

HINGHAM ATHLETIC FIELDS & OUTDOOR COURTS STUDY



High School: Union Street



W E L C O M E
FINAL PUBLIC MEETING
Tuesday, October 6, 2020

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MEETING AGENDA

Short Project Recap

General Recommendations

Key Site-By-Site Recommendations

Action Plan

Q & A

Cronin Field

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SHORT PROJECT RECAP: NEEDS ASSESSMENT



Middle School

- Facility Assessment & Analysis
- User Survey | Public Meetings | Stakeholder Meetings
- Field Usage Matrix: Current Capacity versus Total Usage
- Permitting & Scheduling
- Maintenance Protocols

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SHORT PROJECT RECAP: FACILITY ASSESSEMENT & ANALYSIS

RECREATION

- Bradley Woods
- Cronin Complex
- Haley Field
- Hersey Field
- Hull Street Field
- Kress Field
- Margett's Field 1
- Plymouth River Elementary

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

- High School
- Middle School
- East Elementary
- Foster Elementary
- Plymouth River Elementary
- South Elementary

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

- Carlson Complex
- Lynch Fields
- Margett's Field 2
- Powers Field
- South Shore Country Club

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SHORT PROJECT RECAP: USER SURVEY | PUBLIC MEETINGS | STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

MEETING	SUBJECT	DATE
Working Group	Project kick-off meeting, outline scope of work, review project schedule	September 5, 2019
Stakeholder Meetings		October 15, 2019
Stakeholder Meetings		October 16, 2019
Public Survey	Public outreach survey questions and answers via SurveyMonkey.com	November 5, 2019
Public Outreach Meeting 1	Review of initial mapping and field reconnaissance efforts, receipt of comments regarding limitations and opportunities	December 2, 2020
Working Group		January 2, 2020
Working Group		January 27, 2020
Working Group		February 13, 2020
Working Group		March 6, 2020
Draft Master Plan	Initial Master Plan draft developed	March 27, 2020
Draft Final Master Plan	Meeting to review Final Master Plan and comments	May 22, 2020
Final Master Plan	Document approved	June 2020

} 15 stakeholder interviews

} 519 participants

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SHORT PROJECT RECAP: FIELD USAGE MATRIX

THE NUMBERS (fields)

- 37 natural grass field footprints
- 1 synthetic turf field
- Approximately 14,600 estimated total annual hours of use
- Most fields used near, or beyond, the maximum number of recommended hours per year (450 – 550, depending on maintenance)

THE NUMBERS (courts)

- 31 tennis courts
- 11 basketball courts
- 1 hockey court

THE TAKEAWAYS

- Shortage of rectangular multi-use fields, often exacerbated by poor drainage and insufficient maintenance
- Surplus of tennis courts, no dedicated pickleball courts despite increasing demand

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SHORT PROJECT RECAP: PERMITTING & SCHEDULING

THREE PERMITTING SYSTEMS FOR THREE JURISDICTIONS

- School properties permitted by school staff
- Recreation and Board of Selectmen properties permitted by the Recreation Department
- Lynch Field restrictions due to lease agreement

THE TAKEAWAY

- Having 3 systems in place has proven to be challenging for sports program representatives to navigate and track

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SHORT PROJECT RECAP: MAINTENANCE PROTOCOLS

FACILITIES MANAGED AND PERFORMED BY SEVERAL ENTITIES

- Recreation
- DPW
- School facilities staff
- South Shore Country Club maintenance staff
- Outside contractors
- Volunteers (performing majority of baseball field maintenance)

THE TAKEAWAY

- Having facilities managed and performed by several entities has resulted in inconsistent field conditions that adversely impact the quantity and quality of play

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GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Centralize permitting and scheduling

Centralize maintenance, increase funding, and increase staffing

Construct additional synthetic turf field(s) to help relieve pressure of demand on natural grass fields

Improve existing facilities through capital investment

Install sports lighting of appropriate height at key facilities

Establish and enforce field use policy

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SITE-BY-SITE RECOMMENDATIONS



CARLSON COMPLEX



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SITE-BY-SITE RECOMMENDATIONS



REPLACED 20' HT
BALL SAFETY
NETTING
RENOVATED *
MEMORIAL

NEW DUGOUTS

NEW HOCKEY COURT
FULL-DEPTH &
DASHBOARD

BATTING
CAGE

PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY
LIGHTING

NEW BASKETBALL COURT TOP
COURSE AND SEALCOAT

SPORTS LIGHTING
(4 TOTAL)

CRONIN COMPLEX



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HALEY FIELD



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38 TOTAL
PARKING SPACES

HERSEY FIELD



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HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL



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KRESS FIELD



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LYNCH FIELD



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MARGETTS FIELD 1 & 2

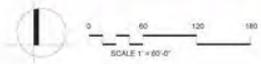


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HINGHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

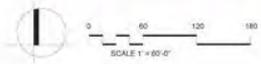


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SITE-BY-SITE RECOMMENDATIONS



PLYMOUTH RIVER ELEMENTARY



ACTION PLAN

IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION

- Centralize Permitting & Scheduling
- Centralize All Field and Court Maintenance
- Increase Annual Maintenance Budget
- Implement & Enforce Field Use Policy

ACTION PLAN

SMALLER CAPITAL PROJECTS PRIORITY

- Hersey Field (+/- \$370,000)
- Middle School (+/- \$40,000)
- Haley Field (+/- \$480,000)
- Margetts Fields (+/- \$920,000)
- Kress Field (+/- \$300,000)
- Plymouth River School (+/- \$550,000)
- Powers Field (+/- \$35,000)
- South Elementary (+/- \$60,000)

Middle School

ACTION PLAN

LARGER CAPITAL PROJECTS PRIORITY

- Carlson Complex (+/- \$4,260,000)
- Hingham High School (+/- \$4,240,000)
- Lynch Field (+/- \$2,200,000)
- Cronin Complex (+/- \$2,130,000)

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Q & A

THANK YOU

Cronin Field