

#### **MASTER PLAN REPORT**

**MARCH 2023** 

TOWN OF HAMILTON, MA
Department of Parks & Recreation
Department of Public Works





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#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

- Treasures of Hamilton History: Patton Park; https://hwlibrary.org/treasures\_of\_ hamilton\_history/
- Reflection and Sensory Garden: Human Rights Committee Proposal for Patton Park
- Recreation Master Plan Report Towns of Hamilton and Wenham, MA; dated September
   27, 2012, produced by Gale Associates, Inc.

Please note: All images in this report are by CBA Landscape Architects, unless otherwise noted.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## Patton Park is a well-loved resource for the Town of Hamilton.

Patton Park is located at the intersection of Bay Road and Asbury Street in Hamilton, MA, in Essex County. The park contains a single Basketball and multiple Tennis Courts; a Little League and a Baseball field; a playground with swings; a pond (man-made); horseshoe pits; a wooden gazebo; parking; a DPW maintenance building; and the Hamilton community pool. Abutting properties are



the Myopia Hunt Club to the northeast and the MBTA commuter rail to the northwest. Patton Park is within a 5-minute walk from the Hamilton Senior Center, the Hamilton Fire Department, the Hamilton-Wenham Winthrop Elementary School, and the Community House. Patton Park is the main green space

Many of the current park uses are successful, popular with users and Hamilton residents, and likely do not need to change. The park is

in the Town of Hamilton.

often a hub of activity, hosting youth sports leagues and Hamilton's summer camp program. However, the Town had identified several focus areas in which the park could be improved in the long term. This Master Planning process was intended to engage park users and residents in the process of identifying overarching and long term improvement goals for Patton Park.



There was interest in highlighting local history

# The aim of this Master Planning process was to identify overarching and long term improvement goals for Patton Park.

In August 2023, CBA Landscape Architects was hired by the Town of Hamilton to guide a community design process to organize support for improvements to Patton Park and to create a practical, cohesive Master Plan for the Park. CBA worked with the community and the Town of Hamilton to identify Master Plan goals. The improvements are intended to be implemented on a phased basis, as the Town acquires or allocates funding.

#### **DESIGN PROCESS**

### Patton Park has many highly involved user groups

CBA orchestrated a community engagement process that was a vital component of the master plan development. Outreach methods were diversified in an attempt to maximize feedback across various demographics. Engagement included in person events, public shareouts and discussions about the design progress, and an asynchronous online survey that was open to the public for approximately three weeks. The Hamilton-Wenham Recreation Department publicized all events and the online survey via social media.

Prior to the first Visioning Session, CBA attended the Hamilton Pumpkin Fest, held at Patton Park. CBA introduced the Master Planning process, asked for informal write in feedback from park users, and handed out Halloween candy at the "Trunk or Treat" event.

At the first Visioning Session, held in the evening at the Hamilton Senior Center, Sean Timmons (Hamilton Recreation Director) introduced some recent challenges for those maintaining, and using Patton Park, and discussed why a master plan is needed. CBA presented a slide show with the project team. overall goals, and anticipated schedule for the Patton Park master planning process. The presentation also included open space and access context for the park, existing conditions, and site analysis. Following the presentation, the CBA team split into 3 groups with community members to discuss local knowledge about the park assets and issues, and brainstorm priorities for the master plan. At the close of the event, the three groups shared their main discussion points with the larger group.

Prior to the second Visioning Meeting, CBA released an online survey that garnered nearly 500 responses, mainly from Hamilton residents. The full online survey results are included in this report as Appendix A. The online survey contained ten questions and took approximately 6 minutes to complete.



Community Discussion at Visioning Session #1 (photo by Sean Timmons)

At the second Visioning Session, held at the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library, CBA presented a slide show covering the master planning process, park existing conditions, community in-person feedback, results from the public online survey to date, and design ideas for the master plan. At this meeting the design team also introduced creating a standard materials palette for the park. Following the presentation, meeting attendees participated in sticker voting on presentation boards, and conversations with the design team. Patton Park has many highly involved user groups, such as the Hamilton-Wenham Little League and High School Baseball teams, as well as key adjacencies such as the Myopia Hunt Club and the Discover Hamilton Trail (part of the Essex County Trail Association). Additionally, CBA learned about several previously proposed citizen park improvement projects for Patton Park.

At the third Community Meeting, also held at the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library, CBA presented the Master Plan along with preliminary proposed construction phasing. The design team and the Town took stock of all the community input and explored design variations that responded to potential partnerships with local groups, long term maintenance considerations, and logistical challenges.

The final Master Plan that is included in this report is organized into multiple phases, in a effort to prioritize the scope areas that will make the most impact for the community. The proposed phasing is also intended to make planning for construction funding more flexible for the Town. Some of the phases are clearly the most desired by the community, while other can be implemented over time as funding becomes available and can be installed independent of other proposed phases. CBA has also produced in-house cost estimates for the Master Plan phases.



#### **SCHEDULE**

Pop-Up #1 at Pumpkin Fest (October 29, 2022): CBA informally introduced the Master Plan project and solicited feedback from Pumpkin Fest attendees.

Visioning Session #1 (November 17, 2022): Presentation of existing conditions, site analysis, and design challenges. Discussion of community concerns, park context, and design opportunities.

Public Feedback Survey #1 (December 2022): Web-based survey was opened and publicized to invite community feedback on specific park planning priorities and design considerations.

Visioning Session #2 (December 13, 2022, 6:30-8PM - Hamilton-Wenham Public Library): CBA presented additional information obtained from the online survey; as well as design options and materials palette options.

Public Meeting #3 (January 10, 2023, 6:30-8PM - Hamilton-Wenham Public Library): CBA presented the draft Master Plan to the community and invited discussion.

Final Master Plan (February 2023): CBA will provide this final Master Plan plan ad report to the Town, along with cost estimates.

Construction (To Be Determined, phasing anticipated): Depending on Master Plan priorities and funding availability, construction is expected to be phased.

#### **PATTON PARK**

Park Context and Site Analysis





PARK CONTEXT
SITE ANALYSIS
EXISTING CONDITIONS

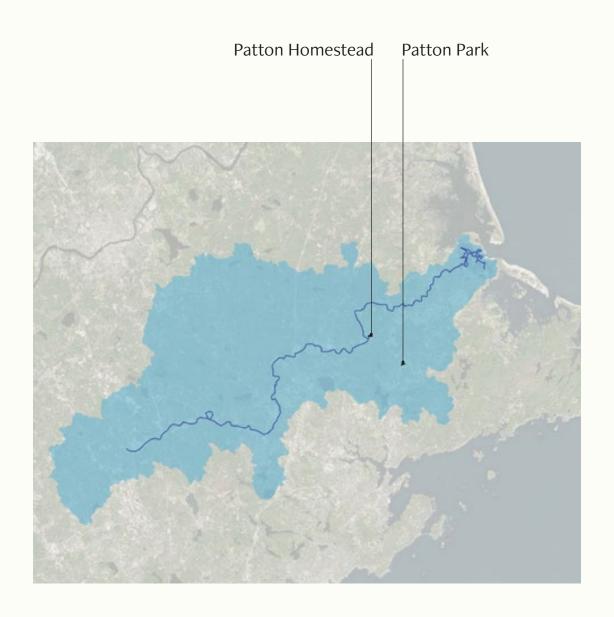
#### **PARK CONTEXT: Park Location**

Patton Park



\*image from the NativeLand Project

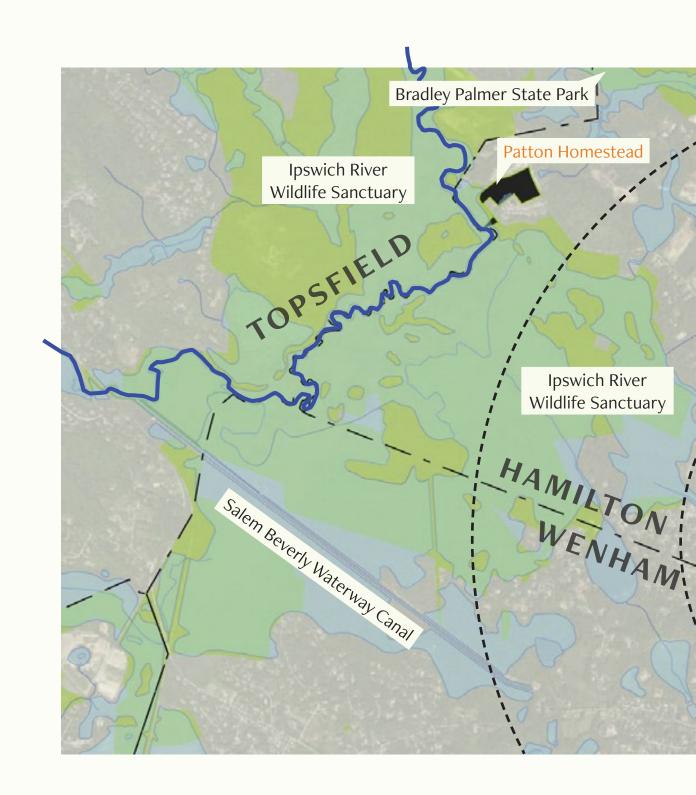
Patton Park is located on the homelands of the Agawam and Pawtucket Nations

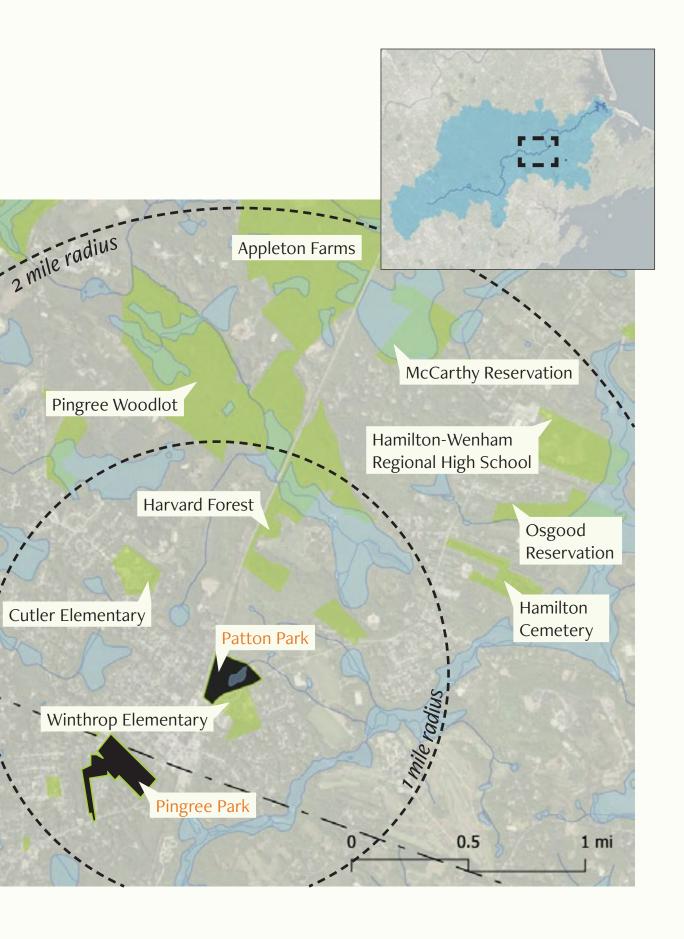


**Ipswich Watershed** 

#### **PARK CONTEXT: Open Space**

#### **Publicly Accessible Open Space Near Patton Park**

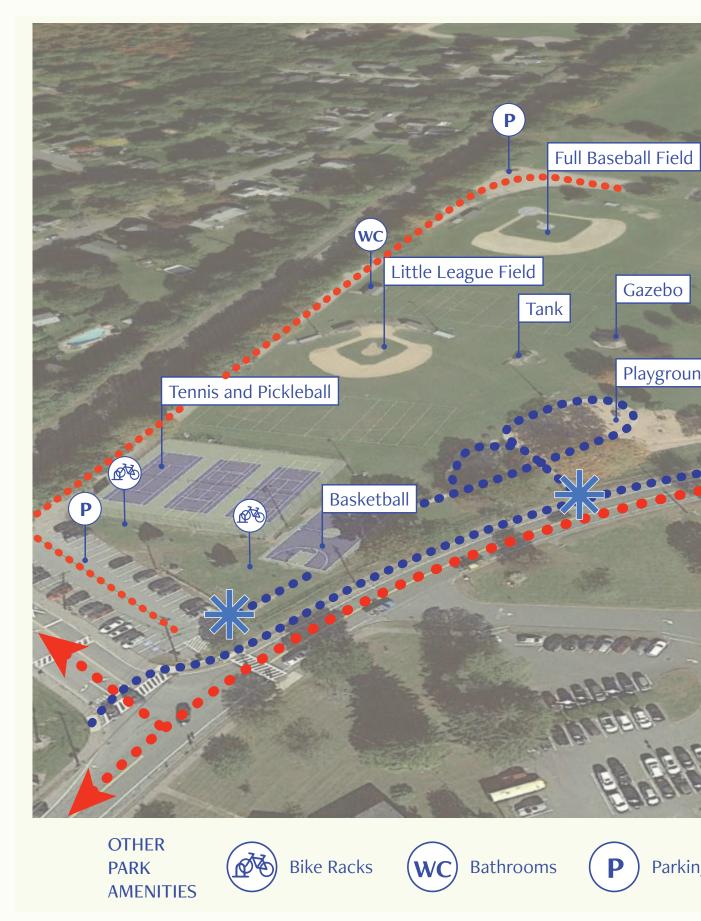


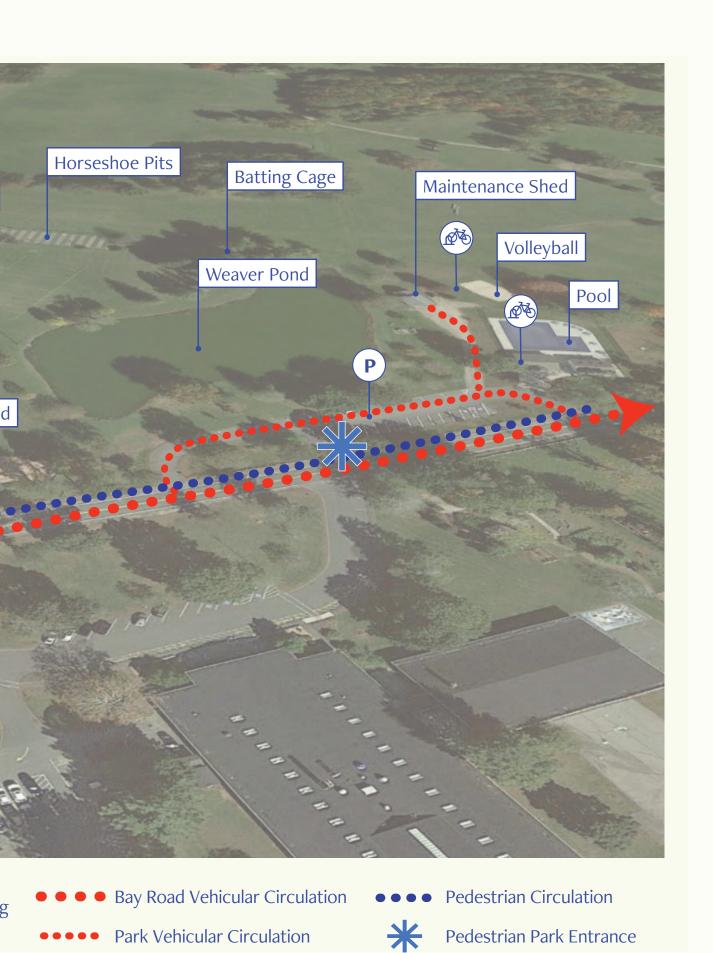


## **PARK CONTEXT: Access** 2.3 miles along Asbury Rd between **Patton Park and Homestead Patton Homestead** TOPSFIELD HAMILTON WENHAM



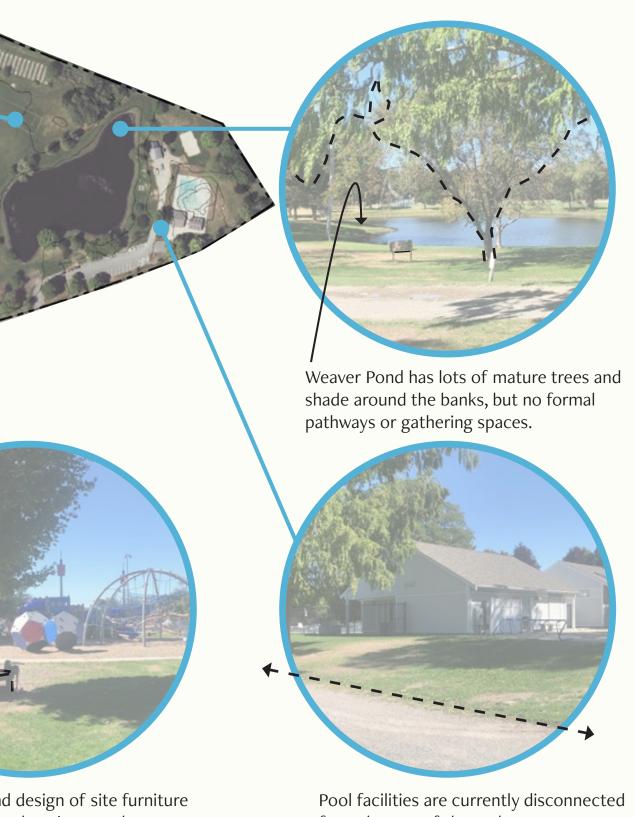
#### SITE ANALYSIS: Bird's Eye View





#### **EXISTING CONDITIONS: Site Photos**



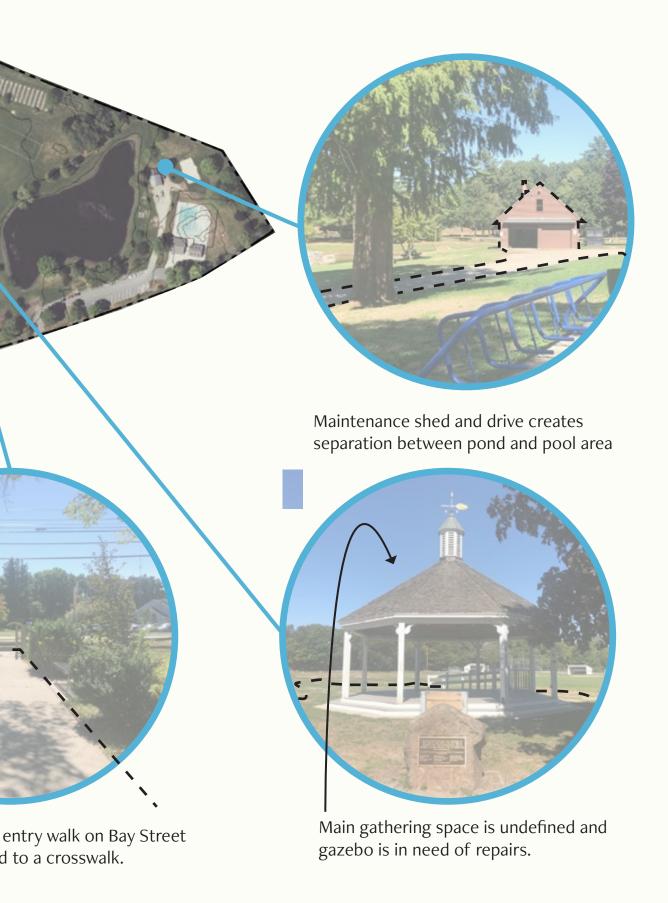


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from the rest of the park.

#### **EXISTING CONDITIONS: Site Photos**





#### **PARK CONTEXT: Cultural History**



Ice Skating on Weaver Pond

\* Photo from 1942; image from the Hamilton Historical Society Digital Archives.



Playing along the Willow Lined Banks of Weaver Pond

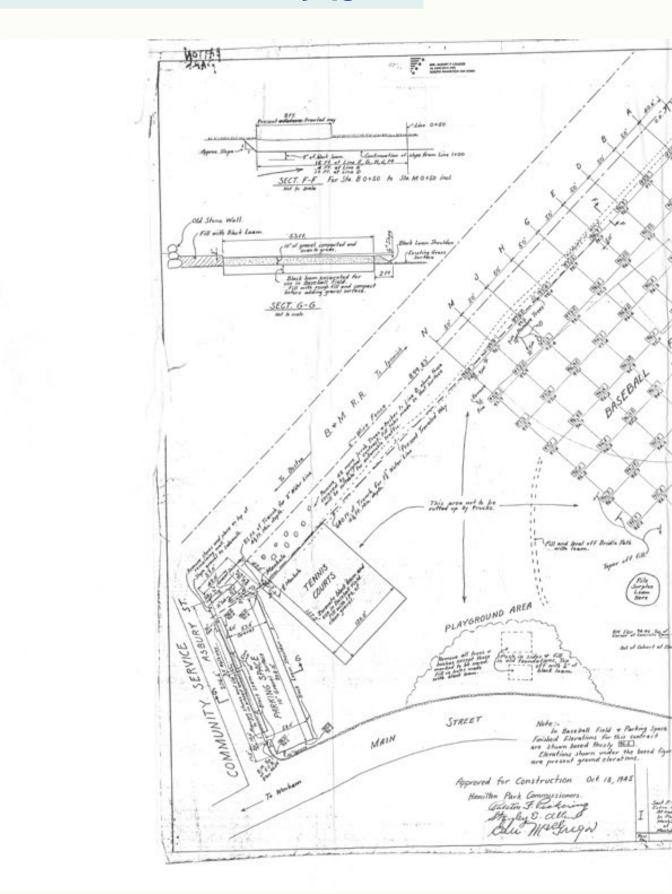
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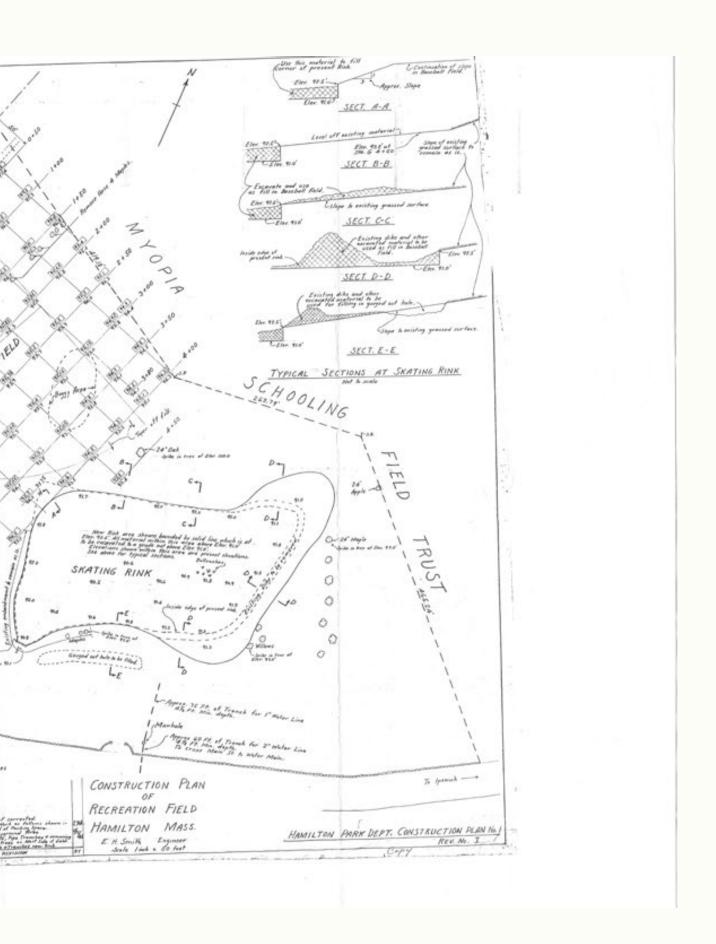
Public Pool (Opened in 1962, Rennovated in 2017)

\* Photo from 1973; image from the Hamilton Historical Society Digital Archives

#### **HISTORIC PARK PLAN: 1945**



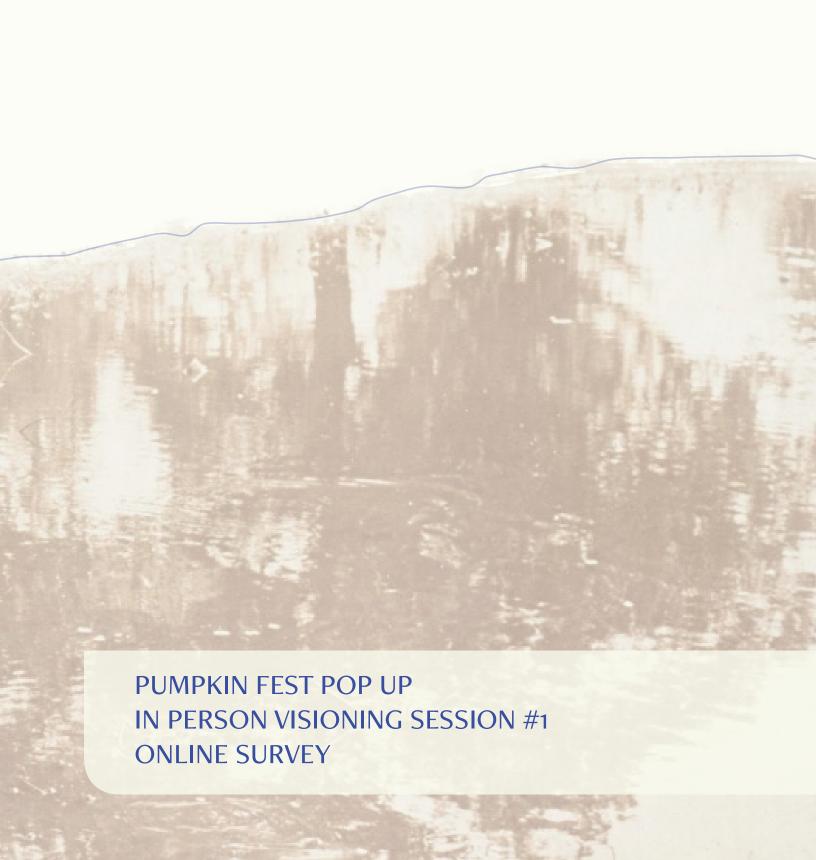
<sup>\*</sup> Plan from the Hamilton Town Records



#### **PATTON PARK**

Pre-Design Community Engagement



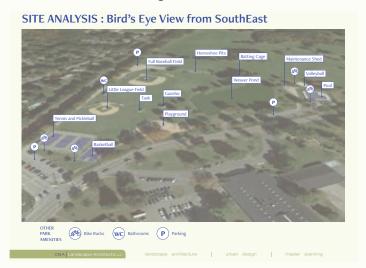


#### **FEEDBACK:** Pre-Design Community Engagement

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Visioning Session #1 was held at the Hamilton Senior Center on Thursday, November 17th, from 6:30-8PM. At the first Visioning Session CBA presented a slide show with site investigation and analysis, including the park's history and existing conditions and uses. CBA presented the slideshow and then the meeting attendees split up into three discussion groups. Each group was invited to share whatever they felt was important about Patton Park, either existing assets or opportunities for improvement. This meeting was well attended and there was much lively discussion; however many of the same topics were raised among all three groups. At the end of the meeting, a representative from each group presented the group's conclusions.

The online survey was available from December 6th-28th in 2022, spanning the time period around Visioning Session #1 and #2. The



Bird's Eye Site View Analysis Graphic from the Visioning Session #1 presentation



Community Members at Visioning Session #1 (photo by Sean Timmons)

community demographics represented within the online survey tended to be families with children. The feedback provided via the survey was generally different from the feedback provided at Visioning Session #1.

The meeting boards with feedback from Pumpkin Fest and from Visioning Session #1 are included on the following pages, as well as lists of concerns and suggestions for Patton Park related to maintenance.

Visioning Session #1
introduced the Master
Planning design process
for Patton Park, as well as
park improvement goals
already identified by the
Town of Hamilton.

#### Pumpkin Fest - October 2022

#### Patton Park Hamilton | October 2022



#### What do you like about the park?



The playground
Frogs and ducks
Monkey bars! Emma
The playground
Frogs and ducks
Monkey BARS



Tea shop! Formalize AN ICE Arena

#### What is missing at the park?







#### How can the park be improved?

Remove weapons of war she fantess

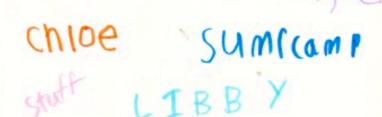
BIG SIGN THAT SAYS PATTON PARK

WHO IS GON GEORGE PATTON?

WALKING PATH (PAUED)!

#### What do you usually do at the park?

1004 for frogs trogs
Plag BURK 21 Pine
Swimming









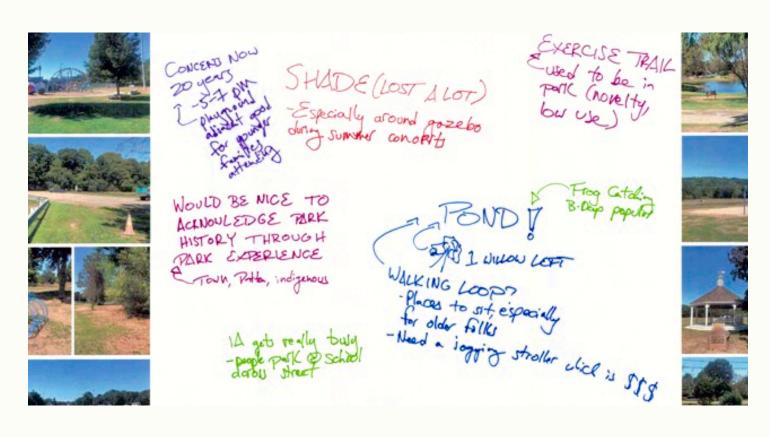


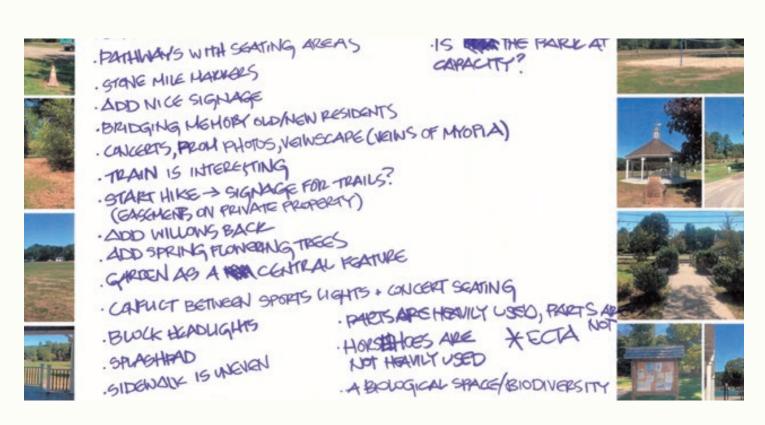






#### FEEDBACK: Visioning Session #1





#### **Concerns:**

- Patton Park's connection to the Town center & the Discover Hamilton Trail (ECTA) is unclear.
- The park lacks pedestrian access, paths, and wayfinding signage.
- The existing signs on site are mismatched and inconsistent.
- The bathroom Building is in poor condition.
- The park lacks furnishings like benches and trash receptacles. Existing furnishings on site are mismatched and many are in poor shape.
- The health of Weaver Pond is of concern.
- Flooding & drainage issues occur near Weaver Pond and in the baseball field.
- The park is sports heavy. There is a need for more passive recreation.
- The park lacks shade, either provided by trees or shade structures.
- There is no signage about General Patton & the history of the park.
- The park entries are not clearly marked.

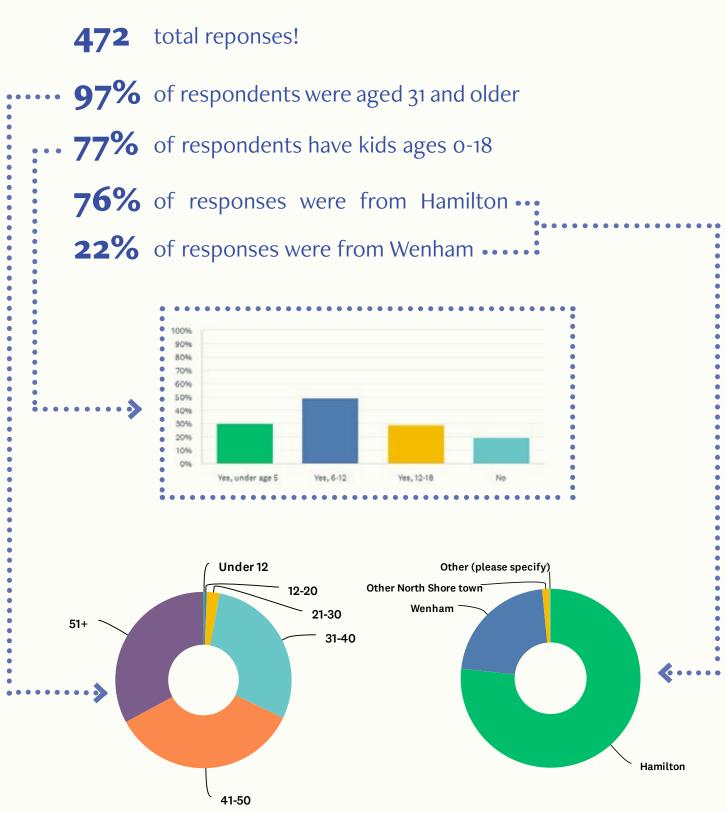
#### **New Suggestions:**

- Include activities for all seasons.
- Include an freestanding ice rink or support and accommodate ice skating on the pond.
- Create / designate an area for food trucks or popup events.



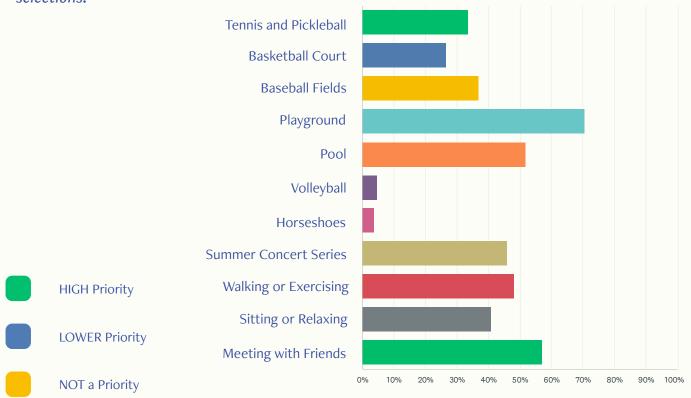
#### **ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS:** Demographics

The online survey was active between December 6-28, 2022. For the full set of survey responses, refer to Appendix A of this report.

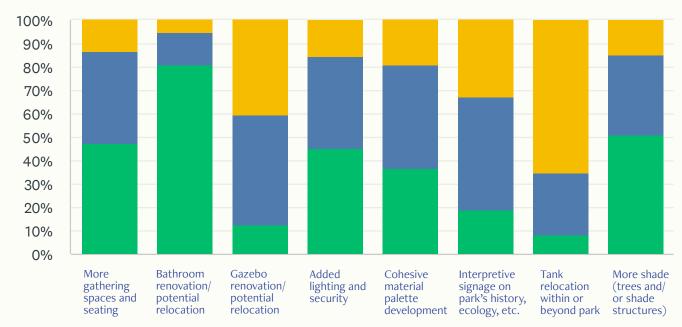


#### **ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS:**

Existing Use Question: How do you currently use and enjoy Patton Park? You can make multiple selections.



Question 1 asks: Please rank the following priorities for improvements to site amenities at Patton Park.



Priorities Summary: **Improving the bathroom facility** was the most desired improvement overall. **Adding shade** was second, and **adding seating / gathering spaces,** and **adding lighting** were tied for third.

# ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS Question 2 asks: Please rank the following priorities for park improvements related to circulation at Patton Park. NOT a Priority 100% 90% 80% 70% 60%

Priorities Summary: **Flooding and drainage issues** were the main concern. **Improving pathways and pedestrian connections** was the next most important.

Improved

connection

to Hamilton's

Improved

connection

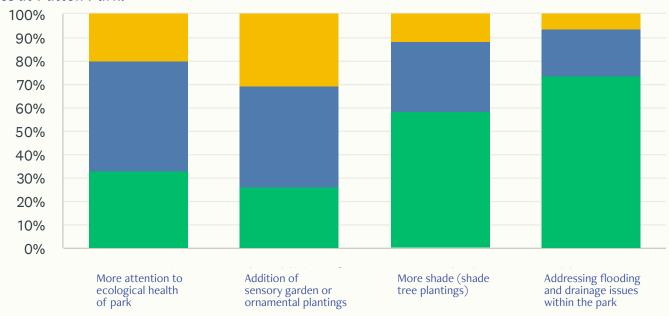
to Hamilton

Addressing

flooding and

Wayfinding

Question 3 asks: *Please rank the following priorities for planting improvements or environmental issues at Patton Park.* 



Priorities Summary: **Flooding and drainage issues** were the main concern. Second most important is addressing the **lack of shade at the park**.

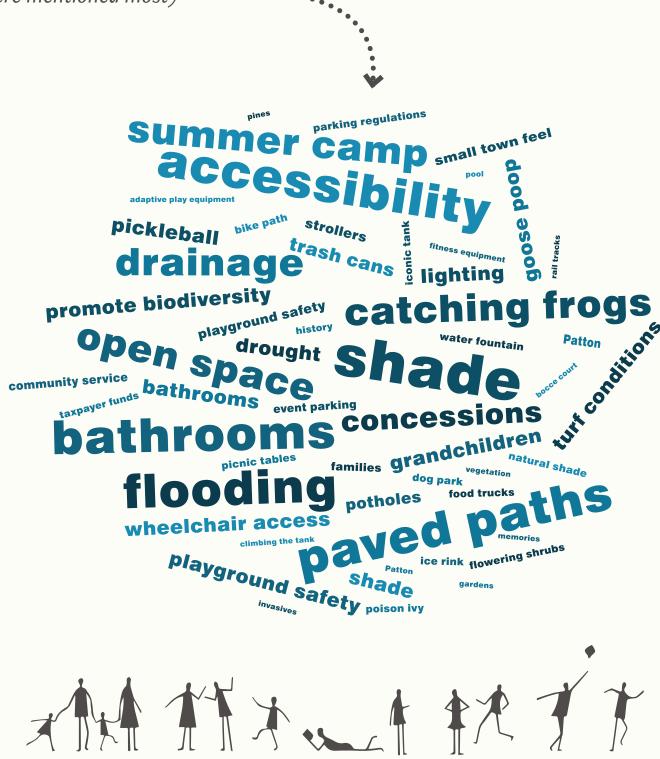
50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0%

Pathway

additions and

accessibility

The survey included two comment based questions for folks to share their experiences, concerns, and improvement ideas for the park. We received 303 comments! This word cloud shows some of the comment highlights (bigger words were mentioned most)



#### **FEEDBACK: Maintenance**

The design team and the Hamilton Department of Public Works and the Hamilton-Wenham Department of Recreation recognize that some of the issues raised during the community design process were maintenance issues rather than design issues. Several of these maintenance issues and suggestions were brought up during Visioning Meetings #1 and #2, and via the online survey.

These issues were shared and discussed with both the Hamilton Department of Public Works and the Recreation Department so they can be planned for and addressed.

Some of the recurring suggestions were:

- Trash pick up is not frequent enough and trash cans can overflow, especially during sports and other events.
- There are not enough trash cans at the park.
- The bathroom building is in poor condition and maintenance / upkeep is needed. Bathroom building has been vandalized.
- Canada Goose droppings in lawn and field areas are a nuisance.
- The gravel driveway and parking are behind the ball fields / near the horseshoe pits needs to be paved, or if it is kept gravel it needs to be regraded or needs more frequent maintenance. The shape of the gravel parking area is wide and parking is unmarked, creating vehicular conflicts and pedestrian/vehicle conflicts.
- Invasive species and poison ivy need to be managed.
- A turf management program is needed to maintain sports field health and playability, and for the safety of the field users.

#### Pool:

- Designated time was requested for seniors only to use the pool.
- Shade is needed in the pool surround area.



## "I miss the willows around the park."

## A Sampling of **Quotes from the Public Survey**

"The space should evolve through the lens of function and beauty."

"During the warmer months I think we could attract more attention and revenue generating activities..."

"We are so lucky to have such a wonderful park!"

"Think long term and not what is trending..."

"Create distinct spaces to enjoy..."

"The road along the fields becomes extremely congested."

"More shade would be great, as well as easy access/signage to bathrooms..."

"Perhaps more drought resistant plants, ground cover."

"The world is changing and I commend HW for recognizing this and taking a moment to stop, think, and plan about meeting the needs of the next century."







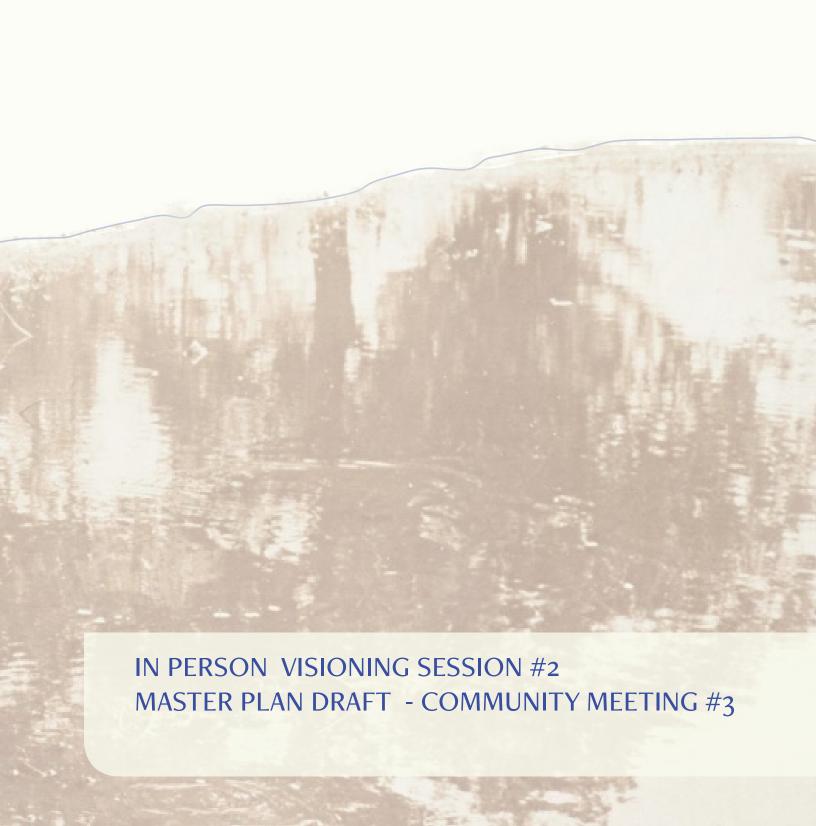




# **PATTON PARK**

Design Feedback





# **FEEDBACK: Visioning Session #2**

# Visioning Session #2 introduced design and material options for Patton Park.

Visioning Session #2 was held at the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library on Tuesday, December 13th, from 6:30-8PM.

At the second Visioning Session CBA presented a slide show recapping the master planning process to date, including: park history and existing conditions, community in-person feedback, results from the public online survey, and prelimary schematic design proposals for the master plan.

CBA presented the slideshow and then provided boards for sticker voting/sticky note feedback at this meeting. The topics presented aligned with the needs and desires expressed to date by the community and were: proposed gathering spaces and park entrances; the addition of and type of shade; pathway layout and materials; and site furniture



View into Patton Park from the intersection of Bay Road and Asbury Street

and signage. Leaders from several community groups and adjacencies, such as the Hamilton Little League and the Myopia Hunt Club, attended and provided direct feedback. The community members in attendance brought up several new items, such as the Myopia easement, as well as a prior community member initiated grant application that would add a firepit near Weaver Pond.



The military tank in the park was a point of discussion

At Visioning Session #2 the team introduced the concept of creating a cohesive materials palette for the park. A standard materials palette was identified as a goal early on by Town officials. Materials standards can be used to guide future improvements. A materials standard would dictate the materiality of: hard-scape / paving; furniture, including pedestrian scale lights, benches, picnic table, and trash/recycling receptacles; plantings; and signage.

Community-identified topics were discussed, such as gathering spaces, seating, and shade.

# **FEEDBACK: Visioning Session #2**

#### Proposed Gathering Area Location and Entry Options



Gathering Areas - Option A - Smaller Areas Concentrated Around the Pond



Gathering Areas - Option B - Larger Areas



Entry Columns With Small Plaza

#### FEEDBACK SUMMARY:

# GATHERING SPACES AND PARK ENTRANCES

- Support for larger gathering areas at the playground and around the pond
- Support for a combined restrooms and maintenance/park operations building
- Support for keeping the historic entrance markers and moving them to a more trafficked 'main entrance'
- Support for the Southern (Asbury Street parking) area to be the primary park entrance

• Support for simple pavilion-style

**SHADE STRUCTURES** 

shade structures

#### shade structure cocation and materials options











**SHADE TREES** 

- Support for diverse, low maintenance native shade tree species
- Support for replacing the memorial willow trees at Weaver Pond
- Support for an organic, rather than formal, tree layout



Tree Locations - Option A "Organic Layout

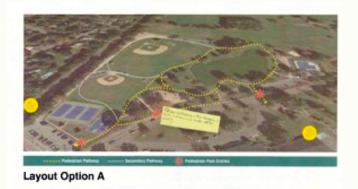


free Locations - Option B "Formal Layout





Replacement Willows and Native Shade & Flowering Trees





Layout Option B

#### PARK PATHWAYS AND MATERIALS

- Support for new primary and secondary paths within the park
- Support for stone dust pathways, with some concerns about stone dust in high traffic areas

#### SITE FURNITURE AND SIGNAGE

- Support for minimal wayfinding (specifically for bathrooms)
- Support for education signage that present park and local history
- Support for simple, contemporary metal and wood benches, picnic tables, and trash/recycling receptacles
- Support for simple, traditional style pedestrian scale light poles



Asphalt Pathway (typical Asphalt or pervious)





Stone Dust Pathway

Concrete Pathway





# **MASTER PLAN DRAFT: Meeting #3**

# Meeting #3 introduced a full site plan of Patton Park with preliminary construction phasing.

Public Meeting #3 - Presentation of the Master Plan Draft was held at the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library on Tuesday, January 10th, from 6:30-8PM.

At the third Community Meeting, CBA presented a draft Master Plan, along with proposed construction phasing. The intention of this meeting was to garner final feedback from the community, so that the feedback could be incorporated that into the final plan and cost estimate, and into this report.

The draft master plan focused on the previously identified priorities, and was organized into three general phases.

Phase 1 would install the park path system,



The gazebo in Patton Park and it's dedication plaque



The playground in Patton Park

correct drainage issues near the pond and at the baseball field, and plant a series of shade trees. Phase 2 would demolish the existing restroom building and build a new combined restroom/Little League concession/DPW maintenance building. Phase 3 would construct paved, accessible gathering areas with shade structures: and site furniture such as benches and picnic tables in several locations around the site.

Feedback gathered from the community members in attendance and from Town representatives added a couple of new focus points to the plan, and shifted others. The first was that the Town desires to pave the gravel drive along the ball fields/commuter rail. This was mentioned several times by community members in the online survey. The second was general feedback questioning the priority sequence of the proposed phases. As the restroom building replacement was further discussed, it became apparent that it may be as or more important to the community as the addition of pathways to Patton Park.

The following pages contain the materials that were presented at Meeting #3, as well as feedback the design team collected at Meeting #3.

# **MASTER PLAN DRAFT: Proposed Phases**

Phase 1: Paths, Drainage, Trees



- Construct path system connecting parking areas to playground, fields, gazebo and new pond loop path. Install benches and trash receptacles along paths.
- Correct drainage issues in Baseball Field and area near playground/pond.
- Plant new shade trees near the playground, pond loop path, and gazebo.
- Assess existing trees for health and prune.

## **Phase 1: Materials and Amenities**



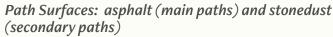








Neutral toned wood and metal site furniture











Shade Trees: Natives species and replanted memorial willows





Park Entrance at Asbury Road entry defined with Stone columns; historic WWII French stone markers could be relocated to a more prominent location

# **MASTER PLAN DRAFT: Proposed Phases**



#### **LOW INTERVENTION APPROACH**

- Demolish existing restroom building.
- Construct new restroom building and drinking fountain between fields, playground, and gazebo area.

# Phase 2: Comprehensive Approach



#### **COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH**

- Construct a combined restrooms, Little League concession, storage, and DPW maintenance building between fields, playground, and gazebo area, with new access driveway from existing gravel drive.
- Reorient Little League field and replace backstop, dugouts/team benches, and bleachers.

# **MASTER PLAN DRAFT: Proposed Phases**

# Phase 3: Gathering Areas, Shade, Lights



- Construct gathering spaces with combinations of new paving, signage, benches or tables, and permanent open-sided shade structures: see types.
- Plant new shade and ornamental trees near Asbury Street entrance, existing access road, and by horseshoe courts.
- Install new pedestrian scale lights.

# Phase 3: Materials and Amenities

#### Type A: Scattered Areas







Neutral toned wood and metal site furniture





Simple open sided shade structures, neutral wood and metal or all metal materials, concrete pavement may be appropriate



Traditional style dark sky compliant pedestrian light





Asphalt or Stabilized stonedust path connections to the Gazebo, small areas of paving for spectator accessibility



Pedestrian light posts



Simple vertical wayfinding and educational signage that blends with the site (locations TBD)





Type B: Gazebo Area



Neutral toned wood and metal site furniture

#### Type C: Pines Area



No shade structure, stabilized stonedust pavement (ADA Compliant)





Neutral toned wood and metal Picnic Tables (ADA Compliant), simple vertical signage

# **MASTER PLAN DRAFT: All Phases & Feedback**





Phase 1

Phase 2 - Low Impact

#### FEEDBACK SUMMARY

#### **Specific Feedback from Community Members:**

- Concerns were expressed about the close proximity shown between a new restroom building and the gazebo in Phase 2A.
- Support was expressed for restrooms that accommodate both ball field and playground users. There was also some discussion of the potential high cost for two separate restrooms if a single restroom structure location could not be agreed upon
- Support for material and structural aesthetics of building and shade structures to align with early colonial local ("New England") vernacular architectural styles.
- Permanent fencing around ball field outfields.
- Enthusiasm was expressed for the existing Beech trees along the gravel access road.

#### **Specific Feedback from Town of Hamilton Representatives:**

- One building would be preferable, sited appropriately for both pedestrian park uses and DPW maintenance needs; support was expressed for the building to incorporate covered seating (a pavilion).
- The main paths should be 5' wide and paved to facilitate snow removal in the winter.
- Paving the existing gravel driveway road along the ball fields is desired; incorporating
  additional formalized parallel parking was requested; and designating informal grass
  overflow parking areas was discussed. The feasibility of the parallel parking is dependent
  on the acquisition of a lands survey of Patton Park that includes property lines.
- Support for concentrating gathering areas around the pond, and by the playground.
- Support for pedestrian scale lighting along the most high trafficked paths
- Support for low maintenance plantings





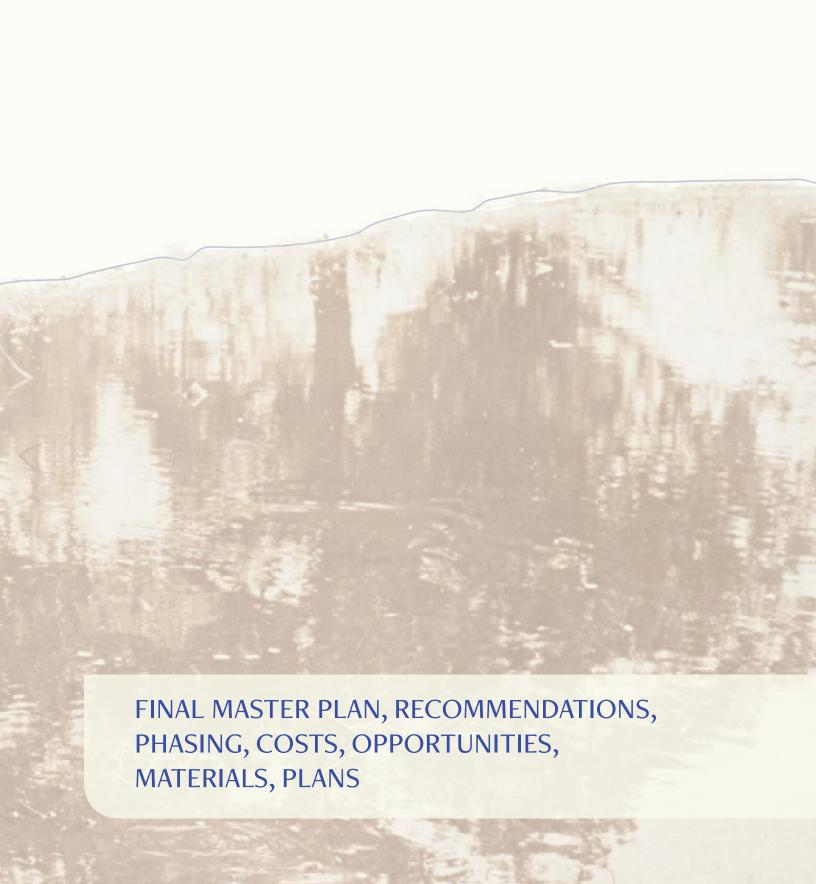
Phase 2 - Comprehensive

Phase 3

# **PATTON PARK**

Final Master Plan





# **FINAL MASTER PLAN: Recommendations**

Based on the visioning process, CBA proposes the following approach to a Master Plan for Patton Park.

# The greatest aim for Patton Park's Master Plan is to increase access for all park users.

The Master Plan for Patton Park should increase access for all park users. This means creating formalized, universally accessible (per ADA and the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board - MAAB) pathways; as well as adding seating for park users along pedestrian routes and near existing park features such as the playground. Replacing the restroom with an accessible and easy to maintain restroom building is also necessary;



Existing DPW Building Seen from Across Weaver Pond

locating the restroom central to the ball fields and the playground is a high priority. Creating shade, both through tree plantings and the construction of open sided shade structures will increase the usability of the park. Repairing the gazebo and adding signage will also improve the park immensely.



Ice skating on Weaver Pond, winter 2022 (*Photo by Tim Olson*)

Regarding the prioritization of phases, CBA recommends that pathways and drainage improvements should be the first priority, as they will have the most direct and overarching impact for all users. Additionally, the installation of pathways should be a fairly predictable construction cost. CBA recommends that the restroom replacement should be the next highest priority. The restroom replacement could be combined with the pathways and drainage improvements; however, a restroom building will require more coordination to design and construct, and also has a greater range for potential cost than the pathway improvements. CBA has explored a range of interventions and pricing to address various options for the restroom replacement (for example, a potential partnership with Little League) that may occur. All other master plan phases can be installed in an a la carte way.

CBA recommends that the Town obtain a topographic and boundary survey of Patton Park before starting construction level design work. In addition, correcting the site drainage will require soil and other site testing, as well as civil/storm water engineering. Work within a certain distance from Weaver Pond will likely require waterfront and environmental engineering and permitting.

# **FINAL MASTER PLAN: Phasing**

#### **Highest Priority Phases:**

Construction of Path System and Correction of Flood-Prone and Poorly Draining Areas:

- Install loop path around pond and path system connecting park features and parking areas
- Correct site drainage near pond and in baseball field
- Install benches and trash/recycling receptacles
- Educational and wayfinding signage
- Plant trees

Replacement of Restroom Building:

- Demolish existing restroom building
- Construct new building, either restroom only or in combination with a concession area and/or shaded pavilion area
- Electrical, water, and drainage utilities; septic field

#### **Medium Priority Phases:**

Pave the Vehicular Drive along the Ball Fields / Commuter Rail:

- Pave existing gravel driveway
- Add additional paved parking spaces

Seating Plaza with Shade Near the Playground:

- Install paved plaza area
- Construct an open-sided shade structure
- Install picnic tables, benches, and trash/ recycling receptacles

Seating Area Near Playground Under Existing Trees:

- Install stonedust surface gathering area
- Install picnic tables, and trash/recycling receptacles

New Fire Pit Plaza at South End of Weaver Pond:

- Construct a new stone fire pit
- Install paved plaza area
- Construct an open-sided shade structure
- Install picnic tables, benches, and trash/ recycling receptacles
- Plant native species sensory garden

Refurbish Existing Fire Pit at East Side of Weaver Pond, Add Shade Structure and Plaza:

- Rebuild existing stone fire pit
- Refurbish existing stone paving
- Install paved plaza area
- Construct an open-sided shade structure
- Install picnic tables, benches, and trash/ recycling receptacles

Picnic Grove at Existing Pine Trees:

- Stonedust surface gathering area
- Install picnic tables, and trash/recycling receptacles

# Independent Phases / Improvements:

- Gazebo repair and refurbishment
- Shade trees (including new or replacement memorial trees)
- Benches on concrete pads (including new or replacement memorial benches)
- Pedestrian scale site lighting along main paths
- Additional educational or wayfinding signage

## **FINAL MASTER PLAN: Costs**

#### **Estimated Construction Costs:**

The following cost breakdown gives a sense of cost division amongst the various elements for the Master Plan design. Please note: All cost include bond, overhead and profit, and contingency and miscellaneous expenses; design fee and cost escalation are not included.

\* Phase B1 and B2 are either/or options, they are not meant to be combined.

<u>Phase</u>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
<ul> <li>A Path System and Correct Flooding Areas:</li> <li>Loop path around pond and connecting path system; correct si baseball field; site furniture; shade trees</li> </ul>	\$590,000. ite drainage near pond and
B1 Replacement of Restroom Only Building*:  • Demolish existing restroom building; construct new restroom on electrical, water, and storm drainage utilities	\$405,000. Iy building; new septic field
<ul> <li>B2 Replacement of Restroom Building with Combined Use Building</li> <li>Demolish existing restroom building; construct new combined rebuilding; new septic field, electrical, water, and storm drainage to</li> </ul>	estroom/concession/pavilio
C Paving the Vehicular Drive along the Ball Fields:  Pave existing driveway and create new paved parallel parking s	
D Shift the Little League Field and Replace Backstop, etc.:  • Pave existing driveway and create new paved parallel parking s	
E Gazebo Repair and Refurbishment:	\$ 77,000.
F Seating Plaza Near Playground:  • Paved plaza; open-sided shade structure, site furniture	\$108,000.
G Picnic Area Near Playground Under Existing Trees:  Stonedust surface gathering area, site furniture	\$ 66,000.
<ul> <li>H New Fire Pit Plaza Near South Side of Pond:</li> <li>New stone fire pit; paved plaza; open-sided shade structure; in garden with a focus on native pollinator species.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Refurbish Existing Fire Pit Plaza Near East Side of Pond:</li> <li>Rebuild existing stone fire pit; refurbish existing stone paving; particular shade structure; site furniture</li> </ul>	
J Picnic Area at Pine Tree Grove:  Stonedust gathering area; site furniture	\$ 55,000.
K Pedestrian Scale Light Poles and Fixtures Along Main Paths:	\$211,000.

# **FINAL MASTER PLAN: Opportunities**

#### **Opportunities for Collaboration:**

The following organizations were identified during the Master Planning process as potential collaborators on targeted portions of the Master Plan. They are:

- Hamilton-Wenham Little League
- Hamilton Human Rights Committee
- ECTA (Essex Courty Trail Association)
- Hamilton Eagle Scouts
- Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club

#### **FINAL MASTER PLAN: Materials**

#### **Materials Standards**

#### Paving:

Pathway paving material:

- Main pathways shall be 5' wide bituminous concrete. Pavement shall be bituminous concrete Class I-1 conforming to the Standard Specifications. The bituminous concrete shall be laid in two (2) courses with a minimum finished pavement depth after rolling of 3-1/2". Base Course shall consist of 2" minimum thickness. Composition of mixture shall conform to MHD Master Range for Dense aBinder. Wearing Course shall consist of 1 1/2" minimum thickness. Composition mixture shall conform to MHD Master Range for Dense Mix Top Course.
- Secondary Paths shall be 4' wide stabililized stone dust material. Stone for paving to be decomposed granite 3/8" or 1/4" crushed aggregate screenings. Sand and crushed stone shall consist of inert materials that are hard and durable, with stone free from surface coatings and deleterious materials. Gradation requirements shall be as follows: Crushed Stone Sieve Analysis Percentage of Weight Passing a Square Mesh Sieve AASHTO T11-82 and T2782. Stone color to be determined by Landscape Architect. Submit sample(s) as requested. Stabilizer Binder to be: Stabilizer® for Stabilized Aggregate surfaces provided by the following manufacturer: Stabilizer Solutions, Inc. 33 South 28th St., Phoenix, AZ 85034; phone (602) 225-5900, distributed locally by: Read Custom Soils, 158 Tihonet Road, Wareham, MA 02571 (ph 781.828.6300). Stabilizer binder shall be a non-toxic, organic, colorless and odorless concentrated powder that binds decomposed granite or crushed 3/8" or 1/4"minus aggregate. Product to have 64% re-consumer recycled content.

Paving material for Plazas / Pedestrian Gathering Spaces:

- Concrete pavement shall be: Class D, air-entrained concrete conforming to the requirements and applicable provisions of Section 701 of the S.S.H.B. Minimum 28-day compressive strength shall be 4,000 psi. Concrete shall be air-entrained 5% minimum with a two (2") inch minimum to four (4") inch maximum slump. Concrete to meet all ASTM standards applicable to flat concrete.
- Stabilized stone dust material see above.

#### **Site Furniture:**

- Benches to be: model number 270 by Dumor, P.O. Box 142, Mifflintown, PA 17059; represented locally by M.E. O'Brien & Sons, 17 Trotter Drive, Medway, Massachusetts 02053; Phone 508-359-4200; Fax 508-533-6342. Benche to be 6' length, wood to be thermally modified red oak, metal finish color to be Argento. Custom dedication plaques can be sourced from Dumor. Benches may have center arm rests.
- Picnic Tables and ADA Picnic Tables to be: model number 299 by Dumor (see bench for Dumor information). Wood to be thermally modified red oak, metal finish color to be Argento. Custom dedication plaques can be sourced from Dumor.
- Trash/recycling receptacle to be: model number 287 by Dumor (see bench for Dumor

information). Receptacles to be 32 gallon with side opening. Trash receptacles to have hole shape "SO", recycling receptacles to have hole shape "RC2". Metal finish color to be Argento.

#### **Open-sided Shade and Restroom Structures:**

- Shade structures to be in a traditional New England vernacular architectural style, by Cedar Forest Products, or approved equals. Materials to be natural, unpainted wood, with architectural shingle roof.
- Restroom buildings to be in the same style as open-sided shade structures.

#### **Drinking Fountain with Bottle Filler:**

 Drinking fountain with bottle filler shall be a dual-station steel fountain with bottle filler on main pedestal and drinking fountain on secondary arm, "Endura II Outdoor Bottle Filler 4420BF1U" from Halsey-Taylor of Oak Brook, IL or Approved Equal (Halsey-Taylor Model Number 7407720BF1U).

#### **Pedestrian Scale Light Pole and Fixture:**

 Pedestrian scale light poles and fixtures to be determined during the design and construction process of Phase K: Lighting









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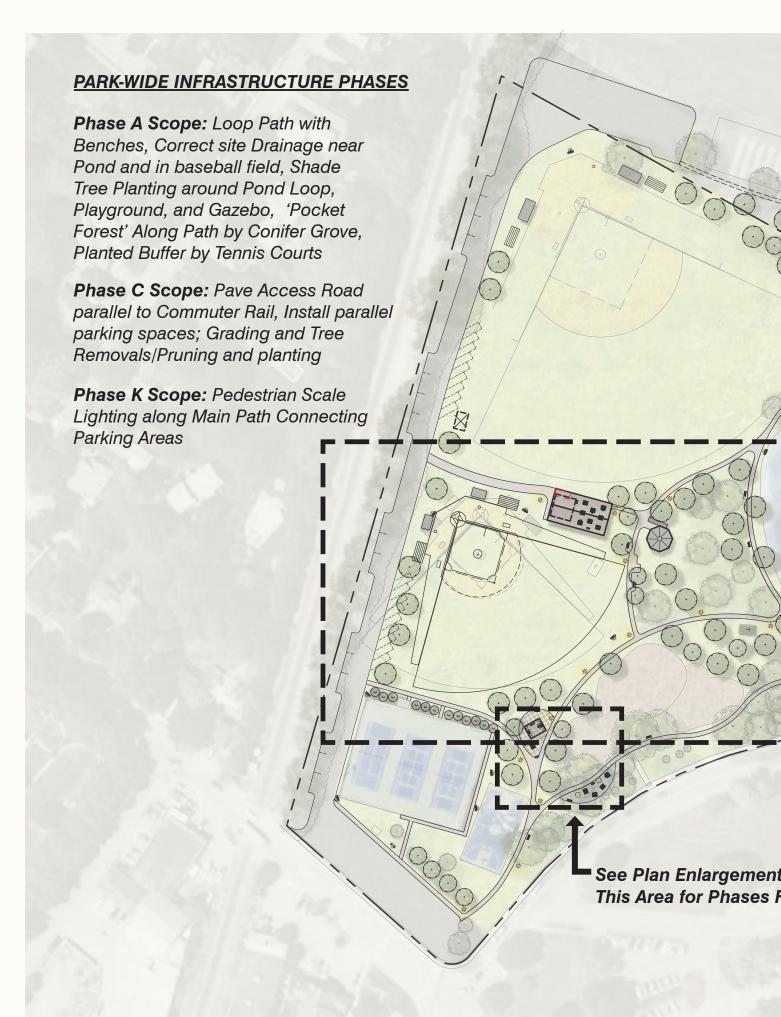
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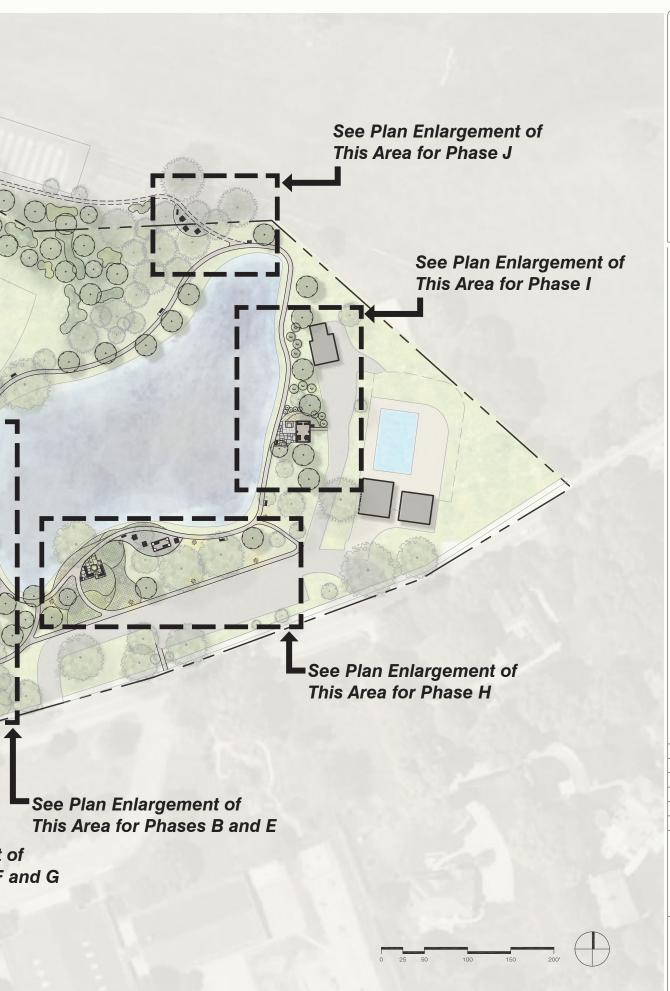
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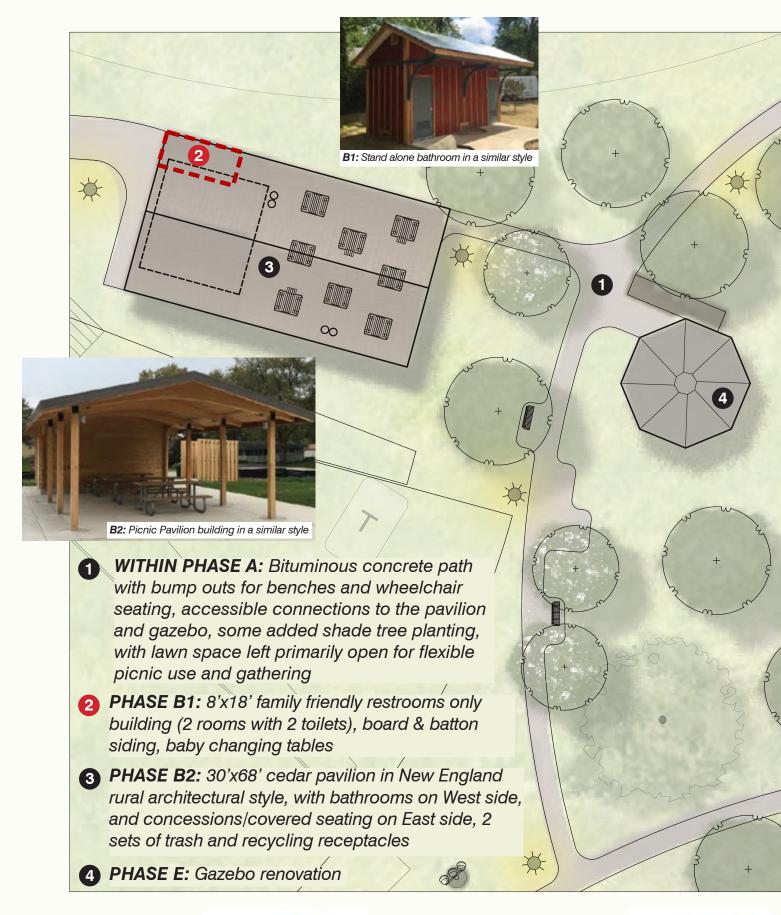


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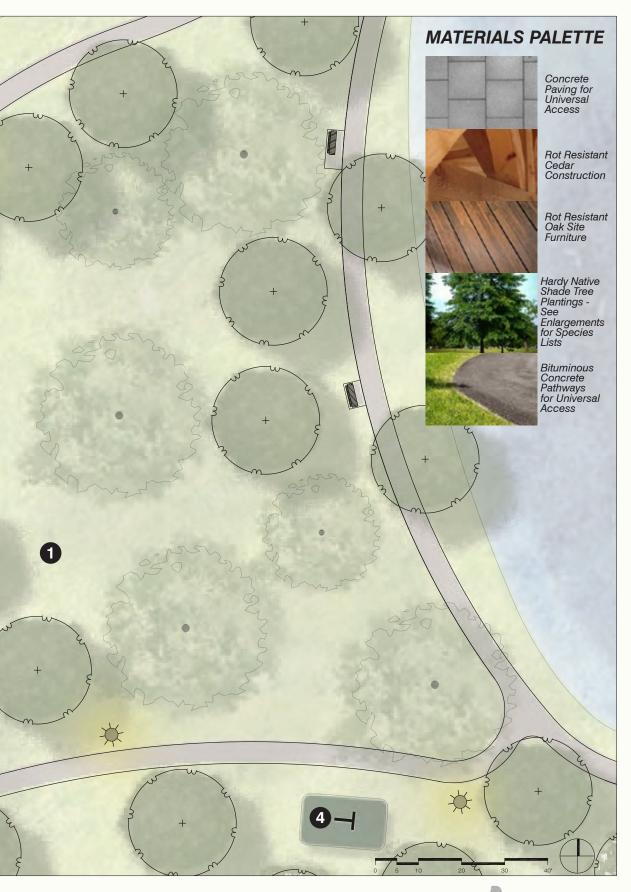


Thermally Modified Red Oak and Steel Picnic Tables









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Central Gathering Space

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Thermally Modified Red Oak and Steel Park Benches





Steel Waste Receptacles With Covered Tops for Rain Protection



Family of Cohesive Park Wayfinding and Interpretive Signage



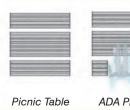
**PHASE F:**  $\sim$ 1,500 sf paved plaza with 10'x20' monoslope cedar pavilion in New England rural architectural style, accessible wood picnic tables and benches, trash and recycling receptacles, accessible connections to new asphalt paved park path system, shade trees, and flowering tree plantings



**PHASE G:** ~1,000 sf stabilized stone dust picnic grove along path, with accessible picnic tables, trash and recycling receptacles

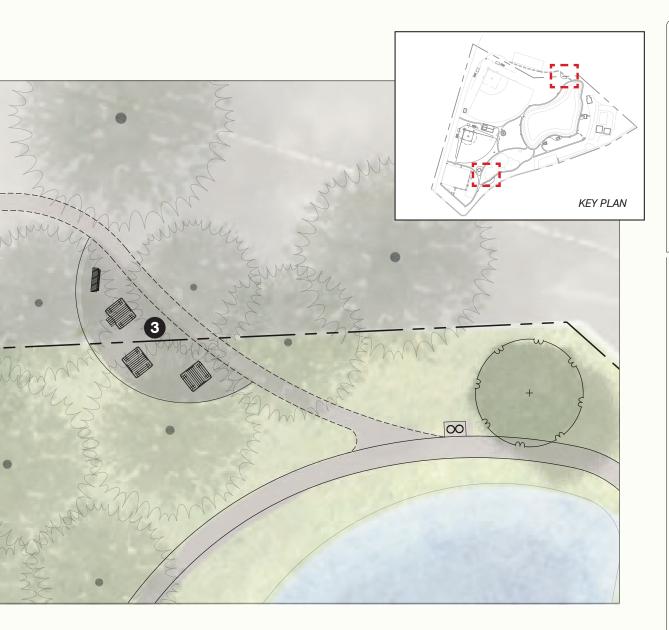






(plan view)

ADA Picnic Table



**PHASE J:**  $\sim$ 700 sf stabilized stone dust picnic grove with accessible picnic tables









Picnic Table (plan view)

ADA Picr Table







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PHASE H: Stone fire pit location to avoid existing conifers, ~600 sf plaza on recycled



PHASE H: ~1,500 sf stabilized stonedust gathering space with 10'x20' monoslope of tables and benches, trash and recycling receptacles, path connections to parking lo

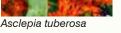


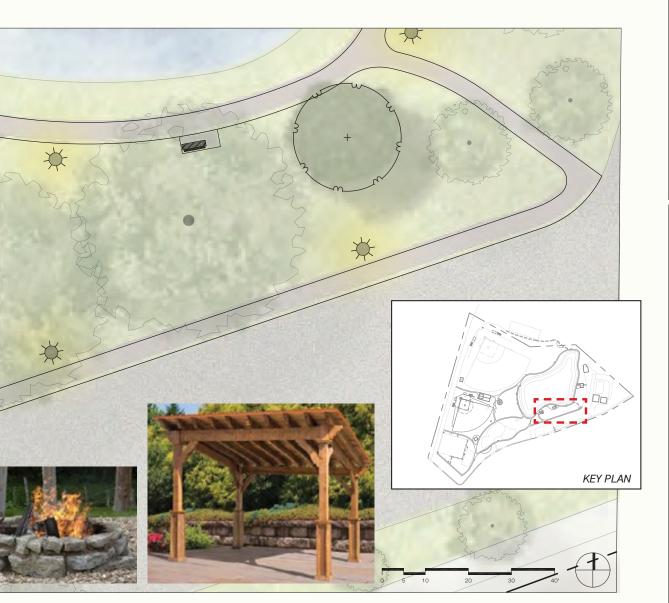
PHASE H: Pond shoreline plantings, and sensory/pollinator garden, planted and ma

Example species: Zizia aurea, Asclepias tuberosa, Monarda fistulosa, Agastache, Clethra alnifolia, Salvia nemorosa, Deschampia flexuosa, Chelone glabra, Schizachyrium scoparium, Pycnanthemum tenuifolium









d granite pavers, seat walls with bench toppers, trash and recycling receptacles

edar pavilion in New England rural architectural style, accessible wood picnic t and pond loop path, interpretive signage

### intained in partnership with the Northshore Garden Club



Salvia nemerosa







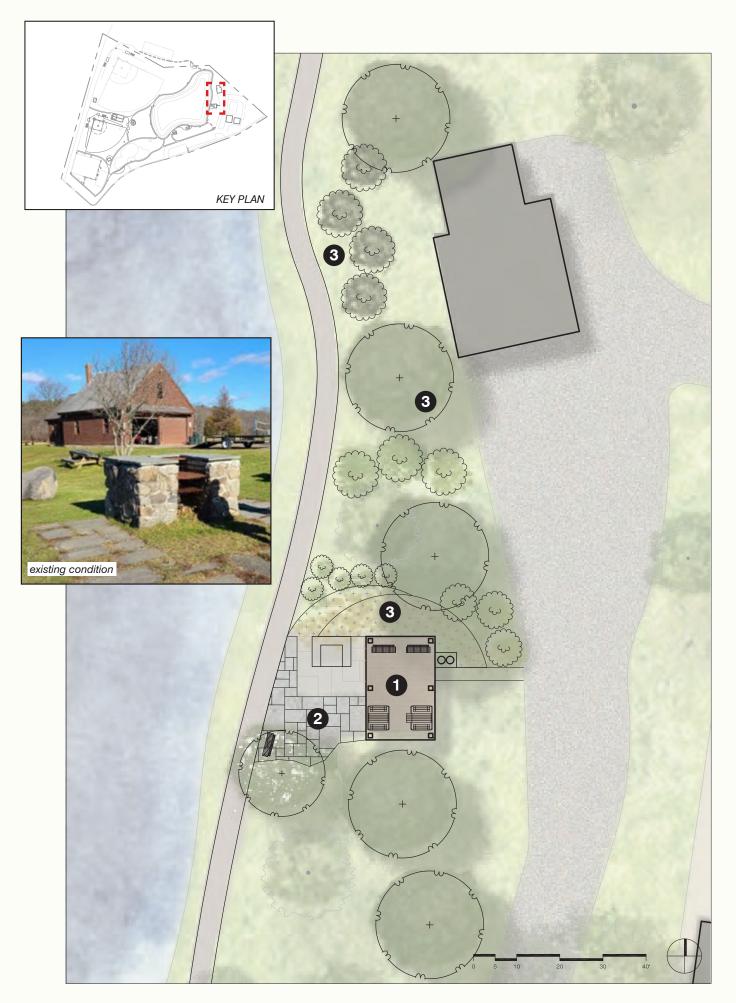
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Enlargement - Pondside Gathering Space 1"=10'-0" FILE: Hamilton\_Base\_3k.dwg







# Grill Gathering Space Hamilton, MA Stone Enlargement

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16'x28' cedar pavilion in New England rural architectural style, accessible picnic tables and benches, trash and recycling receptacles, paved path connection to driveway





Existing stone grill, existing stone paving renovated and extended to gathering space between pavilion and pond loop path (~600 sf total)





Tall and bushy planted buffer between gathering space and DPW building; mix of drought, salt, and wet tolerant native grasses, shrubs, and small trees

Example species: Amelanchier canadensis, Cornus florida, Rhododendron viscosum, Alnus incana, Andropogen geradii, Andropogen glomeratus



Andropogen glomeratus



Amelanchier canadensis





Rhododendron viscosum



Andropogen geradii



Cornus florida



1 'Pocket forest' in community with existing conifer grove - new plantings to include diverse native shade trees and short (4' and under) understory plantings for visiblity throughout the area

Example species: Quercus alba, Quercus coccinea, Sassafras albidum, Betula lenta, Liriodendron tulipifera Cephalanthus occidentalis, Rosa carolina, Viburnum acerifolium, Vaccinium angustifolium, Clethra alnifolia, Dasiphora floribunda llex verticillata



Pond loop native shade tree plantings that tolerate wet soils, including some willow trees to speak to historic willows planted by the pond

example species: Salix nigra, Sassafras albidum, Nyssa sylvatica, Betula nigra









a sylvatica — Betula r

Following drainage improvements, native shade and flowering tree plantings that tolerate wet soils and maintain visibility in playground area

Example species: Sassafras albidum, Nyssa sylvatica, Gleditsia triacanthos inermis, Acer rubrum, Tilia americana, Oxydendrum arboreum

For planted areas other than those near the pond, native shade and flowering tree plantings that are drought and compaction tolerant

Example species: Platanus x acerifolia, Quercus velutina, Quercus palustris, Ulmus americana, Carya ovata, Carya glabra, Cornus florida, Amelanchier canadensis, Ostrya virginiana









Platanus x acerifolia

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Tree Planting

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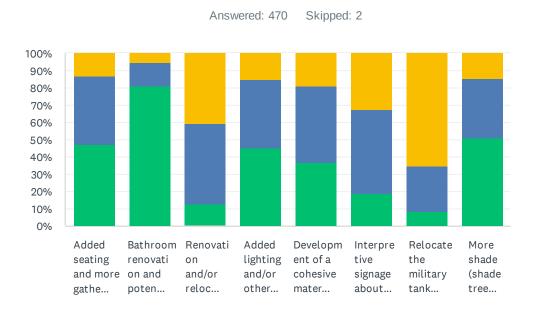
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## **APPENDIX A: Online Survey Results**

Q1 Feedback so far has revealed some themes in terms of what issues and potential park improvements stand out to folks. Please rank the following priorities for improvements to site amenities at Patton Park.



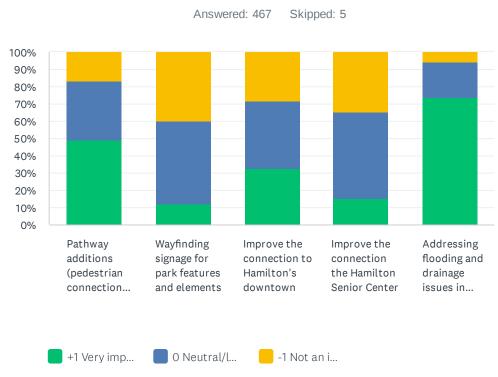
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Added seating and more gathering spaces throughout the park	47.21% 220	39.48% 184	13.30% 62	466
Bathroom renovation and potential relocation	81.28% 382	13.40% 63	5.32% 25	470
Renovation and/or relocation of the gazebo	12.58% 58	47.07% 217	40.35% 186	461
Added lighting and/or other security measures	45.49% 212	39.48% 184	15.02% 70	466
Development of a cohesive material palette (benches, trash cans and/or other site furniture) to be used throughout the park	36.83% 172	44.11% 206	19.06% 89	467
Interpretive signage about the park's history and significance, ecology, or another topic	18.88% 88	48.71% 227	32.40% 151	466
Relocate the military tank within the park or move it to another location in Town	8.57% 40	26.12% 122	65.31% 305	467
More shade (shade tree plantings or shade structures)	50.85% 238	34.62% 162	14.53% 68	468

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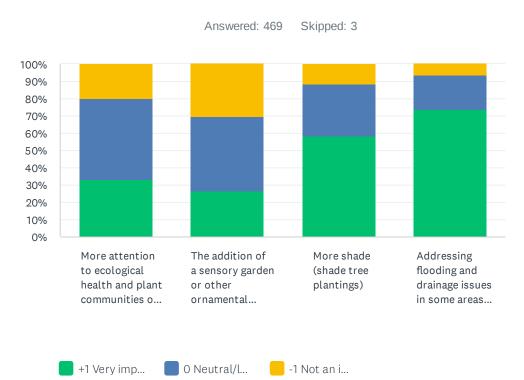
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# Q2 Feedback so far has revealed some themes in terms of what issues and potential park improvements stand out to folks. Please rank the following priorities for park improvements related to circulation at Patton Park.



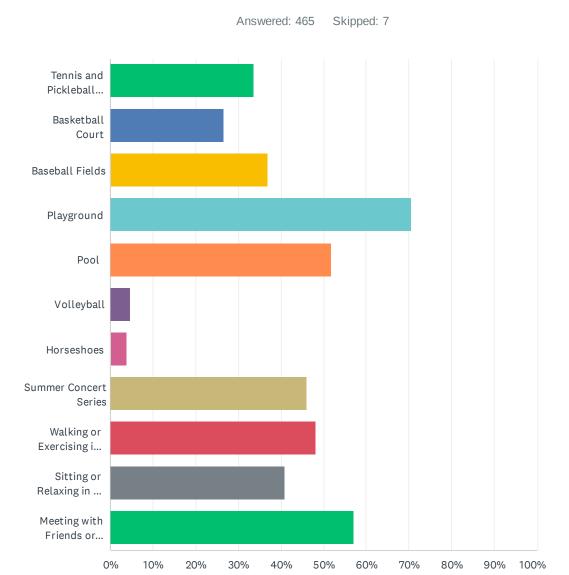
	+1 VERY IMPORTANT CONCERN/VERY HIGH PRIORITY TO ADDRESS	0 NEUTRAL/LESS OF A PRIORITY TO ADDRESS	-1 NOT AN IMPORTANT CONCERN AT ALL/NOT A PRIORITY TO ADDRESS	TOTAL
Pathway additions (pedestrian connections) and accessibility improvements throughout the park, including at the Playground, Courts/Sports Fields, Restroom Facilities, and Gazebo, etc.	48.92% 226	33.98% 157	17.10% 79	462
Wayfinding signage for park features and elements	11.85% 55	48.28% 224	39.87% 185	464
Improve the connection to Hamilton's downtown	32.54% 150	39.05% 180	28.42% 131	461
Improve the connection the Hamilton Senior Center	15.18% 70	50.11% 231	34.71% 160	461
Addressing flooding and drainage issues in some areas of the park	73.66% 344	20.56% 96	5.78% 27	467

Q3 Feedback so far has revealed some themes in terms of what issues and potential park improvements stand out to folks. Please rank the following priorities for planting improvements or environmental issues at Patton Park.



	+1 VERY IMPORTANT CONCERN/VERY HIGH PRIORITY TO ADDRESS	0 NEUTRAL/LESS OF A PRIORITY TO ADDRESS	-1 NOT AN IMPORTANT CONCERN AT ALL/NOT A PRIORITY TO ADDRESS	TOTAL
More attention to ecological health and plant communities of the park	33.26% 155	46.78% 218	19.96% 93	466
The addition of a sensory garden or other ornamental plantings	26.23% 123	43.28% 203	30.49% 143	469
More shade (shade tree plantings)	58.21% 273	30.06% 141	11.73% 55	469
Addressing flooding and drainage issues in some areas of the park	73.50% 344	20.30% 95	6.20% 29	468

## Q4 How do you currently enjoy and use Patton Park? You can make multiple selections.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Tennis and Pickleball Courts	33.76%	157
Basketball Court	26.67%	124
Baseball Fields	36.99%	172
Playground	70.54%	328
Pool	51.83%	241
Volleyball	4.73%	22
Horseshoes	3.87%	18
Summer Concert Series	46.02%	214
Walking or Exercising in the Open Space	48.17%	224
Sitting or Relaxing in the Open Spaces	40.86%	190
Meeting with Friends or Attending Local Events	57.20%	266
Total Respondents: 465		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Frogging in pond with grandchildren	12/27/2022 4:33 PM
2	Youth Football Practice	12/23/2022 1:23 PM
3	As a connector to Myopia Schooling Fields, Cilly Hill trails, and Harvard Forest trails for trail running	12/17/2022 8:04 PM
4	New England Flag Football league. Ice skating.	12/13/2022 6:57 PM
5	Flag football & summer camp	12/12/2022 8:40 PM
6	Concerts no change	12/12/2022 10:56 AM
7	Walking with my dog. The geese are very badtons of poop.	12/10/2022 9:57 AM
8	Flag football, co-ed adult softball league	12/9/2022 8:01 AM
9	Mountain bike	12/8/2022 9:19 PM
10	Picnicking	12/8/2022 5:10 PM
11	youth running club, and cross country	12/8/2022 4:56 PM
12	catching frogs with my kids	12/8/2022 3:48 PM
13	Gravel Lot is a bumpy mess and I've recently backed into the columns protecting a floating hydrant in the middle of the driveway.	12/8/2022 3:25 PM
14	Flag Football league, Fireworks.	12/8/2022 2:58 PM
15	ice skating when able	12/8/2022 2:20 PM
16	skating	12/8/2022 2:01 PM
17	Frog Pond	12/8/2022 1:50 PM
18	walking/skating on the pond when frozen	12/8/2022 1:47 PM
19	Dog walking -	12/8/2022 1:10 PM
20	baseball and flag football	12/8/2022 12:57 PM
21	Love this beautiful open space	12/7/2022 10:53 PM

22	My child attends the summer camp program	12/7/2022 7:51 PM
23	Flag football; summer camp for the kids; ice skating in winter	12/7/2022 5:51 PM
24	Flag Football	12/7/2022 1:18 PM
25	would love proper walking paths with mileage noted	12/7/2022 7:59 AM
26	Ice skating on the pond	12/7/2022 7:19 AM
27	Patton summer camp	12/7/2022 7:15 AM
28	Ice skating rink	12/7/2022 6:07 AM
29	I take a bootcamp class on the basketball courts.	12/7/2022 12:03 AM
30	the summer camp has been wonderful, and the kids seem to enjoy all areas of the park.	12/6/2022 11:30 PM
31	Summer camp	12/6/2022 9:11 PM
32	Afterschool and park grograms	12/6/2022 9:04 PM
33	Softball	12/6/2022 8:23 PM
34	Children's sports	12/6/2022 7:56 PM
35	Walk dog	12/6/2022 7:16 PM
36	Summer Camp but my children do not enjoy it as there is little opportunity for activities other than sports. There is a significant focus on sports fields and facilities rather than community events or children with more environmental interests (storybook paths, etc.)	12/6/2022 6:25 PM
37	Cross Country student races	12/6/2022 5:18 PM
38	Annual Block Party!	12/6/2022 3:54 PM
39	time to finally remove horseshoe area?	12/6/2022 3:45 PM
40	Flag Football fields	12/6/2022 3:31 PM
41	Summer camp	12/6/2022 3:04 PM
42	Summer camp, flag football	12/6/2022 2:24 PM
43	Flag football	12/6/2022 1:43 PM
44	Ice skating.	12/6/2022 1:42 PM
45	Summer camp; block party	12/6/2022 1:39 PM
46	summer camp for kids	12/6/2022 1:27 PM
47	Playing on and enjoying the Memorial Tank	12/6/2022 1:27 PM
48	Summer camp for the kids. We can tell you that more shade is imperative for the hot summer conditions for the campers.	12/6/2022 1:25 PM
49	Patton Park camp and summer swim team	12/6/2022 1:10 PM
50	Have used pool and playground in the past.	12/6/2022 1:08 PM

Q5 We want to incorporate your local knowledge and lived experience of the park as much as possible. Please share anything we may have missed about how the park's history and current condition, what works well, and what could be improved.

Answered: 188 Skipped: 284

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Nothing! It's perfect the way it is	12/27/2022 4:33 PM
2	Some of the pieces on the playground need redone, ie the horse bouncing area.	12/27/2022 2:17 PM
3	The unpaved secondary car access driveway is inadequate during busy events - too narrow for 2-way traffic and parking.	12/23/2022 1:23 PM
4	I am interested in setting aside a place for reflection and sensory engagement	12/21/2022 10:04 PM
5	PLEASE PAVE THE DRIVEWAY!!!!	12/20/2022 9:59 AM
6	Please keep access to the trails and lots of open space.	12/19/2022 8:08 AM
7	Traffic flow along the dirt road is difficult when baseball games end.	12/17/2022 8:04 PM
8	A larger overarching consideration is the relationship between Patton Park and the intersection with Asbury Street. The dominant feature of this intersection and the "public face" of the park currently is a poorly designed and poorly screened parking lot with extremely awkward pedestrian circulation at the street corner. There is a much larger opportunity to reconfigure the design of the park at the street corner such that it presents like a park instead of a parking lot. In addition there is a tremendous opportunity to think longer term and in a greater planning perspective of creating cohesive pedestrian green space on all sides of the Asbury Street / 1A intersection. One might think of that little corner of Patton Park as the potential beginning of a meaningful "Town Square" that incorporates all the street frontages from the Winthrop School, to the Council on Aging, to the Public Safety building, to the Community House, and all the way around to that corner of Patton Park. In other words think in terms of master planning even if the execution is done in gradual phases over and extended period of time.	12/17/2022 5:45 PM
9	Parking needs to be addressed. Would be nice to connect existing park parking to pool parking and improve traffic flow.	12/17/2022 5:14 PM
10	The park is clearly focussed on children and that is fine, but a walking path for others that connects the park to other areas, like downtown would be nice for those without young children.	12/16/2022 9:26 PM
11	More shade more seating to sit by the pond would be nice to eat lunch or read	12/15/2022 10:38 AM
12	I would be really sad if the tank was moved. This is a really special feature that is unique to Patton Park. It was a rite of passage for my kids when they learned to climb on top of it, they sit on it to watch their dad play softball and take in the fireworks.	12/15/2022 10:29 AM
13	I remember climbing on the Patton tank when i was a kid. When my kids were little we took them to play in the play ground and climb on the tank. I recommend to improve the playground so it doesn't flood and to put some restrooms near the playground.	12/15/2022 10:01 AM
14	Leave the tank in the current location. Additional parking would be useful.	12/15/2022 9:20 AM
15	Please first and for most. Address the Geese before you do anything. Our children are walking through their waste and not to mention playing sports. Moving the tank to another location would be a disrespect to General Patton whom the park was named after and his Wife has been an advocate for the town in many ways for many years. The playground has been updated and seems to be very adequate at this time and for the future. Many children play daily and is very much used in the summer programs. The ball fields are used for the summer and maintenance at a higher level would be recommended. That would be at a weekly	12/15/2022 8:33 AM

schedule. Also upgrading and keeping the bathrooms clean would be an asset. Look and Wenham. Then the batting cages that's a sad area that has not been maintained, take a look at Wenham's. The gazabo was destroyed by vandalism updating would be nice but how long would it last. Most of the issues within the park is maintaining a good maintenance schedule and not walking over things. If you were to add anything new I would suggest a pickle ball court that would accommodate the increase in players. Let the tennis courts be used for tennis. Please spend our money in a more efficient manner. Sorry for the negativity but sometimes just very good maintenance is all things need not complete change. When things are updated keep them in good condition repair replace broken items. 16 The addition of an area for dogs to use off leash. They need a safe area in which to run and 12/15/2022 8:15 AM play as do we humans. 17 The historical component is significant. Consider the tank as a fixed element. This is also an 12/15/2022 8:00 AM opportunity for a big budget with a lot of unnecessary spending...please be prudent and thoughtful about the spending. Think long term and not what is trending and the result will be timeless, not just a placeholder for the next "master plan". 12/14/2022 8:56 AM Love it as it is. Maintenance is critical--we as towns are not great at protecting what we have. 18 Dramatic changes/moving things is not critical. Save our budgets for ongoing excellent maintenance. Install bathroom cameras to deter vandalism and keep them clean and open. dirt roadway needs help, need cross walks from Winthrop School 19 12/13/2022 8:24 PM 110v and 220v outlets for events, so they don't have to run NOISY and dirty generators. 20 12/13/2022 6:57 PM 21 Patton Park would be the perfect place for a bike pump track. A pump track could be used by 12/12/2022 10:25 PM people of all ages, and would offer teenagers an athletic alternative to organized sports in the town. Unlike a skate park, pump tracks are accessible to anyone on a bike, are less dangerous, and if landscaped with garden beds, can be more aesthetically pleasing than a concrete skate park. In addition, the "Discover Hamilton" multi-use trail begins in Patton Park, winds through multiple open space properties in town, and is the jumping off point for literally dozens of miles of off-road hiking, biking, and horse riding trails. Creating a pump track at Patton Park, in tandem with the existing trail access, would make the park a destination for bike riders, who could then spend money at local businesses and provide an economic boost to the community. 22 Please consider redeveloping the horseshoe pits. I've lived in town for 6 years and have only 12/12/2022 10:08 PM seen people using them twice. I have two children who use the playground frequently, play sports at the park, and who attend after school care in the park. In all that time, I never see anyone using the horseshoe pits. I've heard through the grapevine that they technically sit on private property, but if they do indeed belong to the town, then they need to be redeveloped into something that's more popular and inclusive. 23 It's such a great space, but it leaves something to be desired in terms of usability for all 12/12/2022 8:40 PM parties. The revitalization & cohesive development is important for usage and effectiveness as a space for the future I'm 66 years old, lifelong resident. I think the ice skating should be brought back to Weaver 12/12/2022 4:10 PM 24 Pond. Fond memories or summer camp and summer camp counselor and feel those programs should continue. More community fairs and activities utilizing the park for more than sports. I strongly oppose any plan to move the tank from the park. Bathroom facilities could be improved 25 12/12/2022 10:12 AM We LOVE Patton Park and we go to the playground all the time. The lack of shade in the 12/12/2022 10:03 AM 26 summer is brutal. Not having access to a bathroom is also very hard for potty training kiddos. My kids and their friends have often had to pop a squat along 1A. Sorry! 27 Hamilton is in desperate need of a dog park, especially as we have leash laws, and it is 12/12/2022 8:00 AM extremely frustrating that this doesn't even seem to be being proposed. During the warmer months I think we could attract more attention and revenue generating 28 12/11/2022 8:42 PM activities (food/beer trucks, farmer's market) for people going to Crane's Beach, etc. It would be nice to change the name/focus away from military, potentially honoring Masconomet and Massachusett tribe with the Sensory and Meditation Garden 29 no interest in adding elements to the park, no signs, no more paths, keep open quality of the 12/11/2022 4:46 PM park, unfortunately the playground did not keep colors and scale from intruding on the park

	landscape, no formal plantings please, not an amusement park	
30	Patton Park is a beautiful part of our town. I would like to see open space preserved as well as having recreational space. Please don't move the tank.	12/11/2022 8:13 AM
31	The summer camp could definitely use more shade. Very hot for the campers!	12/10/2022 10:40 AM
32	Wonder if the parking, more spaces can be expanded	12/10/2022 10:22 AM
33	The park is a gem for this town. With the multiplication of the geese, the poop became a real problem. Can we relocate them?	12/10/2022 9:57 AM
34	Better promotion of how to use all of the park's features (pool costs, pickleball, horseshoes, etc) would be greatly appreciated. We've lived here almost 8 years and have no idea. I think the town assumes that residents are better informed on these topics then they are. The unintended consequence is that people feel excluded because they aren't aware or in a special group (ie, on a sports league, parents of young children). Hamilton can do a much better job than they currently do.	12/10/2022 8:53 AM
35	Bathrooms need improvements, drainage issues need to be addressed.	12/10/2022 8:34 AM
36	Bathrooms are a top priority	12/10/2022 8:05 AM
37	Loved the town clearing snow from pond as a child & the warming hut. Love the pool	12/9/2022 5:43 PM
38	Parking and roadway in to the baseball fields and back lot need to be expanded.  Baseball/football fields can be improved	12/9/2022 2:23 PM
39	walking trails around the park, connected to other trails in town, if possible	12/9/2022 2:06 PM
40	parking can be tight; dirt road often in rough shape; also note that some EV chargers are being installed soon	12/9/2022 2:06 PM
41	I am relatively new to town, so I don't have a lot to share in terms of the park's history, but I have seen kids fall off the tank and get hurt. Almost each time I visit Patton Park, the topic of the tank as a safety hazard comes up among parents. Extensive research and testing are done on the safety of playground equipment to prevent children from falling down onto hard surfaces and breaking limbs, or ingesting toxic materials. The playground is great in that sense: parents can trust that the toddler putting their mouth on components of the playground will not ingest lead paint, for example. It also stands to reason that a child's jacket is not going to get caught on an object sticking out at random and thus break a collar bone in a fall. In contrast, just a few yards away, there is the tank. Presumably the tank was intended for display, but in the context of a play area, kids continuously climb onto the tank. It's placed on a concrete slab and offers numerous metal wires and forms for kids to get snagged on and fall, which I have witnessed. And I would imagine it's unlikely that the tank was painted with a child-safe material. I support the proposal to relocate the tank, and the other artillery material next to the parking lot along Bay Road, to another site in town. This is not to say these objects don't deserve respect, but surely, we can find another location away from where kids are playing and maybe offer interpretive signage for context.	12/9/2022 2:02 PM
42	somehow tie the pool and playground and all together, road to baseball fields needs improvement	12/9/2022 1:19 PM
43	1) ice rink: Patton playground and the new pool created many new opportunities to meet members of our town enhancing our community. I think a town ice rink would do the same thing. In the winter months, where people often hole up inside, it would pull people outside and together. There could even be a hot chocolate stand in which highschoolers (or anyone?) could volunteer offering community service. I also encourage there to be thought put into seating for elderly people at all of these locations. For example, at the playground, the pool, a possible ice rink, we should be asking how we can welcome the elders of our community - even if they are not swimming or skating. A place for them to be welcomed, included and comfortable. 2) exercise/walking path: I think it would be really beneficial to have an exercise/walking/jogging path around the entire park. There could possibly be one large path and two smaller paths. (possibly like a figure 8.)	12/9/2022 11:42 AM
44	Parking is horrible when there are larger attended events. Pick up/drop off for Patton Day camp is a nightmare with young children. Parking for baseball games and football games is a disaster often times, better parking signs on the dirt road, and/or enforcing those parking restrictions.	12/9/2022 11:10 AM

45	We love skating in Patton Pond, but it would be amazing to have a rink area that could be more easily maintained and have less water, so more ice time.	12/9/2022 10:54 AM
46	More picnic benches and community gathering spaces.	12/9/2022 8:23 AM
47	Paved driveway and paved/expanded parking areas at the far end of the fields. Trees and overgrown brush along the fence between the park and the railroad are over grown and add no value to the spacecould need used for parking or improve the two way traffic leading to the far parking area.	12/9/2022 8:01 AM
48	We love that the park has something for all ages	12/9/2022 5:17 AM
49	The dirt road along the train track side of the park could be improved/paved. Remove debris/ trailers, etc., from that area as well. The maintenance shed could be moved to another location to maximize space. The gazebo needs improvement. Consider building a picnic shelter and firepit/grills. Is the tank in the best possible location? Remove Poison Ivy from around the pond. Improve Weaver Pond drainage. Improve Weaver Pond overflow area (safety issue). The pool and playground are great community assets.	12/9/2022 1:40 AM
50	Adding a skatepark would be great.	12/8/2022 10:27 PM
51	Parking	12/8/2022 9:56 PM
52	Like all the open space and improvements thus far. Main concerns are: need more shade esp for summer campers, better audience arrangement for more concert-use, get rid of tank, bathrooms replaced and moved closer to park, better walkways from street and parking lots (folks have to walk primarily in parking lot and through courts and the 2 walkways get clogged). Thanks!!	12/8/2022 9:56 PM
53	The tank is in an ideal location. It honors General Patton and all military veterans. Practically it is close enough for children to enjoy it without being too close to little ones at the park. Do not touch it.	12/8/2022 9:24 PM
54	Connections yo other trails	12/8/2022 9:19 PM
55	Please fence the playground in. It is so close to the road and a massive body of water for there to be no safety measures.	12/8/2022 9:16 PM
56	Events- music, food trucks, beer garden, etc	12/8/2022 9:06 PM
57	The grass is embarrasing. We need to hire professional landscapers so our kids sports teams are not playing on mud during the year.	12/8/2022 9:04 PM
58	We used to have a skate park. It would be a welcome addition to bring that back for all the skateboards, scooters, bikes, etc for kids and kids at heart!	12/8/2022 6:49 PM
59	The #1 priority should be to pave the road and/or improve the drop off/pick up system at the park. Between summer camp and various sports it is a heavily used road that is in terrible, terrible condition. It can take 15+ minutes just to leave after picking up your child not to mention the dust and monstrous potholes.	12/8/2022 6:29 PM
60	The tank has been there my entire life and is an important part of town history	12/8/2022 6:28 PM
61	The bathrooms are in tough shape and get beat on by kids at night. The dirt road is difficult when cars are parked on the side. Two cars can't pass by each other. The tank should stay in the park- it is Patton Park and most residents take pride in it being there.	12/8/2022 6:02 PM
62	I think other than drainage issue with the pond it is functioning just fine.	12/8/2022 5:57 PM
63	I found parking for the pool to be at a premium. I don't like parking lots, but there may be a need to expand the parking.	12/8/2022 5:10 PM
64	Parking definitely needs to be addressed, maybe the most important issue. The main parking lot seems to be used by the community center quite a bit and parking during games is very difficult.	12/8/2022 4:08 PM
65	bring back the ski hill	12/8/2022 3:48 PM
66	Baseball and sports facilities are most important to my family. We are at on of the fields 4x a week in the warmer months. Scoreboard, bathhouse, parking and driveway are most important to us.	12/8/2022 3:25 PM

67	THE POND:The pond is a wasted opportunity. It should expanded, finished with stone retaining walls, water pumps to minimize bugs, a paved path/sidewalk around it, lots of benches, decorative lighting (not big ugly daylight lamps)—think gas lamp style or even cafe style lighting. Large trees should be planted around it for shade with a garden nearbyGoogle the South Orange, NJ Duck Pond for inspirationHeres a link to a photo of it online: https://www.yelp.ca/biz_photos/duck-pond-south-orange?select=hgDP1tv4neYR8zjY9gBUVQFood trucks should be allowed to park near the pond/playground on weekends, that would draw in people in the evening as would a bocce ball pit nearby. SPORTS:The park is used for a lot of athletic events but has little form or shape to it in terms of fields/bleachers for anything other than baseballHas anyone considered a wood and metal fitness station course for the park? Where you jog from station to station and one might be pull up bar and the next might be a balance station, or step ups. They were very popular where I grew up. PARKING: It needs better parking that links to more defined main entranceIt is also a big space to walk, so better parking at both ends would be helpful to enable more accessThe park road behind the tennis courts needs to be broadened to allow traffic to flow both ways when it is busy. PLAYGROUND:The playground is a great selling point for Hamilton/Wenham, extending it would make it more impressive as potential residents drive by. My wife and I moved here in part because we drove by and saw all the young families on the playground. FACILITIES:I've never seen the horseshoe pit and didn't know it existed, but a finished area for horseshoes and Bocce ball with supplies on hand would be very popular. There is a big one in the North End in Boston that is a great cultural addition and draws people in. BALANCE:In general it feels like everything that people want to use (tennis, basketball, playground) is on one side of the park and folks	12/8/2022 2:58 PM
68	I think the tank is a HUGE part of Patton Park (obviously). I would be terribly sad if the tank moved. I think seating would be great for baseball games, and the bathrooms need renovating, but let's keep things simple. There are bigger priorities in the world, and we are all so lucky to have what we do have.	12/8/2022 2:51 PM
69	The fact there is consideration of moving the tank is of significant concern. That feature is part of the history of the park and our community. Moving it would cause significant controversy which would prove detrimental in these divisive times we are in.	12/8/2022 2:47 PM
70	I would love to see the park be better utilized for community sports and gatherings. The fields are in tough shape (think incorporating turf), there's no clear pathing to get from one area to the next, and parking is TOUGH (thinking patton park drop-off or flag football Sundays it's always a mess!). And I'd love to see the park continue to tie in to the beautiful landscape of the downtown.	12/8/2022 2:33 PM
71	I feel not having acceptable bathrooms to use is a very big problem. I feel I'm not able to have my children use the bathrooms because of their condition. Also, there was talk of a "splash pad" when building the pool, but it did not get approved. I feel that would be an amazing addition to the park.	12/8/2022 2:21 PM
72	Need restrooms year round	12/8/2022 2:20 PM
73	The Tank is town landmark and is usually referenced during a discussion where talking to people about where I live.	12/8/2022 2:13 PM
74	Recommend paving the road toward the ball courts and improve that back parking area. It's too much a free for all.	12/8/2022 2:11 PM
75	Please consider a skateboard park. Skateboarding is a fast growing sport and excellent outlet for the town youth. There are very few things and places that middle school/high school age kids in town can congregate around and enjoy healthy outdoor activity.	12/8/2022 2:07 PM
76	Don't move the tank.	12/8/2022 2:04 PM
77	Better parking and improved roadway to access the park. Too many cars parking along the dirt road. Pave the dirt road to address the ruts and designate parking.	12/8/2022 2:03 PM
78	Bathrooms and snack bar should be addressed. Scoreboard features that have already been approved should be installed and prioritized. Lighting for main baseball and skating fixed or	12/8/2022 2:01 PM

	installed. High School Homecoming festivities and bonfire event to come back in some capacity (not necessarily bonfire for environmental reasons but a replacement). Incorporate "book" hike throughout park in connection with HW Pub. Library.	
79	Parking for events in the dirt lots seems like an area where there is a lot of room for improvement. The one way nature of that path is brutal on busy nights. More benches/picnic tables would be nice. Thanks for the hard work on this!	12/8/2022 1:50 PM
80	Having a military tank near a playground is distasteful and inappropriate	12/8/2022 1:47 PM
81	As a marquee location for sports in our town, improvements that would enhance the sports experience, such as field improvements and facility augmentation would be most beneficial to the community at large.	12/8/2022 1:08 PM
82	The playground is not anywhere near what it should be. Please aim to upgrade this, add full size swings for multiple age groups. Having a separate toddler and over 5 playset continues to be important. Current play sets are unfortunately not stimulating enough.	12/8/2022 1:05 PM
83	we need to step up the sports areas and actually have decent area for them to play games, go to the bathroom and viewer participation meaning seating	12/8/2022 12:57 PM
84	Need to get "GEESE" out to the park area before putting any Money into the area. It's absolutely Disgusting. Also, more parking is needed!	12/8/2022 12:32 PM
85	The pool needs more shading, but that doesn't have to be a tree. It could be purchased umbrellas. It would be nice to make more accommodations to have people sit by the water and enjoy it.	12/8/2022 7:48 AM
86	The pool needs more senior and adult access for lap swimming and exercise. It currently is dominated by children's activities	12/8/2022 6:47 AM
87	Add connected equine trails for us at Myopia Polo	12/8/2022 6:11 AM
88	Muted colors on any new structures should blend in. The blue/ red plastic play structures are unattractive. See Dane St. Beverly example.	12/7/2022 10:53 PM
89	I think it is great! I love that the tennis courts can be used for pickle. Maybe the tennis folks don't love that so designated pickle courts are something to consider.	12/7/2022 9:32 PM
90	The massive trees that were cut down around the playground are sorely missed. I don't think we need to do much to the park at all aside from making it more ecologically sound and actually FIXING the playground structures.	12/7/2022 9:05 PM
91	PAVED walking path, dog park	12/7/2022 8:07 PM
92	I've always been disappointed in the lack of a garden/flowering shrubs. The little space that is there is not maintained and does not make a very good first impression. With a child in the summer program, clean bathrooms and shade are of great importance. If concerts, markets, special events are important, then better seating should be considered. No place to just sit and read a book. I've also never understood what was "in the back." Trails for public use? Private land belonging to Myopia? Am I missing out on something because I don't know it's there? I have not experienced the park at night therefore was neutral on lighting and safety.	12/7/2022 7:51 PM
93	The goose poop is disgusting, unhealthy and a persistent problem.	12/7/2022 5:51 PM
94	We love love love the playground, pool, and pond. The sidewalks are tough for a stroller and could be fixed, and accessible bathrooms would be key. More shade trees please!	12/7/2022 5:21 PM
95	I like the tank. It's unique to our town and Park. I like the park overall. More shade works be great, as well as easy access/signage to bathrooms. Everytime I'm at the playground another parent asks me where the bathroom is. I love the concerts in the summer and the block party. It's a great resource with few Detractions; an overhaul is not a priority for this town in my opinion.	12/7/2022 4:29 PM
96	Put a bubble over the pool so it can be used year round or 10 months of the year!	12/7/2022 3:54 PM
97	The baseball fields need a significant upgrade. It's embarrassing that our high school plays there. They need to be leveled, proper pitching mounds added, score boards added, new bleachers, and lights.	12/7/2022 3:49 PM
98	I have lived and worked in Hamilton nearly my whole life, and with the exception of the	12/7/2022 1:31 PM

	playground and the pool, not much has changed. To be blunt, it is not a pretty park. I know the taxpayers in town would love to see a major sprucing up - flower gardens, trees, landscaping around the pond. It could be such a gorgeous spot but honestly it's a bit of an eyesore. I am happy that this is being discussed!	
99	I was not aware until this process started that there were concerns or thoughts about the park. I don't think I had ever personally considered how the park could evolve, as it's been static for so long! More shade and nice walkways to make the park a more "scenic" park would be nice to have, but I don't think it's strictly necessary. My other thoughts would be to make sure funds are set aside or made available to maintain things. It's often easy to build momentum and enthusiasm for "something new" but ensuring that plantings and gardens and playground equipment and the like can be maintained by paid town staff (as I don't think volunteers in this day and age can be relied upon for big things like this anymore, unfortunately) needs to be a priority. The "big ship" on the playground has seemingly been blocked off/broken for ages, and I don't think anyone pays any attention to the little garden with benches next to the playground. There's often trash and litter, especially during the summer when the park program is running. I would rather have fewer amenities that can be taken care of than more things that will ultimately require TLC no one is willing or able to provide.	12/7/2022 10:09 AM
100	Leave tank Don't be idiots!!!	12/7/2022 8:50 AM
101	I would like to see improvement to the pedestrian access from Asbury street. The entrance where the dirt road is not the safest for walking. A painted Crosswalk would be a big improvement.	12/7/2022 8:30 AM
102	Love the park very beautiful. Not sure how an elder 65 plus can use the pool?? Would love to know if there are dedicated times	12/7/2022 7:59 AM
103	Privacy shrubs along the pool fence on the Bay road side are long overdue. More trees and natural shade would be welcome. A "shade structure" is concerning. I hate to see the park be over built. It should retain a natural and small town feel. Improving the secondary car access (dirt road) and lot in the back would be helpful.	12/7/2022 7:19 AM
104	The access road to the playing fields is very difficult to navigate when games or practices are happening. It is not designed to support the sudden high usage and parking needs of practice pick ups/drop offs and games. Widening to a two lane passage and/or providing parking that is more accessible to the fields is greatly needed. This fall I saw one accident of a car swiping another and experienced and entered gridlock of cars that required a person to direct and guide cars one by one out of the gridlock. I have had to back out of the road in reverse in order to avoid a 20 minute back up of cars on the road, which is not the safest way to exit a road, especially with a high number of children and other cars around.	12/7/2022 7:15 AM
105	The tank should remain at Patton park. It's called Patton park for a reason and it has been a landmark for decades. Many children have memories of climbing in the tank.	12/7/2022 7:03 AM
106	I appreciate the lighting for the Pickleball courts. Any updates to improve lighting efficiency may be worth a review. It would help to install wind blocking material on the exterior fences around the courts.	12/7/2022 6:12 AM
107	Patton Park is a beautiful park and currently has so much to offer. I would like to see improvements made to allow individuals of all ages to enjoy the park. While there are several benches and tables near the play structures, there aren't many other places to sit and enjoy the beautiful park. I love the idea of separate garden areas, shade trees, and walking paths. While the pond has historically been used for skating in the winter, I would love to see the addition of a skating rink in the winter.	12/7/2022 6:07 AM
108	The tank is a wonderful tradition and important connection to General Patton. Kids of all ages love to climb it and have their photos taken from kindergarten to Prom. Keep the tank! I've lived here 30 years. Our son spent countless hours at the park as a kid, with baseball, band and scout activities. It is a hub for our memories.	12/7/2022 5:05 AM
109	My kids also attend the Community House every day for the after school care program. The kids go outside to use the courts, and open space but they aren't allowed to use the playground. I'm not sure why they cant use it, but seems like an audience that is not being well served by the park but who are there daily. Having the pond is amazing. Kids love going to the playground, feeding the ducks, catching frogs and sometimes putting a boar in the water. It is a lovely. It would be nice to have places to picnic or sit in the shade or restrooms & trash collection available outside of the pool house. I would love to see Patton Park have more	12/7/2022 12:03 AM

	native and indigenous plantings, promote biodiversity. The trails the connect from the park to the wooded area behind is also awesome, but harder to navigate or see what is there.	
110	I think it's really important that we have trash cans and decent bathrooms in the park. The playground is above average, but I wonder if there could be a few more accessible features, adaptive equipment, or wheelchair accessible areas on the playground (rather than mainly mulch).	12/6/2022 11:30 PM
111	Don't move the tank outside of the park!	12/6/2022 10:44 PM
112	The dirt driveway along the train tracks is potholed and dusty. This is a negative.	12/6/2022 10:30 PM
113	One area I would like to be improved is pedestrian safety in the side parking lot next to Asbury. We live on Willow street and walk from the park and from home almost daily. Cars coming out of the parking lot and the cars coming out of the dirt driveway don't think to look for pedestrians leaving the tennis court area who are trying to get on the Asbury street sidewalk (heading away from 1A). I'd love to see a more defined sidewalk/crossing area as that is a very congested area especially with camp drop off/pickup.	12/6/2022 9:11 PM
114	Connection to the horseshoes and that back space is not part of the park in my head.  Connecting it in would make the park seem more roomy. I was ambivalent on the shade trees because I don't want to lose the playing fields, so if the fields and trees can live in harmony that would be great.	12/6/2022 8:55 PM
115	I would appreciate safety improvements to playground equipment, along with a straightforward way to report maintenance issues at Patton and other parks around town. I'd be interested to serve as a liaison of some sort in this regard. (For example there's currently a safety issue with one of the elements at Patton that I'm sure you're aware of—what's being done to address this?)	12/6/2022 8:43 PM
116	- Only one field has lights, would be great to expand the use of fields at night parking during busy game nights is brutal. The road behind the fields is in disrepair and needs to be widened to allow two-way traffic bathrooms are a mess, not in any condition to be used in current statewould be great to add an additional basketball court - Patton camp is a huge success but lack the facilities for crafts, shade is limited, poison ivy is rampant in play areas by pond winter ice skating should be allowed and promoted Thank you for letting the community share opinions!	12/6/2022 8:23 PM
117	Need better bathrooms, handicapped accessible.	12/6/2022 8:01 PM
118	The access road it's treacherous and needs to be fixed. The lack of shade since losing the large trees has detracted from the park and has hurt summer campers. Baseball and town events could benefit from a concession stand so events can be hosted like in other towns. eg. hot chocolate and skate rentals in the winter. Cold drinks in the summer for pool goers, campers and visitors	12/6/2022 7:56 PM
119	this needs to continue to be a public park without more athletics	12/6/2022 7:34 PM
120	It would be nice to realign the baseball fields to gain space at the park. Because of the usage of the park for summer camp, it would be nice to have a facility to provide shade on hot summer days. It would also be beneficial to provide enhancement or additional parking. Utilization of school grounds parking through better connection of park and school would be nice as in the summer with camp, swimming, and baseball all seemingly happening at the same time parking can become challenging.	12/6/2022 7:28 PM
121	Check the original park plans for the design and intended results of the creators	12/6/2022 7:23 PM
122	Any improvements that would help the summer camp program, in particular additional shade.	12/6/2022 7:14 PM
123	Don't move the tank! It and catching frogs at the pond are the best! A snack shack at the baseball fields would be amazing	12/6/2022 6:27 PM
124	Please DO NOT remove or relocate the tank. That would make me very sad. It is an integral part of the park and the character of our town.	12/6/2022 6:15 PM
125	Maintenance of the playground (repairs to broken swings, replenishment of mulch & sand, etc.) should be more rapid and routine.	12/6/2022 6:15 PM
126	The paths to the playground are not easily accessible via stroller so the path around the playground can feel kind of pointless if you have to go off-road to get there. Are the batting	12/6/2022 6:09 PM

	cages used? Is the horseshoe pit used? Could that space right near the parking area be repurposed because its more accessible? I know that a paddle court would be VERY popular!	
127	Price for residents to use the pool is too expensive.	12/6/2022 5:31 PM
128	Do not remove the tank. It represents this town and it's history. New people to town may not like it but we can't erase our past. Bathrooms have been disgusting for as long as I've been going to this park. Almost 20 years.	12/6/2022 5:28 PM
129	Large pines near tennis courts are in memory of two important members of the community. When the trees must come down replace with another memorial with the plaques	12/6/2022 5:19 PM
130	if any grass needs to be replanted due to sever drought, clover is a more eco-friendly ground cover.	12/6/2022 5:18 PM
131	There is very little shade, and especially by the playground areas, that would be very helpful. And the flooding is a incredibly important to fix. And the lack of bathrooms, is probably THE biggest issue.	12/6/2022 4:20 PM
132	Dog park /dog accessible	12/6/2022 3:53 PM
133	I would be so incredibly happy to see the tank (and the cannons in the parking area, which are pointed directly at the Winthrop school) relocated elsewhere. I understand and respect the symbolic importance to the town, but feel that the message and other symbolism tied to cannons and tanks are not appropriate for a playground & park. Thank you for doing this work!	12/6/2022 3:51 PM
134	the park needs an exercise/walking trail, a fence around the playground so it's safe for younger residents and more parking	12/6/2022 3:51 PM
135	Keep clearing & maintaining invasive species & plants in Weaver pond. Improve drainage from Patton Park through to the underground drainage pipes that run around/under Winthrop school.	12/6/2022 3:45 PM
136	Fireworks over the pond and tank are great. Gazebo's condition is not good; should be repaired. Grass could be better maintained. Keep bees away from trash at playground.	12/6/2022 3:39 PM
137	The movement of traffic on the railroad side is terrible. This includes the turnaround for summer camp pick up and drop off, during sporting games, the lack of parking, and the present poison ivy. Further the parking lot in the back is poorly marked yielding ineffective use of the parking (Cars park in all directions). Also, where can I send my husband and children to skateboard?	12/6/2022 3:34 PM
138	Basketball courts are a great place for kids to gather and play together.	12/6/2022 3:17 PM
139	It would be great if the playground was fenced in since the pond poses a danger to small children. Additionally, replacing the woodchips in the playground with a soft, bouncy floor that other playgrounds use would be ideal. Lastly, I believe the area around the basketball court could be leveled out to match the height of the court so there is less chance of people getting injured stepping/running off the court.	12/6/2022 3:05 PM
140	Will be sincerely upset if the tank is removed from the park. That is a right of passage for kids in this town. Our 8yr olds response "it wouldn't be patton park without the patton tank"	12/6/2022 3:04 PM
141	We have a disabled toddler. It is next to impossible to use a stroller to access the park/playground. She is starting to use a wheelchair and a walker which would definitely be impossible to use there. Appropriate material for the ground would be amazing. Also, there aren't any activities suited for her at the playground. A swing with a secure, appropriate harness would be great. We would also eventually like to be able to access the pool area with her wheelchair. Thank you! Looking forward to hearing about the plans!	12/6/2022 2:59 PM
142	There are SO many kids and families in town, I'd love to see the park be even more accessible and welcoming to families! Also, earlier there seemed to be mention of moving the tank. I think it's a neat part of our history and makes our park stand outthe kids love to climb it, which I don't see as an issue (unless there is something I'm unaware of) - so based on what I know today, I would like to keep the tank at the park!	12/6/2022 2:56 PM
143	We should consider renaming the park and removing the overt militarism while still retaining a sense of respect for veterans. As more comes to light regarding General Patton's anti semitism the Town should reconsider the prominence given to his name.	12/6/2022 2:41 PM
144	The history of General Patton and the tank are the central theme and of utmost historical	12/6/2022 2:32 PM

importance for all especially youth. The tank should stay where it is and if anything be opened at certain times (Memorial Day weekend and week before and after, for people to go in and view. Addressing water issues and maybe adding some benches tables and trash cans are the most important concerns and then some historical signage. Anything else's my opinion is a not a good use of taxpayer / our funds. I'm fact off there were funding I would rather see it go back to town tax payers as a rebate or lower taxes for the next fiscal year. 145 You SHOULD consider recreational facilities at this time. Pickleball and tennis cannot 12/6/2022 2:26 PM peacefully coexist. Both suffer by being forced together. Standalone pickelball courts would be an easy and inexpensive and welcome addition. 146 I love the tank in the middle of the park. It is distinctive of Hamilton and the history of the park. 12/6/2022 2:25 PM Please keep it where it is. 147 Parking is a challenge. Paving or widening the road along the baseball fields might be helpful, 12/6/2022 2:24 PM or making official spots. The dirt road with the turnaround at the end is brutal. It also seems like the trash doesn't get picked up regularly, so that is something to address as well. 148 I'm a bit upset at the suggestion that the tank be moved. That's a LANDMARK in the park and 12/6/2022 2:21 PM we think people need to worry about important things 149 Would love to see a connection to Hamilton downtown / the Community House. I love the tank 12/6/2022 2:20 PM where it is, featured prominently. Would love to see some improvements to at least the big baseball field to make it feel like more of an old-fashioned, small town place to gather for a game (with the stands and the outfield fence) 150 If the tank is removed I will seriously consider moving to another town. A more misguided idea 12/6/2022 2:17 PM I cannot imagine. Change the name of the park! The park (among several other places in this town) is named 151 12/6/2022 2:17 PM after a general who was a know racist and anti-Semite! How we condone this by slapping his name on parks where our children play is appalling! This whole town should be ashamed! Do your history. The playground should have a real fence around it for safety as it is very close to the road. 152 12/6/2022 2:15 PM The playground should also have a rubberized ground covering to make it more handicap accessible than wood chips and softer than a hard too. It is also safer for little kids to crawl on 153 DO NOT MOVE OR TEMIVE PATTON'S TANK, DO. NOT. 12/6/2022 2:03 PM 154 the pool should be free for senior citizens with a lap lane always available 12/6/2022 2:01 PM 155 The secluded location of the bathroom I think has led to a lot of the damage there. A well lit 12/6/2022 2:00 PM centralized location would be great especially for the little potty trainers who end up hiding & peeing on the slide because they can't make it. We always avoid the covered slide. Access to parking can be challenging during big/multiple events. There is limited access to 156 12/6/2022 1:59 PM facilities around Weaver Pond, particularly on skating days in the winter. The bathroom needs major renovation and maintenance - possibly multiple bathrooms strategically located? 157 It would be great to move the fire hydrant at the driving entrance by the tracks. It causes traffic 12/6/2022 1:57 PM jams. Also signs limiting parking on the field side could reduce traffic jams as well. Have a great day. 158 Trash cans! I can never find one and there's always trash all over the park. 12/6/2022 1:44 PM 159 Parking for the park is very challenging, especially on days where multiple youth events are 12/6/2022 1:43 PM running. Having a secondary entrance/exit should be a priority. 160 Love the parks setup as in. A general refresh of the existing areas would go a long way. The 12/6/2022 1:43 PM tank is a staple of the park and would be a waste of money and resources to relocate. I hope effort and money is not wasted on this idea. 161 Get the "people" at Myopia to allow more access to the schooling fields (which are in Chapter 12/6/2022 1:42 PM status). 162 A water fountain or a place to fill water bottles and wash hands near the playground would be 12/6/2022 1:42 PM great!! Also, I hope you will consider pedestrian access that would be suitable for pushing a stroller or pulling a wagon from parking to playground and beyond.

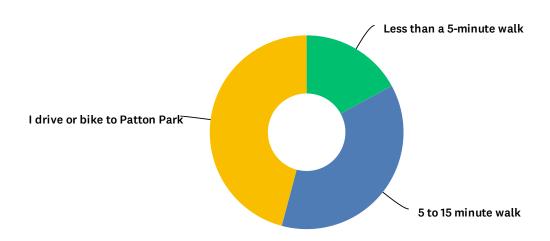
163	There needs to be more garage removal. Someone should address the poison ivy. The climbing structures at the park are damaged. Please please please do something about the goose poo all summer!	12/6/2022 1:39 PM
164	Parking is an issue, during heavy sporting days, such as flag football for example the road along the fields becomes extremely congested. Ice cream truck always adds to gridlock and is annoying as he parks half on the fields and in the road.	12/6/2022 1:36 PM
165	Road parallel to the rail tracks is horrible and had been for years. I use it to park near the horseshoes and walk my dog in the Myopia fields. I would like to see dogs allowed in the park if leashed and especially if there are walkways.	12/6/2022 1:35 PM
166	i have lived here since i was born and feel some people bring up issues just to feel important in the community, when in reality they are not real issues. the tank has always been there and has never been an issue, why is it an issue now? there are obvious things that can be fixed such as the bathrooms, but overall we are extremely lucky to have the park we have in the community we live in	12/6/2022 1:31 PM
167	Improve access from parking lot to to playground stroller and wheel chair access	12/6/2022 1:29 PM
168	Wenham resident 22 years. Please pick natural colors - dark green, brown for play structures and benches. It's unsightly to have garish colors. I have dealt with skin cancer. More umbrellas at pool and umbrellas for benches/tables at playground.	12/6/2022 1:29 PM
169	Please keep General Patton's tank! It would be a disservice to the town to remove.	12/6/2022 1:28 PM
170	A walking trail that loops around the park and pond, with more shade trees would be lovely and make the space feel more recreational. Plantings and shade trees at key locations would really improve the look of the park. Please relocate the tank to another site, it's not a suitable feature for a children's playground. There is so much goose feces, any mitigation of that would help!	12/6/2022 1:28 PM
171	The road/drive way needs to circumnavigate the entire park allowing cars to enter on Asbury and exit onto Bay road. When large events (sporting or community) get out the single entry and exit in addition to the parking situation makes leaving a parking spot and turning around to exit the park extremely difficult and time consuming.	12/6/2022 1:27 PM
172	There needs to be more shade. The kids are so hot during camp.	12/6/2022 1:27 PM
173	Great location; Great space; Serves equitably all parties in town	12/6/2022 1:27 PM
174	The parking could be improved. There are not a lot of spaces and some are extremely tight. Also, the road to the back parking lot is falling apart. Entry/exit point needs to be widened as well.	12/6/2022 1:25 PM
175	This park is a jewel in the community with so much potential for year round activities! Clearly marked parking and additional pathways would be appreciated. My only other comments would be with regard to programming and less about infrastructure. Winter ice skating and refreshments would be a great addition.	12/6/2022 1:25 PM
176	There is a huge opportunity to tie in sorely needed bathroom renovations/additions with a concession stand. This would provide revenue for local youth sports programs and attract more families to use the park for longer periods. Often times, older youths at the park will cross 1A in search of snacks/refreshments at Cumberland Farms. We should take advantage of the need by investing in our own concessions.	12/6/2022 1:24 PM
177	I love Patton Park as is, but there are two things that do stand out as needing improvement: (1) The periodic flooding disrupts the usability of the park and probably wastes money as the grass requires repair afterward. (2) For kids using the park for camp in the summer, there is not a lot of shade. A few more trees wouldn't hurt. One thing that should not change is the Sherman tank in the park: It is iconic and is an expression of this town's unique history. I was dismayed that removing it made the list of possible changes. I understand that there are some people who bristle at anything military, but my family loves that tank and will surely protest if it is to be removed.	12/6/2022 1:23 PM
178	Adding an ice rink like topsfield does in the winter would be a nice town add.	12/6/2022 1:14 PM
179	Small dog park area would be great too!	12/6/2022 1:14 PM
180	I believe it to be essential to improve the turf conditions of the park. The playing fields need drastic improvement via a better turf management program to enhance the turf not only for	12/6/2022 1:14 PM

	aesthetics, but safety of players. This can be demonstrated by an improvement in irrigation, soil testing, regular aeration and overseeding, as well as a better fertilization program. The current conditions are far sub-par of that of neighboring communities.	
181	Some information about the parks history is there but not very apparent	12/6/2022 1:12 PM
182	I would like to see the playground moved away from Bay Rd. to a new location away from the road. As a parent, sometimes it is concerning all the open spaces a child can get through. Or if not moved, at least enclosed so a parent doesn't have to worry. I would like to see a splash pad added for summertime use for children as well. Definitely more vegetation landscape, and trees for people to enjoy.	12/6/2022 1:12 PM
183	More shade for families using the park is huge! I know it says no improvements at the pool but the pool has absolutely no shade and it is very hard to enjoy for young families or anyone disabled who can't enter the pool. A splash pad would also be an amazing addition for little ones and the camp!	12/6/2022 1:10 PM
184	Replace playground structures	12/6/2022 1:07 PM
185	Tank needs to stay. It's an important piece of the town.	12/6/2022 1:06 PM
186	The balance of sports and non-sports is so nice. Please don't let the needs of sports takeover the overall decisions.	12/6/2022 1:06 PM
187	Do not move the tank! Horrible idea	12/6/2022 12:48 PM
188	We would love to see a bike path around the park or some other way for middle school age	12/6/2022 12:45 PM

kids kids to enjoy the park aside from sports courts

### Q6 How far do you live from Patton Park?

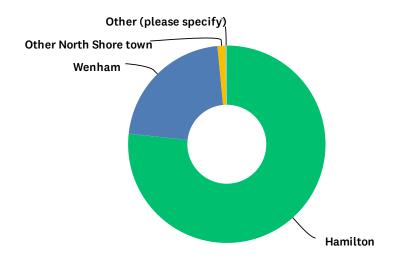
Answered: 469 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than a 5-minute walk	17.06%	80
5 to 15 minute walk	37.10%	174
I drive or bike to Patton Park	45.84%	215
TOTAL		469

### Q7 Which town or city do you live in?

Answered: 468 Skipped: 4

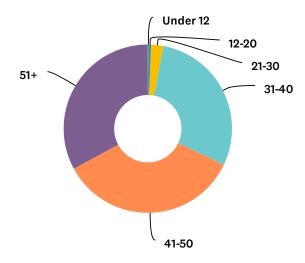


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hamilton	76.71%	59
Wenham	21.79%	02
Other North Shore town	1.28%	6
Other (please specify)	0.21%	1
TOTAL	46	68

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Ipswich	12/6/2022 5:55 PM

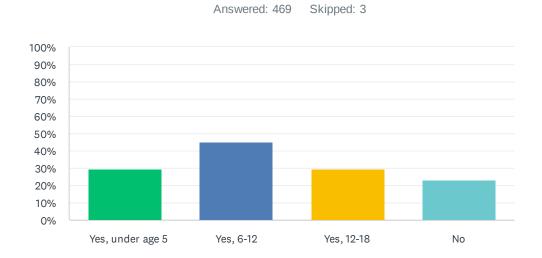
### Q8 What age range do you fall into?

Answered: 468 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 12	0.21%	1
12-20	0.43%	2
21-30	2.35%	11
31-40	29.06% 1	.36
41-50	35.04%	.64
51+	32.91%	.54
TOTAL	4	168

# Q9 Do you have children under 18 in your household? (Select all that apply)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, under age 5	29.42%	138
Yes, 6-12	45.20%	212
Yes, 12-18	29.21%	137
No	23.03%	108
Total Respondents: 469		

# Q10 Is there anything else about your identity and relationship to Patton Park that you would like to share with the design team?

Answered: 115 Skipped: 357

#	RESPONSES	DATE
		12/27/2022 4:36 PM
1	It's perfect the way it is Leave it alone, it is very special place and does not need a "facelift"	
2	Thank you for your help in making Patton park even better .	12/27/2022 2:18 PM
3	I love the open spaces of Patton Park. I walk there with my family almost every morning and it has become a wonderful ritual for us.	12/25/2022 12:44 AM
4	As a member of the Town's Human Rights Commission, I would like to see space set aside to acknowledge our past and reflection	12/21/2022 10:06 PM
5	We love the Tank and is it part of Hamilton's identity!	12/19/2022 8:09 AM
6	Again, I don't go there often as focused on kids. I play Pickleball, that's about it, but I would love a way to walk through the park, without entering kids space.	12/16/2022 9:28 PM
7	I visit the park now for baseball and playground for my grandchildren who live here. Catching frogs and releasing has always been fun.	12/15/2022 10:40 AM
8	Thank you for taking care of our parks :)	12/15/2022 10:30 AM
9	Little more parking and move the gazebo closer to the parking	12/15/2022 10:03 AM
10	Played tennis on the courts for the HWRHS team. Used the basket ball court for many pick up games and used the field while training with the HWRHS football team in the early 80s.	12/15/2022 9:23 AM
11	My family-including my 2 children and 3 grandchildren have been enjoying Patton Park for over 30 years. As I get olderI find that I would like more opportunities for passive recreation.	12/15/2022 8:39 AM
12	I have grandchildren who use the park. I go to the park to walk and watch sports and enjoy by grandchildren there. My children grew up with this park so yes I am aware of the parks uses and needs.	12/15/2022 8:34 AM
13	Timeless design does not rely on individual identities. This space should evolve through the lens of function and beauty. Present and build something for this community that all will enjoy.	12/15/2022 8:06 AM
14	no	12/13/2022 8:24 PM
15	The playground is great, but is in need of some upgrades (including replacing wood chips with rubber/cushioned material).	12/13/2022 2:49 PM
16	Please consider a pump track.	12/12/2022 10:27 PM
17	The park is a focal point of the community. People come from neighboring towns to use the playground. It has sports amenities for a wide range of ages. Its connection to the schooling fields and trail network is a huge plus and makes the park feel bigger than it is.	12/12/2022 10:10 PM
18	I would love to see some type of garden, botanical feature much like Pingree Park has in Wenham.	12/12/2022 4:12 PM
19	Poor drainage hinders the use of sports fields	12/12/2022 3:46 PM
20	Patton Park is a gem as you have indicated, both for residents and nonresidents.	12/12/2022 10:13 AM
21	I've lived in the downtown area 26 years and have raised young kids and have been very involved in community ventures	12/11/2022 8:44 PM
22	Living very close to the park, I love hearing the voices of children at play. The late night games and lights are an inconvenience on summer nights.	12/11/2022 8:15 AM
23	I would not move the tank, it is perfect for children to play and climb onhowever, a sign	12/10/2022 10:41 AM

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24	Seems this park/open space has become more important. Also appreciate the pickle ball courts! Thank You.	12/10/2022 10:24 AM
25	The geese issue is my primary. I love all the events and gatherings at the park.	12/10/2022 9:58 AM
26	Although it's open and green, it's not very attractive. Would love a more attractive park that meets the needs of residents.	12/10/2022 8:54 AM
27	Paddle Tennis courts would be a huge addition as a winter activity to keep people active and outside. and I'd suggest incorporating a changing climate into your plans for planting, as well as climate resilience - increased floods and droughts.	12/9/2022 2:11 PM
28	enhance park as gathering place for all ages	12/9/2022 2:07 PM
29	grew up in town, use the park throughout for various reasons, seems like the park is always an afterthought and it shouldn't be	12/9/2022 1:22 PM
30	A skatepark please.	12/8/2022 10:28 PM
31	maybe a rock climbing wall or something for older children, but is also gated off so younger children can't accidentally get into it. More available swings for toddlers (they are always in use)	12/8/2022 9:56 PM
32	I used the park more when my children were younger, but I still think it is a valuable and important landmark and destination for our shared towns.	12/8/2022 7:21 PM
33	We used to have a skate park. It would be a welcome addition to bring that back for all the skateboards, scooters, bikes, etc for kids and kids at heart!	12/8/2022 6:50 PM
34	Thank you for your efforts here. It is a wonderful park.	12/8/2022 6:29 PM
35	Hamilton/Wenham does not have an impressive town center. Not like a Winchester, etc Patton Park can be the signature icon associated with the towns.	12/8/2022 6:23 PM
36	I've lived here for 46 years. The park is a great asset to our community. Though I don't use it as much anymore, I'm happy to drive by and see kids and families enjoying it. I'd like to see it more or less stay the same with improvements that help with access and sustainability	12/8/2022 6:08 PM
37	Keep the tank	12/8/2022 5:57 PM
38	perhaps more drought resistant plants, ground cover.	12/8/2022 4:57 PM
39	Expand the pool seating. It is always extremely crowded	12/8/2022 4:28 PM
40	Perhaps a parking loop that goes from tennis courts out to Main Street by public pool?	12/8/2022 3:26 PM
41	My kids grew up playing flag football and baseball. I do not want to see this town become super fancy. Let's keep things simple. Other than the bathrooms, Patton Park is great.	12/8/2022 2:53 PM
42	Make Tank a learning oppurtunity for community with history of the object, era and family relevance to it and land/park trust. Have a space to invite artists for site specific installations (temporary or permanent)	12/8/2022 2:23 PM
43	Can the pool be removed and the space used for something else? All other parts of the park allow for 12 month use. Yet we have a pool using alot of space that has at best a 3 month use.	12/8/2022 2:14 PM
44	Please consider a skateboard park. Skateboarding is a fast growing sport and excellent outlet for the town youth. There are very few things and places that middle school/high school age kids in town can congregate around and enjoy healthy outdoor activity.	12/8/2022 2:07 PM
15	I started coming to Patton Park in the '70s while living in N. Beverly	12/8/2022 2:05 PM
46	The biggest use of Patton park in addition to the playground is youth sports. Very many families use it for baseball and football. It should be more focused on supporting what gets the most use out of it.	12/8/2022 2:04 PM
47	This fully public, multi use space continues to be a huge reason for family's living in the area.	12/8/2022 1:06 PM
18	heart of the town needs to reflect its beauty, history and show we are a modern, well rounders	12/8/2022 12:58 PM

49	My husband and I grew up in Hamilton. We now have grandchildren that frequent the park. It's currently dangerous to walk with the droppings. It's a law suit waiting to happen.	12/8/2022 12:35 PM
50	It seems the children in our town naturally attended Patton Park to play baseball and basketball and go to the playground. It would be nice to make it a resource for our older residence. Even the music in the gazebo is a little challenging for older people to get to.	12/8/2022 7:50 AM
51	I live right next to the park. I can hear and see everything from my windows	12/8/2022 7:31 AM
52	I would like to keep the tank, artillery and monuments where they are.	12/8/2022 6:48 AM
53	I am wealthy and could help defray some of the cost.	12/8/2022 6:12 AM
54	If possible, pave the road that runs by the train tracks and passes by the existing bathroom on the way back to the horseshoe pits. It is often very dusty and impacts people playing tennis/pickle ball, practices, baseball, softball, and the horseshoe pits. Thank you.	12/7/2022 10:10 PM
55	When our child was younger we utlized the playground, tank, pond (when frozen), and pool quite a bit. Having a park where people can gather and do things (play). is awesome. I love that it is more than just ball fields and a pond to look at. Thank you for your work on this.	12/7/2022 9:36 PM
56	I grew up here. I don't know what you're trying to make the park into but honestly it's great as it is. Bring in Kestrel to advise how to make the ecology healthier, address the play structures and bathroom and flooding, plant more trees, DO NOT spray pesticides, the end.	12/7/2022 9:07 PM
57	Now that my child has outgrown the playground, we spend very little time there. However, he does love the summer camp program.	12/7/2022 7:52 PM
58	I grew up in Topsfield and was always excited when we could come to the Tank playground. Please don't get rid of the tank, it is part of the identity of this town and this park.	12/7/2022 4:30 PM
59	I walk or bring my kids there almost daily, the bathroom situation is terrible for parents with little kids potty training!	12/7/2022 3:55 PM
60	love to see the park used for the summer kids program and after school programming. I no longer have children at home but consider this space as an important part of our town. Would love to see dedicated pickleball courts when the time comes for consideration of modifying the courts	12/7/2022 2:51 PM
61	My only other comment is that the best uses/purposes for the park should be considered in light of the town's master plan as a whole and how uses around it may evolve with new laws for housing near transportation and other changes the 21st century has brought to HW. The world is changing and I commend HW for recognizing this and taking a moment to stop, think, and plan about meeting the needs of the next century.	12/7/2022 10:13 AM
62	It all works Leave it alone Spend money where's it's needed	12/7/2022 8:51 AM
63	In my opinion the drainage is the biggest issue as it limits use of the park in the spring/summer months.	12/7/2022 7:22 AM
64	Bathroom accessibility near the tennis/pickleball courts would be nice.	12/7/2022 6:16 AM
65	This park is a wonderful resource for our towns. Over the years my family has lived here, we have enjoyed all of its offerings.	12/7/2022 6:08 AM
66	I walk on the edge of the park with friends and their dogs to exercise in the myopia field. I miss the willows around the park (willowdale st nearby is significant to our history). Keep the park an open space and don't try to turn it into a Disney property.	12/7/2022 5:09 AM
67	We love the summer camp at Patton Park, and we love that the after-school program at the Community House makes great use of the park.	12/6/2022 11:32 PM
68	No	12/6/2022 10:31 PM
69	We have theee HW students who use the park extensively. Anything geared towards children in upper elementary/middle school would be a great addition.	12/6/2022 9:06 PM
70	Love the fire works, camp programs, and the 2 town type festivals - hope we keep them up in this new design.	12/6/2022 8:56 PM
71	We visit the park (and others around Hamilton) on a weekly basis and feel thankful for this	12/6/2022 8:44 PM

	town resource!	
72	The tank has always been the centerpiece of the town, I hope it is not removed as it stands as a monument to the town's legacy.	12/6/2022 8:25 PM
73	Love the playground for the little kids	12/6/2022 8:02 PM
74	Any improvements would be welcomed. Please keep or restore the tank and other military equipment and provide additional info about the Patton family at the park.	12/6/2022 7:29 PM
75	I was responsible as President for HWLL donation and installation of lights and the reuse of the snack shack during summertime. I was a member of rec dept committee for several years I was Babe Ruth and ITL volunteer and president of HWRHS Baseball booster club	12/6/2022 7:26 PM
76	It would be nice to have an area in the park where older teenagers could sit to ve with friends.	12/6/2022 7:17 PM
77	Summer Camp (activities other than team sports) Horseshoes are inaccessible, parking is a challenge,	12/6/2022 6:27 PM
78	I think it would be great to ensure the park makes resources available to the community that are popular and preferred by all residents. For example, access to the senior center, an already well established and maintained building with a crosswalk and light to access feels less like a priority when the accessibility by foot across from the school has a malfunctioning gate that is not safe.	12/6/2022 6:13 PM
79	Create distinct spaces to enjoy divided by pla tings and paths to make it feel more like an experience	12/6/2022 5:52 PM
80	I do bring my niece (5) to the park regularly. My kids are grown.	12/6/2022 5:33 PM
81	I love seeing school children playing basketball on the lit courts at night. Great that this is available.	12/6/2022 5:22 PM
82	Add sign to Weaver Pond that says the distance around the pond so we know if we ran around it 4 times that would equal a mile (or whatever the true distance is.)	12/6/2022 5:19 PM
83	Playground repair and improvement	12/6/2022 5:14 PM
84	Dog park	12/6/2022 3:53 PM
85	Would love to add in a street hockey rink or, even, an outdoor rink for community use.	12/6/2022 3:49 PM
86	Lights at ball fields should be turned off sooner after teams finish or should not be turned on if the games are not held due to weather or scheduling.	12/6/2022 3:47 PM
87	We love visiting the park with our small kids and would love to see the park developed so that the space is more efficiently used for families.	12/6/2022 3:45 PM
88	n/a	12/6/2022 3:40 PM
89	Access and Accessibly are two issues that should be addressed. It is really difficult to navigate and access all areas of park for individuals that use/require mobility technologies or physical assistance. Also, where is there a safe place for my kids and husband to skateboard?	12/6/2022 3:37 PM
90	Ice skating has been a tremendous and positive experience for our family and friends.	12/6/2022 3:06 PM
91	Keep changes simple, necessary, cheap and keep the tank as it is the center and history of the park. I've been coming to the park as a child and am a life long resident. Thanks	12/6/2022 2:33 PM
92	The pool should have been twice as big as it is. Let's not repeat that mistake when renovating other facilities. People come from way outside of Hamilton to use Patton Park. We need room for huge volumes of visitors.	12/6/2022 2:27 PM
93	Love the playground - it gets busy so could be expanded even further.	12/6/2022 2:26 PM
94	I've lived in town for over 30 years.	12/6/2022 2:20 PM
95	Love the pool, love the ballfields, love kids climbing on the tank watching little league games.	12/6/2022 2:18 PM
96	Please leave it alone except for fixing bathrooms and flooding and general upkeep on existing features. Please stop trying to fix what ain't broken. Please.	12/6/2022 2:05 PM

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97	The baseball facilities could use scoreboards and spectator improvements to create safe, ample viewing areas. A warming hut would be a nice addition near Weaver Pond in the winter.	12/6/2022 2:05 PM
98	I wish that Patton gets the bathroom fixed but the other open spaces are upgraded as well. For me Donovan field has a lot of potential and is surrounded by families that could benefit from planning. Perhaps to put a sidewalk for the kids to reach the field at the least.	12/6/2022 2:04 PM
99	i would like a designated area for roller skating	12/6/2022 2:02 PM
100	I feel like I'm enjoying Patton Park for a second go round as a retired grandparent. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful park!	12/6/2022 1:51 PM
101	I've lived in Hamilton over 35 years and have thoroughly enjoyed this amenity, as have my children and grandchildren. Thanks for doing this.	12/6/2022 1:44 PM
102	We love the park and the summer camp.	12/6/2022 1:40 PM
103	Permanent pickle ball courts please.	12/6/2022 1:38 PM
104	There is a on-going problem in this town of irresponsible dog owners in public parks. The main issue is they don't pick up their dog's waste in places where children play. The other is that off-leash dogs aggressively run up to people who would prefer to be left alonethis is particularly an issue when they run up to children. Also the neighboring hunt club frequently has issues with off-leash dogs on their property. They allow dogs, but require them leashed. Many people park at Patton and then walk to the hunt club's schooling field next door, and then flaunt the hunt club's rules. Currently, dog's are banned in the playing fields and playground, but you will often see them there. People frequently walk their dogs around the pond as this seems permitted and then they enter the playground or fields. I, for one, am so sick of seeing dog waste on playing fields and being run up on by aggressive dogs, I would like to see dogs completely banned from the entire park. If that's too much, then the signage and enforcement of existing rules should be increased.	12/6/2022 1:34 PM
105	Wonderful park with my children enjoyed!!	12/6/2022 1:31 PM
106	really enjoy access to the polo schooling fields-would be nice to get the nordic groomer back there during XC ski season; also would be nice to have more town "park clean up" days for solidarity and volunteerism in the town	12/6/2022 1:31 PM
107	It's a wonderful park, we use it every day!	12/6/2022 1:29 PM
108	I moved to town in 1986 and have utilized the park as a child, teen, sports user, then father utilizing the playground, sports parent, and coach. Patton park is the center of the community and tie that binds the youth of our towns together before they all come together in middle and high school.	12/6/2022 1:29 PM
109	Don't break it. It works.	12/6/2022 1:28 PM
110	We are big racquet sports people, so the courts are important to us. Thx	12/6/2022 1:27 PM
111	We have 7 grandchildren (ages 1-9) who adore the playground.	12/6/2022 1:13 PM
112	Volleyball area and batting cage look like they could use some repair / maintenance	12/6/2022 1:13 PM
113	We love the park, the pool, and the camps! We expect to use the baseball field and courts more as our children age. I definitely think our main issue is shade and seating in all areas, but especially the playground and POOL!	12/6/2022 1:11 PM
114	The high school baseball field needs to be kept in better condition and lights would be a great addition. The town is too nice to have subpar facilities for the kids in town.	12/6/2022 1:07 PM
115	Watching my child growth through the years spent @ Patton Park has been beautiful. Thinking of the needs of middle school / teens would be great.	12/6/2022 1:07 PM