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Beaver Street Playground



- . Ugly
- . Where is this?

Blackinton Playground



Brayton Field



- . Volleyball
- . We really need some small park in the Cliff Street neighborhood. A basketball hoop and a few picnic tables in the upper parking lot behind Windsor mill would be greatly appreciated
- . There is nothing in this area of town for kids

Freeman Playground



Houghton Playground



- . Brilliant! I always go here when my godson visits.
- . Love seeing football practices; great lighted area for players and families; great parking.

- . Scary gated entrance too close to road – kids run out in front of drivers
- . Dog bag dispensers would keep field clean for kids

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Johnson School Playground



- . Basketball courts are great for kids and adults, but need some repair
- . Nice little playground

- . Basketball courts need repair
- . Tennis court

Kemp Park



- . Volleyball court
- . Neighborhood ice skating rinks

Greylock School Playground



- . Take out cement pool, make trails
- . Ice skating

West End Apartments Play Area



Recreation Facilities: Athletic and Community Facilities

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Noel Field Athletic Complex



- . Love walking along the river or the track
- . Family summer evenings with all sports areas being used under the lights on Noel Field!
- . Love all the great evening sport activities baseball, softball, Steeplecats, great family investment all the way around!
- . A city gem- great to have Steeplecats. (2)

- . Open the eastside riverbank to walking remove the fences (5)
- . Loop trail using berm on eastside of river
- . Adult exercise equipment, for chin-ups, stretching, sit-ups, etc.
- . Something like a skate park or family park so teens have a place to skate & be active; rock climbing wall
- . Box seats; locker rooms for teams
- . Expanded basketball facilities a lot of local teens use the courts in addition to men's & women's leagues. Definitely need more space
- . Better softball field & facilities
- . Utilize river bank walk more (3)
- . More bleachers for the 4th of July

Alcombright Athletic Complex



Windsor Lake



- . Well maintained beautiful lake
- . Love easy access to trails!
- . Love the feeling of pristine beauty. The feeling that you've gotten away from the city, even though its less than 2 miles from Main St. Like that it's swimmable.
- . A great city asset. Nice walking trails. Better boat access.
- . Attractive to all levels of fitness, scenic, accessible. Perfect outdoor activity hub for local schools & camps.
- . Where exactly is Camp Decker? Love hiking trails. Answer - take the trails behind the campground and go up the hills.
- . One of our greatest assets!
- . Very nice walking trails could be expanded

- . Canoe & Kayak racing with craft show (2)
- . More marketing of the lake & trails, connections to DT, Mass MoCa, and MCLA.
- . Reconnect pond loop, once current home builder built lake house, closed off loop around pond. (Old Rochand Rutt MTN bike race)
- . Volleyball court and horse shoes
- . Skate in the winter on the lake
- . Educational Facilities; More winter activities
- . New Playground, tennis court
- . Needs ownership presence, signage, and should be promoted for different uses. Perfect opportunity to keep MCLA students here in the summer.
- . NO Smoking
- . Upgrade boat launch
- . Less development around the lake
- . Better trail and trail head on W. Shaft Rd. for trails on conservation lands

Peter W. Foote Vietnam Veterans Skating Rink



- . I skate there often price is good!

- . Bring back high school hockey
- . Could this become a multi-sport building? Basketball? Rock climbing wall? Other indoor sports?
- . More promotion of it
- . Does this get utilized in warmer months?

Recreation Facilities: **Historic Park Facilities**

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Western Gateway Heritage State Park



- Love the old-timey atmosphere. The park has "soul."

- Heritage Park needs to be filled ore. It used to be great when the general store was there and the antique center. Now it's time to bring these type of businesses back.
- Increase use of the park
- Our kids loved coming to HSP when they were little. Need a store or some train exploration activity, or music events on lawn to draw kids and families back.
- More direct (visibility) access from downtown
- More parking

Natural Bridge State Park



- Besides the geology, I get a kick out of the 19th century graffiti carved into some of the rock.
- Very special resource that often goes unnoticed

- Facility needs updating
- Wildlife area
- Improve Route 8 entrance area
- Improve signage
- Create a walking path from Marshall Street to Natural Bridge and Museum Mile (Beaver Mill)
- The trees and shrubs have been pruned haphazardly and it looks awful in some places
- The fencing kills the beauty of the geology

Recreation Facilities: Natural Parks and Facilities

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The Cascades



- . Beautiful, very little human intervention
- . Beautiful little trail to an awesome waterfall; easy hike to falls for most fitness levels
- . Awesome trail
- . Simple and rewarding for all! Near downtown, easy to access. Historical.

- . More awareness for litter pickup there
- . Dog bag dispensers; great idea!
- . Garbage cans
- . Our best kept secret. Shh. I guiltily feel the same about keeping the Cascades to ourselves.
- . Needs better parking and signage. Directions from downtown would be helpful.

Mt. Greylock



- . Attracts tourists through our little but unique towns.

- . Better marketing on top of what's below
- . Trail access from downtown?
- . More and better signage (2)

Mt. Williams Reservoir



- . Beautiful spot!

- . Didn't know the reservoir was available for recreation
- . How can this be used for recreation?

Notch Reservoir



- . This isn't for public recreation, but it is beautiful
- . I like and visit all of these places as well as Natural Bridge

- . Needs to be open for walking but treated respectfully

Hoosic River, River Street Riverside Park & Girardi Park



- . Love seeing the wildlife, also enjoy checking out what balls and other items get trapped in the backwash of the river. Very glad to see milkweed growing there. It explains the sudden appearance of a monarch butterfly in my yard.
- . Bike path route?
- . LOVE the river revitalization ideas!!

- . Where is Girardi Park?
- . Would love to be able to make a loop that includes both sides of the river. A few trees would be nice too, for shade and to break up the view (if the Army Corps would let us).
- . Love the ideas re: walking loops and landscaping

Recreation Facilities: **Pocket Parks**

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Colgrove Park



- . Could be town commons. (2)
- . Great spot for a downtown park. (2)

- . Underutilized should be restored to its former glory
- . Needs to be repaired (steps) and beautified
- . Bandstand
- . Volleyball Court
- . Dog Park

Elderly Housing Recreation Area



Senior Center Park



- . Add flowers, landscaping, fountain.

Veteran's Park



- . Love love love the flags
- . Looks Great!
- . Dog Parade began and was just a beautiful area with the flags

- . Make it more welcoming.

Monitor Park



- . Include all of these little parks on a map
- . Is this really a park?

Downtown Pocket Parks—Eagle Street & Main Street



- . Plenty of empty lots in the city for benches, gardens, and playgrounds, very popular!
- . Pocket parks are a great addition to the city

- . More of these
- . Should make the community oven on River St. more of a park