

Comprehensive Plan Update

Parks, Recreation, and Culture
Component

What is the Comprehensive Plan?

- It is Milton residents' vision of the future
- It is a guide or master plan used by the Town in shaping the community over a period of many years
- It is general in scope, visionary in content, and flexible in design to allow for filling in of desired or needed details as they arise over time
- Per State statute, it must be updated every 5 years
- It was last updated in 2008
- The Planning Commission is currently in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan for adoption by the Selectboard in early 2013

Purpose

- Refresh Recreation Master Plan completed in 2007
- Identify Accomplishments
- Identify Areas still need work

Purpose (Cont'd)

- Obtain Public Input to assist Planning Commission on updating Comprehensive Plan
 - Specific to current economic climate and limited resources
 - Prioritize the type and nature of recreation improvements for Comprehensive Plan Update

Economic Climate

- Essential replacements in capital improvement plan were deferred and are now being added back slowly
- Economic outlook for next few years is for a slowly recovering economy
- As economy improves and essential items in capital improvement plan come back on track, how should public investment be spent on recreation improvements?

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Accomplishments → Administration

- Establish consistent office hours
- Increase office hours
- Purchase RecTrac software
- Increase Recreation Coordinator position (towards) full time
- Fill all five positions on Recreation Commission
- Foster communication-Commission and other boards
- Develop written goals and objectives annually
- Develop joint facility/field use agreement with school district
- Compile an administrative handbook (in process)

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Accomplishments → Programs

- Offer more programs
- Collaborate more with others to increase program opportunities
- Ensure equal opportunity to participate in programs
- Develop a pricing policy for recreation programs

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Accomplishments → Facilities

- Choose a color scheme for the park system
- Paint restroom/concession building using new color scheme (maintain)
- Develop a Master Plan for entire Bombardier Park parcel
- Buy an aerator
- Topsoil to complete recreation field expansion project
- Renovate restroom/concession building (maintain)
- Pave Bombardier Park road
- Parking Lot Improvements
- Upgrade all playground safety surfaces (maintain)
- Add more equipment & benches to playground
- More picnic tables & BBQ grills near picnic pavilion
- Improve trails and trail signage
- Establish a Bikepath Committee
- Expand sidewalk system (in process)

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Accomplishments → Natural Areas

- Choose a name for the park (Bove property)
- Complete a natural resource inventory & assessment (Bove property)
- Adopt and implement a Management Plan (Bove property)
- Construct a parking area (in process) (Bove property)
- Clearly mark the park boundaries (Eagle Mountain)
- Improve trails and trail signage (in process) (Eagle Mountain)
- Construct a wooden kiosk at trail head (Eagle Mountain)
- Parking improvements (Eagle Mountain)
- Evaluate the dam (Town Forest)
- Make recommended improvements to the dam (Town Forest)
- Adopt and implement a Management Plan (Town Forest)
- Construct parking area at Checkerberry end of trail (Checkerberry)
- Sustain good relationship with CVPS (Checkerberry)
- Work with CVPS to ensure the long-term availability (CVPS sites)
- Evaluate all recreation facilities for ADA compliance

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Areas which still need work → Administration & Programs

- Expand Assistant Recreation position to full time (or other options)
- Increase Buildings and Grounds staff
- Increase the Recreation and Buildings/Grounds budgets
- Develop a Ten-Year Capital Recreation Plan
- Establish a Dedicated Recreation Impact Fee
- Conduct a citizen survey every ten years
- Purchase RecTrac software – Web Registration Module
- Offer online program registration

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Areas which still need work → Facilities

- Develop Signage Plan for the Park System
- Add electricity to (proposed) outdoor performance structure
- Add electricity to existing picnic pavilion
- Repair structural cracks on tennis courts
- Repair cracks with membrane and coat tennis courts
- Replace backboards on tennis courts
- Construct restrooms on east side of the park
- Build a small “Spray-ground”
- Clearly mark park boundaries (Bombardier Park)
- Purchase adjacent land for future recreation use (Bombardier Park)
- Identify key corridors for bicycle and pedestrian paths
- Develop map of Sidewalk, Bicycle & Pedestrian Paths

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Areas which still need work → Facilities (con't)

- Feasibility, Pro-forma, Design – Indoor Recreation Center
- Capital Campaign for Indoor Recreation Center
- Construct Indoor Recreation Center
- Develop a town-wide park and trail map
- Evaluate feasibility of using former landfill for a (dog) park
- Build a Dog Park
- Work with neighbors to build a neighborhood park(s)

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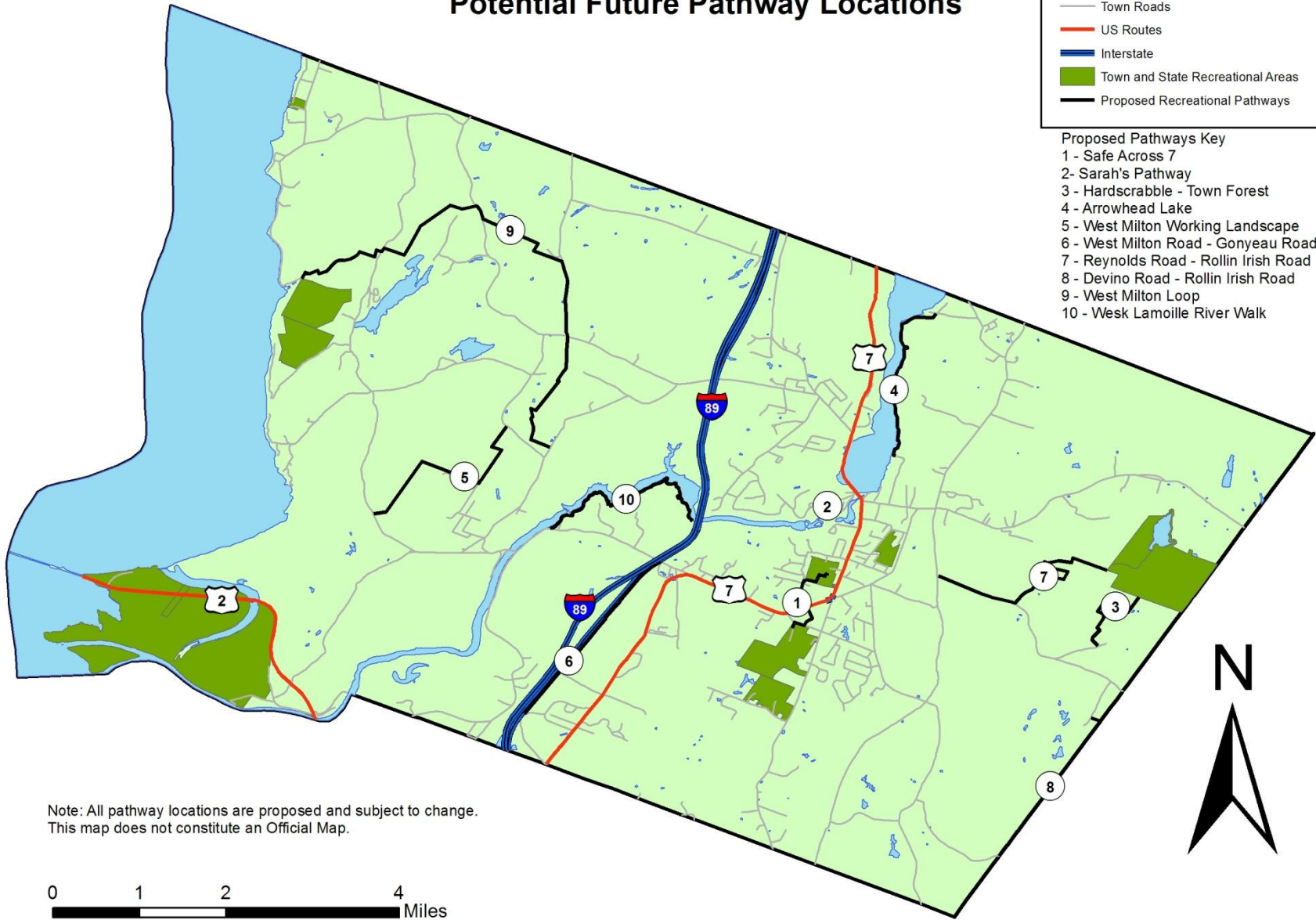
Areas which still need work → Natural Areas

- Clearly mark the park boundaries (Bove property)
- Improve trails and signage (Bove property)
- Construct a wooden kiosk at the trail head (Bove Property)
- Construct a wooden kiosk at the trail head (Eagle Mountain)
- Establish a wildlife monitoring system (Town Forest)
- Survey the park for rare plant species (Town Forest)
- Clearly mark the boundaries of this property (Town Forest)
- Improve the trails and trail signage (Town Forest)
- Construct a wooden kiosk at the trail head (Town Forest)
- Develop a town-wide park and trail map

Potential Future Pathway Locations

— Town Roads
— US Routes
— Interstate
 Town and State Recreational Areas
 Proposed Recreational Pathways

- Proposed Pathways Key**
- 1 - Safe Across 7
 - 2 - Sarah's Pathway
 - 3 - Hardscrabble - Town Forest
 - 4 - Arrowhead Lake
 - 5 - West Milton Working Landscape
 - 6 - West Milton Road - Gonyeau Road
 - 7 - Reynolds Road - Rollin Irish Road
 - 8 - Devino Road - Rollin Irish Road
 - 9 - West Milton Loop
 - 10 - Wesk Lamoille River Walk



Note: All pathway locations are proposed and subject to change.
 This map does not constitute an Official Map.

