

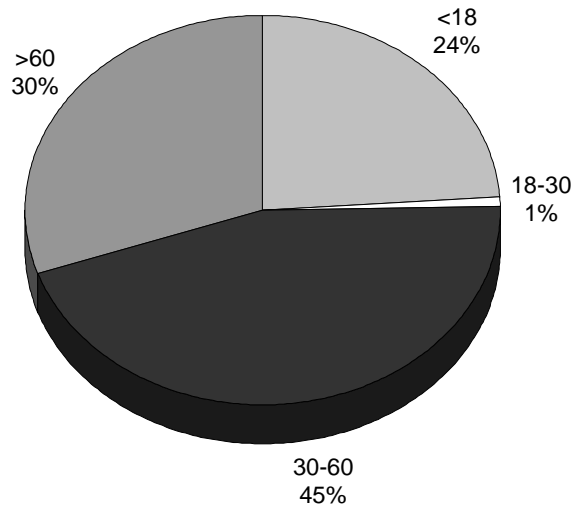
IRE RESULTS

As part of its planning effort, the Open Space Committee developed a Citizen Participation Questionnaire. The survey was conducted in order to understand the desires, needs and concerns of Lincoln residents. It was distributed to all Lincoln households in January 2007 through a town-wide mailing, publication in the Lincoln Journal, distribution with drop boxes at several high-profile locations around Town, and as a 7th grade class project. The Open Space Committee made their best efforts to avoid duplicate responses. The results are summarized below.

Out of 2801 households, 418 surveys were returned giving a 15% return rate.

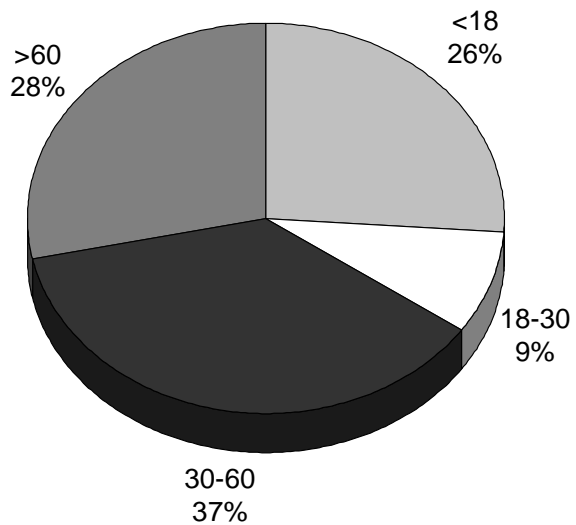
1: Please circle the appropriate age category of the questionnaire respondent:

<18:	100 respondents
18-30:	3 respondents
30-45:	52 respondents
45-50:	49 respondents
50-60:	88 respondents
>60:	126 respondents



2: How many people in each age category currently live in your house?

<18:	218 respondents
18-30:	72 respondents
30-45:	86 respondents
45-50:	80 respondents
50-60:	144 respondents
>60:	238 respondents



Questions 1&2 suggest that the opinions of most major groups of residents living in Lincoln were equally represented in the survey results.

each member of your household. Rate your (or their) recreation & conservation facilities. (A=adequate, R=needs repair, M=need more)

please fill in applicable fields only - blanks are ok		SOCCKER FIELDS	BASEBALL FIELDS	PLAY GROUNDS	BASKETBALL COURTS	SWIMMING POOL	TENNIS COURTS	SCHOOL GYMS	ROADSIDE PATHS	TRAILS	*ADA TRAILS	MTN. BIKE TRAILS	NATURAL AREAS	CANOE ACCESS	CONS. LAND PARKING
PRESCHOOL															
ELEMENTARY															
MIDDLE SCHOOL															
HIGH SCHOOL															
COLLEGE AGE															
ADULT															
ADULT															
SENIOR (over 60)															
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T too much
 A adequate
 R needs repair
 M need more
 * Americans with Disabilities Act

Question three was intended to gauge the condition of Lincoln’s existing facilities by age group. Respondents were asked to rate the existing facilities using four descriptions: too much, adequate, needs repair, and needs more. Based upon the results, it appears that only the responses of Seniors, Adults and Middle Schoolers can be considered significant. This is because each of these age groups answered the question more often and it was answered directly by the person represented in that age category. Less than 35 responses were received in each of the age categories of Preschool, Elementary, High School and College. In addition, it was apparent that most of those responses were interpreted by the adults that completed the survey and were not necessarily the opinion of the person in that age category.

Results

Of approximately 450 total responses, including all age categories, all facilities rated “adequate” except for roadside paths, which had a higher response of “need more”. Roadside paths also had the highest “repair” response of all facilities.

Looking beyond the “adequate” responses, 10 out of 14 facilities had “need more” as the next highest rating. Conservation land facilities including canoe access, natural areas, mountain bike trails, conservation land parking, and handicapped accessible trails respectively had a higher percentage of “need more” responses than recreation facilities.

The breakdown of responses into their age groups highlights the needs, wants and interests of each population. The data underscores the desire for often conflicting recreational needs, thus challenging us to accommodate all age groups on the same land.

respondents rated most facilities as "adequate". The exceptions
and mountain bike trails, which all rated "need more"

Ages 12-25

Middle School, High School and College age respondents all rated canoe access as "need more" well over "adequate". College age respondents also indicated "need more" over "adequate" for the following facilities: roadside paths, mountain bike trails and natural areas.

It is noteworthy that Middle School and College respondents indicated "too much" for more types of facilities and as a higher percentage of the individual facility than any other age category (including soccer fields, baseball fields, tennis courts and play grounds).

7th grade class

This survey was completed by the entire 7th grade class at Lincoln Public Schools and from them, 100 were randomly selected to represent the Middle School age category. The Open Space Committee felt comfortable that they could accurately reflect upon the Town's existing facilities and help to fill an age gap that was developing in the data. A greater percentage of Middle School respondents felt the Town "needs more" canoe access and over 50% of respondents indicated that the Town "needs more" mountain bike trails, roadside paths, and basketball courts.

Over 70% of Middle School respondents indicated "repair" for existing school gyms and baseball fields. It is interesting to note that this group above all other age groups, including Seniors and Adults, indicated "needs more" for handicapped accessible trails.

Ages 25-60

Adult respondents indicated "need more" over "adequate" for roadside paths. Beyond the "adequate" rating, facilities for which 50% or more of Adult respondents indicated "need more" were mountain bike trails, natural areas and canoe access.

Seniors Age 60+

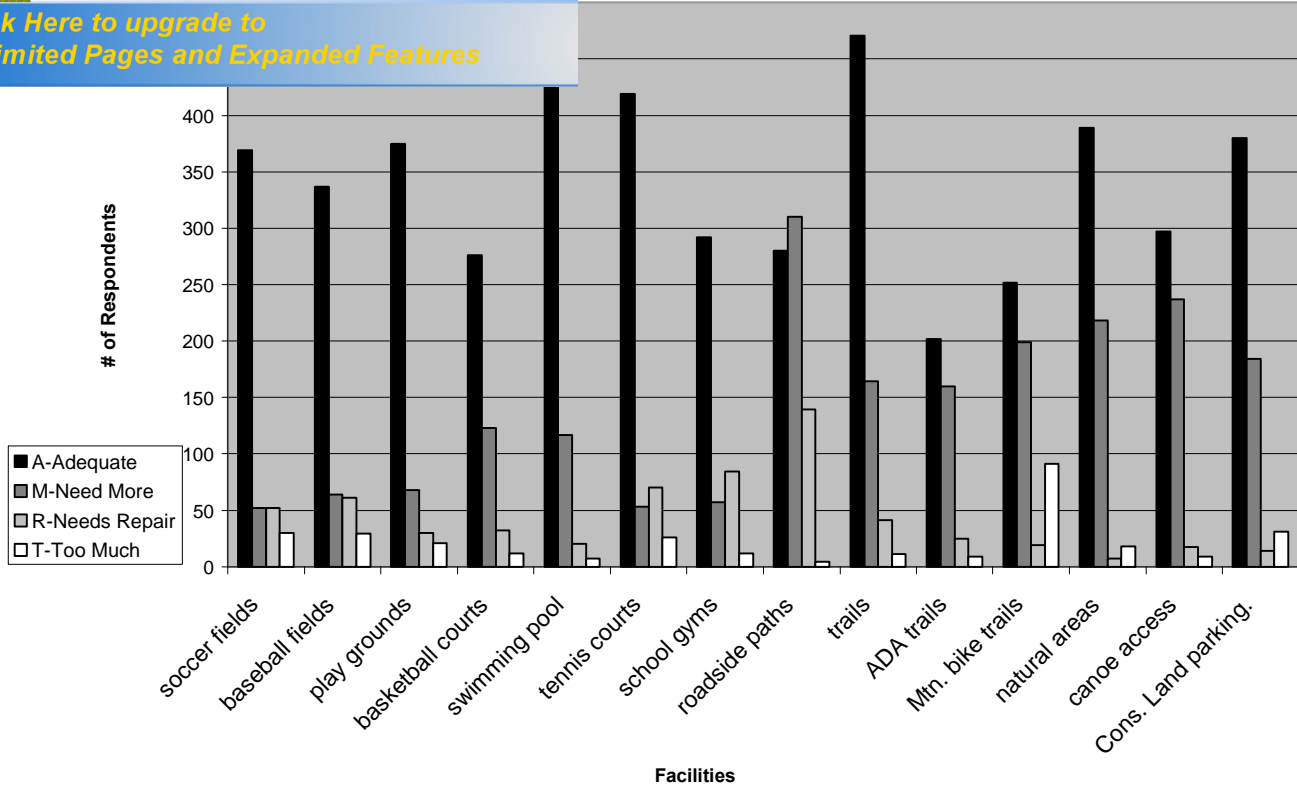
Senior respondents indicated "need more" for roadside paths and all other facilities were rated as "adequate". Facilities for which 50% or more of Seniors indicated "need more" included handicapped accessible trails and conservation land parking.

Using the Results

The maintenance and/or expansion of existing open space and recreation facilities should not be based solely upon this question or survey. However, the trends highlighted in the paragraphs above and the graph below offer some considerations if and when the Town conducts its facilities planning. Generally, the Town should repair and reuse existing facilities before creating new facilities. If expansion of existing facilities is an option, the Town should first consider building new roadside paths. It might also look to create more canoe access, natural areas, handicapped accessible trails and mountain bike trails. Of the active recreation facilities, the Town might repair existing school gyms, tennis courts, baseball fields, soccer fields, basketball courts and pool (in that order).

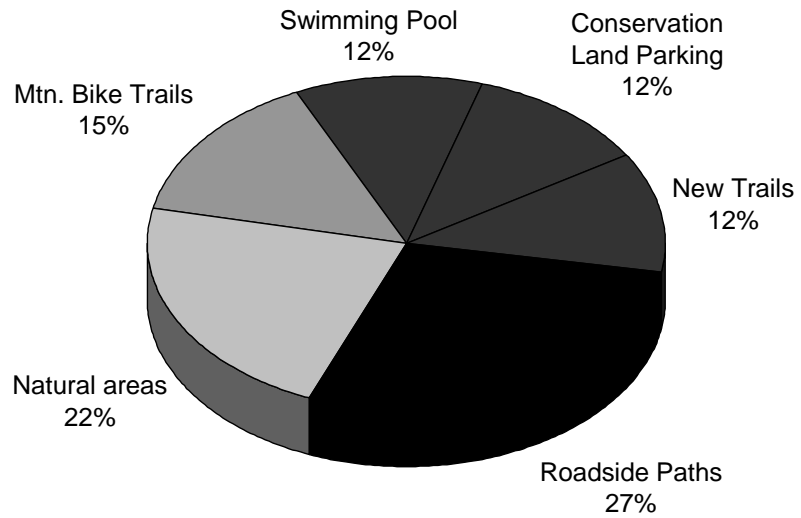
Summary of Facility Ratings

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4: Of the facilities for which you indicated 'More', which is your highest priority?

Total responses: 288



5: How often do you use Lincoln conservation areas, town parks, and/or recreation facilities?

Never:	16 respondents
Occasionally:	197 respondents
Three times a week or more:	194 respondents
TOTAL:	407 respondents

of Lincoln do you use?

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	122
	110
Indoor Pool	40
Other towns playing fields/playgrounds	27
Bike paths/trails	13
Ice skaing arenas	10
Yoga/pilates studios	9
Cultural venues/events	5
Golf course	4
Kayak Launch Points	3
Horseback Riding	1

7: What do you consider to be our Town's most attractive landscape or natural feature?

Open fields / Agricultural farms / Rural scenery	112
Existing conservation land / Open space	112
Pierce Park	45
Trails	38
Woods / Trees	33
Flint's Pond	12
Walden Pond	8
Drumlin Farm	7
Town Center / 5-way stop	6
DeNormandie Hill	6
Minute Man National Historical Park	5
Ponds	4
DeCordova grounds and views from	4

8: Please check your top 5 priorities for new facilities.

GENERAL SURVEY

recreation center	109
spa/fitness facility	91
indoor swimming pool	89
ice skating rink	70
school common improvements	67
neighborhood parks	67
wildlife observation blinds	64
yoga/dance studio	64
outdoor amphitheater	56
handicapped accessible trails	51
playground/picnic areas	46
no new facilities	34
croquet court	31
rock climbing wall	29
skateboarding park	28

7TH GRADE SURVEY

indoor swimming pool	65
ice skating rink	60
rock climbing wall	60
skateboarding park	44
spa/fitness facility	41
school common improvements	32
recreation center	29
outdoor amphitheater	24
wildlife observation blinds	23
neighborhood parks	22
playground/picnic areas	20
yoga/dance studio	19
handicapped accessible trails	19
croquet court	16
no new facilities	0

Other:

Gathering place for youth/teens/general	6
Indoor/Platform tennis courts	3

Other:

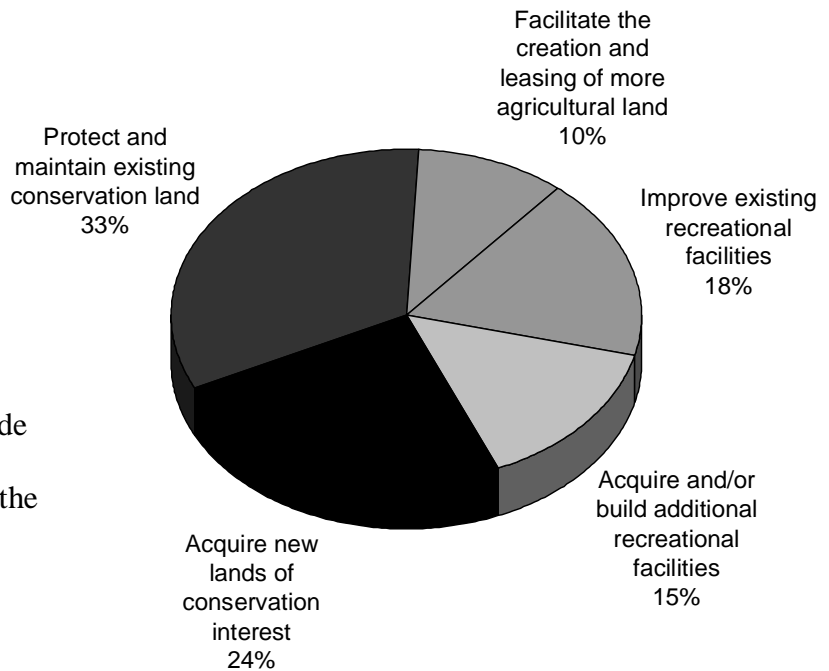
new locker rooms/improvements	2
football field	2

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Basketball court in North Lincoln	2	running track	1
Roper tow on east side of Lincoln Hill	2	open computer lab	1
Volleyball courts	2	driving range	1
Area or sidewalks suitable for rollerblading	2	movie theater	1
Maintain road curbs for bikes	2	baseball field	1
More adequate Senior Center	2	baseball court	1
Golf driving range and putting green	1	school gym	1
Canoe access by boardwalk to Sudbury River	1	food places/shops	1
Access to bathrooms for Saturday sports	1	cafeteria improvements	1
Elevator in Town Hall	1		
Update and improve the pool bathrooms	1		
Lincoln trails that connect to minuteman	1		
Ping-Pong facility	1		
Boat house w/ canoe/kayak rentals	1		

9: What should Lincoln's most important conservation/recreation priorities be for the next 5 years? (circle two)

Total responses: 720



The answers to this question provide strong re-affirmation of the residents' long-term dedication to the protection and maintenance of conservation land in Lincoln.

in order of importance to you as a resident. (L=low, M=medium, H=high)

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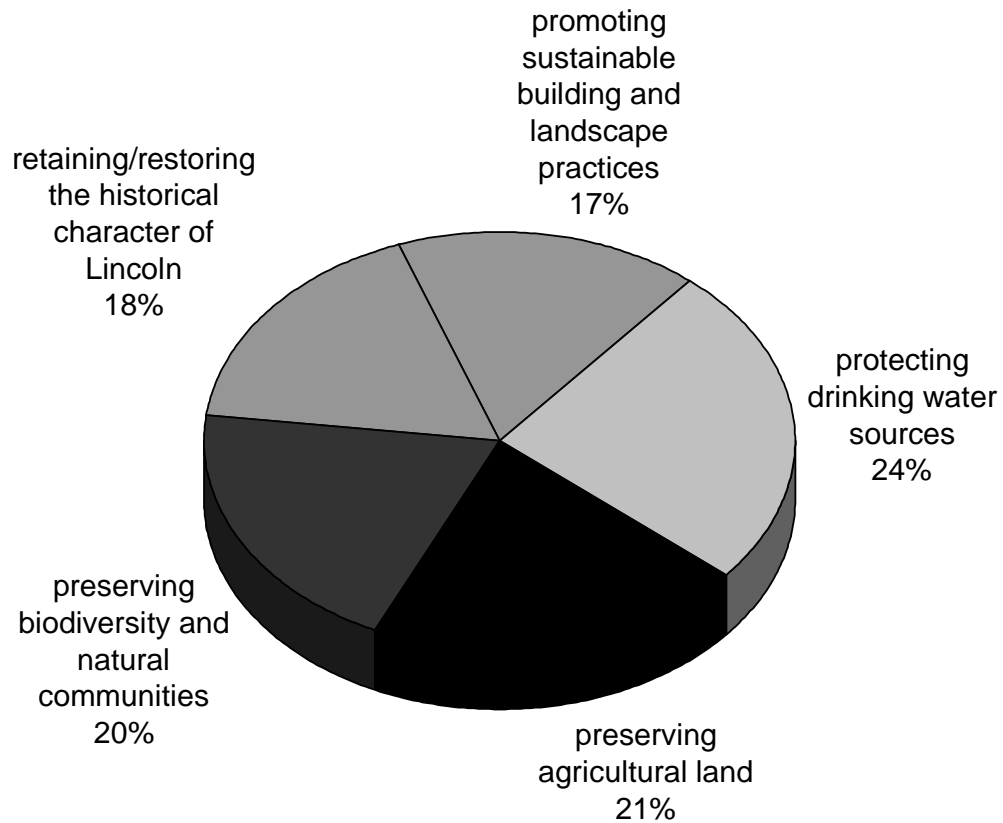
- preserving biodiversity and natural communities
- banning gas-fueled leaf blowers
- expanding recreation facilities and activities
- protecting drinking water sources
- retaining/restoring the historical character of Lincoln
- preserving agricultural land
- allowing deer hunting on conservation land
- encouraging higher-density development
- promoting sustainable building and landscape practices

Other: 47

GENERAL		
Low	Med	High
19	69	203
153	43	94
108	111	76
4	35	270
24	93	185
17	67	225
150	57	77
182	63	41
25	93	162

7TH GRADE		
Low	Med	High
28	35	33
36	39	21
5	29	61
6	20	69
20	43	33
24	39	32
72	13	9
45	42	9
32	48	16

Total response ranged from 376-404, suggesting that almost 100% of people who returned their survey answered this question. It is of high importance to residents that the Town strive to protect drinking water sources, preserve agricultural land, biodiversity and natural communities, retain/restore the historical character of Lincoln and promote sustainable building and landscape practices. Promotion of the following items are of low importance to Lincoln residents, encouraging higher-density development, banning gas-fueled leaf blowers, allowing deer hunting on conservation land and expanding recreation facilities and activities. (The following graph is composed only of the general survey data).





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Options for the acquisition of:

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recreation facilities	165	97	17
affordable housing	206	73	9

12: Please describe your specific ideas regarding existing or new conservation/rec facilities.

GENERAL

- Maintenance of existing land, trails, paths and facilities a priority over new facilities
- I am for leaving things as natural as possible
- Keep builders out of Lincoln
- The sooner we buy all possible land for conservation, the less development will happen
- Educate people about the role Lincoln has created of care-taker of a beautiful land-the biodiversity here must be preserved
- Create spaces that bring the community into more common areas, like the new mall
- Make use of DPW land on Lewis St. and move DPW to transfer station
- Pave the stretch of Trapelo road between Lexington Rd. and the flower pot
- Need weather shelter at commuter rail station--both directions
- How about a "BENCH" on the train platform
- How about a community effort to pick up litter

CONSERVATION/AGRICULTURAL/WILDLIFE

- Put money into maintenance of current open space.
- How about a place (stand?) on the canoe landing field to market local products (agricultural and other)
- Large "conservation" parking area are inadequately policed crime zones
- We need undisturbed land for marginal species
- Increase invasive species control on town conservation land
- Clear out brush - open vistas
- Hire summer interns to attend to conservation land
- Increase Lincoln schools educational use of conservation land
- Survey open lands for important biodiversity & develop a management/restoration program for threatened natural habitats
- Make some land available for horses and cattle grazing on town agricultural land
- Increase local food production and consumption (organic only)
- Identify land appropriate for vegetable farming
- Improve the use of hay fields--get 2 cuttings
- Meter water use on agriculture land at a lower rate than other land
- There should be un-trailed, conservation land where people can walk (bushwack) if they want to fight brush, etc.
- Shoot a few beavers
- Continue to ban hunting - ban fishing as well

PATHS/TRAILS

- Restore and activate bike path plan
- New roadside path along Weston Road
- New path connecting Old County Rd. to path on Trapelo Rd.
- Roadside path from Lincoln Rd. to Drumlin Farm on Rte. 117
- More roadside paths and please buy no more property
- Create a safe bike route to Walden Pond
- Add roadside paths on all through roads
- We need more smooth bike trails
- Maintain bike paths throughout town
- More biking trails & places to ride
- Mountain bike trails



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of all existing bike paths

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Connect an area in one huge loop where possible
Link open spaces with paths along roadways
Connect North Lincoln with the rest of the town through hiking and biking trails
Pedestrian crossing for 2A at Lincoln Rd. to Battle Rd trail (preferably a tunnel)
Need safe crossing from North Lincoln trails to Bedford Rd.
New trail connecting Page and Lexington Roads
Continue to implement/enforce dog leash control rules on trails
Trails are wonderful--keep them maintained and make new ones
Maintain the Three Friends Trail
Cover muddy wet area in Black Gum Trail off Sandy Pond Rd.
Repair trails with boardwalks
Promote walking program for kids
Position Ivy along bike path is dangerous
Concerned re: erosion and damage to ecosystem on bike trails

COMMUNITY/RECREATION CENTER

Senior or community center with room for exercise classes, cards, ping pong, meetings, etc.
A common restaurant/café/meeting area for families (usable in winter)
A park in commercial downtown with picnic tables
Renovate the vacant Pod at Lincoln Schools for a community center or recreation facilities
Save Pod A+B. Re-open Pod B- especially for cub/girl scouts
Create a multi-use building for pre-school/COA/after school meeting place/teen center
Create a Tween/Teen center
We desperately need a modern rec replacement for the pods
A facility with an indoor pool and gym would be amazing
A spa with a heated pool area for the elderly
If you build a swimming pool, use an ionization (non-chlorine) process for the water
Make arrangement in Concord so Lincoln residents could join indoor pool facility for less \$
Add an indoor swimming pool to school campus for students (adults at night)
Waterpark like swimming pool
Build skateboard park, teen center, and better pool with more features (diving, slides-waterpark)
Squash courts in rec facility, with climbing wall for kids too

RECREATION FACILITIES

Remodel school facilities
School grounds and building could be better maintained
Concentrate on repairing school gym
Improve school facilities before creating new ones
Use existing facilities or developed land for new facilities
Codman pool needs repair
New recreational facilities that are free for Lincoln residents
More recreational facilities (ie. basketball court) in North Lincoln
Build a toilet facility at tennis court
Skate park next to new toddler playground near Brooks gym
Make toddler playground improvements
Clear some space along the wooded side and end of the Town Hall soccer field
All weather turf field
More outdoor basketball courts
Golf course/club adjacent to Hanscom-Old Virginia



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imming pool
ash removal

13: If there is a critical property you think should be identified for conservation, agriculture, trail or recreation purposes, please describe.

DeNormandie Hill / Fields	23
DeNormandie 55-acre land (north of Rte. 2)	5
Farrington Memorial woods	3
Audubon CR	2
Pole Brook between S. Lincoln Road & Rte. 126	1
Drane & Harrington/Rowe properties connected	1
Trail all around Beaver Pond	1
Shoreline of Fairhaven Bay (pleasant meadow)	1
The old horse farm on Lexington Road	1
Corner of Rte. 117/126 junction	1
South side of Old Sudbury Rd. to link Drumlin & Weston	1
Valley at southeast end of Farrar Pond--(Naiman/Brodney)	1
Davis field on Conant Rd.	1
North Lincoln - Old Bedford Rd. to Virginia Rd. corridor	1
Codman School A and B pods	1
Lands adjacent to potential roadside paths	1

Additional Comments:

GENERAL

- Thank you.
- Thanks for the opportunity for input
- Thank you, Keep up the good work
- Thank you! All of this is what make Lincoln so special
- I treasure the ability to walk the wonderful trails in Lincoln. Thank you
- My whole family loves going for walks exploring the Lincoln trails. We also love to see more agriculture
- I love Lincoln the way it is. Keep maintaining and expanding the conservation land. let's keep it and protect it!
- Leave Lincoln as it is--we don't need this stuff [new recreational facilities]
- I love being in Lincoln because of the ample access (w/out driving) to trails & open space. I hope this character can be preserved
- The leaf blower question is ridiculous. Have a simple 9pm-6am noise ordinance and end this nonsense
- A less noisy public works department
- The town is doing a better job cleaning up sides of roads
- Trash pick up in areas we "let go" as not "ours"--117 to Lee's bridge, 117 Wooded toss-out strip, others similar.
- Encourage MMNHP to relocate 2A around Minuteman High school
- Prohibit loud noise from Pierce House that affects the peace of Lincoln Center
- Ban weed-wackers along with leaf blowers
- Why not have Conservation and Preservation Committee, Bemis etc. sponsor meetings on green building practices

HOUSING/DEVELOPMENT

- If the town still values and wishes to increase diversity through affordable housing it must also provide services
- Lincoln is surrounded by (some) towns that created purpose through development. Let's avoid this in Lincoln and preserve open space
- Prevent suburban mansions
- We need enough affordable housing that tracts of lands are not at risk of being taken by an unfriendly developer



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...e it so hard for small houses on small lots to add 250 sqft?
...e diversified housing
...om roads as possible to preserve Lincoln's rural visual image
...ave restricted cons. land rather than mansions
Create higher density housing within 1/2 mile of RR station and shopping center
anti-McMansion zoning, buy land before developers

RECREATION

Will there be recreational/exercise equipment at Deaconess elderhousing?
Lincoln is known for open space. Athletic facilities are nice but how much would taxes and membership cost?
Do not want to sacrifice natural space for "developed" recreation
Leverage recreation when we approve large projects like Deaconess
There is a lack of commitment to providing a sense of community and recreation for Middle/High School aged children
We wish Lincoln had arranged for its residents to use the new Concord fitness center next to the CCHS
Town should consider "improvements" that could bring activity to its citizens and create income
We need activities for the kids to keep them in the community. A rec center and artificial turf [field] with lights would do that
The current pool is over used-not big enough
Indoor swimming facilities in Sudbury are very far away/difficult to access
I would love to have a swim/fitness center if it did not cost the town too much
Those who don't need to work to live enjoy all of the [conservation and recreation facilities]
I would be happy to discuss how baseball facilities are maintained by youth baseball in town. Dan Cousins 259-1379
Need to address the concerns of an aging population in terms of access to land and rec. facilities
Murals for Lincoln School grounds. Painted and designed by artistic kids and adults--I'll help organize: Debbie x3735.
North Lincoln needs and easily accessible flat field for baseball, soccer and frisbee etc. and a Teen Center

CONSERVATION LAND

Protecting conservation land is vital--and we should expend our resources there
As much open space as possible
I don't want "facilities" but rather the \$ to go towards more open spaces and preserving the land and trails
[Acquiring new conservation land] We have enough
Should not balance recreation and Open Space. Conservation has value beyond recreation
Recreation should not be lumped together with conservation land
Lincolniters have access to plenty of recreational facilities, open land once gone (even for rec facilities) is gone forever
Conservation land is more important than facilities
We feel strongly that people other than town residents and employees should be charges for the use of trails and conservation lands
We need to take better care of existing conservation land for the long term
[Farming] Lincoln is no longer a place for serious and competitive agriculture--it's two generations too late
We don't need any more conservation acquisitions. We have more conserved land than homes
Parking on Bedford Rd is impossible
Parking on Old Concord Rd. for Mt. Misery is very limited and what space there is needs gravel to fill in large drop in leve from road
There is no parking on Tower Rd. to access trails there
Please do something about the deer tick population
The deer tick population must be controlled
Control deer and Canada goose population
Important to reduce Deer/Lyme tick population and get Board of Health support
[Deer control] prefer some form of poisoning or birth control to worrying about being killed by hunters-but deer elimination is very important
[Deer hunting] should be seasonal and limited to Bow and Arrow - Lyme is a huge problem
The deer herd is out of control perhaps use sharp shooters like in N.H. The leaf blower ban is ridiculous
We need more dog walking trails--off leash
DOG-FREE TRAILS
Dogs are a real problem! Should designate one or two parcels for dog walkers (not Mt. Misery, please!) and ban dogs from all other lands