

The Town of Great Barrington is updating its Open Space and Recreation Plan and needs your help!

This survey should take about 10 minutes to complete and is open to both year-round residents and part-time residents. All responses will be confidential.

Open space is defined as land that has not been developed for residential, commercial, or industrial uses. Open space can be publicly or privately owned. The benefits of open space include:

- Preserving farmland and forest land**
- Preserving scenic views and town character**
- Providing places to play and experience the outdoors**
- Protecting public water supplies**
- Protecting wetlands, rivers, streams, lakes and ponds**
- Protecting wildlife habitat and rare species**

Your input and opinions will help to determine the future of recreation and open space in Great Barrington. The open space plan will make Great Barrington eligible for state reimbursement grant programs for the improvement and protection of open space and recreation areas.

Paper copies are available at the Great Barrington Town Clerk's Office, the Libraries, and the Senior Center, and may be returned there. The survey will be open until January 10, 2020.

Thank you for your participation!



* 1. Choose up to **five (5)** activities that you enjoy doing in Great Barrington.

- Bicycling
- Bird watching
- Boating / Canoeing / Kayaking
- Court Sports (Tennis, Basketball, etc.)
- Dance / Yoga
- Field Sports (Soccer, Baseball, Football, etc.)
- Fishing
- Gardening
- Hiking
- Horseback Riding
- Hunting
- Indoor recreation / Fitness activities
- Golf
- Playgrounds / Swings / Slides
- Running
- Skateboarding
- Swimming
- Walking
- Ice Fishing
- Ice Skating
- Skiing - downhill
- Skiing - cross country
- Snowshoeing
- Snowmobile Riding
- Other (please specify)

2. In a given year, how often do you visit the following parks & playgrounds in Great Barrington? (Please answer all items.)

	Very Frequently (13+ times/year)	Frequently (6-12 times/year)	Occasionally (1-5 times/year)	Never	Haven't heard of it
Gilmore Park / Dewey School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Giggle Park / Town Hall Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Grove Street Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"Housy Dome" / Housatonic Community Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housatonic Park /Playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lake Mansfield Park and beach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Memorial Field (including skate park)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Old Maid's Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Olympian Meadows	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park Street Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
South Street Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stanley Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Of those Parks and Playgrounds, which are your favorite?

3. In a given year, how often do you visit the following Open Spaces and Trails in Great Barrington? (Please answer all items.)

	Very Frequently (13+ times/year)	Frequently (6-12 times/year)	Occasionally (1-5 times/year)	Never	Haven't heard of it
Appalachian Trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Beartown State Forest (including Benedict Pond)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Berkshire South Community Center trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Butternut (Ski Butternut)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cemeteries (any)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Very Frequently (13+ times/year)	Frequently (6-12 times/year)	Occasionally (1-5 times/year)	Never	Haven't heard of it
East Mountain State Forest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flag Rock	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fountain Pond State Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housatonic Flats	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housatonic River Canoe Access (Division St. or Brookside Rd.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lake Mansfield Forest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
McAllister Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Monument Mountain	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Monument Mountain Regional High School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Newsboy Monument	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pfieffer Arboretum	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
River Walk (downtown GB)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Simons Rock campus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Thomas & Palmer Preserve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
W.E.B. DuBois Homesite	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rural and town roadways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Of those Open Spaces and Trails, which are your favorite?

4. For the places mentioned in questions 2 and 3, what improvements would you suggest? Please try to be specific.

5. Does the town of Great Barrington need more recreation opportunities for: (Check all that apply.)

- Youth
- Adults
- Older adults
- People with disabilities
- Don't know
- Other (please specify)

6. What, if any, specific additional recreational opportunities would you like to add in Great Barrington?

* 7. For what improvements should the Town use its open space and recreation funds? **Choose up to 3**

- Bike Paths (both on and off-road)
- Boat / Kayak / Canoe Launch
- Hiking Trails
- Ice Skating or Ice Fishing
- Indoor Recreation (Fitness, Weight Lifting, Yoga, etc.)
- Open Space Access Areas (Parking Lots and Trailheads)
- Playgrounds and park amenities (benches, grills, etc.)
- Sport Playing Courts (Tennis, Basketball, etc.)
- Sport Playing Fields (Baseball, Football, etc.)
- Swimming Area / Access
- Walking Paths (including along town and rural roadways)
- Other (please specify)

8. Which of the following are you willing to do to support or preserve open space and recreation resources in Great Barrington? (check all that apply)

- Participate in maintenance and cleanup
- Teach a class / lead an activity
- Donate equipment or materials
- Donate land or money for open space or recreation (may receive tax benefits)
- Pay a little more in taxes, if it was guaranteed for open space and recreation
- Attend a meeting or join a committee

Demographics

Questions in this section are intended to gather basic demographic information about survey respondents.

9. Are you a year-round resident or part-time resident of Great Barrington?

- Year-Round Resident
 Part-Time Resident

10. Do you live, work, or go to school in Great Barrington? (Please check all that apply)

- I work in Great Barrington
 I live in Great Barrington
 I go to school in Great Barrington

11. What is your age?

- Under 5 years
 Age 5 to 17
 Age 18 to 34
 Age 35 to 64
 Age 65 or older

12. If your answers represent other members of your family, please indicate their number in the following age brackets (including yourself) that your answers represent:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Under 5 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Age 5 to 17	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Age 18 to 34	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Age 35 to 64	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Age 65 or older	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. If you want to be kept informed, please add your email.

Thank you for completing the survey!

For more information, please contact Christopher Rembold, Assistant Town Manager / Director of Planning & Community Development at crembold@townofgb.org or 413-528-1619 x103

Thank you very much for your time and effort on this survey!

Save the Date: Thursday January 30th, 2020 for the next community meeting. We will share survey results and begin drafting our 5-year action plan!



View West from Monument Mountain