

TOWN OF BOURNE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Needs Assessment Facilities Report
January 23, 2024

Introduction

Stemming from concerns voiced by community members, the Recreation Committee was instructed by the Select Board to pause any capital initiatives until a comprehensive evaluation on Recreational programming and assets is complete.



Assessment Team

Recreation Committee

- Roger Maioini, Chair
- Lori E. Cooney, Vice Chair
- Karen Wilson, Clerk
- James Linsky
- Alice Howe
- Linda Fletcher
- Laurie Gilbert
- Bill Macuch
- Teddy O'Rourke

Supporting Town Staff

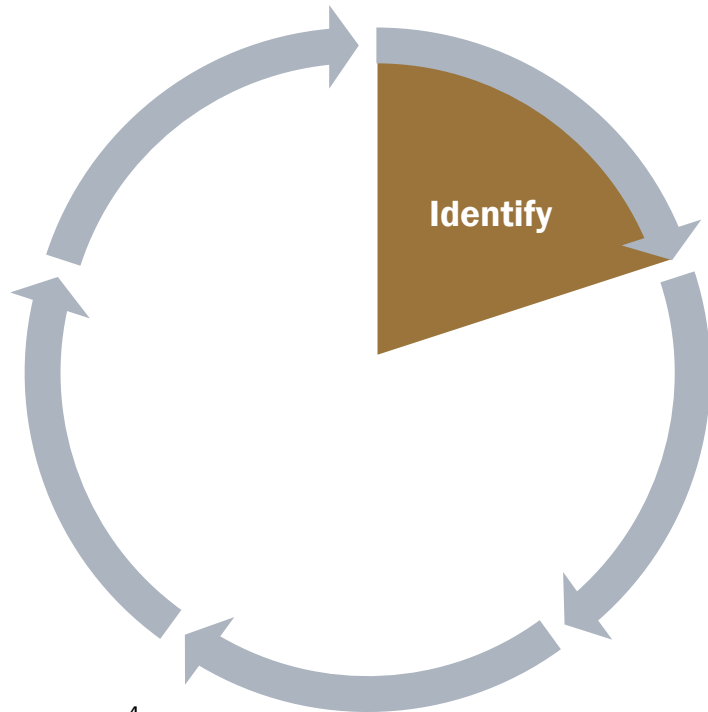
- Liz Hartsgrove, Assistant Town Administrator
- Kathryn Matthews, Acting Recreation Director
- *Krissanne Caron (Former Recreation Director)*



Planning Process

01. Identify.

Understanding the goals/vision for the community's future recreational needs.



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(Who) Recreational Opportunities for all Demographics

(Where) Are services not being reached to members of the community?

(What) Challenges are being experienced preventing participation

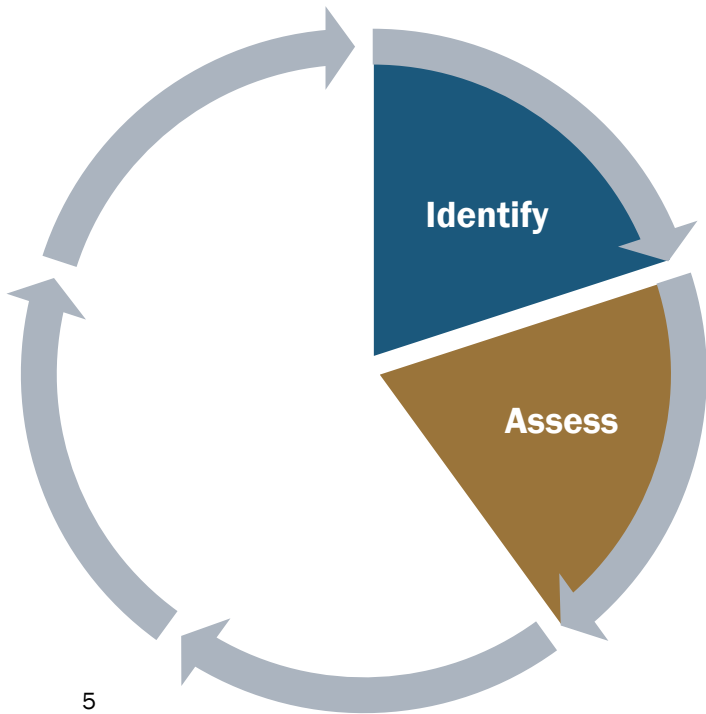
(When) Does the community want access to those services

(Why) Community support and opinion has diminished

(How) Can information and messaging be improved to reach broader audiences and increase support?

02. Assess.

Exploring where we are now: a complete inventory and conditions.



SWOT Analysis

What are Bourne’s recreational **strengths** and assets?

What does the town excel at providing?

What are Bourne’s **challenges** today and in the future?

How do they impact life in Bourne?

What are the **opportunities** that exist?

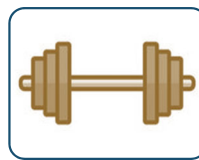
What do you value the most and want to preserve for future generations, and why?

What are the **barriers** that need to be overcome?

Where could the town serve the community better, and why?

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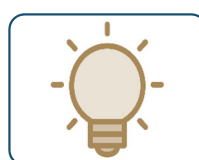
Strengths

- Wide range of ages
- Cross-team support
- Resourcefulness



Weakness

- Geographically Divided
- Minimal staffing to sustain resources



Opportunities

- Bike Path and other new outdoor interests
- Reimagine spaces for new interests

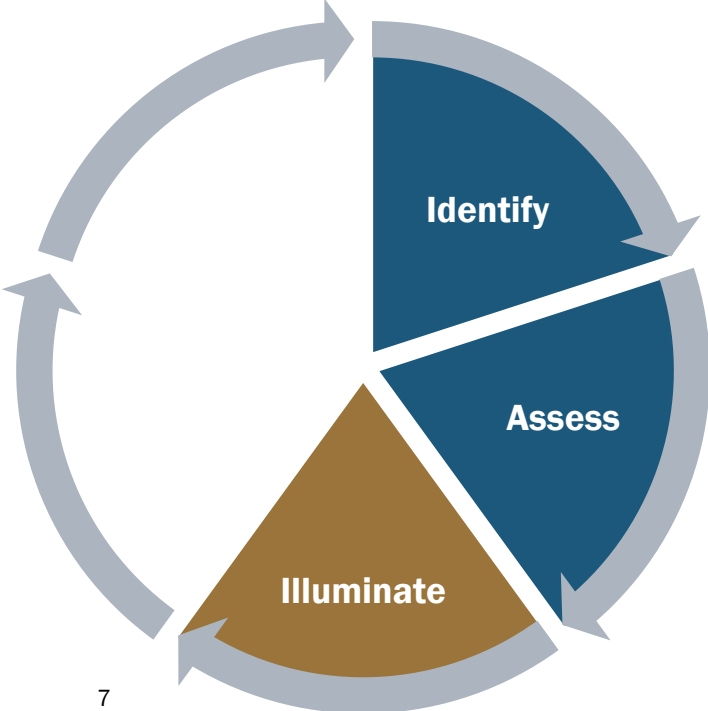


Threats

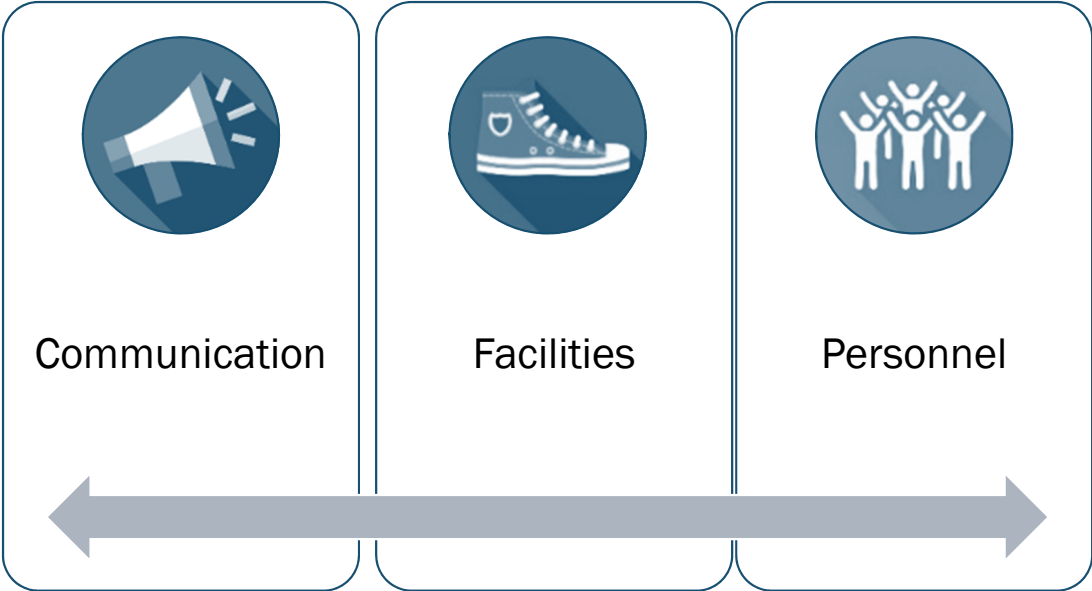
- Historically minimal financial prioritization
- Wide-scale deterioration

03. Illuminate

Uncovering the internal and external gaps being experienced.



Areas of Interest



Area of Focus: Facilities

Sub-Group Team Members: Alice Howe, Jim Linsky, Bill Macuch, Teddy O'Rourke

ASSET EVALUATION RATING SCALE

• No minor defects or any noticeable signs of wear and tear. Proper design and immaculate appearance. No maintenance required.

New Condition

1

• Minor defects, signs of minimal wear and tear, does not inhibit usability or impact safety, may need maintenance in the future. Good appearance.

Good Condition

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• Some maintenance required to return to an acceptable appearance and usability level, but is safe to use for the time being. Somewhat acceptable appearance.

Moderate Condition

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• Significant impacts to usability, somewhat unsafe conditions. Poor appearance.

Poor Condition

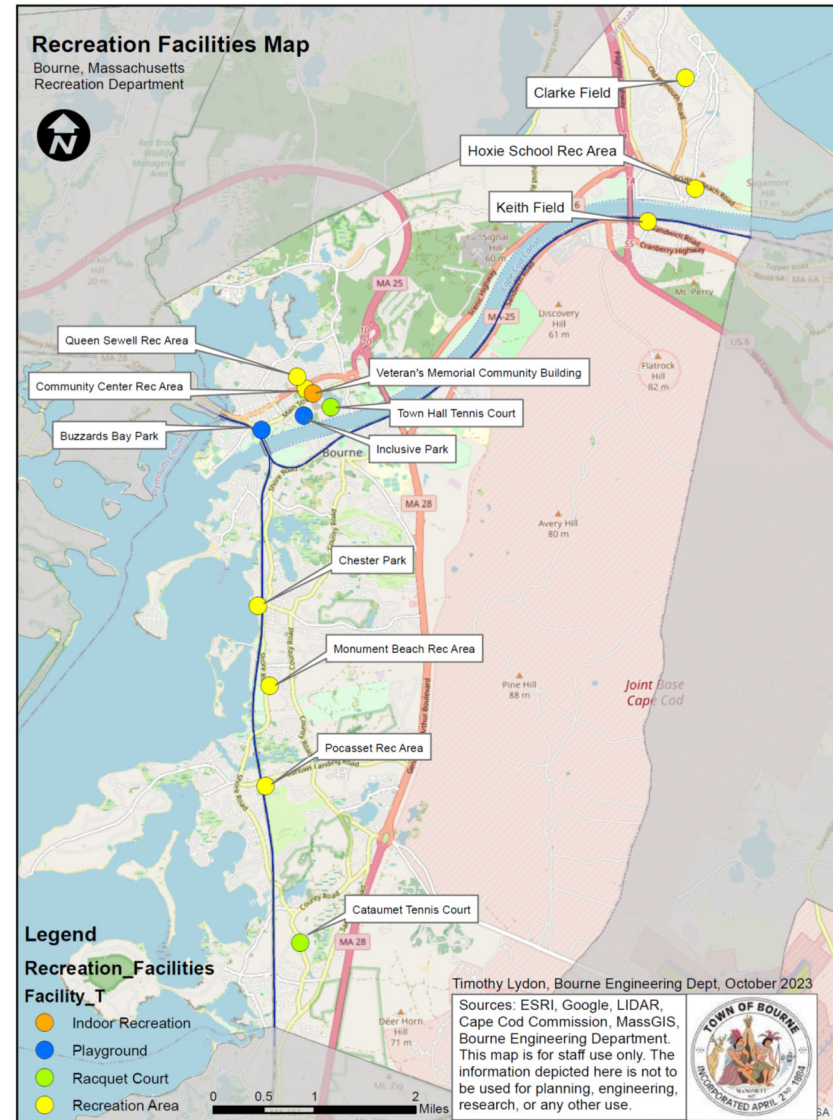
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• Requires urgent attention, absolutely unusable and unsafe. Above the scope of general maintenance. Requires immediate closure and replacement. Horrendous appearance.

Extremely Poor Condition

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Bourne Inclusive Playground	
1	NEW CONDITION
	Excellent playground! Equipment for all ages and abilities and exciting pieces to play with: zip line, zip swing, drums, swings for individuals and groups
Recommendation: ❖ Add signage to make easier to find	



QUEEN SEWELL PARK – YOUTH SOFTBALL FIELD						
2	GOOD CONDITION					
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Bench						
Recommendation: ❖ Repair or Replace bench.						

CLARKE FIELD – MULTI-USE FIELD				
3	MODERATE CONDITION			
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Recommendation: ❖ Field – relevel and fill holes, then mow on schedule. ❖ Add Trash Barrels and include in pickup rotation				

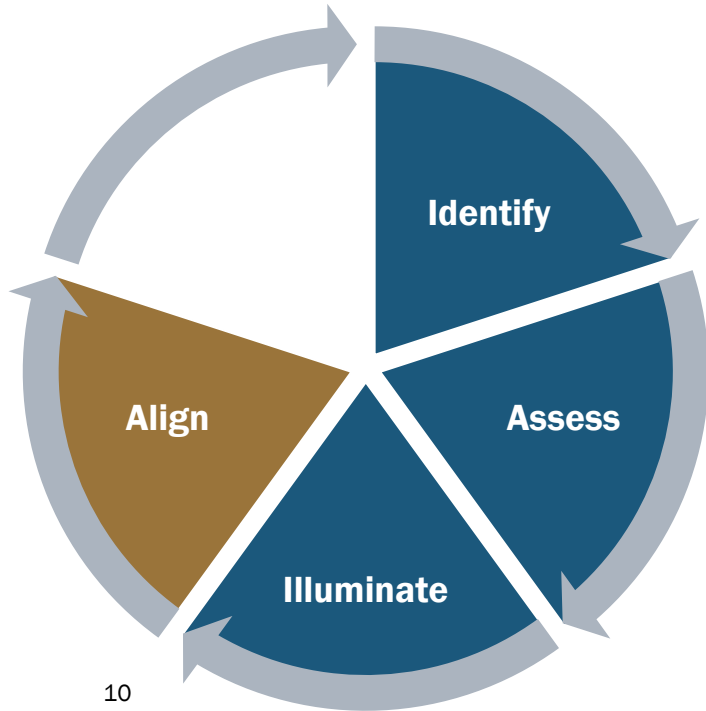
KEITH FIELD – TENNIS COURT		
4	POOR CONDITION	
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Recommendation: ❖ Included in CPC Hardcourt Project		

BOURNE COMMUNITY BUILDING – SKATE PARK				
5	EXTREMELY POOR CONDITION			
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Recommendation: ❖ Full replacement				

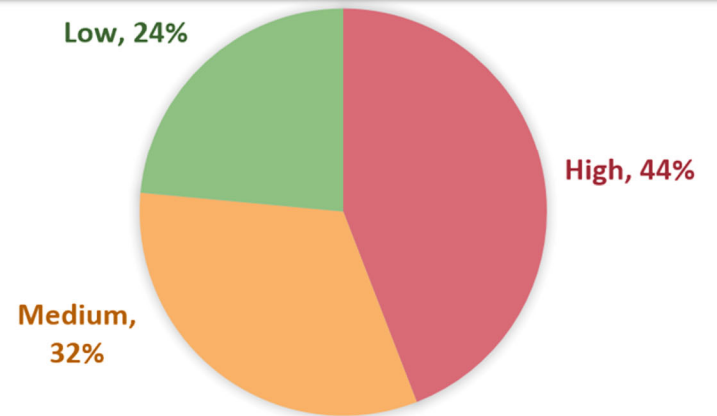
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Asset Evaluations
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04. Align

Mapping the journey of what and how to close those gaps.

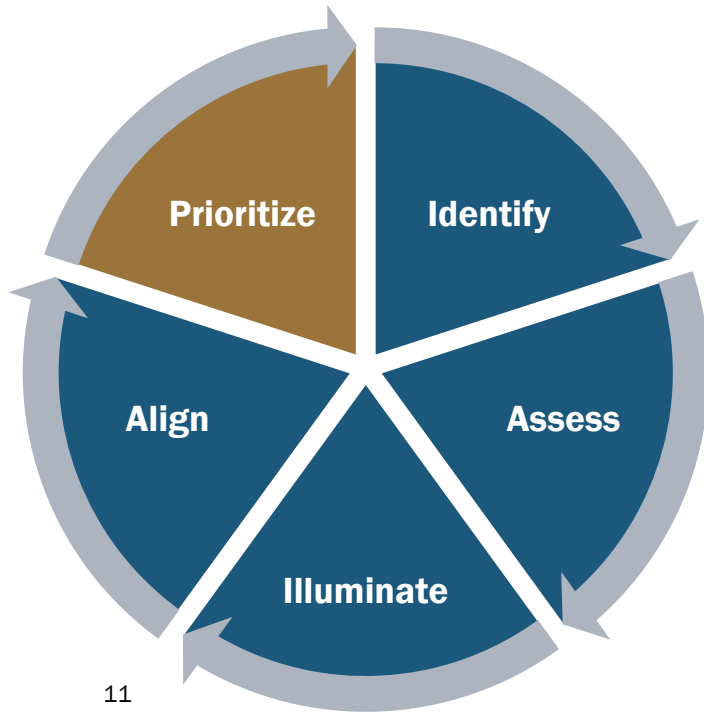


Ranking a total of 34 “locations” as a matter of High (1), Medium (2) and Low (3) priority based upon the sub-groups findings and recommendations, the Committee revealed over 75% needing improvements in the immediate and near future. *(Report Page 9)*



05. Prioritize

Strategizing actionable solutions.



The Recreation Committee examined the results, alongside usage by residents and groups in the community, and physical location within the town, and are requesting *the support by the Town Administrator and Select Board to consider the following...*

Recommendations

FY25 Capital

1. Clark Field Recreational Area

2. Pocasset Recreational Area

3. Chester Park Recreational Area

4. Keith Field Recreational Area

Action: Feasibility Study

- Apply for FY25 CPC funding for comprehensive Feasibility Study of all four Recreational Areas to determine best multi-generational use spatially aimed at supporting an evolving recreational environment for the community's next 20+ years.
- Include robust Public Participation Plan to ensure community voice is reflective, including surveys with qualitative and quantitative analysis.
- Include ADA accessibility and Parking plan to support full use of each area.
- Include plan for ongoing maintenance including passive items such as fencing, signage, etc.

Estimated Cost

- \$150,000

Recommendations

FY25 Capital

5. Community Building Skate Park and Softball Field



Action - Reimagining/Reconstruct

- Apply for FY25 CPC funding to completely reconstruct/upgrade Skate Park with an all-wheel design.
- This reimagining of the skate/all-wheel park will encroach/impact the softball field
- Therefore Softball field will need to be repurposed.

Estimated Cost

- \$500,000

Recommendations

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The Committee will continue evaluating and prioritizing the remaining facilities to create a 5-year capital plan that will guide Town leadership and staff.

The Committee will continue needs assessments and present recommendations in remaining two core areas:



Communication



Personnel

Request to Select Board

FY25 CPC/Capital

The Recreation Committee is requesting the Select Board support the FY25 recommendations as presented and further, vote to direct the Town Administrator and staff to file two (2) CPC applications for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting:

1. *\$150,000 for a Feasibility Study for Clark, Pocasset, Chester and Keith Recreational Areas; and,*
2. *\$500,000 to reimagine/reconstruct and enlarge the Skate Park into an All-Wheel facility, and repurpose Softball field behind the Community Building.*

