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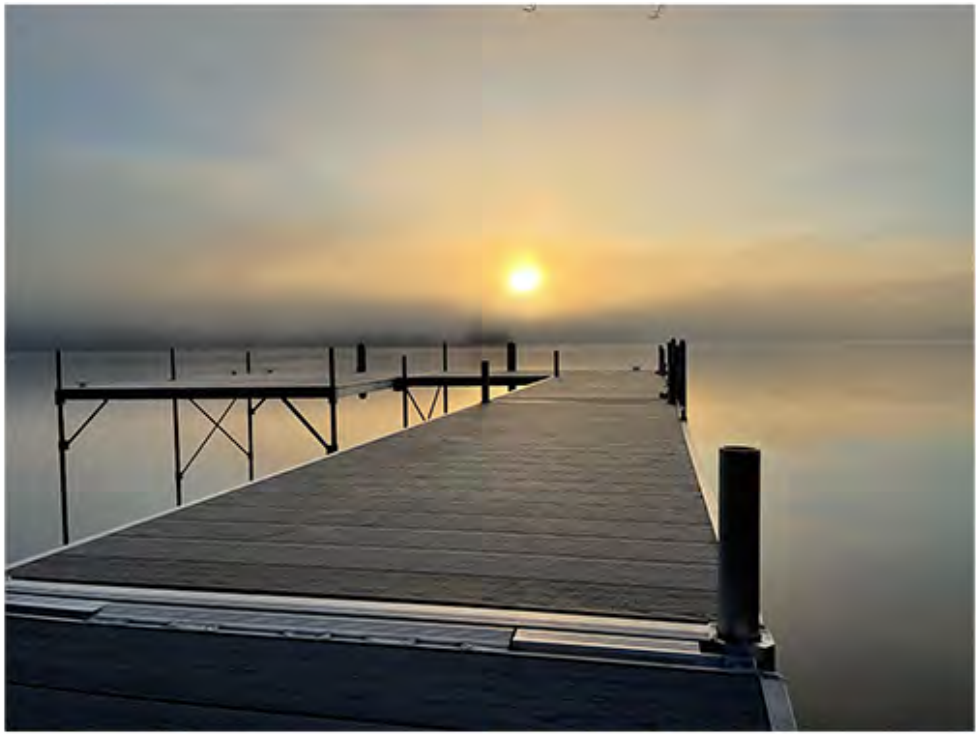

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Section 1 – Plan Summary

Courtesy S. Mushinsky

It is impossible to produce an update of an open space and recreational plan in the year 2021 without speaking about the changes in various aspects of our lives brought about by the Covid 19 pandemic. So much has shifted and as yet it is unclear how much will become a new norm and how much will revert to pre-pandemic conditions. What seems evident from any number of anecdotal observations and a few fledgling studies is that people have become more aware of open space and recreational assets around them and are utilizing them with more frequency. Additionally, despite and likely also in response to issues with supply chain, industrial development is at a new high in our region. With this development comes pressure for housing, pressure to offset impacts of development, and pressure to provide for the needs and desires of the workforce for these businesses. This pressure reinforces the necessity to revisit our plan for preservation, maintenance, and growth of our open spaces, recreational amenities and historic/cultural resources.

This Open Space and Recreation Plan update has drawn primarily on survey and public forum input. This input was utilized to attune overarching aspirations and to formulate specific goals and targeted objectives/strategies.

The 2013 Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) established undertakings in the following five general areas:

1. Protect and maintain open spaces
2. Protect and maintain cultural resources
3. Develop and maintain recreation resources
4. Inform the public more effectively about all of these resources
5. Accessibility Goals

Due to the nature of this type of plan, this Plan update retains the same general focus areas but articulates our aspirations a little differently and introduces a focus on climate resiliency as follows:

1. Sutton will be a community that understands, appreciates, preserves, and grows its open space resources
2. Sutton will be a community that understands, appreciates, and preserves its historic/cultural resources
3. Sutton will be a community that provides recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities

4. Sutton will be a community where residents and visitors will be able to easily access information about Suttons open space & recreation offerings
5. Sutton will be a community that acknowledges the effects of climate and incorporates climate resilience into its open space, recreational, and historic/cultural initiatives

The OSRP advisory group undertook a creative plan to encourage and obtain public input which included a town-wide survey and two open air public forums at the Lodge at Marion's Camp, a scenic recreational site. The Town utilized public input along with the knowledge of the advisory group members and expertise of Central Massachusetts Regional Planning (CMRPC) as well as numerous town staff and public officials to formulate this updated plan

Courtesy B. Garvin

Other than the expected mandate to add more recreational amenities (67%) and open space (63%), the most significant focus of respondents was a real desire to get in touch with Sutton's history. Over 55% of respondents wanted various programs to understand and appreciate our history, with more than 70% supporting programs for all ages about Sutton's history. We believe the seven-year action plan we have developed is a realistic approach to accomplishing the vision that was articulated by our residents through this latest input process.

Section 2 – Introduction

A. Statement of Purpose

Over 35 years ago (1984) the Town of Sutton prepared its first Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) with the assistance of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission. This plan was updated to cover the time period of 1991-1996, updated again for 2002-2007, and most recently the Town completed an update of the Plan to cover the period of 2013-2020. We have accomplished many of the objectives outlined in the latest update including the National Register of Historic Places listing of the Village of Manchaug, ADA compliant restoration of Goddard Lodge at Marion's Camp, procurement of Veteran's Field in the Village of Manchaug, completed trail development at Shaw Farm, created woodland and lakeside trails at Marion's Camp, procured land for the extension of the Mumford River Trail in the Village of Manchaug, renovated Unity Park playground including parking and ADA access.

Updating our OSRP has allowed us to articulate our current goals and will assist in promoting and pursuing these goals. Having completed the concerted planning and input

process for this most recent update also demonstrates community wide commitment and collaboration that helps us with securing funding through various sources.

B. Planning Process and Public Participation

The first step of the update process was to engage an Advisory Committee. Sutton's Committee consists of a member of the Planning Board and Historic Commission as well as a Conservation representative, and Recreation staff. The committee was rounded out with a local college student studying engineering and land use topics, and two residents at large representing different parts of Town including one of Suttons National Historic District Villages.

The Planning Department engaged Central Massachusetts Regional Planning (CMRPC) to assist with various aspects of the Open Space & Recreation Plan update. One of their tasks was to draft the citizen's survey and tabulate results. The Planning Department decided to revamp the survey to be more targeted and also by seeking input relative to actual Sutton sites. The intent was to try to obtain more targeted and specific opinions to shape this update of the Plan.

A postcard was sent to every residential household and all Sutton and Manchaug post office boxes. The postcard featured an electronic survey link and QR code as well as contact information if a resident preferred to complete a paper copy of the survey. Information about the Open Space Plan public forums was also included on the postcard. As an incentive, the Committee decided to have a photo contest of favorite Sutton open space and recreation spots, with voting only at the public forums. The prize for the top five photos was a seasons pass to Marion's Camp in Sutton. We also requested permission from contestants to include their photographs in the updated Plan. Approximately 340 households responded to the survey, representing just over 9% of households.

Photo: J. Hager

Several dozen individuals attended the forums. Due to Covid concerns, the forums were held at Marion's Camp in the open air Goddard Lodge that has been renovated in part with Land & Water Conservation Funding. Presentation boards with current demographic information, survey results, and goals and objectives from the last plan were provided along with large maps with scenic resources and open space/recreation site maps. Materials were set up in centers to take in info and solicit opinions, suggestions, and new ideas related to each topic area. This fun and interactive process was designed to obtain input in about 15-20 minutes as opposed to the typica down forum.

Participants signed in and were given a one-page information sheet about the process along with stickers and a voting card for the photo contest. Members of the OSRP Committee were present at each of three stations and within the Lodge to explain the input process and to answer any questions.

Sutton did not notify any Sutton Environmental Justice (EJ) populations of our OSRP process as the Town does not host any EJ populations as designated by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. However, our local newspaper that reaches EJ populations in neighboring towns posted notice of our forums.

With respect to drafting the revised plan, assistance was obtained from various sources. Central Massachusetts Regional Planning (CMRPC) provided updated demographic information. Maps in the Plan were updated by CMRPC, the towns tax map company Cartographic Associates (CAI), and the Planning Director. Using information from the prior plan, the survey results, and input from the OSRP forums, the Committee worked together to formulate a new set of aspirations, goals and strategies.

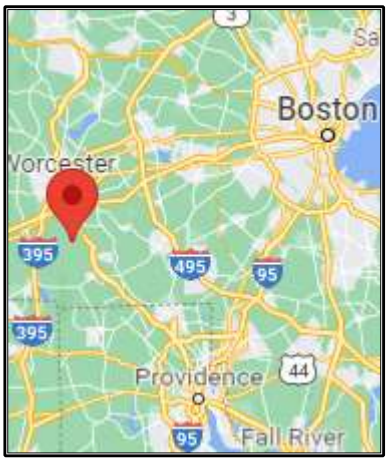
Members of the Advisory Committee and staff updated various base chapters of the Plan. Then valuable input and information gleaned from the survey and forums, as well as a number of local, state and national resources, was used by the Committee to prepare the aspirations, goals and strategies. Combining the updated chapters and integrating the goals into final chapters resulted in the first draft of the update.

The Planning Director and members of the Advisory Committee attended public meetings with the Plan Presentation specifically listed on the agendas of the Historic Commission, Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Select Board to present the draft Plan and its aspirations, goals and strategies and seek further input. Public meeting notices were posted on the Town's website as well as at the Town Hall and an invitation was sent directly to all Departments, Boards and Commissions for the final Open Space Plan review meeting. This secondary draft of the plan was posted on the Towns website for final review and commentary, and the final revisions were completed.

Section 3 – Community Setting

A. Regional Context

Sutton is located in the Blackstone River Valley in the southeast section of Worcester County, 12 miles south of the City of Worcester and 32 miles northwest of Providence, Rhode Island. Adjacent towns include (starting with Millbury to the North and going clockwise) Millbury, Grafton, Northbridge, Uxbridge, Douglas, and Oxford.



In addition to Worcester and Providence, the Town is within a few hours driving distance of several major metropolitan areas. Sutton is just over 45 miles from Boston, about 180 miles from New York City, and 65 miles from Hartford, Connecticut. The Massachusetts Turnpike (US I-90) is accessed just to the north. Direct connection to I-90 in Millbury in 1998 improved the convenience of travel to Worcester, Providence and Boston and has drawn more residents to the area. This significant transportation investment has shifted traffic east from the 395 corridor, and continues to serve as a major influence to residential and business growth in the Blackstone Valley. The Regional Context Map shows Sutton's location in proximity to its nearby communities and highways.

The region is also well connected by rail and highway to the ports, airports, and intermodal facilities. Boston Logan International Airport is the closest International airport serving the Town, but Bradley International Airport in Connecticut is also less than two hours' drive. National service is also easily obtained via the TF Green Airport in Warwick, Rhode Island and the Manchester Boston Regional Airport in Manchester, New Hampshire. Worcester Regional Airport, operated by the Massachusetts Port Authority, is about 13 miles from Sutton Town Center and provides service via JetBlue, American Airlines, Delta Airlines and Ross Rectrix to select US cities.

Three railroads provide rail service to the region, CSX, Providence & Worcester, and Grafton Upton, although only P & W actually passes through town.

Sutton is one of 37 communities that comprise the Worcester Regional Transit Authority's (WRTA's) service area. The second largest regional transit authority in Massachusetts, the WRTA offers reliable, comfortable, and safe transportation for traveling to work, shopping, school, medical appointments, and leisure activities. Its real time bus arrival information system includes the latest advancements in communication technologies with automatic vehicle announcements, an automatic vehicle locator system, dynamic message signs, traffic signal priority, and automatic vehicle monitoring. The WRTA does not currently provide bus service to the Town of Sutton. The nearest fixed route stops are located at Millbury Center and The Shoppes of Blackstone Valley in Millbury.

SCM Elderbus is a private, non-profit paratransit transportation company that is under contract with the WRTA to provide transportation to the elderly and disabled in South Central Massachusetts. Elderbus now serves 21 towns in South Central Massachusetts including Sutton. All Elderbus vans are equipped with wh]eelchair lifts. Elderbus can be

used by residents 60 years or older or residents who are disabled. Service is not limited to medical and hospital appointments. Elderbus is regularly used for trips to nutrition sites, shopping, visits the hairdresser or barbershop, to visit friends, go to the bank or post office, and many other places that are important to physical and mental wellbeing, including recreational areas.

Sutton is located within the region serviced by the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) as shown on the Regional Context map. CMRPC is the designated regional planning agency (RPA), one of 14 in the Commonwealth, for the Central Massachusetts region, which includes the City of Worcester and the surrounding 39 communities. This region encompasses the southern two-thirds of Worcester County. CMRPC provides municipal and regional planning for Land Use and Transportation, as well as a variety of Community Development services, Transit Planning for the region's transit authority, Geographic Information Services (GIS), and other services. CMRPC collaborates with local, regional, state and federal officials, as well as with legislators, in order to bring a regional perspective and a coordinated approach to the planning and development that occurs in this region. The ultimate goal of this agency is to improve the quality of life for those who work and live in the Central Massachusetts region.

"Time to Reflect" Manchaug Pond
Courtesy of S. Capobianco

Sutton is located almost entirely within the Blackstone Watershed, with the northwest corner of town located in the French River Watershed. The Town of Sutton shares the Blackstone River and its tributaries with neighboring communities. The Town also shares Lake Singletary and Ramshorn Pond with Millbury, Manchaug Pond with Douglas, and Swans, Meadow and Lackey Pond with Northbridge.

As a result of these shared resources, and the fact that portions of several of our abutting towns were historically once part of Sutton, the community has a strong identification with our neighbors.

The Blackstone Valley is noted as a region that consists mainly of "developing suburbs" whose open spaces are threatened by low density residential development. Although various studies show Sutton has the most protected land of any community in the Valley, the Town continues to experience development pressure.
In 2019 Sutton worked with Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission in a public process to complete our Residential Housing Needs Study and Housing Production

Plan. The Study showed our population is aging with 20% of residents 60 years and older. Additionally, 3% of those over 65 have income rates well below the poverty level and the town has only 50 units of affordable housing town –wide, far short of the needs within the community and our minimum 10% goal. Young professionals face the same limited income stress as many seniors. With only 10 affordable homes for families, a housing profile that is over 82% single family, and the highest median home cost of 10 surrounding communities, housing in Sutton is out of reach for most.

While area mill towns reestablished town centers around industrial activities, Sutton's rolling and dispersed geography did not lend itself to this type of arrangement. Its main villages were developed fair distances from one another leaving vast open farmland and forest in between. Consequently, Sutton's villages, whether industrial or agriculturally based, each maintain their own unique characteristics within the broad scheme of field, forest, farmland and village for which Sutton is noted.

Although many traditional farms have succumbed to development pressures, several continue to thrive; some through non-traditional means such as conversion to hobby farms, adding commercial components, and horse farming. The continuous use of farmsteads as part-time commercial or hobby farms, including horse farming, has been a key factor in maintaining Sutton's rural character, particularly in and around the Villages of Sutton Center and West Sutton where full time commercial farming also exists.

Our mill villages are a proud part of our local, regional, and national history, serving as a wonderful example of industrial revolution period manufacturing and village residential development. The towns in the Valley are bound through the Blackstone River and Canal but also through their similar historic and agricultural backgrounds, and their shared desire for future economic development, historic preservation, open space protection and sound land use management practices.

The Blackstone Canal
Courtesy of the Blackstone Heritage Corridor

The Town has numerous sources of recreation, but has only truly focused over the last fifteen years to undertake a concerted effort to fund renovation and development of these amenities.

Those from outside the area know Sutton for State holdings such as Purgatory Chasm State Forest that features unique glacial formations. However, the Town has been working for nearly 20 years with other Blackstone Valley towns and other stakeholders to design and construct the Blackstone River Bikeway, an interstate alternative transportation and recreation connection from Providence to Worcester. When the last three segments of the Bikeway, #3-5 from Uxbridge to Millbury, are completed, the

bikeway will span 22 miles from Woonsocket, Rhode Island to Worcester, Massachusetts opening up an opportunity for increased economic development and alternative transportation throughout the Valley. Additionally, the Town formulated Master Plans for Marion's Camp on Tuttle Road, Sutton's only public beach location, and the 137 acre Shaw Farm off Putnam Hill Road, to facilitate expansion of recreational opportunities. Sutton acquired State funding, and combined with local funding, significant improvements have already been accomplished at these site that serve residents and visitors alike.

Sutton participated in the 2012 Blackstone Valley Prioritization Project facilitated by CMRPC in cooperation with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED) and Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation as well as the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Massachusetts Audubon Society. This project included the twelve communities of the Blackstone Valley and through a fairly rigorous public process identified seven (7) local priority development areas, three (3) priority preservation areas (PPAs), two (2) PDA/PPAs and four (4) Regional Infrastructure Investments (RIIs) in the Town of Sutton. The Manchaug Village Historic District, Lake Manchaug, the Shaw Farm, as well as the four (4) Town Development Area on Gilboa Street, and the Boston Road Interchange were further identified as Regional Priorities following extensive public involvement and geographic data analysis.

B. History of the Community

Sutton is an upland residential/rural community located between the French and Blackstone River Valleys. Originally consisting of an eight square mile tract of land. The original town tract was part of an eight-mile square area that were first transferred by the Native American John Wampus to English owners in 1679. After 1716, town boundaries changed several times as land was annexed to Sutton or from Sutton to other towns during the 18th and 19th centuries. Parts of Sutton were annexed to the towns of Westborough, Upton, Grafton, Ward (Auburn), Uxbridge, and Northbridge. The most recent major change came in 1813 when Sutton's North Parish was incorporated as the town of Millbury. The present town boundaries with the towns of Douglas and Millbury were established in 1907.

Native American routes of travel extended through the area during 1500-1620. A north-south route followed what is now Winwood Road, Singletary Avenue, Boston Road, Putnam Hill Road to the Manchaug Pond area. A Nipmuck Praying Indian village was located near Manchaug Pond. The trail passed along Manchaug Road and the Mumford River to falls in Northbridge. Another north-south route probably followed the present Providence Road and Central Street. A regional northeast-west route from Grafton followed Boston Road to Oxford, where it split toward Woodstock and the Brookfields. A

Southeast-west route seems to have corresponded with Carr Street, Mendon Road, and Central Turnpike. There was probably a loop between Singletary and Ramshorn Ponds along West Sutton Road, following natural contours around the southern base of Potter Hill to Griggs Road.

The Town of Sutton was located in 1704 but settlement was postponed because of Indian attacks in the region. Thirty families and a church were requirements to become a town. Settlement began in 1716 with 3 families followed by others, mostly from the Salem area. A Congregational religious society was formed in 1720 and a Meeting House was built to serve both religious and civic purposes. By 1735 the population had increased to 140. In that same year a Baptist congregation was established, ending religious uniformity. By 1776 the size of the town had grown to 2,644.

The first Meeting House was located on the west side of the present Common. A burying ground, militia training field, and school lot were all centrally located to form the nucleus of a town center. The general pattern of settlement in the town was of dispersed farmsteads with no real clustered houses occurring near the Meeting House during this period. Farm houses were built at early dates on eight 40-acre lots set aside in 1719 along Eight Lots Road for settlers by the Sutton Proprietors. No houses of a clearly pre-1775 date have been documented in this area. The Eight Lots school building dates to 1773, though it may have been built earlier. Other early houses were built along traveled routes, such as Boston Road. Freegrace Marble was an original proprietor and his house remains on Burbank Road.

Courtesy B. Garvin

The town's economy was agricultural with an emphasis on dairy products and was famous for well-trained oxen. Several mill sites were established in the town from the time of its early settlement through 1775. In the earlier period, industry was largely ancillary to the agricultural economy. Industrial enterprises typically were a part time undertaking of farmers for the processing of neighborhood agricultural products or for the fabrication of items needed by them and their neighbors for daily life and agriculture. At the time of the revolution, there was a powder mill and gun armory near Singletary Pond. This was very important, as importation of those items was prohibited. In 1776 Abijah Burbank built a paper mill which supplied the paper for Isaiah Thomas to publish the *Spy.* Among the inventors from Sutton are Thomas Blanchard (lathe) and Asa Waters (manufactured gun barrels).

Colonial period roads and highways continued in use during this period. The Boston Post Road with mile markers to expedite mail delivery, was measured out by Benjamin Franklin. Four of the original "mile markers" exist in town today. The Central Turnpike, a new east-west toll road that by-passed the Meeting House village, was opened in 1824. The opening of the Blackstone Canal through Wilkinsonville in 1828 gave a boost to Sutton's economy, both agricultural and industrial. It provided the transport for the town's agricultural produce to markets in Worcester and Providence, as well as raw materials and manufactured goods to and from its mills. The town's early 19th century road network continued in use during the early industrial period. The Providence & Worcester Railroad opened through Wilkinsonville in 1847. This more reliable means of transportation doomed the Blackstone Canal which ceased operation the following year in 1848.

The Holbrook House c. 1895 aka "The Beehive"
Courtesy of J. Smith

Sutton Center

Sutton remained largely a town of dispersed farmsteads during the Federal Period. After 1800, commercial/residential/institutional clusters sprang up at several locations in town. Settlement at the center became denser. In addition to being the location of the of the church, school, taverns, training field, and cemetery, it now became the site of artisans' shops. In the mid 1800's, the boot and shoe manufacture produced goods worth $1,000 per day. A post office, general store, blacksmith shop, livery stable, lawyer and doctor's offices, and a Masonic lodge on the upper floor of the General Rufus Putnam school existed. The first Town Hall building was dedicated in 1884 on the spot near where the 1720 church was located on the west side of the common.

West Sutton

Outside the center village, a settlement grew up to meet the needs of the prosperous agricultural community at West Sutton. The growth of the village was further encouraged after 1824 when the Central Turnpike was opened through this area. During the1775-1830 period at West Sutton there were as follows: several dwellings, a tavern/hotel/ library, store, school, cemetery, Baptist church, saw mill, trip hammer shop, an ashery, a distillery, two blacksmith's shops, and a wheelwright's shop clustered around the intersection of Central Turnpike and West Sutton Road. The stage coach made two daily trips to Millbury.

South Sutton

In South Sutton, around the intersection of Whitins, Barnett, and Hough roads, a small community materialized during the early years of the 19th century. It continued to grow gradually until mid-century. By 1830, clustered together were a Baptist church, cemetery, school, and several houses, including the house of the Baptist minister. At one time there was a store and a hotel.

Wilkinsonville

Photo Courtesy of the Chase Family

As the Industrial Revolution took hold at waterpower sites in Sutton, textile manufacturing villages began to grow up there as well. The Village of Wilkinsonville got its start in 1815 when Asa Waters II of Millbury established a cotton spinning mill on the Blackstone River there. The real growth of the village occurred after 1823 when a new mill was built at this location by David Wilkinson, the brother-in-law of Samuel Slater of Rhode Island, the "Father of the American Industrial Revolution". Under the auspices of Wilkinson, houses, a hotel, a church, and a bank building were built around the mill. In 1909-10, street cars operated from Worcester to the "Gold Mine", Sutton being "the only town within a wide radius that permitted the sale or intoxicating liquors." It had a bar 132 feet long and for a time was supposed to have the longest bar in the world.

Manchaug

The growth of the village of Manchaug began in 1826 when a group of Rhode Island investors established a mill to manufacture cotton cloth, including the iconic "Fruits of the Loom" at an excellent waterpower site on the Mumford River. By the mid 1800's B.B.R Knight had built two huge granite and one wooden mill, worker housing for a payroll that numbered nearly 500, and public buildings including a mercantile, post office, ball fields, hotel and school to serve the village. Many of its residents immigrated from Canada and French was a second language of many years. The Village was so active and well-populated that during this period many area residents referred to it as the "Capital of Sutton". Many of these structures, including main mill #1 still survive.

M3001 - Mill No 3 - source Dianne Richard

According to Peter Whitney's 1793 History of Worcester County, Sutton was both the second wealthiest and second largest town in the county at that time. Throughout the 18th century it was known as an excellent agricultural town, with a large production of grass crops, fruit, and quality livestock, especially oxen. Its good waterpower sites also gave it an industrial base and a variety of small water-powered industries. Alongside agriculture, manufacturing became a major part of Sutton's economy. It was to remain so well into the 20th century, even though some manufacturing sites were located in the northern portion of the town, which was lost to Sutton when the Town of Millbury was formed in 1813.

As much as nearly three-quarters of the town's population was occupied by agricultural employment during the early years of the 1830-1870 period. However, the success of the town's industries caused the population of industrial workers in Sutton to grow between the 1850's and 1870. Dairy farming had been popular in Sutton during most of the 19th century. By the 1890's several Worcester milk dealers were buying milk from Sutton dairymen and selling it in Worcester and Millbury. By 1905 more than 400,000 gallons of milk were produced in Sutton.

The period during World War I was a prosperous time for Sutton's industries. Yet, within only a few years of the end of the war, the textile industry completely collapsed, leaving the shuttle works and several woodworking shops as the town's only industrial base.

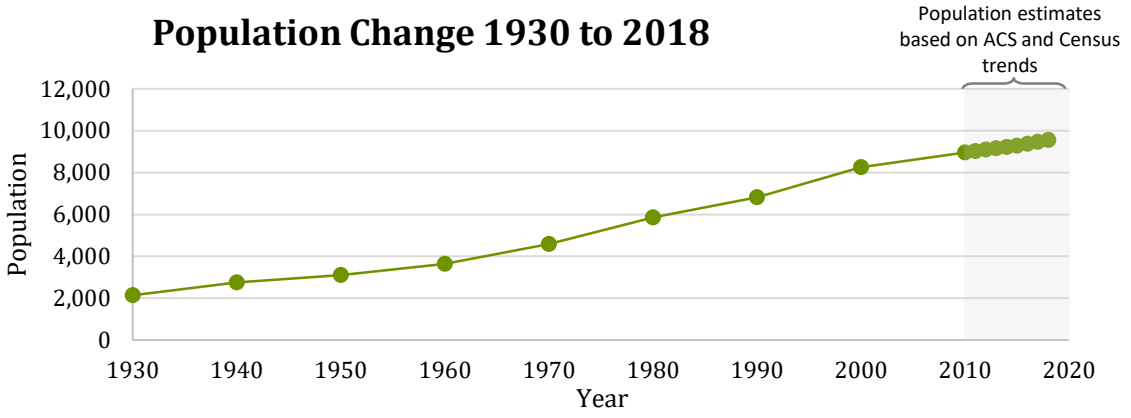
Having lost most of its industrial base, Sutton returned to its dependence upon agriculture as its main livelihood. This continued to be the case through the end of this period. Dairying became concentrated on only four large farms after Bovine Tuberculosis forced smaller farmers out of business. Farming was also devoted to apple orchards, poultry farms, and cattle. Whittier Farms was internationally known for its pedigreed Holsteins.

Today, Sutton's four major village districts; Sutton Center (NR), West Sutton (NR), Manchaug (NR) and Wilkinsonville (NR eligible) and several smaller historic districts, maintain their unique character. The majority of business activity is now located along Route 146 which bisects the town from north to south. The transition of the country to an auto centric society did not escape Sutton which is now largely a bedroom community for residents who work in Worcester, Boston, Metro-west, Providence and beyond.

C. Population Characteristics

Total Population

The official 2010 US Census Bureau decennial population count for Sutton was 8,963. Since 1930, the population of Sutton has grown by as little as 8.7% in a decade (2000-2010) to as much as 27.6% (1970-1980) since 1950.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates Program Table: Population and Housing Unit Estimates Tables, Vintage 2018 Year: 1930-2018

With the exception of Oxford, that had a growth rate of 3%, Sutton had smaller growth rate between 2000 and 2010, at 9%, than most of its neighboring communities. The smaller growth rate may be due to a variety of reasons including cost of living, quality of life, schools, municipal services, housing choice, and/or transportation access. Ultimately, people were moving to the surrounding communities at higher rates than they were moving to Sutton.

Land Area and Population Density

	2010 Census	2018 Estimates
Total Area (square miles)	34.03	34.03*
Water Area (square miles)	1.62	1.62*
Land Area (square miles)	32.41	32.41*
Population	8,963	9,385
Population Per Square Mile of Land Area	276.6	286.6 **

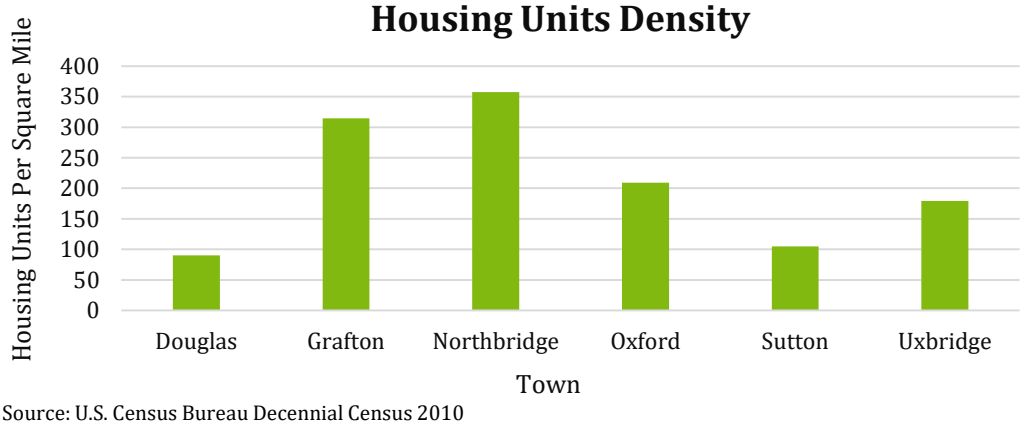
Population Comparison to the Surrounding Communities 1970 - 2010

	1970	1980	1090	2000	2010	% Change 2000-2010
Douglas	2,947	3,730	5,438	7,045	8,471	20%
Grafton	11,659	11,238	13,035	14,894	17,765	19%
Northbridge	11,887	12,246	13,371	13,182	15,707	19%
Sutton	4,590	5,855	6,824	8,250	8,963	9%
Uxbridge	8,253	8,374	10,415	11,156	13,457	21%
Oxford	10,345	11,680	12,588	13,352	13,709	3%

Source: Division of Local Services Table: Population by Municipality and Year
Data current as of 02/13/2020 Years: 1970-2018

*Land are based on 2010 decennial Census ** Derived from 2018 ACS population estimates and 2010 Census land area
Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census 2010 & ACS 2014-2018 5-year estimates
Table: GCT- PH1 Population, Housing Units, Area, and Density: 2010 & DP05 ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates

Over a total land area of 32.4 square miles and with a population of 8,963 in 2010, the population density of Sutton was 277 people per square mile. Based on the 2018 ACS estimates, Sutton's population has increased to 9,385 causing the population density to rise to 286.6 people per square mile. In 2010, Sutton also had a housing density of 104 units per mile, one of the lowest among its neighbors. With the exception of Douglas, Sutton was much more rural than its neighbors in 2010.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census 2010
Table: GCT-PH1 Population, Housing Units, Area, and Density

CMRPC regularly publishes population projections for its constituent communities based on Census estimates. The town level projections were vetted with the communities for transportation planning purposes as part of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan population projections. The control totals for the CMRPC region are provided by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). By the year 2040, CMRPC projects the population of Sutton will be over 10,000.

Population Projections Comparison

	2010 Census	2015 ACS	2020 CMRPC	2030 CMRPC	2040 CMRPC
Douglas	8,471	8,991	9,250	9,645	10,020
Grafton	17,765	19,088	20,295	22,338	23,465
Northbridge	15,707	17,070	18,103	20,479	21,755
Oxford	13,709	13,662	14,366	15,070	15,781
Sutton	8,963	9,090	9,362	9,827	10,213

Source: CMRPC population projections based on 2018 Regional Transportation Plan population projections. Age cohort breakdowns are based on University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute (UMDI) age cohort percentages.

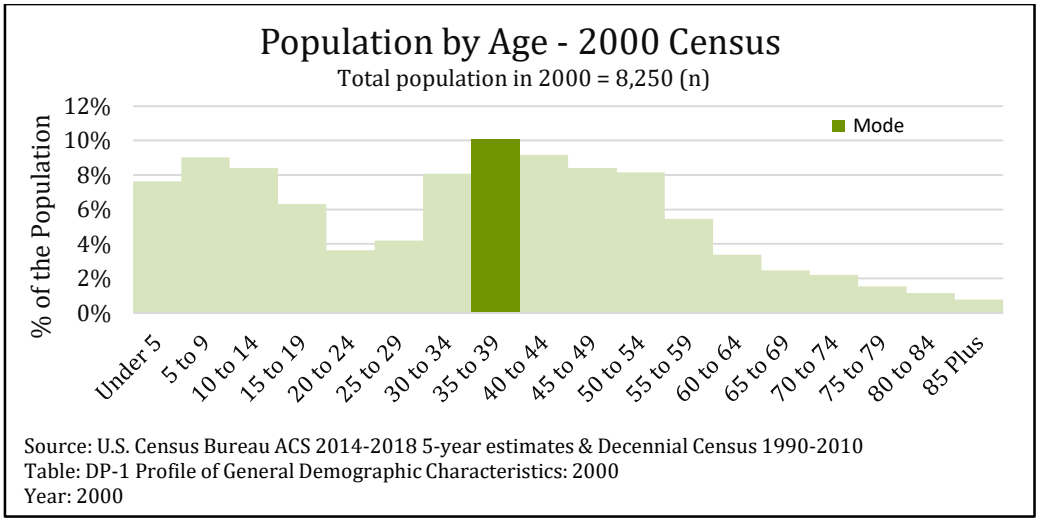
Somewhat slower growth in Sutton means that residents will benefit from open land in their town. The current feeling of open space will remain, and natural resources will be conserved.

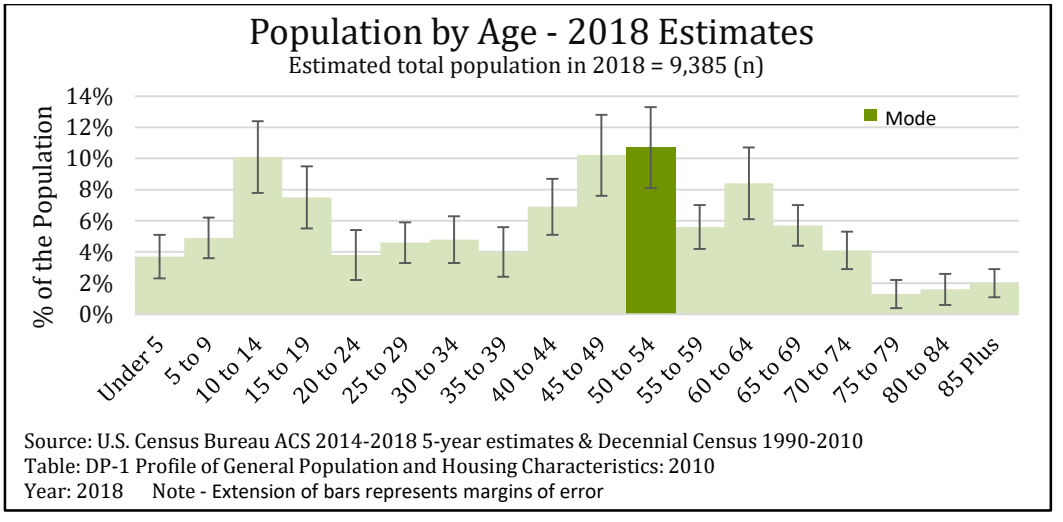
Age

Growth or decline in the population of the various age groups has implications for schools and classroom sizes, recreation facilities, municipal services, housing, and economic development needs for the community. Seen in the change in population distribution from 2000 to 2018, Sutton's adult population is moving into retirement age suggesting the town should consider accessibility of housing and infrastructure to preempt the growing population of seniors. For the older generations, passive recreation facilities and special provisions like wheelchair accessibility may be needed.

Similarly, Sutton's population under the age of 18 is predominantly shifting into their teenage years implying a need for school and recreation facilities. It also suggests that families with young children may not choose to move to Sutton. Sutton is one of several communities to have a "millennial gap" with a sharp decline in population aged 20-34. For middle aged residents, active recreation areas for league sports may be needed as well as passive recreation facilities for activities like hiking and picnicking with the family to attract young families and young people.

Tai Chi courtesy Sutton Senior Center





Economic Characteristics

A balanced community has a relatively equal proportion of jobs to working residents. Suburban commuter towns typically have a limited number of local jobs available in proportion to the number of working residents. As a consequence, there are more working residents in the town than the number of jobs available and residents must travel longer distances to seek employment.

The Blackstone Valley has evolved from an industrial region to a region of bedroom communities for people commuting to other areas. Most of the land in Sutton is zoned residentially, which limits its growth economically. Less than 8% is zoned for business and industrial development. Of this small percentage, less than half is vacant and available for development.

Zoning District	Acres	% Land Area
Rural Residential (R-1)	19,880	91.3%
Suburban Residential (R-2)	128	.6%
Village (V)	32	1.5%
Business – Highway (B-2)	462	2.1%
Industrial (I)	138	.6%
Office Light Industrial (OLI)	841	3.9%
TOTAL	21,778	100%

The availability of public water and sewer further constrains development. However, due to its location, businesses continue to explore the possibility of moving to Sutton.

Currently, Sutton's major employers are located along Route 146 (Worcester Providence Turnpike). A variety of smaller businesses can be found along the road as well, giving the area a diversity of services. Other employment opportunities are provided through the municipality and the school system, both located at town center. Pleasant Valley Country Club and Blackstone National Golf Club utilize Sutton's open space and forestry as a means for recreation, while also providing employment opportunities to the community. Sutton's largest employers are shown in the following table.

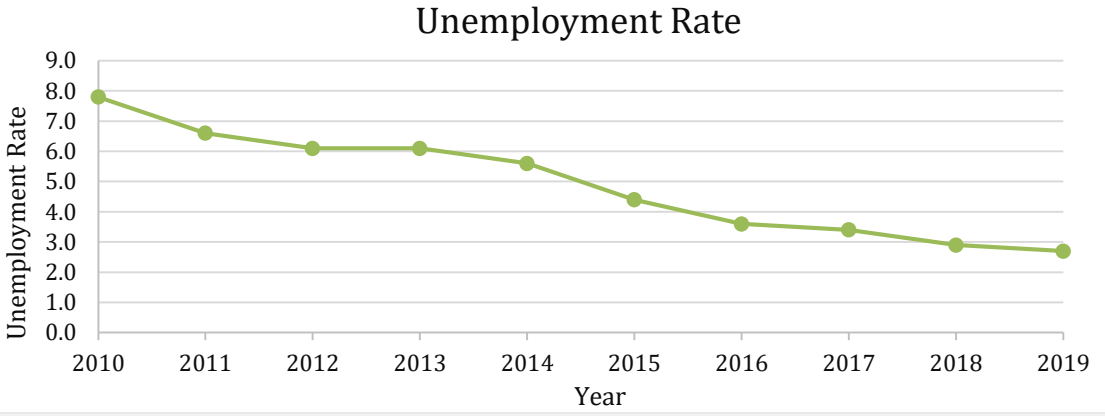
Top Employers

Company Name	Address	Number of Employees
Sutton Schools	Boston Rd	350-499
Town of Sutton	Multiple Locations	250- 499
J & G Foods Inc.	Blackstone St	100-249
Pleasant Valley Country Club	Armsby Rd	100-249
St John's Anglican Church	Main St	100-249
UN1F1ED2 Global Packaging Group	Worcester Providence Tpke	100-249
Blackstone National Golf	Putnam Hill Rd	50-99
IVES Group	Main St # 2F	50-99
Mayfield Plastics Inc.	Providence Rd	50-99
Nu-England Svc Co	Worcester Providence Tpke	50-99
Polyvinyl Films Inc.	Depot St	50-99
Source International Corp	Gilmore Dr	50-99
Coastal Medical Billing Inc.	Main St # 2K	20-49
Horace Mann Educational Assoc.	John Rd # A	20-49
Humidity Systems	Wildflower Dr	20-49
Package Industries Inc.	Harback Rd	20-49

Renaud Electric & Comms Inc.	Providence Rd	20-49
Senior Comfort Svc	Worcester Providence #205	20-49
Whittier Farms Inc.	Douglas Rd	20-49

Source: Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD)
Table: Top Employers by City Years: 2018

Average monthly unemployment in Sutton in 2019 was 2.7% of Sutton residents over the age of 16 who were active in the labor force - the lowest unemployment has been since 2010. (Massachusetts Department of Labor and Workforce Development, 2013).



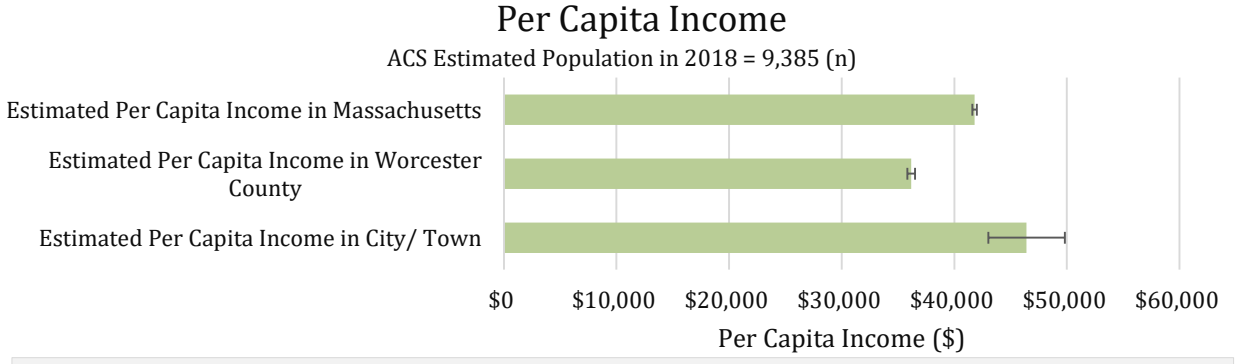
This trend reflects the population of town, 5,624 people, that were considered to be in the laborforce in 2019. Of the laborforce, 5,474 are emplpoyed and 150 were unemployed.

Source: Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD)
Table: Municipal Employment Data
Years: 2010-2018

In 2018, the 2008-2012 American Community Survey estimated that 15% of Sutton residents worked outside the county and 5% worked outside the state. A majority 80% of the population worked inside the county. The chart below shows the types of occupations held by Sutton residents.

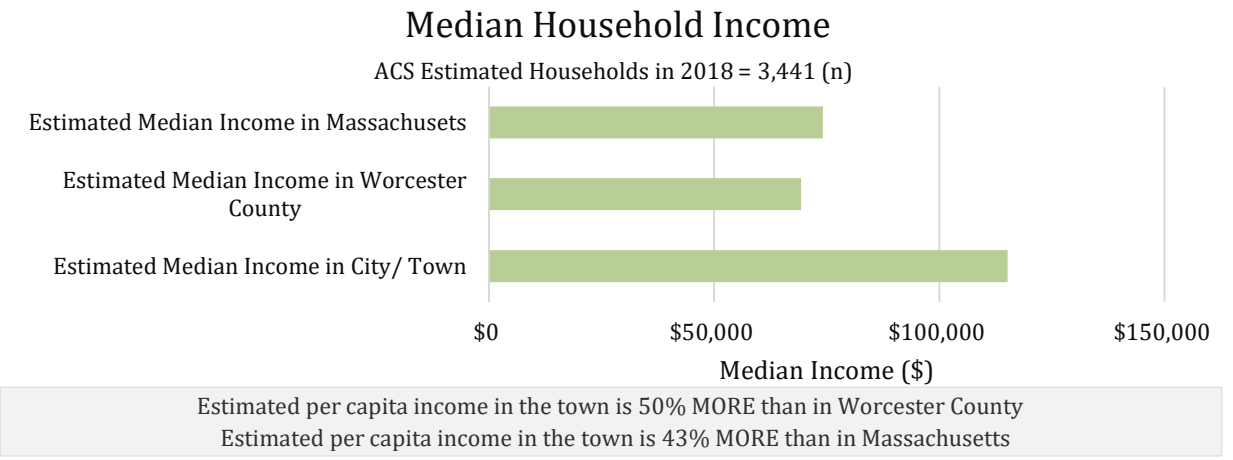
Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Servey 2014 -2018 5-year estimates
Table: 2018 DP03 Selected Economic Caracteristics
Year: 2018 Note - Extension of bars represents margins of error

According to the 2018 American Community Survey, the median household income in 2018 dollars was $115,168 with a per capita income of $46,409. At that time, 2.4% of Sutton residents were considered to be living in poverty. Sutton's median income level is considerably higher than both the state and the county.



Estimated per capita income in the town is 25% MORE than in Worcester County
Estimated per capita income in the town is 10% MORE than in Massachusetts

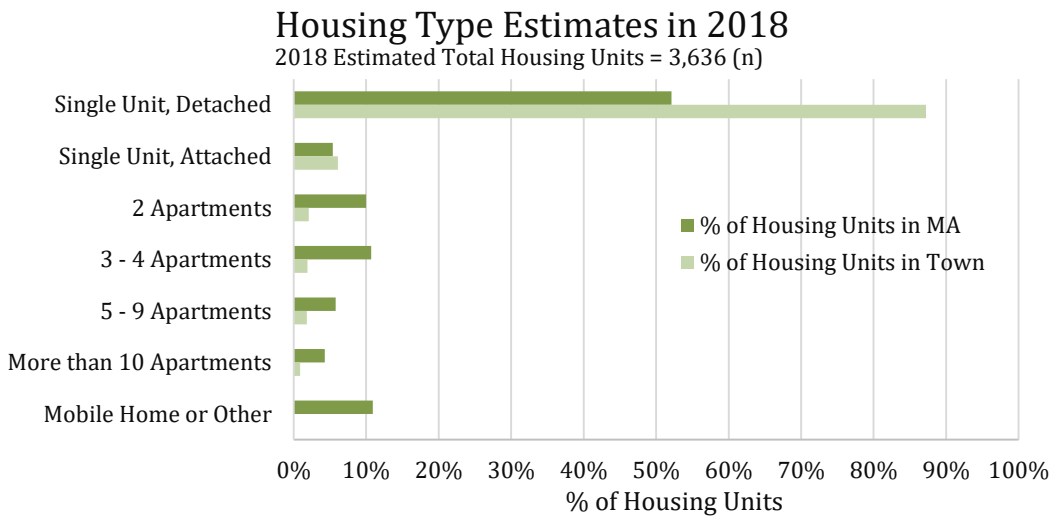
Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2014 -2018 5-year estimates
Table: B19301 Per Capita Income in the past 12 Months (2018 inflation-adjusted).
Years: 2018 Note: Extension of bars represents margins of error



Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Servey 2014 -2018 5-year estimates
Table: B19301 Per Capita Income in the past 12 Months (in 2018 inflation-adjusted dollars)
Year: 2018

In 2018, housing was predominantly rural or suburban, with the ACS estimating that, of all housing in Sutton, 87% were single family dwellings and the remaining 13% were condominiums or multifamily units. Furthermore, 94.4% (MOE 2.8%) of occupied units were owner-occupied. The estimated median value of an owner-occupied home in 2018 was $350,700 (MOE $19,585). Median rent was $841 (MOE $71). An estimated 6.1% (MOE 3.4%) of residents are cost burdened, defined as having 30% or more of their income going towards housing costs.

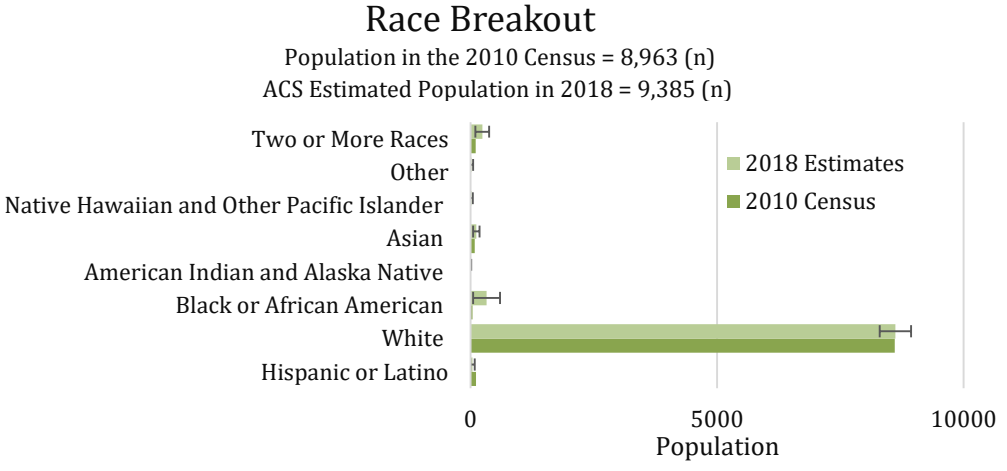
The Sutton Housing Authority administers 40 units of elderly/disabled housing at the Orchard Apartments on Church Street. As of 2019, only 1.5% of Sutton's housing stock qualified as subsidized housing (affordable housing) by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The state goal is for each municipality to have 10% subsidized or affordable housing. Sutton's affordable housing stock fraction is lower than the neighboring communities which range between 4.0% and 7.4% subsidized housing.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Servey 2014 -2018 5-year estimates
Table: DP04 Selected Housing Characteristics
Year: 2018

Social (Diversity) Characteristics

In 2010, 97.0% of the town's population was white. In 2018, that number was estimated to have fallen to 92%.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2014 -2018 5-year estimates & Decennial Census 2010
Tables: DP05 ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates & P-1 Profile of General Population and Housing - Characteristics: 2010 (Census Summary File 1 - 2010 SF1 100% Data)

In 2018, the average household size in Sutton was 2.7 (MOE 0.1), down slightly from 2.8 (MOE 0.1) in 2010. In 2018, for residents 25 years and older, an estimated 97.7% (MOE 1.2) have a high school degree or greater, and 45.3% (MOE 5.7%) have a bachelor's degree or higher. Enrolled in school in the 2019-2020 school year were 1,357 students (Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education). According to the ACS 2018 5-year estimates, of residents over the age of five, 94.9% (MOE 1.9%) spoke English only. Residents were primarily born in the United States at 94% (MOE 2.7%).

The U.S. Census provides information by race, which can be used to identify groups, which may, by tradition, have different recreation needs. According to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), the Town of Sutton does not have an identified "Environmental Justice (EJ) Community".

D. Growth and Development Patterns

Population in the Town is widely dispersed through a network of rural roadways, but has concentrations in five villages; Sutton Center, Manchaug, West Sutton, South Sutton and Wilkinsonville. The spike of residential development in the 1990s was largely in Wilkinsonville, resulting in a densely developed area, where farms and orchards used to prevail. Current development is mostly through single family house lots along existing roadways.

1. Patterns and Trends

The historical pattern of small, varied villages near our waterways or on well-traveled roads, with rural road connections and a variety of farmscapes and forest in-between still exists today.

Noting the economics of open space, as highlighted by studies like The Practitioner's Guide to Fiscal Impact Analysis and Cost of Community Services, the Town has worked to acquire or assist in placing development restrictions on many parcels. This is helpful not only because these are important natural resources, but it is also important in order to reduce the long term costs of development on the community.

Residential

Sutton began as a 64 square mile tract with 30 settler's lots along Eight Lots Road, Boston Road and Singletary Avenue. This is where the concentration of homes and related public buildings and spaces began in the 1700s. Over time a handful of farmsteads located in other parts of town along old Indian travel routes.

In the mid and late 1800s two mill villages sprang up along the Mumford River and Blackstone River, Manchaug and Wilkinsonville respectively. For a time during this period, the Village of Manchaug had such a large percentage of the population and activity that it was referred to as the capital of Sutton.

M2002 - Mill No 2 aerial view - source Dianne Richard

While these villages remain fully occupied, there has been little expansion. Single lot development along existing roadways and conventional subdivisions that consume large areas of land have been the norm here since the early 1900s. There is a definite mindset that large lot zoning slows the pace of development. Unfortunately, it also drives up the price of house lots and makes it difficult for young families and seniors to begin or remain in the community.

However, we are investigating innovative ways to encourage judicious use of land to accommodate continued residential growth. It is important to consider the negative effects that large lot zoning has on open space, while recognizing the lack of sewer and water that makes these large lots the norm. It is also important to continue re-vitalizing our village centers.

Calendar year	Number of units built
2000	68
2005	62
2010	18
2015	27
2020	19

Commercial/Industrial

The Route 146 corridor has become more desirable as people and businesses become aware of its ease of access. Just north of Sutton in Millbury over 750,000 square feet of mixed use retail and restaurant was built out in 2006. South Sutton Commerce Park, a 114-acre industrial park that opened in south Sutton 15 years ago is fully developed with over a half million s.f mix of light industrial uses.

Additionally, two of Sutton's three remaining commercial earth removal operations have ceased operations. This leaves only a single hundred-acre example of Sutton's first industry. However, the results of this nearly 100-year history are multiple sites leveled

and well suited for Sutton's next industries. The Bedoian Sand pits in southeast Sutton were just permitted for a 607,000 s.f. warehouse with distribution that straddles the town lines with Uxbridge and Douglas. The former Aggregate, Worcester Sand & Gravel, and Town of Sutton sand pits in northeast Sutton were recently purchased by Unified, a Sutton package and crating manufacturer, and subdivisions plans for these 450 acres was filed laying the groundwork for substantial development to come. The market study performed in conjunction with a 2000 Millbury-Sutton Industrial Park Feasibility Study that foretold the regions exemplary suitability for warehouse/distribution was very accurate.

In Sutton, there is a minimal percentage of land zoned for non-residential uses, and much of this land is not serviced by water and sewer, including most parcels along Route 146. Adding to development constraints is the fact that Route 146 is limited access from just south of Boston Road at Cold Spring Brook North to the Millbury Town line and from Cold Spring Brook south to the Uxbridge Town line, this highway is No Access which prohibits any new curb cuts. This effectively land locks all parcels along Route 146 leaving only the options of developing directly around interchanges and/or building parallel access roads between exits to provide access to this acreage.

Therefore, our focus will be concentrated in these areas, although we continue to discuss cottage industries, like artisan uses, that may be appropriate within our residential and village districts. We established Village Center Zoning three years ago on a limited number of sites in Sutton Center. This zoning allows a mix of small commercial and office uses appropriately sized and designed to maintain the village appearance and function.

2. Infrastructure

a) Transportation:

Photo: J. Hager

Sutton has over 100 miles of accepted town roads, 14.18 miles of State roadways and another 4+ miles of private roadways. The local roads are generally of good quality and form a widely dispersed pattern, leaving large un-developed areas in south-central Sutton near and part of Purgatory Chasm State Park and Sutton State Forest.

Nineteen roadways have been designated as scenic roadways under the Scenic Roadway Act. The local bylaw requires a hearing for any alteration to stone walls and/or large trees along these roadways. An inventory of street trees along these roadways has been partially completed, funded in part by a grant from the Department of Environmental

Management. These measures are a small indication of the local focus on maintaining the rural ambiance of the Town.

Route 146, also known as Worcester-Providence Turnpike, runs north-south through Town. This is a federally funded State roadway. Much of this four lane divided highway is limited access, prohibiting direct curb cuts. The section of roadway north of Cold Spring Brook, where access is permitted, is largely developed with a hodgepodge of small commercial and industrial uses. The State invested over $6 million to restructure the one signalized intersection in Sutton at Boston Road and Route 146 to alleviate significant daily weekday backups during morning and evening rush hours. Both the Town and State intend to work cooperatively to carefully safeguard the function of this intersection.
The Towns major east-west connection is Central Turnpike. This is currently a local roadway, with a distinctly residential character. However, the increase in traffic from those who use this roadway as a connection between Route 395 and Route 146, as well as growing traffic resulting from developments just off Route 395 in Oxford and along Route 146, is anticipate to negatively affect residential abutters and cause the Town to consider ways to discourage certain types of usage.

Pedestrian transportation options are limited in Sutton as past boards and administrations saw Sutton as a large rural community with no need of sidewalks. Our mill villages have limited sidewalks and a few large subdivisions have sidewalks. However, the Town worked with the state during our 300th anniversary to install approximately 4,000' of sidewalks in Sutton Center and due to their regular use, the Town is pursuing an extension at this location, has installed sidewalks between the Senior Center and a nearby Park, and is making improvements in the mill villages, as well as adding more sidewalks whenever the opportunity arises. Boards also no longer waive this requirement in most new developments.

Hiking and walking trails can be found at Purgatory Chasm State Reservation, Waters Farm, Shaw Farm, Merrill Pond State Reservation, Marion's Camp, and the Midstate Trail. Though no dedicated bicycling infrastructure exists in the Town, mountain biking can also be enjoyed along many of these listed trails. The trails here range from easy to challenging and offer a mix of terrain, including rocky sections, steep climbs, and fast descents.

Courtesy of J. Lewis

b) Water Supply System

The Town is served by three water districts/companies: Wilkinsonville Water District in northeast Sutton,

Manchaug Water District in southwest Sutton, and Whitinsville Water Company in southeast Sutton.

The water supply systems are relatively limited. Most areas with water service are more highly populated. All three public water supplies have zone 2 protection districts around their wellheads and Whitinsville has established a Zone 3 for various reservoirs that are part of their supply system.

Both Manchaug and Whitinsville have recently installed new filtration and treatment systems to improve water quality, but have limited volume available. Whitinsville Water, with several reservoirs in Sutton, appears to have significant volume for projected future uses in South Sutton and Northbridge which are its primary service areas.

We do not anticipate significant expansions of these systems. However, the Town does not have control over any of these entities.

c) Sewer Service

Sewer is available in the Wilkinsonville area, east of Route 146 and to the west of Route 146 just to Tournament Way serving the Villas at Pleasant Valley. The available capacity of the system is 589,000 gallons per day, current flows average 200,000 gpd.

In 2007 Sutton completed construction of an 110,000 gpd wastewater treatment plant and related infrastructure to serve Manchaug Village and portions of South Sutton. Current flow averages 55,000 gpd. Since that time Sutton and Northbridge have entered into an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) for treatment of limited Northbridge flows in Sutton. The future development of east and west of Route 146 in South Sutton may require capacity from this plant and/or and IMA to be executed with the Town of Douglas who is undertaking sewer and water upgrades in the area.

There are currently only limited plans for the expansion of this infrastructure. The existing capacity in Manchaug is expected to be sufficient for several decades, and in Wilkinsonville for even longer. The biggest issue is maintaining aging infrastructure in the Wilkinsonville system. The Town is currently considering a One Stop Grant application for line replacements and a new pump station necessary for continued reliable residential service, but also for current and future economic development.

3. Long Term Development Patterns

We are unlikely to see large scale subdivisions considering the lack of water and sewer infrastructure and no anticipated expansions to accommodate residential growth. With 80,000 s.f. required for a single family dwelling and .8 dwelling per acre for multifamily

development projects, and only a tiny percentage of Town where higher densities are allowed, it is likely single lot development will continue along existing roadways and potentially in a few areas where conglomeration of vacant lots can support smaller subdivisions of 40 lots or less with Title 5 septic systems. There is potential for limited higher density 40B development, but again this will be limited by the availability of water and sewer.

Wedgewood Farm – Armsby Road

The current focus of zoning efforts is to encourage more affordable housing both in terms of market rate units and actual development with HUD affordable units. Outside of areas with public water and sewer we are encouraging the use of open space residential development regulations. This bylaw allows grouping of homes on smaller lots in exchange for preservation of the remaining area with a goal of creating open space/wildlife corridors. Across the State, homes in this type of subdivision are exceeding market rates for standard subdivision homes. Also in consideration is cottage housing, small, one bedroom cottages clustered around a green with a shared parking area. It will be important to encourage residents and developers alike to understand the long term impacts of encouraging this pattern of development rather than traditional patterns of large lots and extensive roadway systems.

Blackstone Logistics Center
Lackey Dam Road

Active Development in Sutton

Development Name	Location	Type	Notes
Wedgewood Farm	Armsby Road	93 Condominiums/ Cottages (Over 55)	Permitted – Not Started
Forest Edge	Blackstone Street	80 Condominiums	In Construction – 2/3 Complete
Pleasant Valley Crossing	Route 146 North	Retail – grocery, bank, retail, restaurant and Home Improvement	Permitted – Not Started
Blackstone Logistics Center	Lackey Dam Road	600K Warehouse with Distribution	In Construction

The Town has also adopted aesthetic and environmentally friendly regulations for the Route 146 Corridor. Acting as part of the Route 146 Task Force with four other corridor towns, Sutton lead the way in adopting this bylaw, which sets forth progressive open space and aesthetic regulations for development along the corridor. As noted above, commercial and industrial development will be focused in currently zoned areas with a concerted effort expended on encouraging business while trying to think of long term use and reuse of buildings and sites.

Section 4 – Environmental Inventory and Analysis

A. Geology, Soils and Topography

Sutton is an upland agricultural/ residential community located between the French and Blackstone River valleys. The land is generally hilly, rising to more than 800 feet above sea level in the west. The topography descends gradually to the east, northeast, and southeast between 500 and 350 feet above sea level to the valleys of the Blackstone and Mumford rivers.

Water's Farm – Courtesy of A. Doherty

Set on the boundary of upland and lowland regions of Worcester County, the town has soils of two major types: sandy Gloucester series soils in the eastern portion of the town and clay soils of the Sutton series in the northwestern section. The northeastern section contains some of the most agriculturally productive soils in the county. Rich loam deposits on the town's several drumlins, have made them attractive for farming. Stony ground and extensive granite outcroppings characterize the southeast section of

town. Purgatory Chasm, a deep rift in the granite bedrock that was probably formed by an earthquake, is a well-known and frequented feature of this area.

Sutton has a significant amount of prime farmland soil, primarily north of Central Turnpike. The large mature woodland tracts in central and southern Sutton are largely explained by the fact they are largely devoid of prime farmland soil types.

Much of the prime farmland area is utilized for large and small scale farming and hobby farms. Smaller pockets along local roadways host single family homes where family gardens benefit from great soil.

Most areas defined as excessively drained, have been utilized as gravel operations since the early 1900's. Only one commercial earth removal operation is still in active excavation. Previous pits are now being actively marketed for developments like the Blackstone Logistics Center. There are few other areas that contain large masses of soil extremes.

Photo: J. Hager

B. Landscape Character

The Sutton landscape is typically rural New England with widely scattered small villages connected by good country roads. Many of the roads offer views of old farm fields interspersed among heavy woods. This alternating pattern is broken by low-density single family development, almost all located roadside.

Shaw Farm – Courtesy of H. Bottomley

There is little modern commercial activity located away from Route 146. The only other areas that are zoned for active uses are the Villages of Manchaug and Wilkinsonville, villages that contain minimal land area.

In 1999 a Comprehensive Survey of Sutton's Historic Resources inventoried significant historic resources in virtually every section of the town. The survey included historic structures, properties, and landscapes with a focus on identifying important rural characteristics town wide. Sutton's inventory includes 12 historic areas; of those, five are

currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places and listing of two villages is underway. These resources are a significant part of the Town's charm and character. Northeast Sutton, where public water and sewer exist, is the most homogenized. This area used to host numerous farms and orchards. It has recently been developed and consists of fairly dense attractive housing.

The remainder of Town is host to commercial and hobby farms, rolling fields, and large forests including Sutton and Purgatory State Forests. The latter of which is home to Purgatory State Park, one of the most interesting geological features in the area. A deep bedrock fissure along a fault line draws rock climbers and other visitors to Sutton.

One of our challenges is to help private land owners of these character defining holdings like King Farm along Central Turnpike, find ways to afford to keep them in their current state. Their development would change the feel of Town immeasurably.

The Town supported APR designation of a large portion of Whittier Farm. A concurrent approval of a cell tower site, on land previously owned by the Farm, will help to insure the owners will have the means to keep the Farm in its current state for the foreseeable future.

C. Water Resources

The Town has ten lakes and ponds, several of which it shares with neighboring communities. There is public access to Lake Singletary and Lake Manchaug through State DCR boat ramps. The majority of shoreline is privately owned.
The Town owns Marion's Camp on Lake Singletary and has made significant improvements to the property in the last five years. This is the Town's only Public Beach area and includes a canoe launch and trails. Manchaug Lake provides breathtaking views which now includes American Eagle sitings.

Lake Singletary – Courtesy T. Shen

Name of Pond	Area (acres)	Notes
Singletary	283 acres	Sutton portion
Ramshorn	59 acres	Sutton portion
Manchaug	200 acres	Sutton portion
Stevens Pond	92 acres	
Tucker Pond	31 acres	
Meadow Pond	26 acres	Sutton Portion Back of Lakeview Circle
Meadow Pond	26 acres	Sutton portion - North side
Total*	**717 acres**	

*Clarks Pond, Sibley Reservoir, Pigeon Hill Pond and the 3 reservoirs on Whitinsville Water Company Land, have not been measured yet and are therefore not listed on the above chart.

The Blackstone and Mumford Rivers are untapped recreational gems. The Town established Tri-Centennial Park, with a canoe landing along the Blackstone River. The central section of the Mumford River Trail in Manchaug Village has plans for a north and south expansion. This section of the Mumford is not deep enough for canoeing. The National Heritage Corridor Commission also completed a "River Visioning" project which focused on the entire length of the Blackstone River. The Project demonstrated how the themes of ecological restoration, conservation of historic resources and recreational development can be combined using the River as the focus for inspiration.

Aquifers and Aquifer Recharge Areas

The town's overall drainage network can be divided into drainage basins. Often called watersheds, drainage basins are land areas which collect the water from precipitation and replenish aquifers and waterways. About 98 % of Sutton's land is located in the Blackstone River Watershed. This watershed stretches from the north points of Worcester down to Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Most areas drain into the Blackstone River and eventually out to Narragansett Bay. Only a

Pleasant Falls Mill Dam (aka Singing Dam) – Photo: J. Hager

small portion (18 acres) in the northwest corner of town is located in the French River Watershed. This water shed is partly located in Massachusetts, but the majority lies in Connecticut. It drains to the west eventually emptying into Long Island Sound at New London, CT after flowing through the French, Quinebaug and Thames Rivers.

The majority of residents have private on site wells. However, sources of public water supply have been identified in underground aquifers in Wilkinsonville (medium yield 50-250 gpm) and Manchaug (both medium and high yield over 250 gpm). South Sutton, which includes a large industrial park, receives its water from Whitinsville, the neighboring town to the southeast. In addition, the Town has Sibley Reservoir, Clark Reservoir and numerous ponds, none of those, however, has been used for public water supply.

Protection of these resources is essential for Sutton and pollution of supplies would result in a crisis. All three public water supplies have Zone 2 protection districts around their wellheads. These Zone 2 protection areas have been determined by hydro-geologic modeling and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Drinking Water Program. Certain land uses are prohibited around these wellheads, while other uses require special permits. Other wellhead protection areas have been established in town that are not Zone 2, however most of these are of lesser volume and privately owned. Whitinsville has established a Zone 3 for the reservoirs that are part of their supply system, which are located in Whitinsville and Sutton. The district has recently installed a treatment and filtration plant, where water from the reservoirs travels through the plant, and out to parts of Sutton and Whitinsville. Manchaug Water District has installed a similar plant which filters water entering the public supply heads for that district.

Flood Hazard Areas and Wetlands

When a water body exceeds its capacity, such as following a heavy rain or rapid snow melt, the excess water flows onto the land adjacent to these surface water bodies. These land areas that are likely to flood during a storm or melt event are termed flood plains and are classified according to the average frequency of flooding. For example, the "100-year flood plain" is that area that will be flooded on average once in every 100 years. It can be also said it has a one percent chance of being flooded in any year.

Development in floodplains is regulated in order to reduce threats to health and safety and damage to property. Unregulated development in floodplains that alters water flow or decreases opportunities for recharge can increase flooding. Water contamination from flood-damaged sewage or septic systems and debris swept downstream from flooded properties can result in hazards to people and property downstream.

1936 Flood Manchaug - Courtesy M. King

The Town of Sutton has both a local flood plain bylaw and a local wetlands bylaw that protect resources by limiting uses and structures with the potential to increase flooding and to control work and activities that have a significant or cumulative effect on resource area(s), the environment, and their interests, including but not limited to, public or private water supply, groundwater, flood control, erosion and sedimentation control, storm damage prevention, water quality and level water pollution control, fisheries, wild and aquatic life habitats, all rare and endangered species habitat, agriculture, aquaculture, recreation and aesthetic values.

In the Town of Sutton, 100-year Flood Areas exist around all major surface waters in Town including Singletary Pond and Ramshorn Pond in the northwestern part of Town, Manchaug Pond, Stevens Pond, Tucker Pond, and the Mumford River in the southwestern part of Town, and Marble Pond, Woodbury Pond, Clark Reservoir, Sibley Reservoir, Smith Pond, and the Blackstone River in the central eastern and northeastern parts of Town. Wetland areas exist throughout the Town, with many located adjacent to the previously mentioned surface waters. Other larger concentrations of wetland areas can be found off of Boston Road, Mendon Road, Burbank Road, Central Turnpike, Blackstone Street, Whitins Road, Oakhurst Road, and Uxbridge Road.

Outstanding Resource Waters

Certain waters designated as Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW) are offered protection under the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards, 314 CMR 4.00 (WQS). These waters include Class A Public Water Supplies and their tributaries, certain wetlands and other waters as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection based on their outstanding socio-economic, recreational, ecological and/or aesthetic values. No State designated Outstanding Resource Waters have been

identified within Sutton.

D. Vegetation

Courtesy M. DeCosta

The primary landscape in Sutton remains forestland, with over half the Town in a forested state. The general vegetation in the Town of Sutton can be described as a northeastern forest ecology. A variety of coniferous and deciduous trees characterize this area, along with a wide range of shrubs, herbs, and grasses in rich, sandy soils. Shallow ponds, boggy wetlands, and managed agricultural lands provide additional habitats that contribute to the complexity of the Town's ecology. Common tree species found in Sutton include oak, ash, maple, beech, birch, hickory, cherry, apple, dogwood, willow, and pine varieties. Some commonly found grasses in Sutton include fescue, bluegrass, ryegrass, perennial rye, orchardgrass, and brome grass. Shrubs that are commonly found in Town include wild blueberry, boxwood, azalea, rhododendron, juniper, viburnum, hydrangea, and yew. And some commonly found wildflowers in Sutton include daisy, clover, goldenrod, milkweed, Queen Anne's lace, and wild indigo. This diverse mix of trees, wildflowers, shrubs, and grasses provide a wide range of habitats for various wildlife species.

Impressive uninterrupted spans of woodland exist between Mendon Road and Putnam Hill Road, between Putnam Hill Road and Manchaug Road. The latter is known as "White Pine Mountain" and the former is known as "The South Woods". These two areas contain the bulk of acreage identified through the 2012 BioMap2 project as Core Habitat and Critical Natural Landscape.

BioMap2, is a 2012 joint project of the National Heritage & Endangered Species Program, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, and The Nature Conservancy. The study documents Core Habitats and Critical Natural Landscapes that should be protected in order to safeguard species diversity, intact ecosystems, and resilient natural landscapes.

Core Habitats are defined as "areas necessary to promote the long-term persistence of rare species, other Species of Concern, exemplary natural communities, and intact ecosystems". Critical Natural Landscapes are defined as "intact landscapes that are better able to support ecological processes and disturbance regimes, and a wide array of species and habitats over long time frames".

Sutton contains 21,776 acres or 34 square miles. This study inventoried 2,922 acres of

Core Habitat of which 942 acres, or 32.2% is protected. The study also showed 5,351 acres of Critical Natural Landscape of which 1,479 acres, or 27.6%, is protected Core Habitat should be considered when evaluating development plans is as follows: 2 Forest, 3 Wetland, 2 Aquatic, and 2 Vernal Pool Cores with 5 Species of Conservation Concern Cores.

Critical Natural Landscapes listed for Sutton are 2 Landscape Blocks, 3 Wetland and 2 Aquatic Core Buffers. The above locations are located on BioMap2 for Sutton.

Sutton has been a Tree City since 2000 and continues to increase its spending on public shade tree care and maintenance. Our Town's trees are cared for via a very effective partnership between the Planning Department, Tree Warden, Highway Department, MassDOT, National Grid and local tree care companies.

Sutton is also well known for its open farm-scapes. Notable farm fields exist all over Sutton, particularly off Central Turnpike and in West Sutton. However, it is this land use that has seen the largest loss in the last fifty years. Much of the loss has been due to single family residential development, with the rest going to various uses such as natural re-forestation. Many opportunities exist for various wetland and water activities with unique State holdings and habitats such as the Stockwell ponds and Bugs Swamp. Fishing, hunting and wildlife sighting opportunities abound.

The National Heritage & Endangered Species Program has identified he following as an

Scientific Name	Common Name	Taxonomic Class	State Rank
Potamogeton vaseyi	Vasey's Pondweed,	Plant	Endangered

endangered plant species in Sutton.

E. Fisheries and Wildlife

The Town of Sutton is home to rich wildlife diversity with many habitats, including forests, wetlands, and meadows. Animal and plant species rely on corridors of connected lands in order to move safely between these habitats to find food, reproduce, and survive. These corridors can include natural areas such as forests, wetlands, and rivers. Purgatory Chasm State Reservation in the central part of Town, and Merrill Pond State Reservation in the northwestern part of Town provide uninterrupted tracts of forested lands. In addition to these tracts of forested lands, the Mumford River in the southwestern part of Town, and the Blackstone River in the northeastern part of Town also provide a corridor of forested and water resources that wildlife can safely travel along. Wildlife corridors

play an important role in providing suitable habitats for thriving ecosystems and helping to enhance biodiversity in Town. These corridors act as bridges connecting vital areas of habitat, and the protection and maintenance of these paths is of utmost importance for the conservation and restoration of species in the area.

Sutton's open land provides suitable habitat for ring-neck pheasant, cottontail rabbit, turkey, and woodchuck. Areas separating mowings, gardens and woodland edges are important for grouse, woodcock, pheasant and rabbit. The woodlands themselves provide habitat for gray squirrel, opossum, raccoon, fox, fishers, bobcats, coyote and white tail deer. Bugs Swamp has some white hare, which is unusual in lower Worcester County.

The Town lakes and ponds produce populations of largemouth bass, pumpkinseed, bullheads, pickerel, perch and crappie. Lake Singletary is stocked with rainbow, brown, and brook trout. The ponds and streams may be inhabited by muskrat, mink, otters, and varieties of waterfowl.

For each different type of area: wet, open, forest, transition, there are different species of song birds, rodent, mammals, amphibians and reptiles.

To maintain biodiversity of species into the future will require the preservation of those habitats most in danger of being eliminated through growth and development. Greater diversity leads to stability and can be found in varied environmental habitats that supports intact food chains. A greater number of species can be expected to prosper. For these reasons, it is important to keep fields from succeeding to woodlands and it is equally important to preserve open land, which is most in danger of imminent development and loss.

The National Heritage & Endangered Species Program has documented the following threatened or species of special concern in the Town of Sutton. There are no reptile, or mammal species on the listing documented in Sutton.

Photo: Dave Lavallee

Scientific Name	Common Name	Taxonomic Class	State Rank
Ambystoma spacum	Marbled Salamander	Amphibian	Threatened
Hemidactylium scutatum	Four-toed salamander	Amphibian	Non-listed SWAP
Gyrinophilus porphyriticus	Spring Salamander	Amphibian	Non-listed SWAP
Ammodramus savannarum	Grasshopper Sparrow	Bird	Threatened

The Conservation Commission is aggressive in identifying and promoting the certification of potential vernal pools. There are 18 Certified Vernal Pools documented on the 2008 National Heritage & Endangered Species Program – Sutton Priority Habitat Map, and a handful more are in the certification process.

Recently, a local official observer from Frog Watch USA documented six different species of frog in just a few weeks at the farm pond at Shaw Farm in central Sutton including spring peepers, wood frog, American toad, grey tree frog, American bullfrog, green frog.

F. Scenic Resources and Unique Environments

Sutton has a plethora of scenic resources and unique environments. As stated previously the view from Water's Farm over Manchaug Pond provides spectacular vistas. There are numerous other points traveling through Town where the views are pleasing. The view of the Worcester hills from King's farm on Central Turnpike, the view to and from Whittier's Farm and Town Farm along Central Turnpike, the view off Bond Hollow and to Mount Monadnock from Skye Line Drive are all precious resources that should be preserved, unbroken by the rooflines of numerous homes.

Photo: J. Hager

These prominent views of still functioning farms and fields along our rural roadways, are important to preserve the character of Sutton. Concerted efforts should be made to maintain agricultural uses, historic structures and open spaces through tax incentives and zoning.

Unique views and natural formations exist from the lobster crib at Purgatory Chasm State Park, to hidden in plain sight gems like the graceful stone arch that frames rushing waters from Steve's Pond in the Village of Manchaug. Listing of historic resources including unique and rural landscapes, in the National Register of Historic Places, promotes the significance of these resources in maintaining the
character of Sutton. Local preservation and conservation planning efforts must focus on protecting and enhancing unique assets to insure long term community preservation.

When thinking of a cultural asset as something of value to a community because their unique contribution to the fabric of that community in any number of different aspects such as artistic, economic or historic. Cultural assets include sites like Polly's Antiques, Rufus Putnam Hall and the G.H. Sherman Blacksmith Shop in Sutton Center dating back to the 1700s and former locations of trade and gathering; Shaw Farm and King Farm in central Sutton one a former farm now owned by the Town with fields, trails, the school cross country course used daily by dozens, and the second a private working farm with beautiful views of the Mount Wachusett and beyond; Eight Lots School, Water's Farm and Whittier Farms in West Sutton part of Sutton's history as well as its present in their use for community events and gatherings and continued commercial farming; Mill #1 and the former and current Post Offices in the Village of Manchaug both historically and currently important for community connections and commerce; the Senior Center and VanDyke Park in South Sutton serving all age groups for recreation, nutrition and camaraderie; and the Blackstone River in NE Sutton a workhorse of the industrial revolution and now a scenic resource and focal point of awareness and environmental improvement efforts.

Historic Assets number in the hundreds including contributing elements to the Sutton Center, West Sutton, Village of Manchaug and Sutton Center Historic Districts as well as sites and structures that are eligible for listing in the Village of Wilkinsonville and numerous others. Additionally, Sutton has 26 cemeteries, public and private, including at least one with Native American graves.

Sutton does not contain any Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).

G. Environmental Challenges

Hazardous Waste and Brownfield Sites
The EOEA Hazmat Release Tracking Database shows only 13 sites in remediation in Sutton. There are 40 release sites with a Release Action Outcome (RAO) of less than perfect, but all but 7 are listed as having achieved a permanent solution with varying levels of monitoring or use restriction.

Landfill

Sutton operates one landfill off Stone School Road, as well as an adjacent transfer/recycling station. This facility is properly permitted and monitored by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Erosion and Sedimentation

Natural sedimentation and erosion within water bodies is not something that has been identified as a problem in Sutton, nor is it actively monitored. The Town does however monitor construction sites for erosion/sedimentation problems, and requires mitigation for any impacts due to construction as required by state and federal Stormwater Standards.

Chronic Flooding

Flooding due to intense rainfall is rarely a major issue. Isolated areas near Tucker Pond in Manchaug experience flooding problems few times each year. The Flood Plain District Bylaw regulates building practices in flood plain zones, which further protects developed land from flooding. The site plan review process and subdivision control both require and regulate storm water management to protect land from erosion, while also protecting resources. We have invested significant time in our Stormwater Management Planning efforts and will continue to map and monitor outfall points, illicit discharge potential, as well as other action items mandated by the DEP.

New Development

Development can have both positive and negative impacts on open spaces and natural resources. Strategic and collaborative development can facilitate the creation of new parks, recreational facilities, and improved environmental protection. This can increase access to recreational opportunities and improve environmental health for residents and visitors. However, development left unmitigated can lead to the loss of open space and natural habitats. This can have a number of negative impacts, including the loss of biodiversity, the destruction of natural landscapes, and the displacement of wildlife. Another potential impact of development on open space and natural resources is the creation of impervious surfaces, such as roads and buildings, which can increase the risk of flooding and erosion. This loss of natural habitats and increase of flooding and erosion can lead to the degradation of water quality. Overall, it is important for the Town of Sutton to consider the potential impacts of new developments on open space and natural resources, and to take steps to minimize negative impacts and to enhance recreational opportunities. This can include preserving natural areas, creating new parks, and incorporating recreational amenities into new developments.

Ground and Surface Water Pollution

There are limited developed areas of town where high water tables exist, leading to septic failures and the related environmental impacts. These water tables are at risk of contamination from substances such as e coli. These issues must be resolved and new

development must be sensitive to these issues. Additionally, the effect of private septic systems on our water bodies is always of concern. We intend to continue our monitoring efforts and install public sewer service for these areas if the opportunity arises.

The Town has invested significant time in our Stormwater Management Planning efforts and will continue to map and monitor outfall points, illicit discharge potential, as well as other action items mandated by the Department of Environmental Protection. (DEP) Sutton has also implemented a storm water bylaw and a fairly low threshold of land clearing or disturbance that triggers review and approval by the Towns stormwater authority.

Invasive Species

Thirty-five invasive species have been identified by the Massachusetts Invasive Plants Advisory Group including the following commonly known species.
Identifying and monitoring for invasive species is an important first step in controlling or eradicating them.

Scientific Name	Common Name
Acer platanoides	Norway maple
Ailanthus altissima	Tree of heaven
Berberis thunbergii	Japanese barberry
Celastrus orbiculatus	Oriental bittersweet;
Euonymus alatus	Burning bush
Iris pseudacorus	Yellow iris
Lonicera japonica	Japanese honeysuckle
Lythrum salicaria	Purple loosestrife
Myriophyllum heterophyllum	Two-leaved water-milfoil
Phragmites australis	Common reed
Polygonum cuspidatum	Japanese knotweed
Robinia pseudoacacia	Black locust
Rosa multiflora	Multiflora rose

Invasive species challenges in Sutton include asian bittersweet vine that is choking whole sections of trees and have resulted in numerous removals over the past few years. Japanese knotweed is also an ever expanding invasive in this area. Phragities and purple loostrife are problems in wetlands, choking out cattails that have significant wildlife value.

Environmental Equity

Environmental equity refers to the fair distribution of environmental benefits and burdens across different communities and populations. It is the principle that all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, income, or other factors, have an equal right to a healthy and safe environment. The Town of Sutton does not contain any Environmental Justice populations, however, there are still environmental equity considerations that should be made. About 2.4% of the population is living in poverty, 6.1% of the population is cost burdened, and about 8% of the population identifies as a race other than white alone. Although these populations may represent a minority of the Town, considerations should still be made to ensure that these populations have equitable access to environmental health, safety, and enjoyment.

Environmental equity encompasses a wide range of issues, including access to clean air and water, exposure to toxins and pollutants, and access to green spaces and recreational opportunities. In the Town of Sutton, while open space and recreation opportunities exist throughout the Town, there are several areas that lack access. In the northeastern part of Town, Chapter 61, Chapter 61A, and Chapter 61B lands provide most of the access to open space resources. These lands have limited protections and could be lost if the property owners sell, and the Town does not acquire those lands in the first right of refusal. In the central and northern central parts of Town, there are also large concentrations of Chapter lands and municipal open space lands with limited protections only. These particular lands are also at risk of being lost to development. And in the southeastern part of Town, there is very limited access to any open space, with a few Chapter 61B and Chapter 61A lands available on the exterior of Town.

Sutton's land area is very large for a town with a small population. This presents a challenge for providing open and recreational spaces close to each household. However, Sutton strives to distribute its recreation and open spaces funds and efforts town-wide. When allocating funds for improvements the Town strives to do one of two things: 1) improve centrally located spaces such as Shaw Farm Trails, or 2) evenly distribute improvement resources to different areas particularly those with limited or no current amenities.

Unity Park - Photo: J. Hager

Sutton has received grants for Tri-centennial Park (northeast Sutton), Unity Park (Wilkinsonville), the Mumford River Trail (Manchaug), and Marion's Camp/Town Beach (Central Sutton). The Town also signed a multi-year agreement with Sutton Youth Baseball at Van Dyke Fields (southeast Sutton) for field development, improvements to existing parking and playground, and addition of dugouts, a concession stand and another parking lot and we are

currently working on a Land & Water Conservation Grant application for American Legion Park (southwest Sutton). Blackstone National Golf Club, Pleasant Valley Country Club, and Purgatory Chasm are all centrally located. The Town approved four, and helped to fund two Agricultural Preservation Restrictions. One is located at Keown's Orchards, close to high density neighborhoods. The other lies at Whittier Farms in low density West Sutton, the only section of town without formal playgrounds and recreation space.

Finally, climate change presents ongoing challenges we need to plan for in the present. The most significant impacts we have seen so far are an increase in flooding in a few areas as well as an increase in storm related damage and power outages usually related to trees. We will likely apply for a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant this year to tackle some of the flooding issues. Hazard tree removal and pruning as well as maintaining our green infrastructure to mitigate warming trends needs to be a priority.

Section 5 – Inventory of Lands of Conservation and Recreation Interest

Open space makes an important contribution to quality of life. Public recreation areas and open space provide a focus for community life and promote a unique and identifiable community character. Open space can also be an oasis for quiet reflection and can greatly enhance the connection to the natural world. Open space also has economic benefits. It protects and enhances the property values of nearby land. Open space also attracts businesses, new residents, and public and private investment.

Additionally, conservation land serves environmental functions, providing natural rainwater storage and corridors for wildlife. Even small pockets of green space may serve an important function for migratory birds and butterflies. Open space can also reduce runoff and diminish the frequency and severity of flooding. Wooded open space helps to cool the air and improves air quality.

Lands of conservation and recreation interest in the Town of Sutton include

1. Properties with permanently protections,
    a. Publicly owned for purposes of conservation or recreation
    b. Land owned by non–profits and land trusts with conservation restrictions or agricultural preservation restrictions
    c. Privately owned land with conservation restrictions or agricultural preservation restrictions
2. Properties with limited protection
    a. Public ownership provides only limited protection unless specifically deeded or stipulated as permanently protected, since some properties may be sold

or developed as schools or town garages, even town halls. Disposal or sale of these properties usually require a town meeting or other public process.

3. Private properties used for forestry, agriculture or recreation in exchange for special tax status.
4. Privately owned land with special open space or recreational interest such as a rod and gun club.

Conservation Restricted Land - Photos: J. Hager

For the purposes of Open Space and Recreation Planning Permanent Protection and Limited Protection are defined as follows:

Permanent Protection

Article 97 of the State Constitution provides permanent protection for certain lands acquired for natural resources purposes, meaning "conservation, development and utilization of the agricultural, mineral, forest, water, air and other natural resources." Lands of this nature are often owned by the municipal conservation commission, recreation commission, water department, or by a state or federal conservation agency (i.e., the EOEEA or the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife). Private, public and non-profit conservation and recreation lands may be protected under Article 97. Removing the permanent protection status of such lands is extremely difficult, as is evidenced by the following required steps:

- The municipal Conservation Commission or Parks and Recreation Committee must vote that the land in question is surplus to its needs.
- The removal of permanent protection status must be approved at a Town Meeting/City Council vote and pass by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

- The municipality must file an Environmental Notification Form with the EOEEA's Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA).
- The removal of permanent protection status must be approved by both the State House of Representatives and the State Senate and pass by a two-thirds(2/3) vote.
- In the case of land either acquired or developed with grant assistance from the EOEEA's Division of Conservation Services, the converted land must be replaced with land of equal monetary value and re-creational or conservation utility.

In other words, it is intentionally difficult to remove a property's permanent protection status so that it may be developed.

Lands acquired for watershed and aquifer protection, habitat conservation, or state parks are often permanently protected open space. Municipally-owned properties used for cemeteries, public recreation and conservation areas may be permanently protected via a Town Meeting Vote or a City Council Order. Often these lands are placed under the ownership or protection of the Conservation Commission.

Private lands, including those owned by non-profit organizations, can also be protected in perpetuity through deed conservation restrictions, conservation easements, agricultural preservation restrictions, historic preservation restrictions, or wetlands restrictions. Some easements may run for a more limited period (often 30 years) and those are not considered permanently protected. As mentioned above, these lands may also be protected by Article 97.

Limited Protection

Municipal lands under active use (schools, town halls, highway department facilities, police/fire facilities, etc.) are not generally considered permanently protected. For the purposes of this plan, we will consider that those publicly-owned parcels are not permanently protected. A public disposition process however, theoretically insures some level of protection. They cannot be sold without due process.

Private lands that are within the State's special taxation programs (Chapter 61, 61A, and 61B) are actively managed by their owners, but only have limited or temporary protection. Private owners can manage their land for forestry, agriculture, and/or recreation purposes and receive a benefit of reduced property tax under Chapter 61. Chapter 61 is for forested lands, Chapter 61A for agricultural and horticultural lands, and Chapter 61B is for recreational lands. Chapter lands are considered as having limited protection. While these lands provide significant open space in communities while in the program, once the property is sold or the owner chooses not to participate in the special taxation program, there is no longer a commitment to open space management. If the property is put up for sale, the community has the first right to purchase the property or

assign its right to a non-profit. The Town should inventory and prioritize what limited Chapter land there is and other open space for acquisition or other protection measures. In addition, the Town should insure that notice is given immediately to Conservation and Recreation Commissions if a Notice of Sale of a Chapter property is delivered to the Select Board. A communication protocol to allow for rapid response should be developed. Working with local non-profits, Mass Audubon and Sudbury Valley Trustees, may help make acquisitions possible, especially with limited municipal staff time and funds. m

There are numerous private parcels with no current protection that would have a significant impact on the Town and its character if they were developed and particularly depending on the type of development. For example, the 50+ acre McGovern parcel located in Sutton Center Village was previously proposed for over 120 age restricted condominiums. The Historic Commission worked extensively with the developer on farm style architecture and the age restrictions eliminate school impacts, but regardless this development would have had obvious impacts to this small hilltop farming village. Consideration needs to be given to this type of development and whether there is a value to the public in maintaining various iconic landscapes for any number of reasons. If so, this needs to influence future purchases, APR restrictions, or other protection measures for these lands.

A. Private Parcels

Ownership Summary	Address	Acres (# parcels)	Notes
PERMANENT PROTECTION			
Wilkinsonville Water District	Cold Spring Drive Hatchery Drive	41.56 (8)	well fields, conservation land
Manchaug Water District	Putnam Hill Road	3.96 (3)	well fields, conservation land
Whitinsville Water Co.	Mendon Road	1131.83 (74)	well fields, reservoirs, conservation land
Freegrace Marble Farm (Marran)	Burbank Road Sibley Road	53.20 (3)	Historic New England Restriction Restricted by Fisher 2002
Halls Mills House (Schaefer)	10 Uxbridge Road	3.19	Historic Preservation Restriction Restricted by Town of Sutton
Long View Farm (Boston Road Realty Trust)	297 Boston Road	64	Conservation Restriction Restricted by Estate of W. Johnson 2008
Ownership Summary	Address	Acres (# parcels)	Notes
PERMANENT PROTECTION			

Polseno	24 Mumford Road	38.99	Forestry/Conservation Restriction Restricted by Griffith
Leland Hill Estates LLC	64,65 & 87 Partridge Hill Road	28.5 (3)	Conservation Restriction
Private Cemeteries		2.43 (10)	Titus-Lowe Cemetery at 114R Purgatory Road not included
Whittier Farms	Central Turnpike Town Farm Road	298.32 (5)	Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Also included in C. 61A totals
Stevenson	74 Mendon Road	32.11	Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Also included in C. 61A totals
Ferrell	195 Town Farm Road	47.33	Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Also included in C. 61A totals Restricted by Whitten
Foppema	McClellan Road Dodge Hill Road	165.18 (11)	Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Also included in C. 61A totals Restricted by Keown
LIMITED PROTECTION			
Chapter 61	See Ch. Land List	333.21 (27)	
Chapter 61A	See Ch. Land List	1,225.13 (67)	
Chapter 61B	See Ch. Land List	374.25 (23)	
Chapter Land – Mixed	See Ch. Land List	2,197.52 (72)	These are a combination of Chapter land and some other use, such as residential.
Blackstone National Golf	227 Putnam Hill Road	255.3	This is also a 61B property.
95 Armsby Road LLC	95 Armsby Road	136.75	Pleasant Valley Country Club
Sutton Soccer Club Inc.	605 Central Turnpike	5.47	Fuller Hamlet Soccer
Sutton Youth Soccer	38 Singletary Avenue	15.04	

B. Public and Non-Profit Parcels

Ownership Summary	Address	Acres (# parcels)	Notes
PERMANENT PROTECTION – PUBLIC			
Federal	N/A	0	
State -DEM, DFW	See State List	2,396.21	103 parcels
Cemeteries	See Town List	23.37	11 cemeteries

Conservation Commission	See Town List	116.25	Waters Farm
LIMITED PROTECTION- PUBLIC			
MassDOT/DCAM	N/A	0	
Municipal vacant	See Town List	332.44	46 parcels (not including roads)
Municipal improved	See Town List	455.49	31 parcels (not including roads)
PERMANENT PROTECTION - NON-PROFIT			
Housing Authority	5 Church Street	1.54	Housing for the Elderly/Disabled
91R Ariel Circle Sutton LLC	91R Ariel Circle	9.97	Conservation Restriction held by Metacomet Land Trust
LIMITED PROTECTION - NON PROFIT			
American Legion	158 Boston Road	1.47	Dudley Gendron Post
Metacomet Land Trust	621 Central Turnpike 25R Chase Road 29 Manchaug Road 33 Manchaug Road 177 Manchaug Road 360R Mendon Road 4 Mumford Road 299R Putnam Hill Road 316R Putnam Hill Road 16 Reservoir Avenue	3.2 82.5 3 5.7 9.4 14 7.6 6.5 6.5 38.9	conservation land
YMCA	208 Manchaug Road	13.32	Camp Blanchard
Historical Society	6 Singletary Avenue 54 Eight Lots Road	.25 .32	Blacksmith Shop Eight Lots School

C. State Property

MAP	BLK	NO.	STREET	ACRES	STATE DIVISION/DEPT
18	29	153	CENTRAL TPKE	5.27	DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (DEM)
25	25	179R	CENTRAL TPKE	16.90	DEM
18	19	180	CENTRAL TPKE	4.65	DEM
25	11	203R	CENTRAL TPKE	15.00	DEM
25	10	205R	CENTRAL TPKE	12.00	DEM
31	15	302	MENDON RD	10.00	DEM
31	19	311R	MENDON RD	5.79	DEM
31	21	313R	MENDON RD	9.58	DEM
37	21	320	MENDON RD	127.14	DEM
31	18	321	MENDON RD	59.86	DEM
37	14	340R	MENDON RD	22.00	DEM
32	1	359	MENDON RD	46.03	DEM

MAP	BLK	NO.	STREET	ACRES	STATE DIVISION/DEPT
38	4	362	MENDON RD	7.88	DEM
37	20	365R	MENDON RD	21.62	DEM
37	26	370R	MENDON RD	7.61	DEM
38	39	371	MENDON RD	19.65	DEM
37	25	372R	MENDON RD	5.21	DEM
38	33	379	MENDON RD	2.44	DEM
37	19	380R	MENDON RD	12.50	DEM
38	5	384	MENDON RD	35.32	DEM
38	3	384R	MENDON RD	20.00	DEM
32	2	116	PURGATORY RD	49.93	DEM
32	47	120	PURGATORY RD	2.16	DEM
32	48	124	PURGATORY RD	6.65	DEM
32	3	126R	PURGATORY RD	18.85	DEM
32	49	128	PURGATORY RD	5.54	DEM
32	39	129	PURGATORY RD	506.00	DEM
32	50	134	PURGATORY RD	1.85	DEM
32	8	142R	PURGATORY RD	6.34	DEM
32	6	144	PURGATORY RD	1.50	DEM
32	5	150	PURGATORY RD	3.00	DEM
32	41	161R	PURGATORY RD	10.00	DEM
32	42	163	PURGATORY RD	16.52	DEM
32	4	190R	PURGATORY RD	8.75	DEM
33	19	213	PURGATORY RD	13.18	DEM
33	2	214	PURGATORY RD	9.05	DEM
33	4	222	PURGATORY RD	3.31	DEM
33	5	235	PURGATORY RD	0.67	DEM
33	18	245R	PURGATORY RD	2.32	DEM
33	17	249R	PURGATORY RD	1.00	DEM
33	21	251R	PURGATORY RD	1.67	DEM
25	9	53R	PURGATORY RD	45.00	DEM
37	5	281R	PUTNAM HILL RD	25.00	DEM
37	6	291R	PUTNAM HILL RD	10.00	DEM
37	1	301R	PUTNAM HILL RD	22.81	DEM
37	9	303R	PUTNAM HILL RD	24.00	DEM
37	11	305R	PUTNAM HILL RD	6.90	DEM
43	19	319R	PUTNAM HILL RD	16.00	DEM
43	20	323R	PUTNAM HILL RD	15.44	DEM
43	21	327R	PUTNAM HILL RD	5.00	DEM
43	22	329R	PUTNAM HILL RD	3.00	DEM
43	23	331R	PUTNAM HILL RD	8.00	DEM
43	24	333R	PUTNAM HILL RD	10.11	DEM
43	26	335R	PUTNAM HILL RD	85.00	DEM

MAP	BLK	NO.	STREET	ACRES	STATE DIVISION/DEPT
43	52	337R	PUTNAM HILL RD	6.55	DEM
43	25	339R	PUTNAM HILL RD	5.58	DEM
43	38	349R	PUTNAM HILL RD	40.57	DEM
43	54	379R	PUTNAM HILL RD	11.25	DEM
43	36	385R	PUTNAM HILL RD	12.00	DEM
49	75	391R	PUTNAM HILL RD	15.50	DEM
49	221	415	PUTNAM HILL RD	67.40	DEM
28	9	120R	TOWN FARM RD	31.50	DEM
25	38		UNKNOWN LOC	2.75	DEM
25	39		UNKNOWN LOC	6.00	DEM
31	27	197	UXBRIDGE RD	9.26	DEM
49	80	29R	WHITINS RD	7.50	DEM
49	79	31R	WHITINS RD	6.00	DEM
49	77	35R	WHITINS RD	6.00	DEM
49	76	37R	WHITINS RD	3.00	DEM
49	81	43R	WHITINS RD	6.26	DEM
49	83	49R	WHITINS RD	6.00	DEM
18	47	245	WORC-PROV TPKE	15.86	DEM
18	28	286	WORC-PROV TPKE	2.16	DEM
25	26	300	WORC-PROV TPKE	23.81	DEM
25	31	335	WORC-PROV TPKE	4.00	DEM
26	6	369	WORC-PROV TPKE	20.00	DEM
26	16	399R	WORC-PROV TPKE	6.00	DEM
49	78	33R	WHITINS RD	6.51	DEM
51	62	21R	HOUGH RD	0.15	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT
51	66	8	OAKHURST RD	1.44	DOT
26	10	234R	STONE SCHOOL RD	13.30	DOT
51	40	234	WHITINS RD	0.42	DOT
14	1	43R	BAKER RD	128.86	DIVISION OF FISHERIES & WILDLIFE (DFW)
28	45	185R	EIGHT LOTS RD	49.47	DFW
21	23	214R	EIGHT LOTS RD	20.66	DFW
21	2	220R	EIGHT LOTS RD	40.00	DFW
28	17	236	EIGHT LOTS RD	1.00	DFW
28	1	251	EIGHT LOTS RD	26.11	DFW
27	2	257	EIGHT LOTS RD	8.00	DFW
27	1	271	EIGHT LOTS RD	14.00	DFW
27	4	283R	EIGHT LOTS RD	0.13	DFW
20	1	288	EIGHT LOTS RD	114.17	DFW
27	6	289	EIGHT LOTS RD	0.86	DFW

MAP	BLK	NO.	STREET	ACRES	STATE DIVISION/DEPT
52	8	50	LACKEY DAM RD	0.33	DFW
52	13	52	LACKEY DAM RD	25.40	DFW
52	41	58	LACKEY DAM RD	0.21	DFW
20	5		UNKNOWN LOC	4.10	DFW
20	6		UNKNOWN LOC	5.00	DFW
20	7		UNKNOWN LOC	4.00	DFW
15	78	102	W SUTTON RD	11.10	DFW
15	77	112	W SUTTON RD	17.21	DFW
15	7	128	W SUTTON RD	5.98	DFW
22	39	149	W SUTTON RD	28.47	DFW
22	15	180	W SUTTON RD	6.25	DFW
22	40	187	W SUTTON RD	80.96	DFW
22	41	221R	W SUTTON RD	6.00	DFW
29	42	261	W SUTTON RD	9.84	DFW
29	43	262	W SUTTON RD	2.10	DFW
29	41	275	W SUTTON RD	0.08	DFW
28	8	280	W SUTTON RD	22.39	DFW
53	11	22	TORREY RD	15.84	PUBLIC ACCESS BOARD

TOWN LAND LIST

Map	Block	Location	Daily Management	Acres	Current Use	Condition	Public Access	ADA	Recreational Potential	Zoning	Protection Status	Type of Grant
3	2	113 Providence Rd	Town Manager	0.59	Vacant	Good	No	No	Parking for bikeway	OLI	NP	N/A
3	6	72 Blackstone St	Planning Department	5.65	**Tri-centennial Park** – picnic tables, canoe launch and portage, walking paths & seating, dam/wildlife viewing area	Fair	Ye	Yes	Trail and Canoe Portage	R1	NP	Enhancement
5	116	42 Colonial Rd	Town Manager	0.73	Vacant – Strip Between Parcels	Good	No	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
6	12	51 Providence Road	Town Manager	2.98	Vacant, Cold Spring Brook	Fair, wet	No	No	None	OLI	NP	N/A
6	132	7 Boston Rd	Town Manager	**1.5**	**Unity Park**	Very Good	Yes	No	Playground	V	P	PARC
6	186	21 Boston Rd	Cemetery Commission	1.32	cemetery	Good	Yes	No	None	R1	P	N/A
7	48	44 Peach Tree	Sewer Superintendent	0.08	Pump station	Good	No	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
7	93	23 Boundary Stone	Town Manager	1.63	Open space parcel	Good, wet	No	No	Playground, walking track, picnic, sport courts	R1	NP	N/A
9	212	15 Merrill Road	Highway	1.8	Roadway Edge	Good	Yes	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
11	1	29 Pleasant Valley	Highway	1.33	**Highway Dept.**	Good	Yes		None	B2	NP	N/A
11	211	22 Dudley Lane	Highway	0.52	Detention basin	Good	No	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
11	212	22 Dudley Lane	Highway	0.57	Basin	Poor	No	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
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11	309	13 Dudley Lane	Highway	2.26	Road & Triangle	Good	Yes	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
12	107	Unknown location	Unknown	0.75	Unknown	Unknown	UN	UN	Unknown	UN	NP	N/A
12	173	7.5 Wildflower Drive	Sewer	1.25	Pump Station	Good	No	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
12	176	7 Wildflower Drive	Highway	1.48	Basin	Good	No	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
12	267	6 Boundary Stone	Town Manager	0.8	OS parcel	Good	No	No	Park/ playground	R1	NP	N/A
12	285	33 Trilliam Run	Town Manager/ Highway	2.34	Basin	Good	No	No	Park	R1	NP	N/A
12	309	42 Wildflower Drive	Highway	.46	Roadway Edge	Good	Yes	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
16	15	30 Tuttle Road	Recreation / Town Manager/ Planning	25.48	**Marion's Camp** - trails, beach seating, history signage, lodge, pavilion	Good	Yes	Yes	Trails, Water Sports, Rec Program, Concerts, Outings	R1	P	LWCF, MOTT
16	54	7 Singletary Ave	Town Manager	1.61	Former school site	Good	No	No	Park, Picnic, Cultural Site	R1	NP	N/A
16	76	4 Uxbridge Rd	Town Admin, Fire, Police	3.5	Town Hall	Good	Yes	Yes	None	R1	NP	N/A
16	78	16 Uxbridge Rd	Town Manager	5.63	Vacant	Good	No	No	Park. Playing Fields, Passive	R1	NP	N/A
16	92	3 Uxbridge Rd	Town Manager	0.81	**Town Common**, benches, pavilion	Good	Yes	Yes	Picnic, Concerts	R1	NP	N/A

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17	7	20 Armsby Rd	Cemetery Commission	8.16	cemetery	Good	Yes	Yes	None	R1	P	N/A
17	24	19 Armsby Rd	Cemetery Commissioner	2.52	cemetery	Good	Yes	Yes	None	R1	P	N/A
17	56	41 Pleasant Valley	Highway	0.27	Triangle at end of PV Rd	Poor	No	No	None	B2	NP	N/A
18	72 & 92	127 Armsby Rd	Cemetery Commissioner	1.49	cemetery	Good	Yes	Yes	None	R1	P	N/A
19	36	133 Leland Hill Rd	Cemetery Commissioner	1.62	cemetery	Fair	Yes	Yes	None	R1	P	N/A
22	65	480 Boston Rd	Town Manager	0.1	Putnam monument	Good	Yes	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
23	3	409 Boston Rd	School Committee	42.92	**School Complex**	Good, wet	Yes	Yes	Fields, Walking, Playground	R1	NP	N/A
23	7	383 Boston Rd	School Committee	13.09	**School Complex**	Good	Yes	Yes	Fields, Walking, Playground	R1	NP	N/A
23	8	18 Putnam Hill Rd	School Committee	7.97	**School Complex**	Good, wet	Yes	Yes	Fields, Walking, Playground	R1	NP	N/A
23	22	3 Shaw Lane	Town Manager	9.0966	**Shaw Farm** trails, seats nature/wildlife viewing	Good, Wet	Yes	No	Trails, Track & Fields	R1	NP	RTG
23	24	17 Shaw Lane	Town Manager	38.82	**Shaw Farm** trails, seats nature/wildlife viewing	Good, Wet	Yes	No	Trails, Track & Fields	R1	NP	RTG
23	52	384 Boston Rd	Highway	1.9	Drainage	Poor, Wet	No	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
24	61	105 Uxbridge Rd	Town Manager	0.8092	Old Gravel pit	Good	No	No	None	R1	NP	N/A

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25	8	141R Purgatory Rd	Town Manager	19	backland	Good	No	No	Transfer to State?	R1	NP	N/A
26	7	194 Stone School Rd	Highway	26.84	Transfer station	Good, wet	Yes	Yes	None	R1	NP	N/A
26	8	196 Stone School Rd	Town Manager	2	Vacant	Poor, Wet	No	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
26	9	224R Stine School Rd	Town Manager	6	Vacant	Wet, Steep	No	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
29	39	84 Town Farm Rd	Cemetery Commission	0.19	Paupers Cemetery	Fair	Yes	No	None	R1	P	N/A
30	38	489 Central Turnpike	Police Chief	2.52	**Police Station**	Very Good	Yes	Yes	None	R1	NP	N/A
30	59	390 Central Tpk	Town Manager	45.71	**Shaw Farm** trails, seats nature/wildlife viewing	Fair	Yes	No	Trails, Track & Fields	R1	NP	RTG
30	60	16R Shaw Lane	Town Manager	5.2	**Shaw Farm** trails, seats nature/wildlife viewing	Good	Yes	No	Trails, Track & Fields	R1	NP	RTG
30	61	430 Central Turnpike	Town Manager	23.2	**Shaw Farm** trails, seats nature/wildlife viewing	Good	Yes	No	Trails, Track & Fields	R1	NP	RTG
30	81	81R Putnam Hill Rd	Town Manager	3.4	**Shaw Farm** trails, seats nature/wildlife viewing	Good, Wet	Yes	No	None, Swamp	R1	NP	N/A
30	82	16 Shaw Lane	Town Manager	10.33	**Shaw Farm** trails, seats nature/wildlife viewing	Good, Wet	Yes	No	Trails, Track & Fields	R1	NP	RTG
31	92	391 Central Turnpike	Highway	.49	Road Triangle	Good	Yes	No	None	R1	NP	N/A

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31	95	287 Mendon Road	Highway	.18	Road Triangle	Good	Yes	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
33	22	240R Purgatory Rd	Town Manager	4.9966	Landlocked	Good	No	No	Transfer to State?	R1	NP	N/A
34	8	154 Town Farm Rd	Town Manager	6.0765	Cell tower site	Good	No	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
35	13	5 Mendon Rd	Conservation	8.7365	Conservation	Poor - wet	No	No	None	R1	NP	CR
35	17	22 Mendon Rd	Town Manager	0.46	Vacant	Fair	No	No	Open Space	R1	NP	N/A
35	28	1 Old Mill Road	Roadway Triangle	1	Roadway Triangle	Good	Yes	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
35	63	370 W Sutton Rd	Cemetery Commission	2.3065	Cemetery	Good	Yes	No	None	R1	P	N/A
35	103	587 Central Turnpike	Town Manager	3.9966	Former VanTwyver property	Poor, Wet	No	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
35	111	8 Old Mill Road	Highway	.06	Road Triangle	Good	Yes	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
36	72	178R Mendon Rd	Cemetery Commission	2.06	Cemetery	Good	Yes	No	None	R1	P	N/A
41	22	53 Waters Rd	Waters Farm	90.74	**Waters Farm** – trails, nature viewing	Good	Yes	No	Trails, Events, Picnics, Informal Sports	R1	P	CR
41	23	110R Manchaug Rd	Waters Farm	12.9	Camps at Waters Farm – trails	Good	No	No	Trails, Events, Picnics, Informal Sports	R1	P	CR
42	72	132 Manchaug Road	Town Manager	108	**Manchaug Pond**	Good	Yes	NO	Water Sports	R1 & V	NP	N/A
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43	18	327 Putnam Hill Rd	Town Manager	4.2166	Old dump site	Poor	No	No	Park,	R1	NP	N/A
48	27	2 Torrey Rd	Cemetery Commission	0.2859	Cemetery	Fair	Yes	No	None	R1	P	N/A
49	1	333R Manchaug Rd	Highway	90.5	**Stevens Pond**	Good	No	No	Water Sports	R1 & V	NP	N/A
49	7 & 8	334 Manchaug Rd	Highway	0.2022	Stevens Pond Dam	Good	No	No	None	V	NP	N/A
49	45	2 Main St	Town Manager	0.0275	**Manchaug Common** – monuments, signs	Good	Yes	No	None	V	NP	N/A
49	46	6 Main St	Town Manager	0.551	Puckihuddle Pre-school (lease)	Good	Yes	Yes	Trail, Picnic	V	NP	N/A
49	47	10 Main St	Planning	0.18	Pump Station & Mumford River Trail benches, historic signs	Good	Yes	Yes	Trail	V	NP	N/A
49	127	375 Putnam Hill Rd	Town Manager	0.8	Vacant	Good	No	No	None	R1	NP	N/A
49	48	14 Main Street	Sewer, Planning	.05	Pump Station & Mumford River Trail benches, historic signs	Good	Yes	Yes	Trail	V`	NP	N/A
49	148	12R Main St	Sewer	0.22	Pump Station & Mumford River Trail benches, historic signs	Good	Yes	Yes	Trail, Picnic	V	NP	N/A
49	151	343 Manchuag Rd	Fire	4.9574	**Manchaug Fire Station**	Good	Yes	Yes	Trail	V	NP	N/A

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49	185	12 Main St	Town Manager	0.1997	Old River Location	Good	Yes	Yes	Trail	V	NP	N/A
49	208	310 Manchaug Rd	Cemetery Commission	1.2256	Cemetery	Good	Yes	Yes	None	V	P	N/A
50	20	38 Jones Rd	Town Manager	5.1966	Vacant	Good	No	No	Various	R1	NP	N/A
50	32	37 Jones Rd	Town Manager	24.5	Town land south	Good	No	No	Fields, Trails, Playground	R1	NP	N/A
51	16	4 Hough Rd	Town Manager	0.78	Parking lot	Good	Yes	Yes	None	R1	NP	N/A
51	46	23 Hough Rd	COA, Sewer, Town Admin	43.79	**Senior Center, Sewer Plant, Vandyke Fields** – basketball, soccer, baseball, play equipment	Good, Wet	Yes	Yes	Sports Fields/Courts, Playground, walking trails	R1	P	PARC
51	48	29 Hough Rd	Cemetery Commission	2.1966	Cemetery	Good	Yes	Yes	None	R1	P	N/A
51	97	47 Jenna Lane	Town Manager	7.71	Vacant	Good	Yes	No	Passive, Trails	R1	NP	N/A
51	98	6 Jared Drive	Highway, Town Manager	3.08	Basin	Good	Yes	No	Passive, Trails	R1	NP	N/A
53	18	37 Torrey Road	Town Manager	5.61	Land Between Ponds	Good	No	No	Passive, Trails	R1	NP	N/A
54	14	21 Reservoir Ave	Town Manager	0.1175	Water tank	Good	No	No	None	V	NP	N/A
54	76	7 Darling Lane	Town Manager	3	**American Legion Park -** Softball Field, Playground, Basketball Court	Good	Yes	No	Playground, Sports	V	NP	N/A
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Section 6 – Community Vision

A. Description of Process

As detailed in Section 2 – Planning Process and Public Participation, the survey for our previous Open Space and Recreation Plan update was revamped and sent out to every household in Sutton. The results of this 2021 survey were reaffirmed with both a weekday evening and Saturday Open Space & Recreation forums. A copy of the surveys and the results, are included in the Appendix. These results, in addition to input from municipal bodies, were converted directly into the overall aspirations and resulting goals and objectives for this plan update.

B. Statement of Open Space and Recreation Aspirations

Providing and improving open space and recreation opportunities is a priority of the Town of Sutton. Open space and recreational areas can provide many key benefits to residents, stakeholders, and other visitors of Sutton including environmental protection, health and well-being, community building, economic benefits, climate change adaptation, and educational opportunities. Open spaces and natural areas provide important habitats for wildlife and plants, and they help to preserve biodiversity. They also help to protect natural resources such as water and air quality. In addition, access to open spaces and recreational opportunities can promote physical activity, which is essential for maintaining good health. It can also help to reduce stress and promote mental well-being. Parks and open spaces can also serve as gathering places for communities and can promote social interaction and a sense of community. As a source of tourism, open spaces and recreational opportunities can attract new businesses and residents to an area and can contribute to the economy through jobs and revenues. These areas can also help to reduce urban heat island effects, provide shade, and absorb and filter stormwater, which can be important for reducing the impacts of climate change. And finally, parks and open spaces provide opportunities to learn about the environment, history, and culture. Overall, open space and recreation are essential for allowing Sutton to be a vibrant and livable community. These areas provide opportunities for residents and visitors to connect with nature, engage in physical activity, and build a strong and healthy community. They also play an important role in protecting the environment and promoting sustainable development in Town.

Section 7 – Analysis of Need

Per the Open Space and Recreation Planner's Workbook, in this section we examine base information about our environmental, open space/conservation and recreational

resources in relation to the needs and desires expressed by our residents through the survey and input process for this plan update.

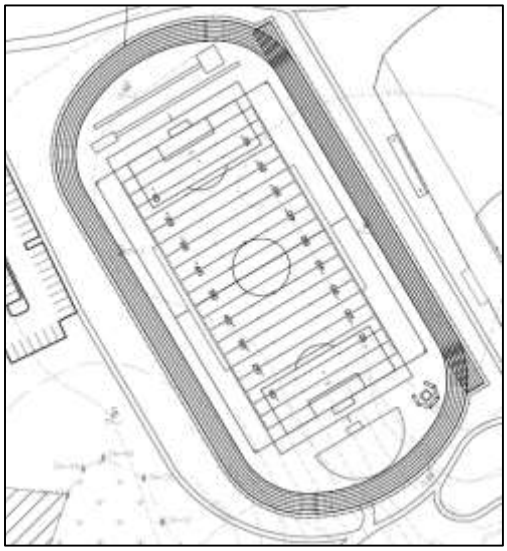
A. Summary of Resource Protection Needs

Analysis of the base information and related survey responses and citizen input suggests that open spaces acquisition remains a priority in Sutton with over 63% of respondents stating they think the Town should acquire more open space. Nearly the same percentage of respondents expressed that regardless of purpose of the acquisition, whether it be to protect a scenic resource or a wildlife habitat, that public access should be allowed on these open spaces. Open Space for water resource protection and flood control were the only two cases where there wasn't a strong need for public access indicated.

The method residents most preferred to obtain open space was mandating that new housing contain permanent open space.

B. Summary of Community Needs

Examination of base information and analysis of surveys and forum input suggests the following with respect to community needs relative to recreational and cultural and historic resources. Just like the last Plan update, residents are not aware of many of the Town's holdings making this a continued area that needs to be addressed.



Over 67% of respondents' desire more recreational facilities. In terms of recreational programming, top requests are a summer recreation program for ages 5-12 (40%), followed by adult yoga/Zumba/fitness (35%), and ice skating on Lake Singletary at 31%. The Town has been implementing steps toward establishing a seasonal recreation program at Marion's Camp. We have installed parking and ADA access, built trails and finished upgrade of the Lodge, and are installing restrooms this year. The next major step in this process will be determining and funding staffing needs. Facility requests center around walking with more trails (45%), sidewalks (44%) and a track (32%) at the top of the list with a bike path wedged into 3rd place at 43%. Residents also expressed a significant desire (48%) for a commercial outdoor music performance venue. A need for more parking at Veteran's Field (AKA American Legion Park), Shaw Farm and Unity Park was also highlighted by survey responses.

School facilities, Purgatory Chasm, and Water's Farm are still the assets residents use most for recreation. The survey featured a question where respondents could indicate

"not familiar" on a list of recreational sites. As previously indicated, a good number of residents are not aware of many sites or aware of recent improvements at various sites. Numerous respondents noted they would like to get more information about sites and programs via email.

The most striking result of this year's process was that the majority of respondents' desire to learn more about Sutton's history! Over 70% want programs about Sutton's history for all ages, and no less than 55% of respondents were in favor of at least one of the history programming suggestions.

Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)[1]
The Massachusetts Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) looks to identify how recreational resources are distributed and used throughout the state, as well as find where outdoor recreational needs are not met. The SCORP planning process engaged stakeholders across the state and gathered input through public meetings, web-based surveys, a phone survey of a sampling of residents and a survey of middle and high school students.

Results of the official public survey identified three areas that are a priority for funding 1) trails, including hiking, biking, mountain biking, and paved, including access for those with disabilities; 2) playgrounds for ages 6 mos. to 12 years including ADA components; and 3) water based activities including swimming pools, canoe/kayak access, and fishing.

Unity Park
Courtesy M. Lajoie

Municipalities were also surveyed and expressed their highest funding priorities over the next few years were playgrounds, ballfields, trail systems, and improved access to parks including sidewalks and safe crosswalks.

Results of the land trust survey, which looked to verify what activities took place on these properties, indicated that walking/jogging/hiking, along with dog walking and nature study continue to be the top three activities that take place on land trust lands. The principal physical issue identified by lands trusts was invasive species management, while social issues include littering and dumping. Their primary concern is the lack of connection people have nature which can hopefully be addressed to some degree if they can tackle their secondary concern of connecting their land holdings to neighborhoods and schools.

The phone survey asked 400 residents what types of activities they currently participate in. The top six responses encompassed the same two major categories as the online survey with trail based activities such as running/walking/hiking and water based activities such as swimming, canoeing/kayaking. Biking on and off trail was also

[1] State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2017, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

a top activity. Top requested municipal improvements needed were water based recreation at 59%, neighborhood parks at 52%, and trails at 48%.

High school students again identified team sports and swimming as activities they prefer. Overall their responses mirrored adults' responses in terms of needs including addition of trails and beaches at municipal locations.

The four goals of the 2017 Massachusetts SCORP are:

- Access for underserved populations
- Support the statewide trails initiative
- Increase the availability of water based recreation
- Support the creation and renovation of neighborhood parks

Mumford River Trail, Manchaug Photo: J. Hager

The SCORP indicated that in 2015 11.7% of respondents identified as disabled with most being ambulatory, but over 46% of those over the age of 75 identified as being disabled. Sutton's seniors and others with mobility challenges are no different, they are impacted by lack of accessibility at the town's conservation areas and other outdoor recreation venues. Lack of available parking, the length of the walk and condition of the walking surface from the parking area to the particular resource or facility are common impediments. While areas like Purgatory and Chasm offer picnic and viewing areas, and recreation areas with ball fields and playground offer opportunities to view a variety of activities, these areas can be difficult to get to for people with disabilities. Bathroom facilities and comfortable and convenient seating would also improve conditions for many residents. Many of Sutton's senior residents are active and independent and enjoy the recreational, educational and cultural offerings provided by the Council on Aging. The Senior Center, however has limited indoor space to meet the town's growing demand. Opportunities for outdoor programming would be enhanced by the availability of accessible walking trails.

Recreation is an important part of a healthy and enjoyable lifestyle for people of all ages. It is especially important for teenagers, young children, and aging adults to find activities that are engaging and maintain their physical and mental health. Overall, recreation needs for teenagers, young children, and aging adults can be very different. For teenagers, activities such as group sports, clubs, and outdoor activities are essential for connection and healthy growth. Young children need stimulation through play and imaginative activities to help them grow and develop mentally, physically, and emotionally. For aging adults, activities that allow for continued involvement in social events, physical activity, and creative activities may help to preserve physical functioning and maximize quality of life. By offering a variety of recreation options that reflect the individual needs of these diverse groups, the Town of Sutton can ensure

that all residents have access to the resources they need to have a healthy and meaningful life.

Recreation Needs and Related Facilities below is taken from the National Parks and Recreation Association as recommended facilities per population.

Recreation Needs and Related Facilities

Activity/ Facility	Variations	Number of Units Per Population	Location	Facility
Badminton		1 per 5000		
Basketball	1.Youth	1 per 5,000	Sutton	Sutton Schools
	2. High School		Sutton	Sutton Schools
	3. Youth League		Sutton	Sutton Schools
Handball Racquetball		1 per 20,000		
Ice Hockey	Indoor	1 per 100,000 depends on climate	Auburn	
	Outdoor		Sutton	Various ponds
Tennis		1 court per 2,000	Sutton	Sutton Schools
Volleyball		1 per 50,00	Sutton	Sutton Schools
Baseball	1. Official	2 per 5000	Sutton	Sutton Schools
	2. Little League	Lighted 1 per 30,000	Sutton	Vandyke Fields
Field Hockey		1 per 20,000	Sutton	Sutton Schools
Football		1 per 10,000	Sutton	Sutton Schools
Soccer		1 per 5,000	Sutton	Sutton Schools SYS Singletary Ave. Fuller Hamlet Fields (2)
Golf-driving Range		1 per 10,000	Sutton	Blackstone National Golf Club
¼ Mile Running Track		1 per 20,000	Millbury	Millbury HS Northbridge HS
Softball		1 per 5,000 (if also used for youth baseball)	Sutton	Sutton Schools
Multiple Recreation Courts	basketball, volleyball, tennis	1 per 10,000	Sutton	Sutton Schools
Trails		1 system per region	Sutton	Shaw Farm Purgatory State Forest Sutton State Forest
Archery Range		1 per 50,000	Oxford	Singletary Rod & Gun Club

Activity/ Facility	Variations	Number of Units Per Population	Location	Facility
Combination Skeet & Trap Field		2 per 5,000	Oxford	Singletary Rod & Gun Club
Golf	18-hole standard		Sutton	Pleasant Valley Country Club Blackstone National Golf Club
Swimming Pools		1 per 20,000	Northbridge	Whitins Community Center
Beach Areas		15 min. travel time	Sutton Douglas	Marion's Camp Douglas State Forest
		30 min. travel time		
Alpine Skiing			Princeton	Wachusett Mountain
Skateboard parks			Oxford	
Children's Playgrounds			Sutton	Sutton Schools Unity Park VanDyke Fields
Senior Activity Center			Sutton	Sutton Senior Center
Disc Golf			Oxford	
Dog Park			Millbury	Butler Farm
Bocce Courts				
Cricket Fields				

(National Parks and Recreation Association)

Sutton meets many of the needs listed above through Town holdings, and nearly all of these needs other than the more specialized Bocce and Cricket Fields can be found within a 30 to 45-minute drive.

Recent renovations at Marion's Camp and Unity Park have addressed ADA access issues and it is the intent to continue to evaluate existing sites for upgrades to provide more universal access. All new projects and renovations will include ADA accommodations.

Photos: J. Hager.

Unity Park

Shaw Farm Trails

Marion's Camp Trails

Climate change is also a focus of renovations with considerations being made for pervious parking and trails, along with other resilience strategies like increases in vegetative or other shade cover. As a Green Community, nearly all Sutton facilities employ renewable energy. This policy is considered on recreational projects as well.

Sutton Active Open Space & Recreational Holdings

Site Name	Location	Play-ground	Fishing	Base-ball	Tennis	Basket ball	Picnic	Walking trails	Other
Shaw Farm	Shaw Ln & Central Turnpike.							X	Wildlife viewing
Marion's Camp	30 Tuttle Rd		X				X	X	Swimming, wildlife viewing, history signage
Mumford River Trail	10 Main St							X	History signage
VanDyke Fields	23 Hough Rd			X		X			Soccer field
Public Schools	Boston Rd, Putnam Hill Rd	X		X	X	X		X	Soccer and football fields
Town Common	3 Uxbridge Rd						X		Concerts and public events
Unity Park	7 Boston Rd	X					X		
Water's Farm	53 Waters Road						X	X	
Tri-Centennial Park	Blackstone Street						X	X	Canoe portage and re-entry, wildlife viewing

Photos: J. Hager

Tri-Centennial Park

Goddard lodge at Marion's Camp

C. Management Needs, Potential Change of Use

The primary function of the Conservation Commission is to preserve and protect the local wetland resource areas, as defined in the Massachusetts Wetlands and Rivers Protection Acts. Since colonial times, Massachusetts has lost nearly one third of its wetlands. The loss of wetlands means the loss of important benefits they provide. This includes the protection of water quality and water supplies, storm water and flood damage prevention, and the protection of wildlife and plant habitat. The Conservation Commission goal is to protect the community's natural resources for present and future generations. The Conservation Commission is composed of five members plus two associates, who are appointed residents that serve as unpaid volunteers.

The Planning Board is responsible for guiding development of land and growth within the Town of Sutton in accordance with the Zoning Bylaws, Subdivision Regulations, and professional guidance of various town departments. The Planning Board reviews and approves commercial, industrial, and residential development. The Planning Department works on behalf of the Board to meet with prospective developers and work with developers on projects under construction to affect their completion. Under the auspices of the Board, subdivision, condominiums, commercial and industrial projects, in the process of construction are inspected for conformity to approved plans. The Planning Board consists of five members and two associate member three of which are elected with the remainder appointed by the Town Manager.

The Recreation Department is responsible for the planning and coordination of the Town's swim lesson program and Marion's Camp Beach management only. There is a potential need for a more expansive seasonal recreation program for the youth of Sutton, as well as better coordination and dissemination of information for organizational sports like baseball, soccer. Another potential function of the Recreation Department could be coordination of a concert series, community sledding, and the like.

The Responsibilities of the Highway Department include:

- maintenance and repair of town equipment, roads, road striping
- installation of traffic and street signs
- maintenance and repair of traffic signals
- brush control along roadways
- roadside mowing & sweeping
- snow and ice control
- street resurfacing and sealing
- removal of debris
- maintenance of catch basins and storm water drains
- administering permits for driveway access to public roadways

The Highway Department employs one Superintendent, one foreman, six equipment operators, and full time parks and cemetery laborer/equipment operator. The Town also hires several part-time personnel for winter conditions as well as one part-time person in the summer.

Each year, pruning, removal and planting of public shade trees is overseen by the Tree Warden. Branches that have been weakened by storms are removed and the remainder of the trees is pruned, trees considered a hazard along the roadside are removed, and several new trees are planted. This work is mostly performed by a contractor occasionally with the assistance of Highway Department personnel and equipment.

Sutton has developed exceptional communication protocols that include regular department head meetings, project review meetings, development sign off slips, and just good old fashion face to face and phone communication. Other than an increase in staffing to handle our ever increasing needs, particularly in order to establish a seasonal recreational program, there is little to improve about our management structure.

Redevelopment of the former sand pits in northeast Sutton will provide the most challenging in terms of change of use. As noted earlier a public water supply well head sits in the middle of this acreage and needs to be carefully protected. Revenue, housing, employment, and local service needs mandate development of this area, but great care will need to be taken to ensure water and environmental resources are not damaged and traffic issues are not created. There is potential for recreational use as part of the development of this area.

Section 8 - Community Aspirations and their resulting Goals and Objectives/Actions

Goals and objectives/actions that were originally formulated by the Planning Director and reviewed and refined by the Open Space Advisory Committee based on public input and evaluation of existing and lacking resources are as follows:

SUTTON WILL BE A COMMUNITY THAT UNDERSTANDS, APPRECIATES, PRESERVES, AND GROWS ITS OPEN SPACE RESOURCES

GOAL 1: Improve understanding of open space resources

1. Update list and map of open space owned by the Town, State and private owners and identify if public access is allowed.

GOAL 2: Improve appreciation of open space resources

1. Create program of visits to/activities at open space properties.
2. Explore whether school science departments at all levels of education can create programs that utilize open space sites.
3. Create education materials about the economic and other benefits of open space.

GOAL 3: Improve preservation of open space sites

1. Evaluate condition of properties and seek quotes for necessary maintenance.
2. Evaluate means to permanently preserve sites where appropriate.
3. Establish program and outreach to private land owners with information about means to preserve their land.
4. Explore public education about and possible enactment of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in partnership with the State and successful CPA towns.
5. Ensure adequate all season parking exists and is maintained at open space sites.
6. Identify and pursue all available sources of funding for preservation, maintenance, and acquisition efforts, including utilizing open space sites to generate revenue.

GOAL 4: Acquire additional open space where appropriate

1. Create list of priority open space parcels that might be beneficial for the Town to own.
2. Reach out to priority land owners to let them know the town may be interested in their land if they are selling.
3. Ensure the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, and Select Board are aware of the priority open space parcels in advance of c. 61 releases.

SUTTON WILL BE A COMMUNITY THAT UNDERSTANDS, APPRECIATES, AND PRESERVES ITS HISTORIC/CULTURAL RESOURCES.

GOAL 1: Improve understanding of historic/cultural resources

1. Update list and map of historic/cultural sites owned by the Town, Historic Society and privately parties.
2. Create listing of historic/cultural artifacts owned by the Town, Historic Society and other notable privately held artifacts.

GOAL 2: Improve appreciation of historic resources

1. Create program of community talks that tie to a property and/or artifacts.
2. Create program of visits to and/or events at historic properties.
3. Partner with school history departments at all levels of education to create local history appreciation programs.
4. Install historic place markers in the Village of Manchaug and Sutton Center Village.
5. Update Historic Commission webpage including links to the Historic Society and other historic organizations.
6. Include extensive history content and context in Mumford River Trail extension.
7. Nominate the Village of Wilkinsonville to the National Register of Historic Places.

GOAL 3: Improve preservation of historic resources

1. Evaluate condition of properties and seek quotes for necessary repairs and/or improvements.
2. Evaluate condition of artifacts and seek quotes for preservation efforts.
3. Identify and pursue all available sources of funding for maintenance and preservation efforts, including utilizing historic sites and artifacts to generate revenue.
4. Work with Historic Society to renovate Rufus Putnam building.
5. Work with Water's Farm Preservation Inc. on initiatives at the Farm.

SUTTON WILL BE A COMMUNITY THAT PROVIDES RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

GOAL 1: Improve understanding of resources

1. Update list and map of Suttons public access recreational locations including town owned, state owned, and others.
2. Create detailed listing of available recreational programs offered by Sutton and other groups IE: scouting, swim lessons, baseball . . .
3. Create detailed listing of land, facilities, equipment, staff, supplies, capital needs, and ongoing maintenance needed for each existing recreational location and/or programs with cost estimates.

GOAL 2: Improve understanding of recreational needs/desires

1. Establish regular schedule of town-wide surveys.
2. Provide permanent and intuitive means for input on town website.
3. Create and update, no less than every 7 years, a list of needed/desired resources with a detailed list of land, structures, equipment, staff, supplies, and ongoing maintenance needed for each needed/desired facility and/or program with cost estimates

GOAL 3: Improve and/or maintain existing programs and/or facilities.

1. Identify and pursue all available sources of funding for facilities and programming including using facilities and programming to generate revenue.
2. Establish maintenance accounts for existing sites and programs.
3. Rehab American Legion Park (aka Veteran's Field) in the Village of Manchaug.
4. Ensure adequate all season parking exists and is maintained at recreational sites.
5. Complete ADA improvements as detailed in the ADA Self Evaluation.

GOAL 4: Develop more programs and facilities

1. Identify and pursue all available sources of funding for facilities and programming including using facilities and programming to generate revenue.
2. Ensure funds for on-going maintenance are established with every new facility.
3. Build extension of Mumford River Trail in the Village of Manchaug.
4. Complete remaining elements of the Marion's Camp Master Plan including playground, summer rec programming, restoration of Winter House, 8volleyball court, water source, wastewater provisions.
5. Pursue construction of track and field facility.
6. Work with State and Federal entities to complete the one-mile section of Blackstone River Bikeway in Sutton and attach to other towns.
7. Increase the amount of sidewalks in Sutton whenever possible.
8. Encourage private developers to include recreation within their sites where appropriate.
9. Encourage private developers to consider developing and outdoor music/performance venue.

SUTTON WILL BE A COMMUNITY WHERE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO EASILY ACCESS INFORMATION ABOUT SUTTONS OPEN SPACE & RECREATION OFFERINGS

GOAL 1: Improve ease of access to information about open space and recreational offerings

1. Update recreation webpage including links to other recreational organizations.
2. Add information about public access open space sites to appropriate web pages.
3. Add recreation activities calendar to Town website homepage and cable channel.
4. Provide information about open space and recreational offering through other social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram.
5. Create or update brochures about open space and recreational resources as appropriate.
6. Provide information about programs and sites to local newspaper, Senior Center, local churches, local civic organizations, local public and private schools.

GOAL 2: Maintain up to date information

1. Implement yearly update of websites with interim updates as necessary for events and programming.
2. Continue to update brochures and other hard copy information every other year

SUTTON WILL BE A COMMUNITY THAT ACKNOWLEDGES THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE AND INCORPORATES CLIMATE RESILIENCE INTO ITS OPEN SPACE, RECREATIONAL, AND HISTORIC/CULTURAL INITIATIVES

GOAL 1: Understand the impact of climate on Suttons Recreational, Open Space and Historic/Cultural Resources

1. Create listing of climate related issues and incidents experienced over the last ten years.

2. Work with State or CMRPC to conduct educational program for town officials and the public about climate change and its effects on local governments and communities.

GOAL 2: Harden recreational, open space and historic/cultural resources against the effects of climate change.

1. Compile list of ways each recreational, open space, and historic/cultural site has been or could be effected by climate change.
2. Remove hazard trees, prune non-hazard trees, and plant additional shade trees at Suttons recreational, open space, and historic/cultural sites.
3. Resurface stone dust trails at Tri-Centennial Park with stable pervious surface and renovate rain garden and other plantings.
4. Seek all available sources of funding and pursue repairs and or retrofits to better mitigate the effects of climate change at these sites.

GOAL 3: Incorporate features and protections into future recreational, open spaces, and historic/cultural initiatives

1. Preserve and/or incorporate additional shade trees into future projects.
2. Utilize pervious surfaces whenever possible.
3. Utilize thoughtful site design and stormwater management measures to avoid flooding risks.

Section 9 – Seven Year Action Plan

The seven-year action plan finalized by the Open Space Advisory Committee is as follows. After approval of the Open Space & Recreation Plan, a final copy of the Plan will be provided to all parties who have been assigned objectives. Information about resources available to accomplish objectives will also be provided. The Planning Department will oversee an annual reminder and summary of objectives achieved.

The matrix of recommended goals and objectives/strategies on the following pages outlines a work plan for the next seven years. The matrix is organized by goal and identifies recommended actions, responsible parties, anticipated schedule (year of action, 1-7) and potential funding sources where applicable.

POTENTIAL FUNDING/WORK SOURCES

Source	Key	Description
Community Preservation Act Funds	CPA	Supports acquisition, creation and improvement of resources within the areas of open space, recreation, housing, and historic preservation. Must be adopted by Town Meeting.
Conservation Partnership Program	CPP	Provides funding to assist non-public, not-for-profit corporations in acquiring interests in lands suitable for conservation or recreation purposes
Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant Program	DWS	Provides funds to assist public water systems and municipal water departments in protecting and conserving the quality and quantity of public drinking

		water supply sources in the Commonwealth. It is a reimbursement program.
Environment Education Grant	EE	Provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques, and that will serve as models that can be replicated in a variety of settings.
Forest Stewardship Planning Grant	FSPG	Seeks to encourage landowners to practice long-term guardianship through the development of a management plan for their woodlands. The program is designed to improve wildlife habitat and forest aesthetics, to protect soil and water resources, and to increase the potential for high-quality wood products. Grants are awarded to landowners and municipalities for the preparation of 10-year Forest Stewardship management plans.
Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity grants	LAND	Assists municipal conservation commissions in acquiring land for natural resource and passive outdoor recreation purposes. Lands acquired may include wildlife, habitat, trails, unique natural, historic or cultural resources, water resources, forest, and farm land. Compatible passive outdoor recreational uses such as hiking, fishing, hunting, cross-country skiing, bird observation and the like are encouraged. Access by the general public is required.
Landscape Partnership Program	LPP	Seeks to preserve large, un-fragmented, high-value conservation landscapes including working forests and farms, expand state-municipal-private partnerships, increase leveraging of state dollars, enhance stewardship of conservation land, and provide public recreation opportunities. Offers competitive grants to municipalities, non-profit organizations, and EEA agencies acting cooperatively to permanently protect a minimum of 500 acres of land.
Land and Water Conservation Fund	LWCF	Provides up to 50% of the total project cost for the acquisition, development and renovation of park, recreation or conservation areas. DCS administers the state side Land & Water Conservation Fund program in Massachusetts. Access by the general public is required.
Massachusetts Environmental Trust General Grants	MET	Provides funding to support programs, research, and other activities that improve water quality or quantity, conserve aquatic habitat and species, reduce runoff pollution, mitigate the effects of climate change on water resources, promote human health as it relates to water resources, and/or other efforts consistent with the Trust's mission.

Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund	MPPF	State-funded 50% reimbursable matching grant program to support the preservation of properties, landscapes, and sites (cultural resources) listed in the State Register of Historic Places. Applicants must be a municipality or nonprofit organization. Administered by Mass Historical Commission.
Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grants	PARC	Assists cities and towns in acquiring and developing land for park and outdoor recreation purposes. Administered by DCR.
Rivers and Harbors Grant Program	RH	A statewide program of matching grants from DCR's Office of Waterways to towns and municipalities for design and construction to address problems on coastal and inland waterways, lakes and great ponds.
Recreational Trails Grants	RTG	Provides funding support for a variety of trail protection, construction and stewardship projects throughout Massachusetts. Administered by DCR.
Transportation Enhancement Program	TEP	Funds community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure. MassDOT manages the TE program through a partnership between the Office of Transportation Planning (OTP) and the Highway Division.
Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grants	UCF	50-50 matching grants offered to municipalities and non-profit groups for the purpose of building local capacity for excellent urban and community forestry at the local and regional level.
U.S. Small Grants Program	USSGP	A competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds.
Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness	MVP	Offers financial resources to municipalities that are seeking to advance priority climate adaptation actions to address climate change impacts resulting from extreme weather, sea level rise, inland and coastal flooding, severe heat, and other climate impacts.
Municipal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvement Grant Program	ADA	Supports capital improvements specifically dedicated to improving programmatic access and/or removing barriers encountered by persons with disabilities in applicant facilities throughout the Commonwealth.

SEVEN YEAR ACTION PLAN

Action	Priority Timeframe	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source
I. SUTTON WILL BE A COMMUNITY THAT UNDERSTANDS, APPRECIATES, PRESERVES, AND GROWS ITS OPEN SPACE RESOURCES			
1. Improve understanding of open space resources			
a. Update list and map of open space owned by Town, State and private owners and identify if public access is allowed.	High Priority FY 22-24	Planning, Assessors	None Needed
2. Improve appreciation of open space resources			
a. Create a program of visits to/activities at open space properties.	Medium Priority FY 25-27	Conservation, Recreation, Planning	Municipal Funds
b. Explore whether school science departments at all levels of education can create programs that utilize open space sites.	Medium Priority FY 25-27	School, Planning, Conservation	None Needed
c. Create education materials about the economic and other benefits of open space.	Medium Priority FY 25-27	Planning, Conservation	EE
3. Improve Preservation of open space sites			
a. Evaluate condition of properties and seek quotes for necessary maintenance	High Priority On Going	Conservation, T. Manager	None Needed
b. Evaluate means to permanently preserve sites where appropriate	Medium Priority FY25-27	Conservation, Planning, T. Manager	None Needed
c. Establish programs and outreach to provide land owners with information about means to protect their land.	Low Priority FY22-29	Conservation, Planning, T. Manager	None Needed
d. Explore public education about and possible enactment of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in partnership with the State and successful CPA towns.	High Priority FY 22-24	Conservation, Historic, Planning, T. Manager	None Needed
e. Ensure adequate all season parking exists and is maintained at open space sites.	Medium Priority FY 25-27	T. Manager, Conservation, Highway	Municipal/ Capital Funds
f. Identify and pursue all available sources of funding for preservation, maintenance, and acquisition efforts, including utilizing open space sites to generate revenue.	High Priority On Going	Conservation, Planning, T. Manager	None Needed
4. Acquire additional open space where appropriate			
a. Create list of priority open space parcels that might be beneficial for the Town to own.	High Priority FY 22-24	Conservation, Planning, T. Manager	None Needed
b. Reach out to priority land owners to let them know the Town may be interested in their land if they choose to sell.	Medium Priority FY 25-27	T. Manager	None Needed

c. Ensure the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, and Select Board are aware of the priority parcels in advance of c.61 releases.	Medium Priority FY 25-27	Conservation, Planning, T. Manager	None Needed
d. Acquire Open Space and determine if it should be generally held or held by the Conservation Commission.	Low Priority On Going	Conservation, T Manager	PARC, LAND, LWCF, Municipal/ Capital Funds

Action	Priority Timeframe	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source
II. SUTTON WILL BE A COMMUNITY THAT UNDERSTANDS, APPRECIATES, AND PRESERVES ITS HISTORIC/CULTURAL RESOURCES			
1. Improve understanding of historic/cultural resources			
a. Update the list and map of historic/cultural sites owned by the Town, Historic Society, and private parties.	High Priority FY 22-24	T. Manager, Planning	None Needed
2. Improve appreciation of historic/cultural resources			
a. Create and maintain a list of municipal holdings and their maintenance needs	High Priority FY 22-24	T. Manager, Building Commissioner	None Needed
b. Create program of community talks that tie to a property and/or artifacts.	Medium Priority FY 25-27	Planning, Historic Commission	None Needed
c. Create program of visits to and/or events at historic properties.	Medium Priority FY 25-27	Planning, Historic Commission	Municipal Funds
d. Partner with school history departments at all levels of education to create local history appreciation programs.	Medium Priority FY 25-27	Historic Commission, Superintendent of Schools	None Needed
e. Install historic place markers in the Village of Manchaug and Sutton Center Village.	High Priority FY 22-24	Historic Commission, Planning	CPA, MPPF, Municipal Funds
f. Update Historic Commission webpage including links to the Historic Society and other historic organizations.	High Priority FY 22-24	Historic Commission, Communications Dept.	None Needed
g. Include extensive history content and context in Mumford River Trail extension.	Medium Priority FY 25-27	Planning, Historic Commission	CPA, MPPF, RTG, Municipal Funds
h. Nominate the Village of Wilkinsonville to the National Register of Historic Places.	Low Priority FY 28-29	Historic Commission, Planning	CPA, MPPF,
3. Improve preservation of historic/cultural resources			

a. Evaluate condition of properties and seek quotes for necessary repairs and/or improvements.	High Priority FY 22-24	Building Commissioner, Historic, T. Manager	None Needed
b. Evaluate condition of artifacts and seek quotes for preservation efforts.	High Priority On Going	Historic Commission, T. Manager	Municipal Funds MPPF
c. Identify and pursue all available sources of funding for maintenance and preservation efforts, including utilizing historic sites and artifacts to generate revenue.	High Priority On Going	Historic Commission, T. Manager	None Needed
d. Work with Historic Society to renovate Rufus Putnam building.	High Priority FY 22-24	Historic Commission, T. Manager	CPA, MPPF, ADA, Capital Funds
e. Work with Water's Farm Preservation Inc. on initiatives at the Farm.	Medium Priority On Going	Historic Commission, T. Manager, Waters Farm Preservation Inc.	CPA, MPPF, ADA Municipal/ Capital Funds

Action	Priority Timeframe	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source
III.SUTTON WILL BE A COMMUNITY THAT PROVIDES RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITITIES			
1. Improve understanding of resources			
a. Update list and map of Suttons public access recreational locations including town owned, state owned, -and others.	High Priority FY 22-24	Planning, Recreation	None Needed
b. Create detailed listing of available recreational programs offered by Sutton and other groups IE: scouting, swim lessons, baseball	High Priority FY 22-24	Planning, Recreation	None Needed
c. Create detailed listing of land, facilities, equipment, staff, supplies, capital needs, and ongoing maintenance needed for each existing recreational location and/or programs with cost estimates.	High Priority On Going	Planning, Recreation	None Needed
2. Improve understanding of recreational needs/desires			
a. Establish regular schedule of town-wide surveys.	High Priority FY 22-24	Planning, Recreation	None Needed
b. Provide permanent and intuitive means for input on town website.	High Priority FY 22-24	Planning, Recreation, Communication Dept.	None Needed
c. Create and update, no less than every 7 years, a list of needed/desired resources with a	High Priority On Going	Planning, Recreation	None Needed

detailed list of land, structures, equipment, staff, supplies, and ongoing maintenance needed for each needed/desired facility and/or program with cost estimates			
3. Improve and/or maintain existing programs and/or facilities.			
a. Identify and pursue all available sources of funding for facilities and programming including using facilities and programming to generate revenue.	High Priority On Going	T. Manager, Planning, Recreation, Waters Farm Preservation Inc., Historic Commission	None Needed
b. Establish maintenance accounts for existing sites and programs.	High Priority On Going	T. Manager, Planning, Waters Farm Preservation Inc., Historic Commission, Building Commissioner, Highway & Parks Department, T. Accountant	None Needed
c. Rehab American Legion Park (aka Veteran's Field) in the Village of Manchaug.	High Priority FY 22-24	Planning, T, Manager, Highway Dept.	CPA, LWCF,PARC, Municipal Funds
d. Ensure adequate all season parking exists and is maintained at recreational sites.	Medium Priority FY 25-27	Planning, Recreation, Highway Dept., T. Manager	CPA, LWCF, Municipal/ Capital Funds
e. Complete ADA improvements as detailed in the ADA Self Evaluation	High Priority FY 22-24	T. Manager, Building Commissioner, Highway Dept.	CPA, LWCF, PARC, ADA, Municipal/ Capital Funds
4. Develop more programs and facilities			
a. Identify and pursue all available sources of funding for facilities and programming including using facilities and programming to generate revenue.	High Priority On Going	T. Manager, Planning, Recreation, Waters Farm Preservation Inc., Historic Commission	None Needed
b. Ensure funds for on-going maintenance are established with every new facility.	High Priority FY 22-24	T. Manager, Building Commissioner, Highway and Parks Dept., T. Accountant	None Needed
c. Build extension of Mumford River Trail in the Village of Manchaug.	Medium Priority FY 25-27	Planning, Historic Commission	CPA, LWCF, RH, PARC, Municipal/ Capital Funds
d. Pursue equitable expenditure of funds by renovating and/or developing new facilities like Tri-Centennial Park, VanDyke Park Playground, and Shaw Farm Trails, that serve differing parts of the community.	High Priority On Going	Planning, Recreation, T. Manager	LWCF, PARC, Municipal/ Capital Funds

e. Complete remaining elements of the Marion's Camp Master Plan including playground, summer rec programming, restoration of Winter House, volleyball (or Pickleball) court, water source, wastewater provisions.	High Priority FY 22-24 Medium Priority FY 25-27	Planning, Recreation, Building Commissioner, Highway and Parks Dept.	CPA, LWCF, PARC, RTG, ADA, Municipal/ Capital Funds
f. Pursue construction of track and field facility.	Medium Priority FY 25-27	T. Manager, Planning, School Department	CPA, LWCF, PARC, Municipal/ Capital Funds
g. Work with State and Federal entities to complete the one-mile section of Blackstone River Bikeway in Sutton and attach to other towns.	High Priority FY 22-24	T. Manage, Planning	CPA, LWCF, PARC, ENH, Municipal/ Capital Funds
h. Increase the amount of sidewalks in Sutton whenever possible.	High Priority On Going	Planning, Highway Dept., T. Manager	Municipal/Capital Funds
i. Encourage private developers to include recreation within their sites where appropriate.	High Priority On Going	Planning	None Needed
j. Encourage private developers to consider developing an outdoor music/performance venue.	Low Priority On Going	Planning	None Needed

Action	Priority Timeframe	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source
IV. SUTTON WILL BE A COMMUNITY WHERE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO EASILY ACCESS INFORMATION ABOUT SUTTON'S OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL OFFERINGS			
1. Improve ease of access to information about open space & recreational offerings			
a. Update recreation webpage including links to other recreational organizations.	High Priority FY 22-24	Recreation, Communications Dept.	None Needed
b. Add information about public access open space sites to appropriate web pages.	High Priority FY 22-24	Planning, Communications Dept.	None Needed
c. Add recreation activities calendar to Town website homepage and cable channel.	Medium Priority FY 25-27	Planning, Recreation, Communications Dept.	None Needed
d. Provide information about open space and recreational offering through other social media	Medium Priority FY 25-27	Recreation, Communications Dept.	None Needed

platforms like Facebook and Instagram.			
e. Create or update brochures about open space and recreational resources as appropriate.	High Priority FY 22-24	Planning, Recreation, Communications Dept.	Municipal Funds
f. Provide information about programs and sites to local newspaper, Senior Center, local churches, local civic organizations, local public and private schools.	High Priority On Going	Planning, Recreation, Communications Dept.	None Needed
2. Maintain up to date information			
a. Implement yearly update of websites with interim updates as necessary for events and programming.	High Priority On Going	Recreation, Communications Dept.	None Needed
b. Continue to update brochures and other hard copy information every other year.	High Priority On Going	Planning, Recreation, Communications Dept.	Municipal Funds

Action	Priority Timeframe	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source
V. SUTTON WILL BE A COMMUNITY THAT ACKNOWLEDGES THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE AND INCORPORATES CLIMATE RESILIENCE INTO ITS OPEN SPACE, RECREATIONAL, AND HISTORIC/CULTURAL INITIATIVES			
1. Understand the impact of climate change on Sutton's recreational, open space and historic/cultural resources			
a. Create listing of climate related issues and incidents experienced over the last ten years.	High Priority FY 22-24	Planning, Building Dept., Highway Dept., T. Manager, Police, and Fire, Historic Commission, Conservation	None Needed
b. Work with State and/or CMRPC to conduct educational program for town officials and the public about climate change and its effects on local governments and communities.	High Priority FY 22-24	Planning, T. Manager, Conservation	EE
2. Harden recreational, open space and historic./cultural resources against the effects of climate change			
a. Compile list of ways each recreational, open space, and historic/cultural site has been or could be effected by climate change.	High Priority FY 22-24	Planning, Building Dept., Highway Dept., T. Manager, Historic Commission, Waters Farm Preservation Inc., Conservation	None Needed

b. Remove hazard trees, prune non-hazard trees, and plant additional shade trees at Suttons recreational, open space, and historic/cultural sites.	Medium Priority On Going	Highway Dept. (Tree Warden)	UCF, Municipal/ Capital Funds
c. Resurface stone dust trails at Tri-Centennial Park with stable pervious surface and renovate rain garden and other plantings.	High Priority FY 22-24	Planning, Highway Dept.	CPA, LWF, PARC, ENH, MVP, Municipal/ Capital Funds
d. Seek all available sources of funding and pursue repairs and or retrofits to better mitigate the effects of climate change at these sites.	High Priority On Going	Planning, Building Dept., Highway Dept., T. Manager, Historic Commission, Waters Farm Preservation Inc., Conservation	None Needed
3. Incorporate features and protections into future recreational, open space, and historic/cultural initiatives			
a. Preserve and/or incorporate additional shade trees into future projects.	High Priority On Going	Planning, Highway Dept., T. Manager	LWCF, PARC, UCF
b. Utilize pervious surfaces whenever possible.	High Priority On Going	Planning, Highway Dept., T. Manager, Conservation	MVP, LWCF, PARC, Capital Funds
c. Utilize thoughtful site design and stormwater management measures to avoid flooding risks.	High Priority On Going	Planning, Highway Dept., T. Manager, Conservation	MVP,LWCF, PARC, Capital Funds

Section 10 – Public Comments

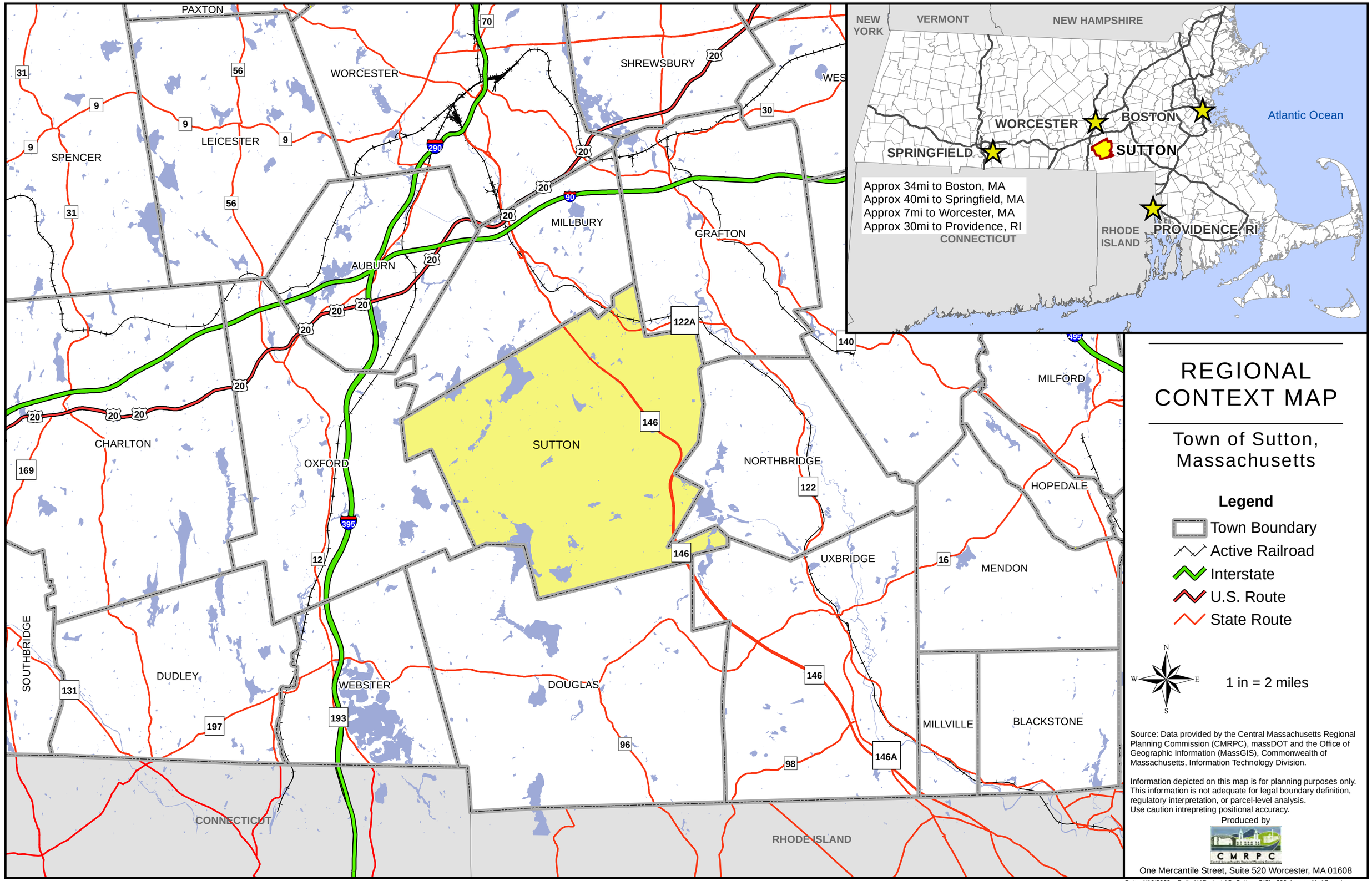
Copies of public comment are attached in the Appendix.

Section 11 – References

- DCR - Open Space Planner's Workbook
- Section 504 Handicap Accessibility Workbook
- Assessors – open space parcel and development data
- Central Mass Regional Planning – population data and mapping
- Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training - labor force data
- 2017 Massachusetts Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)
- 2012 BioMap 2 – Sutton
- Natural Heritage Endangered Species Maps
- DEP – Water Resources and Public Drinking Water Division
- Sutton Historical commission – Comprehensive Survey, Comprehensive Survey Final report; Sutton Center National Register Nomination Documentation; West Sutton Area National Register Nomination Documentation; Manchaug Village National Register Nomination Documentation

APPENDICES

Maps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Approx 40mi to Springfield, MA
Approx 7mi to Worcester, MA
Approx 30mi to Providence, RI
REGIONAL CONTEXT MAP
Town of Sutton, Massachusetts
Legend
Town Boundary
Active Railroad
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U.S. Route
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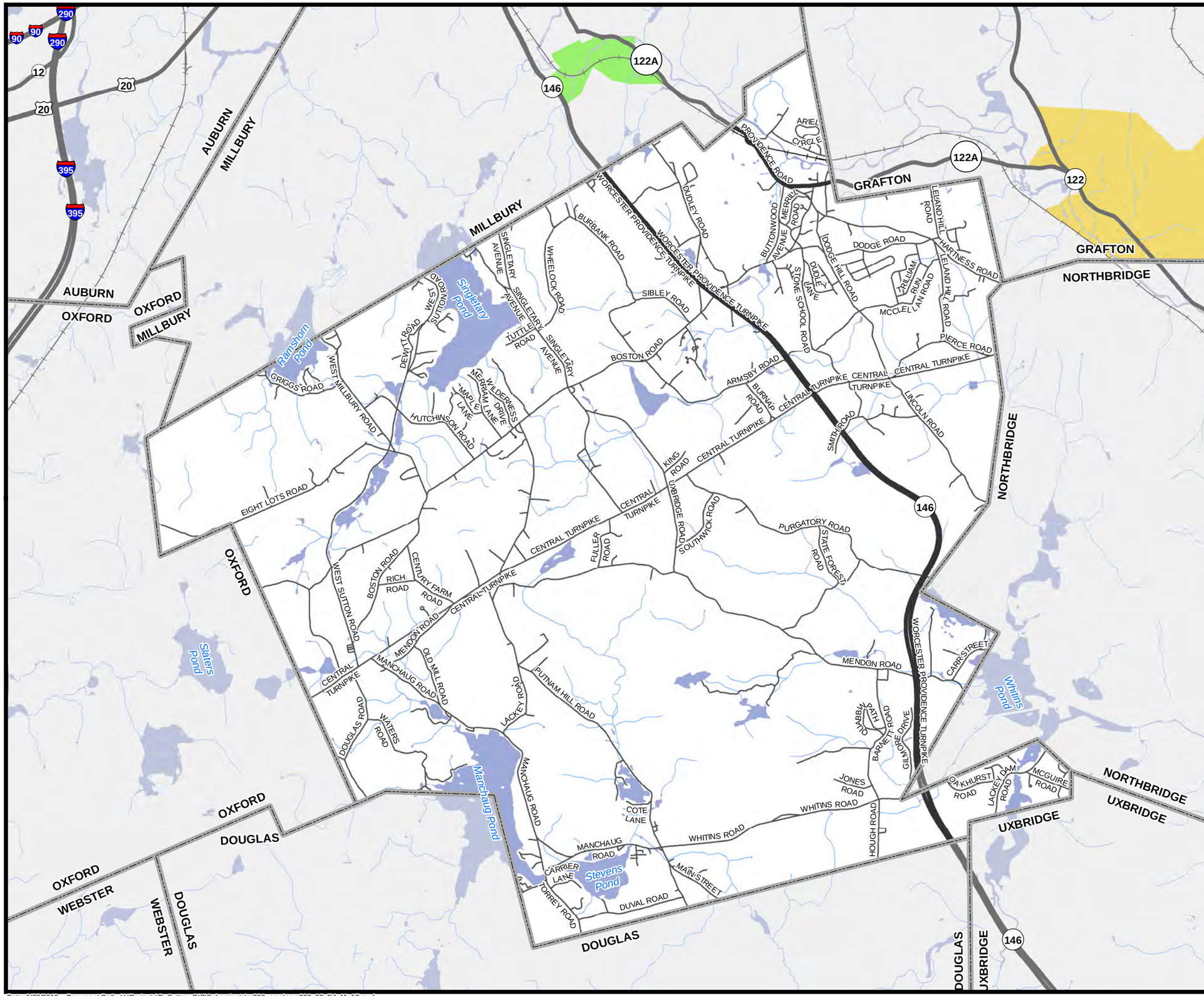
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MAP

Town of Sutton, Massachusetts



Legend

- Town Boundaries
- Roads
  - Major Road
  - Local Road
  - Active Railroad
- Water Bodies
- Streams
- Environmental Justice 2010 Populations
  - Minority
  - Income

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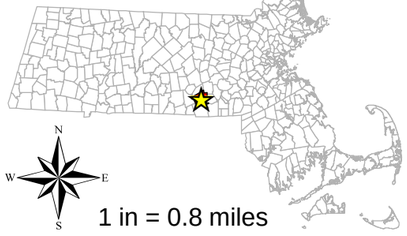

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ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF SUTTON MASSACHUSETTS

SCALE: 1" = 4000'

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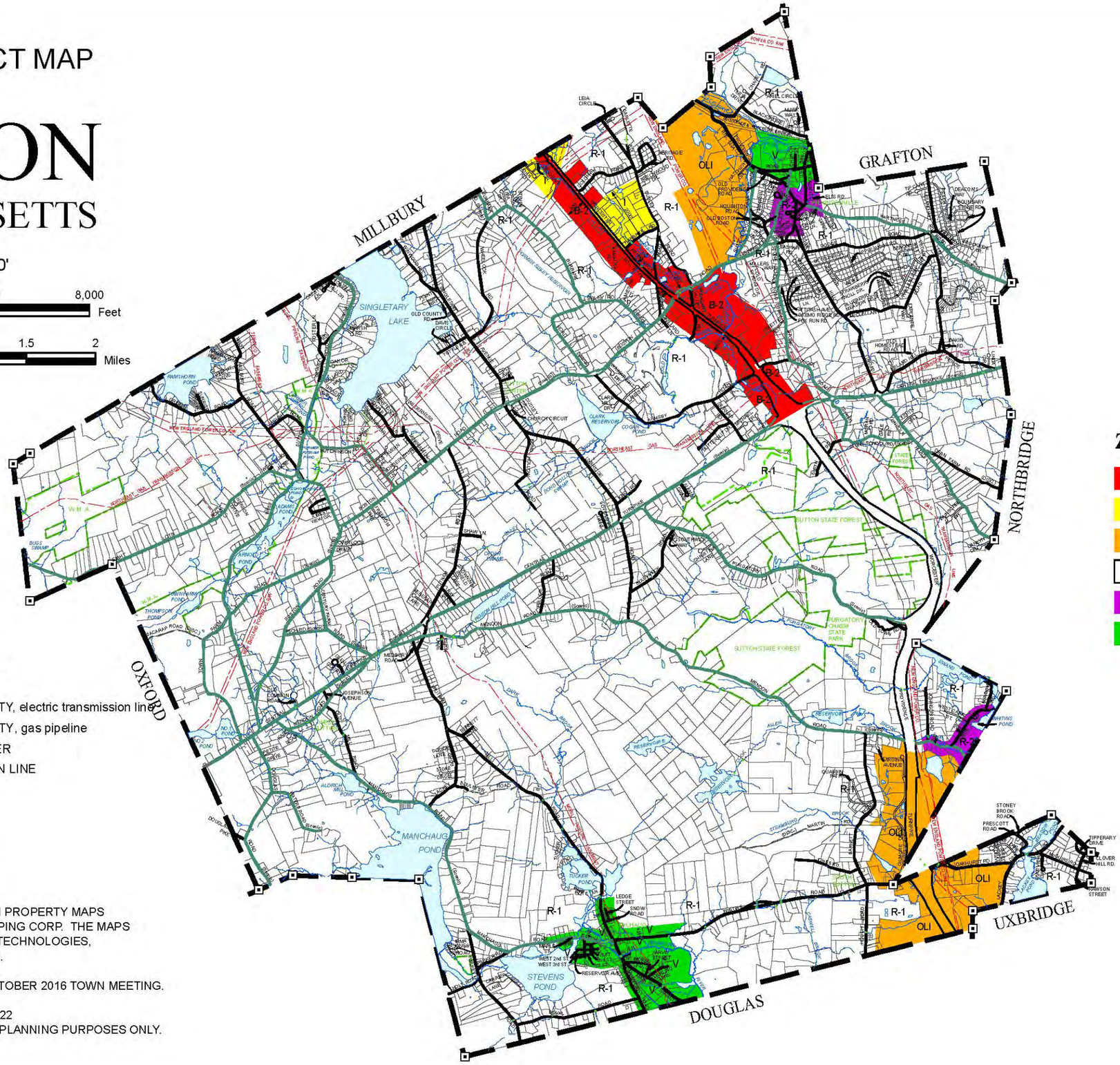

N W E S

ZONING LEGEND

- Business - Highway (B-2)
- Industrial (I)
- Office - Light Industrial (OLI)
- Residential - Rural (R-1)
- Residential - Suburban (R-2)
- Village (V)

LEGEND

- RAILROAD
- ROAD
- SCENIC ROAD
- PRIVATE ROAD
- STATE PARK, FOREST, or WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
- UTILITY, electric transmission line
- UTILITY, gas pipeline
- WATER
- TOWN LINE

NOTES

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PROPERTY LINES CURRENT TO JANUARY 1, 2022
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SOILS & GEOLOGIC FEATURES MAP

Town of Sutton, Massachusetts

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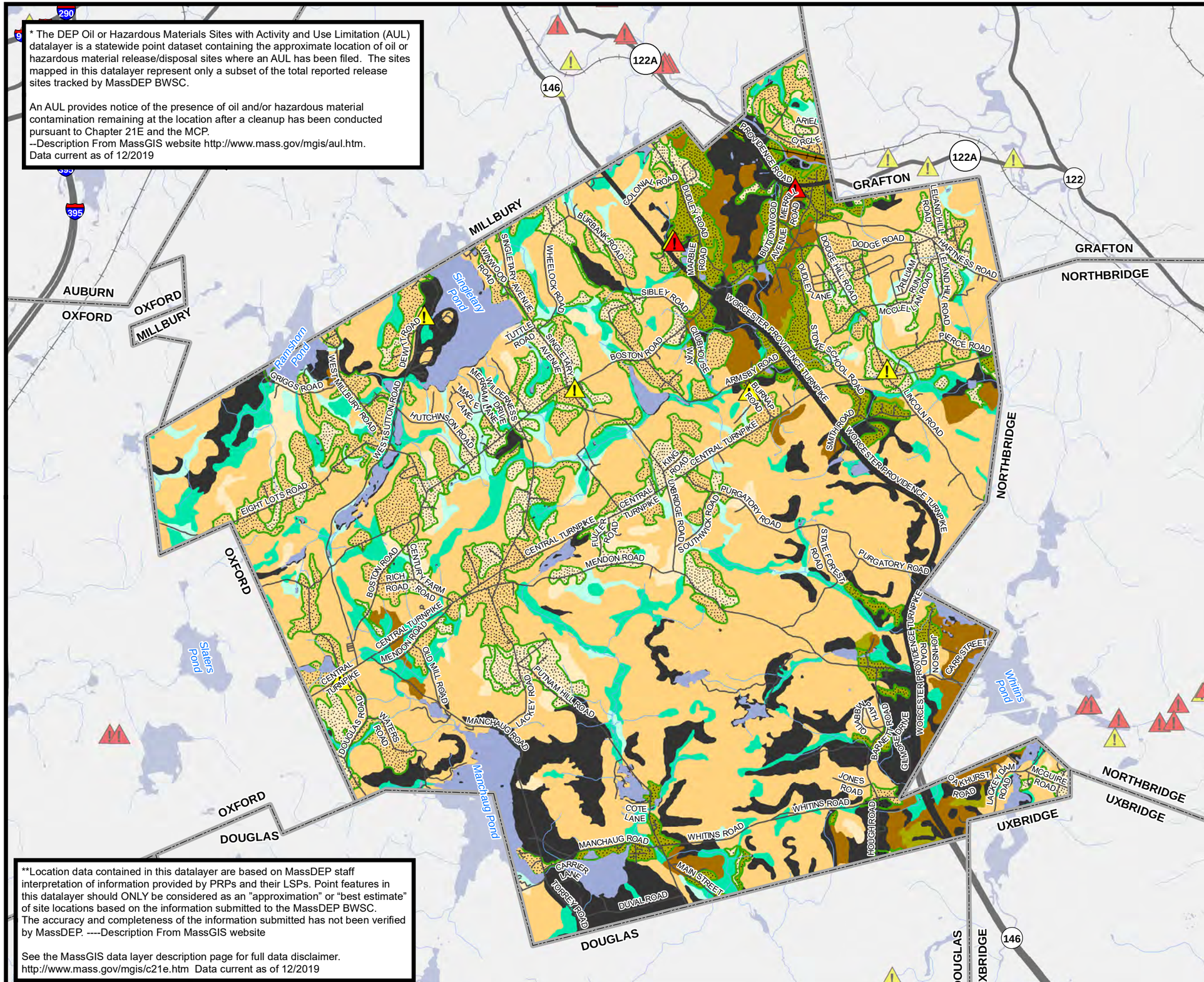

* The DEP Oil or Hazardous Materials Sites with Activity and Use Limitation (AUL) datalayer is a statewide point dataset containing the approximate location of oil or hazardous material release/disposal sites where an AUL has been filed. The sites mapped in this datalayer represent only a subset of the total reported release sites tracked by MassDEP BWSC.

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--Description From MassGIS website http://www.mass.gov/mgis/aul.htm.
Data current as of 12/2019

**Location data contained in this datalayer are based on MassDEP staff interpretation of information provided by PRPs and their LSPs. Point features in this datalayer should ONLY be considered as an "approximation" or "best estimate" of site locations based on the information submitted to the MassDEP BWSC. The accuracy and completeness of the information submitted has not been verified by MassDEP. ----Description From MassGIS website

See the MassGIS data layer description page for full data disclaimer.
http://www.mass.gov/mgis/c21e.htm Data current as of 12/2019

Legend

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

NRCS SSURGO-Certified Soils (WORC. S)

(Dominant Drainage Class)

- Excessively drained
- Somewhat excessively drained
- Well drained
- Moderately well drained
- Poorly drained
- Very poorly drained
- Not Classified

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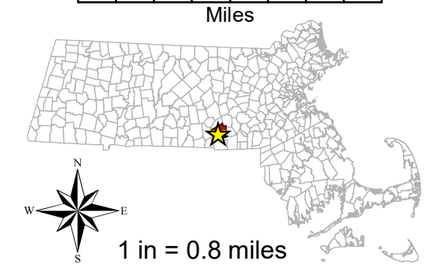

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UNIQUE FEATURES MAP

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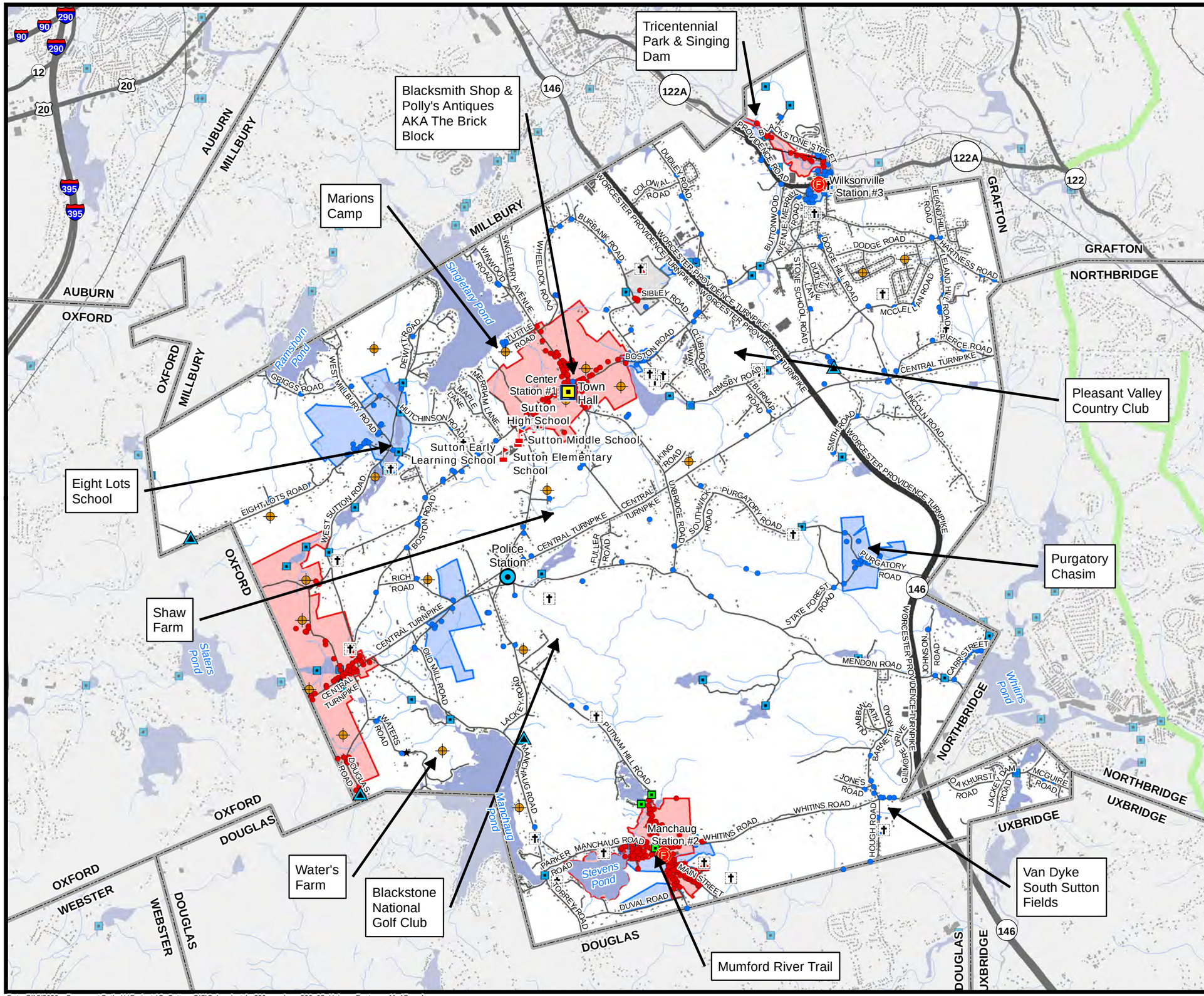

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WATER RESOURCES MAP (Part 1)

Town of Sutton, Massachusetts

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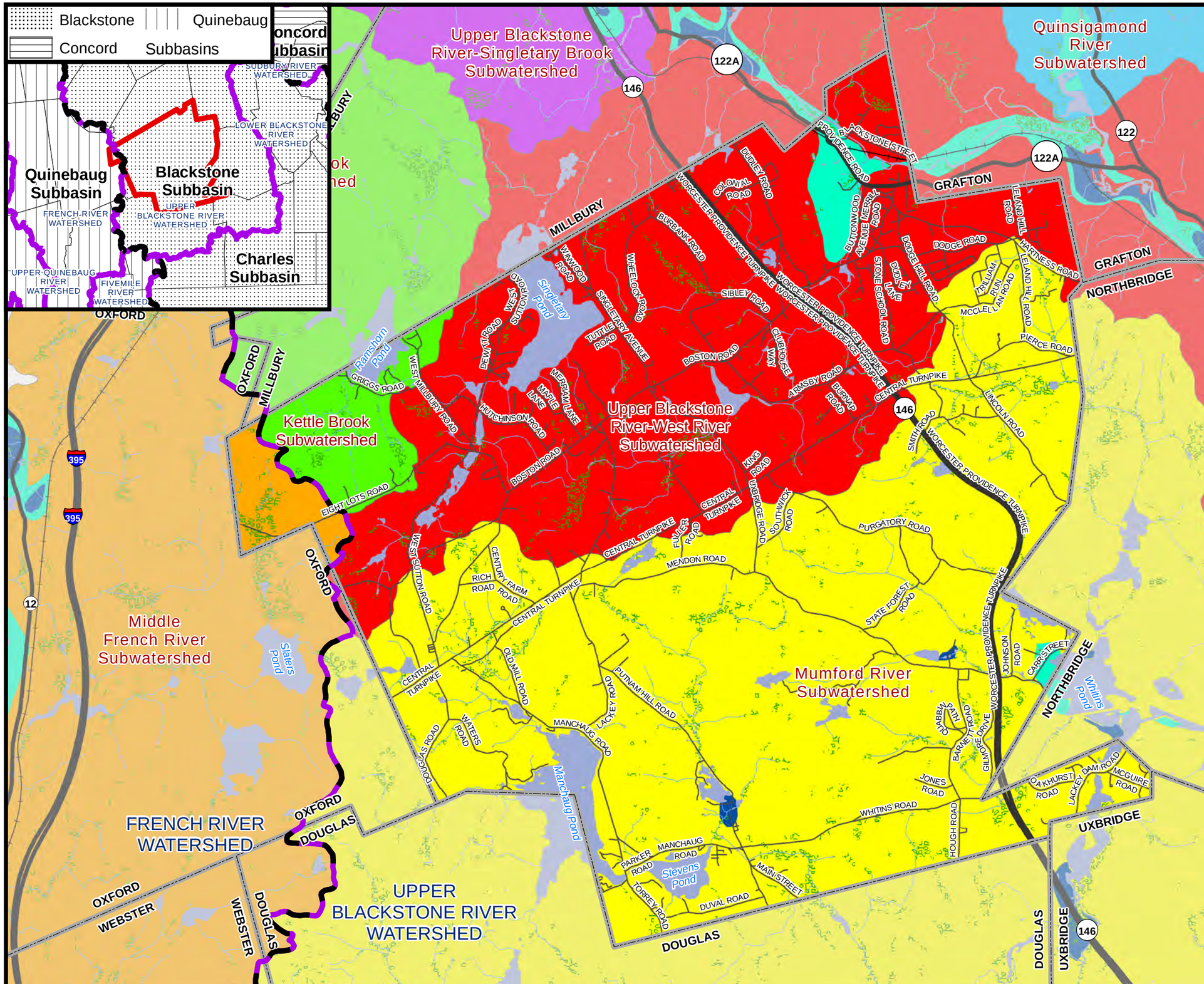

Legend

- Town Boundaries
- Major Road
- Local Road
- DEP Wetlands
- Active Railroad
- Water Bodies
- Streams

Aquifers

- High Yield (> 300 gpm)
- Medium Yield (100-300 gpm)
- NRCS HUC Subbasin Boundary
- NRCS HUC Watershed Boundary

NRCS HUC Subwatersheds

- Kettle Brook
- Middle French River
- Mumford River
- Quinsigamond River
- Upper Blackstone River-Singletary Brook
- Upper Blackstone River-West River
- West River

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Miles

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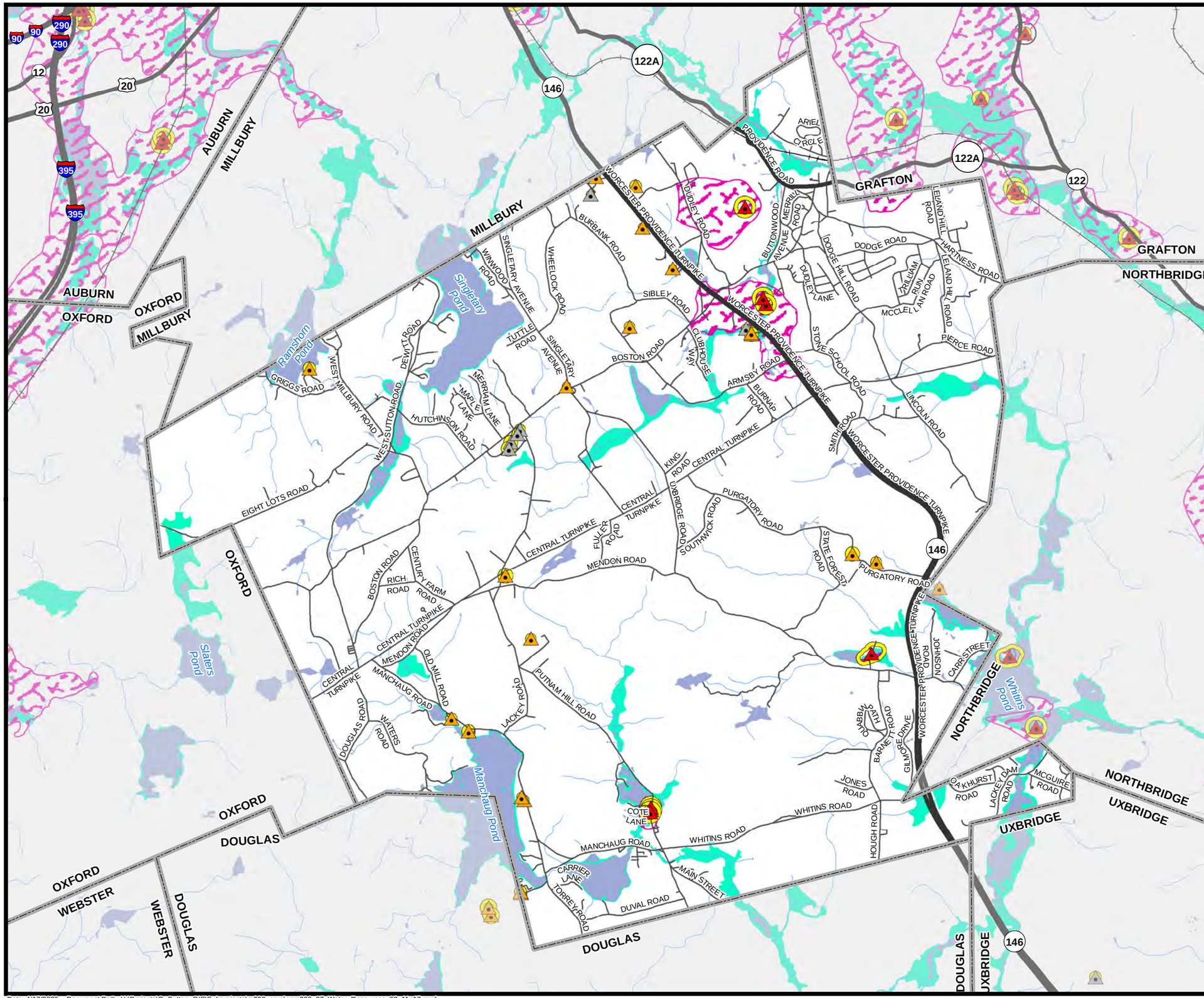
WATER RESOURCES MAP (Page 2)

Town of Sutton, Massachusetts



Legend

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

Public Water Supplies (1)

- Community Groundwater Well
- Non-Transient Non-community
- Transient Non-Community
- DEP Approved Zone I (2)
- Approved Wellhead Protection Areas (Zone II) (2)
- Interim Wellhead Protection Areas (2)
- 100-year Flood Area (FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer, DFIRM)

(1) Data current as of 12/2019
(2) Data current as of 12/2019

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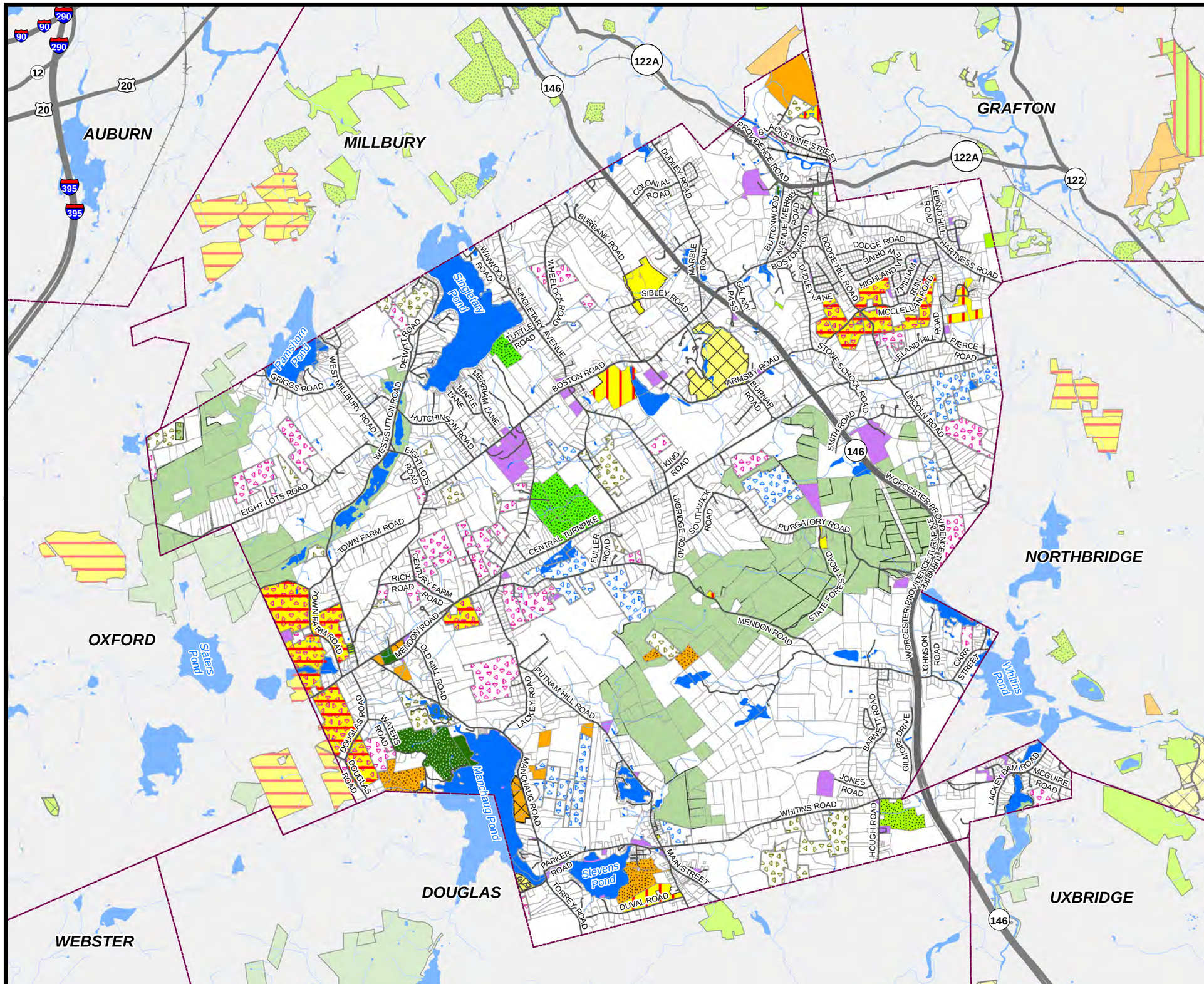
OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

OPEN SPACE INVENTORY MAP

Town of Sutton, Massachusetts



Open Space Ownership

- Federal
- State
- Municipal - Conservation
- Municipal - Recreation
- Municipal
- Private
- Non-Profit

Level of Protection

- Perpetuity*
- Limited
- None

** Open space listed as "Perpetuity" will only show a solid Ownership color.*

Open Space data from MassGIS and current as of 02/2020.

Chapter Lands

- Chapter 61B
- Chapter 61A
- Chapter 61

- Conservation Restriction
- Agricultural Preservation Restriction

- Town Owned Land
- Water Bodies
- Streams

- Major Road
- Local Road
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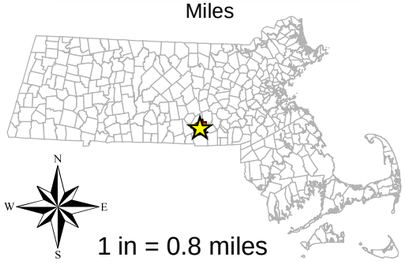

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HABITAT FEATURES MAP

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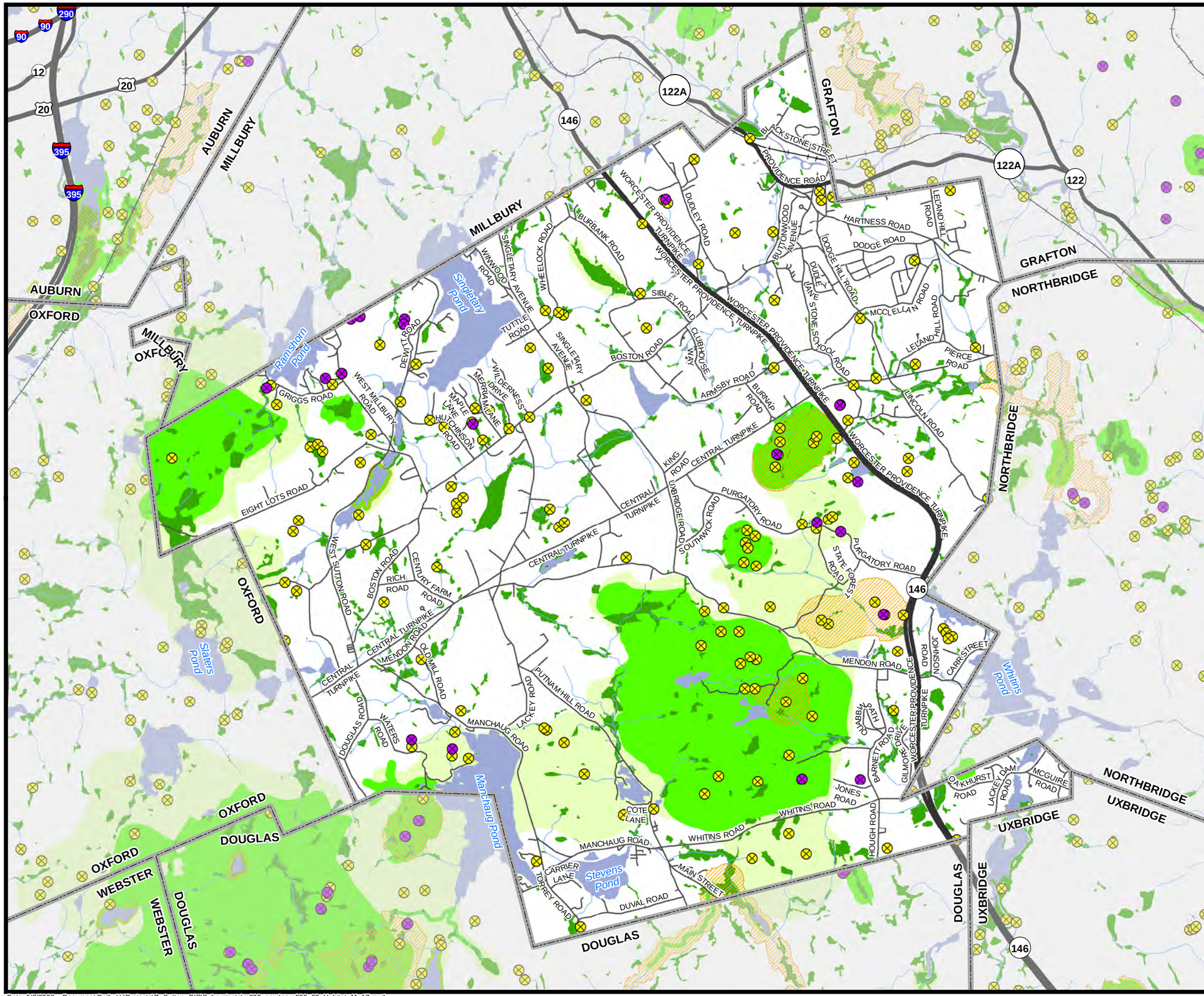

Legend

- Town Boundaries
- Major Road
- Local Road
- Active Railroad
- Water Bodies
- Streams
- NHESP Certified Vernal Pools
- NHESP Potential Vernal Pools (1)
- NHESP Priority Habitats of Rare (2017)
- MassDEP Wetlands
- NHESP/TNC BioMap2 Core Habitat
- NHESP/TNC BioMap2 Critical Natural Landscape

(1) NHESP Potential Vernal Pools: Not equivalent to Certified Vernal Pools

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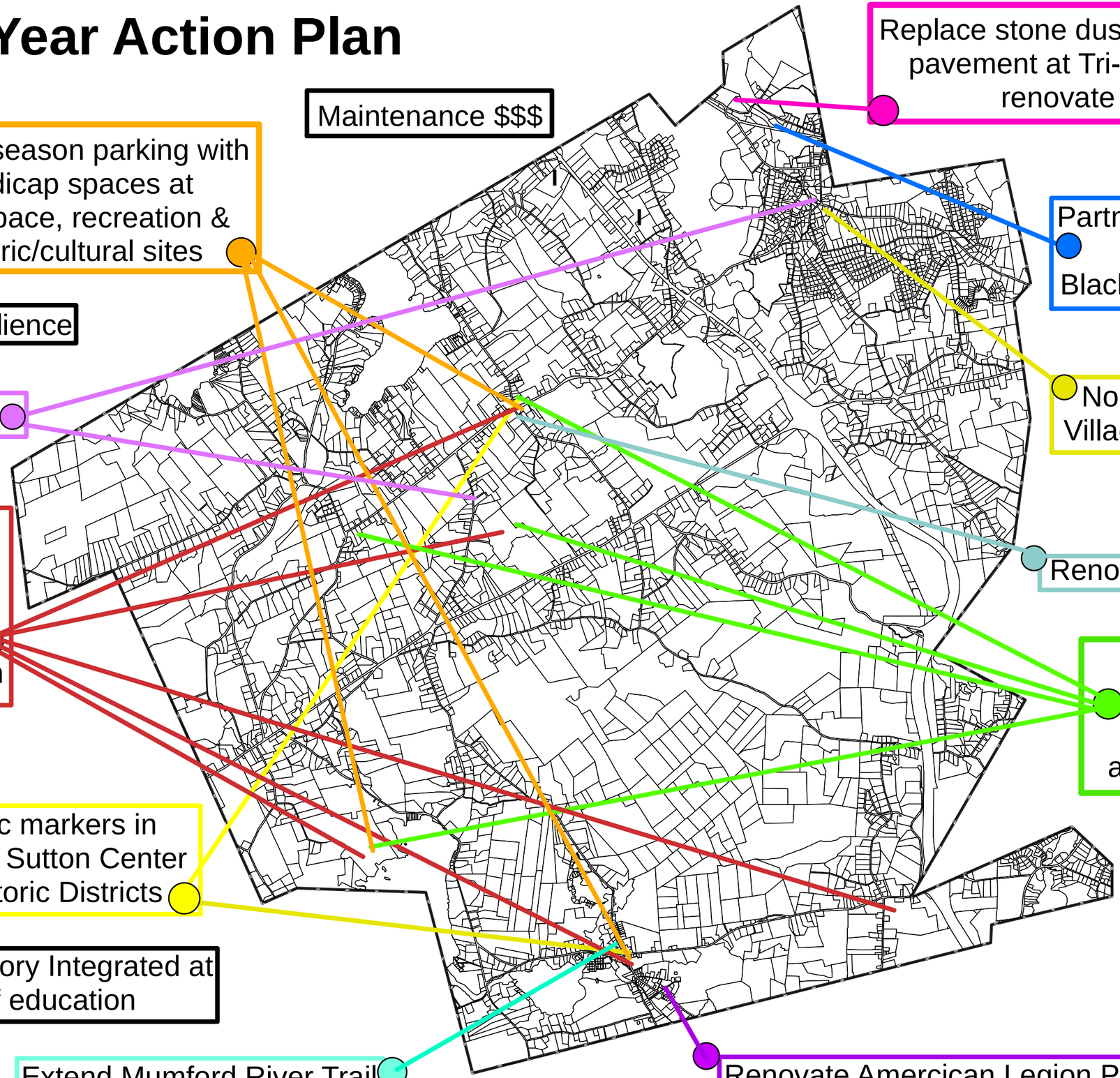
Seven Year Action Plan



Maintenance $$$

Add all season parking with handicap spaces at open space, recreation & historic/cultural sites

Climate Resilience

Add Sidewalks

Complete ADA improvements as detailed in the ADA Self-Evaluation

Install historic markers in Manchaug and Sutton Center National Historic Districts

Sutton History Integrated at all levels of education

Extend Mumford River Trail

Replace stone dust trails with permeable pavement at Tri-Centennial Park and renovate rain gardens.

Partner with State & others to complete Blackstone River Biikeway

Nominate Wilkinsonville Village to National Register

Renovate Rufus Putnam Hall

Create a program of tours or events at historic/cultural and open space sites

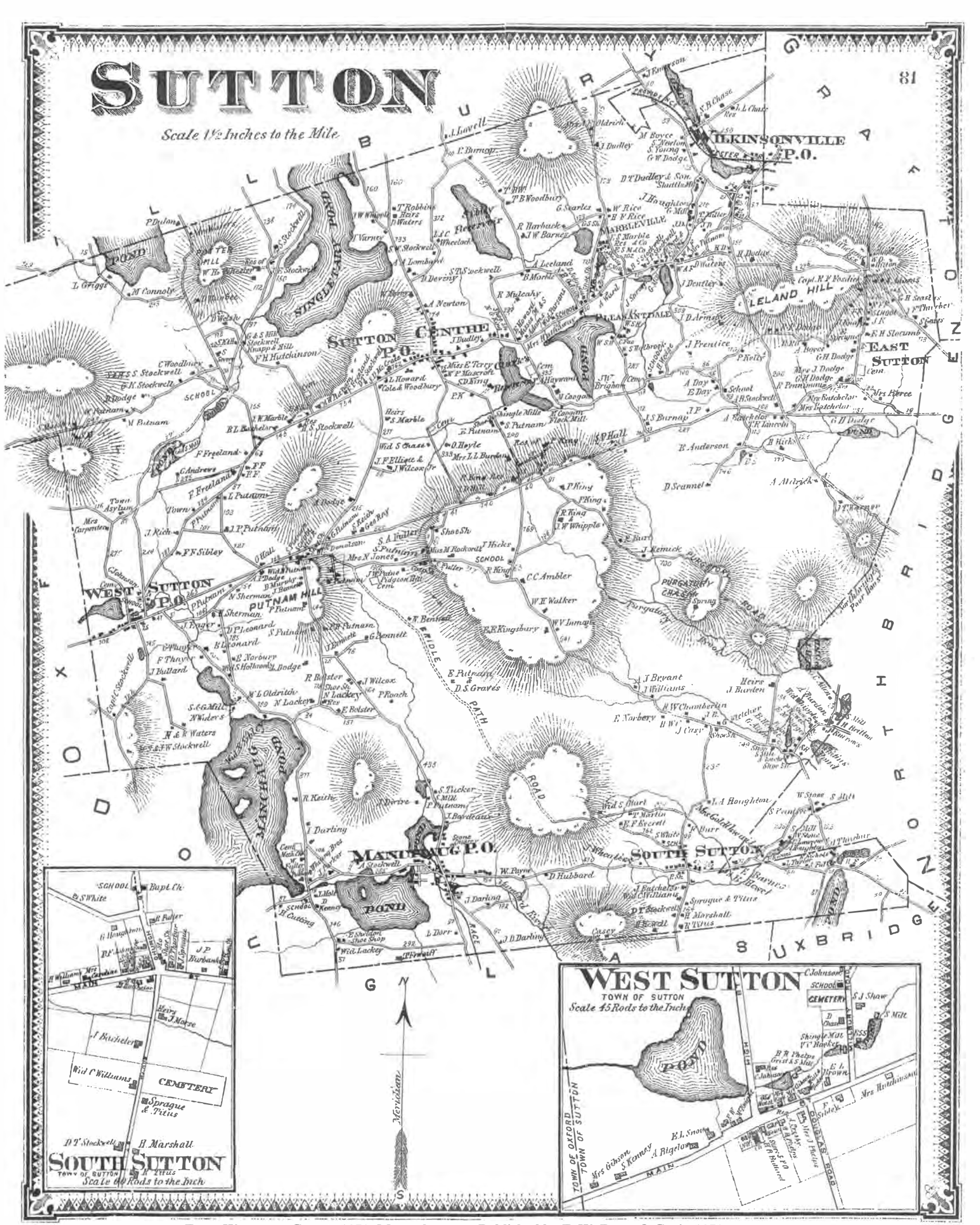
Improve availability of information about Sutton recreational, open space, and historic/cultural sites

Renovate Amercican Legion Park

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

SUTTON

Scale 1½ Inches to the Mile



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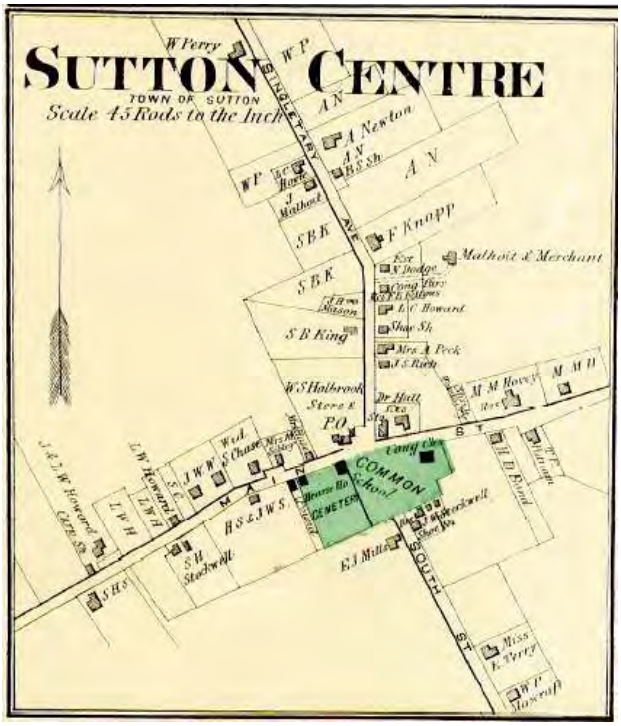


Open Space & Recreation Outreach & Survey

Dear residents & land owners...

Thanks SO much for participating in this important survey! Your input will directly impact how the Town of Sutton will manage open space and recreation resources, and will inform future projects that the Town hopes to pursue.

Responses for this survey will be anonymous and not attributed to individuals.

Surveys must be completed by June 1, 2021.

Sutton 2020 Open Space and Recreation Plan

We're trying to figure out how much residents know and use our open space and recreation areas.

1. Which Sutton Open Space and/or Recreation Areas are you familiar with and how often do you use them?

	Not Familiar	Weekly	Monthly	Every Few Months	Once a Year	Never
Marion's Camp Grounds (Tuttle Rd on Singletary Lake)						
Marion's Camp Trails						
Marion's Camp Beach						
Marion's Camp Canoe Launch						
Shaw Farm Trails (off Putnam Hill Rd)						
Shaw Farm Open Fields						
Tri-Centennial Park Paths/Wildlife Viewing (Blackstone Street on the Blackstone River)						
Tri-Centennial Park Picnic Tables						
Tri-Centennial Park Canoe portage and re-entry						
Veteran's Field Softball/Baseball Field (Jarvis Ave)						
Veteran's Field Playground						
VanDyke Fields Baseball Fields (Hough Rd/Whitins Rd)						
VanDyke Fields Soccer Field						
VanDyke Fields Basketball Court						

	Not Familiar	Weekly	Monthly	Every Few Months	Once a Year	Never
VanDyke Fields Playground Equipment						
Unity Park Playground (Boston Rd Village of Wilkinsonville)						
Purgatory Chasm (Purgatory Rd)						
Sutton State Forest (Purgatory Rd/Mendon Rd)						
Water's Farm Buildings (Water's Rd)						
Water's Farm Trails						
Water's Farm Grounds						
Mumford River Trail (Main St Village of Manchaug)						
Lake Manchaug Wildlife & Greenway Corridor (Putnam Hill/Mendon Rd)						
Sutton Schools Tennis Courts (Boston Rd)						
Sutton Schools Soccer Fields						
Sutton Schools Baseball/Softball Fields						
Sutton Schools Nature Trail						
Sutton Schools Playground Equipment						
Town Common (Boston Rd/Uxbridge Rd)						
Merrill Pond Wildlife Area (West Sutton Rd)						

We'd also like to know how we're doing.

2. What is the condition of the following Sutton owned Open Space and/or Recreation Areas?

	Excellent (A)	Very Good (B)	Passable (C)	Bad (D)	Deplorable (F)
Marion's Camp Grounds					
Marion's Camp Trails					
Marion's Camp Beach					
Marion's Camp Canoe Launch					
Shaw Farm Trails					
Shaw Farm Open Fields					
Tri-Centennial Park Paths/Wildlife Viewing					
Tri-Centennial Park Picnic Tables					
Tri-Centennial Park Canoe portage and re-entry					
Veteran's Field Softball/Baseball Field					
Veteran's Field Playground					
VanDyke Fields Baseball Fields					
VanDyke Fields Soccer Field					
VanDyke Fields Basketball Court					
VanDyke Fields Playground Equipment					
Unity Park Playground					
Water's Farm Buildings					
Water's Farm Trails					
Water's Farm Grounds					
Mumford River Trail					
Sutton Schools Tennis Courts					

	Excellent (A)	Very Good (B)	Passable (C)	Bad (D)	Deplorable (F)
Sutton Schools Soccer Fields	○	○	○	○	○
Sutton Schools Baseball/Softball Fields	○	○	○	○	○
Sutton Schools Playground Equipment	○	○	○	○	○

We want to know if there is enough parking.

3. Please list the Sutton owned Open Space and/or Recreation Areas (from question #2) that you feel do not have enough parking.

4. Are there open space and/or recreation areas in Sutton that you feel are important to be able to access, or access more safely, without using your car (for example, by walking or biking)?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please list which ones.

Do residents feel we have enough?

For the purpose of this survey, please note the following definitions:

Open Space is defined as undevelopable lands which are important for a variety of reasons, including habitat for wildlife, water resource protection, passive recreation, agriculture, forestry, or simply because of their scenic qualities and their contribution to the overall rural feel of the town.

Passive Recreation includes activities such as wildlife observation, walking or hiking, and canoeing or kayaking, that require a minimum of facilities or development/change to existing sites, as opposed to active recreation or recreation facilities which refers to activities like baseball or golf that require a facility.

The Town of Sutton owns approximately 828 acres of land, including roads and waterbodies. Of that, approximately 26 acres are used for open space, 13 acres are used for recreation, and 266 acres are used for both open space and recreation. This 305 acres represents approximately 1.4% of the total land area in Sutton.

5. Do you think the Town should acquire more open space?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

6. If you believe the Town should acquire more open space, what type of open space do you feel is missing or in more need? Please select your top 3.

- ☐ Open Space for passive public use
- ☐ Open Space for drinking water protection (near well heads and reservoirs) with no public access
- ☐ Open Space to protect scenic areas of Town (public access)
- ☐ Open Space to protect scenic areas of Town (no public access)
- ☐ Open Space to preserve Sutton's rural feel (public access)
- ☐ Open Space to preserve Sutton's rural feel (no public access)
- ☐ Open Space to protect wildlife habitats (public access)
- ☐ Open Space to protect wildlife habitats (no public access)
- ☐ Open Space to provide flood storage (public access)
- ☐ Open Space to provide flood storage (no public access)
- ☐ Open Space to link existing open space and recreational holdings
- ☐ Other (please specify)

7. Do you think the Town should acquire or build more recreational facilities?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

8. If you believe the Town should acquire or build recreational facilities, what type of recreational facilities do you feel Sutton needs? (Pick your top 5)

- ☐ Sidewalks
- ☐ Fenced Dog Park
- ☐ Walking/Hiking/Equestrian & Non-motorized Riding Trails
- ☐ Paved/Firm Surface Bike Paths
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Swimming Pool
- ☐ Baseball Fields
- ☐ Softball Fields
- ☐ Pickleball Courts
- ☐ Tennis Courts
- ☐ Basketball Courts
- ☐ Other (please specify)
- ☐ Playgrounds
- ☐ Skate Park
- ☐ Community Garden
- ☐ Track
- ☐ Public access to water for fishing
- ☐ Public access to water for non-motorized boating
- ☐ Public access to water for motorized boating
- ☐ Recreation Builing/Center
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ None of the above

9. What private commercial recreational facilities would you like to see in town?

- ☐ Indoor Music/Performance Venue
- ☐ Outdoor Music/Performance Venue
- ☐ Outdoor ATV or Motorcycle Park
- ☐ Indoor Ice Skating Rink
- ☐ Other (please specify)
- ☐ Disc Golf Facility
- ☐ Paintball/Airsoft Facility
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ None of the above

10. What type of Town run/organized recreational programming do you feel Sutton needs? (Pick your top 5)

- [ ] Adult volleyball league
- [ ] Adult pickleball league
- [ ] Adult baseball league
- [ ] Adult softball league
- [ ] Adult pitch league
- [ ] Adult horseshoe league
- [ ] Adult cornhole league
- [ ] Adult tennis league
- [ ] Adult yoga/zumba/fitness, etc.
- [ ] Teen volleyball league
- [ ] Teen pickleball league
- [ ] Teen cornhole league
- [ ] Other (please specify)
- [ ] Teen horseshoe league
- [ ] Teen yoga/zumba/fitness, etc.
- [ ] Babysitting certification
- [ ] Child yoga/zumba/fitness, etc.
- [ ] Ice fishing lessons/days
- [ ] Ice skating on Lake Singletary
- [ ] Ice skating on Lake Manchaug
- [ ] Cooking lessons
- [ ] Guided snowshoeing
- [ ] Community sledding
- [ ] Community trip or event offerings
- [ ] Children 6-12 summer rec programs

We'd like to know what policies you would be in favor of.

11. What type of local regulations would you be supportive of related to open space and recreation?

- [ ] More homes allowed in exchange for preserved open space on the same site
- [ ] More homes allowed in exchange for preserved open space elsewhere in Sutton
- [ ] Require all new housing developments to contain open space/conservation areas
- [ ] Require all new housing developments to contain recreational amenities
- [ ] Unsure
- [ ] None of the above

12. Would you be supportive of enacting the Community Preservation Act (CPA) that adds an annual 1-3% surcharge (as decided by Sutton voters) to your taxes based on the value of your home in excess of $150,000.
Funds are placed into a revolving fund which can be used for open space/recreation, historic preservation, and community housing projects as decided by Sutton voters at Town Meeting. A minimum of 10% of CPA funds must be dedicated to each of these categories. Currently the State provides matching funds annually, the FY22 match is a minimum of 32.3%.

Example:
1% annual surcharge $37 +/-
3% surcharge $110 +/-
(1.5% is used in many towns)

Calculations:
If your home is valued at $380,000 the first $150,000 is exempted leaving $230,000 at Sutton's current tax rate of $16 per $1,000 results in a tax of $3,680 eligible to the CPA surcharge.

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No
- ( ) Unsure

We're curious if people know about our historic sites.

13. Are you familiar with the following Sutton historic sites?

	Extremely familiar	Somewhat familiar	Not at all familiar
General Rufus Putnam Museum (Uxbridge Road)	○	○	○
Eight Lots School (Eight Lots Road)	○	○	○
M.M. Sherman Blacksmith Shop (Singletary Avenue)	○	○	○
Water's Farm (Water's Road)	○	○	○

14. Would you be interested in any of the following? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Tours of Sutton Historic Sites
- ☐ Informational Plaques at public and private Historic Properties in Sutton
- ☐ Programs about Sutton's History in schools
- ☐ Programs about Sutton's History for all ages

We'd love to know your favorites!

15. What are your three favorite open spaces or recreational facilities in Sutton?

What about other sites nearby?

16. Do you regularly travel to any of following communities for open space and/or recreational opportunities? (Please select all that apply)

- [ ] Douglas
- [ ] Grafton
- [ ] Northbridge
- [ ] Oxford
- [ ] Millbury
- [ ] Uxbridge
- [ ] Auburn

Please describe the activity for which you travel to another community:

We'd like to know how to best reach you with information.

17. How would you prefer to get information about open spaces and/or recreational opportunities and events in Sutton? Please select all that apply.

- [ ] Town website
- [ ] Facebook
- [ ] Other social media (Twitter, Instagram, etc.)
- [ ] Information from community groups or athletic leagues
- [ ] Flyers or signs around Town
- [ ] Word-of-mouth
- [ ] Local newspapers

Are there other sources of information you would like the Town to use (please specify)?

We'd like to learn more about you.

18. What is your age?

- ◯ Under 18
- ◯ 18-24
- ◯ 25-34
- ◯ 35-44
- ◯ 45-54
- ◯ 55-64
- ◯ 65+

19. Do you live in Sutton?

- ◯ Yes, I live in Sutton
- ◯ No, I do not live in Sutton
- ◯ No, I do not live in Sutton but I used to
- ◯ No, I do not live in Sutton but I work there

If you do not live in Sutton, where do you live?

20. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living with you?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

Thanks so much for helping us out!

Great job making your voice heard! If we don't know what residents want, then we can't make improvements.

What's next?

Photo Contest

Submit photos of your favorite Sutton open space and recreation images to Jen Hager by email at j.hager@town.sutton.ma.us. The top 5 photos will win a free Season Pass to Marion's Camp!

Public Forum

After we've gathered information from these surveys, we'll host two open public meetings at Marion's Camp on Lake Singletary to show off the results. The public meetings are scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM and Wednesday, June 16, 2021 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

Come by, check out the results, vote for your favorite photos, and give us your input on Sutton's Open Space & Recreational Goals! Easy in, easy out, open air setting. If you haven't seen the recent Marion's Camp renovations, this is the perfect time!

About this survey...

This survey is part of our regular update to the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). An updated, state-approved plan is necessary to qualify for state funding for acquisition and protection of open space as well as acquisition or renovation of recreational facilities. This survey is being conducted to understand the needs and concerns of Sutton residents regarding the Town's open space and recreation facilities. The Town of Sutton last updated their OSRP in 2012.

Responses of this survey will be anonymous and not attributed to individuals.

Please complete your survey by June 1, 2021 .

Thank you!
The Sutton Open Space and Recreation Committee
With staff support from The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC)

For more information, please contact:
Jennifer Hager, Planning & Economic Development Director
j.hager@town.sutton.ma.us
(508) 865-8729

Welcome to the Town of Sutton's Open Space & Recreation 'Walking' Public Forum!

We are hoping to get your input on Sutton's open space and recreational assets and initiatives. Please move around the room to view the Community Survey results, vote on your favorite photos, and help shape Sutton's Open Space & Recreation Plan!

SUTTON AT-A-GLANCE STATION

View the demographic data and Community Survey results to get a better sense of who lives in Sutton and what they support as open space and recreation goals.

MAPS STATION

- Use the **STARS** ★ to indicate properties or areas that are accessible to the general public that you feel should be noted as unique and/or scenic.
- Use the green or yellow **DOTS** ● to indicate properties or areas that you feel should be purchased for open space uses.
- Use the orange or pink **DOTS** ● to indicate properties or areas that you feel should be purchased for recreational uses.
- Use the sticky notes to detail your suggestions.

GOALS STATION

- Use the **SMILEYS** ☺ to identify the top three goals from the previous plan that you would like to see kept in the 2021 Open Space & Recreation Plan.
- Use the sticky notes to write in goals you think are missing.

PHOTO CONTEST!

- Circle the room and check out the photos that were submitted.
- Vote for your three favorites in order of preference.

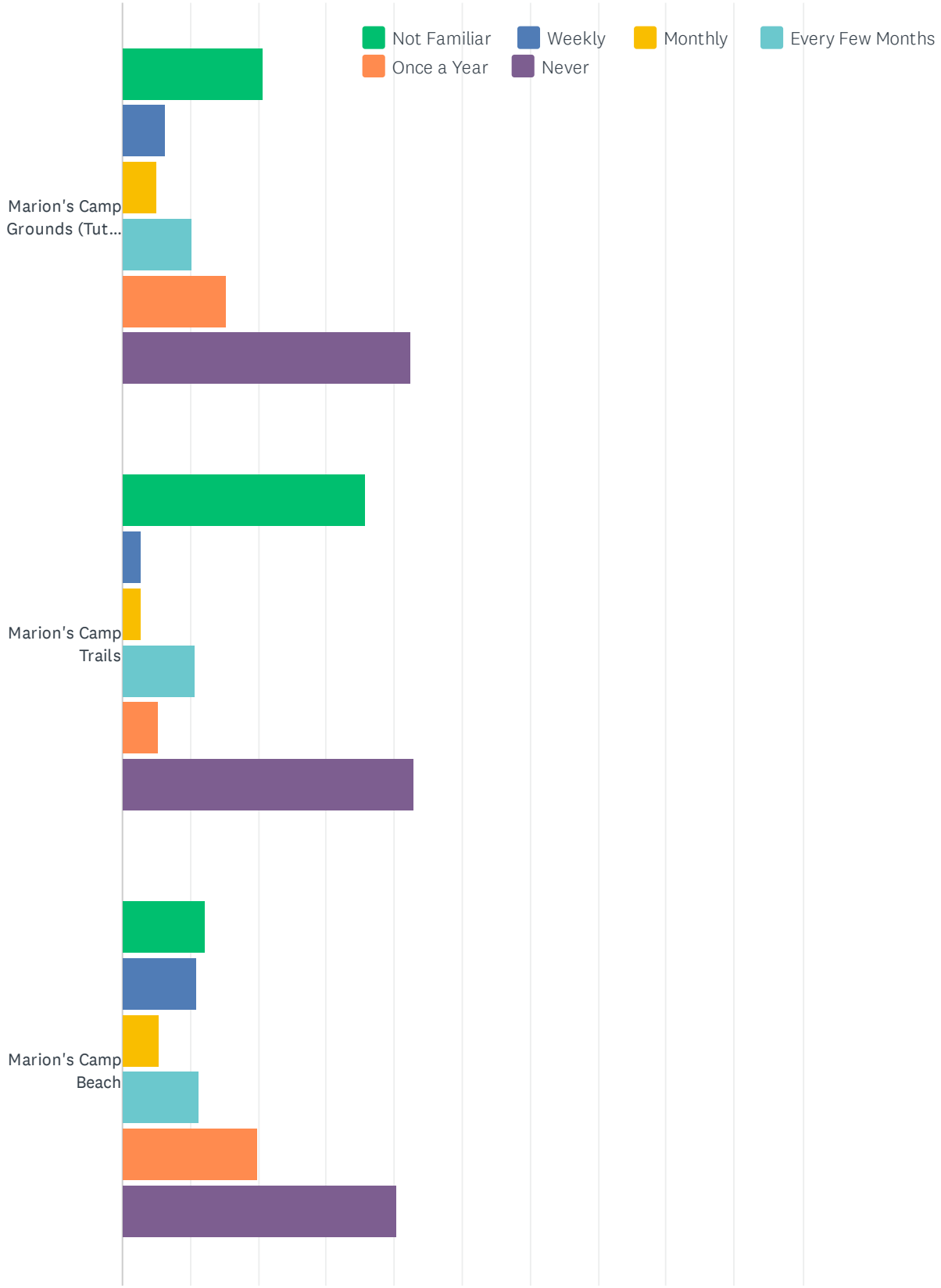
The top 5 photographers will win a free Season Pass to Marion's Camp. Results will be announced by June 18th!

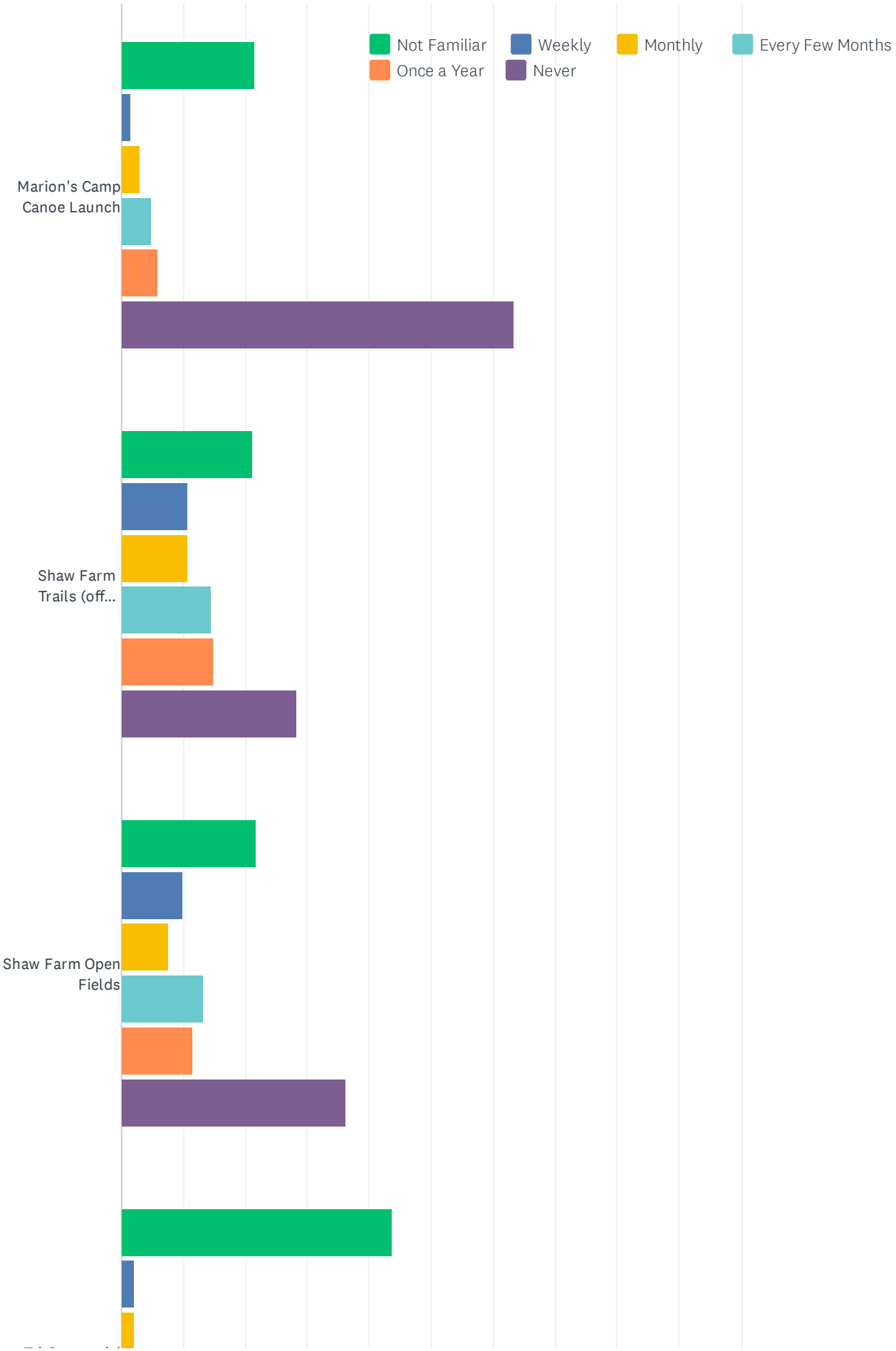
Thank you for attending Sutton's Open Space and Recreation 'Walking' Forum! Your feedback will directly impact the 2021 Sutton Open Space & Recreation Plan. If you have any additional questions, comments, or suggestions please send them to Jen Hager at j.hager@town.Sutton.ma.us

Open Space & Recreation Survey Tabulation

Q1 Which Sutton Open Space and/or Recreation Areas are you familiar with and how often do you use them?

Answered: 438 Skipped: 2

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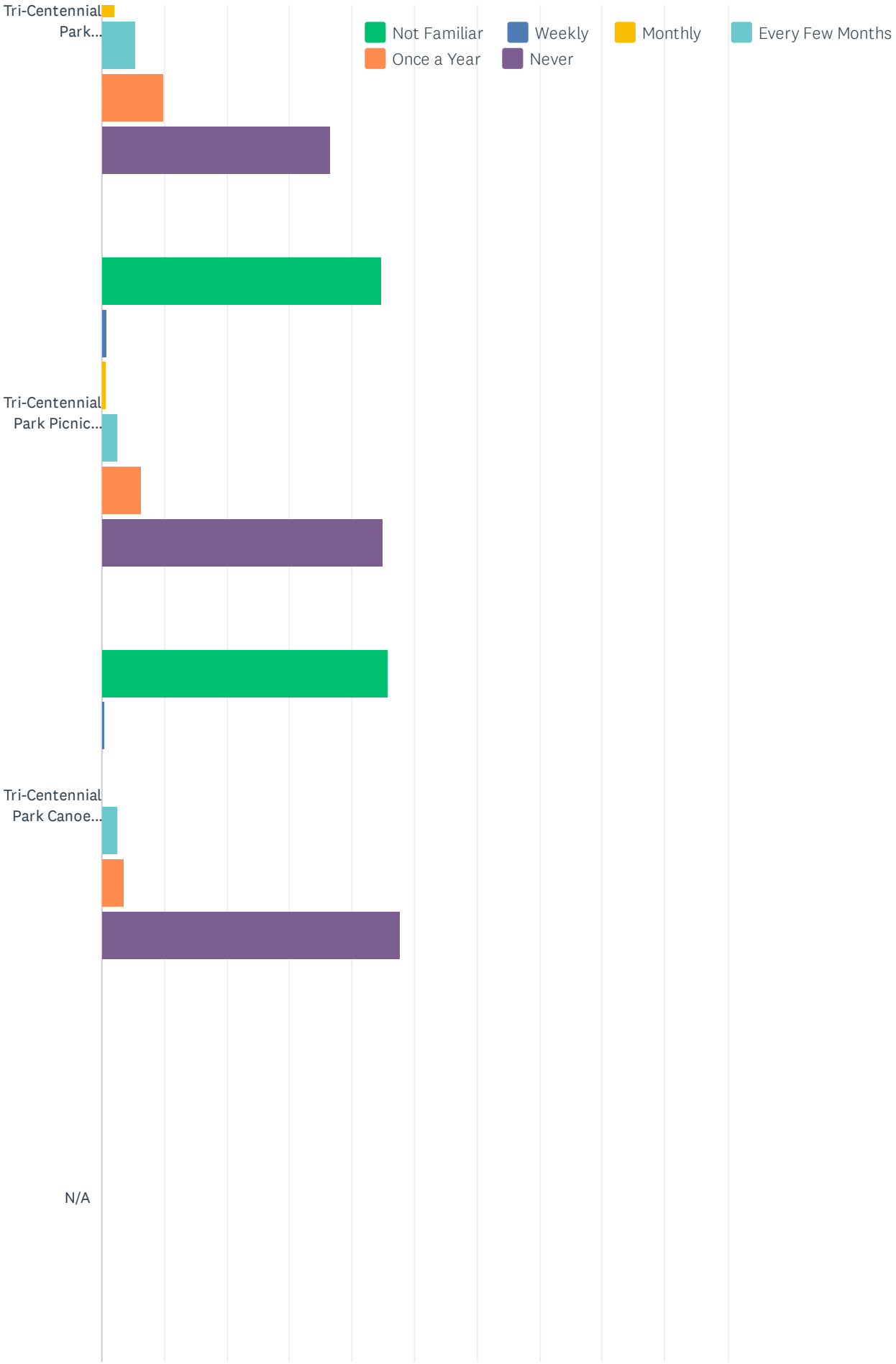
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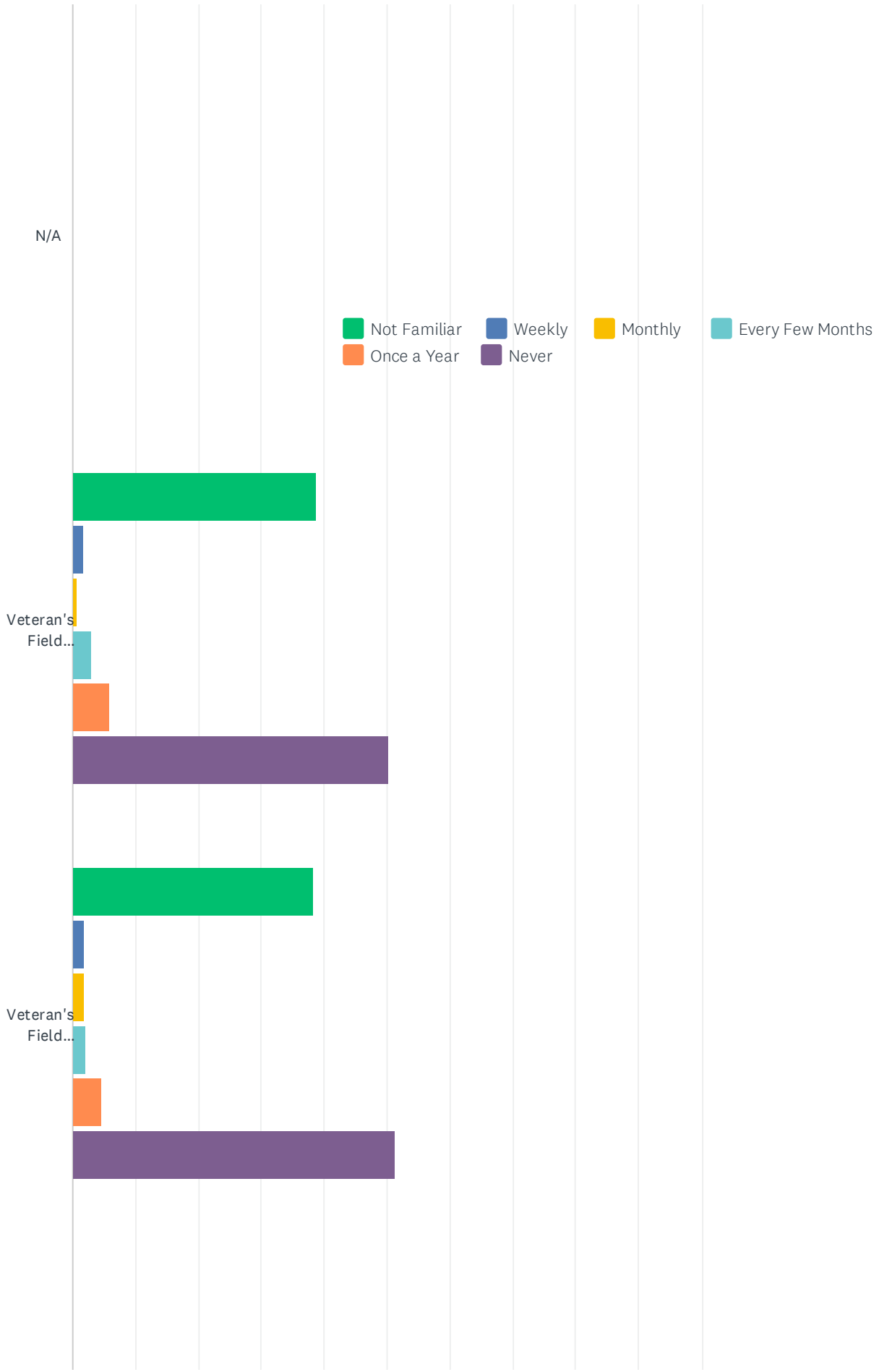
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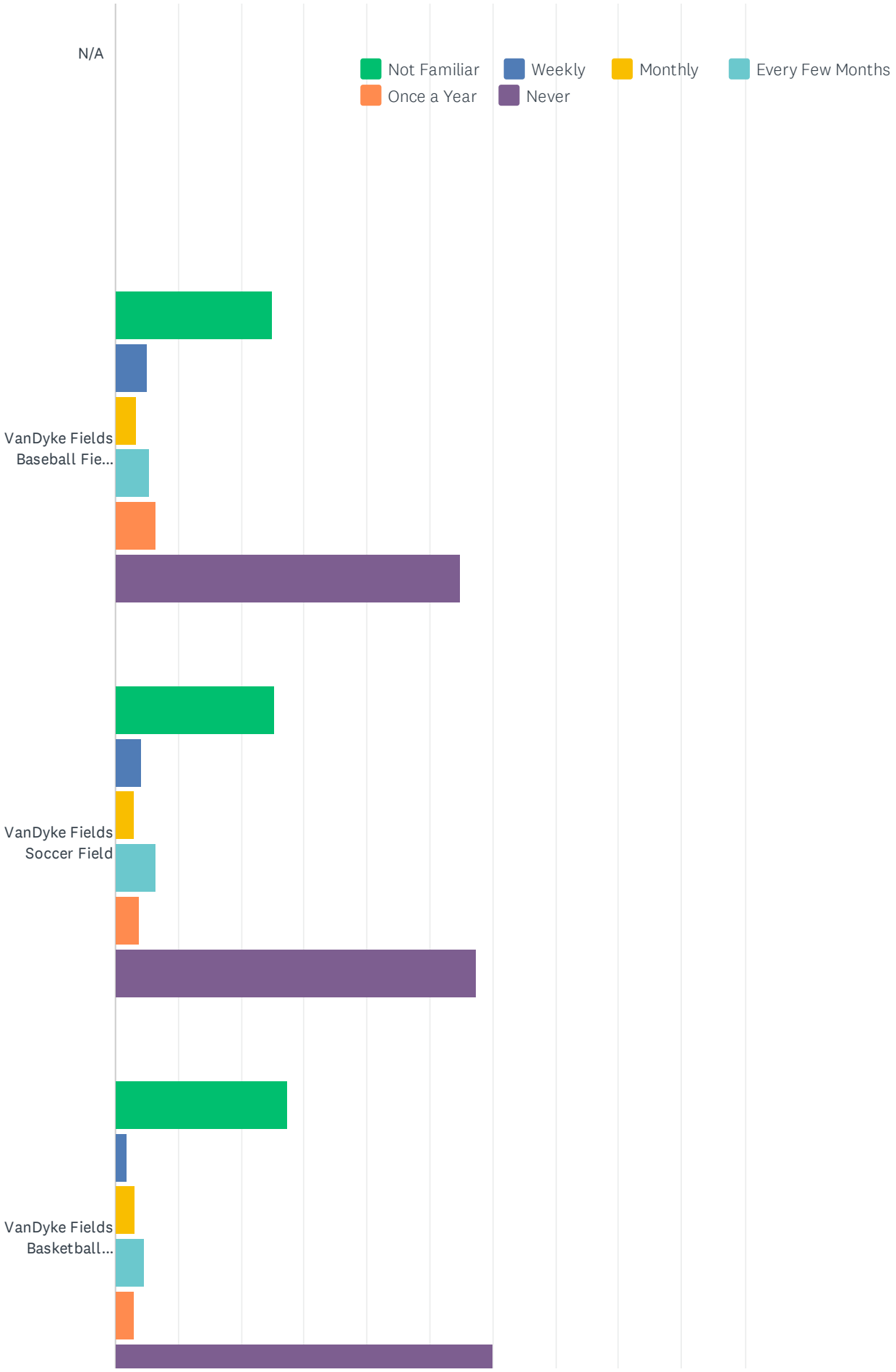
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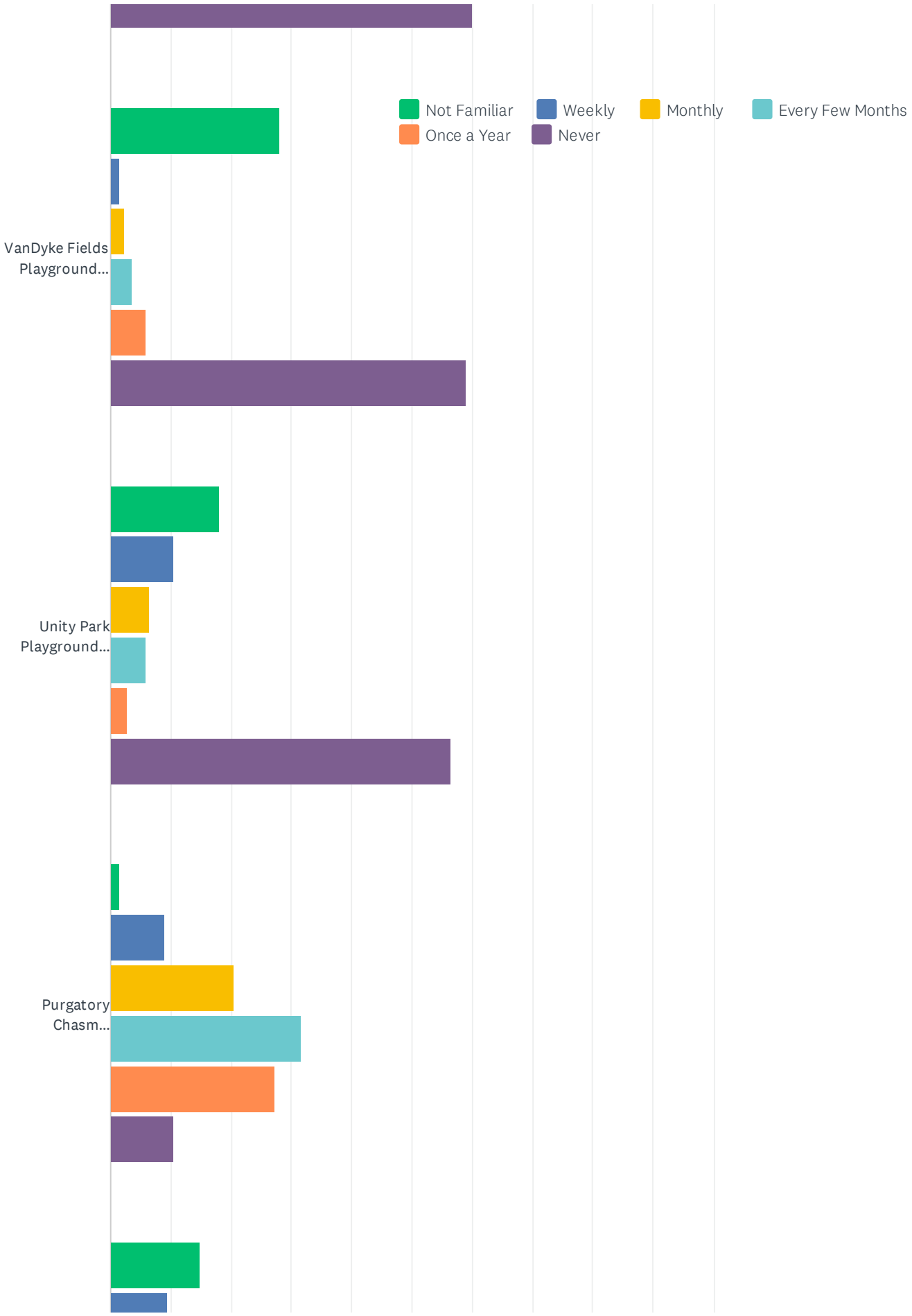
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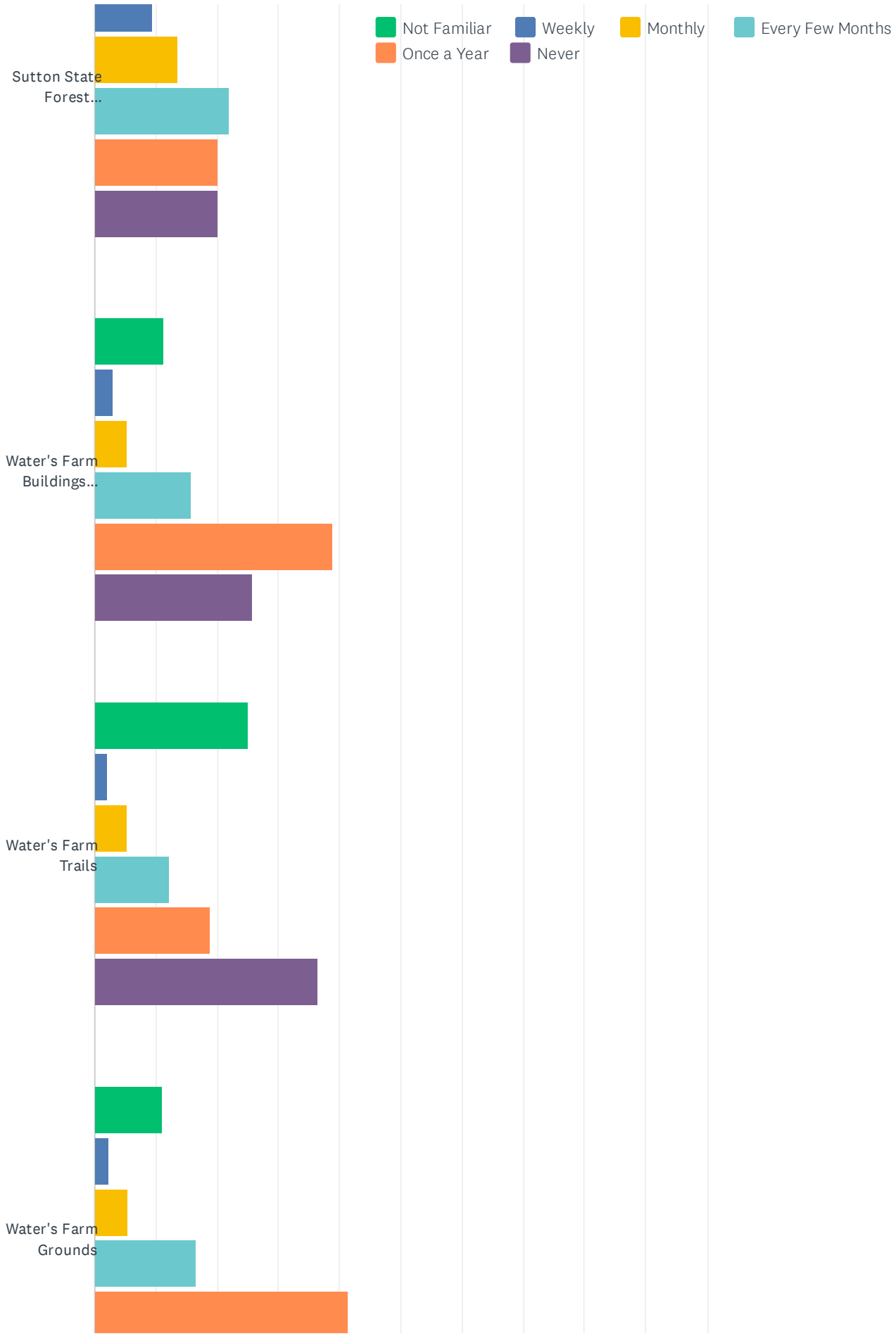
Purgatory Chasm...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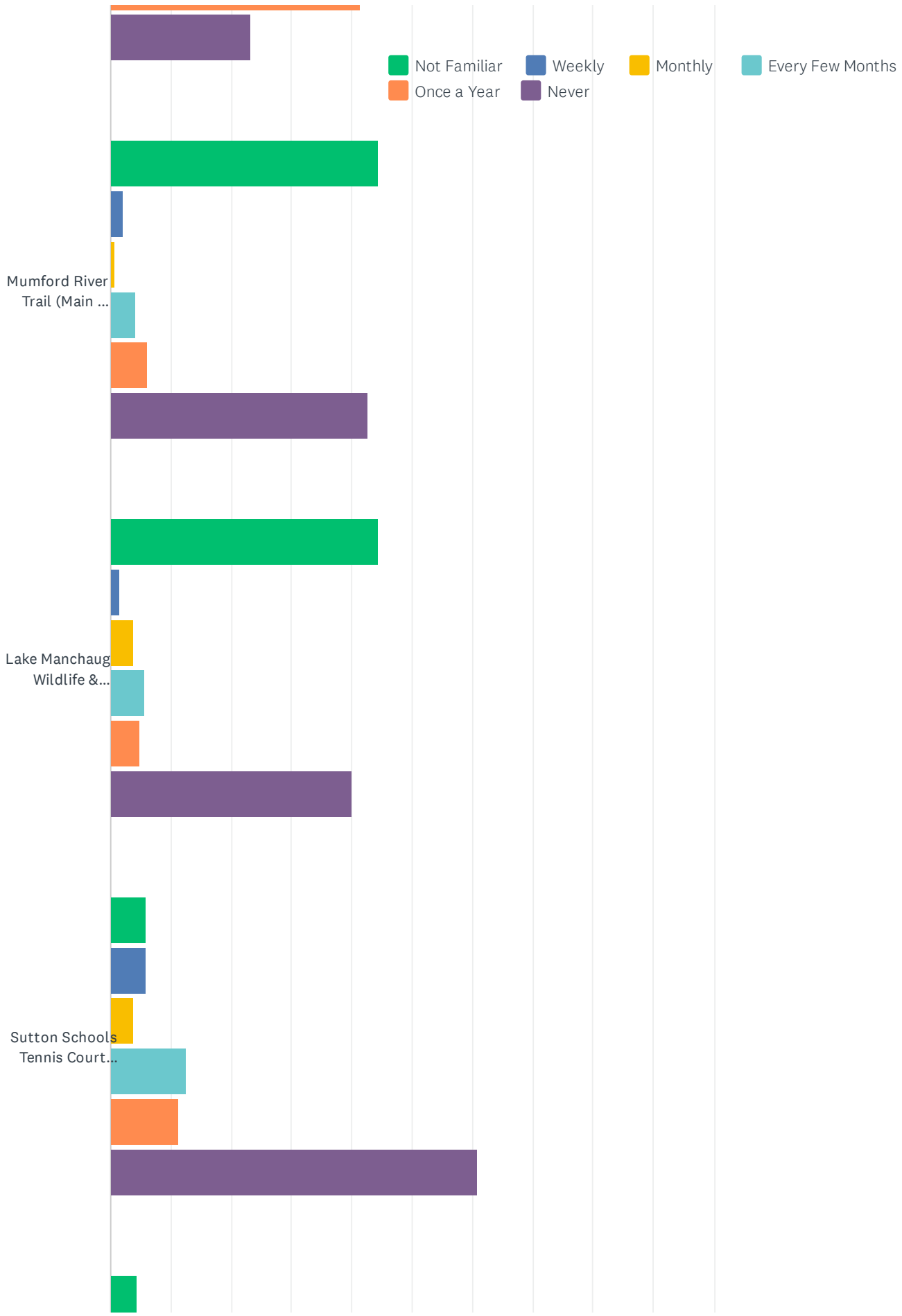
Water's Farm Grounds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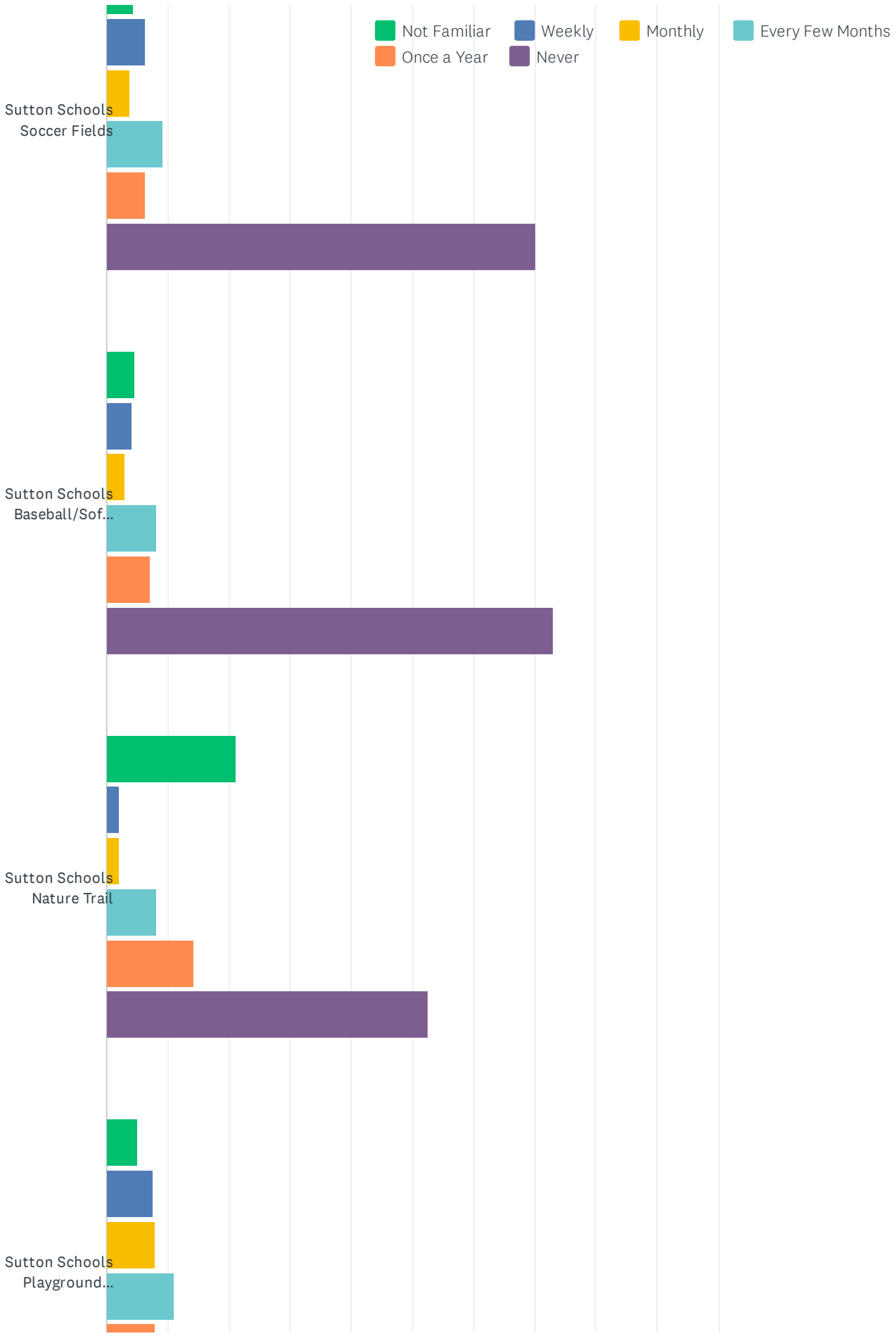
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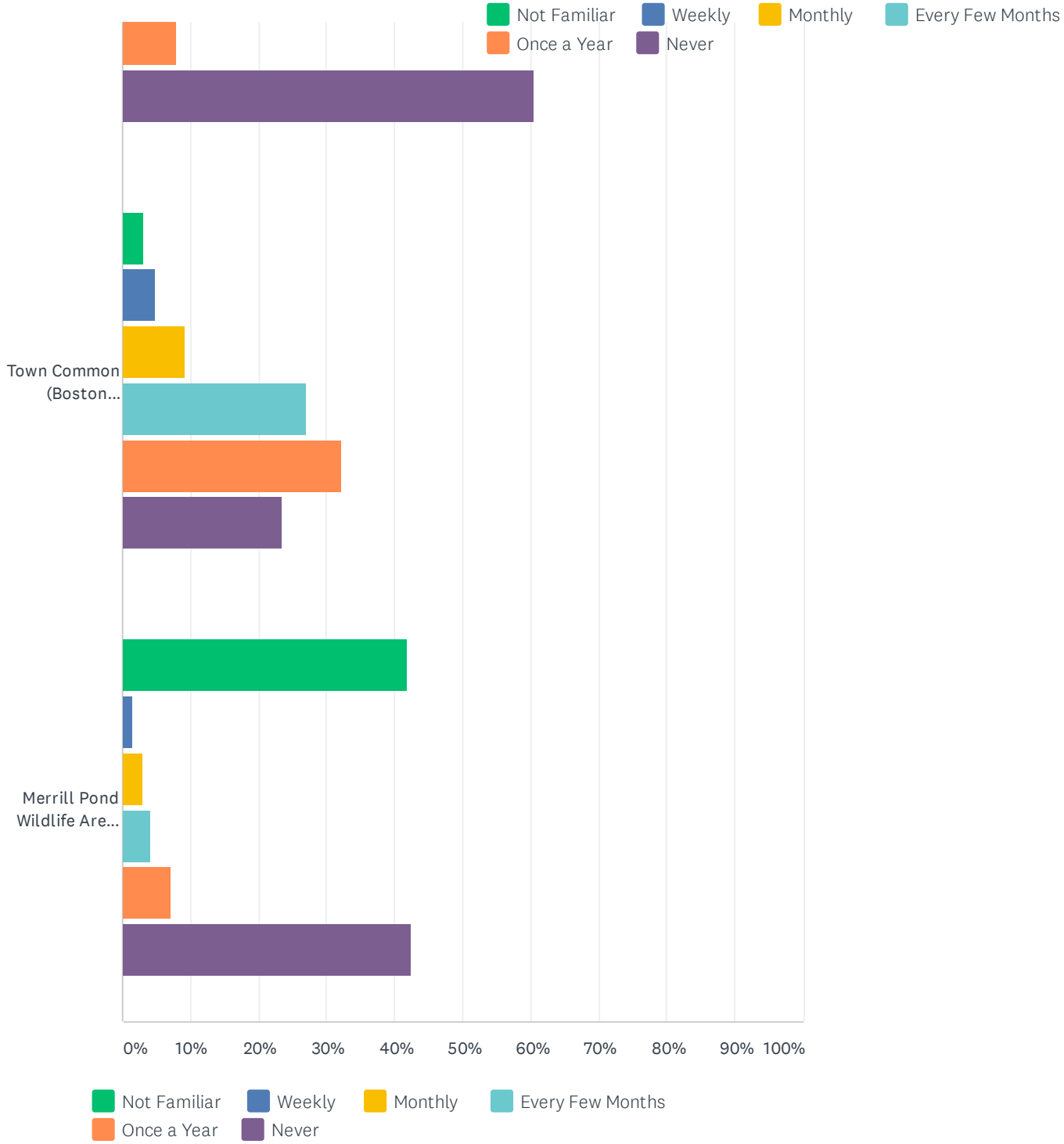
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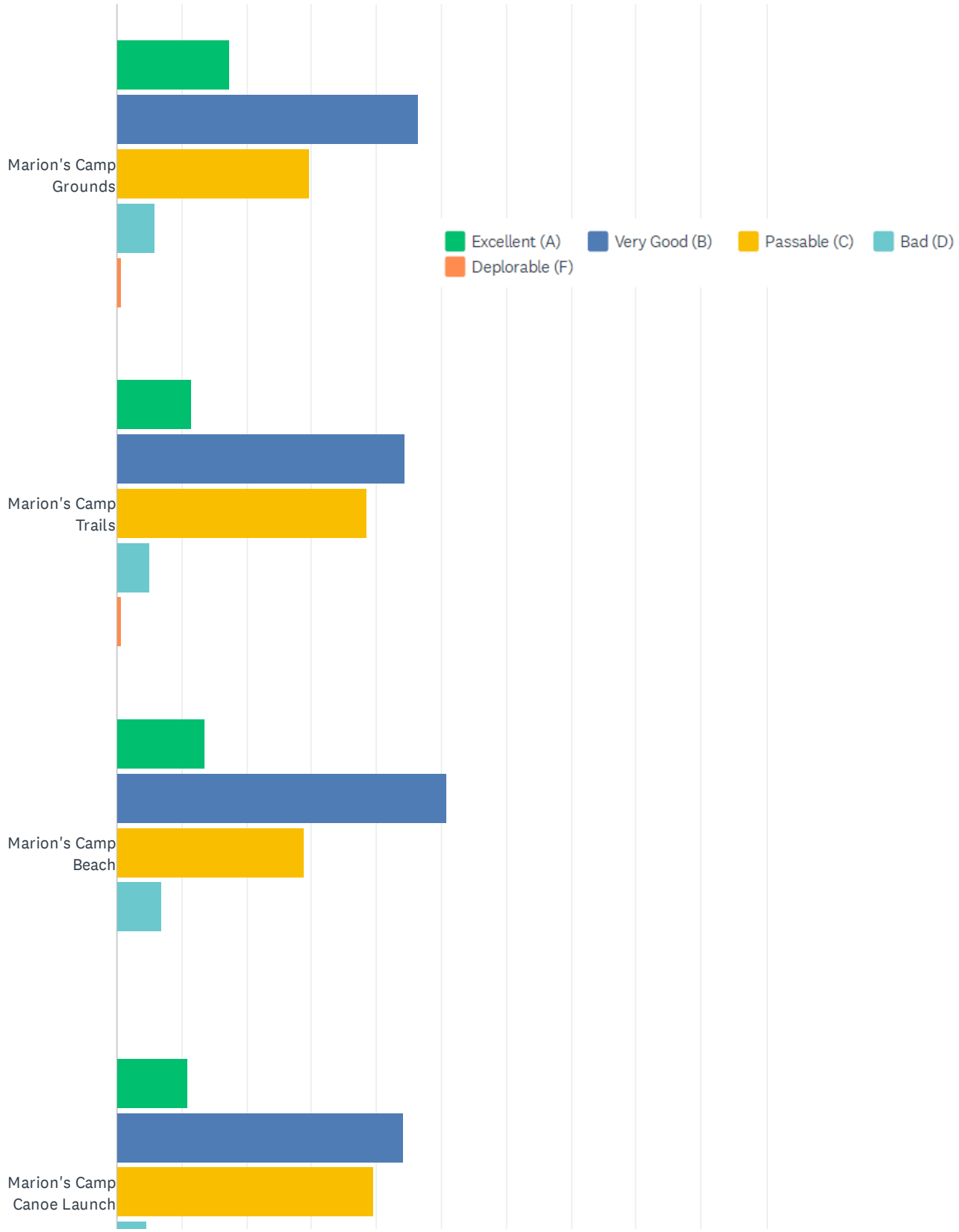
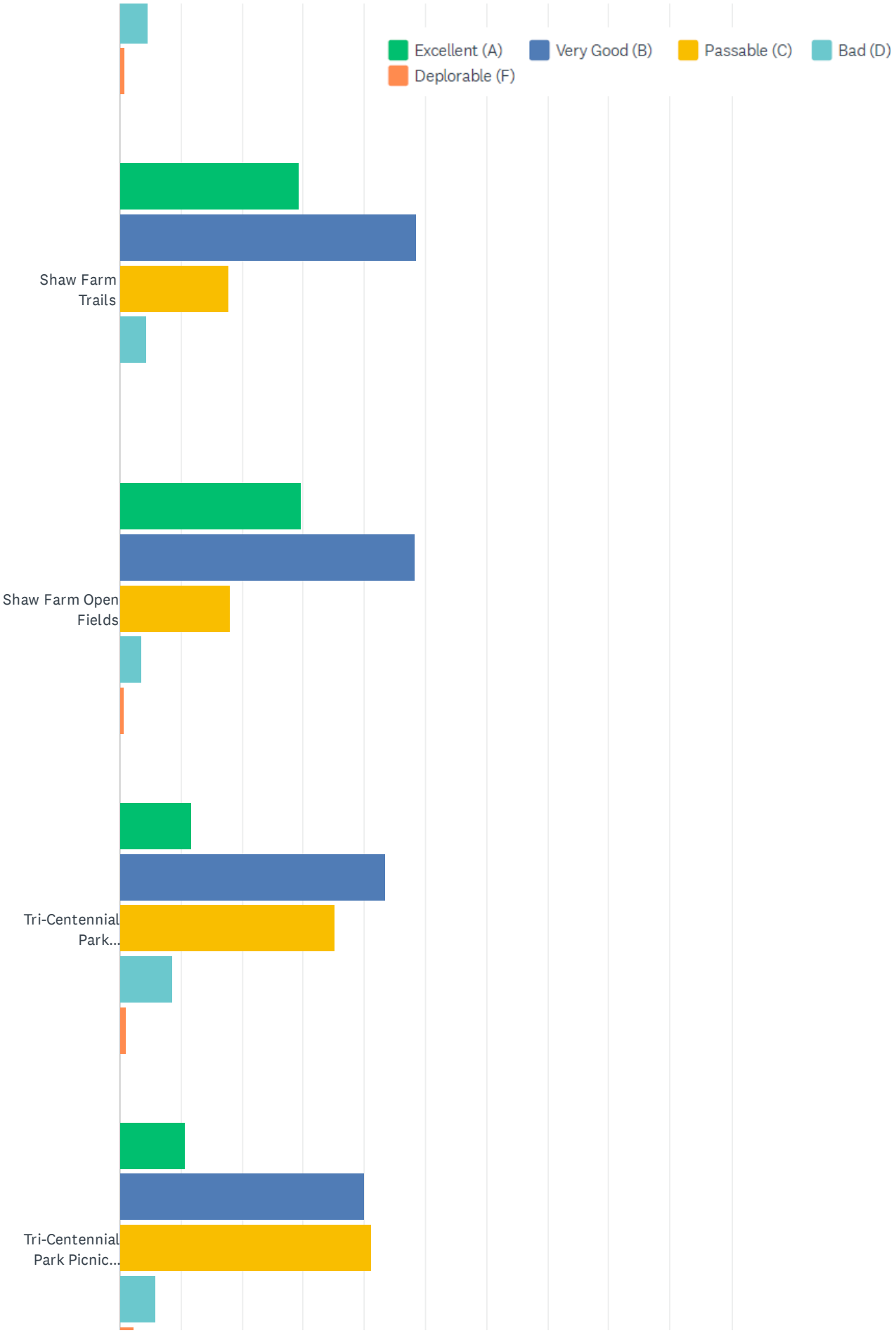
	NOT FAMILIAR	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	EVERY FEW MONTHS	ONCE A YEAR	NEVER	TOTAL
Marion's Camp Grounds (Tuttle Rd on Singletary Lake)	20.69% 90	6.21% 27	5.06% 22	10.34% 45	15.17% 66	42.53% 185	435
Marion's Camp Trails	35.71% 155	2.76% 12	2.76% 12	10.60% 46	5.30% 23	42.86% 186	434
Marion's Camp Beach	12.16% 53	10.78% 47	5.50% 24	11.24% 49	19.95% 87	40.37% 176	436
Marion's Camp Canoe Launch	21.58% 93	1.39% 6	3.02% 13	4.87% 21	5.80% 25	63.34% 273	431
Shaw Farm Trails (off Putnam Hill Rd)	21.05% 92	10.76% 47	10.76% 47	14.42% 63	14.87% 65	28.15% 123	437
Shaw Farm Open Fields	21.84% 95	9.89% 43	7.59% 33	13.10% 57	11.49% 50	36.09% 157	435
Tri-Centennial Park Paths/Wildlife Viewing (Blackstone Street on the Blackstone River)	43.81% 191	2.06% 9	2.06% 9	5.50% 24	9.86% 43	36.70% 160	436
Tri-Centennial Park Picnic Tables	44.70% 194	0.92% 4	0.69% 3	2.53% 11	6.22% 27	44.93% 195	434
Tri-Centennial Park Canoe portage and re-entry	45.85% 199	0.46% 2	0.00% 0	2.53% 11	3.46% 15	47.70% 207	434
N/A	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0
N/A	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0
Veteran's Field Softball/Baseball Field (Jarvis Ave)	38.71% 168	1.61% 7	0.69% 3	3.00% 13	5.76% 25	50.23% 218	434
Veteran's Field Playground	38.34% 166	1.85% 8	1.85% 8	2.08% 9	4.62% 20	51.27% 222	433
N/A	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0
VanDyke Fields Baseball Fields (Hough Rd/Whitins Rd)	24.83% 108	5.06% 22	3.45% 15	5.52% 24	6.44% 28	54.71% 238	435
VanDyke Fields Soccer Field	25.40% 110	4.16% 18	3.00% 13	6.47% 28	3.70% 16	57.27% 248	433
VanDyke Fields Basketball Court	27.31% 118	1.85% 8	3.24% 14	4.63% 20	3.01% 13	59.95% 259	432
VanDyke Fields Playground Equipment	28.11% 122	1.38% 6	2.30% 10	3.46% 15	5.76% 25	58.99% 256	434
Unity Park Playground (Boston Rd Village of Wilkinsonville)	18.06% 78	10.42% 45	6.48% 28	5.79% 25	2.78% 12	56.48% 244	432
Purgatory Chasm (Purgatory Rd)	1.39% 6	9.05% 39	20.42% 88	31.55% 136	27.15% 117	10.44% 45	431
Sutton State Forest (Purgatory Rd/Mendon Rd)	14.78% 64	9.47% 41	13.63% 59	21.94% 95	20.09% 87	20.09% 87	433
Water's Farm Buildings (Water's Rd)	11.29% 49	3.00% 13	5.30% 23	15.67% 68	38.94% 169	25.81% 112	434

Water's Farm Trails	25.12% 109	2.07% 9	5.30% 23	12.21% 53	18.89% 82	36.41% 158	434
Water's Farm Grounds	11.16% 48	2.33% 10	5.35% 23	16.51% 71	41.40% 178	23.26% 100	430
Mumford River Trail (Main St Village of Manchaug)	44.34% 192	2.08% 9	0.69% 3	4.16% 18	6.00% 26	42.73% 185	433
Lake Manchaug Wildlife & Greenway Corridor (Putnam Hill/Mendon Rd)	44.44% 192	1.39% 6	3.70% 16	5.56% 24	4.86% 21	40.05% 173	432
Sutton Schools Tennis Courts (Boston Rd)	5.77% 25	5.77% 25	3.70% 16	12.47% 54	11.32% 49	60.97% 264	433
Sutton Schools Soccer Fields	4.40% 19	6.25% 27	3.70% 16	9.26% 40	6.25% 27	70.14% 303	432
Sutton Schools Baseball/Softball Fields	4.63% 20	4.17% 18	3.01% 13	8.10% 35	7.18% 31	72.92% 315	432
Sutton Schools Nature Trail	21.11% 91	2.09% 9	2.09% 9	8.12% 35	14.15% 61	52.44% 226	431
Sutton Schools Playground Equipment	5.08% 22	7.62% 33	7.85% 34	11.09% 48	7.85% 34	60.51% 262	433
Town Common (Boston Rd/Uxbridge Rd)	3.24% 14	4.86% 21	9.26% 40	27.08% 117	32.18% 139	23.38% 101	432
Merrill Pond Wildlife Area (West Sutton Rd)	41.76% 180	1.39% 6	3.02% 13	4.18% 18	7.19% 31	42.46% 183	431

Q2 What is the condition of the following Sutton owned Open Space and/or Recreation Areas?

Answered: 291 Skipped: 149

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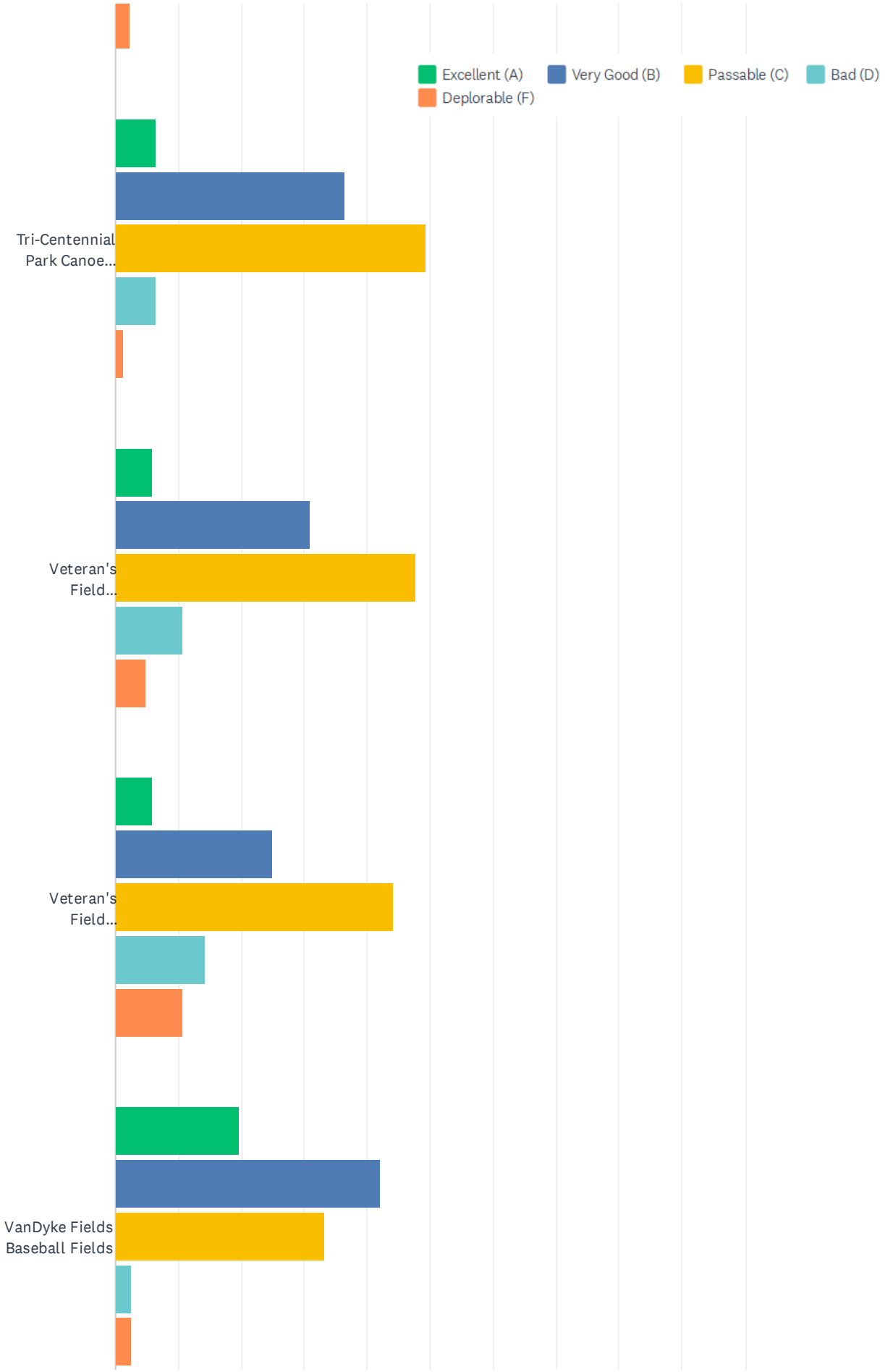
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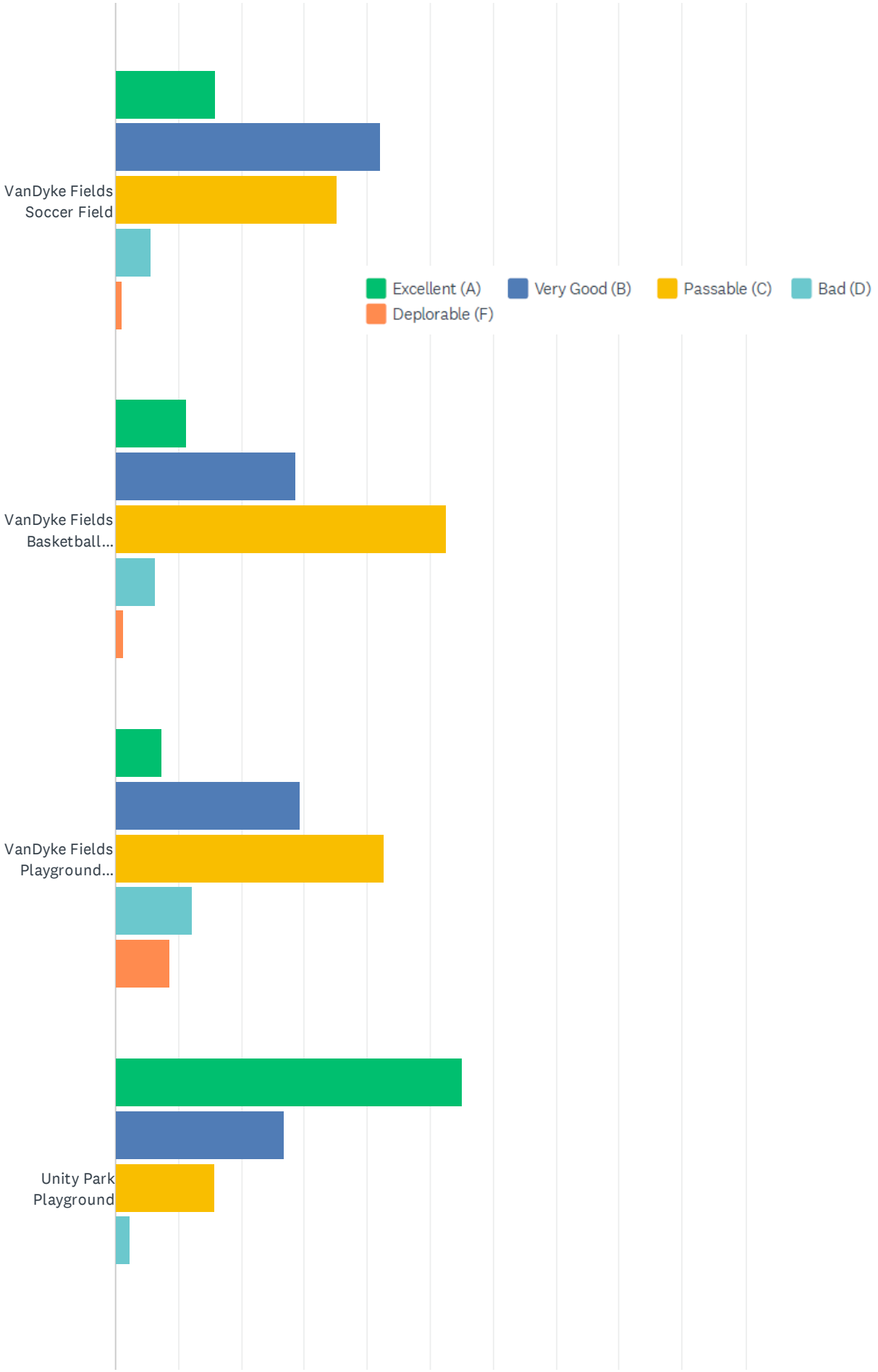
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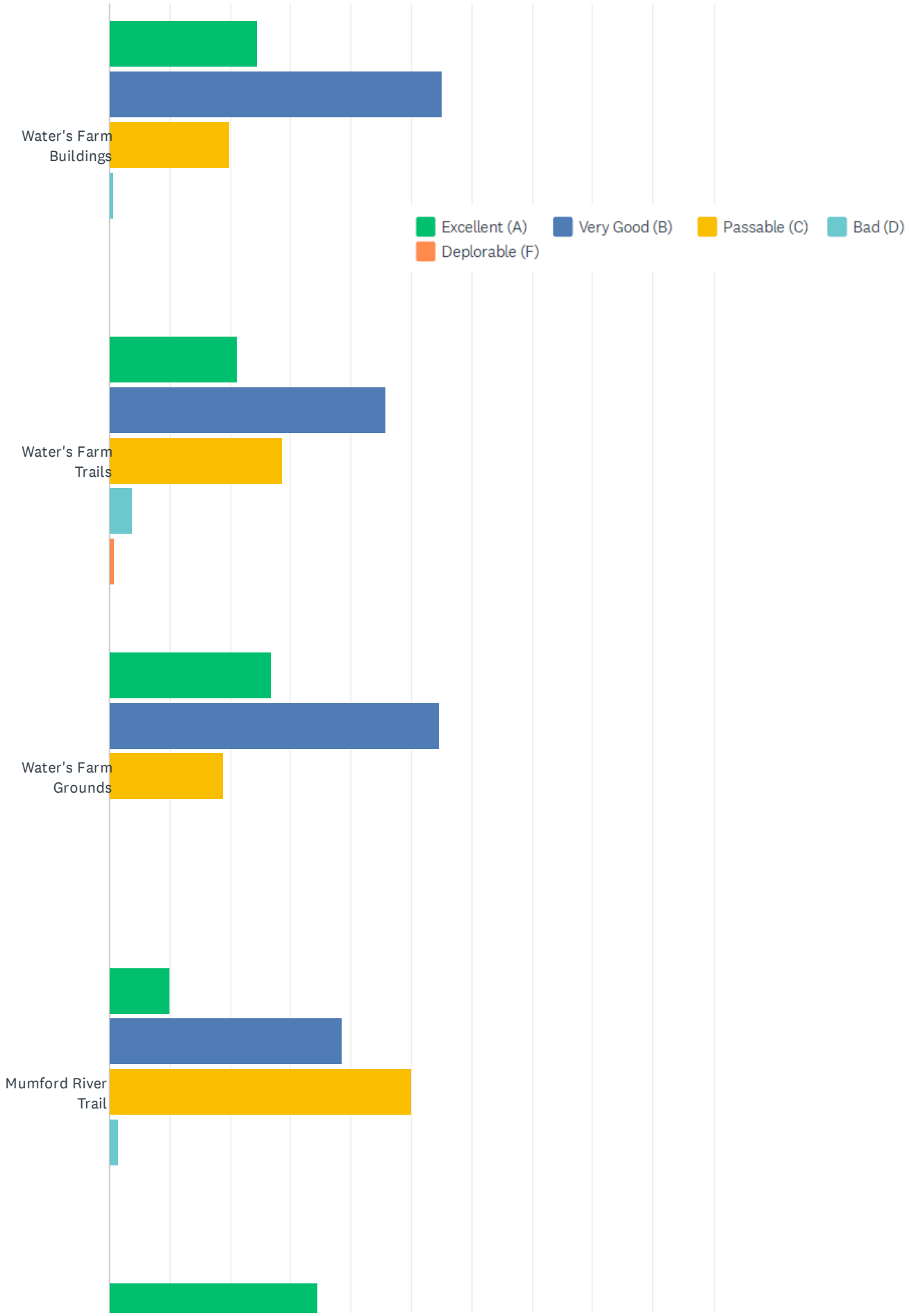
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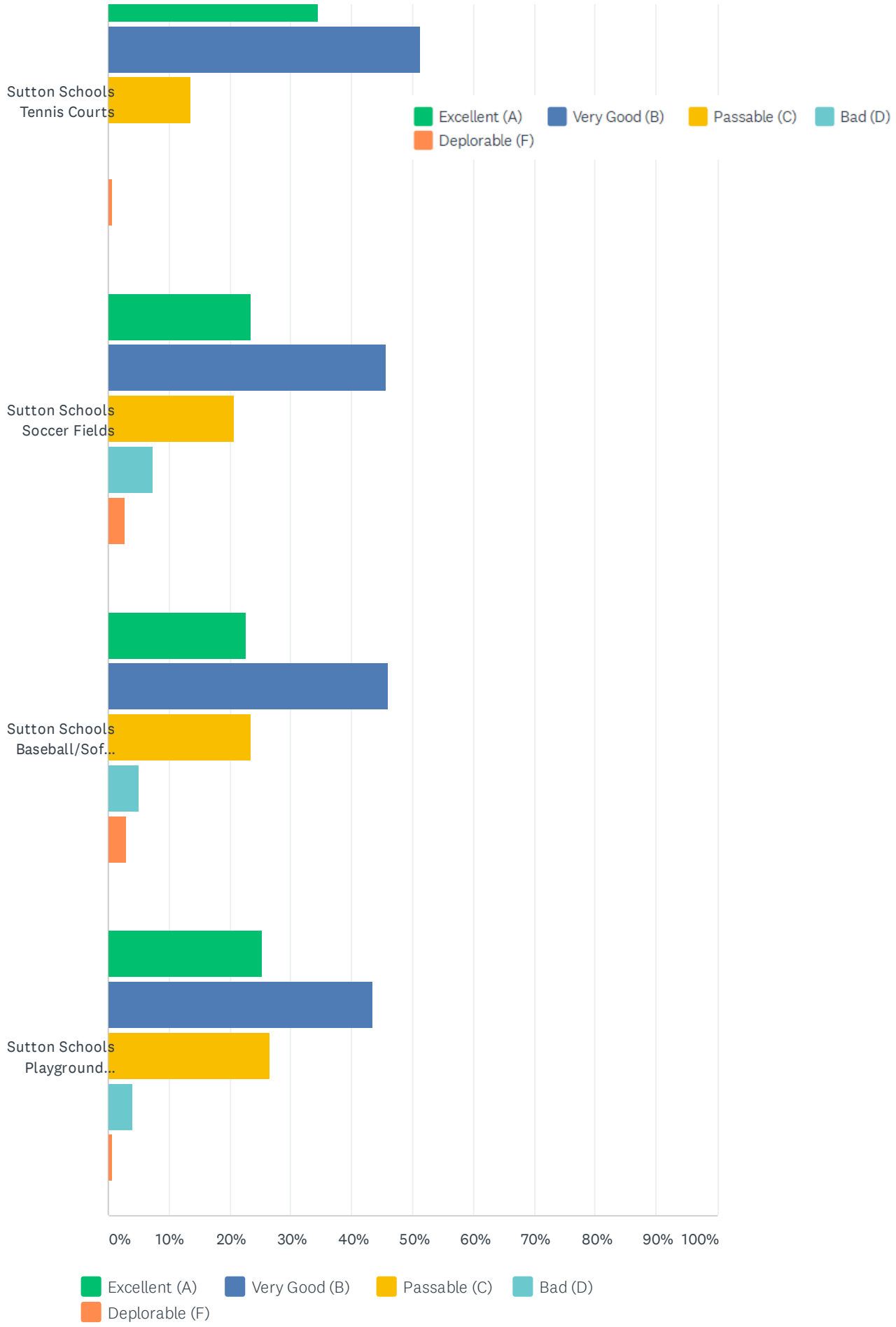
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	EXCELLENT (A)	VERY GOOD (B)	PASSABLE (C)	BAD (D)	DEPLORABLE (F)	TOTAL
Marion's Camp Grounds	17.44% 30	46.51% 80	29.65% 51	5.81% 10	0.58% 1	172
Marion's Camp Trails	11.43% 16	44.29% 62	38.57% 54	5.00% 7	0.71% 1	140
Marion's Camp Beach	13.61% 26	50.79% 97	28.80% 55	6.81% 13	0.00% 0	191
Marion's Camp Canoe Launch	10.85% 14	44.19% 57	39.53% 51	4.65% 6	0.78% 1	129
Shaw Farm Trails	29.28% 53	48.62% 88	17.68% 32	4.42% 8	0.00% 0	181
Shaw Farm Open Fields	29.65% 51	48.26% 83	18.02% 31	3.49% 6	0.58% 1	172
Tri-Centennial Park Paths/Wildlife Viewing	11.70% 11	43.62% 41	35.11% 33	8.51% 8	1.06% 1	94
Tri-Centennial Park Picnic Tables	10.59% 9	40.00% 34	41.18% 35	5.88% 5	2.35% 2	85
Tri-Centennial Park Canoe portage and re-entry	6.49% 5	36.36% 28	49.35% 38	6.49% 5	1.30% 1	77
Veteran's Field Softball/Baseball Field	5.95% 5	30.95% 26	47.62% 40	10.71% 9	4.76% 4	84
Veteran's Field Playground	5.95% 5	25.00% 21	44.05% 37	14.29% 12	10.71% 9	84
VanDyke Fields Baseball Fields	19.75% 16	41.98% 34	33.33% 27	2.47% 2	2.47% 2	81
VanDyke Fields Soccer Field	15.91% 14	42.05% 37	35.23% 31	5.68% 5	1.14% 1	88
VanDyke Fields Basketball Court	11.25% 9	28.75% 23	52.50% 42	6.25% 5	1.25% 1	80
VanDyke Fields Playground Equipment	7.32% 6	29.27% 24	42.68% 35	12.20% 10	8.54% 7	82
Unity Park Playground	55.12% 70	26.77% 34	15.75% 20	2.36% 3	0.00% 0	127
Water's Farm Buildings	24.56% 42	54.97% 94	19.88% 34	0.58% 1	0.00% 0	171
Water's Farm Trails	21.05% 28	45.86% 61	28.57% 38	3.76% 5	0.75% 1	133
Water's Farm Grounds	26.70% 47	54.55% 96	18.75% 33	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	176
Mumford River Trail	10.00% 7	38.57% 27	50.00% 35	1.43% 1	0.00% 0	70
Sutton Schools Tennis Courts	34.57% 56	51.23% 83	13.58% 22	0.00% 0	0.62% 1	162
Sutton Schools Soccer Fields	23.49% 35	45.64% 68	20.81% 31	7.38% 11	2.68% 4	149
Sutton Schools Baseball/Softball Fields	22.70% 32	46.10% 65	23.40% 33	4.96% 7	2.84% 4	141

Sutton Schools Playground Equipment	25.32% 39	43.51% 67	26.62% 41	3.90% 6	0.65% 1	154

Q3 Please list the Sutton owned Open Space and/or Recreation Areas (from question #2) that you feel do not have enough parking.

Answered: 91 Skipped: 349

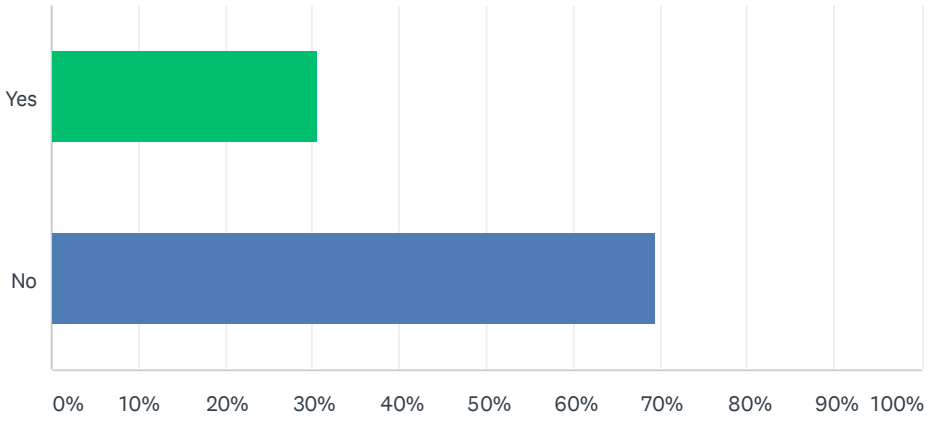
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Shaw	6/6/2021 5:04 PM
2	Please don’t cover more green space with parking lots.	6/3/2021 9:47 AM
3	Shaw Farm Trails Central Turnpike - last year saw parking on road	6/1/2021 6:37 PM
4	Marion's Camp	6/1/2021 6:01 PM
5	Veteran's field, Purgatory Chasm should be free for Sutton residents.	6/1/2021 12:11 AM
6	Sutton Memorial Fields when there are multiple teams practicing	5/29/2021 10:44 AM
7	School	5/28/2021 1:42 PM
8	Shaw Farm	5/28/2021 12:08 PM
9	Town hall has no parking. Citizens park on the street causing a 2 way street to become a 1 way street. Somehow this I legal and safe.	5/27/2021 7:02 AM
10	none	5/25/2021 8:10 PM
11	unity park	5/24/2021 10:01 PM
12	Veterans field	5/24/2021 8:53 PM
13	Sutton State Forest	5/24/2021 4:30 PM
14	We have only visited and walked the trails at Sutton State Forest so not able to comment on other areas.	5/24/2021 3:13 PM
15	Veterans Field	5/24/2021 12:22 PM
16	not familiar	5/24/2021 11:33 AM
17	Mendon rd Sutton state forest	5/24/2021 10:07 AM
18	Unity Park Mario s Camp	5/24/2021 9:21 AM
19	Not sure	5/24/2021 8:09 AM
20	Merrill pond	5/23/2021 2:23 PM
21	Parking seems fine	5/23/2021 12:50 PM
22	None	5/23/2021 7:25 AM
23	None	5/22/2021 7:25 PM
24	Sutton State Forest off of Mendon Road Shaw Farm off of Sutton Avenue	5/22/2021 4:57 PM
25	Mendon Road Sitton Foresr	5/21/2021 11:18 AM
26	Shaw Farm	5/21/2021 9:47 AM
27	None during the week.	5/21/2021 8:00 AM
28	Unity Playground needs more parking.	5/20/2021 8:57 PM
29	Shaw Farm hiking trails.	5/20/2021 1:46 PM
30	I have not encountered parking issues	5/20/2021 11:04 AM

31	marions camp	5/19/2021 9:33 AM
32	Shaw Farm	5/19/2021 8:43 AM
33	No parking problems	5/19/2021 7:24 AM
34	All have plenty of parking	5/18/2021 9:31 PM
35	Fine with parking at all but I've heard parents are avoiding the new unity playground because the fence has an open area near the parking lot which is dangerous with little ones.	5/18/2021 7:40 PM
36	Unity	5/18/2021 6:19 PM
37	Veteran's Park	5/18/2021 5:43 PM
38	Shaw	5/18/2021 4:23 PM
39	Unity Park	5/18/2021 3:57 PM
40	Unity Park Playground	5/18/2021 3:22 PM
41	Town Hall	5/18/2021 2:44 PM
42	Unity	5/18/2021 2:29 PM
43	I really can't evaluate this yet since, embarrassingly, I have not yet been to these areas. I'm new in town.	5/18/2021 9:24 AM
44	Unity Park	5/17/2021 9:00 PM
45	Veterans park,	5/17/2021 7:54 PM
46	Purgatory	5/17/2021 7:39 PM
47	N/a	5/17/2021 6:37 PM
48	I have no idea.	5/17/2021 5:51 PM
49	Yes	5/17/2021 5:18 PM
50	Unity Park	5/17/2021 5:04 PM
51	Putnam Hill/Mendon Road	5/17/2021 3:33 PM
52	Marions camp	5/17/2021 3:06 PM
53	unity park veterans field shaw farm	5/17/2021 2:51 PM
54	Playground	5/17/2021 2:20 PM
55	None	5/17/2021 12:18 PM
56	The town common is short on parking	5/17/2021 11:18 AM
57	Acceptable parking	5/17/2021 9:34 AM
58	Marion's camp in summer	5/17/2021 8:29 AM
59	Na	5/17/2021 8:15 AM
60	Bough Field baseball area	5/17/2021 7:36 AM
61	Unity Park	5/17/2021 7:03 AM
62	tricentennial, Vandyke, unity	5/17/2021 5:54 AM
63	Sutton Town Forest - Mendon Rd Access	5/17/2021 5:44 AM
64	Mendon Road entrance to Reservoir 6; Central Turnpike Shaw Farm trails	5/16/2021 8:23 PM
65	Sutton State Forest, Mendon Rd	5/16/2021 8:03 PM
66	Schools.	5/16/2021 6:06 PM
67	shaw farm trails on central turnpike	5/16/2021 1:56 PM

68	n/a	5/16/2021 12:15 PM
69	Sutton state forest mendon rd. Town residents should park for free. Out of town residents should pay. Our taxes should go up for out of town people to enjoy	5/16/2021 11:57 AM
70	Unity Park	5/16/2021 11:31 AM
71	State Forest Purgatory Chadm	5/16/2021 11:12 AM
72	Walking trails in state forest	5/16/2021 10:31 AM
73	None	5/16/2021 9:52 AM
74	Shaws farm	5/16/2021 9:50 AM
75	Veteran's Field playground	5/16/2021 9:26 AM
76	Veterans field and playground	5/16/2021 8:20 AM
77	Unity park	5/16/2021 6:36 AM
78	Shaw farm ar central take could use more parking	5/15/2021 10:46 PM
79	VETERANS!!!!	5/15/2021 7:58 PM
80	Purgatory	5/15/2021 7:21 PM
81	Shaw Farm	5/15/2021 6:31 PM
82	Shaw Farm	5/15/2021 6:06 PM
83	Unity park	5/15/2021 5:28 PM
84	Na	5/15/2021 5:09 PM
85	Unity playground	5/15/2021 3:43 PM
86	veteran's field	5/15/2021 3:11 PM
87	NA	5/15/2021 2:31 PM
88	Sutton commons Shaw farm	5/15/2021 1:41 PM
89	Veterans Field Park and baseball/softball field	5/15/2021 1:39 PM
90	Veterans	5/15/2021 12:53 PM
91	Merrill ponds	5/15/2021 12:42 PM

Q4 Are there open space and/or recreation areas in Sutton that you feel are important to be able to access, or access more safely, without using your car (for example, by walking or biking)?

Answered: 220 Skipped: 220



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	30.45%	67
No	69.55%	153
TOTAL		220

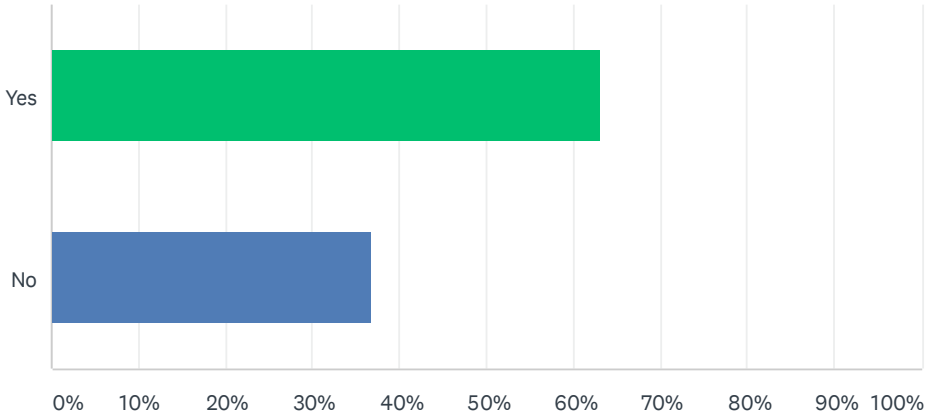
#	IF YES, PLEASE LIST WHICH ONES.	DATE
1	There is no access to green space listed between Putnam rd and Mendon road	6/3/2021 9:47 AM
2	Biking is very unsafe in this town	5/31/2021 10:24 AM
3	I think most are important to be able to access that way	5/30/2021 2:08 PM
4	I know it’s probably it possible but extending sidewalk on Singletary down to Tuttle would be fantastic. Little bit selfish request as we walk, run, bike that route often.	5/29/2021 6:49 PM
5	Tri-Centennial Park	5/29/2021 2:16 PM
6	Shaw Farm	5/28/2021 12:08 PM
7	Purgatory, waters farm	5/28/2021 12:07 PM
8	Marions Camp and Shaw Farm	5/28/2021 8:37 AM
9	It would be great to have more sidewalks connecting the legion on Boston road tote town common. Many people walk there and it’s dangerous	5/27/2021 8:10 AM
10	In general there should be sidewalks for most of these places that do not have sidewalks.	5/26/2021 2:16 PM
11	Sutton is not a good community for walking or biking due to narrow roads and minimal sidewalks.	5/24/2021 12:22 PM
12	We need sidewalks everywhere!!	5/24/2021 10:07 AM
13	Beach on Singletary, can't find it!	5/23/2021 3:21 PM
14	Whitinsville water supply on Mendon road	5/23/2021 2:23 PM
15	walking on roads in town is like taking a gamble with your life. more needs to be done in terms	5/22/2021 9:42 PM

	of speed limits and areas where people can walk, run safely	
16	Sidewalk form the school to Shaw farm would make it more accessible and less dangerous	5/22/2021 4:57 PM
17	Medan Road	5/21/2021 11:18 AM
18	Shaw Farm from the center and especially the school	5/21/2021 9:47 AM
19	Unity Park	5/20/2021 1:46 PM
20	It would be nice if the Shaw Farm trails were improved, the logging work that was done a few years ago made them a mess	5/20/2021 11:04 AM
21	Marion Beach	5/19/2021 4:46 PM
22	more knowledge about trails	5/19/2021 3:10 PM
23	Sutton Common	5/19/2021 9:35 AM
24	Unity Park Playground - there is not much of a shoulder on either side of Boston Road and cars are excessively speeding making it difficult to feel safe walking our nearly 2 year old to the park.	5/19/2021 8:45 AM
25	memorial field needs sidewalks extended from center of town.	5/19/2021 7:24 AM
26	Bike Path	5/18/2021 9:09 PM
27	Lack of sidewalks in most areas near parks	5/18/2021 4:23 PM
28	Unity Playground	5/18/2021 3:39 PM
29	Most of them	5/17/2021 7:54 PM
30	It would be nice if there were more sidewalks leading to the school for kids who may want to walk. I actually think it would be nice if there were more sidewalks all down Boston Road, including the other side of 146, such as near the new playground.	5/17/2021 6:40 PM
31	Shaw farm	5/17/2021 5:21 PM
32	sutton state forest and purgatory	5/17/2021 4:14 PM
33	School fields, marions camp	5/17/2021 3:06 PM
34	Purgatory chasm	5/17/2021 11:25 AM
35	Side walks on Putnam hill road from the school to shaw farm	5/17/2021 11:18 AM
36	None of the ones i'm familiar with are particularly good besides a car. Walkability and bikeability is pretty poor overall and i'd love to see it improved.	5/17/2021 11:11 AM
37	marion camp and trails. singletary ave is so dangerous to walk or bike	5/17/2021 9:55 AM
38	All of them. We desperately need more sidewalks so that I do not have to access some things by walking on roads with my children. Reducing the necessity of cars to get everywhere would be amazing for our town. We need more than just around town center.	5/17/2021 8:51 AM
39	Shaw Farm	5/17/2021 8:22 AM
40	Sutton state forest	5/17/2021 7:30 AM
41	Unity Park	5/17/2021 7:18 AM
42	the area south of the schools over the brook	5/17/2021 5:54 AM
43	Shaw Farm	5/16/2021 10:10 PM
44	We need more sidewalks in Sutton generally, AND the last portion of Mendon Road (at Old Mill/Josefson) needs to be paved, like the REST of Mendon Road	5/16/2021 8:23 PM
45	Purgatory chasm sould be free for town residents since our tax money pays for police & fire/rescue services	5/16/2021 11:57 AM
46	Marion Camp in the fall and spring	5/16/2021 11:12 AM

47	I would happily walk to Marions camp but The reckless drivers on Singletary Ave keep me from doing so. A side walk near recreation areas would eliminate the need for parking.	5/16/2021 10:19 AM
48	All except Purgatory chasm. I had no idea we had all these trails in Sutton, so signage and a look if "Invitation" might be helpful.	5/16/2021 9:17 AM
49	Shaw Farm, marions camp	5/15/2021 6:31 PM
50	Having sidewalks on Whitins road leading to the soccer field/Rec area would we awesome	5/15/2021 6:11 PM
51	Mendon Road, no parking for hiking trail. Bad Corner, Traffic Hazard!!	5/15/2021 3:11 PM
52	Sidewalks and designated bike lanes especially on Boston Rd	5/15/2021 1:41 PM

Q5 Do you think the Town should acquire more open space?

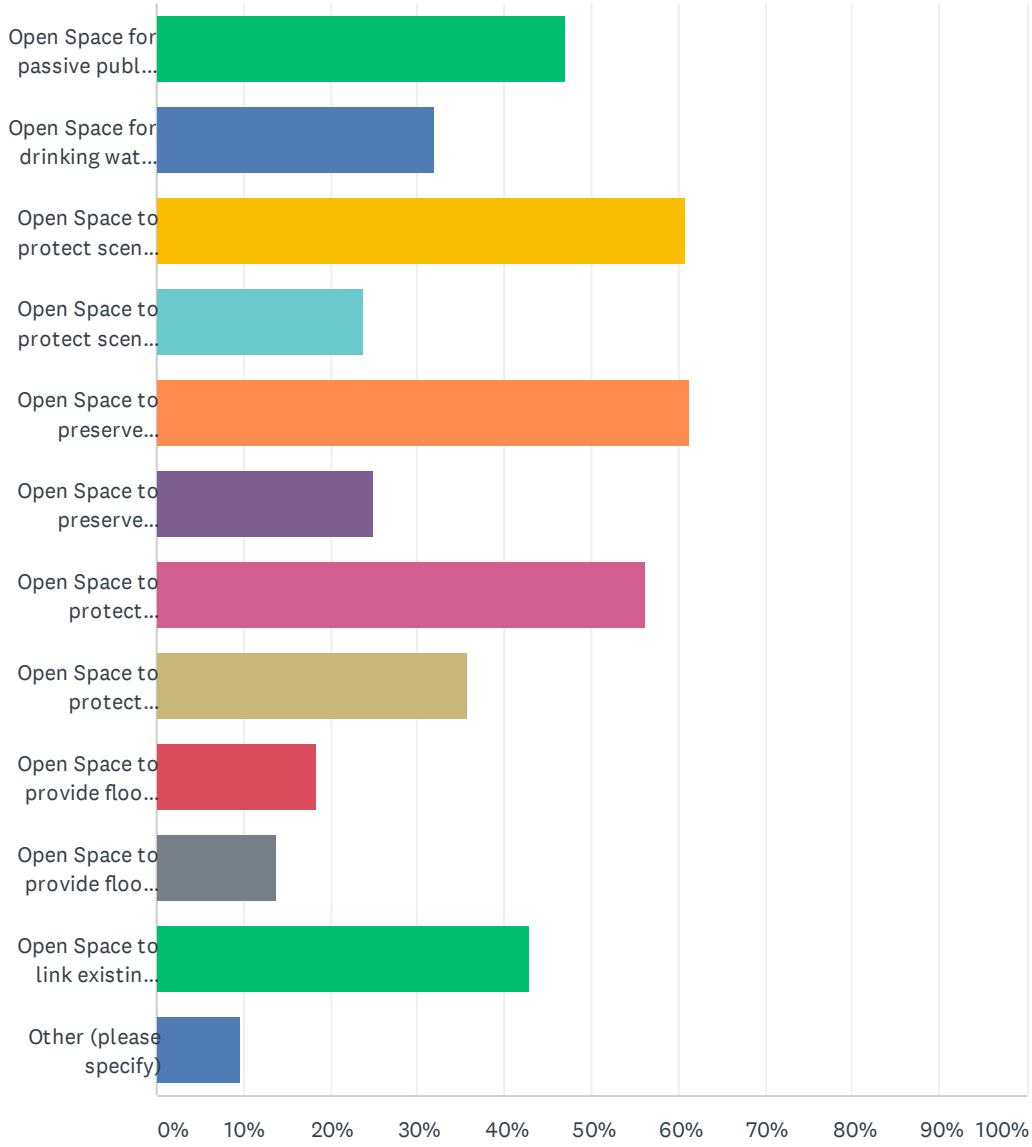
Answered: 321 Skipped: 119



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.24%	203
No	36.76%	118
TOTAL		321

Q6 If you believe the Town should acquire more open space, what type of open space do you feel is missing or in more need? Please select your top 3.

Answered: 240 Skipped: 200



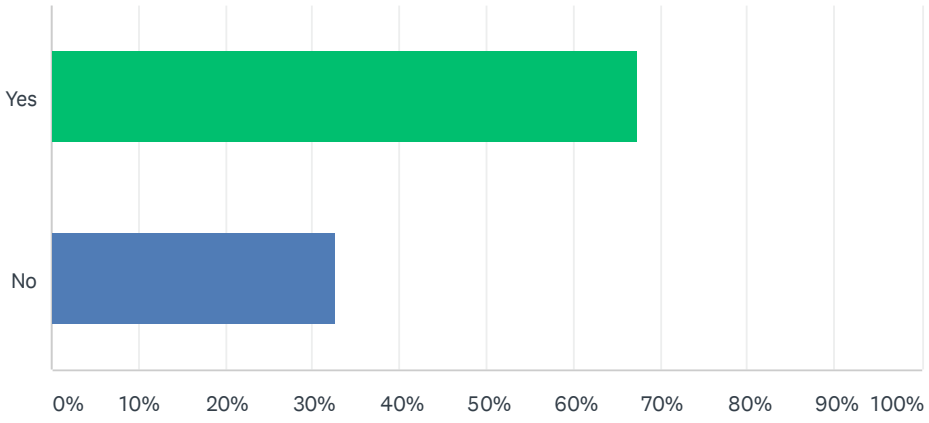
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Open Space for passive public use	47.08%	113
Open Space for drinking water protection (near well heads and reservoirs) with no public access	32.08%	77
Open Space to protect scenic areas of Town (public access)	60.83%	146
Open Space to protect scenic areas of Town (no public access)	23.75%	57
Open Space to preserve Sutton's rural feel (public access)	61.25%	147
Open Space to preserve Sutton's rural feel (no public access)	25.00%	60
Open Space to protect wildlife habitats (public access)	56.25%	135
Open Space to protect wildlife habitats (no public access)	35.83%	86
Open Space to provide flood storage (public access)	18.33%	44
Open Space to provide flood storage (no public access)	13.75%	33
Open Space to link existing open space and recreational holdings	42.92%	103
Other (please specify)	9.58%	23
Total Respondents: 240		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Don’t have enough info to answer whether flood storage is needed or wildlife needs protecting. Also on the conditions questions NA could have helped for places not familiar with. Garbage in garbage out survey set up.	6/6/2021 5:09 PM
2	Blackstone Rail Trail Expansion into Sutton	6/1/2021 7:42 PM
3	These are all important. Would like more access to park and skate or canoe on the beautiful lakes we have. Seem like there is no access for those who don't live on the lakes apart from Marion's Camp.	6/1/2021 12:21 AM
4	public or private access isn't relevant to us.	5/31/2021 3:47 PM
5	I'd love to see more areas for safe cycling	5/30/2021 2:08 PM
6	Hunting	5/28/2021 7:31 PM
7	Sports	5/28/2021 1:43 PM
8	Sidewalks. Boston road is horrible	5/27/2021 5:05 PM
9	Our town is one of the few in the state that doesn’t provide its citizens with turf fields and track. We have a limited amount of sidewalks in the center of town. Our children run track on the street or in the woods. Citizens maintain soccer and baseball fiends with zero assistance from the town.	5/27/2021 7:11 AM
10	Pickleball courts	5/26/2021 9:29 AM
11	Woodlands to support hikers and campers (No R.V	5/24/2021 4:36 PM
12	Open space for primitive tent camping allowing campfire	5/24/2021 3:22 PM
13	A public track	5/18/2021 9:12 PM
14	Need track & field facilities for schools	5/18/2021 8:11 AM
15	More dog friendly recreation space.	5/17/2021 6:18 PM
16	Keep town center small, no developments!	5/17/2021 3:09 PM
17	DOG PARK, BETTER SPORTS FACILITIES	5/17/2021 2:31 PM

18	Track and field	5/17/2021 11:51 AM
19	Sledding hills for everyone	5/17/2021 10:41 AM
20	Open Space for Hiking, Mountain Biking, and Sight Seeing	5/16/2021 8:11 PM
21	Off-road recreational vehicle trails	5/15/2021 2:02 PM
22	Off road motorcycle and ATV trails	5/15/2021 2:00 PM
23	Track	5/15/2021 12:06 PM

Q7 Do you think the Town should acquire or build more recreational facilities?

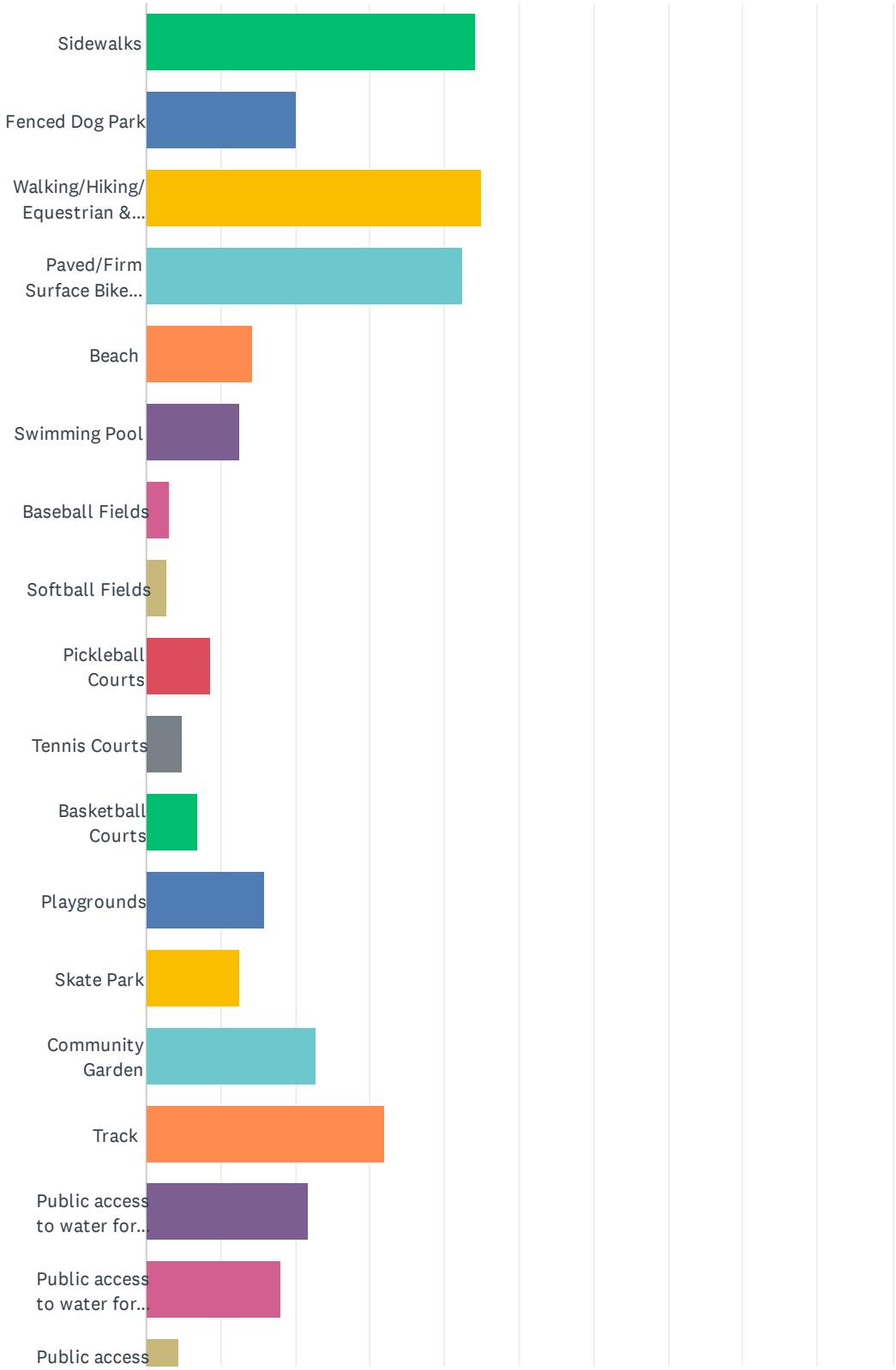
Answered: 325 Skipped: 115

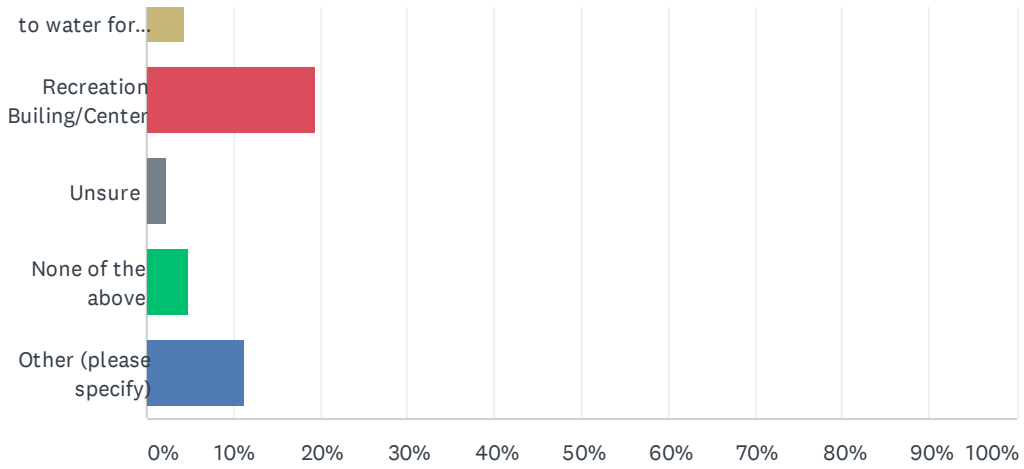


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.38%	219
No	32.62%	106
TOTAL		325

Q8 If you believe the Town should acquire or build recreational facilities, what type of recreational facilities do you feel Sutton needs? (Pick your top 5)

Answered: 294 Skipped: 146





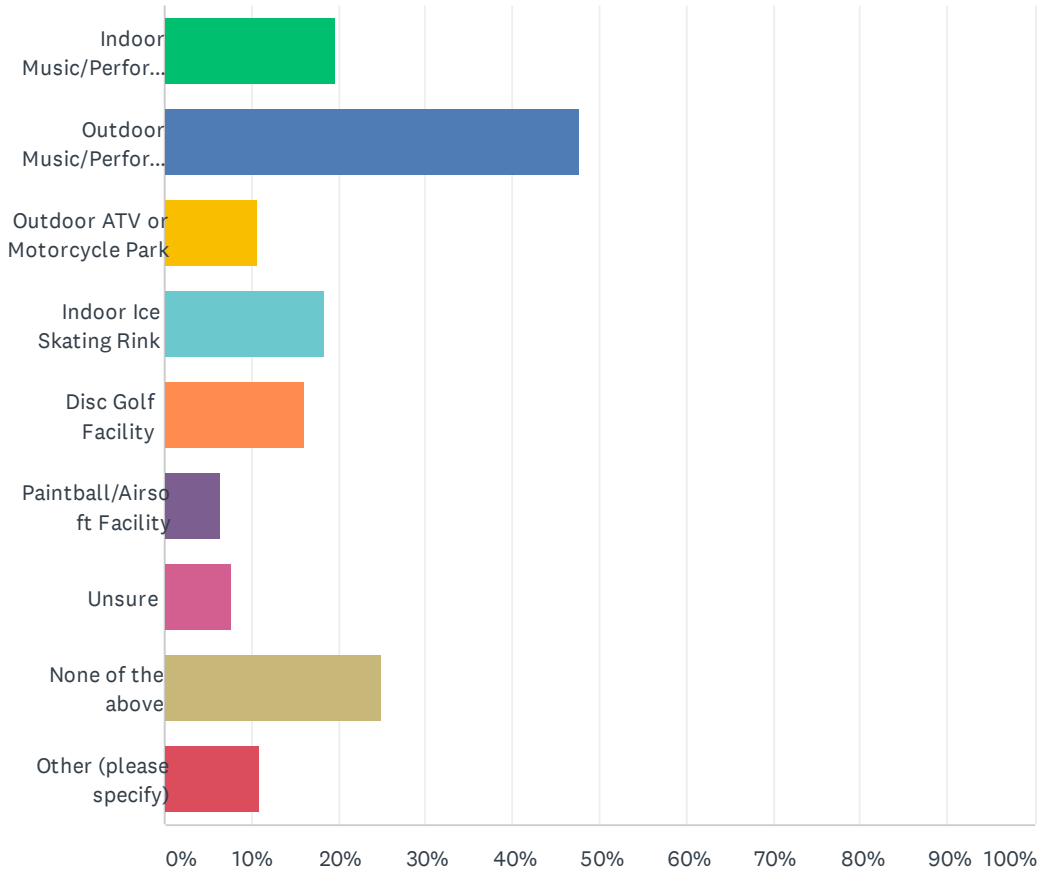
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Sidewalks	44.22%	130
Fenced Dog Park	20.07%	59
Walking/Hiking/Equestrian & Non-motorized Riding Trails	44.90%	132
Paved/Firm Surface Bike Paths	42.52%	125
Beach	14.29%	42
Swimming Pool	12.59%	37
Baseball Fields	3.06%	9
Softball Fields	2.72%	8
Pickleball Courts	8.50%	25
Tennis Courts	4.76%	14
Basketball Courts	6.80%	20
Playgrounds	15.99%	47
Skate Park	12.59%	37
Community Garden	22.79%	67
Track	31.97%	94
Public access to water for fishing	21.77%	64
Public access to water for non-motorized boating	18.03%	53
Public access to water for motorized boating	4.42%	13
Recreation Builing/Center	19.39%	57
Unsure	2.38%	7
None of the above	4.76%	14
Other (please specify)	11.22%	33
Total Respondents: 294		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Turf fields	6/6/2021 5:09 PM
2	Expand Marions Camp facility	6/1/2021 6:38 PM
3	Hunting	5/28/2021 7:31 PM
4	Places to hunt	5/28/2021 12:47 PM
5	Track with competition field	5/27/2021 8:11 AM
6	Why does our town not have a turf track for the community to use? The town should promote health by providing citizens with safe places to gather. Our children have no sidewalks to walk on or ride their bikes on near the center of town.	5/27/2021 7:11 AM
7	wider right-of-way along main roads for safe bicycling	5/26/2021 12:07 PM
8	Pimitive Camping	5/24/2021 4:36 PM
9	Soccer and Football turf field at Shaw farm or elsewhere	5/24/2021 8:23 AM
10	Please fix the town roads the paving pot holes . And dead tree limbs ha gong over wires	5/23/2021 7:08 PM
11	No more houses or businesses! Keep nature.	5/22/2021 1:23 PM
12	A TRACK	5/22/2021 10:07 AM
13	Mountain biking	5/20/2021 4:08 PM
14	fix the house at the beach for restaurant/ice cream	5/19/2021 3:15 PM
15	School sports field and facilities similar to Auburn	5/17/2021 8:12 PM
16	Turf soccer fields	5/17/2021 7:43 PM
17	Town farmers market space.	5/17/2021 6:23 PM
18	Allow mount Ian biking trails to be built and maintained by volunteers	5/17/2021 6:18 PM
19	Library	5/17/2021 6:08 PM
20	Horseback riding trails	5/17/2021 5:24 PM
21	Until the town can do a better job managing areas like Marion's Camp, I do not believe tax dollars should used to acquire more or add additional facilities. The conditions there in 2019 and 2020 were not acceptable and were of more benefit to people from out of town. Very disappointing.	5/17/2021 12:22 PM
22	A new library	5/17/2021 11:22 AM
23	Sidewalks would be great by the school. All the way down Boston Road until 8 Lots. A sidewalk that make a loop down Boston Rd to 8 Lots down West Sutton until Hutchinson and back to Boston Rd would be great. If it tied into the sidewalk in Millbury so it could go all away round Lake Singletary would be amazing.	5/17/2021 10:18 AM
24	Would love it Marion camp could host casual weddings in that new lodge	5/17/2021 9:58 AM
25	soccer fields	5/17/2021 6:00 AM
26	Paved walking trails. Something for seniors .	5/16/2021 12:26 PM
27	Turf field and track	5/16/2021 10:30 AM
28	Library/Nature Pavillion/Meeting Area for Sutton Organiazations	5/16/2021 10:26 AM
29	Outdoor ice rink	5/16/2021 9:58 AM
30	Soccer field	5/16/2021 9:43 AM
31	A beautiful natural park with pathways and garden areas where anyone could go to walk around or just sit and enjoy the quietness and beauty of nature, perhaps to meditate. I'm sure the elderly would very much appreciate it, but so would the younger generations. It would be a nice sanctuary to get away from the ratrace of the world.	5/15/2021 2:41 PM

32	Trails for motorized vehicles	5/15/2021 2:02 PM
33	Outdoor track	5/15/2021 1:48 PM

Q9 What private commercial recreational facilities would you like to see in town?

Answered: 310 Skipped: 130



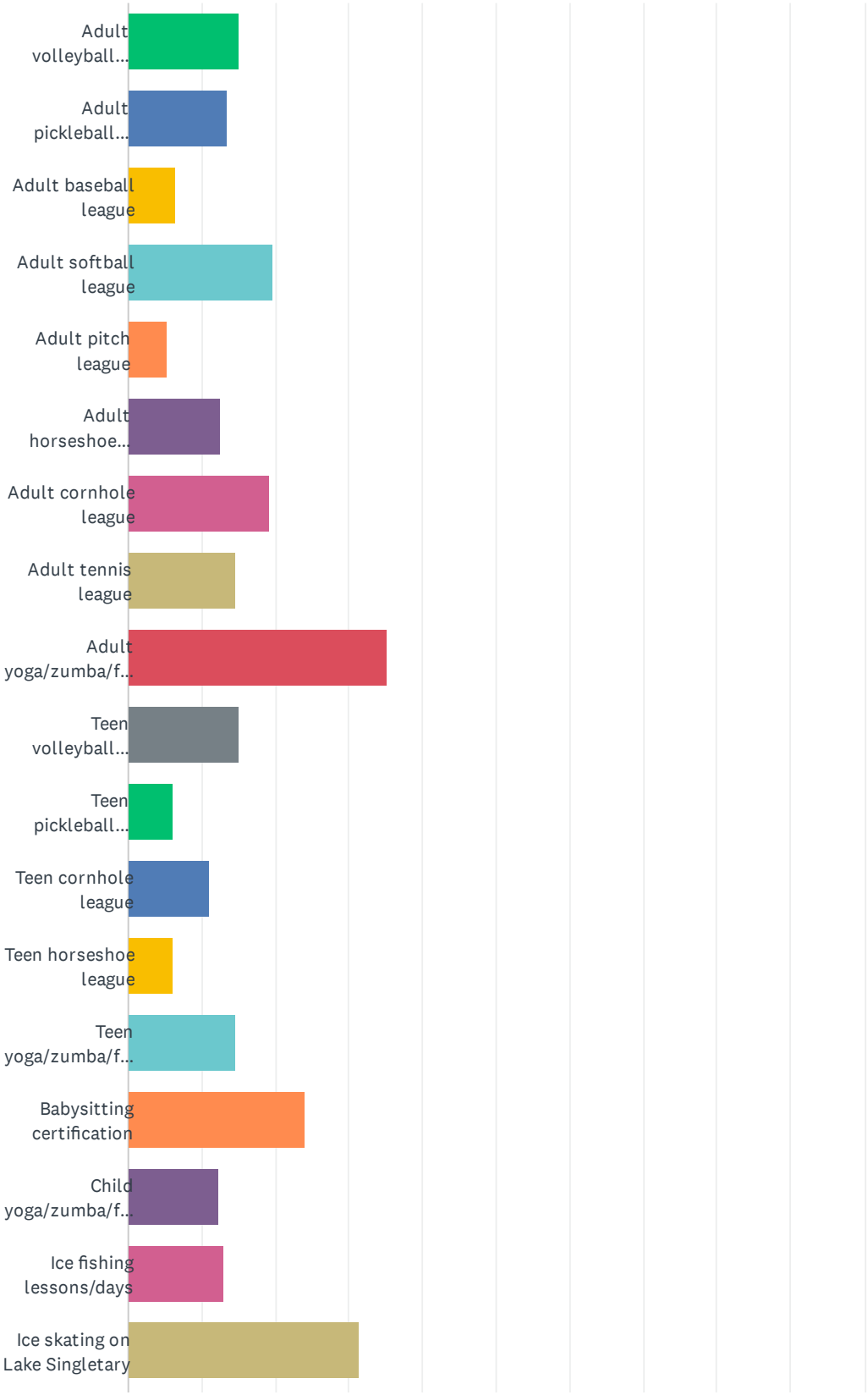
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Indoor Music/Performance Venue	19.68%	61
Outdoor Music/Performance Venue	47.74%	148
Outdoor ATV or Motorcycle Park	10.65%	33
Indoor Ice Skating Rink	18.39%	57
Disc Golf Facility	16.13%	50
Paintball/Airsoft Facility	6.45%	20
Unsure	7.74%	24
None of the above	24.84%	77
Other (please specify)	10.97%	34
Total Respondents: 310		

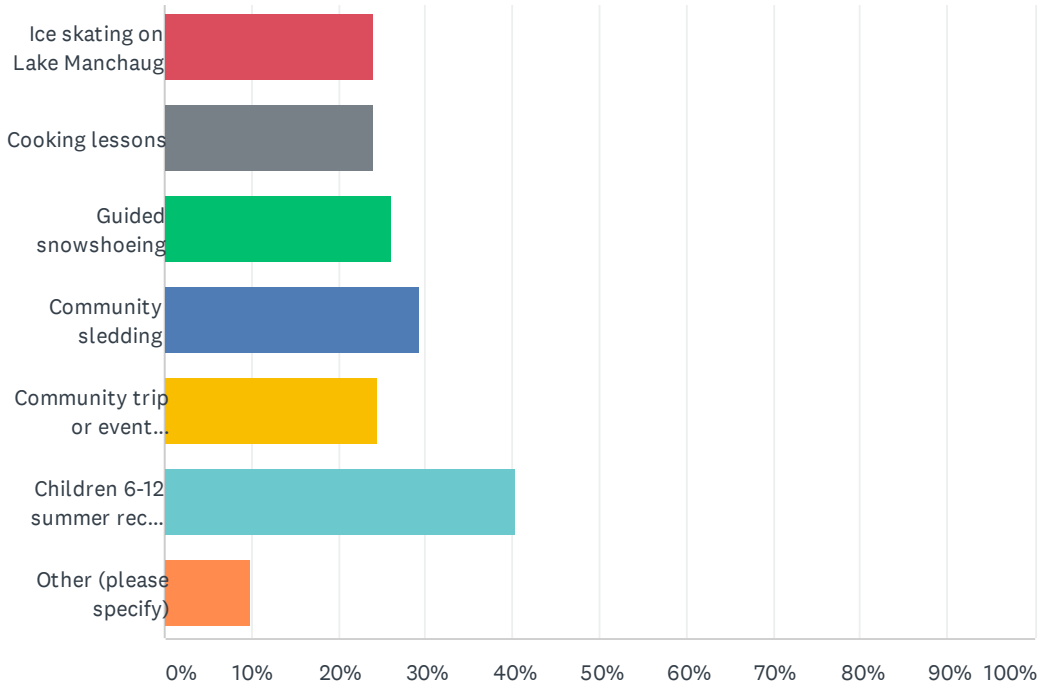
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE

1	An ATV/UTV park would be amazing. No reason we shouldn't have something like this in town.	5/31/2021 9:35 PM
2	Indoor soccer basketball facility	5/31/2021 12:28 PM
3	Bicycle trails	5/30/2021 2:08 PM
4	Hunting	5/28/2021 7:31 PM
5	Cannabis related businesses	5/28/2021 8:27 AM
6	Turf fields for our children.	5/27/2021 7:11 AM
7	Roller skating	5/24/2021 3:22 PM
8	Indoor Sports Complex	5/24/2021 12:27 PM
9	Community Rec center	5/24/2021 9:34 AM
10	New library	5/23/2021 3:23 PM
11	Need more gym space for schools & better soccer and field hockey fields. Also need a track. Baseball field is an embarrassment.	5/23/2021 12:56 PM
12	Keep the green!! No more houses or buildings!	5/22/2021 1:23 PM
13	Outdoor skating rink outdoor volleyball court (wasn't this a "gift" from one of the graduating classes in the 90's what happened to that money?	5/22/2021 11:41 AM
14	facility for arts, e.g. plays/musicals/performances/displays	5/22/2021 10:29 AM
15	Kids Rec	5/20/2021 6:56 PM
16	Turf field	5/20/2021 2:20 PM
17	Maker space	5/18/2021 12:55 PM
18	Indoor Sports Complex	5/17/2021 9:02 PM
19	Since no more Hab, indoor sports arena	5/17/2021 8:11 PM
20	Indoor sports facility	5/17/2021 7:43 PM
21	Public Golf Course	5/17/2021 5:08 PM
22	Indoor field house arena, offering an open turf area for various youth and adult sport practice and games. big enough to have multiple activities, with concession stand and bleachers for spectators/parentsr	5/17/2021 2:31 PM
23	Outdoor skating rink in the winter	5/17/2021 11:22 AM
24	Anything!!	5/17/2021 10:31 AM
25	Bike Pump Track & Kids Bike Skills Area	5/16/2021 8:11 PM
26	How about a facility by Shaw farms fir outdoor performance	5/16/2021 12:07 PM
27	Gathering Space for local organizations	5/16/2021 10:26 AM
28	Running /walking trails	5/16/2021 9:54 AM
29	Restaurant and bar	5/15/2021 10:48 PM
30	You	5/15/2021 5:31 PM
31	Sport recreation center	5/15/2021 4:14 PM
32	Roller skating	5/15/2021 3:07 PM
33	The old drive-in on 146 would be the perfect spot for an outdoor music venue. It's a natural amphitheater.	5/15/2021 2:41 PM
34	Kids play center	5/15/2021 1:01 PM

Q10 What type of Town run/organized recreational programming do you feel Sutton needs? (Pick your top 5)

Answered: 245 Skipped: 195




Ice skating on Lake Manchaug
Cooking lessons
Guided snowshoeing
Community sledding
Community trip or event...
Children 6-12 summer rec...
Other (please specify)
0%
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30%
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50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%

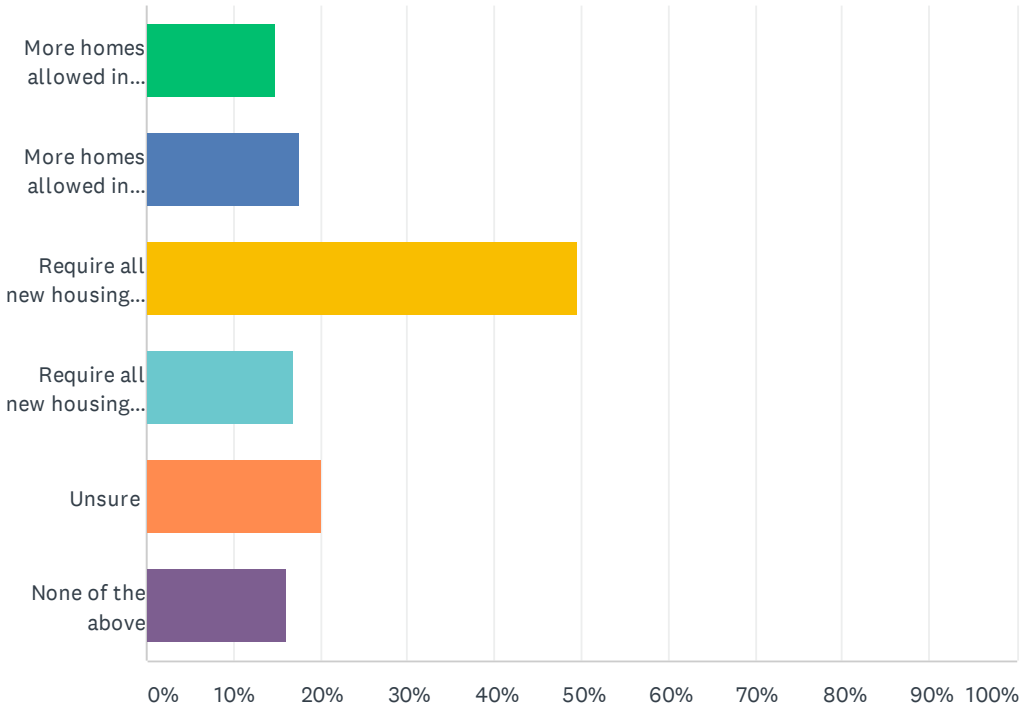
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Adult volleyball league	15.10%	37
Adult pickleball league	13.47%	33
Adult baseball league	6.53%	16
Adult softball league	19.59%	48
Adult pitch league	5.31%	13
Adult horseshoe league	12.65%	31
Adult cornhole league	19.18%	47
Adult tennis league	14.69%	36
Adult yoga/zumba/fitness, etc.	35.10%	86
Teen volleyball league	15.10%	37
Teen pickleball league	6.12%	15
Teen cornhole league	11.02%	27
Teen horseshoe league	6.12%	15
Teen yoga/zumba/fitness, etc.	14.69%	36
Babysitting certification	24.08%	59
Child yoga/zumba/fitness, etc.	12.24%	30
Ice fishing lessons/days	13.06%	32
Ice skating on Lake Singletary	31.43%	77
Ice skating on Lake Manchaug	24.08%	59
Cooking lessons	24.08%	59
Guided snowshoeing	26.12%	64
Community sledding	29.39%	72
Community trip or event offerings	24.49%	60
Children 6-12 summer rec programs	40.41%	99
Other (please specify)	9.80%	24
Total Respondents: 245		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	adult/teen soccer league	6/2/2021 6:34 AM
2	Swimming lessons	6/1/2021 5:46 PM
3	Adult Tai Chi (good for young and older adults)	6/1/2021 12:21 AM
4	More for teens, give them the option of safe fun.	5/31/2021 9:35 PM
5	none	5/28/2021 12:12 PM

6	We need turf fields for our children. You can’t play soccer on mud.	5/27/2021 7:11 AM
7	Outdoor (and eventually indoor) music programs!	5/24/2021 1:00 PM
8	Age 6 to 12 yoga classes	5/20/2021 6:20 PM
9	CPR/AED Certification	5/18/2021 7:04 PM
10	Community garden	5/18/2021 5:05 PM
11	Kids outdoor adventure skills: canoeing, kayaking, hiking, fishing, camping	5/18/2021 8:11 AM
12	ice skating lessons on the lake could be nice; guided walking tours or hiking/walking club could be nice	5/17/2021 6:45 PM
13	The library offers several of these activities already	5/17/2021 6:08 PM
14	road races, 5k, half marathon, cycle events, triathon	5/17/2021 2:31 PM
15	Ski club through the town	5/17/2021 11:51 AM
16	Adult Soccer League	5/16/2021 10:35 PM
17	Got rid cruise nights	5/16/2021 7:47 PM
18	None..should not be responsibility of town	5/16/2021 4:54 PM
19	B	5/16/2021 1:31 PM
20	Adult basketball	5/16/2021 11:57 AM
21	ice skating at the basketball courts in the winter	5/16/2021 9:29 AM
22	Adult Soccer League	5/15/2021 9:49 PM
23	Community recreation programs seasonal for individuals and families	5/15/2021 6:15 PM
24	Cross country skiing	5/15/2021 1:48 PM

Q11 What type of local regulations would you be supportive of related to open space and recreation?

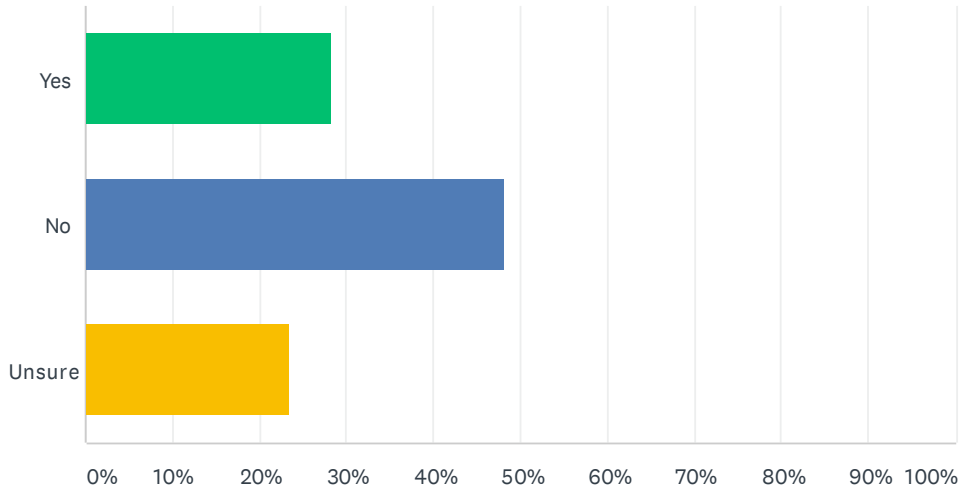
Answered: 323 Skipped: 117



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More homes allowed in exchange for preserved open space on the same site	14.86%	48
More homes allowed in exchange for preserved open space elsewhere in Sutton	17.65%	57
Require all new housing developments to contain open space/conservation areas	49.54%	160
Require all new housing developments to contain recreational amenities	17.03%	55
Unsure	20.12%	65
None of the above	16.10%	52
Total Respondents: 323		

Q12 Would you be supportive of enacting the Community Preservation Act (CPA) that adds an annual 1-3% surcharge (as decided by Sutton voters) to your taxes based on the value of your home in excess of $150,000. Funds are placed into a revolving fund which can be used for open space/recreation, historic preservation, and community housing projects as decided by Sutton voters at Town Meeting. A minimum of 10% of CPA funds must be dedicated to each of these categories. Currently the State provides matching funds annually, the FY22 match is a minimum of 32.3%.Example: 1% annual surcharge $37 +/- 3% surcharge $110 +/- (1.5% is used in many towns)Calculations: If your home is valued at $380,000 the first $150,000 is exempted leaving $230,000 at Sutton's current tax rate of $16 per $1,000 results in a tax of $3,680 eligible to the CPA surcharge.

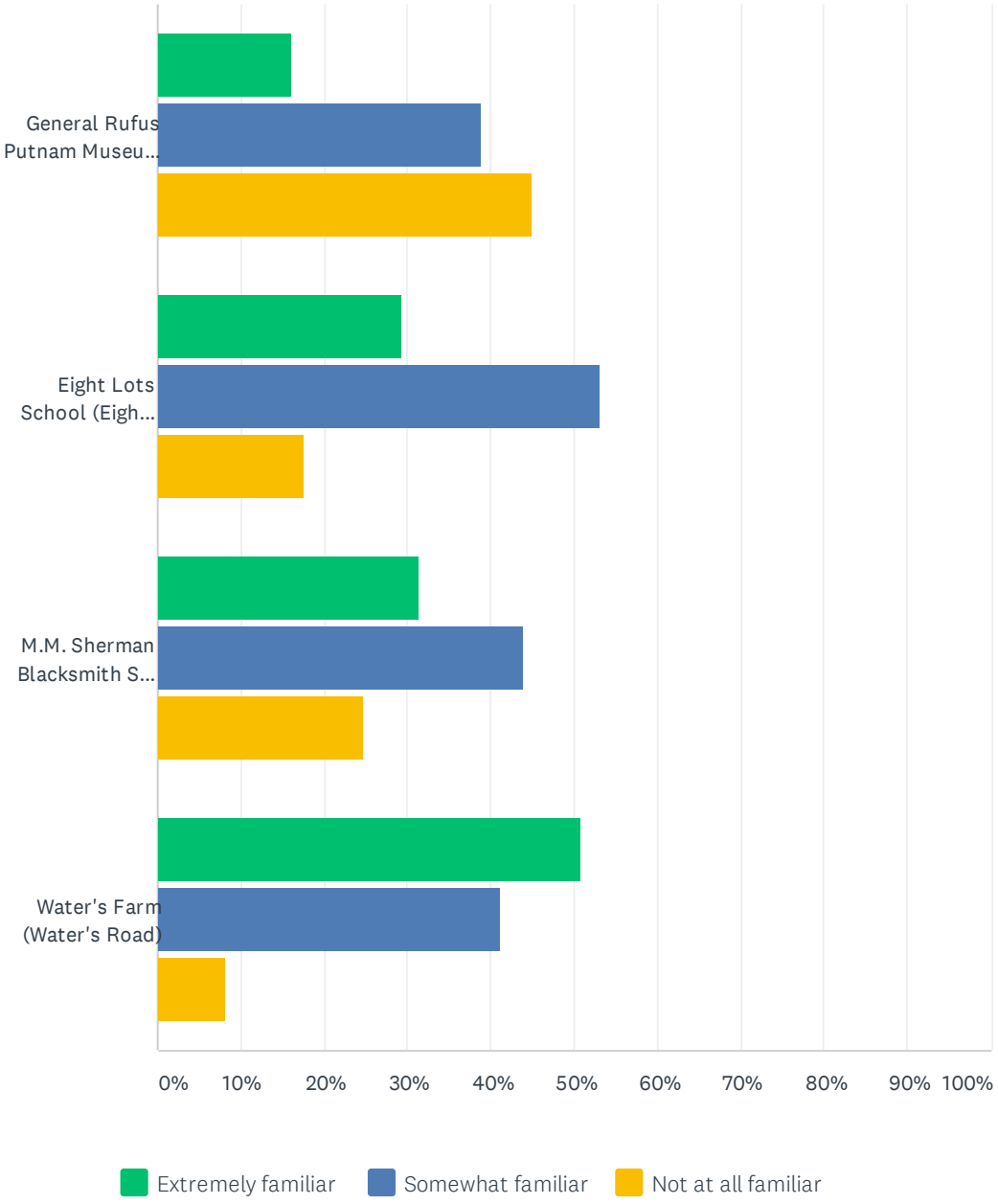
Answered: 336 Skipped: 104



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	28.27%	95
No	48.21%	162
Unsure	23.51%	79
TOTAL		336

Q13 Are you familiar with the following Sutton historic sites?

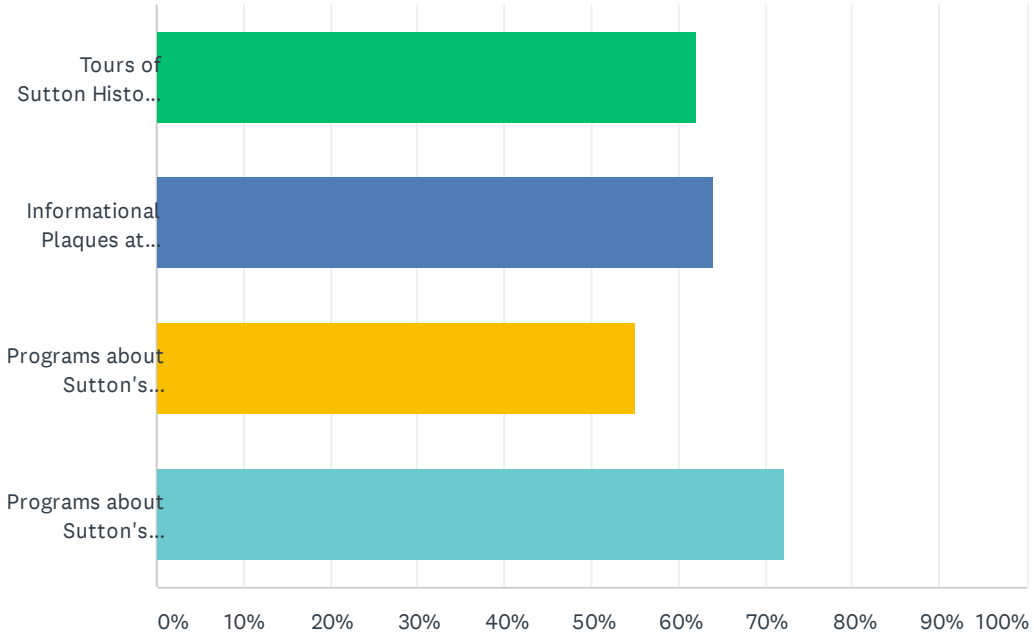
Answered: 337 Skipped: 103



	EXTREMELY FAMILIAR	SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR	NOT AT ALL FAMILIAR	TOTAL
General Rufus Putnam Museum (Uxbridge Road)	16.07% 54	38.99% 131	44.94% 151	336
Eight Lots School (Eight Lots Road)	29.25% 98	53.13% 178	17.61% 59	335
M.M. Sherman Blacksmith Shop (Singletary Avenue)	31.34% 105	43.88% 147	24.78% 83	335
Water's Farm (Water's Road)	50.75% 170	41.19% 138	8.06% 27	335

Q14 Would you be interested in any of the following? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 256 Skipped: 184



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Tours of Sutton Historic Sites	62.11%	159
Informational Plaques at public and private Historic Properties in Sutton	64.06%	164
Programs about Sutton's History in schools	55.08%	141
Programs about Sutton's History for all ages	72.27%	185
Total Respondents: 256		

Q15 What are your three favorite open spaces or recreational facilities in Sutton?

Answered: 231 Skipped: 209

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Waters farm, Shaw farm	6/6/2021 5:11 PM
2	Purgatory chasm, Sutton center, Boston road playground	6/6/2021 3:06 PM
3	soccer fields near the center store, purgatory, and shaw farm	6/3/2021 12:46 PM
4	Shaw, purgatory, Manchaug pond	6/3/2021 9:52 AM
5	Commons Waters Farm Beach at Marian	6/2/2021 12:08 PM
6	Water's and Shaw Farms	6/2/2021 6:36 AM
7	Manchaug Pond, Purgatory, Waters Road overlook	6/1/2021 6:39 PM
8	Playgrounds, sports fields, the Common	6/1/2021 6:07 PM
9	Marions camp, Shaw farm, town common	6/1/2021 5:48 PM
10	Purgatory Chasm Waters Farm	6/1/2021 5:19 PM
11	Baseball Fields Little Purgatory Shaw Farm Trails	6/1/2021 5:09 PM
12	Waters Farm Purgatory Shaw's Farm	6/1/2021 4:35 PM
13	Every time I drive by Lake Manchaug, I have a Zen moment and am grateful to live in this town but wish I could park somewhere and have access to the Lake. The view from Waters Farm is amazing and the history is also great. We love Purgatory Chasm and feel Sutton residents should have free parking or a few free parking passes per year. We don't use it but hear many families really like the beach at Marion's Camp.	6/1/2021 12:28 AM
14	Honestly I am shocked there are so many public places in Sutton. We've lived her for almost 7 years now and have only explored Purgatory. I wish there was more information to help us explore.	5/31/2021 9:37 PM
15	Purgatory Chasm, Marions beach	5/31/2021 6:27 PM
16	Manchaug Pond, Lake Sinsletary, Purgatoy Chasm	5/31/2021 3:53 PM
17	Purgatory chasm, waters farm, shaw farm	5/31/2021 3:06 PM
18	Purgatory Chasm, Sutton Schools Playground, Marion's Camp	5/31/2021 3:01 PM
19	Basketball court purgatory chasm trails Shaw farm	5/31/2021 12:30 PM
20	The fields (anywhere) Lake Singletary. Purgatory Chasm	5/31/2021 12:02 PM
21	Marions camp school facilities. Waters farm	5/31/2021 10:27 AM
22	Waters Farm, Shaw Farm, Purgatory Chasm	5/30/2021 7:16 PM
23	Purgatory Chasm, Sutton State Forest, Shaw Farm	5/30/2021 3:48 PM
24	Marion's camp beach when my daughter was younger. Tricentenial park	5/30/2021 2:09 PM
25	Marions camp- so thankful for it Purgatory - though don't go much because crowded Shaw farm- beautiful there Waters Farm - we should preserve the history of Sutton.	5/29/2021 6:57 PM
26	Waters Farm Shaw Farm	5/29/2021 5:55 PM
27	Purgatory Chasm Waters Farm	5/29/2021 2:16 PM

28	Purgatory Chasm, Unity Park, Town Common	5/29/2021 10:49 AM
29	Waters Farm, Schoolhouse, Blacksmith	5/29/2021 9:20 AM
30	Purgatory Chasm Shaw Farm trails	5/28/2021 7:08 PM
31	Shaw's	5/28/2021 5:49 PM
32	Purgatory, common, school courts	5/28/2021 1:44 PM
33	Sutton State Forest Tennis Courts	5/28/2021 12:49 PM
34	Town Common Unity Park Purgatory Chasm	5/28/2021 12:47 PM
35	Purgatory chasm, shaw farm, Marion's camp beach	5/28/2021 12:17 PM
36	Waters Farm Shaw Farm	5/28/2021 12:16 PM
37	Purgatory Chasm, Shaw Farm, the Town Common	5/28/2021 8:41 AM
38	Purgatory Chasm W Sutton Road pond system Hiking trails off Central Turnpike	5/28/2021 8:32 AM
39	Waters farm Town square Purgatory	5/27/2021 5:07 PM
40	Waters farm, purgatory chasm, tennis courts	5/27/2021 8:28 AM
41	The tennis courts are the ones we use most often. It’s hard to know for if the general public is actually allowed to use things like that. Maybe signs that say, open to the public would be helpful	5/27/2021 8:18 AM
42	My 3 favorite do not exist. We NEED a turf field with track for our community to promote healthy living and have a place to socialize and congregate. Children can’t play soccer on muddy fields. Why is our town one of the only towns who chooses to not provide children with a safe place for sports? Why does the town not maintain the baseball fields on Hough Rd? Shameful.	5/27/2021 7:16 AM
43	Shaw Farm Sutton School facilities	5/26/2021 12:10 PM
44	Waters Farm	5/26/2021 9:30 AM
45	Waters Farm, Shaw Farm, Merrill Ponds	5/26/2021 7:22 AM
46	Blackstone River Memorial Soccer Fields Shaw Farm	5/26/2021 6:42 AM
47	Purgatory, area between Mendon and Manchaug Rd, Tennis courts	5/25/2021 8:16 PM
48	Unity Park, Marion's Camp, Blackstone River	5/24/2021 10:05 PM
49	Shaw Farm, Purgatory, school playgrounds/paved spaces	5/24/2021 10:04 PM
50	Veterans field Needs some attention	5/24/2021 9:03 PM
51	Purgatory, Sutton State Forest	5/24/2021 4:42 PM
52	We love hiking the trails in Sutton State Forest along Resevoir 6 with our pup. However, we were just there last week and discovered someone had left a bag of trash with alcohol bottles at a scenic spot along reservoir 6. Also, the trails could use a little work and signage. My boyfriend & I would be willing to volunteer and clean up these trails if others would be interested. Also, I’ve been to events at Waters Farm but that’s about it. I didn’t know of all the other open spaces open to the public. It would be nice to have a brochure or some other type of communication with a listing of open space & recreation. Unless there is info and I just haven’t seen it. I’ve lived here for 20+ years and have never heard of some of these places.	5/24/2021 3:39 PM
53	School facilities Camp Marion	5/24/2021 1:26 PM
54	Purgatory and surrounding forest	5/24/2021 1:02 PM
55	Purgatory Chasm Shaw Farm Trails	5/24/2021 12:29 PM
56	Waters Farm, Sutton State forest off Mendon Rd,	5/24/2021 10:11 AM
57	Need better soccer and football fields…that would be my favorite	5/24/2021 8:25 AM
58	Unfamiliar with too many of them to make a choice	5/24/2021 8:21 AM

59	whitinsville water co marions camp stevens pond fishing access on parker road manchaug	5/23/2021 2:42 PM
60	Shaw Farm Sutton Soccer Fields Purgatory	5/23/2021 7:28 AM
61	Waters Farm Marion's camp Sutton common	5/22/2021 7:34 PM
62	Waters Farm Shaw Farm Purgatory Chasm	5/22/2021 5:56 PM
63	Marion's Camp, Shaw Farm and Sutton State Forest	5/22/2021 5:01 PM
64	Waters Farm	5/22/2021 3:47 PM
65	Purgatory Chasm, Shaw Farm Trails, Tri-Centennial Paths	5/22/2021 11:49 AM
66	Town beach, tennis/basketball courts at school,	5/22/2021 10:40 AM
67	New playground in Wilkinsonville, off Boston Road.	5/21/2021 5:16 PM
68	Manchaug Lake Purgatory Chasm Waters Farm	5/21/2021 2:20 PM
69	School Shaw Farm Marions Camp	5/21/2021 8:18 AM
70	Unity Park	5/20/2021 11:17 PM
71	Unity Park Waters Farm Town Common	5/20/2021 9:00 PM
72	Purgatory, mendon rd reservoir, pigeon hill pond wildlife preserve (until the addition of more ugly houses! Very sad thing.)	5/20/2021 7:00 PM
73	School playground Boston Road playground Waters Farm	5/20/2021 6:23 PM
74	Shaw Farm because the trails are awesome. Would love to see trails at Waters Farm be restored, the logging that was made a mess. Trails would enhance the Waters Farm experience for visitors.	5/20/2021 5:00 PM
75	Mendon rd park	5/20/2021 4:08 PM
76	Waters Farm, Unity Park, Shaw Farm	5/20/2021 1:52 PM
77	waters farm	5/20/2021 12:35 PM
78	Waters farm purgatory Chasan	5/20/2021 11:08 AM
79	Trails Lakes School property	5/20/2021 11:05 AM
80	Water's Farm Marian's Camp Shaw Farm	5/20/2021 9:00 AM
81	Eight Lots School, Town Common, Purgatory	5/20/2021 8:20 AM
82	Marion Camp, Sutton schools sport grounds and playground	5/19/2021 9:44 PM
83	Lake singletary, waters farm, marion’s camp	5/19/2021 5:55 PM
84	I really like going on the trails at Shaunna farm, using the beach at Marians, and outdoor activities set up at the common.	5/19/2021 4:53 PM
85	Shaw	5/19/2021 4:53 PM
86	the town beach, tennis courts, water's farm	5/19/2021 3:17 PM
87	Shaw Farm, Purgatory chasm, and town common	5/19/2021 1:43 PM
88	Waters Farm Sutton Common Shaw Farm	5/19/2021 9:42 AM
89	waters farm, shaw farm and marion's camp	5/19/2021 9:39 AM
90	Unity Park Playground, Sutton Schools Playground and Waters Farm - we are newer to town and were unaware of the many open spaces noted in this survey.	5/19/2021 8:52 AM
91	Marion’s camp Shaw Farm Manchaug Pond	5/19/2021 8:46 AM
92	Shaw's Farm Town Beach Town Forest	5/19/2021 8:43 AM
93	Waters farm, purgatory	5/18/2021 9:36 PM

94	Camp Marion beach and kayak launch. Manchaug boat launch	5/18/2021 9:30 PM
95	Manchaug boat ramp Hough Road	5/18/2021 9:16 PM
96	Waters Farm, Shaw Farm, Sutton Tennis Courts	5/18/2021 9:15 PM
97	Waters farm, open space trails	5/18/2021 8:43 PM
98	Marions beach	5/18/2021 8:43 PM
99	Marion beach in summer, would love a better playground in south Sutton (at the soccer field), waters farm is very pretty	5/18/2021 7:45 PM
100	Unity park, marions camp (needs to be open a lot more), purgatory	5/18/2021 7:16 PM
101	Shaw Farm, the lakes, Purgatory Chasm	5/18/2021 7:06 PM
102	Purgatory Chasm (and playground), Veteran's Park, and Unity Park	5/18/2021 5:50 PM
103	Purgatory Trails Waters Farm Mumford River Trail	5/18/2021 3:44 PM
104	Unity Park Playground, Town Common/Center and Elementary School Playground	5/18/2021 3:27 PM
105	Purgatory Chasm. Again since I'm new to town, it's the only open space in town with which I'm familiar	5/18/2021 9:34 AM
106	Shaw farm, the public school grounds & Marions Camp	5/18/2021 8:31 AM
107	Purgatory Chasm, Waters Farm, Sutton HS Sports Fields	5/18/2021 8:15 AM
108	Purgatory, Marions Camp trail, Shaw Farm trail	5/18/2021 6:17 AM
109	Marions camp, Sutton town forest,	5/18/2021 6:09 AM
110	Marion’s Camp Beach in the summer is AMAZING! Unity Park is beautiful, but needs a portable bathroom. Water’s Farm	5/17/2021 9:05 PM
111	Memorial field, school basketball court, purgatory	5/17/2021 8:16 PM
112	Town Beach, Water’s Farm (but wish more open events), and Purgatory Chasm.	5/17/2021 8:14 PM
113	Marions camp beach, Shaw farm, Mumford falls	5/17/2021 7:58 PM
114	Marions camp beach, Shaw farm and tricentennial park in wilks- with the singing waterfall	5/17/2021 7:45 PM
115	1. Marion's Camp Beach 2. New playground on Boston Road 3. Nature trail at Sutton Public schools	5/17/2021 6:49 PM
116	Marion’s camp, Shaw farm, schools	5/17/2021 6:41 PM
117	Mendon Rd trails Manchaug Lake Singletary Lake	5/17/2021 6:23 PM
118	Purgatory Chasm Waters Farm Camp Marion (until it was trashed last summer)	5/17/2021 6:10 PM
119	Shaw farm Marions camp Purgatory	5/17/2021 6:02 PM
120	Sutton state forest Trails off the Merrill pond area	5/17/2021 6:01 PM
121	Waters farm, the Common, Share farm	5/17/2021 5:43 PM
122	Shaw, Purgatory, Deer Park on Mendon Road	5/17/2021 5:23 PM
123	Tennis Courts Purgatory Chasm Town Commin	5/17/2021 5:11 PM
124	suuton state forest and purgatory	5/17/2021 4:18 PM
125	Purgatory chasing Shaw farm	5/17/2021 4:14 PM
126	Purgatory	5/17/2021 4:08 PM
127	Waters Farm Marions Camp	5/17/2021 3:48 PM
128	Marions camp, school fields, town center	5/17/2021 3:11 PM
129	Purgatory, Marions Camp & Waters Farm	5/17/2021 2:50 PM

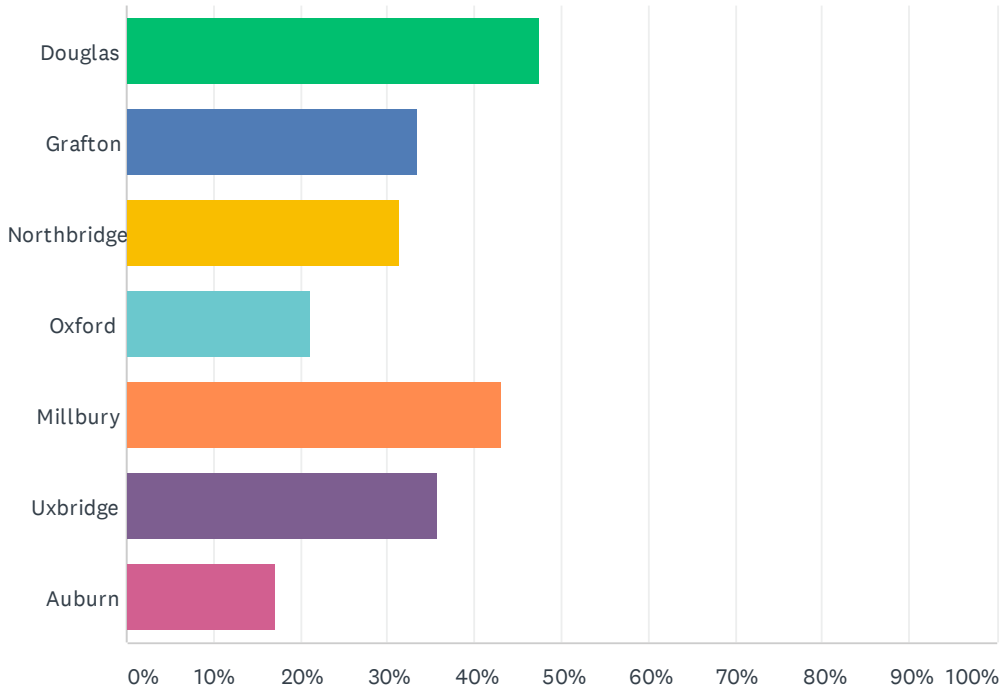
130	the new playground in Whitinsville, purgatory, my backyard.. because there is no Dog park.....	5/17/2021 2:36 PM
131	Marion's camp Shaw Farm Unity park	5/17/2021 1:41 PM
132	Mendon Road, Shaw Farm, Waters Farm	5/17/2021 12:24 PM
133	Shaw Farm Purgatory Vets field	5/17/2021 12:09 PM
134	Town Common, Waters Farm	5/17/2021 12:00 PM
135	School complex, sports fields, purgatory	5/17/2021 11:55 AM
136	Purgarory	5/17/2021 11:53 AM
137	Shaw Farm Purgatory Chasm	5/17/2021 11:45 AM
138	Lake Singletary, purgatory chasm, Marion‘a camp	5/17/2021 11:29 AM
139	Shaw Farm is a treasure. Water farm is grand and the town common is charming. I love this town	5/17/2021 11:23 AM
140	Center of town School tennis courts Waters Farm	5/17/2021 10:44 AM
141	Purgatory, Lake Singletary, Sutton Town Forest	5/17/2021 10:27 AM
142	marion camp trails and lodge	5/17/2021 10:00 AM
143	Waters Farm	5/17/2021 9:55 AM
144	Purgatory Chasm, Waters Farm & Marion’s Camp/Trails	5/17/2021 9:41 AM
145	Purgatory chasm	5/17/2021 9:37 AM
146	Future sidewalks and greenways	5/17/2021 8:56 AM
147	Marions camp, school playground, and Hough Rd Baseball fields	5/17/2021 8:50 AM
148	Purgatory Chasm Center of Town Gazebo area	5/17/2021 8:49 AM
149	Marion’s camp Waters farm	5/17/2021 8:32 AM
150	Sutton Forest, Shaw Farm, Waters Farm	5/17/2021 8:28 AM
151	Shaw Farm, Unity Park, Sutton School walking trail.	5/17/2021 8:22 AM
152	Shaw farm, purgatory, memorial field	5/17/2021 8:19 AM
153	Waters farm, Purgatory, marions camp	5/17/2021 7:44 AM
154	Waters Farm Sutton State Forest Manchaug Pond	5/17/2021 7:37 AM
155	Shaw Farm, Camp Marion, Sutton school playground, courts and path	5/17/2021 7:26 AM
156	1. Waters Farm 2. Manchaug Pond 3. Marions Camp	5/17/2021 7:09 AM
157	Shaw Farm Sutton School grounds Camp Marion	5/17/2021 6:53 AM
158	whittier farms, purgatory, manchaug pond	5/17/2021 6:02 AM
159	Sutton Town Forest Shaw Farm Unity Playground	5/17/2021 5:51 AM
160	Shaw Farm Sutton Soccer Fields Purgatory Chasm	5/16/2021 10:46 PM
161	Library	5/16/2021 10:36 PM
162	Mid-state Trail, Shaw Farm, Reservoir 6	5/16/2021 8:32 PM
163	Sutton State Park, Shaw Farm, Purgatory Chasm	5/16/2021 8:14 PM
164	Shaw farm, waters farm, purgatory chasm	5/16/2021 7:51 PM
165	Marions camp; Shaw Farm and Waters Farm	5/16/2021 7:32 PM
166	Marion beach. Purgatory trail,. Any of the trails	5/16/2021 6:23 PM
167	1 purgatory 2 shaw farm 3 marions camp.	5/16/2021 6:16 PM

168	Water's Farm, Camp Marion, Purgatory	5/16/2021 5:25 PM
169	Biking and walking facilities	5/16/2021 5:13 PM
170	Merril pond, Waters Farm, Purgatory Chasm	5/16/2021 5:00 PM
171	Waters Farm, Shaw farm, town common	5/16/2021 4:56 PM
172	Mendon rd bike trails	5/16/2021 3:42 PM
173	Shaw farms	5/16/2021 2:00 PM
174	Sutton schools. Purgatory Chasm. Lake Singletary	5/16/2021 1:50 PM
175	Shaw Farm, Marions	5/16/2021 1:37 PM
176	Never used any	5/16/2021 12:48 PM
177	Purgatory Chasm, Waters Farm	5/16/2021 12:29 PM
178	Marion's beach.	5/16/2021 12:26 PM
179	Shaw farm. Marions camp sutton state forest mendon rd	5/16/2021 11:57 AM
180	Unity Park and Purgatory Chasm	5/16/2021 11:35 AM
181	Shaw Farm, High School and Waters Farm	5/16/2021 11:35 AM
182	New Boston road playground, Waters Farm, waterfall in Manchaug	5/16/2021 11:17 AM
183	Utility Park School sports grounds (need a safe track for kids tho) Purgatory	5/16/2021 11:16 AM
184	Shaw farm marions camp State forest	5/16/2021 11:15 AM
185	Shaw farm. Purgatory chasm Waters farm	5/16/2021 10:35 AM
186	Waters Farm and the Library	5/16/2021 10:28 AM
187	Shaw farm, purgatory chasm, trails off of Mendon rd	5/16/2021 10:24 AM
188	Sutton State Forest, Purgatory Chasm	5/16/2021 10:09 AM
189	Shaw farm and trails Protected waters along west sutton rd Playgrounds	5/16/2021 9:56 AM
190	Waters farm, shaws farm	5/16/2021 9:53 AM
191	Memorial field Camp Marion Waters farm	5/16/2021 9:46 AM
192	Purgatory Chasm & Waters Farm	5/16/2021 9:41 AM
193	Waters' Farm, Shaw Farm, Purgatory, Wilks playground, Marion's Camp Yup, I picked 5!!! lol	5/16/2021 9:32 AM
194	Lake Manchaug Shaw Farm Purgatory Chasm	5/16/2021 9:19 AM
195	Shaw Farm Tricentenial park Purgatory trails	5/16/2021 9:04 AM
196	Basketball courts at school Shaw farm hiking trails Marions camp	5/16/2021 8:29 AM
197	Shaw’s Farm and Water’s Farm	5/16/2021 7:36 AM
198	School, Shaw, ponds	5/16/2021 5:31 AM
199	Purgatory Chasm, High School Tennis Courts Hough fields	5/15/2021 11:12 PM
200	Waters farm, Shaw farm trails, purgatory	5/15/2021 10:50 PM
201	Shaw Farm	5/15/2021 9:16 PM
202	Shaw	5/15/2021 8:37 PM
203	The beach at Marion's camp, Veteran's field and Legacy field.	5/15/2021 8:04 PM
204	Town center Waters farm Shaw Farm	5/15/2021 7:57 PM
205	Purgatory Town common Town library	5/15/2021 7:30 PM

206	Purgatory	5/15/2021 7:26 PM
207	Water's Farm, Manchaug Reservoir, Sutton schools	5/15/2021 7:15 PM
208	Manchaug Pond Purgatory Woodbury Pond (what a shame)	5/15/2021 6:51 PM
209	Purgatory Chasm, Marions Camp, Tennis Courts	5/15/2021 6:40 PM
210	Waters Farm, Town Center and Marion's Camp (Town Beach).	5/15/2021 6:23 PM
211	Lake Singletary, Sutton school facilities, town beach area	5/15/2021 6:17 PM
212	Shaw Farm Marions Camp	5/15/2021 6:12 PM
213	Lake Singletary, Sutton State Forrest, Waters Farm	5/15/2021 5:51 PM
214	Manchaug Pond Merrill Pond System Purgatory/Sutton State Forest	5/15/2021 5:47 PM
215	Beach at marions camp, unity playground and baseball field on hough road	5/15/2021 5:33 PM
216	The reservoir trails, Marion camp and trails, Marion beach,	5/15/2021 5:13 PM
217	Marions beach (off season), water farm, school playground	5/15/2021 4:20 PM
218	Town common	5/15/2021 4:17 PM
219	purgatory, mendon road hiking trail, camp marion	5/15/2021 3:19 PM
220	Marion's camp beach, waters farm, purgatory	5/15/2021 3:11 PM
221	Town common Lake Manchaug boat ramp	5/15/2021 2:52 PM
222	Waters Farm The Blacksmith Shop	5/15/2021 2:50 PM
223	Shaw Farm Purgatory Chasm Waters Farm	5/15/2021 2:35 PM
224	Waters farm, Purgatory Chasm, Sutton Common	5/15/2021 2:27 PM
225	Purgatory Chadm Water's Farm Marion's Camp	5/15/2021 2:04 PM
226	Purgatory Shaw Farm Sutton Common	5/15/2021 1:55 PM
227	Veterans Field and Park along with the trail off of Reservoir Ave. Manchaug needs a bit of love.	5/15/2021 1:43 PM
228	I don't visit these in Sutton	5/15/2021 1:03 PM
229	Purgatory marions camp	5/15/2021 12:58 PM
230	South Sutton Fields Town Common Marion Camp	5/15/2021 12:52 PM
231	Martian's camp, Merrill ponds , waters farm	5/15/2021 12:50 PM

Q16 Do you regularly travel to any of following communities for open space and/or recreational opportunities? (Please select all that apply)

Answered: 227 Skipped: 213



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Douglas	47.58%	108
Grafton	33.48%	76
Northbridge	31.28%	71
Oxford	21.15%	48
Millbury	43.17%	98
Uxbridge	35.68%	81
Auburn	17.18%	39
Total Respondents: 227		

#	PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ACTIVITY FOR WHICH YOU TRAVEL TO ANOTHER COMMUNITY:	DATE
1	wallum lake trails	6/3/2021 12:46 PM
2	Running in woods	6/3/2021 9:52 AM
3	rollerblading woonsocket RI blackstone valley rail trail	6/1/2021 7:44 PM
4	Hikes	6/1/2021 5:49 PM
5	Sailing/walking	6/1/2021 5:19 PM
6	Dog walking and nature study in Douglas State Forest	6/1/2021 5:10 PM

7	We like the track for walking. The lack of sidewalks in town other than Boston Rd on the West side of town make it very unsafe to walk or bike.	6/1/2021 12:31 AM
8	Hiking	5/31/2021 6:27 PM
9	Kayaking, canoeing	5/31/2021 3:56 PM
10	ATV trails	5/31/2021 3:07 PM
11	Just to get some more different playgrounds	5/31/2021 3:02 PM
12	Hiking. Walking trails. Playground.	5/31/2021 10:46 AM
13	Football, shooting sports	5/30/2021 7:17 PM
14	Hiking, Cross Country Skiing	5/30/2021 3:49 PM
15	Cycling	5/30/2021 2:09 PM
16	Hiking/walking/bike riding	5/29/2021 6:58 PM
17	Bike Path	5/29/2021 2:18 PM
18	Track	5/28/2021 1:44 PM
19	Trail hiking and running	5/28/2021 12:49 PM
20	Riverbend Farm walking, birding, fishing	5/28/2021 12:47 PM
21	Adult fitness classes in the school	5/28/2021 12:17 PM
22	Biking, hiking	5/28/2021 12:17 PM
23	Bike path, hiking and track for running	5/28/2021 8:41 AM
24	Tennis	5/27/2021 5:07 PM
25	Yoga	5/27/2021 8:29 AM
26	The bike path in Millbury	5/27/2021 8:19 AM
27	I use other towns turf fiends because our town does not care about children or healthy living.	5/27/2021 7:18 AM
28	Hiking on extensive trail network (i.e., Midstate Trail)	5/26/2021 12:10 PM
29	Pickleball	5/26/2021 9:30 AM
30	Hiking and biking	5/26/2021 6:42 AM
31	Walking buffenville dam, state forest	5/25/2021 8:17 PM
32	track	5/24/2021 10:05 PM
33	Dog park, hiking trails	5/24/2021 3:40 PM
34	use the track & playground	5/24/2021 1:27 PM
35	When the HAB was open for adult indoor soccer. Auburn for outdoor music at Pakachoag.	5/24/2021 1:04 PM
36	Music on the common	5/24/2021 12:30 PM
37	Douglas State forest, trunk line	5/24/2021 10:12 AM
38	Whitinsville Community Rec for fitness classes, pool and weight room.	5/24/2021 9:44 AM
39	Better soccer and football fields	5/24/2021 8:25 AM
40	Playground	5/24/2021 8:21 AM
41	biking hiking fishing	5/23/2021 2:43 PM
42	Track and turf fields and gym rental space	5/23/2021 12:58 PM
43	walking trails at the reservoirs	5/22/2021 9:49 PM
44	Dog park and track	5/22/2021 7:35 PM

45	Running, cycling and hiking	5/22/2021 5:02 PM
46	Walking and hiking	5/22/2021 1:25 PM
47	To use the track. My family switched from playing on Sutton teams to grafton teams since Sutton is the only town around with no track.	5/22/2021 10:41 AM
48	hiking, mountain biking, swimming	5/22/2021 10:32 AM
49	Biking, Hiking, Bird Watching	5/21/2021 2:21 PM
50	Bike and walking	5/21/2021 8:19 AM
51	Riverbend Farm, walking trails in Grafton	5/20/2021 11:18 PM
52	Playgrounds, bike path	5/20/2021 9:00 PM
53	Hiking	5/20/2021 7:00 PM
54	Playground or hiking	5/20/2021 6:23 PM
55	Hiking trails.	5/20/2021 5:01 PM
56	Camping, Hiking, and Disc Golf	5/20/2021 1:53 PM
57	walking	5/20/2021 12:35 PM
58	Hiking Trails	5/20/2021 9:00 AM
59	Trails	5/20/2021 8:21 AM
60	Douglas state forest, Millbury dog park	5/19/2021 9:40 PM
61	Hiking, use of track	5/19/2021 5:56 PM
62	In the summer I go to Grafton for their summer concert series on the common. I go to Millbury for their townwide activities. I go to Douglas for their winter parade and hiking trails.	5/19/2021 4:54 PM
63	hiking in Uxbridge state park, mini-golf in Northbridge	5/19/2021 3:18 PM
64	millbury dog park	5/19/2021 9:39 AM
65	We travel for playgrounds, but also tracks such as Rocketland.	5/19/2021 8:53 AM
66	Outside swimming	5/19/2021 8:47 AM
67	Hiking, walking, snow shoeing	5/19/2021 8:44 AM
68	Bicycling	5/19/2021 5:44 AM
69	Walk,run in paths and kayaking	5/18/2021 9:30 PM
70	Walking track or walking sidewalks	5/18/2021 9:17 PM
71	Cycling	5/18/2021 9:16 PM
72	Walking trails	5/18/2021 7:46 PM
73	Playgrounds	5/18/2021 7:16 PM
74	Playground, boat access, dog parks, hiking	5/18/2021 5:51 PM
75	hiking, pond visits, town sponsored activities	5/18/2021 3:28 PM
76	Uxbridge Rod and gun. Hunting and shooting	5/18/2021 2:50 PM
77	walking paths	5/18/2021 1:23 PM
78	Walking, nature hike	5/18/2021 12:52 PM
79	none of the above but I drive to the Leominster State Forest to hike.	5/18/2021 9:35 AM
80	Dance classes	5/18/2021 8:31 AM
81	Horseback riding	5/18/2021 8:19 AM

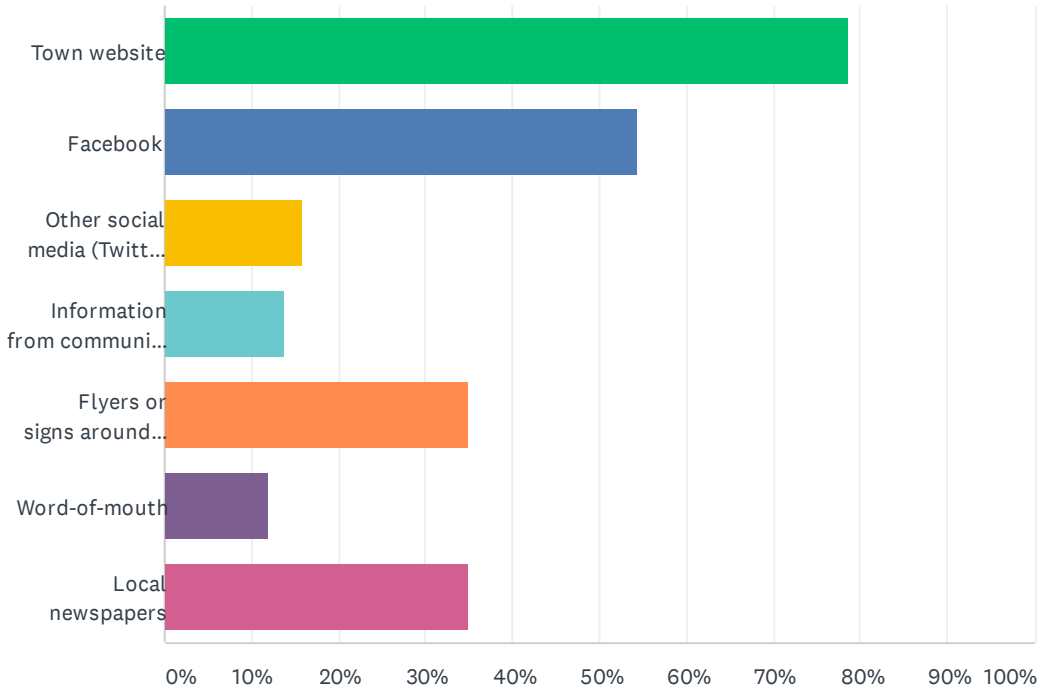
82	Wollie World, even though we do not use it as much now	5/17/2021 9:05 PM
83	Sporting events, football, soccer, Ninja warrior course	5/17/2021 8:17 PM
84	The Hab in Uxbridge, Five Star in Oxford	5/17/2021 8:14 PM
85	Dog park, hiking trails and grafton rec program for kids in the summer	5/17/2021 7:46 PM
86	Cross Country Trail and school playgrounds (Douglas); bike path (Millbury);	5/17/2021 6:50 PM
87	Hiking	5/17/2021 6:41 PM
88	Hike	5/17/2021 6:24 PM
89	Mountain Biking	5/17/2021 6:24 PM
90	Trail walking	5/17/2021 5:43 PM
91	Horse trail riding	5/17/2021 5:26 PM
92	Hiking	5/17/2021 5:23 PM
93	Golf and outdoor concerts	5/17/2021 5:12 PM
94	walking trails and walking parks	5/17/2021 4:18 PM
95	West dam trail	5/17/2021 4:15 PM
96	Soccer	5/17/2021 4:08 PM
97	better playgrounds with open space (Millbury) better town center (Grafton).	5/17/2021 2:37 PM
98	Walking, hiking, biking, exploring	5/17/2021 12:24 PM
99	Bike trail	5/17/2021 12:09 PM
100	Using their track and turf fields	5/17/2021 11:55 AM
101	Hiking/Walking mostly	5/17/2021 11:45 AM
102	Hiking trails	5/17/2021 11:24 AM
103	Biking, mountain biking	5/17/2021 10:49 AM
104	Grafton center activities and shops. Auburn Fields and track at the high school and also hill behind their ice rink for sledding	5/17/2021 10:45 AM
105	Hunting, hiking, fishing	5/17/2021 10:28 AM
106	The walking trails in Douglas state park.	5/17/2021 10:21 AM
107	Town common trails	5/17/2021 9:55 AM
108	Biking Trails, outdoor concerts	5/17/2021 9:43 AM
109	Greenways and other trails.	5/17/2021 8:56 AM
110	Beaches, hiking, playgrounds	5/17/2021 8:33 AM
111	Hiking/walking	5/17/2021 8:28 AM
112	Kayaking, hiking	5/17/2021 7:38 AM
113	Hiking	5/17/2021 6:53 AM
114	walking	5/17/2021 6:03 AM
115	Road cycling	5/17/2021 5:52 AM
116	Soccer, Dog Parks	5/16/2021 10:46 PM
117	Library	5/16/2021 10:37 PM
118	Bike path	5/16/2021 9:36 PM
119	Hiking	5/16/2021 8:33 PM

120	Mountain Biking / Hiking	5/16/2021 8:15 PM
121	Bike trail in Millbury	5/16/2021 8:12 PM
122	Webster lake	5/16/2021 7:51 PM
123	Hiking trails	5/16/2021 7:33 PM
124	Go to walk down the canal	5/16/2021 6:23 PM
125	Douglas water park. Butler dog park and community garden. Woolie world. Veterans field in millbury. Veterans field in Westboro	5/16/2021 6:19 PM
126	Bike path	5/16/2021 6:06 PM
127	Playground	5/16/2021 5:46 PM
128	walking	5/16/2021 4:09 PM
129	Walking trails	5/16/2021 1:50 PM
130	Trails, places to walk	5/16/2021 1:38 PM
131	Playground, ice skating, fishing	5/16/2021 12:28 PM
132	Hiking-biiking - Pickleball-boaring	5/16/2021 12:11 PM
133	Hiking/ walking	5/16/2021 11:58 AM
134	Hiking	5/16/2021 11:35 AM
135	Trails, skating, sports at Hab	5/16/2021 11:17 AM
136	Mountain biking/hiking trails	5/16/2021 10:11 AM
137	Playgrounds	5/16/2021 9:56 AM
138	Grafton picnic & walking trails by Blackstone river and the Millbury walking/bike trail near Blackstone Shoppes.Wanted to go to that Historical Estate near Pistol Office, but Covid hit and it closed to public. Bus tour in Oxford/ Uxbridge of historical sites.	5/16/2021 9:47 AM
139	Hike canoe	5/16/2021 9:46 AM
140	Kayak on a quite lake	5/16/2021 9:20 AM
141	heritage park uxbridge, douglas state forest....walking/hiking	5/16/2021 9:06 AM
142	hiking, picnics, equestiran use	5/16/2021 9:05 AM
143	Biking and walking trails	5/16/2021 7:51 AM
144	Outlook Rock and West Hill Damn	5/16/2021 7:36 AM
145	kayak, trail running , bike paths, road races	5/16/2021 5:33 AM
146	Hiking, biking, tennis, golf	5/15/2021 11:13 PM
147	hiking	5/15/2021 8:37 PM
148	We love the state/ national parks in Douglas and Uxbridge. And the sports complexes in towns like Auburn and Mendon are great community resources.	5/15/2021 8:06 PM
149	Kids playground	5/15/2021 7:57 PM
150	Playground	5/15/2021 7:26 PM
151	Walking Trails, jogging, swimming, and biking	5/15/2021 6:14 PM
152	Hiking and Kayaking	5/15/2021 5:53 PM
153	Hiking	5/15/2021 5:47 PM
154	Disc golf, play grounds, hiking	5/15/2021 5:33 PM
155	Picnic	5/15/2021 2:53 PM

156	State park hiking and walking/biking trail	5/15/2021 2:35 PM
157	Skate park, ice skating and bike paths	5/15/2021 2:28 PM
158	Auburn Sportsman Club	5/15/2021 2:04 PM
159	AuburnSportsmans Club	5/15/2021 2:02 PM
160	Blackstone River Greenway for biking and walking	5/15/2021 1:58 PM
161	Playground, skate park, river trails	5/15/2021 1:43 PM
162	Canal walk, swimming and picnicking	5/15/2021 1:04 PM
163	West Hill Dam (River Walk)	5/15/2021 12:54 PM

Q17 How would you prefer to get information about open spaces and/or recreational opportunities and events in Sutton? Please select all that apply.

Answered: 327 Skipped: 113



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Town website	78.59%	257
Facebook	54.43%	178
Other social media (Twitter, Instagram, etc.)	15.90%	52
Information from community groups or athletic leagues	13.76%	45
Flyers or signs around Town	34.86%	114
Word-of-mouth	11.93%	39
Local newspapers	34.86%	114
Total Respondents: 327		

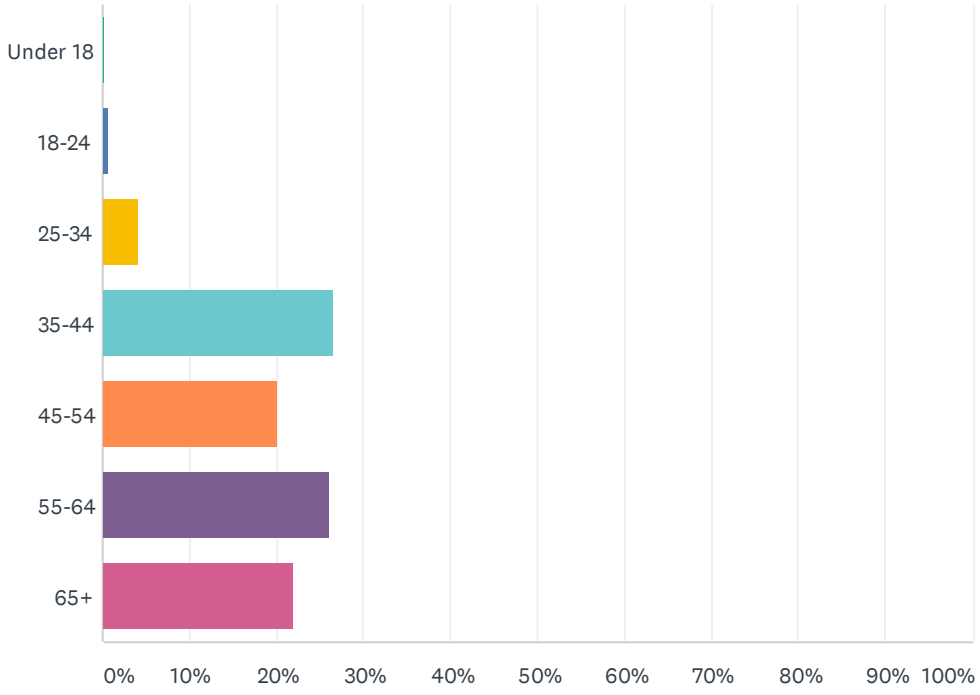
#	ARE THERE OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE THE TOWN TO USE (PLEASE SPECIFY)?	DATE
1	email - especially about town meetings, I only usually hear about them after they're over	6/3/2021 12:47 PM
2	E-Mail	6/1/2021 4:36 PM
3	Notices for school, church and senior center bulletins.	6/1/2021 12:32 AM
4	Town informational email would be spectacular	5/31/2021 9:38 PM
5	emails	5/31/2021 3:57 PM

6	Email	5/30/2021 7:18 PM
7	Great to have a newsletter we could subscribe to.	5/29/2021 6:59 PM
8	Sign up to receive Emails from Town	5/29/2021 2:20 PM
9	email, mail	5/28/2021 12:18 PM
10	email	5/28/2021 8:42 AM
11	Mailings to my house are the best way to get information to me. I read every one of them.	5/27/2021 8:20 AM
12	Brochure mailed or available on town website	5/24/2021 3:41 PM
13	Wouldn't be practical for all things, but a bulletin board at various places with upcoming events would be nice. Not everyone thinks to check Facebook or the town website for information.	5/24/2021 1:06 PM
14	Signage needs to be more widespread	5/24/2021 12:31 PM
15	Direct Mail	5/24/2021 9:44 AM
16	email	5/24/2021 8:22 AM
17	Town text alerts - similar to Worcester's text alert service	5/22/2021 11:50 AM
18	Regular mailings such as a pamphlet that co Taina all of these things that are available to us around town	5/22/2021 11:44 AM
19	email, regular mail	5/22/2021 10:33 AM
20	Kiosk information for phones.	5/21/2021 8:21 AM
21	Mailings help	5/20/2021 7:01 PM
22	Newsletter or mailer	5/19/2021 5:57 PM
23	I would love for there to be more townwide community events similar to what they did for the Fourth of July a couple years ago. I would love for there to be more activities at the common and other locations throughout the town to promote Family and community unity	5/19/2021 4:55 PM
24	info line at town hall	5/19/2021 3:19 PM
25	postings at center store and whittiers farm	5/19/2021 9:40 AM
26	Email	5/18/2021 2:50 PM
27	Mail	5/18/2021 7:59 AM
28	Those group recorded calls or texts to inform of an event like the Sutton schools do.	5/17/2021 7:47 PM
29	It could be cool if the whole Blackstone Valley collaborated to advertise great spots in the area. There seem to be a lot of hidden gems that you wouldn't even think to visit.	5/17/2021 6:52 PM
30	It would be great to get things in the mail that we can keep handy	5/17/2021 11:46 AM
31	More social media that is not Facebook. The town is too dependent on Facebook	5/17/2021 8:57 AM
32	airplane banners	5/16/2021 10:49 PM
33	Mail	5/16/2021 10:37 PM
34	Email list	5/16/2021 6:06 PM
35	Direct mail, Message boards thru town	5/16/2021 5:04 PM
36	Mailings	5/16/2021 12:29 PM
37	Email	5/16/2021 10:12 AM
38	Do we have a visitor center? I seem to miss all Sutton offers.	5/16/2021 9:49 AM
39	Millbury/Sutton Chronicle	5/16/2021 9:33 AM
40	sign at town hall/ common	5/16/2021 9:06 AM

41	Text event information	5/15/2021 6:15 PM
42	Mail--not on facebook, twitter, instagram	5/15/2021 3:21 PM
43	Monthly mailings of activities	5/15/2021 2:00 PM
44	Email and direct mail	5/15/2021 1:03 PM

Q18 What is your age?

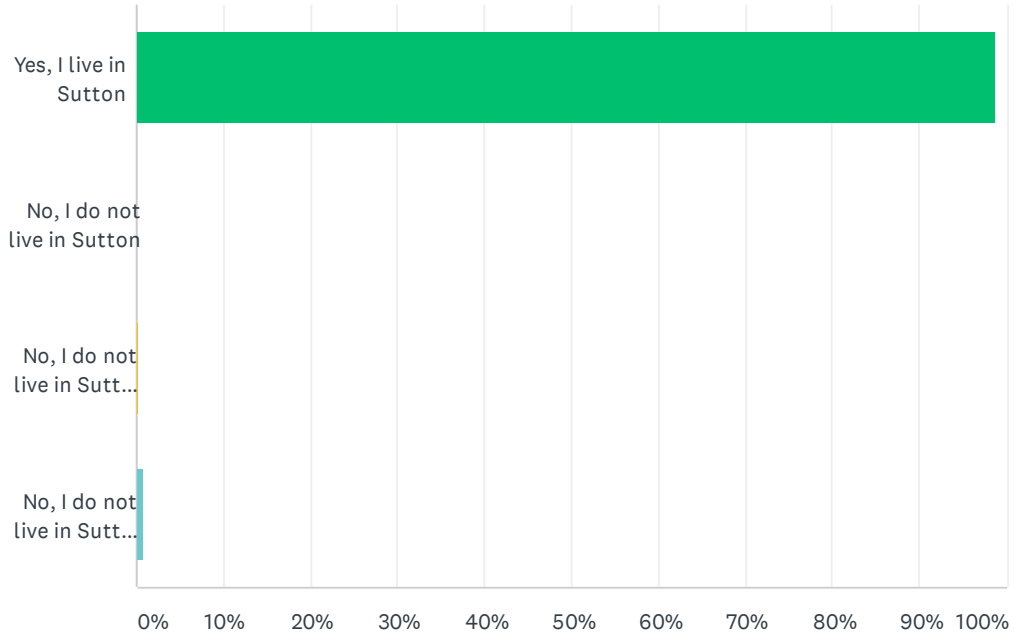
Answered: 332 Skipped: 108



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.30%	1
18-24	0.60%	2
25-34	4.22%	14
35-44	26.51%	88
45-54	20.18%	67
55-64	26.20%	87
65+	21.99%	73
TOTAL		332

Q19 Do you live in Sutton?

Answered: 334 Skipped: 106



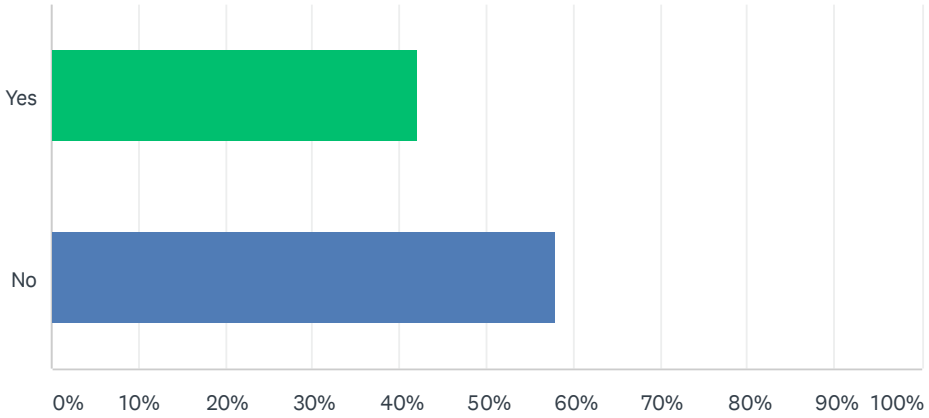
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I live in Sutton	98.80%	330
No, I do not live in Sutton	0.00%	0
No, I do not live in Sutton but I used to	0.30%	1
No, I do not live in Sutton but I work there	0.90%	3
TOTAL		334

#	IF YOU DO NOT LIVE IN SUTTON, WHERE DO YOU LIVE?	DATE
1	Douglas	6/1/2021 5:49 PM
2	Sutton center	5/28/2021 8:29 AM
3	Sturbridge	5/24/2021 10:06 PM
4	Uxbridge	5/22/2021 10:33 AM
5	Merrill Rd.	5/19/2021 3:19 PM
6	century farm rd	5/19/2021 9:41 AM
7	Dodge hill rd	5/18/2021 9:37 PM
8	Off of Boston road	5/18/2021 5:07 PM
9	123 Ariel Circle	5/17/2021 7:47 PM
10	Wilkinsonville	5/17/2021 2:51 PM
11	Near the police station	5/17/2021 12:11 PM
12	Putnam Hill	5/17/2021 8:57 AM

13	94 highland view dr	5/16/2021 6:20 PM
14	Welsh	5/16/2021 6:39 AM
15	Sutton Housing 5 Church Street	5/15/2021 4:18 PM

Q20 Do you have any children under the age of 18 living with you?

Answered: 333 Skipped: 107



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	42.04%	140
No	57.96%	193
TOTAL		333

Sutton Chapter Land List

MAP	BLOCK	#	STREET	CHAPTER	USE	ACRES
3	16	91R	ARIEL CIR	61	WOODLND	9.97
7	14	10	SPRING HILL DR	61	WOODLND	44.4
9	119	14	WHEELOCK RD	61	WOODLND	14.82
16	99	52	SINGLETARY AVE	61	WOODLND	1.84
16	99	52	SINGLETARY AVE	61	WOODLND	5.16
19	14	51	CENTRAL TPKE	61	WOODLND	1.84
19	14	51	CENTRAL TPKE	61	WOODLND	42.16
19	32	7	CENTRAL TPKE	61	WOODLND	1.84
19	32	7	CENTRAL TPKE	61	WOODLND	20
19	82	31	CENTRAL TPKE	61	WOODLND	1.84
19	82	31	CENTRAL TPKE	61	WOODLND	19.9
19	85	15R	DEAN FARM RD	61	WOODLND	12
22	122	39.5	W MILLBURY RD	61	WOODLND	15.45
23	38	25R	PUTNAM HILL RD	61	WOODLND	5
23	104	46R	BOND HOLLOW RD	61	WOODLND	11
23	105	42	BOND HOLLOW RD	61	WOODLND	8.68
26	14	80R	LINCOLN RD	61	WOODLND	5
26	15	82R	LINCOLN RD	61	WOODLND	4.7
26	17	96R	LINCOLN RD	61	WOODLND	10
26	18	44	WUNSCHEL DR	61	WOODLND	10.01
26	19	20	WUNSCHEL DR	61	WOODLND	14.36
26	63	51	LINCOLN RD	61	WOODLND	1.84
26	63	51	LINCOLN RD	61	WOODLND	3.63
26	85	100	LINCOLN RD	61	WOODLND	0.84
26	85	100	LINCOLN RD	61	WOODLND	6.51
30	19	210	MENDON RD	61	WOODLND	0.44
30	19	210	MENDON RD	61	WOODLND	48.65
30	132	206	MENDON RD	61	WOODLND	1.46
30	132	206	MENDON RD	61	WOODLND	4.37
31	6	244	MENDON RD	61	WOODLND	1.84
31	6	244	MENDON RD	61	WOODLND	53.64
31	7	292	MENDON RD	61	WOODLND	1.28
31	7	292	MENDON RD	61	WOODLND	23.15
34	1	200R	TOWN FARM RD	61	WOODLND	0.36
41	42	99	MANCHAUG RD	61	WOODLND	29.59
42	21	173R	MANCHAUG RD	61	WOODLND	4
42	24	175R	MANCHAUG RD	61	WOODLND	9.36
42	26	312R	PUTNAM HILL RD	61	WOODLND	24
42	44	50	LACKEY RD	61	WOODLND	0.16
42	44	50	LACKEY RD	61	WOODLND	13.18
42	89	10	STONE CIR	61	WOODLND	1.84
42	89	10	STONE CIR	61	WOODLND	0.16
42	90	14	STONE CIR	61	WOODLND	1.84
42	90	14	STONE CIR	61	WOODLND	2.73
42	91	9	STONE CIR	61	WOODLND	14.4
48	47	287R	MANCHAUG RD	61	WOODLND	10.11

48	48	289R	MANCHAUG RD	61	WOODLND	15
48	49	269R	MANCHAUG RD	61	WOODLND	12.19
48	50	203R	MANCHAUG RD	61	WOODLND	8
48	51	219R	MANCHAUG RD	61	WOODLND	7.11
48	56	189	MANCHAUG RD	61	WOODLND	12.98
48	66	241	MANCHAUG RD	61	WOODLND	27.9
48	68	201R	MANCHAUG RD	61	WOODLND	9.5
50	23	20	HOUGH RD	61	WOODLND	21.63
54	11	24	MUMFORD RD	61	WOODLND	36.43
3	10	1	CHASE RD	61A	TILL FORAG	15.5
3	10	1	CHASE RD	61A	PASTURE	4.9
3	10	1	CHASE RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	22.2
3	19	38	BLACKSTONE ST	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
3	19	38	BLACKSTONE ST	61A	TILL FORAG M00	4.26
3	19	38	BLACKSTONE ST	61A	NONPRNECLD	3.3
3	21	33	BLACKSTONE ST	61A	NONPRNECLD	1.84
3	21	33	BLACKSTONE ST	61A	NONPRNECLD	0.06
3	21	33	BLACKSTONE ST	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.7
4	7	213	BURBANK RD	61A	PROD WOOD	0.86
4	7	213	BURBANK RD	61A	PROD WOOD	20.93
9	79	49	WHEELOCK RD	61A	PROD WOOD	1.84
9	79	49	WHEELOCK RD	61A	PROD WOOD	10.4
9	83	30R	WHEELOCK RD	61A	PROD WOOD	7.77
9	84	40	WHEELOCK RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	1.04
9	84	40	WHEELOCK RD	61A	TILL FORAG	4
9	84	40	WHEELOCK RD	61A	PASTURE	1.26
9	84	40	WHEELOCK RD	61A	PROD WOOD	22.07
9	85	62	WHEELOCK RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
9	85	62	WHEELOCK RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	4.16
9	85	62	WHEELOCK RD	61A	PROD WOOD	16.8
9	86	68R	WHEELOCK RD	61A	PROD WOOD	1.92
11	78	80R	DODGE HILL RD	61A	VINEYARDS	1.69
11	78	80R	DODGE HILL RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	5
11	79	100R	DODGE HILL RD	61A	VINEYARDS	10.18
11	79	100R	DODGE HILL RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	4.8
11	80	106R	DODGE HILL RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	1
11	80	106R	DODGE HILL RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	2.06
12	3	48R	MCCLELLAN RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	2.6
12	3	48R	MCCLELLAN RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	10.01
12	5	56	MCCLELLAN RD	61A	VINEYARDS	1.84
12	5	56	MCCLELLAN RD	61A	VINEYARDS	14.92
12	302	68	MCCLELLAN RD	61A	VINEYARDS	1.84
12	302	68	MCCLELLAN RD	61A	VINEYARDS	12.19
12	307	4	MCCLELLAN RD	61A	VINEYARDS	1.84
12	307	4	MCCLELLAN RD	61A	VINEYARDS	6.96
12	307	4	MCCLELLAN RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	15.2
12	308	3	MCCLELLAN RD	61A	VINEYARDS	1.84

12	308	3	MCCLELLAN RD	61A	VINEYARDS	10.36
12	308	3	MCCLELLAN RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	20.34
15	97	15	DEWITT RD	61A	PROD WOOD	36.31
15	97	15	DEWITT RD	61A	PROD WOOD	61.7
15	97	15	DEWITT RD	61A	PASTURE	4.56
15	97	15	DEWITT RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	26.93
15	119	7	FOSTER LN	61A	PROD WOOD	15.45
16	66	338	BOSTON RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	0.82
16	66	338	BOSTON RD	61A	TILL FORAG	13.38
16	66	338	BOSTON RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	14.62
16	135	40	SINGLETARY AVE	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
16	135	40	SINGLETARY AVE	61A	TILL FORAG M00	14.17
17	1	297	BOSTON RD	61A	TILL FORAG	26.5
17	1	297	BOSTON RD	61A	PASTURE	35.66
18	40	102R	DODGE HILL RD	61A	VINEYARDS	7.83
18	40	102R	DODGE HILL RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	6.3
18	40	102R	DODGE HILL RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	8.66
18	94	81R	STONE SCHOOL RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	11.5
19	32	7	CENTRAL TPKE	61A	TILL FORAG	5
19	72	110	DODGE HILL RD	61A	VINEYARDS	1.84
19	72	110	DODGE HILL RD	61A	VINEYARDS	3.28
19	72	110	DODGE HILL RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	1.1
20	12	286R	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	PROD WOOD	8.89
21	1	198	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
21	1	198	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	17.16
21	1	198	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	3
21	4	176R	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	27.94
21	7	136R	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	PASTURE	12.4
21	7	136R	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	PROD WOOD	27.6
21	11	136	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	3.04
21	17	162	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	TILL FORAG	9.84
21	17	162	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	PASTURE	1.87
21	24	182	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	0.3
21	24	182	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	TILL FORAG	7.3
21	24	182	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	PASTURE	2.29
21	25	174	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
21	25	174	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	2.19
22	27	96	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	1.09
22	27	96	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	TILL FORAG	27.55
22	27	96	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	PASTURE	10.16
22	27	96	EIGHT LOTS RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	22.74
23	21	64	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	PROD WOOD	10.88
23	107	70	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	FIELD CRPS	1.84
23	107	70	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	FIELD CRPS	2.76
23	107	70	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	4.19
23	112	62	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	PROD WOOD	1.84
23	112	62	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	PROD WOOD	3.71

24	56	24	KING RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	0.84
24	56	24	KING RD	61A	TILL FORAG	63.5
24	57	7	KING RD	61A	FIELD CRPS	1.36
24	57	7	KING RD	61A	FIELD CRPS	5.36
24	57	7	KING RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	2.8
24	62	99	UXBRIDGE RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
24	62	99	UXBRIDGE RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	8.36
24	62	99	UXBRIDGE RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	0.87
24	104	15	KING RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.93
24	104	15	KING RD	61A	NONPRWETLD	0.45
25	13	253R	CENTRAL TPKE	61A	PROD WOOD	20.34
25	14	213	CENTRAL TPKE	61A	TILL FORAG	12.2
25	14	213	CENTRAL TPKE	61A	PASTURE	2.21
25	14	213	CENTRAL TPKE	61A	NONPRNECLD	22.52
26	41	11	DEAN FARM RD	61A	PROD WOOD	1.84
26	41	11	DEAN FARM RD	61A	PROD WOOD	45.16
28	10	112	TOWN FARM RD	61A	TILL FORAG	8
28	10	112	TOWN FARM RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	8
29	7	576	BOSTON RD	61A	TILL FORAG	5.45
29	7	576	BOSTON RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	7.71
29	14	30	CENTURY FARM RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
29	14	30	CENTURY FARM RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	0.66
29	14	30	CENTURY FARM RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	0.8
29	18	42	CENTURY FARM RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
29	18	42	CENTURY FARM RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	2.41
29	18	42	CENTURY FARM RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	10.15
29	20	43	CENTURY FARM RD	61A	FIELD CRPS	1.84
29	20	43	CENTURY FARM RD	61A	FIELD CRPS	1.56
29	20	43	CENTURY FARM RD	61A	PROD WOOD	5.7
29	23	7	CENTURY FARM RD	61A	FIELD CRPS	1.84
29	23	7	CENTURY FARM RD	61A	FIELD CRPS	11.37
29	25	7R	CENTURY FARM RD	61A	PROD WOOD	25.5
29	25	7R	CENTURY FARM RD	61A	FIELD CRPS	7.6
29	26	19R	CENTURY FARM RD	61A	PROD WOOD	10
29	27	512R	CENTRAL TPKE	61A	PASTURE	3.4
29	27	512R	CENTRAL TPKE	61A	PROD WOOD	8.85
29	36	488	BOSTON RD	61A	TILL FORAG	6.94
29	36	488	BOSTON RD	61A	PASTURE	0.74
29	50	12	TOWN FARM RD	61A	TILL FORAG	18.8
29	50	12	TOWN FARM RD	61A	PASTURE	2.7
29	50	12	TOWN FARM RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	21.5
29	79	20	RICH RD	61A	TILL FORAG	7
29	79	20	RICH RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	5.5
29	83	518R	CENTRAL TPKE	61A	FIELD CRPS	1.47
29	83	518R	CENTRAL TPKE	61A	PROD WOOD	1.2
30	24	500R	CENTRAL TPKE	61A	NONPRNECLD	1.93
30	24	500R	CENTRAL TPKE	61A	PROD WOOD	3.9

30	87	134	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	1.84
30	87	134	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	3.76
30	87	134	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	PROD WOOD	21.89
30	91	512	CENTRAL TPKE	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
30	91	512	CENTRAL TPKE	61A	TILL FORAG M00	11.46
30	91	512	CENTRAL TPKE	61A	NONPRNECLD	2.9
30	92	504R	CENTRAL TPKE	61A	TILL FORAG M00	4
30	93	130R	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	PROD WOOD	8.16
30	102	114R	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	PROD WOOD	9.61
30	113	10	KEITH LN	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
30	113	10	KEITH LN	61A	TILL FORAG M00	14.06
30	113	10	KEITH LN	61A	NONPRNECLD	13.3
30	115	122R	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	PROD WOOD	2.96
30	124	82	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	FIELD CRPS	4.9
30	124	82	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	PASTURE	1.2
30	124	82	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	1.87
31	22	48	SOUTHWICK RD	61A	PROD WOOD	0.14
31	22	48	SOUTHWICK RD	61A	PROD WOOD	24.9
31	32	185	UXBRIDGE RD	61A	PASTURE	1.84
31	32	185	UXBRIDGE RD	61A	PASTURE	0.16
31	34	43	SOUTHWICK RD	61A	PASTURE	0.14
31	34	43	SOUTHWICK RD	61A	PASTURE	8.66
31	44	188	UXBRIDGE RD	61A	PASTURE	9.16
31	44	188	UXBRIDGE RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	9.16
31	45	349	CENTRAL TPKE	61A	PROD WOOD	18.9
31	133	265	MENDON RD	61A	PROD WOOD	1.84
31	133	265	MENDON RD	61A	PROD WOOD	1.37
31	134	253	MENDON RD	61A	PROD WOOD	1.84
31	134	253	MENDON RD	61A	PROD WOOD	3.15
33	10	263R	PURGATORY RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	37.87
34	3	160	TOWN FARM RD	61A	PASTURE	1.84
34	3	160	TOWN FARM RD	61A	PASTURE	1.66
34	3	160	TOWN FARM RD	61A	FIELD CRPS	2.15
34	5	129	TOWN FARM RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
34	5	129	TOWN FARM RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	11.34
34	5	129	TOWN FARM RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	0.3
34	7	122	TOWN FARM RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
34	7	122	TOWN FARM RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	49.86
34	7	122	TOWN FARM RD	61A	PASTURE	7.7
34	7	122	TOWN FARM RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	95.86
35	20	74	MENDON RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
35	20	74	MENDON RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	5.69
35	20	74	MENDON RD	61A	PASTURE	9.68
35	20	74	MENDON RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	14.9
35	51	571	BOSTON RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
35	51	571	BOSTON RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	2.45
35	51	571	BOSTON RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	2

35	135	195	TOWN FARM RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
35	135	195	TOWN FARM RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	5.61
35	135	195	TOWN FARM RD	61A	PASTURE	39.88
36	1	226	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
36	1	226	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	40.86
36	1	226	PUTNAM HILL RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	32.87
36	54	25	BENNETT RD	61A	FIELD CRPS	13
36	54	25	BENNETT RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	13
36	61	156	MENDON RD	61A	PASTURE	1.84
36	61	156	MENDON RD	61A	PASTURE	34.26
36	61	156	MENDON RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	5.63
39	42	16	CARR ST	61A	FIELD CRPS	1.84
39	42	16	CARR ST	61A	FIELD CRPS	6.36
39	42	16	CARR ST	61A	NONPRNECLD	4.96
39	44	4R	BURDON RD	61A	FIELD CRPS	1.4
39	44	4R	BURDON RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	2.4
41	1	90	DOUGLAS RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	1.84
41	1	90	DOUGLAS RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.2
41	1	90	DOUGLAS RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	1.76
41	1	90	DOUGLAS RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	0.62
41	2	81	DOUGLAS RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	1.84
41	11	86	DOUGLAS RD	61A	TILL FORAG	1
41	11	86	DOUGLAS RD	61A	TILL FORAG	0.03
41	12	62	DOUGLAS RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
41	12	62	DOUGLAS RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	70.46
41	12	62	DOUGLAS RD	61A	TR CRP VEG	2.9
41	12	62	DOUGLAS RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	6.8
41	68	42	WATERS RD	61A	TILL FORAG	1.84
41	68	42	WATERS RD	61A	TILL FORAG	4.98
41	68	42	WATERS RD	61A	PASTURE	3.23
41	68	42	WATERS RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	8.21
47	1	106	DOUGLAS RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	1.84
47	1	106	DOUGLAS RD	61A	TILL FORAG M00	2.63
47	7	118	DOUGLAS RD	61A	PASTURE	3.38
50	11	130	WHITINS RD	61A	PROD WOOD	9.54
50	11	130	WHITINS RD	61A	NONPRNECLD	3
52	1	14	RAWSON ST	61A	PROD WOOD	16.11
53	1	78	TORREY RD	61A	PROD WOOD	56.95
53	46	25R	HOLT RD	61A	PROD WOOD	5.4
3	11	13	CHASE RD	61B	61B NATURE	12.96
3	26	16	CHASE RD	61B	61B NATURE	1.4
3	26	16	CHASE RD	61B	61B NATURE	0.24
3	29	20R	CHASE RD	61B	RECREATION	7.91
3	29	20R	CHASE RD	61B	RECREATION	7.3
5	39	21	COLONIAL RD	61B	61B NATURE	21.94
8	1	2R	W SUTTON RD	61B	61B NATURE	7.6
8	4	7	CRESTVIEW LN	61B	RECREATION	1.84

8	4	7	CRESTVIEW LN	61B	RECREATION	32.15
10	10	134	BURBANK RD	61B	61B NATURE	11.82
15	117	130	W MILLBURY RD	61B	61B NATURE	0.97
20	3	91R	BAKER RD	61B	RECREATION	10.5
20	8	83R	BAKER RD	61B	RECREATION	25.5
20	9	290R	EIGHT LOTS RD	61B	RECREATION	1.2
21	6	156	EIGHT LOTS RD	61B	61B NATURE	1.84
21	6	156	EIGHT LOTS RD	61B	61B NATURE	10.69
21	22	131	EIGHT LOTS RD	61B	61B NATURE	13.52
22	75	453	BOSTON RD	61B	61B NATURE	14.32
22	107	458	BOSTON RD	61B	61B NATURE	18.65
22	125	28	EIGHT LOTS RD	61B	61B NATURE	6.82
22	126	36	EIGHT LOTS RD	61B	61B NATURE	1.84
22	126	36	EIGHT LOTS RD	61B	61B NATURE	8.16
23	25	56	BOND HOLLOW RD	61B	61B NATURE	38.88
23	27	41	BOND HOLLOW RD	61B	RECREATION	1.84
23	27	41	BOND HOLLOW RD	61B	RECREATION	3.56
23	75	70R	PUTNAM HILL RD	61B	61B NATURE	6.25
24	9	71R	BOND HOLLOW RD	61B	RECREATION	42.11
24	101	89R	BOND HOLLOW RD	61B	RECREATION	3.13
25	30	42	SMITH RD	61B	61B HORSE	64.36
28	10	112	TOWN FARM RD	61B	61B NATURE	9.78
28	30	284	W SUTTON RD	61B	61B NATURE	1.84
28	30	284	W SUTTON RD	61B	61B NATURE	6.92
29	7	576	BOSTON RD	61B	61B NATURE	42.17
31	124	6	HATHAWAY DR	61B	61B NATURE	1.84
31	124	6	HATHAWAY DR	61B	61B NATURE	3.62
31	125	10	HATHAWAY DR	61B	61B NATURE	2.04
32	7	140	PURGATORY RD	61B	61B HIKE	5.07
35	136	587	BOSTON RD	61B	RECREATION	1.84
35	136	587	BOSTON RD	61B	RECREATION	4.16
36	7	212	PUTNAM HILL RD	61B	61B NATURE	42.4
36	12	188	PUTNAM HILL RD	61B	61B NATURE	27.8
36	60	227	PUTNAM HILL RD	61B	61B GOLF	130
36	60	227	PUTNAM HILL RD	61B	61B GOLF	123.31
36	60	227	PUTNAM HILL RD	61B	61B GOLF	18
37	13	328R	MENDON RD	61B	61B NATURE	22.75
41	5	56	WATERS RD	61B	61B HORSE	8
41	27	90	MANCHAUG RD	61B	61B CAMP	31.97
41	27	90	MANCHAUG RD	61B	61B CAMP	83
41	27	90	MANCHAUG RD	61B	61B CAMP	9.8
41	27	90	MANCHAUG RD	61B	61B CAMP	8
41	27	90	MANCHAUG RD	61B	61B CAMP	14
41	28	56	MANCHAUG RD	61B	61B CAMP	1.84
41	28	56	MANCHAUG RD	61B	61B CAMP	15.97
42	78	165	MANCHAUG RD	61B	61B NATURE	10.12
49	123	11	WHITINS RD	61B	61B NATURE	7.9

50	6	106R	WHITINS RD	61B	61B NATURE	4.75
50	8	94R	WHITINS RD	61B	61B NATURE	34
50	10	114	WHITINS RD	61B	RECREATION	1.84
50	10	114	WHITINS RD	61B	RECREATION	74.96
55	3	128R	WHITINS RD	61B	61B NATURE	7.55
55	6	32	BROWN RD	61B	RECREATION	14.5

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PART I: Administrative Requirements

1. Designation of an ADA Coordinator

The ADA coordinator for the Town of Sutton is the Building Commissioner. (See attached Designation)

2. Grievance Procedures

The Town of Sutton, Massachusetts had adopted an internal grievance procedure providing for prompt an equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by the U.S. Department of Jurisdictional Regulations implementing Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Title II states, in part, that "*no otherwise qualified disabled individual shall, solely by reason of such disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be subjected to discrimination"* in programs or activities sponsored by a public entity. Complaints should be addressed to: Building Commissioner, 4 Uxbridge Road, Sutton, MA 01590 (508) 865-8723. The Building Commissioner has been designated to coordinate ADA compliance efforts and is available to process and adjudicate grievances. Those who wish to file a complaint should follow the following guidelines:

EQUAL ACCESS TO FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

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

STEP 1:

The ADA Coordinator and/or Town Manager 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, they may.

A complaint, grievance, request for program policy interpretation or clarification will be responded to within ten 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, request for program policy interpretation or clarification and response will be forwarded to the appropriate town agency (i.e. recreation, 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 ADA Coordinator copied to the Town Manager. Assistance in writing the grievance will be available to all individuals. All written grievances will be responded to within ten working days by the ADA Coordinator or Town Manager 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 Select Board, with whom local authority for final grievance resolution lies.

3. Public Notification Requirements

The Town of Sutton does not discriminate on the basis of disability. The Town of Sutton does not have specific recruitment materials, but includes EOE language in all job postings. Assistance with applications and audio versions of said postings are available. (See attached typical notification)

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

The Town of Sutton involved the disabled community in the initial implementation of the ADA by conducting an outreach effort during the implementation. The Sutton Town Manager is physically challenged. Both the Town Manager and disabled elderly were consulted in the evaluation

process and assisted in the evaluation of the specific sites listed in this report.

PART II: Program Accessibility

1. Facility Inventory

Eight (8) facilities are actively used for recreation in the Town of Sutton. While only one, Water's Farm, is under the technical jurisdiction of the Recreation Department or Conservation Commission, we felt all facilities should be evaluated as they make up the core of our recreational and open space offerings. Those facilities are as follows:

1. VanDyke Fields in South Sutton
2. Marion's Camp
3. Tri-centennial Park
4. Mumford River Trail
5. Unity Park
6. Shaw Farm
7. Water's Farm
8. The American Legion Park

Attached please find an inventory of each facility.

2. Transition Plan

Physical Obstacles:

An inventory of these eight (8) facilities was completed on December 27, 2021. Inventory sheets are attached in addition to the narrative below.

Van Dyke Fields

The Van Dyke Fields are located at Hough Road and Whitins Road in South Sutton. This space is a combination play area, baseball field and soccer field. The parking area is located adjacent to (paved) as well as across the street (recycled asphalt) from all three uses. There are no delineated spaces, but an area has been signed for handicapped parking. The slope between the parking and play area and baseball field and stands appears compliant, however, there is not direct handicapped access from the parking to the

soccer fields as the slope is too steep and the footbridge is not accessible. There are no actual pathways between parking and adjacent areas. A crosswalk has been added from the parking lot to the field sites.

The fields and the play areas are all level and appear to provide equal access to all. There are bleachers adjacent to two of the field, but no specific handicapped seating.

The basketball court is properly surfaced and has 10' hoops. There is direct access to the court at several locations.

There is adequate room for movement between all structures although the surface is grass with an occasional rut that could provide a hindrance. Some of the equipment can not be used by all abilities.

A local group has completed design and began fundraising for new sings including and ADA swing and new play structures with ADA elements as well as ADA access from the parking into the play area. (see attached schematic)

Marion's Camp

The current facility at Marion's Camp is solely used for a summer recreation that centers around beach usage. After some recent improvements, the site does provide for accessibility in some ways. The paved parking lot consists of 60 spaces of which 2 are van accessible handicapped parking spaces. There are also 2 additional van accessible handicapped and 1 emergency vehicle only space closer to the beach with direct access to an ADA compliant path to the beach. These paved paths are wide enough for vehicular traffic.

There are two buildings on the site. Goddard Lodge was fully renovated in 2019/2020 to be ADA compliant, and design and siting is on-going for an ADA compliant permanent restroom. Winter house is not accessible and is not currently used in any way.

Two picnic tables are provided in shaded, grassy areas, neither of which are ADA compliant. One is located on the deck of the Lodge and is accessible.

Currently there is a handicapped portable toilet on site during the summer season.

Tri-centennial Park

This small park is presently used as an area for sitting/picnicking, walking and as canoe portage and re-entry on the Blackstone River. Parking consists of 6 spaces plus 1 van accessible handicapped space with a direct entrance to the walking path.

The trails consist of ADA compliant masonry stone and hard packed stone dust paths.

Picnic tables on this site include ADA accessible seating.

Mumford River Trail

Located in the center of Manchaug Village, this trail runs along the Mumford River. A small parking area sits near an entrance to the trail, but there are no handicap parking spots nor is the lot paved. The surface of the trail is wide enough for a wheel chair and consists of stabilized stone dust, and the slope is flat throughout. Large rocks separate the trail from the parking lot and adjacent grass spaces. The rocks are spaced enough to allow for easy entrance and exit to the trail.

Easily accessible block surface sitting areas can be found along the walking path, as well as kiosks highlighting the history of Manchaug.

Unity Park

Unity Park was fully renovated in 2020/2021 and is fully ADA compliant including parking and access to the play areas, ADA ramp from adjacent sidewalk, and numerous play components that can be accessed over ADA compliant surfacing.

Shaw Farm

Shaw Farm is largely an open space parcel. Woodland trails have been slowly carved out, none of which are considered technically ADA compliant although most are DCR Class 2 trails with limited slope and impediments.

There are currently no formal parking areas, just packed dirt open areas with trail head map and rules signs.

Water's Farm

This site is in the National Register of Historic Places and is held by the Conservation Commission under a preservation restriction. The site contains the house dating back to the 1700's and several out buildings along with farm fields, forests and lake cottages along Manchaug Pond. There are trails throughout the property. The majority of the site is not ADA accessible, only the barn can be accessed by a disabled person.

The American Legion Park (aka Veteran's Field)

This site has a dated grouping of metal playground equipment, a partially fenced basketball court, and a softball field. There is no formal parking, but the site is fairly level and other than the softball diamond, is covered is grass with a few trees. The Town recently took title to this property from the Village American Legion post.

Necessary Changes, Anticipated Schedule and Responsible Party:

Van Dyke South Sutton Fields:

- Stripe parking to include designation of van accessible handicapped spaces. (OSRP yr.1 – Highway Department)
- Establish access to soccer fields by installing universally signed ADA complaint spaces along Whitins Road and creating a break in the pole berms that exist along that roadway for immediate access to the fields. (OSRP yr. 2 – Highway Department)
- Improve access to play area and baseball fields/stands by providing compliant pathway to main play areas, basketball courts and baseball areas. (OSRP yr. 1 – community volunteers, Highway Department)
- Review of all play structures to ensure availability of access to all for several elements. (OSRP yr. 1-2 – community volunteers)
- Complete ADA connection to fields from compliant crosswalk from satellite parking area. (OSRP yr.2 – Highway Department)

Marion's Camp

- Provide accessible picnic table close to paved path, as well as other seating options. (OSRP yr. 2 – Planning Department)
- Make necessary ADA changes to Winter House that will be utilized in the future as part of the program. (OSRP yr. 7 - T. Manager)
- Add brail lettering on signage. (OSRP yr. 5 - T. Manager)
- Provide accessible path to the gazebo. (OSRP yr. 2 - T. Manager, Highway Department

Tri-centennial Park

This site was designed and installed by a MASSDOT Enhancement grant to be fully ADA compliant, However, stone dust surfaces have loosened and are washing out impeding accessibility and potentially damaging adjacent wetlands. Trails need to be redone using permeable and ADA compliant surface.

Mumford River Trail

- Provide ADA compliant parking including designation of handicapped space (s). (OSRP yr. 5 - T. Manager, Highway Department)
- Construct compliant connection from parking to the trail. (OSRP yr. 5 - T. Manager, Highway Department)

Unity Park

- Add safety rail to ADA ramp. (OSRP yr. 1 - T. Manager, Planning Department)

Shaw Farm

- Provide ADA compliant parking including designation of handicapped space(s). (OSRP yr. 4 – Highway Department)
- Consider all forms of accessibility in regard to potential development of other site amenities. (OSRP yr. 3-7 – T. Manager)

Waters Farm

- Partner with Water's Farm Preservation to consider Accessibility improvements throughout this property. (OSRP yr. 3-7 – T. Manager)

The American Legion Park (Veteran's Field)

- Replace playground equipment with up to date/safer equipment with ADA accessibility to various elements. (OSRP yr. 1-2 – Planning Dept, Town Manager)
- Provide ADA compliant parking adjacent to both access roadways. (OSRP yr. 1-2 – Planning Dept, Town Manager)
- Provide accessible path(s) to playground and other parts of the site from parking. (OSRP yr. 1-2 – Planning Dept, Town Manager, Highway Department)

PART III: Employment Practices

The Town of Sutton complies with Section 504 in the following areas of employment practices.

Recruitment	Leave Administration
Training	Personnel Actions
Social/Recreational Programs	Fringe Benefits
Collective Bargaining Agreements	Wage and Salary Administration
Medical Examinations/Questionnaires	Tests

Please see attached letter from ADA Coordinator.

Marion's Camp- 30 Tuttle Road

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES	Y	N
Picnic Facilities	Tables & Benches	Located adjacent to accessible paths		✓
		Access to Open Spaces	✓	
		Back and Arm Rests		✓
		Adequate number	✓	
	Grills – NONE	Height of Cooking Surface	✓	
		Located adjacent to accessible paths	✓	
	Trash Cans – NONE	Located adjacent to accessible paths	✓	
	Picnic Shelters	Located adjacent to accessible paths	✓	
		Located near accessible water fountains, trash can, restroom, parking, etc.		✓
Trails	Lakeside and woodland trails	Surface material		
		Dimensions		
		Rails		
		Signage (for visually impaired)		
Swimming Facilities	Pools – NONE	Entrance		
		Location from accessible parking		
		Safety features i.e. warning for visually impaired		
	Beaches	Location from accessible path into water		
		Handrails		✓
		Location from accessible parking	✓	
		Shade provided	✓	
Play Areas (tot lots) NONE	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, Slides	Same experience provided to all		
	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Enough space between equipment for wheelchair		
Game Areas: *ballfield *basketball *tennis NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Berm cuts onto courts		
	Equipment	Height		
		Dimensions		
		Spectator Seating		
Boat Docks – NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Handrails		
Fishing Facilities – NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Handrails		
	Equipment	Arm Rests		
		Bait Shelves		
		Handrails		
		Fish Cleaning Tables		
Programming	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim	✓	
		Guided Hikes		✓
		Interpretive Programs		✓
Services and Technical Assistance	Information available in alternative formats i.e. for visually impaired			
	Process to request interpretive services (i.e. sign language interpreter) for meetings			

PARKING			
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	✓		
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.	✓		
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle	✓		
Van space – minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.	✓		
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces	✓		
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign	✓		
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)	✓		
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%	✓		
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present			No curbing
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow			No curbing
RAMPS			
Specification			
Slope Maximum 1:12	✓		ADA Approved
SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES			
Specification			
Site Access			
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance	✓		
Disembarking area at accessible entrance	✓		
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed	✓		
No ponding of water	✓		
Path of Travel			
Path does not require the use of stairs	✓		
Path is stable, firm and s lip resistant	✓		
3 ft wide minimum	✓		
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).	✓		
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than ½ inch	✓		
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a cane			

Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"			
Curb on the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs			No pathway curbs
Entrances			
Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and *not* be the service entrance	✓		
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors	✓		
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)	✓		
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of Door	✓		
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist	✓		
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 ½" thick are securely fastened			N/A
Door mats more than ½" thick are recessed			N/A
Grates in path of travel have openings of ½" 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	✓		
STAIRS and DOORS			
Stairs		✓	
Doors		✓	
Minimum 32" clear opening	✓		
At least 18" clear floor space on pull side of door	✓		
Closing speed minimum 3 seconds to within 3" of the latch	✓		
Maximum pressure 5 pounds interior doors	✓		
Threshold maximum ½" high, beveled on both sides	✓		
Hardware operable with a closed fist (no conventional door knobs or thumb latch devices)	✓		
Hardware minimum 36", maximum 48" above the Floor	✓		
Clear, level floor space extends out 5 ft from both sides of the door	✓		
Door adjacent to revolving door is accessible and Unlocked			
Doors opening into hazardous area have hardware that is knurled or roughened			
RESTROOMS – also see Doors and Vestibules			ADA Portable facilities during summer

FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES			
Specification			
Floors			
Non-slip surface	✓		
Carpeting is high-density, low pile, non-absorbent, stretched taut, securely anchored			
Corridor width minimum is 3 ft			
Objects (signs, ceiling lights, fixtures) can only protrude 4" into the path of travel from a height of 27" to 80" above the floor	✓		
Drinking Fountains		✓	
Telephones		✓	
SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES			
Specification			
Switches, Controls and Signs			
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	✓		
Electrical outlets centered no lower than 18" above the floor	✓		
Warning signals must be visual as well as audible	✓		
Signs		✓	
SWIMMING POOLS – accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area		✓	
SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use		✓	
PICNICKING			
Specification			
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		✓	Should move tables closer to path
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep.		✓	
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground		✓	
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firma nd slip-resistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions		✓	
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter		✓	

MUMFORD RIVER TRAIL – 10 MAIN STREET

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES	Y	N
Picnic Facilities	Tables & Benches	Located adjacent to accessible paths	✓	
		Access to Open Spaces	✓	
		Back and Arm Rests		✓
		Adequate number	✓	
	Grills - NONE	Height of Cooking Surface		
		Located adjacent to accessible paths		
	Trash Cans – NONE	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
	Picnic Shelters - NONE	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Located near accessible water fountains, trash can, restroom, parking, etc.		
Trails		Surface material – packed stone dust	✓	
		Dimensions – 3.5' wide	✓	
		Rails		✓
		Signage (for visually impaired)		✓
Swimming Facilities NONE	Pools	Entrance		
		Location from accessible parking		
		Safety features i.e. warning for visually impaired		
	Beaches	Location from accessible path into water		
		Handrails		
		Location from accessible parking		
		Shade provided		
Play Areas (tot lots) NONE	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, Slides	Same experience provided to all		
	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Enough space between equipment for wheelchair		
Game Areas NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Berm cuts onto courts		
	Equipment	Height		
		Dimensions		
		Spectator Seating		
Boat Docks NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Handrails		
Fishing Facilities NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Handrails		
	Equipment	Arm Rests		
		Bait Shelves		
		Handrails		
		Fish Cleaning Tables		
Programming NONE	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim		
		Guided Hikes		
		Interpretive Programs		
Services and Technical Assistance NONE	Information available in alternative formats i.e. for visually impaired			
	Process to request interpretive services (i.e. sign language interpreter) for meetings			

PARKING – move rocks for accessible entrance			
Total Spaces – 4 Spaces		*Required Accessible Spaces - none*	
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 – none	*Yes*	*No*	*Comments/Transition Notes*
Accessible space located closest to accessible Entrance		✓	
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.			
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle		✓	
Van space – minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.		✓	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces		✓	
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign		✓	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)		✓	
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%	✓		
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present			
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow			
RAMPS – NONE, FLAT		✓	
SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES			
Specification			
Site Access			
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance		✓	
Disembarking area at accessible entrance		✓	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed	✓		
No ponding of water	✓		
Path of Travel			
Path does not require the use of stairs	✓		
Path is stable, firm and s lip resistant	✓		
3 ft wide minimum	✓		3.5
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).	✓		
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than ½ inch	✓		
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a cane	✓		
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"			
Curb on the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs			

ENTRANCES		✓	
STAIRS and DOORS		✓	
RESTROOMS – also see Doors and Vestibules		✓	
FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES		✓	
SWIMMING POOLS – accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area		✓	
SHOWER ROOMS		✓	
PICNICKING		✓	

SHAW FARM – 17 Shaw Lane

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES	Y	N
Picnic Facilities NONE	Tables & Benches	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Access to Open Spaces		
		Back and Arm Rests		
		Adequate number		
	Grills	Height of Cooking Surface		
		Located adjacent to accessible paths		
	Trash Cans	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
	Picnic Shelters	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Located near accessible water fountains, trash can, restroom, parking, etc.		
Trails	DCR Class (majority)	Surface material – packed dirt	✓	
		Dimensions – 5' minimum	✓	
		Rails		✓
		Signage (for visually impaired)		✓
Swimming Facilities NONE	Pools	Entrance		
		Location from accessible parking		
		Safety features i.e. warning for visually impaired		
	Beaches	Location from accessible path into water		
		Handrails		
		Location from accessible parking		
		Shade provided		
Play Areas (tot lots) NONE	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, Slides	Same experience provided to all		
	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Enough space between equipment for wheelchair		
Game Areas NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Berm cuts onto courts		
	Equipment	Height		
		Dimensions		
		Spectator Seating		
Boat Docks NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Handrails		
Fishing Facilities NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Handrails		
	Equipment	Arm Rests		
		Bait Shelves		
		Handrails		
		Fish Cleaning Tables		
Programming NONE	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim		
		Guided Hikes		
		Interpretive Programs		
Services and Technical Assistance NONE	Information available in alternative formats i.e. for visually impaired			✓
	Process to request interpretive services (i.e. sign language interpreter) for meetings			✓

PARKING – Packed dirt/gravel – no formal parking			
Total Spaces – 6 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		✓	
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.		✓	
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle		✓	
Van space – minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.		✓	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces		✓	
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign		✓	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)		✓	
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%	✓		
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present			N/A
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow			N/A
RAMPS		✓	
SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES – No Buildings open to public			
STAIRS and DOORS		✓	
RESTROOMS – also see Doors and Vestibules		✓	
FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES		✓	
SWIMMING POOLS – accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area		✓	
SHOWER ROOMS		✓	
PICNICKING			

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TRICENTENTIAL PARK – 72 Blackstone Street

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES	Y	N
Picnic Facilities	Tables & Benches	Located adjacent to accessible paths	✓	
		Access to Open Spaces	✓	
		Back and Arm Rests		✓
		Adequate number	✓	
	Grills – NONE	Height of Cooking Surface		
		Located adjacent to accessible paths		
	Trash Cans – NONE	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
	Picnic Shelters - NONE	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Located near accessible water fountains, trash can, restroom, parking, etc.		
Trails		Surface material – packed stone dust and block	✓	
		Dimensions – 5' minimum	✓	
		Rails		✓
		Signage (for visually impaired)		✓
Swimming Facilities NONE	Pools	Entrance		
		Location from accessible parking		
		Safety features i.e. warning for visually impaired		
	Beaches	Location from accessible path into water		
		Handrails		
		Location from accessible parking		
		Shade provided		
Play Areas (tot lots) NONE	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, Slides	Same experience provided to all		
	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Enough space between equipment for wheelchair		
Game Areas NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Berm cuts onto courts		
	Equipment	Height		
		Dimensions		
		Spectator Seating		
Boat Docks NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Handrails		
Fishing Facilities NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Handrails		
	Equipment	Arm Rests		
		Bait Shelves		
		Handrails		
		Fish Cleaning Tables		
Programming NONE	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim		
		Guided Hikes		
		Interpretive Programs		
Services and Technical Assistance NONE	Information available in alternative formats i.e. for visually impaired			
	Process to request interpretive services (i.e. sign language interpreter) for meetings			

PARKING			
Total Spaces – 6 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	✓		
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.			
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle	✓		
Van space – minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.		✓	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces	✓		
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign	✓		
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)	✓		
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%	✓		
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present			
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow			
RAMPS		✓	
SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES			
Specification			
Site Access			
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance	✓		
Disembarking area at accessible entrance	✓		
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed	✓	✓	Some brick, some gravel
No ponding of water			
Path of Travel			
Path does not require the use of stairs	✓		
Path is stable, firm and s lip resistant	✓		
3 ft wide minimum	✓		
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).	✓		
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than ½ inch			Different surface materials
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a 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 the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs			N/A

Entrances			
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)	✓		
STAIRS and DOORS		✓	
RESTROOMS – also see Doors and Vestibules		✓	
FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES		✓	
SWIMMING POOLS – accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area		✓	
SHOWER ROOMS		✓	
PICNICKING			
Specification			
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	✓		
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep.	✓		
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground	✓		
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firma nd slip-resistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions			Space could be smoother
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter	✓		

Unity Park – 7 Boston Road

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES	Y	N
Picnic Facilities	Tables & Benches	Located adjacent to accessible paths	✓	
		Access to Open Spaces	✓	
		Back and Arm Rests	✓	
		Adequate number	✓	
	Grills – NONE	Height of Cooking Surface		
		Located adjacent to accessible paths		
	Trash Cans – NONE	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
	Picnic Shelters - NONE	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Located near accessible water fountains, trash can, restroom, parking, etc.		
Trails – NONE		Surface material – packed stone dust and block		
		Dimensions – 5' minimum		
		Rails		
		Signage (for visually impaired)		
Swimming Facilities NONE	Pools	Entrance		
		Location from accessible parking		
		Safety features i.e. warning for visually impaired		
	Beaches	Location from accessible path into water		
		Handrails		
		Location from accessible parking		
		Shade provided		
Play Areas (tot lots)	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, Slides	Same experience provided to all – for the most part	✓	
	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	✓	
		Enough space between equipment for wheelchair	✓	
Game Areas NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Berm cuts onto courts		
	Equipment	Height		
		Dimensions		
		Spectator Seating		
Boat Docks NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Handrails		
Fishing Facilities NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Handrails		
	Equipment	Arm Rests		
		Bait Shelves		
		Handrails		
		Fish Cleaning Tables		
Programming NONE	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim		
		Guided Hikes		
		Interpretive Programs		
Services and Technical Assistance NONE	Information available in alternative formats i.e. for visually impaired			
	Process to request interpretive services (i.e. sign language interpreter) for meetings			

PARKING			
Total Spaces – 9 Spaces		*Required Accessible Spaces - yes*	
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	✓		
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.			
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle	✓		
Van space – minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.		✓	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces	✓		
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign	✓		
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)	✓		
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%	✓		
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present	✓		
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow	✓		
RAMPS		✓	
Specifications			
Slope Maximum 1:12	✓		
Minimum width 4 ft between handrails			Rails to be added
Clearance of 1 ½ between wall and wall rail			N/A
Non-slip surface	✓		
Level platforms (4ft x 4ft) at every 30 ft, at top, at bottom, at change of direction	✓		
SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES			
Specification	*Yes*	*No*	*Comments/Transition Notes*
Site Access			
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance	✓		
Disembarking area at accessible entrance		✓	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed	✓		
No ponding of water	✓		
Path of Travel			
Path does not require the use of stairs	✓		
Path is stable, firm and s lip resistant	✓		
3 ft wide minimum	✓		
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).	✓		
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than ½ inch	✓		

Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a 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 the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs			N/A
ENTRANCES		✓	
STAIRS and DOORS		✓	
RESTROOMS – also see Doors and Vestibules		✓	
FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES		✓	
SWIMMING POOLS – accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area		✓	
SHOWER ROOMS		✓	
PICNICKING			
Specification			
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	✓		
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep.			
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground	✓		
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firma nd slip-resistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions	✓		
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter	✓		

VAN DYKE FIELDS – 23 HOUGH ROAD

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES	Y	N
Picnic Facilities	Tables & Benches	Located adjacent to accessible paths		✓
		Access to Open Spaces		✓
		Back and Arm Rests		✓
		Adequate number		✓
	Grills	Height of Cooking Surface		✓
		Located adjacent to accessible paths		✓
	Trash Cans	Located adjacent to accessible paths		✓
	Picnic Shelters	Located adjacent to accessible paths		✓
		Located near accessible water fountains, trash can, restroom, parking, etc.		✓
Trails		Surface material		✓
		Dimensions		✓
		Rails		✓
		Signage (for visually impaired)		✓
Swimming Facilities	Pools	Entrance		✓
		Location from accessible parking		✓
		Safety features i.e. warning for visually impaired		✓
	Beaches	Location from accessible path into water		✓
		Handrails		✓
		Location from accessible parking		✓
		Shade provided		✓
Play Areas (tot lots)	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, slides	Same experience provided to all		✓
	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		✓
		Enough space between equipment for wheelchair	✓	
Game Areas: *ballfield *basketball	Access Routes – no clear path	Located adjacent to accessible paths	✓	
		Berm cuts onto courts		
	Equipment	Height		
		Dimensions		
		Spectator Seating	✓	
Boat Docks	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		✓
		Handrails		✓
Fishing Facilities	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		✓
		Handrails		✓
	Equipment	Arm Rests		✓
		Bait Shelves		✓
		Handrails		✓
		Fish Cleaning Tables		✓
Programming	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim		✓
		Guided Hikes		✓
		Interpretive Programs		✓
Services and Technical Assistance	Information available in alternative formats i.e. for visually impaired			✓
	Process to request interpretive services (i.e. sign language interpreter) for meetings			✓

PARKING			
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	✓		
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.	✓		
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle	✓		
Van space – minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.	✓		
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces	✓		
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign	✓		
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)	✓		
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%	✓		
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present	✓		No curbing
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow	✓		No curbing
RAMPS		✓	
SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES			
Specification			
Site Access			
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance	✓		
Disembarking area at accessible entrance	✓		
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed	✓		
No ponding of water	✓		
Path of Travel			
Path does not require the use of stairs	✓		
Path is stable, firm and s lip resistant	✓		
3 ft wide minimum	✓		
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).	✓		
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than ½ inch		✓	
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a 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 the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs			N/A

Entrances – No Structures			
Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and *not* be the service entrance	✓		

NOTES – Stands/seating need flat/accessible space in front, or other accessible seating options.

STAIRS and DOORS			
Specification			
Stairs		✓	
Doors		✓	
RESTROOMS – also see Doors and Vestibules		✓	
FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES		✓	
SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES		✓	
SWIMMING POOLS – accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area		✓	
SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use		✓	
PICNICKING		✓	

Waters Farm – 53 Waters Road

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES	Y	N
Picnic Facilities	Tables & Benches	Located adjacent to accessible paths – 24 in season	✓	
		Access to Open Spaces		✓
		Back and Arm Rests		✓
		Adequate number		
	Grills - NONE	Height of Cooking Surface		
		Located adjacent to accessible paths		
	Trash Cans – NONE	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
	Picnic Shelters - NONE	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Located near accessible water fountains, trash can, restroom, parking, etc.		
Trails	Mapped trails	Surface material – packed stone dust and block	✓	
		Dimensions – 5' minimum	✓	
		Rails		✓
		Signage (for visually impaired)		✓
Swimming Facilities NONE	Pools	Entrance		
		Location from accessible parking		
		Safety features i.e. warning for visually impaired		
	Beaches	Location from accessible path into water		
		Handrails		
		Location from accessible parking		
		Shade provided		
Play Areas (tot lots) NONE	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, Slides	Same experience provided to all		
	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Enough space between equipment for wheelchair		
Game Areas NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Berm cuts onto courts		
	Equipment	Height		
		Dimensions		
		Spectator Seating		
Boat Docks NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Handrails		
Fishing Facilities NONE	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths		
		Handrails		
	Equipment	Arm Rests		
		Bait Shelves		
		Handrails		
		Fish Cleaning Tables		
Programming	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim		
		Guided Hikes		
		Interpretive Programs – tractor pulls, donkey show, antique car shows, chain of lights, open house & walking tours	✓	
Services and Technical Assistance NONE	Information available in alternative formats i.e. for visually impaired			
	Process to request interpretive services (i.e. sign language interpreter) for meetings			

PARKING – No designated paved parking. Open space used for large events			
Total Spaces – 6 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		✓	
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.		✓	
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle		✓	
Van space – minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.		✓	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces		✓	
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign			
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)			Dirt
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%			
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present			
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow			
RAMPS		✓	
SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES – car path - dirt			
Specification			
Site Access			
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance	✓		Only for barn
Disembarking area at accessible entrance	✓		
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed		✓	Dirt
No ponding of water			
Path of Travel – no specific paths			
Path does not require the use of stairs	✓		
Path is stable, firm and s lip resistant		✓	
3 ft wide minimum	✓		
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).			
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than ½ inch		✓	
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a cane			
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"			
Curb on the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs			

Entrances			
Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance		✓	
STAIRS and DOORS	✓		Only on houses
RESTROOMS – also see Doors and Vestibules	✓	✓	Portable
FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES		✓	
SWIMMING POOLS – accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area		✓	
SHOWER ROOMS		✓	
PICNICKING			
Specification			
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	✓		
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep.	✓		
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground	✓		
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firma nd slip-resistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions			Space could be smoother
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter	✓		

Public Comments

From: Jennifer Hager
To: Mindy Greene
Subject: Re: surcharges to our property taxes
Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021 1:06:11 PM

You're welcome, just you tax dollars at work! Jen

Jennifer Hager,
Sutton Planning &
Economic Development Director
508-865-8729

On Thu, May 20, 2021, 12:30 PM Mindy Greene <mgreene360@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Jen
> Makes good sense. Thanks for the reply and again, thank you for all your (the team) hard work this past year.
> Best
> Mindy
>
> On Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 01:02:08 PM EDT, Jennifer Hager <j.hager@town.sutton.ma.us> wrote:
>
> Ms. Green – Thank you for your input. The survey is asking if residents would be open to the Community Preservation Act surcharge. The surcharge cannot be enacted unless Sutton voters at Town Meeting vote to enact it and pick the percentage surcharge they feel is appropriate (between 1 and 3%). Most towns who have enacted the CPA exempt the first $150,000 of a home's value so the surcharge is only applied to the remaining value of the home. Enacting the CPA in intended to save voters from bigger "hits" (or at least reduce the size of the hits!) when the Town votes to purchase land or undertake projects like Shaw Farm (4.5 million) which was tacked onto residents tax bills for 20 years.
>
> As all people would be able to use such land or facilities created with such funds, I don't think there's a way to only have supporters be taxed, but I will look into this as well as other exemption categories that may be utilized.
>
> Thank you again for your input and I hope you expressed your concerns within the survey as well!
>
> Again, this tax will NOT come into effect unless it is brought to Town Meeting for a vote and voters adopt the CPA. Town Meetings are held every May and every October, so be sure to keep an eye on the Towns website and or local newspapers or feel free to reach out to me again!
>
> Jen Hager
>
> **Jennifer S. Hager**
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> Planning & Economic Development Director
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From: Mindy Greene [mailto:mgreene360@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 10:50 AM
To: j.hager@town.sutton.ma.us
Subject: surcharges to our property taxes

Hi Jen

First of all I'd like to thank you and the staff at Town Hall for maintaining services throughout the pandemic. Kudos on that!

I'm writing to express concern about the timing of the open space survey that indicates we'll be forced to pay surcharges in excess of our already high taxes. Given the economic impact of the pandemic and the difficulties most of us have faced financially and medically this past year makes the suggestion of 1-3% increase in our taxes to be too much.

PLEASE do not burden the homeowners with an additional fee right now. The timing is poor and consideration should be made about the idea of forcing residents to pay more. It's unreasonable.

Consider allowing all homeowners in favor the opportunity to pay the surcharges while allowing those who don't agree to not pay at all. Basically fund raise amongst those who want to pay more. Let them, but don't hurt everyone else. Please provide an opt out of the surcharge.

Thanks so much for your consideration.

Have a great day

Mindy Greene

Please be advised that the Attorney General has ruled that communication via electronic mail in the public domain is not confidential and is considered a matter of public record. Furthermore, all communications (including this one) will be retained for 10 years.

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Town of Sutton
Office of the Select Board

January 11, 2022

Ms. Melissa Cryan
Division of Conservation Services, EOEEA
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
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Dear Ms. Cryan:

In a presentation at the Boards meeting of January 4th, the Planning Director and member(s) of the Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP) Advisory Committee provided a presentation about the OSRP update process and the aspirations, goals and objectives that resulted from this process. The Sutton Select Board would like to register our support for approval of the 2022 – 2029 Open Space & Recreation Plan for the Town of Sutton. Members commented on the importance of agricultural landscapes as well as ensuring elements of the Plan help us move toward a more age friendly community.

The Open Space Advisory Committee, staff, and Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), have done an exemplary job in updating base information about Sutton, reaching out to the entire community for their thoughts and commentary, and putting all of this information together in a concise and actionable plan. The Committee made a sincere effort to reach out to all residents directly in their homes for their input and to host forums at Goddard Lodge at Marion's Camp that were enjoyable and sensitive to Covid concerns.

We believe the final draft that has been provided to you is a thorough and accurate assessment of our community and its open space, recreational, and historic/cultural resources. The Plan provides a realistic program of undertakings over the next seven years that will help us maintain, highlight, utilize, grow, and protect these resources.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jesse Limanek, Chair
Sutton Select Board

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TOWN OF SUTTON
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Dear Ms. Cryan:

In a presentation at the Commissions meeting of November 23rd, the Planning Director provided a presentation about the Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP) update process and the aspirations, goals and objectives that resulted from this process. The Sutton Historical Commission would like to register our support for approval of the 2022 – 2029 Open Space & Recreation Plan for the Town of Sutton.

I was the Commissions representative to the OSRP Advisory Committee. I truly appreciated the collaborative process I and the other members, staff, and Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), went through to update base information about Sutton, reach out to the entire community for their thoughts and commentary, and put all of this information together in a plan we feel is concise and actionable. The Commission was heartened to see the significant desire of residents to understand more about local history. We are excited to move forward on all of the historic objectives.

We believe the final draft that has been provided to you is a thorough and accurate assessment of our community and its open space, recreational, and historic/cultural resources. The Plan provides a realistic program of undertakings over the next seven years that will help us maintain, highlight, utilize, grow, and protect these resources.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Keith Downer, Chair
Sutton Historical Commission

Michael F. Gagan, Chair
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TOWN OF SUTTON
PLANNING BOARD & DEPARTMENT

Ms. Melissa Cryan
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Dear Ms. Cryan:

In a presentation at the Board's meeting of December 20th, the Planning Director and member(s) of the Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP) Advisory Committee made a presentation about the OSRP update process and the aspirations, goals and objectives that resulted from this process. The Sutton Planning Board would like to register our support for approval of the 2022 – 2029 Open Space & Recreation Plan for the Town of Sutton.

The Board's representative to the Advisory Committee, William Talcott, and the other representatives, staff, and Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), have done an exemplary job in updating base information about Sutton, reaching out to the entire community for their thoughts and commentary, and putting all of this information together in a concise and actionable plan. All members of the Board attended the forums hosted at Goddard Lodge at Marion's Camp and enjoyed the opportunity to provide input in an enjoyable format at a great open space/recreational site that has benefited from both private donations and municipal funding, as well as grant funding and other State assistance.

We believe the final draft that has been provided to you is a thorough and accurate assessment of our community and its natural and man-made open space, recreational, and historic/cultural resources. The Plan provides a realistic program of undertakings over the next seven years that will help us maintain, highlight, utilize, grow, and protect these resources.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Gagan

Michael F. Gagan, Chair
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January 11, 2022

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Boston, MA 02114

Dear Ms. Cryan:

In a presentation at the Commissions meeting of December 15th, the Planning Director provided a presentation about the OSRP update process and the aspirations, goals and objectives that resulted from this process. The Sutton Conservation Commission would like to register our support for approval of the 2022 – 2029 Open Space & Recreation Plan for the Town of Sutton.

The Commissions representative to the Open Space Advisory Committee, Joyce Smith, and the other members, staff, and Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), have done an exemplary job in updating base information about Sutton, reaching out to the entire community for their thoughts and commentary, and putting all of this information together in a concise and actionable plan. We appreciated updated information on our environmental assets and issues, and the focus on planning for climate resilience.

We believe the final draft that has been provided to you is a thorough and accurate assessment of our community and its open space, recreational, and historic/cultural resources. The Plan provides a realistic program of undertakings over the next seven years that will help us maintain, highlight, utilize, grow, and protect these resources.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wm. M. Wence

William Wence, Chair
Sutton Conservation Commission

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Photo Contest

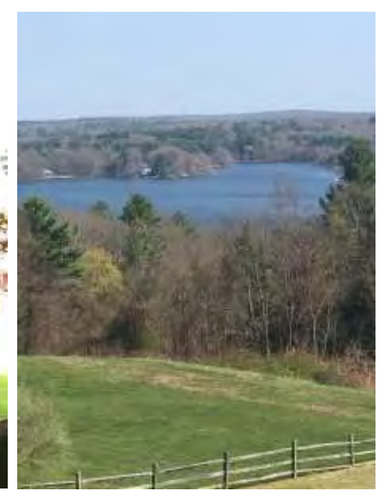
1st PLACE – M. Connors

2nd PLACE - M. Connors

3rd PLACE TIE –
M. Lajoie
B. Garvin

4th PLACE- S. Mushinski

5th PLACE TIE –
M. Connors
S. Hannon
J. Lewis



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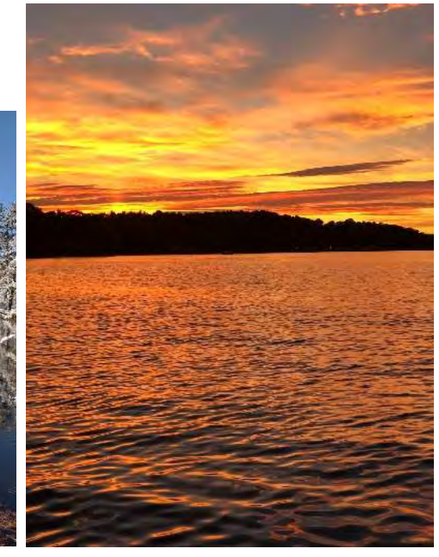
MENTION
HEART OF THE CAMP
AWARD – C. Wassell

Special thanks to everyone who participated in the photo contest capturing dozens of amazing images of the beauty and spirit of Sutton:

H. Bottomley	S. Capobianco	W. Carrier	M. Connors	M. DeCosta	A Doherty	B. Garvin	H&S. Hannon
M. Lajoie	J. Lewis	S. Malkani	S. Mushinski	T. Shen	J. Smith	C. Wassell	



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