

ATTACHMENT F:
PUBLIC MEETING PRESENTATION #2

June 2025

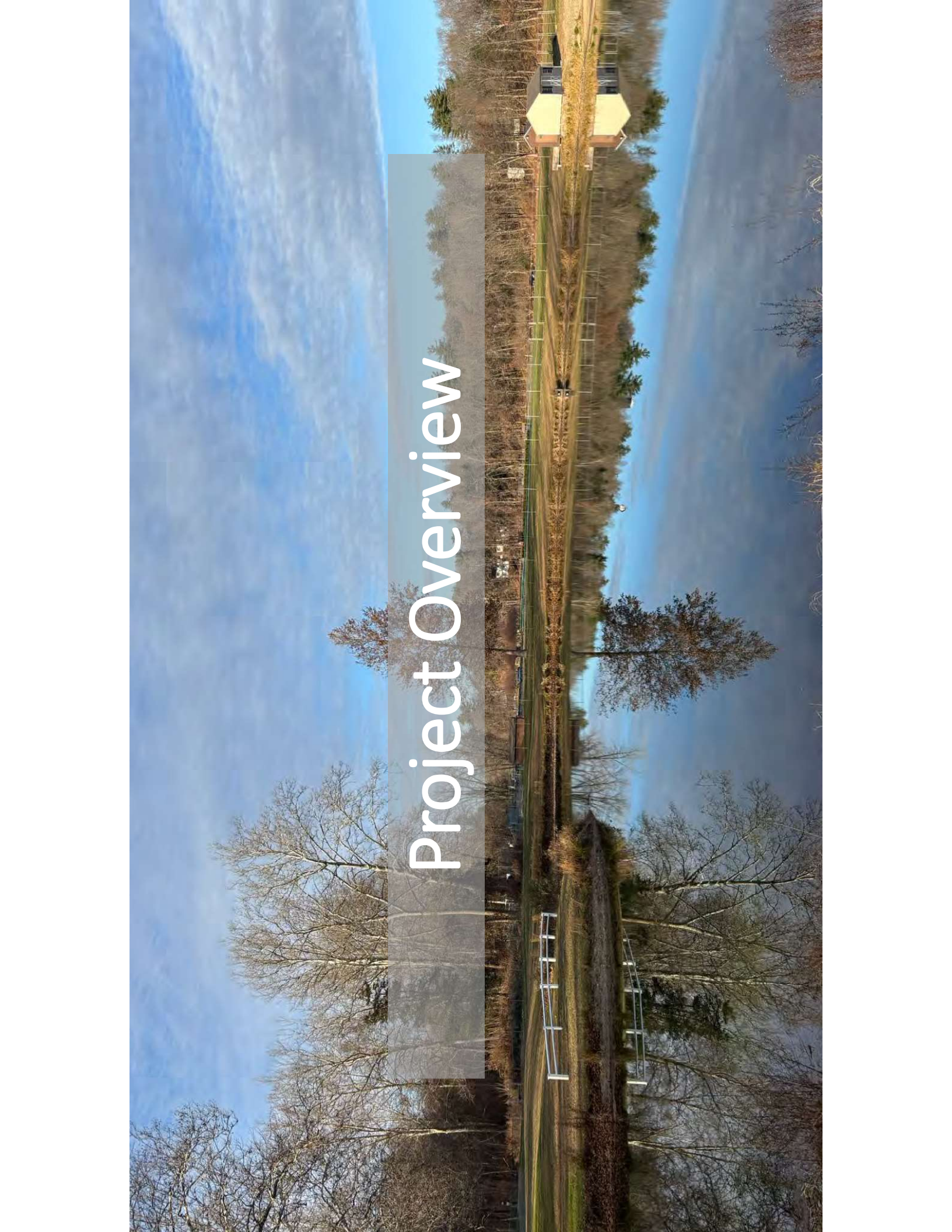
Recreation Facilities Analysis

Salmon Brook Park and Ahrens Park

Town of Granby

GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.





Project Overview

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- 116-acre Salmon Brook Park is well-used, has a wide range of recreational amenities.
- 45-acre Ahrens Park offers additional open space, is less programmed



Master Plan Goals:

- Site analysis & public engagement:
 - Priority park improvements
 - Redundancies, conflicting uses
 - Better locations for certain features
- Master Plan: Guiding vision to coordinate future improvements at Salmon Brook Park and Ahrens Park
 - Phasing, timeframe, approximate cost



Project Scope

- Site analysis
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Public Engagement
 - Public Meeting #1: Developing a vision for Salmon Brook and Ahrens Parks
 - Online survey
- Master Plan
 - **Meeting #2: Presentation on DRAFT Master Plan**
 - Final Master Plan: Overall vision for Salmon Brook Park and Ahrens Park, and specific recommendations for site improvements and management

Project Background



History of the Parks

- **History of Salmon Brook Park:**

- Granby Hospital 1920-1928, included golf course for patients' use
- Golf course continued as a public amenity until 1945
- Was called "Open Spaces" until 2000s
- "Salmon Brook Park": Increased park improvements 2000s-onward

- **History of Ahrens Park:**

- Town acquired from Ahrens family in 2003
- Park opened in 2005



2022 Survey



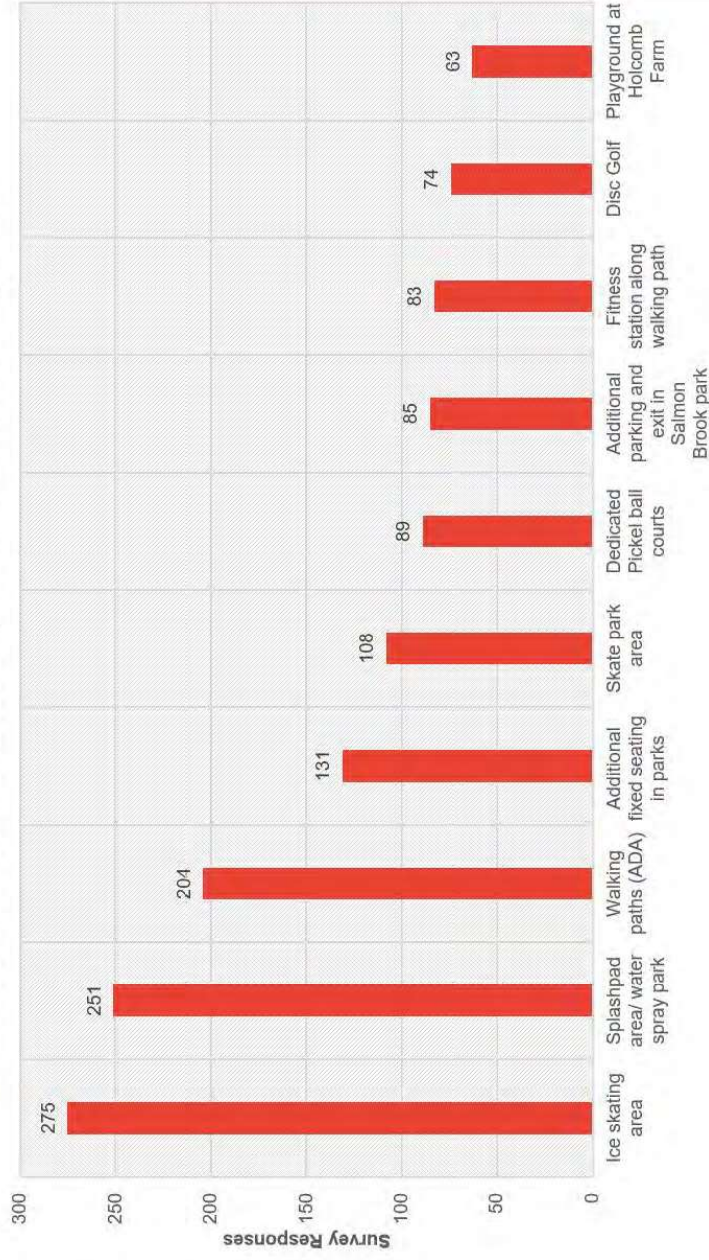
GRANBY PARKS & RECREATION SURVEY

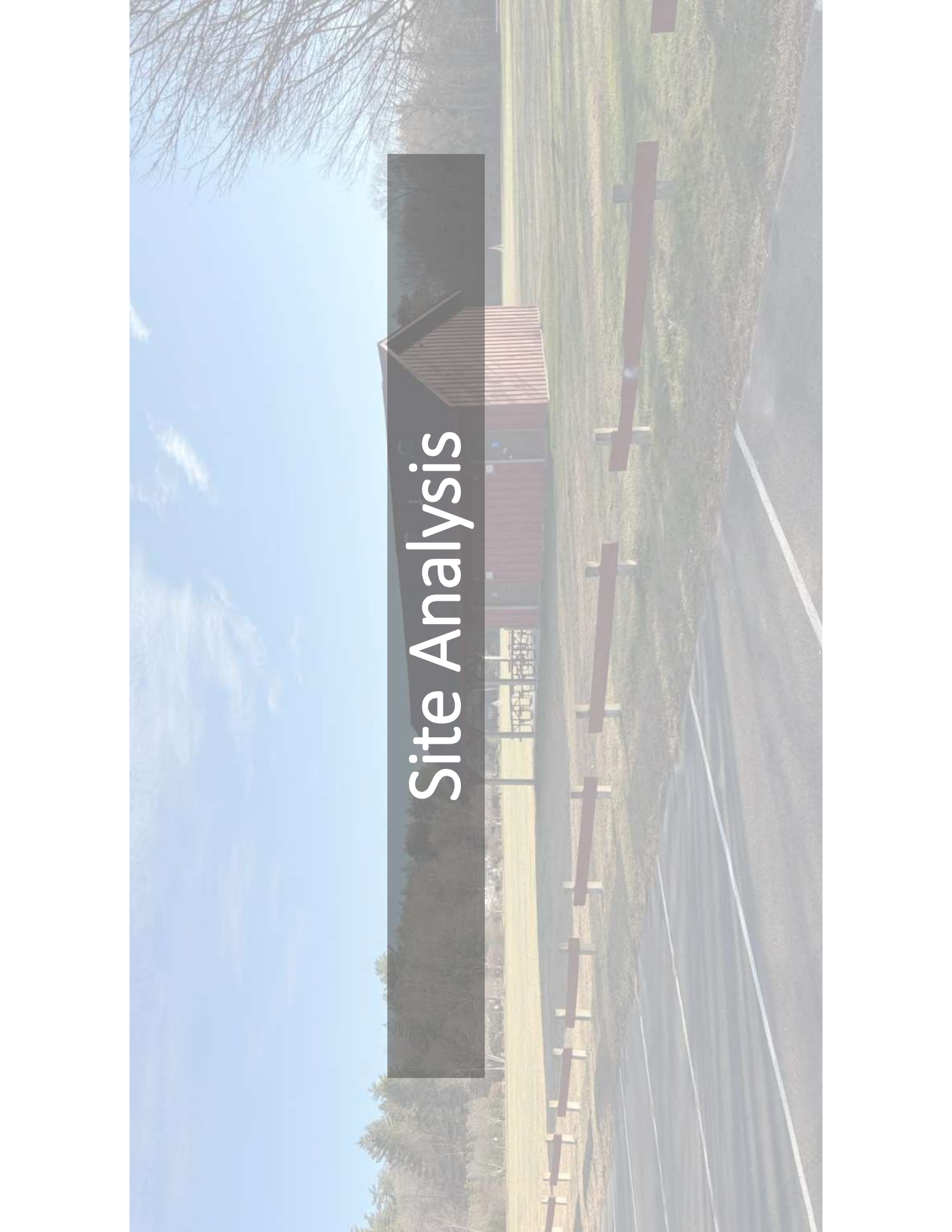
Board of Selectmen Overview 1/3/2022

TOP IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Ice skating area
2. Splashpad/water spray park
3. Walking paths (ADA accessible)

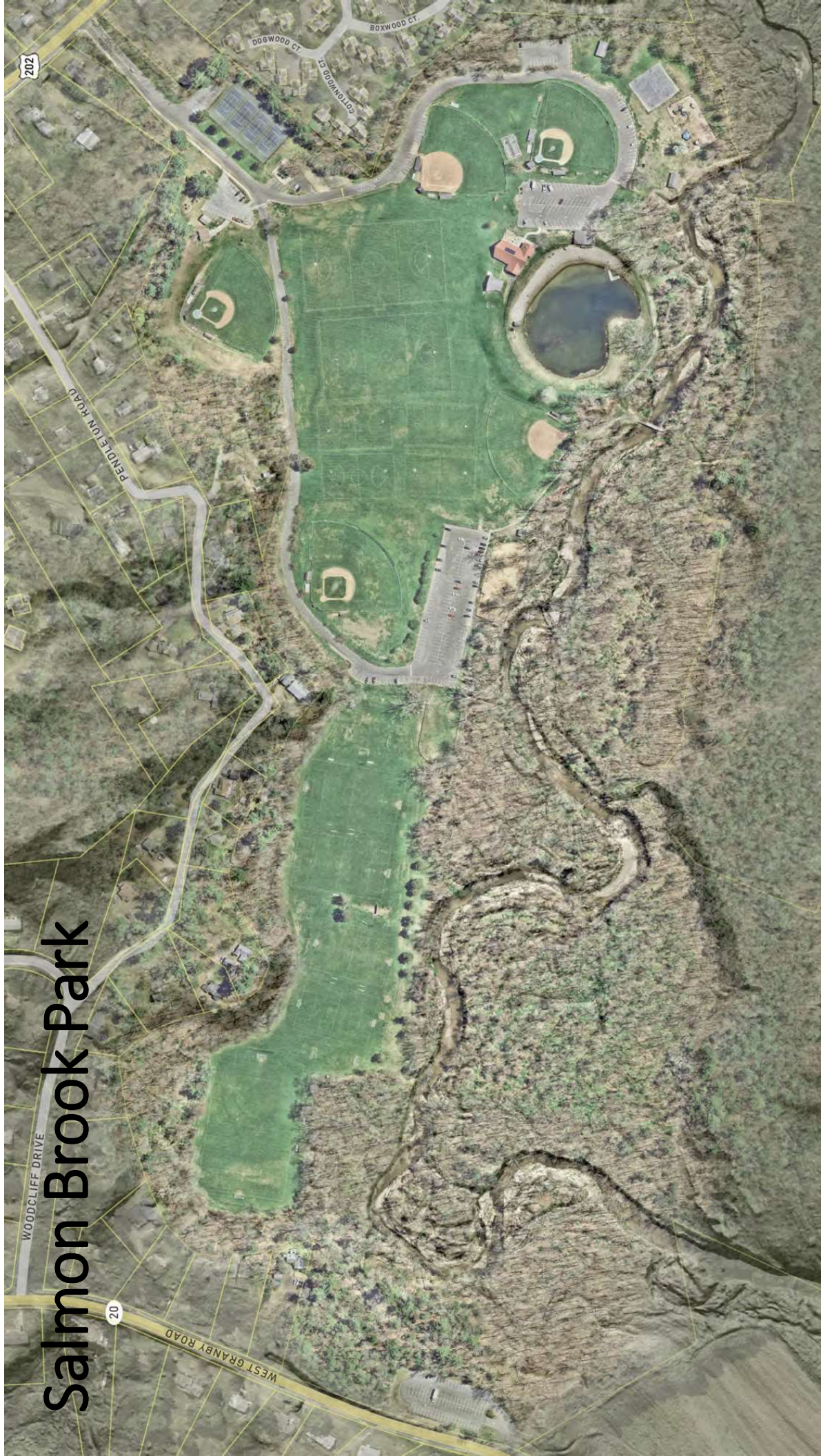
Future considerations for improvements at Granby Parks



A photograph of a rural site. In the foreground, a dark asphalt road with a white line runs horizontally. A wooden fence with horizontal rails separates the road from a grassy field. In the middle ground, a large red barn with a gabled roof and a small porch is visible. The background shows a line of trees under a blue sky with wispy clouds. A semi-transparent black rectangle is overlaid on the image, containing the text "Site Analysis".

Site Analysis

Salmon Brook Park



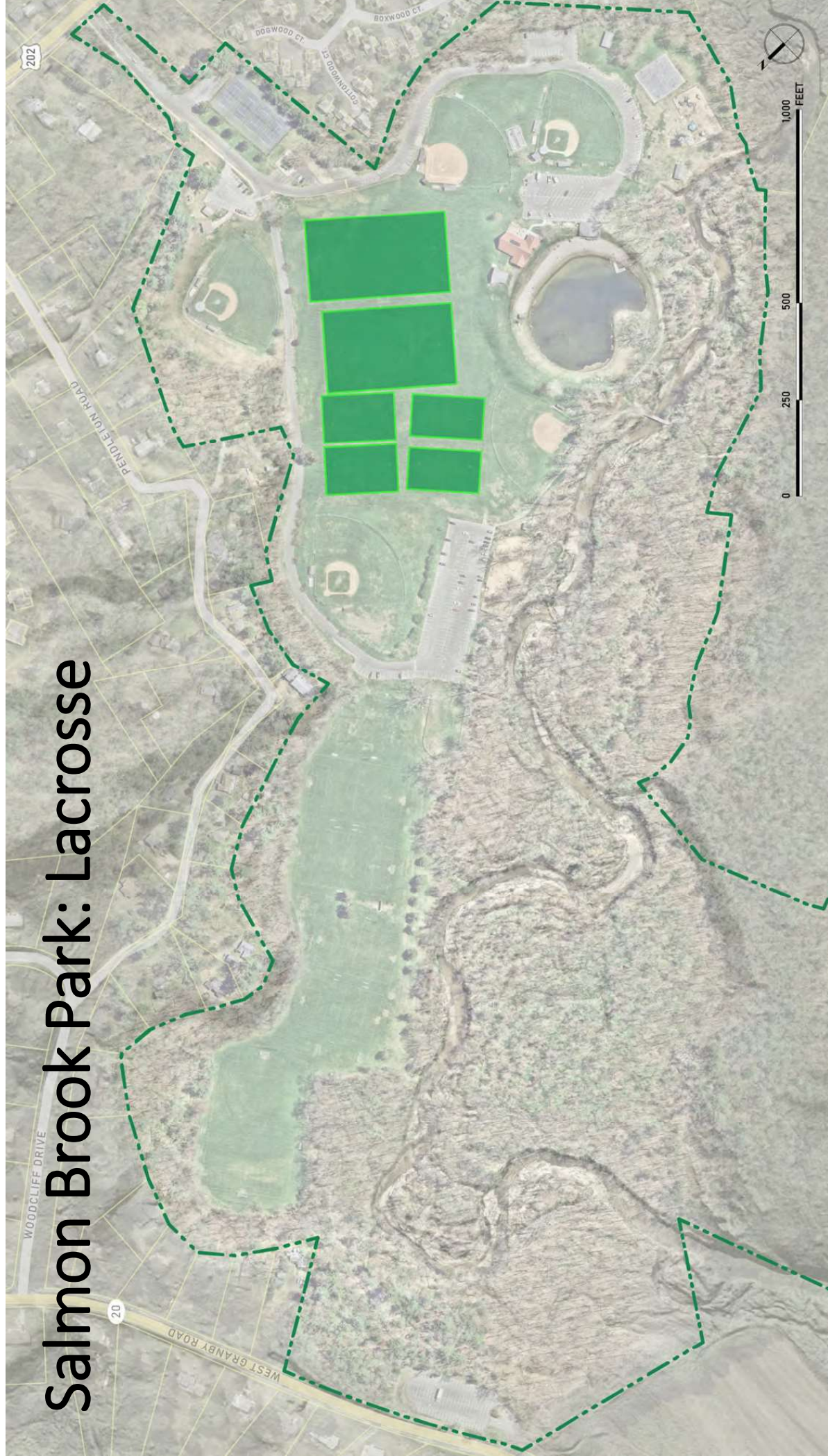
Salmon Brook Park: Baseball and Softball



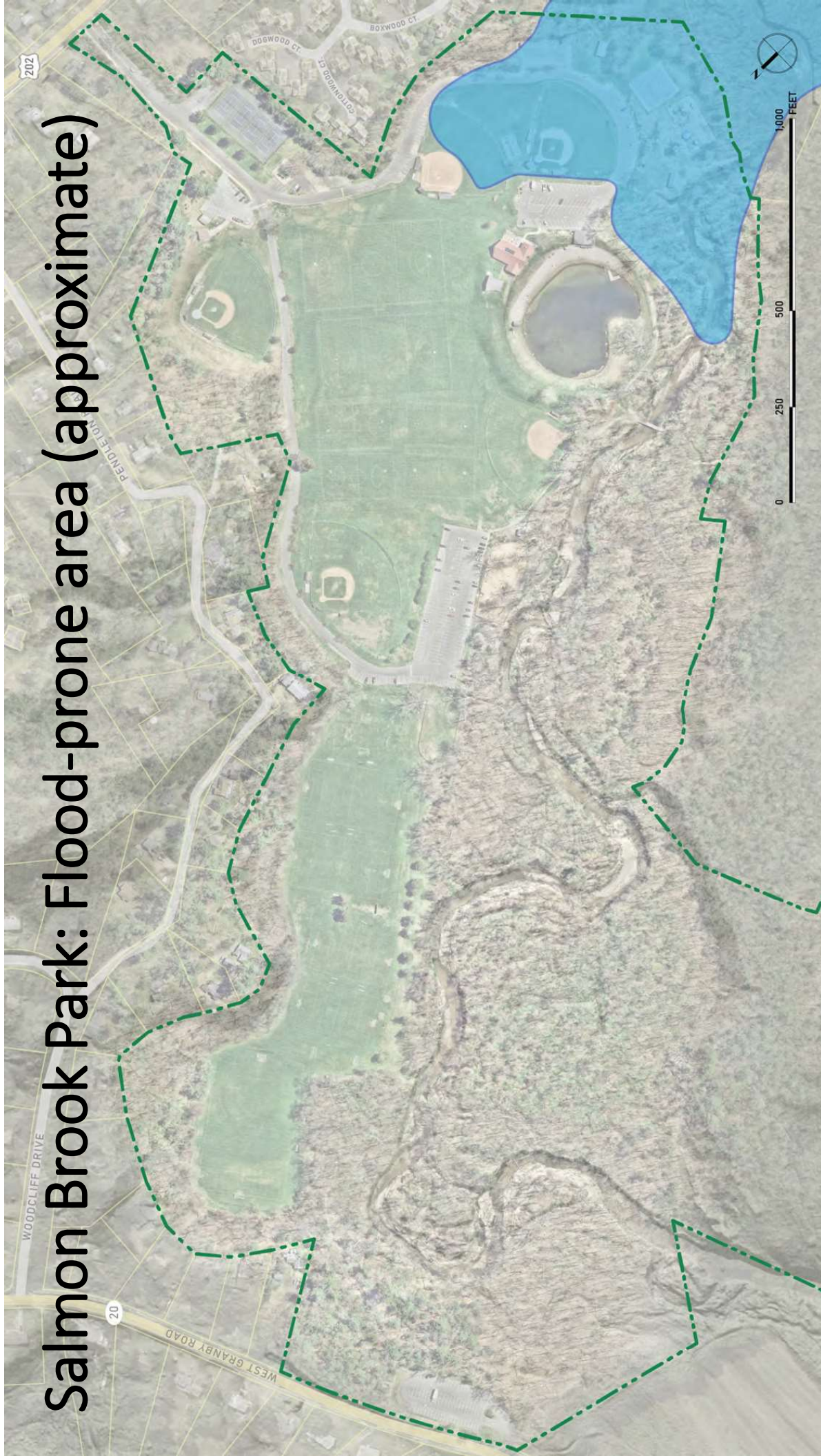
Salmon Brook Park: Soccer



Salmon Brook Park: Lacrosse



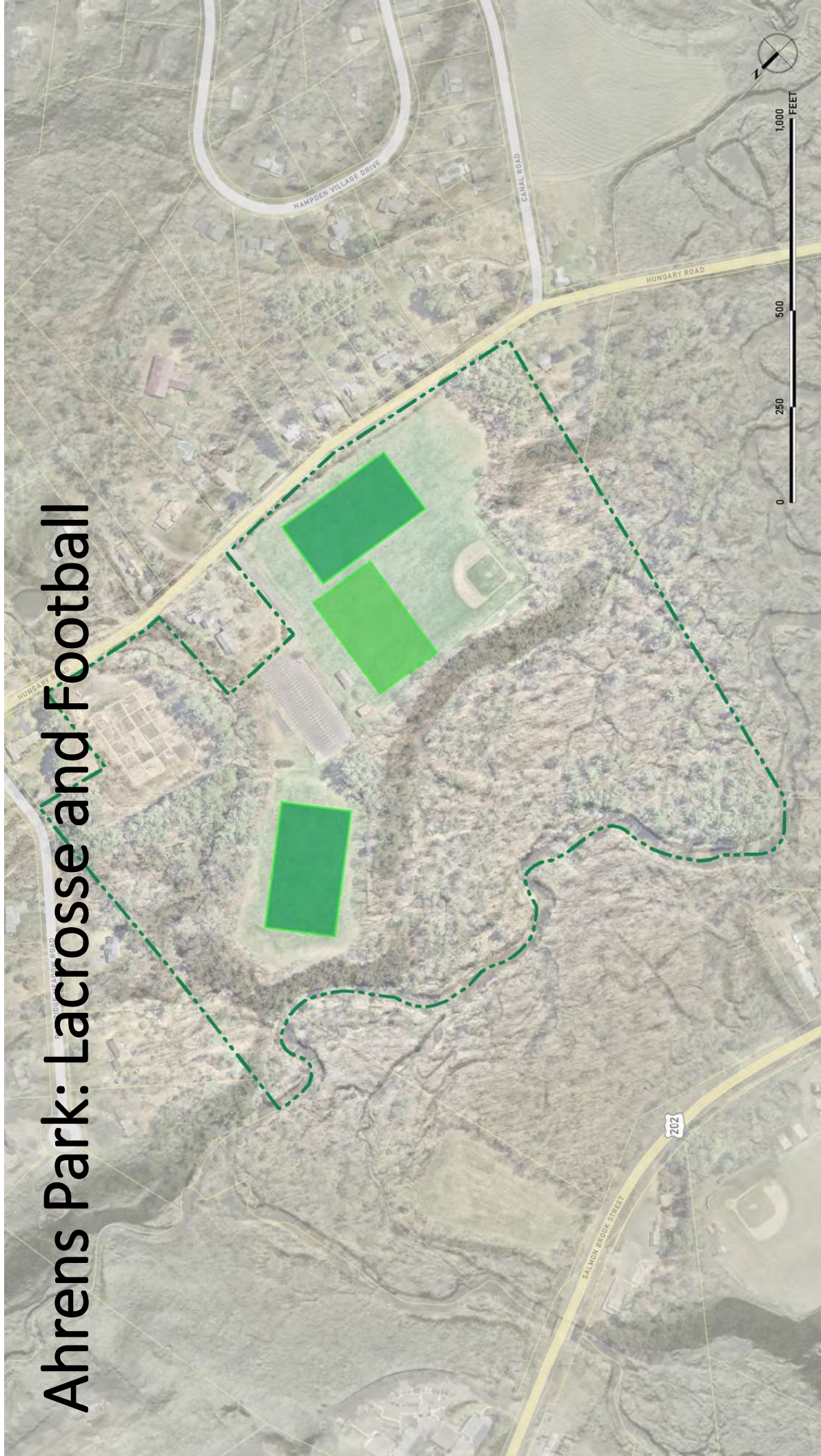
Salmon Brook Park: Flood-prone area (approximate)



Ahrens Park



Ahrens Park: Lacrosse and Football



Stakeholder Interviews



Stakeholder Interviews:

- Youth Lacrosse
- Little League
- Rovers Soccer
- Youth Football
- Horse Council
- Dog Park
- Community Gardens
- Children's Memorial Garden
- Veteran's Memorial Wall
- Live Nativity
- Town of Granby Summer Camps

Stakeholder Input:

- Interest in lighting fields
- Ahrens not fully utilized
- Path to Rt 20 lot needs improvement
- Good coordination between sports organizations



A photograph of a park scene. In the foreground, a paved path leads towards a tennis court. The tennis court has a green net and is surrounded by a fence. To the right of the path, there is a grassy area with a wooden bench. In the background, there are several tall, bare trees with intricate branch structures against a clear blue sky. The overall atmosphere is calm and quiet, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting.

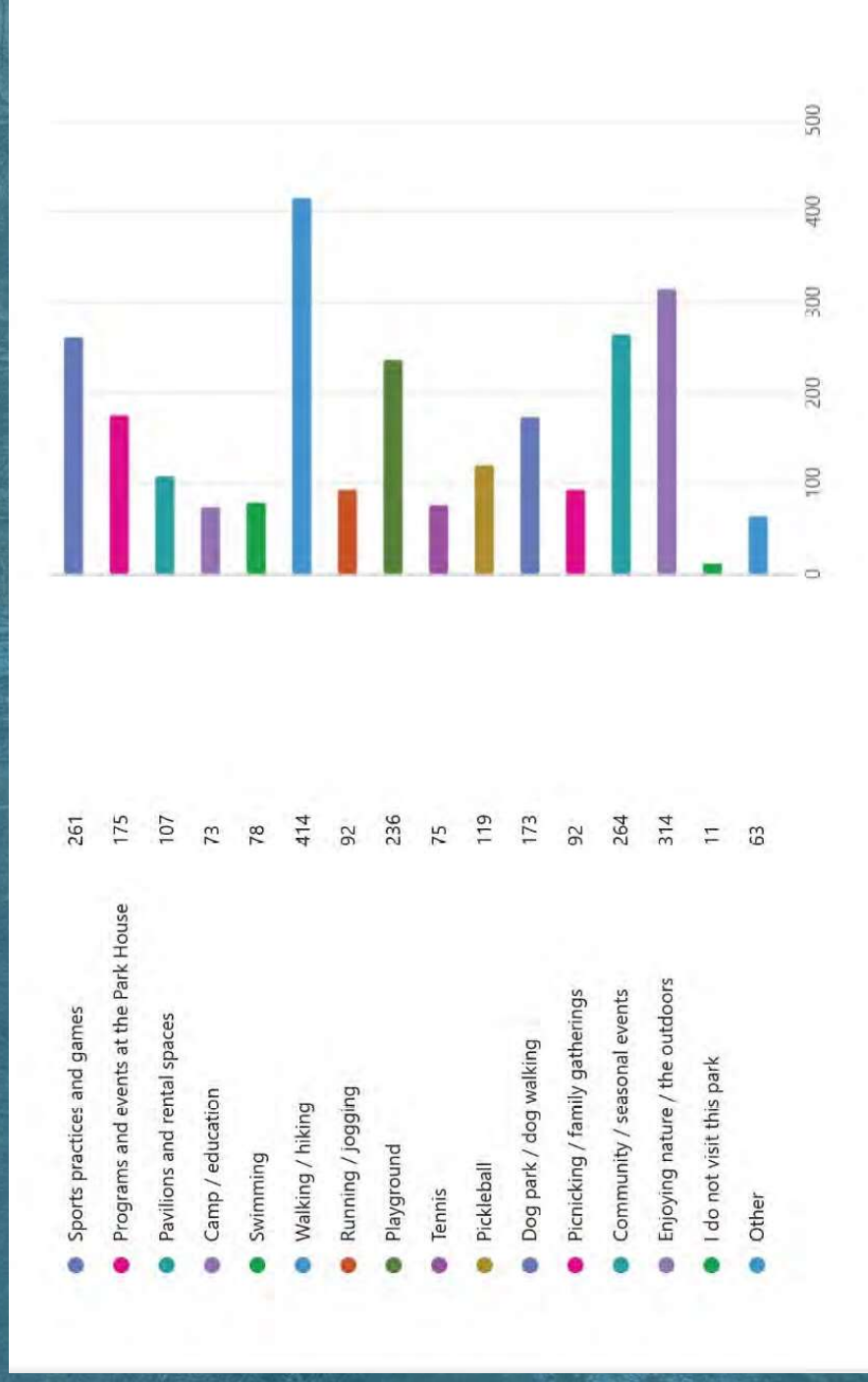
Online Survey

2025 Parks On-Line Survey

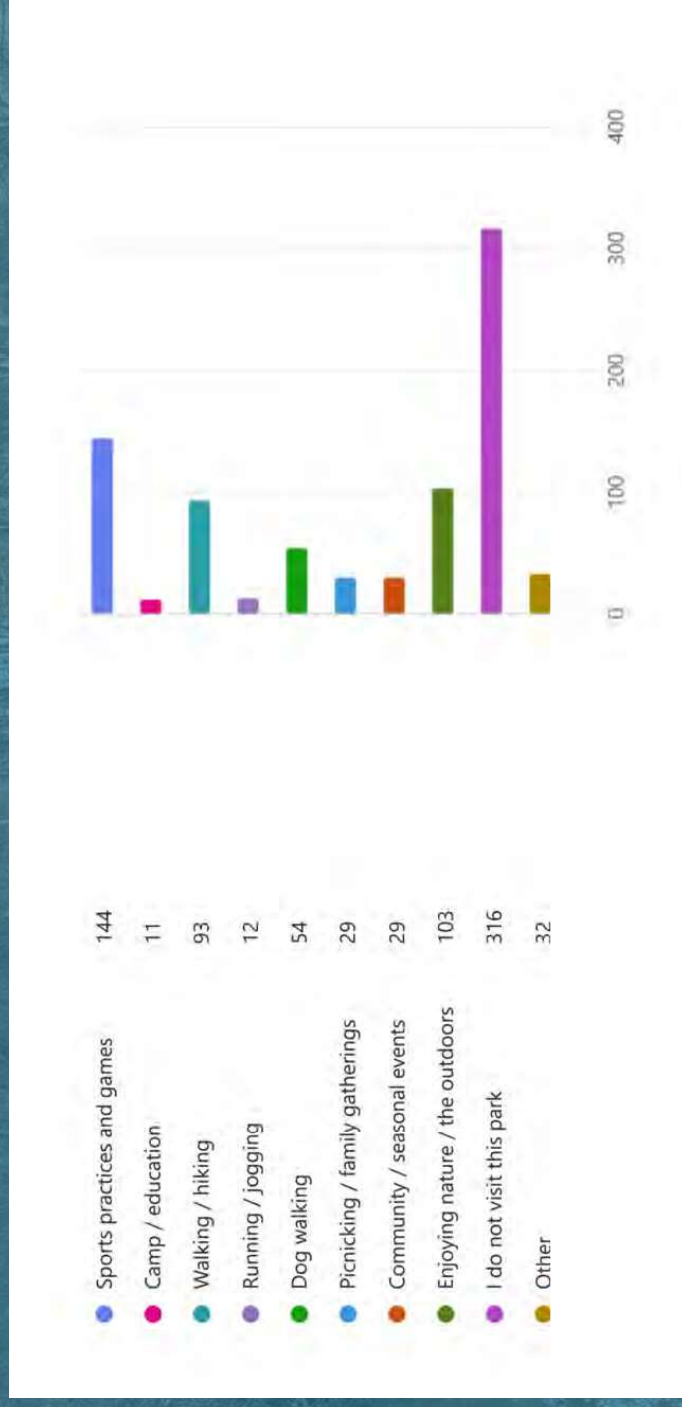
- Open 27 days
- 619 total responses
- Provided valuable insight on the community's desires and goals for both Salmon Brook Park and Ahrens Park



Question #1 – What are your reasons for visiting Salmon Brook Park?



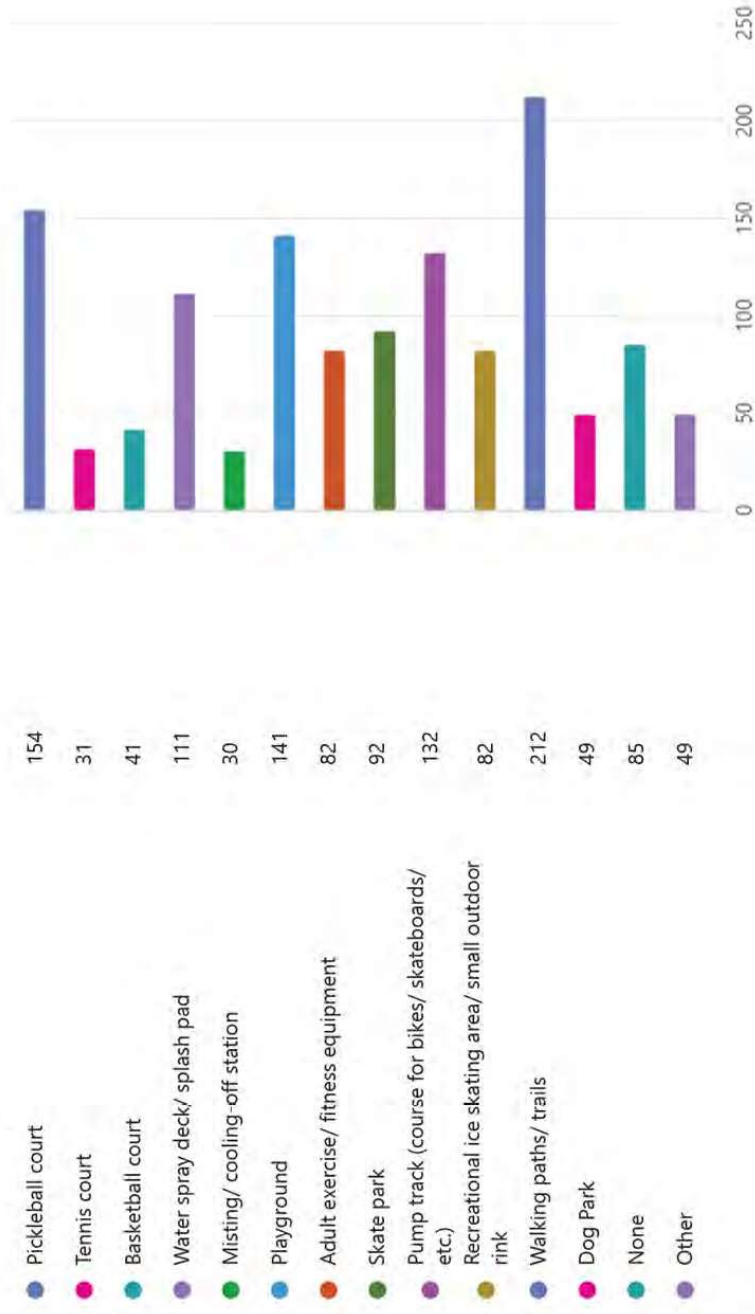
Question #2 – What are your reasons for visiting Ahrens Park?



Question #3 – Select your top three priorities for potential new recreational features at Salmon Brook Park:



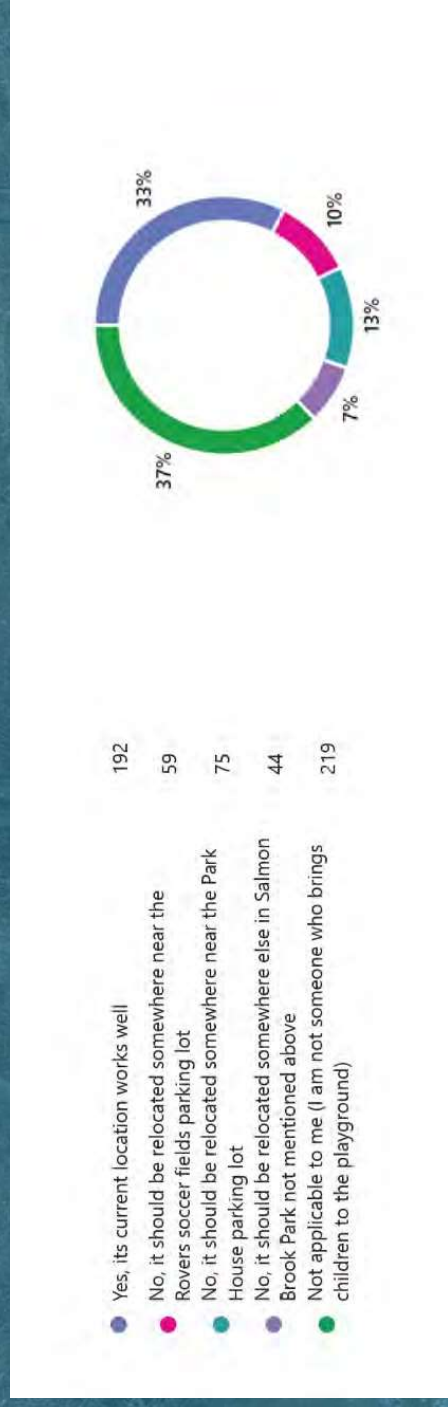
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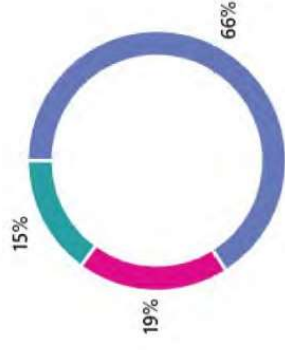
Question #5 – Would you be interested in relocating any of the following existing features from Salmon Brook Park to Ahrens Park? (So that it is no longer located at Salmon Brook and is at Ahrens Park instead).



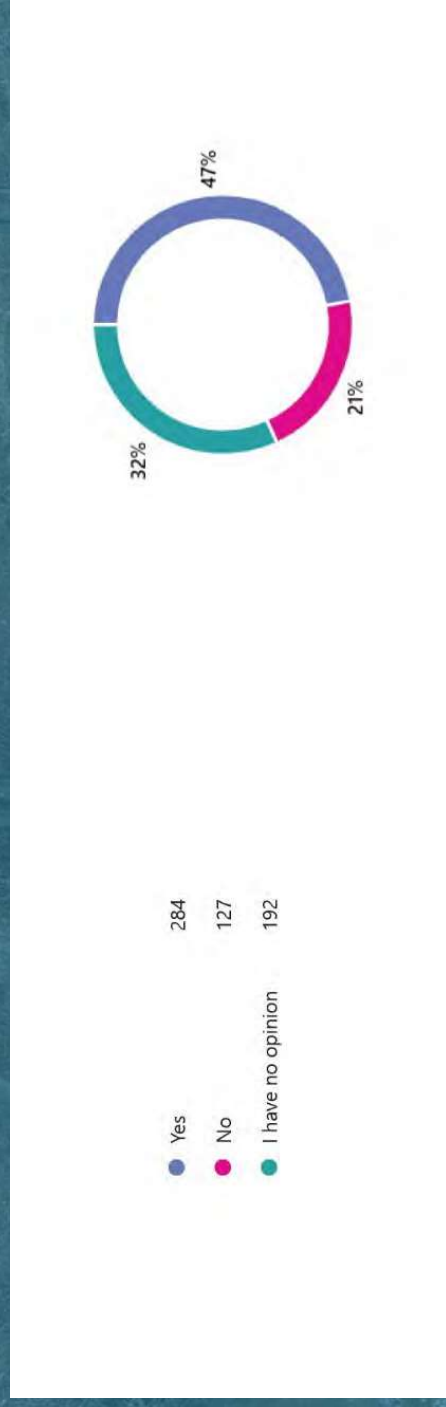
Question #6 – The larger playground at Salmon Brook Park (by the basketball courts) is located in an area that is prone to occasional flooding. When this playground is eventually replaced, should it stay in its current location?



Question #7 – Would you support adding lights to some of the sports fields at Salmon Brook Park, to extend the hours of day/length of season they can be used?



Question #8 – Would you support adding lights to some of the sports fields at Ahrens Park, to extend the hours of day/length of season they can be used?



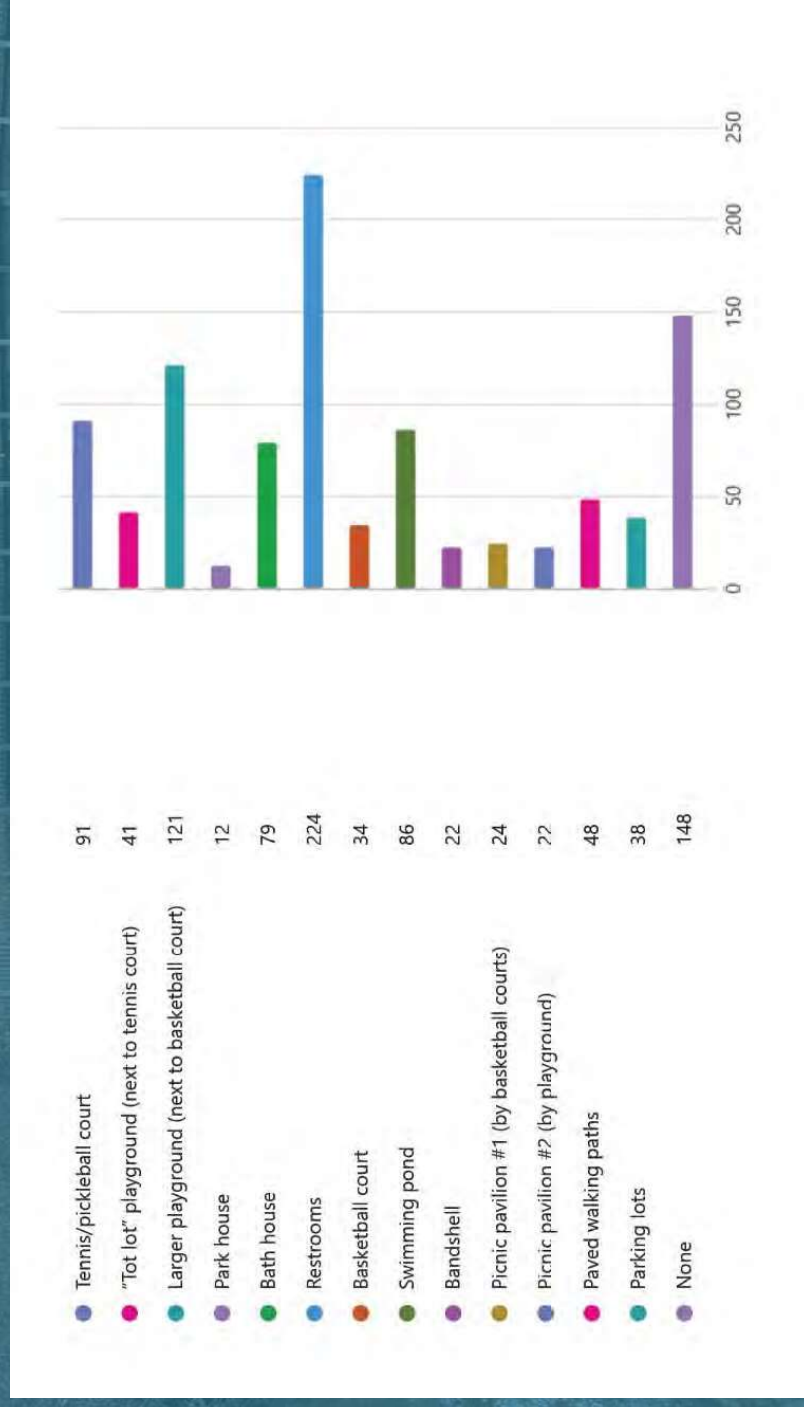
Question #9 – Select your top three priorities for new landscape features at Salmon Brook Park:



Question #10 – Select your top three priorities for potential new landscape features at Ahrens Park:



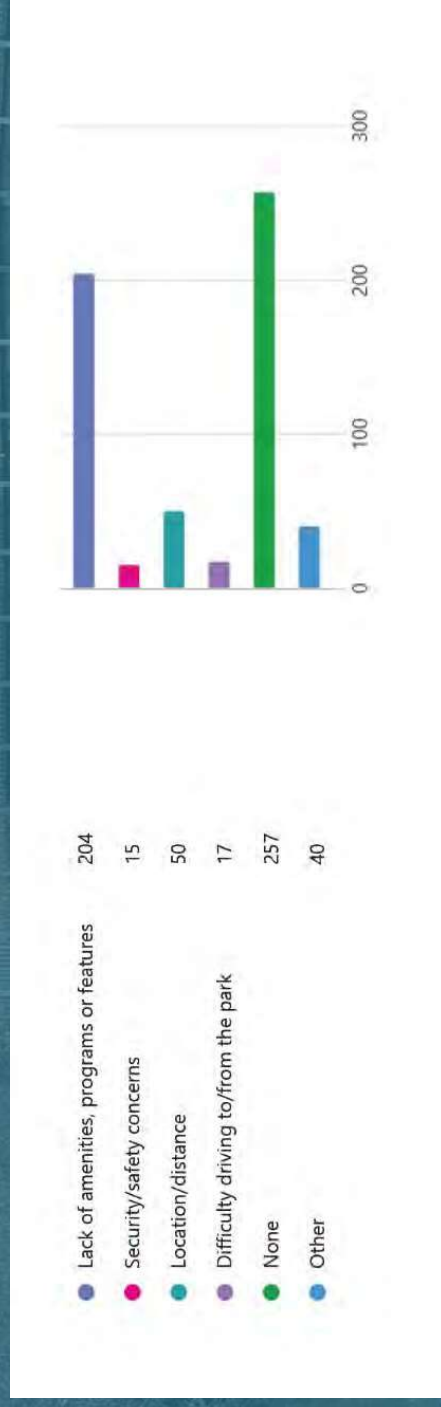
Question #11 – Do you think any of the following Town-managed facilities at Salmon Brook Park need upgrades, improvements, or better maintenance?



Question #12 – Do you have concerns related to park activities at Salmon Brook Park?



Question #13 – Are there barriers, difficulties or elements that impact your ability/desire to use Ahrens Park?



Key Takeaways / Results:

- **New Features Desired for Salmon Brook Park (in order):**

- 1) Splash Pad
- 2) Ice Rink
- 3) Update Playground
- 4) Adult Exercise / Fitness Equipment
- 5) Pump Track / Skate Park

- **New Features Desired for Ahrens Park (in order):**

- 1) Walking Paths / Trails
- 2) Pickleball Courts
- 3) Playground
- 4) Pump Track
- 5) Splash Pad

Key Takeaways / Results:

- **New Landscape Features:**

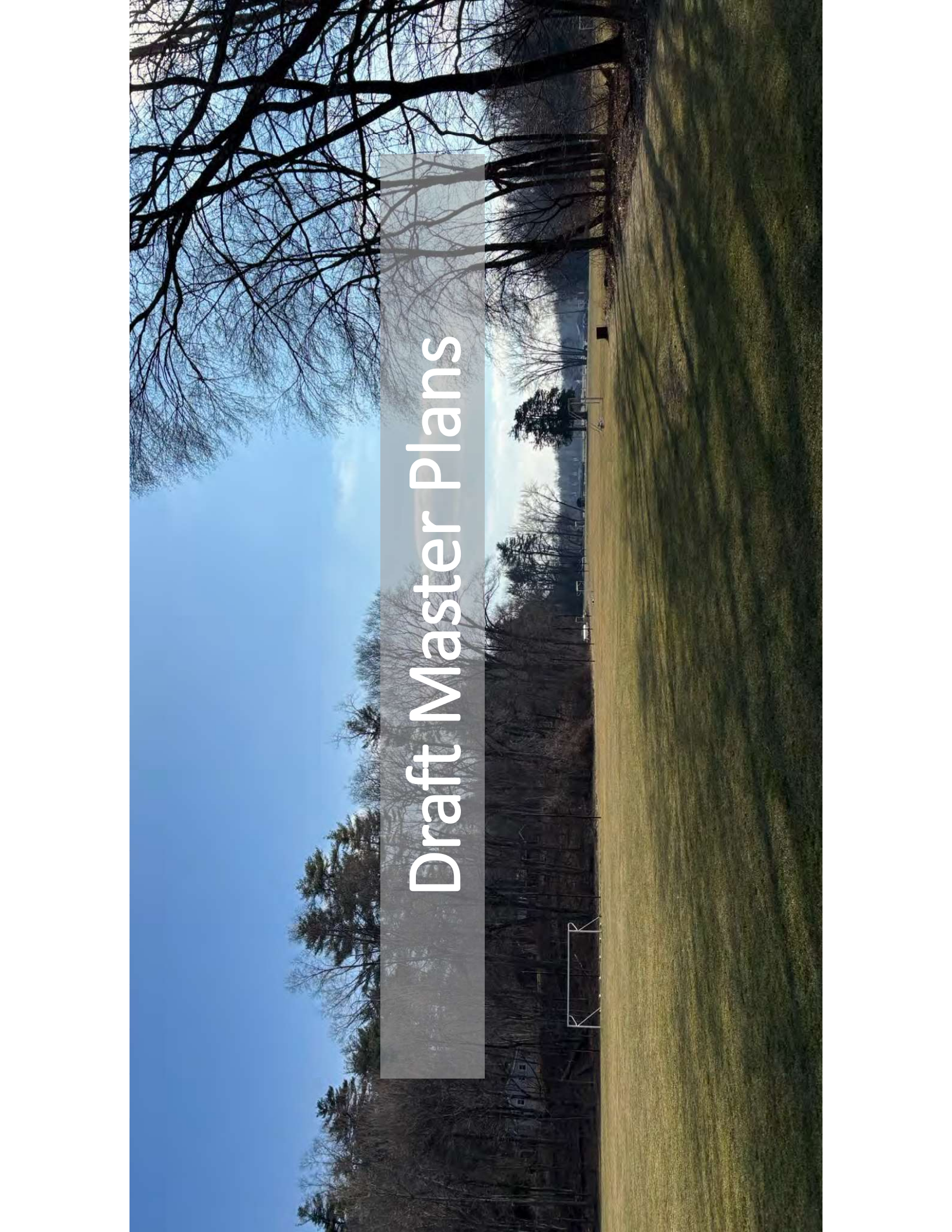
- Pollinator Gardens / Meadows
- Nature Trails
- Benches, Picnic Tables, Shade (Trees)

- **Maintenance / Upgrade Needs at Salmon Brook Park:**

- Restrooms
- Playground
- Tennis / Pickleball Courts

- **Concerns at Salmon Brook Park:**

- Off-leash Dogs
- Pedestrian Safety
- Continued coordination among sports groups



Draft Master Plans

Design Priorities:

• **Salmon Brook Park:**

- Relocate Pickleball (within park and/or to Ahrens)
- Restrooms
- Splash Pad
- Playground
- Vehicle / Pedestrian Safety

• **Ahrens Park:**

- Playground
- Walking Paths with Interpretive Signage
- Pump Track
- Pickleball



SOURCES: WOHNI CLEAR, CT DEEP CNES, MAPMAP



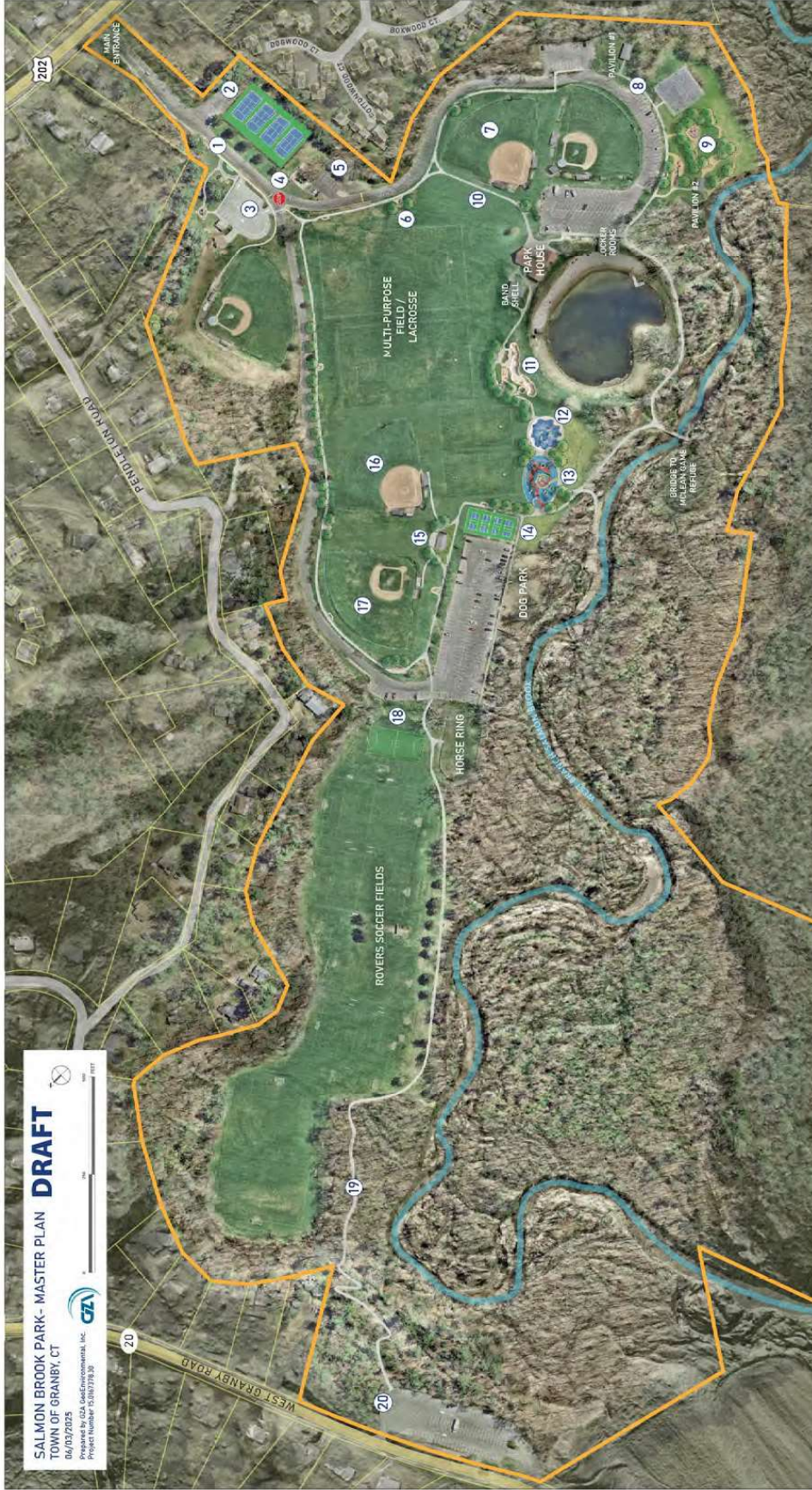
SALMON BROOK PARK

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PROPOSED NEW PARK FEATURES AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

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| 1 LANDSCAPED ENTRANCE, VETERAN'S MEMORIAL WALL/GARDEN | 11 SKATEPARK FEATURE | 16 REORIENTATION AND RELOCATION OF FIELD #3 |
| 2 DEDICATED TENNIS COURTS | 12 WATER SPRAY DECK/SPLASHPAD FEATURE | 17 REORIENTATION OF FIELD #5 |
| 3 PARKING LOT EXPANSION AND RECONFIGURATION | 13 NEW PLAYGROUND (5-12 YEAR OLD) | 18 MINI-PITCH SOCCER FEATURE |
| 4 3-WAY STOP INTERSECTION | 14 DEDICATED PICKLEBALL COURTS | 19 NEW TRAIL ALIGNMENT FOR PEDESTRIAN, EQUESTRIAN USE |
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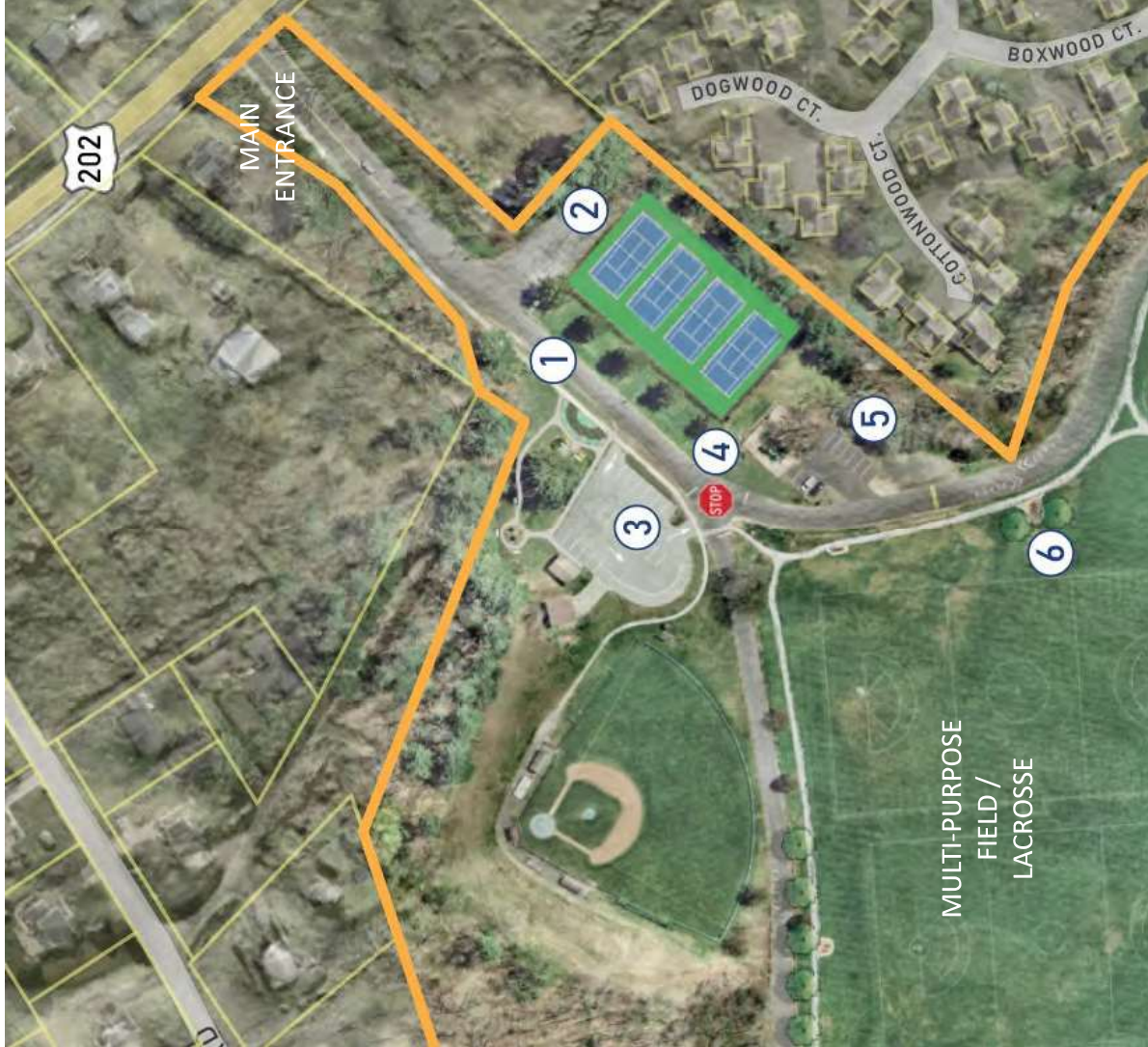
SALMON BROOK PARK- MASTER PLAN

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Salmon Brook Park – Proposed New Features

1. Landscaped Entrance, Veteran's Memorial Wall/Garden
2. Dedicated Tennis Courts
3. Parking Lot Expansion and Reconfiguration
4. 3-Way Stop Intersection
5. New Parking Configuration at Small Playground
6. Multiple FitCore / Adult Exercise Stations Along Path



Salmon Brook Park (continued)

7. Reorientation of Field #1
8. Wheelchair Accessible Paths to Pavilions, Basketball
9. Nature Play Area (Original Large Playground Location)
10. Pathway Connection Between Lacrosse and Ball Fields



Salmon Brook Park (continued)

11. Skate Park Feature

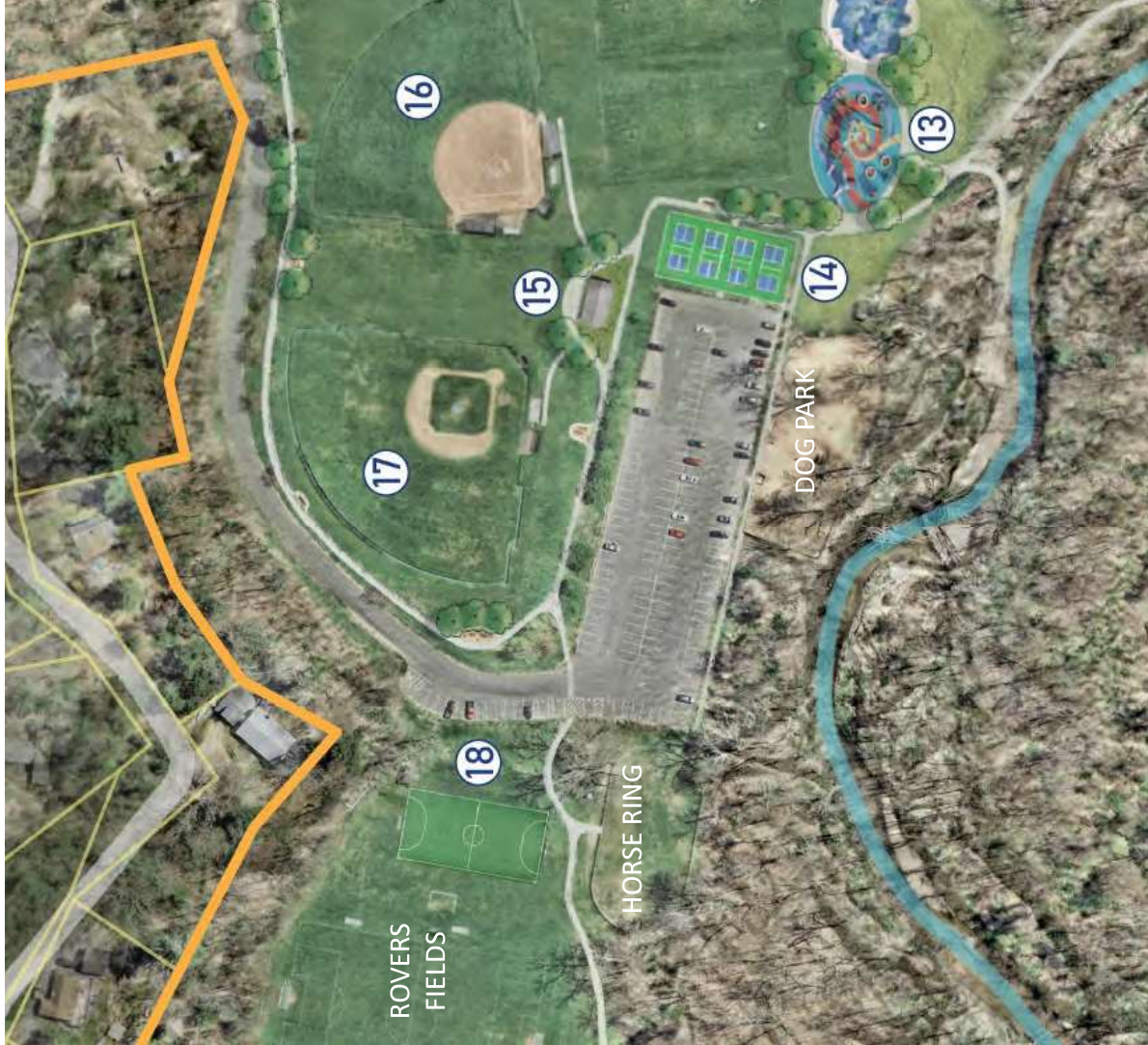
12. Water Spray Deck / Splash Pad Feature

13. New Playground (5-12 year old)



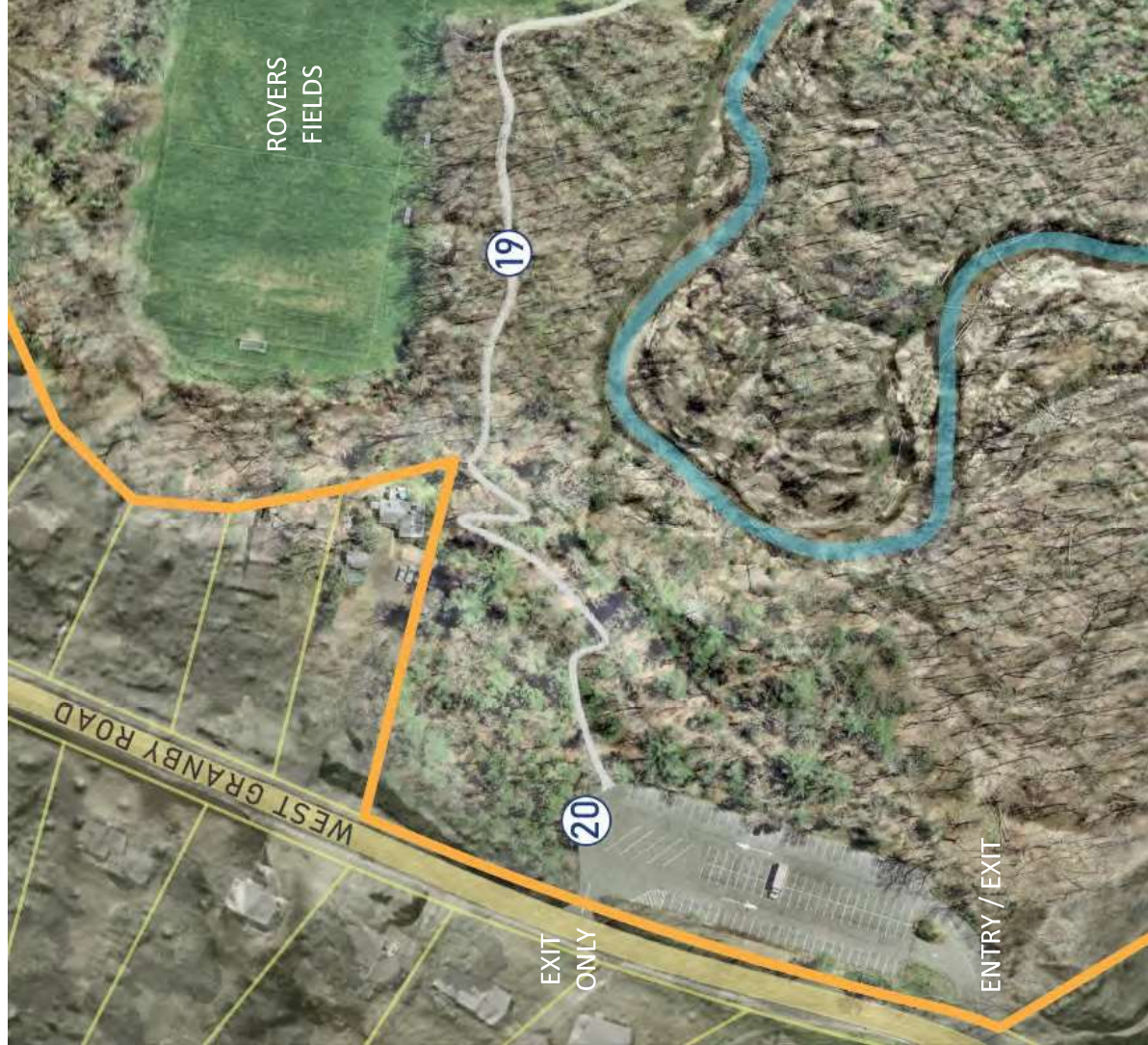
Salmon Brook Park (continued)

14. Dedicated Pickleball Courts
15. New Public Restroom Building
16. Reorientation and Relocation of Field #3
17. Reorientation of Field #5
18. Mini-pitch Soccer Feature



Salmon Brook Park (continued)

19. New Trail Alignment for Pedestrian and Equestrian Use
20. Dedicated Equestrian Parking and Exit to Route 20





AHRENS PARK, OHIO
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AHRENS PARK

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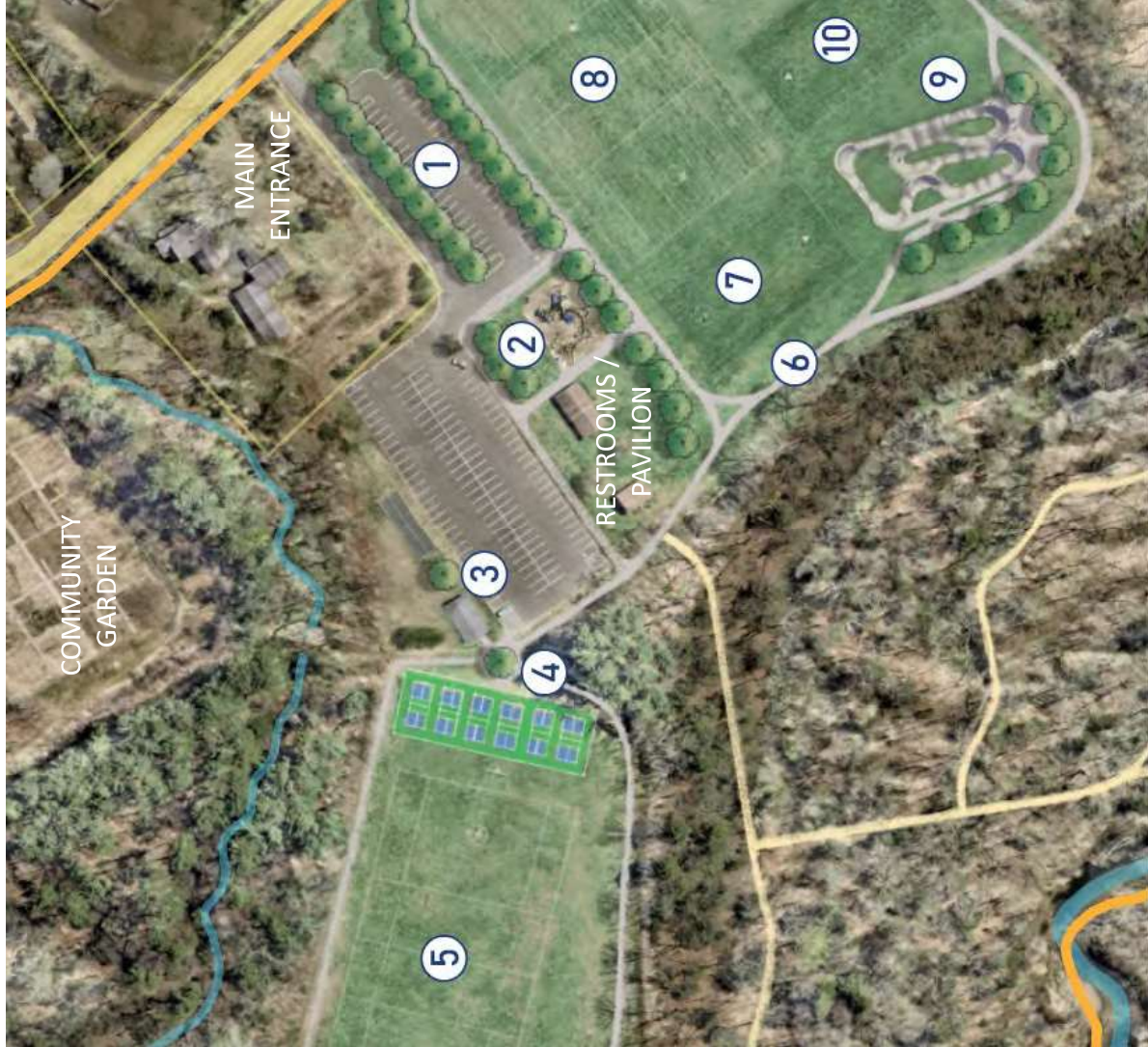


PROPOSED NEW PARK FEATURES AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

- ① INCREASED PARKING CAPACITY, PULL THROUGH LOT
- ② NEW PLAYGROUND FEATURES (2-5 AND 5-12 YEAR OLD)
- ③ SPORTS/ATHLETIC CLUB HOUSE
- ④ DEDICATED PICKLEBALL COURTS
- ⑤ LOCATION ADJUSTMENT TO FOOTBALL/LACROSSE FIELD
- ⑥ PERIMETER WALKING PATHS (APPROXIMATELY 3/4 MILE)
- ⑦ RELOCATED LACROSSE FROM SALMON BROOK
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- ⑨ CYCLE/SCOOTER PUMP TRACK FEATURE
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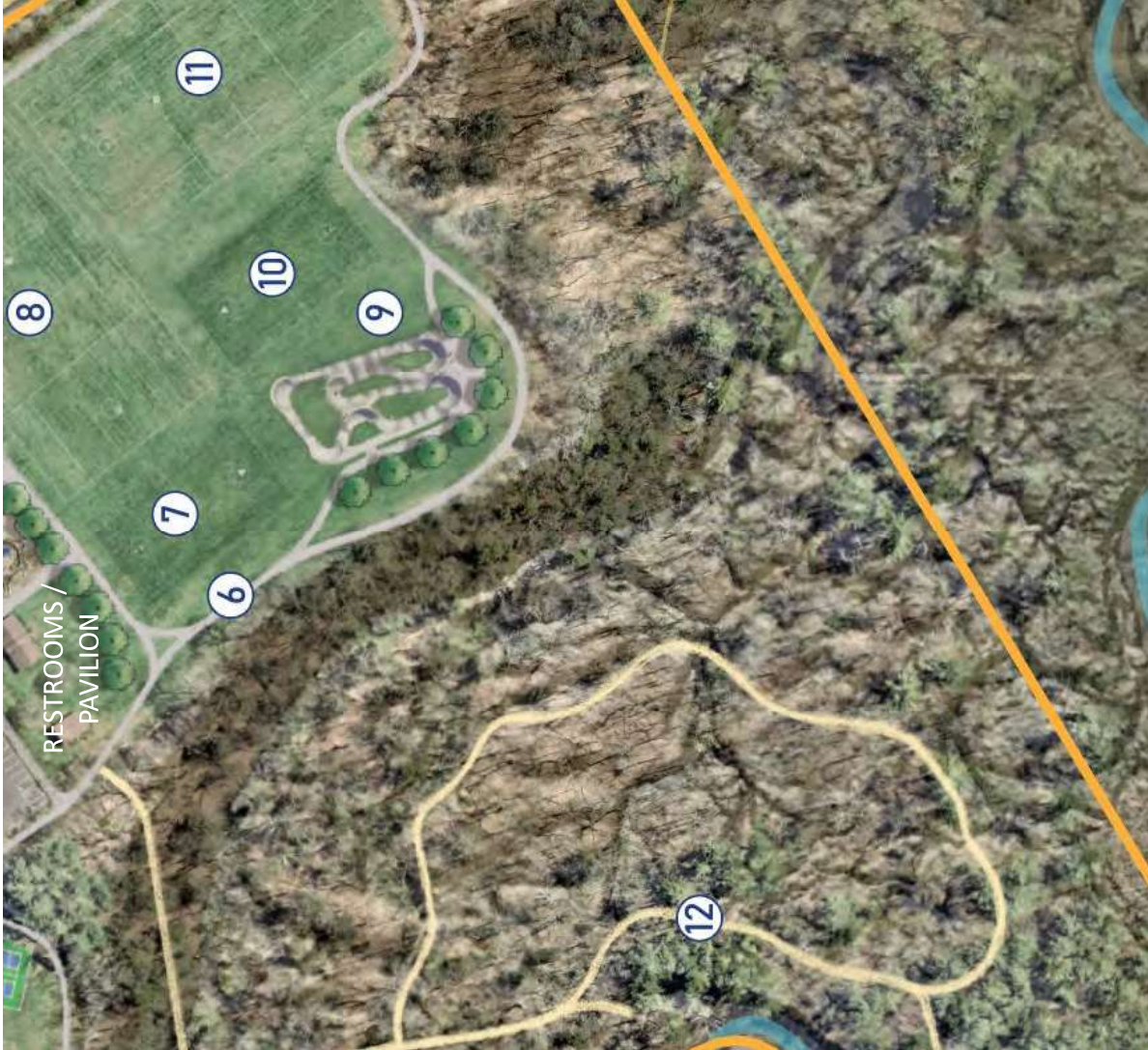
1. Parking: Increased Capacity via New Pull-Through Lot
2. New Playground Features (2-5 and 5-12 year old)
3. Sports/Athletic Club House
4. Dedicated Pickleball Courts
5. Location Adjustment to Football/Lacrosse Field



Ahrens Park (continued)

6. Perimeter Walking Paths (Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ Mile)
7. Relocated Lacrosse from Salmon Brook
8. Adjustment to Lacrosse Field
9. Cycle/Scooter Pump Track Feature
10. Relocated Lacrosse from Salmon Brook





Ahrens Park (continued)

- 11. Adjustment to Lacrosse Field
- 12. Backcountry Hiking/Mountain Bike Trails for Water, Brook Access



Discussion & Next Steps





SOURCES: WORTH CLEAR, CT DEEP CREEK, NEARMAP



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- 6 MULTIPLE FITCORE/ATHLETIC EXERCISE STATIONS ALONG PATH
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- 8 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE PATHS TO PAVILIONS, BASKETBALL
- 9 NATURE PLAY AREA (ORIGINAL LARGE PLAYGROUND LOCATION)
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AHRENS PARK

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ADAPTED FROM CLARK, ET AL., 2001, 2002, 2003



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