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Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2017-2022

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Gateway To Ontario County



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1. Introduction and Objectives

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Purpose

It is the officially adopted Goal of the Town of Farmington, as noted on pages 3-2 and 3-34 of the “2011 Edition of the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan Amendment,” (the Plan) that the Town will ... “Provide accessible and attractive parks and diverse recreational opportunities.”

The Plan’s adopted Objectives are to have: an integrated system of parks and recreational facilities, with linkages between various parts of the system such as pathways, stream corridors, trails and utility rights-of-way; and adequate recreational services.

Maintaining the Town of Farmington Parks and Recreation Master Plan is identified in the Plan as a High Priority Action Item. This document, when adopted by the Town Board, becomes an official amendment to the Plan and replaces the 2008 Edition of the Town of Farmington Parks and Recreation Master Plan. In order for the Town to obtain essential federal and state matching grant assistance projects must be identified in the Town’s adopted Park and Recreation Master Plan.

Section 6-0107 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, the State Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act, restricts the use of federal and state aid for the construction of new or expanded public parklands unless the areas have been previously designated for parkland development in a municipally approved comprehensive land use plan.



This Parks and Recreation Master Plan builds upon the previous 2008 Master Plan to provide direction in the assessment and delivery of recreational lands, facilities, and programs for Farmington. The goal of the Town Parks and Recreation Plan in 2008 was to ‘establish a strategic planning guide for the town, as it takes measures to improve the parks and recreation programs.’ This 2017 update fulfills the original plan’s outline for periodic revisions and continues to focus on bringing new recreational opportunities for the citizens of Farmington.

Over the past 10-20 years, the Town of Farmington has grown creating an increasingly dense population with limited available space and facilities for recreation. This poses a challenge for the increasing demand in recreational opportunities in Farmington.

The goal of the Town of Farmington Parks and Recreational Master Plan 2017-2022 is to recognize the recreational needs of the local community, and to identify new recreational opportunities for citizens for the next five to ten years.

The Town recognizes the need for comprehensive planning to accommodate current and future needs while retaining its high quality of life. In response to the growing pressures on Town resources, commercial & residential development, schools, open space and agricultural land, a comprehensive plan update was completed in 2011 and amended in July of that year. It was adopted by the Town Board in December that year. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan builds upon and is intended to complement other planning efforts within the Town such as the comprehensive plan.

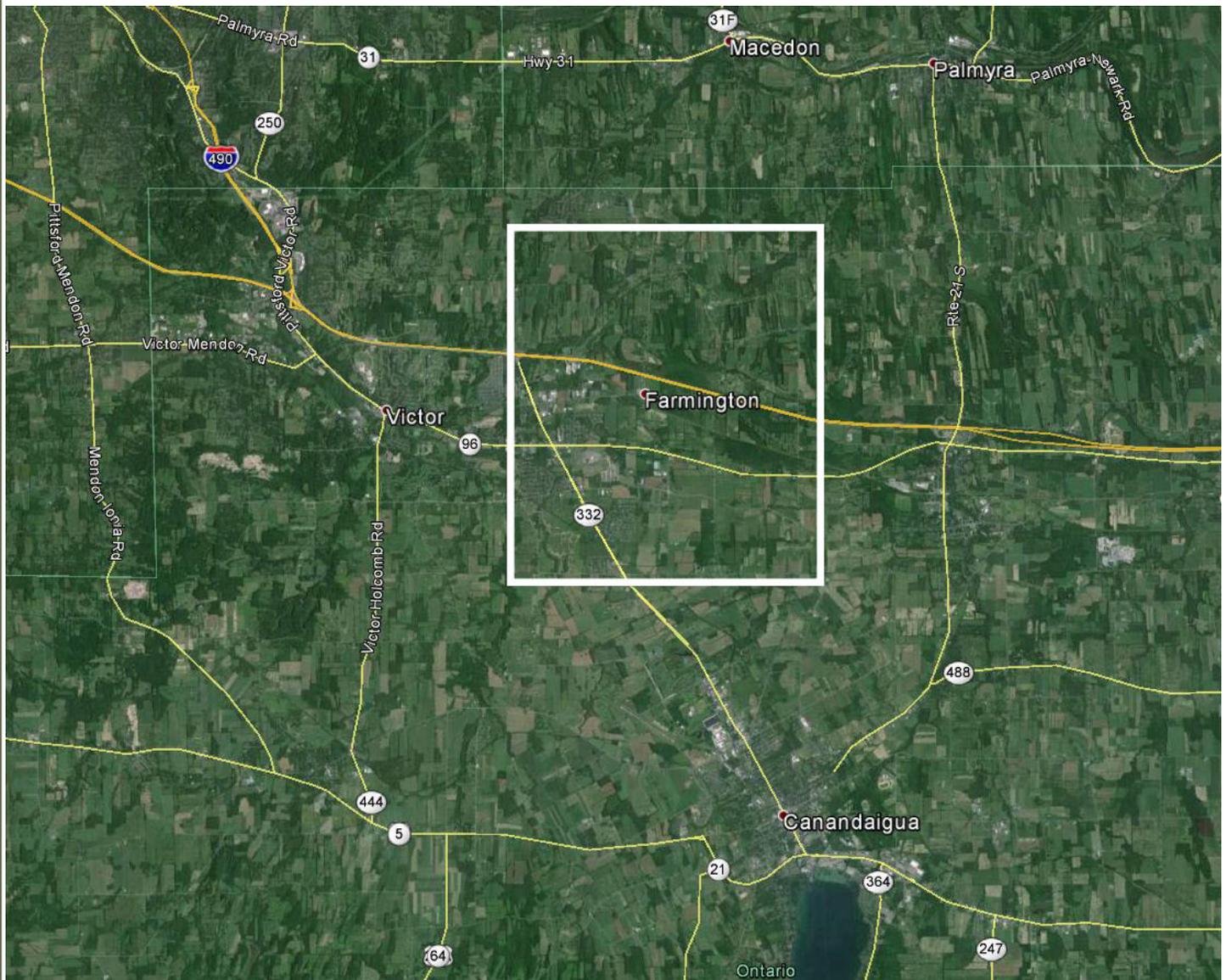
Traditionally, resources for active recreation in Farmington, such as athletic fields, courts, swimming pool, and others, have been provided by the 6 town parks, Victor Central School district, and by the Canandaigua City School District. The effective cooperation between the Town and the School Districts must and will continue. However, as the land holdings remain at current levels especially at the Victor Central School Complex, the Town must take on greater responsibility to meet the consistently increasing recreational demands of its residents.

Creation of this Updated Town Parks and Recreation Master Plan demonstrates the Town’s strong commitment to providing quality parks and recreational services to residents and visitors.

This Parks and Recreation Master Plan builds upon and is intended to complement other planning efforts within the Town such as the Comprehensive Plan and the planning of the Auburn Trails, currently underway. It assesses Farmington's unique assets and needs. It establishes long-term goals and objectives. It proposes strategies for acquiring, developing, and operating recreational lands, facilities, and services within the Town's capabilities. Specific recommendations are made for the next five years in context with the long-term objectives.

The planning process has been a cooperative effort between the Town's Park and Recreation Task Force, Town Staff, and Residents to gather and analyze relevant data, using various methods. This provided the opportunity for all interested residents to gather information and share their views on the Town Parks and Recreation Facilities.

Youth sports organizations run by volunteers serve hundreds of participants. Many of these organizations have youths from the Towns of Victor, and Canandaigua, as well as Farmington. Input from these organizations as well as school district staff and others has helped the direction and recommendations of this Master Plan. In recent years, the Town has acquired park land at Auburn Meadows & Beaver Creek Developments, a total of 87 acres. In conjunction with this master planning effort, the Town has been planning for the development of this land for both passive and active recreational uses. Development uses considered including walking trails,



Town Location Map
Town of Farmington

ball fields, courts, playground, arboretum, nature trails, and a lodge.

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This plan looks at the recommendations of the 2008 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and determines what was accomplished and what still needs to be addressed. While a portion of the recommendations have been implemented, like the creation of a full time Recreation department. Several of the recommendations for the individual parks still need to be addressed. This master plan will discuss these recommendations in further detail.

2. Town Characteristics Affecting Recreational Planning

Availability of Recreational Opportunities

GENERAL

Farmington residents are served by a variety of recreational lands and facilities provided by various levels of government, the Victor Central School Districts, Canandaigua School Districts, Palmyra-Macedon Central School District, Red Jacket Central School, and commercial enterprises.

The Town is interested in acquiring, developing, and making available to its residents desirable properties that can offer high quality recreational experiences. The Town's Parks and Recreation Department has made some progress in the recent past with the completion of Mertensia Park, additions to the Auburn Trail development, and the acquisition of the Beaver Creek Park land.

A knowledgeable and enthusiastic Advisory Board, supportive Town Board, an involved and active Town staff and a host of interested citizens have provided the demand, support, and guidance to accomplish some impressive progress, like the Auburn Trail Connection, and Beaver Creek Park.

Both the Victor Central School Districts and Canandaigua School Districts have been the most important providers of facilities and programs that serve recreational and leisure interests. These facilities are located outside of the town boundaries. However, use of many school facilities has reached saturation and new venues are needed to relieve the stress being placed on those facilities. That will largely become the Town's responsibility. Victor Central School District has indicated it has no land or plans to expand and what facilities it does have are seriously over-used and deteriorating.

Recreational opportunities available to Farmington residents are not limited to municipal or school facilities. In determining the level of availability of opportunities to Town residents, it is necessary to identify commercial, private, and other levels of government facilities and programs available to Town residents and within acceptable distances from the Town.

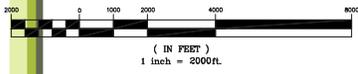
Town of Farmington Lands and Facilities

The Town currently holds approximately 170 acres of park land. It will become increasingly important to determine the recreational, open space, and cost-benefit values of specific land parcels as the Town's land inventory increases along with its responsibilities for maintenance and operation of those lands.

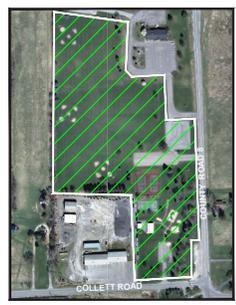
The Town's Department of Highway/Parks is responsible for operating and maintaining the Town's park system, while the Town's Recreation Department has various recreation programs at several locations, including the Youth Outreach Program. Shown below are the listings and existing conditions of the parks and facilities currently owned and operated by the Town of Farmington.



GRAPHIC SCALE



PUMPKIN HOOK PARK
SCALE: 1" = 250'



TOWN HALL PARK
SCALE: 1" = 250'



MERTENSIA PARK
SCALE: 1" = 250'



FARMINGTON GROVE PARK
SCALE: 1" = 250'



FARMBROOK PARK
SCALE: 1" = 250'



MEETING HOUSE PARK
SCALE: 1" = 250'



Pumpkin Hook Park

Allen Padgham Road
Town of Farmington

Pumpkin Hook Park

Pumpkin Hook Park is in the northwestern part of the town along Allen Padgham road. The Park has 14.5 acres of land is surrounded by subdivisions and farm land. There is a sign on Allen Padgham road that does adequately identify the park. There is a larger, partially illuminated parking lot with approximately 80 spaces, with a smaller side lot with 8-10 spaces.

Park recreational features include:

- 1 Picnic Pavilion with Grill
- Baseball field with poor drainage
- 1 large Soccer field, 2 small Soccer fields, with storage boxes for equipment
- Informal Volleyball court
- Public restroom (not ADA)
- Playground area with equipment for 5-12 and 2-5 year old
- Hill for sledding
- 2 tennis courts with some cracks
- Basketball court with some cracks
- 2 swing sets, 1 near playground other near the sledding hill on the west side of park



Figure 2.1: View of Baseball Backstop



Figure 2.2: View of Parking Lot with Restrooms and Picnic Pavilion in Background



Figure 2.3: View of Soccer Fields



Figure 2.4: View of Playground both 2-5 and 5-12



Town Hall Park

1000 County Road 8
Town of Farmington

Town Hall Park

Town Hall Park is a separate parcel of land not-a-part of the Town government complex at the corner of Collett Road or along the west side County Road 8. The park is the largest of the developed parks with 26.4 acres. Also located on site is the Public meeting facilities, and storage facilities. The park contains several fields and courts with ample parking (110 spots) for park users. The parking lot does not have lighting but the parking adjacent to the Town Hall has some lighting. There is adequate signage for the park.

Park recreational features include:

- 1 Picnic Pavilion with Grill, and multiple tables
- 3 Baseball/softball fields with storage at each diamond
- Soccer fields. Storage box near area looks like it could be for soccer (no sign)
- Public restroom (not ADA)
- Playground area with equipment for 5-12 year olds
- 2 tennis courts
- Basketball court
- Water Fountain (not ADA)



Figure 2.5: View of Playground for 5-12



Figure 2.6: View of Picnic Pavilion with Restrooms in Background



Figure 2.7: View of a Baseball/Softball Field



Figure 2.8: View of Park Sign



Mertensia Park

1390-1394 Mertensia Rd
Town of Farmington

Mertensia Park

Mertensia Park is located off of Mertensia Road and is surrounded by residential neighborhoods. The large subdivision to the east of the park, is linked through a segment of the Auburn Trail, a walking trail that meanders through the subdivision into the park. Part of the 22.4 acre park is located within a 100 year flood plain, along with a residential suburban zoned area. There is a sign that denotes the entrance to the park that is easily seen from the road. The park contains several different sized parking lots. One small one at the entrance for the connection to the Auburn Trail (5 parking spots). A second lot is located near the entrance to the rotary sponsored nature trail (14 parking spots). The nature trail is for park users to walk through the forest and view wildlife, and learn about the different identified plant species. The last is the largest and is next to the enclosed Lodge (75 parking spots).

Park recreational features include:

- 1 Basketball court
- 1 Baseball field with storage and team benches
- Playground area sunk in with equipment for 5-12
- Trail head connection to Auburn Trail
- Lodge (seat 100 people) with kitchen and public restroom (ADA accessible)
- Water Fountain
- Recreation Office
- 2 Half size soccer fields (convert to 1 full size)
- 2 tennis courts
- 1 mile nature walk trail (rotary sign is in disarray)
- Water Front oriented recreation
- Sledding



Figure 2.9: View of Playground for 5-12



Figure 2.10: View of Lodge with Restrooms



Figure 2.11: View of a Basketball Courts with Tennis Courts in Background



Figure 2.12: View of Soccer Fields with Baseball Field in background



Farmington Grove Park

Farmington Grove Park
Town of Farmington

Farmington Grove Park

Farmington Park is a 11 acre park accessed off of Maplewood Drive. It is located in the center of a subdivision west of NYS Route 332. A sign at the entrance of the park identifies its location. The park contains multiple athletic courts and play areas, with an old ice skating rink now serving as a basketball court. An enclosed pavilion on site serves as a gathering space with a barbecue stand, and picnic tables. A parking lot is next to the pavilion with 30 spaces, however off-street parking is an issue.

Park recreational features include:

- 1 Basketball court sunk in old skating rink, poor/ fair condition
- 1 tennis court
- 1 Informal volleyball court
- 2 Baseball fields (little league), one closest to basketball court has poor drainage
- Playground area with equipment for 5-12 and 2-5 (ADA?)
- Hills for winter sledding
- Enclosed pavilion with Bar b-que stand
- Public Restroom (not ADA accessible)



Figure 2.13: View of Enclosed Pavilion



Figure 2.14: View of Basketball Court in poor/fair condition



Figure 2.15: View of a Baseball/Softball Field



Figure 2.16: View of Playground both 2-5 and 5-12



Farmbrook Park

Farmbrook Park
Town of Farmington

Farmbrook Park

Farmington Park is a 9.6 acre park located in the center of a subdivision with over 700 dwelling units, with the park's main entrance located at the intersection of Farmbrook Drive and Meadowbrook Lane. There is no sign indicating the park's name. The parking lot is located near the pavilion that has about 50 parking spaces. The one building on site that doubles as a public restroom and Ontario County Sheriff substation. There are several walking trails through out the park. Several, specifically the one leading from the playground to the softball field, are in poor condition and are in poor drainage areas, creating ponding and difficult walking conditions.

Park recreational features include:

- 2 Basketball courts
- 1 Pavilion with no picnic tables
- 1 Softball Field with poor drainage and leaning back stop?
- Playground area with equipment for 5-12 and 2-5
- Sheriff substation
- Public Restroom (not ADA accessible)
- Walking trails in poor condition



Figure 2.17: View of Pavilion



Figure 2.18: View of Playground both 2-5 and 5-12



Figure 2.19: View of a walking trail heading back up to the playground



Figure 2.20: View of Softball Backstop



Meeting House Park

Shortsville Road & County Road 28
Town of Farmington

Farmington Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Meeting House Park

Meeting House Park is a 3 acre park located in a Rural/ Residential area of the Town. The park has adequate signage and one picnic table surrounded by a large amount of pine trees. There is a monument on site dedicated to the Friends Meeting House. The park has a small gravel parking lot that can accommodate approximately 3 vehicles. There are no restrooms or utilities on site.

Park recreational features include:

- Small gravel parking lot
- 1 Picnic table
- 1 plaque dedicated to the Friends Meeting House



Figure 2.21: Park Sign



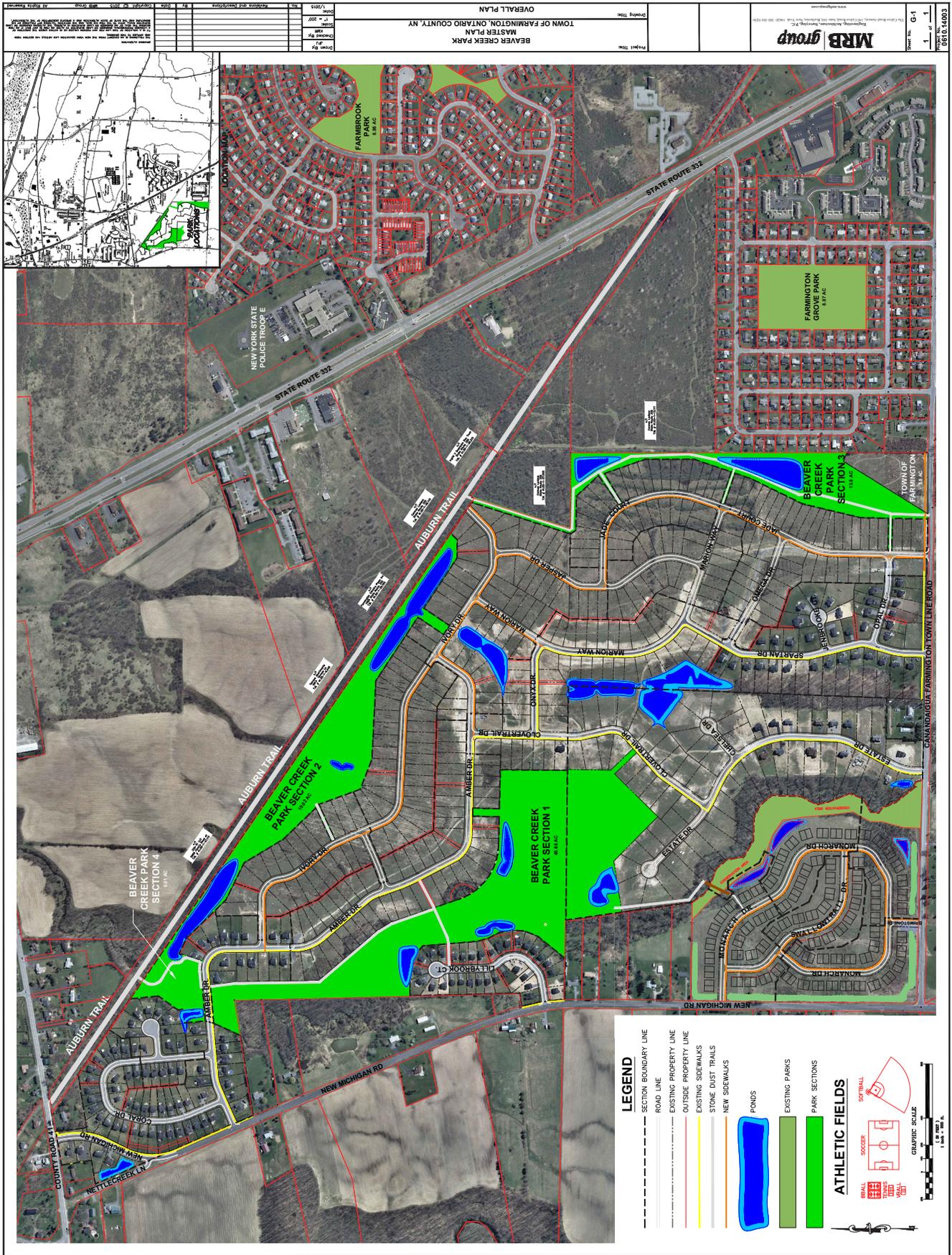
Figure 2.22: View of Park interior



Figure 2.23: View of a picnic table



Figure 2.24: View of Park interior



Beaver Creek Park- Section 1

Auburn Meadows & Beaver Creek Developments
Town of Farmington

Farmington Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Beaver Creek Park- Section 1 (proposed)

Beaver Creek Park Section 1 is currently undeveloped but is a proposed 87 acre park located in the Auburn Meadows & Beaver Creek developments. An extensive master planning process is completed and this park will include multiple athletic courts and play areas, with various stone dust walking trails through out the site. The park will have 3 parking lots on site. The first will accommodate about 45 spaces. The largest will accommodate about 70 with an overflow parking of 30. The last and smallest of the lots will accommodate about 30. There will be a lodge with restrooms on site.

Park recreational features include:

- Lodge with Restrooms
- 2 Soccer/Lacrosse Fields
- 1 Multi-Use Field
- 1 Softball/Baseball Field
- Maintenance Shed
- Volleyball Court
- Basketball Court
- 2 Tennis Courts
- Picnic area with a Shelter, Picnic Tables, Horseshoes & Bocce
- Playground area with equipment for 5-12 and 2-5
- Arboretum
- Unmowed/Low Maintenance Meadow areas
- 2 Ponds (1 with an Observation Deck)
- Trail connections to existing trails through development and to Auburn Trail



Figure 2.25:



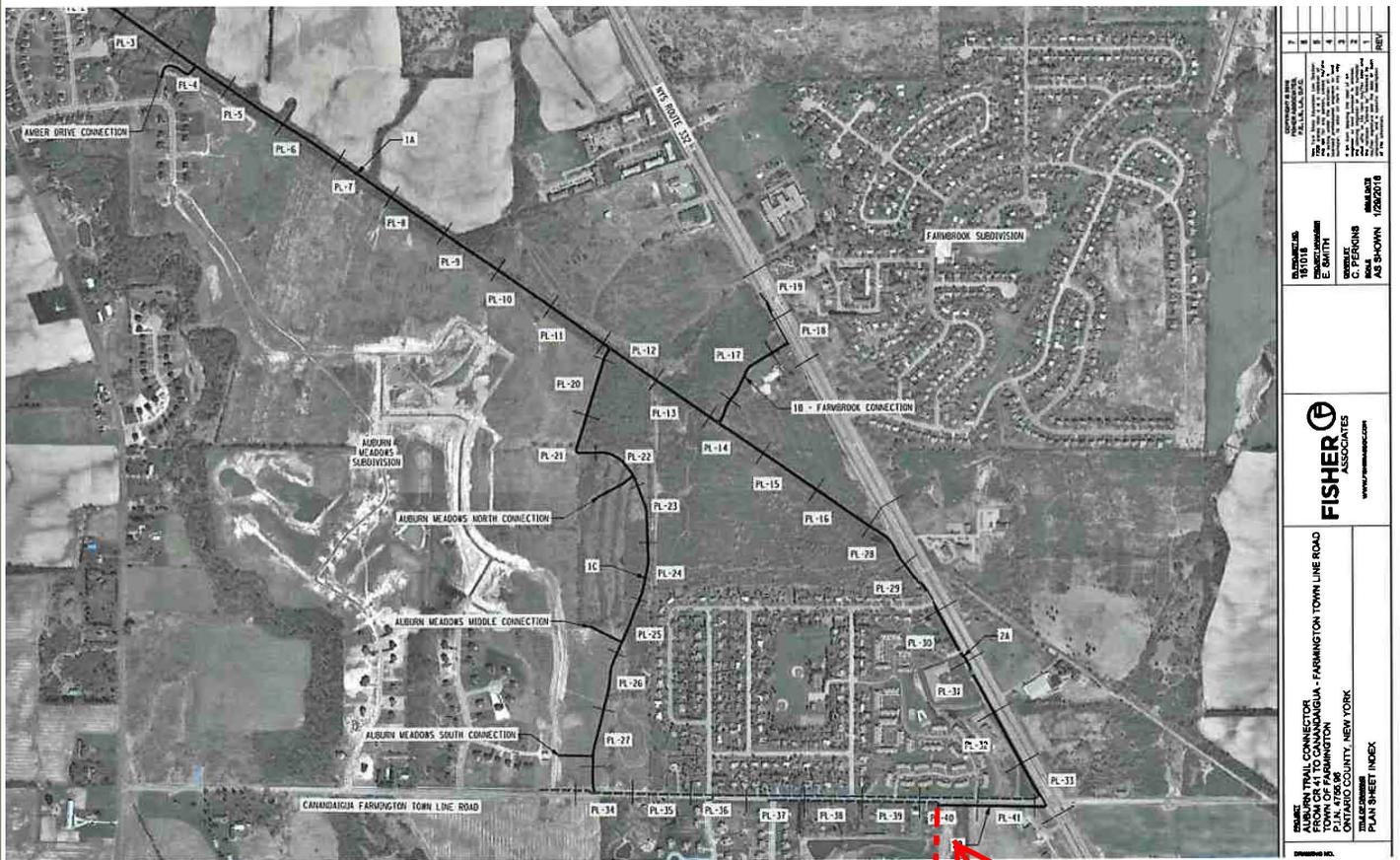
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Figure 2.28:



Future Town of Canandaigua
Auburn Trail Location

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Auburn Trail Connector Project

County Road 41 and Canandaigua Farmington Town Line Rd
Town of Farmington

Auburn Trail

Auburn Trail is an old abandoned railroad bed that has been turned into a multi-use trail for leisure hiking, biking, and other trail activities. Currently the Town of Farmington is working to connect to this trail through a project called The Auburn Trail Connector. The Auburn Trail Connector runs for 3 miles and connects County Road 41 and Canandaigua-Farmington Town Line Road. It involves the development of a multi-use trail that would provide a bicycle and pedestrian connection between the existing Auburn Trail and four subdivisions located on and near Canandaigua-Farmington Town Line Road, as well as connection to Farmbrook and other key area destinations.



Local School District Facilities

Calvary Chapel Christian School

Private Elementary School- Farmington NY

- Open multi-use field
- 1 Playground
- 1 Sand Volleyball court

Canandaigua City School District

Canandaigua Academy- 435 East Street City of Canandaigua

- Rectangular Football Field with surrounding Running Track
- 10 Multi-use Fields
- 2 Baseball Fields
- 1 Softball Field
- 6 Tennis Courts
- Gymnasium & Additional Indoor Facilities

Canandaigua Middle School- Evans Field at Fort Hill Ave

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| <u>Evans Field</u> | <u>Middle School</u> |
| 1 Football Field with Running Track | 2 Soccer Fields |
| 1 Baseball Field | 4 Mini Soccer Fields |
| | 4 Basketball Hoops |
| | 3 Tennis Courts |
| | 1 Softball Field |

Canandaigua Elementary School- 90 West Gibson Street

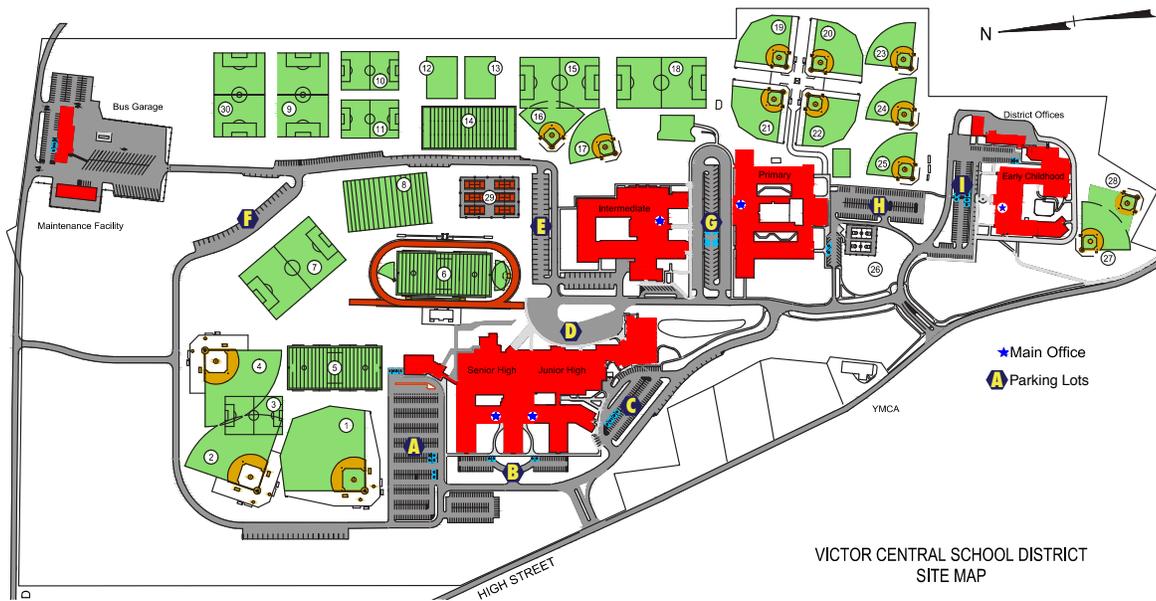
Canandaigua Primary School- 96 West Gibson Street (share campus)

- 1 Small Soccer Field
- 1 Softball Field
- Open Play Fields
- 2 Playgrounds

Victor Central School District

Early Childhood, Primary, Intermediate, Junior High and Senior High Schools- 953 High Street

- 2 Playgrounds
- 14 Baseball/ Softball Fields
- 3 Small Soccer Fields
- 2 Small Practice Fields
- 5 Soccer/Lacrosse Fields
- 3 Football Fields
- 1 Stadium with bleachers, Concession stand, with surrounding Running Track
- 2 Basketball Courts
- 6 Tennis Courts



Neighboring Municipalities

Farmington residents take advantage of recreational lands and facilities of neighboring communities. Those of particular proximity or interest to Farmington are listed. The Town of Victor has 450.6 acres of parkland.

Town and County Facilities and Infrastructure

Atwater Park

- Drinking Fountain
- Benches
- Bandstand/ Gazebo
- Trash Receptacles

Canandaigua Inn Park

- Drinking Fountain
- Benches

Deep Run Beach

- 8 Picnic Tables
- Grills
- Restrooms
- Public Swimming

Dryer Road Park

- Lacrosse field
- Box Lacrosse/ Hockey Rink
- Multi purpose athletic field
- Playgrounds
- Concession/Restroom/Maintenance Building
- Hiking/Biking Trails (Mountain Biking)

Picnic Area with Shelter

Gannett Hill Park

Hiking Trails
Biking Trails
Playground
3 Softball Diamonds
Fishing Pond
Picnic Sites complete with tables, grills, and covering
410 Acres of woods and open land
Camping
Cabins

Grimes Glen Park- Village of Naples

Hiking Trails

Kershaw Park & Lakeshore Park

Sand Beach with Beach House
Gazebo
Picnic Areas & 5 Shelters
Walking Trails
Playground
Boat Docks with pump out

Ontario Beach Park

Picnic Tables, Grills
Restrooms

Outhouse Park (Town of Canandaigua)

Picnic areas with shelters
Restrooms
Ball Fields
Playgrounds
Walking Trails
Fishing Pond

Pickle Park

Picnic Tables

Three Mills Park

Hiking
Fishing

Victor Municipal Park

Picnic area with Shelter
Lodge with Restrooms
Playgrounds & Exercise Equipment
Fishing Pond
Hiking Trails
Volleyball & Horseshoes
Amphitheater

State Facilities

Canandaigua Lake State Marine Park

This park is a boat launch facility that also provides fishing access to Canandaigua Lake.

Ganondagan State Historic Site

A historic Native American site that allows visitors to tour a full-size replica of a 17th-century Seneca Bark Longhouse, walk various trails, climb the mesa, and learn about the destruction of Ganondagan.

Squaw Island

A small uninhabited island, that the state has classified as a unique area, at the north end of Canandaigua Lake. This is the States smallest park

Other Miscellaneous Recreational Facilities

Bristol Mountain Resort

A Ski Resort located in the Town of South Bristol.

Bristol Harbour Resort on Canandaigua Lake

A public 18 hole golf course with a pro shop that offers various different packages and lessons. During the winter the resort becomes a 7 mile course for cross country skiing. The resort also provides lodging, catering, wedding venue, and meetings

Canandaigua KOA

120 campsite campground open April 1- November 1 with showers, electricity, swimming, fishing, and a laundry station.

Cobblestone Arts Center

Art Center, located across from the Farmbrook Subdivision, provides various activities such dance and theatre lessons.

Cooper Creek Park

This park provides guided horseback rides, sleigh rides, and accommodates cross country ski trails.

Country Club of Mendon

A golf course located in Mendon that also offers a restaurant and a location for special events.

Club Fitness

In the Town of Farmington this facility is open to residents for membership to their gym.

Eastview Mall

Located in Victor, the regional mall complex provide restaurants, shopping and movie theaters.

Farmington Methodist Church

Offers pre-teen programs for the community.

Farmington-Victor Kiwanis

This local Kiwanis Club is part of a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

Finger Lakes Community College

Fitness Center (Weight Lifting and Cardiovascular Workout)
2 Basketball Court
Batting Cage
Mirrored Dance Area
Baseball Diamond

5 Soccer/Lacrosse Fields

4 Tennis Courts

Woodsmen Training Area

Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack

Racetrack hosts horse racing from April to November, along with year round video gaming machines and dining facilities.

Jim's Pro Shop

Shop offers bow shooting and archery classes

Lehigh Valley RR Historical Society

Located in Shortsville, this museum and historical society exhibits railroad artifacts, photos, paintings, and Santa train rides and is open May to October on the third Sunday of the month.

Lehigh Valley Snow Riders

A snowmobile club of 450 from several towns, with many of its members residing in the Town of Farmington. The club has access to 67 miles of NY State approved trails. Contact information can be found at <http://www.lehighvalleysnowriders.org/>

Parkview Fairways Golf Club

A golf course located in Victor.

Pinnacle Athletic Campus

A new facility that has large indoor turf fields, basketball, volleyball, indoor track and fitness center.

Roseland Water Park

A summer getaway, located on Muar Lake. No over-night accommodations

Ravenwood Golf Club

Public golf course located in Victor.

Snap Fitness

A gym open for public membership.

Victor Farmington Rotary

Offers activities for residents of the community during Halloween.

Victor Hills Golf Club

Golf course that is open to the public.

Victor Lions Club

Home to the Lions Club offering annual Auto Festival at the Farmington Town Hall Park around June.

West Wayne Cinema

Located in Macedon, West Wayne Plaza provides indoor viewing of movies.

Winged Pheasant Golf Links

A Public course located in Farmington.

Other Recreational activities in the surrounding Towns can be found by going to www.visitfingerlakes.com

The Town of Canandaigua (Ontario County), the City of Canandaigua (Ontario County), the Town of Victor (Ontario County) and the Village of Fairport (Monroe County) are all within a 10 minute drive of Farmington, and offer many recreational and leisure activities. Except for City & Town of Canandaigua these destinations are available by hiking/biking trails.

3. Analysis

DEMAND FOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

General

The demand for recreational opportunities within a community is measured by the rate and frequency of participation in specific recreational activities and is influenced by several factors including:

- Characteristics of the population, including ages, education, employment, income, and lifestyle.
- The availability of unique local programs, facilities, or other influences.
- Physical and climatic conditions which create feasibility, opportunities, or expectations for certain recreational opportunities.
- Willingness and ability of a community to support municipal recreational opportunities through taxes and fees.
- Changing trends in the popularity of specific recreational pursuits.

Broad standards for providing recreational opportunities are often referred to in determining demand within a community or to measure a community's quality of service. Standards frequently referenced are those of New York Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). Neither addresses the particular interests and opportunities of individual communities but they are of some relevance to Farmington. The standards are appended to this plan as they might be useful references should the Town apply for state or federal grants-in-aid.

Population

The Town of Farmington's population in 2010 was 11,825, a 11.7 percent increase in the town population from 2000. The estimated Farmington population for 2015 is 12,901, a 9.1 percent increase. According to the 2010 census a total of 4,492 households are in Farmington with an average household size of 2.63 persons. New residential development occurring in the southwestern portion of the Town, within the Canandaigua and Victor School Districts will increase the Town's growth rate, as it will encourage more families to move into the area.

Size and Land Uses

Farmington is in the northern part of Ontario County and is bordered on the north by the Town of Perinton (Monroe County), Town of Macedon (Wayne County), and the Towns of Victor (west), Canandaigua (south), and Manchester (east). The town has a total area of 39.5 square miles, all of it land with streams and ponds.

The Town has three primary land uses. They are residential, commercial/industrial and Agriculture. Agriculture is the majority land use for the Town, while the business district is concentrated along Route 332. The town's residential development is concentrated to the south west, with pockets located in the north.

Landform

Most of the town is open farmland and woodland with gently rolling topography and drumlins north of the thruway. There are some wetlands located within the town. The town has good access and large areas of easily developed land which makes it attractive to development but it lacks the necessary infrastructure in the eastern portion of the town.

Transportation

The New York State Thruway (I-90) bisects the center of the town east-west. The other main corridors for the Town are Route 332, and NY route 96. These corridors create convenient access from Rochester, Monroe County, Victor, Canandaigua, and Manchester.

The area along Route 332 is where most of the Commercial and Industrial development is located with pockets of residential development in the southwest, and northwestern parts of the town. The southwest portion has the most dense residential development and is located within the Canandaigua and Victor School District. This portion is also where the greatest residential growth of the town continues to take place.

DELIVERY OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The town of Farmington has a number of facilities that provide recreational program, however the Town does still strongly rely on the Town of Victor, Victor Central school district, and the Canandaigua City School districts to balance their recreational needs. Over the years the town has worked to provide a variety of recreation facilities, such as athletic fields, playgrounds, trails, and natural areas.

Youth sports organizations led by volunteers have served large numbers of youths. The Town has created a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and has a separate senior citizens program. Additional staff is hired seasonally, and more staff will be required as facilities are developed. It is anticipated that the Town will hire additional administrative, program and parks staff in the next few years to coincide with the demand for services.



Victor Central School District Entryway

The town of Farmington does rely on the Victor Central School District for a large portion of their recreational needs. The School District schedules the use of the athletic fields on its campus as well as its indoor facilities. It also offers an extensive Community Education program. However the Farmington residents are given second preference to the Victor residents. The Town of Farmington over the years has worked to create parks that may satisfy a portion of their recreational needs.

In the mid 1960's there were no Town parks. There are now six Town parks with a seventh one being planned for future development (2017-2022) in the Auburn Meadows and the Estates @ Beaver Creek subdivisions. In addition to the Town Parkland's, the Town maintains a short segment of the Auburn Trail, located in the southwestern portion of the Town and adjacent to Mertensia Road Park with plans of expanding the trail through the Town connecting to the Town of Canandaigua and eventually the City of Canandaigua. Five of the Town parks (Mertensia, Pumpkin Hook, Town Park, Farmbrook and Farmington Grove) are equipped with playing fields, which are heavily used during Spring, Summer and Fall for organized Town Recreation Programs. The sixth Town park site is the Friends Meetinghouse Park which is strictly a passive recreational type.

The Town has an opportunity to provide parks and recreational services that will complement those already offered by others. In order to effectively provide quality recreational facilities and programs, the Town has hired a full time director for the recreation department with sufficient resources to support its mission.

CONDITIONS AFFECTING DELIVERY OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Farmington is fortunate to have excellent recreational opportunities, sources and means of delivery, and the vision to offer an outstanding variety of recreational experiences to present and future Town residents.

Opportunities

Farmington offers a high quality of life due to its scenic qualities and traditionally rural character. The first-most-common land-use type is agricultural. Residential developments are mostly clustered near each other and in the southwest portion of the Town. Commercial and industrial uses are generally within specific corridors suited to those uses. Proximity to I-90 and public sewers are also a benefit.

Large acreages are developed or designated for uses considered recreational. These include approximately 170

acres of Town park land: Pumpkin Hook Park containing 14.5 acres, the 26-acre Town Hall Park, Mertensia Park totaling approximately 22 acres, Farmington Grove Park approximately 9 acres, Farmbrook Park with 9.6 acres, Meeting House Park containing approximately 0.6 acres, Beaver Creek Park with 87 acres, and the 3 mile long Auburn Trail.

The Town should acquire new parkland's when needed and desirable in order to adequately serve the needs of its population, which has significantly increased in the past fifteen years and continues to do so. Even if the rate of population growth slows, there is a strong likelihood of more users, from Farmington and beyond, placing even greater demands on current parks. As land acquisition and park development take time and funding, the Town should make efforts to look ahead to future needs when land becomes available, even before plans for specific parks are in place. Referring to the Master Plan's outline of park needs and facilities needed by user groups can potentially aid the land acquisition and development approval process.

The Town has developed a network of multi-use trails that provides a variety of opportunities and can be expanded as needed. Existing trails connect to those maintained by other municipalities and the adjacent town of Victor. More connections are possible.

Town resources and staff are in place to ensure that existing and future recreational opportunities reflect the needs and desires of Farmington residents. These resources, however, are stretched to their limits due to expanding facilities and programs.

NEEDS TO BE SERVED

The needs for recreational lands, both active and passive, and for specific recreational facilities, are estimated based on evaluations of present and anticipated future populations, recreational trends in general, experience with nearby communities, national standards, and specific deficiencies identified by user group representatives.

It is important to recognize that local interests may vary considerably among nearby towns due to demographic differences, successful local programs, unique facility or natural features, or other reasons.

Overall Demands

Demands for many recreational facilities that require investments in relatively large areas of land, capital development, and maintenance and operations can be identified relatively easily based on enrollments, recreational trends, and other available information.

Demands for various types of athletic fields and courts can be quantified. Demands for many recreational activities, such as trails, skate parks, passive parks, and nature centers, cannot be as readily quantified. These are desirable and popular assets of a community. In addition, trails need to be planned as both destinations and linkages.

Development of the Town and of land access opportunities such as rights of way will influence the nature of its trail system. Nature centers and similar passive recreational attractions typically occur where physical or cultural features justify them. Also influencing land use is the protection of wetlands and other ecosystems, as these are important for recreation and for education, ecology, and aquifer protection.

Indoor recreational facilities are increasingly in demand for many reasons. They provide year around opportunities. They can provide activities for all age groups. Many people have become accustomed to indoor recreational facilities, municipal and commercial, in other communities. The Town must determine the feasibility of developing indoor facilities over the next 5 years.

It is important that the Town provide sufficiently greater parkland than the amount presently required to meet known demands. Recreational trends and levels of participation vary over time, resulting in a need for space for new opportunities. In addition, many potential park users do not participate in organized programs, but desire

passive or green space to play informal games, picnic, run or jog, sit, or “fly a kite”. Acquiring parkland to serve future population growth and resulting demand growth is crucial while appropriate parcels remain available.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Access

There is a significant need to connect parks and neighborhoods by walking / biking paths or sidewalks so that those of all ages have access to recreational opportunities. The Town understands this need and has exercised a great deal of foresight in working with the developers of large residential tracks of land over the past few years including Auburn Meadows and Beaver Creek subdivisions, where several larger tracks have been set aside for park and open space purposes as well as public access and linkage corridors connecting each to the street system and also to the Auburn Trail, a regional resource currently under construction.

Newer developments are likewise being directed by the Town to construct sidewalks on at least one side of the street and crosswalks where required to make the necessary connections to the Auburn Trail, trailheads, parks, and other public features.

DEMANDS FOR OUTDOOR FACILITIES REQUIRING LARGE DEDICATED SPACES

Farmington has a relatively high rate of participation in sports programs among its youth population and increases program availability when feasible and necessary. This reflects trends in demands elsewhere.

Youth sports organization officials responding to a questionnaire during the 2006 master planning process indicated significant deficiencies in the availability of outdoor athletic fields.

This is due to the rapidly increasing population and the overuse of existing fields, especially at the school complex, Mertensia Park & Town Hall Park. The need for youth sports fields is as follows:

Summer Recreation Program

The Town Recreation Department conducts a program at several Town parks over the course of the summer (late June to early August) for two age groups. The Tots program for ages 4-5 is a half day program, 4 days per week while the Regular Program is for ages 6-16 and is a full day (hours of 9am to 4 pm). In 2015, the program had a total of 246 children registered as of the end of May with more expected by the end of June when the program begins. The program runs from approximately 6 weeks, in 2015, it began on June 29 and ran through August 7. Based on the facilities available at the park, total number of registrants is limited to the following at each park:

- Mertensia Road Park: 150
- Pumpkin Hook Park: 100
- Town Park: 100
- Farmbrook Park: 100

Campers provide their own lunches each day and it is a fair weather program, meaning that children go home on days with very poor weather. A shelter is required for each location so that children have a place to go to for table activities and a place to get out of the sun and minor rain showers.

The summer program also sponsors field trips for the campers to such locations as Kershaw Park in Canandaigua, Seabreeze in Irondequoit, and a Redwings baseball game.

Football, Soccer, and Lacrosse

Football, soccer, and lacrosse are played on large rectangular fields of somewhat similar size. Younger classes of lacrosse and soccer can use smaller fields. The heaviest demand for rectangular fields occurs during the spring.

Victor Blue Devils Youth Football and Cheerleading Club has 180 enrollees on 6 teams ages 6 to 14. That number is not expected to increase or decrease



Victor Blue Devils Youth Football and Cheerleading Club

over the next five years. Demand for football fields is not likely to increase significantly. There are three fields they play at, Corbi Field in Victor, Fairport High school in Fairport, and Publishers Parkway in Webster.

Victor-Farmington United Soccer Club has nearly 1300 enrollees, including 350 competitive players on approximately 24 teams in the travel portion, 330 players in the fall program, 80 in the Winter Skills Academy, and 524 in the summer recreational portion. At any one time, the number of participants is up to 1,000 in seasonal play. Ages are 7 to 18. The growth rate has been 5 to 10 percent per year. There is a current deficiency of full size field (preferably 80 x 120 yds.) and two junior size fields, according to league officials, especially for practice and scrimmage games.



Victor-Farmington United Soccer Club

The club uses fields in the Town of Victor, Town of Farmington, and on the Victor School Campus. The club has identified a need for more fields for practice and game use, as those currently in use are worn out from overuse by mid- to late-season and thus pose safety hazards for players. The club's wish list includes goals, bleachers, turf, corner flags, stripe equipment, and field lighting to alleviate overcrowding of practice and game fields due to scheduling.

Victor Youth Boy's Lacrosse has had 200-225 players ranging from kindergarten to 6th grade. It uses 6 fields at the Victor School Campus and one at Dryer Road Park. It has consistently seen 10 per cent growth per year over the past 10 +/- years, and thus expects to need one full field every two years. A full-size field can be used as two junior-size fields for first and second graders if not scheduled for regular play.

The Victor Youth Girl's Lacrosse program caters to a similar age group, is growing, and will have similar needs as the Boy's program. There are 126 girls from kindergarten through 6th grade and 70 girls in the 7th through 12th grade in the school program, for a total of 196 girl lacrosse players.



Victor Youth Girl's Lacrosse program

From earlier discussions, we note that the club's immediate needs include several more fields so that practice and games can be held in one location, separate from the school campus, to prevent scheduling conflicts with the varsity team. Also needed are field bleachers, backstops, catch nets, and lights for night games to alleviate scheduling conflicts. The club also suggests that the Town designate certain fields for certain sports only, to make them consistently available.

Per the VCSD Athletic Director in September of 2015, the use of the fields at the VCSD complex is at an all-time high. In the fall they support Victor Youth football which practice from August 1 through the end of October. They use 5 practice fields and the game turf field on a daily basis throughout the season. They also support the cheerleading teams that use 3 fields in the fall. The fall soccer club teams use two fields in the Fall, predominantly on the weekends. There is also Fall Ball with the Victor Little League and Softball and they use 6 fields all Fall.

In the Spring, he states, they simply cannot continue to support the needs from club soccer, boy's lacrosse, and girl's lacrosse. These programs continue to grow and ask for more field use. The school teams practice from 3-5:30 and as soon as they step off the fields, the community groups step on. The community groups would like to extend how long they can use the grass fields in the summer but VCSD needs adequate time to repair the fields.

Current use of playing fields to their full capacity does not permit the Town to rotate fields "off-line" for needed periodic maintenance. Development of additional fields on the school campus is not feasible. A minimum of ten



Village on the Park

percent or more of additional field capacity is necessary to reduce field use and to allow rotation and renovation of fields.

With the existing nine rectangular fields at the school campus, plus 3 large fields and 2 small (half-size) fields at 3 Town of Farmington parks, plus two fields at Dryer Road Park and two at Village on the Park (both Town of Victor parks), meeting current program needs will require a minimum of two new fields to allow field maintenance. In addition, to prevent wearing out fields from overuse, two other fields should be "off-line" for renovation and restoration during the next five years.

Baseball, Youth Baseball, and Softball

Baseball, youth baseball, and softball are popular in Farmington and Victor. While each has different requirements for diamonds, they are addressed collectively for planning purposes.



Victor Community Baseball and Softball Association, Inc.

Although school needs are essentially met with existing fields, community demand for existing fields exceeds capacity. There are 650 boys and girls, ages 4 to 19, enrolled in Victor Community Baseball and Softball Association, Inc. (VCBS) programs. The league projects at least five percent growth per year. In 2015, there were 89 kids in the 'Intro' program, 381 playing Little League in the 'House' program, and 11 'Challenger' program for a total of 481. Approximately 155 of those play travel. Fall Ball registration was 160 kids but is not included in the total number above. The softball program had 141 kids in the developmental program and 159 playing travel softball. In 2016 about 500 kids participate in Victor Baseball (estimate 150-175 are Farmington residents), and 125-150 participate in Softball (estimate 50 are Farmington residents).

There are a total of 8 baseball / softball fields in five Town parks including one each at Pumpkin Hook, Mertensia Road, and Farmbrook parks, 2 fields at Farmington Grove Park, and 3 at the Town park. The league's main short-term need is for a full-size (90-ft.) senior baseball field, of which there are none in the Town for general use. This would serve the older high school students not on the varsity or JV teams, and any adult or teen recreational needs. There is a proposal in place now to upgrade the existing senior game field with new lighting, dugouts, fencing and other improvements.



Tennis Court at Pumpkin Hook Park

One additional baseball / softball field is needed immediately and two for the longer term, according to the Town recreation department staff to aid in providing close-by practice and game fields for the Town youth population. The field could be large enough to accommodate adult softball play for which there is also a need in the town. Beaver Creek Park, with a master plan completed in 2015, will accommodate one such field. The field would overlap a rectangular field, so that fencing around them would not be possible.

Outdoor Tennis Courts

Outdoor tennis courts serve high school teams and players, who do not participate at private, club, and commercial courts as well as other town residents. Currently, there are 7 tennis courts in Town of Farmington Parks. Six courts at the VCSD school campus and two at Fishers Park would appear to exceed current "non-school" demand, given the NRPA standard of 1 court per 2000 residents. As additional town parks are developed in the future, consideration should be given to developing courts within those parks conveniently located near population centers. The master plan for Beaver Creek Park as completed in 2015 shows an additional 2 tennis courts which would be very convenient to a new large population in the town. Beyond that, no new tennis courts



Old Ice Skating Rink at Farmington Grove

are recommended.

Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks

Interest in ice-skating consists of two principal forms: recreational ice-skating and ice hockey. Speed skating and figure skating are specialties beyond the scope of the Town. The Victor Central School District and Canandaigua City School District offer a varsity hockey team and a junior high school club team. There are also spring and summer league teams.

Three indoor ice arenas are available and used by Victor Hockey within reasonable, yet inconvenient, travel distances. They are the Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, the Thomas Creek Ice Arena in Perinton, and ESL Sports Center in Brighton. Other facilities are available at greater distances from Victor and Farmington.



Box lacrosse/roller hockey rink at Dryer Road Park

Outdoor ice skating rinks for recreational skating or hockey are not recommended in Farmington's climate. They require a significant investment in labor to establish and maintain ice for only very limited days of satisfactory skating. Very few towns in this region still attempt to offer outdoor natural ice-skating. Farmington does not have sufficient staff or resources to attempt to maintain acceptable outdoor ice skating.

The box lacrosse/roller hockey rink at Dryer Road Park in the Town of Victor, currently for summer use only, consists of a concrete slab of ice hockey dimensions. It is crowned to drain for potential use as an ice hockey rink but has not been used for that purpose.

Outdoor Aquatic Centers

Farmington has no outdoor public swimming pool, nor natural beaches. Public outdoor pools have declined in popularity in most suburban environments. The availability of private home and club pools, declining interest in "static" pools, and easy access to natural beaches, particularly in the Kershaw Park, Canandaigua, other Finger Lakes locations, and at Lake Ontario, further decreases demand for a public outdoor pool in Farmington.



Seabreeze Park in Irondequoit

Aquatic centers with a variety of amusements such as water slides, spray pools, wave pools, and other attractions hold interest longer and have greater appeal to today's participants. The regional demand for aquatics is well served at the new commercial water park in Canandaigua and at Seabreeze Park in Irondequoit. Six Flags Darien lakes offers a large water park one hour's drive from Victor. The Town of Perinton added an indoor aquatic facility to its recreation center. Farmington itself has insufficient population to support a local municipal outdoor aquatic center.

In-Line Skating, Skateboarding, and Roller Hockey

In-line skating and skateboarding are mainstream activities appealing to large numbers of mostly younger participants. In-line skating is a valid form of transportation and recreation for which provisions should be made. Roller hockey uses in-line skates for an increasingly popular sport similar to ice hockey and using a similar rink.

Skateboarding is also a well-established activity popular primarily among teenagers. The lack of appropriate venues for skateboarding often leads to misuse and conflicts with pedestrians and retailers in commercial areas. Skateboard parks are a desirable recreational facility. They may be simple and "portable" or large, complex, and very attractive.

Development of a skateboard park should be considered if residents



Auburn Trail

express sufficient interest. A permanent skateboard park consisting of a level platform with manufactured ramps, pipes, rails, and other structures should be built, preferably within or close to the population center of the Town, as a central convenient location is important for accessibility by youth.

Hiking and Biking Trails

Trailways and linkages among neighborhoods and destinations are important assets with increasing demand. Trails of all types are frequently the most used recreational feature of any particular community. Equally as important is the availability of walkable connections between parks and neighborhoods. The planning of the Auburn Meadows / Beaver Creek developments has, at the behest of the Town staff and Planning Board included a network of trail connections to open space, Beaver Creek Park, the Auburn trail, and other neighborhoods.

Within the Town, pedestrian and bicycle linkages among neighborhoods and between neighborhoods and destinations such as schools, parks, and commercial centers should be a priority. Planning for additions to the existing network of trails should incorporate trail connections to parks wherever possible, as these could serve the needs both of hiking and trail running clubs and of those who want access to parks for other uses. Sidewalk connections should be incorporated where trails cannot be. When roads are improved, consideration should be given to widening and striping for delineated bike routes or, more desirable but less easily accomplished, providing parallel bike paths out of the roadway.

There is no standard amount of miles of trails within a town. There can be guidelines and objectives for the creation of varied types of trails, walkways, bikeways, and other linkages. The American Hiking Society recommends a trail within one mile of any location within a community. Farmington has trails in place and opportunities for additional trails that suggest such a guideline could be met, particularly in the more populated portions of the Town.

In Farmington, the Auburn Line railroad right-of-way is currently being developed as part of larger regional trail systems that has potential for significant long-distance linkages. Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. has been collaborating with neighboring towns for additional inter-municipal historical, cultural, and recreational linkages that have significant potential as Town resources.

The Beaver Creek Master Plan Advisory Group has reinforced the notion that hiking / walking trails are often the most-used park amenity by a wide margin. This is especially true when trails are considered in combination with nature trails, fishing, and other passive activities, such as the proposed arboretum at Beaver Creek park. This points to the need to develop more trails as the population grows.

All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and Snowmobile Trails

In general, there continues to be interest in seeing more trails developed for use by ATV and snowmobile enthusiasts. It is a Town Code requirement and should continue to be policy, that, mostly for safety reasons, ATVs and snowmobiles not be allowed on Town park property and trails. Signs to this effect should continue to be posted at all entrances to parks. ATV and snowmobile riders should be encouraged to pursue alternative trail resources such as shared-use roadways, private property agreements, utility right-of-ways, and the like. The Lehigh Valley Snow Riders out of Shortsville are a good resource for anyone interested in snowmobiling. The Lehighs website locates various trails throughout the region, including a trail that runs from Red Jacket Central School in Manchester North to State Route 96 in Farmington.

Pavilions and Lodges

The lodge at Mertensia Road Park is multi-purpose and serves a large variety of Groups as well as for meetings orchestrated by the Town and other civic groups. It is booked for events on a regular and continuing basis. The Master Plan Advisory Group commented on the general need for pavilions, shelters, and lodges and, as such a lodge has been proposed for Beaver Creek Park as well as a picnic shelter.

Most towns find value in an enclosed lodge, cabin, or park center that contains meeting space, a small kitchen, and restrooms. Such a facility within a park can serve many recreational programs and take advantage of

adjacent park facilities. It is a potential revenue source as it can be rented for fees to groups and families for special events. There is ample space for lodges in existing parks. Ideal sites should be identified and developed for this use, as many park users identified such a need.

Children's Play Areas

There are playgrounds in five of the six Town Parks, each having equipment for both the 2-5 year age group and the 5-12 year age group with the exception of Mertensia Road and Town Park that have equipment for the 5-12 year old age group only. They are both important destinations and supplementary attractions to other facilities at parks. There is no standard for quantifying the need for children's play areas. However, play areas should be provided at each active park for ease of access by families in nearby neighborhoods. Playgrounds are frequently the most-used park amenity, and received high ranking in discussions about new park development.

Children's play areas must meet current Consumer Product Safety Commission, Americans with Disabilities Act, New York State standards, and other standards for safety and accessibility, of equipment design and maintenance, and for ground surfacing. They should also provide quality creative and interactive play experiences.

The Town should establish procedures for ongoing monitoring and maintenance of equipment and surfacing. The parks maintenance supervisor should receive training in accepted standards for play area design and maintenance and periodically renew it.

Other Outdoor Facilities

Most other outdoor facilities commonly provided by a town such as Farmington can be readily accommodated within a park system as physical features, conditions, and demands justify.

The Town will be expected to provide a greater array of outdoor facilities on Town park lands to complement existing school and other outdoor facilities which will, also, require the Town to increase its role in controlling, scheduling, and assisting user groups.

DEMANDS FOR INDOOR FACILITIES FOR RECREATION

Nearly all indoor facilities for public recreation within Farmington are provided by the Victor Central School District. All of these facilities are located outside the Town boundary. The lodge at Mertensia Road Park has space suitable to accommodate indoor activities for small groups (40 people +/-) such as senior citizen group activities and a teen center, but demand for many other types of space now exceeds availability. Continued growth in population and participation will increase the demands for new indoor facilities closer to home.

Expansion of school facilities in the near future is not likely. Significant development of facilities by others is also not likely. The Town will be expected to play a larger role in the provision of indoor recreational facilities and programs.

Of particular importance to the Town is the opening of a major, regional athletic complex, Pinnacle Athletic Campus, privately owned and operated, on Phillips Road in the Town of Victor. It is approximately 5 miles from the Town of Farmington line and serves a variety of indoor activities and sports. Plans for future development include outdoor facilities as well including athletic fields (practice and game fields) trails and other facilities.

Negotiations for including the Town of Victor Parks and Recreation Department offices at the Pinnacle facility were not successful and Victor P & R has since (as of December, 2015) moved into new offices and facilities at a nearby location off Wangum Road, near Main Street Fishers, around the corner from Fishers Park. The facility will continue to contain space for various health and fitness activities, classes, and meetings.



Pinnacle Athletic Campus

Gymnasiums

All gymnasiums are located outside the Town limits at schools in the Canandaigua City School District or VCSD. Both the School Districts and user groups indicate the gyms are used to capacity and many users cannot be accommodated. There are currently demands for gymnasium times for recreation during the after-school, evening, and weekend times that are not served by school gyms. The unmet demands will increase with both population growth and, as observed elsewhere, growth in participation in activities served by gymnasiums. In the offseason other school teams are paying large amounts of money to rent indoor space at Pinnacle because they cannot get gym time at Victor.



Canandaigua City School District

Field House

Many of the activities demanding gymnasium space can be accommodated in a field house as well as/or better than in a Community Center. Indoor practice of outdoor sports and indoor versions of outdoor sports require large open spaces. Other gymnasium-type activities such as basketball, volleyball, and indoor track can also be accommodated in a field house. A field house was constructed on Phillips Road in the Town of Victor (Pinnacle Athletic Campus), completed in 2014, which is a private development serving the Towns of Victor, Farmington, Perinton, Pittsford, and beyond. It is used for sports practices for soccer, baseball, T-ball, basketball, lacrosse, volleyball, martial arts, fitness, and other activities.

Indoor Swimming Pools

Indoor swimming pools serve a variety of activities for all ages. They are used for instructional, competitive, therapeutic, and certain recreational activities. The High School has one 25-yard pool, which has recently been renovated and which is reportedly used to its maximum. Victor Swim club sponsors several types of swim programs and cannot accommodate all prospective participants or types of potential programs due to lack of additional pool time. In the recent past there has been significant interest in an indoor swimming pool so that families, working adults, and a variety of non-swim-club uses can be accommodated year-round. The existing pool serves the swim club and has few slots open for community use: there is an early-morning weekday session for lap swimming. Tuesday evening is open swimming and Friday evening is family night.



Victor Swim Club

National Recreation and Park Association facilities guidelines recommend one 50-meter pool per 20,000 people, which roughly translates in water area to three 25-meter pools, or one 25-meter pool per 6,667 people. The combined populations of Victor and Farmington is well over 20,000 and would support that standard at this time.

Contemporary aquatic centers offer a variety of recreational water activities in addition to a customary pool. These often include zero-depth-entry pool, water slides, spray grounds, and others that broaden appeal, lengthen participation times, and generate revenues.

Indoor pools and aquatic centers have high operating and maintenance costs. The plan should include an estimate of annual costs and probable revenues to determine whether the Town is able to support the cost of constructing and operating a pool or an indoor aquatic center.

Indoor Ice Skating Rinks

Interest has been expressed for an indoor ice arena in the vicinity of Farmington and Victor. Indoor rinks can serve a wide variety of year round activities in addition to ice skating and hockey.



Greater Canandaigua Civic Center

Victor Hockey uses rinks at three facilities that are within twenty miles of Farmington. The Greater Canandaigua Civic Center is a fine facility. Thomas Creek Ice Arena in Perinton offers two rinks. ESL Sports Center is adjacent to Monroe Community College. Other rinks are available at greater distances.

Indoor ice skating rinks are expensive to build, maintain, and operate. It is unlikely that a public or commercial rink between Perinton and Canandaigua is feasible at this time. When sufficient demand exists, the Greater Canandaigua Civic Center has the potential to expand to a second rink. The GCCC facility is a single field house and operates as an ice rink during the winter months and a turf field house during the summer months.

Fitness I Wellness Centers

A fitness/wellness center can be an attractive feature of a community center. The Town must decide its role in providing a fitness/wellness center within the existing market of commercial and other centers such as the YMCA and the newly constructed Pinnacle Athletic Campus. Approaches could include a Town-owned center providing entry-level services that do not directly compete with other centers or facilities, yet charging market-level fees that would cover all costs. Alternatively, the Town could partner with an entity such as YMCA to provide a facility, or could enable a private enterprise to provide facilities.

Senior Citizens Center

The only facility used frequently by seniors in the town at this time is the Mertensia Road Park lodge. A larger venue available for seniors whenever desired could be an important feature of a community center that could also be available for other activities when not being used for seniors' activities. Senior citizens should participate in the planning of a facility and identify with it. Typically, a lounge, a kitchen, a dining room, and an activity room are found in senior citizens centers. The senior citizens have indicated a need for a larger kitchen facility and have expressed interest in a lodge for a larger meeting space. Meeting rooms could be included as part of the potential community center.

Teen Center

Teen centers can take a variety of forms and serve a wide range of teen needs and activities. They often serve the segment of the teen population that does not participate in athletic and other activities of widespread interest. They can also serve as meeting rooms or places to unwind during time off for those who do participate in athletic programs. Many communities offer teen centers and programs with widely varying successes. The School District and the Town each offer some programs for teens but there are currently no such programs in the Town, although the Town of Victor does offer such programs for teens.

To accommodate teen use, appropriate amenities for leisure activity include audio and video equipment, couches, and game tables such as pool, ping-pong, and foosball. The room could be sized to accommodate about 15 to 20 students with permanent space for two game tables. If the room were in the community center, away from the school campus, there would be a need for a bus shuttle to provide access from campus. A supervisor would also be needed at least during peak hours of teen use.

Day Care/Pre-school Center

Day care centers are operated by both commercial and non-profit organizations and are, typically, beyond the range of services provided by towns such as Farmington. Care-a-lot Child Care of Farmington-Canandaigua is located off of route 332 in Farmington. Care-a-lot is a family owned day care that was started in Greece NY and provides care for children from 6 weeks to 12 years of age. Neighboring Perinton provides a pre-school center, but not a day care center, at its community center to serve children for short periods of time while parents and guardians are using the facility.

It is not likely that Farmington is prepared to operate a day care center at this time. It might carefully consider the feasibility and desirability of providing a pre-school center as part of a community center.

Rooms that serve either a variety of programs and activities or more specialized activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, and socializing could be made available at a community center and at the School District. The main

room at the Town Hall, courtroom, and the Mertensia Road Park lodge could be used for these purposes.

Multi-use rooms are desirable spaces to include in a community center. The projected growth of Town-sponsored recreational and other programs requiring such spaces, in addition to the needs of other growing community organizations for such rooms, will prompt their inclusion in a community center if one is built. Multi-use rooms can help reduce capital costs by eliminating construction of specific rooms for single purposes.

Parks and Recreation Department Offices

The department is currently housed at Mertensia Park Lodge. If a community center is built, it is probable that the Parks and Recreation Department offices will be relocated to that facility. At that time, the department will increase its responsibilities and staff to enhance both its identity within the community and its efficiency in operating the center and various programs within the center.

Parks Operations Center

Park maintenance staff responsibilities will continue to grow as parkland is acquired and developed by the Town. The Town park maintenance operations are based from its main facility at the Town Hall campus on Collett Rd. The space provides indoor equipment and materials storage, maintenance shop, office, and support spaces to serve needs for the foreseeable future. For the Beaver Creek Park facility proposed for near-term development, a park maintenance structure is proposed that would garage vehicles and equipment and house park staff.

OTHER RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Many recreational activities cannot or need not be quantified in a master plan. Besides the highly developed facilities which can be quantified for organized activities, there is a need for informal spaces for non-organized sports; informal activities, such as picnicking, walking, kite flying, Frisbee, birding, and many other "non-scheduled" activities; as well as spaces set aside for "quiet", scenic, and environmental enjoyment.



Boughton Park

DEMANDS FOR RECREATIONAL LANDS

Parks and other public recreational lands are valuable assets to the quality of life in a community. It is also argued that a quality and adequate park system and preservation of important open spaces enhance real estate values and attract residents and businesses to the community.

The quantity and, to a large extent, the types of park land within a community will vary depending on availability, character of land, population density and distribution, and other factors. No single standard applies.

Recreational lands in nearby towns in Monroe County and towns elsewhere vary from approximately ten to fifteen acres of municipal recreational lands per 1,000 people. The neighboring Town of Victor, including the Victor Central School District and Boughton Park but not Ganondagan State Historic Site, currently own or have access to approximately 87 acres of recreational lands per 1,000 people. Town and Village park lands account for just over 43 acres per 1000 residents.

As a rapidly growing town with an abundance of open space remaining, Farmington should continue to acquire land suitable for recreation to serve future needs while it is reasonably available. The Town should seek to make strategic acquisitions of parcels adjacent to existing parkland wherever possible in order to facilitate park connections to neighborhoods as well as provide more acreage for amenities. Acquisitions should take place in conjunction with approvals of new residential developments only if the land to be acquired suits the needs of the town and fulfills a higher need than what can be achieved with the collection of a recreation fee for each



Ganondagan State Historic Site

home developed and uses those trust fund moneys for development of existing park land.

Much of the Town's parkland, with the exception of Beaver Creek Park, is well developed at this time. With the anticipated population growth, Farmington should seek additional park lands for future development. Such park lands are easier to develop when not associated with particular residential or commercial developments where neighbors are much more concerned about control of activities in their back yard.

Park Land for Active Recreation

The minimum quantity and nature of parkland to accommodate specific active recreational facilities can be determined. Acquisition of land for active facilities should be suitable for development and should be located for convenient access. Lands adjacent to existing parks should be given higher priority in order to allow for greater expansion capabilities and shared use of nearby existing facilities (i.e. parking and restrooms).

Special Use Recreational Lands

Lands offering unique features or opportunities for activities not otherwise available should be acquired regardless of acreage as opportunities occur. Examples include nature centers, bikeways, scenic vistas, fishing access, and a community center site.

4. Planning

ROLES OF TOWN AND OTHERS

General

In the past several years, Farmington's Parks and Recreation Department has been trying to establish its role and responsibility for the delivery of various recreational programs and facilities.

Currently the Town of Farmington offers minimal recreational programs to its citizens. Most of the recreational programs are limited to summer playground programs and special events. A small number of adult programs have been offered by the Farmington Area Senior Citizens program such as the adult travel club.

The Town of Farmington provides six parks that are used by town residents and for town programs such as its summer recreational program. The majority of participants in organized recreational activities belong to organized sports leagues that are in nearly all cases run by volunteers, non-profit leagues, or through school districts from more than one town. Town parks currently serve those groups by offering fields for practice as well as some for league games. Commercial and private venues serve demands for soccer, baseball, lacrosse, ice skating, golf, equestrian activities, and others.

Many residents participate in recreational programs offered by the Town of Victor and Victor Central School District. However Farmington residents must wait for Victor residents, who have first preference, to enroll in programs before they are allowed to enroll and pay a non-resident surcharge.

The Town has recently acquired land holdings in Section 3 of The Estates at Beaver Creek Subdivision Tract to be used for park land along with parcels of land located in the Auburn Meadows Subdivision Tract. The Town Parks and Recreation Department has implemented a planning process to work with residents and the advisory committee to determine the best uses for these lands. A similar planning process will likely be a part of most park development projects in the future.

Facilities

The Town of Farmington currently has about 80 acres of park land. This park land can only meet a small portion of the towns recreational needs, the town has looked to Victor Central School District to help offset their needs. The Victor Central School District does prioritize the Victor residents over the Farmington residents.

State and county parks, not-for-profit organizations, and commercial and private operators typically offer facilities and resources that complement, rather than duplicate, facilities offered locally. Many of these facilities serve markets that are much larger in population or geographic area than a town such as Farmington. The Greater Canandaigua Civic Center Ice Arena, Thomas Creek Ice Arena in Perinton, golf courses outside of the Town, and Monroe County's Mendon Ponds and Powder Mills Parks are examples of resources available to and used by Farmington residents.

With the desire for new park land undertaken, the Town must further define its park use policies regarding long-term capital investments, scheduling of facilities, recreational programming, and potential revenue generation.



Thomas Creek Ice Arena



Mendon Ponds



Powder Mills Park

Policies for acceptance of park land within residential subdivisions need to be reconsidered to ensure that lands received by the Town serve identified recreational needs, will be available to all Town residents, and can be appropriately operated and maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. Park land located within a subdivision (i.e. surrounded on all sides) invariably brings about a series of issues such as traffic, noise, wildlife, and other impacts. Parking and other logistics that continue to plague use of some lands must be resolved prior to acceptance of these lands.

PROGRAMS

Independent sports organizations, Farmington Summer Recreation program, and the Victor Central School District offer a significant majority of recreational programming for residents of Farmington. Most of these programs include both Farmington and non-Farmington residents. Farmington relies on the Town of Victor and the City of Canandaigua for a portion of their recreational needs.

The relationship between Farmington and Victor residents is long-standing and is not likely to change in the foreseeable future. As in many other communities, school district boundaries are much stronger than municipal boundaries in determining associations, particularly when school children form relationships at school.

The Town of Farmington offers a Farmington Area Senior Citizens program aimed at adult senior residents. The Town of Farmington intends to continue its various recreational and education program and offer programs where a demand is identified.

The Town of Farmington has not historically had the facilities, program capabilities, or administrative resources to offer a broad range of recreational programs or to serve as a “clearing house” for recruiting and scheduling sports leagues or similar organizations.

As the Town develops its parks trails and indoor facilities, it should identify constituencies that are not now nor are likely to be served by the Victor School District, existing organizations, or private enterprise. Certain preschool, recreational youth sports, adult sports, and senior citizens’ programs may be accommodated in proposed facilities and offered where sufficient demand justifies. Town programs would then have priority for use of Town facilities and it could schedule use by other organizations at resulting available times.

Most of the youth sports programs are presently self-sufficient, rely primarily on the Victor Central School District for facilities, and include Victor residents. Many of these programs anticipate continuing growth in participants, current or soon-to-occur shortages of needed facilities, and lack of ability to create their own facilities. Victor Central School District continues to require over-used fields to be set aside for periods of time and putting additional pressure on organizations to find alternative locations.

Northwest Quadrant

Pumpkin Hook is the only park that serves the northwest quadrant of the Town. While most of the town residents reside in the southwest, there are several residential developments in this portion of the town. The park while offering appropriate acreage to serve active recreation, passive recreation, and special experiences, could be inadequate for the amount of residential development around it. The Town should acquire additional land as opportunities are presented to allow for greater recreational activity for future generations.

Southwest Quadrant

Most of the Town's Parks, along with many of the Town's residents, reside in this quadrant. Town Hall Park is located at the edge of the southwest and northwest quadrants and is the Town's largest park. Mertensia Park is the second largest park and is well suited for both active and passive recreation. Other parks that are located in this quadrant are Farmbrook Park, and Farmington Grove Park. While there are several parks in this quadrant,

the residents still require land acquisition for future park land due to the rapid growth. The town has acquired a 40-acre parcel of land, known as Beaver Creek Park in the Auburn Meadows Subdivision, that is well suited for active and passive recreation.

Southeast Quadrant

The southeast quadrant of the Town is mostly agricultural development. There is one park in this quadrant, Meeting House Park, and is small and suitable to provide only passive recreation opportunities for a limited number of people.

Northeast Quadrant

Currently there are no parks located in this quadrant. Since this quadrant is mostly agricultural development, the need for areas with recreational activity is not as significant.

Parks for Special Experiences

Parks for special experiences may be stand-alone parcels containing unique visual, environmental, cultural, or historical interest or they may be discrete sections of larger parks with active recreation.

Parks for special experiences typically occur as opportunities provide. They may become available through outright purchase, various forms of less than fee simple ownership, or they may be donated to the Town or another entity.

While many parcels may be identified as significant landmarks or open spaces, parks should have accommodations for public access, parking, and for appropriate recreational pursuits.

For example, Portions of Mertensia can be considered venues for special experiences. The Mertensia Park land offers opportunities for many types of uses. The northwestern part of Mertensia contains woods, and a meandering creek, making it well suited to become a natural area for trails and wildlife observation, making it fit in the category of parks for special experiences.

Trails

Trails have become an important component of Farmington's recreational inventory. Demand for trails is high in Farmington, as it is in the neighboring Town of Victor and many other communities.

Opportunities exist for expansion of the trails network in Farmington to link many neighborhoods with other neighborhoods, parks, and other attractions. Additional trails may be destinations offering things to do or see. Inter-municipal coordination, planning, and financing are necessary to link important regional and multi-town trails and to enhance qualification for grants-in-aid.

Outstanding potential opportunities have been identified for regional linkages. The Town of Farmington is actively collaborating with regional and neighboring trails organizations to enable these linkages as integral parts of its trail network. The current Auburn Trail improvements project is an example of this collaborations.

The Town of Farmington currently does not have a trails committee to oversee the coordination and implementation of the establishment of trails. A trails committee should be formed that would be in charge of creating a long range plan for acquisition of land, right of way permits and funding for the construction and maintenance of trails. Currently the town is in the process of designing the Auburn Trail Connector, a three mile long multi-use trail that will provide a bicycle and pedestrian connection between the existing Auburn Trail at the Victor Town line, and neighborhoods located in the towns of Canandaigua and Farmington. Along with the implementation of Auburn trail the town should identify:

- Specific trail route where it can be identified (such as abandoned rail line)
- Conceptual trail route: alternatives and future availability will determine actual route

- Connectivity to larger inter-municipal trail systems and to other parks/neighborhoods
- Class and specified uses of each trail (or trail segment, where appropriate)
- Construction and maintenance standards for each class of trail
- Provisions for ensuring permanent maintenance
- Potential sources and means of financing acquisition by purchase, easement, permit, or other rights.

The plan should address implementation strategies, land acquisitions, and techniques for obtaining trailway rights through purchase, permits, easements, and other means. Roles of the Town and the neighboring Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. in providing and maintaining trails should be clearly defined and strategies developed to design and construct trails for efficient long term maintenance. The Town should maintain trails on Town property.



Lehigh Valley Trail

Acceptance of trail lands or rights should be in accord with the trails master plan to ensure that the lands meet the criteria, comply with public concerns, and can undergo needed maintenance. A variety of trail uses should be encouraged. In addition to hiking trails, opportunities should be explored for additional potential trail uses such as pleasure biking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, and, perhaps, snowmobiling. These uses are not generally compatible with walking, hiking, and jogging but can often be combined where they can be properly designed such as the horseback riding trail in Menden along side of the hiking trail (the Lehigh Valley Trail). Local snowmobilers should be encouraged to coordinate with Ontario County and snowmobile clubs in neighboring towns to create snowmobile trails.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2008 Master Plan Recommendations

When deciding on recommendations, this report has reviewed recommendations from the 2008 Parks and Recreation Master Plan update and has assessed what has been completed and what still needs to be done. The 2008 Master Plan addressed the following subjects as identified by the residents of the Town:

- Recreational programs and services
- Parks and Facilities
- Trails
- Recreational Staff
- Recreation Commission

This Master Plan will use these subjects as a guideline to expand on these recommendations, while providing new recommendations for the future.

Recreation Programs and Services

The 2008 Parks and Recreation Master Plan states that the Town of Farmington offers minimal recreation programs, a summer playground program and special events, and a modest subsidy to the senior citizens program. While youth sports are run almost exclusively by non-profit leagues, or school districts. The 2008 plan claimed that many of the Town Residents participate or attempt to participate in programs offered by the Town of Victor, a statement that is still widely true today. With this information in mind the 2008 Master Plan came up with two optional actions.

The first action called for was an inter-municipal agreement with a neighboring town to provide recreational services to Farmington residents. This was to be an agreement that would allow for Farmington residents to have full access to the programs offered by Victor, with no waiting, grace periods or surcharges for being out of town.

A fair share of funding would be offered by the Town of Farmington in support of this agreement. The 2008 master plan does discuss the disadvantages of partnering with Towns that do not have an established recreation department like Farmington. Currently it does not appear that any such agreement has been pursued or adopted. An Inter-Municipal agreement could still be considered as a desirable action in the future that would be an asset to the town residents.

The Second action was to create a full time Farmington Recreation Department. This required the Town to hire a full time recreation director, and staff with salary and costs associated with hiring, appropriate office space and facilities, and the cost of starting a recreation program. While this would be the more expensive and more time consuming action, the Town chose to follow this recommendation.

Parks and Facilities

Background

The Town of Farmington should acquire and develop a system of recreational facilities that will complement those facilities that are or will be available through other sources. Attention should be directed towards improving the present deficiency of recreational facilities to meet the demands of its residents. The Town should recognize that Town park land is only one element of open space that exists in the Town. The Town should continue and expand its efforts to control and obtain open space in the Town. It is recommended that the Town work toward developing a system linking its own park land, flood plains and other land with state and county right-of-ways and land into a system. Open space is an important resource for passive recreational activities such as cross country skiing, hiking, and the like.

In 2008 the Town held approximately 76 acres of developed park land that was to be increased by 31 acres of proposed park land in Auburn Meadows. The 2008 Master Plan stated that this gave the Town approximately 9 acres per 1000 population, which is below the NRPA minimum standard of 9.5-10 acres per 1000 population. Today the Town has approximately 80 acres of developed park land and 87 acres of proposed park land in Auburn Meadows. Currently it is estimated that in the Town of Farmington, there is approximately 9.8 acres of developed open space per 1000 population as shown below:

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| 127 A | Developed Town Park Property (includes the proposed 40A at Beaver Creek) |
| 0 A | Developed School Property |
| 0 A | Developed County Property |
| <u>0 A</u> | Developed State Property |
| 127 A | |

Acres/12904 (2014 est. population) Total x 1000= 9.8 Acres per 1000 people

While this does show that Farmington would meet NRPA criteria, the population in Farmington has been growing and the Town should work with the county and state to ensure that these standards are continuously met.

The 2008 plan stated that the most immediate need for park land is to accommodate 5 rectangular multipurpose athletic fields, totaling no less than 10 acres, that would allow for the resting and restoration of fields at Town Hall and Mertensia Road Parks. The development of the Beaver Creek Park will accommodate 3 out of the 5 needed rectangular fields that was stated needed, it will also have one baseball/ softball field. This park is expected to help relieve some of the pressure on the other Town parks and allow for some field restoration to take place. The Town should still look for additional land to create 2 more fields to help offset the increasing need for rectangular/ multi-purpose fields as well as baseball/softball fields.

The 2008 Master Plan also discusses the need for acquiring or securing rights to developable land for future park development and, possibly, development of indoor facilities. This was to help with the expected growth from 2008 to 2013. Today land acquisition is still desired, however land acquisition within and as part of a residential

development is not recommended. The population has grown from 11,825 to an estimated 12,901 in 2015, assuming a corresponding increase in youth population, which would make for an increase in urgency to acquire additional lands.

Improvements to Existing Parks

The 2008 Master Plan examined the conditions of the existing Town Parks and decided on various recommendations. The Plan states that planning for improvements to parks for design of new parks by the selected professional should consider improvements to parking, park signage, accessible restroom facilities, playground equipment for all ages that is acceptable by the Consumer Products Safety Commission and the Americans with Disabilities Act, and consider the need and functionality of athletic fields.

Suggested improvements to existing parks in 2008 are included below, along with analysis of if these improvement :

Pumpkin Hook Park

- Upgrade playground equipment to conform with ADA regulations
Playground equipment is compliant with ADA and ASTM F1487. However there are some other suggestions and issues that may want to be addressed. While there is an accessible path to the playgrounds and swings, there is not a path to the sand box or whirl, which is needed for ADA compliance. Also the whirl does not appear to have any safety surfacing (needs 6' around the whirl with engineered wood fiber). These elements could either be removed completely, or placed next to their appropriate play areas. The whirl could go to the 5-12 play area 9' away from other equipment, and have the borders adjusted. The sand box could be moved to the 2-5 play area and again, adjust the borders to enclose it within the accessible 2-5 area. The whirl is of an unknown age, and may not be compliant with today's standards requiring a speed limiter on it. If that is the case, it should simply be removed.

When examining the 2-5 and the 5-12 year playgrounds you can see the top of grade white stickers, meaning that added surfacing is needed to cover that sticker to provide appropriate surfacing (IPEMA certification meeting ADA law, ASTM F1951) to meet ASTM F1292. One way to determine if additional surfacing is needed is to determine the transfer point heights. If the transfer point does not fall between 11-18" in height from top of surfacing, then additional surfacing is required.

- Upgrade restrooms to conform with ADA regulations.
The restrooms today are still not fully ADA accessible, they do however allow for ambulatory access but not wheelchair access. To make the bathroom completely ADA compliant the restroom may have to go to one small bathroom, depending on size and layout needed to make this possible based on the current ADA guidelines.
- Install drinking fountains. Ensure these are installed in conformance with ADA regulations
There are two drinking fountains located in the park, only one of the fountains needs to be wheelchair accessible to be ADA compliant. The first fountain is at a height of 43in (ADA standard is 36in max) requiring 2 steps that would block access for someone in a wheelchair. If this fountain is meant to be the standing person fountain then it does meet those regulations. The second fountain then would have to be fully ADA accessible, which it is not. The reason it is not is because the layout of the pipe would not allow for a person in a wheelchair to use it, also since it is in the grass there is no accessible route. Since neither fountain is fully ADA accessible, they do not conform to regulations. These improvements are still desired and should be considered for future improvements to the park.

- Provide security lighting in the parking lot
There are two lights near the parking lot for security
- Investigate the drainage system for the athletic fields, consider replacing underdrains
The drainage of the southeast large soccer field and the northwest corner of the northwest soccer field is in poor condition and need to be replaced.

Other suggested improvements 2016:

- Soccer fields- Drainage issues for the southeast large soccer field and for the north west corner of the northwest soccer field. We recommend that team benches for the lower soccer field be installed.
- Baseball- The baseball field has not been maintained and needs a full upgrade. The recommendation is to remove the baseball field because it is not used and in such disrepair, and put in a new rectangular multi-use field.
- Parking Lot- Needs updating to be fully handicap compliant, like having designated handicap spaces. Security lighting was recommended and have been installed. Add new parking over the culvert
- Picnic Shelter- Overall minimum repairs are recommended. Those are, a sidewalk connection, a new roof, and stone at drip edge.
- Basketball/ Tennis courts-Both courts have cracks and it is recommended they be repaired, resurfaced and upgraded with new posts and nets.
- Volleyball- It is recommended that an accessible path be installed from the parking lot to the volleyball court. The court should be updated to a playing surface that is ADA compliant.
- General Comments- Is more field storage desired? Bike rack? Add more trees and bushes, remove chain links, more shade.



PUMPKIN HOOK PARK
TOWN OF FARMINGTON



| FACILITY: | DETAIL: |
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| BASEBALL | Remove baseball field and replace with new soccer field. |
| SOCCER | Install new under drains |
| VOLLEYBALL | An accessible path should be installed, along with an ADA playing surface. |
| RESTROOM | Bathrooms to be updated to meet ADA requirements. |
| PLAYGROUND | Power wash, new paint, new benches and install ADA accessible path to sand box. Add surfacing meet ASTM F1292 |
| SLEDDING | Nice addition to the park. |
| PICNIC SHELTER | Install a sidewalk connection, a new roof, and stone at drip edge. |
| TENNIS | Fill cracks, smooth and repaint lines. |
| BASKETBALL | Fill cracks, smooth and repaint lines. |
| SWINGING | Swing sets reviewed to determine if they are ADA accessible. |

| LEGEND | |
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| | Property Boundary |
| | Internal Trail |
| | Auburn Trail |
| | Water |

| PARKS AND OPEN SPACE | |
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| ADDRESS: | 5725-5799 Allen Padgham Rd |
| ACRES: | 14.5 |
| PARKING: | 2 Paved Lots |

Town Hall Park

- Upgrade playground equipment to conform with ADA regulations

There is an accessible path to the playground, digger, and swings. However the playground does not meet ADA requirements because more than 50% of the elevated events are un-accessible from the transfer point. The reason they are not accessible is because the ADA route from the transfer point is broken by an upper body loop ladder. As to how to fix that, one solution is to add a deck to the side with the transfer point and add 2 more events before the upper body loop ladder. An alternate would be to remove 2 events from the non-accessible side and close them off with rung enclosures.

When examining the playground you can see the top of grade white stickers, meaning that added surfacing is needed to cover that sticker to provide appropriate surfacing (IPEMA certification meeting ADA law, ASTM F1951) to meet ASTM F1292. One way to determine if additional surfacing is needed is to determine the transfer point heights. If the transfer point does not fall between 11-18" in height from top of surfacing, then additional surfacing is required.

The elevated sandbox is installed too high, it needed to go in concrete and be a maximum height of 24" high, 30 inches wide (ok there), 17" deep. This looks much higher than 24" height for a wheelchair user, and should be measured to make sure it meets the maximum height.

- Upgrade restrooms to conform with ADA regulations

Similar to the Pumpkin Hook restrooms, they are still not fully ADA accessible, they do however allow for ambulatory access but not wheelchair access. To make the bathroom completely ADA compliant the restroom may have to go to one small bathroom, depending on size and layout needed to make this possible based on the current ADA guidelines.

- Install drinking fountains. Ensure these are installed in conformance with ADA regulations

Same as Pumpkin Hook, there are two drinking fountains located in the parks. Both are considered not fully accessible due to the height of one and the other not having an accessible route being in the grass. These improvements are still desired and should be considered for future improvements to the park.

- Re-stripe parking spaces

Parking lot pavement appears to be in good condition but need to be re-striped.

- Provide Security lighting in parking lot

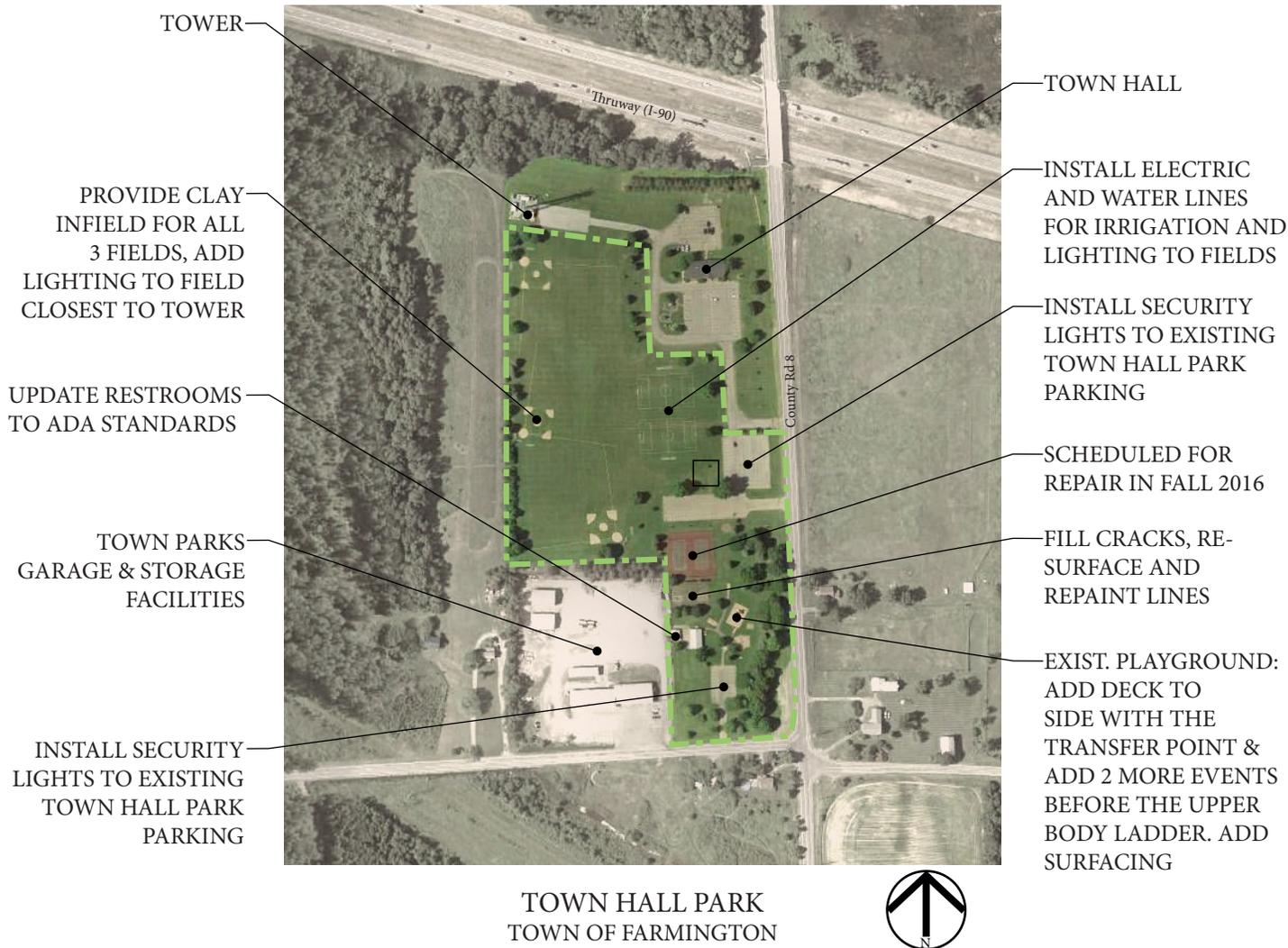
There is security lighting at the parking lot that is adjacent to the Town Hall but there are none at the 2 lots adjacent to the Park. It is recommended that 1-2 lights be added for both park parking lots.

- Rehabilitate and maintain existing fields

Beaver Creek Park, once completed, is meant to allow for fields to be taken off-line temporarily and be rehabilitated, including the 3 proposed multi-use fields and a new softball/baseball field.

Other suggested improvements 2016:

- Soccer fields- appear to be in good condition. It was suggested that Electric and Water be brought to all fields, where needed for lighting and irrigation. Lawns are in good shape considering the drought.
- Baseball fields- Overall appear to be in good condition. It is recommended that infields be upgraded with new clay mix. It is recommended that lighting be added to the field closest to the Tower.
- Tennis & Basketball courts are in need of repair. The tennis court is not in good condition it is scheduled to be repaired this fall 2016. Courts will need a new color coat. The fence around the tennis court needs to be replaced.
- General Comments- Add trees and bushes to screen highway dept. facilities.



TOWN HALL PARK
TOWN OF FARMINGTON

| FACILITY: | DETAIL: |
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| BASEBALL | Add new infield mix to fields. Install electric and water lines to fields. |
| SOCCER | Install electric and water lines to fields. |
| RESTROOM | Bathrooms to be updated to meet ADA requirements. |
| PLAYGROUND | Add a deck to side with the transfer point & add 2 more events before the upper body loop ladder. Add surfacing |
| PICNIC SHELTER | In good condition. |
| TENNIS | Scheduled for repair in fall 2016. |
| BASKETBALL | Fill cracks, smooth and repaint lines. |

| LEGEND | |
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|  | Property Boundary |
|  | Internal Trail |
|  | Auburn Trail |
|  | Water |

| PARKS AND OPEN SPACE | |
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| ADDRESS: | 1000 County Road 8 |
| ACRES: | 26.4 |
| PARKING: | 2 Paved Lots |
| TOWN HALL, PARKS GARAGE, STORAGE FACILITIES | Offices, Town Meetings, Restroom, Storage, Parking |

Mertensia Road Park

- Rehabilitate and maintain existing fields
Beaver Creek Park once completed is meant to help allow this happen with its 3 proposed multi-use field and a new softball/baseball field. More fields are still needed though to reach the total of 5 new fields that the 2008 plan has previously stated needing.
- Continue the process of approving and constructing the lodge
The picnic shelter/lodge construction has been completed and the recreation department is now housed there. Many activities are scheduled for the lodge and it is heavily used.
- Extend the Auburn Branch trail
The extension is part of the current Auburn Trail project that is expected to start construction in 2017.

Other suggested improvements 2016:

- Soccer fields- good condition- provide storage shed. Provide irrigation
- Baseball field- good condition. Provide irrigation.
- Parking lot- Increase in parking especially at the trailhead. Seal parking lot and overflow parking. Re-strip
- Playground- A 2-5 playground is needed. A path is needed to all playground elements to make it fully ADA accessible. This path could also be brought to the baseball field. Repair the wood fence, and add more benches.
- Basketball/ tennis- Clean tennis courts. Provide better access to courts and more benches. North east corner of tennis needs attention. Provide re-surfacing and color coating for all courts.
- General Comments- Add a Pavilion. ADA accessibility all around is an opportunity. Access to courts needs work. Gates damage surface. Clean up litter.



MERTENSIA PARK
TOWN OF FARMINGTON



| FACILITY: | DETAIL: |
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| BASEBALL | Install irrigation |
| SOCCER | Add storage near fields. Install irrigation |
| RESTROOM | Located within Lodge, & in good condition. |
| PLAYGROUND | Install a 2-5 year old play area. Install ADA accessible path to all play areas. Fix wood fence, add more benches. |
| NATURE TRAIL | Nice addition to park. |
| LODGE | Clean patio area |
| TENNIS | Re-surface & Clean tennis courts. Provide better access to courts and more benches. |
| BASKETBALL | Re-surfacing of basketball court. Provide better access to courts and more benches. |
| SWING SET | Install accessible path to all play areas. |

| LEGEND | |
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| | Property Boundary |
| | Internal Trail |
| | Auburn Trail |
| | Water |

| PARKS AND OPEN SPACE | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ADDRESS: | 1390-1394 Mertensia Rd |
| ACRES: | 22.4 |
| PARKING: | 3 Paved Lots |
| TRAIL ACCESS: | Auburn Linear Trail |
| Auburn Linear Trail | Trail, Parking, Garbage Can, Sign |

Farmington Grove Park

- Upgrade playground equipment to conform with ADA regulations
Both the 2-5 and 5-12 configurations do not conform to ADA regulations because of the lack of transfer points making none of the elevated elements accessible. There is also no way to retrofit them as the stairs on the 2-5 playground are still more than an 8" step up. Each playground also has elements on them that do not meet ASTM F1487 as well as ADA. It is recommended that both structures be replaced.

Neither swing set has the appropriate ADA accessible surfacing in the correct safety zones (6' to each side and double the height of the top rail in front and back). They also do not have the an accessible route to them.

The whirl does not have a 6' safety zone of ADA accessible engineered wood fiber around it, or an ADA route to it.

When planning replacement, it would be easiest to make all equipment accessible by providing one route to the play area, and locate all equipment in a linked space via pathways.

- Upgrade restrooms to conform with ADA regulations
The restrooms today are still not fully ADA accessible. They do however allow for ambulatory access but not wheelchair access. To make the bathroom completely ADA compliant the restroom may have to go to one small bathroom, depending on size and layout needed to make this possible based off of the ADA guidelines.
- Install drinking fountains. Ensure these are installed in conformance with ADA regulations
There is only one drinking fountain on site, and for ADA compliance two are needed on site unless one complies with both regulations needed for standing and for wheelchair access. To comply with both sets of standards two spout heads would have to be present at the different height requirements (36in max for wheelchair and 38-43in max for standing), to make the fountain fully ADA accessible.
- Provide security system/cameras and security lighting
Lighting has been provided but there does not appear to be any security system/camera
- Provide picnic tables/benches
Picnic table/ benches have been provided under the picnic shelter. Picnic shelter is small, and has no accessible path from the parking lot. Fill in concrete path leading to the bathrooms.

Other suggested improvements 2016:

- Large paved area (Basketball and ice skating on south end of park). Poor condition many cracks and probably would leak badly. It is recommended that the existing large paved area be converted to a new parking lot with a new driveway from the existing parking lot that would run through where the existing informal volleyball court is located. Upgrade Basketball Court, core pavement samples to determine structure. Replace or upgrade pavement, raise to uniform height and level. A fence would be put around the basketball court to separate from the new parking lot. Tennis Courts: seating and better access is needed and there are cracks that needed to be filed. All courts need repair and a new color coat re-surfacing. Other suggestion is to remove and perhaps build the sledding hill.
- Baseball/ softball-fields in poor condition. Rusted backstop, poor baselines. Both fields need all-new infield, backstops, lawn restoration, and benches
- Parking lot- parking is small, but in good condition
- Volleyball Court- No markings for court. It is recommended the volleyball court be relocated to the southwest side of the park, near the basketball court, to allow access to new parking area.
- General Comments- Nice sledding hill. Remove dead trees.



FARMINGTON GROVE PARK
TOWN OF FARMINGTON



| FACILITY: | DETAIL: |
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| BASEBALL | Install all-new infield mix, backstops, baselines and benches |
| ASPHALT SPACE | Convert to new parking lot. Fill cracks and bring to uniform level. |
| VOLLEYBALL | Relocate near Basketball court. An accessible path should be installed, along with an ADA playing surface. |
| RESTROOM | Bathrooms to be updated to meet ADA requirements. |
| PLAYGROUND | Replace with a new playground that is fully ADA accessible. Remove the merry-go-round. |
| SLEDDING | Maintain sledding hill. |
| PICNIC SHELTER | An ADA accessible path should be installed. Fill in concrete side by bathrooms. |
| TENNIS | Fill cracks, smooth, repaint lines and color coat re-surfacing. |
| BASKETBALL | Fill cracks, raise to uniform height and level, repaint lines and color coat re-surfacing. Add Fence around court |

| LEGEND | |
|---|-------------------|
|  | Property Boundary |
|  | Internal Trail |
|  | Auburn Trail |
|  | Water |

| PARKS AND OPEN SPACE | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| ADDRESS: | 1744 Maplewood Dr |
| ACRES: | 9.2 |
| PARKING: | 1 Paved Lots |

Farmbrook Park

- Upgrade playground equipment to conform with ADA regulations

There is still some work to be done to make this playground fully ADA accessible. The first item to address is the need for an accessible route to the playground areas. To make an accessible path the wood border around the playground would need to be cut out at the 5ft entry access point. The access route may be asphalt, concrete, compacted stone dust, or engineered wood fiber.

The 2-5 year old playground requires one added ground level element in order to be considered accessible. An example of a ground element that could be added is a steering wheel attached to an upright at ground level.

When examining the 2-5 year playground you can see the top of grade white stickers, meaning that added surfacing is needed to cover that sticker to provide appropriate surfacing (IPEMA certification meeting ADA law, ASTM F1951) to meet ASTM F1292. The 5-12 playground should also be examined for if it requires additional surfacing. One way to determine if additional surfacing is needed is to determine the transfer point heights. If the transfer point does not fall between 11-18" in height from top of surfacing, then additional surfacing is required.

The swings sets need to be examined to see if they are compliant with ASTM F1498 regarding spacing of swings between each other and to the side frames. The swing set appears to be an older swing set, possibly before 1994 and may not have a long enough top rail to accommodate the required dimensions. The Town should verify if the swing set meets current regulations.

- Upgrade restrooms to conform with ADA regulations

The restrooms today are still not fully ADA accessible, they do allow for ambulatory access but not wheelchair access. To make the bathroom completely ADA compliant the restroom may have to go to one small bathroom, depending on size and layout needed to make this possible based off of the ADA guidelines.

- Install drinking fountains. Ensure these are installed in conformance with ADA regulations

There is only one drinking fountain on site, and for ADA compliance, two are needed on site unless one complies with both regulations needed for standing and for wheelchair access. To comply with both sets of standards two spout heads would have to be present at the different height requirements (36in max for wheelchair and 38-43in max for standing), to make the fountain fully ADA accessible.

- Full depth reconstruction of parking lot

Parking lot appears to be in good condition. We recommend the addition of interpretive signage regarding stormwater and green infrastructure to highlight the porous pavement and rain garden functions. Re-stripping of the parking lot will be needed.

- Consider security lighting and system/cameras

Security lighting and system/cameras have been added.

- Install walking paths throughout park

A stone dust walking path around the park would connect the playground and picnic shelter to the rest of the park. A future connection to the parcel of land owned by the Farmbrook Neighborhood Association should be considered. The Farmbrook neighborhood association may want to consider creating walking trails throughout their parcel that could connect to the park.

Other suggested improvements 2016:

- Baseball- Field is in poor condition, similar to Pumpkin hook, remove the field and convert it to a

soccer/ multi-use field.

- Picnic Shelter- Return tables to the shelter and fasten them to the floor to secure them. Repair the roof. Re-paint or stain remainder of structure.
- Basketball- Re-surface exist. Asphalt and provide color coat. Provide new backboards and hoops. Provide accessible route.
- Rain Garden: Good condition. Add interpretive signage.
- Replace asphalt walkways that are in very poor condition.
- General comments- Add bike racks and benches. Provide more landscaping, better screening. Provide an accessible route to all park features where possible.



FARMBROOK PARK
TOWN OF FARMINGTON

| FACILITY: | DETAIL: |
|----------------|---|
| BASEBALL | Remove baseball field and replace with new multi-use field. |
| RAIN GARDEN | Add interpretive signage. |
| RESTROOM | Bathrooms to be updated to meet ADA requirements. |
| PLAYGROUND | Install ADA accessible path to all play areas. Power wash, paint. 2-5 year old playground add one ground level element Add surfacing meet ASTM F1292 |
| PICNIC SHELTER | Add tables, a new roof, and a new coat of paint. |
| BASKETBALL | re-striped. Add new back boards. |
| SWINGING | Swing sets reviewed to determine if they are ADA accessible. |
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| LEGEND | |
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|  | Property Boundary |
|  | Internal Trail |
|  | Auburn Trail |
|  | Water |

| PARKS AND OPEN SPACE | |
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| ADDRESS: | 1101-1137 Meadowbrook Ln |
| ACRES: | 14.5 |
| PARKING: | 2 Paved Lots |

Meeting House Park

- Continue to maintain park.
- Provide parking lot for 4-5 spaces, provide a small picnic shelter for 4-6 tables.



| FACILITY: | DETAIL: |
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| PARKING LOT | Pave existing parking lot, define 4-5 spaces |
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| LEGEND | |
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| | Property Boundary |
| | Internal Trail |
| | Auburn Trail |
| | Water |

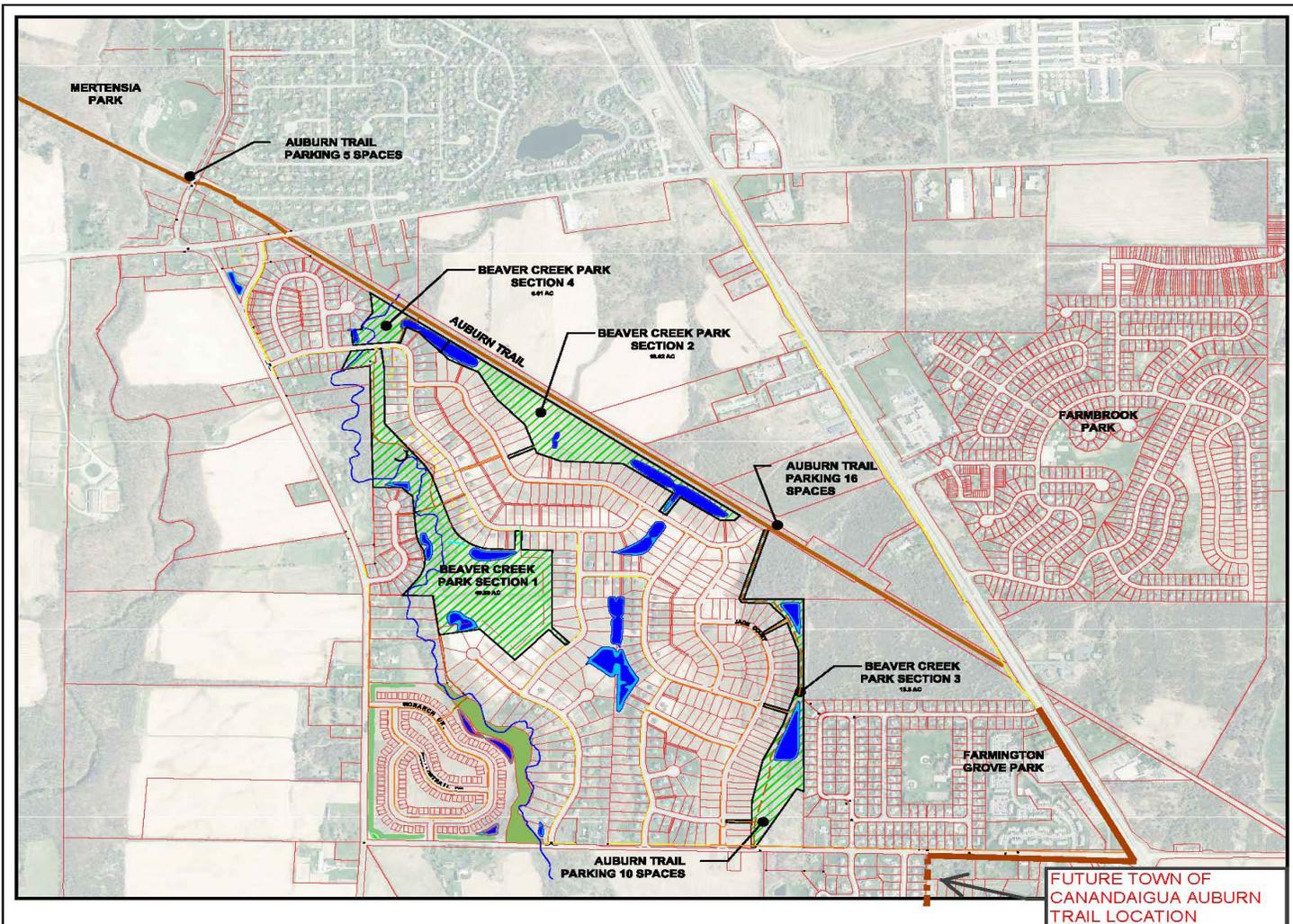
| PARKS AND OPEN SPACE | |
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| ADDRESS: | 5725-5799 Allen Padgham Rd |
| ACRES: | 14.5 |
| PARKING: | 2 Paved Lots |

Proposed Parks & Trails

Auburn Trail & Beaver Creek Park Sections 1-4

Auburn Trail is a new multi-use trail for leisure hiking, biking, and other trail activities. Currently the Town of Farmington is working to connect to this trail through a project called the Auburn Trail Connector. The trail is scheduled for completion in 2017. Beaver Creek Park Sections 1-4 will include several proposed parks, parking for Auburn Trail, and various new trails and sidewalks throughout the Auburn Meadows and Beaver Creek Developments.

Beaver Creek Park Section 1 is currently undeveloped but is a proposed 87 acre park located in the Auburn Meadows & Beaver Creek developments. An extensive master planning process is completed and this park will include multiple athletic courts and play areas, with various stone dust walking trails throughout the site.



LEGEND

- PARK BOUNDARY LINE
- EXISTING SIDEWALKS
- NEW SIDEWALKS
- AUBURN TRAIL
- PROPOSED TRAILS

AUBURN TRAIL, TRAIL PARKING, &
BEAVER CREEK PARK SECTIONS 1-4
TOWN OF FARMINGTON



| FACILITY: | DETAIL: |
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| TRAIL | Trail runs from County Road 41 through Mertensia Park to Canandaigua Farmington Town Line Road |
| PARKING | 3 off street parking lots with a total of 31 parking spots |
| NEW PARKS | 4 proposed park locations |
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| PARKS AND OPEN SPACE | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| ADDRESS: | Auburn Trail & Beaver Creek |
| PARKING: | 3 Paved Lots 31 spots |
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BEAVER CREEK PARK SECTION 1
TOWN OF FARMINGTON



| FACILITY: | DETAIL: |
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| PLAYGROUND | 2 ADA compliant playgrounds, a 2-5 & a 5-12 |
| BASEBALL | Field that can be converted to different dimensions |
| SOCCER | 1 large field and one half size |
| TENNIS | 2 tennis courts |
| BASKETBALL | 1 basketball court |
| VOLLEYBALL | 1 volleyball court |
| LODGE | Lodge with restrooms |
| PICNIC SHELTER | Picnic shelter with tables near playgrounds (2-5 & 5-12) with bocce and horse shoes |
| MULTI-USE FIELD | Multi-use area near baseball field |
| ARBORETUM | Arboretum with walking path. |

| PARKS AND OPEN SPACE | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ADDRESS: | 6015 Amber Drive |
| ACRES: | 40 |
| PARKING: | 3 Paved Lots 150 spots & 30 overflow |

Trails

Trails have become a more widely used form of recreation among all ages. The 2008 Master Plan discusses that due to the growing popularity of trails, a volunteer trails committee should be established to manage the coordination and establishment of trails. This would include a plan for acquisition of land and right of way permits and funding for construction and maintenance. The 2008 Plan also states that the trails committee should also:

- Encourage local snowmobilers to coordinate with Ontario County and snowmobile clubs in neighboring towns to create snowmobile trails within and through Farmington, connecting to the county-wide network. The snowmobile clubs should secure funds via Ontario County through New York State Snowmobile Trail Development | Maintenance Program.
- Design, secure grant in aid funds, and develop the Auburn Line Branch Trail from the Victor town line through Farmington to the Canandaigua town line. Funds were acquired for the trail, designs completed, and approved. Construction has begun and will be completed in 2017.
- Prepare a master plan as a guide to acquiring, developing and maintaining the trails that will be a part of the Town. A town wide trails master plan has not been initiated to date.

Recreation Staff

In 2008 the Town's recreation staff consisted of a part time recreation director who mostly planned summer playground programs, along with seasonal staff to operate the programs. A recommendation the 2008 plan stated was that if the Town wants to expand its recreational offerings, then there could be a need for a full time recreation director with appropriate background, training, and support staff. This recommendation has not been fulfilled and the position is still part-time with minimal staff.

Recreation Commission

In 2008 the Town had a recreation commission, that handled recreational programming and organization of Town events. However as the 2008 plan states, the duties, powers and responsibilities as defined in the Town Code are not clear, rendering the commission less meaningful in the Town's progress towards its duties and to provide the Town with adequate year round recreational services.

The 2008 Master Plan recommended:

- Disband the Recreation Commission
- Establish a Recreation Advisory Board overseen by the Town Board with an appropriate organizational structure, powers, and duties to advise the Town Board on administrative, policy, program, funding, budgetary and other appropriate matters.
- Appoint Advisory Board members who are qualified and have sufficient time to devote to Board matters. Recreation Commission members could be considered to sit on the Advisory Board.

The 2008 plan provides examples of what some of the responsibilities, power and duties for the Recreation Advisory Board. They were:

- Advise on policies regarding delivery of recreational services.
- Propose standards for facilities, programs, and finances.
- Identify the recreational needs of the Town as the Town continues to grow.
- Coordinate Town recreational services with that and other providers of recreational services. Such as not-for profit and private recreational providers.
- Make recommendations for capital and operating budget items.
- Assist in selection and development of parks and facilities.
- Provide the public with information about the Town's parks and recreation programs, including the maintenance and creation of a Town parks website or weekly/monthly recreation bulletin/mailer.
- Work with trails committee in the acquisition of and funding of parks and trails including the incorporation of parks with trails.

In 2016 the responsibilities, power and duties for the Recreation Advisory Board are still based off of the

responsibilities provided in 2008. Today the Recreation Advisory board is a small committee that meets once a month and coordinates annual events in the town (Easter Egg Hunt, 3rd of July Fireworks, Summer Recreation program, Fall Open House, Christmas Party, Senior Citizen trips).

Recommendations for Pedestrian and Bicycle Access

To improve pedestrian and cyclist access, interested groups, and the Parks and Recreation and Planning Departments should work cooperatively to provide trail or sidewalk linkages between all neighborhoods and parks/ recreation facilities, in line with organization goals and the Town’s Comprehensive Plan. A Volunteer trail committee should be established to coordinate and implement the establishment of sidewalks, linkages, and trails, and to coordinate priority needs and projects.

Recommendations for Outdoor Facilities

The recommendations for land acquisition propose that Town facilities for organized “active” recreation, such as fields and courts, be located within new “parks for active recreation.” Location of proposed parks needs to be carefully planned and considered for proximity to user populations, pedestrian and vehicular access, traffic, noise, environmental and other impacts, and a variety of other factors. The current Town policy to: "Require, where appropriate, at least 10% of a proposed subdivision site to be reserved for parks, playgrounds, or other open space" needs to be carefully re-evaluated. Such proposals set forth by developers should carefully consider the timing of such development in relation to the development as a whole, as well as the overall impact of parks development as it may affect one neighborhood versus others in Town.

Multipurpose Rectangular Athletic Fields

For planning purposes, fields for football, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, rugby, and some other activities are quite similar and can be interchangeable, particularly by seasons of use.

Often, two games of “junior” versions of the sports can be played on one full sized field, but this can lead to over-scheduling and over-use. Sports played on rectangular fields generate considerable wear and damage, which leads to poor quality of play and, more importantly, injuries. Based on conversations with VCSD school facilities personnel, their fields continue to be under more stress and heavier use each year. Based on these comments, it is proposed to add 2 large fields and 1 junior-sized field to help along that situation, as both Towns, Victor & Farmington, continue to be 2 of the fastest growing Towns in the region. Sufficient fields should be provided to allow rotating fields out of service for maintenance and repair.

Current and projected field deficiencies:

| | 2008 | 2016 | |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Football | 0 | 0 | |
| Multipurpose | 5 fields | 2 full size | 1 junior |
| Total Deficiencies | 5 fields | 2 full size | 1 junior |

Lacrosse and Soccer Fields

Lacrosse is played during spring and summer at the least. Soccer is offered as a year round program. The greatest demands occur during the spring when both sports compete for fields.

To serve the remaining 2016 deficiency of rectangular fields, two additional full size and one additional junior fields should be built at one or more of the proposed parks for active recreation, depending on availability of the parks and the recommendations of proposed master development plans for each of the parks.

Farmington built Mertensia Park in 2005 with one adult size baseball field, 2 soccer fields, 2 tennis courts, and one basketball court. These facilities alleviated some of the need for fields, as they accommodate many of the

Farmington residents using fields in Victor, and especially at V.C.S.D.

It is desirable to have a venue with several (at least five or six) rectangular fields at one location for convenience of players, families, and officials; for enhanced visibility of the venue; for efficiency of administration, operations, and maintenance; for support of concessions; and, particularly, for the ability to accommodate tournaments that require multiple fields. At this time, the land is not acquired to propose such a sports complex and if it is acquired, it should be a joint effort between the Town and sports organizations.

Baseball and Softball Fields

Youth baseball requires three sizes of fields. They are fields with 90-foot, 75-foot, and 60-foot baselines and roughly proportionally sized outfields. Softball also uses 60-foot baselines, although adult softball elsewhere often uses 65- or 70-foot baselines. T-ball and mini fields use 40-50-ft. baselines. While softball and youth baseball use the same size fields, construction of the fields differs.

Baseball and softball fields are typically used for shorter seasons and experience less wear and damage than rectangular fields. A good maintenance program can allow fields to remain playable without the rotation recommended for the rectangular fields.

Farmington and Victor Baseball, uses six out of the eight existing Farmington fields. The two fields that are not used are in very poor condition (located at Pumpkin Hook and Farmbrook Parks), and with the help of the a new field at the proposed Beaver Creek Park, the 2 fields are not needed, and should be removed.

The Farmington Recreation Department might consider the potential of offering baseball or softball programs to persons not served by existing programs. The Town should determine if there exists a demand for additional adult recreational softball beyond the one field proposed to be built at Beaver Creek Park.

Outdoor Basketball Courts

Farmington residents participate in the existing joint Towns travel and recreational youth basketball programs and have expressed a need for outdoor courts in parks to allow them to play small-team tournaments or summer camp programs. There is also a need for indoor or outdoor courts with enough baskets to be used in full-court or half court games, along with adjustable youth baskets of safe, durable quality construction. There is also a need for casual-use courts not scheduled for league use.

Outdoor Tennis Courts

There does not appear to be a need at this time for additional outdoor tennis courts. Existing outdoor courts at the parks and at the proposed Beaver Creek Park should serve the needs of players who do not play on private, club, or commercial courts.

Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks

Outdoor ice skating rinks with naturally frozen ice are popular. However, they are not dependable in Farmington's climate, requiring considerable labor to create and maintain suitable ice for very few days of skating. Efforts to create ice on parking lots, tennis courts, and similar "retrofits" should not be attempted. At this time, the Recreation Department is not capable of providing staff at the times needed to build and maintain an ice skating rink.

In-line Skating, Skateboarding, Roller Hockey and Box Lacrosse

A dedicated permanent skateboard park should be built at a central location within the Town, perhaps at a location in the southwest sector of the Town, accessible by the majority of Town residents. The rink constructed at Dryer Road Park in 2002 continues serve roller hockey and box lacrosse needs in the Town. It also serves as an arena for soccer and other activities. Skateboarding and Roller skating continues to be a growing recreational pursuit of the youth age groups that are not currently not met in the Town.

Playgrounds

There are many regulation/ guidelines that playgrounds need to be compliant with in order to be considered safe and accessible. Currently all of Farmington playgrounds do not meet some of these regulations/guidelines in one way or another. It is recommended that all of the existing playgrounds and new/ proposed playgrounds be updated to meet all regulation/ guidelines. This requires a variety of actions proposed including: replacement of safety surfacing, removal and/or replacement of equipment, and provision of equipment for all age groups.

Recommendations for Indoor Facilities

Community/ Recreation Center

A community center containing a variety of indoor facilities would be a highly desirable asset to the Town. The choices of facilities to be included within a community center or elsewhere must be based on analyses and evaluations of needs and capabilities. Throughout the course of this study, it has been noted that there is a lack of indoor facilities for basketball, aerobics, volleyball and other activities that are currently accommodated outside of the Town (Victor) or in locations that are marginally suitable for active recreation (Mertensia Park Lodge).

A study is recommended to evaluate the need for a variety of activities and uses that are typically offered by such a facility including:

- Multi-use field house or gymnasium with running track
- Fitness center
- Pool or aquatics center
- Lockers and showers for field house and for pool or fitness center
- Senior citizens' area
- Multi-use rooms
- Department of Parks and Recreation offices
- Kitchen / cooking space
- Pre-school space

A community center is a significant capital investment and an ongoing operational commitment. A Town-wide referendum may be an appropriate approach to determine the extent of community support for building a center using bond revenues.

5. Goals and Objectives

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

General

Planning for providing recreational lands, facilities, and services requires a definition of the role of parks and recreation within the context of the Town's overall vision, needs, and capabilities. Policies, goals, and objectives for providing parks and recreational opportunities must be consistent with the Town's overall planning as described in its Comprehensive Plan (2011). Comprehensive Plan Goal for Parks & Recreation: To provide accessible and attractive parks and diverse recreational opportunities.

Mission Statement

The mission statement of the Farmington Parks and Recreation Department is:

The Town of Farmington Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to offering residents a balanced system of parkland's, preservation of open spaces, and broad-based leisure opportunities that will foster growth of healthy lifestyles."

Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan

Following are goals and policies for recreation, open space, and historic resources adopted in 2003 and amended in 2011, and included in the 2003 Comprehensive Plan:

"Retain or create parks, trails and/or other types of public open space in conjunction with development.

To accomplish this objective the Town should

1) Require, where appropriate, at least 10% of a proposed subdivision site to be reserved for parks, playgrounds, or other open space.

[The acquisition and development of Town Parks should be addressed with a Parks and Recreation Plan as stated in Section 6-C-a-1 of this Chapter. Similarly, Section 3-a-3 of this Chapter recommends the preparation of an Open Space Plan. These two plans will affect the retention of open space in conjunction with development.]

2) Develop criteria and guidelines for use by the Planning Board in determining:

- a) Whether to require land dedication, money in lieu of land, or a mixture;
- b) Which land would be best suited to fit public park or open space purposes;
- c) How much money on a per dwelling unit basis would be paid to the Town in lieu of land dedication, and
- d) When to waive the requirement for land dedication or an in lieu of payment."

In February 2016 the planning board approved site design guidelines for the Major Thoroughfare Overlay District, however it does not appear that there is any overall design guidelines for the Town.

"Recommended Actions- Comprehensive Plan

Parks and Recreation

GOAL: *To provide accessible and attractive parks and diverse recreational opportunities.*

The objectives are to have:

- a. An integrated system of parks and recreational facilities throughout the Town, including undeveloped open space as one component, with linkages between various parts of the system such as pathways, stream corridors, trails, and utility right-of-ways.
- b. Adequate recreational services

Recommended Actions for Each Objective:

- a. Plan an integrated system of parks and recreational facilities throughout the Town, including undeveloped open space as one component, with linkages as feasible between various parts of the system such as pathways, stream corridors, trails, and utility right-of-ways.

To accomplish this objective the Town should

- 1) Implement and maintain the adopted Town of Farmington Park and Recreation Master Plan. (See the Conservation, Open Space, and Environmental Protection section of this chapter for recommendations regarding protection of open space and an Open Space Plan.)
- 2) Acquire suitable park and recreation lands and develop them in accordance with the adopted Park and Recreation Master Plan.
- 3) Work with other communities, land owners and institutions to explore possible joint park ventures and trail linkages.
- 4) Through the subdivision approval process, continue to acquire park and recreation lands (and open space lands) as authorized by NYS Town Law Section 277 (Approval of Plats) and the Town's Subdivision Regulations.
- 5) In instances where a suitable park cannot be located within a proposed subdivision or where a park facility or open space is not recommended, make use of the provision in the Subdivision Regulations to collect a fee in lieu of parkland dedication for development of Town park and recreational facilities. Establish a Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Fund into which would be deposited such "in-lieu" fees as well as donations, proceeds from the sale of unsuitable lands, grants, and other such monies related to parks and recreation. The fund would be administered by Town officials in accordance with guidelines developed in the Park and Recreation Plan.
- 6) Prepare a feasibility study for the extension of the Auburn Trail between County Road 41 and the Ontario Pathways Trail located in the City of Canandaigua.
- 7) Seek grant funding assistance to enable the construction of the Auburn Trail connection to the Ontario Pathways Trail.
- 8) Construct the Auburn Trail connection to the Ontario Pathways Trail.
- 9) Prepare a master plan for the development of the town-owned parkland located in both Section 5 of the Auburn Meadows Subdivision and Section 3 of The Estates @ Beaver Creek Subdivision.

Provide adequate recreational services.

To accomplish this objective the Town should

- Assess the status of recreational services in the Town and determine what actions may be warranted by the Town, including joint municipal efforts and public/private sector efforts as part of preparing the Park and Recreation Plan.

Long-Range Goals and Objectives for Parks and Recreation

The following goals and objectives for parks and recreation build upon the Mission Statement of the Parks and Recreation Department and the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. They reflect the expressed sense of the Town Board, the Recreation Advisory Board, and of Town residents.

Goal 1

Promote the creation of a diversity of active and passive recreation facilities within the Town for all age

groups.

Objective 1

Acquire and develop a system of Town recreational facilities that includes parks for active recreation, parks for special experiences, and a network of trails.

Objective 2

Recognize the importance of recreational lands and facilities provided by the Town, neighboring communities, and other levels of government, including the Town, County, and State.

Objective 3

Encourage private construction and maintenance of recreational facilities available to Town residents.

Objective 4

Partner with private, non-profit, volunteer, and other organizations to provide public access to significant natural, scenic, and historic sites.

Objective 5

Recognize the importance of space within parks for individual and family informal recreation.

Objective 6

Continue to encourage and support a voluntary Town-wide trails system. Develop trails that serve as park-to-park and residential area-to-park linkages, and install trail and park signage throughout Town for ease of wayfinding.

Objective 7

Preserve significant open spaces within the Town in addition to park land for environmental and aesthetic values.

Goal 2

Capitalize on unique scenic, historical, and cultural assets, and scenic ravines, for recreational and education pursuits.

Objective 1

Acquire lands or rights thereto for the purpose of preserving open space and enhancing environmental, aesthetic, and cultural values - in addition to park land.

Objective 2

Encourage new development that will preserve desirable woodlands, ravines, and vistas.

Objective 3

Provide access and trails on significant lands where appropriate.

Objective 4

Create buffers along stream corridors that will protect stream channels, enable trails and linkages, and provide water access for fishing and other compatible activities.

Objective 5

Publicize the trails within the Town and the unique scenic, historic, and cultural assets of the Town that are accessible to the public.

Objective 6

Cooperate with neighboring towns and other agencies to expand inter-municipal and regional trailways, particularly along waterways and historical routes.

Objective 7

Recognize that revitalization of the Town can create an identifiable “center” or “destination” for the Town, enhance recreational pursuits, attract visitors, and contribute to economic activity.

Objective 8

Attract tourism as an economic benefit to the Town through the promotion of recreational opportunities unique to Farmington.

Goal 3

Provide high-quality recreational lands, facilities, and programs in a fiscally appropriate manner.

Objective 1

Recognize that well-planned, well-designed, high-quality facilities are investments which can reduce ongoing long-term operating and maintenance costs.

Objective 2

Prepare master development plans for the development of each park property with priorities, potential phasing, and cost estimates to maximize efficiency and cost effectiveness of development, to enable long term capital planning, to serve as basis for applications for grants in aid, and to take advantage of unique opportunities as they occur.

Objective 3

Provide adequate resources to enable a high quality of maintenance and operation of parks and recreational facilities that will extend useful life, maintain safety and accessibility standards, justify appropriate fees and charges, and enhance the value of the recreational experience.

Objective 4

Continue to participate in inter-municipal agreements for provision of lands, facilities, and programs where costs may be shared for mutual benefit.

Objective 5

Aggressively pursue state, federal, and other sources of financial assistance for land acquisition and development and for certain programs.

Objective 6

Do not accept park land on behalf of the Town which does not satisfy the goals, objectives, and criteria of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Objective 7

Continue to impose fees in lieu of land on new residential development unless a particularly favorable situation occurs to justify acceptance of land.

Objective 8

Periodically review the amount of the fees on new residences and adjust to reflect costs of providing recreational lands and facilities.

Objective 9

Implement a comprehensive system of fees for programs and charges for use of facilities that will generate revenues to offset operating costs.

Objective 10

Encourage and support the planning, acquisition, development, and maintenance of trails by volunteers.

Goal 4

Ensure that parks and recreational offerings are responsive to the needs and desires of the community.

Objective 1

Adopt and periodically update this Master Plan, ideally every five years.

Objective 2

Inform the public and seek public input periodically and during specific planning processes.

Objective 3

Continue a strong Recreation Advisory Board with broad-based community representation.

Objective 4

Maintain strong working relations with the sports leagues and other organizations which provide recreational services within the community.

Objective 5

Promote the Parks and Recreation Department, the Town's parks and facilities, and its recreational programs.

Objective 6

Develop the Parks and Recreation site on the Town's community web site to provide information on Town parks and programs, schedules, and, as capabilities permit, registrations and payments for programs.

Objective 7

Provide lands, facilities, and programs to accommodate persons of differing abilities, including those with disabilities.

6. Action Plan

General

The Town should acquire, plan, develop, and improve land and facilities which will enable it to meet community recreational needs within five years and to provide land to accommodate development to serve needs beyond five years, including reducing dependency on school facilities. The Town should put an emphasis on updating and maintaining existing parks before acquiring and building future new parks.

Projects Currently Underway

Beaver Creek Park

The Town has acquired 40 acres of Park land in the Auburn Meadows subdivision. This new park will include areas for both passive and active recreation, while allowing the subdivision residents to maintain a sense of privacy, with an 80ft wide landscape berm around the park perimeter with a winding path on the park side of the berm, creates a barrier to the surrounding residential development while allowing for a beautiful walking path through the park. The addition of 2 multi-use fields will help to alleviate the pressure on the surrounding existing fields, and allow for more recreational activity. The town is currently in the process of finalizing the design and applying for a grant for this park.

Auburn Trail Connector

The Town undertook a professionally guided study in 2012 to determine the feasibility of building a connection to the existing Auburn Trail that currently ends at County Road 41 in Farmington. Since the study the town has continued with the process of creating the trail and has obtained a grant, and started the design for the trail. The trail is scheduled for completion in 2017.

Land Acquisition

New Parks

Northwest Quadrant; Southwest Quadrant

The town has acquired 40 acres of park land in the Auburn Meadows subdivision in the southwest quadrant. This new park will help to alleviate some of the need for both active and passive recreation in this quadrant and in the town and as a whole. Consider acquisition of a parcel for active recreation in the Northwest quadrant of the Town if land becomes available. Avoid acquiring future park land in the center of subdivisions.

Expansion of Existing Parks

Southeast Quadrant

The growth of the Town is mostly condensed to the West side of town, with this quadrant being largely agricultural development, signifying that land acquisition for park land is less desired in this area.

Northwest Quadrant

To accomplish the goal of expanding parks and providing trail connections to parks, the Town should consider the expansion of Pumpkin Hook park, if land is to come available.

Southwest Quadrant

This quadrant possesses the highest population of the town. Because of this the parks in this quadrant are overused. If expansion of the existing parks becomes potential the town should consider the possibility. The greatest need in this quadrant is the creation of a new park.

Parks for Special Experiences

Acquire or accept lands and set aside portions of large town parks which offer unique or significant recreational opportunities or appropriate space for development of a “stand alone” recreational facility. This will occur as specific opportunities arise.

Trails

The Town should pursue inter-municipal connections to the Lehigh Valley, Auburn, Seneca, and the Eastern trail to Lake Ontario. It should also continue to support efforts to extend the Auburn Trail South into the Town of Canandaigua.

Enable and implement, where practical, the objective of at least one trail within one mile of any point within the Town, per American Hiking Association recommendations. In doing so, create trail connections between parks and from neighborhoods to parks wherever possible. Park expansion and development plans should make use of stream corridors as pedestrian trail linkages to parks to be consistent with the vision of the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

The Town should upgrade existing revocable permits along trails to permanent easements where feasible.

Proposed Facilities

The town acquired land in the Auburn Meadows Subdivision to create a 40 acre park called Beaver Creek park. McCord Landscape Architecture, MRB group P.C., and the Parks Master Plan Advisory Committee have created a concept design that will help to alleviate the stress on the existing town parks, while also allowing the neighboring residential development to maintain their sense of privacy.

Park Planning

Master Development Plans

Prepare master plans for the ultimate development of future and existing parks:

- Pumpkin Hook Park
- Town Hall Park
- Mertensia Park
- Farmington Grove Park
- Farmbrook Park
- Meeting House Park
- Beaver Creek Park (proposed)

Development through Five Years

Parks Primarily for Active Recreation

Pumpkin Hook Park

Rehabilitate existing fields, 2017 - 2022

Upgrade playground equipment to conform with ADA regulations 2017-2022

Upgrade restrooms to conform with ADA regulations, 2017- 2022

Upgrade drinking fountains in accordance with ADA regulations, 2017-2022

Remove baseball field and replace with multi-use field, 2017-2022

Install new under drains for soccer fields, 2017-2022

Upgrade volleyball court to conform with ADA regulations, 2017-2022

Install sidewalk connection, new roof, and stone drip edge for picnic shelter, 2017-2022

Re-surface Tennis & basketball courts, 2017-2022

Re-strip parking lot, 2017-2022

Add additional parking over culvert, 2022-2027

Town Hall Park

Install Veterans Memorial, 2017-2022

Upgrade playground equipment to conform with ADA regulations 2017-2022

Rehabilitate existing fields, 2017 - 2022

- Upgrade drinking fountains in accordance with ADA regulations, 2017-2022
- Install new infield mix to all baseball/softball fields, 2017-2022
- Install electric and water lines to soccer and baseball field closest to tower, 2022-2027
- Upgrade restrooms to conform with ADA regulations, 2017- 2022
- Re-surface Tennis & basketball courts, 2017-2022
- Install security lighting for park parking lights, 2017-2022

Mertensia Park

- Rehabilitate existing fields, 2017 - 2022
- Upgrade playground equipment to conform with ADA regulations, 2017-2022
- Install new playground equipment for 2-5 year old, 2017-2022
- Add storage and irrigation to soccer fields, 2017-2022
- Add irrigation to baseball field, 2017-2022
- Re-surface Tennis & basketball courts, 2017-2022
- Add 3-4 parking spaces at Auburn Trail parking lot, 2022-2027
- Add 20' x 40' Pavilion, 2017-2022

Farmington Grove Park

- Install new playground equipment to conform with ADA regulations 2017-2022
- Upgrade restrooms to conform with ADA regulations, 2017- 2022
- Install drinking fountains in accordance with ADA regulations, 2017-2022
- Re-surface basketball court and upgrade to ADA accessible, 2017-2022
- Investigate drainage and consider replacing drains for the athletic fields, 2017-2022
- Rehabilitate existing baseball fields, 2017 - 2022
- Install security system and camera, 2022-2027
- Install accessible path to picnic shelter and fill in concrete sidewalk to bathroom, 2017-2022
- Relocate volleyball court near basketball court, add accessible path, 2017-2022
- Rehabilitate basketball court, add fencing, 2017-2022
- Convert asphalt space into new parking lot, extend driveway, 2022-2027
- Re-surface tennis court, 2017-2022

Farmbrook Park

- Upgrade playground equipment to conform with ADA regulations 2017-2022
- Upgrade restrooms to conform with ADA regulations, 2017- 2022
- Install drinking fountains in accordance with ADA regulations, 2017-2022
- Provide picnic tables/benches, new roof, and new coat of paint, 2017-2022
- Upgrade path system through park, and investigate and fix drainage issues, 2017-2022
- Remove baseball field and replace with multi-use field, 2017-2022

Proposed park, Beaver Creek Park, 2017 - 2022

- Two multipurpose fields, 2017 - 2022
- One junior baseball or softball field, 2017-2022
- Informal recreational field for individual, non-organized activities, 2017-2022
- Individual picnic areas with open pavilions 2017-2022
- Children's play area (2-5,5-12 years old) to conform to ADA regulations, 2017- 2022
- Drinking fountains in accordance with ADA regulations, 2017-2022
- Parking lot with overflow area, 2017-2022
- Lodge with ADA restrooms, 2022-2027
- Basketball, Tennis, and Volleyball courts, 2022-2027
- Trail Connection to Auburn Linear Trail, 2017-2022

Parks Primarily for Passive Recreation

Meeting House Park

Pave driveway and parking lot for 4-5 spaces, 2017-2022

Additional Specialized Facilities for Active Recreation Parks

As determined per individual park master plans

General Support Facilities for Active Recreation Parks

At each active recreation park

- Parking - at least 70 cars per competition athletic field and 31 to 40 per practice field, plus parking for each other activity as appropriate
- Restrooms
- Equipment storage - at least 200 square feet for maintenance and activities equipment
- Water fountain and/or hose connection - at all athletic fields
- Walks, paths, and necessary vehicular circulation accessible to persons with disabilities
- Identification, informational, and regulatory signage in accordance with a Town-wide coordinated graphics and wayfinding system
- Various other support facilities as required for specific facilities and activities within each park

Trail Construction, Expansion, and Maintenance

The Town should provide financial and logistical support to Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. to assist the volunteer development and maintenance of trails to the extent it may legally do so. The two should work together to continually update and improve the trails web page and mapping, as has been done so far by the trails group. The Town with the Auburn Trail project, which is expected to be completed in 2017, will be creating trail parking which will allow for off road parking, and less traffic issues.

The Town should develop, promote, and install a consistent system of informational trail wayfinding signage and graphics.

It is the long-term goal of the Parks and recreation Department that the Town should develop and maintain existing or proposed trails within Town parks or other Town-owned lands.

7. Financing

FINANCING

Acquisition of Park Lands

The recommended acquisition and development of recreational lands and facilities should achieve a balance of municipal recreational opportunities to serve Farmington's growing needs within the projected future.

Acquisition of park land for future needs should be a priority while large parcels of suitable land are available and before land costs increase. Development of recreational lands according to carefully prepared master development plans for each property will ensure cost effective development and enhance eligibility for financial assistance.

Private resources and private-public partnerships should be used where appropriate opportunities exist to provide maximum benefit at the least public cost. Some possible resources are the Genesee Land Trust, the Finger Lakes Land Trust, and the Mendon Foundation. Another possible avenue is the creation of endowments or charitable giving instruments that could be used to give land or money to the Town for use as or purchase of new parkland.

Sources of Financial Assistance

Many vehicles and combinations of vehicles are available for financing the acquisition and development of public parks and recreational facilities. Local funds, human resources, and equipment can be applied against various sources of state, federal, and other financial assistance to achieve maximum value for the local expenditure. The use of lands for public purposes short of outright purchase, particularly for trails and similar uses, should be considered where appropriate. Non-profit organizations may be helpful partners in obtaining land or funds that might not otherwise be feasible.

The availability of certain forms of state and federal assistance can vary widely from year to year. The following are a few of the more widely available sources of assistance currently available that could be applicable to Farmington.

New York State Empire State Development, Consolidated Funding

Grants are available from New York State for acquisition and/or development of municipal parks and for historic preservation projects through the New York State Empire State Development, Consolidated Funding application. Farmington lies in the Finger Lakes District which includes Monroe, Livingston, Wayne & Genesee Counties. Municipal or non-profit agencies may apply. Grants are typically for a maximum of fifty percent reimbursement of eligible costs.

Competition for the relatively limited funds is very high and typically a minority of applicants is funded, sometimes at less than the requested amounts. It is necessary to document a clear planning process that identifies needs, demonstrates appropriate development, and includes community support. This Parks and Recreation Master Plan is an important component of that documentation. This program, administered by the ESD supports projects sponsored by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, NYS DOS, NYSERDA, NYSDEC, & many other state agencies.

One such program is the Transportation Alternatives Program administered by the New York State Dept. of Transportation. In 2014 the Town of Farmington was granted TAP Grant Funding for the extension of the Auburn Trail. The Auburn trail is slated for construction in 2017.

Land and Water Conservation Fund - Department of the Interior

Funding for local projects through this long-standing federal program having just turned 50 years old in 2014, has received funding of approximately \$400 million in recent years. It is responsible for funding over 40,000

parks & recreation projects including playgrounds, parks, baseball fields, refuges spray pods and the like.

Funding would typically be administered for municipalities through New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Although the trust fund receives over \$900 million each year from oil drilling royalties, only a fraction of that is typically directed towards park & recreation projects.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife

This program of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offers grants and technical assistance for improving and protecting fish and wildlife habitats. Wetlands are a major emphasis, however, the program is adaptable to a variety of habitat types and could include improvements such as trails, boardwalks, overlooks, and habitat enhancements. Eligibility is open to virtually anyone, including municipalities, private citizens, corporations, and others. The program is administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior. The local coordinator is the Fish and Wildlife Service in Seneca Falls, New York.

National Environmental Protection Agency

Offers various funding opportunities related to regional wetlands protection and enhancement, great lakes watershed, water protection, brownfields and sustainability. Most of this funding would be administered by New York State via the Empire State Development Consolidated Funding.

Snowmobile Trail Development / Maintenance Program

This is a funding program available to counties for the development and/or maintenance of snowmobile trails compatible with established statewide trails plans. It is administered by the New York State Parks Bureau of Marine and Recreational Vehicles. Parks receives about \$5 million in State aid for the program- available through ESD consolidated funding.

The Trust for Public Land

The Trust for Public Land is a non-profit organization that has received funding from corporations, foundations and individuals to establish a Property Acquisition Revolving Fund to purchase real estate on behalf of communities or non-profit organizations, advocate for parks & land protection across the country, & directly support parks, playgrounds, and natural areas projects.

The Fund acts as a land bank until the sponsor is able to buy the property. The property must fulfill an important community development objective and may include environmental, recreational, and historic properties. In New York, the fund is administered through the Regional Office of The Trust for Public Land, in New York City. Since 1972, the trust has protected more than 3.3 million acres and completed more than 5,400 parks & conservation projects.

The Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy is a non-profit organization that acquires land that fits its objectives. The Nature Conservancy also will serve as a land bank, acquiring and holding property until one or more sponsors, usually state or local government, can buy the property from the Conservancy. The Conservancy will frequently prepare management plans for properties it may hold for an extended time. The Conservancy manages land programs both at the national (international) and local chapter level. Bentley Woods, located in Fishers, is owned by The Nature Conservancy. Land acquisition and management efforts in Farmington would be with the Central / Western New York Chapter which is located in Rochester.

Local Resources

Real Estate Taxes

Local tax revenues are the primary source for funding maintenance and operations and they may be used for

land acquisition and development, including serving as a matching share of funds for State, federal, and other grants in aid.

Sales Taxes

Sales taxes are an important source of income in Farmington. Revenues are available for virtually any appropriate use.

Fees and Charges

Revenues from fees for participating in programs and charges for the use of facilities should be important segments of the budget for parks and recreation. The extent to which programs and facilities are financed through fees and charges is a philosophical decision to be made by each community.

A common philosophy is that parks and most facilities are community assets that contribute to the overall quality of life and maintenance of the desirability and value of a community with the costs supported through taxes and other broad based methods.

In Farmington, many residents use the facilities and programs at the various Town facilities. Fees and charges that reflect the total costs of programs and facility operations would be reasonable in Farmington. The Town should consider advertisement of Town facilities available to other Towns (i.e. Victor) for a fee.

Parks and Recreation Trust Fund

The Town of Farmington maintains a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund enabled by Section 277 of the New York State Town Law which provides that a town may, "prior to approval by the planning board of plats, require developers to reserve land suitable for parks, playgrounds, or other recreational purposes or, in lieu thereof, to pay money to the Town to be held in a trust fund for the purchase of land for recreational or park purposes, construction of recreational facilities, or maintenance of existing recreational facilities."

The recommendations of this Master Plan should be used as documentation of the appropriateness of accepting specific parcels of land. Unless a proposed parcel is specifically desired by the Town for a stated recreational purpose, the Town should accept payment of fees for the trust fund to acquire and develop park land as proposed in the Master Plan.

The Town currently assesses a fee of \$1000.00 for each new home. The fee has not been increased in 5 years. The fee should be adjusted upward to about \$1,500 soon to account for the increased valuation of homes in the community and should be reviewed annually and, if necessary, adjusted every 5 years to reflect future costs of parkland acquisition and development.

Techniques for Implementation

Cost Sharing

Shared cost techniques permit intergovernmental cooperation in developing, operating, and maintaining mutually beneficial facilities. Such arrangements with school districts and other municipalities can allow a sharing of the cost of facilities or programs that may not otherwise be feasible. Farmington is experienced in this form of partnering with its inter-municipal agreements with the Victor Central School District and with the Town of Victor.

Leases, Easements, and Permits

Leases, easements, and permits may enable the use of land or facilities for long or short terms. Advantages may include avoidance of immediate large capital outlay, possible less overall cost, avoidance of restrictions of debt financing, preservation of debt capacity, control of the period of the lease when permanency is not intended or obsolescence is anticipated, and use or control of land or facilities which are not for sale or otherwise available.

These are particularly effective means of acquiring rights-of-way for trails.

Bonding

Bonds generate immediate financing and are appropriate for capital projects. General obligation bonds are backed by the general credit and taxing power of the municipality. Bonding may be subject to permissive referendum if so petitioned. Other forms of bonds, such as revenue bonds, are occasionally applicable. The popularity of bonds varies with market fluctuations, interest rates, tax rates, and other influences.

Bond Anticipation Notes

Bond anticipation notes are short-term financing intended to be issued in anticipation of a long-term bond issue or as interim financing prior to grant in aid permanent financing.

Donations

Service clubs, "Friends" groups, special interest groups, developers, corporations, and individuals are sources of money, land, materials, and volunteer services for developing and maintaining facilities as well as for programs when appropriate liability, use, and suitability issues can be resolved.

Large donations may be in the form of sponsorships, naming rights, and other privileges. The Town should identify present and future opportunities for such participation and should pursue this where it is in the interest of the Town to do so.

Foundations

Foundations are a less common source of assistance for municipal parks and recreational programs. Established philanthropic foundations tend to favor programs over capital projects, but have been known to support unique projects of interest to a specific foundation.

Local private foundations may support local efforts benefiting the public, such as land acquisition or specific types of recreational opportunities.

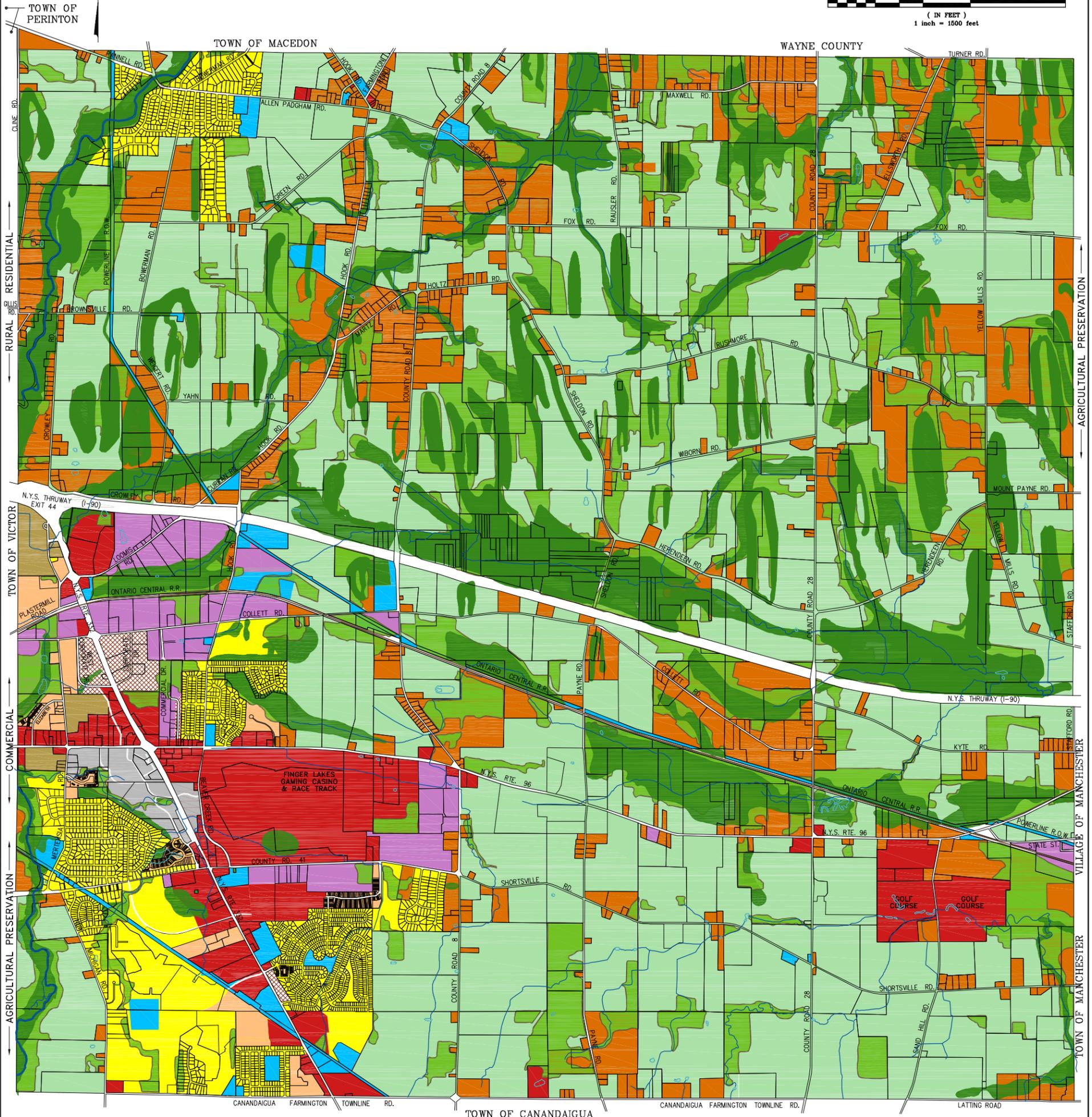
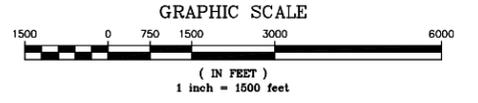
Private Enterprise

Many types of recreational facilities are operated for profit by businesses. Golf courses, fitness and wellness centers, indoor sports arenas, ice skating arenas, gymnastics centers, and many other types of recreational venues are potentially viable ventures which serve segments of the local demands.

Where markets exist, a town may forgo development of certain facilities and defer to the private sector to serve the needs.

Appendix 1

TOWN OF FARMINGTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



LEGEND

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|  | RURAL RESIDENTIAL |  | ACTIVE AGRICULTURE |  | COMMERCIAL |
|  | RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY (10,000 - 20,000 SQ. FT.) |  | ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS |  | INDUSTRIAL |
|  | RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY (APARTMENTS AND/OR TOWNHOUSES) |  | WOODS |  | RESTRICTED BUSINESS |
|  | COMMUNITY CENTER / MIXED USE |  | PUBLIC |  | MANUFACTURED HOME PARK |

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MAP NO. 10 FUTURE LAND USE MAP

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Appendix 2

NATIONAL AND STATEWIDE STANDARDS

National and statewide standards for determining the quantities of recreational lands and facilities which should be provided by a Town are useful only as a point of beginning in developing rough guidelines for providing lands and facilities. National and statewide standards cannot reflect local demands that are generated by local conditions, interests, trends, and capabilities.

Standards, however, are useful in documenting needs and priorities for state and federal grants-in-aid. National and statewide standards for facilities are included herein as a reference and to serve as a basis for documenting consistency with or variations from them, particularly SCORP, in support of potential grant applications.

The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Standards are well known but not very relevant to current trends and local interests.

They largely serve as the basis for many of the New York Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Standards that are supposed to be updated every five years to reflect state priorities but have not been updated since 1994. They, likewise, have only marginal relevance to current issues in Farmington.

Both sets of standards incorporate the following:

- Area of recreational land as a function of population (e.g. acres per thousand population)
- Percentage of total land designated as recreation or open space.
- Quantities of specific facilities based on user characteristics or demand projections.

This plan attempts to identify the specific demands and capabilities of Victor. These will often vary from the NRPA and SCORP Standards.

The NRPA and SCORP Standards are presented for reference purposes. They are not recommended or proposed for Victor except as guidelines where specific levels of local demand cannot be determined.