

E. FACILITY INVENTORY

CONSERVATION PROPERTY INFORMATION

Name/Location of Property	Current Use/ Acreage	Managed/Owned by	Condition	Recreation Potential	Zoning	Level of Protection	Grants for purchase or Renovations?	Public Access
Tuttle Road Parcel/Percival Parcel	Passive Recreation/56 acres	Conservation Commission	Trails need additional marking	Suitable for passive recreation	rural residential and farming	conservation land-Article 97	No--gift to town	5 parking spaces on street
Mudgett Orchard/Swett Hill Rd	Passive recreation and education/15 acres	Conservation Commission	no off street parking, right of way blocked by downed trees, old orchard	Suitable for passive recreation	rural residential and farming	conservation land-Article 97	No--Town owned, conveyed to Con Comm from Selectmen via Town Meeting vote in 2009	
Swett Hill Conservation Area	Passive Recreation/	Conservation Commission	Limited trails, old apple orchard, vernal pool	Passive recreation and education (vernal pool)	rural residential and farming	conservation land-Article 97	No--town meeting and Con Comm purchase/Hall parcel a gift from Hall family	5 parking spaces on street
Hall Parcel, Hall Rd	Passive recreation	Conservation commission	no trails or parking spaces, wetland on road frontage, town beach parking walking distance away	passive recreation	rural residential and farming	conservation land-Article 97	No--town	no parking on street, across street from Sholan Park parking lot
Waushacum Overlook, Tara Lane	passive recreation/34 acres	Conservation Commission	new trails, benches and trail map sign	passive recreation	rural residential and farming	conservation land-Article 97	Yes--DCS grant, town meeting, private funds, Trust for Public Lane, gift of landowners	5 parking spaces on Tara Lane
Fitch/Gaylord Property, off Hardscrabble Rd	Passive recreation/26 acres	Conservation Commission	No parking, numerous trails marked by Scouts	passive recreation	rural residential and farming	conservation land-Article 97	No--con comm purchase and gift	no parking access/access on foot
Wass Property/off Hardscrabble Road	passive recreation/34 acres	Conservation Commission	Main trail wide and easy to follow, other unmarked trails	passive recreation	rural residential and farming	conservation land-Article 97	No--town purchase	5 spaces on street
Rocky Brook Conservation Area/Beaman Rd	passive recreation / 20 acres	Conservation Commission	unmarked foot paths, abuts DCR land	passive recreation	rural residential and farming	conservation land-Article 97	Yes--DCS Self Help and Town	2 spaces on street

RECREATION PROPERTY INFORMATION

Name/Location of Property	Current Use/ Acreage	Managed/Owned by	Condition	Recreation Potential	Zoning	Level of Protection	Grants for purchase or Renovations?	Public Access
Redstone Hill Redstone Hill Rd, Rte 62	ball field/ 1.25 acres	Rec Department Maintenance by DPW	2 softball fields, port-o-potties	team recreation	neighborhood residential	Deeded to town	no	15+ spaces on parcel
Sholan Park/Hall Rd	beach, picnic, basketball, volleyball, boating/recreation camp / .25	DPW Maintenance by DPW	Bath houses in need of renovation outdoor fireplaces/grills need replacement flooding issues in low areas	fully utilized property	rural residential and farming	Deeded to town	Yes--Self Help and Town funding	40+ spaces (also used for camp)
Sterling Memorial Area, 4 Cross St	concerts/outdoor skating rink in winter, picnic / .5 acres	DPW Maintenance by DPW	little shade, no picnic tables, lawn with gazebo	recreation/cultural activities	town center district	Deeded to town	no	15 spaces including fire station and onstreet
SPARC park/ Muddy Pond Rd	tot lot, picnic, play equipment, walking trail, pond/waterfall/ .8 acres	Rec Department Maintenance by DPW	good condition, new equipment, well maintained	recreation/education (near middle and elem school)	neighborhood residential	Deeded to town	No--private fund raising project	6 spaces off street, access from Griffin Rd fields parking
West Sterling Athletic Fields/ Princeton Rd	ball fields/tennis/basketball/bathrooms/ 3.1 acres	Selectman/Conservation Commission Maintenance by DPW	new handicapped restroom, lockable dumpster	recreation	rural residential and farming	conservation land-Article 97	No--gift	15-20 spaces on Holden and Rte 62
1835 Town Hall	Rec Dept office, dance, aerobics etc	Rec Department Maintenance by DPW	handicapped accessible	indoor recreation activities	town center district	Deeded to town	No	6 spaces off street and access from additional town common parking
Griffin Road Fields	ball fields/basketball/track/fitness and x-country running trails/soccer/football/ 6.1 acres	Selectman/Conservation Commission Maintenance by DPW	track not maintained, 2 new accessible restrooms, adequate team seating	fully utilized property	neighborhood residential	conservation land-Article 97	No-town purchase	50+ spaces off and on street parking and more from school parking
Muddy Pond Fields, Muddy Pond Rd	ballfields, t-ball, u-10soccer and softball field / 2.6 Acres	Selectmen/Conservation Commission Maintenance by DPW	small bleachers, not much seating	team recreation	rural residential and farming	conservation land-Article 97	No	10-15 spaces off street parking
Houghton School/Chocksett School, 20 Boutelle Rd	play equipment, ball fields, 4 square, open field / 46 acres	Rec Department Maintenance by DPW	utilized by elementary/middle school--off hours by others	variety of recreation activities	neighborhood residential	Deeded to town	no	school parking 50+ spaces

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All sites under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission or the Selectmen (in lieu of the Recreation Department) were evaluated for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. These sites include all of the passive and active recreational activities provided by the Town.

NAME Sholan Park LOCATION: Lake Waushacum

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	2002 NOTES	2009 Status
Swimming	Sand beach	Not ADA accessible	same
Picnicking	Enclosed swimming area	Not ADA accessible	same
Fishing	½ basketball court	Not ADA accessible	same
Basketball	sand volleyball court	Not ADA accessible	same
Volleyball	public bathrooms-building	Not ADA accessible	HP port-o-potties installed at the Sholan Park Beach
Boating	public changing facility-building	Not ADA accessible	same
	site signage w/ rules	Large lettering	same
	picnic tables	Not ADA accessible	same
	life guard stations	Not ADA accessible-no paths	same
	grills	ADA accessible	same
	trash receptacles		same
	public pay phone	Not ADA accessible	same
	lawn area		same
	stone dust paths	Stone dust and turf parking lot w/guard rails.	same
	Parking > 50 spaces	No designated HP parking	Sign installed for HP spaces

NAME Waushacum Overlook LOCATION: Tara Lane

Waushacum Overlook is a conservation property with woodlands, fields, shrub land, a brook, and an orchard. It has a scenic vista overlooking East Lake Waushacum and provides recreational trails.

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	2009 NOTES
Passive Recreation:		
Walking/Hiking	Trail network	20" Dirt paths, 90" cart roads, Not ADA accessible
Cross Country Skiing		Path is not paved, nor is it stable, firm or slip resistant
Bicycling		Slope exceeds ADA spec in some places
Horseback Riding	site signage w/ rules	
Pets	Parking 5 spaces on street	No designated HP parking
Boating		
Nature Observation		

NAME Wachusett Greenways LOCATION: Sterling Rail Trail

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	2009 NOTES
Passive Recreation:	Recreational trail	Stone dust path 10' wide
Walking/Hiking		ADA Accessible
Cross Country Skiing		
Bicycling		

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NAME Sterling Greenery Community Park

LOCATION: Muddy Pond Road

Recently developed playground facility adjacent to athletic complex at Chocksett Middle School, features playground equipment for young people, an artificial pond with a water feature, a stonedust walking path and picnic tables

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	2009 NOTES
Recreational park	Playground equipment for young people	Woodchip surface below, adjacent to rec path; ADA compliant spacing
Social activities	Adjacent athletic fields and conservation land Brick and stone dust recreation path 6 Picnic tables with benches 2 pergolas Trash can Porta potties Off Street Parking 6 spaces	ADA Accessible, no rails, no signage ADA compliant 20 ft from path, near water fountain, trash can Adjacent to path ADA accessible 2 HP signed Accessible van spaces, sited closest to entrance

NAME: Chocksett School Play Ground

LOCATION: Boutelle Road

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	2002 NOTES	2009 Status
Play equipment	5-12 age appropriate play structure w/ fibar safety surface	ADA accessible	Same
Basketball	benches	ADA accessible	
Hop scotch	adjustable basketball standards	ADA accessible	
Field sports	hopscotch on pavement turf fields and paved walks		

VIEW OF:

ACCESSIBLE BASKETBALL



PLAY EQUIPMENT



NAME: Griffin Road Athletic Complex

LOCATION: Griffin Road

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	2002 NOTES	2009 Status
	HP accessible bathrooms	None	Installation Complete
Baseball	Babe Ruth field, associated equipment and bleachers	Not ADA accessible	same
Softball	Two Soft ball fields w/ skinned infield, associated equipment and bleachers	Not ADA accessible	
Football	Football field and goal posts	Not ADA accessible	
Soccer	Soccer played between fields	Not ADA accessible	
Jogging	Picnic Tables	Not ADA accessible	
Concession	Trash receptacles		
Picnicking	Stone dust running track around football field	ADA accessible	
	Bubbler	Not ADA accessible	
	Stone dust parking lot >50 ps	2 designated HP parking spaces	
	Concession building w/ Restrooms	Not ADA accessible	
	Equipment storage building	Not ADA accessible	
	Site sign		

VIEW OF BASEBALL FIELD



VIEW OF FOOTBALL FIELD AND TRACK



VIEW OF FIELDS, HP PARKING SIGNS



NAME: Muddy Pond Ball fields

LOCATION: Muddy Pond Road

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	2002 NOTES	2009 Status
Little League baseball	Little league field, associated equipment and bleachers	Not ADA accessible	Same
Softball	Soft ball field w/ skinned infield, associated equipment and bleachers		
“T” ball	Temporary “port –o- potty” restrooms Trash receptacles	Not ADA accessible	
soccer	Gravel parking area and on street parking Site sign	Not ADA accessible No designated HP parking spaces	

VIEW OF LITTLE LEAGUE FIELDS AT MUDDY POND ROAD



NAME: West Sterling Athletic Facility

LOCATION: Princeton Road / Holden Road

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	2002 NOTES	2009 Status
Baseball	Two Babe Ruth baseball fields, associated equipment and bleachers	ADA accessible access to bleachers	same
Basketball	Batting Cage		same
Tennis	Announcers building and concession		same
	Lighted basketball and tennis courts	Not ADA accessible; No ADA accessible basketball standards	same
	Trash receptacles		same
	Stone dust parking area >50 ps	ADA accessible; No designated HP parking spaces	same
	Site sign		same
	Bathrooms	Not ADA Accessible	ADA Accessible

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WEST STERLING ATHLETIC FACILITY

VIEW OF BABE RUTH FIELD



VIEW OF PARKING LOT



BATTING CAGE, BASKETBALL AND TENNIS COURTS



NAME : Butterick Trail

LOCATION: Park Street

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	2002 NOTES	2009 Status
Walking	Stone steps	Not ADA accessible	Same
Hiking	Site sign	Large lettering	
Mountain biking	Unimproved trail	Not ADA accessible	
	Parking >50 ps	4 designated HP parking spaces in adjacent Town Hall parking lot ADA accessible restrooms available in adjacent Town Hall building	

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NAME: Rocky Pond Conservation Area

LOCATION: Beaman Road

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	2002 NOTES	2009 Status
Historic site/ Interpretive trail	Site sign	Not ADA accessible	Same
Walking	Old stone culvert and waterfall		
Hiking	Historic mill pond		
Scenic water and woodland views	Old stone foundation		
	Stream and waterfall (previous mill dam)		
	On street dirt pull off parking < 3 ps	No marked HP ps	

VIEW OF HISTORIC STONE CULVERT
AND MILL POND

VIEW OF SITE SIGN



VIEW OF WATERFALL AND STREAM



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NAME: Hardscrabble Parcels

LOCATION: Off North Row Road, near Hycrest Pond

In July 2008, OSIC member Marion Larson visited 2 conservation lands (Hardscrabble/Wass 19-3 and Hardscrabble 33-2) located east of N. Row Road, just south of Hycrest Pond. These lands include property linked to a cart road that leads to Hardscrabble Road. Parking is minimal—there is a small, narrow pullout that is adequate for a maximum of 3 cars. To get to the trailhead, one must climb about 100 feet up a steep incline on the road, which is also somewhat of a blind spot. A wooden sign, created by a Boy Scout and in need of repair, shows trails on the property. About 75 feet beyond the sign on the trail are the remains of a shed or low wooden structure—mostly roof materials. The trails are not ADA compliant. One trail that leads to the power line is no longer noticeable; it is obvious that ATVs have been keeping the second trail open. The ATV trail links to the cart road that is Hardscrabble Road. Following this roadway leads to a crossroads of cart roads and at one corner is another conservation piece, which has some boundary markings on it. Marion witnessed some discarded mattresses and other materials at this crossroads. A brief exploration of one of the side roads revealed a prominent rock ridge outcropping. Evidence of turkeys and deer were found in the area.

NAME Hardscrabble Parcels

LOCATION: off North Row Road

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	2009 NOTES
Hiking	parking Sign trail	3-car narrow pullout In need of repair Not ADA compliant; strenuous climb to trailhead