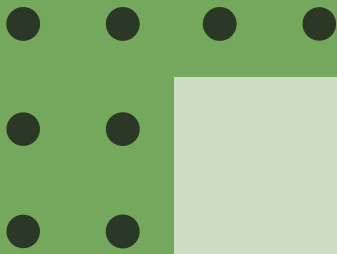
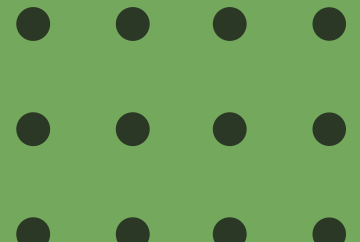


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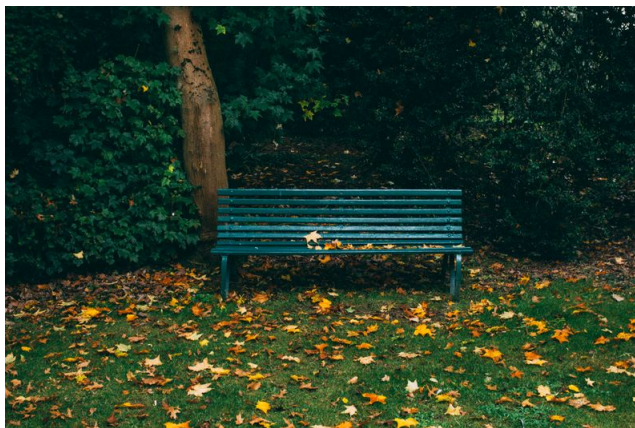
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  - 2. Flier
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# APPENDIX A SURVEY







## Leicester Open Space and Recreation Planning Survey

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Please complete and submit your survey by Friday, May 7, 2021 at 10pm. Completed surveys will not be accepted after this date and time. Please complete only one survey per resident.

**Yes, I'll help**

- 1 → Do you feel there is a need to protect open space and recreation opportunities in Leicester? (Open space includes - but is not limited to - open fields, active agriculture fields, forests, plantations, parks, recreation facilities, trails, greenways, beaches, water access, watersheds, historic resources, and scenic vistas.)

☐ A Yes

☐ B No

2 → In your opinion, how important are the following characteristics of Leicester's rural environment?

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Not So Important	Not Important
Clean Air	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clean Water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dark Skies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quiet Nights	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nature Preserves	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working Landscapes (farms, orchards, timber)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Historic Preservation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Passive Recreation (walking, hiking, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Active Recreation (football, soccer, basketball, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water Access (swimming, fishing, boating)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Low Density Housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordable Housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



- 3 → In your opinion, what are the top conservation issues for Leicester?  
Please rank your choices accordingly with 1 being of highest  
priority. \*

Please rank 1 - 10.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Open space for recreation use	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	Open space for scenic value	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water quality	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water access	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	Working Farmland	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forests	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	Buildings of historic interest	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic/Archaeological Sites	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please describe on the following screen)	⋮

OK ✓

- 4 → If you answered "Other" to the last question, in your opinion, what are other top conservation issues for Leicester?

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- 5 → In your opinion, what are the top reasons you think Leicester should protect its open spaces and natural areas. Please rank your choices accordingly with 1 being of highest priority. \*

Please rank 1 - 6.

<input type="checkbox"/>	To protect wildlife habitat	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	To protect wetlands	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	To protect the Town's surface and groundwater resources	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	To maintain the character of the community	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	To potentially raise property values	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe on the following screen)	⋮

OK ✓



- 6 → If you answered "Other" to the last question, in your opinion, what are other top reasons you think Leicester should protect its open spaces and natural areas?

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7 → In your opinion, what are the three (3) greatest threats to open space in Leicester? \*

Choose 3

☐ A Residential development

☐ B Commercial development

☐ C Industrial development

☐ D Foreclosures/Abandoned Lots

☐ E Vehicular traffic/congestion

☐ F Tourism

☐ G Rising property taxes

☐ H Depressed local economy

☐ I Economic stress to the farming community

☐ J Lack of recreational opportunities (incl. water access)

☐ K Pollution (incl. noise and light pollution)

☐ L Other

8 → What initiatives do you feel are worth considering in preserving Leicester's open space? \*

Choose as many as you like

<input type="checkbox"/>	A	Dark skies - limiting light pollution
<input type="checkbox"/>	B	Quiet nights - limiting noise pollution
<input type="checkbox"/>	C	Clean water - protecting water supply
<input type="checkbox"/>	D	Farmland incentives - preserving working farms
<input type="checkbox"/>	E	Working forests - preserving working forests
<input type="checkbox"/>	F	Universal Access - the design of spaces to make them accessible to all people, regardless of age, disability or other factors.
<input type="checkbox"/>	G	Nature sanctuaries - preserving natural areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	H	Food security - preserving local food production (i.e. local farms, local value-added products, local wild food habitats)
<input type="checkbox"/>	I	Green infrastructure - implementing conservation projects that mitigate environmental impacts such as erosion and flooding
<input type="checkbox"/>	J	Green development - requiring any new development to set aside natural areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	K	Smart growth - restricting new development to already developed areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	L	Public transportation - increasing the range and services of public transportation
<input type="checkbox"/>	M	Greenways - connecting open space with natural corridors
<input type="checkbox"/>	N	Partnering communities - partnering with neighboring communities on open space initiatives
<input type="checkbox"/>	O	Eco-tourism - tourism based upon the preservation of open space
Key <input type="checkbox"/>	P	Environmental justice - giving special attention to environmental issues within low-income neighborhoods
<input type="checkbox"/>	Q	Other








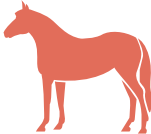


9 → I live in close proximity to the following landscape features:

	10 minute walk	10 minute drive	Neither
Public Lands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Active Agriculture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Forest or woodlands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Managed forest or woodlands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Orchards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water access (beaches, boat launch, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wetlands or Bogs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lakes or Ponds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rivers or Streams	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting Grounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wild Foods (berry patches, mushroom logs, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks with Equipment and Facilities (playgrounds, picnic tables, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks without Equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Active Recreation Facilities (sports fields, basketball hoops, soccer nets, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Greenways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Abandoned Buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Abandoned Machinery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Point Source Pollution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 10 → How do you travel to open space and recreation facilities in Town? \*

Choose as many as you like

 <b>A</b> Walking or Running	 <b>B</b> Bike	 <b>C</b> Motorcycle	 <b>D</b> Car
 <b>E</b> Bus	 <b>F</b> Boat	 <b>G</b> Snowmobile	 <b>H</b> ATV
 <b>I</b> Wheelchair	 <b>J</b> Horseback		

11 → For each of the following resources, please indicate how frequently you use the facility for recreation.

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Seasonally	Annually	Do Not Use
Becker College facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Burncoat Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hillcrest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leicester High School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lions Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Memorial School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mid State Trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Moose Hill Wildlife Management Area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rochdale Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Russell Memorial/Little League Field/Girl's Softball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Common	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Towtaid Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Leicester Elementary School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



12 → What is your favorite open space or recreation area in Leicester?

- 13 → Describe any recreational facilities and/or open space you would like to see created, implemented, and/or expanded in town.

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14 → Have you ever encountered physical barriers to any open space and/or recreation properties in Leicester?

i.e. Steps or curbs that block entrance or use of a sidewalk, lack of grab bars in restrooms, narrow parking spaces

☐ A Yes

☐ B No

15 → At which open space / recreation properties have you encountered physical barriers, and what were those barriers?

i.e. ABC Field - water fountains mounted too high to be accessed by wheelchair user.

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- 16 → The Community Preservation Act (CPA) is funded through a local option surcharge on property tax bills and a state match up to a maximum allowable surcharge of 3%. Would you support a CPA surcharge to implement the recreational facilities and/or open space you would like to see developed/expanded in town?

☐ A Yes

☐ B No

☐ C Yes - but at an amount less than 3%

17 → Which of the following activities best describes how you or your household members use open space in Leicester and its surrounding communities?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Seasonally	Rarely	Never
ATV/ORV/Snowmobiling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Baseball/Softball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bicycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boating (motor boat)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bowling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Camping/Kayaking/Tubing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cross-country Skiing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Field Sports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing/Ice Fishing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Foraging/Primitive Skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Frisbee Golf	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gardening	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Golf	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hiking/Snowshoeing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Horseback Riding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting/Target Practice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ice Hockey / Ice Skating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mountain Biking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Paintball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnicking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Running/Cross-country Running	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sight Seeing /Birding/Nature Photography	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skateboarding/In-line Skating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sledding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swimming (indoors)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swimming (outdoors)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Track and Field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volleyball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking / Dog-Walking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



## 18 → What places should a town trail system connect?

Choose as many as you like

☐ A Parks and active recreation facilities☐ B Villages and Town center☐ C Conservation Lands☐ D Stores☐ E Hunting and foraging lands☐ F Public transportation hubs☐ G Schools☐ H Developed trailheads☐ I Private lands☐ J Churches☐ K Other

19 → Regarding parks and recreation spaces and programming in Leicester? How satisfied are you with....

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Not Satisfied	Very Unsatisfied
Recreation facilities for kids under the age of 6?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation facilities for kids ages 6 - 12?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation facilities for kids ages 12 - 18?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation facilities for adults?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation facilities for seniors?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organized youth sports and recreation programs?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organized adult sports and recreation programs?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organized sports and recreation programs for seniors?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The universal accessibility of recreation facilities?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

20 → What general area of town best describes where you live?

☐ A Leicester

☐ B Cherry Valley

☐ C Rochdale

☐ D Greenville

☐ E I do not live in Leicester

☐ F Other

21 → How many years have you lived in Leicester?

☐ A Less than one year

☐ B 1 - 5 years

☐ C 6 - 10 years

☐ D 10 - 20 years

☐ E More than 20 year

☐ F I do not live in Town

22 → How much land do you (or your family) own in Leicester?

☐ A I rent

☐ B Less than 2 acres

☐ C 2 - 5 acres

☐ D 6 - 15 acres

☐ E 16 - 50 acres

☐ F 51 - 100 acres

☐ G Over 100 acres

☐ H I don't live in Town

23 → What is your age?

☐ A Under 18

☐ B 18 - 24

☐ C 25 - 44

☐ D 45 - 64

☐ E 65 or over



# LEICESTER

## OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLANNING SURVEY

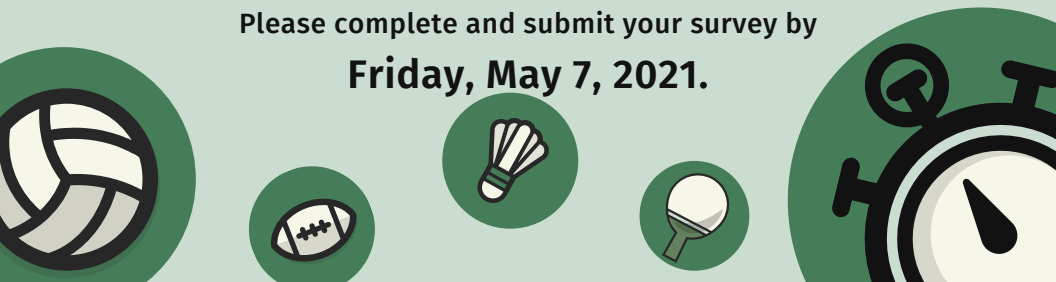
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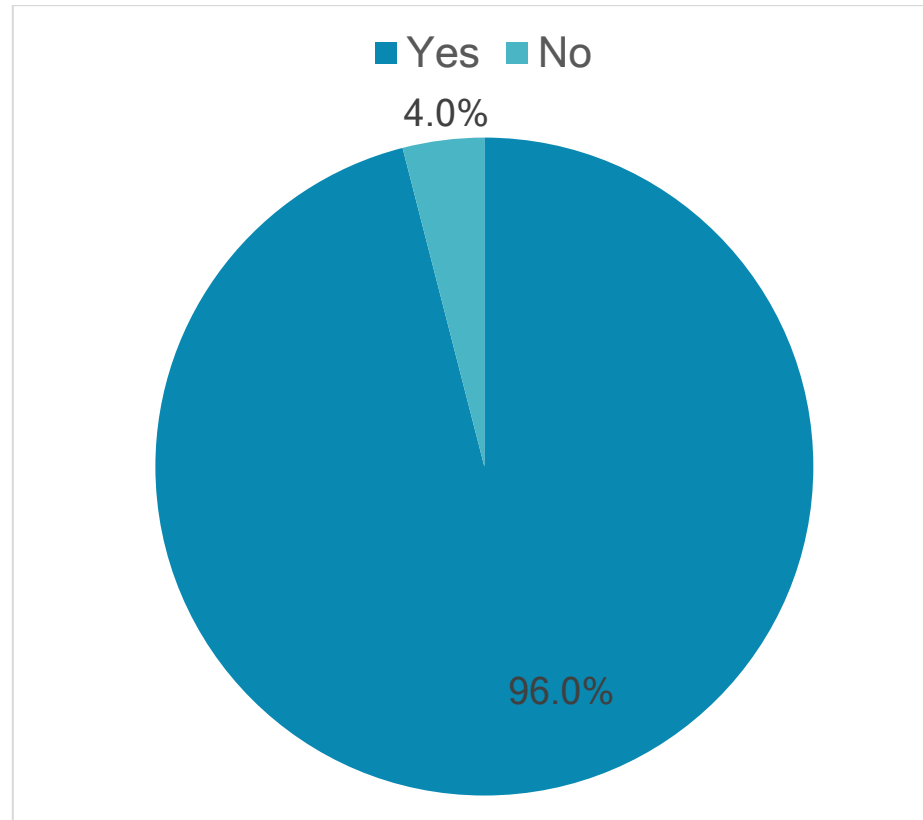
If you do not have access to a computer, hard copy surveys are available at Town Hall, the Library, and other locations in Town. Call 508-892-7007 for more information.

Please complete and submit your survey by  
**Friday, May 7, 2021.**



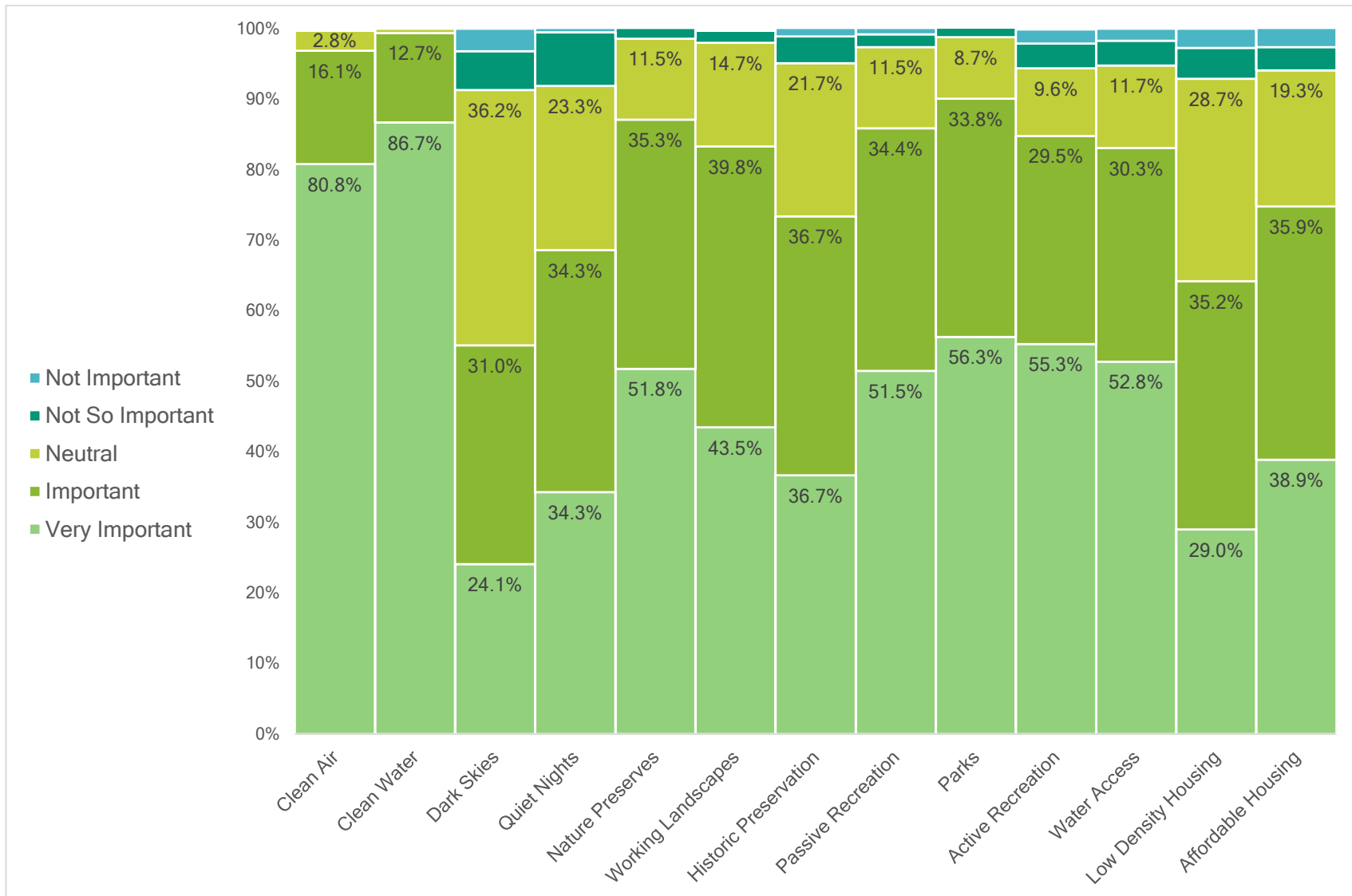
## Survey Results

Question 1: Do you feel there is a need to protect open space and recreation opportunities in Leicester? (Open space includes - but is not limited to - open fields, active agriculture fields, forests, plantations, parks, recreation facilities, trails, greenways, beaches, water access, watersheds, historic resources, and scenic vistas.)

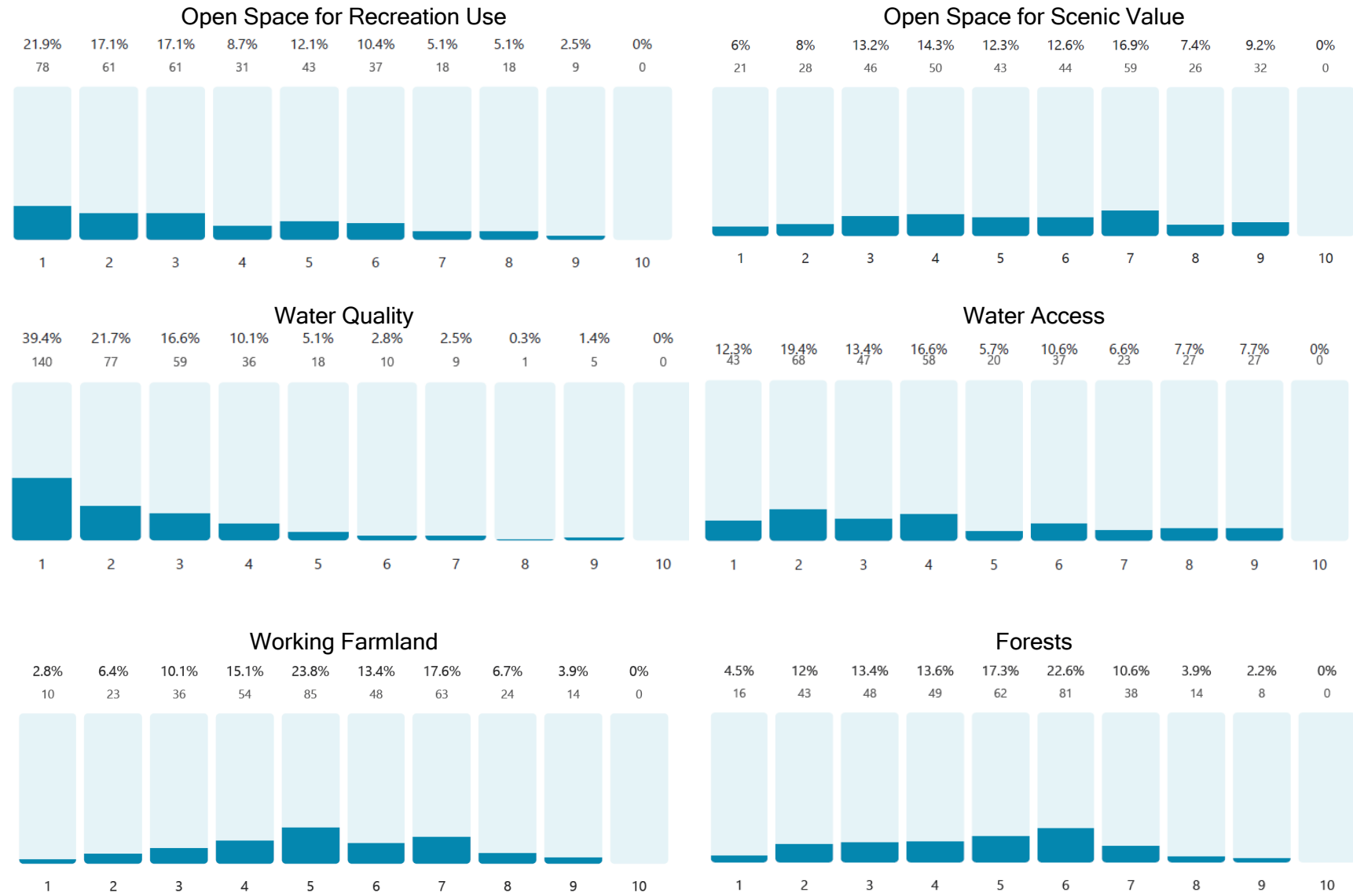




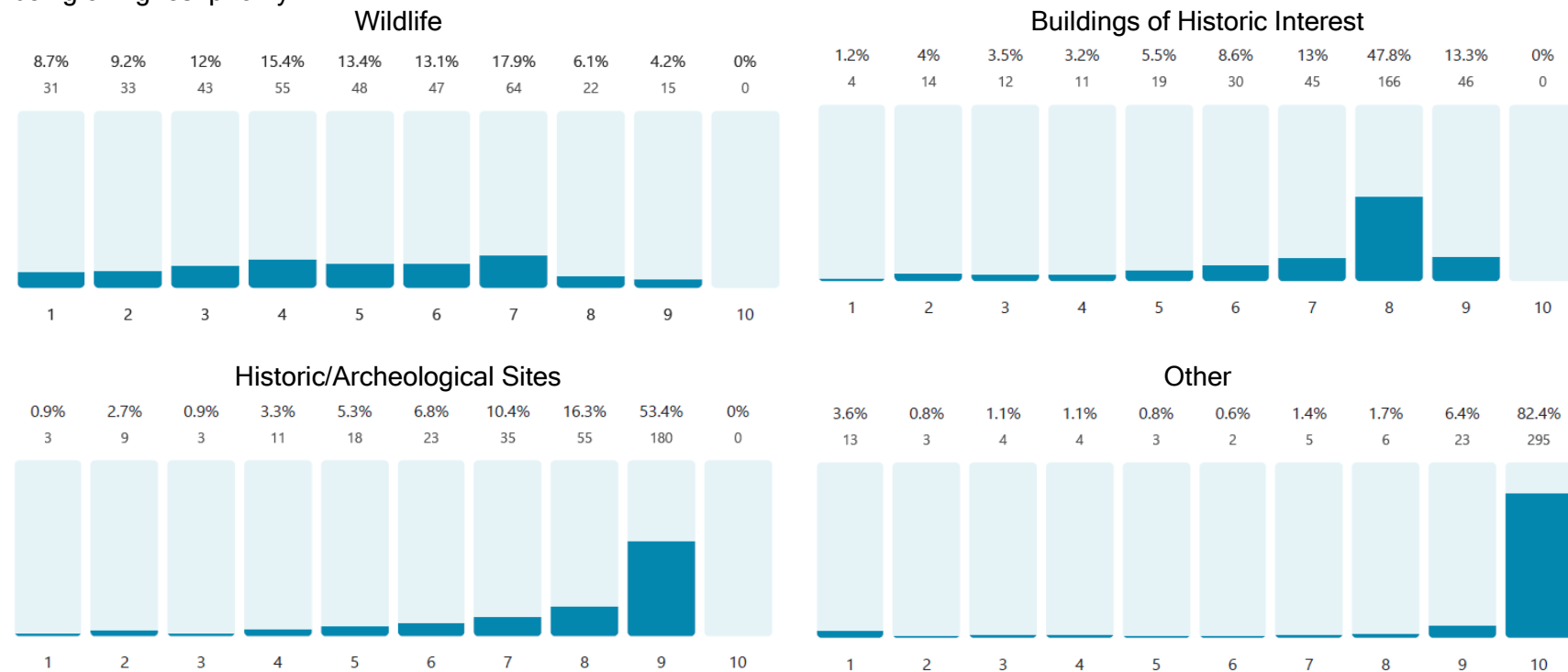
Question 2: In your opinion, how important are the following characteristics of Leicester's rural environment?



Question 3: In your opinion, what are the top conservation issues for Leicester? Please rank your choices accordingly with 1 being of highest priority.



Question 3 (cont.): In your opinion, what are the top conservation issues for Leicester? Please rank your choices accordingly with 1 being of highest priority.



Question 4: If you answered "Other" to the last question, in your opinion, what are the top conservation issues for Leicester?

Access to Nature and Open Spaces

- I did not, but access to all nature is very important. I don't even know of public water access currently.
- Not opening up open areas to the community.

Athletic Facilities

- Clean Park areas (no trash/litter).
- Courts/Fields.
- Fields for sports.
- Make nice fields for sports.
- Making sure we have quality sports courts and fields because that's how some kids can relax and get a break from their stresses.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More sport.</li> <li>• New track</li> <li>• Not enough space for sport fields.</li> <li>• Places for sports.</li> <li>• Swimming programs.</li> <li>• The Leicester Public Schools/New School.</li> </ul>
	Hunting
	Land acquisition
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunting.</li> <li>• The forested area on Sargent's Pond accesses from Paxton St should be purchased by the town for walking, hiking, amounts in biking, picnic areas near the water and swimming. This area is currently slated for development which will have a huge detrimental impact to the water quality and resident wildlife. This is a perfect location for the town to further the open space preservation wishes of the citizens.</li> </ul>
	Other Town Priorities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable housing</li> <li>• Affordable housing and other households necessities.</li> <li>• Financial care</li> <li>• I think the top issues are gardening.</li> <li>• Other buildings that may need repair.</li> <li>• People.</li> <li>• The people in Leicester</li> <li>• The top issues are that we need new schools and good water supply.</li> <li>• Town Roads.</li> </ul>
Other Town Priorities (schools)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better schools.</li> <li>• Building a new school.</li> <li>• Condition of schools.</li> <li>• Education.</li> <li>• How the schools are and if we need more money to do things.</li> <li>• I think that building a new school will help the town and bring more people in..</li> <li>• School conditions.</li> <li>• The schools.</li> </ul>
	Other Town Priorities (water supply)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable living (water costs ext.).</li> <li>• Cheaper water and sewer for whole town.</li> <li>• Clean water.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean water.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consolidation of Town Water &amp; Sewer Districts.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fix the cherry valley/ rochdale water issue.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fix water and sewer costs for Cherry Valley etc.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think it is the water use.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I would say that Leicester struggles the most with water issues, recreational fields, etc.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeping clean water affordable.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water and funding.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water districts, school land, recreating at Hillcrest.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water quality and water access.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water.</li> </ul>
Park Facilities & Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building for the future of our town the children. A school, parks places to have fun</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean up Rochdale Pond and Burncoat Pond for swimming and picnic areas.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleaning the roads and to stop littering.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleaning up Rochdale Park to its former glory</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community garden.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog Park</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog park, good fields for the kids.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog parks are not around Leicester.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ex. Rochdale Park: There is undeveloped open space which needs to be repurposed for multiple areas that are needed to improve the layout of the park. 1. This park is not handicap accessible. There are two handicap parking spaces on the wrong side of the park-facing the left side of the baseball field. It should be on the opposite side where the Skate and Basketball Courts are located. There is no safe pathway for wheelchair bound people or people in general- the path is narrow and surrounded by tall trees. 2. The Basketball Court dimensions are wrong- because space was taken from it. This should be revisited to fence the Basketball area properly, new basketball system, and resurface the basketball court floor. 3. Beach/Sand Volleyball Court does not work at Rochdale Park. The Volleyball Court area needs to be repurposed into a Playground for toddlers; and a Playground for Ages 5-13. 4. Trees need to be removed to create a space for people to play spikeball, set up volleyball or badminton nets, have a picnic with their families and friends. 5. Plan Family Fun Days at Rochdale Park; Car Shows; and other Positive Activities. 6. The water area is not</li> </ul>

	appealing. Trees and brush need to be trimmed back. Is it safe to swim? The path on the other side of the baseball field leading to the area where there are grills and benches is not safe for physically and disabled people to walk to- it is a narrow path. Towtaid Park has a lot of potential. The abandoned tennis court area was repurposed four years ago. A wooden 1Wall Handball Court was built and a Pickleball Court- 3 years ago. There are three amenities in the Active Recreation Area: Basketball, Handball, and Pickleball. However, the court floors must be paved to create an even and smooth surface; new fence must be added to designate space between these three activities- So there are three activities happening at the same time. Towtaid Park Active Recreation Area was awarded the PARC grant which will take care of the paving and fencing. However, the trees around the fence must be removed to install high fence around the perimeter of the Handball & Pickleball Area; new Basketball system to replace the 60s-70s Basketball system; Remove the Huge Rock on the corner of the Basketball Court facing the street- it obstructs view entering and leaving the park. The current parking space is on the Active Recreation Area. The Basketball fence is low- Cars that park directly by the fence- a ball hits a parked car. High Fence is recommended. Winter Street Grant was awarded to Towtaid to create sidewalks, handicap accessible parking, and safe way for families and children to access the new Playground. Another concern is to improve the trails behind the Playground- for people to safely walk through it.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having a safe place for children/families to go for to exercise, relax, spend time with their family. Giving people an outlet to improve over all mental health.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of parks.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks with playgrounds for kids, accessible at any time (ie, not the primary school playground which can't be used during school).</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Places for children to have fun and enjoy.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recreational parks for kids and their sports.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take care of recreational areas.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The renovation and revival of the beautiful Burncoat Park.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash being left behind by people.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of Becker land for park.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weed control Rochdale and Greenville ponds.</li> </ul>
Protecting Nature and the Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water...specifically Greenville and Rochdale Ponds weed problems.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air quality.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoiding use of toxic herbicides and pesticides.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean air.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean water, clean air, open space.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conserving the forests and wildlife are big issues in Leicester.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having clean air and general skies.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think the most important issue is the wildlife, animals deserve their homes in the wild.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land conservation with less development . The streets look bad, the litter is disgusting.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant more native plants and have walking trails around town, pesticide free.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preservation of open space.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preservation of wetlands and existing waterways - An unbiased and fair conservation commission.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protecting our wetlands.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing an environment where people can live with nature.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stormwater run off, debris in parks and roads, playground.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To stop clearing land. I want the town to preserve what little forest we have left. No more solar farms! We don't need housing developments or business parks.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water, forest and sport fields.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water, Forests, Habitat restoration/preservation, Sustainable Farming.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wild land reclamation / pollution mitigation.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wildlife care.</li> </ul>
Town Development and Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abandoned/ distressed properties.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business other than Walmart.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned about forestry clearing for regrowth being issued and later the land being used for building houses.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of building and homes.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I say just overall more business and people to recycle and save things to help the environment is very important. There are barely any business/drive thru's in Leicester and I feel like it would be good for our town to have that.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I'm concerned about over-developing land around small lakes that cannot sustain the number of houses, docks, and boats..</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leicester. Observation is very good at monitoring small asks - homes cutting trees or single plot land owners building. Leicester con com does not currently provide</li> </ul>

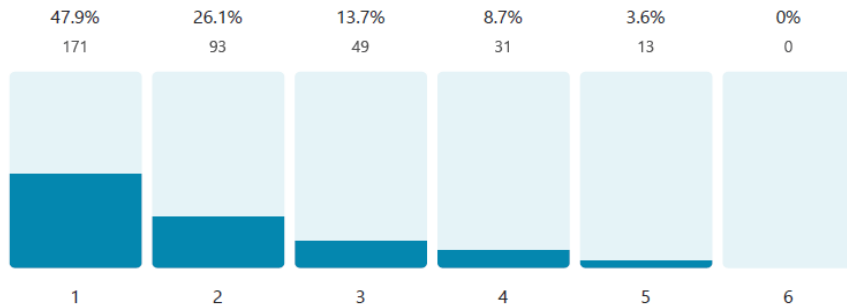
	comment to any large projects - like smugglers cove, oak bluffs and any other forestry permit requests. At last nights meeting they stated that they do not look at previously filed plans or consider intent when a forestry permit comes across their desk. It seems we are literally not seeing the forest for the trees. (One cannot cut down 10 trees without permission but they can clear 40-60 acres with no wetlands considerations. )
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light pollution! Drive down Rt. 56 at night. Ridiculous.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limiting residential development.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New construction.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Of use and preservation of lake areas, over development by unscrupulous developers who only care about money and not the wildlife or conservation issues.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserving buffering zones in existing neighborhoods. It's a large reason people live in Leicester. There is no reason to crowd existing homes to pack more houses in. Our woods shouldn't be fodder for new, insanely profitable subdivisions either.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The amount of land still for sale on route 9 and 56, meanwhile large buildings remain empty/ abandoned and land is being cleared for no reason to build houses our town can't support (infrastructure, schools, water district, etc). Additionally, with the closing of Becker, I hope and pray that property is utilized for the town/ schools/ parks and rec and maintained to the highest quality. That is our town center.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wet lands and buffer protection.</li> </ul>
Town Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You need a mix of business and open space. For example in the 1700's Leicester common had a Tavern where George Washington could get a meal and go back to work. If open space is strictly open without any food or drink vendors, nobody will visit. They'll go to other towns and spend time there.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not let the Parks and Rec board, as it sits today, run any of these things.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fair and equal treatment under the bylaws. Time to rid this town of the "DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM AND RELATED TO" attitude.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of citizen involvement / stagnant board seats.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open, clear access to the conservation commission and questions answered in a timely and understandable language.</li> </ul>
Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Conservation Commission needs to follow up and ensure that all landowners are adhering to the bylaws.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bike trail and more sidewalks.</li> </ul>



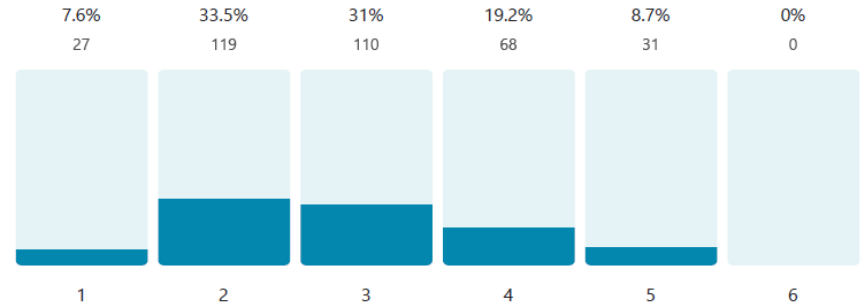
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biking paths.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiking/walking areas, especially with dogs.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leicester residents have to drive 15-20 minutes out of town to be able to hike on trails. There is land in Leicester it should be used for picnics and hiking.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor walking spaces and trails that are available to everyone to use.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passive recreation, walking hiking area.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recreational trail access</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trails.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk and bike path.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking &amp; hiking trails and better use of Hillcrest Property.</li> </ul>
Water Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A public beach at Rochdale Park.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach for kids.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burncoat Park and Beach needs to be reopened!!!!</li> </ul>

Question 5: In your opinion, what are the top reasons you think Leicester should protect its open spaces and natural areas. Please rank your choices accordingly with 1 being of highest priority.

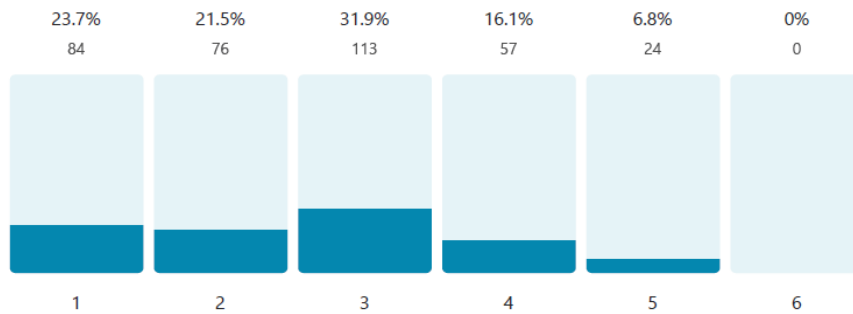
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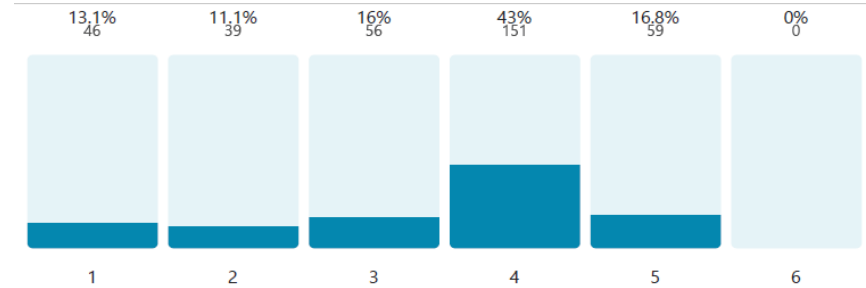
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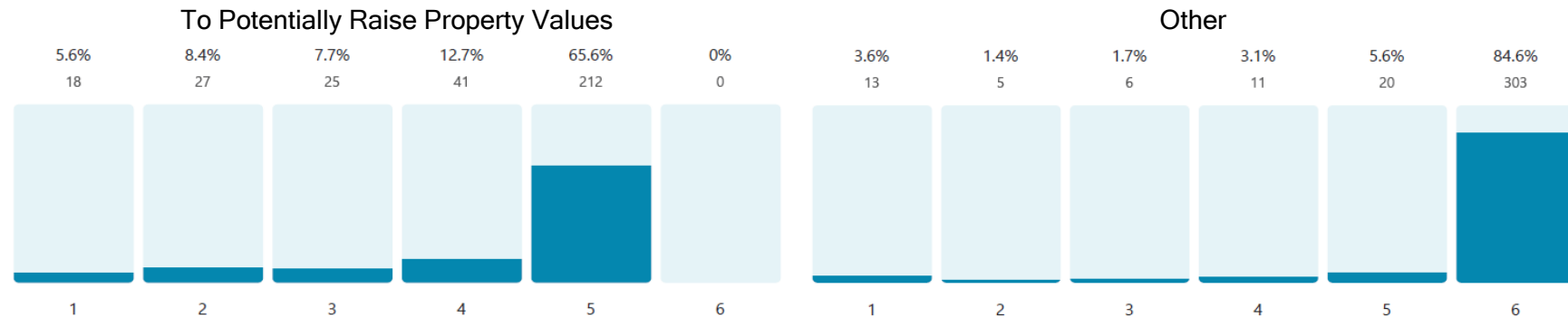
To Protect the Town's Surface and Groundwater Resources



To Maintain the Character of the Community



Question 5 (cont.): In your opinion, what are the top reasons you think Leicester should protect its open spaces and natural areas. Please rank your choices accordingly with 1 being of highest priority.



Question 6: If you answered "Other" to the last question, in your opinion, what are the top reasons you think Leicester should protect its open spaces and natural areas?

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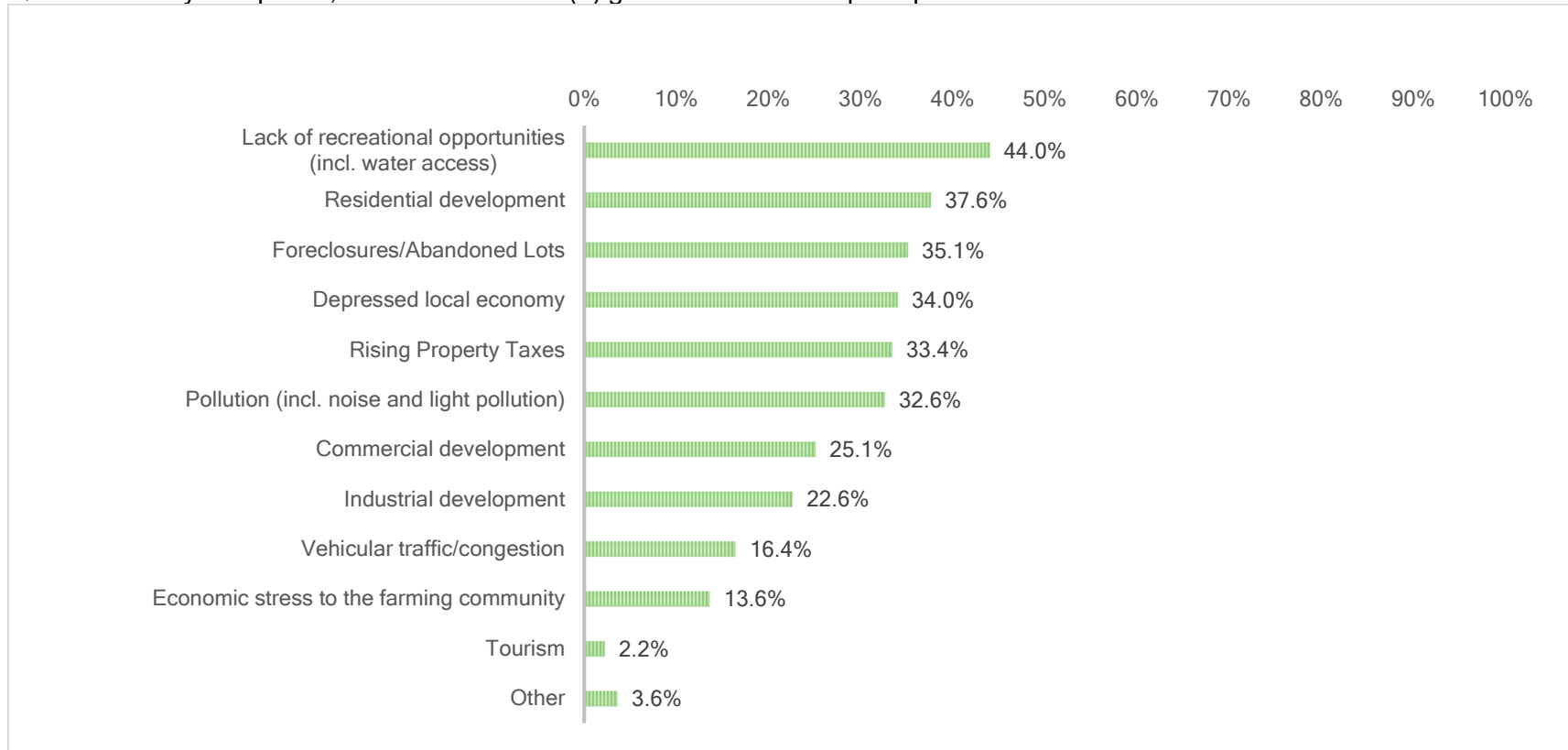
- For children to play or sports.
- For recreational use for community members. For example kayaking, fishing, hiking, trail running, snowshoeing, dog walking, Etc. To have an area to picnic and swim.
- For the community to respect and learn about nature by getting chances to be in the forest.
- Multiuser trail systems.
- Needs a rail trail created.
- Other: Rochdale and Towtaid Parks are in rough shape and have been in this condition for many years. Leicester residents do not need to go to Worcester or other neighboring towns/cities to enjoy their park spaces, unless individuals want a change of scenery or visit other places- which is fine. The issue is that we need to improve our parks and open spaces. We need to be create parks that people can visit frequently and enjoy doing free and affordable activities. There are other great activities to do besides baseball, soccer, football, and basketball. Also, Leicester needs to consider creating an Adult Outdoor Workout Area for people to do resistance strength training- not just sit and watch a game. Adults need to be encouraged to stay active.
- Promote a sense of community through use of public recreation areas.
- So families can get out and hike with nature. See wildlife throughout the seasons. Provide areas where one can run, bike, fish, set up picnic areas in scenic locations. All connecting from many different parts of town.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To give residents a place to access nature, for health and wellbeing. This would include both active and passive recreation.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To have a place where kids can learn about the outdoors.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To maintain children's enjoyment and to give reasons for people to come to Leicester.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide this families with safe and diverse recreational activities.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking paths!!!</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We can use the space for certain things we need in the town. we could also help create more ways and opportunities for people in Leicester to interact with each other safely, and fun.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need a better mix of space and activity like other towns have so that kids don't get bored and get themselves into trouble. There are very few places for young people to work or relax in Leicester.</li> </ul>
To Maintain the Character of the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adds to the quality of life.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not want the town getting too big.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance quality of life for residence.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think Leicester should protect its open areas because the more we take care of our environment. It will create a nicer place and environment to live in for others possibly coming to live in Leicester.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I'm concerned about the rapid deforestation of many recently acquired land parcels by the same particular builder who simply wants to sell to developers for profit. Many of these projects should have never been approved by the planning board due to violations of conservation regulations that are always discovered after the fact. It's time to preserve what we have and focus on fixing the towns bigger issues.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It helps keep the town as a town and not city like.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep the small town and not city look.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep the town looking nice and clean rather than run down and broken.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less congestion with traffic/people.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once gone can't be replicated.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once open space is gone it is extremely difficult to get it back!</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One does not move here to see large swaths of land destroyed and replaced by a cul de sac.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over population of housing and especially CONDOS is a mistake BIG TIME !</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the Character of the town.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pretty town to attract families.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect historical buildings.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality of life.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So children can have the same experience we had and to keep generations of family here.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The most important reason is to keep Leicester a clean, unpolluted, small town that people want to raise their families and enjoy the great outdoors!</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They need to do this to keep Leicester's reputation. Leicester is a beautiful town full of many wonderful people and by doing this it'll lead to more people possibly sending their child to Leicester schools along with buying houses in the town.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To keep a natural feeling in the town rather than making it a huge city.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To make Leicester a place people want to visit.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To make Leicester clean and to have space to build houses and other structures.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To prevent over development.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To promote businesses in designated areas and it promote a better attraction for people to stay and rebuild the town.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To share with residents and surrounding communities. We live here and have to leave our town to use other towns natural recreation / conservation land.</li> </ul>
To Protect Nature and the Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buffering plants will reduce noise and exhaust pollution from cars.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearing and building along waters are affecting the safety of the wildlife, wetlands and water resources.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common sense.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endangered animals.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For wildlife.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forests need to be protected, as they house said wildlife.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthier community.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I should protect their places from so much contamination.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think that Leicester should protect their open spaces is so that they aren't disturbed.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure wildlife has a home.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many wetlands. Don't build on them</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not a lot of spots for animals.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the scientific side of things, deforestation is the destruction of dense plants. Plants convert Carbon Dioxide into Oxygen, which is what humans and other animals breathe.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once they are gone, they are gone. We are destroying the natural habitat of too many wildlife (animal &amp; plant) We need some areas for new housing but have to balance with open space.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preservation of open space.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preservation.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect us!</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• protect wildlife and water.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulating other habitats n such.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So people will see how we respect our wildlife and habitats.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So that the areas have space to heal itself without human contamination.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are all very important reasons to save our planet.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To do our part to stop dangerous climate change.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To help animals.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To keep the animals safe.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To keep the resources available for future generations.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To make sure we have space for the animals to live and have all the necessities to live.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To reduce human impact on the environment.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vernal Pools need to be protected.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watershed protection covers so much of this list.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need to align our buffer guidelines with the new state guidelines. The state buffer handbook clearly states that a 25' buffer is meaningless, that a 400' buffer is ideal and that a multiplier should be used when a slope is involved. This is critically important for large projects, with long stretches that touch wetlands.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We should protect them because that is the wildlifes home and if we destroy it then they wont have any habitat left.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When it's gone it's gone forever. The planet is in trouble and every town, city and country needs to do it's part to save it.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wild creatures were here first. We cannot take all their land without consequences.</li> </ul>
To Protect Property Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wildlife.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having recreational trails, open scenic spaces, makes the community more desirable.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So the pond that I live on doesn't get polluted.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These areas should be protected by first having a clean-up of the trash that is all around the sides of the roads in this town. Property owners should be held accountable and more enforcement is needed. All of this trash and debris along the roads and in people's yards add to unsightly properties, devaluing the nice properties.</li> </ul>

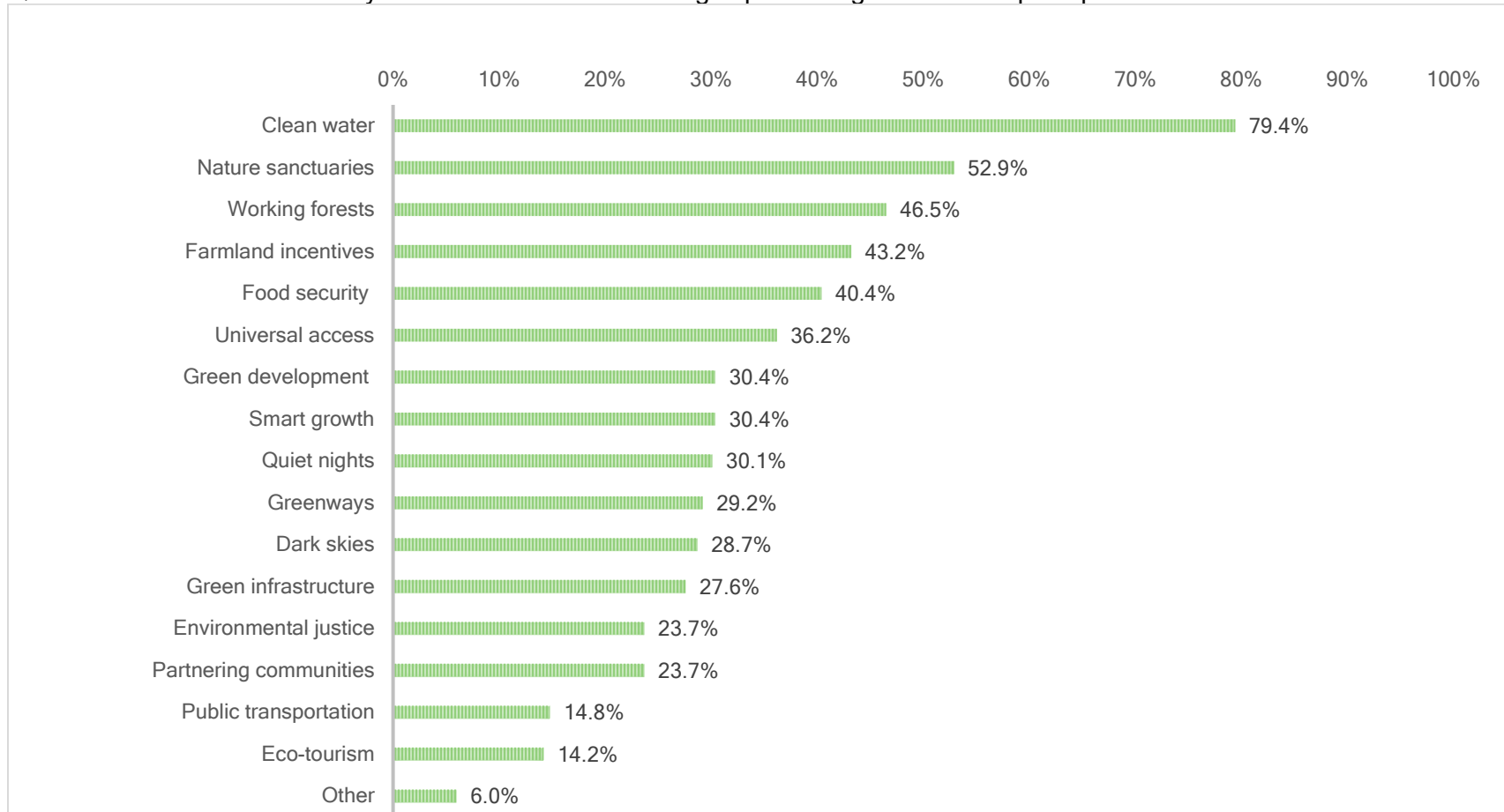
Question 7: In your opinion, what are the three (3) greatest threats to open space in Leicester?



Other top threats to Leicester's open space (write-in responses):

- The people.
- Animals, housing, animals.
- Wildlife.
- Lack of business to be able to afford creating and maintaining the open areas.
- Waivers being granted that allow builders to destroy the wooded areas for their own profits.
- Enough volunteers to dedicate to opening parks, keeping activities going, and sticking with it to find consistency in programming. Also, maintenance of our parks is improving, but always a struggle.
- Our town leaders are not capable of seeing the future. Parks and Rec board members continue stealing money.
- Outdated and divisive mindset.
- Land expansion.
- School facilities.

Question 8: What initiatives do you feel are worth considering in preserving Leicester's open space?

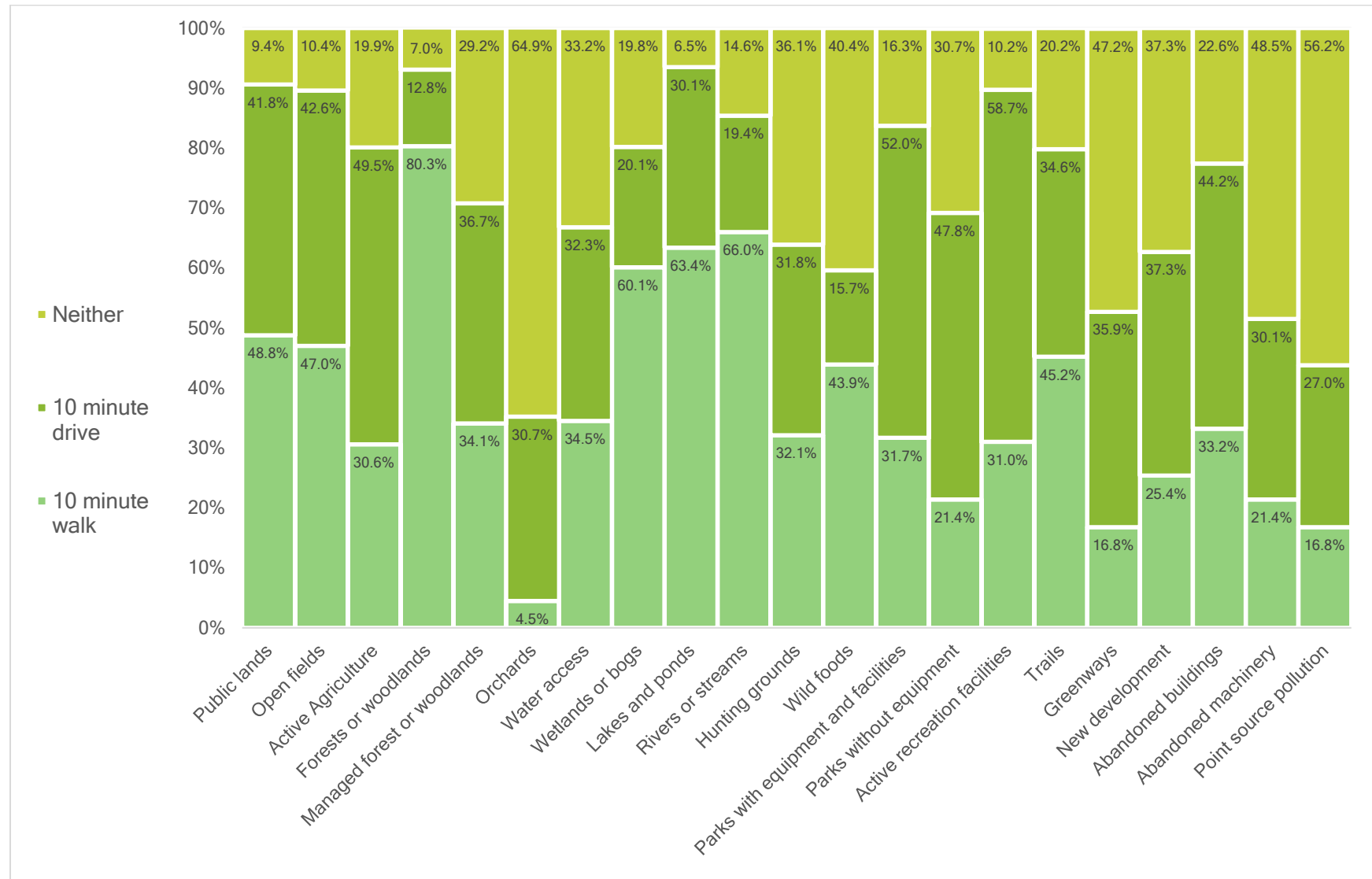


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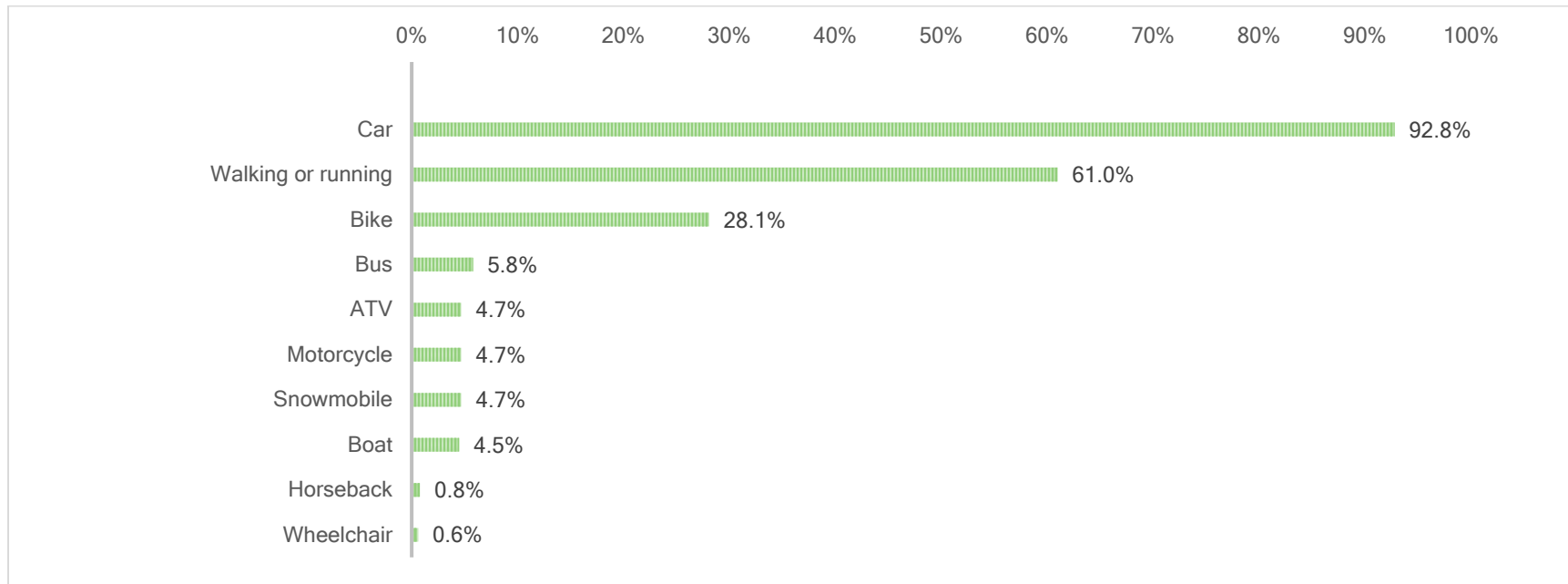
- Fields
- Leicester is rapidly losing any open space to residential development. No concerns to wetlands, very concerning. And allowing a developer to consistently build all around wetlands.... why? Our wildlife and wetlands deserve space not someone making more money



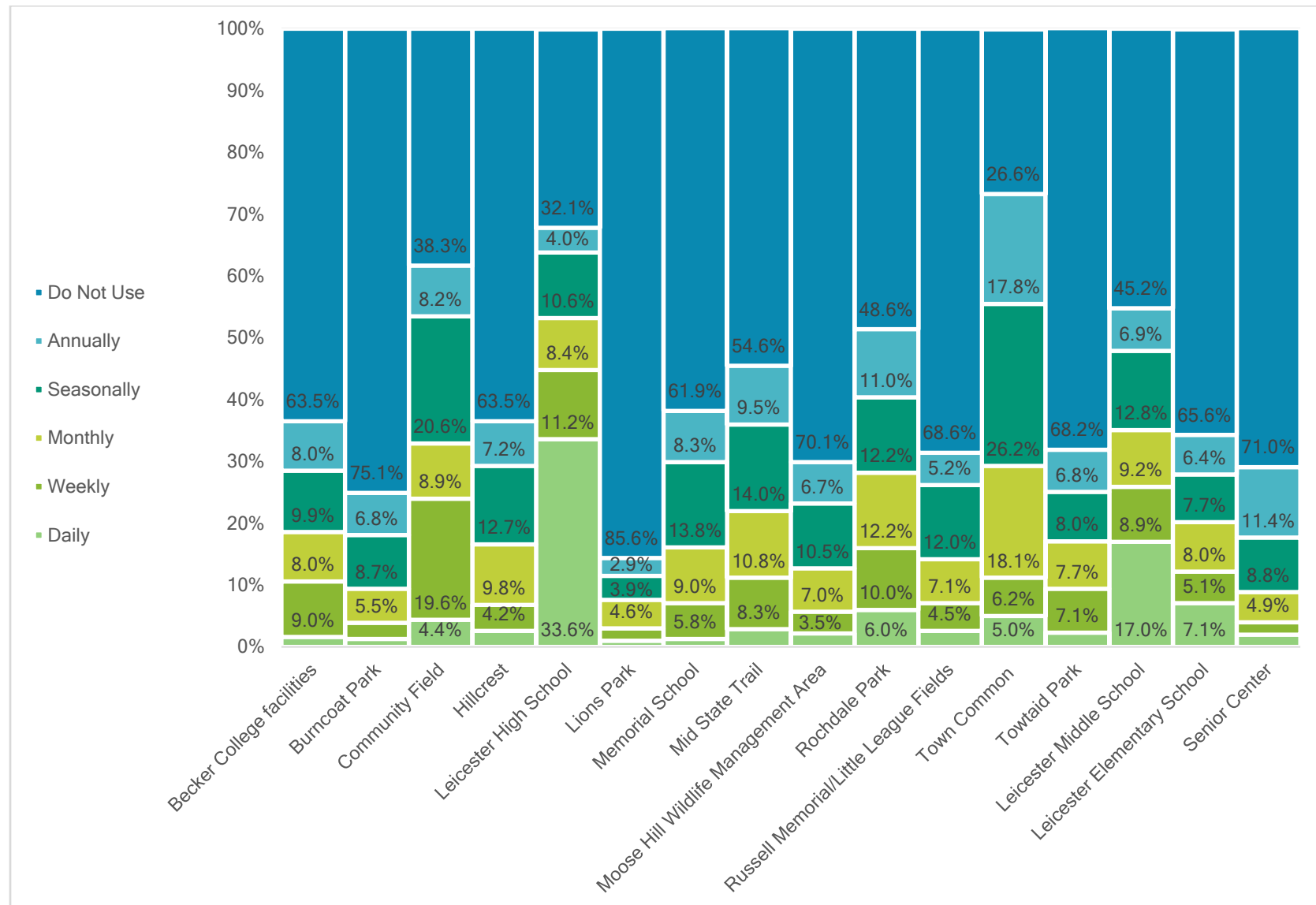
Question 9: I live in close proximity to the following landscape features:



Question 10: How do you travel to open space and recreation facilities in Town?



Question 11: For each of the following resources, please indicate how frequently you use the facility for recreation.



Question 12: What is your favorite open space in Leicester?

Top 10 Responses		
Rank	Facility Name	Number of Votes
1	Town Common	45
2	Rochdale Park	41
3	Community Field	30
4	Leicester High School	25
5	Becker College	22
6	Towtaid Park	21
7	Burncoat Park	17
8	Russel Memorial Fields	12
9	Hillcrest Country Club	11
10	Moose Hill	10

\* 32 respondents stated that they did not have a preferred open space in Leicester. Some commented that this was because they chose to stay home, while others commented that they preferred open spaces in nearby communities.

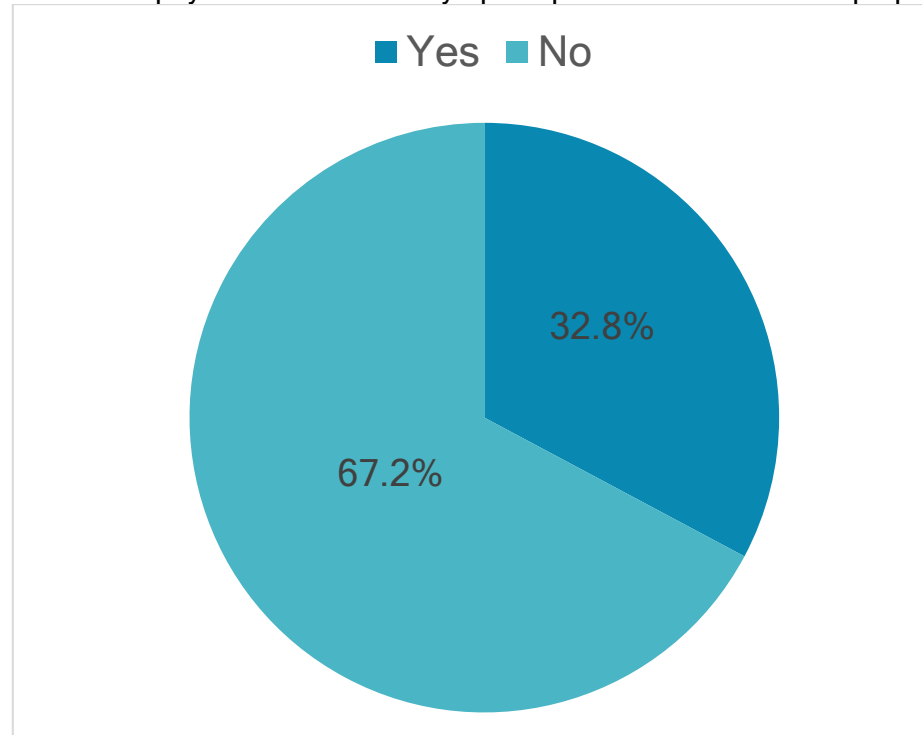
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Question 13: Describe any recreational facilities and/or open space you would like to see developed/expanded in town.

		Top 10 Responses	
Rank	Name	Number of Votes	Specific suggestions
1	Shared use trail system (hiking, biking, horses - not ATVs)	46	Parking access to trails and upkeep of existing trails is also a concern.
2	Town beach and kayak launch (provide public water access)	45	Provide water access anywhere or specifically at Rochdale beach.
3	New or improved multipurpose athletic fields, including fields at the high school	43	The upkeep and maintenance of existing fields was a common concern.
4	Rochdale Park	35	Add a playground.
5	Burncoat Park	23	Using Burncoat for disc golf and for public water access.
6	Dog Park	17	
7	Becker College	15	Interest in taking over Becker's facilities.
8			Treasure Land Playground in Oxford was used as an example by multiple respondents.
	New large playground	14	
9	Woods/habitat	11	
10	Large, programmed, and well-maintained parks like Town Common.	10	

Other popular responses included: Dog-friendly trails; Bike path/lanes; Community Field; Towtaid Park; Memorial School; Track facilities; Hillcrest Country Club (specifically to improve access to people other than golfers); Investment in school properties; Public pool

Question 14: Have you ever encountered physical barriers to any open space and/or recreation properties in Leicester?

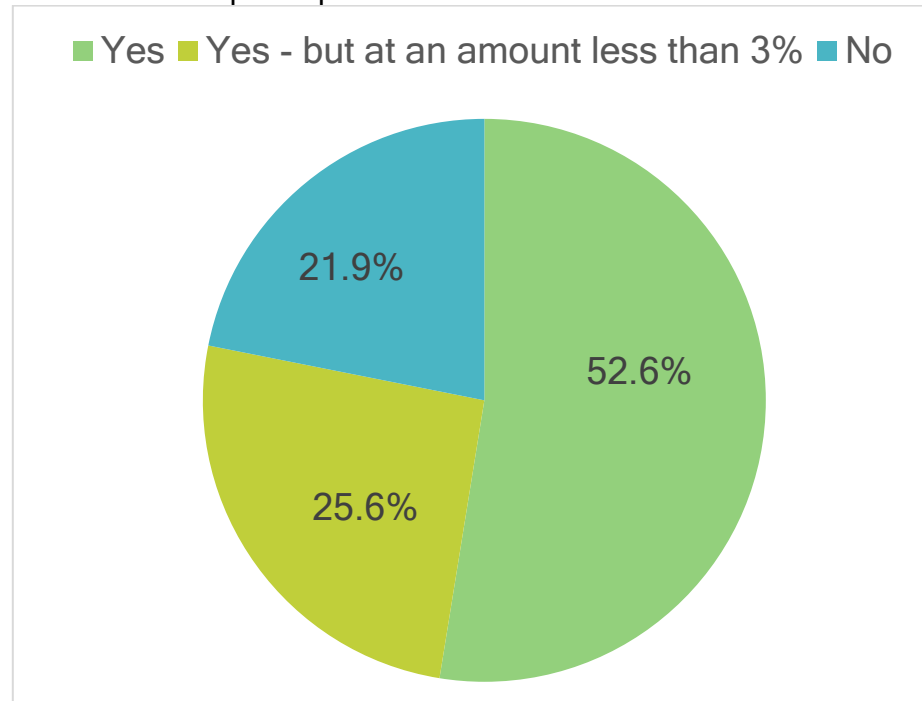


Question 15: At which open space / recreation properties have you encountered physical barriers, and what were those barriers?

Top 10 Responses			
Rank	Name	Number of Votes	Issues
1	Burncoat Park	13	Lack of parking; locked gate; lack of trail maintenance
2	High school	8	Track is in poor condition
3	Rochdale Park	7	Poor condition; lack of path maintenance.
4	Sidewalks	7	Lack of usable sidewalks makes it difficult for people to walk safely along many roads.
5	Russell Field	6	Difficult to access for physically handicapped individuals, including wheelchair users.
6	Community Field	6	Gate makes the field inaccessible.
7	Town Common	5	Poor sidewalk conditions make park inaccessible for wheelchair users.
8	Towtaid Park	4	Inaccessible for physically handicapped individuals due to parking spot placement and path conditions.
9	Memorial School	3	Difficult to get into.
10	Middle School	3	LMS lower field is too steep for those with mobility issues.

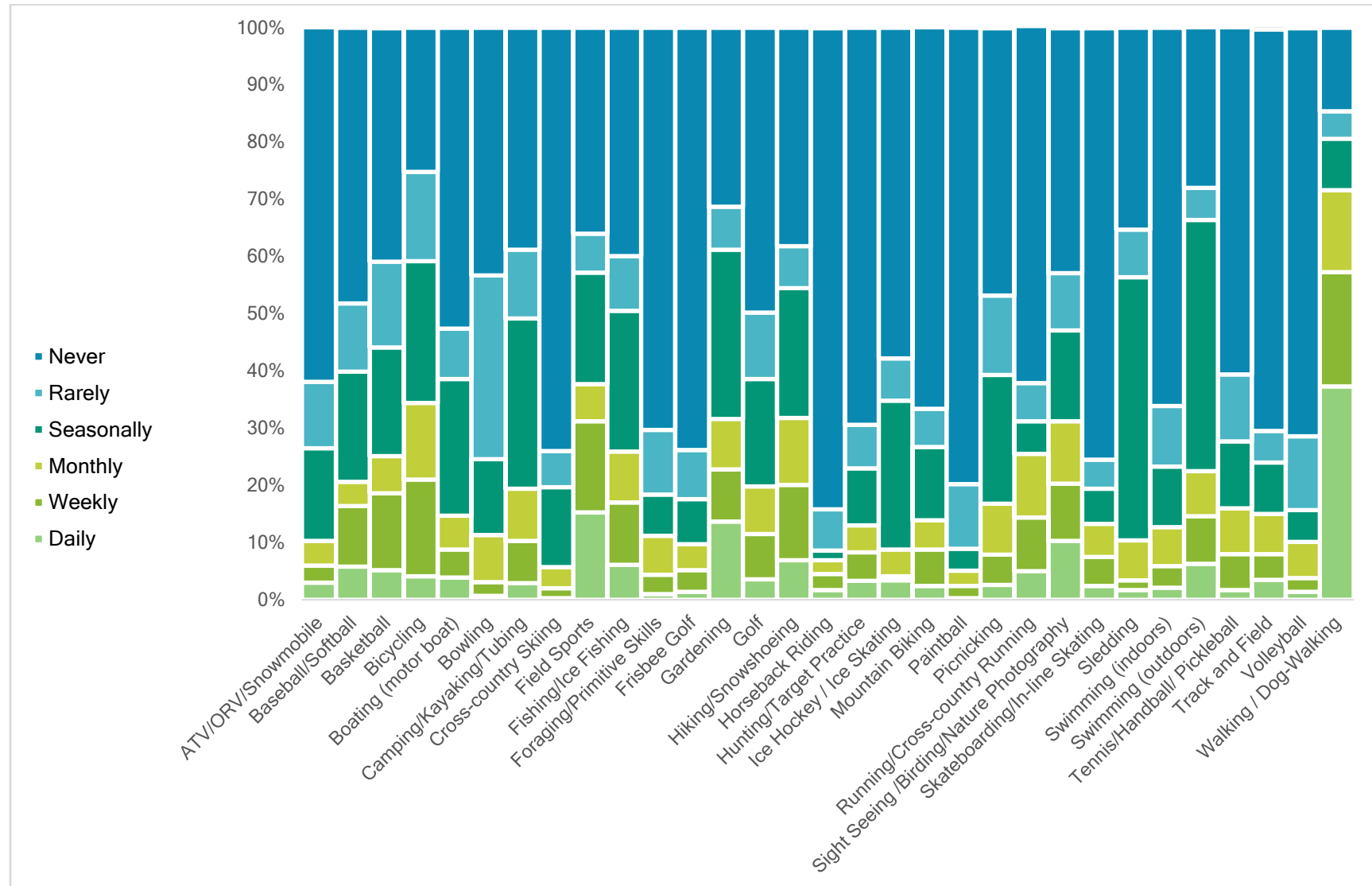
Commonly cited concerns across all of the open spaces were the lack of adequate bathrooms and the lack of adequate parking, which both limit who can visit open spaces. Other common responses focused on the lack of ADA compliance across open spaces in Leicester, rather than issues at specific locations.

Question 16: The Community Preservation Act (CPA) is funded through a local option surcharge on property tax bills and a state match up to a maximum allowable surcharge of 3%. Would you support a CPA surcharge to implement the recreational facilities and/or open space you would like to see developed/expanded in town?

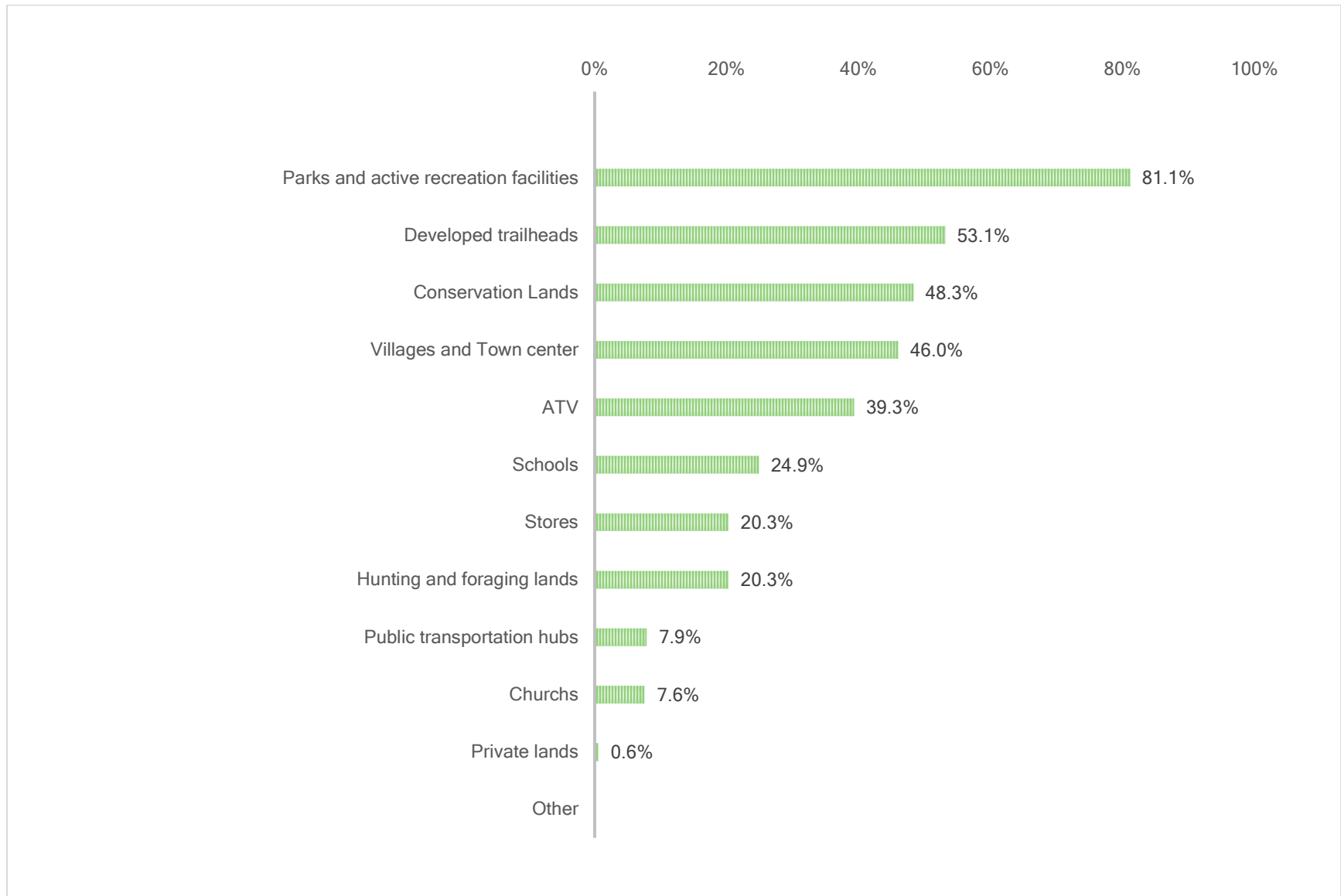




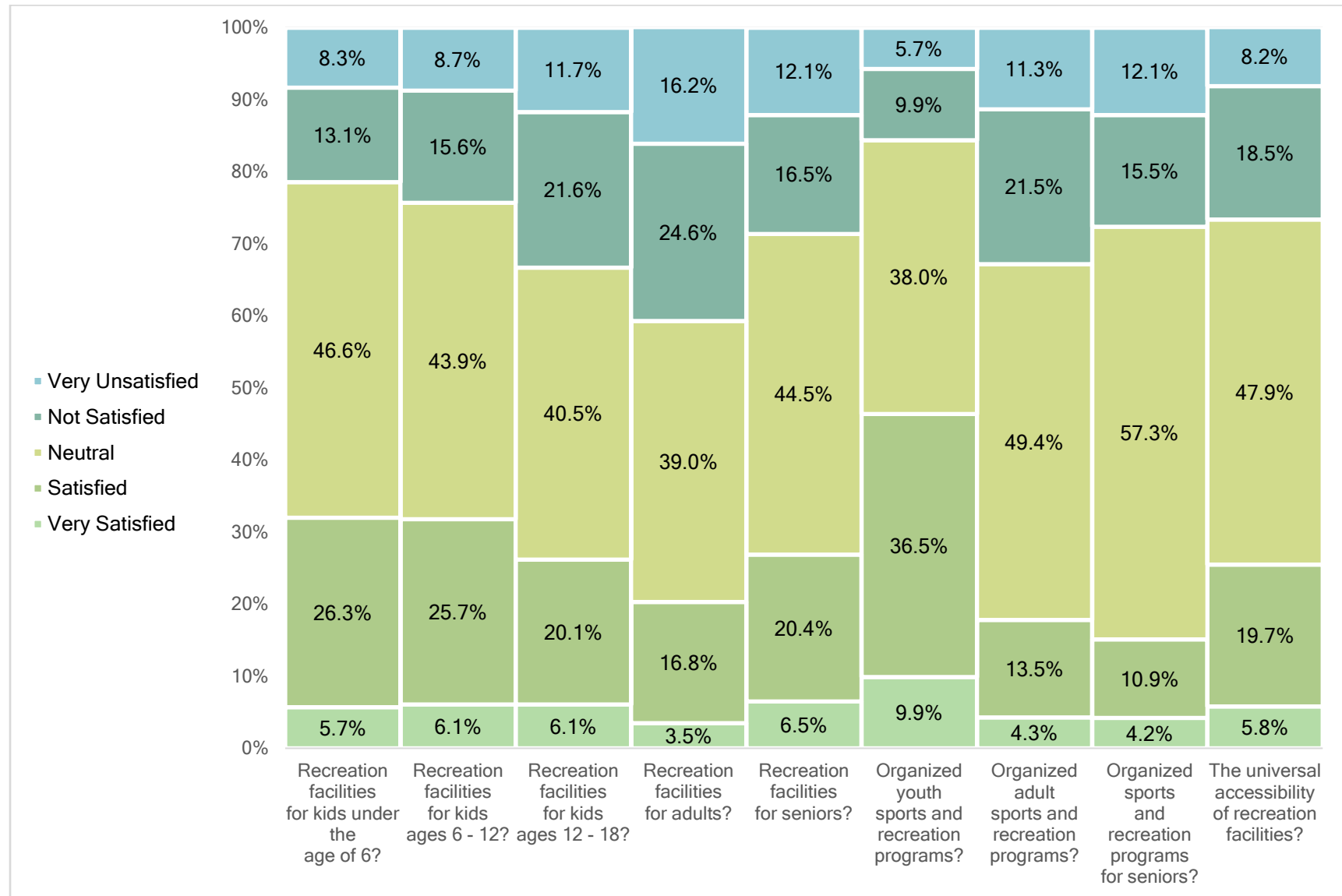
Question 17: Which of the following activities best describes how you or your household members use open space in Leicester and its surrounding communities?



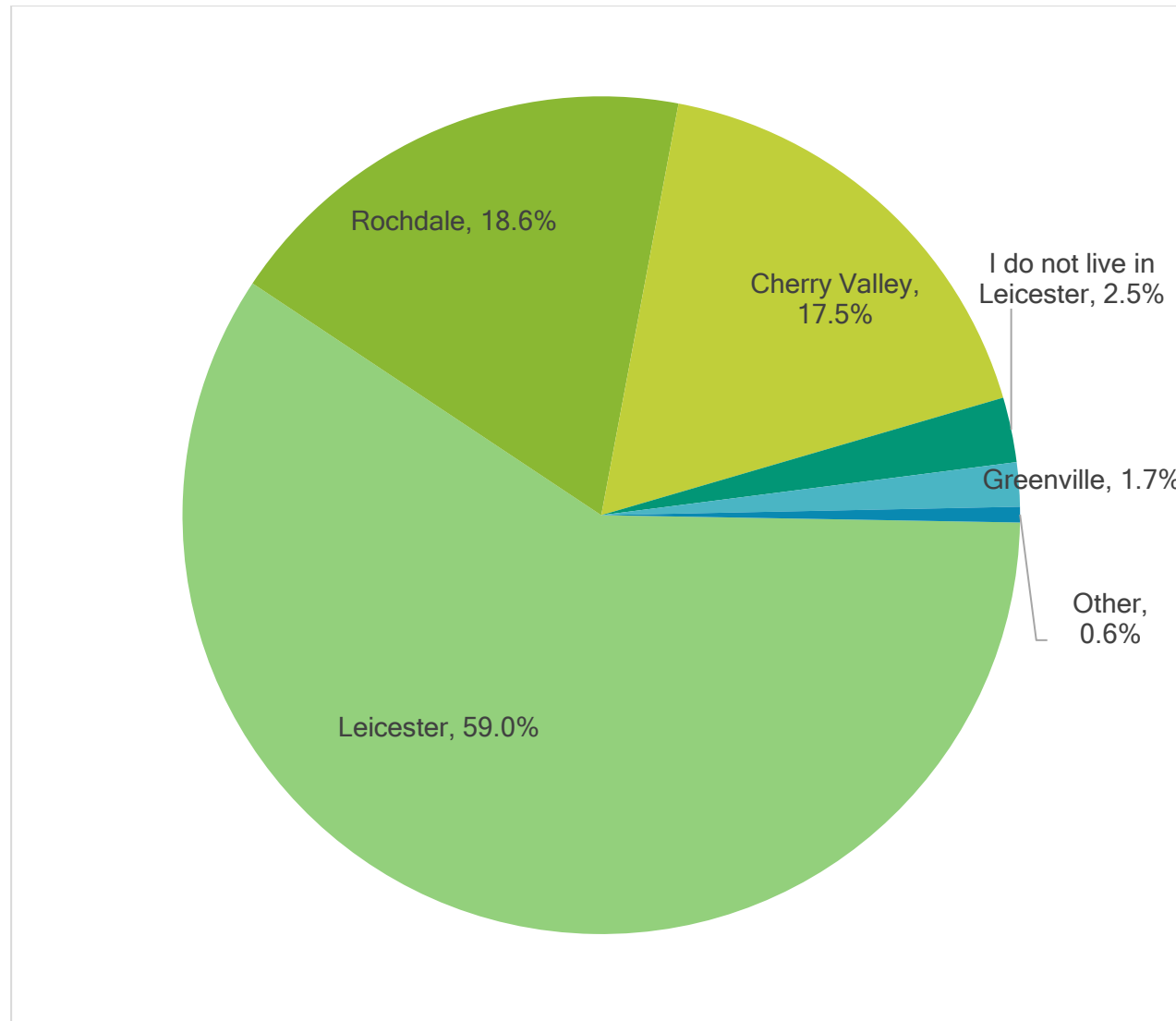
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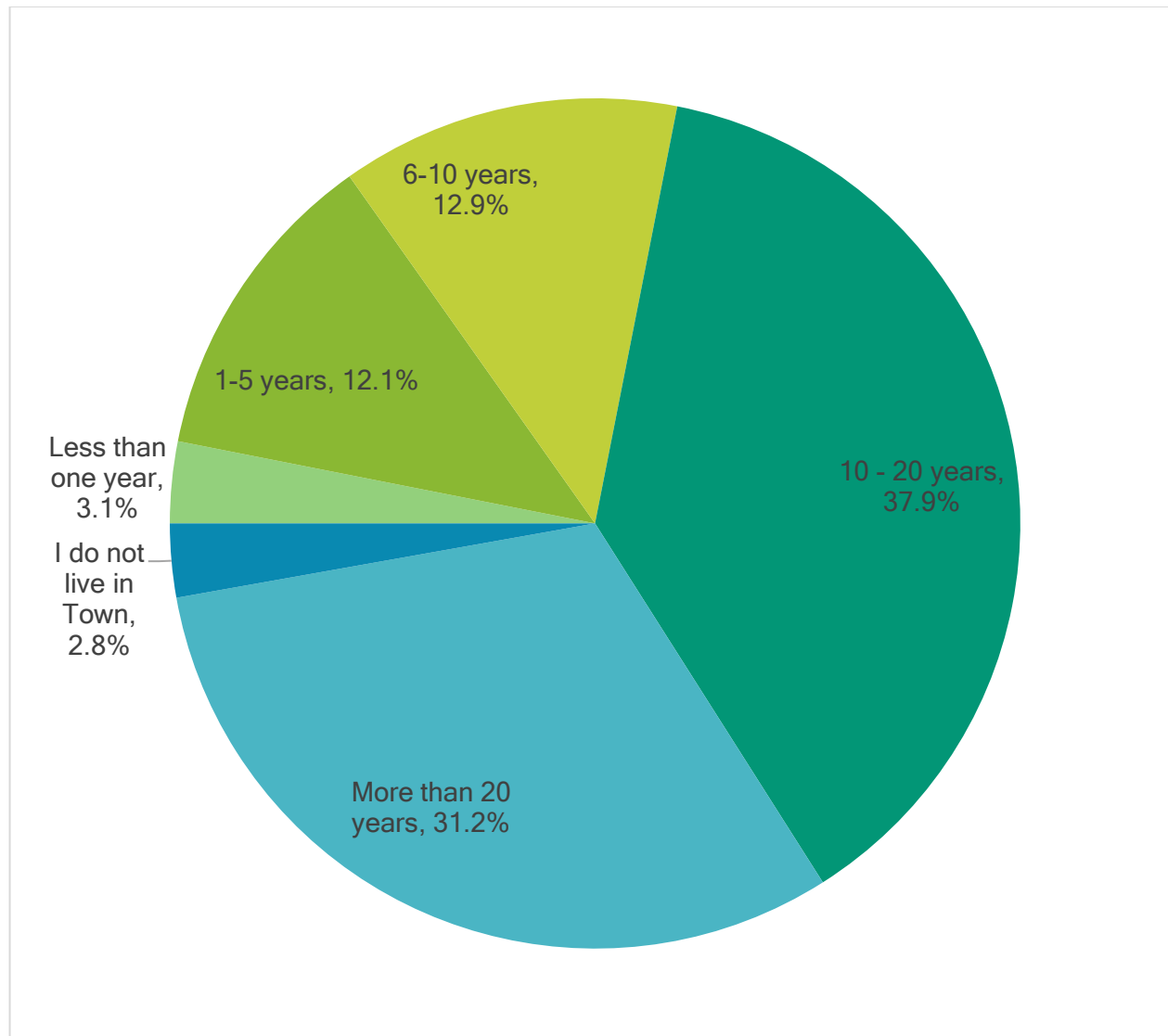
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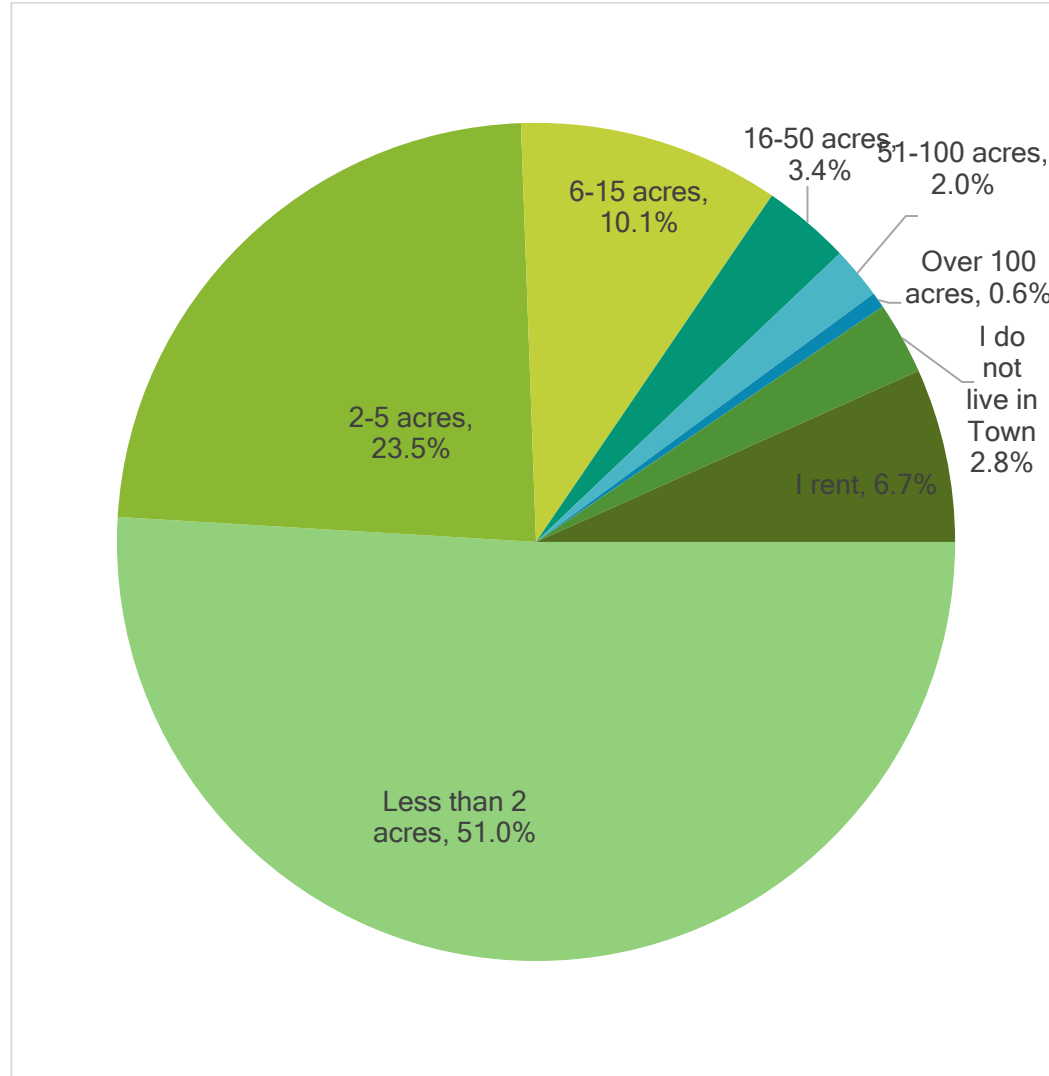
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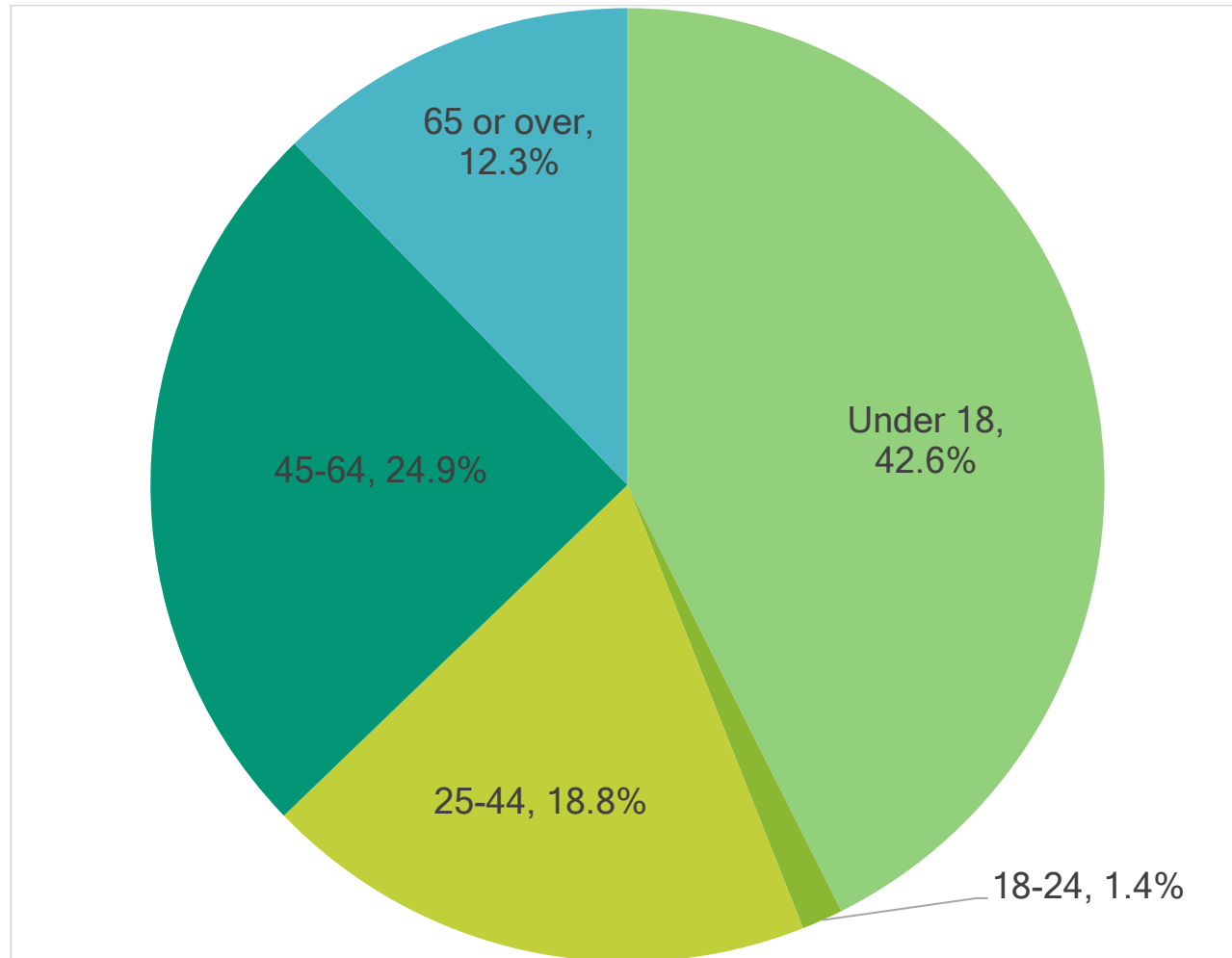
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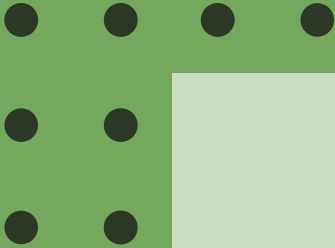
Question 22: How much land do you or your family own in Leicester?



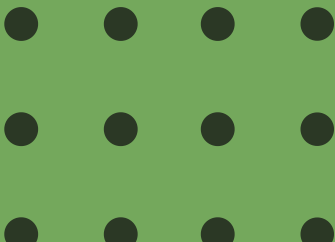
Question 23: What is your age?



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# APPENDIX B PUBLIC FORUM





# YOU'RE INVITED!



## LEICESTER

### 2021 OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

THE 2021 OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN WILL ALLOW LEICESTER TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION AREAS THAT DEFINE THE CHARACTER OF OUR COMMUNITY.

JOIN THE LEICESTER OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE AT THEIR PUBLIC FORUM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PLAN AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS.

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# PUBLIC FORUM

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9  
6 PM - 7:30 PM

MEETING ROOM 3  
LEICESTER TOWN HALL



# TOWN OF LEICESTER

## Open Space and Recreation Plan 2021

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>  
LEICESTER TOWN HALL

# AGENDA

6:00 – 6:15	Welcome and Purpose
6:15 – 6:30	Presentation of Draft OSRP Highlights
6:30 – 7:15	Small Group Discussions
7:15 – 7:25	Small Groups Report Back
7:25 – 7:30	Closing Remarks/Next Steps

# OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

**DAWN MARTILLA, Conservation Commission**

**DIANNA PROVENCHER, Board of Selectmen**

**JAMES REINKE, Zoning Board of Appeals**

**SHARON NIST, Planning Board**

**SUE SEARS, Parks and Recreation Committee**

**VAUGHN HATHWAY, Alternate**

**MICHELLE BUCK, Town Planner**  
Town of Leicester

**BROOKE HULTGREN,**  
**Planning Department Assistant**  
Town of Leicester

**MARY HANNAH SMITH,**  
**Resilience and Environmental Planner**  
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning  
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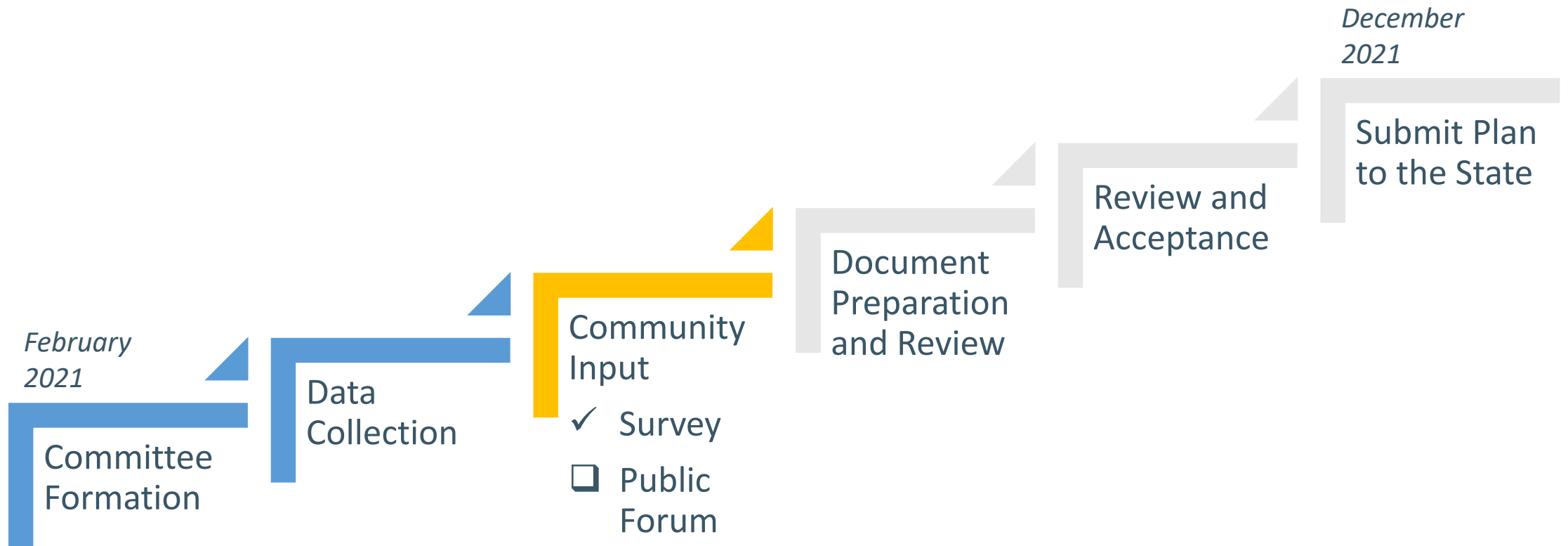
# PURPOSE OF AN OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

- Document current status of parks and open spaces
- Assess public views on local open space and recreation opportunities
- Outline future project ideas aligned with community priorities

# WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH AN UPDATED PLAN?

- Apply for grants!
  - Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant
  - Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) grant
  - Other state grant programs
- Use the plan to inform future Town decisions

# TIMELINE & PROCESS







# PLAN HIGHLIGHTS



# COMMUNITY PROFILE

- 2020 Population = 11,306 people
  - Steady growth since the 1990s
- Slight increase in population over age 65 since 2010
  - 65+ population = 14.4% of overall population in 2020
- Leicester's median household income is 9% higher than for overall state
- Pace of development has slowed in recent years but new construction still occurs
- Water supply is a major infrastructure challenge for Leicester
- Becker College closure, unknown impacts for town

# ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

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- Water quality in surface waters – algal blooms, mercury
- Invasive exotic plant species & on-going cost of treatment
- Lack of permanent protection



*Water Chestnut growth at Greenville Pond*



# OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION ASSETS

- Town Common
- Recreational Fields
- Lots of green space
- Recent grants – Russell Memorial Park, Towtaid Park, Town Common, Burncoat Park
- Inland Atlantic Cedar Swamps
- Active volunteers and land trusts



*A new swing set at Towtaid Park is accessible for children with some disabilities*



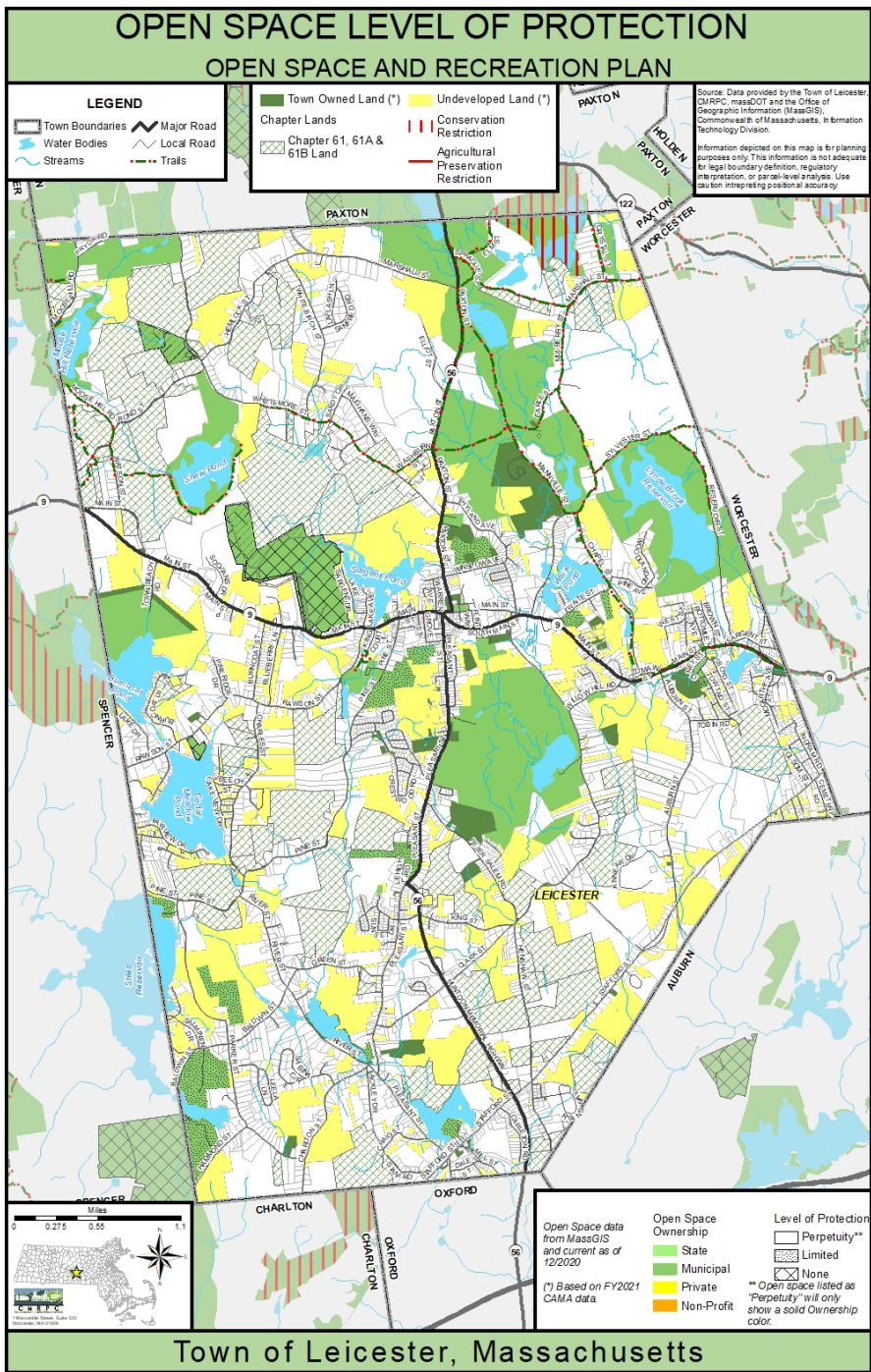
# OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION CHALLENGES

- No permanently protected agricultural land
- Water contamination
- Few trails
- Vandalism
- Reliance on volunteers could lead to burnout
- No dedicated staff, small budget, little maintenance, few improvements
- Becker College used to maintain some fields → now Town responsibility



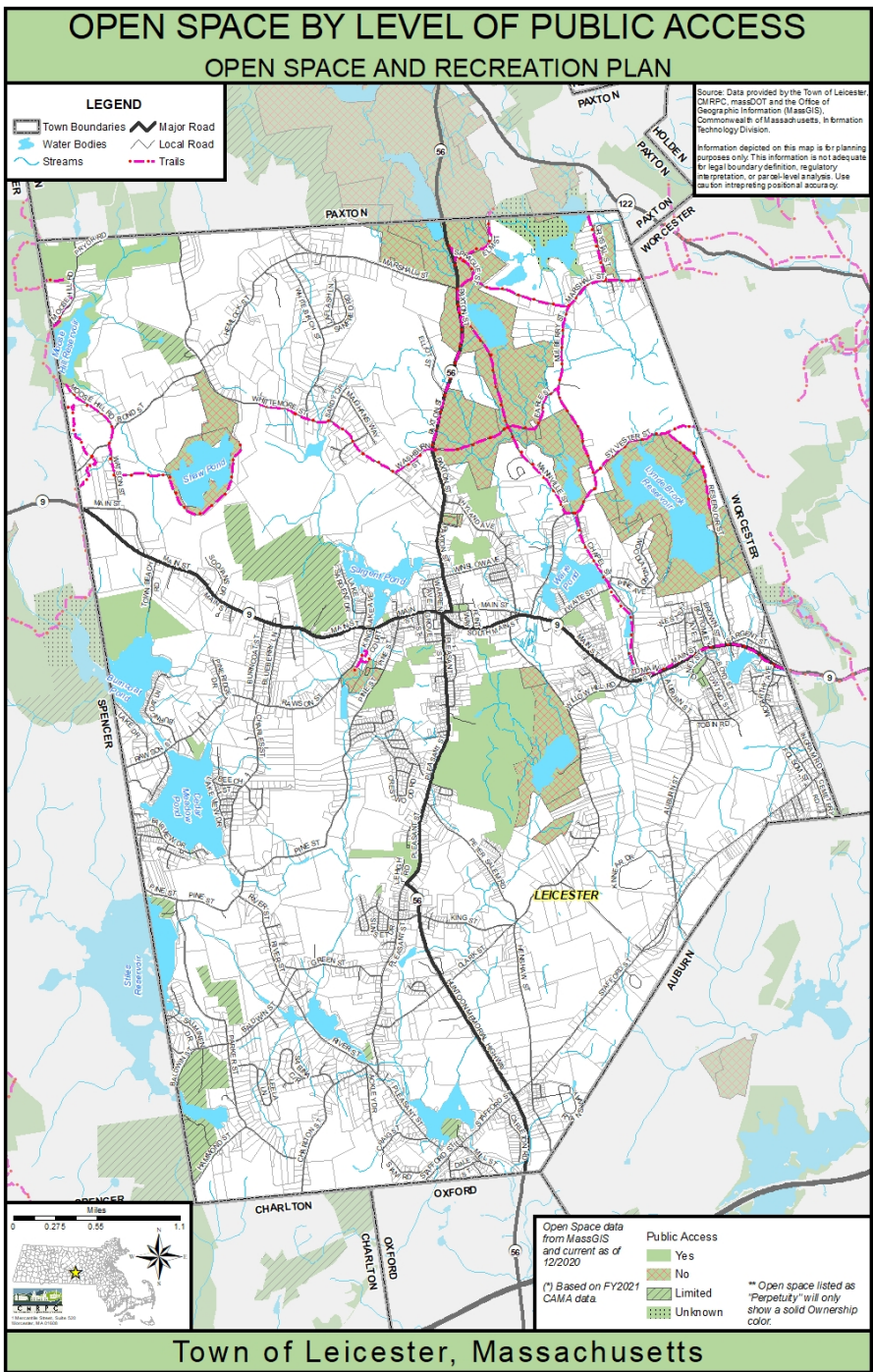
*The overgrown volleyball court at Rochdale Park*





Map on left:  
Lots of open space in Leicester (everything green, yellow, and shaded)

Map on right:  
Little, *public* protected open space



# PLAN GOALS

# LEICESTER OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN GOALS

1. Protect open space and natural resources, particularly water resources.
2. Provide and maintain recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.
3. Build a strong constituency of open space advocates through education and collaborative partnerships.
4. Increase public participation in open space and recreation planning.
5. Identify appropriate resources to support the above goals.



# COMMUNITY SURVEY

# SURVEY METHODOLOGY

- Survey was available to take online
  - Paper copies were available by request
  - Survey was open from April 7<sup>th</sup>– June 11<sup>th</sup>
- The survey was advertised online via the Town Website, Facebook, and was forwarded to local stakeholders for distribution
- Paper flyers were posted at locations around town
- A **total of 359 responses**, or approximately 3% of the total population

# What is your favorite open space in Leicester?

**1.Town Common**

2.Rochdale Park

3.Community Field

4.Leicester High School

5.Becker College

# What recreational or open space would you like to see developed in Leicester?

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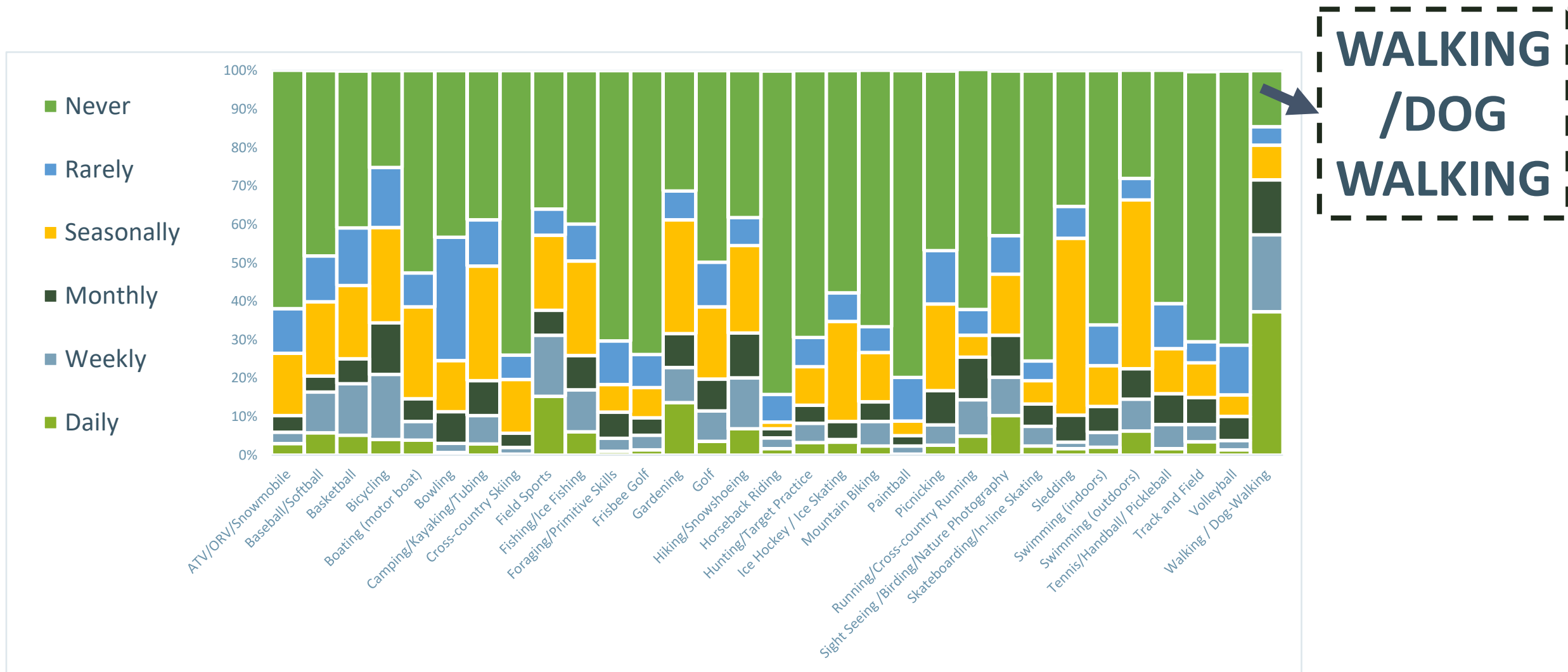
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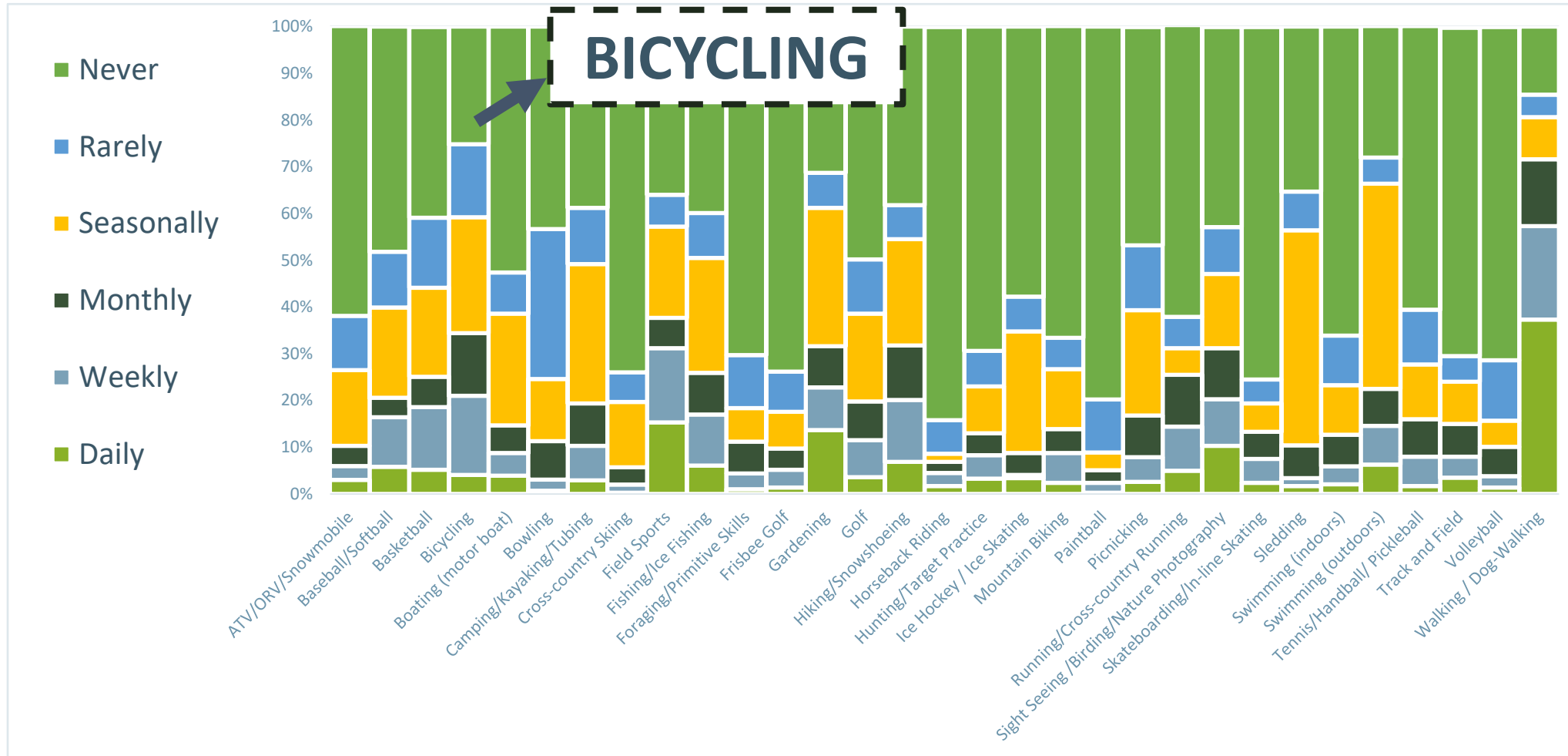


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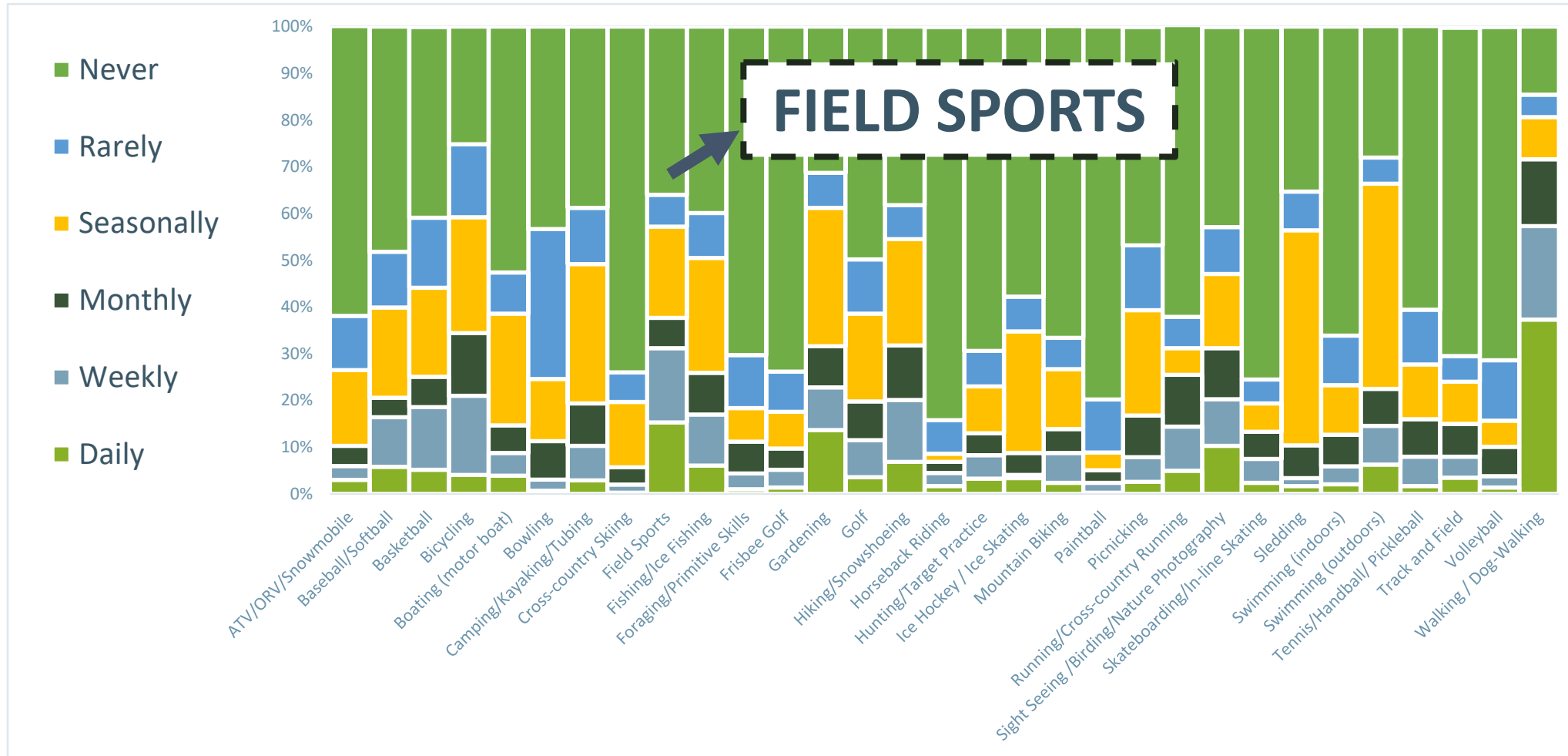
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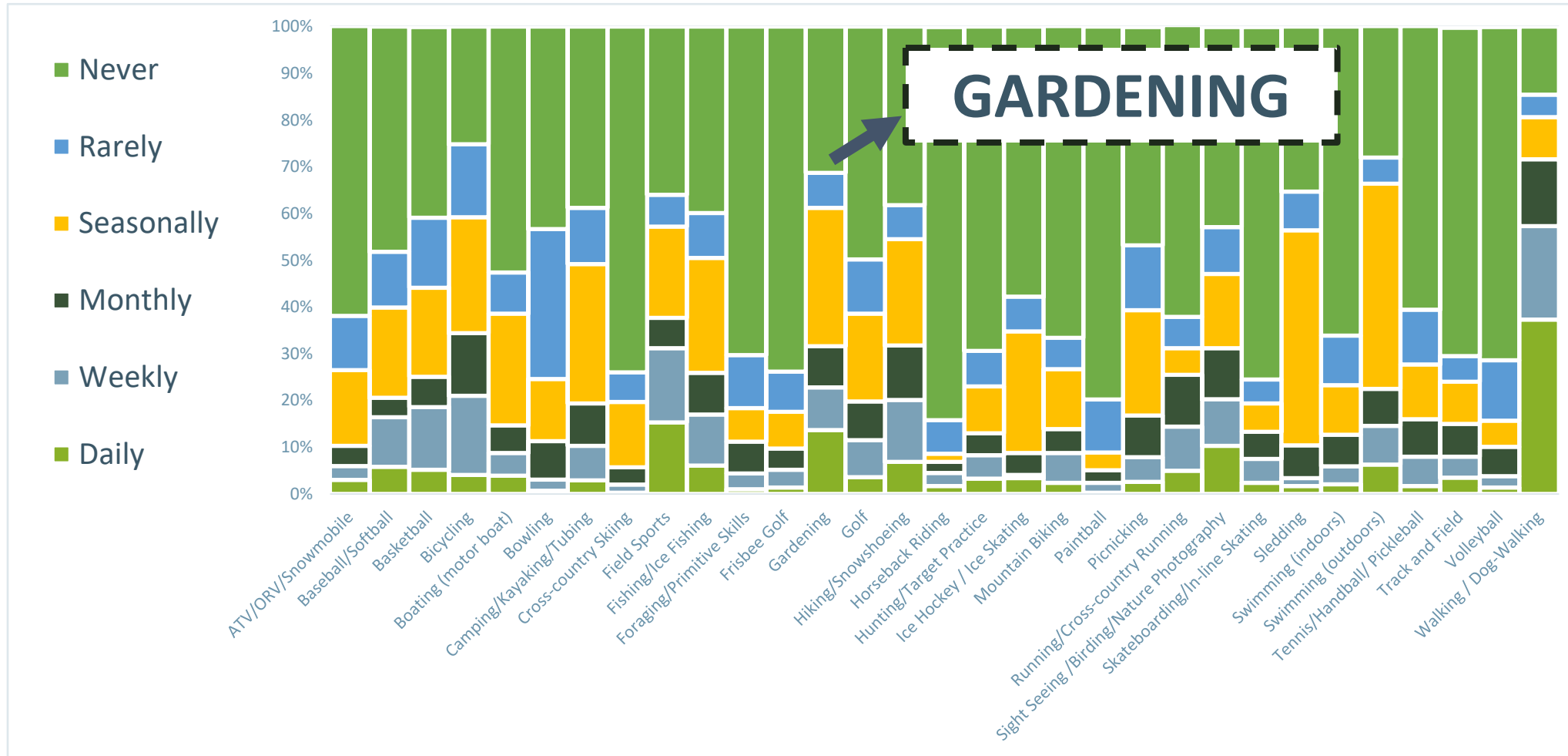


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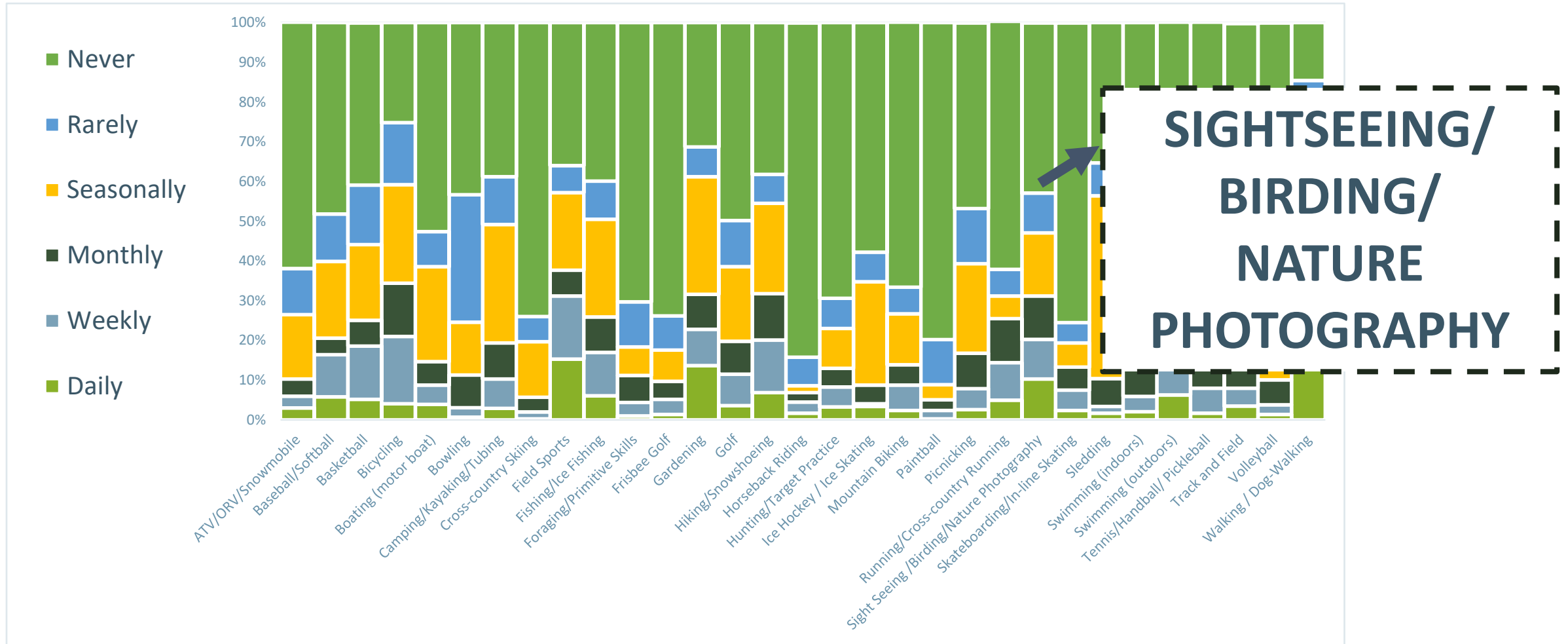




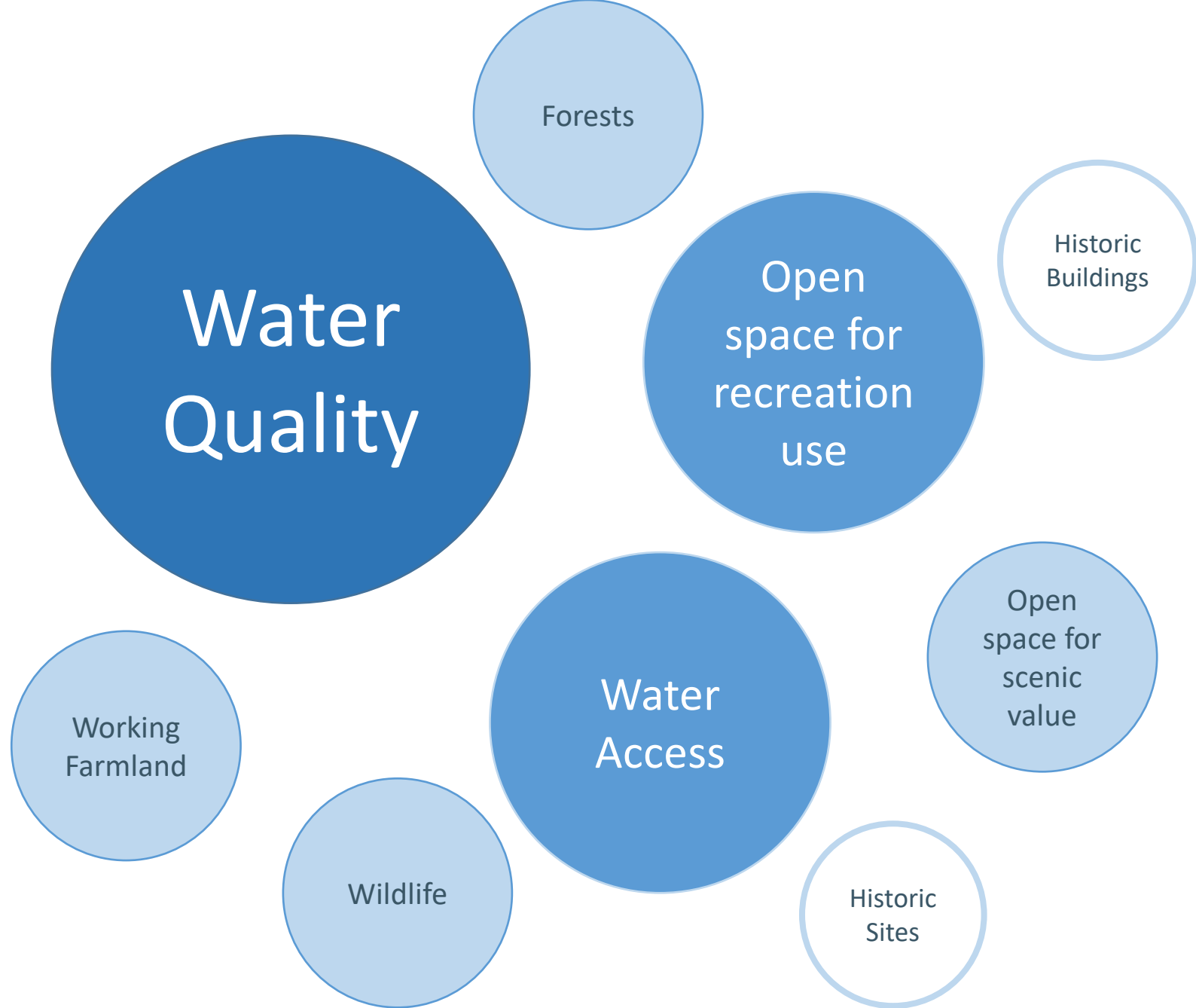
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What are the  
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to protect  
open spaces  
in Leicester?



**EACH  
“REASON”  
WAS THE #1  
PRIORITY OF  
AT LEAST 3  
PEOPLE**



**DIVERSE  
PRIORITIES**

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

#### AREA 1 INCLUDES:

- Northwest Leicester
- Moose Hill WMA
- Shaw Pond Reservoir
- Mt. Pleasant CC

#### AREA 3 INCLUDES:

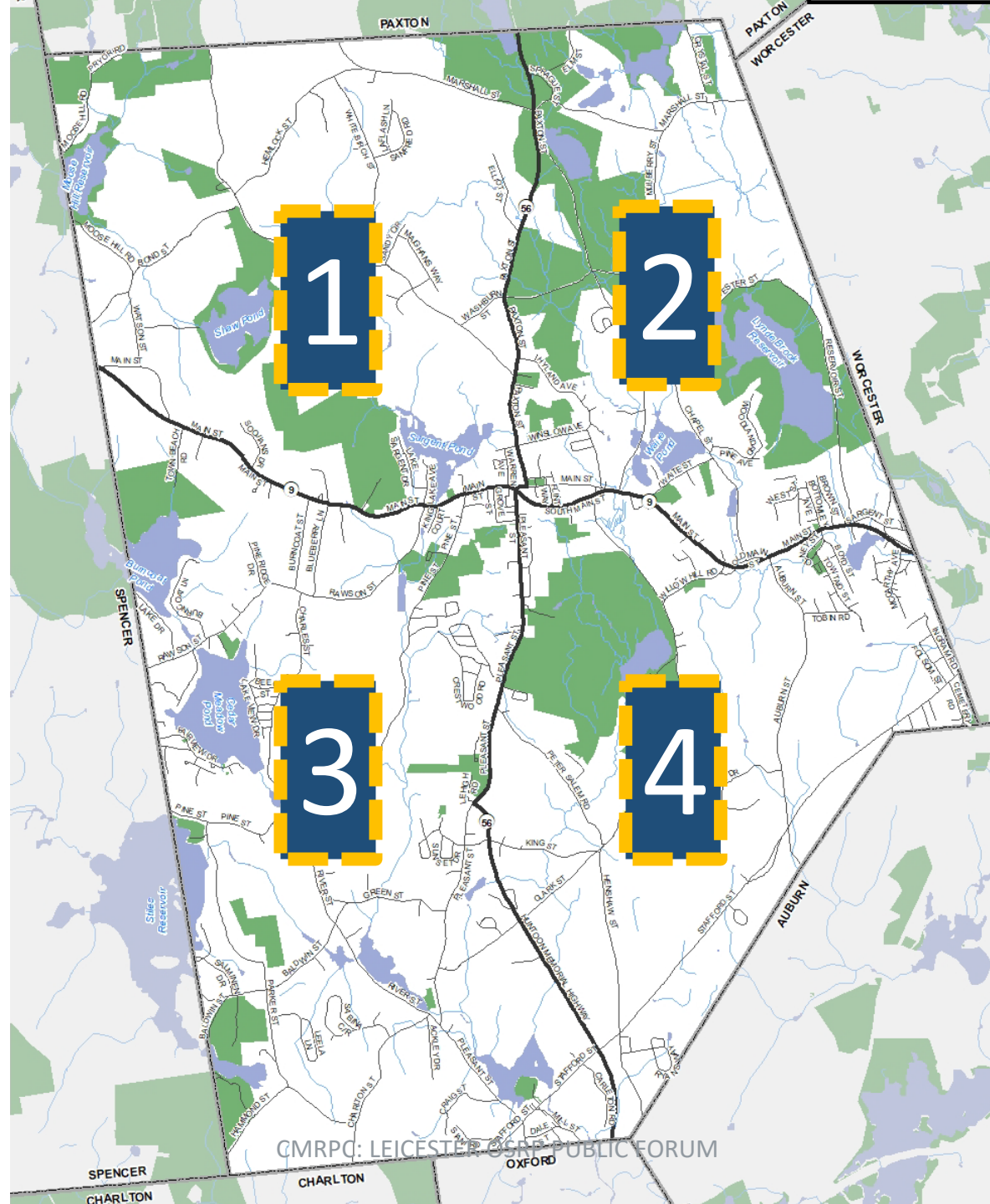
- Southwest Leicester
- Rochdale Park
- Burncoat Park
- Memorial School

#### AREA 2 INCLUDES:

- Northeast Leicester
- Worcester WMA
- Southwick Pond
- Cooke Forest
- School Fields
- Community Field/Tarentino Park
- Town Common
- Becker Fields

#### AREA 4 INCLUDES:

- Southeast Leicester
- Hillcrest CC
- Russell Memorial Field
- Towtaid Park
- Lion's Park



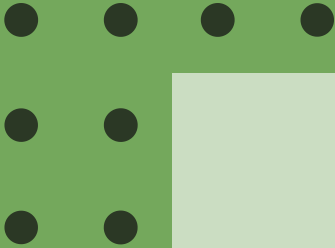
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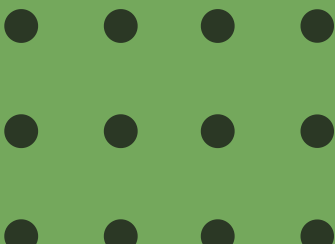
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# APPENDIX C

# BIOMAP2 REPORT



# BioMap2

CONSERVING THE BIODIVERSITY OF  
MASSACHUSETTS IN A CHANGING WORLD

## Leicester

Produced in 2012

This report and associated map provide information about  
important sites for biodiversity conservation in your area.

**This information is intended for conservation planning, and is  
not intended for use in state regulations.**





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Critical Natural Landscape Summaries





## Introduction

The Massachusetts Department of Fish & Game, through the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP), and The Nature Conservancy's Massachusetts Program developed *BioMap2* to protect the state's biodiversity in the context of climate change.

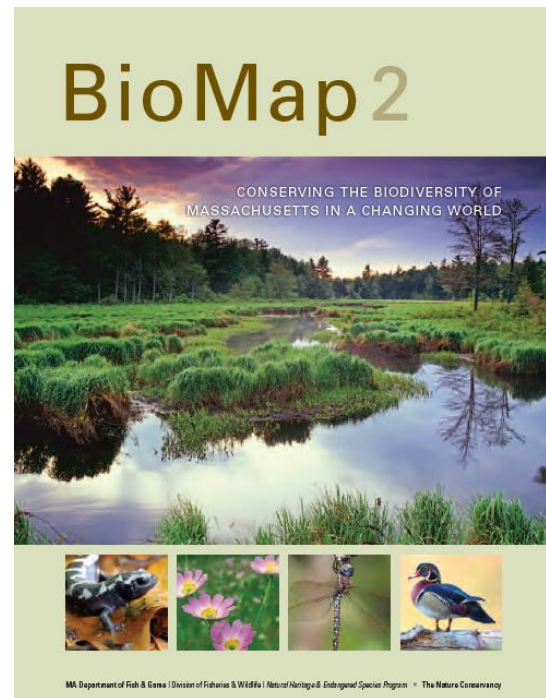
*BioMap2* combines NHESP's 30 years of rigorously documented rare species and natural community data with spatial data identifying wildlife species and habitats that were the focus of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's 2005 State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP). *BioMap2* also integrates The Nature Conservancy's assessment of large, well-connected, and intact ecosystems and landscapes across the Commonwealth, incorporating concepts of ecosystem resilience to address anticipated climate change impacts.

Protection and stewardship of *BioMap2* Core Habitat and Critical Natural Landscape is essential to safeguard the diversity of species and their habitats, intact ecosystems, and resilient natural landscapes across Massachusetts.

## What Does Status Mean?

The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife determines a status category for each rare species listed under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act, M.G.L. c.131A, and its implementing regulations 321 CMR 10.00. Rare species are categorized as Endangered, Threatened or of Special Concern according to the following:

- Endangered species are in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of their range or are in danger of extirpation from Massachusetts.



Get your copy of the *BioMap2* report! Download from [www.mass.gov/nhesp](http://www.mass.gov/nhesp) or contact Natural Heritage at 508-389-6360 or [natural.heritage@state.ma.us](mailto:natural.heritage@state.ma.us).

- Threatened species are likely to become Endangered in Massachusetts in the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of their range.
- Special Concern species have suffered a decline that could threaten the species if allowed to continue unchecked or occur in such small numbers or with such restricted distribution or specialized habitat requirements that they could easily become Threatened in Massachusetts.

In addition NHESP maintains an unofficial watch list of plants that are tracked due to potential conservation interest or concern, but are not regulated under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act or other laws or regulations. Likewise, described natural communities are not regulated by any law or regulations, but they can help to identify ecologically important areas that are worthy of







protection. The status of natural communities reflects the documented number and acreages of each community type in the state:

- Critically Imperiled communities typically have 5 or fewer documented sites or have very few remaining acres in the state.
- Imperiled communities typically have 6-20 sites or few remaining acres in the state.
- Vulnerable communities typically have 21-100 sites or limited acreage across the state.
- Secure communities typically have over 100 sites or abundant acreage across the state; however, excellent examples are identified as Core Habitats to ensure continued protection.

In 2005 the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife completed a comprehensive State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) documenting the status of Massachusetts wildlife and providing recommendations to help guide wildlife conservation decision-making. SWAP includes all the wildlife species listed under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA), as well as more than 80 species that need conservation attention but do not meet the requirements for inclusion under MESA. The SWAP document is organized around habitat types in need of conservation within the Commonwealth. While the original BioMap focused primarily on rare species protected under MESA, *BioMap2* also addresses other Species of Conservation Concern, their habitats, and the ecosystems that support them to create a spatial representation of most of the elements of SWAP.

### ***BioMap2*: One Plan, Two Components**

*BioMap2* identifies two complementary spatial layers, Core Habitat and Critical Natural Landscape.

Core Habitat identifies key areas that are critical for the long-term persistence of rare species and other Species of Conservation Concern, as well as a wide diversity of natural communities and intact ecosystems across the Commonwealth. Protection of Core Habitats will contribute to the conservation of specific elements of biodiversity.

Critical Natural Landscape identifies large natural Landscape Blocks that are minimally impacted by development. If protected, these areas will provide habitat for wide-ranging native species, support intact ecological processes, maintain connectivity among habitats, and enhance ecological resilience to natural and anthropogenic disturbances in a rapidly changing world. Areas delineated as Critical Natural Landscape also include buffering upland around wetland, coastal, and aquatic Core Habitats to help ensure their long-term integrity.

The long-term persistence of Massachusetts biological resources requires a determined commitment to land and water conservation. Protection and stewardship of both Critical Natural Landscapes and Core Habitats are needed to realize the biodiversity conservation vision of *BioMap2*.

### **Components of Core Habitat**

Core Habitat identifies specific areas necessary to promote the long-term persistence of rare species, other Species of Conservation Concern, exemplary natural communities, and intact ecosystems.

### **Rare Species**

There are 432 native plant and animal species listed as Endangered, Threatened or Special Concern under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) based on their rarity, population trends, and threats to survival. For





Table 1. Species of Conservation Concern described in the State Wildlife Action Plan and/or included on the MESA List and for which habitat was mapped in *BioMap2*. Note that plants are not included in SWAP, and that marine species such as whales and sea turtles are not included in *BioMap2*.

Taxonomic Group	MESA-listed Species	Non-listed Species of Conservation Concern
Mammals	4	5
Birds	27	23
Reptiles	10	5
Amphibians	4	3
Fish	10	17
Invertebrates	102	9
Plants	256	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>62</b>

*BioMap2*, NHESP staff identified the highest quality habitat sites for each non-marine species based on size, condition, and landscape context.

### Other Species of Conservation Concern

In addition to species on the MESA List described previously, the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) identifies 257 wildlife species and 22 natural habitats most in need of conservation within the Commonwealth. *BioMap2* includes species-specific habitat areas for 45 of these species and habitat for 17 additional species which was mapped with other coarse-filter and fine-filter approaches.

### Priority Natural Communities

Natural communities are assemblages of plant and animal species that share a common environment and occur together repeatedly on the landscape. *BioMap2* gives conservation

priority to natural communities with limited distribution and to the best examples of more common types.

### Vernal Pools

Vernal pools are small, seasonal wetlands that provide important wildlife habitat, especially for amphibians and invertebrate animals that use them to breed. *BioMap2* identifies the top 5 percent most interconnected clusters of Potential Vernal Pools in the state.

### Forest Cores

In *BioMap2*, Core Habitat includes the best examples of large, intact forests that are least impacted by roads and development, providing critical habitat for numerous woodland species. For example, the interior forest habitat defined by Forest Cores supports many bird species sensitive to the impacts of roads and development, such as the Black-throated Green Warbler, and helps maintain ecological processes found only in unfragmented forest patches.

### Wetland Cores

*BioMap2* used an assessment of Ecological Integrity to identify the least disturbed wetlands in the state within undeveloped landscapes—those with intact buffers and little fragmentation or other stressors associated with development. These wetlands are most likely to support critical wetland functions (i.e., natural hydrologic conditions, diverse plant and animal habitats, etc.) and are most likely to maintain these functions into the future.

### Aquatic Cores

To delineate integrated and functional ecosystems for fish species and other aquatic





Species of Conservation Concern, beyond the species and exemplary habitats described above, *BioMap2* identifies intact river corridors within which important physical and ecological processes of the river or stream occur.

### Components of Critical Natural Landscape

Critical Natural Landscape identifies intact landscapes in Massachusetts that are better able to support ecological processes and disturbance regimes, and a wide array of species and habitats over long time frames.

### Landscape Blocks

*BioMap2* identifies the most intact large areas of predominately natural vegetation, consisting of contiguous forests, wetlands, rivers, lakes, and ponds, as well as coastal habitats such as barrier beaches and salt marshes.

### Upland Buffers of Wetland and Aquatic Cores

A variety of analyses were used to identify protective upland buffers around wetlands and rivers.

### Upland Habitat to Support Coastal Adaptation

*BioMap2* identifies undeveloped lands adjacent to and up to one and a half meters above existing salt marshes as Critical Natural Landscapes with high potential to support inland migration of salt marsh and other coastal habitats over the coming century.

The conservation areas identified by *BioMap2* are based on breadth and depth of data, scientific expertise, and understanding of Massachusetts' biodiversity. The numerous sources of information and analyses used to

### Legal Protection of Biodiversity

*BioMap2* presents a powerful vision of what Massachusetts would look like with full protection of the land most important for supporting the Commonwealth's biodiversity. While *BioMap2* is a planning tool with *no regulatory function*, all state-listed species enjoy legal protection under the [Massachusetts Endangered Species Act](#) (M.G.L. c.131A) and its implementing regulations ([321 CMR 10.00](#)). Wetland habitat of state-listed wildlife is also protected under the [Wetlands Protection Act](#) Regulations ([310 CMR 10.00](#)). The *Natural Heritage Atlas* contains maps of [Priority Habitats](#) and [Estimated Habitats](#), which are used, respectively, for regulation under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act and the Wetlands Protection Act. For more information on rare species regulations, and to view Priority and Estimated Habitat maps, please see the [Regulatory Review](#) page at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/natural-heritage/regulatory-review/>.

***BioMap2* is a conservation planning tool that does not, in any way, supplant the Estimated and Priority Habitat Maps which have regulatory significance. Unless and until the *BioMap2* vision is fully realized, we must continue to protect our most imperiled species and their habitats.**

create Core Habitat and Critical Natural Landscape are complementary, and outline a comprehensive conservation vision for Massachusetts, from rare species to intact landscapes. In total, these robust analyses define a suite of priority lands and waters that, if permanently protected, will support Massachusetts' natural systems for generations to come.





## Understanding Core Habitat Summaries

Following the Town Overview, there is a descriptive summary of each Core Habitat and Critical Natural Landscape that occurs in your city or town. These summaries highlight some of the outstanding characteristics of each Core Habitat and Critical Natural Landscape, and will help you learn more about your city or town's biodiversity. You can find out more information about many of these species and natural communities by looking at specific fact sheets at [www.mass.gov/nhesp](http://www.mass.gov/nhesp).

## Additional Information

For copies of the full *BioMap2* report, the Technical Report, and an [interactive mapping tool](#), visit the *BioMap2* [website](#) via the Land Protection and Planning tab at [www.mass.gov/nhesp](http://www.mass.gov/nhesp). If you have any questions about this report, or if you need help protecting land for biodiversity in your community, the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program staff looks forward to working with you.

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## Town Overview

Leicester lies on the border of the Lower Worcester Plateau, the Southern New England Coastal Plains and Hills, and the Worcester Plateau Ecoregions. The Lower Worcester Plateau Ecoregion is comprised of open hills and transition hardwood and central hardwood forests. Most parts drain to the Chicopee and Quinebaug Rivers. The Southern New England Coastal Plains and Hills Ecoregion is comprised of plains with a few low hills. Forests are mainly central hardwoods with some transition hardwoods and some elm-ash-red maple and red and white pine. Many major rivers drain this area. The Worcester Plateau Ecoregion is an area that includes the most hilly areas of the central upland of Massachusetts with a few high monadnocks and mountains. The dominant forest types present are transition hardwoods and some northern hardwoods. Forested wetlands are common. Surface waters are acidic. Many major rivers drain this area. Aquatic and Wetland Cores are found throughout Leicester and a large core in the northeastern corner of town provides habitat for Grasshopper Sparrow and Eastern Whip-poor-will.



## Leicester at a Glance

- Total Area: 15,765 acres (24.6 square miles)
- Human Population in 2010: 10,970
- Open space protected in perpetuity: 2,071 acres, or 13.1% percent of total area\*
- BioMap2 Core Habitat: 1,051 acres
- BioMap2 Core Habitat Protected: 316 acres or 30.1%
- BioMap2 Critical Natural Landscape: 618 acres
- BioMap2 Critical Natural Landscape Protected: 60 acres or 9.8%

## BioMap2 Components

### Core Habitats

- 1 Exemplary or Priority Natural Community
- 3 Wetland Cores
- 2 Aquatic Cores
- 5 Species of Conservation Concern Cores\*\*
  - 2 birds, 1 reptile, 1 mussel

### Critical Natural Landscapes

- 4 Wetland Core Buffers
- 2 Aquatic Core Buffers

\* Calculated using MassGIS data layer "Protected and Recreational Open Space—March, 2012".

\*\* See next pages for complete list of species, natural communities and other biodiversity elements.

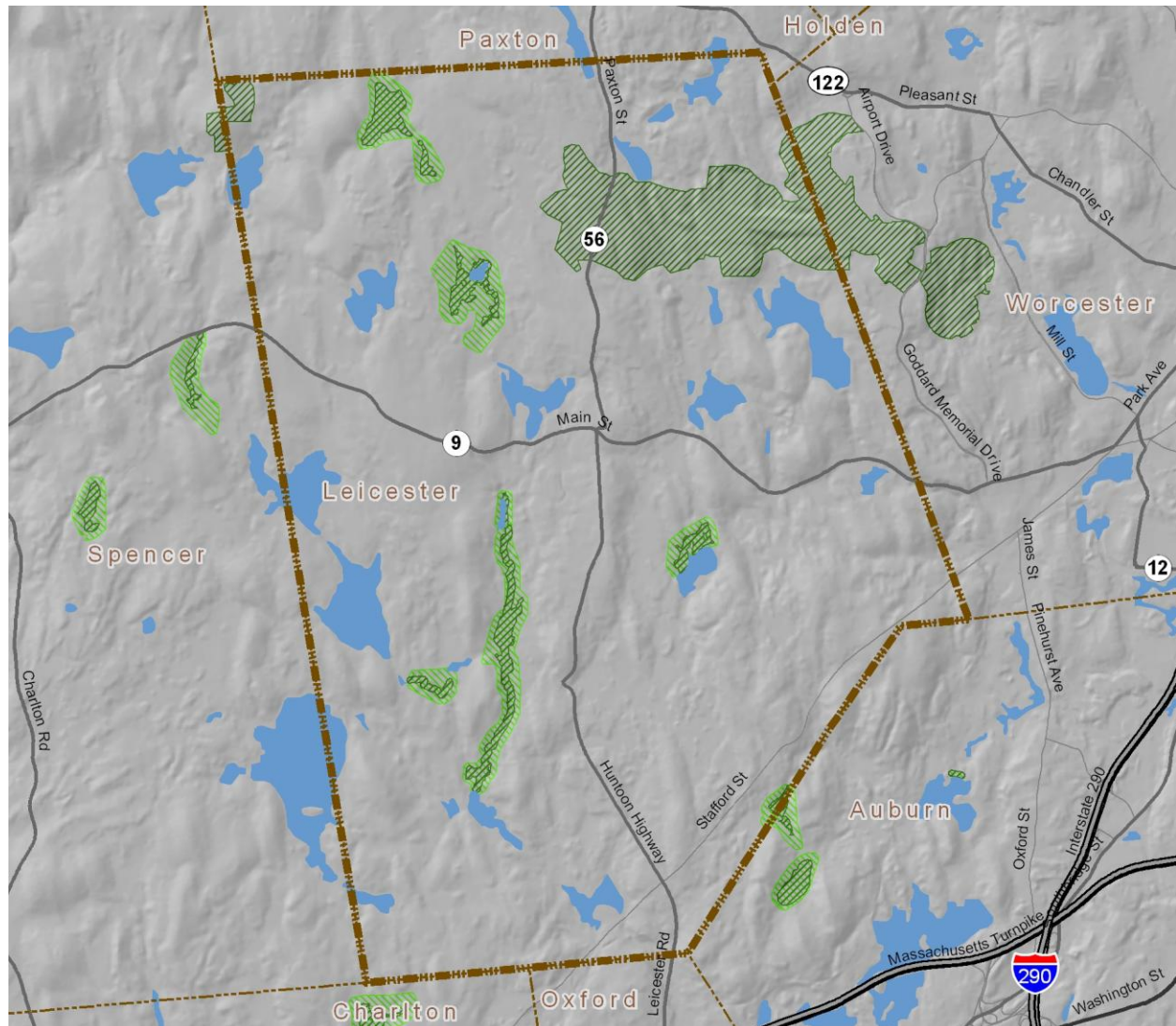




BioMap2

Conserving the Biodiversity of Massachusetts in a Changing World

## BioMap2 Core Habitat and Critical Natural Landscape in Leicester

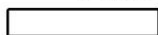


BioMap2 Core Habitat



BioMap2 Critical Natural Landscape

1 Mile



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**Species of Conservation Concern, Priority and Exemplary Natural Communities,  
and Other Elements of Biodiversity in Leicester**

**Mussels**

[Triangle Floater](#), (*Alasmodonta undulata*), Non-listed SWAP

**Reptiles**

Smooth Green Snake, (*Opheodrys vernalis*), Non-listed SWAP

**Birds**

[Eastern Whip-poor-will](#), (*Caprimulgus vociferus*), SC

[Grasshopper Sparrow](#), (*Ammodramus savannarum*), T

**Priority Natural Communities**

[Inland Atlantic White Cedar Swamp](#)

**Other BioMap2 Components**

[Aquatic Core](#)

[Wetland Core](#)

[Aquatic Core Buffer](#)

[Wetland Core Buffer](#)

E = Endangered

T = Threatened

SC = Special Concern

S1 = Critically Imperiled communities, typically 5 or fewer documented sites or very few remaining acres in the state.

S2 = Imperiled communities, typically 6-20 sites or few remaining acres in the state.

S3 = Vulnerable communities, typically have 21-100 sites or limited acreage across the state.

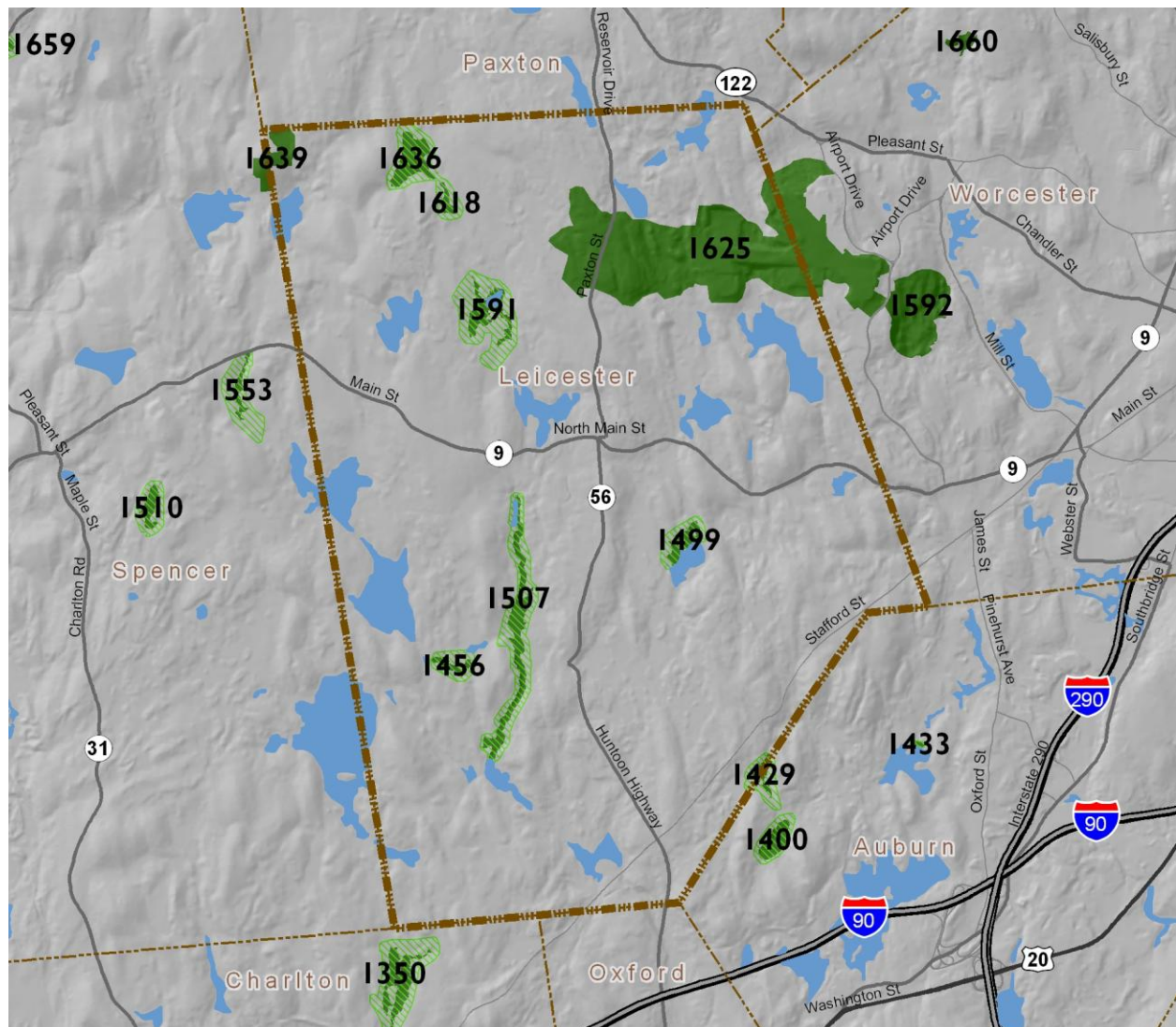








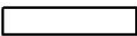
## BioMap2 Core Habitat in Leicester

Core IDs correspond with the following element lists and summaries.



-  BioMap2 Core Habitat
-  BioMap2 Critical Natural Landscape

1 Mile



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Elements of BioMap2 Cores

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**Core 1429**

Wetland Core

**Core 1456**

Aquatic Core

Species of Conservation Concern

Triangle Floater

*Alasmidonta undulata*

Non-listed SWAP

**Core 1499**

Wetland Core

**Core 1507**

Aquatic Core

Species of Conservation Concern

Triangle Floater

*Alasmidonta undulata*

Non-listed SWAP

**Core 1591**

Wetland Core

**Core 1618**

Priority Natural Communities

Inland Atlantic White Cedar Swamp

S2

**Core 1625**

Species of Conservation Concern

Grasshopper Sparrow

*Ammodramus savannarum*

T

Eastern Whip-poor-will

*Caprimulgus vociferus*

SC

**Core 1636**

Priority Natural Communities

Inland Atlantic White Cedar Swamp

S2

**Core 1639**

Species of Conservation Concern

Smooth Green Snake

*Opheodrys vernalis*

Non-listed SWAP





## Core Habitat Summaries

### **Core 1429**

A 12-acre Core Habitat featuring Wetland Core.

To enhance the biodiversity value of wetlands selected as Core Habitat, *BioMap2* maps the most intact wetlands in each ecological region of the state. These intact wetlands in diverse settings may be thought of as representing the ecological stage, and are most likely to support a diversity of wetland types over time, even as different plant and animal species (the actors on the ecological stage) shift in response to climate change.

### **Core 1456**

A 12-acre Core Habitat featuring Aquatic Core and a Species of Conservation Concern.

Aquatic Cores are integrated and functional ecosystems for fish species and other aquatic Species of Conservation Concern. To delineate these, *BioMap2* identified intact river corridors within which important physical and ecological processes of the river or stream occur. To identify those areas integrally connected to each river and stream, each river segment was buffered 30 meters. All wetlands wholly or partially contained within this buffer were then included, and the combination of the river channel, the adjacent buffer, and the connected wetlands make up the riverine Core Habitat.

Triangle Floaters are freshwater mussels commonly found in low-gradient river reaches with sand and gravel substrates and low to moderate water velocities, although they are found in a wide range of substrate and flow conditions.

### **Core 1499**

A 23-acre Core Habitat featuring Wetland Core.

To enhance the biodiversity value of wetlands selected as Core Habitat, *BioMap2* maps the most intact wetlands in each ecological region of the state. These intact wetlands in diverse settings may be thought of as representing the ecological stage, and are most likely to support a diversity of wetland types over time, even as different plant and animal species (the actors on the ecological stage) shift in response to climate change.

### **Core 1507**

A 90-acre Core Habitat featuring Aquatic Core and a Species of Conservation Concern.

To delineate integrated and functional ecosystems for fish species and other aquatic Species of Conservation Concern, beyond the species and exemplary habitats described above, *BioMap2* identified intact river corridors within which important physical and ecological processes of the river or stream occur. To identify those areas integrally connected to each river and stream, each river segment was buffered 30 meters. All wetlands wholly or partially contained within this buffer were then included, and





the combination of the river channel, the adjacent buffer, and the connected wetlands make up the riverine Core Habitat.

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### **Core 1591**

A 44-acre Wetland Core occurring on mid-elevation slate, one of the least common ecological settings for Wetland Cores in the state.

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### **Core 1618**

An 8-acre Core Habitat featuring a Priority Natural Community.

Inland Atlantic White Cedar Swamps are forested wetlands dominated by Atlantic white cedar, with hemlock, spruce, red maple, and yellow birch. As in all Atlantic White Cedar swamps, water-saturated peat overlies the mineral sediments. This example of Inland Atlantic White Cedar Swamp is moderate-sized, with mature structure and good floral diversity.

### **Core 1625**

A 1061-acre Core Habitat featuring Species of Conservation Concern.

Grasshopper Sparrows nest in dry grasslands. Natural situations include sandplain grasslands, but they have adapted well to anthropogenic habitats such as airports and landfills. They are very sensitive to changes in plant composition and respond well to the effects of fire management.

Whip-poor-wills are nocturnal, ground-nesting birds of open dry oak woodlands and pine barrens. Their diet consists primarily of moths taken on the wing. Though seldom seen, their call was once a common nighttime sound of summer nights across Massachusetts. Whip-poor-wills have experienced a dramatic range contraction in Massachusetts over the past few decades, and are now mostly relegated to a handful of large pine barrens. This range contraction is believed to be the result of development and the habitat succession caused by fire suppression. Whip-poor-wills often reclaim their former haunts following active habitat management, such as prescribed fire and targeted logging.

### **Core 1636**

An 49-acre Core Habitat featuring a Priority Natural Community.

Inland Atlantic White Cedar Swamps are forested wetlands dominated by Atlantic white cedar, with hemlock, spruce, red maple, and yellow birch. As in all Atlantic White Cedar swamps, water-saturated





peat overlies the mineral sediments. This example of Inland Atlantic White Cedar Swamp is moderate sized, with mature structure and good floral diversity.

### **Core 1639**

A 54-acre Core Habitat featuring a Species of Conservation Concern.

A small to medium-sized snake, adult Smooth Green Snakes are 14-20 inches long with a uniform light green back and yellow to white venter. The Smooth Green Snake is found in moist open or lightly forested habitat where grasses and shrubs are abundant (edges of marshes, wet meadows, fields, and forest edges or open forests, grasslands, blueberry barrens, pine barrens) and prefers to forage on the ground with activity in the daytime. Smooth Green Snake overwinter in rodent burrows, ant mounds and rock crevices, either singly or communally.

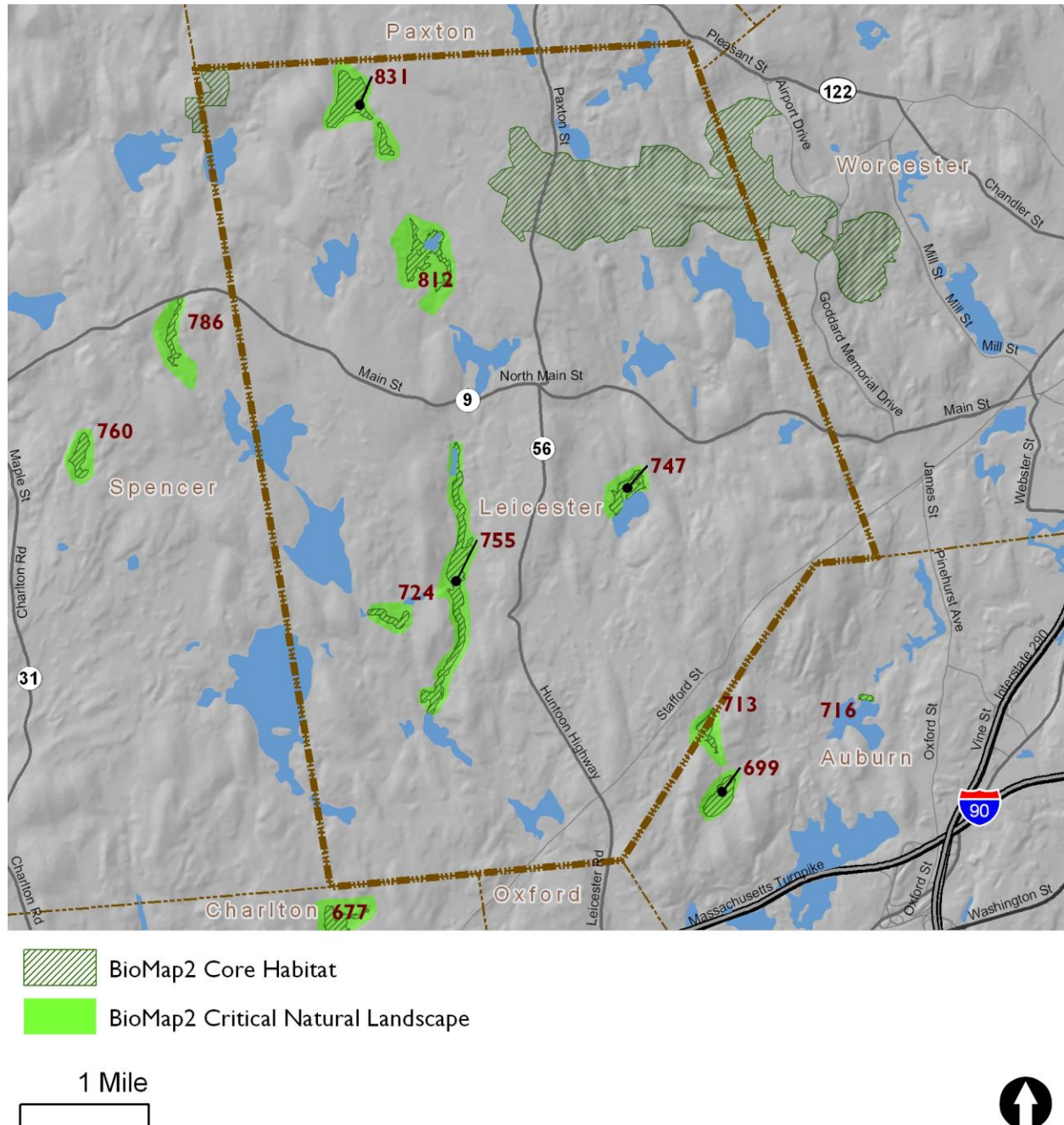






## BioMap2 Critical Natural Landscape in Leicester

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### Elements of BioMap2 Critical Natural Landscapes

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**CNL 713**

Wetland Core Buffer

**CNL 724**

Aquatic Core Buffer

**CNL 747**

Wetland Core Buffer

**CNL 755**

Aquatic Core Buffer

**CNL 812**

Wetland Core Buffer

**CNL 831**

Wetland Core Buffer





## Critical Natural Landscape Summaries

### **CNL 713**

A 50-acre Critical Natural Landscape featuring Wetland Core Buffer.

A variety of analyses were used to identify protective upland buffers around wetlands and rivers. One, the variable width buffers methodology, included the most intact areas around each wetland and river, by extending deeper into surrounding unfragmented habitats than into developed areas adjacent to each wetland. Other upland buffers were identified through the rare species habitat analysis. In this way, the conservation of wetland buffers will support the habitats and functionality of each wetland, and also include adjacent uplands that are important for many species that move between habitat types.

### **CNL 724**

A 43-acre Critical Natural Landscape featuring Aquatic Core Buffer.

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### **CNL 747**

A 57-acre Critical Natural Landscape featuring Wetland Core Buffer.

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### **CNL 755**

A 210-acre Critical Natural Landscape featuring Aquatic Core Buffer.

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### **CNL 812**

A 166-acre Critical Natural Landscape featuring Wetland Core Buffer.

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### **CNL 831**

A 124-acre Critical Natural Landscape featuring Wetland Core Buffer.

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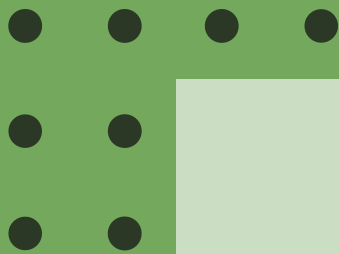
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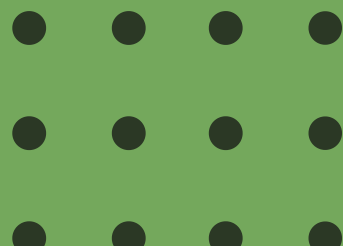
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# APPENDIX D ADA EVALUATION



# Town of Leicester ADA Self-Evaluation Report

## Part I: Administrative Requirements

### 1. Designation of ADA Coordinator

The ADA Coordinator for the Town of Leicester is Michael Silva, Building Inspector (see attached appointment memo dated February 3, 2022 referencing August 23, 2021 appointment).

### 2. Grievance Procedures

Grievance procedures were adopted by the Board of Selectmen on September 10, 2007 (copy attached).

### 3. Public Notification Requirements

The Town of Leicester publicly posts that the Town does not discriminate on the basis of disability (copy of notice attached).

### 4. Participation of Individuals with Disabilities or Organizations Representing the Disabled Community

The Town of Leicester worked with the Disability Commission in development of the 2011 ADA Assessment Report. The Disability Commission considered park access issues at the Disability Commission meetings held on October 19, 2021 and January 25, 2022 (notes attached).

## Part II: Program Accessibility

Leicester has a comprehensive Americans with Disabilities Transition Plan, which was prepared in 2011 and includes an evaluation of all Town-owned facilities, including Town-owned parks and recreational facilities. Given the age of this plan, the Town's ADA Coordinator opted to complete a new evaluation of each Town-owned park and recreational facility based on Department of Conservation Services guidance. This facility inventory is attached and includes:

- Burncoat Parks and Fields and Burncoat Beach on Town Beach Road
- Hillcrest Golf Course and Clubhouse 325 Pleasant St
- Lion's Park
- Rochdale Park 1050 Stafford Street
- Russell Memorial Park 90 South Main Street
- Town Common & Gazebo Washburn Square
- Towtaid Park Olney Street
- Waite Street 20 Waite Street (aka Community Field/Tarentino Park)

The Town's Commission on Disabilities was re-activated in 2011 and meets regularly; in November 2014, the Town adopted the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 8J (11/18/2014STM, Article 8).

In accordance with Leicester's 2011 OSRP, the Willow Road Conservation Area was not included in the 2021 ADA Facility Inventory. This is three (3) acre parcel that was donated to the Town by the National Wildlife Federation Endowment, Inc. The parcel contains woods and wetlands and is bisected by a National Grid Utility Easement. There are no parking spaces, trails, or other amenities at this site to evaluate for ADA accessibility.

## Part III: Employment Practices

The Town of Leicester's employment practices are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act with regard to Recruitment, Personnel Actions, Leave Administration, Training, Tests, Medical Exams/Questionnaires, Social & Recreational Programs, Fringe Benefits,

Collective Bargaining Agreements, and Wage & Salary Administration. See attached memo from the ADA Coordinator dated January 31, 2022.





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February 03, 2022

Michael Silva  
mjsbuilding@yahoo.com

Dear Michael Silva,

Please be advised that at a meeting of the Leicester Select Board held on 8/23/2021 you were appointed to the ADA Coordinator.

Please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 508-892-7011 to make arrangements to be sworn in and to ensure that your ethics training is up to date. Ethics training is required to be done every two years and ethics training must be complete to be sworn in.

You are ineligible to participate as a voting member of this Board/Committee until you have been sworn in, even upon reappointment.

Thank you for your service to the Town of Leicester. Please contact our office at 508-892-7000 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kristen L. Forsberg  
Assistant Town Administrator

cc: Town Clerk  
ADA Coordinator

# **ADA GRIEVANCE POLICY**

## **For the General Public**

### **EQUAL ACCESS TO FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES**

Maximum opportunity will be made available to receive citizen comments, complaints, and/or to resolve grievances or inquiries.

#### **STEP 1:**

The Town Administrator will be available to meet with citizens and employees during business hours.

When a complaint, grievance, request for program policy interpretation or clarification is received either in writing or through a meeting or telephone call, every effort will be made to create a record regarding the name, address, and telephone number of the person making the complaint, grievance, program policy interpretation or clarification. If the person desires to remain anonymous, he or she may.

A complaint, grievance, request for program policy interpretation or clarification will be responded to within ten (10) working days (if the person making the complaint is identified) in a format that is sensitive to the needs of the recipient, (i.e. verbally, enlarged type face, etc).

Copies of the complaint, grievance, or request for program policy interpretation or clarification and response will be forwarded to the appropriate town agency (i.e. park commission, conservation commission). If the grievance is not resolved at this level it will be progressed to the next level.

#### **STEP 2:**

A written grievance will be submitted to the Town Administrator. Assistance in writing the grievance will be available to all individuals. All written grievances will be responded to within ten (10) working days by the Town Administrator in a format that is sensitive to the needs of the recipient (i.e. verbally, enlarged type face, etc). If the grievance is not resolved at this level it will be progressed to the next level.

#### **STEP 3:**

If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved, citizens will be informed of the opportunity to meet and speak with the Board of Selectmen, with whom local authority for final grievance resolution lies.

*Adopted by Board of Selectmen on 9/10/07*



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Adopted 10/1/2019

### PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the requirements of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Town of Leicester will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

**Employment:** The Town of Leicester does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under title I of the ADA.

**Effective Communication:** The Town of Leicester will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Town of Leicester's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

**Modifications to Policies and Procedures:** The Town of Leicester will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Town of Leicester's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Town of Leicester, should contact the office of the Town Administrator as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Town of Leicester to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden. Complaints that a program, service, or activity of The Town of Leicester is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to the Town Administrator's Office.

The Town of Leicester will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MINUTES  
OCTOBER 19, 2021 AT 6:30pm  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:11pm. Selectman Herbie Duggan, Bonny Burks, Penny Sawa, Fred Swan, Deborah Nash, Valerie Kokernak and Assistant Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg were in attendance. There is currently one vacancy on the Commission.

Building Inspector Mike Silva discussed the ongoing Open Space and Recreation Plan Update. Ms. Forsberg will send out the ADA Self Assessments prepared by Mr. Silva. The Commission will rank the proposed improvements in order of priority at their next meeting.

Ms. Forsberg welcomed new member Bonny Burks who was appointed by the Select Board last night.

A motion was made by Mr. Duggan and seconded by Ms. Nash to accept the minutes of April 28, 2021. Roll call: 5:0:1 (Mr. Swan abstained).

Ms. Forsberg provided a brief overview of how the Commission was formed at Town Meeting and recommended the members review the Town of Leicester ADA Plan. The Central Mass Regional Planning Commission has applied for a grant to pay for the cost to update this 2011 ADA Plan.

Ms. Kokernak confirmed that the issue of people parking on the sidewalks on Stafford Street has been resolved.

Ms. Forsberg noted that consultant Fuss and O'Neill has been hired to design the proposed ADA improvements at Russell Park. A project kickoff meeting was held at the park last week.

Ms. Forsberg briefly discussed outstanding ADA improvements needed at Town Hall which primarily consist of doors and entryways.

Ms. Forsberg explained the fund set up for the Commission on Disabilities consisting of handicap parking fines. The handicap parking fine was increased from \$200 to \$300 and the extra \$100 is to be put into an account for the COD to use for accessibility improvements. To date, there are no funds yet in this account.

Ms. Kokernak set meetings for the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Duggan and seconded by Ms. Kokernak at 7:35pm. Roll call: 6:0:0.

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MINUTES  
JANUARY 25, 2022 AT 6:00PM  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. Selectman Herbie Duggan, Bonny Burks, Penny Sawa, Fred Swan, Ryan Winslow and Assistant Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg were in attendance. Chair Valerie Kokernak resigned earlier in the day, leaving two vacancies on the Commission.

**Motion 012522-1:** A motion was made by Mr. Duggan and seconded by Mr. Winslow to appoint Ryan Winslow as Chair, noting the Commission can reorganize at any time if Ms. Sawa or Mr. Swan are interested in the position. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**Motion 012522-2:** A motion was made by Mr. Duggan and seconded by Mr. Winslow to appoint Bonny Burks as Vice Chair. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**Motion 012522-3:** A motion was made by Mr. Winslow and seconded by Ms. Burks to appoint Herbie Duggan as Clerk. Roll call: 5:0:0.

The group reviewed the ADA self-assessments of Leicester outdoor recreation spaces as listed in the draft Open Space and Recreation Plan update and prioritized ADA upgrades as follows.

Town Common & Gazebo

**Motion 012522-4:** A motion was made by Mr. Winslow and seconded by Ms. Burks to prioritize the following ADA upgrades to the Town Common & Gazebo: create an accessible path to the gazebo, address the low handrail height on the left side of the gazebo and address the steep slope on the path to north main street. Roll call: 5:0:0.

Community Field (20 Waite Street)

**Motion 012522-5:** A motion was made by Ms. Burks and seconded by Mr. Winslow to prioritize the following ADA upgrades to Community Field: create an accessible path to the concession stand, playing field, spectator area and press box, create van accessible parking with appropriate signage, restripe and resurface parking spaces. Roll call: 5:0:0

Burncoat Park & Beach

**Motion 012522-6:** A motion was made by Mr. Winslow and seconded by Ms. Burks to table recommendations for ADA upgrades at Burncoat Park until September due to the ongoing DCR MassTrails grant improvements at the park. Roll call: 5:0:0

Towtaid Park (Olney Street)

**Motion 012522-7:** A motion was made by Ms. Burks and seconded by Mr. Duggan to prioritize the following ADA upgrades at Towtaid Park: create an accessible route to the playing area create van accessible parking, put in appropriate accessibility signage and marked spots, resurface the parking area. Ms. Forsberg Roll call: 5:0:0.

Lions Park

**Motion 012522-8:** A motion was made by Mr. Winslow and seconded by Ms. Burks to table recommendations for ADA upgrades at Lions Park until the next meeting pending a site visit and recommendations from the Building Inspector. Roll call: 5:0:0

Hillcrest Golf Course

**Motion 012522-9:** A motion was made by Mr. Winslow and seconded by Ms. Burks to table recommendations for ADA upgrades at Hilcrest Country Club until a site visit can be conducted in the spring. Roll call: 5:0:0

Russell Memorial Park (90 South Main)

Ms. Forsberg noted the Town has a current CDBG grant to remove architectural access barriers and will be pursuing a second CDBG grant to construct the required ADA improvements.

Rochdale Park (1050 Stafford Street)

**Motion 012522-10:** A motion was made by Mr. Duggan and seconded by Mr. Winslow to prioritize the following ADA upgrades at Rochdale Park: create an accessible path to travel to the baseball field, skate park and basketball court, disperse accessible parking across all parking locations, resurface and restripe parking lot and put up required signage. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**Motion 012522-11:** A motion was made by Ms. Burks and seconded by Mr. Duggan to approve the minutes of October 19, 2021. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**Motion 012522-12:** A motion was made by Mr. Winslow and seconded by Mr. Duggan to hold the next Commission on Disabilities meeting on February 23, 2022 at 6:30pm in person. Roll call: 5:0:0.

**Motion 012522-13:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Duggan and seconded by Mr. Winslow at 7:35pm. Roll call: 5:0:0.

## ADA Evaluation - Burncoat

### Burncoat Parks and Fields and Burncoat Beach on Town Beach Road- CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

<b>PARKING</b>			
Total Spaces	Required Accessible Spaces		
Up to 25	1 space		
26-50	2 spaces		
51-75	3 spaces		
76-100	4 spaces		
101-150	5 spaces		
151-200	6 spaces		
201-300	7 spaces		
301-400	8 spaces		
401-500	9 spaces		
Specification for Accessible Spaces	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance		X	No designated accessible parking locations.
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft		X	
Minimum width of 13ft includes 8ft space plus 5 ft access aisle		X	
Van space - minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle		X	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces		X	
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign		X	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)		X	
Surface slopes of less than 1:20, 5%		X	
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present			N/A
Curbcut is a minimum of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or yellow paint			N/A
<b>RAMPS</b>			
Specification	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Slope Maximum 1:12			N/A
Minimum width 4 ft between handrails			N/A
Handrails on both sides if ramp is longer than 6 ft			N/A
Handrails at 34" and 19" from ramp surface			N/A
Handrails extend 12" beyond top and bottom			N/A
Handgrip oval or round			N/A
Handgrip smooth surface			N/A
Handgrip diameter between 1½" and 2"			N/A
Clearance of 1½" between wall and wall rail			N/A
Non-slip surface			N/A
Level platforms (4ft x 4ft) at every 30ft, at top, at bottom, at change of direction			N/A

LOCATION

SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES			
Specification	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
<b>Site Access</b>			
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance		X	No accessible path to basketball court, baseball field, and the beach.
Disembarking area at accessible entrance		X	
Surface evenly spaced or hard-packed		X	
No ponding of water		X	
<b>Path of travel</b>			
Path does not require the use of stairs	X		
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant		X	
3 ft wide minimum		X	
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50)		X	
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ "		X	
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using cane			N/A
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"			N/A
Curb on pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs			N/A
<b>Entrances</b>			
Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance			N/A
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors			N/A
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)			N/A
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door			N/A
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist			N/A
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space			N/A
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible			N/A
Door mats less than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are securely fastened			N/A
Door mats more than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are recessed			N/A
Grates in path of travel have openings of $\frac{1}{2}$ " maximum			N/A
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance			N/A
Emergency egress - alarms with flashing lights and audible signals, sufficiently lighted			N/A

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## ADA Evaluation - Burncoat

### LOCATION

<b>STAIRS AND DOORS</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b><i>Stairs</i></b>			
No open risers			N/A
Nosings not projecting			N/A
Treads no less than 11" wide			N/A
Handrails on both sides			N/A
Handrails 34"-38" above tread			N/A
Handrail extends a minimum of 1 ft beyond top and bottom riser (if no safety hazard and space permits)			N/A
Handgrip oval or round			N/A
Handgrip has a smooth surface			N/A
Handgrip diameter between 1¼" and 1½"			N/A
1½" clearance between wall and handrail			N/A
<b><i>Doors</i></b>			
Minimum 32" clear opening			N/A
At least 18" clear floor space on pull side of door			N/A
Closing speed minimum 3 seconds to within 3" of the latch			N/A
Maximum pressure 5 pounds interior doors			N/A
Threshold maximum ½" high, beveled on both sides			N/A
Hardware operable with a closed fist (no conventional door knobs or thumb latch devices)			N/A
Hardware minimum 36", maximum 48" above the floor			N/A
Clear, level floor space extends out 5 ft from both sides of the door			N/A
Door adjacent to revolving door is accessible and unlocked			N/A
Doors opening into hazardous area have hardware that is knurled or roughened			N/A

### NOTES

## ADA Evaluation - Burncoat

### LOCATION

<b>RESTROOMS - also see Doors and Vestibules</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
5 ft turning space measured 12" from the floor			N/A
<b>At least one Sink:</b>			N/A
Clear floor space of 30" by 48" to allow a forward approach			N/A
Mounted without pedestal or legs, height 34" to top of rim			N/A
Extends at least 22" from the wall			N/A
Open knee space a minimum 19" deep, 30" width, and 27" high			N/A
Cover exposed pipes with insulation			N/A
Faucets operable with closed fist (lever or spring activated handle)			N/A
<b>At least one Stall:</b>			
Accessible to person using wheelchair at 60" wide by 72" deep			N/A
Stall door is 36" wide			N/A
Stall door swings out			N/A
Stall door is self closing			N/A
Stall door has a pull latch			N/A
Lock on stall door is operable with a closed fist, and 32" above the floor			N/A
Coat hook is 54" high			N/A
<b>Toilet</b>			
18" from center to nearest side wall			N/A
42" minimum clear space from center to farthest wall or fixture			N/A
Top of seat 17"-19" above the floor			N/A
<b>Grab Bars</b>			N/A
On back and side wall closest to toilet			N/A
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter			N/A
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " clearance to wall			N/A
Located 30" above and parallel to the floor			N/A
Acid-etched or roughened surface			N/A
42" long			N/A
<b>Fixtures</b>			
Toilet paper dispenser is 24" above floor			N/A
One mirror set a maximum 38" to bottom (if tilted, 42")			N/A
Dispensers (towel, soap, etc) at least one of each a maximum 42" above the floor			N/A

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**LOCATION**

<b>FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Floors</b>			
Non-slip surface			N/A
Carpeting is high-density, low pile, non-absorbent, stretched taut, securely anchored			N/A
Corridor width minimum is 3 ft			N/A
Objects (signs, ceiling lights, fixtures) can only protrude 4" into the path of travel from a height of 27" to 80" above the floor			N/A
<b>Drinking Fountains</b>			
Spouts no higher than 36" from floor to outlet			N/A
Hand operated push button or level controls			N/A
Spouts located near front with stream of water as parallel to front as possible			N/A
If recessed, recess a minimum 30" width, and no deeper than depth of fountain			N/A
If no clear knee space underneath, clear floor space 30" x 48" to allow parallel approach			N/A
<b>Telephones</b>			
Highest operating part a maximum 54" above the floor			N/A
Access within 12" of phone, 30" high by 30" wide			N/A
Adjustable volume control on headset so identified			N/A
<b>SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<b>Switches, Controls and Signs</b>			
Switches and controls for light, heat, ventilation, windows, fire alarms, thermostats, etc, must be a minimum of 36" and a maximum of 48" above the floor for a forward reach, a maximum of 54" for a side reach			N/A
Electrical outlets centered no lower than 18" above the floor			N/A
Warning signals must be visual as well as audible			N/A
<b>Signs</b>			
Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign			N/A
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed			N/A
Letters and numbers at least 1½" high			N/A
Letters and numbers raised .03"			N/A
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color			N/A

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## ADA Evaluation - Burncoat

### LOCATION

<b>SWIMMING POOLS - accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Ramp at least 34" wide with a non-slip surface extending into the shallow end, slope not exceeding 1:6 with handrails on both sides			No swimming pools
Lifting device			No swimming pools
Transfer area 18" above the path of travel and a minimum of 18" wide			No swimming pools
Unobstructed path of travel not less than 48" wide around pool			No swimming pools
Non-slip surface			No swimming pools

### LOCATION

<b>SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Stalls 36" by 60" minimum, with a 36" door opening			N/A
Floors are pitched to drain the stall at the corner farthest from entrance			N/A
Floors are non-slip surface			N/A
Controls operate by a single lever with a pressure balance mixing valve			N/A
Controls are located on the center wall adjacent to the hinged seat			N/A
Shower heads attached to a flexible metal hose			N/A
Shower heads attached to wall mounting adjustable from 42" to 72" above the floor			N/A
Seat is hinged and padded and at least 16" deep, folds upward, securely attached to side wall, height is 18" to the top of the seat, and at least 24" long			N/A
Soap trays without handhold features unless they can support 250 pounds			N/A
2 grab bars are provided, one 30" and one 48" long, or one continuous L shaped bar			N/A
Grab bars are placed horizontally at 36" above the floor line			N/A

### LOCATION

<b>PICNICKING</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
A minimum of 5% of the total tables must be accessible with clear space under the table top not less than 30" wide and 19" deep per seating space and not less than 27" clear from the ground to the underside of the table. An additional 29" clear space (totaling 48") must extend beyond the 19" clear space under the table to provide access			N/A
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep.			N/A
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground			N/A
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firm and slipresistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions			N/A
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter			N/A

## ADA Evaluation - Hillcrest

### Hillcrest Golf Course and Clubhouse 325 Pleasant St

<b>PARKING</b>			
Total Spaces	Required Accessible Spaces		
Up to 25	1 space		
26-50	2 spaces		
51-75	3 spaces		
76-100	4 spaces		
101-150	5 spaces		
151-200	6 spaces		
201-300	7 spaces		
301-400	8 spaces		
401-500	9 spaces		
Specification for Accessible Spaces	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance	X		
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft			N/A
Minimum width of 13ft includes 8ft space plus 5 ft access aisle	X		
Van space - minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle		X	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces		X	Pavement needs restriping.
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign			Accessible parking spaces do not have signage.
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)			Path from parking to pro shop is uneven and cracked.
Surface slopes of less than 1:20, 5%	X		
Curbscut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present			N/A
Curbscut is a minimum of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or yellow paint			Curb at clubhouse exceeds 1:12. Transition at the top and bottom is uneven.
<b>RAMPS</b>			
Specification	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Slope Maximum 1:12			N/A
Minimum width 4 ft between handrails			N/A
Handrails on both sides if ramp is longer than 6 ft			N/A
Handrails at 34" and 19" from ramp surface			N/A
Handrails extend 12" beyond top and bottom			N/A
Handgrip oval or round			N/A
Handgrip smooth surface			N/A
Handgrip diameter between 1½" and 2"			N/A
Clearance of 1½" between wall and wall rail			N/A
Non-slip surface			N/A
Level platforms (4ft x 4ft) at every 30ft, at top, at bottom, at change of direction			N/A

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### LOCATION

<b>SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Site Access</b>			
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance		X	
Disembarking area at accessible entrance		X	
Surface evenly spaced or hard-packed		X	
No ponding of water		X	
<b>Path of travel</b>			
Path does not require the use of stairs			No accessible route to entrance of Pro Shop. 4" step. Entrance threshold 5". No accessible route to performance area in the clubhouse and patio area.
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant			Path to the Pro Shop and path from the Pro Shop to the golf cart area is not stable, firm and slip resistant.
3 ft wide minimum	X		
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50)		X	
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ "		X	
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using cane	X		
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"	X		
Curb on pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs			N/A
<b>Entrances</b>			
Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance		X	
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors		X	
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)		X	
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door	X		
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist	X		
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space	X		
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible			N/A
Door mats less than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are securely fastened			N/A
Door mats more than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are recessed			N/A
Grates in path of travel have openings of $\frac{1}{2}$ " maximum			N/A
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance			N/A
Emergency egress - alarms with flashing lights and			N/A

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audible signals, sufficiently lighted			
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### LOCATION

<b>STAIRS AND DOORS</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Stairs</b>			
No open risers		X	
Nosings not projecting	X		
Treads no less than 11" wide	X		
Handrails on both sides		X	
Handrails 34"-38" above tread	X		
Handrail extends a minimum of 1 ft beyond top and bottom riser (if no safety hazard and space permits)		X	
Handgrip oval or round		X	
Handgrip has a smooth surface		X	
Handgrip diameter between 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "		X	
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " clearance between wall and handrail			N/A
<b>Doors</b>			
Minimum 32" clear opening	X		
At least 18" clear floor space on pull side of door	X		
Closing speed minimum 3 seconds to within 3" of the latch		X	
Maximum pressure 5 pounds interior doors	X		
Threshold maximum $\frac{1}{2}$ " high, beveled on both sides		X	
Hardware operable with a closed fist (no conventional door knobs or thumb latch devices)		X	<i>Some door hardware is not easy to grasp with one hand. Requires tight grasping, pinching and twisting of the wrist.</i>
Hardware minimum 36", maximum 48" above the floor		X	
Clear, level floor space extends out 5 ft from both sides of the door		X	
Door adjacent to revolving door is accessible and unlocked			N/A
Doors opening into hazardous area have hardware that is knurled or roughened			N/A

### NOTES

- Counter in the Pro Shop does not have a 36" high and 36" wide section.
- The bar does not have a section 34" high and 60" wide.



## ADA Evaluation - Hillcrest

### LOCATION

<b>RESTROOMS - also see Doors and Vestibules</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
5 ft turning space measured 12" from the floor		X	
<b>At least one Sink:</b>			
Clear floor space of 30" by 48" to allow a forward approach		X	
Mounted without pedestal or legs, height 34" to top of rim		X	
Extends at least 22" from the wall		X	Men's room counter at 19" off wall.
Open knee space a minimum 19" deep, 30" width, and 27" high		X	Woman's room does not have 27" knee clearance.
Cover exposed pipes with insulation		X	Pipes under woman's and men's room sink are not insulated or recessed.
Faucets operable with closed fist (lever or spring activated handle)		X	Woman's room faucets require grasping, pinching, and twisting of the wrist.
<b>At least one Stall:</b>			
Accessible to person using wheelchair at 60" wide by 72" deep		X	Woman's room not accessible.
Stall door is 36" wide		X	Woman's room stall is 26" wide.
Stall door swings out	X		
Stall door is self closing		X	
Stall door has a pull latch	X		
Lock on stall door is operable with a closed fist, and 32" above the floor			Stall door requires grasping, pinching, and twisting of the wrist in woman's toilet room.
Coat hook is 54" high		X	Coat hook in woman's toilet room is greater than 54".
<b>Toilet</b>			
18" from center to nearest side wall			
42" minimum clear space from center to farthest wall or fixture	X		Toilet clearance in woman's toilet room is less than 59" (actually 53").
Top of seat 17"-19" above the floor			
<b>Grab Bars</b>			
On back and side wall closest to toilet		X	No rear grab bar and side grab bar less than 42" in woman's room. Side grab bar in men's toilet room extends less than 54" and Toilet paper dispenser interferes with use.
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter	X		
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " clearance to wall		X	
Located 30" above and parallel to the floor	X		
Acid-etched or roughened surface	X		
42" long		X	
<b>Fixtures</b>			
Toilet paper dispenser is 24" above floor	X		

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One mirror set a maximum 38" to bottom (if tilted, 42")		X	<i>Women's and men's room mirror mounted above 38"</i>
Dispensers (towel, soap, etc) at least one of each a maximum 42" above the floor		X	<i>Men's and women's room paper towel dispenser is mounted greater than 42" high.</i>

### NOTES

- Flush valve in woman's room is on wrong side of the toilet.
- No lowered urinal 17" high in the men's room.

## ADA Evaluation - Hillcrest

### LOCATION

FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES			
Specification	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
<b>Floors</b>			
Non-slip surface		X	
Carpeting is high-density, low pile, non-absorbent, stretched taut, securely anchored		X	
Corridor width minimum is 3 ft	X		
Objects (signs, ceiling lights, fixtures) can only protrude 4" into the path of travel from a height of 27" to 80" above the floor	X		
<b>Drinking Fountains</b>			
Spouts no higher than 36" from floor to outlet			N/A
Hand operated push button or level controls			N/A
Spouts located near front with stream of water as parallel to front as possible			N/A
If recessed, recess a minimum 30" width, and no deeper than depth of fountain			N/A
If no clear knee space underneath, clear floor space 30" x 48" to allow parallel approach			N/A
<b>Telephones</b>			
Highest operating part a maximum 54" above the floor			N/A
Access within 12" of phone, 30" high by 30" wide			N/A
Adjustable volume control on headset so identified			N/A
<b>SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES</b>			
Specification	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
<b>Switches, Controls and Signs</b>			
Switches and controls for light, heat, ventilation, windows, fire alarms, thermostats, etc, must be a minimum of 36" and a maximum of 48" above the floor for a forward reach, a maximum of 54" for a side reach		X	
Electrical outlets centered no lower than 18" above the floor	X		
Warning signals must be visual as well as audible		X	
<b>Signs</b>			
Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign		X	
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed		X	
Letters and numbers at least 1½" high		X	
Letters and numbers raised .03"		X	Bathroom signage does not have tactile and Braille lettering.
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color		X	

### NOTES

-Bathroom signage not mounted on the latch side of the door.

## ADA Evaluation - Hillcrest

### LOCATION

<b>SWIMMING POOLS - accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Ramp at least 34" wide with a non-slip surface extending into the shallow end, slope not exceeding 1:6 with handrails on both sides			No swimming pools
Lifting device			No swimming pools
Transfer area 18" above the path of travel and a minimum of 18" wide			No swimming pools
Unobstructed path of travel not less than 48" wide around pool			No swimming pools
Non-slip surface			No swimming pools

### LOCATION

<b>SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Stalls 36" by 60" minimum, with a 36" door opening			N/A
Floors are pitched to drain the stall at the corner farthest from entrance			N/A
Floors are non-slip surface			N/A
Controls operate by a single lever with a pressure balance mixing valve			N/A
Controls are located on the center wall adjacent to the hinged seat			N/A
Shower heads attached to a flexible metal hose			N/A
Shower heads attached to wall mounting adjustable from 42" to 72" above the floor			N/A
Seat is hinged and padded and at least 16" deep, folds upward, securely attached to side wall, height is 18" to the top of the seat, and at least 24" long			N/A
Soap trays without handhold features unless they can support 250 pounds			N/A
2 grab bars are provided, one 30" and one 48" long, or one continuous L shaped bar			N/A
Grab bars are placed horizontally at 36" above the floor line			N/A

### LOCATION

<b>PICNICKING</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
A minimum of 5% of the total tables must be accessible with clear space under the table top not less than 30" wide and 19" deep per seating space and not less than 27" clear from the ground to the underside of the table. An additional 29" clear space (totaling 48") must extend beyond the 19" clear space under the table to provide access			N/A
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep.			N/A
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground			N/A
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firm and slipresistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions			N/A
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter			N/A

## ADA Evaluation - Lion's Park

### Lion's Park

<b>PARKING</b>			
Total Spaces	Required Accessible Spaces		
Up to 25	1 space		
26-50	2 spaces		
51-75	3 spaces		
76-100	4 spaces		
101-150	5 spaces		
151-200	6 spaces		
201-300	7 spaces		
301-400	8 spaces		
401-500	9 spaces		
Specification for Accessible Spaces	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance		X	No accessible parking.
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft		X	
Minimum width of 13ft includes 8ft space plus 5 ft access aisle		X	
Van space - minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle		X	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces		X	
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign		X	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)		X	
Surface slopes of less than 1:20, 5%		X	
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present			N/A
Curbcut is a minimum of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or yellow paint			N/A
<b>RAMPS</b>			
Specification	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Slope Maximum 1:12			N/A
Minimum width 4 ft between handrails			N/A
Handrails on both sides if ramp is longer than 6 ft			N/A
Handrails at 34" and 19" from ramp surface			N/A
Handrails extend 12" beyond top and bottom			N/A
Handgrip oval or round			N/A
Handgrip smooth surface			N/A
Handgrip diameter between 1½" and 2"			N/A
Clearance of 1½" between wall and wall rail			N/A
Non-slip surface			N/A
Level platforms (4ft x 4ft) at every 30ft, at top, at bottom, at change of direction			N/A

## ADA Evaluation - Lion's Park

### LOCATION

SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES			
Specification	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
<b>Site Access</b>			
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance		X	
Disembarking area at accessible entrance		X	
Surface evenly spaced or hard-packed		X	Path from sidewalk to park is uneven.
No ponding of water		X	Water collects on the surface of path.
<b>Path of travel</b>			
Path does not require the use of stairs	X		
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant		X	
3 ft wide minimum	X		
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50)		X	
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ "		X	Change in level greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ " and bricks are loose.
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using cane		X	
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"			N/A
Curb on pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs			N/A
<b>Entrances</b>			
Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance			N/A
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors			N/A
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)			N/A
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door			N/A
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist			N/A
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space			N/A
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible			N/A
Door mats less than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are securely fastened			N/A
Door mats more than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are recessed			N/A
Grates in path of travel have openings of $\frac{1}{2}$ " maximum			N/A
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance			N/A
Emergency egress - alarms with flashing lights and audible signals, sufficiently lighted			N/A

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## ADA Evaluation - Lion's Park

### LOCATION

<b>STAIRS AND DOORS</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Stairs</b>			
No open risers			N/A
Nosings not projecting			N/A
Treads no less than 11" wide			N/A
Handrails on both sides			N/A
Handrails 34"-38" above tread			N/A
Handrail extends a minimum of 1 ft beyond top and bottom riser (if no safety hazard and space permits)			N/A
Handgrip oval or round			N/A
Handgrip has a smooth surface			N/A
Handgrip diameter between 1¼" and 1½"			N/A
1½" clearance between wall and handrail			N/A
<b>Doors</b>			
Minimum 32" clear opening			N/A
At least 18" clear floor space on pull side of door			N/A
Closing speed minimum 3 seconds to within 3" of the latch			N/A
Maximum pressure 5 pounds interior doors			N/A
Threshold maximum ½" high, beveled on both sides			N/A
Hardware operable with a closed fist (no conventional door knobs or thumb latch devices)			N/A
Hardware minimum 36", maximum 48" above the floor			N/A
Clear, level floor space extends out 5 ft from both sides of the door			N/A
Door adjacent to revolving door is accessible and unlocked			N/A
Doors opening into hazardous area have hardware that is knurled or roughened			N/A

### NOTES

## ADA Evaluation - Lion's Park

### LOCATION

<b>RESTROOMS - also see Doors and Vestibules</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
5 ft turning space measured 12" from the floor			N/A
<b>At least one Sink:</b>			N/A
Clear floor space of 30" by 48" to allow a forward approach			N/A
Mounted without pedestal or legs, height 34" to top of rim			N/A
Extends at least 22" from the wall			N/A
Open knee space a minimum 19" deep, 30" width, and 27" high			N/A
Cover exposed pipes with insulation			N/A
Faucets operable with closed fist (lever or spring activated handle)			N/A
<b>At least one Stall:</b>			
Accessible to person using wheelchair at 60" wide by 72" deep			N/A
Stall door is 36" wide			N/A
Stall door swings out			N/A
Stall door is self closing			N/A
Stall door has a pull latch			N/A
Lock on stall door is operable with a closed fist, and 32" above the floor			N/A
Coat hook is 54" high			N/A
<b>Toilet</b>			
18" from center to nearest side wall			N/A
42" minimum clear space from center to farthest wall or fixture			N/A
Top of seat 17"-19" above the floor			N/A
<b>Grab Bars</b>			N/A
On back and side wall closest to toilet			N/A
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter			N/A
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " clearance to wall			N/A
Located 30" above and parallel to the floor			N/A
Acid-etched or roughened surface			N/A
42" long			N/A
<b>Fixtures</b>			
Toilet paper dispenser is 24" above floor			N/A
One mirror set a maximum 38" to bottom (if tilted, 42")			N/A
Dispensers (towel, soap, etc) at least one of each a maximum 42" above the floor			N/A

### NOTES



## ADA Evaluation - Lion's Park

### LOCATION

<b>FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Floors</b>			
Non-slip surface			N/A
Carpeting is high-density, low pile, non-absorbent, stretched taut, securely anchored			N/A
Corridor width minimum is 3 ft			N/A
Objects (signs, ceiling lights, fixtures) can only protrude 4" into the path of travel from a height of 27" to 80" above the floor			N/A
<b>Drinking Fountains</b>			
Spouts no higher than 36" from floor to outlet			N/A
Hand operated push button or level controls			N/A
Spouts located near front with stream of water as parallel to front as possible			N/A
If recessed, recess a minimum 30" width, and no deeper than depth of fountain			N/A
If no clear knee space underneath, clear floor space 30" x 48" to allow parallel approach			N/A
<b>Telephones</b>			
Highest operating part a maximum 54" above the floor			N/A
Access within 12" of phone, 30" high by 30" wide			N/A
Adjustable volume control on headset so identified			N/A
<b>SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<b>Switches, Controls and Signs</b>			
Switches and controls for light, heat, ventilation, windows, fire alarms, thermostats, etc, must be a minimum of 36" and a maximum of 48" above the floor for a forward reach, a maximum of 54" for a side reach			N/A
Electrical outlets centered no lower than 18" above the floor			N/A
Warning signals must be visual as well as audible			N/A
<b>Signs</b>			
Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign			N/A
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed			N/A
Letters and numbers at least 1½" high			N/A
Letters and numbers raised .03"			N/A
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color			N/A

### NOTES

## ADA Evaluation - Lion's Park

### LOCATION

<b>SWIMMING POOLS - accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Ramp at least 34" wide with a non-slip surface extending into the shallow end, slope not exceeding 1:6 with handrails on both sides			No swimming pools
Lifting device			No swimming pools
Transfer area 18" above the path of travel and a minimum of 18" wide			No swimming pools
Unobstructed path of travel not less than 48" wide around pool			No swimming pools
Non-slip surface			No swimming pools

### LOCATION

<b>SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Stalls 36" by 60" minimum, with a 36" door opening			N/A
Floors are pitched to drain the stall at the corner farthest from entrance			N/A
Floors are non-slip surface			N/A
Controls operate by a single lever with a pressure balance mixing valve			N/A
Controls are located on the center wall adjacent to the hinged seat			N/A
Shower heads attached to a flexible metal hose			N/A
Shower heads attached to wall mounting adjustable from 42" to 72" above the floor			N/A
Seat is hinged and padded and at least 16" deep, folds upward, securely attached to side wall, height is 18" to the top of the seat, and at least 24" long			N/A
Soap trays without handhold features unless they can support 250 pounds			N/A
2 grab bars are provided, one 30" and one 48" long, or one continuous L shaped bar			N/A
Grab bars are placed horizontally at 36" above the floor line			N/A

### LOCATION

<b>PICNICKING</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
A minimum of 5% of the total tables must be accessible with clear space under the table top not less than 30" wide and 19" deep per seating space and not less than 27" clear from the ground to the underside of the table. An additional 29" clear space (totaling 48") must extend beyond the 19" clear space under the table to provide access			N/A
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep.			N/A
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground			N/A
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firm and slipresistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions			N/A
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter			N/A

## ADA Evaluation - Rochdale Park

Rochdale Park 1050 Stafford Street

<b>PARKING</b>			
Total Spaces	Required Accessible Spaces		
Up to 25	1 space		
26-50	2 spaces		
51-75	3 spaces		
76-100	4 spaces		
101-150	5 spaces		
151-200	6 spaces		
201-300	7 spaces		
301-400	8 spaces		
401-500	9 spaces		
Specification for Accessible Spaces	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance		X	No accessible path to travel to baseball field, skate park, and basketball court.
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft		X	Accessible parking not dispersed across parking locations.
Minimum width of 13ft includes 8ft space plus 5 ft access aisle		X	No pavement markings. Need to be restriped.
Van space - minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle		X	Signage does not contain the words "van accessible".
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces	X		
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign		X	Signage able to be obscured by parked vehicles.
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)		X	Parking area has cracks and uneven surfaces.
Surface slopes of less than 1:20, 5%		X	Accessible parking area not level.
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present			N/A
Curbcut is a minimum of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or yellow paint			N/A
<b>No RAMPS</b>			
Specification	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Slope Maximum 1:12			N/A
Minimum width 4 ft between handrails			N/A
Handrails on both sides if ramp is longer than 6 ft			N/A
Handrails at 34" and 19" from ramp surface			N/A
Handrails extend 12" beyond top and bottom			N/A
Handgrip oval or round			N/A
Handgrip smooth surface			N/A
Handgrip diameter between 1½" and 2"			N/A
Clearance of 1½" between wall and wall rail			N/A
Non-slip surface			N/A
Level platforms (4ft x 4ft) at every 30ft, at top, at bottom, at change of direction			N/A

## ADA Evaluation - Rochdale Park

### LOCATION

<b>SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Site Access</b>			
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance		X	No accessible path to travel to baseball field, skate park, and basketball court. Accessible parking not dispersed across parking locations.
Disembarking area at accessible entrance		X	
Surface evenly spaced or hard-packed	X		
No ponding of water		X	<i>Ponding by accessible spot.</i>
<b>Path of travel</b>			
Path does not require the use of stairs	X		
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant		X	
3 ft wide minimum		X	
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50)		X	
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ "		X	
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using cane	X		
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"	X		
Curb on pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs		X	
<b>Entrances</b>			
Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance			N/A
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors			N/A
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)			N/A
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door			N/A
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist			N/A
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space			N/A
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible			N/A
Door mats less than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are securely fastened			N/A
Door mats more than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are recessed			N/A
Grates in path of travel have openings of $\frac{1}{2}$ " maximum			N/A
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance			N/A
Emergency egress - alarms with flashing lights and audible signals, sufficiently lighted			N/A

### NOTES

## ADA Evaluation - Rochdale Park

### LOCATION

<b>STAIRS AND DOORS</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Stairs</b>			
No open risers			N/A
Nosings not projecting			N/A
Treads no less than 11" wide			N/A
Handrails on both sides			N/A
Handrails 34"-38" above tread			N/A
Handrail extends a minimum of 1 ft beyond top and bottom riser (if no safety hazard and space permits)			N/A
Handgrip oval or round			N/A
Handgrip has a smooth surface			N/A
Handgrip diameter between 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "			N/A
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " clearance between wall and handrail			N/A
<b>Doors</b>			
Minimum 32" clear opening			N/A
At least 18" clear floor space on pull side of door			N/A
Closing speed minimum 3 seconds to within 3" of the latch			N/A
Maximum pressure 5 pounds interior doors			N/A
Threshold maximum $\frac{1}{2}$ " high, beveled on both sides			N/A
Hardware operable with a closed fist (no conventional door knobs or thumb latch devices)			N/A
Hardware minimum 36", maximum 48" above the floor			N/A
Clear, level floor space extends out 5 ft from both sides of the door			N/A
Door adjacent to revolving door is accessible and unlocked			N/A
Doors opening into hazardous area have hardware that is knurled or roughened			N/A

### NOTES

## ADA Evaluation - Rochdale Park

### LOCATION

<b>RESTROOMS - also see Doors and Vestibules</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
5 ft turning space measured 12" from the floor			N/A
<b>At least one Sink:</b>			N/A
Clear floor space of 30" by 48" to allow a forward approach			N/A
Mounted without pedestal or legs, height 34" to top of rim			N/A
Extends at least 22" from the wall			N/A
Open knee space a minimum 19" deep, 30" width, and 27" high			N/A
Cover exposed pipes with insulation			N/A
Faucets operable with closed fist (lever or spring activated handle)			N/A
<b>At least one Stall:</b>			
Accessible to person using wheelchair at 60" wide by 72" deep			N/A
Stall door is 36" wide			N/A
Stall door swings out			N/A
Stall door is self closing			N/A
Stall door has a pull latch			N/A
Lock on stall door is operable with a closed fist, and 32" above the floor			N/A
Coat hook is 54" high			N/A
<b>Toilet</b>			
18" from center to nearest side wall			N/A
42" minimum clear space from center to farthest wall or fixture			N/A
Top of seat 17"-19" above the floor			N/A
<b>Grab Bars</b>			N/A
On back and side wall closest to toilet			N/A
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter			N/A
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " clearance to wall			N/A
Located 30" above and parallel to the floor			N/A
Acid-etched or roughened surface			N/A
42" long			N/A
<b>Fixtures</b>			
Toilet paper dispenser is 24" above floor			N/A
One mirror set a maximum 38" to bottom (if tilted, 42")			N/A
Dispensers (towel, soap, etc) at least one of each a maximum 42" above the floor			N/A

### NOTES

## ADA Evaluation - Rochdale Park

### LOCATION

FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES			
Specification	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
<b>Floors</b>			
Non-slip surface			N/A
Carpeting is high-density, low pile, non-absorbent, stretched taut, securely anchored			N/A
Corridor width minimum is 3 ft			N/A
Objects (signs, ceiling lights, fixtures) can only protrude 4" into the path of travel from a height of 27" to 80" above the floor			N/A
<b>Drinking Fountains</b>			
Spouts no higher than 36" from floor to outlet			N/A
Hand operated push button or level controls			N/A
Spouts located near front with stream of water as parallel to front as possible			N/A
If recessed, recess a minimum 30" width, and no deeper than depth of fountain			N/A
If no clear knee space underneath, clear floor space 30" x 48" to allow parallel approach			N/A
<b>Telephones</b>			
Highest operating part a maximum 54" above the floor			N/A
Access within 12" of phone, 30" high by 30" wide			N/A
Adjustable volume control on headset so identified			N/A
<b>SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES</b>			
Specification	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Switches, Controls and Signs</b>			
Switches and controls for light, heat, ventilation, windows, fire alarms, thermostats, etc, must be a minimum of 36" and a maximum of 48" above the floor for a forward reach, a maximum of 54" for a side reach			N/A
Electrical outlets centered no lower than 18" above the floor			N/A
Warning signals must be visual as well as audible			N/A
<b>Signs</b>			
Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign			N/A
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed			N/A
Letters and numbers at least 1½" high			N/A
Letters and numbers raised .03"			N/A
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color			N/A

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## ADA Evaluation - Rochdale Park

### LOCATION

<b>SWIMMING POOLS - accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Ramp at least 34" wide with a non-slip surface extending into the shallow end, slope not exceeding 1:6 with handrails on both sides			No Swimming Pools
Lifting device			No Swimming Pools
Transfer area 18" above the path of travel and a minimum of 18" wide			No Swimming Pools
Unobstructed path of travel not less than 48" wide around pool			No Swimming Pools
Non-slip surface			No Swimming Pools

### LOCATION

<b>SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Stalls 36" by 60" minimum, with a 36" door opening			N/A
Floors are pitched to drain the stall at the corner farthest from entrance			N/A
Floors are non-slip surface			N/A
Controls operate by a single lever with a pressure balance mixing valve			N/A
Controls are located on the center wall adjacent to the hinged seat			N/A
Shower heads attached to a flexible metal hose			N/A
Shower heads attached to wall mounting adjustable from 42" to 72" above the floor			N/A
Seat is hinged and padded and at least 16" deep, folds upward, securely attached to side wall, height is 18" to the top of the seat, and at least 24" long			N/A
Soap trays without handhold features unless they can support 250 pounds			N/A
2 grab bars are provided, one 30" and one 48" long, or one continuous L shaped bar			N/A
Grab bars are placed horizontally at 36" above the floor line			N/A

### LOCATION

<b>PICNICKING</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
A minimum of 5% of the total tables must be accessible with clear space under the table top not less than 30" wide and 19" deep per seating space and not less than 27" clear from the ground to the underside of the table. An additional 29" clear space (totaling 48") must extend beyond the 19" clear space under the table to provide access			N/A
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep.			N/A
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground			N/A
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firm and slipresistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions			N/A
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter			N/A



## ADA Evaluation - Russell Memorial Park

### Russell Memorial Park 90 South Main Street

<b>PARKING</b>			
Total Spaces	Required Accessible Spaces		
Up to 25	1 space		
26-50	2 spaces		
51-75	3 spaces		
76-100	4 spaces		
101-150	5 spaces		
151-200	6 spaces		
201-300	7 spaces		
301-400	8 spaces		
401-500	9 spaces		
Specification for Accessible Spaces	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance	X		
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft			N/A
Minimum width of 13ft includes 8ft space plus 5 ft access aisle		X	No striped parking locations or access aisle at accessible parking signs.
Van space - minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle		X	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces	X		
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign		X	Parking signs obscured by parked vehicle.
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)		X	
Surface slopes of less than 1:20, 5%	X		
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present			N/A
Curbcut is a minimum of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or yellow paint			N/A
<b>RAMPS</b>			
Specification	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Slope Maximum 1:12			N/A
Minimum width 4 ft between handrails			N/A
Handrails on both sides if ramp is longer than 6 ft			N/A
Handrails at 34" and 19" from ramp surface			N/A
Handrails extend 12" beyond top and bottom			N/A
Handgrip oval or round			N/A
Handgrip smooth surface			N/A
Handgrip diameter between 1½" and 2"			N/A
Clearance of 1½" between wall and wall rail			N/A
Non-slip surface			N/A
Level platforms (4ft x 4ft) at every 30ft, at top, at bottom, at change of direction			N/A

## ADA Evaluation - Russell Memorial Park

### LOCATION

<b>SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Site Access</b>			
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance		X	No accessible route to playing fields, bleachers, dugouts, concession stand, press box, and playground.
Disembarking area at accessible entrance		X	
Surface evenly spaced or hard-packed		X	
No ponding of water		X	Ponding by accessible spots.
<b>Path of travel</b>			
Path does not require the use of stairs	X		
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant		X	Paths are not firm, stable or slip resistant.
3 ft wide minimum			
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50)		X	
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ "		X	Path to dugout and seating area has changes in level greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using cane		X	
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"		X	
Curb on pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs			N/A
<b>Entrances</b>			
Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance			N/A
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors			N/A
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)			N/A
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door			N/A
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist			N/A
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space			N/A
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible			N/A
Door mats less than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are securely fastened			N/A
Door mats more than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are recessed			N/A
Grates in path of travel have openings of $\frac{1}{2}$ " maximum			N/A
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance			N/A
Emergency egress - alarms with flashing lights and audible signals, sufficiently lighted			N/A

### NOTES

## ADA Evaluation - Russell Memorial Park

### LOCATION

<b>STAIRS AND DOORS</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Stairs</b>			
No open risers	X		
Nosings not projecting	X		
Treads no less than 11" wide	X		
Handrails on both sides	X		
Handrails 34"-38" above tread	X		
Handrail extends a minimum of 1 ft beyond top and bottom riser (if no safety hazard and space permits)		X	
Handgrip oval or round		X	
Handgrip has a smooth surface		X	
Handgrip diameter between 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "		X	
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " clearance between wall and handrail	X		
<b>Doors</b>			
Minimum 32" clear opening			N/A
At least 18" clear floor space on pull side of door			N/A
Closing speed minimum 3 seconds to within 3" of the latch			N/A
Maximum pressure 5 pounds interior doors			N/A
Threshold maximum $\frac{1}{2}$ " high, beveled on both sides			N/A
Hardware operable with a closed fist (no conventional door knobs or thumb latch devices)			N/A
Hardware minimum 36", maximum 48" above the floor			N/A
Clear, level floor space extends out 5 ft from both sides of the door			N/A
Door adjacent to revolving door is accessible and unlocked			N/A
Doors opening into hazardous area have hardware that is knurled or roughened			N/A

### NOTES

## ADA Evaluation - Russell Memorial Park

### LOCATION

<b>RESTROOMS - also see Doors and Vestibules</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
5 ft turning space measured 12" from the floor			N/A
<b>At least one Sink:</b>			N/A
Clear floor space of 30" by 48" to allow a forward approach			N/A
Mounted without pedestal or legs, height 34" to top of rim			N/A
Extends at least 22" from the wall			N/A
Open knee space a minimum 19" deep, 30" width, and 27" high			N/A
Cover exposed pipes with insulation			N/A
Faucets operable with closed fist (lever or spring activated handle)			N/A
<b>At least one Stall:</b>			
Accessible to person using wheelchair at 60" wide by 72" deep			N/A
Stall door is 36" wide			N/A
Stall door swings out			N/A
Stall door is self closing			N/A
Stall door has a pull latch			N/A
Lock on stall door is operable with a closed fist, and 32" above the floor			N/A
Coat hook is 54" high			N/A
<b>Toilet</b>			
18" from center to nearest side wall			N/A
42" minimum clear space from center to farthest wall or fixture			N/A
Top of seat 17"-19" above the floor			N/A
<b>Grab Bars</b>			N/A
On back and side wall closest to toilet			N/A
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter			N/A
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " clearance to wall			N/A
Located 30" above and parallel to the floor			N/A
Acid-etched or roughened surface			N/A
42" long			N/A
<b>Fixtures</b>			
Toilet paper dispenser is 24" above floor			N/A
One mirror set a maximum 38" to bottom (if tilted, 42")			N/A
Dispensers (towel, soap, etc) at least one of each a maximum 42" above the floor			N/A

### NOTES

-Restrooms are not accessible.

## ADA Evaluation - Russell Memorial Park

### LOCATION

FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES			
Specification	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
<b>Floors</b>			
Non-slip surface			N/A
Carpeting is high-density, low pile, non-absorbent, stretched taut, securely anchored			N/A
Corridor width minimum is 3 ft			N/A
Objects (signs, ceiling lights, fixtures) can only protrude 4" into the path of travel from a height of 27" to 80" above the floor			N/A
<b>Drinking Fountains</b>			
Spouts no higher than 36" from floor to outlet			N/A
Hand operated push button or level controls			N/A
Spouts located near front with stream of water as parallel to front as possible			N/A
If recessed, recess a minimum 30" width, and no deeper than depth of fountain			N/A
If no clear knee space underneath, clear floor space 30" x 48" to allow parallel approach			N/A
<b>Telephones</b>			
Highest operating part a maximum 54" above the floor			N/A
Access within 12" of phone, 30" high by 30" wide			N/A
Adjustable volume control on headset so identified			N/A
<b>SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES</b>			
Specification	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Switches, Controls and Signs</b>			
Switches and controls for light, heat, ventilation, windows, fire alarms, thermostats, etc, must be a minimum of 36" and a maximum of 48" above the floor for a forward reach, a maximum of 54" for a side reach			N/A
Electrical outlets centered no lower than 18" above the floor			N/A
Warning signals must be visual as well as audible			N/A
<b>Signs</b>			
Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign			N/A
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed			N/A
Letters and numbers at least 1½" high			N/A
Letters and numbers raised .03"			N/A
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color			N/A

### NOTES

## ADA Evaluation - Russell Memorial Park

### LOCATION

<b>SWIMMING POOLS - accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Ramp at least 34" wide with a non-slip surface extending into the shallow end, slope not exceeding 1:6 with handrails on both sides			No swimming pools
Lifting device			No swimming pools
Transfer area 18" above the path of travel and a minimum of 18" wide			No swimming pools
Unobstructed path of travel not less than 48" wide around pool			No swimming pools
Non-slip surface			No swimming pools

### LOCATION

<b>SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Stalls 36" by 60" minimum, with a 36" door opening			N/A
Floors are pitched to drain the stall at the corner farthest from entrance			N/A
Floors are non-slip surface			N/A
Controls operate by a single lever with a pressure balance mixing valve			N/A
Controls are located on the center wall adjacent to the hinged seat			N/A
Shower heads attached to a flexible metal hose			N/A
Shower heads attached to wall mounting adjustable from 42" to 72" above the floor			N/A
Seat is hinged and padded and at least 16" deep, folds upward, securely attached to side wall, height is 18" to the top of the seat, and at least 24" long			N/A
Soap trays without handhold features unless they can support 250 pounds			N/A
2 grab bars are provided, one 30" and one 48" long, or one continuous L shaped bar			N/A
Grab bars are placed horizontally at 36" above the floor line			N/A

### LOCATION

<b>PICNICKING</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
A minimum of 5% of the total tables must be accessible with clear space under the table top not less than 30" wide and 19" deep per seating space and not less than 27" clear from the ground to the underside of the table. An additional 29" clear space (totaling 48") must extend beyond the 19" clear space under the table to provide access			N/A
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep.			N/A
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground			N/A
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firm and slipresistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions			N/A
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter			N/A

## ADA Evaluation - Town Common

### Town Common & Gazebo Washburn Square

<b>PARKING</b>			
Total Spaces		Required Accessible Spaces	
Up to 25		1 space	
26-50		2 spaces	
51-75		3 spaces	
76-100		4 spaces	
101-150		5 spaces	
151-200		6 spaces	
201-300		7 spaces	
301-400		8 spaces	
401-500		9 spaces	
Specification for Accessible Spaces	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance		X	
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft		X	
Minimum width of 13ft includes 8ft space plus 5 ft access aisle		X	
Van space - minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle		X	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces		X	
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign		X	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)			N/A
Surface slopes of less than 1:20, 5%			N/A
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present			N/A
Curbcut is a minimum of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or yellow paint			N/A
<b>RAMPS</b>			
Specification	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Slope Maximum 1:12			N/A
Minimum width 4 ft between handrails			N/A
Handrails on both sides if ramp is longer than 6 ft			N/A
Handrails at 34" and 19" from ramp surface			N/A
Handrails extend 12" beyond top and bottom			N/A
Handgrip oval or round			N/A
Handgrip smooth surface			N/A
Handgrip diameter between 1½" and 2"			N/A
Clearance of 1½" between wall and wall rail			N/A
Non-slip surface			N/A
Level platforms (4ft x 4ft) at every 30ft, at top, at bottom, at change of direction			N/A

## ADA Evaluation - Town Common

### LOCATION

<b>SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Site Access</b>			
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance		X	No accessible path to the gazebo.
Disembarking area at accessible entrance		X	
Surface evenly spaced or hard-packed		X	
No ponding of water		X	
<b>Path of travel</b>			
Path does not require the use of stairs	X		
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant	X		
3 ft wide minimum	X		
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50)		X	Path to North Main St has a slope greater than 1:20.
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ "		X	
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using cane	X		
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"	X		
Curb on pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs		X	
<b>Entrances</b>			
Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance			N/A
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors			N/A
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)			N/A
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door			N/A
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist			N/A
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space			N/A
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible			N/A
Door mats less than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are securely fastened			N/A
Door mats more than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are recessed			N/A
Grates in path of travel have openings of $\frac{1}{2}$ " maximum			N/A
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance			N/A
Emergency egress - alarms with flashing lights and audible signals, sufficiently lighted			N/A

### NOTES



## ADA Evaluation - Town Common

### LOCATION

<b>STAIRS AND DOORS</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Stairs</b>			
No open risers	X		
Nosings not projecting	X		
Treads no less than 11" wide	X		
Handrails on both sides		X	
Handrails 34"-38" above tread		X	Handrail on left side of gazebo at 31".
Handrail extends a minimum of 1 ft beyond top and bottom riser (if no safety hazard and space permits)		X	
Handgrip oval or round		X	
Handgrip has a smooth surface	X		
Handgrip diameter between 1¼" and 1½"		X	
1½" clearance between wall and handrail			N/A
<b>Doors</b>			
Minimum 32" clear opening			N/A
At least 18" clear floor space on pull side of door			N/A
Closing speed minimum 3 seconds to within 3" of the latch			N/A
Maximum pressure 5 pounds interior doors			N/A
Threshold maximum ½" high, beveled on both sides			N/A
Hardware operable with a closed fist (no conventional door knobs or thumb latch devices)			N/A
Hardware minimum 36", maximum 48" above the floor			N/A
Clear, level floor space extends out 5 ft from both sides of the door			N/A
Door adjacent to revolving door is accessible and unlocked			N/A
Doors opening into hazardous area have hardware that is knurled or roughened			N/A

### NOTES

-First step on right side of gazebo is greater than 8 ¼" at 9 ½"

## ADA Evaluation - Town Common

### LOCATION

<b>RESTROOMS - also see Doors and Vestibules</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
5 ft turning space measured 12" from the floor			N/A
<b>At least one Sink:</b>			N/A
Clear floor space of 30" by 48" to allow a forward approach			N/A
Mounted without pedestal or legs, height 34" to top of rim			N/A
Extends at least 22" from the wall			N/A
Open knee space a minimum 19" deep, 30" width, and 27" high			N/A
Cover exposed pipes with insulation			N/A
Faucets operable with closed fist (lever or spring activated handle)			N/A
<b>At least one Stall:</b>			
Accessible to person using wheelchair at 60" wide by 72" deep			N/A
Stall door is 36" wide			N/A
Stall door swings out			N/A
Stall door is self closing			N/A
Stall door has a pull latch			N/A
Lock on stall door is operable with a closed fist, and 32" above the floor			N/A
Coat hook is 54" high			N/A
<b>Toilet</b>			
18" from center to nearest side wall			N/A
42" minimum clear space from center to farthest wall or fixture			N/A
Top of seat 17"-19" above the floor			N/A
<b>Grab Bars</b>			N/A
On back and side wall closest to toilet			N/A
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter			N/A
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " clearance to wall			N/A
Located 30" above and parallel to the floor			N/A
Acid-etched or roughened surface			N/A
42" long			N/A
<b>Fixtures</b>			
Toilet paper dispenser is 24" above floor			N/A
One mirror set a maximum 38" to bottom (if tilted, 42")			N/A
Dispensers (towel, soap, etc) at least one of each a maximum 42" above the floor			N/A

### NOTES

## ADA Evaluation - Town Common

### LOCATION

<b>FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Floors</b>			
Non-slip surface			N/A
Carpeting is high-density, low pile, non-absorbent, stretched taut, securely anchored			N/A
Corridor width minimum is 3 ft			N/A
Objects (signs, ceiling lights, fixtures) can only protrude 4" into the path of travel from a height of 27" to 80" above the floor			N/A
<b>Drinking Fountains</b>			
Spouts no higher than 36" from floor to outlet			N/A
Hand operated push button or level controls			N/A
Spouts located near front with stream of water as parallel to front as possible			N/A
If recessed, recess a minimum 30" width, and no deeper than depth of fountain			N/A
If no clear knee space underneath, clear floor space 30" x 48" to allow parallel approach			N/A
<b>Telephones</b>			
Highest operating part a maximum 54" above the floor			N/A
Access within 12" of phone, 30" high by 30" wide			N/A
Adjustable volume control on headset so identified			N/A
<b>SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<b>Switches, Controls and Signs</b>			
Switches and controls for light, heat, ventilation, windows, fire alarms, thermostats, etc, must be a minimum of 36" and a maximum of 48" above the floor for a forward reach, a maximum of 54" for a side reach			N/A
Electrical outlets centered no lower than 18" above the floor			N/A
Warning signals must be visual as well as audible			N/A
<b>Signs</b>			
Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign			N/A
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed			N/A
Letters and numbers at least 1½" high			N/A
Letters and numbers raised .03"			N/A
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color			N/A

### NOTES

## ADA Evaluation - Town Common

### LOCATION

<b>SWIMMING POOLS - accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Ramp at least 34" wide with a non-slip surface extending into the shallow end, slope not exceeding 1:6 with handrails on both sides			No swimming pools
Lifting device			No swimming pools
Transfer area 18" above the path of travel and a minimum of 18" wide			No swimming pools
Unobstructed path of travel not less than 48" wide around pool			No swimming pools
Non-slip surface			No swimming pools

### LOCATION

<b>SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Stalls 36" by 60" minimum, with a 36" door opening			N/A
Floors are pitched to drain the stall at the corner farthest from entrance			N/A
Floors are non-slip surface			N/A
Controls operate by a single lever with a pressure balance mixing valve			N/A
Controls are located on the center wall adjacent to the hinged seat			N/A
Shower heads attached to a flexible metal hose			N/A
Shower heads attached to wall mounting adjustable from 42" to 72" above the floor			N/A
Seat is hinged and padded and at least 16" deep, folds upward, securely attached to side wall, height is 18" to the top of the seat, and at least 24" long			N/A
Soap trays without handhold features unless they can support 250 pounds			N/A
2 grab bars are provided, one 30" and one 48" long, or one continuous L shaped bar			N/A
Grab bars are placed horizontally at 36" above the floor line			N/A

### LOCATION

<b>PICNICKING</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
A minimum of 5% of the total tables must be accessible with clear space under the table top not less than 30" wide and 19" deep per seating space and not less than 27" clear from the ground to the underside of the table. An additional 29" clear space (totaling 48") must extend beyond the 19" clear space under the table to provide access			N/A
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep.			N/A
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground			N/A
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firm and slipresistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions			N/A
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter			N/A

## ADA Evaluation - Towtaid Park

### Towtaid Park Olney Street

<b>PARKING</b>			
Total Spaces		Required Accessible Spaces	
Up to 25		1 space	
26-50		2 spaces	
51-75		3 spaces	
76-100		4 spaces	
101-150		5 spaces	
151-200		6 spaces	
201-300		7 spaces	
301-400		8 spaces	
401-500		9 spaces	
Specification for Accessible Spaces	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance		X	
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft		X	
Minimum width of 13ft includes 8ft space plus 5 ft access aisle		X	
Van space - minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle		X	No van accessible parking. No striping of parking spot or access aisle.
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces		X	No signage or marked spots.
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign		X	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)		X	Surface of parking space is cracked and uneven.
Surface slopes of less than 1:20, 5%	X		
Curbscut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present			N/A
Curbscut is a minimum of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or yellow paint			N/A
<b>RAMPS</b>			
Specification	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Slope Maximum 1:12			N/A
Minimum width 4 ft between handrails			N/A
Handrails on both sides if ramp is longer than 6 ft			N/A
Handrails at 34" and 19" from ramp surface			N/A
Handrails extend 12" beyond top and bottom			N/A
Handgrip oval or round			N/A
Handgrip smooth surface			N/A
Handgrip diameter between 1¼" and 2"			N/A
Clearance of 1½" between wall and wall rail			N/A
Non-slip surface			N/A
Level platforms (4ft x 4ft) at every 30ft, at top, at bottom, at change of direction			N/A

## ADA Evaluation - Towtaid Park

### LOCATION

<b>SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Site Access</b>			
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance		X	No accessible route to the playing area.
Disembarking area at accessible entrance		X	
Surface evenly spaced or hard-packed		X	
No ponding of water		X	Ponding of water in parking area.
<b>Path of travel</b>			
Path does not require the use of stairs	X		
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant		X	
3 ft wide minimum		X	
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50)		X	
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ "		X	
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using cane			N/A
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"			N/A
Curb on pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs		X	
<b>Entrances</b>			
Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance			N/A
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors			N/A
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)			N/A
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door			N/A
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist			N/A
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space			N/A
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible			N/A
Door mats less than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are securely fastened			N/A
Door mats more than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are recessed			N/A
Grates in path of travel have openings of $\frac{1}{2}$ " maximum			N/A
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance			N/A
Emergency egress - alarms with flashing lights and audible signals, sufficiently lighted			N/A

### NOTES

## ADA Evaluation - Towtaid Park

### LOCATION

<b>STAIRS AND DOORS</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Stairs</b>			
No open risers			N/A
Nosings not projecting			N/A
Treads no less than 11" wide			N/A
Handrails on both sides			N/A
Handrails 34"-38" above tread			N/A
Handrail extends a minimum of 1 ft beyond top and bottom riser (if no safety hazard and space permits)			N/A
Handgrip oval or round			N/A
Handgrip has a smooth surface			N/A
Handgrip diameter between 1¼" and 1½"			N/A
1½" clearance between wall and handrail			N/A
<b>Doors</b>			
Minimum 32" clear opening			N/A
At least 18" clear floor space on pull side of door			N/A
Closing speed minimum 3 seconds to within 3" of the latch			N/A
Maximum pressure 5 pounds interior doors			N/A
Threshold maximum ½" high, beveled on both sides			N/A
Hardware operable with a closed fist (no conventional door knobs or thumb latch devices)			N/A
Hardware minimum 36", maximum 48" above the floor			N/A
Clear, level floor space extends out 5 ft from both sides of the door			N/A
Door adjacent to revolving door is accessible and unlocked			N/A
Doors opening into hazardous area have hardware that is knurled or roughened			N/A

### NOTES

## ADA Evaluation - Towtaid Park

### LOCATION

<b>RESTROOMS - also see Doors and Vestibules</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
5 ft turning space measured 12" from the floor			N/A
<b>At least one Sink:</b>			N/A
Clear floor space of 30" by 48" to allow a forward approach			N/A
Mounted without pedestal or legs, height 34" to top of rim			N/A
Extends at least 22" from the wall			N/A
Open knee space a minimum 19" deep, 30" width, and 27" high			N/A
Cover exposed pipes with insulation			N/A
Faucets operable with closed fist (lever or spring activated handle)			N/A
<b>At least one Stall:</b>			
Accessible to person using wheelchair at 60" wide by 72" deep			N/A
Stall door is 36" wide			N/A
Stall door swings out			N/A
Stall door is self closing			N/A
Stall door has a pull latch			N/A
Lock on stall door is operable with a closed fist, and 32" above the floor			N/A
Coat hook is 54" high			N/A
<b>Toilet</b>			
18" from center to nearest side wall			N/A
42" minimum clear space from center to farthest wall or fixture			N/A
Top of seat 17"-19" above the floor			N/A
<b>Grab Bars</b>			N/A
On back and side wall closest to toilet			N/A
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter			N/A
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " clearance to wall			N/A
Located 30" above and parallel to the floor			N/A
Acid-etched or roughened surface			N/A
42" long			N/A
<b>Fixtures</b>			
Toilet paper dispenser is 24" above floor			N/A
One mirror set a maximum 38" to bottom (if tilted, 42")			N/A
Dispensers (towel, soap, etc) at least one of each a maximum 42" above the floor			N/A

### NOTES



## ADA Evaluation - Towtaid Park

### LOCATION

<b>FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Floors</b>			
Non-slip surface			N/A
Carpeting is high-density, low pile, non-absorbent, stretched taut, securely anchored			N/A
Corridor width minimum is 3 ft			N/A
Objects (signs, ceiling lights, fixtures) can only protrude 4" into the path of travel from a height of 27" to 80" above the floor			N/A
<b>Drinking Fountains</b>			
Spouts no higher than 36" from floor to outlet			N/A
Hand operated push button or level controls			N/A
Spouts located near front with stream of water as parallel to front as possible			N/A
If recessed, recess a minimum 30" width, and no deeper than depth of fountain			N/A
If no clear knee space underneath, clear floor space 30" x 48" to allow parallel approach			N/A
<b>Telephones</b>			
Highest operating part a maximum 54" above the floor			N/A
Access within 12" of phone, 30" high by 30" wide			N/A
Adjustable volume control on headset so identified			N/A
<b>SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<b>Switches, Controls and Signs</b>			
Switches and controls for light, heat, ventilation, windows, fire alarms, thermostats, etc, must be a minimum of 36" and a maximum of 48" above the floor for a forward reach, a maximum of 54" for a side reach			N/A
Electrical outlets centered no lower than 18" above the floor			N/A
Warning signals must be visual as well as audible			N/A
<b>Signs</b>			
Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign			N/A
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed			N/A
Letters and numbers at least 1½" high			N/A
Letters and numbers raised .03"			N/A
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color			N/A

NOTES

## ADA Evaluation - Towtaid Park

### LOCATION

<b>SWIMMING POOLS - accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Ramp at least 34" wide with a non-slip surface extending into the shallow end, slope not exceeding 1:6 with handrails on both sides			No swimming pools
Lifting device			No swimming pools
Transfer area 18" above the path of travel and a minimum of 18" wide			No swimming pools
Unobstructed path of travel not less than 48" wide around pool			No swimming pools
Non-slip surface			No swimming pools

### LOCATION

<b>SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Stalls 36" by 60" minimum, with a 36" door opening			N/A
Floors are pitched to drain the stall at the corner farthest from entrance			N/A
Floors are non-slip surface			N/A
Controls operate by a single lever with a pressure balance mixing valve			N/A
Controls are located on the center wall adjacent to the hinged seat			N/A
Shower heads attached to a flexible metal hose			N/A
Shower heads attached to wall mounting adjustable from 42" to 72" above the floor			N/A
Seat is hinged and padded and at least 16" deep, folds upward, securely attached to side wall, height is 18" to the top of the seat, and at least 24" long			N/A
Soap trays without handhold features unless they can support 250 pounds			N/A
2 grab bars are provided, one 30" and one 48" long, or one continuous L shaped bar			N/A
Grab bars are placed horizontally at 36" above the floor line			N/A

### LOCATION

<b>PICNICKING</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
A minimum of 5% of the total tables must be accessible with clear space under the table top not less than 30" wide and 19" deep per seating space and not less than 27" clear from the ground to the underside of the table. An additional 29" clear space (totaling 48") must extend beyond the 19" clear space under the table to provide access		X	Only one picnic table and not accessible.
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep.		X	
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground		X	
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firm and slipresistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions		X	
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter		X	

# ADA Evaluation - Waite Street/Community Field

Waite Street 20 Waite Street

<b>PARKING</b>			
Total Spaces	Required Accessible Spaces		
Up to 25	1 space		
26-50	2 spaces		
51-75	3 spaces		
76-100	4 spaces		
101-150	5 spaces		
151-200	6 spaces		
201-300	7 spaces		
301-400	8 spaces		
401-500	9 spaces		
Specification for Accessible Spaces	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance	X		
Minimum width of 13ft includes 8ft space plus 5 ft access aisle	X		
Van space - minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle		X	No Van Accessible Parking. Parking spaces need to be restriped and resurfaced.
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces	X		Does not contain the words "van accessible".
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign		X	Signage obscured by parked vehicles.
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)		X	Greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ " cracks in pavement.
Surface slopes of less than 1:20, 5%		X	Parking spaces are not level.
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present			N/A
Curbcut is a minimum of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or yellow paint			N/A
<b>RAMPS No Ramps Present</b>			
Specification	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Slope Maximum 1:12			N/A
Minimum width 4 ft between handrails			N/A
Handrails on both sides if ramp is longer than 6 ft			N/A
Handrails at 34" and 19" from ramp surface			N/A
Handrails extend 12" beyond top and bottom			N/A
Handgrip oval or round			N/A
Handgrip smooth surface			N/A
Handgrip diameter between 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and 2"			N/A
Clearance of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " between wall and wall rail			N/A
Non-slip surface			N/A
Level platforms (4ft x 4ft) at every 30ft, at top, at bottom, at change of direction			N/A
			N/A

# ADA Evaluation - Waite Street/Community Field

## LOCATION

SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES			
Specification	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
<b>Site Access</b>			
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance		X	No accessible path to concession stand, playing field, spectator area or press box.
Disembarking area at accessible entrance		X	
Surface evenly spaced or hard-packed		X	
No ponding of water		X	Ponding by accessible parking spaces.
<b>Path of travel</b>			
Path does not require the use of stairs	X		
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant		X	
3 ft wide minimum		X	
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50)	X		
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ "		X	
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using cane			No Pathway
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"			N/A
Curb on pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs			No Pathway
<b>Entrances</b>			
Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance			N/A
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors			N/A
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)			N/A
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door			N/A
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist			N/A
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space			N/A
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible			N/A
Door mats less than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are securely fastened			N/A
Door mats more than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are recessed			N/A
Grates in path of travel have openings of $\frac{1}{2}$ " maximum			N/A
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance			N/A
Emergency egress - alarms with flashing lights and audible signals, sufficiently lighted			N/A

## NOTES

## ADA Evaluation - Waite Street/Community Field

### LOCATION

<b>STAIRS AND DOORS</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Stairs</b>			
No open risers	X		
Nosings not projecting	X		
Treads no less than 11" wide	X		
Handrails on both sides	X		
Handrails 34"-38" above tread	X		
Handrail extends a minimum of 1 ft beyond top and bottom riser (if no safety hazard and space permits)		X	
Handgrip oval or round		X	
Handgrip has a smooth surface	X		
Handgrip diameter between 1¼" and 1½"	X		
1½" clearance between wall and handrail	X		
<b>Doors</b>			
Minimum 32" clear opening	X		
At least 18" clear floor space on pull side of door		X	
Closing speed minimum 3 seconds to within 3" of the latch		X	
Maximum pressure 5 pounds interior doors			N/A
Threshold maximum ½" high, beveled on both sides		X	
Hardware operable with a closed fist (no conventional door knobs or thumb latch devices)		X	
Hardware minimum 36", maximum 48" above the floor	X		
Clear, level floor space extends out 5 ft from both sides of the door	X		
Door adjacent to revolving door is accessible and unlocked			N/A
Doors opening into hazardous area have hardware that is knurled or roughened			N/A

### NOTES

- Transaction area at concession stand does not have a portion of the counter 36" wide and 36" maximum in height above the floor.
- Concession stand not accessible. 5" step at entrance to concession area. 3 ½" step at entrance to woman's room and 9" step at entrance to men's room.

## ADA Evaluation - Waite Street/Community Field

### LOCATION

<b>RESTROOMS - also see Doors and Vestibules</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
5 ft turning space measured 12" from the floor			N/A
<b>At least one Sink:</b>			N/A
Clear floor space of 30" by 48" to allow a forward approach			N/A
Mounted without pedestal or legs, height 34" to top of rim			N/A
Extends at least 22" from the wall			N/A
Open knee space a minimum 19" deep, 30" width, and 27" high			N/A
Cover exposed pipes with insulation			N/A
Faucets operable with closed fist (lever or spring activated handle)			N/A
<b>At least one Stall:</b>			
Accessible to person using wheelchair at 60" wide by 72" deep			N/A
Stall door is 36" wide			N/A
Stall door swings out			N/A
Stall door is self closing			N/A
Stall door has a pull latch			N/A
Lock on stall door is operable with a closed fist, and 32" above the floor			N/A
Coat hook is 54" high			N/A
<b>Toilet</b>			
18" from center to nearest side wall			N/A
42" minimum clear space from center to farthest wall or fixture			N/A
Top of seat 17"-19" above the floor			N/A
<b>Grab Bars</b>			N/A
On back and side wall closest to toilet			N/A
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter			N/A
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " clearance to wall			N/A
Located 30" above and parallel to the floor			N/A
Acid-etched or roughened surface			N/A
42" long			N/A
<b>Fixtures</b>			
Toilet paper dispenser is 24" above floor			N/A
One mirror set a maximum 38" to bottom (if tilted, 42")			N/A
Dispensers (towel, soap, etc) at least one of each a maximum 42" above the floor			N/A

### NOTES

-Bathrooms are not operable and not accessible.

## ADA Evaluation - Waite Street/Community Field

### LOCATION

FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES			
Specification	Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
<b>Floors</b>			
Non-slip surface			N/A
Carpeting is high-density, low pile, non-absorbent, stretched taut, securely anchored			N/A
Corridor width minimum is 3 ft			N/A
Objects (signs, ceiling lights, fixtures) can only protrude 4" into the path of travel from a height of 27" to 80" above the floor			N/A
<b>Drinking Fountains</b>			
Spouts no higher than 36" from floor to outlet			N/A
Hand operated push button or level controls			N/A
Spouts located near front with stream of water as parallel to front as possible			N/A
If recessed, recess a minimum 30" width, and no deeper than depth of fountain			N/A
If no clear knee space underneath, clear floor space 30" x 48" to allow parallel approach			N/A
<b>Telephones</b>			
Highest operating part a maximum 54" above the floor			N/A
Access within 12" of phone, 30" high by 30" wide			N/A
Adjustable volume control on headset so identified			N/A
<b>SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES</b>			
Specification	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Switches, Controls and Signs</b>			
Switches and controls for light, heat, ventilation, windows, fire alarms, thermostats, etc, must be a minimum of 36" and a maximum of 48" above the floor for a forward reach, a maximum of 54" for a side reach			N/A
Electrical outlets centered no lower than 18" above the floor			N/A
Warning signals must be visual as well as audible			N/A
<b>Signs</b>			
Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign			N/A
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed			N/A
Letters and numbers at least 1½" high			N/A
Letters and numbers raised .03"			N/A
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color			N/A

### NOTES

## ADA Evaluation - Waite Street/Community Field

### LOCATION No Swimming Pools

<b>SWIMMING POOLS - accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Ramp at least 34" wide with a non-slip surface extending into the shallow end, slope not exceeding 1:6 with handrails on both sides			No Swimming Pools
Lifting device			No Swimming Pools
Transfer area 18" above the path of travel and a minimum of 18" wide			No Swimming Pools
Unobstructed path of travel not less than 48" wide around pool			No Swimming Pools
Non-slip surface			No Swimming Pools

### LOCATION

<b>SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Stalls 36" by 60" minimum, with a 36" door opening			N/A
Floors are pitched to drain the stall at the corner farthest from entrance			N/A
Floors are non-slip surface			N/A
Controls operate by a single lever with a pressure balance mixing valve			N/A
Controls are located on the center wall adjacent to the hinged seat			N/A
Shower heads attached to a flexible metal hose			N/A
Shower heads attached to wall mounting adjustable from 42" to 72" above the floor			N/A
Seat is hinged and padded and at least 16" deep, folds upward, securely attached to side wall, height is 18" to the top of the seat, and at least 24" long			N/A
Soap trays without handhold features unless they can support 250 pounds			N/A
2 grab bars are provided, one 30" and one 48" long, or one continuous L shaped bar			N/A
Grab bars are placed horizontally at 36" above the floor line			N/A

### LOCATION

<b>PICNICKING</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
A minimum of 5% of the total tables must be accessible with clear space under the table top not less than 30" wide and 19" deep per seating space and not less than 27" clear from the ground to the underside of the table. An additional 29" clear space (totaling 48") must extend beyond the 19" clear space under the table to provide access		X	
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep.		X	
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground		X	
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firm and slipresistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions		X	
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter		X	



# FAIR EMPLOYMENT IN MASSACHUSETTS

Applicants to and employees of private employers with 6 or more employees, state and local governments, employment agencies and labor organizations are protected under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 151B from discrimination on the following bases:

## RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, SEX, GENDER IDENTITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENETIC INFORMATION, ANCESTRY, MILITARY SERVICE

M.G.L. c. 151B protects applicants and employees from discrimination in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, benefits, training, classification and other aspects of employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin (including language proficiency), age (if you are 40 years old or older), sex (including pregnancy), gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, ancestry, and military service. Religious discrimination includes failing to reasonably accommodate an employee's religious practices where the accommodation does not impose an undue hardship.

## HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment includes sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when (a) submission to or rejection of such advances, requests or conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or as a basis for employment decisions; (b) such advances, requests or conduct have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a person's work performance by creating an intimidating, hostile, humiliating or sexually offensive work environment. *The law also prohibits its harassment based on the protected classes set forth above.*

## MATERNITY LEAVE

The law requires employers to grant a female employee who has completed an initial probationary period and has given 2 weeks' notice, at least eight (8) weeks of paid or unpaid leave for the purpose of childbirth, adoption of a child under 18, or adoption of a child under 23 years old if the child is mentally or physically disabled.

## DISABILITY

M.G.L. c. 151B prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, a record of disability or perceived disability, in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, benefits, training, classification and other aspects of employment. Disability discrimination may include failing to reasonably accommodate an otherwise qualified person with a disability.

## INQUIRIES ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY ADMISSION

Employers may not refuse to hire or terminate an employee for failing to furnish information regarding his/her admission to a facility for the care and treatment of mentally ill persons. An employment application may not seek information about an applicant's admission to such a facility.

## CRIMINAL HISTORY INQUIRIES

The law prohibits employers from asking applicants on an initial employment application for any criminal background information unless an exemption by statute or regulation exists. For additional prohibitions, see MCAD Fact Sheet on Criminal Offender Record Information at [www.mcad.gov](http://www.mcad.gov).

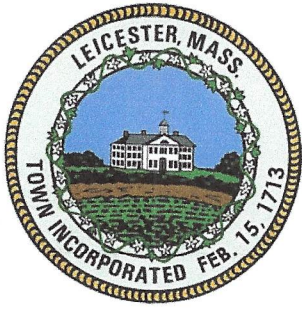
## RETALIATION

It is illegal to retaliate against any person because s/he has opposed any discriminatory practices or because s/he has filed a complaint, testified, or assisted in any proceeding before the Commission. It is also illegal to aid, abet, incite, compel or coerce any act forbidden under M.G.L. c. 151B, or attempt to do so.

## IF YOU HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST

If you feel you have been discriminated against, you should immediately file a charge of discrimination with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, [www.mcad.gov](http://www.mcad.gov), at one of the offices below. *An agreement with your employer to arbitrate your discrimination claim(s) does not bar you from filing a charge of discrimination.*

<b>Boston Office</b> One Ashburton Place Room 601 Boston, MA 02108 (617) 994-6000 (617) 994-6196 TTY for all offices	<b>Springfield Office</b> 436 Dwight St. Room 220 Springfield, MA 01103 (413) 739-2145	<b>Worcester Office</b> Worcester City Hall 445 Main Street Room 101 Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 799-8010	<b>New Bedford Office</b> 800 Purchase Street Room 501 New Bedford, MA 02740 (508) 990-2390
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# TOWN OF LEICESTER

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Building & Zoning Enforcement

January 31, 2022

**TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**FROM: MICHAEL J. SILVA, ADA COORDINATOR  
TOWN OF LEICESTER**

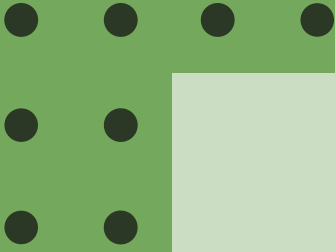
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The Town of Leicester's employment practices are in compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act with respect to Recruitment, Personnel Actions, Leave Administration, Training, Tests, Medical Exams/Questionnaires, Social and Recreational Programs, Fringe Benefits, Collective Bargaining Agreements, and Wage and Salary Administration.

  
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Michael J. Silva  
ADA Coordinator and Building Commissioner

1/31/2022  
Date





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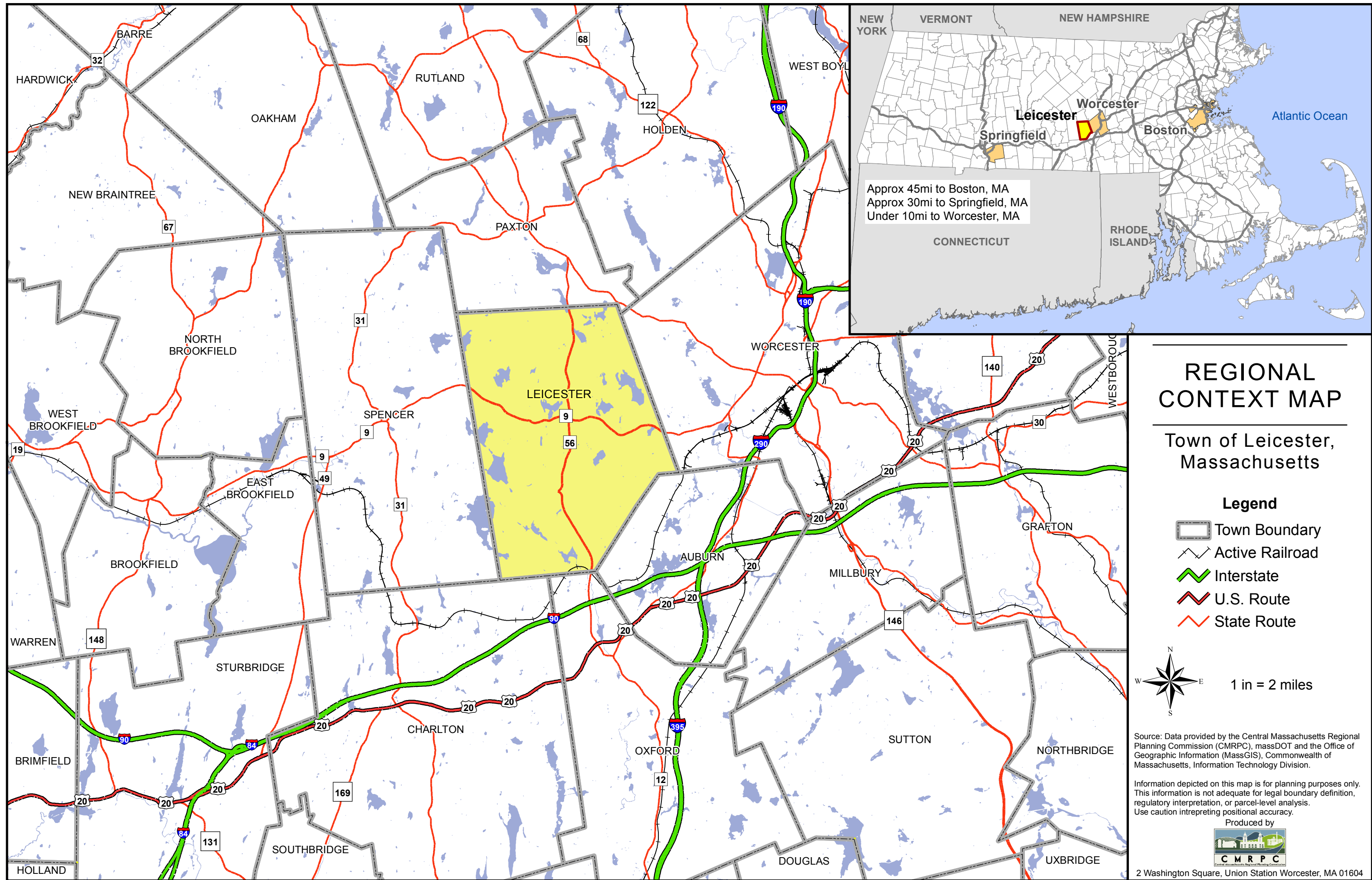




# APPENDIX F

## MAPS





**REGIONAL  
CONTEXT MAP**

**Town of Leicester,  
Massachusetts**

**Legend**

- Town Boundary
- Active Railroad
- Interstate
- U.S. Route
- State Route

1 in = 2 miles

Source: Data provided by the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), massDOT and the Office of Geographic Information (MassGIS), Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Information Technology Division.

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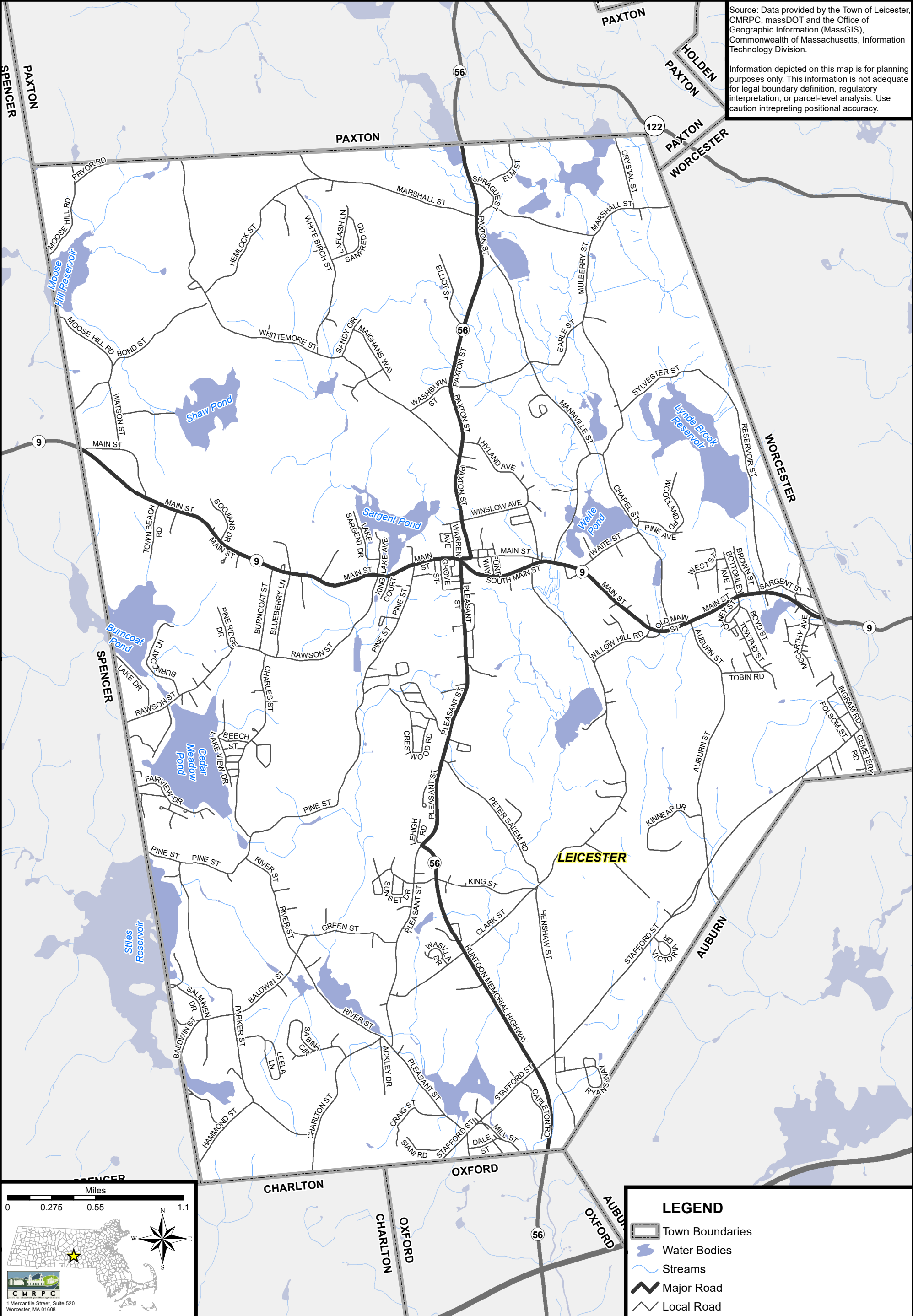
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# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MAP

## OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN



Town of Leicester, Massachusetts



# ZONING DISTRICTS

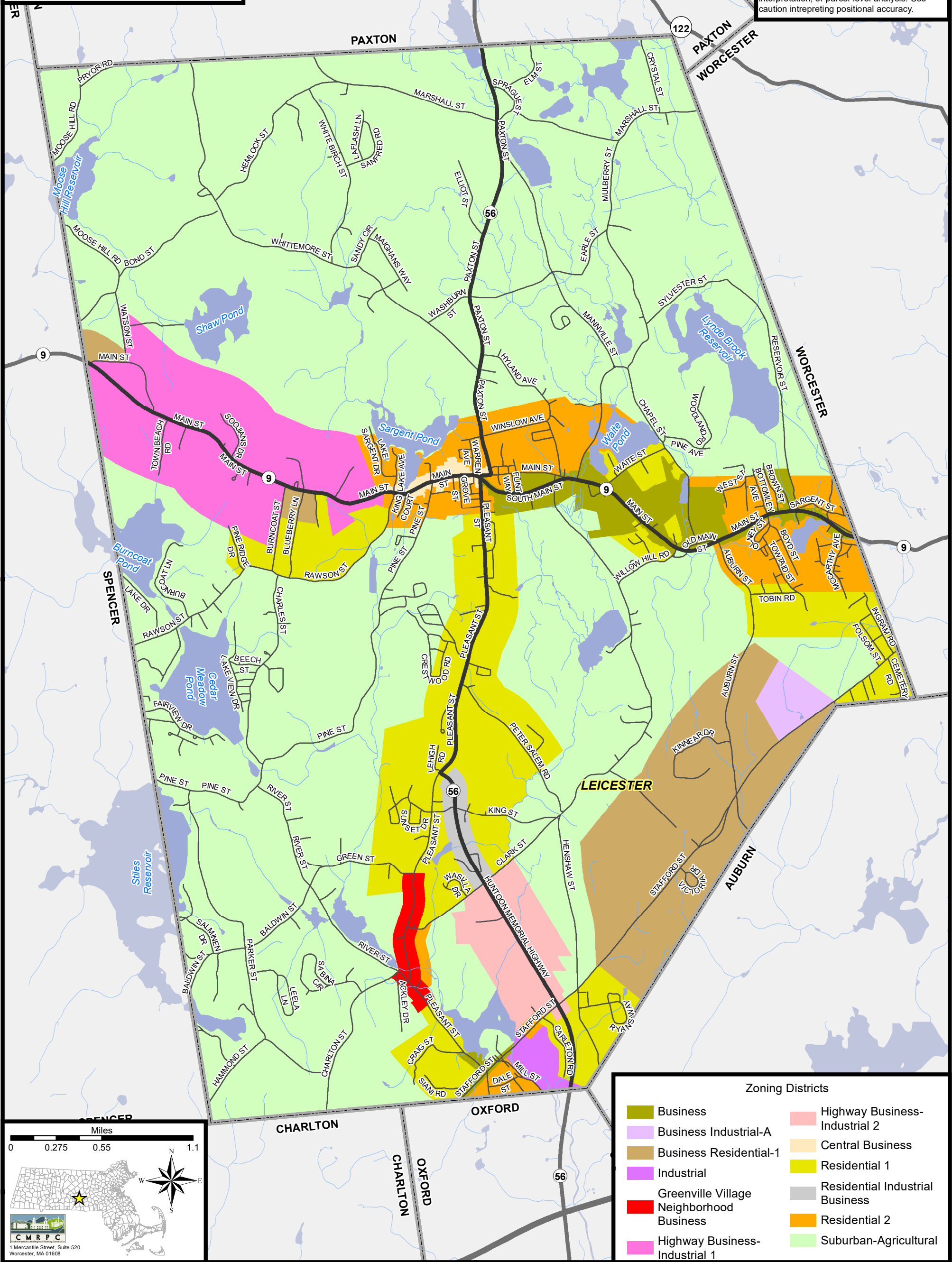
## OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

### LEGEND

- Town Boundaries
- Major Road
- Water Bodies
- Streams
- Local Road

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Town of Leicester, Massachusetts



# SOILS & GEOLOGIC FEATURES

## OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

### LEGEND

- Town Boundaries
- Water Bodies
- Streams
- Major Road
- Local Road
- AUL Location\*
- MassDEP Tier 21E Sites\*\*
- Prime Farmland Soils (NRCS Soils-WORC. S)

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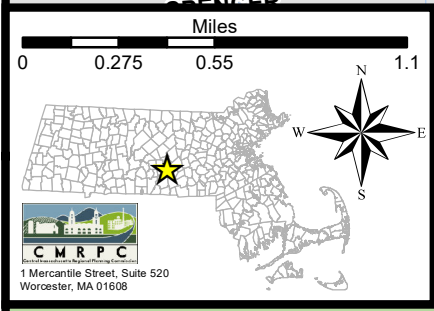
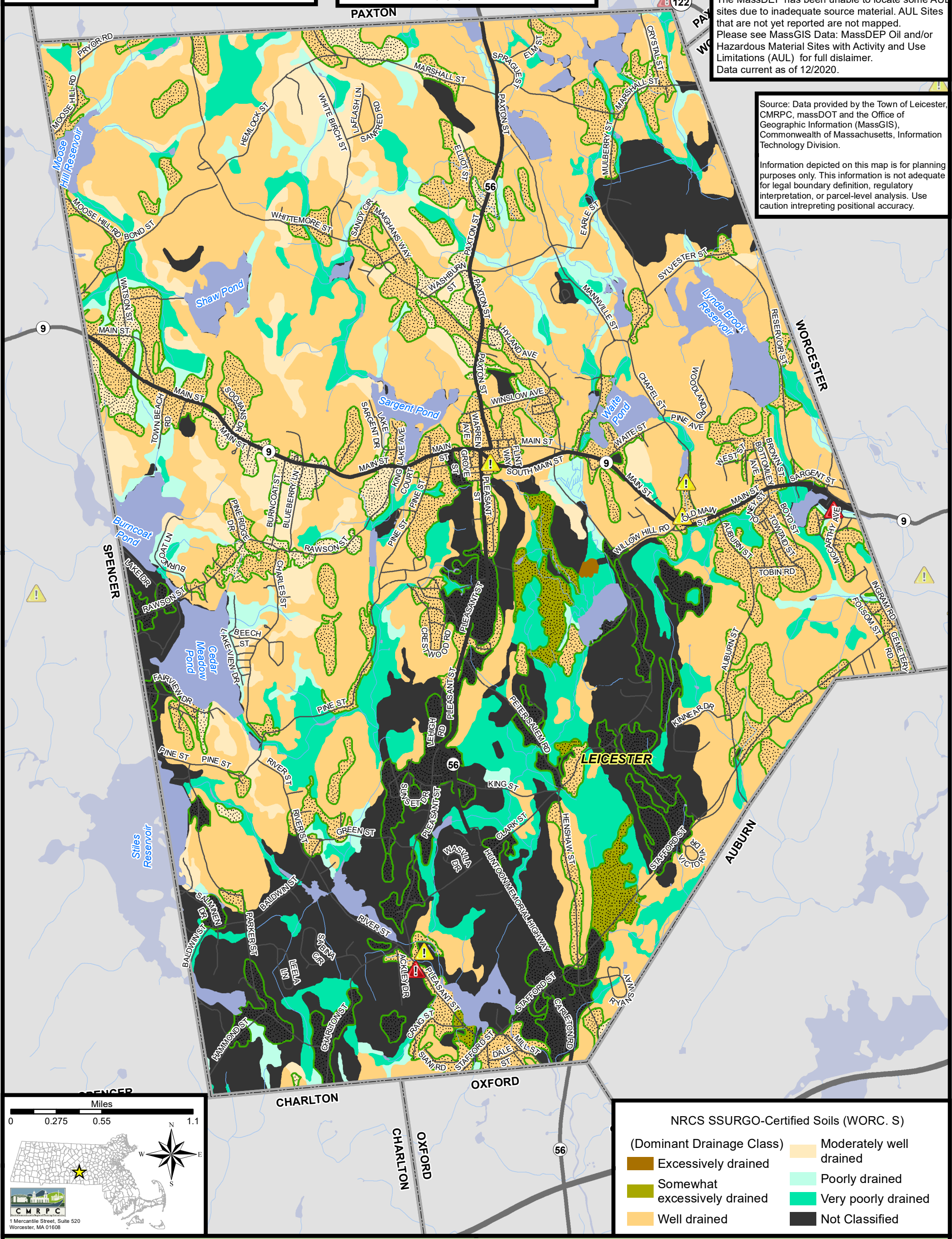
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- #### NRCS SSURGO-Certified Soils (WORC. S)
- | (Dominant Drainage Class)    |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Excessively drained          | Moderately well drained |
| Somewhat excessively drained | Poorly drained          |
| Well drained                 | Very poorly drained     |
|                              | Not Classified          |

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# UNIQUE FEATURES

## OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

### LEGEND

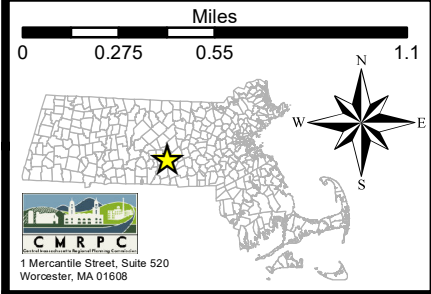
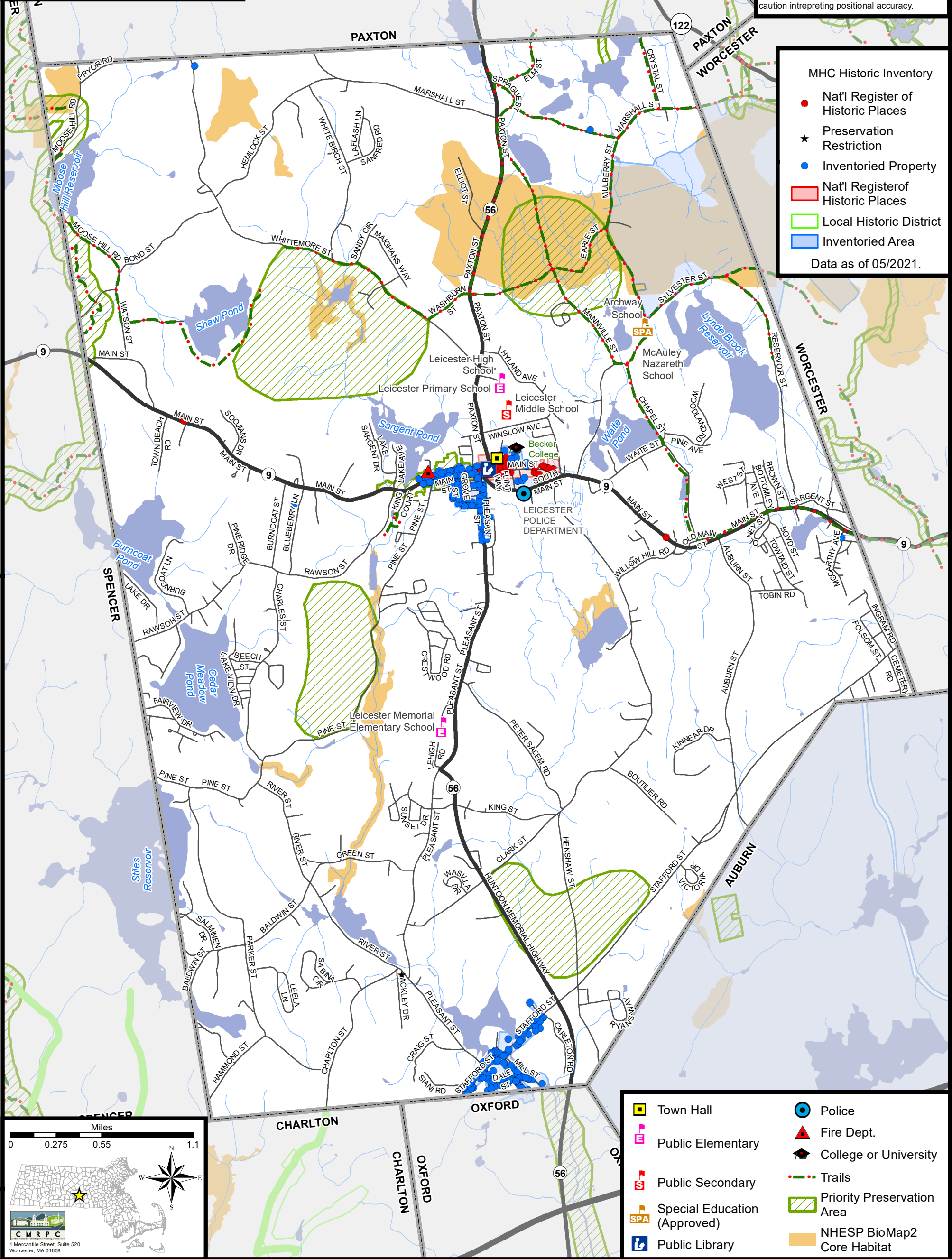
- Town Boundaries
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### MHC Historic Inventory

- Nat'l Register of Historic Places
  - Preservation Restriction
  - Inventoried Property
  - Nat'l Register of Historic Places
  - Local Historic District
  - Inventoried Area
- Data as of 05/2021.



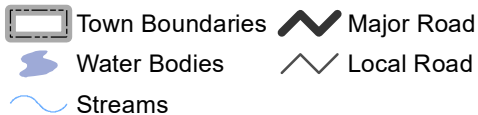
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# WATER RESOURCES MAP 1

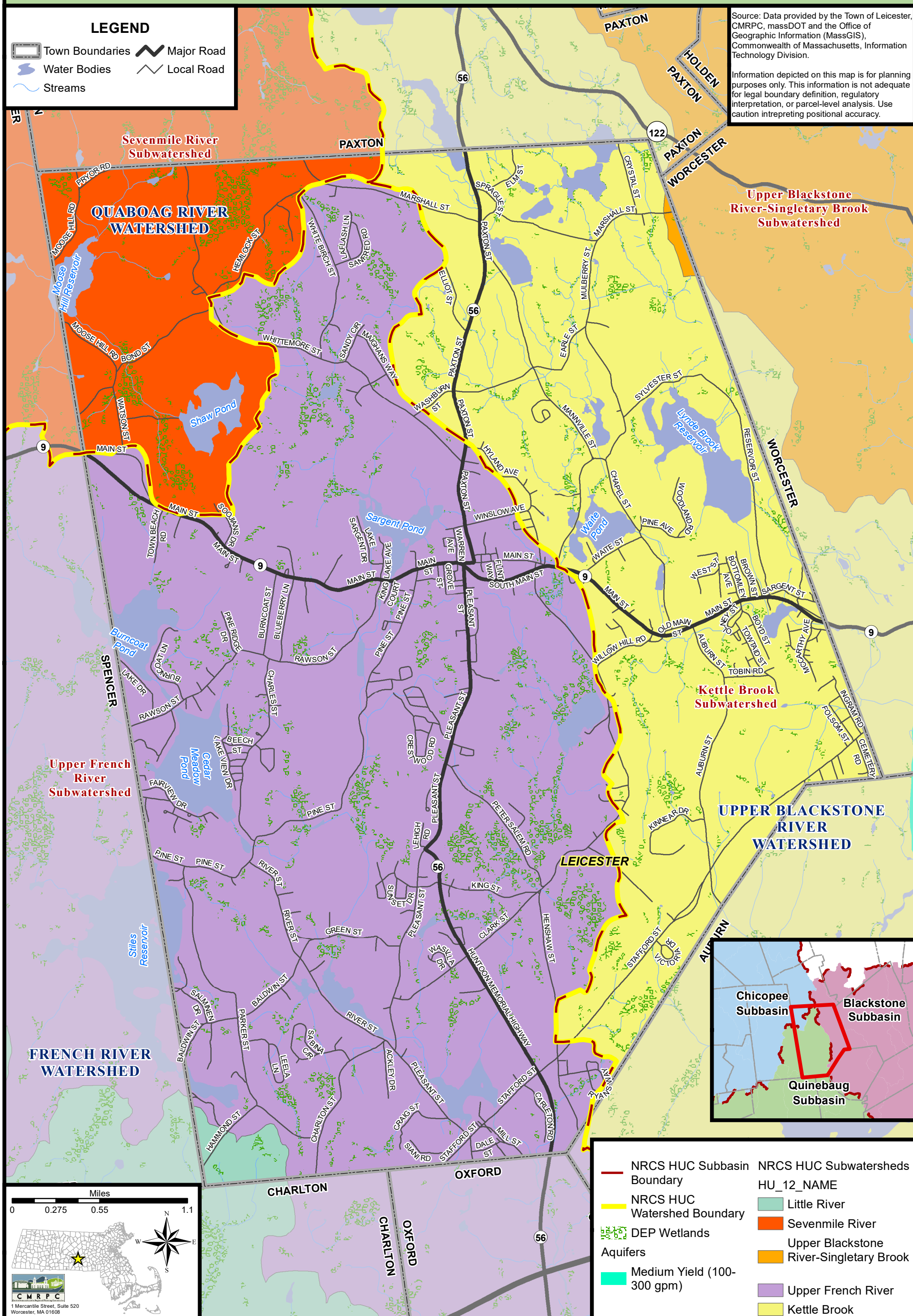
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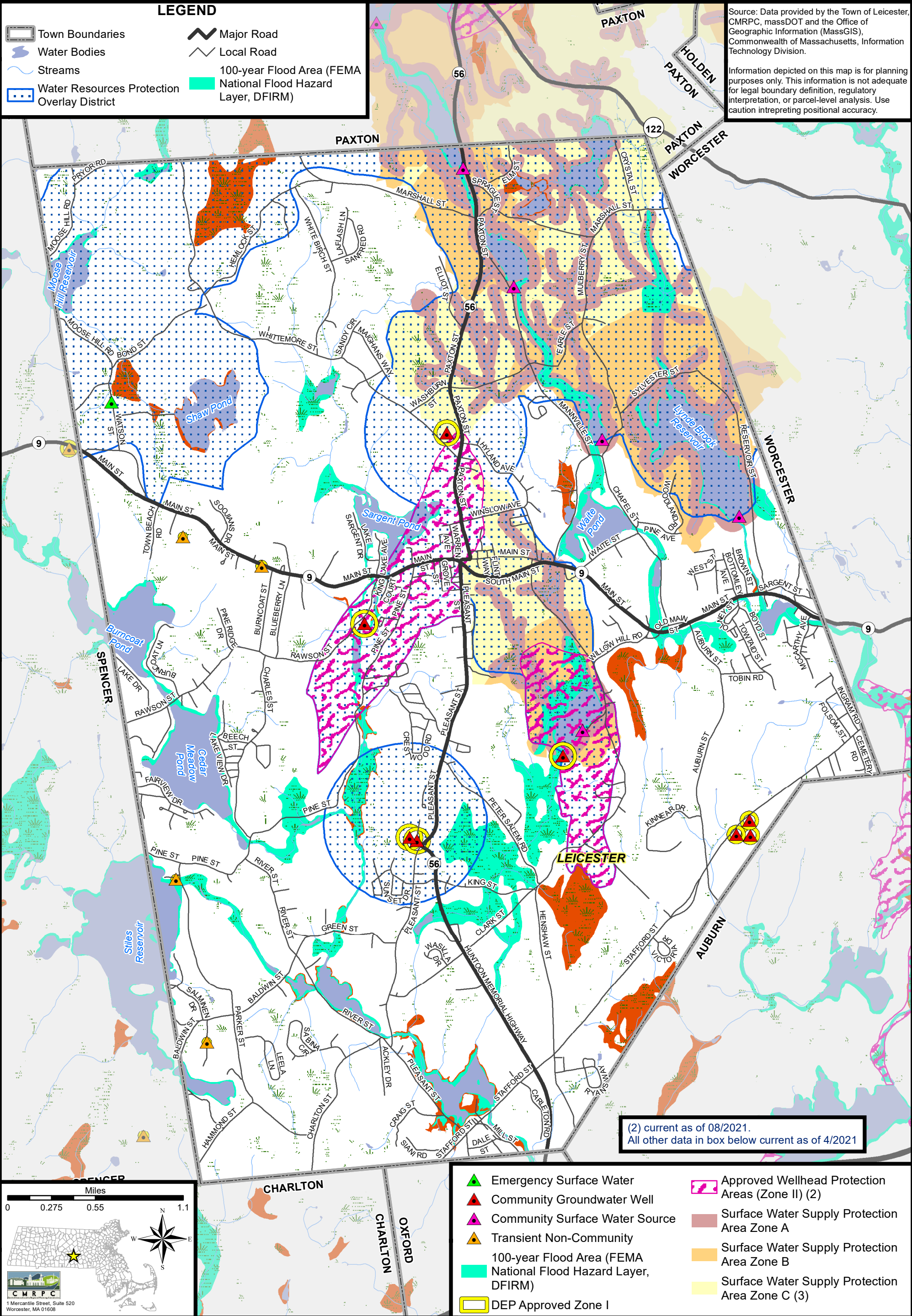


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# WATER RESOURCES MAP 2

## OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN





# OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

## OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

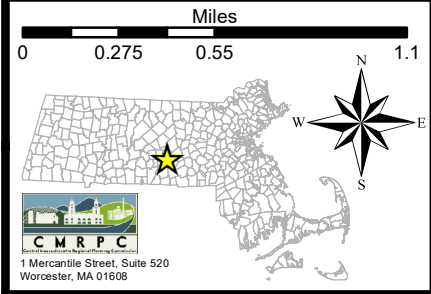
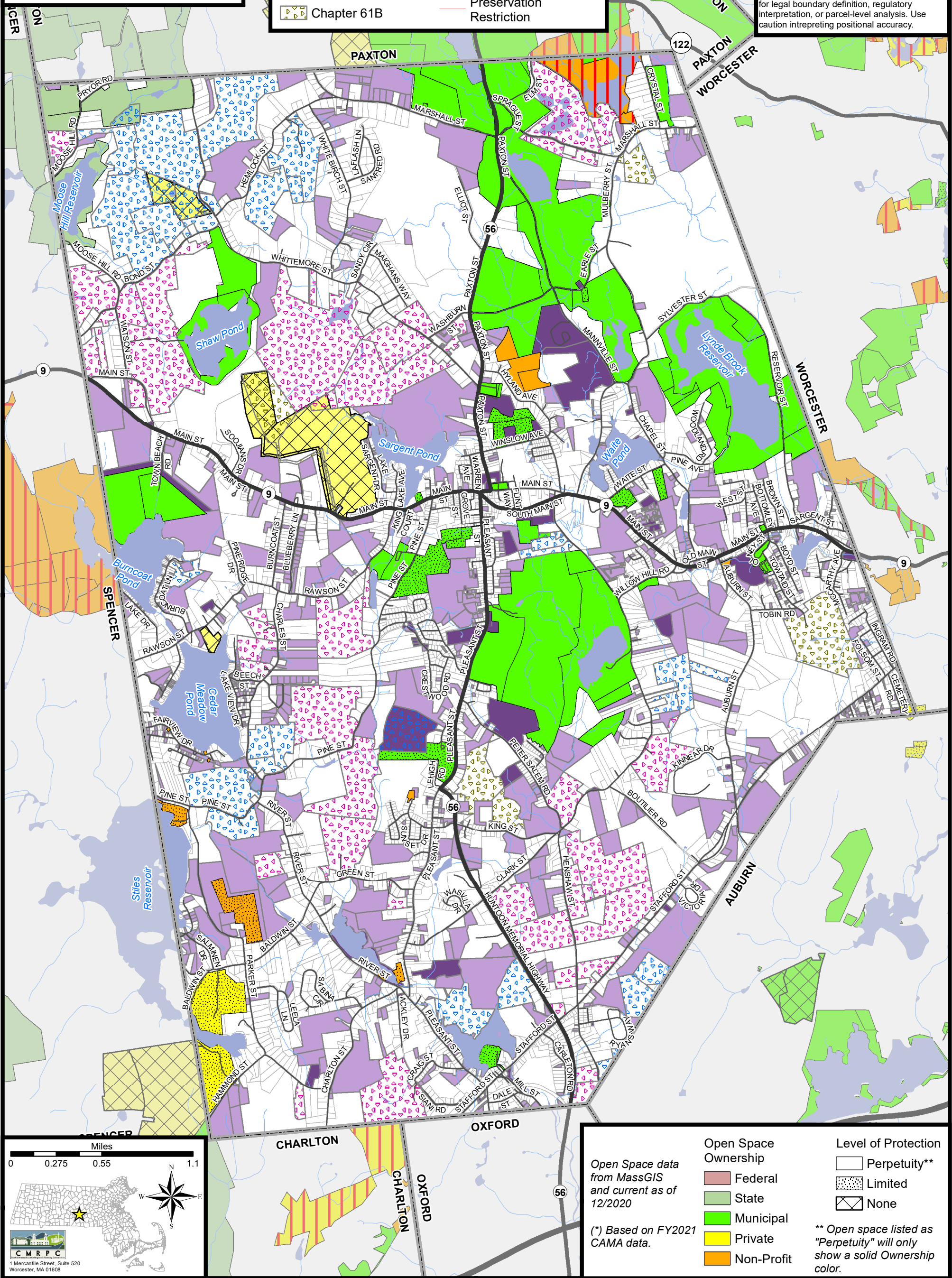
### LEGEND

- Town Boundaries
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- Town Owned Land (\*)
- Undeveloped Land (\*)
- Chapter Lands
  - Chapter 61
  - Chapter 61A
  - Chapter 61B
- Conservation Restriction
- Agricultural Preservation Restriction

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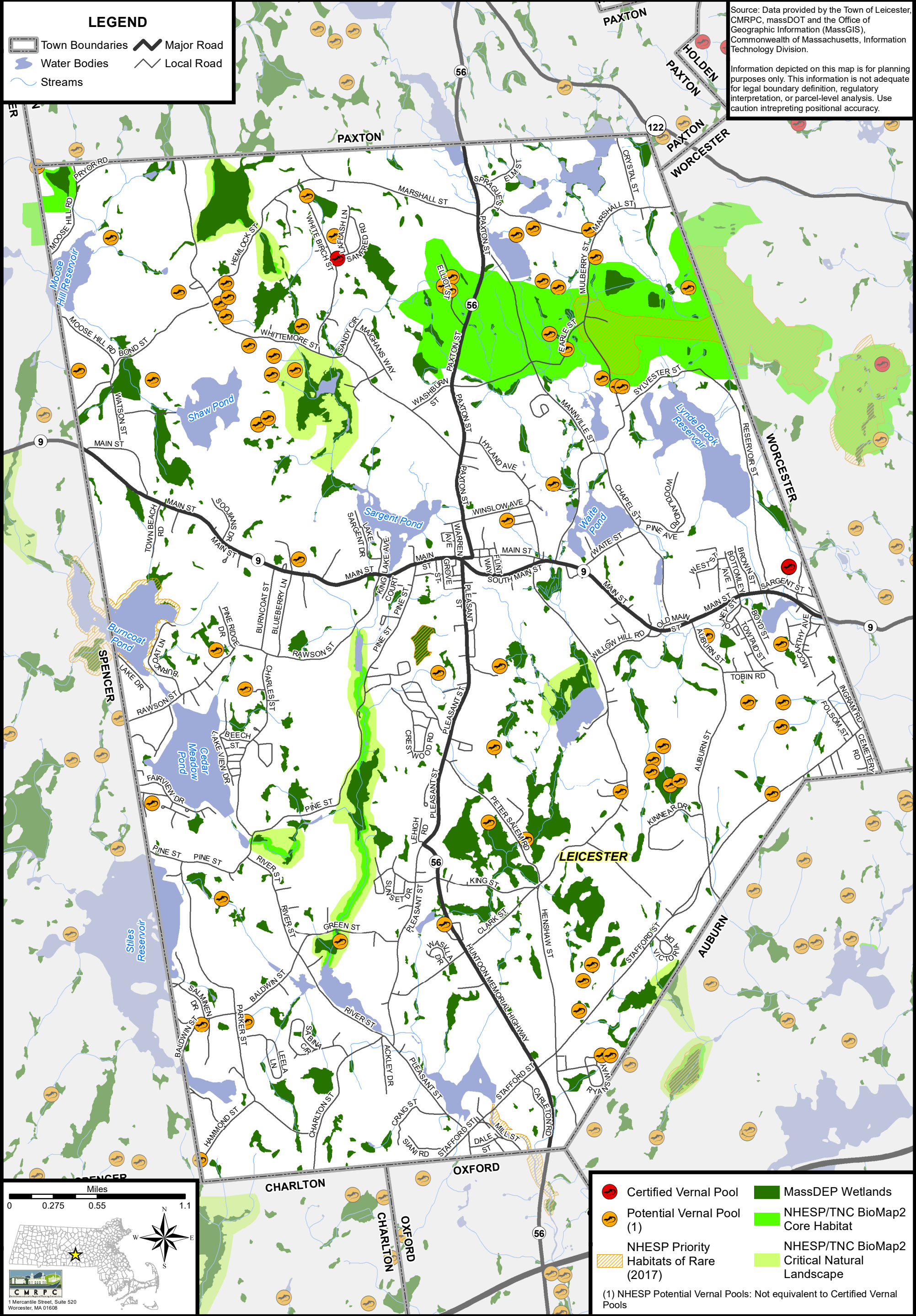
- | Open Space Ownership | Level of Protection |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Federal              | Perpetuity**        |
| State                | Limited             |
| Municipal            | None                |
| Private              |                     |
| Non-Profit           |                     |
- Open Space data from MassGIS and current as of 12/2020
- (\*) Based on FY2021 CAMA data.
- \*\* Open space listed as "Perpetuity" will only show a solid Ownership color.

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# HABITAT FEATURES

## OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN





**1 Goal 1: Protect open space and natural resources, particularly water resources.**

- Facilitate use of right of first refusal (CH61/A/B) and tax-title properties to protect various types of open space.
- Improve water quality at town-owned ponds.
- Preserve water quality town wide.
- Protect wildlife habitat including significant habitat, vernal Pools, wetlands, and rare species.
- Preserve farmlands and forest lands.
- Promote low-impact development practices and encourage the permanent protection of ecologically valuable land from new development.

# ACTION PLAN

## OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

**Goal 2: Provide and maintain recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.**

- Take advantage of recreational assets on Becker campus
- Revitalize town parks, beginning with Hillcrest, Burncoat, Rochdale, and Towtaid to improve recreation opportunities.
- Provide for improved maintenance of Town recreational facilities.
- Enhance Leicester's trail networks to provide access to parks and increase connections between parks and neighborhoods.
- Increase accessibility of town parks and open spaces for residents with physical disabilities.

**Goal 3: Build a strong constituency of open space advocates through education and collaborative partnerships.**

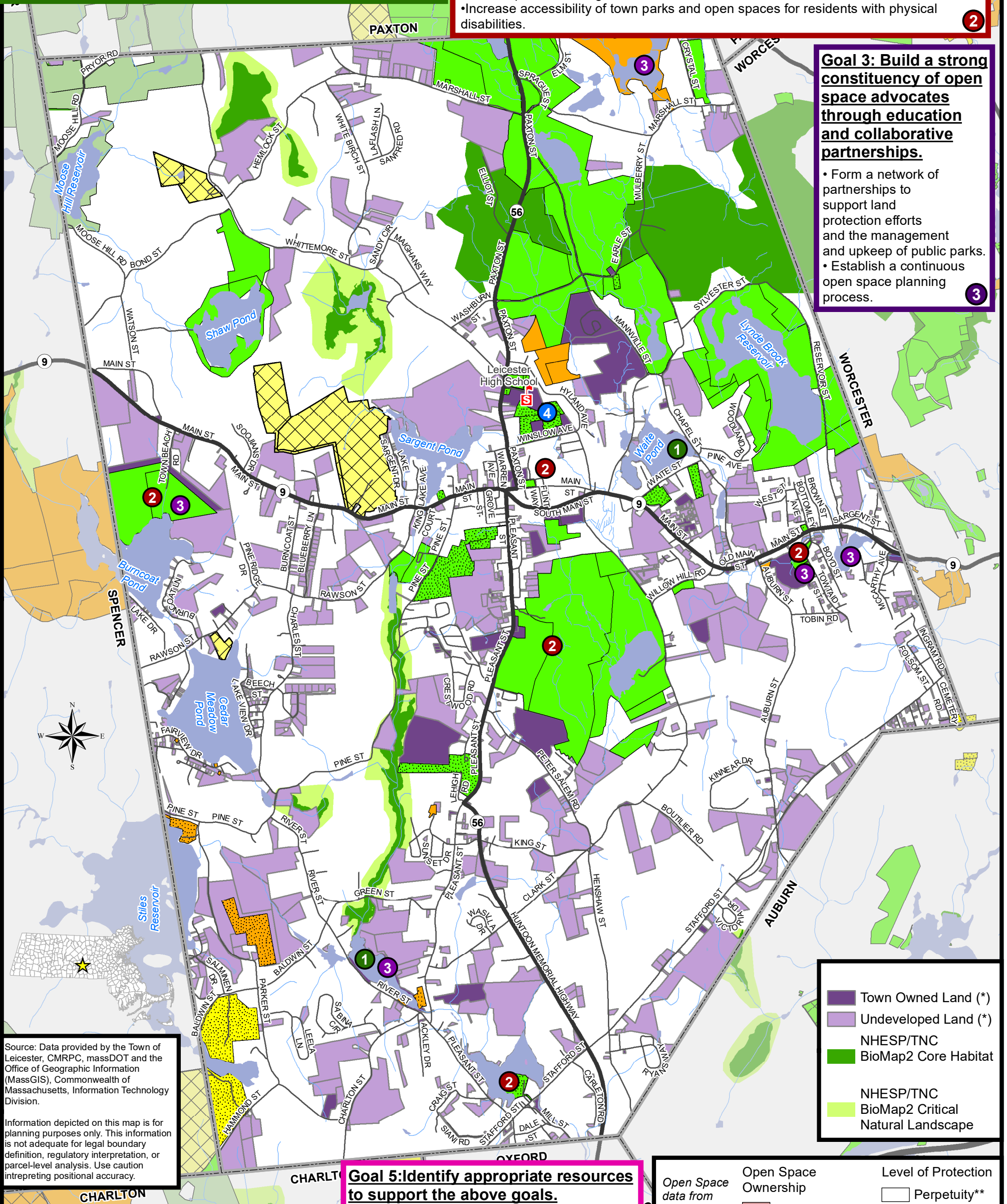
- Form a network of partnerships to support land protection efforts and the management and upkeep of public parks.
- Establish a continuous open space planning process.

**Goal 4: Increase public participation in open space and recreation planning.**

- Actively seek volunteer assistance.
- Engage students and schools as a resource.
- Increase awareness and use of recreational facilities and programs.

**Goal 5: Identify appropriate resources to support the above goals.**

- Adopt the Community Preservation Act.
- Evaluate additional funding sources such as user fees and fundraising.
- Leverage funding toward meeting the town's goals through partnerships with local and regional land trusts and conservation organizations.



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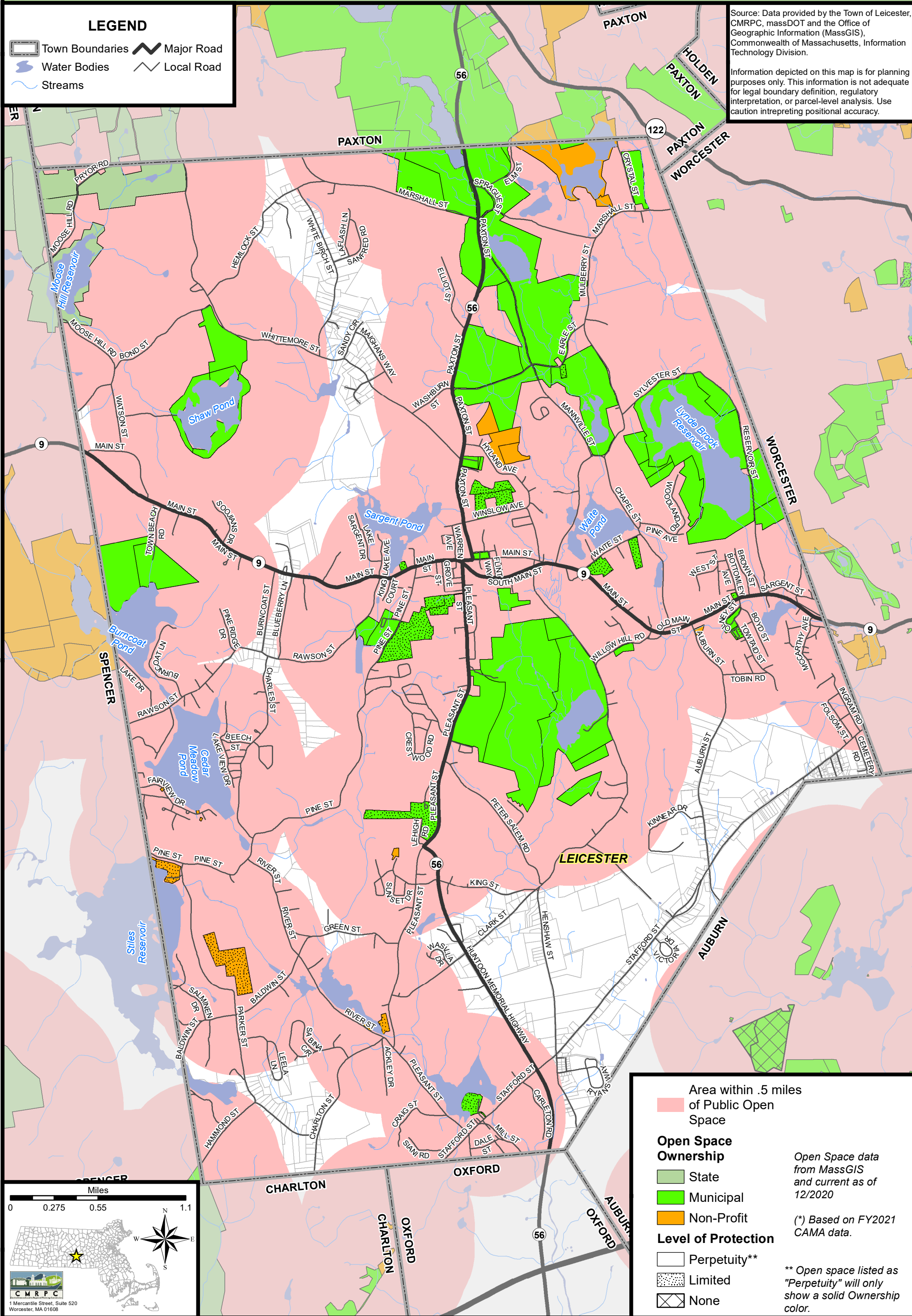
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