



Westport Parks Master Plan Community Workshop: September 30, 2025

Meeting Update

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- Introductions – Who is the planning team –Plan purpose
 - List of focused parks, field and facilities (focused entities)
 - Update / Summary of Findings
 - Outline of Plan Report
 - Schedule

Introductions – BL Team



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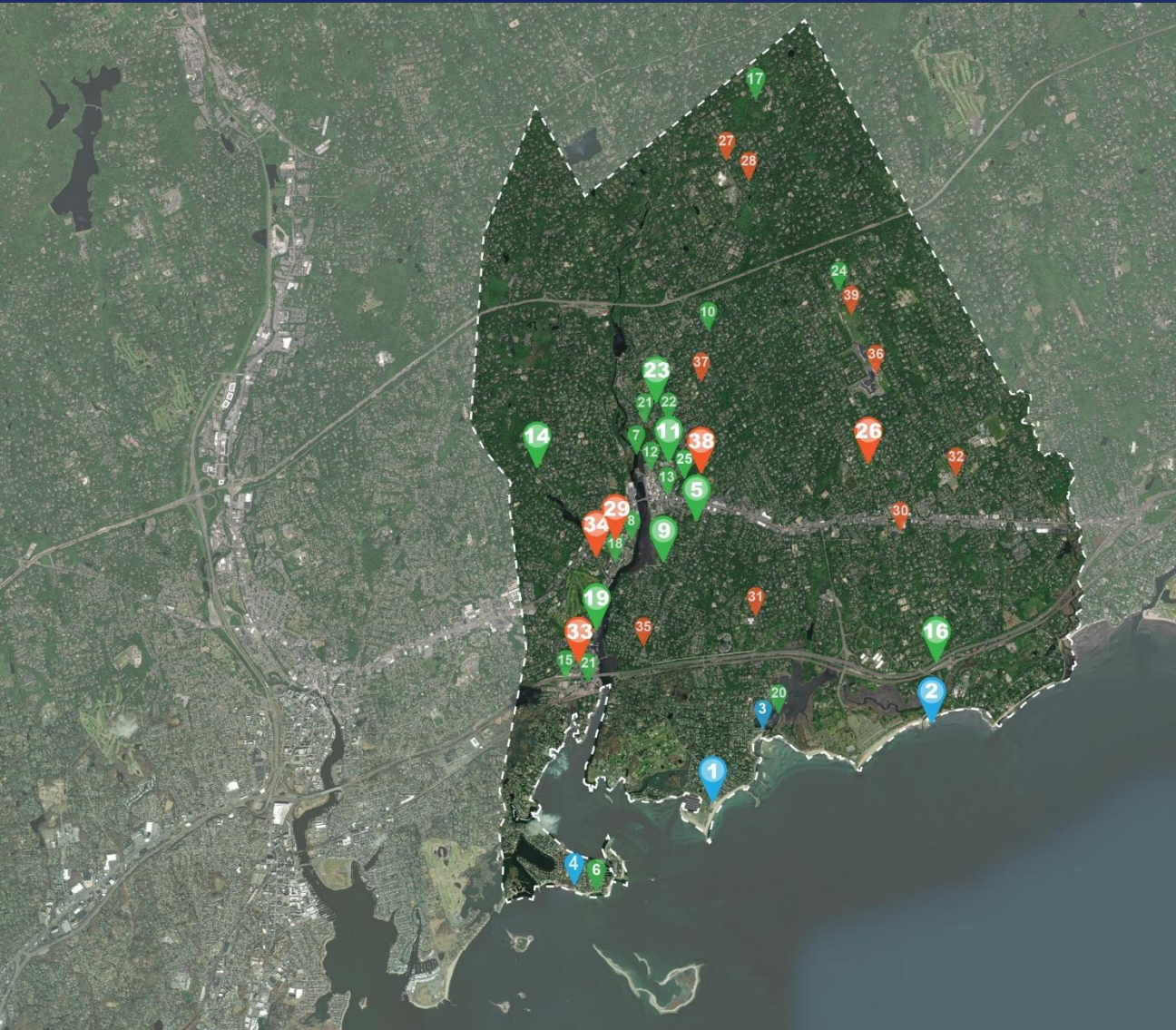
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Purpose of the Plan

To develop a road map to install focus, establish priorities, and inspire action over the next 10 years. Form a systematic and prioritized approach to implement parks projects with clear direction on development, improvement, maintenance and operations of Westport's parks, facilities and recreational development within Westport.

- Assess and identify park and facility needs
- Determine improvements, changes or additions for existing parks and facilities
- Determine any need for additional facilities
- Provide strategic, measurable, and obtainable recommendations
- Provide maintainable maintenance recommendations and standardization
- Provide infrastructure standardization
- Assess and identify budgetary needs

Focused Entities– The Sites



BEACHES

1. Compo Beach
2. Burying Hill Beach
3. Old Mill Beach
4. Canal Beach

PARKS

5. **Baron's South Property**
6. Canal Beach
7. Canal Green
8. Eloise A. Ray Park
9. **Grace K. Salmon Park**
10. Hitchcock Park
11. **Jesup Green**
12. Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts
13. The Westport Library Riverwalk and Garden
14. **Lillian Wadsworth Arboretum**
15. Luciano Park
16. **Machamux Park**
17. Newman-Poses Preserve
18. Pasacreta Park
19. Riverside Park
20. Sherwood Mill Pond Preserve
21. Stroffolino Park
22. St. Johns Place and Myrtle Avenue Park
23. **Veterans Green**
24. Wakeman Field
25. **Winslow Park**

ATHLETIC FIELDS

26. **Burr Farms Athletic Fields**
27. Coleytown Elementary School
28. Coleytown Middle School
29. **Doubleday Field Complex**
30. Greens Farms Elementary School
31. Hillspoint Athletic Fields
32. Long Lots Elementary School
33. **Luciano Field**
34. **Saugatuck Elementary School**
35. Saugatuck Athletic Field
36. Staples High School
37. Town Farm Ball Complex
38. **Town Hall Athletic Fields**
39. Wakeman Field

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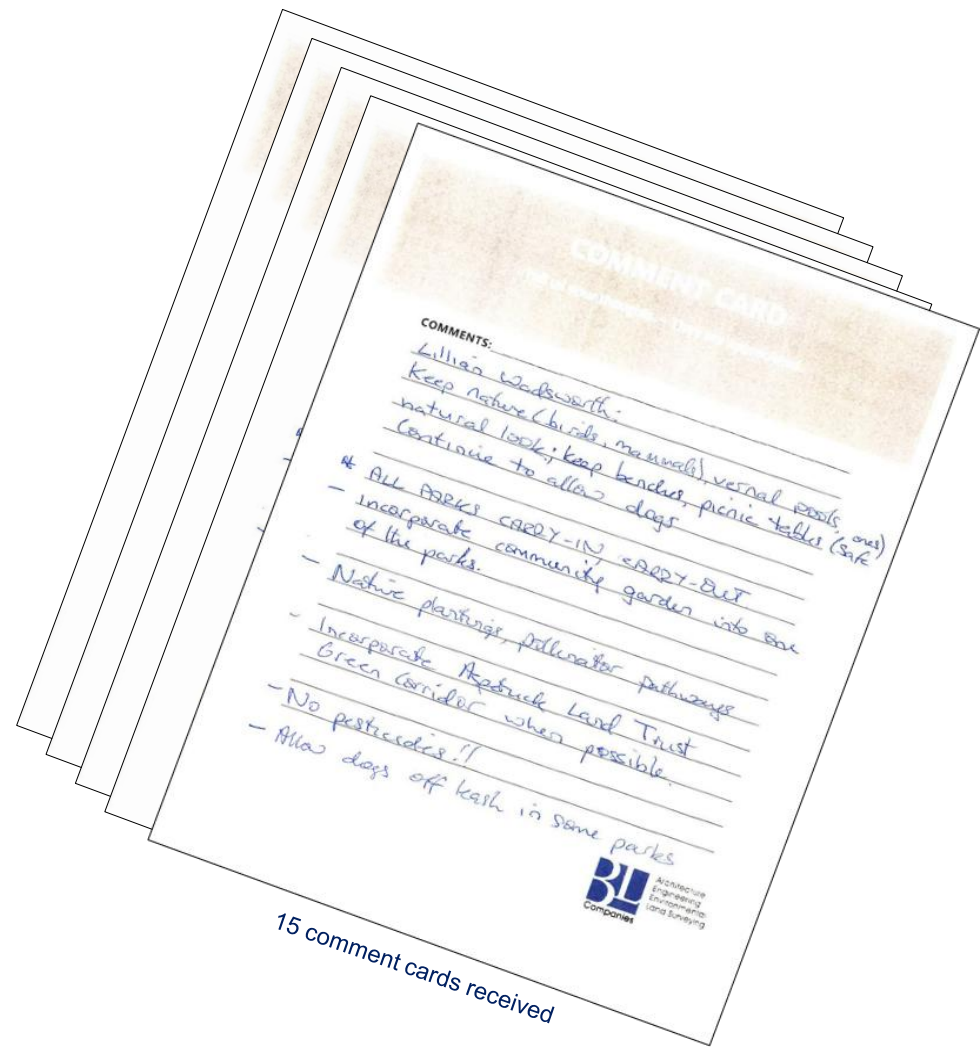
- Compo Beach
- Burying Hill Beach
- Barons Hill South Property
- Grace K Salmon Park
- Jesup Green
- Lillian Wadsworth Arboretum
- Machamux Park
- Veteran Green
- Winslow Park
- Burr Farms Athletic Fields
- Doubleday Field Complex
- Luciano Field
- Saugatuck Elementary School
- Town Hall Athletic Fields



- **Compo Beach** – do little to it, playground, skate park rebuild, parking, sand migration, second access, one way traffic, shade stations, water fillers, restroom upgrade (yearly), lockers, meadow, native plantings, trees, beach erosion, pickleball
- **Burying Hill Beach** - keep it the same
- **Barons Hill South Property** – ledge in the center, open space, mini golf, 50% developed 50% natural
- **Grace K Salmon Park** – coastal resiliency, potential for dredging spoils
- **Jesup Green** - maintenance, no trees removed
- **Lillian Wadsworth Arboretum** – Native species, carry in carry out trash, native management, dogs, funding neglected, stable walk, keep benches and tables, tread lightly
- **Machamux Park** – wildlife, overly groomed
- **Veteran Green** – no comments
- **Winslow Park** –no comments
- **Burr Farms Athletic Fields** –no comments
- **Doubleday Field Complex** – broken back stop, invasive removal, native plantings, pollinator pathway, fields are a recreation asset
- **Luciano Field** – better playground surface
- **Saugatuck Elementary School** – bathrooms, track lighting, shed, sled hill
- **Town Hall Athletic Fields** – maintenance, irrigation

Community Workshop 1

- Top Priority
 - Fields
 - Multimodal Circulation
 - Park Access
 - Community Gardens
 - Restrooms
- Land Use Opportunities
 - Community Gardens
 - Hiking Trails
 - Natural/Turf Fields
 - Signage (Historical)
 - Compo Skate Park
 - Public Art
 - Structured Dog Park
 - Natural Areas

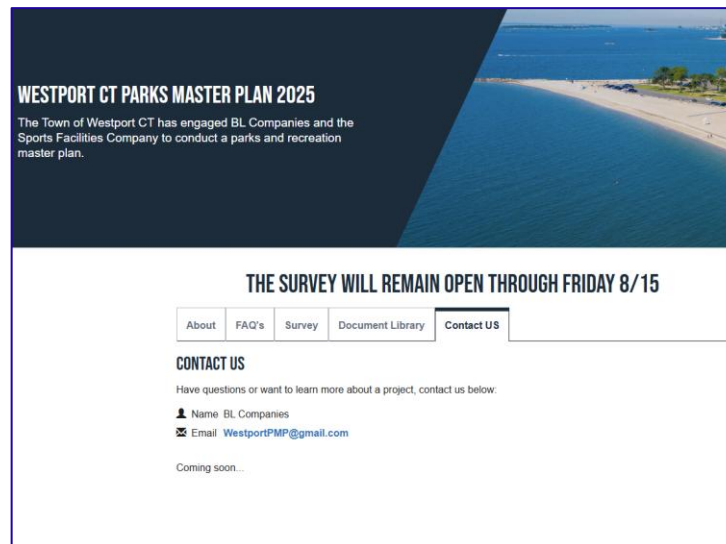


Stakeholder Input

- Stakeholders, User Groups, and Program Providers
 - Town Government
 - Westport Internal Organizations
 - Westport Organizations
 - Westport Athletic Organizations
- Key Insights
 - Need for additional outdoor field space
 - Facilities with additional/enhanced amenities such as lights, restrooms, parking, field sizes, etc.
 - Improved scheduling practices and coordination
 - Communication, release of unused fields, etc.
 - Shared use agreements
 - Time lost to weather/rainouts
 - Improved maintenance of existing parks and facilities
 - Preservation of open-space and natural environments within the town
 - Transportation, traffic, and connectivity is an issue for Westport
 - Reestablishment of the community garden, proposed locations, and needs for assets/amenities to support the gardens
 - Safety of parks and facilities (i.e.. skatepark at Compo Beach)

WestportPMP Email Responses

- Emails received at the dedicated email address 52
- Emails related to the Community Garden 38
- Email related to Wakeman Park 01
- Email related to Nature based play /playgrounds 01
- Email related to Baron's south Aris Land Studio plan 01
- Emails solicitation/advertisements/Spam 11



Site Analysis

- Parks (Overall)

Signage brand, regulatory and wayfinding inconsistent.

Site amenities (trash receptacles, benches and tables) inconsistent.

Entry, parking and access arrival sequence subdued and vehicle dominant (pedestrian and multimodal needed).

Accessibility concerns to use areas within parks.

Native plantings and tree canopy can be improved

Cultural and Historical elements appear in decline (memorial benches, memorials, etc.)

- Fields

Schedule inconsistency, fields are intermittently rested and overused/overscheduled in demand seasons.

Lack of illumination to extend playability in high demand seasons (fall and Spring).

School based resources used and controlled by the schools (campus safety and security & interscholastic activities).

Field grade plane for field sports/drainage -concern on the majority of the fields (leads to scheduling issues).

Areas maintained by town and outside interests (leagues, clubs, etc.).

Need for additional artificial fields to augment offline fields during high field demand.

- Passive and Open Space Areas

Areas appear to have low maintenance preference.

Invasive vegetation present

Areas maintained by town and outside interests (trusts, clubs, etc.)

- Beaches

Compo reaching overprogramming and heavily utilized.

Coastal resiliency measures need to be addressed (dune creation/restoration along with education)

Other beaches are (smaller in size), moderately to heavily utilized and lack logical park hierarchy.



Overall Recommendations

- Improve accessibility.
- Bike friendly.
- Dog friendly.
- Multi-generational.
- Enhance natural resources.
- Native planting.
- Pollinator friendly.
- Green infrastructure.
- Customized maintenance regiments.
- Unified Park signage.
- Unified Park amenity scheduling.
- Restrooms.
- Tree canopy enhancement. Shade.
- Playgrounds.
- Unified site amenities.
- Memorial management
- Field and program amenity upgrades
- Athletic field and court maintenance
- Open space maintenance



Elements of the Plan – Every Site

- Site Analysis
- Facility Analysis
- Program Analysis
- Recommendations
- Order of magnitude opinion of probable improvement costs

OVERALL SITE CONDITIONS

Restrooms: Yes No
 Storage: Yes No
 Benches: Yes No
 ADA Seating: Yes No
 ADA Compliant Paths: Yes No
 Perimeter Fencing: Yes No
 Irrigation: Yes No
 Street Lighting: Yes No

OVERALL SITE NOTES

The St. John's Place and Myrtle Ave Park is a small urban park located at the corner of two major roadways in Westport. The park features a sidewalk for seating, irrigation systems, and a paved area for recreation. It includes a single bench for seating, irrigation systems, and a paved area for recreation. During the visit, no specific destination within the park was identified, and it includes a single bench for seating. During the visit, no specific destination within the park was identified, and it includes a single bench for seating. During the visit, no specific destination within the park was identified, and it includes a single bench for seating.

PARK ACCESS/WAYFINDING

Yes No
 Public front to back access: Yes No
 Bike route: Yes No
 Street lighting: Yes No
 Public parking: Yes No
 Sidewalks: Yes No
 Trail connections: Yes No
 Signage on site: Yes No
 Signage off site: Yes No

PARKING

Overall Condition: N/A
 # of Spaces: 0
 # of ADA Spaces: 0
 # of Van Spaces: 0

Yes No
 HC Space Available: Yes No
 Accessible van space: Yes No
 # of HC Spaces: 0
 # of Van Spaces: 0
 # of ADA Spaces: 0
 # of Van Spaces: 0
 HC Sign of Space: Yes No
 HC Surface: Yes No
 HC Curbside: Yes No
 HC Space: Yes No
 HC Space: Yes No

GENERAL NOTES/OVERALL DESCRIPTION

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Elements of the Plan – Schematic Sites (14)

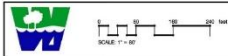


MAP LEGEND

— PROPERTY LINE
 — STUDY AREA

PROPERTY INFO

PARCELA: 06020200
 ZONE: A
 PARCEL ACRES: 23.15 AC
 NOTES: 2-BALL FIELD, PLAYGROUND, BASKETBALL COURT



Doubleday Field Complex
 170 RIVERSIDE AVE. (KINGS HIGHWAY)
 WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT



- Site Analysis
- Facility Analysis
- Program Analysis
- Recommendations
- 10% Schematic Design
- Conceptual opinion of probable improvement costs

Conceptual Estimate

Item	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Site Analysis	1	Phase	\$150,000	\$150,000
Facility Analysis	1	Phase	\$150,000	\$150,000
Program Analysis	1	Phase	\$150,000	\$150,000
Recommendations	1	Phase	\$150,000	\$150,000
10% Schematic Design	1	Phase	\$150,000	\$150,000
Conceptual opinion of probable improvement costs	1	Phase	\$150,000	\$150,000
Total	6			\$900,000



Focused Sites



These are Programming Concepts –nothing is set in stone

They are designed to solicit Input from You

Based Upon Input and Themes to date

Compo Beach



- Upgraded Pickleball
- Reconfigured internal circulation
- Relocated skate park
- Vegetation introduction
- Shoreline breaks (sand mitigation)
- Unified benches and amenities – clear park identification

Burying Hill Beach



- Combine parcels
- Accessible circulation
- Safety mitigation
- Paving upgrade
- Vegetation additions
- Defined use areas

Barons South Property



- Upgraded and defined access paths
- Environmental (educational) signage
- Vegetation management and invasive removals
- Low impact parking nodes within site (future acquisition)
- Restorative vegetation restoration around primary
- Small percentage semiactive recreation space

Grace K Salmon Park



- Durable walk surface path (width to vary)
- Pollinator buffer
- Vegetation management and invasive removals
- Environmental signage (educational)
- Upgraded accessibility
- Clearly defined entrance sequence

Jesup Green - Draft



- Improved universal accessibility (park boundary)
- Defined park, pedestrian and vehicle circulation
- Clean blending of adjacent use areas
- Additional areas for public art
- Renovated “Open Green” area (irrigation, drainage and turf health)
- Increase in vegetation areas (raingarden, pollinators and trees)

Lillian Wadsworth Arboretum



- Upgraded improved low impact parking area
- Improved walking paths
- Clearer naturalized sign definition
- Overall Invasive management and removal, forest maintenance
- Successional tree implementation
- Upgrade site amenities (rustic benches, tables, kiosk, signage)

Machamux Park



- Improved parking
- Defined use areas
- Accessible picnic area
- Increase in shaded areas
- Cultural and Historical upgrades
- Alternative park useability

Veterans Green



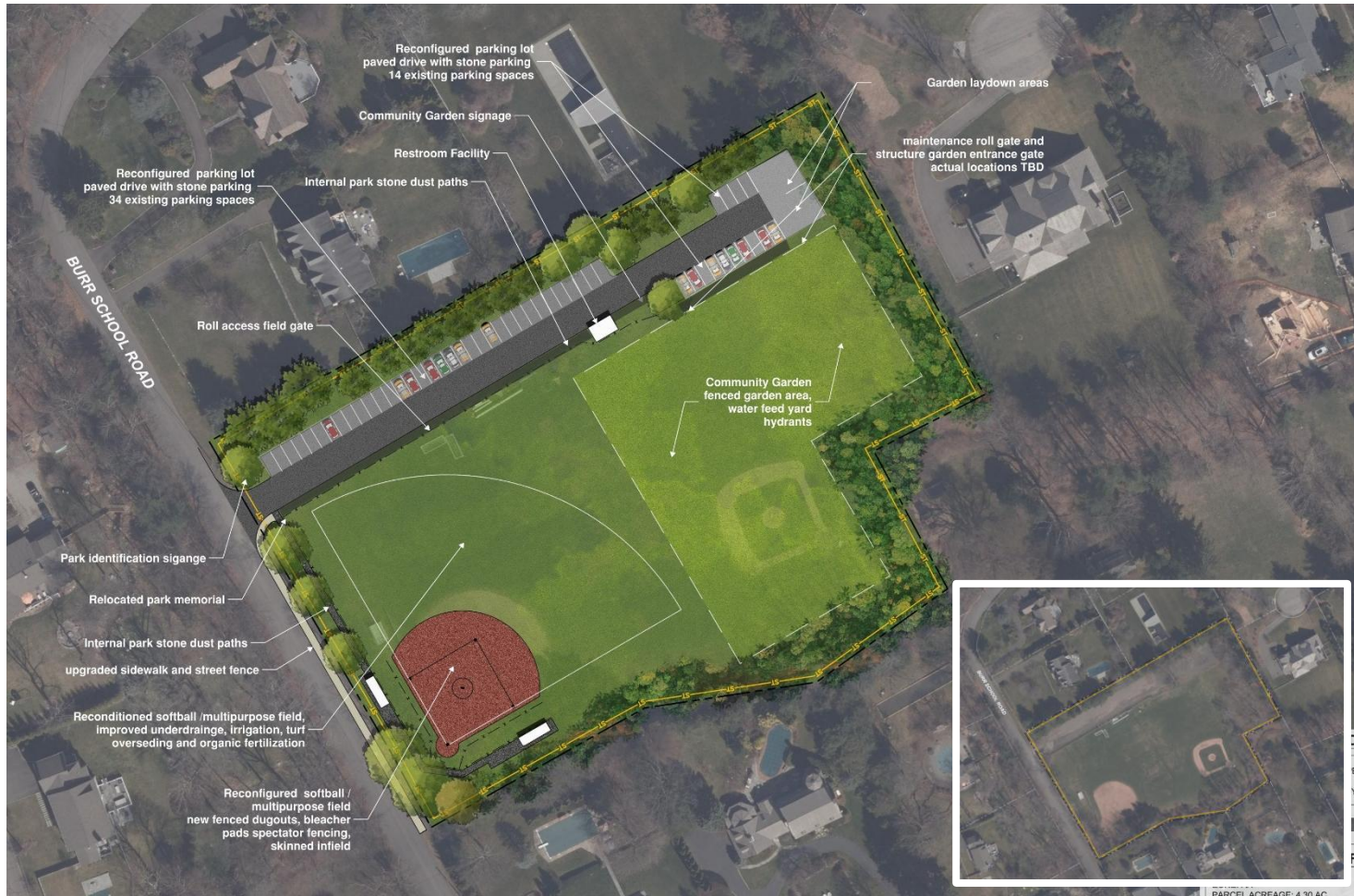
- Perimeter upgrade and definition
- Defined memorial loop path
- Upgrade turf area and irrigation
- Cultural and Historical Signage
- Memorial upgrades
- Managed and increased tree and shrub zones

Winslow Park



- Multipurpose synthetic field introduction
- Field Lighting
- Pollinator pathway
- Upgraded accessibility
- Upgraded play areas
- Increase in outdoor educational program areas

Burr Farms - Draft



- Community Garden Introduction
- Revised Softball. /multi purpose field configuration
- Clean blending of use areas
- Upgraded parking area with clearly identified park signage
- Upgraded pedestrian linkage
- Restrooms facility

Burr Farms - Draft



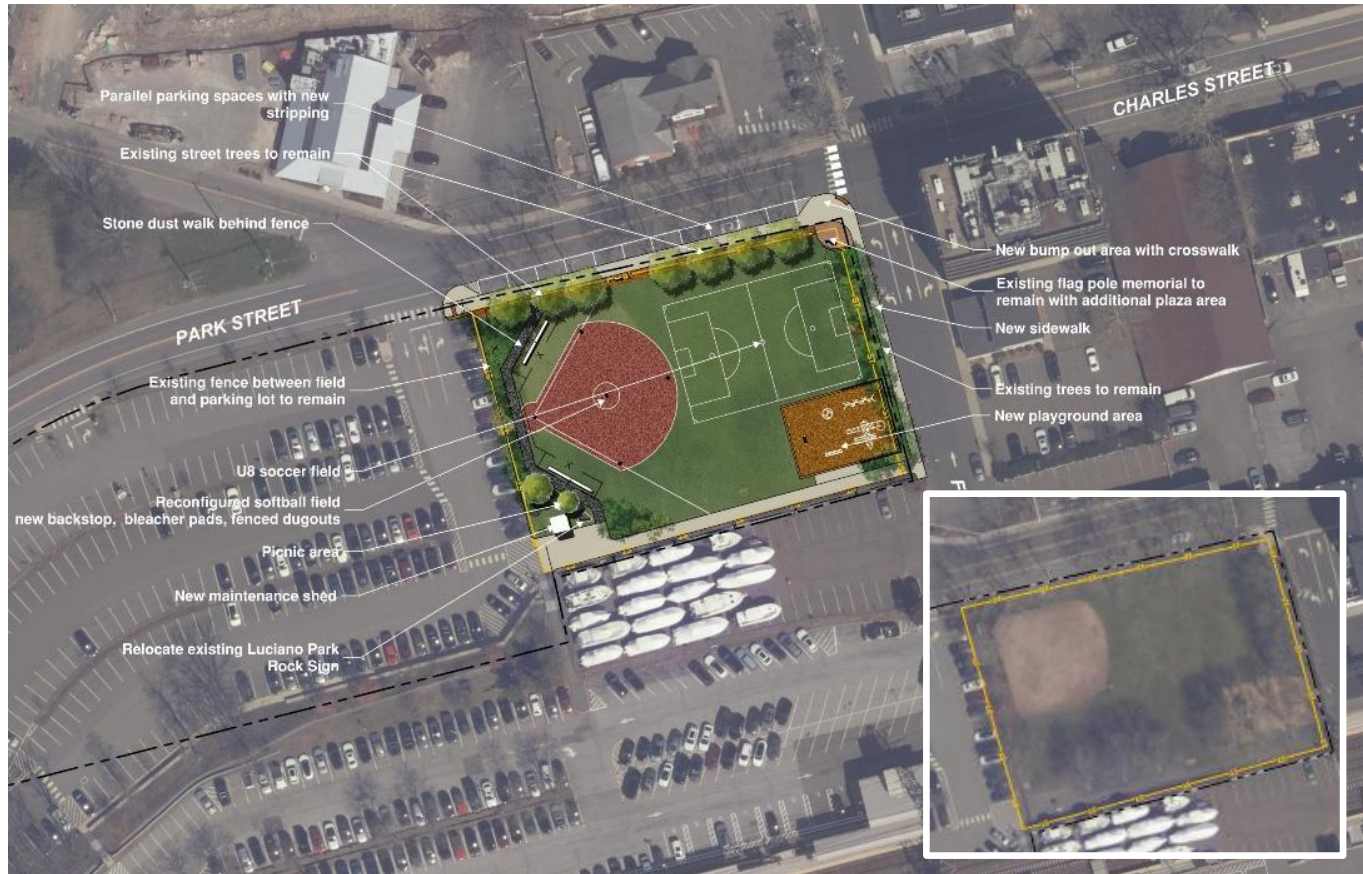
- Spray park introduction
- Revised Softball. /multi purpose field configuration
- Clean blending of use areas
- Upgraded parking area with clearly identified park signage
- Upgraded pedestrian linkage
- Restrooms facility

Doubleday Field Complex - Draft



- Multipurpose field renovation
- Pollinator pathway
- Upgraded play areas
- Field Lighting
- Upgraded accessibility
- Increase in outdoor educational program areas

Luciano Park



- Upgrade surrounding sidewalk system
- Upgraded playground area
- Field Renovation (natural or synthetic)
- Defined seating areas (park and spectator)
- Upgraded accessibility and storage
- Upgrade monument areas

Saugatuck Elementary School



- Redefined parking
- Track upgrade
- Athletic lighting
- Redefined playground areas
- Upgraded accessibility
- Upgraded/ relocation of athletic building (with defined entry)

Town Hall Athletic Fields



- Upgrade playscape area
- Improved overall multiuse field
- Accessible use area pathways
- Upgraded fencing and additional dugout fencing
- Defined restroom (porta) area
- Additional Bleacher areas

Elements of the Plan – The Format

Chapters	Acknowledgements
	Executive Summary
	Introduction- Background
	Purpose of the Plan
	Public Outreach
	Information Meetings & Public Comment
	User Survey
	Needs Assessment
	Site by Site Analysis and Recommendations
	Overall Recommendations – General Themes for all Sites
	Athletic Field / Sport Court Conditions Assessment
	Funding & Action Plan
	Funding Approach & Opportunities
	Priorities & Phasing Strategies
Appendix	
Appendix A: Study Facilities	
Appendix B: Field Evaluation Analysis	
Appendix C: Site Assessments	
Appendix D: Compiled Base Plans	
Appendix E: Stakeholder Interviews / Focus Groups Summary	
Appendix F: Online Survey Summary	
Appendix G: Public Workshop Presentations	
Appendix H: Westport Rules and Regulations	
Appendix I: Concept Plans (Full-size)	



Elements of the Plan – The Stuff

- Demographic and Benchmark analysis
- Data Gathering and Analysis
- Feasibility of facility development based on current land use & regulatory requirements
- Park and facility inventory and site assessment
- Community engagement and needs assessment
- Trend Analysis – national and local
- Level of service analysis
- Operations and maintenance analysis
- Park system upgrades and improvements (10% schematic plans)
- Best practice guidelines
- Community demand, supply and needs assessment
- Overall park facilities, open space and recreational facility map
- Future park facilities acquisition, expansion and improvement priorities recommendations
- Recommendations on acquisition and development opportunities
- Park infrastructure standards development
- Maintenance protocols for natural areas
- Recommendation priorities for maintenance, renovation and operations of parks, trails and recreation facilities
- Opinion of probable cost for proposed upgrades, improvements and maintenance/operational needs

Project Timeline

❑ Site Investigation & Analysis	Complete	<i>Dec. 2024 – July 2025</i>
❑ Workshop #1	Complete	<i>April 24, 2025</i>
❑ Stakeholder Interviews	Complete	<i>April to July 2025</i>
❑ Community Survey	Complete	<i>April 24 to Aug. 15, 2025*</i>
<i>*Originally closed July 16- re-opened July 18 and closed August 15, 2025</i>		
❑ Public Workshop #2	Tonight	
❑ DRAFT Plan		October 15, 2025
❑ Public Presentation/Forum #3		Early November 2025
❑ FINAL Plan		November 2025

Next Steps

- Continue with Draft Plan Report
- Public Presentation/Forum #3 – Early November 2025

Thank You

Project Website

www.engage.sportsfacilities.com/westport-master-plan-2025



Thank You

Email your feedback to the Project Team below:

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Activity #1-Review

- Burying Hill Beach
- Baron's South Property
- Grace K. Salmon Park
- Jessup Green
- Lillian Wadsworth Arboretum
- Machamux Park
- Veterans Green

Activity #2 – Review

- Compo Beach
- Doubleday Field Complex
- Luciano Field
- Saugatuck Elementary School
- Town Hall Fields
- Winslow Park
- Burr Farms Athletic Field

Activity #3 –Static Display

- Overall Comments and Feedback

