



2017 Gloucester Open Space & Recreation Survey

The Gloucester Open Space & Recreation Committee wants your input as the City prepares a new Open Space & Recreation Plan that will help establish priorities for improving Gloucester's parks and open spaces for the next 7 years.

* Required

Question 1A: How often do members of your household visit Gloucester's beaches during the summer (~June, July and August)? *



- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- A few times a year
- Never



Question 1B: How often do members of your household visit Gloucester's beaches during the off-season (~September to May)? *



- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Never

Question 1C: How satisfied are you with the quality of your experience at Gloucester's beaches?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neutral
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Question 1D: Optional: explain any concerns or provide a short comment on the City's beaches

Your answer



Question 2A: How often do members of your household visit Gloucester's woodland and other natural areas? *



- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- A few times a year
- Never

Question 2B: Which woodland / nature areas do members of your household visit?

- Dogtown / North Gloucester Woods
- Magnolia Woods
- Poles Hill
- Ravenswood
- Swinson Field / The Pines
- West Gloucester: Red Rocks, Thompson Street, Mount Ann
- Other: _____



Question 2C: How satisfied are you with the quality of your experience in Gloucester's woods and other natural areas?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neutral
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Question 2D: Optional: explain any concerns or provide a short comment on the City's woods and other natural areas.

Your answer

Question 3A: How often do members of your household visit Gloucester's playgrounds? *



- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- A few times a year
- Never



Question 3B: Which neighborhood playgrounds do members of your household visit?

- Babson Playground (near Poplar and Maplewood Avenue)
- Bayview Playground (by Bayview Fire Station)
- Ben Smith Playground (aka Cripple Cove Play Area on East Main Street)
- Brown's Field (aka Apple Street Playground)
- Burnham's Field Playground
- Burke Playground (off Western Avenue in Magnolia)
- Doucette Playground (aka Green Street Park)
- Eastern Avenue School Playground (behind Para Research)
- The Fort Playground (Fort Square)
- Middleton Playground (Friend Street)
- The Oval Playground at Palazola Field
- Rebecca's Playground (Lanesville)
- Stage Fort Park Playground
- None of the Above (Add any other playgrounds in Question 3E)
- Other: _____



Question 3C: Which school playgrounds do members of your household use outside of school hours?

- Beeman School Playground
- East Gloucester School Playground
- Plum Cove School Playground
- Veteran's School Playground
- West Parish School Playground
- None of the Above (Add any other playgrounds in Question 3E)
- Other: _____

Question 3D: How satisfied are you with the quality of your experience with Gloucester's playgrounds?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neutral
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Question 3E: Optional - explain any concerns or provide a short comment regarding the City's playgrounds

Your answer _____



Question 4A: How often do members of your household use Gloucester's playing fields, tennis and basketball courts or other active recreation areas? *



- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- A few times a year
- Never



Question 4B: Which playing fields, tennis or basketball courts do members of your household use (outside of school hours)?

- Brown's Field (Apple Street)
- Beeman School Field (Earl Rice Field)
- Burke Field (off Western Avenue in Magnolia)
- Burnham's Field
- East Gloucester School Field
- Eastern Avenue School Field
- Ellery House Field (Washington Street at Poplar)
- Fuller School Field
- Gloucester High Tennis Courts
- Green Street Fields
- Kettle Cove Field (Western Avenue, Magnolia)
- Magnolia Woods Fields
- Mattos Field
- Newell Stadium (aka New Balance Track & Field)
- O'Maley School Fields (Nate Ross, Wilson Field)
- Palazola Field (near Centennial Avenue)
- Plum Cove School Field
- Sepalla Field (by Plum Cove Beach)
- Skate Park by O'Maley School
- Stage Fort Park Fields (Parisi



- West Parish School Field
- None of the Above (Add any other playgrounds in Question 4D)
- Other: _____

Question 4C: How satisfied are you with the quality of your experience with Gloucester's playing fields, courts and other recreation areas?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neutral
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Question 4D: Optional - explain any concerns or provide a short comment regarding the City's fields and active recreation areas

Your answer _____

Question 5A: Do you have a dog in your household? *

- Yes
- No (Skip to Question 6A)



Question 5B: How often do you walk your dog in Gloucester?



- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- A few times a year
- Never

Question 5C: Where do members of your household walk your dog in Gloucester?

- Beaches (off-season)
- Cape Ann Dog Park (Stage Fort Park)
- Parks / Fields
- Scenic Walkway (eg. Stacy Boulevard, Backshore)
- Woods / Trails (eg. Dogtown, Ravenswood)
- Other: _____



Question 5D: How satisfied are you with the quality of your experience with the areas in Gloucester where you walk your dog?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neutral
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Question 5E: Optional: Explain your answer to Question 5D

Your answer



Question 6A: Which scenic overlooks / areas do members of your household regularly visit to walk or sitesee? *



- Annisquam Footbridge
- Backshore / Atlantic Road
- The Cut (Blynman Canal from the Cut Bridge to Dunfungin Landing)
- The Dogbar (Eastern Point)
- Governor's Park (Commonwealth Avenue near Beacon Street)
- The Harborwalk (Including St Peter's Park and Solomon Jacobs Landing)
- Little River
- Magnolia (Surf Park and Shore Drive)
- Rafe's Chasm
- Rocky Neck (Keith Trefly Park)
- Seine Field
- Stacy Boulevard
- None of the Above (Add any other areas in the Wrap-Up Comments)
- Other: _____



Question 6B: How satisfied are you with the quality of your experience with scenic areas in Gloucester? *

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neutral
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied



Question 7: Do you or household members use any of the following landings for watercraft access? *



- Corliss Landing (End of Apple Street)
- Cripple Cove Landing (East Main Street)
- Dunfudgin Landing (Annisquam River)
- Folly Cove Landing
- Kettle Cove Landing (at Magnolia Public Pier)
- Lanes Cove Landing
- Little River Landing (Essex Avenue)
- Lobster Cove Landing (Lane Road and Leonard Street)
- Long Wharf Landing (off Atlantic Street)
- Rocky Neck Landing
- Stanwood Point Landing
- Town Landing at St. Peter's Park
- None of the Above (Add any other landings in the Wrap-up Question at the end of the Survey)
- Other: _____



Question 8A: Have you found any obstacles that prevent you or a household member from accessing or using and enjoying any of Gloucester's beaches, playgrounds, fields, courts or other recreation and open space areas? *



- No
- Yes

Question 8B: If you answered yes to Question 8A, identify the location and type of obstacle you or a household member encounter

Your answer _____



Question 9: Additional Facilities - Which of the following conservation and recreational facilities do you think Gloucester should add or increase the number of? (Pick up to five)

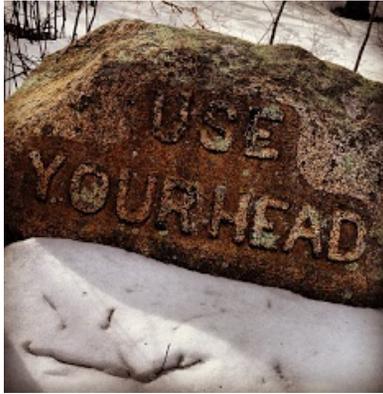


- Neighborhood Parks
- Dog Parks
- Sledding Hills
- Hiking Trails
- Outdoor ice skating rink
- Baseball / softball fields
- Basketball courts
- Soccer fields
- Tennis Courts
- Football / Lacrosse Fields
- Community Gardens
- Bocce Courts
- Bicycle Trails / Lanes
- Bird / wildlife viewing areas
- Picnic / group events areas



- Skate parks
- None of the above (Add any additional suggestions in the Wrap-up Comments at the end of the Survey)
- Other: _____

Question 10A: Open Land Protection Priorities: Gloucester should concentrate its efforts and resources on efforts to: (choose one):



- Significantly increase the number of acres of protected woods and other conservation land
- Maintain existing protected lands while obtaining land needed to improve access to those lands
- Maintain currently protected woods and conservation land rather than obtain new protected land
- Option 4

Question 10B: Do you know of any sensitive environmental areas or areas of historical significance in Gloucester that are not protected but should be? If yes, explain

Your answer _____



Question 10C: Recreation Priorities: Gloucester should concentrate its efforts and resources on efforts to: (choose one):



- Significantly increase the number of playground, fields and courts including new types.
- Maintain its existing number of playground, fields and courts.
- Both maintain existing recreational facilities while adding a few new types.

Question 10 D: Do you know of any opportunities for Gloucester to acquire land for parks or fields? If yes, explain

Your answer



Question 11A: Community Preservation Act - Gloucester currently funds open space protection, historic preservation and affordable housing with a 1% Community Preservation surcharge on property tax bills that helps match state and federal grants (low-income residents are exempted). The CPA raises \$650,000 a year for those purposes. Would you support raising the Community Preservation surcharge by 1% to increase funding to achieve Gloucester's Open Space and Recreation priorities?



- Yes
- No

Question 11B: I would be willing to pay more taxes so that Gloucester can better maintain its existing recreation facilities and conservation lands.

- Yes
- No

Question 11C: I would be willing to pay more taxes so that Gloucester can buy land for recreation and conservation.

- Yes
- No



Wrap - Up: Your Neighborhood *



- Annisquam
- Bayview
- Downtown Gloucester (bounded by Route 128, the Annisquam River and Gloucester Harbor)
- East Gloucester including Eastern Point, Rocky Neck and Briar Neck
- Lanesville
- Magnolia
- Riverdale / Dogtown
- West Gloucester
- Wingersheek & Pearce Island
- Resident of Adjoining Cape Ann Community (Rockport, Essex or Manchester-by-the Sea)
- None of the Above (I am not a resident of Gloucester or and adjoining community)
- Other: _____



Wrap - Up: Name and E-mail (optional)



Your answer

Wrap-up: Provide any additional comments or suggestions

Your answer

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