Help Shape the Future of Gloucester’s Parks and Open Spaces

November 16, 2017
AGENDA

• The Open Space & Recreation Committee and Plan

• Role of the Community
  • Survey Results
  • Your Input: Wish Fish Exercise

• Next Steps
THE COMMITTEE AND THE PLAN
COMMUNITY ROLE – SURVEY RESULTS

How often do use Gloucester’s Beaches?

Summer

Fall - Winter

Beaches are Popular all year round
COMMUNITY ROLE – SURVEY RESULTS

How Satisfied are you with Gloucester’s Beaches?

**Biggest Issue:** Trash & Litter
COMMUNITY ROLE – SURVEY RESULTS

**Favorites:** Ravenswood, Dogtown, West Gloucester Woods & Magnolia Woods

**Best Comments:** We’re lucky to have so many beautiful wooded areas

**Biggest Issues:** Dogs off-leash, litter, need to mark trails
COMMUNITY ROLE – SURVEY RESULTS

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

355 responses

- Daily: 37.2%
- Weekly: 24.5%
- Monthly: 12.1%
- A few times a year: 19.2%
- Never: 7%

Favorites: Stage Fort, The Fort, Cripple Cove & Burnham’s Field

Best Comments: Bravo to DPW, the parks we visited are in great shape

Biggest Issues: Vandalism especially at Burnham’s Field, Old Stage Fort Equipment

Less use than beaches and woods
COMMUNITY ROLE – SURVEY RESULTS

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

Favorites: Stage Fort, Burnham’s, Magnolia Fields, Newell, O’Maley
Best Comments: Kudos to Mattos Committee and Friends of Burnham’s Field
Biggest Issues: Ruts at Magnolia, Beeman Track & Field, Condition of tennis courts, lack of bathrooms
COMMUNITY ROLE – SURVEY RESULTS

**Favorites Dog Walking Spots:** Beaches, Woods, Scenic Walking Areas & Parks

Best Note: Cape Ann Dog Park is the 5th most popular place

**Biggest Issues:** No access to beaches during the summer. More dog poop stations.
FAVORITE SCENIC AREAS TO WALK

• Stacy Boulevard
• Backshore / Atlantic Road
• The Cut / Blynman Canal near GHS
• Dogbar / Eastern Point
• Rocky Neck
• The Harborwalk
• Annisquam Footbridge
• Magnolia / Surf Park

People Really Like Gloucester’s Scenic Areas!
BARRIERS TO ACCESS AND USE

- Access for elderly with walkers or canes to Gloucester beaches
- Lack of Parking
- Lack of Bathrooms / Conditions of Bathrooms
WISH FISH EXERCISE

What do you wish Gloucester could add to its parks and open space?