



Westport Parks Master Plan Community Workshop: April 24, 2025

Goals for Public Workshop #1

- 
- A photograph of a stone monument titled "WESTPORT WORLD WAR HONOR ROLL" featuring an eagle emblem at the top and several plaques with names. The monument is set against a backdrop of trees and a house.
- Introductions – Who is the planning team
 - Project Course - Overview of the Project
 - Break Out Sessions - **Collect input / feedback - Listen**
 - Next Steps - Review what's upcoming

Introductions – BL Team



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ARCHITECTURE
FACILITY PLANNING

PARKS, SPORTS &
RECREATION PLANNING

ENVIRONMENTAL
ANALYSIS

PUBLIC OUTREACH &
ENGAGEMENT

CIVIL
ENGINEERING

LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTURE

TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING

GIS AND MAPPING

SPORTS FACILITIES ADVISORY

Who is BL Companies



Architecture – Landscape Architecture – Planning – Engineering - Environmental



Founded in 1986

Connecticut Based Multi-Disciplinary Firm

100% Employee-Owned

A Leader Among Planning and Design Firms

Integrity – Excellence– Employee Ownership – Relationships - Agility



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Who is Sports Facilities Advisory



FOUNDED IN 2003

THE SPORTS FACILITIES **COMPANIES**

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IMPROVE THE
HEALTH & ECONOMIC
VITALITY OF THE
COMMUNITIES
WE SERVE

3,000 COMMUNITIES
SERVED

\$15 BILLION
IN PLANNED & FUNDED FACILITIES

25 MILLION
ANNUAL VISITS TO SFM FACILITIES

2,500+
TEAM MEMBERS
AND GROWING

PLANNING
OPTIMIZATION



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Westport, Connecticut



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.

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- 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

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



Elements of The Plan-Community Engagement

■ Stakeholder Interviews

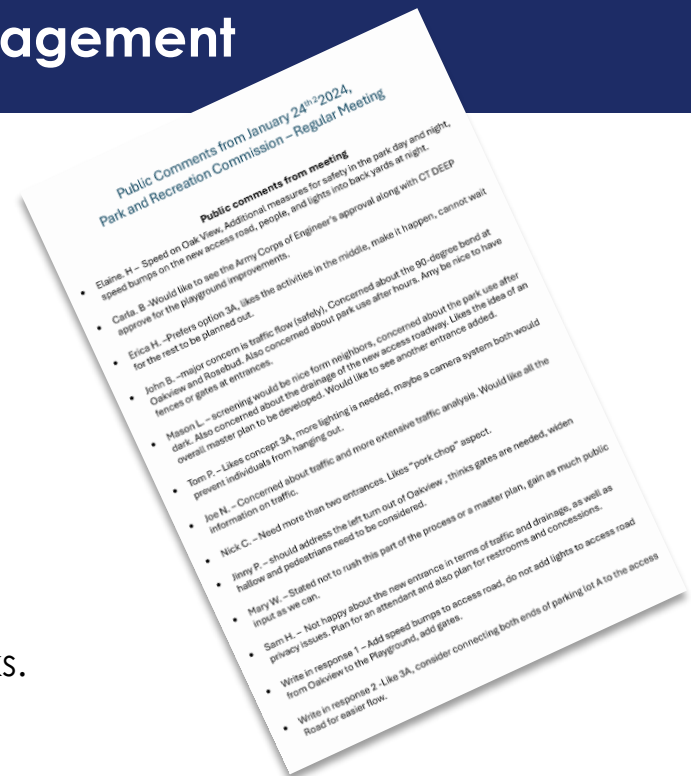
- Town Representatives
- Active Recreation Groups
- Community Groups
- Public Services

■ Online Public Input Survey

- Community Survey Focused on People and Parks.

■ Work Shops

- #2 – focused on plan update, confirmation of analysis, reaction to findings and recommendations (concept plans).
- #3 - focused on plan update, review of revised recommendations based upon workshop 2 and consensus building, reaction to any additional findings and recommendations.





Webpage for Plan Updates

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



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WESTPORT CT PARKS MASTER PLAN 2025

The Town of Westport CT has engaged BL Companies and the Sports Facilities Company to conduct a parks and recreation master plan.



email your feedback to the Project Team below:

WestportPMP@gmail.com

Elements of the Plan - Plan Input & Feedback



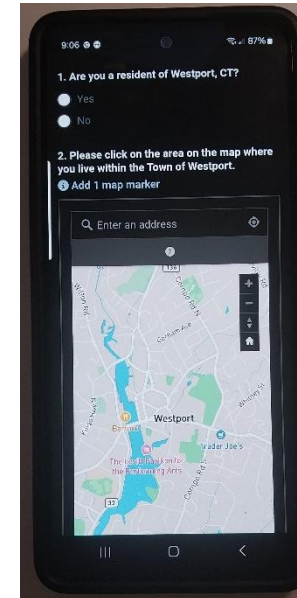
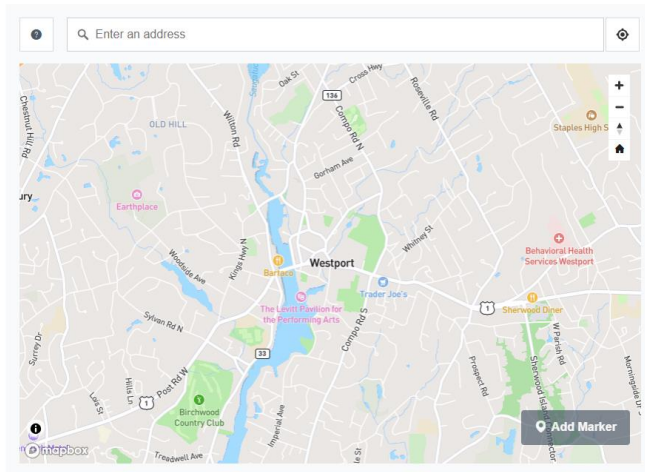
Community Survey

1. Are you a resident of Westport, CT?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

2. Please click on the area on the map where you live within the Town of Westport.

📍 Add 1 map marker

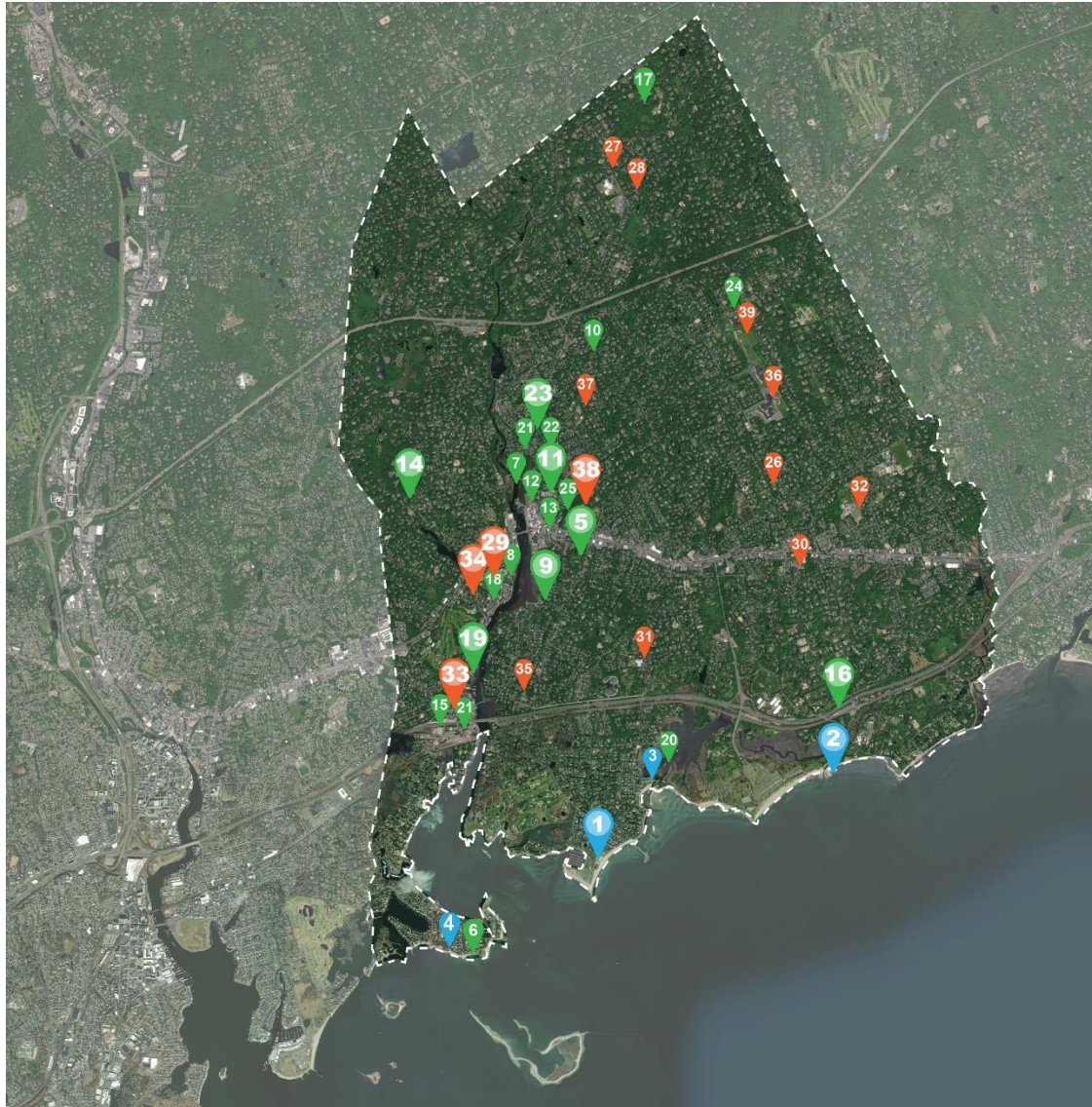


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and click on the survey tab

Elements of the Plan – 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**

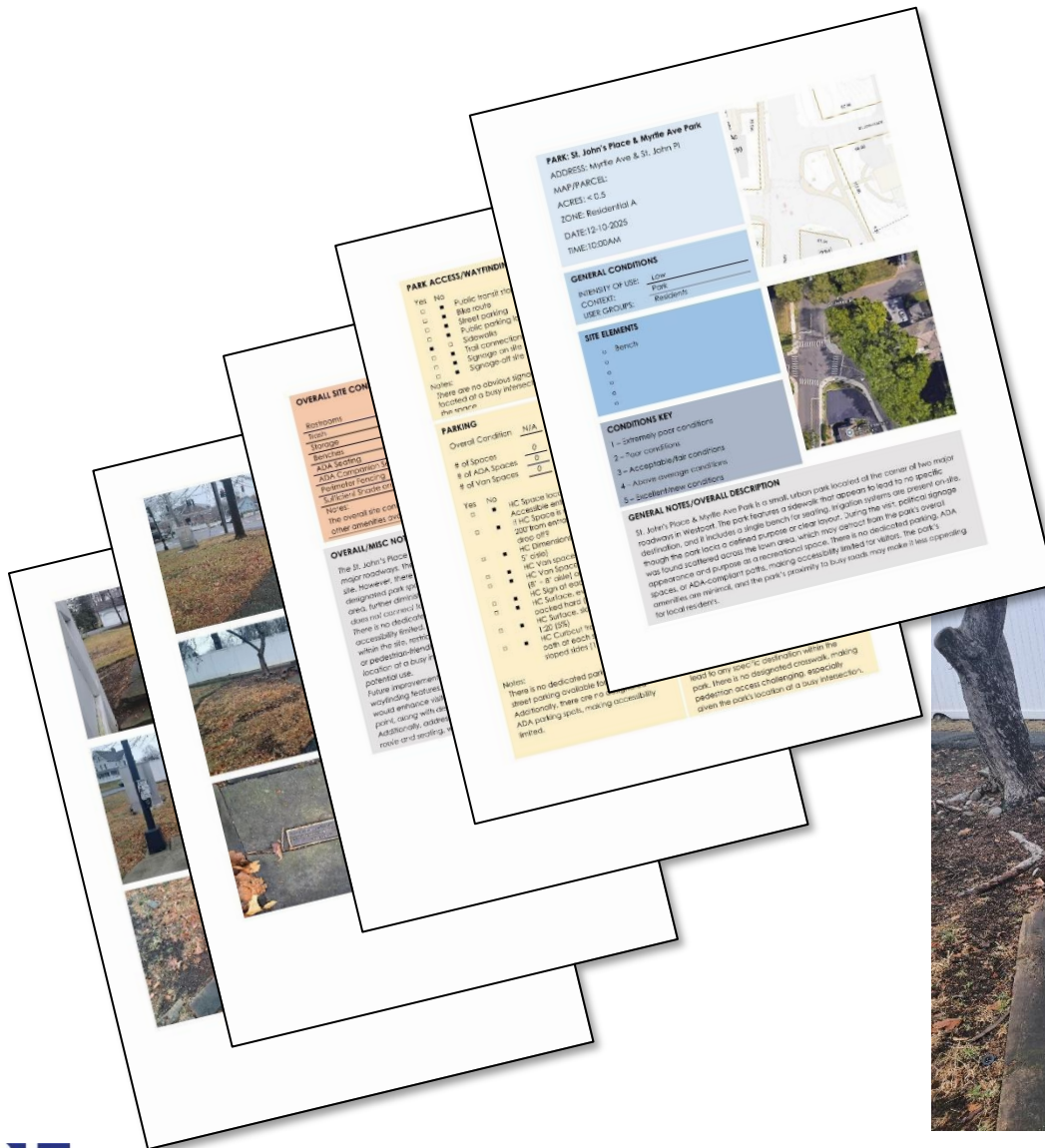


ATHLETIC FIELDS

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

Elements of the Plan – Every Site

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



Elements of the Plan – Schematic Sites (12)



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



Activity #1-Open Discussion

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

Activity #2 –Open Discussion

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

Activity #3 –Static Display

- Site Amenities
- Identity, Culture, Community
- Active Recreation
- Passive Recreation
- Top Priority (Only choose One)
- Big Ideas Wanted

Project Timeline

☐ Site Investigation & Analysis	Ongoing	<i>Dec. 2024 – June 2025</i>
☐ Workshop#1	Tonight	<i>April 24, 2025</i>
☐ Stakeholder Interviews	April to June 2025	
☐ Community Survey	April to July 2025	
☐ Public Workshop #2	July/August 2025	
☐ Public Workshop #3	September /October 2025	
☐ DRAFT Plan	Fall 2025 - TBD	
☐ FINAL Plan	Late Fall 2025 - TBD	

Next Steps

- Community Survey – Released tonight (check the website)
- Various analysis-based tasks
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Develop Site Alternatives
- Public Workshop #2 – July/August 2025– watch website for details



Thank You



Community Survey

(April 24, 2025, thru July 15, 2025)

Link on the website

Project Website

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