

# Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Survey

Responses: 183

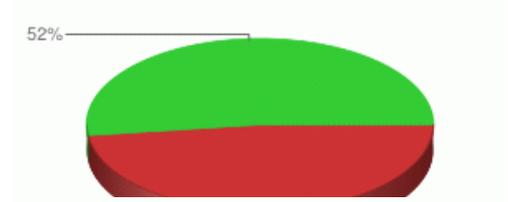
## Open Space Survey

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### 1. Is the Town adequately served by current Open Spaces?

Answered: 179 Skipped: 4

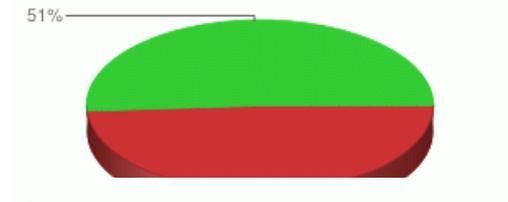
- Yes (86)
- No (93)



### 2. Is there adequate Town-owned Open Space?

Answered: 176 Skipped: 7

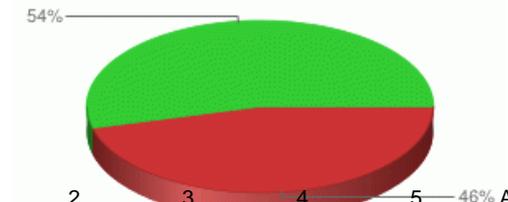
- Yes (87)
- No (89)



### 3. Is the Town adequately served by current sports venues?

Answered: 175 Skipped: 8

- Yes (81)
- No (94)



### 4. How important is it to you to preserve the following?

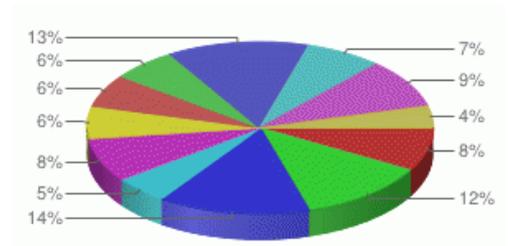
Answered: 893 Skipped: -710

|                                                       | 1           | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | Avg  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------|
| Town-owned Open Spaces to meet our water supply needs | 10.53% (94) | 2.35% (21) | 3.02% (27) | 1.23% (11) | 3.02% (27) | 2.20 |
| Town-owned Open Spaces for active recreation          | 7.73% (69)  | 4.37% (39) | 2.24% (20) | 1.68% (15) | 4.03% (36) | 2.50 |
| Open Spaces for passive recreation and aesthetics     | 6.61% (59)  | 4.37% (39) | 4.82% (43) | 1.79% (16) | 2.24% (20) | 2.43 |
| Farmlands                                             | 6.16% (55)  | 3.25% (29) | 3.92% (35) | 2.91% (26) | 3.70% (33) | 2.74 |
| Historical places                                     | 4.70% (42)  | 3.25% (29) | 4.59% (41) | 3.70% (33) | 3.81% (34) | 2.93 |

### 5. Please indicate the recreation areas provided in Town that you have visited and enjoy.

Answered: 178 Skipped: 5

- Protected natural undeveloped lands (91)
- Pride Park/Children's play areas (134)
- Rail Trail (154)
- Road Biking (56)
- Woodland Park (92)
- Soccer field (67)
- Softball field (64)
- Baseball field (62)
- Goodale Park (144)
- Hiking/cross country skiing trails at Reservoir (81)
- Town sidewalks (103)
- Ice Skating rink (47)



### 6. Please indicate the top recreation facilities you feel are needed in Town.

Answered: 178 Skipped: 5



2. Limited, regulated use of the Wachusett reservoir for canoeing or small craft sailing by residents.

I believe town funds should be used for environmental studies to determine the impact of such activities and lobby for such use.

Such specific town resident rights would increase West Boylston property values and tax base.

spray park

Question 7 reply.

Town needs sidewalks. Initially it would be great to have sidewalks that emanate from goodale park At least 1 mile in all directions. All citizens in this area could walk to goodale park, walk to school, the library, the new town hall, churches, commercial establishments in this zone

Make it a safe, walkable town

NONE You need NONE as a choice to get an accurate survey

I want to emphasize the need for more sidewalks, especially in Prospect st area. Will improve safety and further attract young families and mobility within the community.

Note on 8: hiking, walking, etc are an active recreation - not passive.

no longer have kids in school so not in organized sports, but that does not diminish the need

Splash pad

ADDITIONAL PARKING AT GOODALE PARK

Senior Center

This is a test from Erik - Tom you can delete it.

Better parking so I can use and/or attend park events....

Dog Park

Dog park

JIPRJB <http://www.MHyzKpN7h4ERauvS72jUbdI0HeKxuZom.com>

Maybe relocate ice skating rink from the traffic center of town to a more rural setting. Also, maybe next year place the scarecrows around the concert band stand park area where it is safer to look at the scarecrows and there is no danger of drivers gazing at them while driving and taking ones eyes off the wheel.

Dog Park

Funds should be transferred to the rehabilitation of the West Boylston Middle/High School.

Share passes to Wauchum (sp?)Lake in Sterling, MA.....so we have place to swim with children.

New track

Areas open to hunting and camping

a dog park would be nice

The web site only lets you pick 5 I wanted 7 because this is my wants. This isn't an accurate survey

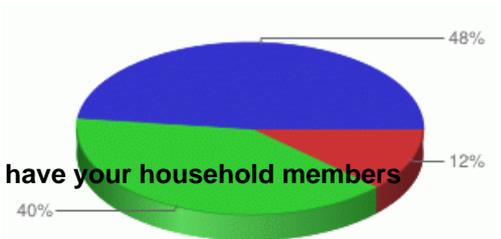
### 8. How does your household typically utilize the properties that you visit?

Answered: 172 Skipped: 11

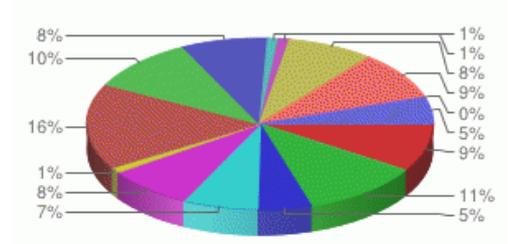
- Active Recreation (individual/team sports) (21)
- Passive Recreation (hiking, walking, cross-country skiing) (69)
- Both (82)

### 9. In the last 5 years, which Active Recreation (Individual/Team Sports) have your household members participated in? Check all that apply.

Answered: 148 Skipped: 35



- Baseball (53)
- Basketball (67)
- Football (31)
- Golf (45)
- Ice skating (52)
- Lacrosse (7)
- Playground/Swings (97)
- Soccer (61)
- Softball (48)
- Skateboarding (8)
- Street hockey (8)
- Swimming (52)
- Tennis (55)
- Volleyball (3)
- Other (28)



**10. If you chose "Other" in question 9, please specify.**

Answered: 32 Skipped: 151

Swimming??? the town pool has not been opened for years.... If you have been swimming... you should have been fined.

Rugby

alpine skiing

NONE

cheer

Gymnastics and dance

bowling

Biking

none

running

biking

fishing, kayaking

biking

skiing, boating

Question 10 reply

NONE You need NONE as a choice to get an accurate survey

road racing

Bicycling

hiking, walking, etc are an active recreation - not passive.

no longer have kids in school so not in organized sports, but that does not diminish the need for young families "active"

Biking

Senior Programs

No children/grandchildren participating

Running

Fishing, scarecrow competition

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Sledding

Track and field

Track and field

Biking

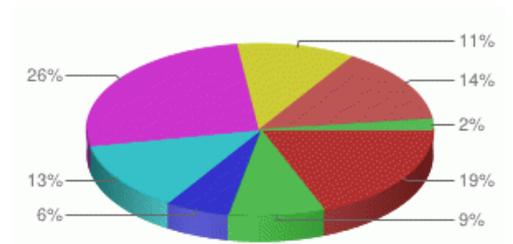
running

Walking the rail trail  
 Biking  
 Ice hockey

**11. In the last 5 years, which Passive Recreation activities have your household members participated in?  
 Check all that apply.**

Answered: 172 Skipped: 11

- Appreciating Nature, Photography (114)
- Bird watching (53)
- Cross-country skiing (37)
- Dog Walking (78)
- Hiking/Jogging/Walking (152)
- Picnicking (62)
- Reading/Relaxing (80)
- Other (14)



**12. If you chose "Other" in question 11, please specify.**

Answered: 19 Skipped: 164

biking, very difficult on roads like rt. 140, our area does not have sidewalks.  
 bike riding fishing  
 Road and Mountain biking.  
 Children at playground.  
 painting from nature  
 gardening  
 biking  
 Snow shoeing  
 Question 12 reply  
 NONE You need NONE as a choice to get an accurate survey  
 biking  
 snow-shoeing  
 are active recreations  
 XC skiing rail trail  
 Seems absolutely rediculous cannot bring leashed dogs on entire rail trail  
 fishing  
 JIPRJB <http://www.MHyzKpN7h4ERauvS72jUbdI0HeKxuZom.com>  
 Biking  
 Hunting, fishing, and camping  
 Biking, snowshoeing  
 Cycling

**13. How important is it for members of your household to use the following programs?**

Answered: 1538 Skipped: -1355

|                            | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4         | 5          | Avg  |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------|
| Summer Youth programs      | 2.86% (44) | 2.08% (32) | 1.24% (19) | 0.39% (6) | 2.86% (44) | 2.82 |
| School year youth programs | 3.12% (48) | 1.69% (26) | 1.50% (23) | 0.33% (5) | 2.93% (45) | 2.82 |
| Senior center programs     | 2.15% (33) | 1.04% (16) | 1.30% (20) | 0.39% (6) | 4.36% (67) | 3.41 |
| Baseball League            | 2.02% (31) | 1.11% (17) | 1.56% (24) | 0.33% (5) | 3.90% (60) | 3.34 |
| Basketball League          | 2.15% (33) | 1.24% (19) | 1.82% (28) | 0.46% (7) | 3.06% (47) | 3.12 |

|                   |            |            |            |            |            |      |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------|
| Football League   | 1.56% (24) | 0.85% (13) | 0.91% (14) | 0.72% (11) | 4.62% (71) | 3.69 |
| Golf League       | 1.17% (18) | 0.98% (15) | 0.78% (12) | 1.11% (17) | 4.36% (67) | 3.78 |
| Library Programs  | 4.62% (71) | 2.34% (36) | 1.63% (25) | 0.65% (10) | 1.24% (19) | 2.19 |
| Soccer League     | 3.19% (49) | 0.78% (12) | 0.98% (15) | 0.33% (5)  | 3.19% (49) | 2.95 |
| Softball League   | 1.89% (29) | 1.24% (19) | 0.98% (15) | 0.72% (11) | 3.64% (56) | 3.35 |
| Tennis Tournament | 1.11% (17) | 1.30% (20) | 1.63% (25) | 0.98% (15) | 3.51% (54) | 3.53 |
| Other             | 0.39% (6)  | 0.20% (3)  | 0.13% (2)  | 0.07% (1)  | 0.46% (7)  | 3.00 |

**14. If your household members travel to adjacent communities for recreational activities, please specify what type of activities.**

Answered: 67 Skipped: 116

Swimming

Cross country skiing

walking dogs and humans

swimming membership in Holden \$390/yr.

hiking, biking, swimming

alpine skiing and hiking

basketball which is held in the boylston gym, golf in boylston, less exp. than wachusett cc. some baseball practice is in boylston due to limited field space.

State pool- swimming lessons (clinton )

Travel soccer team for under 12-yr olds.

Swimming (Holden Pool, Sterling Lake, Worcester Lakes and Pools, Clinton Pool, Rutland lake).

Swimming, Hiking

Swimming and gymnastics

Swimming

Swimming

Swimming, hiking, tennis, fishing

Different parks in surrounding towns that will have special events during the year.

Hockey, soccer, and a playground that isn't closed off during school hours. We need more playgrounds for children to use during the day while not in school - the little ones. and afterschool programs close the playground down so kids can't use them then!!! Look at the parks they put in small neighborhoods all over Boston - take a hint we need sidewalks and smaller parks that are not next to the schools.

Swimming

Swimming, golf

Pool Use in Holden

swimming

Dean park. Water park.

skateboarding; swimming; walking where there are sidewalks

Splash park, playgrounds.

Pool

hiking and road biking

baseball, golf, basketball

Hiking, Mountain Biking, Fishing (freshwater, boat)

skiing, appreciating nature, bird watching, golf, swimming, fishing, biking, kayaking

biking, swimming

Swimming and Cross country skiing

Soccer, basketball

Safer biking, golf and hiking  
 running, biking, swimming, boating, rollerblading, skiing  
 Question 14 reply.  
 Holden-swimming  
 Worcester - skating  
 Fitchburg - street hockey  
 Soccer, football, dance.  
 NONE You need NONE as a choice to get an accurate survey  
 Soccer, lacrosse, swimming  
 Swimming at holden pool!!  
 hiking, biking, ice-skating, kayaking  
 trail walking and trail bike riding  
 Swimming at free state pool on Rte. 110 in Clinton, MA  
 soccer  
 Too old to participate in active sports.  
 Swimming  
 indoor tennis  
 Swimming  
 Baseball and Soccer  
 Swimming, golf, ice skating, boating, playgrounds, kids holiday activities  
 Dog walking  
 JIPRJB <http://www.MHyzkpN7h4ERauvS72jUbdI0HeKxuZom.com>  
 Swimming  
 Baseball, gymnastics  
 Swimming  
 youth basketball  
 Holden for swimming  
 Various towns for travel soccer and basketball programs  
 horseback riding, biking trails, dog walking  
 Biking, hiking, picnicing  
 PYO vegetable & fruit picking; nature photography, sight-seeing, swimming, craft/art activities  
 going to dog parks and hiking with my dog  
 Basketball  
 football in boylston  
 Soccer & swimming  
 Ice hockey, dek hockey  
 Water park in Northboro  
 Holden pool and play ground  
 Hockey/ lacrosse

**15. Rank the importance to your household of the following amenities in West Boylston.**

Answered: 3029 Skipped: -2846

|                          | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | Avg  |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------|
| Baseball                 | 0.73% (22) | 0.66% (20) | 0.83% (25) | 0.30% (9)  | 1.85% (56) | 3.43 |
| Basketball               | 0.76% (23) | 0.86% (26) | 0.86% (26) | 0.26% (8)  | 1.52% (46) | 3.22 |
| Beaman Memorial Library  | 3.00% (91) | 0.96% (29) | 0.53% (16) | 0.26% (8)  | 0.66% (20) | 2.01 |
| Bicycle routes           | 1.75% (53) | 0.96% (29) | 0.83% (25) | 0.43% (13) | 0.73% (22) | 2.45 |
| Cross-country ski trails | 0.96% (29) | 0.50% (15) | 0.79% (24) | 0.63% (19) | 1.32% (40) | 3.20 |

|                     |            |            |            |            |            |      |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------|
| DCR forest trails   | 2.08% (63) | 0.99% (30) | 0.76% (23) | 0.26% (8)  | 0.86% (26) | 2.36 |
| Fishing             | 1.19% (36) | 0.73% (22) | 0.99% (30) | 0.36% (11) | 1.12% (34) | 2.89 |
| Football            | 0.79% (24) | 0.46% (14) | 0.76% (23) | 0.36% (11) | 1.88% (57) | 3.49 |
| Golf                | 0.56% (17) | 0.66% (20) | 0.76% (23) | 0.56% (17) | 1.65% (50) | 3.50 |
| Historic Places     | 1.06% (32) | 0.73% (22) | 1.32% (40) | 0.56% (17) | 1.06% (32) | 2.97 |
| Ice skating         | 0.76% (23) | 0.66% (20) | 1.02% (31) | 0.40% (12) | 1.45% (44) | 3.26 |
| Playground/Swings   | 1.98% (60) | 0.96% (29) | 0.69% (21) | 0.20% (6)  | 0.86% (26) | 2.36 |
| Rail Trail          | 2.97% (90) | 0.69% (21) | 0.73% (22) | 0.23% (7)  | 0.50% (15) | 1.94 |
| Sidewalks           | 2.97% (90) | 0.83% (25) | 0.36% (11) | 0.26% (8)  | 0.63% (19) | 1.96 |
| Soccer              | 1.16% (35) | 0.53% (16) | 0.76% (23) | 0.40% (12) | 1.39% (42) | 3.08 |
| Softball            | 0.63% (19) | 0.59% (18) | 0.69% (21) | 0.43% (13) | 1.75% (53) | 3.51 |
| Skateboarding       | 0.30% (9)  | 0.07% (2)  | 0.26% (8)  | 0.36% (11) | 3.07% (93) | 4.44 |
| Swimming            | 1.91% (58) | 0.86% (26) | 0.73% (22) | 0.20% (6)  | 0.96% (29) | 2.45 |
| Tennis              | 0.76% (23) | 0.79% (24) | 0.96% (29) | 0.30% (9)  | 1.52% (46) | 3.24 |
| Town Commons/Gazebo | 1.55% (47) | 1.12% (34) | 1.25% (38) | 0.56% (17) | 0.33% (10) | 2.38 |
| Track               | 1.29% (39) | 1.12% (34) | 0.92% (28) | 0.33% (10) | 0.73% (22) | 2.56 |
| Walking in Cemetery | 0.92% (28) | 0.69% (21) | 0.79% (24) | 0.46% (14) | 1.52% (46) | 3.22 |
| Other               | 0.20% (6)  | 0% (0)     | 0.03% (1)  | 0.10% (3)  | 0.13% (4)  | 2.93 |

**16. If you ranked an "Other" amenity in question 15, please specify.**

Answered: 12 Skipped: 171

street hockey

walking my dog down the rail trail

MORE SIDE WALKS

walking the town. need more sidewalks. worcester st and maple st are so popular for walking and yet such a lack of sidewalks. worc st dangerous for walking and for kids walking for busses or bike riding

open vistas/spaces for passive recreation, unspoiled nature

picnic area

Question 16 reply

Safe and walkable sidewalks

kayaking/canoeing in reservoir! why can't we? fishermen throw coffee cups in the water, but kayakers are an issue?

silly. also, DCR land is fine if we could bike and walk our dog, again, no good environmental reason not to bike or walk dogs if dog owners are responsible.

local stores or specialty stores, and walking ability to these stores

Test from Erik

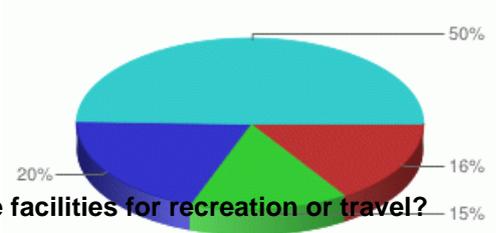
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Rehabilitation of West Boylston Middle/High School

**17. How important is it for members of your household to use sidewalks in your neighborhood for recreation or travel?**

Answered: 179 Skipped: 4

- Not important (29)
- Somewhat important (26)
- Important (35)
- Very important (89)



**18. How important is it for members of your household to use bike lane facilities for recreation or travel?**

Answered: 180 Skipped: 3

- Not important (54)
- Somewhat important (54)
- Important (25)
- Very important (47)



**19. Rate the following areas for town investment to make improvements.**

Answered: 3965 Skipped: -3782

|                                                                          | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | Avg  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------|
| Bicycle routes (off-road)                                                | 1.03% (41) | 0.61% (24) | 0.63% (25) | 0.43% (17) | 0.76% (30) | 2.79 |
| Bicycle routes (roadway shoulders)                                       | 1.44% (57) | 0.63% (25) | 0.58% (23) | 0.30% (12) | 0.71% (28) | 2.51 |
| Children's play equipment (swings, climbing)                             | 1.08% (43) | 0.53% (21) | 0.91% (36) | 0.28% (11) | 0.58% (23) | 2.63 |
| Cross country skiing                                                     | 0.55% (22) | 0.35% (14) | 0.58% (23) | 0.48% (19) | 1.34% (53) | 3.51 |
| Dog control                                                              | 0.81% (32) | 0.55% (22) | 0.73% (29) | 0.25% (10) | 0.93% (37) | 2.98 |
| Dog park                                                                 | 0.76% (30) | 0.30% (12) | 0.50% (20) | 0.48% (19) | 1.39% (55) | 3.42 |
| Equipment safety                                                         | 1.29% (51) | 0.71% (28) | 0.66% (26) | 0.15% (6)  | 0.33% (13) | 2.21 |
| Food                                                                     | 0.48% (19) | 0.28% (11) | 0.81% (32) | 0.30% (12) | 1.34% (53) | 3.54 |
| Hiking trails                                                            | 1.21% (48) | 0.93% (37) | 0.66% (26) | 0.35% (14) | 0.53% (21) | 2.47 |
| Ice skating                                                              | 0.61% (24) | 0.58% (23) | 0.68% (27) | 0.45% (18) | 1.08% (43) | 3.24 |
| Lighting                                                                 | 1.01% (40) | 0.63% (25) | 0.91% (36) | 0.43% (17) | 0.43% (17) | 2.60 |
| Maintenance (general maintenance of grounds, buildings, and landscape)   | 0.81% (32) | 0.88% (35) | 0.45% (18) | 0.13% (5)  | 0.25% (10) | 1.85 |
| Open grass areas                                                         | 1.03% (41) | 0.68% (27) | 0.78% (31) | 0.25% (10) | 0.55% (22) | 2.58 |
| Parking                                                                  | 0.81% (32) | 0.83% (33) | 0.93% (37) | 0.28% (11) | 0.55% (22) | 2.69 |
| Pathways to parks and open spaces                                        | 1.06% (42) | 0.98% (39) | 0.73% (29) | 0.28% (11) | 0.38% (15) | 2.40 |
| Picnic areas                                                             | 0.68% (27) | 0.68% (27) | 0.96% (38) | 0.55% (22) | 0.53% (21) | 2.87 |
| Permitting policy (for field use, special events, park facility rentals) | 0.81% (32) | 0.71% (28) | 0.76% (30) | 0.43% (17) | 0.63% (25) | 2.81 |
| Programming (concerts, art, and special events in the park)              | 0.86% (34) | 0.96% (38) | 0.96% (38) | 0.33% (13) | 0.38% (15) | 2.54 |
| Protecting open space from development                                   | 1.89% (75) | 0.50% (20) | 0.40% (16) | 0.33% (13) | 0.50% (20) | 2.19 |
| Restrooms                                                                | 1.11% (44) | 1.13% (45) | 0.71% (28) | 0.25% (10) | 0.35% (14) | 2.33 |
| Safety (crime related)                                                   | 2.14% (85) | 0.66% (26) | 0.33% (13) | 0.15% (6)  | 0.18% (7)  | 1.72 |
| Sitting benches                                                          | 0.73% (29) | 0.66% (26) | 0.88% (35) | 0.48% (19) | 0.58% (23) | 2.86 |
| Sledding                                                                 | 0.68% (27) | 0.71% (28) | 0.71% (28) | 0.50% (20) | 0.88% (35) | 3.06 |
| Team court sports facilities (basketball, handball, tennis)              | 0.55% (22) | 0.58% (23) | 0.98% (39) | 0.33% (13) | 0.91% (36) | 3.14 |
| Team field sports facilities (baseball, football, soccer)                | 1.08% (43) | 0.40% (16) | 0.86% (34) | 0.40% (16) | 0.73% (29) | 2.80 |
| Track                                                                    | 0.93% (37) | 0.61% (24) | 0.93% (37) | 0.33% (13) | 0.48% (19) | 2.64 |
| Trees                                                                    | 1.36% (54) | 0.71% (28) | 0.78% (31) | 0.25% (10) | 0.43% (17) | 2.34 |
| Walking/jogging paths                                                    | 1.69% (67) | 0.71% (28) | 0.73% (29) | 0.25% (10) | 0.30% (12) | 2.12 |
| Water facilities (spray parks, pools)                                    | 1.66% (66) | 0.63% (25) | 0.43% (17) | 0.28% (11) | 0.78% (31) | 2.44 |

**20. What new active use amenities (new pool or soccer field for examples) would your household like to see for West Boylston?**

Answered: 133 Skipped: 50

town pool

Swimming pool, ice rink

New Pool

swimming pool, atv trails

new pool every child should know how to swim

New pool

ice skating and hockey atrea and some place for kids to play street hockey

new pool, somewhere for kids to get together in a safe environment

ice skating, sledding

New pool, bike lanes/routes (road/off-road), new athletic field at Mixter site (not 40b or other development), improve and open River Road for access to river/fishing

swimming pool

spray park that has hrs for different age groups, recreation facility that would have pool tables, ping pong etc for kids,

batting cages, woods bike trails

Spray park, dog park, new pool,

Multi-purpose fields used primarily for soccer

Pool-NOT JUST SPRAY PARK.

Skate park

NONE

street hockey court

New pool. Current athletic facilities are excellent.

Pool

A spray park would be great for young families!

Pool

rec area for teens

Pool would be my first choice, spray park would be second

New Pool/biking lane along River Road to Holden & Rail Trail connection

New pool and soccer fields

new pool we could use year round. exercise area

new pool

Multi purpose turf field at the HS for all teams and a new track.

Town Pool

Level Mixter, create a park on the vacant land, and expand the ball field (make it better, and available for other uses e.g. soccer)

Spray park would be good.

None.

Swimming Pool

Pool

pools

redo the pines at old pool site for active sports

Year round use pool

Bike trails

Public water park or swimming area would be great for the kids in the summer months.

Spray Park, multi-use fields

a new town pool

New pool, senior center

town pool, hockey rink

Perhaps a new pool- IF the pool can be designed attractively with landscaping, adequately staffed, AND maintained!  
That's a big IF in this town! However, if Parks & Rec insists on turning Goodale Park into ALL athletic fields and gets rid of the natural buffer that has shielded this park from the neighbors, then I would NOT favor a new pool in this park.

more sports fields

NEW POOL

pool/water area

updated FB/Soccer/Track/Concession Stand/Restrooms at field not porta-potties

Water park

pool;skateboard park

multi-use artificial turf fields

POOL!

pool and new playing field

summer swimming facilities

bike lanes on Route 140 and next to reservoir

A rope to pull my fat @ss back up the hill when sledding with the children.

pool

pool and athletic fields

Bike paths. More sidewalks. Another soccer field

New town pool. I went to the old one as a child and it was great.

pool, better ice rink or man-made pond at Goodale park with lighting like Frog Pond -very pretty!

all purpose fields

New Pool, sidewalk around Thomas Basin

Disk Golf

New pool and soccer fields

Roadside bike lanes, golf practice area, no dogs no buggies walking paths

at least 1 more softball field

Spray park, swimming, skiing

Question 20 reply

Pool

Pool fields (soccer/football/multipurpose) and track

New pool, bike lanes/routes (road/off-road), new athletic field at Mixer site (not 40b or other development), improve and open River Road for access to river/fishing

NONE

A swimming pool would be terrific. Offering swimming lessons, summer programs, etc.

Town Pool! Larger fields for play use so that more than one group can enjoy at a time.

Additional soccer fields with lighting for fall practices and games

Pool!!!

ice rink and pool

pool

Concession and bathroom facilities at Goodale and Woodland parks.

better sidewalks

dog park sounds good for improved socialization of a somewhat isolated community for those w/o children in the schools/ may be good for people

Splash pad, soccer fields, pool

none

I would have said a pool until I discovered the free large state pool with adult and children areas on Rte. 110 in Clinton: Just a ten minute drive - Excellent facility that many residents may be unaware of as we had lived in Town for a number of years before deciding to stop in and ask while driving along Rte. 110.

NEW POOL YEAR-ROUND

Pool

Senior Center

pool

new pool

Test from erik

Multipurpose field

pool

None

Only 2 months to use the pool (State Pool for free with lessons less than 2 miles )

Development of the pine grove into a multi-purpose field.

New pool, bike lanes/routes (road/off-road), new athletic field at Mixter site (not 40b or other development), improve and open River Road for access to river/fishing

spray park

New pool

Soccer fields

New Pool

New baseball fields

Pool

Pool and new practice field

Pool/spray park

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New multi-purpose fields with artificial turf.

Track/ field

We have more than enough soccer fields for a town our size. I strongly feel that a town pool is not a good use of the towns money. The town needs to address the lack of sidewalk and crosswalks to connect the residents to the DCR areas to walk/hike in, walking i in town and on rte 12.

new outdoor courts

A new Middle/High School following examples from all bordering towns, specifically Tahanto since they were developed in the same year.

Rehabilitation of the multi-purpose field and development of pine grove into additional practice fields. Also, new pool and/or spray park.

A POOL, FINALLY, or better yet, a Town beach.

spray parks

\*\*\*\*\*new pool \*\*\*\*\*

New Pool

New pool, bike lanes/routes (road/off-road), new athletic field at Mixter site (not 40b or other development), improve and open River Road for access to river/fishing

Pool/spray park. Additional multi purpose fields.

new pool

New track

soccer fields, basketball courts, softball fields, or a track.

Pool, Skate Park, Social/Rec Hall for older kids to hang out - pool table/arcades with supervision. The younger kids are well served by the playground.

New town pool.

new pool

pool

biking trails! biking trails! biking trails! a dog park and swimming pool would be nice too.

New pool

Spray park.

Pool and additional multi-purpose field

a pool and a dog walking area would be nice

pool  
Multipurpose fields  
A beach would be great since we don't want the liability of a pool per town admin.  
None.  
pool, dog park  
Pool  
Dedicated baseball fields  
Pool  
new pool  
Updated fields at mixer / pool / roadside bike trail especially rte 12 and 140 currently the road is way too dangerous for the amount of bicyclists that use

**21. What new passive use amenities (trails, seating area) would your household like to see for West Boylston, and where?**

Answered: 102 Skipped: 81

sidewalks!  
Sidewalks on Woodland Street  
More seating on the rail trail  
Groomed cross country ski trails; bike lanes  
swimming pool, atv trails  
trails that my husband and dogs and I can go on.  
Woodland Steet SERIOUSLY needs sidewalks!! There is a clear danger to children and adults with the amount of traffice that CONSTANTLY travels this street!!! Large trucks are a constant danger also and police patrols/presence are nest to nil. It's a crime that we will wait until a terrible tragedy before something is done - several dogs have already been hit.  
Sidewalks on the major routes, Route 140(to the end of house properties)Route 12  
More running trails visibly marked and lighted  
hiking trails,biking trails  
new sidewalks with occasional benches for seating,  
dog park on MDC land  
NONE  
Demolish Mixer School and make the area and open space for walking/riding, etc.  
Trails around the reservoir  
A garden area accessible to those with mobility issues, preferably in concert with a senior center, would be a huge asset.  
rec area for teens  
Walking trails, nature areas, s aural play space for kids  
Improved sidewalks/new sidewalk around Thomas Basin/River Road opened with seating areas and picnic tables  
none  
walking trails  
walking and biking trails - particularly going to the schools  
Provide bike lanes on Rtes 12, 140,and 110.  
Mountain bike trails around the reservoir and some to compliment the rail trail and Trout brook.  
None.  
Advancement of trails  
make all sports fields more accesable to the grandparnts age  
Picnic Area with BBQ Pits, and new walking Trails. I usually travel to Lake Park in Worcester for BBQ and walking because of the one mile loop and view along the lake. I wish West Boylstion could have an area with the same quality.  
Sidewalks  
sidewalks on town streets

Trail, bike path, hiking area, SIDE WALKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

better parking at library

The upper part of Goodale Park(the pine grove and pool area) should be maintained as a natural area for passive recreation, as it has been since 1922! This park was given to the town in 1911 to be a park, NOT high school athletic fields! This park has included a grove of trees where the pine grove was (until the recent ice storm) since at least 1922! This lovely grove has provided passive recreational opportunities and buffered the park's activities from abutting neighbors, like Major Victor Edwards. In 1930, he gave 5 1/2 acres to the park (more than doubling its size). This area that he gave should NOT be converted into MORE athletic fields, but should instead be retained in its historic role as a beautiful, natural area.

I would also like to see many more sidewalks, such as going up Goodale Street from the Goodale Park tennis courts to at least Malden Street, going down the business section of Rt. 12, and going down to the Reservoir on Rt.12/140. If we want people to walk more to be healthy, we need to provide them a SAFE way to do so, in other words sidewalks.

more access to reservoir property

Hiking trail

seating areas/picnic areas near reservoir. sidewalks for walking and for safety on rt 12, worcester st and maple st

Open space preservation with walking/nature trails

Picnic area, splash pad, pool.

expansion of the trails in town

Improved sidewalks

Construction of new sidewalks

rail trail is sufficient

Restroom at the fields.

Off road cycling trail use at the resevoir the way it used to be. No good reason was ever given for disallowing this.

walking paths, picnic areas w/ shade trees and community garden, man-made pond, dog park area all at Goodale Park.

more sidewalks

X-C Ski Trails

Sidewalks on goodale street

Quiet outdoor reading-thinking-meditation zones. In places like the cemetery or in parks away from active rec.

Individual play Tennis board

Question 21 reply

Expanded sidewalks. New sidewalks where they do not exist. For example - sidewalks on all of newton street and connect with goodale street then sidewalks down to goodale park.

new sidewalks with occasional benches for seating,

NONE

More picnic tables and seating area at and around playground.

currently ample

kayaking/canoeing

trails

Better sidewalks and biking facilities.

none

A few extra picnic tables adjacent to Goodale Park.

sidewalks

new sidewalks

Test From Erik

Benches at old stone church

Trails

None

None

new sidewalks with occasional benches for seating,

dog park  
 Seating areas Woodland Park  
 Maintain rail trail  
 Improved hiking trail access around reservoir  
 Na  
 Open up more MDC land for use  
 Restrooms, picnic areas  
 JIPRJB <http://www.MHyzkpN7h4ERauvS72jUbdl0HeKxuZom.com>  
 Sidewalks  
 Better use of the DRC areas for walking/ hiking/biking/cross country skiing.  
 trails and sidewalks in the neighborhoods  
 We have plenty.  
 None. The DCR has more than enough passive use property for all of Central Mass.  
 Nature trails  
 picnic areas for families  
 sidewalks/safe walking areas  
 new sidewalks with occasional benches for seating,  
 beautify land around Exit 4 as you get on/off Rt.190. Develop lovely Visitor's Center in that area or on State land.  
 Running/hiking trails  
 bike trails  
 Parking for the library.  
 trails around Edwards pond, and legalization of ice skating there!  
 There are plenty of walking/hiking trails with all of the DCR land in our town, so I want more open space that can be used for additional activities like BIKES, DOGS, HORSES! also open space for flying a kite, hosting events, etc.  
 I would like to see land preserved for hunting, fishing, and camping.  
 trails  
 None  
 trails to walk with a dog would be great, not too many places to walk dogs in town or a dog park for them to run  
 more sidewalks  
 Running and biking trails  
 None.  
 bike lanes/trails and sidewalks, pretty much anywhere  
 Sidewalks  
 Designated trails  
 new pool

**22. Rank the following objectives for Town Funding: (1 being most support)**

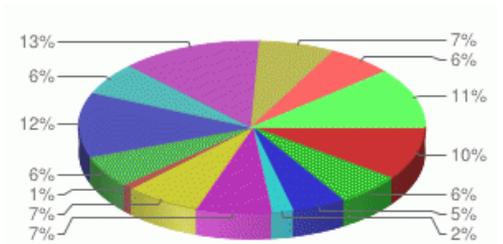
Answered: 950 Skipped: -767

|                                                                   | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | Avg  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------|
| Town should increase athletic field facilities.                   | 4.11% (39) | 2.95% (28) | 2.42% (23) | 2.00% (19) | 4.63% (44) | 3.01 |
| Town should increase Town-owned open space throughout Town.       | 2.26% (50) | 2.42% (23) | 3.68% (35) | 1.47% (14) | 3.26% (31) | 2.69 |
| Town should increase open space to protect Town water supplies.   | 2.38% (54) | 2.32% (22) | 3.79% (36) | 1.79% (17) | 2.95% (28) | 2.64 |
| Town should improve conditions of the sidewalks in Town.          | 8.84% (84) | 2.63% (25) | 3.26% (31) | 1.37% (13) | 1.16% (11) | 2.04 |
| Town should improve/create safe bike lanes on existing roads.     | 5.37% (51) | 4.11% (39) | 2.53% (24) | 1.79% (17) | 3.26% (31) | 2.62 |
| Town should improve/create access for summer swimming facilities. | 1.05% (67) | 3.37% (32) | 1.89% (18) | 1.05% (10) | 3.58% (34) | 2.45 |

**23. If you live in West Boylston, check all the reasons you chose to live here.**

Answered: 173 Skipped: 10

- Accessibility to highways (103)
- Affordability (65)
- Air quality (49)
- Church life (19)
- Community life (76)
- Friends/Family live here (72)
- Job opportunities (15)
- Library resources (56)
- Low crime/vandalism (119)
- Recreational opportunities (61)
- Small town character (137)
- Schools (74)
- Water quality (60)
- Wachusett Reservoir and its surrounding open spaces (110)



**24. In your own words, please provide additional thoughts, comments, recommendations, or further explanations about the Town's parks and open space network.**

Answered: 87 Skipped: 96

We need sidewalks! People do walk a lot--especially in the neighborhoods around the schools, but it is dangerous! I wonder, could it encourage a few more people to walk to and from school (reducing that terrible Parent Pick-up line at Major Edwards) if it were safer for the kids to walk on the streets?

We have enough. We do not need to build more or change existing parks just because someone thinks it would look nice. And let's use the space we have instead of whining that we need more. We are not even maintaining what we have so why increase open space?

The main issue I find is the lack of sidewalks where they are needed most, like on the residential & busy roads - particularly Woodland St and Prospect St.

A new pool would add so much to the town.

we should all work together across ages to provide for the needs of our townsfolk

The fact that dog owners are allowed to run their dogs in the parks and not clean up after them is terrible. Children then run and play in the same areas, which is disgusting. This has been going on for years with no kind of enforcement. Very, very few people EVER clean up after their animals. Last winter one person was observed picking up after her dog, then throwing it into the snow on the side of the street, where the plows will be cleaning it up - disgusting! This is a health issue and should be addressed ASAP.

A swimming pool with a family yearly monetary charge would be a huge help. No bussing students out of town for swimming facilities. For such a nice town, not offering our kids someplace to swim is taking away from summer recreation.

Just sad how the town closed the pool... Mixer field is always an after thought

Town needs to create a "sense of place" - not just another run-of-the-mill strip mall corridor. Plant some trees along Route 12 - make it attractive rather than its current dumpy character.

I think this is a lovely town to live in but having children that play sports I do see that the fields are limited and the ones we have get worn out quickly and need to be worked on alot. Not many in town summer activities like a rec center or low cost day camps to help working parents (that do not cater to very small kids) tweens need an active and fun place to go in summer that is low cost and not arts & crafts. I find many of the parks & rec offering to be good but expensive with more than 1 child and not much for the 10-15 age group. Bike lanes on rt. 140 would be great but costly. a splash park with different times would be great for all ages, kids can hang out with friends during their time and older folks an very young kids can have their designated times as well. Score boards on ball fields would be great. thanks

I would personally like to see the Mixer property used as park space. Whether it be ball fields, playground, or a combined area with perhaps a senior center there. I really hope the town will not allow development or building there

that will affect the old neighborhood feel of the area in which I live. I also think WB needs to protect our town from overdevelopment such as prohibiting the proposed gas station/convenience store on route 140. We are beginning to lose the character of our town with the overdevelopment of route 12. We need more open space and places for the kids/seniors to enjoy!! Thanks for the opportunity to provide input!

No sidewalks in town are a hazard for anyone who walks. Most of the town is state highway(rts12,110,140) the bike traffic on roads can be three across sometimes on a Wed. Night. Hazard. If they have somewhere to ride maybe that won't happen. Too many road races closing roads. Can't they utilize the track?

We have a great deal of open space, but it does not seem to be useable open space.

No need to spend money on recreation when there are other areas, Senior Center, Police, Fire, Highway that need upgrading

With the renovations to Goodale Park and Woodland Park, the town athletic facilities are in excellent shape and look great. No need to change those.

Please protect and expand our open space as much as possible. Once land is lost, it is lost forever. Town-owned land can be redeveloped as the needs of the community evolves but once sold, the resource is lost. I also think it is important to capitalize on the beauty of the reservoir as much as possible - a dedicated bike/walking path could take advantage of a resource that consumes so much property in town. Safer parking around the old stone church would be appreciated, too...a larger shoulder in that area would help get cars off the main road. Thank you for all your efforts to enhance our beautiful town!

When moving to West Boylston it was disappointing to find there was no town pool.

Please, I am begging you, we need a pool for our town!!!! :)

Use the Mixer property for additional athletic field(s) - not for housing development. Use Pine Grove for additional athletic space (fields/pool/etc.). Purchase property (field) adjacent to Whitetail Greenhouse for open space.

the school system & town need to put a better handle on the drugs in town. the bulling that goes on in this town is horrible we know first hand as our son was bullied and the police or schools would not do nothing about it. he got sick of the bulling and left the town.

North side of town - buy/secure open space and keep it open, or add some playing fields. Remember - north side is under-served.

Developing a large off-road trail network in and around the plentiful open space around Wachussett reservoir would be an excellent economic development in addition to providing additional recreation opportunities for cyclists, runners, hikers, and outdoor enthusiasts. The greater Worcester area has very limited mountain bike trails, which provides excellent opportunity for our easy to access town.

Make minor improvements to what we have now. We have many needs to attend to such as the deplorable condition of the Police Station and lack of Senior/Community Center now being promised by the Select Board.If we build water parks, six lane tracks, pools ,soccer fields and the like where will the money come from in our operating budget to run and maintain all these new facilities?

need more help and better equipt for parks,redo A field for leaugue tornaments,redo outfield high school basball

There should be sidewalks on every road that is in walking distance to school.

Farmers Market Area where the town could make money and support the local community.

The town cannot afford to spend additional tax monies on anything. The taxes are fast driving the two of us to sell our house, which has 5 bedrooms and will surely impact the schools when sold! Our taxes are now more than our mortgage payments were!

While organized sports venues are not important for our household, they are important for the life of the community at large and we support funding and maintenance.

We need more side walks. You make us pay for a school bus and there are not sidewalks. get with the program. all streets with a double yellow line MUST have a sidewalk. then start to expand from there.

town pool, walking trail within Goodale Park and wide sidewalks along Crescent and Goodale tied into walking trail.

Hockey rink where trees were. Boardwalk along reservoir either Old Stone Church side or opposite side of causeway for walking and fishing.

Please do not destroy Goodale Park by adding more sports fields, parking, or chain link fences! With all the chain link

fencing that's been added to Goodale Park, it's beginning to look more like a prison barracks than a park! With the amount of sports fields and associated parking sports fans want, Goodale Park will never be able to meet their demands. These fields and parking would be better accommodated at the old landfill or on the land the town owns near the Jail.

The town parks never looked as good as they have this year 2013.

love the outdoors and enjoy being able to have access to it. would really like to see more sidewalks, pool and things to keep kids busy summer especially.

As a widowed senior citizen, I am most interested (personally) in passive recreation (walking trails, etc.). However, I recognize the need for athletic facilities for younger families who are an important town demographic.

I would love to see real stores open and stay open. Most importantly a pool would be perfect or a splash pad.

I would like to see the current open space and natural areas remain open and possibly expanded to include more sensitive areas, such as streams and ponds and improved access to such areas.

Locally controlled schools was a VERY important factor. Regionalization equals the death of local control.

I'd like to see a town pool again. It was great when it was in use.

#23 other: semi-rural, quiet, beautiful except for Rt 12 (ugly)- should have trees planted and signage beautified.

Town Common is very nice but not in a quiet enough location to really enjoy passive recreation. Nice to look at but no one sits there to look at the view of Rt 12 - the upper field at Goodale would be a perfect spot for a beautiful park ( which was the intention of the original donor - it was not meant to be an athletic complex) If this beautiful spot is lost to more athletic fields/lights/ parking lots it will be lost forever. Too bad the pine grove was destroyed...

outdoor recreation space should be created for use by all and to facilitate community functions. Accessibility to the space should focus on walkers (sidewalks) and (bicycles) safe bike routes.

I see a serious need to improve all sidewalks in our Town, especially on Rt. 12. Years ago, Rt. 12 had sidewalks on west side of road. These sidewalks are almost completely gone. People are forced to walk on this dangerous road; It's scary to see children, people in wheelchairs, or pushing baby carriages walking on Rt. 12.

Beautify the Route 12 corridor - Plant some trees; make WB pedestrian friendly; WB needs a "sense of place". Raze Mixer building and use space for athletic fields - NOT 40Bs. Do NOT sell Mixer property to private development. West Boylston sacrifices much to host the Wachusett Reservoir. In return I believe the town residents should be allowed additional privileges on DCR land and the reservoir. Specifically:

1. Use of DCR land for horseback riding by town residents
2. Limited, regulated use of the Wachusett reservoir for canoeing or small craft sailing by residents.

I believe town funds should be used for environmental studies to determine the impact of such activities and lobby for such use.

Such specific town resident rights would increase West Boylston property values and tax base.

The sidewalk system is a mess of unrepaired and segmented sections which require you to cross busy streets to stay on the sidewalk if there is even one present.

Question 24 reply

DCR already owns too much open land. There needs to be a concentrated effort to take back some of this land and use it for recreational facilities.

The parks need to be completely updated And redone. The tennis and basketball courts are a great start. We need to make a substantial (debt override) investment in our parks

Town needs to create a "sense of place" - not just another run-of-the-mill strip mall corridor. Plant some trees along Route 12 - make it attractive rather than its current dumpy character.

DCR owns 50% of the town which is all open space. How much more do we need?

I have two young children and would like to see a swimming pool and more summer programs offered in West Boylston.

I currently am paying another town to use their swimming pool membership and would like to spend the money in WB!!

I love the rural atmosphere of most of WB, along with the many shopping opportunities available in town. I think of all the things missing, a town swimming area is most glaring. Road lighting and shoulder space is also a concern for those walking/running/cycling when it is dark out.

allow dogs on dcr trails that are more than 15 feet from water's edge

For team sports, practice fields need to be built to protect the football and baseball fields. Concession, bathroom, and improved parking facilities should be built at Goodale Park.

Improve without changing the character of this wonderful town.

WB was a good safe place to raise a family, but now that they are out of the "system"-nothing to keep us here. pretty isolated. Rt 12 is a mess and not attractive as what residents seem to think is their "upscale" community. I honestly think WB needs to look more critically at itself to beautify, encourage small shop (that stay) unify something on Rt 12 and collaborate to return a sense of community.

save money, focus on crime.

As the survey information indicated the state owned more than 40% of the land in West Boylston I suggest a focus on joint ventures with the state to better use those lands for town residents recreational opportunities, especially since our land resources are being used to provide services (water) to a greater part of the state while we have a long term water ban. Signs along the reservoir that indicate that this is a public water supply should consider a bit more benefit to the town as the town's land resources are being utilized for a large part of the state.

We have plenty of "park" space for sports. Pool would be nice.

Senior center is necessary.

need new sidewalks

Test from Erik

Please do something with the Mixter Bldg.

Keep the open spaces.

When I came to WB, 1988, I thought it would be a quality place to live, with small town character while being accessible, and that it would be an affordable place to retire.

In the years since, WB has changed dramatically, and from the perspective of one who lives on a fixed income, not for the better. Real estate taxes have soared, with no relief in sight, given the Board of Selectmen's appetite for tapping the bottomless pit of the taxpayers' pocket. Instead of giving us tax relief when a piece of debt is paid off, it appears that the Board will only rush to renew every piece of maturing debt. Why not defer any additional borrowing until the new town hall has been absorbed into the budget before biting off any more debt?

Also, why not spend effort in filling WB's industrial park in the hope of attracting commercial taxpayers--or is that beyond the Board's ability or interest?

I speak for MANY citizen/voters!

Let's maintain what we have...USE DCR/State Pool/....

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Much needed parks and pool replacement. However more monies should be sought through state funding rather than additional tax burdens on tax payers.

Any conversation around updating schools?

Build new pool. Great for school students and residents. We are the only town in the area that doesn't have a public area for swimming.

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We have a lot of open space with the dcr owned land. I believe the town should improve current land. Sidewalks in town are an embarrassment !

The town has already spendt a lot of money on Goodale park improvements. The playground has been redone a couple

of times. Let's seriously look at connecting people by adding sidewalks to this town so people can have access to the things that draw people to this town. Can our local state rep who lives in this town help?

I could care less about your open space policies, as a parent who grew up in town and whom is raising a child in town, I am appalled at the depletion of the school system in the last 20 years. The lack of attention to safety, appreciation for children's education by cutting teachers salaries and positions, cutting after school programs and extracurricular activities, has lessened the variety that West Boylston used to be known for. As a West Boylston family for 4 generations, I am shocked that the town would let the school district decline in such a harsh way. It is shown, that the amount of transfer students that have moved to different schools, specifically Assabet, that Assabet seems to be the "new" West Boylston school system. Years ago, parents would flock to this town for the excellent school system, now they are flocking away. My student will be graduating this year and I am glad that he will not have to deal with the continual decline of the school system. I am writing this testimonial to ensure that future generations in the school system get a better experience than my child has. I would like to know where our tax dollars go for this school when the funds seem to be filtering into people pockets. Take this testimonial into consideration when you fund our "open spaces" fund. I suggest you rethink your funding and get your priorities straight.

The Town's Parks are a focal point of our Town. The continued improvements such as the renovation of the multi-purpose field, additional practice fields in the pine grove, additional parking at Goodale Park are required to maintain the investment the Town's Taxpayers have made to these assets. This Town has more open space than any other in Central Mass. due to the DCR. We don't need any additional open space, we need to maintain the Parks that we have invested in. Your Committee needs to start showing support for the proposed projects for our Parks.

The first year I moved here the Town Pool was condemned and shut down. We've been waiting 9 years with no place to swim. I understood that the State agreed 100 years ago to provide places to do things that once could be done before the Reservoir? So where is the Town Pool or Town Beach? Even if no new swimming facilities were coming, which I really cannot fathom, given how much taxes have gone up, could the Town PLEASE tear down the old pool? My daughter is now at the middle school (all along having had no place to swim). I worry that one day she or some of the other kids are going to be injured by the failing mess. It's also an open invitation for the bad apples to do drugs. PLEASE tear it down.

There are no safe places to walk along the road: no sidewalks, no signs to slow down traffic, huge commercial trucks speeding down the road, which is a residential connector between two very busy highways. Before the tornado it was only used by farmers and street residents. Now it is a throughway for all kinds of massive trucks and speeders. When it was safe it was fairly well patrolled. Now I never see a police car here. One of my neighbors was hit and actually spun around while driving a farm tractor between farms.

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Clean-up Rt. 12.....from Exit 4 - very unattractive.

Make owners of "tacky" Malls put new facades on Bldg., with green spaces. Leon is doing a great job and we appreciate him addressing ALL these issues! Keep up the good work!

We should redirect funding to the school system, as it desperately needs it.

The town is full of beautiful open space because of the DCR and it's ownership of much of the land. The town also has some beautifully renovated areas- Pride Park, Goodale Park, for younger kids. The playground is a wonderful resource and has been fully renovated since we moved here. There are many activities for younger children, but not so much for the children once they reach 13/14. It would be nice to provide activities to keep that age group engaged and out of trouble. The pool was a wonderful resource when we moved to town and we were one of the families that supported it through membership. It has been sad to see that disappear, as that it an activity that all ages can enjoy - seniors all the way down to toddlers. We'd love to see it come back!

The rail trail does provide some great opportunities for bikes and dogs, but a more comprehensive open space plan with a nice circular bike route/running route, dog walking route would be great. I think a big open field with a track around the outside would be great. Horses should be allowed too!

the tennis courts are beautiful but they were too expensive. It is a shame that all this open space in this town is dcr property and we can't go hiking or walking with our dogs on it.

i thought was not our land there is no wher to walk if you have a dog

The athletic fields are insufficient. We need to acquir more open space land. We need more sidewalks. The lack of sidewalks is a serious safety hazard for children.

When I moved in this town 13 yrs ago this were good but as the yrs pass the town gives us less and the parks aren't maintained.

Maintain what we already have in place.

Linking current spaces with more sidewalks and bike paths would be great. It's too bad about the town pool, and a new one would be nice if implemented correctly (with plans to incorporate it into summer rec programs etc. to ensure lots of use).

Recreation programs would be enhanced and better received if there were a functioning town pool.

We moved to West Boylston for the school system and small town character. But the town is not family friendly no sidewalks, play ground and fields are a mess. The school need a lot of work and updating. NO TOWN POOL

I feel our able tic fields at woodland and mister often in need of care and it sometimes are dangerous to play on