AVON TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 27, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at Company #1, 25 Darling Drive, by Chairman Polhamus. Members present: Mmes: Ausiello, Barthel, Messrs: Polhamus and Weber. A quorum was present.

Town staff present: Assistant Town Manager Grace Tiezzi and Director of Recreation and Parks Ruth Checko.

II. NEW BUSINESS

23/24-78 Public Meeting #2 to Discuss Recreation & Parks Master Plan

Ryan Chmielewski, Team Leader, CT, and Emily Weckman, Senior Project Landscape Architect, Weston & Sampson, provided a presentation (which is attached and made part of these minutes), followed by public comment.

III. ADJOURN

The special meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Attest: Jennifer Worsman, Clerk

TOWN OF AVON
RECREATION & PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

AVON PUBLIC MEETING #2

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 @ 6:30pm

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MEETING AGENDA

Introduction

Basic Project Goals & Process

Basic Project Timeline

Findings – Asset Mapping, Survey, Needs Assessment

Next Steps

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INTRODUCTION: WHO WE ARE

Ryan Chmielewski, RLA, CPSI
Team Leader, CT

Emily Weckman, RLA
Senior Project Landscape Architect

Full-Service Firm

124 Years | 800 Employees | Employee Owned

- 86 Professional Engineers
- 11 Professional/Certified Geologists
- 4 Certified Energy Managers
- 11 LEED® Accredited Professionals
- 5 Licensed Site Professionals
- 3 Licensed Construction Supervisors
- 5 Licensed Environmental Professionals
- 11 Registered Landscape Architects
- 5 Registered Architects
- 2 Professional Traffic Operations Engineers
- 6 Registered/Professional Land Surveyors
- 2 Certified Planners
- 1 Professional Transportation Planner
- 2 Asbestos Inspectors / Project Designers
- 1 Professional Hydrologist
- 1 Professional Wetland Scientist
- 1 Geographic Information Systems Professional
- 3 Certified Playground Safety Inspectors
- 2 Certified Floodplain Managers
- 5 Part 107 Pilot Certificates (drone pilot license)
- 3 ISA Certified Arborists
- 10 NICET Technicians

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BASIC PROJECT GOALS & PROCESS

- Review and update an **inventory** and **analysis** of specific athletic fields, courts, and indoor recreational facilities.
- Complete a **public outreach** and **needs assessment** process to identify and prioritize indoor/outdoor community needs in the short, medium, and long term
- Develop a **strategic plan** for improving existing facilities and/or constructing new facilities to meet community needs, safety, accessibility, and equity
- Outline a potential **implementation process** to include funding and phasing strategies

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BASIC PROJECT TIMELINE

Task or Milestone	Description	Dates
1	Project Initiation Facility Inventory, Analysis, Public Outreach Planning	Oct - Dec 2023
2	Public Outreach Online Survey, Stakeholder and Public Meeting #1	Jan - Mar 2024
3	Needs Assessment Data & Trend Analysis	Feb - Mar 2024
4	Public Meeting #2 Present Findings	March 2024
5	Strategic Planning Develop Recommendations/Budgets/Implementation	Apr - June 2024
6	Public Meeting #3 Present Recommendations / Adopt Final Master Plan	Summer/ Fall 2024

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FINDINGS - COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Public Meeting #1 (2/5)

- Asset Mapping

Online Survey: 2/1-2/29

- 620 participants

Stakeholders –Use Assessment

- Town Departments
- Athletic Director
- Sports Ambassadors
- Non-Sports Team Ambassadors

Shared findings are based on:

- Survey and stakeholder information collected in February 2024

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FINDINGS - PUBLIC MEETING #1: ASSET MAPPING RESULTS

Asset Mapping – Public engagement strategy that focuses on a strength-based approach when gathering needs of a community

The following questions were asked:

- What is your one wish to Shape the Future of Avon Recreation and Parks?
- What do you consider the Town's greatest recreational asset?
- What about those assets make the Avon community better?
- What would strengthen those assets?
- What barriers limit your participation or access to Town assets?

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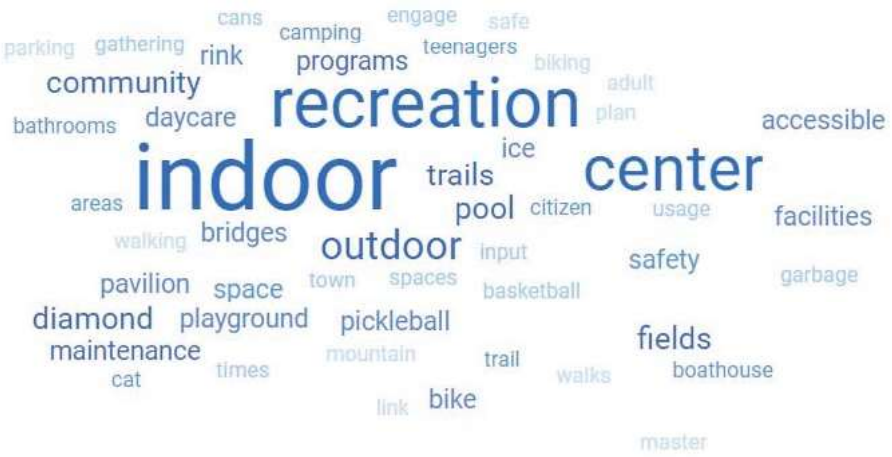

Word Clouds: The bigger the text the more often the word appeared in the responses.

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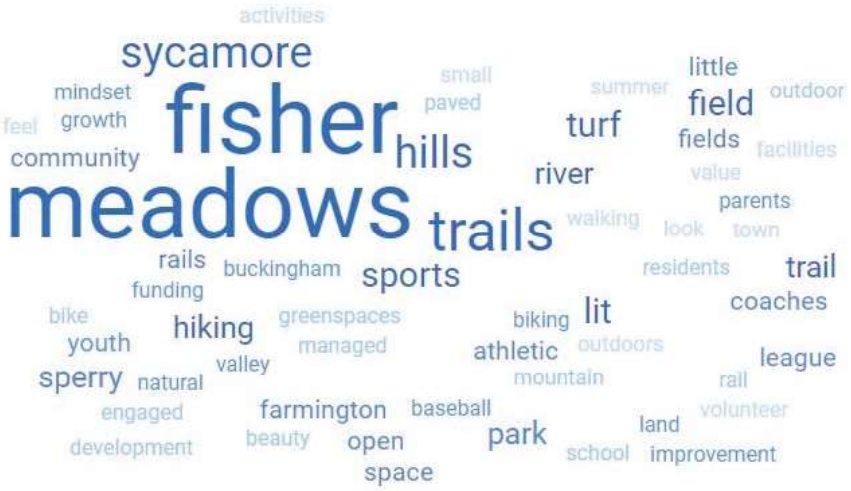

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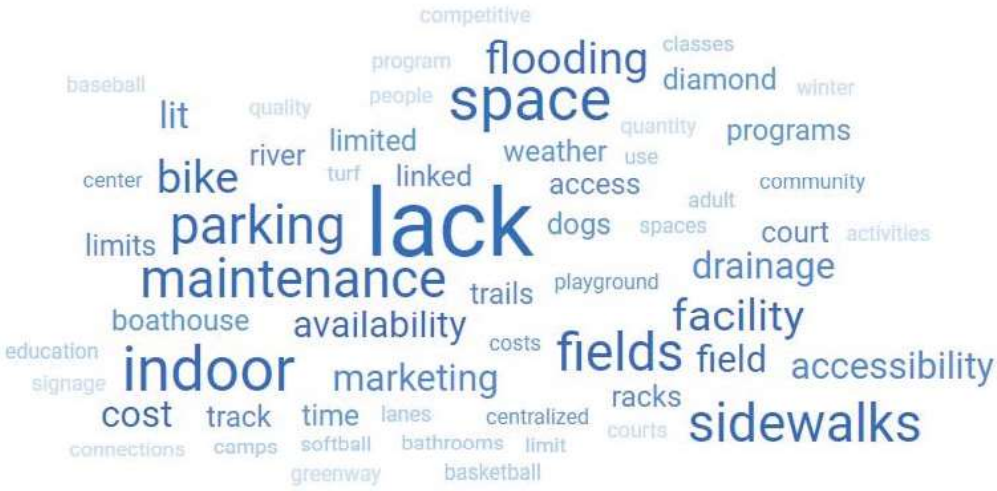

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FINDINGS – ONLINE SURVEY

Survey Summary

- 620 Respondents
- Overall Demographics and Use Assessment
- Indoor Facility Focus
- Outdoor Facility Focus

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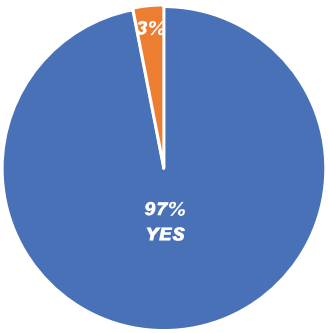
FINDINGS – ONLINE SURVEY

Demographics

Q1: Do you live in Avon, CT?

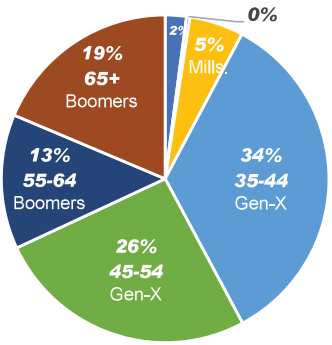
Answered: 618 Skipped: 2



Yes No -- Where do you live? What is your connection to Avon Recreation and Park Programs?

Q2: How old are you?

Answered: 617 Skipped: 3



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

34% age 35-44
58% over age 45

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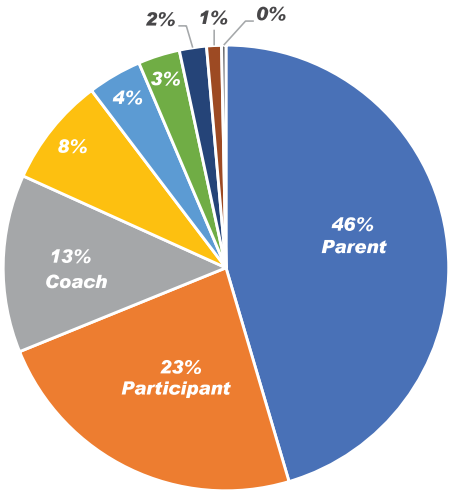
Demographics

Q3: Choose what best describes your role in Avon Parks and Recreation. Choose all that apply.

Answered: 614 Skipped: 6



■ Parent ■ Participant ■ Volunteer coach ■ Non-participant ■ Other (please specify):
■ Youth ■ League organizer ■ Activity instructor ■ Seasonal staff member

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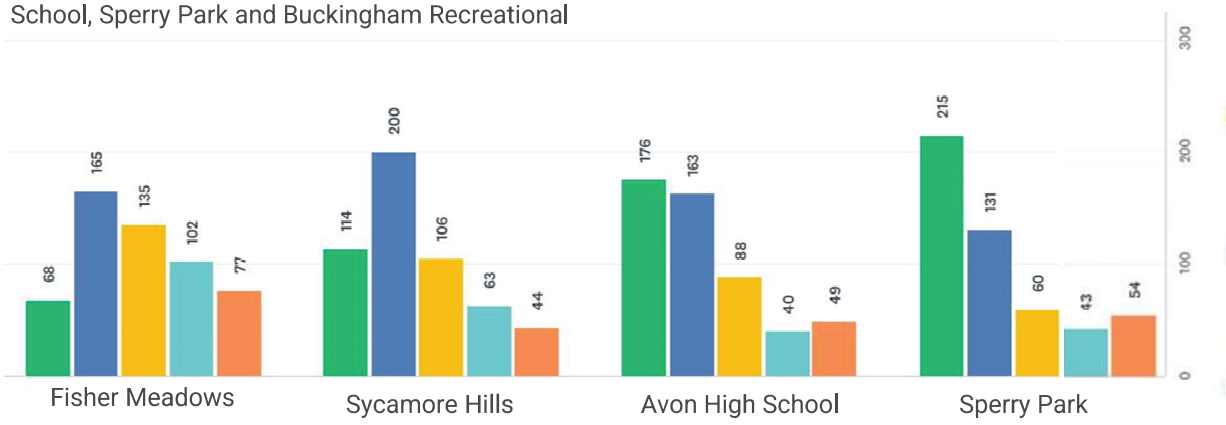
FINDINGS – ONLINE SURVEY

Q6: How often do you visit the following Town of Avon Parks and Facilities (outside of attendance for school/ work)? Answered: 565 Skipped: 55

Most Visited Facilities: Fisher Meadows, Sycamore Hills Recreation Area, Avon High School, Sperry Park and Buckingham Recreational



- 3+ Times Per Week
- 1-2 Times Per Week

Participants

- 1-2 Times Per Month
- 1-3 Times Per Year

Occasional User

- Never

Key Take Aways

- **Fisher Meadows – most used and at a high frequency**
- **Sycamore – 2nd most used, less frequent**

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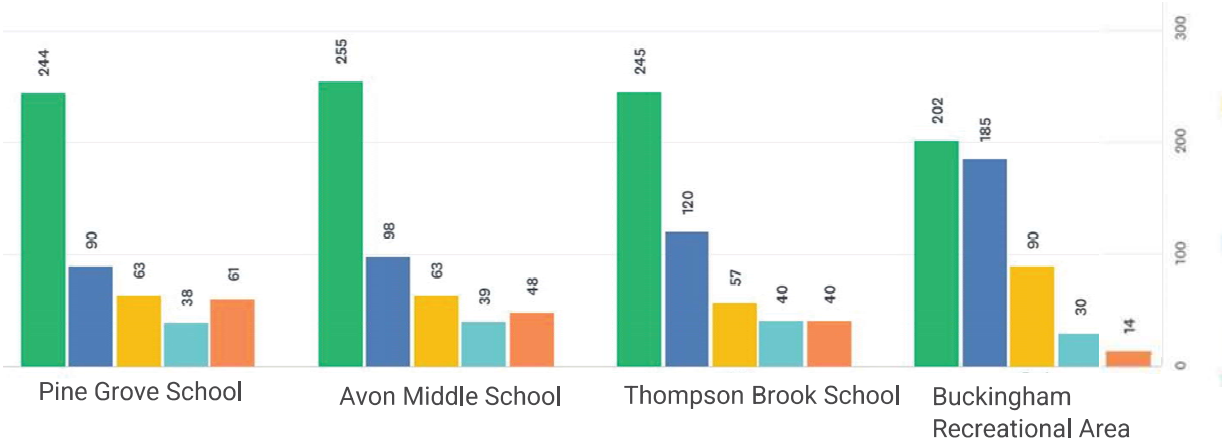

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Key Take Aways

- **Pine Grove, Avon Middle School, Thompson Brook & Sperry many survey responders did not use; but those who did it was at a high frequency**

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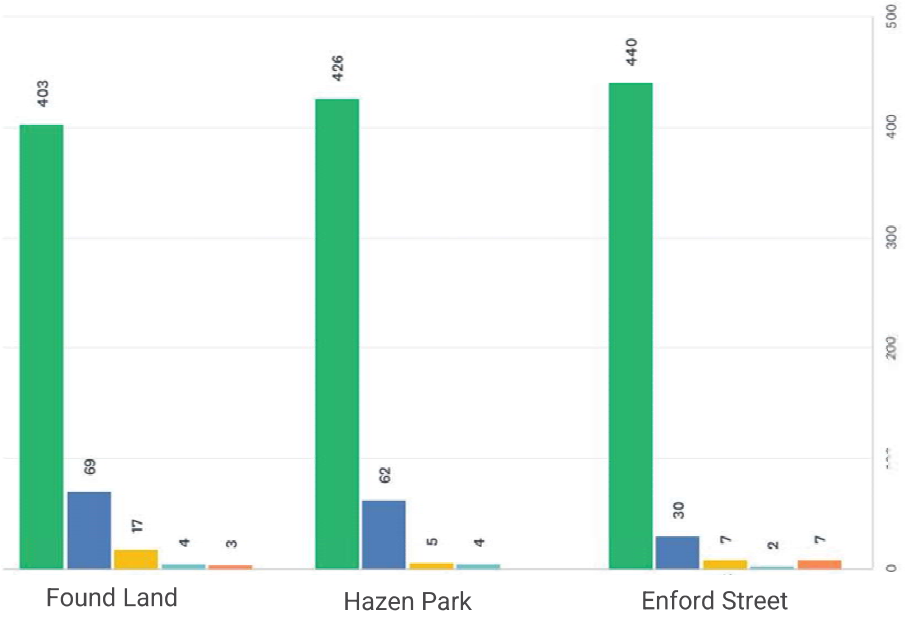
Least Visited Facilities: Enford Street, Hazen Park and Found Land



Key Take Aways

- **Recreational Facility without programmed use or spaces**
- **Great Opportunity for passive use**
- **Opportunity for Marketing/ Communication/ Education of Trails**

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1-2 Times Per Week
Participants

1-2 Times Per Month
1-3 Times Per Year
Occasional User

Never

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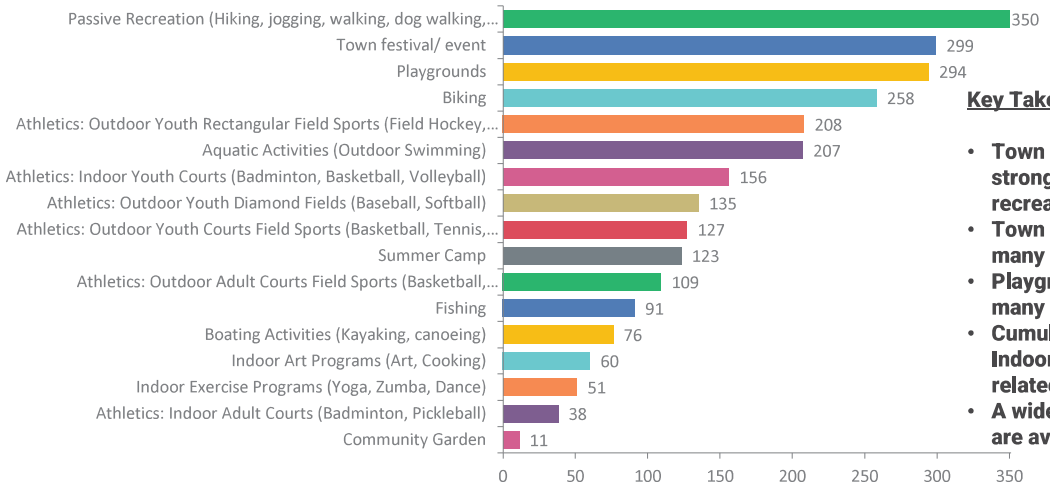
FINDINGS – ONLINE SURVEY

Q7: Which Recreational Facility or Programs, offered by Avon Recreation and Parks, do you or your household member visit/ participate in? Check all that apply. Answered: 540 Skipped: 80

Most Participation: Passive Recreation, Town Festival/ Events, Playgrounds, Biking, Outdoor Youth Rectangular Fields, Outdoor Swimming

Least Participation: Indoor Exercise Programs, Adult Indoor Courts, Com. Gardens



Key Take Aways

- **Town of Avon has a strong passive recreation community**
- **Town wide events reach many**
- **Playgrounds reach many**
- **Cumulative use of Indoor non-sports related programs is high**
- **A wide variety of uses are available**

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FINDINGS – ONLINE SURVEY: INDOOR FACILITIES

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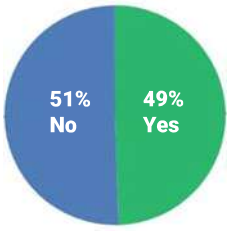
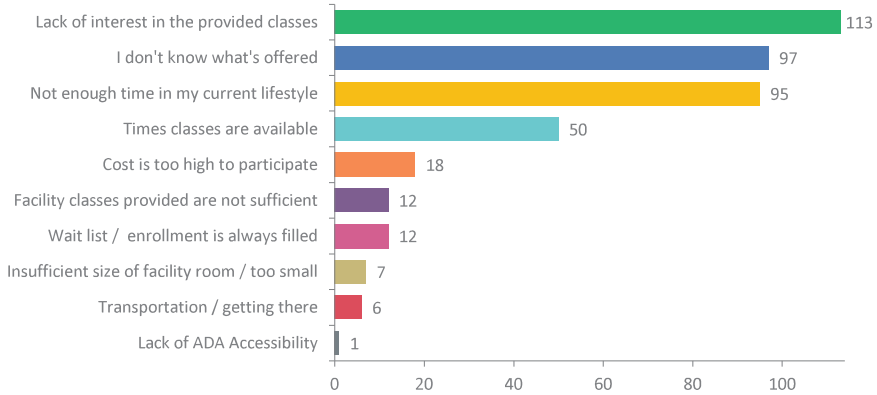
Q8: Do you use indoor facilities or participate in programs offered by the Town? Answered: 560 Skipped: 60



Q9: If you DO NOT use indoor facilities or participate in indoor programs offered by the Town of Avon, what is the primary reason? Choose all that apply. Answered: 268 Skipped: 352



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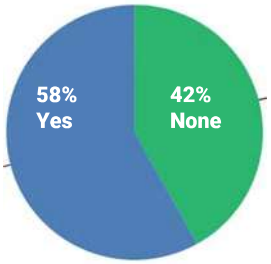
What indoor programs would you participate in that are not currently offered? Answered: 480 Skipped: 140



Young kids camps/ Vacation camps

Recreational space for kids to play off school hours for pickup games

Ice Skating

Adult sports and exercise programs

Family and Toddler Oriented Programs

Indoor Pickleball

More cooking and crafts; world language. Indoor swimming!

Indoor Swimming

More adult pickup leagues, activities for seniors and for middle schoolers to prevent social isolation

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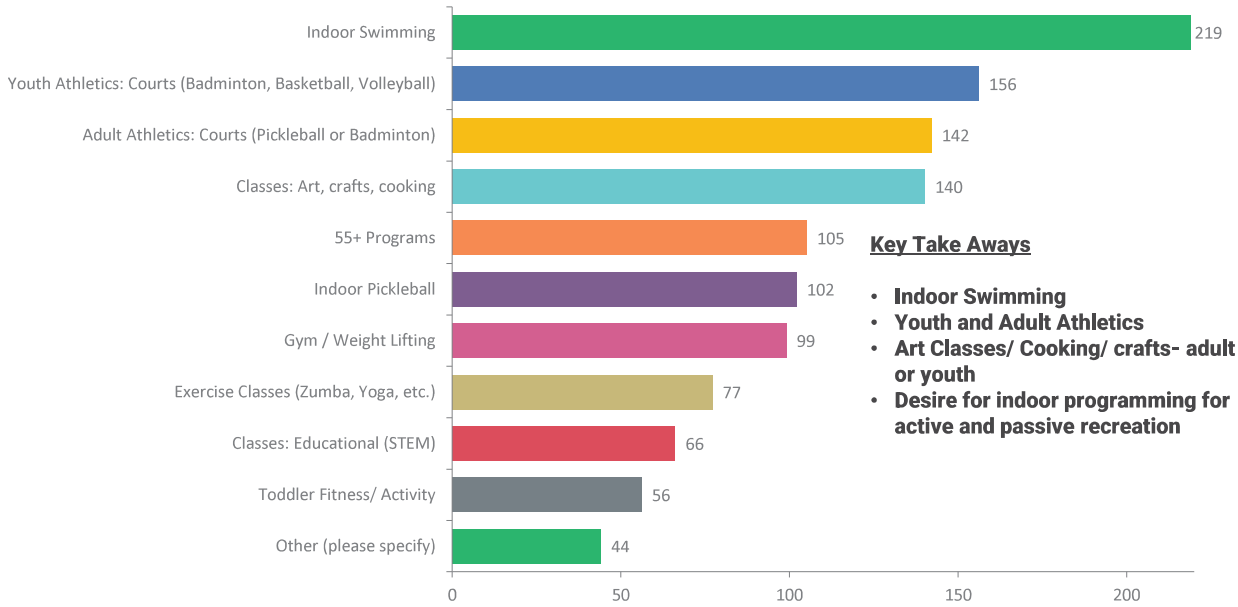
FINDINGS – ONLINE SURVEY: INDOOR FACILITIES

Q14: What indoor recreation programs or facilities do you anticipating needing or wanting in the next 3-5 years within the Town of Avon? Check your top (3) three.

Answered: 496 Skipped: 124



Key Take Aways

- **Indoor Swimming**
- **Youth and Adult Athletics**
- **Art Classes/ Cooking/ crafts- adult or youth**
- **Desire for indoor programming for active and passive recreation**

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Q10: Are the Town's existing indoor facilities and programs meeting the needs of you, your family, and/ or your organization?

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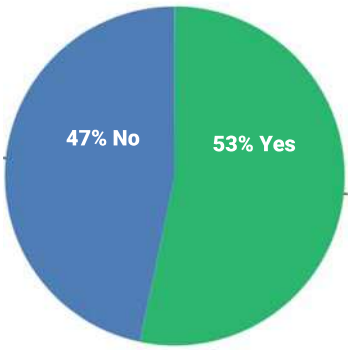
Skipped: 149



I would like to see a **variety of indoor classes**

Indoor pool is desired

There is **not enough space** available in which to schedule various classes that would meet multiple times weekly; eg yoga, Zumba and other exercise programs

Not enough availability of indoor spaces for sports, pickleball, badminton, table tennis, gatherings for people of any age. **Not enough places for teens to gather** for safe activities.

We **need community indoor meeting spaces**

I would like to support the Town of Avon and **spend my money here** verse spending money at facilities outside of Avon

Nothing for younger children in terms of indoor play activities or camps

It would be nice to have **an indoor pool for year round swimming**. I also think there should be a nicer facility to have community gatherings and events. There aren't any facilities that are useful for anyone in the **arts/ theater**

There **are not enough basketball courts to meet the needs** of the basketball teams practice times- they are often late in the evening or limited times for coaches.

Kids/ teen community center with indoor activities

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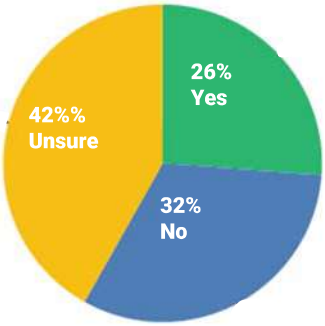
Q15: Do you feel that the existing community room at the Senior Center meets the needs of the community as a whole? Answered: 490 Skipped: 130



It's in **walking distance to many schools** and could be used as an after school recreational area with indoor games and outdoor options at Sycamore.

The programming is largely **geared to** daytime and **seniors** only.

Last time I tried to utilize the room for an event, for a local organization, the **cost** of the rental was **too high**

There are so many groups wanting to use the room, which makes it **hard to reserve**

I was not clear that the community room was available for all Avon residents, **I thoughts it was for seniors**

I'd love to see an update and **expansion** of offerings **for all** – both youth and adult programs. I'd **also love more family programs** to participate together as a family

I think the community room does not meet the needs of the community because it is **too small**

I wish the Senior Center had **more** breakout rooms for a **variety** of programs

It's **not large** enough, **versatile enough**, nor does it promote enough physical activity

154 comments received

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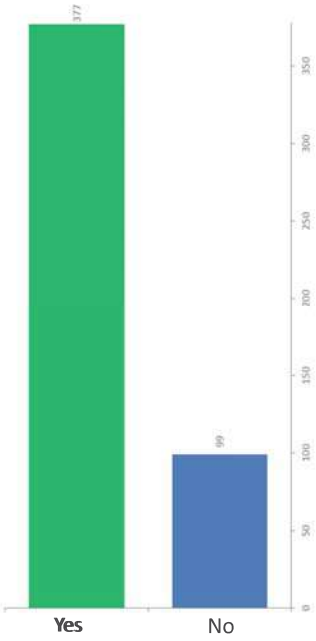
Q16: Do you think a dedicated indoor recreational facility would better serve the Town's current and future needs?

Answered: 476 Skipped: 144



The size of **youth athletics** is **constantly growing** and gym space is hard to come by. Teams are sharing court time & shortening practices to accommodate everyone.

There are two gyms **nearby** and several **facilities** that offer programming. I am not sure how the facility would benefit the Town.

Rather that utilize schools and coordinate with their events it would be nice if we had a **dedicated recreational area** for Recreation and Parks use

With such **a high need of athletic options for adults and youth**, it would be advisable to expand moving forward.

While dedicated space is always preferable, the **Town does not lack the amenities** for most activities. Redundant space, centralized, isn't needed in a Town of this size.

We should **enhance the indoor facilities at our schools.** Adding another big expensive building that will require maintenance and management

There **needs to be a place** where **youth and teens can go to** engage in healthy activities after school and on weekends. There **needs to be places where older adults can gather** to engage in activities.

Avon really doesn't have a Town Center. I think an **indoor recreational facility** could possibly be a **good gathering space for the community** and be that town center that we are lacking

This would allow more people to **use** the facility **all year round** and have a single location for many recreational and athletic activities instead of going to neighboring Towns. This will also **help the Town** in my opinion to **stand out** among neighboring Towns and be ready for the future

Just **improve what we have.**

I think we **have space at the schools**, we just need the Town to run the programs not private clubs/ teams.

204 comments received

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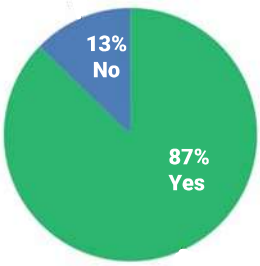
Q18: Do you use outdoor facilities or programs offered by the Town of Avon?

Answered: 492
Skipped: 128



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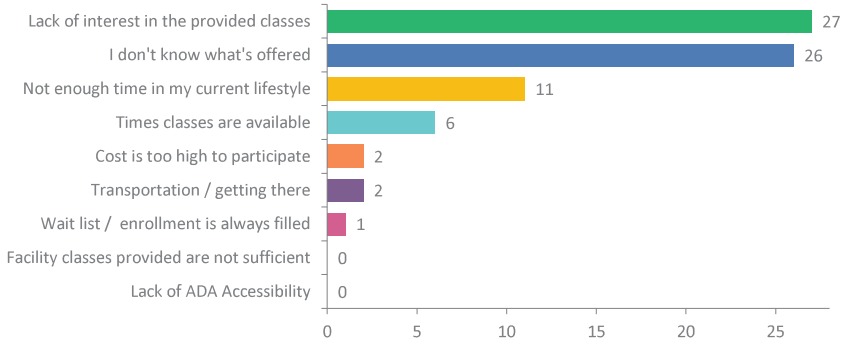

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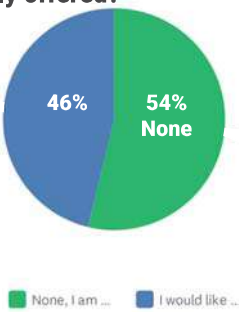
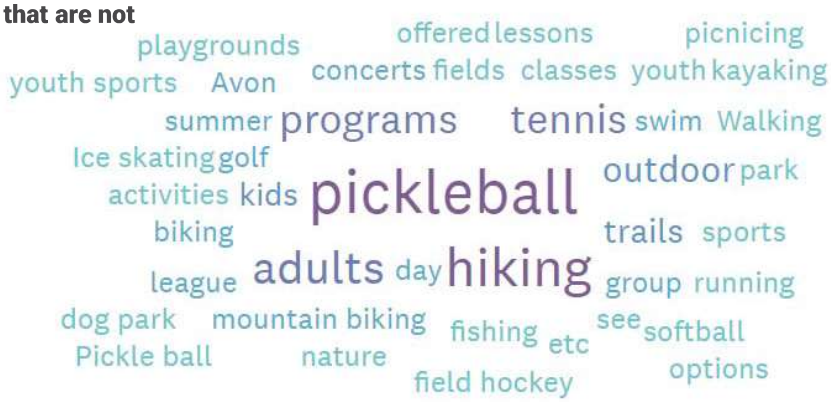
What outdoor programs (athletic or non-athletic activities) would you participate in that are not currently offered?

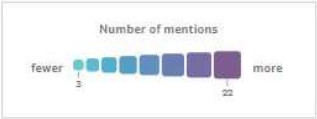
Answered: 409 Skipped: 211





162 comments received

- Biking
- Dog Parks
- More things to do that aren't sports. Art clubs and skills workshop.
- Festivals, movie nights, food trucks
- Hiking
- Pickleball
- Swimming- Additional times for adults and kids
- Adult Sports Leagues
- Playgrounds and Toddler Programs



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Q20: Are the Town's existing outdoor facilities sufficiently meeting the needs of you, your family, and or your organization?

Answered: 438
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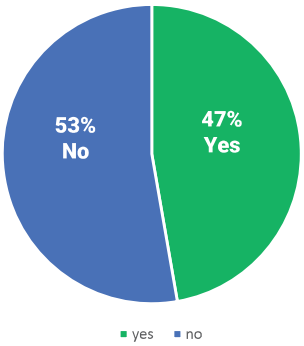

- **Limited playground options** for young kids. **No splash pads.**
- Dedicated **outdoor pickleball courts** is needed
- There is **no outdoor place** that will accommodate **events or festivals** that host the entire town
- There are so many youth sports and we can use **more updated youth sports fields**, so more kids can participate
- The **amount of time/ money spent in upkeep is inadequate.** A lot of parks, trails, outdoor features are overgrown and encroached by the surrounding woods.
- I wish there were **more walkable** area
- Off leash **dog park**
- The **fields at Sperry Park are wildly inadequate** for a growing sport in the Town of Avon. Also, there should be a **softball field at Sperry.** The girls deserve a new field and it would be amazing if the softball/ baseball community could be together in one place
- **Poorly maintained.** We **actually have more fields than we presently need** and we do not have the infrastructure to maintain them all.
- **Inadequate bathroom & trash facilities** at parks.

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Condition of Diamond Fields

Average
Sperry Park
Buckingham
Avon H. S.

Poor
Roaring Brook
Thompson Brook
Avon M.S.

Condition of Rectangular Fields

Good
Avon H.S.

Average
Fisher Meadows
Buckingham

Poor
Avon M.S.
Roaring Brook
Pine Grove
Thompson Brook

Condition of Courts (Indoor/ Outdoor)

Good
Avon H.S.

Average
Avon M.S.
Thompson Brook
Roaring Brook
Pine Grove
Sycamore Hills

Poor
Thompson Brook
Pine Grove

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FINDINGS – ONLINE SURVEY: OUTDOOR FACILITIES

Amenities

Average
Sycamore Hills
Pine Grove
Avon High School
Roaring Brook
Buckingham

Poor
Fisher Meadows
Sperry
Avon M.S.
Thompson Brook

Parking & Pedestrian Access

Good
Sycamore Hills
Thompson Brook

Average
Fisher Meadows
Avon H.S.
Avon M.S.
Pine Grove
Roaring Brook

Poor
Sperry

Maintenance and Cleanliness

Good
Avon H.S.
Buckingham

Average
Sperry
Thompson Brook
Pine Grove
Fisher Meadows
Sycamore Hills
Roaring Brook
Avon M.S.

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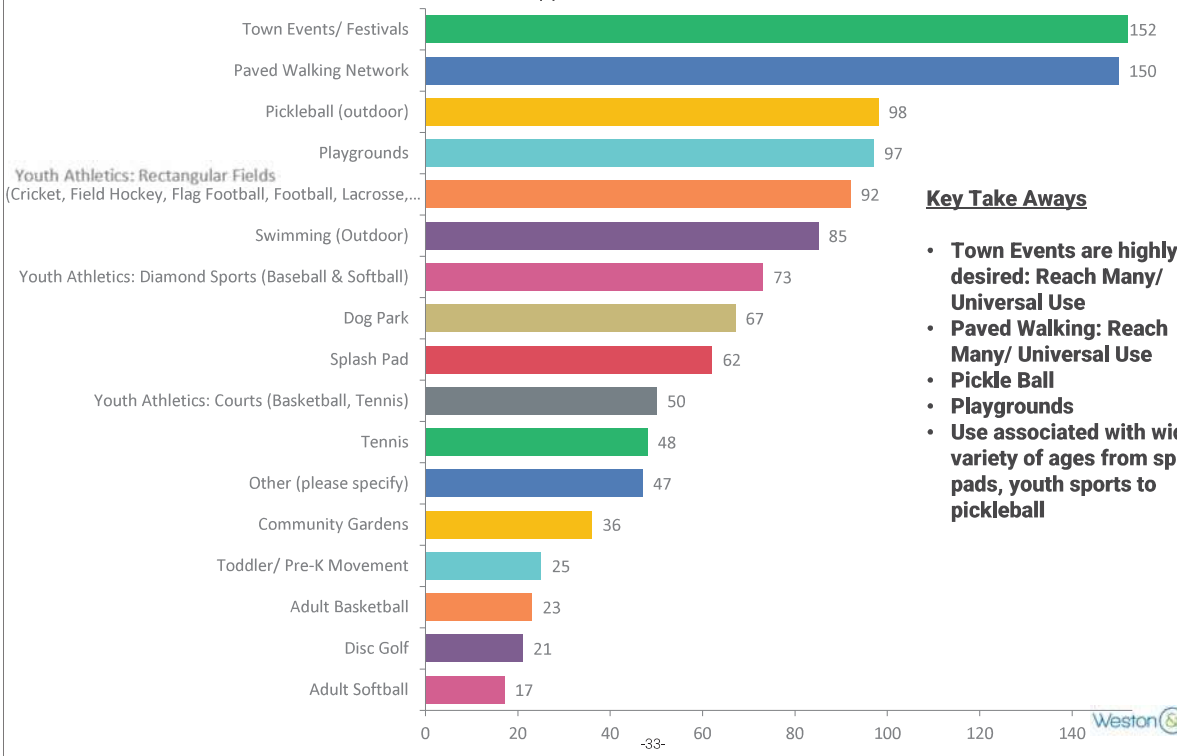
FINDINGS – ONLINE SURVEY: OUTDOOR FACILITIES

Q24: What outdoor Recreation Programs do you anticipate needing or wanting in the next 3-5 years? Check your top (3) three. Answered: 445 Skipped: 175



Key Take Aways

- **Town Events are highly desired: Reach Many/ Universal Use**
- **Paved Walking: Reach Many/ Universal Use**
- **Pickle Ball**
- **Playgrounds**
- **Use associated with wide variety of ages from splash pads, youth sports to pickleball**

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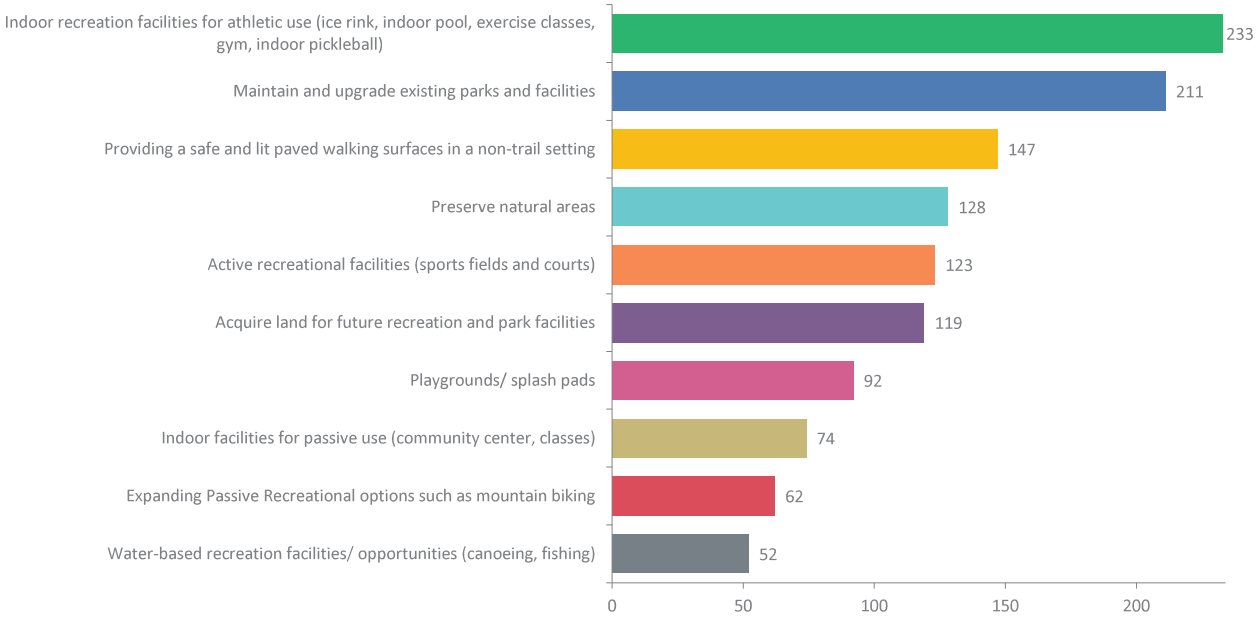
Q28: Which initiatives should the Town of Avon prioritize? Check your top (3) three.

Answered: 445 Skipped: 175



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FINDINGS – INVENTORY & NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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FINDINGS – INVENTORY & NEEDS ASSESSMENT

PARKS/TOWN FACILITY LIST

- Alsop Meadows
- Buckingham Road Rec. Area
- Countryside Park
- Enford Street
- Fisher Farm
- Fisher Meadows Rec. Area
- Found Land
- Hazen Park
- Huckleberry Hill Rec. Area
- Sperry Park
- Sycamore Hills Rec. Area
- Thompson Road Property
- Town Green
- Senior Center/ Community Room

EDUCATION FACILITY LIST

- Avon High School
- Avon Middle School
- Pine Grove School
- Roaring Brook School
- Thompson Brook School

LEGEND

- BASKETBALL
- DIAMOND FIELD (LARGE, BASEBALL)
- DIAMOND FIELD (SMALL, LITTLE LEAGUE)
- FIELD (SOFTBALL)
- HIKING
- INDOOR
- NOTHING
- PICKLEBALL
- PLAYGROUND
- POOL
- RECTANGULAR FIELDS (LARGE)
- RECTANGULAR FIELDS (MEDIUM)
- RECTANGULAR FIELDS (SMALL)
- RECTANGULAR FIELDS (X-SMALL)
- SYNTHETIC TURF (LARGE)
- TENNIS
- VOLLEYBALL

19 Sites

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FINDINGS – INVENTORY & NEEDS ASSESSMENT: OUTDOOR

How many fields does Avon have?

GRASS DIAMOND FIELDS

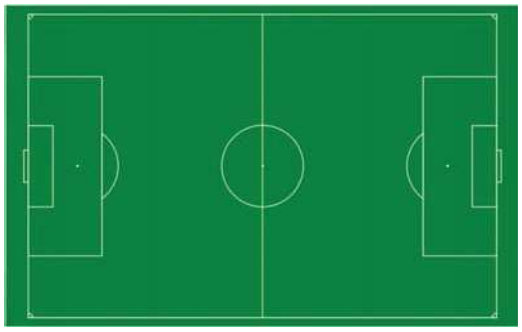
- Large Diamonds (1.5)*
- Small Diamonds (8)

9.5

GRASS RECTANGLE FIELDS

- Large Rectangles (9)
- Medium Rectangles (7.5)*
- Small Rectangles (5)
- X-Small Rectangles (2)

23.5



SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS

- Large

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* Accounts for field overlay

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North Carolina State University Expected Field Condition Based on Hours of Field Use	Rectangle Fields Only			
Condition	Hrs Per Year		Hrs Per Week	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
Sustained Good Field Conditions	0	200	0	8
Good Field Conditions with some Thinning of Turf and Localized Wear Areas	400	600	15	23
Fair Field Conditions; Expect Significant Thinning and Wear	800	1000	31	38
Poor Field Conditions with Significant Turf Loss, Field Surface Damage, and Increased Potential for Athlete Injury	1000		38	

Recommended Annual Field Use Hours

- 500 hours Rectangle Fields
- 800 hours Diamond Fields
- 1,400 hours Synthetic Turf Field (excluding lights, winter, and summer)

Available Field Hours vs Used Field Hours Comparison Chart

Description	Diamond		Rectangle				
	Large (85'-90')	Small (60'-75')	Synthetic Large Turf (165'x300') (240'x360')	Large (165'x300') (240'x360')	Medium (165'x240') (135'x210')	Small (135'x195') (105'x165')	Xsmall (75'x105') (45'x75')
Number of Fields	1.5	8	1	9	7.5	5	2
Recommended Hours Per Field Type	800	800		500	500	500	500
Field Capacity Hrs/ Yr	1,200	6,400		4,500	3,750	2,500	1,000
Hours Used	635	2614	1632	3696	3014	996	600
Hours Balance	565	3,787		805	736	1,504	400

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FINDINGS – INVENTORY & NEEDS ASSESSMENT: OUTDOOR

Avon Outdoor Field Use Inventory Chart - Annual Hours of Use

Facility	Field	Total Hrs	
Buckingham Road Recreation Area	LD1	453	
Buckingham Road Recreation Area	LRF1	0	*
Buckingham Road Recreation Area	LRF2	0	*
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	Clinic Field	80	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	LRF1	469	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	LRF2	483	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	MRF2A (Part of LRF1)	0	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	MRF2B (Part of LRF1)	0	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	SDF3	343	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	SDF4	684	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	LRF5	923	*
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	LRF6	453	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	MRF6A (Part of LRF6)	0	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	MRF6B (Part of LRF6)	0	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	MRF7	772	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	MRF8	396	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	SRF9	0	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	XSRF9A (Part of SRF9)	0	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	XSRF9B (Part of SRF9)	0	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	SRF10	0	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	MRF11	342	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	MRF12	295	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	SRF13	258	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	SRF14	312	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	MRF15	265	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	LRF16 (part of 13, 14, 9, 10)	0	
Fisher Meadows Recreation Area	LRF17 (part of 15, 11, 12)	0	
Huckleberry Hill Recreation Area	B1	0	
Huckleberry Hill Recreation Area	MRF1	0	*
Sperry Park	SDF1	680.5	
Sperry Park	SDF2	526	
Sperry Park	(XSRF)	384	
Sperry Park	(XSRF)	216	
Sycamore Hills Recreation Area	B1	0	
Sycamore Hills Recreation Area	T1	0	
Sycamore Hills Recreation Area	T2	0	
Sycamore Hills Recreation Area	T3	0	
Sycamore Hills Recreation Area	T4	0	
Avon High School	LD1	182	*
Avon High School	LRF1	225	*
Avon High School	MRF1	860	*
Avon High School	ST1	1631.5	
Avon High School	TRACK	492	
Avon Middle School	LRF1	950.5	*
Avon Middle School	SDF1	72	*
Avon Middle School	T1	281.5	
Avon Middle School	T2	281.5	
Avon Middle School	T3	281.5	
Avon Middle School	T4	266.5	
Pine Grove School	B1	280	
Pine Grove School	B2	280	
Pine Grove School	SDF1	280	*
Pine Grove School	SRF1	425.75	
Roaring Brook School	B1	0	
Roaring Brook School	B2	0	
Roaring Brook School	MRF1	84	*
Roaring Brook School	SDF1	28	*
Thompson Brook School	B1	48	
Thompson Brook School	B2	48	
Thompson Brook School	SDF1	0	*
Thompson Brook School	LRF1	192	*
Thompson Brook School	T1	143	
Thompson Brook School	T2	143	
Thompson Brook School	T3	143	
Thompson Brook School	T4	143	

Additional hours are permitted/ reserved in anticipation for poor field drainage

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FINDINGS – INVENTORY & NEEDS ASSESSMENT: OUTDOOR FEEDBACK

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FINDINGS – INVENTORY & NEEDS ASSESSMENT: INDOOR

Avon Indoor Facility Use Inventory Chart - Annual Hours of Use

Facility	Field	Total Annual Hours of Use
Avon Middle School	AMS Gym	512.5
Avon Middle School	AMS Cafeteria	1
Avon Middle School	AMS Classroom	60
Avon High School	AHS Large Gym	1075.5
Avon High School	AHS Small Gym	617
Pine Gove School	PGS Classroom	12.5
Pine Gove School	PGS Gym	519
Roaring Brook School	RBS Classroom	15
Roaring Brook School	RBS Gym	281
Thompson Brook School	TBS Gym	574.75
Sycamore Hills	Community Room	563.75
Sycamore Hills	Sycamore Hills	245
EXTERNAL *	EXTERNAL (Boy/ Girls Ice Hockey / Boys & Girls Swim/ Travel Basketball/ Boy & Girl Scouts)	

Total Annual Gym Use: 3,581 hrs
Winter Gym Use: 2,249= 63%
Fall Gym Use: 781
Spring Gym Use: 129
Summer Gym Use: 422

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FINDINGS – INVENTORY & NEEDS ASSESSMENT: INDOOR WINTER GYM FOCUS

Gym Use Analysis @ 10:30 Closing - Typical Winter Week

Facility	Total Weekly Hours Available	Total Reserved Weekly Hrs	Typical BOE Reserved Weekly Hrs	Typical REC Reserved Weekly Hrs	% Reserved	% Reserved by BOE	% Reserved by Rec
Avon HS Large Gym M-F 2:30pm-10:30pm (8) Sat 8am-10:30pm (14.5) Sun 8am-10:30pm (14.5)	69	45	37	8	**65%**	54%	12%
Avon HS Small Gym M-F 2:30pm-10:30pm (8) Sat 8am-10:30pm (14.5) Sun 8am-10:30pm (14.5)	69	26	18	8	**38%**	26%	12%
Avon MS M-F 4:30pm-10:30pm (6) Sat 8am-10:30pm (14.5) Sun 8am-10:30pm (14.5)	59	30.5	0	30.5	**52%**	0%	52%
Thompson Brook M-F 4:30pm-10:30pm (6) Sat 8am-10:30pm (14.5) Sun 8am-10:30pm (14.5)	59	36.5	0	36.5	**62%**	0%	62%
Pinegrove M-F 4:30pm-10:30pm (6) Sat 8am-10:30pm (14.5) Sun 8am-10:30pm (14.5)	59	16	0	16	**27%**	0%	27%
Roaring Brook M-F 4:30pm-10:30pm (6) Sat 8am-10:30pm (14.5) Sun 8am-10:30pm (14.5)	59	20	0	20	**34%**	0%	34%

*** Boys/ Girls JV and Varsity Shared Court Time**
*** Girl/ Boy Scouts, Pickleball and Badminton not able to schedule**
***Travel Basketball Outsourcing Time**
***Based on 10:30pm closing**

Note:
*Some Space Available: Just not at desired hours
*Travel Basketball outsourcing 240 hours to AOF
*AHS & TBS only available late night and weekends

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FINDINGS – INVENTORY & NEEDS ASSESSMENT: INDOOR WINTER GYM FOCUS

Gym Use Analysis @ 8:30 Closing - Typical Winter Week

Facility	Total Weekly Hours Available	Total Weekly Hrs Booked	Typical BOE Reserved Weekly Hrs	Typical REC Reserved Weekly Hrs	% Reserved	% Reserved by BOE	% Reserved by Rec
Avon HS Large Gym M-F 2:30pm-8:30pm (6) Sat 8am-8:30pm (12.5) Sun 8am-8:30pm (12.5)	55	45	37	8	**82%**	67%	15%
Avon HS Small Gym M-F 2:30pm-8:30pm (6) Sat 8am-8:30pm (12.5) Sun 8am-8:30pm (12.5)	55	26	18	8	**47%**	33%	15%
Avon MS M-F 4:30pm-8:30pm (4) Sat 8am-8:30pm (12.5) Sun 8am-8:30pm (12.5)	45	30.5	0	30.5	**68%**	0%	68%
Thompson Brook M-F 4:30pm-8:30pm (4) Sat 8am-8:30pm (12.5) Sun 8am-8:30pm (12.5)	45	36.5	0	36.5	**81%**	0%	81%
Pinegrove M-F 4:30pm-8:30pm (4) Sat 8am-8:30pm (12.5) Sun 8am-8:30pm (12.5)	45	16	0	16	**36%**	0%	36%
Roaring Brook M-F 4:30pm-8:30pm (4) Sat 8am-8:30pm (12.5) Sun 8am-8:30pm (12.5)	45	20	0	20	**44%**	0%	44%

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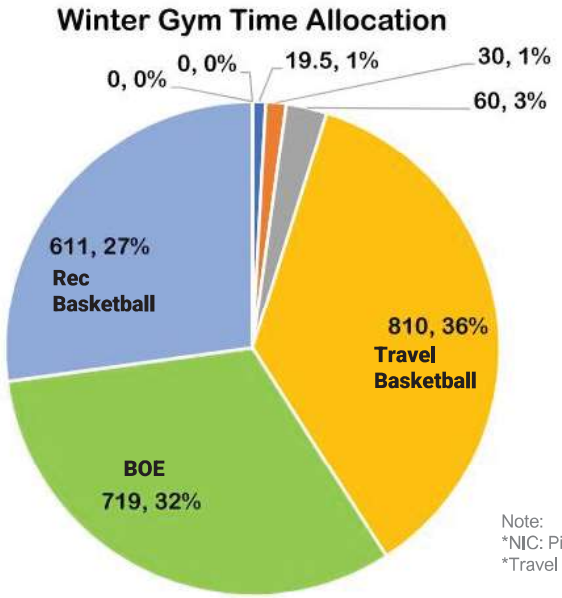

Note:
*NIC: Pickleball, Badminton or Scouts
*Travel Basketball outsourcing 240 hours to AOF

- Adult Basketball
- Avon Youth Lacrosse
- Little Folks
- Travel Basketball
- BOE
- Rec Basketball
- Badminton
- Pickleball

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FINDINGS – INVENTORY & NEEDS ASSESSMENT: INDOOR FEEDBACK

Difficulty securing indoor court time for adult sports **at preferred hours**

Requests for **additional youth and adult classes cannot be accommodated** due to lack of space

Limited number of teams and **turned more players away** due to lack of space

Due to lack of availability we are **supplementing at private locations**

Cannot meet goal of **practice hours** due to lack of space

No indoor space to accommodate winter clinics

We have **had issues accessing the building** in the evening so much that we have had to cancel meetings

The **building fee is prohibitive** for us

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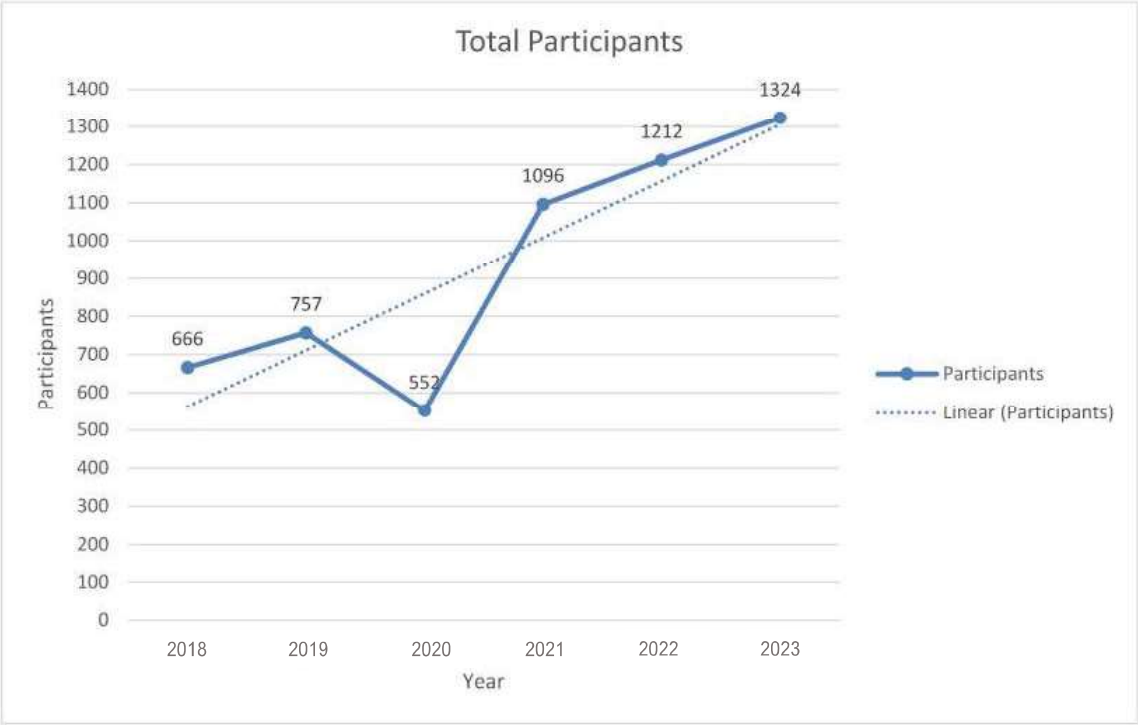
FINDINGS – INVENTORY & NEEDS ASSESSMENT: SPORT ENROLLMENT TRENDS



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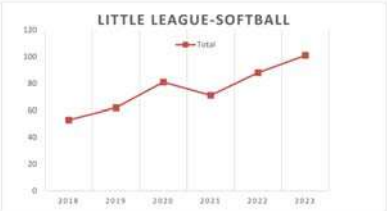

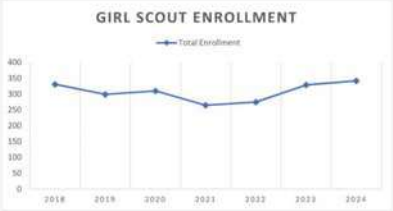

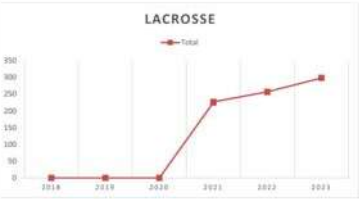

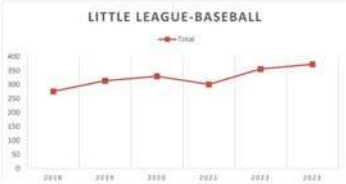

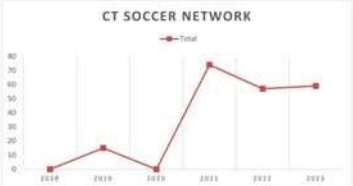

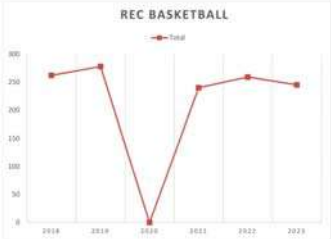

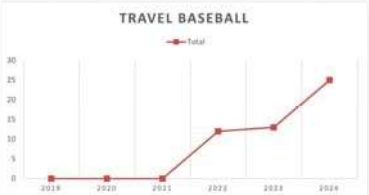

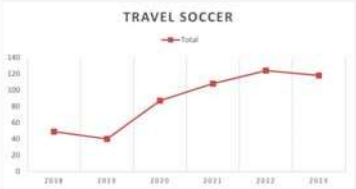

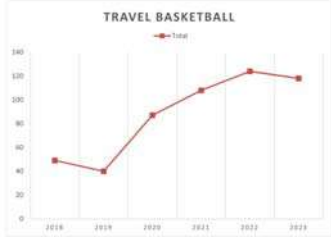

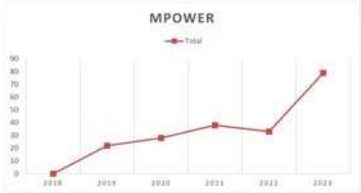

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NEXT STEPS

Spring 2024

Strategic Planning: Development of Recommendations

Summer/ Fall 2024

Public Meeting #3: Present Recommendation/ Adopt Final Master Plan

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OPEN DISCUSSION

"The Avon Recreation and Parks Department is committed to providing opportunities to participate in recreational programs and have access to parks so that people of all ages and abilities can stay active and enjoy the benefits of a healthier life."

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FACILITIES INVENTORY

| Facility | FIELD INVENTORY | | |

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FACILITIES INVENTORY

Facility	Basketball Court	Tennis Court	Pool	Playground	Hiking/ Passive	Pavilion
ALSOP MEADOWS					•	
BUCKINGHAM ROAD RECREATION AREA				•		
COUNTRYSIDE					•	
ENFORD STREET						
FISHER FARMS					•	
FISHER MEADOWS RECREATION AREA*				•	•	•••
FOUND LAND					•	
HAZEN PARK					•	
HUCKLEBERRY HILL RECREATIONAL AREA	1				•	
SPERRY PARK (nic 2 grassed mini diamonds)						
SYCAMORE HILLS RECREATIONAL AREA	1	4	•	•	•	•
THOMPSON ROAD PROPERTY					•	
TOWN GREEN						•
AVON HIGH SCHOOL						
AVON MIDDLE SCHOOL		4				
PINE GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	2			•		
ROARING BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	2			•		
THOMPSON BROOK INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL	2	4		•		
TOTAL FIELDS	8	12	1	6	9	5

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INDOOR FACILITY INVENTORY

Facility	INDOOR INVENTORY							
	Multi-Use Building/ Community Room	Large Gymnasium	Small Gymnasium	Cafeteria	Cafetorium	Auditorium	Multi-Purpose Room	Storage
ALSOP MEADOWS								
BUCKINGHAM ROAD RECREATION AREA								
COUNTRYSIDE	•							
ENFORD STREET								
FISHER FARMS								
FISHER MEADOWS RECREATION AREA								
FOUND LAND								
HAZEN PARK								
HUCKLEBERRY HILL RECREATIONAL AREA								
SPERRY PARK								
SYCAMORE HILLS RECREATIONAL AREA	•							
THOMPSON ROAD PROPERTY								•
TOWN GREEN								
AVON HIGH SCHOOL		•	•	•		•		
AVON MIDDLE SCHOOL		•			•			
PINE GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL			•	•				
ROARING BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL			•	•			•	
THOMPSON BROOK INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL			•	•			•	
TOTAL ROOMS	2	2	4	5	1	1	2	1

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