1
Haskell field restrooms - not well maintained	1
haskell field playground, after the renovation. No shade and no toddler equipment	1
Haskell field playground is an absolute disaster that keeps getting worse. There has been a cone up for 3 years i've been here. The playground was closed for renovations last summer, they cut all the trees down and ripped out play apparatus yet the cone is still there. Remarkable!	1
Haskell field bathrooms and playgrounds - they have significantly deteriorated	1
Haskell field bathrooms - need an upgrade and maintenance!	1
Haskell Field and the SMILE playground. In the summer, you can't use it because of summer programming. The bathrooms are frequently inoperable or filthy. We have to go there for soccer-- otherwise we avoid.	1
Haskell field - too much dog waste on the field. I used to run Cub Scouts and had an event on the field, and a person was walking their dog, it pooped right next to where we were setting up for 50 kids + their adults. I don't understand why dogs are allowed at all on Haskell Field, where kids play every day. Yes, I love dogs but Haskell is not a proper dog park. So many dogs and dog waste there now that it's kind of disgusting. Let's have an area of Davis Field set aside for a dedicated dog park. My understanding is that dogs are not permitted on the playing fields (which is essentially the entire Haskell field), yet it is not enforced.	1

Haskell bathrooms are disgusting. Cutting fields one port a potty is always full to the top and so nasty, it's disgraceful.	1
Haskell bathrooms are always a mess, I avoid the facilities there.	1
Haskell bathroom. No explanation needed. They are gross	1
Haskell - the restrooms are gross! More frequent maintenance/cleaning.	1
Frankly it so hard to walk anywhere because there are no contiguous sidewalks. So it's not so much that we avoid them but it's that it's hard to safely get there as a family unless we drive. So if we are going to drive we might as well go to Lincoln or Concord where the trails are groomed and the sidewalks maintained. We could walk through yards to get to Sewataro but we're never sure when we can - it feels like private property.	1
Forested areas with narrow trails. Ticks.	1
Field behind State Crime Lab. Feels spooky like trespassing.	1
Don't know about most of them. In short of a walk there is literally nothing to do. Zero programming	1
Davis-people let their dogs run around unleaded and nobody does anything about it.	1
Davis. Too many dogs off leash	1
Davis, too many people who do not control their dogs.	1
Davis- it's a dog park and I no longer have a dog	1
Davis is lovely But " some dog owners do pay attention to picking up after their dogs and often allow their pets to roam w/ o Good supervision which is distressing to those who enjoy the field.	1
Davis field. Off leash dog owners are reckless.	1
Davis Field. It has become an unregulated (and illegal under Sudbury's leash law) dog park. I have a dog and refuse to bring my dog there after hearing multiple horror stories of dog fights and dog refuse.	1
Davis Field. It has become a dog park and is covered in poop. Not good to have kids running around on.	1

Davis field. I hear people have dogs off-leash there and that makes me nervous. Plus, many people don't pick up after their dog. How about creating a fenced in dog park there? I would be much more willing to go knowing my dog cannot run away. I live near Haskell field where I regularly walk and walk my dog. I always see many people who have their dog off-leash and do not pick up after their dog, especially during the winter months when no kids are playing on the fields. I have also taken my dog with me on a couple of the trails in Sudbury, and I always run into people who have their dog off-leash and their dog doesn't recall. What's the point of having a leash law in Sudbury if we don't enforce it? At a minimum, we should have more signs at these locations to put your dogs on leash and to pick up their waste. I do see trash bins and dog waste bins, so that is good. Does it make sense to have cameras at these locations as well to help enforce better public manners?	1
Davis field. I don't trust off leash dogs.	1
Davis field. Heard dogs are off leash and people don't pick up after their dogs. We have reactive dog, so it's important that dogs are under control.	1
Davis field. Too many dogs off leash	1
Davis Field. I hear about a lot of unleashed dogs and bite incidents there!	1
Davis Field, out of control dogs	1
Davis Field, has become a dog park. There is dog poop everywhere	1
Davis Field is an issue with the model planes etc. The area can be very difficult to navigate and almost territorial in nature	1
Davis field I avoid. It has turned into a dog park with everyone leaving their dogs off leash allowing them to run up to children. As well it is not picked up from dog feces by the owners since the dogs are allowed to roam free and there not everything is seen or able to be found by dog owners. I do not mind giving a space for dog owners but make it a separate space that is designated as a true dog park with better oversight.	1
Davis Field due to concern about dogs off leash that may not be well behaved and controlled.	1
Davis Field because there are too many untrained, off leash dogs.	1
Davis field because it's filled with dog poop	1
Davis Field because it's a health hazard from dog waste and a haven for unruly pets with irresponsible owners !	1
Davis field and Haskell as too many dogs off leash	1

Davis Field - we have a history of bee stings anytime we've gone there in the spring so we have not been in years. Hop Brook Marsh trail is always full of dog poop, even on the trail, it's disgusting; and parking is really tough.	1
Davis field - too many unleashed dogs and dog poop is everywhere. It's completely unusable except for a dog toilet.	1
Davis Field - too many off leash dogs, dog poop and ticks	1
Davis field - too many off leash dogs and dog poop.	1
Davis field - one of my dogs was attacked by another dog there.	1
Davis Field - It does not drain so it is always soggy and wet, the dogs there are very ill behaved and aggressive. Haskell, b/c I don't have young kids anymore and it's not shaded enough for a nice walk with my dog.	1
Davis Field - drainage seems subpar	1
Davis Farmland- it is an unregulated, unofficial dog park. It is filled with dog waste and there are clueless dog owners that allow unleashed dogs that are not under verbal control to jump on people, start fights with other dogs, etc. It is so sad what it has deteriorated into and it's no longer used for sports and virtually unusable for anyone other than dog owners The	1
Davis farm is almost always soggy and swamp like. Most Sudbury conservation land is prohibited to any activities aside from walking, so I do not visit them.	1
Davis- dogs overrule? Too many ticks. Worst field in Sudbury. So happy my kids don't need to go there anymore	1
Davis because it's filled with dog poop	1
Davis because it's the town dog park and filled with poop	1
Davis - dogs off leash	1
Davis - dog poop	1
David field - too much dog poop (and I'm a dog owner).	1
Close to Wayland. They're too many mosquitoes. Lots of ticks. Cautious about bug bites. In the summer months in the walking paths That are not an open field.	1
Carding Mill land has a big NO TRESPASSING sign.	1

Carding Mill - Interesting that you have this listed as an option, it is currently padlocked shut with a sign that reads "No trespassing, violators will be prosecuted". How can this be listed as an available option if people will be prosecuted for entering??	1
Broadacres	1
Broadacre is all weeds, ticks and dilapidated buildings. It's an eye sore	1
Bathrooms at Haskell	1
Baseball/softball is an area that could be improved. I don't think the fields are in the best condition other than Fetherland, I feel that there is a lot of fields that could be used if the town would take the time and resources to maintain those fields. I avoid those recreation fields because they are not in the same condition as Fetherland.	1
baseball fields. too single purpose.	1
Baseball Fields other than Featherland are in poor condition	1
Avoid using bathrooms at Haskell Field	1
Avoid bike trail on weekends cyclists are rude and disrespect of people who walk. They'd sooner run into you than announce they are coming behind you.	1
Atkinson - expensive and hard to access	1
Areas with high tick exposure, unleashed dogs and sports fields.	1
Areas where the trails are not flat.	1
Areas that would high Tick areas Areas that have limited parking Sewataro because of limited access Financial limitations for memberships (Pool)	1
Anywhere where ppl consistently have dogs off leash	1
Any that are farthest from my home. I prefer closer areas.	1
Any of them where the poison ivy is overgrown and in the way of trails or paths	1
All of them. Not something I care to walk on alone	1
All of the bathrooms are disgusting and an embarrassment	1
A lot of them feel off limits even if they aren't.	1

14. In ten years, Sudbury's Open Space & Recreation areas should be more...



Response

Count

Baseball	47
accessible	21
Connected	14
maintained	11
Modern	9
Inclusive	9
Used	8
Inviting	8
Utilized	7
Updated	6
Available	6
Fun	5

Expansive	5
Clean	5
protected	4
Linked	4
Known	4
Baseball fields	4
advertised	4
Well maintained	3
Walkable	3
Sustainable	3
Open	3
Numerous	3
Natural	3
Diverse	3
Better	3
Abundant	3
welcoming	2
Visible	2
Vibrant	2
user friendly	2
Usable	2
transparent	2
Sidewalks	2

Publicized	2
Plentiful	2
Larger	2
Kid friendly	2
integrated	2
Have more gathering places	2
Green	2
Family-friendly	2
Family friendly	2
cutting-edge	2
Bikable	2
Baseball.	2
youth	1
Yes more - you can't get it back	1
Wild	1
widespread	1
What ever happened to Friday night teen center? We can't turn a blind eye to the drinking and drug problem in Sudbury with Sudbury teens due to lack of entertainment for these kids.	1
Well-planned	1
well-managed	1
Well-maintained	1
Well-known	1
well-communicated	1
well maintained and updated	1

Well kept	1
Well cared for	1
welcoming to all with accessible parking, accessible routes to all fields and shared use bike trails, more accessible nature trails, an accessible canoe/kayak launch on the Sudbury River, permanent accessible bathrooms along the BFRT (2) and MCRT (2)d T	1
we-are-lucky-to-have-all-we-do-already-and-still-in-ten-years	1
Walking and bicycle accessible across the entire town. Bowker neighborhood is no longer cut off.	1
Walker and bike friendly to get around town. Kids should be able to use sidewalks to access the bike trail to get around town safely. There should be safer street crossing implementations so people can cross route 20 safely and other major roads.	1
walkable/bikeable	1
Walkable!	1
Vital	1
Versatile	1
vast	1
Varies	1
Varied	1
Utilized. We have amazing outdoor spaces, would love to see more events and programs to bring the community together and use them.	1
Utilized and maintained	1
user-friendly.	1
User-friendly	1
User friendly and accessible	1
Useful	1
Useable for families- sports fields and improvements to haskell bathrooms	1

useable	1
usable in winter.	1
Upkept	1
Upkeep	1
Upgraded	1
Updated out door equipment- play ground structures- repaved basketball / tennis courts, more/ newer public restroom facilities near parks. Open paths that provides direct access to walk/bike to recreational facilities.	1
Updated and safe	1
Up to date. Maintained.	1
Up to date	1
Understood	1
understandable	1
ubiquitous	1
Trees!!!	1
Timely about getting construction done properly and on time	1
Time consuming	1
Thriving	1
Thoughtful	1
The hiking trails should be better signed and maintained.	1
Tennis field, and pickleball courts.	1
Supported	1
supervised	1
Suited for young families	1

Sudbury should be a place where residents and visitors can enjoy the clean water, air, tall trees, and green and open space. However, it must have a financial plan to sustain the goal.	1
Still protected as open space.	1
still available	1
State or nation famous. What can we build that puts is on the recreation map?	1
space	1
Sold	1
softball	1
Social	1
Sidewalks and be a recreation destination for the town and surrounding communities	1
sidewalk-linked	1
Should preserve it's current open and historic spaces (e.g., Sewataro, Haskell), while looking to expand. No commercialization or residential creation from the current open spaces.	1
should be more. period.	1
SHOULD BE MORE!!! Green and inclusive.	1
Shaded	1
Sewataro was a waste of money	1
Same	1
Safe	1
Robust	1
Rested and maintained	1
Responsible	1
resilient	1
Relevant and used to the general public and residents	1

Relaxing	1
ReflectiveOfOurTown	1
refined	1
Realistic.	1
Realistic	1
puttogether	1
publicized.	1
public pool access needs to be improved	1
protectedfromthreatsofdevelopment	1
Programming and use at the fields and areas we already have. Would love to see programming at Sewataro	1
Proactive	1
prioritized	1
preserved	1
Present- focused	1
Practical	1
positioned for climate change resiliancy	1
Pickleball Courts	1
pickleball	1
Pedestrian friendly, where there are some More recreation areas in Town should have sidewalks to get there. More universally accessible so that the older residents can use them.	1
Peaceful	1
Organized	1
open to residents who pay taxes - I can't rent out the gym at Fairbanks or use certain outdoor facilities during the summer	1

older	1
Noticeable	1
nothing	1
Not really sure due to cost	1
No more playing fields or development. We are not Framingham.	1
Networked	1
Nature centric and providing wholesome enjoyment to families and community.	1
Natural.	1
native	1
Multifunctional	1
Much better baseball fields	1
More thoughtfully programmed for public benefit.	1
more modern and have more ammenities (water station, benches, picnic areas).	1
More lit field options for kid sports. More linkages to the rail trails via sidewalk systems	1
More dedicated pickcleball courts	1
More baseball/softball fields	1
More baseball and other sports field, less buying of land that then is used for nothing	1
More accessible for kids to have things to don/ mini golf, football or soccer fields that are not always booked for events	1
More	1
Modernized	1
Modern and safe for kids (e.g., sidewalks that allow kids not to walk on the street to access areas).	1
Modern and developed	1
meeting the needs of our youth sports specifically fields and baseball fields	1

Let's get more baseball fields built at Broadacres!	1
Lacrosse wall at Haskell	1
Lacking in dog poop on our trails and fields.	1
Known. I think there is a lot of space that is not promoted.	1
Known to residents	1
Kid-friendly	1
Into disc golf	1
interconnected	1
Integrated with daily life	1
integrated and interconnected	1
Innovative	1
Inclusive, open and welcoming to all residents	1
in line with other town's facilities	1
illuminated.	1
I would like to see more and better-maintained baseball fields in town.	1
Hoverboard-ready	1
high quality	1
Have a rebound wall at Haskell Field	1
Happy	1
Green!	1
Geared to dual-working households.	1
Funded and Park and Recreation in need of stuff	1
Functional	1

Friendly to young families. I don't want to see youth sports prioritized.	1
Friendly to multi sports players. Expanding programs for kids and teens. Make the town more family desirable town to live.	1
focused	1
Focus on the user base, partner with youth sports and other organizations that drive the primary revenue for park and rec field funds.	1
Flexible	1
Fiscally responsible	1
Fiscally responsible.	1
Financially self sustaining	1
Family-focused	1
Family-centered	1
Exemplary	1
Exceptional	1
Equitable in distribution of taxpayer funded recreation spending, i.e., comparable funding for skating/ice hockey vis-a-vis spending on baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, basketball fields/courts	1
Environmentally friendly while being aesthetically imaginative (For more imaginative kid play), and up to date	1
Enviably	1
enriched	1
Enjoyable	1
enhanced	1
Engaging	1
Enforcement of leash laws	1
Elderly friendly - more benches in the shade	1

Ecological	1
Easy to access.	1
Easy to access and advertised/used.	1
easily accessible to children and young adults so they have an opportunity to be outside with friends and off screens.	1
dog-poop-free	1
Dog-friendly	1
Dog friendly	1
Dog free	1
Documented on where they are located. In simply going through this survey, I didn't realize how many places are available to the public here in Sudbury. Also, more routinely cleaned - for dog poop and trash, especially during the colder months.	1
documented	1
diversified	1
Diverse. It would be great to see more outdoor options for young adults like a bike pump track or a skate park.	1
Diverse! Playgrounds w/ cooler options for big kids. Restrooms. Indoor tennis courts, gym access/memberships at Fairbanks. Splash pad, town POOL or swimming area! Why don't we have access to Sewataro?! Don't need more trails. We need more OTHER things.	1
DiscGolf	1
Devoted towards younger families	1
Developed for community use and activity	1
developed	1
Create an off-leash dog park.	1
Coordinated	1
conservation-minded	1

Conservation focused	1
connected, accessible, and resilient—welcoming for everyone, rich in nature, and easy to reach by foot, bike, and transit.	1
Connected with sidewalks.	1
connected to each other	1
Connected and safe with expanded sidewalks on both sides leading to major rails and paths to connect bike and pedestrian walkways. Especially in N Sudbury.	1
conform to a master plan or be evaluated based on quantitative metrics adopted by a master plan	1
Complete	1
Community-focused	1
common	1
Clean, well maintained, and well marked/easy to find	1
Clean, upgraded	1
Clean! (Ie, clean the polluted areas)	1
clean and organized with public restrooms and water filling options	1
Child-accessible	1
Child friendly	1
centered on the youngest residents of Sudbury! So many young families here but not enough focus on children/playgrounds	1
Cared for	1
Busy. Nicer - smile playground and bathroom is embarrassing. Can't figure out how to use spaces in the new community center. Are they open to public use?	1
built up	1
budget-minded	1
Biking trails, teen use	1

Bike friendly to reach Bruce Freeman	1
better-managed	1
Better utilized by using programming similar to what the council on aging does. Put programming in place that allows residents to have organized pickup game of pickleball or guided bird watching walk through sewataro.	1
better for adults and seniors, workout facility and another pool for water swimming and excersize.	1
Better designed, more thoughtfully considered, and better maintained.	1
beautiful and well-signed	1
Beautiful and financially accessible (free or very low cost).	1
beautiful	1
Basketball, Baseball	1
Basketball courts	1
Baseball friendly. Would be great to have more well maintained spaces for teams to use.	1
baseball friendly.	1
Baseball and softball	1
Baseball / turf	1
available for adult recreational activities and community events (music)	1
attended!	1
athletics	1
Athletic friendly	1
Athletic and field sports oriented	1
Athletic	1
Appealing	1
Aligned. Need Sudbury Park & Rec to be aligned with Sewataro -	1

Aggressive	1
Admired (by other towns and our own citizens)	1
ADA compliant	1
active	1
Active	1
accountable	1
accessible.	1
Accessible, for example bike trails don't have good parking or safe routes to get to	1
Accessible with sidewalks! Have better bathrooms	1
accessible via sidewalks	1
Accessible to people with disabilities	1
accessible for all, connected through sidewalks among all the community and maintained.	1
accessible for all users.	1
ACCESSIBLE by walk or bike.	1
accessible by sidewalks	1
Accessible by foot/bike	1
Accessible by bike or walking.	1
Accessible and inclusive	1
Accessible and connected.	1
Accessible - easier to get to (implementation of more sidewalks), available to a more diverse age group (teens, young adults), additional opportunities and activity offerings not currently in existence (ie, disc golf)	1
accessable	1
acesible	1

For decades, our town has failed to adequately invest in its athletic fields, and the results are now impossible to ignore. Facilities that were once among the best in the area have steadily declined to average at best. While the town has spent significant resources over the past twenty years acquiring land, those efforts have not been matched by the investments needed to ensure our athletic fields meet basic standards for safety, reliability, and modern use. Today we lack adequate field lighting, sufficient turf fields to withstand heavy demand, and properly maintained grass fields that can be relied upon throughout the season. When I first moved here to Sudbury, our fields were a source of pride for the community. Today they reflect years of neglect and underinvestment. Considering the fees families pay compared with neighboring towns, our athletic facilities should be among the best. It's time for the town to finally make that commitment.	3
Thank you for you hard work.	2
Youth sports programs in Sudbury are at a major disadvantage compared to neighboring towns. Our residents have to double pay to use town fields like Featherland (once in property tax and again when registering for the sport as the costs are higher than neighboring towns). Additionally, Baseball is severely lacking the number of high quality fields needed for our population. There is only one 50/70 field and the big diamond fields are sub standard with Feeley under water after a rain storm and Haskell being so outdated and lacking amenities like a scoreboard or PA system.	1
Young families make up a large and growing population in Sudbury, yet have relatively few resources available to them. Fairbank appears to have a lot of unused space yet no ability for residents to use it. Personally, I lead two girl scout troops and am alarmed how difficult it is to find meeting space. Troops pay \$10/ meeting to rent a room at the library, or rely on the free use of space in Shaws or the generosity of local churches (neither of the latter have been available to us when I have looked).	1
You mention that conservation should be a priority in these open spaces in the Town report. Animal migration happens through Camp Sewataro. I've seen fox, deer, bobcats, coyotes all living on this amazing property. There may be species there that are endangered, and this property along with all the ones we are perserving, should be kept intact for future generations. Please don't sell or destroy this property. Hearing the children laughing, running and playing in the summer months is a very happy sound. We should be encouraging this type of play, not having them on their devices. Our town is lucky to have this property to share with the greater Boston community for campers. We are also receiving a financial benefit - the other conservation areas in town do not give us a financial benefit, which is fine.	1
Yes. Sudbury should focus in lowering property taxes as a priority	1
Yes. Spend less. Lower taxes. Become self sustaining. That applies to the town as a whole as well.	1
Yes, not enough baseball fields in decent enough shape to use safely	1

Yes- we spend an inordinate amount of money that is unusable. Sudbury is a family town that should have more (and better maintained fields), clean bathrooms facilities at fields that can handle the volume of usage. A pool that can accommodate our rec and high school swim team. The wasteful spending needs to stop- improve what we have.	1
Yes open up the community center for the community to use	1
Yes - Haskell playground replaced a structure with mulch! Insane. Improve this playground ASAP	1
Would love to see more focus on the sports and athletic fields, bathroom facilities, and upkeep of exisiting lands and facilities. Do not bother purchasing new if you cant maintain what you have. A better strategy with the park and recs and the town DPW is needed - we pay plenty - lets balance budgets and think strategically for the future.	1
Would love to see disc golf.	1
Would love to have you around Porta potty at high school playground. Also would love a connection between the parks and Rec in the Shaws playground. It's a wonderful, third space that's under used and it needs to have toddler equipment	1
Would love to have a designated outdoor swimming space available to town residents	1
Would love off leash dog park	1
Would like to see another 50/70 baseball field with lights, or just add lights to the Upper Featherland field so access can be extended	1
Would be nice to put a lacrosse bounce back wall at Haskell between the playground and fields, where the chain link fence is. It's wasted space and the kids in town would benefit from it greatly.	1
Wish there was a gym opportunities in the winter to play pickleball with your family- either first come first serve or an app to reserve. Also wish indoor areas were open or at least rentable during holiday times to have family recreational fun and on weekends. Sewataro tennis courts need pickleball nets and lines marked correctly and ability to take down/unwind tennis nets if needed.	1
Wish the pool was better for families (cold, ventilation fears). Bathroom facilities at recreation areas are a total embarrassment	1

When the township purchased the land from Camp Sewataro for \$11.3M, what was the plan for re-investment and maintenance from the investment of \$11.3M? The current revenue of ~\$100k per year from operating the camp must not be the only plan. Is there a plan to shift from low-margin/ high-labor summer cap model to high-margin/ low-labor model like event rentals? Would a third party event vendor be interested in hosting private event venues and paying the township commission on all bookings? Perhaps many other revenue ideas have been proposed to the township. We need to bring in revenue before securing more open space or offering more services. Otherwise, we make Sudbury even less affordable to many families who want to move here but cannot afford to pay high taxes.	1
When I look at neighboring towns offerings through parks and Rec, I am constantly amazed by the athletics, theater, after school clubs (with transportation!), and outdoor swimming. I have suggested a few fairly simple programs for teens and tweens and offered to assist, but was told "we're looking into this...". I love Sudbury, but this lack of robust offerings has been a disappointment in our 8 years here. My kids are older now, but I also really feel for families who are suffering through our atrocious smile playground.	1
what I couldn't sum up in one word:...strategically preserved and thoughtfully improved to balance conservation and practical recreation that benefits the residents of the town who foot the bill. I support buying land to preserve Sudbury's special qualities, but the people in charge of allowing development come on and off boards and often don't have the historical information needed to fully consider some of the projects they approve. Common sense should prevail, as should the opinion of the town's residents who are directly impacted by the planning. Those who live closest to these areas, who are impacted by the town's decisions on how they are used, should have a stakeholder opinion before committees of people who might live many miles away and only visit the area to consider its potential don't necessarily understand the neighborhood, daily impact of their decisions.	1
We would love to see the community center and pool more available to all for drop ins. The basketball court looks great and would be a lot more used if it were available particularly during the long winter months. It seems a shame that it can't be used. The pool is also often taken up by out of town people.	1
We would love to see a lacrosse practice wall at Haskell to be used by the younger grades.	1
We will need fun programs to make use of existing areas.	1
We should not sell any of our parks, open spaces or recreational land for development	1
We should improve and maintain our current infrastructure before adding to our town burden. Make sure we can afford staffing, improvements and maintainance before anything else	1
We should be able to have drop in use of the basketball courts at the community center. It's a shame that we paid all that money for the building and there's no where for kids or teens to shoot hoops in the winter.	1

we need to improve non-vehicular access to all of these spaces for all residents of Sudbury as the #1 priority - everyone should have access to a sidewalk that makes meaningful connections to town arteries before we look into spending money on developing new facilities or making new acquisitions	1
We need to get all baseball fields in the same area. We should use broadacre farm area to add other fields and then return the other fields back to nature	1
We need to focus on providing more activities and space for activities for young kids and youth.	1
We need to be really careful about development in town. High end homes aren't selling well in Sudbury right now which leaves us with fewer options for developer interest if we decide to sell a parcel. Our schools (particularly Haynes School) cannot handle another Cold Brook Crossing. Sudbury is appealing to residents and prospective buyers for the quiet, bucolic living with strong schools. Selling out to a developer would be short sighted and impact all of us.	1
we need to be cost effective in our investments and make decisions that support a wide variety of interests.	1
We need opportunities for people of all abilities to participate in. We have none right now.	1
We need more youth baseball fields. We should use the open spaces for little league fields.	1
We need more neighborhood playgrounds. I had better access to nature when I lived in the middle of San Francisco than I do in Sudbury, which is supposedly rural. Most of the recreational areas here are small and many do not allow dogs. In addition, they are not connected by walking/biking trails. It feels silly to load my dog in the car and drive somewhere to go on a 1 mile walk. If we had better connections between recreational areas I could either go on longer hikes that are worth the effort of driving or just walk there in the first place.	1
We need lights at Cutting Field.	1
We need a plan for Sewataro and other recent purchases so that the Taxpayers can use the facilities.	1
We need a coherent vision to come out of this plan, otherwise we're just going to keep buying land and underutilizing it.	1
We moved to Sudbury for the open space, trails, parks, etc. and I would love to keep that as a part of the town.	1
We love the dual use at Sewataro for camp and resident recreation	1
We love the bike trails and how the kids can access them and use them regularly and safely.	1
We hope Broadacres Farm will not become built-up with structures.	1

We have very much enjoyed Camp Sewataro's open space, as do many of my neighbors and friends in Sudbury.	1
We have bought enough land. Sewataro is an investment which isn't well utilized given limitations for use, pools aren't open, no programming. This is thematic of Sudbury. We should learn from our abutting neighbors that do a better job with all of this.	1
We have been in Sudbury for 15 years. The playground at Haskell field was great when we first moved in and our kids were younger. But over the years we have noticed that there has been no positive upkeep or rejuvenation of the sandbox, replacement of broken equipment or dead trees. And now last year, so much greenery and trees were cut down or back and not replaced. It is very sad to see how run down the playground area and green spaces look now.	1
We have an abundance of space currently but most of it is not designed to be used for much. Need more indoor space that is truly community friendly (e.g., can be reserved online with short notice and accessed). The outdoor athletic fields and space should be nicer and kept updated. Lights need to be added at spaces to extend use (e.g., Cutting, Haskell)	1
We have a lot of natural areas to walk, hike, etc. But the conditions of our sports facilities are poor. The bathrooms at Haskell are an embarrassment to our town. There is a SIGNIFICANT lack of outdoor field space for how active our youth sports programs are. We need LIGHTS on soccer fields, more turf fields (cutting can NOT support all of the soccer and lacrosse participants). There is also a shortage of suitable baseball fields for our huge softball and baseball programs.	1
We do need some more baseball facilities or improve ones we have access to (i.e. crime lab)	1
We are very much looking forward to the lacrosse practice wall being installed at Haskell field	1
We are not promoting what we have, we should be investing on that. Marketing	1
We absolutely love Camp Sewataro and would be devastated to see it go away. The camp is a rite of passage and a unique, special experience for many children in and around Sudbury. We are so lucky to have this resource in our town.	1

Was in Shelton, CT last week. They have a groomed/maintained unpaved trail that runs for 5+ miles called the 'Shelton Lakes Rec Trail'. Great trail because it's groomed and maintained as unpaved. We're lucky to have the new Bruce Freeman and central Mass Rail Trails in our town. They're great for biking. Having groomed/maintained nature trails would be fantastic. We have a lot of great trails in protected areas. They tend to have sections that are rocky/rooty, etc. Having some groomed trails through town would be fantastic. Woods behind Curtis Middle School connected to Hudson Road and the trails in there are great, though narrow and ungroomed. Woods behind the high school are another example, Hop Brook woods are another. Having a groomed nature trail would open up accessibility. Not a high priority, but that Shelton Lakes Rec Trail got me thinking.	1
Very disappointed in the parks for kids, i moved from Seattle which had spectacular playgrounds everywhere and this place is terrible in comparison	1
User friendly-what I mean is- sudbury has all these amazing open spaces, but if they are not all identified or maintained. For example - broad acre is not identified for any specific use (parking only) I feel like this can easily be recreational/sports space unlike other properties like hop brook , which should likely stay hiking /walking trails. We have had a population increase over the last 10 years and the outdoor sports space for kids hasn't grown. Kids outdoor /sports are even more important as we try and limit device use. Outdoor/sports space isn't as limiting as indoor space at the rec. At the rec center you still need to pay for your kids to play—whereas outdoor/ mowed/ maintained fields are open for all. In the summer, the school fields aren't maintained in playable conditions. le) Loring is either under water or the weed are burnt to a crisp.. there is no real grass on their soccer area. We have wonderful open spaces that need some love and need to be organized.	1
Use what is available today No new land taking	1
Update the pool, lights at cutting and or haskell	1
To see future open up space to create interconnecting walkways/ bike paths to recreational areas and businesses. This would make the town itself more accessible and promote better outdoor lifestyle. Sudbury could add more sidewalks on the major roadsides with businesses. A town with a better walkability factor promotes local businesses.	1
This questionnaire seems very focused on very active users. I would set aside some conservation land for residents with limited mobility - flat, paved surfaces with benches and water available. I know many of Sudbury's older citizens have switched their preference for using outdoor spaces from conservation lands to the new paved and flat bike trails. I would also include historic and cultural landscapes that could be used by the public such as the historic Revolutionary Militia training and ammunition storage field on Old County Road. i More use of raised wood platforms on trails	1
They are so lovely. I'm grateful to be here.	1

These spaces are the most valuable asset the town owns. Unfortunately, space is a zero sum game. The town has many bottom lines. Financial bottom line is not the highest priority or even second. The price tag of open space is the price tag of the citizenry's physical and mental health which is priceless.	1
There should be more sidewalks safe crossings that help kids get to major recreational areas (Haskell, Atkinson). If there were consistent sidewalks along Dutton and a safer intersection at Dutton and Hudson, our kids could be more independent using these resources. And less traffic near these hot spots.	1
There should be a town green or center that allows for gathering and performance that is safe and not broken up by monuments or gardens. Allow for town gatherings	1
There are significant issues with basic maintenance and upkeep to Haskell field. It does not need a massive project. We can have nice facilities if the town cares for them, however it feels neglected.	1
There are certain soccer fields at Haskell and certain baseball fields that need upgrading.	1
The town should never have purchased Sewataro and with lack of town amenities it is terrible that we cannot use it. We need public outdoor swimming in the summer.	1
The town purchased Broadacres and it has sat for years. Time to put the promised baseball fields on the identified parcels and meet the commitments made when it was purchased. Sewataro is a gem of a property. It is well maintained and holds a variety of opportunities for the town. The town leaders should get over their sour grapes about the purchase and spend time and energy into incorporating it better into our town's vision for recreation. The camp leadership has been excellent- they have maintained the property far beyond what the town could have done and have built in enhancements to the area. The low income families in town have greatly benefited from scholarship opportunities at the camp as well. Find more ways to engage with the camp leadership to expand the use of the property by town residents and children.	1
The toddler playground, the only one in town specifically for pre-schoolers is in desperate need of maintenance and improvement. Parents in Sudbury should not have to drive their toddlers to another town to play!	1
The tennis/pickleball courts at Feeley Field should be repaired/resurfaced.	1
The Smile Playground renovation project is a disgrace. The playground is so empty and depressing without the play structure that was removed and without any trees.	1

The smile playground at Haskell is a wonderful space for families. It needs to have trees replaced to provide shade for the hotter months. When considering athletic fields for all ages, make sure there is equality for girls and women sports (i.e., softball fields to baseball fields). Please consider girl-only times for courts. The new basketball court at Fairbank Community Center is great, but there is often only boys/ men playing. I have a daughter who wants to play there, but it is intimidating to figure out how to get time on the court for her and her friends. Possibly having girl-only designated times would help (signs that say please exit the court if girls/women come to play during these times.) Also, let's build a second basketball court there! There used to be two before all the updates, we need to get another added again. All said, I think Sudbury Parks and Recreation do a great job. Compared to many towns in the area, the options for parks are wonderful here.

1

The situation at Davis Field re dogs and leashes is a definite concern. It is a wonderful place for our community and surrounding communities to come together and enjoy socialization for themselves and their dogs. I moved to Ma in 2015 and have developed long lasting friendships with my many walks at Davis. I realize there have been issues; how ever I have never witnessed any in the years I have been going. Adding leashes or a potential fenced in dog park, I feel is not the answer. I feel this will cause more aggression between dogs. Hoping there can be some considerations around how important this park is for the Sudbury and surrounding area pack! Maybe a meeting between town officials and community in re to conservation, dog behavior etc? It's ashame to take away the freedom the dogs have to run and the owners to enjoy other's company. Davis Field is more than a dog park.

1

The restrooms at Haskell Field are an embarrassment and MUST get more consistent cleaning in the busy months.

1

The rail trails have been a fantastic edition to Sudbury. I look forward to when those are completed. We should prioritize making the things we have accessible, such as clearing these pathways so that they can be used in winter and making sure there are parking places so those who have to drive to access them can get there. I would also love to see spaces that people in Sudbury can gather in the summer for community events, like a stage or entertainment space.

1

The rail trail is great and should be more accessible from neighborhoods. Make an effort to connect it to neighborhoods using bike lanes.

1

The quality and variety of our playground facilities are quickly falling behind offerings of other towns and feels like it should be a priority to improve and offer more robust playgrounds that are safe, engaging, and continue to attract families to Sudbury and keep them here. (Splash pads and playgrounds like Carlisle, Marborough, and Waltham that attract families from around the area.

1

The pool is aged and I understand the town did not support rebuilding the pool. It could really use a re-fresh beyond filling leaks. Cutting field could use lights, Other sports fields could use lights to enable evening activities, especially for working families. Winter outdoor activities would be beneficial to get more people out and active vs being hunkered down for the winter. Bring back the Featherland ski rope tow. There are small companies that make more affordable rope tow systems, but clearing some trees and creating a single small trail with a rope tow could get kids skiing locally (its a stretch, but many towns in VT and ME are bringing these small hills back). Indoor track is crucial, for seniors walking and for anyone trying to get out and run in the winter. Wayland high schools has been around forever and could be a big benefit if it was in the community center. Group bike rides on the rail trail, Group Walks, Running groups for all levels. Two words: Rope Tow

1

The playground at Haskell is one of the worst in the area. No shade, limited seating for adults and nothing for small children. The bathrooms at Haskell are often so poorly maintained that they are unusable. Sudbury has excellent programming for children under 5 through the library but is lacking recreational opportunities for young children.

1

The playground at Haskell Field is far less up to date than playgrounds in surrounding towns. An entire structure for young toddlers was removed and replaced with nothing but a pile of mulch. Additionally, trees were taken down and there is now minimal shade in the summer. This playground should be a priority, as funds had previously been set aside to update it, and were mismanaged.

1

The parks and rec website should look and function like the town website. It's very frustrating to use a website from 1995. It can't possibly be that difficult to invest a little time and effort getting this closer to a 2015. Park and rec is not limited to the rec center and pool. There are way more cool things in Sudbury that are very difficult to find information about.

1

The park and rec dept is very hard to work with. We need a teen center and more opportunity to use turf fields for town programs

1

The new rail trails weren't mentioned at all.

1

The more innovative green space, or interesting use of space, the more economic interest we can generate for Sudbury

1

The main disappointment is that sudbury spent so much money on new recreation center and there are 0 programs to attend. There is no teen night's, no classes, no events for general public. The pool use hours are very inconvenient and by sign up only.

1

The lack of access for athletics to various field is a big concern as a parent of school age kids. While available it's never enough and could be improved. The lack of access to Fairbanks in the winter to utilize the basketball courts and not have a town owned indoor facility is a missed opportunity to provide a place for kids to gather and exercise. The sidewalks are absolutely atrocious and embarrassing in this town. For the amount we pay in taxes and the amount people walk in this town it's shameful. I live off of Dutton Road and have to walk in people's yard or the sections of the street with sidewalks, the sidewalks are in poor condition.	1
The Health Director serves on the committee, yet the public health benefits of community gathering are not fully acknowledged. While there are ample opportunities for individuals to enjoy nature on their own, many people are experiencing increased loneliness. Social isolation—often compounded by excessive screen time—is a growing public health concern. There is a clear need for intentional outreach and encouragement to help residents engage with others and participate in shared outdoor experiences. Loneliness has been widely recognized as a public health issue, and access to open space and recreation can play a meaningful role in addressing anxiety, depression, and overall well-being. The Health Director is well positioned to emphasize these connections and advocate for programming and communication strategies that foster social interaction, community cohesion, and mental health through the use of open space resources.	1
The Haskell playground/ field bathrooms are atrocious, often locked, very dirty and sub par compared to neighboring towns.	1
The current playground situation at Haskell reflects a massive step back. Hopefully there will be a resolution soon!	1
The cost per user, per season, for using the fields for the level of care and maintenance that the town is providing is outrageous. An expanded baseball complex utilizing Broadacre farms would be nice to help accommodate the large youth baseball population in town.	1
The Bruce freeman trail is fantastic. My biggest concern is the facilities of the already existing fields. I would go more often if they were cleaner and had more usable bathrooms. I also didn't even know about most of these outdoor places to use. I think more knowledge about what we already have is great, instead of obtaining new ones.	1
The biggest issue with Sudbury recreation facilities is residents don't know the full list of facilities, trails, space that is available to them. While expansion and improvements are needed, better communication about what is already available would go a long way.	1
The bathrooms at Haskell playground are in desperate need of improvement.	1

The bathrooms at Haskell Field and Featherland need significant upgrading. More stalls, more attention (cleaning/product stocking). They are not family friendly at all and cannot accommodate the crowds on game days. Featherland also needs more parking and improved cell service.	1
The bathrooms at Haskell are a pathetic embarrassment. The money spent on "upgrading" the playground is also confusing and pathetic. Build a town skating rink @ Sewataro! More sports fields @ Sewataro	1
The bathroom and playground at Haskell need great improvements. The bathroom in particular is not acceptable and embarrassing. We also need more baseball fields and cages.	1
That we preserve what makes Sudbury special. Suburban, open space, with amazing community locations (e.g. Sewataro, rail-trail, Haskell, nature preserves, etc).	1
That dog owners are making decisions for themselves and not following the rules of Sudbury and the town has apparently allowed it.	1
Thanks for keeping the trail and parks clean, well maintained.	1
Thanks for doing a survey	1
Thanks for continuing to focus on making & keeping Sudbury an awesome place to live with so many recreational and outdoor spaces and activities available, and that are so well cared for and appreciated by those who live here and who visit here from adjacent towns and guests from out of the area/ out of state who are impressed by what Sudbury has and offers. (long time resident)	1
Thank you very much for undertaking the survey. Although I have lived in Sudbury for more than 20 years, I was previously unaware of many of the conservation areas listed above. I think it would be very nice to have a periodic newsletter making residents aware of all of the town's recreational facilities and updating us on improvements, changes, or events. This could be sent out as a quarterly email similar to what the library does with information about upcoming events.	1
Thank you for seeking the public's input and participation. Also, the rail trails are a huge asset for our community!	1
Th rail trail has been a huge boon, I wish it was fully connected to the Wayland rail trail. I am also very frustrated with Sewataro - I have been unable to resister my kids for this camp despite signing up the instant registration opens, and the camp running prevents residents from using the property during prime season. I feel that Sudbury residents should be given priority given we used out tax dollars to purchase the land.	1
Take care of what we already have to make using them safe and enjoyable. Monitoring.	1

Sudbury should prioritize vibrant, family-friendly outdoor spaces that support youth recreation, including playgrounds/splash pads, expanded trails, and flexible gathering areas that can host community events, performances, and festivals.	1
Sudbury parks are falling apart. The smile park playground had alot of money spent on it and it only got worse	1
Sudbury needs more spaces for people to gather to meet up with friends and families including spaces to eat and have a scenic but shaded view, in close proximity to a playground. The Haskell Field playground needs more shade and more play structures in general.	1
Sudbury needs better options for dog walking off leash.	1
Sudbury is spending an extraordinary amount of money on recreational fields to the exclusion of other uses of open space. Given that the number of children in Sudbury is decreasing, why is more money being spent on fields. And why is it so expensive. Sudbury has used the same consultant for years and that company continues to recommend increasingly expensive alternatives. Also, I have concerns about this questionnaire - especially Questions 1 and 2 do not account for seasonal differences. For example, in the summer my use of outdoor trails, etc. is far more frequent - like daily - than in the winter but the options given don't allow for that input.	1
Sudbury is fairly built-out, so acquisitions, aside from linkages to existing OSR properties, should be less of a priority than maintaining and improving existing assets. Embracing complementary uses, such as solar panel canopies on parking lots, can help build community support and provide cost savings or enhanced use. Shade tree and street trees should be considered in the future, as these can provide valuable shade/energy conservation and aesthetic beauty, OR left unmaintained, can pose a threat to power lines and property.	1
Sudbury is a beautiful town. Keeping the charm, conservation land, and taking advantage of some of that open land to develop for tasteful recreational use (like Cushing Park in Framingham) would be amazing. One of my biggest concerns around town is the exorbitant number of grossly dead trees that line the streets throughout Sudbury on both private and public land. I hope the town proactively addresses this before one of the trees falls on a school bus or car/pedestrian. Also, the sidewalks on Route 20 are in terrible shape. I feel sad when I see people walking on RT 20 between Longfellow Glen and the Retail stores because the sidewalks are in such bad shape (snow, flooded, overgrown, etc. depending on season). From Lafayette to Wayside Inn, the sidewalks are covered in Poison Ivy and often runners are also on Rt where the speed limit I believe is 45 mph. These comments are not meant to be complaints but only to bring awareness so they hopefully can be part of the Town's plan.	1

Sudbury has many youth sports organizations who use the field and known for having strong athletic programs. I would strongly encourage you to reach out to all the families in those organizations and have those organizations play a key role in the plan. Sports play a vital role in keeping our kids and adults healthy and active.	1
Sudbury has a lot to offer. I think we could advertise and get better utilization of the open spaces. Plenty of people go to Walden Pond and White Pond for fishing and hiking. That can be done in Sudbury, and I am happy to discuss further.	1
Sudbury has a lot of great recreational facilities and I'm sure some are under utilized. I do see a need for safer street crossings of route 20, especially for middle school/high school kids riding bikes, and the bike path by Dunkin Donuts. A dog park would be a great asset and I bet it would be well used. It seems hard to rent the basketball court at Atkinson, but maybe I haven't tried hard enough. I never see anyone using Feeley Baseball Fields but maybe that's because I don't drive by those fields during times when they are in use. I do know Featherland is very well used and parking can be tough there. It would be great if there was a spring or fall festival at Sewetaro. I think there might be and I missed it, but we went there for the first time last year and were amazed we'd never been. It's a beautiful area and while we can't really afford to send our kids to camp there, it was nice to be able to use the grounds!	1
Sudbury doesn't have any water splash park or any town owned outdoor pool. Kids need it!! Also, I walk along Hudson road everyday and in front of the pool there is still a ton of trash from the construction, which ended more than a year ago, I'd expect more from Sudbury.	1
Sudbury does not have an ice skating rink and would benefit from one given the large interest in hockey in the community.	1
Spending too much money acquiring land with no plan for investment or how to pay for maintenance over the long haul.	1
Spend less money taxes are too high	1
Some of the areas like Frost Farm and Carding Mill Pond Parcel _ I am not aware that are town owned . The Signage there or lack of one leads one to think that are Private property, esp Frost farm sign boards. I tried to get access to Willis Lake but lake of proper signs (other than prominent "Private Property" signs) turned me back. For town owned and maintained areas where public have the right of access to please add enough Signs.	1
So incredibly disappointed with the current state of Smile Playground. This used to be our favorite place to meet up with friends.	1
Skatepark, disc golf and clean restrooms where provided.	1

Signs on the bike paths to keep right pass left.	1
Sidewalks are my top priority. We must make our town more walker friendly for safety.	1
Sidewalks and connecting spaces will make Sudbury more children friendly.	1
shouldn't affordable housing be one of the stakeholder communities in addition to recreation, open space, and agriculture?	1
Sewataro should be open to community use in the summer. The camp supports a privileged few, as well as a plethora of families from other communities. My kids would love to fish, explore, and boat there and so would I! We should have more mountain biking, and better set-up for kids to walk and bike safely around town to these rec areas. The sidewalks to Haynes school are terrible!	1
Sewataro should be more accessible to town residents Some should be used for affordable housing rather than tearing down single family affordable housing to replace them with multifamily housing in neighborhoods like Pine Lakes	1
Sewataro provides great recreational diversity and opportunities for Sudbury unlike many other parcels.	1
Sewataro is well maintained and relaxing. Nice camp option for my grandchildren and nice picnic area.	1
Sewataro is the closest area to my home, but during the summer I don't feel we have sufficient access given how much the town paid for it.	1
Sewataro is not managed by the Town's Parks and Recreation department. This is false. It is operated by a private vendor who offers limited year round public access, despite being funded by taxpayers. While the land is town-owned, it supports the most expensive privately run day camp in the area and is fully developed property, with aging residential homes, aging septic systems, electricity, narrow roadways, and other structures. It does not function as traditional open space. Taxpayer dollars should be not used to subsidize a private operation that does not come close to generating enough revenue to offset the debt service on the property. If the Town staff is considering asking residents to support an override, this property should be examined first as an opportunity to increase revenue and reduce the burden on taxpayers.	1
Sewataro is a nice asset for picnics. Would like to bring my grandson there to hit golf balls.	1
Sewataro is a great area to walk in during the off-seasons. We have been snowshoeing over there this winter and it's a beautiful resource. Broadacres is limited for hiking in the forest now that it's so swampy. We used the fields and playgrounds more when the kids were little. Not sure what happened to the Haskell playground we all donated money to, it looks awful.	1

Sewataro is a great area for walking and snowshoeing. Would love to have pickleball courts there and more use of the tennis and basketball courts.	1
Sewataro is a brilliant example of a public-private partnership utilizing a unique parcel providing fun and relaxing passive and active recreational opportunities to many residents	1
Road crossings around open space, recreation areas and parks need to be safer. It can be daunting going to public spaces because of the danger in crossing roads when people do not stop for pedestrians waiting at crosswalks. Flashing signs or crossing flags should be used to allow pedestrians to notify drivers that they are crossing and for drivers to stop.	1
Regular farmers market! Coffee shop/snack shop at Fairbanks or Haskell field, Taz room should be FREE for residents (needs some new toys). Easter egg hunt, events like Concord does. A splash pad!!!	1
Question one isn't going to give accurate feedback in terms of how much use various spaces actually get. There are times of the year when many people visit certain facilities or parks daily, and others when you cannot go because of the weather. It would be amazing to expand Featherland over to Broadacres so we get better use of that open space. Adding a playground would be great too because lots of baseball families have other children with them. It would be wonderful to have upgraded and more bathrooms at places like Haskell and Featherland. I'm not sure if this is the correct forum, but the Sewataro property is a gem. With good parking and the ponds, it's a nice place to walk around and hang out and it's very unique to our town.	1
Public spaces should have access to bathrooms. Specifically spaces where parents and kids are coming for athletics. Haskell's bathrooms are disgusting and Cutting is completely without. Given the existing infrastructure at Haskell, it should be a priority to renovate/clean/maintain those bathrooms, especially if we want to attract families to the playground, which also needs some maintenance.	1
Providing groomed cross country trails on unused athletic fields (eg. Haskell) during the winter would be most welcomed.	1
Provide bike access to Bruce Freeman in neighborhoods where the greatest number of residents can benefit from it.	1
Preserving Camp Sewataro in its current form is very important to me, my family, neighbors, and many residents of Sudbury. Kids look forward to it all summer, and residents enjoy walking through the hills and grassy areas. Furthermore, it is an absolute treasure for the town of Sudbury to enjoy this land as is.	1
Preserve existing land and no new developments, especially housing	1

Please, reconsider developing lands such as Sewataro for the purposes of housing. Areas like Sewataro are the reason we moved to Sudbury in the first place. If this town follows suit like every other over-populated town, it will truly lose its charm as a nature-lover's haven and will have a cascading impact on future decisions made for decades to come.	1
Please, please, PLEASE, sort out the bathroom situation at Haskell before spring sports kick off. It is ridiculous that our town can't maintain clean and working facilities at this one singular location that serves such a large population every single day of the spring and summer. Everyone I know with elementary aged children is at Haskell multiple times a week, and we all avoid the restroom at all costs. A water fountain and water bottle filling station would get used frequently, as well. Stop cutting down trees and removing playground elements to satisfy a small and loud subsection and use our resources to serve the majority. Shame on the person who cut down that gorgeous tree! What a terrible decision.	1
Please provide regular cleaning and maintenance to the restrooms at Haskell Field. Please update water bottle filling stations there, as well. Both of these would be used and appreciated by hundreds of residents every day in the spring, summer, and fall.	1
Please preserve Sewataro. It is the most beautiful piece of property this town owns and should not be sold and developed. Keep it and create a plan for use.	1
Please make meeting space accessible (to rent for a fee or for free) to Scout troops in Sudbury!	1
Please maintain the facilities we have such as restrooms at Haskell! So unsanitary.	1
Please leave Davis field and Parkinson alone. They are great as they are.	1
Please keep the sledding hill at Feeley Field as there are so few town sledding areas! This is a beloved sledding field used by so many kids and their families. Building a fence at the bottom of it certainly limits the use and defeats its purpose!	1
Please install a rebound wall at Haskell Field.	1
Please install a lacrosse wall at Haskell	1
Please incorporate accessibility as an important aspect of this planning from the outset. Don't put it off until later in the concept and design stage. We do have a significant population with disabilities and we have an aging population. Passive recreation is a critical part of staying physically and mentally healthy for us. We need the beautiful open lands of Sudbury to be accessible so that we, too, can have the same benefits that more able-bodied neighbors garner.	1
Please fix Haskell playground. Also should add splash pad	1

please fix haskell field playground - the renovation made it so much worse. Needs shade and toddler equipment back	1
Please don't let these parcels become over run with invasives such as bittersweet vine. Nice wide mulched paths would be accessible and decrease tick exposure.	1
Please do not purchase more recreational areas until Sudbury can adequately maintain and repair the ones that we have. Haskell Playground is so disappointing these days.	1
Please deal with the dog poop.	1
Please consider finding a way to link these properties together. It doesn't make much sense to have land that has no parking nor way to access unless to block development and preserve open space. I would love to see a trail network that connects the majority of our properties even if it includes some road portions. I would love to see additional trail access for mountain biking. There have been extensive studies proving that biking causes no more trail erosion than walking and certainly less than horseback riding, but cycling is almost universally prohibited in all Sudbury open spaces, which is unbelievable in 2026. Take a look at trail advocacy programs in the Fells put on by NEMBA for examples of good trail stewardship and responsible trail building.	1
Please consider cleaning up Willis Lake to enable swimming safely or open another swimming area in town.	1
Please address the safety hazards and eyesores at BroadAcre Meadow. Please leave the Camp part of Sewataro alone and do more with it on weekends and the 9 months the camp is not open.	1
Please address the dog poop.	1
Please add a Lacrosse Practice Wall at Haskell	1
Please add a lacrosse practice wall as an amenity at Haskell Field. Engage with private groups willing to help with funding/construction/obstacles. MOVE FASTER. Too much bureaucracy and red tape with current P&R board.	1
Pickleball is rapidly gaining popularity across all age groups. The pickleball fields in Sudbury are very limited relative to the number of people using them. The instruments are of low quality and brittle. Creating dedicate pickleball fields with solid instruments (nets/bars) will help more people to enjoy this nice sport.	1
People need access to clean working toilets and fresh cold water, with daily maintenance.	1
Partner with the schools around open space needs as their programming is expanding	1

Parks and Rec Dept is great for programming, (formerly Brent)and Christine are great with communication and taking feedback on the kids' programming. Seem to be a lot of options for seniors as well. Community center seems to have limited use to much of the community.	1
Park and Rec makes it impossible to Enjoy our new rec center. They are so unfriendly to community groups.	1
Park and Rec committee has no expertise or focus on parks or designed landscapes	1
Overall, I am happy with Sudbury's focus on open space, recreation, and parks. Please focus on adding a sidewalk along all of Concord Road. It's heavily used by cyclists and would be by walkers if it wasn't so dangerous to walk along the road. Please add recreational programming for active older adults. I'm disappointed in the renovated women's locker room at the Atkinson Pool. It's not user friendly at all. If you have anything to do with the Annual Cleanup Day near Earth Day, please schedule it when more people are in town. Scheduling it on a weekend during school vacation greatly reduces the number of possible participants, such as scout groups, school teams, etc.	1
Outdoor pool for summer might be nice	1
our town playgrounds are pathetic. our schools are good but cant use when school in session or when summer programs going	1
Our parks and trails and outdoor spaces are numerous and quite nice. GETTING TO THEM needs significant improvement. I tried bicycling to the grocery store, and my bike basket almost broke off on the way there due to the terrible sidewalk quality, not to mention tress and bushes obstructing safe use. We need to prioritize our kids freedom and self transport, the bicycle, to free them and us the parents from a life only available via the car. The happiest countries in the world all have a few things in common: FREE kids with autonomy, public transportation, and excellent cycling infrastructure. SIDEWALKS and protected BIKE LANES, please. :) Thanks.	1
Our open spaces should provide more opportunity to spend time in community with family, friends and neighbors. We have few places to comfortably hold a gathering for a large number of people.	1
Our family loved the skate rink at the community center this winter! We were very impressed with the upkeep even after some of the big storms! We have a 6, 4 and 2 year old.	1
Open space preservation and accesibility are priceless assets benefitting all Sudbury residents. Once lost, they are gone forever to the detriment of all Sudbury residents.	1
Open space allows sudbury to feel rural and far away from urban spaces. We chose Sudbury 15 years ago because of the green space. We hope it maintains that feel.	1
Op ex vs cap ex. Maintain and improve what we have	1

One component that I think is missing from all of this is the notion of incorporating the opportunity for the community to come together and volunteer in these spaces. Volunteering is a fantastic way to help the community and also expose fellow citizens to the amenities.	1
often getting there by walking is treacherous do to cars speeding along and no sideways to safely walk to the parks.	1
Offer fences to provide privacy for properties that abut new recreation areas.	1
Now that we have rail trails I visit open space, recreation and parks far more often. The rail trails have changed my life and I am so appreciative for them! Places that are too far from the trails I find too dangerous to get to (biking or on foot). Our streets are scary if you are not in a car.	1
Not mentioned on your list of existing properties (unless it's under a name I don't recognize) is the land owned by Park and Rec off Longfellow Road. It's in my neighborhood so I walk there at least once/week just to enjoy the little pond. Kids play there, families with dogs walk there. It's more frequently used than many of the properties you've listed. Please remember you own this little gem, and don't risk losing it, the way the town nearly gave it for housing many years ago!	1
Nope, keep up the great work!	1
Nope	1
None.	1
None of this matters without clean water. Preserving land, protecting habitat, and providing safe places for native plant life to grow is the foundation to all of the other things	1
No.	1
No, thank you for caring...	1
No housing developments. Keep Sudbury's character the way it is. We all bought here for a reason. If I wanted a housing development near me, I would have stayed inside 128. Also, the community center has nothing for me or my teen. They can't even play pick up basketball there. We paid a ton of money for a community center that is failing to serve the community.	1
New bathrooms are needed at Haskell Field.	1
Never develop Sewataro. And the rail trail is amazing.	1
need to figure out updates/maintenance to everything at hassell. playground needs help, bathrooms/water stations tend to feel neglected.	1

Need to connect Haskell fields with <1mile Neighborhoods with no safe sidewalk options	1
Need lighting for evening recreation at Haskell and/or Cutting	1
Need free place for pickup basketball	1
Need better and more sidewalks and bike lines for alternate transportation modes. It's not safe to bike or walk in many areas in Sudbury.	1
My pet peeve is dog walkers either not picking up after their dogs, or picking up but then leaving the bag at the trailhead.	1
My only comment is that I really hope this exercise doesn't reopen decisions made by the town in the past to preserve land. Groups working behind the scenes should not determine what happens in our town.	1
My high school age son has been unable to use the basketball courts in the Recreation Center - I firmly believe there should be an easy way for teens to access the center for informal pick up games. My family has used the various ice rinks around town and really appreciate the seasonal flooding at Featherland and the Toland Rink. I would be happy to see expanded ice rinks.	1
My family participates in many youth sports, including soccer. This year the bathroom facilities at Haskell Field were so poorly maintained that I heard families from other towns (our opponents) talking about how disgusting they were. They said they hated playing in Sudbury because the bathrooms were so gross. It was embarrassing.	1
Move field locations each season at Haskell to avoid degradation. Maintain, improve and or expand restrooms at Haskell. Add restrooms at other facilities	1
More winter and summer activities, real big farmer market every Saturday in summer, outdoor theater in summer,	1
More spaces for teens - skatepark, bike tracks	1
More softball fields	1
More sidewalks and inter-connect sidewalks and trails.	1
More nature or educational walks in conservation lands or pick-up sports for adults. Children-free programming for adults	1
More mountain biking, options for teens to use outdoor space outside of recreational sports. Need a lacrosse wall at haskell field.	1

More funding	1
More Baseball fields at Featherland So that kids who play baseball can play on actual fields rather than school fields that are unplayable and full of weeds and dangerous to play baseball on.	1
More baseball fields	1
Marlboro road needs a completed sidewalk, portions of it don't connect to streets with sidewalks. Very dangerous high traffic road	1
many trees were removed around Fairbank Senior center along Hudson Road and Fairbank Road and also around the playground last year. seems like it was a loss of a lot of fine trees for no apparent reason. Davis Field was recently posted advising dogs must be leashed, upsetting many dog owners...bylaws state that dogs must be leashed or under control of a responsible person. would like to know why leashed only was posted.	1
Make it easier for tax payouts to utilize what they pay for in taxes	1
Make Haskle field more multi sports players. Add outdoor tennis and pickle ball parks. Summer maybe outdoor splash park Winter ice rink bigger. And market better so that residents can take all advantages most out of them.	1
Maintain the character of spaces! Don't turn Broadacre into a recreational center; it was a farm, that's its charm, and it should look like it. We don't need more athletic fields, recreational structures, etc., especially right there, where Featherland already offers all that. Trails — particularly the paved walking paths along Concord and Morse Roads — need more maintenance...they're riddled with frost heaves, are too narrow, often overgrown, rarely cleared of leaves and snow, and there's a LOT of dog poop left along them. There needs to be better traffic management along Concord Road given the number of schools and pedestrians on it...cars speed, there aren't enough crosswalks, there are major traffic backups at the start/end of the school day. Sherman's Bridge...what a great spot, improve parking and the kayak put-in!	1
Love walking Sewetaro.. Would love to kayak there,	1
Limited sidewalks in the Sudbury community makes it challenging to safely walk to recreation areas. I would like to see the Town of Sudbury pressured to build a plan to improve walkability of the town, which would include the ability to walk to open spaces for recreation.	1
Lighting for the sports field would be a true game changer. We currently all have to leave work early because the fields aren't usable past dark	1

Lighting at Cutting Field and the courts at Featherland Park would be great additions to maximize the use of those facilities. The Town did a great job with lighting for the basketball court at the Community Center which really extends the time it can be used. Also, if there is any way to provide open gym time at indoor facilities (i.e. Community Center) during the winter (to the extent it can be done), that would be great as well.	1
Let's try to improve existing areas for all.	1
Leave Sewataro alone. Can't understand why people think this beautiful piece of property should be turned into MCMansions that town doesn't need.	1
Lack of maintenance, such as tree trimming and removal, poses safety risks to pedestrians and motorists. Overgrown areas encourage the proliferation of ticks and mosquitoes. Wildlife is abundant and valued, but preservation should not mean restricting responsible use. Sudbury should also improve and maintain sidewalks to ensure safe access for children and families. Overall, open space management should balance protection with accessibility and active enjoyment.	1
Keep the facilities clean if you have them. Bathrooms are an issue. You support local sports but there no bathrooms or clean ones and limited places to place garbage. They are put in place but no money to sustain them. Also too much emphasis on the old generation, tax payers pay for Fairbanks but a lean towards older generations. The young families are moving into town and lack support unless you're paying for a sport or paying for the rec space.	1
Keep the character of the town - rural looking and open space. Fight housing projects. link bike trails, walking areas and existing conservation land.	1
Keep Sewartaro	1
Keep running sewataro as a camp with scott brody as operator. Keep the open space that Sudbury has purchased over the years as open - for the most part it was all purchased to curb housing growth, do not all it to become overrun with housing	1
Keep planting trees for shade and aesthetics. It is so sad that the beautiful trees at Haskell were removed. Keep planting trees now so that in 10 years we have nice spaces!	1
Keep Davis open land	1
Keep Davis field as a filed	1
Keep and protect all of it. But please make it more usable and designate areas for specific use to help meet the needs and interests of all residents.	1
Just keep as is. No more human developing projects on the open space, please!!!	1

I've visited most playgrounds in Sudbury when my children were young and now visit many with my grandchildren. They are still broken and are uncomfortable for all. For those that are making decisions, please spend a day or two to visit them all. Be objective, There are no shaded areas except for Camp Sewataro. Equipment gets very hot on sunny day on all of our playgrounds. Our recreational areas need to be appealing to young as well as the old.	1
I've heard that a group has put together both the funds as well as needed future plan for a wall at Haskell field that could be used by lacrosse, soccer and other sports. It seems close minded to me for the town not to consider proposals like this. I'd advocate for this wall and other proposals where funds are raised, escrow accounts setup if the equipment needs to be moved in the future.	1
It's astounding how much Sudbury lacks in terms of recreational facilities for children, especially good playgrounds. The only playground (aside the one next to Shaw's that no one goes to) in town is destroyed by the sheer apathy(the smile playground). The others are in schools so it's tricky to get access to. More importantly, there's no place to go on a proper picnic. When we lived in Arlington we would go on spontaneous picnics almost everyday with nice weather in town/nearby towns but here in Sudbury there's close to zero. It's one of the main things we miss about Arlington.	1
It's a shame the gym at Atkinson isn't available to Sudbury youth basketball. Also I would be great to have a lax wall at Haskell	1
It would be nice if things were maintained. The fields are in rough shape. The playground equipment broken.	1
It would be ideal to have more free time and "open courts" hours at bball courts. It doesn't feel like residents can easily use Sewataro for swimming, or indoor facilities like Atkinson, to make use of the indoor basketball courts, pool, or to book rooms for meetings. We should make our spaces more available for free play!	1
It would be great if we had wider and more sidewalks for kids to bike around town. Adding a couple of lacrosse bounce-back walls and basketball courts would be great for the community. Right now, the kids either go to the Rec Center, or Featherland to play basketball, or the high school to use the wall.	1
It would be amazing to use I believe it is broadacres next to Featherland to create a 90 foot field and have all levels at one complex, current use of Haskell and sometimes Feely not benefiting the kids as they are separated from the baseball community. that would ideally free up Haskell and Feeley for other considerations/sports/dog park etc...	1
it should be focused on those who cannot afford a country club membership and who don't have kids	1
It seems that there is often conflicts between teams trying to schedule field time for practices.	1

It is crazy to me that Sewataro, which has such a breadth of resources, is not open or accessible to the general public in Sudbury.	1
Is it too much to ask for people to clean up after their dogs?	1
Interested in more baseball fields and, if possible, uniting them all in one place. Would also love additional bounce back walls for lacrosse and tennis	1
Install more sidewalks in North Sudbury along Pantry and Concord Roads	1
Install a Wall for kids to practice lacrosse at Fairbanks.	1
Incorporate more regular and practice conversations with youth sports in town. Separately, I have been a resident for 12 years and have not heard of most of these rec asserts. Don't buy new assets until you do something with what you have.	1
In most respects Sudbury is fortunate to have significant open space. I would like to see more done with the Broadacre Farm site and the Sewataro site.	1
Improve the bathrooms at Haskell Field and Featherland Field!	1
Improve offering at Willis lake. Better if we had a lake to swim like Wayland.	1
I'm strongly in favor of the solar array at Haskell Field. I've seen the renderings & I think they look great! It gives us shade at a hot field, helps us meet our climate goals & saves the town a bunch of money - any other problem is solvable. I'm sorry if Park & Rec has had troubles with project input in the past, that's certainly regrettable but I watch all the ESC meetings & they clearly understand your position & Solect is eager to work with the town. The built environment (rooftops, parking lots) is the best place for solar so that we don't have to take up open space. Please don't let this opportunity pass us by - we cannot bring back the fed tax credits overnight, it will take an election & a whole painful legislative cycle (if we're lucky). We all have our children's futures in mind and people in the position to make good decisions need to step up & do so.	1
I'm strongly against using limited funds to acquire MORE land. We have an abundance of underutilized land as it is. I'm still struggling with the rec center being inaccessible to residents. I can't believe the town paid for a massively expensive building that we are not allowed to use.	1
I'm concerned about the discussions about Sewataro that have popped up again this year. Sewataro's property is being used as it should be, and continuing to discuss whether to expand housing there is a poor use of time and energy year after year. I don't know if this is within your purview, but I thought I would raise it just in case.	1

If we can find revenue-generating even revenue-neutral programming for Sewataro in the fall and spring months on either side of camp, it would be a great benefit to residents of the north part of town for whom driving all the way to Fairbank CC or Haskell is prohibitive.	1
If there is land for town resident recreational activities, please consider dedicated Pickleball courts and residents	1
If the group spend half as much time constructing new initiatives than it did designing and doing needs assessments for potential initiatives, all needs would be met	1
Identify existing fields, courts, and athletic facilities and determine the appropriate utilization vs costs for maintaining those facilities. Create a master plan for Sudbury Parks and Rec, Open Space to determine the way forward and use the facilities, fields to 100% capacity to ensure great ROI on tax dollars allocated to maintaining those fields. Keep the rest of the protected (town owned) land as conservation and let it become natural forests, fields, streams for wildlife habitats, but allow some hiking trails as long as residents respect the land. This town doesn't need new housing developments, but we can make our athletic facilities first-class, we are too dependent on the Field House, which is outdated, unsafe, and lacks cleanliness. Build a one size fits all athletic center in town with indoor/outdoor sports in mind, it could become the nerve center for Middlesex County youth sports (basketball, hockey, swimming, soccer, football, track, baseball, lacrosse, tennis).	1
I'd love to see an index of all of the above areas, as well as the non-Town owned trails listed on Sudbury Conservation Lands web page. Adding the Training Field is a good idea.	1
I'd love if Parks & Rec could work with other Sudbury local leadership/government to come up with some more opportunities for food/bev/entertainment beyond an ice cream truck at some of the facilities that are heavily trafficked by families. It'd be great to be able to grab a hot coffee or snacks for my kid at Haskell.	1
I'd like to see an audit of Sewataro and perhaps a sale of the property. It, and similar land acquisitions, have driven up our taxes with no benefits to young families like ours.	1
I'd like to see all baseball at Featherland and abroad Acres and not on the school fields	1
I'd also like to see lighting at the baseball field near the tennis courts at Featherland.	1
I would really love a splash pad	1
I would love to see Sudbury build a baseball facility and complex that defines Sudbury as a baseball town, and that can accommodate our residents children, teens, and adults to host baseball games. I would also like to see a dog park built.	1

I would love to see a space where kids could build jumps for bikes. A place for teens and adults to drive electric dirt bikes legally	1
I would like to see more programs in general offered by the rec center	1
I would like to find out information about the areas mentioned here that I have never heard of or do not know how to access. I don't even know where to go to get that information. And just so you know, I have lived in Sudbury for over 40 years--and I still haven't heard of some of the places and don't know how to access other places!	1
I would hate to see the Sewataro camp lose their lease. I think that is a huge benefit for town residents and a draw to our community as affordable summer camp options in our area are difficult to find.	1
I would be thrilled with a new playground, public outdoor pool, or expanded town beach. Sewataro is fantastic, but the public area is very small.	1
I worry that development pressures will overtake need for open space for conservation and recreation	1
I wish we were allowed to use the rec center facilities.	1
I wish there were more sidewalks throughout Sudbury. The new bike paths are nice but there are neighborhoods from which the only safe way to get anywhere is by car or the Catch Connect.	1
I wasn't aware of many of the properties listed above. I will be interested to learn more about them as we have young children and love to go hiking locally where we can with them.	1
I was very frustrated when the play structure and shade tree was removed from the playground at Haskell and not replaced.	1
I was very disappointed at the removal of shade-giving trees in Haskell. Also disappointed about the removal of a play structure there with no replacement. I also recall, when discussing the possibility of a sidewalk on Dutton Road, a rep from the town suggested certain bushes and trees would need to be removed, even though they are healthy. I disagree with that approach, and see many older sidewalks throughout town accommodating even older trees. I believe treed areas and wildlife habitat should be protected as often as possible by the town, striking a reasonable balance between modernization and preservation. It would be a tragedy for this beautiful old town to become just another a razed suburb like so many in this area have become.	1
I value our open natural spaces and the recreational and environmental benefits they provide.	1
I travel a lot to other towns for sports. We should have a much better facility to our out of town visitors than we do.	1

I think we need to increase offerings at Sewataro to use that beautiful area. Weekend concerts, food truck days, outdoor weekend yoga, etc. what happened to the Halloween drive thru parade! I know the camp is closed during the week but we need to offer more events and activities on the weekends and week nights to encourage more residents to use the space.

1

I think Sudbury should look at Wayland Park and rec's offerings for kids and in general. They are more substantial in options and variety. I am surprised Sudbury's is not as robust given the size of the community in comparison to Wayland.

1

I think Sudbury needs more wildlife habitat.

1

I think Sudbury has a lot already, is doing a good job, but maybe townspeople aren't aware of all of the things we have. ?

1

I think some sports teams would benefit from a wall ball area like they have at LS.

1

I think Sewataro is a huge asset to the community. The grounds are accessible and beautiful. The camp operator is a true partner.

1

I think it's unreasonable, shortsighted and irresponsible to ask questions about how to spend our money when you haven't done a good job of effectively communicating current existing assets and uses with public to set the stage. Communication is subpar, embarrassing, and absolutely frustrating. The town, including parks and rec, needs to invest in a broad communication strategy and plan to engage community members and bring them together, NOT polarize them. Knowledge of and ability to access resources should really be an equal opportunity thing for town community members. Provide an all-access community forum and appropriate, timely and regular communication so that people don't go down rabbit holes and damage community relationships and reputations on places like Facebook One Sudbury in absence of one.

1

I think it is important to preserve the Sewataro space in its current form. It is a unique, beautiful piece of property that reflects the character of the town and provides multiple benefits to our citizens in its current unspoiled form. If there are issues with the way the camp is operated or its profitability, those should be addressed and solved without resorted to simplistic answers such as selling the property for development. We should be creative about the revenue generating opportunities for a unique piece of property that would seem to have endless possibilities with creative and thoughtful government leaders.

1

I think we need to get real about competing and redundant programming. We have three organizations running summer camp programs on public land (SPS, Park and Rec, Sewataro) but virtually no ability to access indoor basketball courts in public schools or town buildings, and very limited programming for adults. The SPS fields are in dangerous, unusable condition, and Sudbury Youth Basketball can't get the access it needs to the SPS gyms, so everyone pays a premium to go to a private facility (Fieldhouse.) Somehow we don't factor Lincoln-Sudbury's resources into town planning, even though youth sports heavily rely on their fields and facilities, so I'm concerned this process is not taking a broad enough view of our needs, existing assets, and opportunities. L-S facilities aren't even included in this survey. As a result, I'm worried that we are destined to continue the highly inefficient programming and use of our assets.	1
I strongly suggest creating a single baseball field complex at Featherlands. Broadacres should be developed into a baseball field or fields so there is a single baseball complex for all of Sudbury. Then all of the baseball equipment can be centrally located making it easier and more less expensive to manage and maintain. This would create a wonderful experience for Sudbury residents and make it simpler for all families since all games and practices would be at one location. Thank you.	1
I love walking around Sewataro. I wish we were able to walk around the entire campus all year.	1
I love the beautiful views and openness of Broadacres Garm. I hope that open space can be preserved for passive recreation. Other than the parking lot next to the rail trail, my hope is that this area can remain natural.	1
I love our blend of suburban and "rural" with the house distances, the trails, playgrounds. I hope we only enhance it further.	1
I love open space but it is extremely expensive and will eventually force me out of town. There is a point where our open space becomes cost prohibitive and unsustainable. I don't want to be forced out, but I can't afford to keep up with the Jones's who keep voting to buy every large parcel of land here. I may be in the minority, it may be well intentioned but I can't afford it.	1
I live on Pokonoket Ave and my neighbors and I love to walk. Please, please, please get us sidewalks on Old Lancaster East - to allow us to walk without getting hit on a narrow, winding road that gets much more traffic than it did when I first moved here. Children can't bike because it is too dangerous. Now that the Rail Trail is open, we'd like to walk there, but it is dangerous.	1

I like swimming at fairbanks, but it has been really hard with the renovations to use the facility. I also don't like that I had a membership but still could not use the pool on evenings/weekends. I also don't like how the programs for kids on Wednesday half days do not include transportation to fairbanks. This seems to greatly advantage families who can afford transportation/childcare in the middle of the day. I am also disappointed by the lack of outdoor swimming opportunities. I do not feel welcome at Sewataro. I took my kids there once, and it was odd - no one else was there except for 3 lifeguards who kept my kids from swimming in the majority of the lake. I would like it if there was an adult tennis league. Honestly, we have used Wayland parks and rec several times because they offer many more opportunities than Sudbury. Also, we need more baseball fields. The gymnastics necessary to make practice/game schedules work is crazy.	1
I hope sewataro remains a resource for the town	1
I have concerns about availability of summer camps for families. Sudbury Rec and Sewataro are amazing options but registration is highly competitive and spots fill fast. More options, or giving priority registration to Sudbury residents, would help families that depend on these camps/spaces for childcare. Alternative options in neighboring towns are equally in high demand and much less convenient.	1
I have been impressed with the diversity of open space: from organized fields, to wooded hiking trails, and grandfathered facilities within open space (i.e. Sewataro's assets). These meet different needs for different people and differing age groups, and make Sudbury a attractive place to live.	1
I grew up in a town comparable to Sudbury's population, but much less affluent. We had an outdoor public pool with water slides and splash pads, mini golf, a huge town park and sports field complex, and a large catalogue of recreational classes, sports, and activities for people at all stages of life. Most of these items involved a fee, but they were offered. I took this for granted. I am highly encouraged by the new leadership in Park and Rec and hope we can look forward to a new vision for the town.	1
I feel a lacrosse wall at haskell field would really serve our youth. A big enough wall could also host soccer teams. With climate turf fields and outdoor lighting and indoor options will be more important Would love to see the rail trails wrapped up and always made a priority. Ive always been impressed with the groundskeeping and efforts to keep our grass fields	1
I don't really understand what resources are available and where. There is information on the websites but it isn't easy to navigate. I have never heard of many of these open spaces listed. The ones nearest my home are wonderful	1
I don't know this this falls under open space or not, but sidewalks really must be added in some parts of town - it's dangerous without them. Thinking of north Sudbury, Marlboro road specifically. Someone is going to get killed.	1

I don't know enough about the biological and water needs of our town. That's important. But I don't know what we need.	1
I do not live nearby nor use it often, but please don't sell Sewataro. It's a gem of a property and Park and Rec should try to use it more. I want Peakham Rd to finish its sidewalk project. I'd love Dutton Rd to have a complete sidewalk.	1
I coached baseball in Sudbury for 6 years, and ran fall ball for a season. I think Featherland Park itself is a great spot, but the fields themselves are terrible. Upper Featherland is an embarrassment, especially since it's the only 50-70 field aside from the softball field. There is a huge lip between the grass infield and dirt infield. The dirt is never watered and gets extremely clumpy and produces unpredictable bounces. The conditions at Lower Featherland are slightly better, but only 2 of the 3 fields are actually usable since the one closest to the parking lot is too small for grades 3-5. That means those grades are all competing for two fields for every game and practice which in my opinion is unacceptable for a town as big as ours who takes great pride in its athletes. Personally I would like to see 2 or 3 of the other fields in town (Noyes, Crime Lab, etc.) be renovated so that games and practices can be held there.	1
I believe creating a disc golf course would entice many more people to spend more time outside in parks. The game can enhance communities and is a very low financial lift to setup. Happy to consult if helpful and I know many would use!	1
I ask the town to consider sponsoring screen free time for community members of all ages to address the epidemic of loneliness and isolation that we are facing due to excessive screen use	1
I appreciate all the work you do. Haskell Field desperately needs an improved restroom facility. The current facility can not accommodate the amount of people who use it	1
I am unaware of many of these spaces. I even stopped mid survey to look up some on the P&R page and could not find them.	1
I am concerned there are not recreational sports available for high school age kids. Additionally, I wish there was an alternative to Sudbury Soccer. That organization has a history of discrimination and it bothers me that our fields are used to subsidize the Revolution/Kraft family making profit from our town maintained fields I would like to see more investment in lighted baseball fields - in particular 50/70 and 60/90. This would allow kids more opportunities to play baseball without having to pay for clubs. Additional indoor basketball courts would be great too. Finally, more organized sports opportunities for high school aged kids	1
I am concerned that the town is allowing a developer to encroach on Wake Robin woods conservation land. What is the meaning of conservation land if developers can just build on it?	1

Honestly, preserving open space to prevent unwanted and predatory development. Priority of town land acquisition should be aligned with a goal to keep Sudbury's rural, suburban historic nature.	1
Honestly, it feels like our town hasn't cared enough about our fields for a long time, and now it's really showing. Fields that used to be some of the best around are now just average, or even worse in some spots. The town keeps buying land, but that doesn't really help if the fields we already have aren't taken care of. Right now, we don't have enough lights, not enough turf fields for how many teams there are, and a lot of the grass fields are in rough shape and not reliable during the season. As someone who plays baseball, that stuff matters. You can't practice or play your best when the field isn't in good condition. Families here pay a lot compared to other towns, so our fields should be some of the best. It's time for the town to step up and invest in them.	1
Haskell should have a lacrosse wall and clean bathrooms	1
Haskell playground needs to be renewed, needs more shade (trees) and no plastic floor but wood chips... the plastic floor is so hot. Plant trees to protect against wind and sun.	1
Haskell field is probably the most used area and so poorly maintained with no way to contact anyone. Please add signage and phone number and names of who is responsible for the upkeep for every town owner area.	1
Haskel Field and Playground has been a concern for years. The bathroom is not maintained on the weekends (when it has the highest use) and drinking water shut off before sports seasons ends. Broken equipment and shade taken away are concerns as well.	1
Great survey. It made me pause and think. I feel fortunate to live in Sudbury.	1
Given the loneliness epidemic and youth mental health crisis, I would like to see our Parks and Recreation Department prioritize third spaces where community members can connect in a screen free environment. I would like to see programming that offers elementary school kids access to unstructured free play, where they can connect with peers, such as weekly play club at Haskell after school. I would like to see more middle school programming in this areas as well. For example, Carlisle has a monthly "Friday Night Live" program they offer monthly for youth grades 5-8, run through their Parks and Rec, where kids can just hang out, pizza, DJ, sports, ect. Lastly, even just screen free meet ups for our general community to utilize our open spaces would be wonderful.	1
Funding is not established to grow these spaces with the needs of the community.	1

For decades, our town has failed to invest in its athletic fields (specifically diamonds), and the results are now impossible to ignore. Once among the best in the area, our facilities have declined to average at best. Over the past twenty years, the town has spent significant resources acquiring land but has not made comparable investments to ensure our athletic fields meet basic standards of safety, usability, and modern needs. Today, we lack adequate field lighting, sufficient turf fields to handle heavy use, and properly maintained grass fields that can be relied on throughout the season. When I moved here in 2004, our fields were a source of pride; today, they reflect years of underinvestment. Given the fees our families pay compared to other towns, our athletic facilities should be among the best, and it is time we find a way to make that happen.

Following through on operational funding and commitments is key to sustainable success here. We need to be able to see the lines on the soccer field, have grass that grows where it should be growing, be able to use the new gym and facilities. This has been a serious challenge in the past couple of years and it seems due to the lack of funding and commitment to staffing related to the ongoing operational needs of our recreation facilities, fields, and trails.

Focus should be on youth sports. Fields can easily be used for walking dogs or flying drones, etc but you can't play sports in the woods.

Focus on fixing and maintaining what we have vs going out and doing expensive projects that the town historically has been very poor in managing

Focus on baseball fields for children as it's very popular sport with a lot of participants.

Fix the cracks on existing tennis courts, and ideally open more tennis courts. The existing tennis court plan in feedly and sudbury high school is not that great to isolate balls flying around. The court layout plan in featherland is great, there are only two courts connected together minimizing the interference each other. Winter tennis is hard, and I understand it needs lots of space. If possible, we could have more indoor pickleball courts.

fix smile playground and bathrooms

Fix Haskell playground

Field conditions and availability for soccer teams and softball teams are a massive disappointment. The conditions of the softball fields are pitiful compared to the baseball fields - highly discriminatory toward our female athletes. It is also appalling how many of the facilities are geared towards seniors and very little is prioritized for families and teens. Sudbury should have an indoor track, the only track surface available is at LS and is not sufficient nor usable in the cooler months. For the health and wellbeing of our children, priority should be given to their needs.

Fenced dog park would be great. Better seating areas for the soccer field and Haskell playground. Add a splash pad for the kids!	1
Explore how solar panels for power generation can be integrated with recreation. For example over parking lots. Also integrated with former farm or pasture fields. Switch Park and Rec vehicles and equipment from fossil fuel to electric power. We all have to do our parts to decrease and eventually eliminate non-renewable fossil energy use for the sake of our and our descendants' futures. NIMBY is no excuse.	1
Expand the hours and days that the public can use Sewataro.	1
Everyone needs access to nature. Accessible trails, playgrounds, and facilities (like restrooms) make that possible.	1
Every neighborhood should have a playground that kids can safely walk or bike to	1
Dog owners and walkers are really having a serious and negative impact on open/natural space around town, like everywhere else. Dog walkers having multiple dogs off leash and off trail, as well as those who leave their dogs' waste on or along trails, or at trailheads, really degrade the experience and endanger the natural world and water quality. I would love to see a DNA tracking system in place as a requirement for dog ownership so droppings left behind can be tracked to owners. Enforcement is the only way we will change behaviors.	1
Dog leash and picking up after your dog rules are not enforced. This is a serious issue and has not been highlighted as a must do. Many residents over the 20+ yrs I've lived here have complained or called the police about loose dogs at the fields. Poop bags have been found in sewers. We need a spread the word campaign and enforcement by police.	1
Does the town need baseball fields? What documented need is there or what plan is there to expand programming. The fields are unused most of the year so why build new ones? Art on the rail trails is a waste of taxpayer money. Focus on water stations	1
Do not want to see Sudbury spend money on a place that offers no benefit to the whole town. eg. Sewetaro, financial disaster/	1
Do not spend money acquiring more land.	1

Do not sell or develop any of Sudbury's current parks, and open and recreation spaces. I understand there is an advisory committee being put together to determine the future of Camp Sewataro. It is disappointing this parcel of land has become such a lightning rod in our town's political landscape. The park is beautiful and has the potential to be a wonderful gathering place for community programming, but has been underappreciate and thus underutilized since the town purchased it. I hope the advisory committee recognizes this and makes recommendations on how to use the space for its intended purpose as a park and recreation space (not a new neighborhood).	1
DO NOT PUT CONDO/APARTMENT BUILDINGS AT SEWATARO!	1
Do a gap analysis of leading towns and get pricing to meet those gaps to send to Town Meeting	1
Dedicated dog friendly off-leash parks and trails!	1
Dear Members of the Town Committee, I am writing to share a suggestion regarding the vacant land at broadacres farm which is near by the featherland park. As our community continues to grow, there is an increasing need for more recreational facilities, and I would like to formally request that this space be developed into dedicated Pickleball courts. Pickleball has become incredibly popular in our town, with a diverse group of residents—from seniors to teenagers—playing regularly. Currently, our existing facilities are overcrowded, and many players struggle to find available court time. By adding Pickleball courts to this new site. We believe this would be the most efficient and beneficial use of the land for the entire community. Thank you for considering this proposal and for your dedication to improving our town's facilities. Best regards, Zhen Wu 23 Pinewood Ave 978-460-4242	1
Davis Field is an opportunity to consider revamping for soccer / athletic use. I would vote to improve that field for athletic use.	1
Cutting field should have lights or there should be a portion of Haskell or Fairbanks made turf for your sports. The grass at Haskell is overused and gets beat up.	1
Cutting field needs artificial lighting installed, this would allow for more practice time for the soccer teams. The fields at Haskell need to be better maintained, the grass is often too long for soccer	1

Cutting Field = great field but really need lights there to extend it's use. Repainting the lines and in/out arrows would be helpful for traffic flow (though I think many people just ignore the arrows and drive whatever direction they want). I live in Pine Lakes and we use Willis Lake for skating if it's frozen, walking paths, fishing. I'm not aware of it being run/organized by any of the Town Orgs, honestly it's nice that it stays fairly private. Love the new paved paths through town, I think it's part of the Rail Trail?(Surrey Lane, Dutton, by Union St); Parking can be tough though I think yall are in the midst of improving that. Sewataro could be a nice resource but I always feel like we're urged not to use it so we don't. The new Community Center is beautiful, but I feel like it's all paid use for classes and programs, and largely used by elderly and preK. Would be nice if there was a free way to use it. Pool has always been really cold so we've not gone back	1
cross country ski trails	1
Creation of a dog friendly space so everyone can use the existing spaces without dogs. Even friendly dogs can scare kids and even adults.	1
Create rail trail access off landham rd	1
Create outdoors recreation areas for seniors to gather in the summer time, and outdoors swimming.	1
Create indoor Skating facility	1
Community space should be for the community. As a committee member with the Sudbury Family Network, we have tried unsuccessfully to work with town recreation facilities to host events for families in our community and have been met with resistance.	1
Cleanup trash and limit dogs Don't waste Town money plowing parking areas in winter when fields are unused and/or covered with snow and ice	1
Centralized baseball location. More fields available.	1
Camp sewataro is an amazing and unique resource. Would love to see more events held there (fairs, races/sports events, concerts/movie nights, sled race) and/or programs that could utilize the equipment in the spring/fall (eg rock climbing, archery classes, ropes course). Would also like to see the camp offer sign ups to Sudbury residents only for a week or two before opening to other communities. A school bus situation for kids in town to attend camp would also be a huge help to working parents in the summer.	1
Build a lacrosse wall at Haskell!	1
Broad acres should be developed to create a baseball center in town. Move additional fields to featherland and replace satellite baseball fields for other sports	1

Bounce back wall at Haskell.	1
Bicycling on unpaved and paved trails is my favorite recreational activity, so more facilities that provide that would be very welcome.	1
Better planning. There has to be more offered to seniors besides the Senior Center. We have enough ball parks, soccer fields. Sewataro is a gem and it is under used. It should not be just for paying camp members. There should be free programming as the residents paid \$11 million dollars and there isn't enough offered.	1
Better maintenance of facilities. better playgrounds for all ages. (Haskell is clearly for very young kids) more bathroom options & water stations A funner recreational department. Maybe a pool that could include something for children. Check out the Beede center in Concord or lifetime fitness in Framingham children's pool areas to get ideas. You also should not have to reserve lanes. Why can't we have a functioning pool that families can just kind of go during open swim hours instead of a 1/2 hour window.	1
Better baseball football and lacrosse fields and practice facilities	1
Better baseball fields	1
Better access to all parks by foot or bike with expanded sidewalk network	1
Bathrooms at Haskell field are an embarrassment	1
Baseball!	1
Baseball is a big sport - there should be more quality fields for these young athletes.	1
Baseball and softball fields need a lot more attention. When I played Sudbury youth baseball 8 years ago the fields were upkept and people were proud to play on them. When I went to my brothers game last spring I was disappointed but the amount of weeds, holes in high use areas on the field, and lack of baselines.	1
Baseball	1
As a parent of young kids, I feel like I'm going to other towns for things to do. There's probably a lot I don't know about what my kids could be doing in the area, I'm not originally from here, but it feels like other areas are better at engaging children.	1
As a parent of a young child I am hoping for more playgrounds.	1

Allow Sewataro to remain a first-class outdoor camp with preference for Sudbury campers and an ongoing revenue stream for Sudbury as debt gets paid off and beyond. In South Sudbury, make Carding Mill into a kayak launch and picnic area accessible to all residents.	1
Again, I am a dog lover and owner, but there is the unregulated Davis field problem	1
Afterschool programming with transportation from the schools would be nice. Help for special needs children afterschool or during the summer too. We are trying Concord Rec's inclusion camp this year. Sudbury should have the same thing.	1
Additional open gym time at the rec center. New artificial turf fields with lights.	1
Additional baseball fields at Featherland Park would provide a safer and higher-quality experience for Sudbury families.	1
Add dedicated pickleball courts at Feely Field. I drive by every day and see people setting up their own pickleball nets, hardly ever see people playing tennis except maybe someone giving a private lesson. The courts at the senior center are multi-sport courts and not great for pickleball. Fund Lighting at the high school turf soccer fields. you have 2 full fields there which in the Fall no one can use once it gets dark. Consider adding 1 Turf field up at Haskel so you have a reliable surface for inclement weather.	1
add a disc golf course	1
Access to the LS track is horrible and many people don't even know it is there. We need a central walking/running path for people that is accessible and year round that can bring the community together.	1
Access to after school care is a significant and growing problem in our town. I'd like to see more focus on helping to solve these larger problems that affect many residents through this department rather than adding "nice to have" features, like a disc golf course. Making our existing facilities more useable is also a bigger priority to me than creating new ones.	1
Absolutely loving the rail trails! Doggy bags/clean up stations would be helpful	1
A town beach or access to those in neighboring towns would be nice.	1
A map of areas and rules for each of those areas would be very handy. I'm sure there are places that I don't even know exist.	1
A lacrosse wall at Haskell field is needed. It's been too long.	1

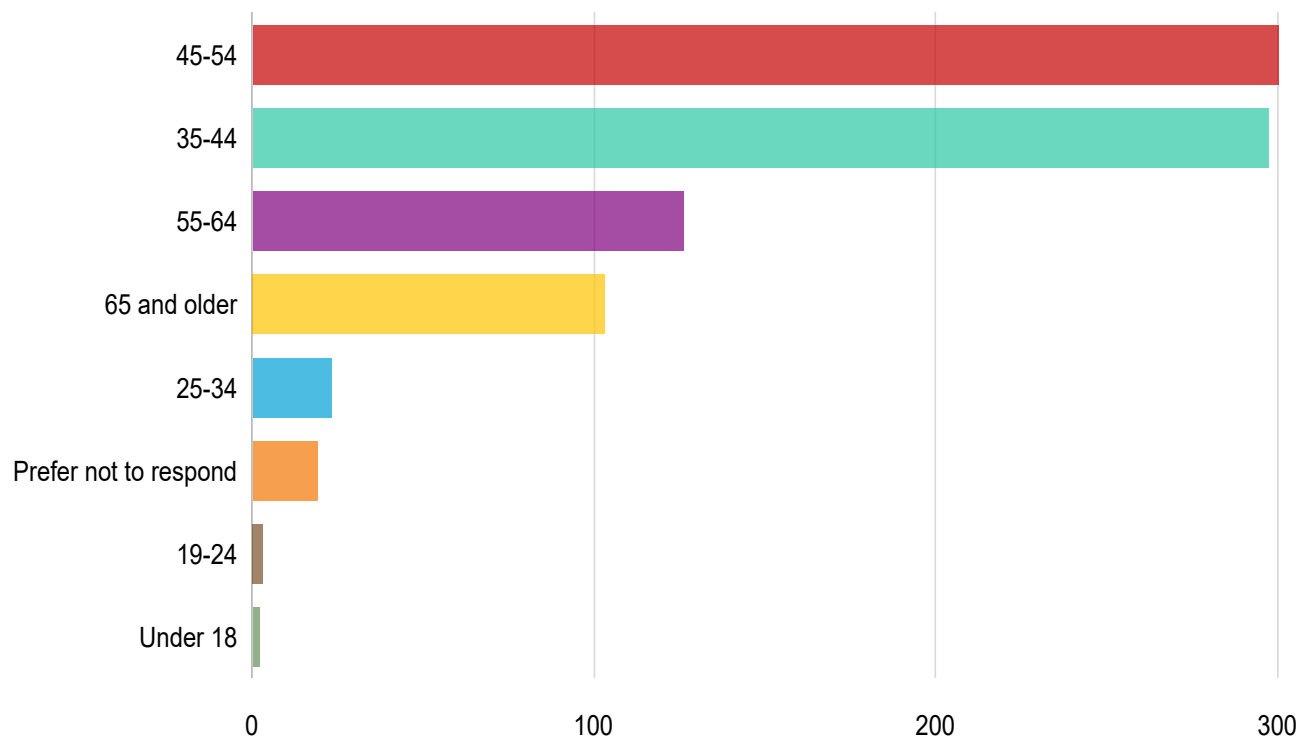
1. No dog parks! Especially not before provision of accessible/adaptable playground equipment or trails for people. Don't let dog owners/walkers convince the town to create dog parks. All fields and trails in Sudbury already serve as dog parks! Include designated/marked "on-leash" trails/sections within every trail system. 2. An arboretum/botanical garden at Liberty Ledge. 3. Public swimming at Liberty Ledge: expand the manufactured pond and/or the swimming pools there. Add a splash pad there.

- The outcome of the Smile playground project at Haskell was unexpected. Hope improvements are made. - There is a real need for marketing and communication. My answers to questions 1 and 2 are shocking. How is it possible for Sudbury to have all of these spaces but not know about them?

Answered: 397 Skipped: 480

Demographics

1. What is your age group?



Answers

Count

Percentage

45-54

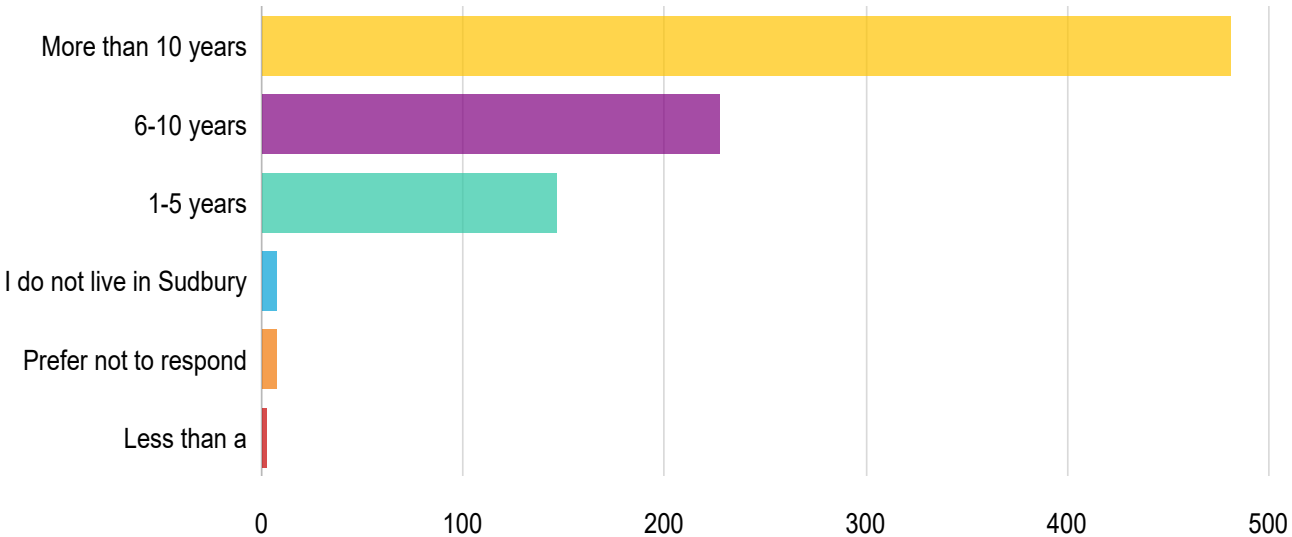
300

34.21%

35-44	297	33.87%
55-64	126	14.37%
65 and older	103	11.74%
25-34	23	2.62%
Prefer not to respond	19	2.17%
19-24	3	0.34%
Under 18	2	0.23%

Answered: 873 Skipped: 4

2. How long have you lived in Sudbury?

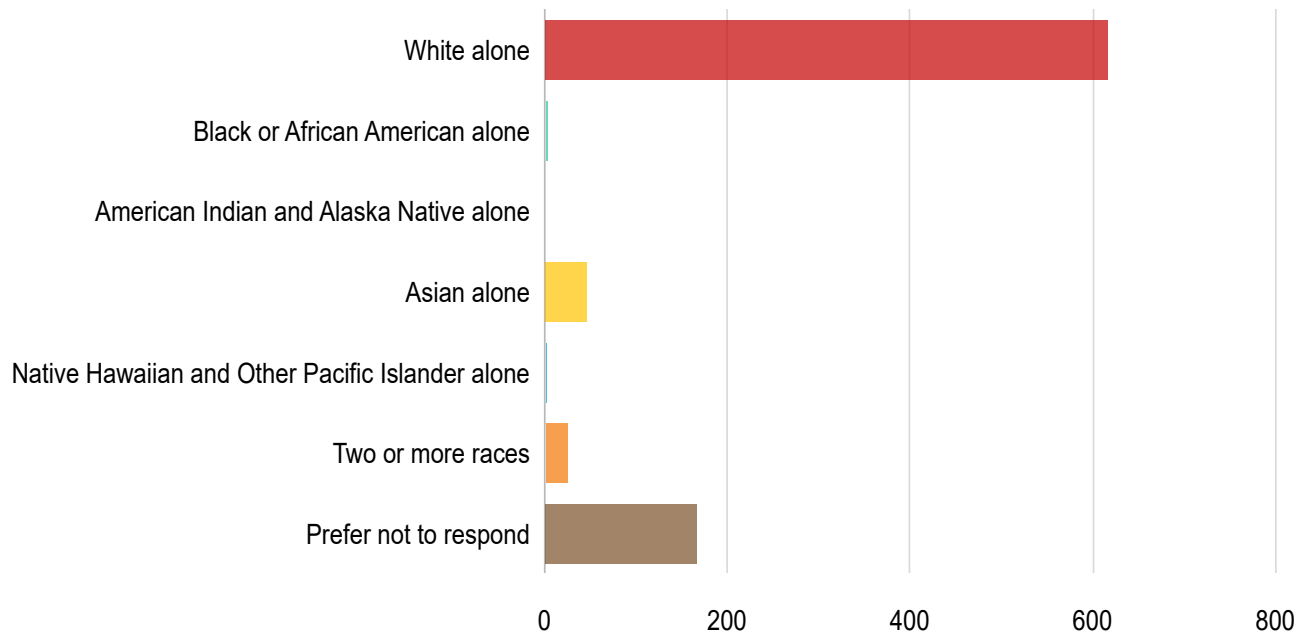


Answers	Count	Percentage
More than 10 years	481	54.85%
6-10 years	227	25.88%
1-5 years	146	16.65%
I do not live in Sudbury	7	0.8%

Prefer not to respond	7	0.8%
Less than a year	2	0.23%

Answered: 870 Skipped: 7

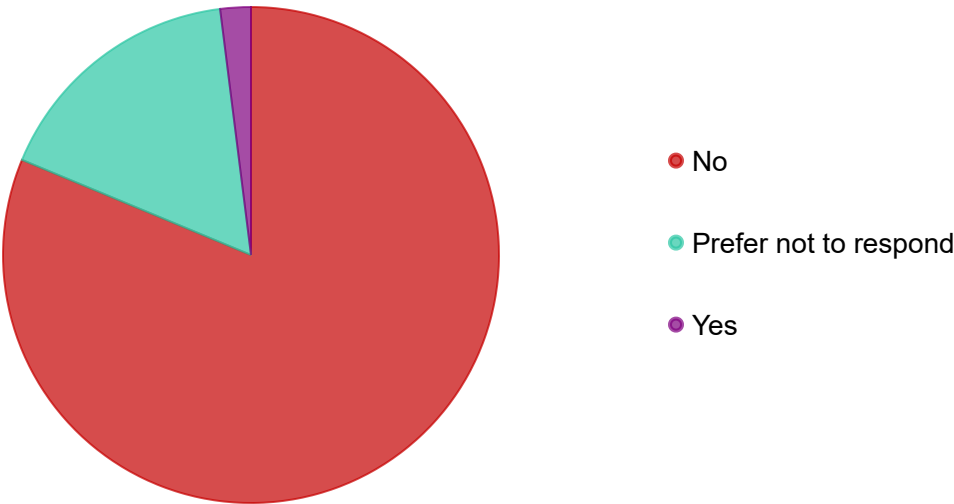
3. What is your race?



Answers	Count	Percentage
White alone	615	70.13%
Black or African American alone	2	0.23%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0	0%
Asian alone	45	5.13%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1	0.11%
Two or more races	24	2.74%
Prefer not to respond	166	18.93%

Answered: 853 Skipped: 24

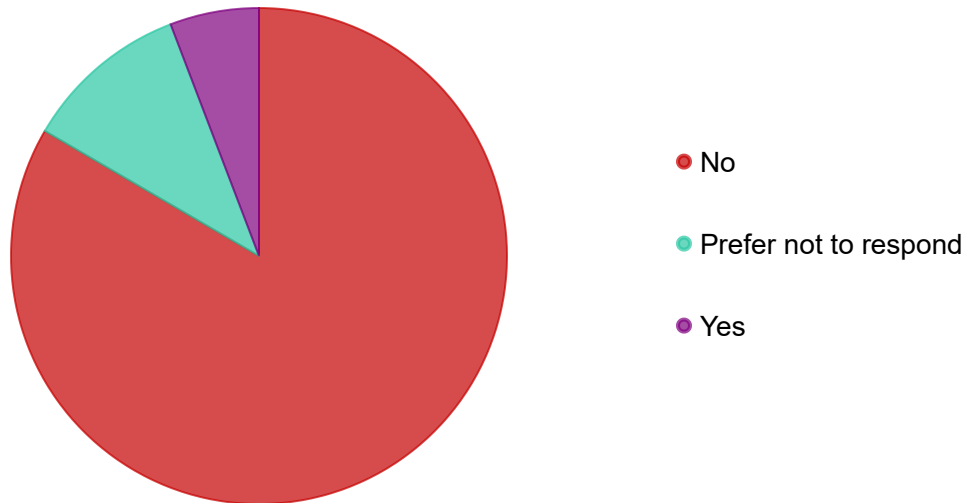
4. Are you Hispanic or Latino?



Answers	Count	Percentage
No	694	79.13%
Prefer not to respond	143	16.31%
Yes	17	1.94%

Answered: 854 Skipped: 23

5. Does a person with a physical disability live in your household?



Answers

Count

Percentage

No

719

81.98%

Prefer not to respond

93

10.6%

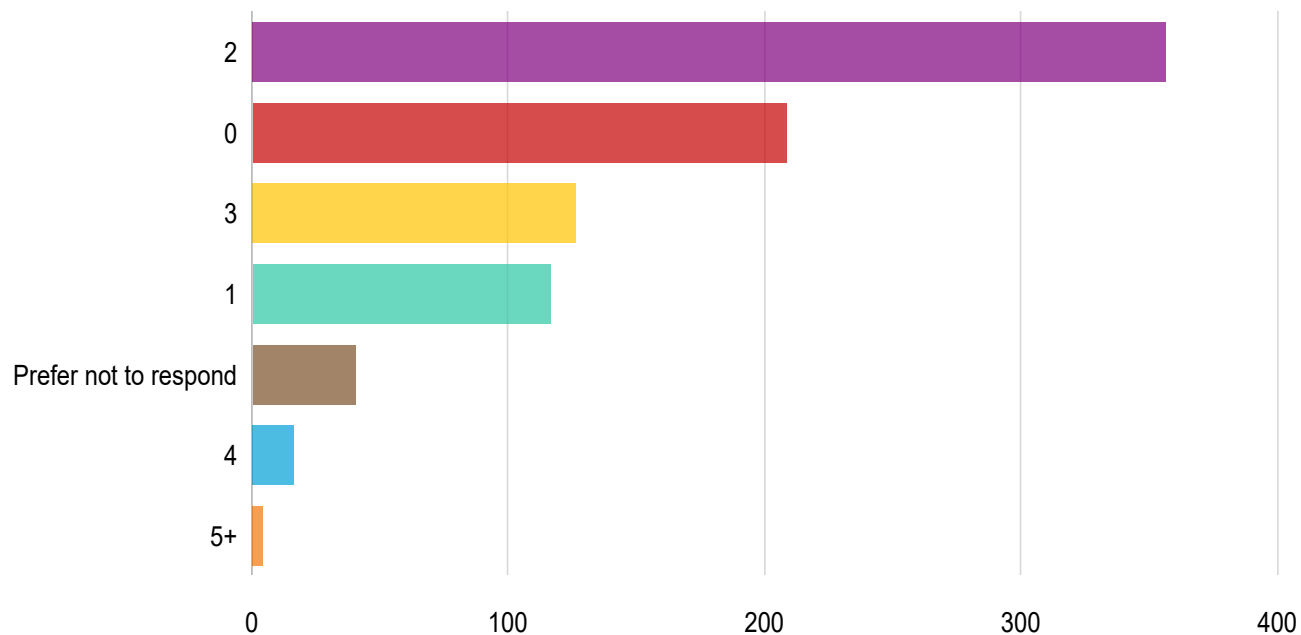
Yes

50

5.7%

Answered: 862 Skipped: 15

6. How many children under 18 live in your household?



Answers	Count	Percentage
2	356	40.59%
0	208	23.72%
3	126	14.37%
1	116	13.23%
Prefer not to respond	40	4.56%
4	16	1.82%
5+	4	0.46%

Answered: 866 Skipped: 11