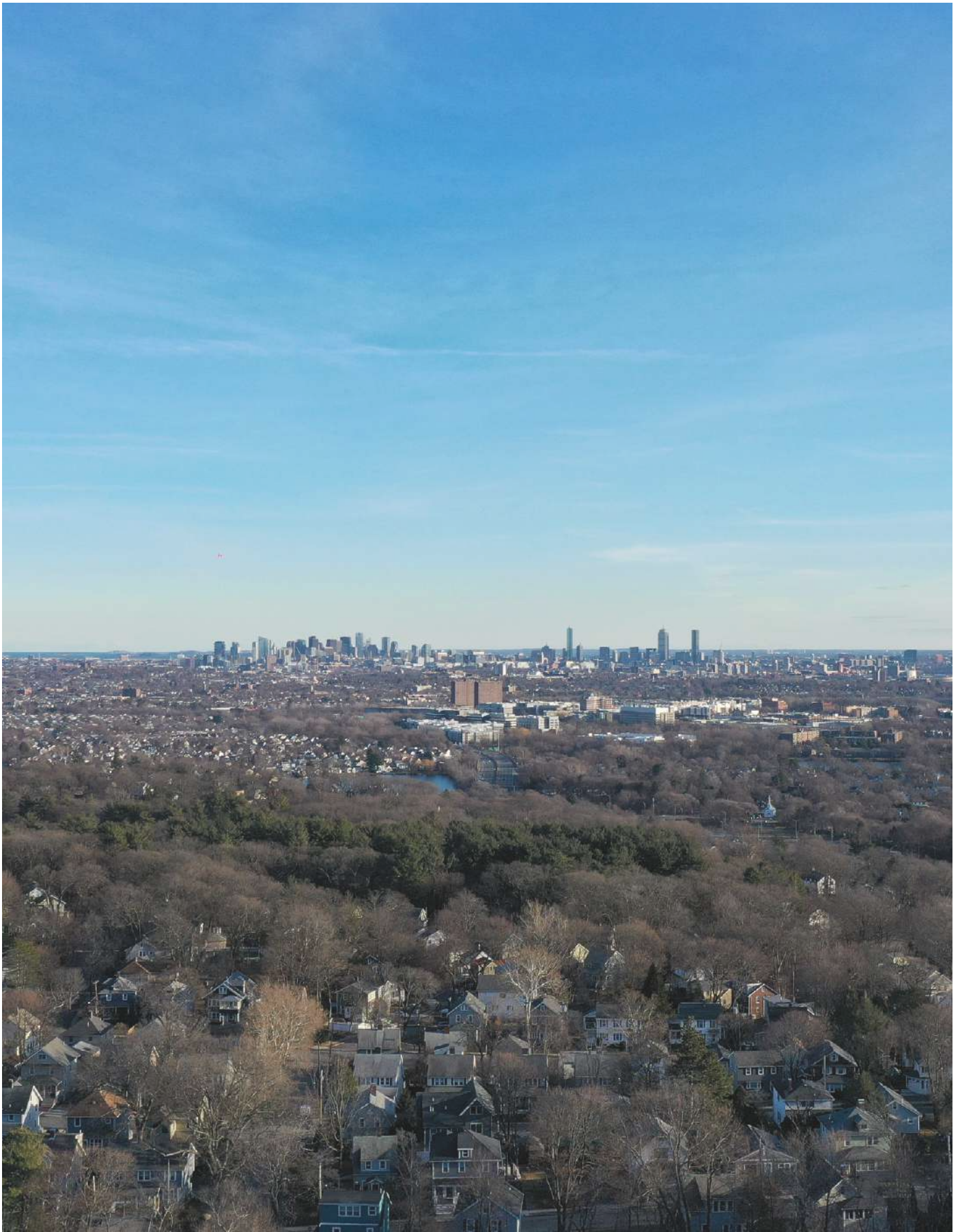


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1 | PROJECT SUMMARY

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In 2023, Activitas, Inc. was retained by the Town of Arlington to inventory and analyze a number of outdoor Town-owned athletic courts relative to their community needs and renovation potential. Activitas was tasked to make recommendations based on site assessments, recreational trends, and input from the public. For this study, Activitas focused on basketball, pickleball, and tennis.

The recreational facilities of focus for the study include the following:

Buzzell Field Park	Reservoir Beach Park	School
Crosby Park	Robbins Farm Park	Gibbs School
Florence Field Park	Spy Pond Park	Hardy Elementary School
Grove Street Park	Summer Street Park	Parmenter School
Magnolia Park	Waldo Park	Peirce Elementary School
North Union Park	Bishop Elementary School	Stratton Elementary School
Parallel Park	Brackett Elementary	

TOWN ENGAGEMENT

Activitas worked closely with the Town of Arlington during this project. The core Project Team comprised Activitas and representatives from the Town of Arlington Recreation Commission. The project team also identified and met directly with key stakeholders to collect feedback on specific courts and anticipate user needs.

To engage the broader community of court users, Activitas led a public forum where members of the public were invited to participate in polling exercises and provide open feedback on the existing courts in Town. An open public survey was also published online, offering community members the opportunity to provide detailed feedback on their use of the Town's athletic courts.

COURT SYSTEM INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

Activitas broke down the list of sites provided by the Town of Arlington and reviewed the information collected during the Town Engagement process to generate an inventory of existing facilities and an analysis of current use, distribution, and level of service. The court system inventory recorded existing conditions related to age, size, and materiality and generated value judgments based on popularity, condition, and utility.

The analysis of the court system reviewed the existing court quantities and site locations in Arlington against a recommended distribution and level of service to generate an ideal number of courts that would appropriately serve Arlington's residents. From these ideals, a value representing a deficit between existing and recommended court quantities was identified for each sport.

The themes explored in the inventory and analysis helped to provide justification for the sites selected for conceptual renovations in Section 5 | Recommended Improvements.

SITE ANALYSIS

Activitas analyzed the recreational facilities through site visits and GIS mapping to understand the physical conditions of the facilities and the associated site amenities. In the winter/spring of 2023, Activitas visited each site to collect ground-level photographs and drone imagery to review existing conditions.

As part of the assessment of existing facility assets, a detailed existing conditions study and an analysis of each facility was performed. Each site analysis includes:

General Property Information	General Improvement Considerations	Site Photos
Existing Site Conditions	Locus Map	

These exercises provided insight to the general condition of the facilities for athletic uses as well as important site elements including:

- | Presence and Proximity of Resource Areas
- | Solar Orientation
- | Lighting
- | Vehicular and Pedestrian Circulation
- | Walking Trails and Pathways
- | Existing Topography
- | Access Points
- | Fencing Conditions
- | Handicap accessibility (ADA compliment/opportunity??)
- | Parking
- | Storage Elements
- | Signage/wayfinding

This information was analyzed to inventory the conditions of existing assets and to identify the current opportunities and constraints for each facility. For each site, a bulleted list of general improvement considerations begins to explore how each site could be renovated or reorganized in order to better serve the Town's recreational needs.

RECOMMENDED SITE IMPROVEMENTS & GENERAL IMPROVEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Activitas provided conceptual design recommendations for five sites. The sites were selected by the Town of Arlington, in collaboration with the Project Team, using the information detailed in the court system inventory and analysis. The Project Team explored multiple design concepts at each site in order to generate the preferred concepts included in this Report.

Graphic rendered layouts of the recommended improvements at the five sites can be found in Section 5 | Recommended Improvements, along with a description of the recommended improvements, justifications for site selection, and rough order of magnitude (ROM) cost opinion for each potential development/renovation project.



2 | TOWN ENGAGEMENT

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The Project Team, comprised of Activitas and representatives from the Town of Arlington Recreation Commission, met initially to begin assembling the court system inventory and reviewing existing conditions. The Project Team reviewed each site individually to determine the existing conditions at each court, the approximate age of the surfaces and associated facility amenities. The Team was also able to identify initial opportunities and constraints at each site including other planned and/or ongoing projects. Information gathered during this initial meeting informed the site inventory and provided insight that helped to guide later discussions with stakeholders and the public.

In addition to engaging the Town through the Project Team, opinions on the current state of Arlington's court facilities were collected at various community engagement sessions in 2023. The Project Team held a discussion session with stakeholders (representatives from organizations and core user groups involved in basketball, pickleball, and tennis), hosted a public forum, and published an online survey for Arlington residents and members of the broader Arlington community. Participants at these sessions provided essential quantitative and qualitative data for the court system inventory.

Town engagement also sought feedback about users' desires for future development. Participants in the public forum and respondents to the survey were asked questions relating to their ideal court facility and responded with valuable insights that were influential in the development of the conceptual renovations presented in Section 5 | Recommended Improvements.

Activitas would like to thank all of the members of the Project Team, stakeholders, and members of the public who participated in the public forum and/or the survey.

STAKEHOLDER MEETING

A Stakeholder Meeting was conducted with representatives from the Town of Arlington, Youth Basketball leaders, and local residents heavily involved with the basketball, tennis, and pickleball community in Arlington. The Town of Arlington was responsible for identifying and inviting the interested parties to the discussion.

During the meeting, Activitas presented background information about the project process and existing conditions photographs taken during site visits. The discussion centered heavily on issues and desires related to specific courts in Town. Stakeholders were asked to react to each site individually. Stakeholders also discussed the courts' current uses and anticipated needs with the Project Team.

Key insights from the Stakeholder Meeting included:

- | Arlington currently lacks any side-by-side basketball courts for clinic, league play, and summer camp programs.
- | A variety of basketball hoop heights or adjustable hoops for basketball allow younger players to use the courts. Recently, renovations resulted in the removal of 8' hoops at Peirce and Stratton Schools.
- | The tennis and pickleball community would like the option to use the courts year-round. Currently, the Town removes the nets to prevent ice damage and locks the courts during the winter. If the courts remained unlocked, they could be used by pickleball players with portable nets on mild winter days.
- | The current PlayLocal booking system does not always function as intended as some community members are unaware of the system and use the courts despite existing reservations.
- | Additional entrance gates to tennis courts would benefit users as the limited access to the courts disrupts play.
- | All facilities would benefit from additional storage.

Stakeholders were also invited to share information related to the community survey and Public Forum with their user networks in Town.

PUBLIC FORUM

A Public Forum was conducted on March 30th via Zoom. Activitas presented background information about the project process and a preliminary analysis of the athletic courts inventory, based on use information collected from the Town and stakeholders and existing conditions assessments recorded onsite. At the end of the presentation, Activitas facilitated an open discussion period to engage participants directly.

Key insights from the Public Forum included:

- | Arlington currently lacks any dedicated pickleball courts, which causes more conflict between pickleball players and tennis/basketball players with pickleball lines painted on other courts. Tennis players indicated that the pickleball lines affected tennis gameplay.
- | Arlington currently lacks any full-sized, side-by-side basketball courts for clinic, league play, and summer camp programs and could benefit from a prominent "central" court that would draw players from across the Town.
- | Wind reduction would be a valuable improvement at multiple sites in Town (especially for pickleball use).
- | Existing tennis and pickleball sites are under-served with other multi-generational facilities, such as playgrounds.
- | Long wait times and scheduling difficulties are common frustrations.

The Public Forum (March 30th) minutes is included in Appendix B including a summary of the discussion period.

During the meeting, a polling period was conducted via Slido. Participants were instructed to use a smartphone or new computer window to vote on the presented questions and the presenters were able to view and respond to the results in real time. Participants were asked about which sports they play in Town and on which courts, and additional opinion questions about the future of Arlington's court system.

The participants were asked which site improvements would have the biggest impact on the Town's courts. Respondents were encouraged to rank their top three choices. a total of 28 responses were collected. The top-rated three choices were "Quantity of Courts", "Lighting" and "Crack & Court Repairs". The lowest-rated three choices were "Parking", "More Events", and "Park Beautification".

In addition to the polls, an comment box was available via Slido where respondents could expand on their answers and provide additional feedback. The comment box remained open during and after the presentation for additional feedback. Common sentiments expressed by participants in the comment box included lack of pickleball courts in Arlington, concerns about wind impacting play at certain sites, and the siting of basketball courts in Town.

The full results of the polls and responses from the Slido comment box are included in Appendix B.

PUBLIC INPUT

The Recreation Department has been collecting additional feedback from residents via email. Many residents who were unable to attend the public forum used this method to provide their comments.

Key insights collected via email included:

- | Arlington lacks pickleball facilities that are open year-round, similar to those in other towns.
- | Pickleball could be expanded at the existing tennis facilities, where lines are painted on some courts, but not all.
- | Pickleball's popularity and the lack of dedicated courts in Arlington lead to long wait times and overcrowding at existing facilities.

Feedback sent by email has been reproduced for record in Appendix C.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

A community survey was published online via SurveyMonkey and launched during the Public Forum. The survey ran for three weeks and received 552 responses. It was publicized on the Town's website and shared on the Recreation Department's social media platforms and within community networks.

Respondents were asked to provide information about which sports they play in Arlington and their neighborhood of residence in Arlington (non-residents were also invited to complete the survey and were given the opportunity to define their relationship to the Town's courts). This information allowed Activitas to analyze the data by sport and by area of Town to determine the impact of court distribution on use.

Respondents were also asked to share their current outdoor court use, provide feedback on specific courts, and describe their future wants and needs related to outdoor courts in Arlington. Respondents were asked to indicate which of the outdoor courts they used in Town, and then choose which of their selected courts was their favorite and least favorite courts at which to play their sport. Respondents used a list of potential reasons to indicate why they made those choices.

In order to filter out disengaged responses while ensuring that respondents still had the opportunity to provide more detailed feedback on topics that interested them, the option to skip entire sections of questions related to the sports that respondents did not play was provided.

There was also an option upon entering the survey to select "None" when asked which sports the respondent played in Town. Selecting "None" prompted a question asking the respondent about what factors prevented them from using courts in Arlington, before skipping to the section related to courts in general and bypassing all other questions related to specific sports. In total, 101 out of 552 respondents (18%) selected "None". The most common factors selected were "I do not play a sport that requires a court" (61%) followed by "Lack of time" (21%) and "My sport is not offered" (14%).

This information provided critical quantitative and qualitative data to inform the analysis of the court system inventory. The results of the survey, combined with insights from the public forum and Slido comment box, helped to approximate court use data in the absence of defined use periods and assign a value of relative popularity to each court. These values influenced which courts were studied for the recommended improvements discussed in Section 5.

Additionally, to plan for future renovations or new facility development, respondents were asked to select adjectives to describe their ideal court facility and to indicate other amenities that they would most like to have nearby when they use the courts. The top choices to describe an ideal facility were "Walkable" (59%), "Shady" (41%), and "Active" (31%). The top choices for amenities were restrooms (54%), lights (50%), and parking (42%).

Respondents were also provided with a list of other outdoor court sports and asked to indicate if they would use any of those courts. Badminton (28%), volleyball (25%), and bocce (19%) were the most common responses.

The full results of the survey including open response information are included in Appendix A. Note that results specific to each court, including the positive and negative attributes most commonly selected, are reviewed in greater detail in Section 4 | Site Analysis.

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3 | COURT SYSTEM INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

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At the onset of this Assessment, the Town of Arlington provided a list of sites to be studied for the court system inventory, comprising 12 public parks and 7 public school properties. Activitas collected information on existing conditions, current use, and additional site considerations to generate an analysis of renovation potential.

The results of the inventory and analysis helped to provide context for the improvement considerations listed for each site in Section 4 | Site Analysis, and the conceptual renovations presented in Section 5 | Recommended Improvements.

COURT SYSTEM INVENTORY

To generate the initial court system inventory, the list provided by the Town of Arlington was first broken down by sport type and surface material and the courts were measured to determine their maximum level of play. The Town also provided the estimated date of the most recent renovation for each court (note: repaving was underway at Peirce and Bishop Schools while the inventory was being assembled. The new surfacing will be asphalt).

This initial inventory found that there are 14 tennis courts located at three sites in Arlington, and 17 sites in town with basketball courts, of which only 4 are full-sized courts. A basketball court should be at least 84' long to support adult/high school play. Additionally there are 8 other undersized courts and 3 half-courts in Town.*

The Town's multi-sport court at Reservoir Beach is used for basketball though it lacks permanent court markings; therefore the dimensions provided represent the dimensions of the surfacing. Reservoir Beach is not included in the inventory of basketball courts, but the area would be undersized for basketball.

Of these sites, many are used to play pickleball by users who supply their own nets and markings. Four sites are permanently striped for pickleball in addition to tennis/basketball for a total of 8 marked pickleball courts. There are no dedicated pickleball courts in Arlington.

The following table lists the courts included in the inventory, sorted alphabetically:

COURT	SPORT	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	SURFACE	LAST RENOVATED
BISHOP	Basketball	*	Asphalt	2023
BRACKET	Basketball	84' x 50'	Asphalt	1999
BUZZELL	Basketball	84' x 50'	Asphalt	2003
CROSBY	Basketball	66' x 50'	Asphalt	2000
CROSBY	Tennis (4)/Pickleball		Asphalt	2004
FLORENCE	Basketball	78' x 39'	Asphalt	<1996
GIBBS	Basketball Half-Court	42' x 50'	Asphalt	2017
GROVE STREET	Tennis (5)/Pickleball		Asphalt	2011
HARDY	Basketball	70' x 48'	Asphalt	2019
MAGNOLIA	Basketball Half-Court	45' x 50'	Asphalt	2015
NORTH UNION	Basketball	84' x 50'	Asphalt	2005
PARALLEL	Basketball	82' x 50'	Asphalt	1999
PARMENTER	Basketball	60' x 44'	Asphalt	<1996
PEIRCE	Basketball	*	Asphalt	2023
RESERVOIR	Multi-Sport	65' x 30'	Rubber	2022
ROBBINS	Basketball/Pickleball	74' x 50'	Asphalt	2017
SPY POND	Tennis (5)/Pickleball		Asphalt	2015
SPY POND	Youth Tennis		Asphalt	2015
STRATTON	Basketball	60' x 50'	Asphalt	<1996
STRATTON	Basketball Half-Court	32' x 50'	Asphalt	<1996
SUMMER STREET	Basketball	84' x 50'	Asphalt	2001
SUMMER STREET	Bocce (2)		Stonedust	2008
WALDO	Basketball	81' x 43'	Asphalt	2005

Table 3.1 | Town of Arlington Outdoor Court Inventory

Following the assembly of the initial inventory using information provided by the Town, Activitas visited each site to review existing conditions and completed stakeholder meetings and community surveying to gauge public use and opinion. The information gathered during these site visits and engagement sessions would provide the basis for improvement considerations and forthcoming recommendations.

Once the survey was closed and the data reviewed, the courts were rated on three scales: Popularity, Condition, and Utility.

- | **Popularity** was determined using a combination of survey data and stakeholder feedback. It was measured against the median number of responses for each sport type at each court. Open response feedback and comments received during public and stakeholder meetings served typically reinforced the results and only swayed the final determination when the number of responses placed the court between two categories.
- | **Condition** was analyzed onsite by Activitas and considers the surface and sporting equipment, such as goals and nets.
- | **Utility** describes the playability and accessibility of the court. The size of the court, number of courts, and availability of amenities such as lighting and seating increases playability. The location of the court, proximity to other destinations, and availability of parking and transportation increases accessibility.

Overall, a court was considered to have very significant renovation potential if popularity was high, condition was poor or fair, and/or utility was high.

COURT	SPORT	POPULARITY	CONDITION	UTILITY
BISHOP	Basketball	Average	*	*
BRACKET	Basketball	Average	Poor	Moderate
BUZZELL	Basketball	Average	Fair/Good	High
CROSBY	Basketball	Low	Poor/Fair	Low
CROSBY	Tennis (4)/Pickleball	Average	Fair	High
FLORENCE	Basketball	High	Poor/Fair	Low
GIBBS	Basketball Half-Court	Low	Good	Low
GROVE STREET	Tennis (5)/Pickleball	High	Good	High
HARDY	Basketball	Average	Good	Low
MAGNOLIA	Basketball Half-Court	Low	Good	Low
NORTH UNION	Basketball	Average	Fair	High
PARALLEL	Basketball	Low	Poor	Moderate
PARMENTER	Basketball	Low	Poor	Low
PEIRCE	Basketball	High	*	*
RESERVOIR	Multi-Sport	Low	Fair/Good	Low
ROBBINS	Basketball/Pickleball	High	Good	Moderate
SPY POND	Tennis (5)/Pickleball	High	Good	High
SPY POND	Youth Tennis	Low	Good	Low
STRATTON	Basketball	Average	Poor/Fair	Low
STRATTON	Basketball Half-Court	Average	Poor/Fair	Low
SUMMER STREET	Basketball	Low	Poor	High
SUMMER STREET	Bocce (2)	Low	Poor	Low
WALDO	Basketball	Average	Poor/Fair	Moderate

Table 3.2 | Town of Arlington Outdoor Court Improvement Scale

* Renovations at the Peirce and Bishop Schools are ongoing, therefore approximate court dimensions are not yet available.

Favorite and Least Favorite Courts

The most popular basketball court in Town is Robbins Farm Park, followed by Florence Field and Brackett Elementary School. Robbins Farm Park was also the most highly favored basketball court - 22% of all basketball users chose it as their favorite. The least popular (by quantity of users) basketball court is Parmenter School. However, the least favored court is Summer Street - it was selected as the least favorite basketball court for 20% of respondents.

The most popular pickleball court in Town is Crosby Park, followed by Spy Pond and Grove Street courts. Pickleball players also indicate that they bring their own nets to 12 other basketball courts in Town that are not lined for pickleball. Crosby Park is also the most highly favored pickleball facility, with 27% of users choosing it as their favorite. The least popular court that is lined for pickleball is Robbins Farm Park. Robbins Farm Park is also the least favored court, by 33% of pickleball respondents.

The most popular tennis court in Town is Grove Street Park, followed by Spy Pond. Grove Street Park is also the most highly favored tennis facility - 49% of all tennis users chose it as their favorite. There are only three tennis facilities in Town, therefore the least popular tennis court is Crosby Park. Crosby Park is also the least favored facility - it was selected as the least favorite tennis court for 51% of tennis users.

A pattern emerge from these results: that a common indicator of whether a site will be favored least by users is conflicting sports use. Tennis users favor the most popular court for pickleball users the least, and pickleball users favor the most popular court for basketball the least. The second least favored court for pickleball is Grove Street Park, which is the most popular court for tennis. Users expressed this sentiment when asked to indicate why a court was their least favorite: each of these courts received many votes of "Court is too crowded".

When asked why they chose a court as a favorite, "Proximity to home, school, or work" was the most common answer for every court studied, followed by "Court is well-maintained", "Availability of parking", and "Court is attractive". "Court is too crowded" was the most common reason users disliked specific courts, followed by "Court is not well maintained" and "Lack of parking".

This pattern, combined with the results of a survey question where users were asked to select the times of day they used the courts, has implications for the future of shared use in Arlington. The majority of pickleball users (58%) primarily use the courts before 3:00pm, during which time they are competing for space with 38% of tennis players. Pickleball and tennis play also continues for long periods of time, with 69% of pickleball users and 64% of tennis users saying that they play for more than one hour. This creates long periods of conflicting use at the existing courts, which may explain why tennis and pickleball users rank the shared use courts so differently.

Conversely, though, only 17% of basketball users use the courts primarily before 3:00pm, and 73% play for less than an hour. These dramatic differences may indicate that shared-use pickleball courts may be better suited at existing basketball courts than at tennis courts. Pickleball lines can be easily added on top of other courts, including half-sized basketball courts with low basketball utility, and many users (31%) indicated that they are able to supply their own nets.

DISTRIBUTION

As discussed above, the results of the survey showed that the location of a court had the greatest impact on court use overall and popularity. The courts were also inventoried relative to their location in the Town of Arlington and their proximity to each other. Each site analysis includes a locus map identifying the location of the court in Arlington and a walkability analysis map showing a .25-mile radius around the court, and identifying other open spaces, gathering spots, and public facilities located nearby.

Walkability is a relative measure, but a .25-mile radius is often used for planning purposes to define an easily walkable range. An able-bodied adult walking on level ground at a relaxed pace will travel .25 miles in an average of five minutes. On the maps on the following page, each court is indicated at the center of each white circle, and the area inside of each circle represents the area in Arlington that is within a five-minute walk of that court. Areas outside of the white circles, therefore, may not have a court nearby within a range that would be considered "walkable".

Whether or not the majority of users have easy access to courts on foot depends on the sport and the neighborhood. In East Arlington, for example, a majority of residences are located within a .25-mile



Map 3.3 | Walkability maps showing the location of basketball, tennis and pickleball courts. Bubbles around courts represent a .25 mile radius (approximately a 5-minute walk).

radius of a basketball court, indicating that a majority of basketball users in East Arlington can walk to a court easily. On the west side of Town in Arlington Heights, however, a majority of the map is outside of a circle for all sports, indicating that expanding access to courts in this area of Arlington Heights may be warranted.

Respondents to the community survey were asked to provide their neighborhood of residence for this reason. Dividing and analyzing the response data based on neighborhood of residence allows patterns to be identified that can predict the impacts of a lack of service on the population.

For instance, the distribution maps show no tennis courts and few walkable courts within Arlington Heights. The data from the survey seems to support the idea that people prefer to play sports that are available locally: Arlington Heights residents were less likely to play tennis (49% of respondents) compared to East Arlington (64%) and Arlington Center (65%) residents. Of the Arlington Heights residents that do play tennis, 92% said that they drive to the courts - in comparison, 44% of tennis players in East Arlington drive to access the courts.

In general, the survey results indicated that people overwhelmingly prefer local courts. When asked to specify how they travel to their favorite court, "On foot" was selected most often for every basketball court and more than half of the courts used for pickleball. When asked why they chose a court as a favorite, "Proximity to home, school, or work" was the most common answer for every court studied.

Arlington Heights, as the least-served neighborhood, also had the highest percentage of people who indicated that they do not play any of the sports (24%). Conversely, in East Arlington (the highest distribution area) only 10% of people selected "None". Non-court users were asked to choose why: Arlington Heights residents were far more likely to select "Courts are too far away" and "Lack of time". In Arlington Center, the most common responses were "Courts are poorly maintained" and "Courts are too crowded". In East Arlington, only "I prefer to play in other communities" was selected by more than one respondent.

The distribution maps were divided by sport in order to identify any geographic gaps in the courts that are offered and to indicate where changes of use or shared use could occur: for example, the ability to paint pickleball lines on a basketball court explains the difference between the tennis and pickleball distribution maps, and could potentially offer a way to expand access to pickleball in areas that are served by basketball and not pickleball.

LEVEL OF SERVICE RECOMMENDATIONS

The National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA) recommends that communities provide a minimum quantity of recreational amenities based on their population, expressed as a ratio. These ratios, which are updated regularly to reflect trends in interest and participation, represent the minimum level-of-service that should be offered

The NRPA recommendations for athletic courts are summarized below:

ATHLETIC FACILITY	NRPA LEVEL OF SERVICE RECOMMENDATION
Tennis Court	1 : 2,000
Basketball Court	1 : 5,000

Table 3.4 | NRPA Level of Service Recommendation

For athletic courts, this level-of-service ratio was developed based on the nature of the sport and the national average popularity of the sport. However, trends in sports participation vary greatly between communities and are influenced by many factors, including demographics, climate, built environment, and local and regional cultures. For example, participation in basketball is typically higher in cities than suburbs due to the nature of the built environment. Participation in lacrosse is increasing nationwide, but is still highest in the northeast due to the influence of regional cultures.

To adjust an average level-of-service recommendation to better align with the needs of specific communities, MRI-Simmons has aggregated survey data to generate a Market Potential Index (MPI) rating for each community. The MPI is expressed as a percentage and may be used to indicate how

much more or less popular a particular activity or commodity is expected to be in that community, relative to the national average. An MPI of 100 indicates levels of participation that are consistent with the national average. An MPI of 150, for example, indicates that 50% more members of the community are expected to participate in that activity (if the national average predicts that 30 people out of every 100 engage in this activity annually, an MPI of 150 in Arlington would predict that 45 out of 100 Arlington residents engage in that activity).

The MPI for court sports in Arlington is summarized below:

ACTIVITY	MPI
Participation in Tennis	143
Participation in Basketball	100

Table 3.5 | Town of Arlington's MPI for Court Sports

Based on the MPI percentages, it can be assumed that the Town of Arlington's basketball court needs are in line with the national averages expressed by the NRPA level-of-service recommendations. However, due to the relatively high popularity of tennis, we estimate that the level-of-service required for tennis in Arlington can be expressed as 1.43 : 2,000 - or approximately 1 court per 1,400 residents.

Due to the relative novelty of pickleball, the NRPA and MRI-Simmons have yet to produce level-of-service recommendations or MPI percentages that can be used to assess the pickleball needs of a community. However, the results of the survey and the MPI for tennis (both participation and viewing) in Arlington indicate that the level of service recommended for pickleball would be similar to that of tennis. Though participation is still lower than tennis on average, it is one of the fastest-growing sports in the United States and that trend is likely to continue and be reflected in Arlington.

Based on these adjusted recommendations, the discrepancies between the existing court inventory and the number of courts Arlington would need in order to meet NRPA level of service recommendations are summarized in the table below.

SPORT	LEVEL OF SERVICE	EXISTING COURTS	RECOMMENDED COURTS	DEFICIT
Tennis	1 : 1,400	14	32	18
Pickleball	1 : 2,000	8	23	15
Basketball	1 : 5,000	4	9	5 (full-size)

Table 3.6 | Town of Arlington's MPI for Court Sports

As many pickleball players supply their own nets and play at other facilities (including over basketball courts), the deficit between existing and recommended number of pickleball courts may not be as severely felt. Conversely, though, the deficit between existing and recommended number of tennis courts may be even more pronounced in Arlington as many tennis courts are also striped for pickleball, reducing their availability for tennis play.

It is also worth noting that while the table shows a 3-court deficit between existing and recommended basketball courts, this analysis is only considering full-size (84' minimum) basketball courts against the level of service recommendations. There are 14 total basketball courts and an additional 4 half-courts in Town. Though the utility of these undersized courts is reduced, they continue to support low-level and casual play. The analysis suggests, however, that any potential to expand some of these courts to a full 84' to meet level-of-service recommendations should be explored, and it may be valuable to consider converting underused basketball courts to tennis or pickleball courts.



4 | SITE ANALYSIS

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Activitas reviewed the following 19 parks and schools with public athletic court facilities, as identified by the Town of Arlington:

1. Buzzell Field Park
2. Crosby Park
3. Florence Field Park
4. Grove Street Park
5. Magnolia Park
6. North Union Park
7. Parallel Park
8. Reservoir Beach Park
9. Robbins Farm Park
10. Spy Pond Park
11. Summer Street Park
12. Waldo Park
13. Bishop Elementary School
14. Brackett Elementary School
15. Gibbs School
16. Hardy Elementary School
17. Parmenter School
18. Peirce Elementary School
19. Stratton Elementary School

The Site Analysis for each site is broken down with the following information:

- General Property Information (address, zoning, parking and site area)
- Additional Considerations (resource area and geological information)
- Site Overview (narrative description of site including current conditions and public feedback)
- General Improvement Considerations
- Locus Map (location within Arlington)
- Five-minute Walk Analysis (identification of public facilities and open space areas within a five-minute walk of the site)
- Site Analysis
- Site Photos

Activitas performed a site walk in January 2023, collecting information of existing site conditions and ground imagery to represent some of those conditions. A selection of images have been included in this report for each site; to each is assigned a number, which is keyed to its associated Site Analysis plan. Aerial imagery of each site was also obtained during the site visit via drone photography.

Using these images and observations gathered during the site walk, Activitas represented existing conditions graphically, noting the location and dimensions of athletic facilities and the presence of additional site amenities such as seating, scoreboards, restrooms, and support structures. Activitas also performed a GIS analysis to determine the location of AULs, easements, resource areas, and other factors that may limit expansion potential.

From this information and from narrative information from stakeholders and the working group, Activitas was able to determine realistic renovation and expansion parameters for the sites in order to make a recommendation for the renovations of some facilities. Those recommendations are detailed in Section 5 | Recommended Improvements. Parameters that were considered as opportunities or constraints for renovation are defined within this section as General Improvement Considerations.

4.1 | BUZZELL FIELD PARK



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	51-59 Summer Street
NEIGHBORHOOD	Arlington Center
PARCEL SIZE	5.1 acres
ZONING	OS
PARKING	Street
MAIN USES	Softball, Basketball

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	Yes, High-Yield
FLOOD HAZARD	No
AUL STATUS	RAO, PA - Oil and Hazardous Materials
SOILS	Udorthents 655

SITE OVERVIEW

Buzzell Field Park contains two softball infields, a full-sized basketball court, and a playground. Arlington Catholic High School's synthetic turf athletic field is adjacently located on a connected parcel.

User groups identified Buzzell Field Park as the busiest basketball court in Town.

6% of users surveyed identified Buzzell Field Park as their favorite basketball court. This indicates an average level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (78%)
- Court is well-maintained (36%)
- Attractiveness of the court (27%)
- Attractiveness of the neighborhood/park (27%)

The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Court is unattractive (40%)
- Court is not well maintained (40%)
- Court is too crowded (40%)

Current Site Conditions

The last renovation to the courts occurred in 2003. The existing asphalt is in fair-to-good condition. Some surface-level cracking has been identified and aesthetic staining and water damage was noted. There are no deep cracks or dead spots felt underfoot. The surface is generally level and no puddling was identified onsite.

There is no perimeter fencing and netting around the court.

Both basketball goals are fixed height and double rimmed with fan-shaped backboards. The goals are in fair-to-good condition. Components including netting are intact.

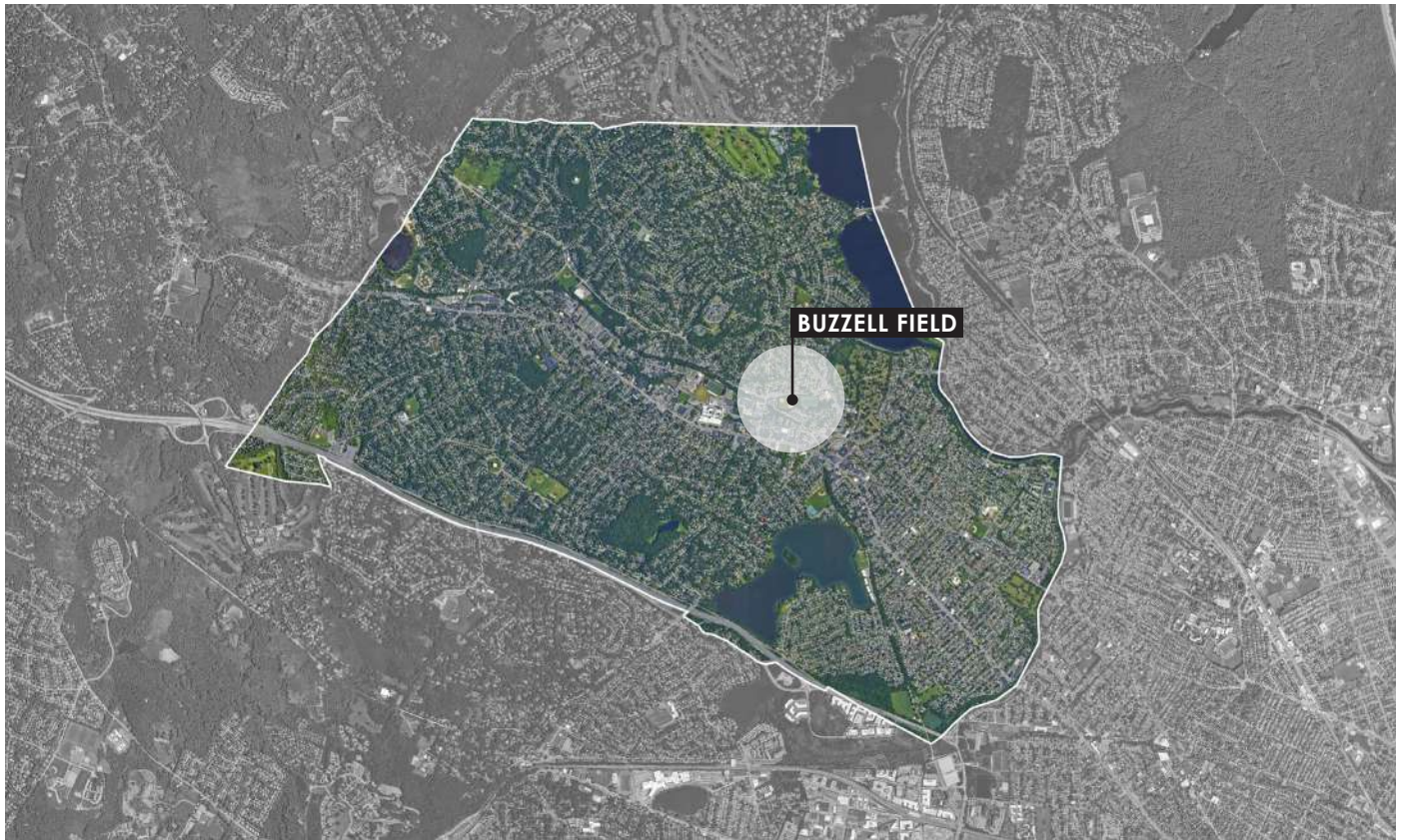
Access to the court is provided via an asphalt walkway that connects to an adjacent path. The slope and width of the path meet ADA guidelines.

Additional site amenities include two site benches located near, but not directly adjacent, to the court. There are no team benches or other athletic amenities directly associated with the court. The court has no storage.

General Improvement Considerations

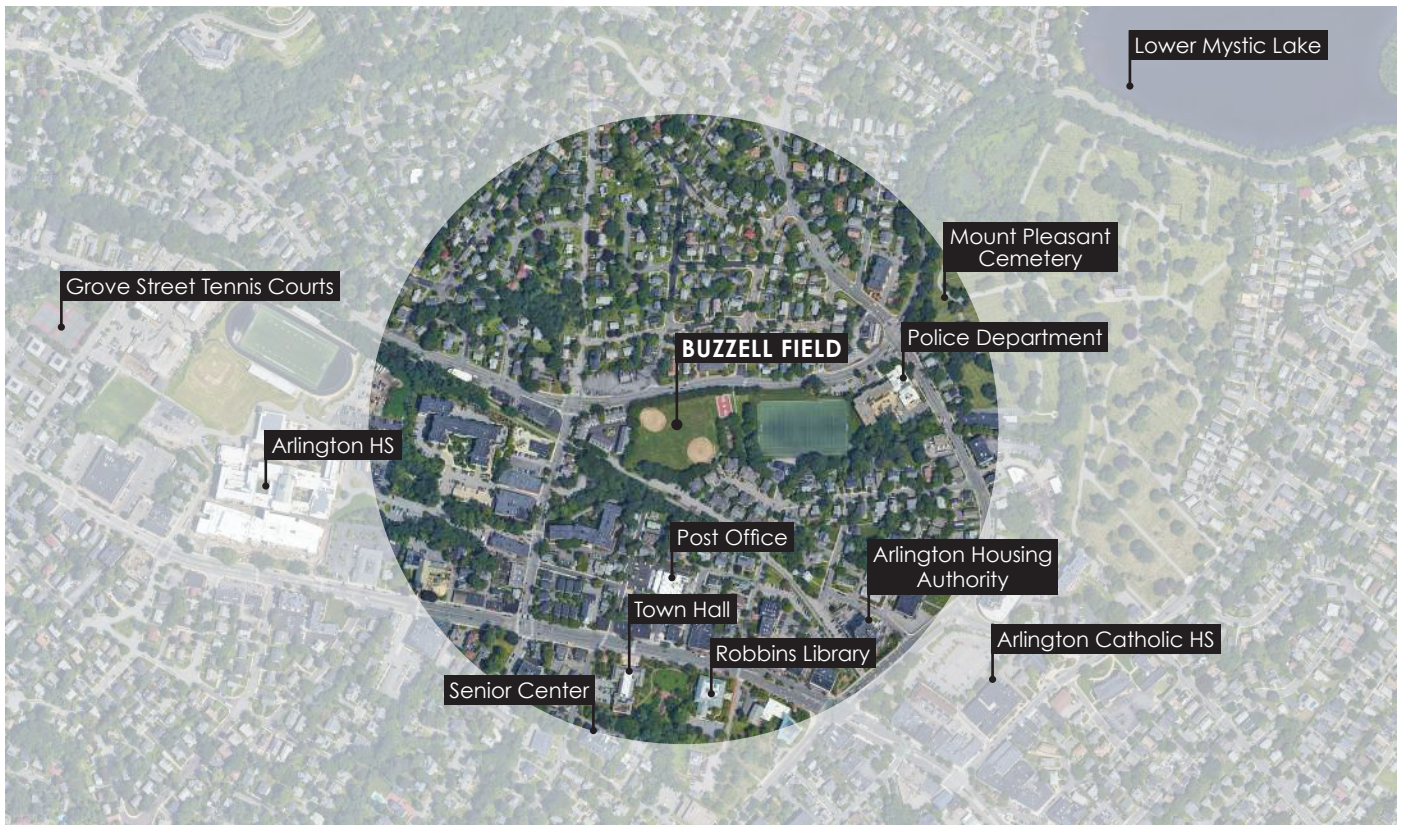
- The court is adjacent to a busy street and is highly visible. It is located within a five-minute walk of many major community resources, including Arlington High School and the Robbins Library.
- The Minuteman Bikeway runs through the site behind the softball field.
- The site is under an AUL due to oil and hazardous material contamination. It is currently subject to reporting conditions. The AUL limits potential use and excavation.
- There may be room for expansion within property lines. Unprogrammed space can be found onsite directly adjacent to the courts.
- There is no perimeter fencing or netting around the court, which may increase player safety and help mitigate conflicts between sports that may occur. The court is located near the baseline of an adjacent softball field.
- The addition of a second court would improve playability and alleviate potential crowding that may occur at a popular site.
- The addition of court lighting would extend usable hours.

LOCUS MAP



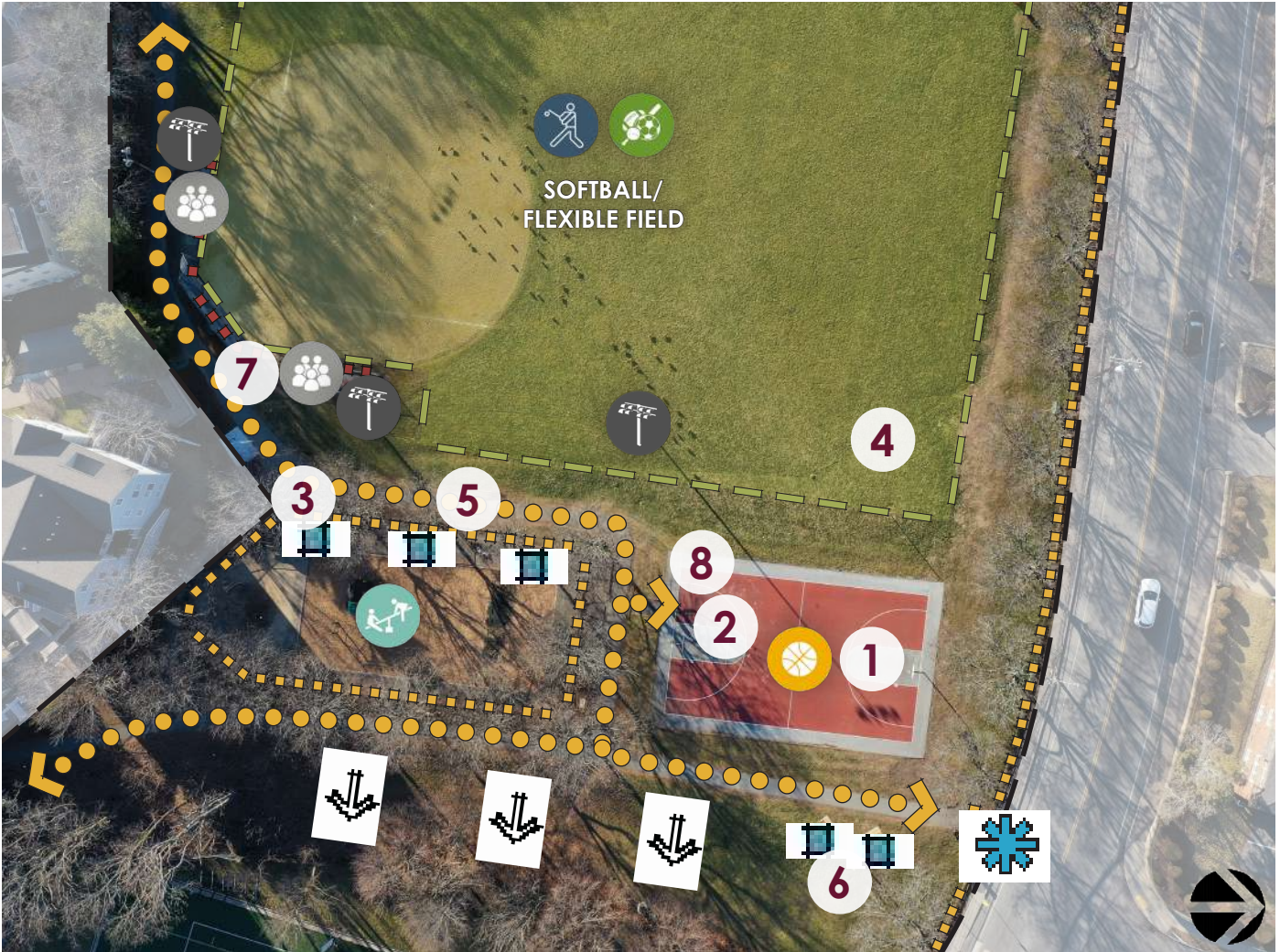
Map 4.1A | Buzzell Field Park - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS



Map 4.1B | Buzzell Field Park - Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

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|---|------------------------|---|-------------------|
|  | PROPERTY LINE |  | PLAYGROUND |
|  | ACTIVE RECREATION AREA |  | BASKETBALL COURT |
|  | BASEBALL BACKSTOP |  | ATHLETIC LIGHTING |
|  | CHAIN LINK FENCE |  | SOFTBALL FIELD |
|  | PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION |  | MULTI-SPORT FIELD |
|  | PARK BENCH |  | TEAM AREA/DUGOUT |
|  | EXISTING ACCESS POINT | | |
|  | SIGNIFICANT SLOPE | | |
|  | PICTURE REFERENCE | | |

1



BASKETBALL HOOP

2



BASKETBALL COURT CRACKING

3



PLAYGROUND

4



ADJACENT SOFTBALL FIELD

5



WALKWAY TO COURT

6



SEATING AND FLAG BY PARK ACCESS

7



SOFTBALL TEAM AREA

8



BASKETBALL COURT

4.2 | CROSBY PARK



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	34 Winter Street
NEIGHBORHOOD	East Arlington
PARCEL SIZE	1.44 acres
ZONING	R1
PARKING	Lot, 24 Spaces
MAIN USES	Tennis, Basketball, School Recess

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	No
FLOOD HAZARD	No
AUL STATUS	No
SOILS	Merrimac 626B

SITE OVERVIEW

Crosby Park contains four tennis courts (two co-striped with a total of four pickleball courts), an undersized basketball court, a flexible grass field space, and a playground. The park is directly adjacent to Lesley Ellis Elementary School and is used during recess. The tennis courts are also used by Arlington Catholic High School in the spring for after-school practices.

14% of tennis users, 20% of pickleball users, and 2% of basketball users surveyed identified Crosby Park as their favorite court facility in Town. This indicates a low-to-average level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (81%)
- Availability of parking (36%)
- Attractiveness of the neighborhood/park (19%)

The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Distance from home, school, or work (54%)
- Court is not well maintained (38%)
- Lack of lighting (25%)

Current Site Conditions

The last renovation to the basketball courts occurred in 2000. The last renovation to the tennis courts occurred in 2004 with the last resurface in 2019. The tennis courts are in fair condition. There is minor cracking and several dead spots beneath the new surface throughout the court. The tennis nets and posts are in good condition.

The courts are surrounded by a 10' high chain link perimeter fence. Fencing is in good condition.

The basketball court is unsurfaced. The exposed asphalt and fixed hoops are in fair-to-good condition. The hitting wall in the basketball area is in poor condition, with evidence of cracking.

Additional site amenities include two site benches and a water fountain located just outside of the court. Storage is provided at a locked box.

In the summer, a portable restroom is located onsite.

General Improvement Considerations

- The use of the site including the playground/blacktop and parking areas is shared with the adjacent Lesley Ellis School. Though the courts are owned by the Town, the school building is on a separate parcel owned by the School. The property line runs through the parking lot and flexible field space and limits the potential for expansion in this area.
- There is no lighting at the courts. Lighting has been proposed and rejected in the past due to concerns by neighbors.
- The proximity of the abutters reduces the utility of the courts for pickleball. Signage onsite already prohibits pickleball play before 8:00am.
- Pickleball users express dismay that the courts are locked in the winter, so users that supply their own nets cannot play at Crosby Park.
- With the addition of a fifth tennis court, Crosby Park could support a high school tennis program.
- Access to the courts is limited to two gates in the corners of the fence, requiring players to cross other courts to access courts in the middle. This may cause disruptions to play.

LOCUS MAP



Map 4.2A | Crosby Park - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS



Map 4.2B | Crosby Park - Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

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|---|------------------------|---|-------------------|
|  | PROPERTY LINE |  | STORAGE AREA |
|  | PARKING AREA |  | GATHERING AREA |
|  | ACTIVE RECREATION AREA |  | PLAYGROUND |
|  | TALL CHAIN LINK FENCE |  | BASKETBALL COURT |
|  | CHAIN LINK FENCE |  | TENNIS COURT(S) |
|  | PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION |  | MULTI-SPORT FIELD |
|  | PARK BENCH | | |
|  | EXISTING ACCESS POINT | | |
|  | PICTURE REFERENCE | | |

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HITTING WALL

2



BASKETBALL HOOP

3



BENCHES AND DRINKING FOUNTAIN

4



MULTI-SPORT FIELD

5



TENNIS COURTS

6



GRASS GROWTH ALONG COURT EDGE

7



ACCESS POINT

8



SIGNAGE LIMITS PICKLEBALL USE

4.3 | FLORENCE FIELD



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	185 Florence Avenue
NEIGHBORHOOD	Poet's Corner
PARCEL SIZE	3.91 acres
ZONING	R1
PARKING	Adjacent School Lot, 26 Spaces
MAIN USES	Softball, Basketball, Soccer, School Recess

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	No
FLOOD HAZARD	No
AUL STATUS	No
SOILS	Merrimac 626B

SITE OVERVIEW

Florence Field Park contains a softball field with a flexible grass field in the outfield, an undersized basketball court, and a playground. The park is directly adjacent to Dallin Elementary School and is used during recess.

13% of basketball users surveyed identified Florence Field Park as their favorite court facility in Town. This indicates an average-to-high level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (85%)
- Lack of crowds (23%)
- Availability of parking (15%)
- Feeling of safety (15%)

The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Court is unattractive (71%)
- Court is not well maintained (57%)
- Lack of lighting (36%)

Current Site Conditions

The last renovation to the basketball court occurred prior to 1996. The asphalt court is unsurfaced and is in poor-to-fair condition with some minor cracking and evidence of settling at corners. Painted lines are faded. The surface is generally level and no puddling was identified onsite.

Both basketball goals are fixed height and double rimmed with fan-shaped backboards. The goals are in fair-to-good condition. Components including netting are intact.

The playability of the court is low. The court is below standard size for adult and high school play. There is no runout space between the edges of the asphalt and the painted court lines.

There is no perimeter fencing and netting around the court.

The existing asphalt access walkway was added in 2005. The walkway is in fair condition with evidence of only minor cracking. The slope and width of the path meet ADA guidelines.

There are no benches or additional site amenities directly associated with the court. The court has no storage.

General Improvement Considerations

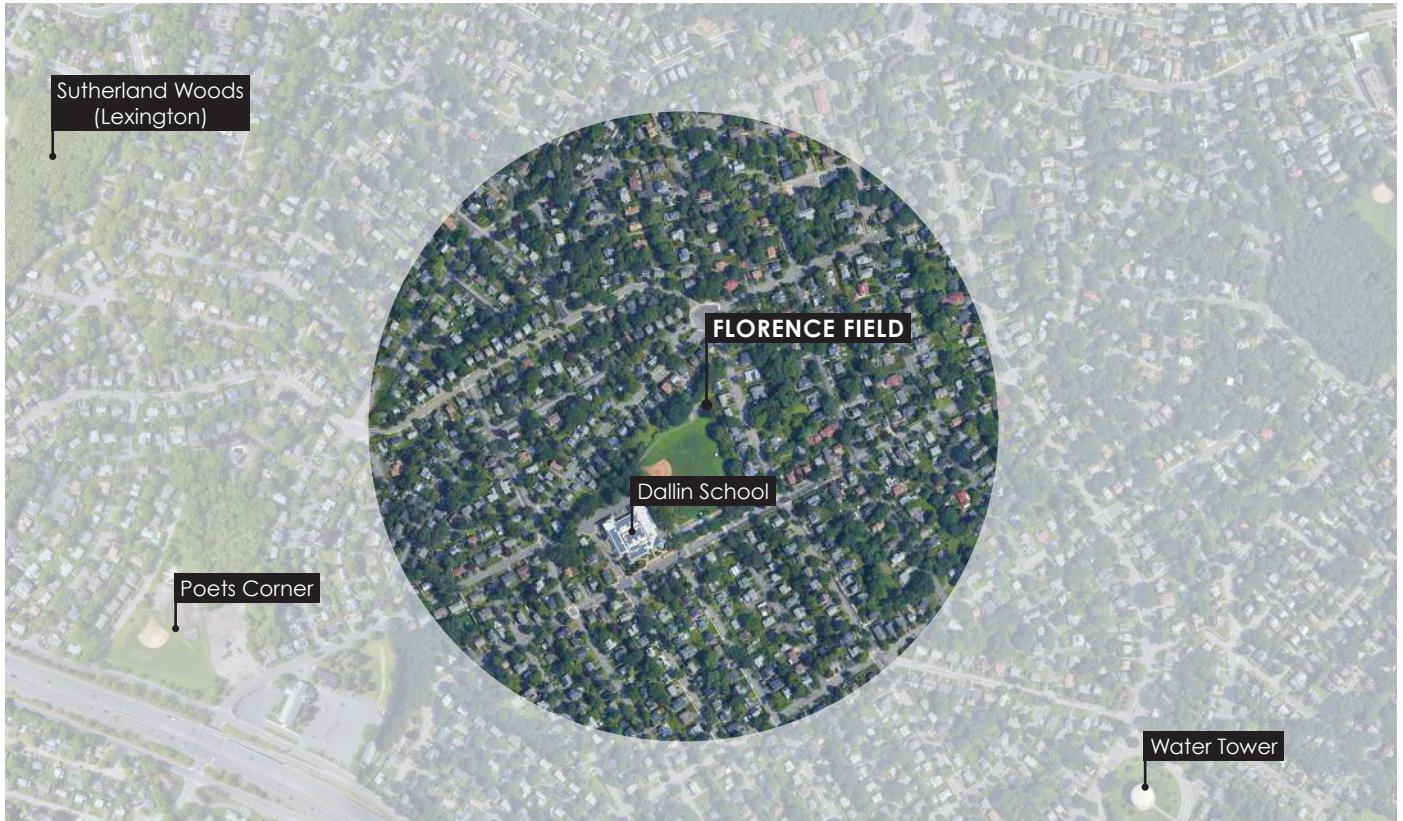
- There is room for expansion surrounding the basketball court. Expanding the court to a standard size and increasing the runout space beyond the court lines would increase playability and safety.
- Playability could be increased with the addition of a second court.
- The location of the court on the site is far from existing parking and entry points. Though an accessible asphalt path is provided, the length of the path may be prohibitive to users.
- The addition of team amenities, such as benches, would increase playability.
- The addition of court lighting would extend usable hours.

LOCUS MAP



Map 4.3A | Florence Field - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS



Map 4.3B | Florence Field - Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

	PROPERTY LINE		TEAM AREA/DUGOUT
	PARKING AREA		PLAYGROUND
	PASSIVE RECREATION AREA		BASKETBALL COURT
	SOFTBALL BACKSTOP		SOFTBALL FIELD
	CHAIN LINK FENCE		MULTI-SPORT FIELD
	PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION		
	VEHICULAR CIRCULATION		
	PARK BENCH		
	EXISTING ACCESS POINT		
	PICTURE REFERENCE		

1



BASKETBALL HOOP

2



BASKETBALL COURT ACCESS PATHWAY

3



COURT, FENCE LINE, AND FIELD BEHIND

4



SOIL COVERING CORNER OF COURT

5



FADED COURT LINES

6



CHAIN LINK FENCE ALONG PROPERTY LINE

4.4 | GROVE STREET PARK



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	35 Grove Street
NEIGHBORHOOD	Jason Heights
PARCEL SIZE	2.96 acres
ZONING	R1
PARKING	None
MAIN USES	Tennis

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	Yes, High Yield
FLOOD HAZARD	Yes, 0.2% Chance
AUL STATUS	No
SOILS	Udorthents 655

SITE OVERVIEW

Grove Street Park, also known as Wellington Park, contains five tennis courts and a climbing wall. A recreation path and boardwalk with seating passes through the back of the site. The tennis courts are used by the Arlington Department of Parks and Recreation to host lessons.

41% of tennis users and 15% of pickleball users surveyed identified Crosby Park as their favorite court facility in Town. This indicates a high level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (80%)
- Availability of lighting (40%)
- Court is well-maintained (37%)

The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Distance from home, school, or work (44%)
- Lack of parking (37%)
- Neighborhood is unattractive (25%)

Current Site Conditions

The last renovation to the courts occurred in 2011. The existing asphalt is in fair condition. There is minor cracking visible at the center of the courts. Users report high playability and no apparent dead spots. The tennis nets and posts are in good condition.

The courts are surrounded by a 10' high chain link perimeter fence. Fencing is in good condition.

The courts are served by a system of athletic lighting. Lights are functional and in good condition.

Additional site amenities include four courtside team benches located along the fence line. Two additional site benches are located just outside of the courts. Storage is provided within the fence at a locked box.

In the summer, a portable restroom is located onsite.

General Improvement Considerations

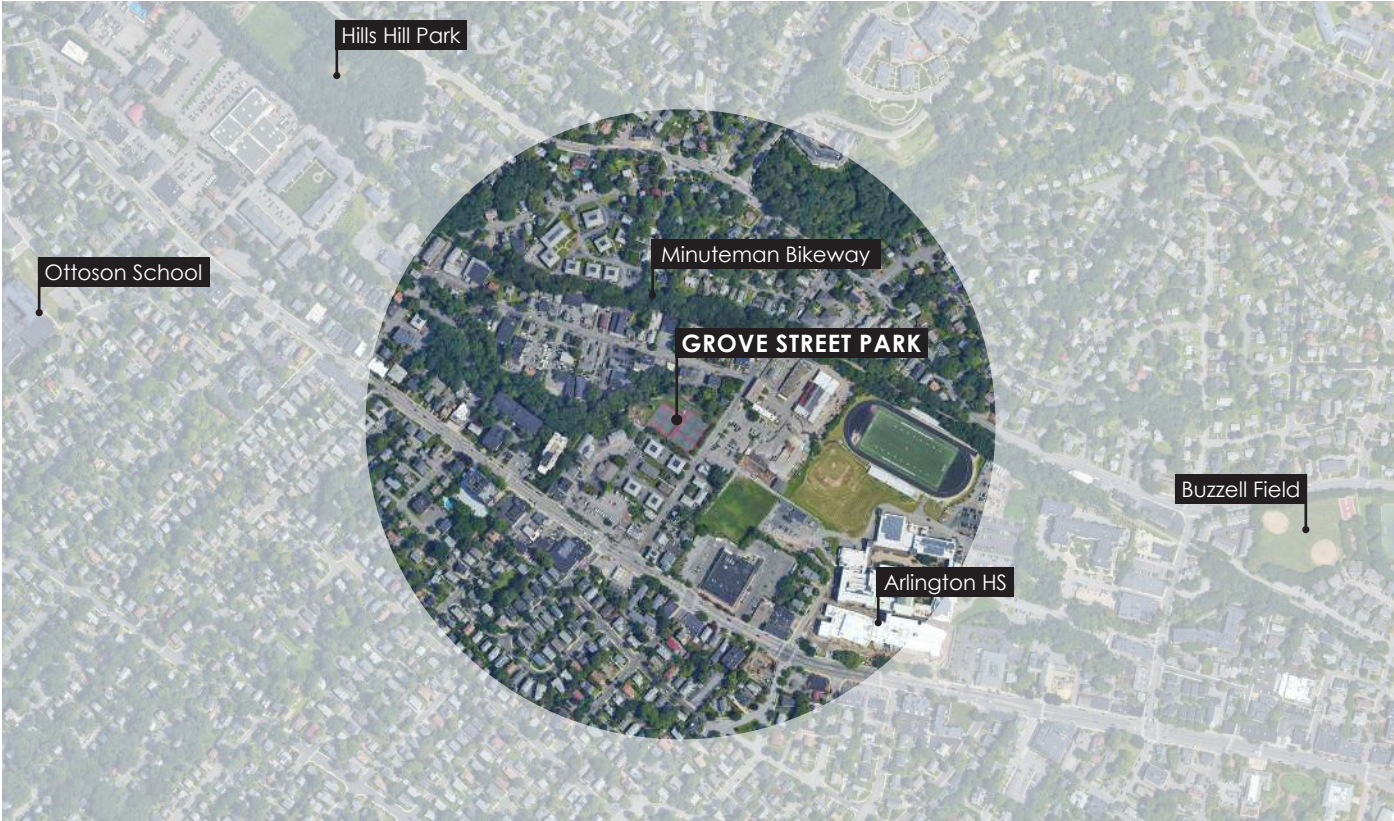
- Limited space for expansion within property lines. A small stream runs through the property behind the courts and further limits expansion opportunities.
- The primary concern heard from users is the lack of permanent parking. Users previously used the adjacent DPW garage, but it is currently closed for construction.
- Playability could be increased with the addition of a hitting wall for practice.
- Access to the courts is limited to gates in the corners of the fence, requiring players to cross other courts to access courts in the middle. This may cause disruptions to play.
- The park is located in the 0.2% chance (also known as 500-Year) flood hazard area due to its proximity to Mill Brook.

LOCUS MAP



Map 4.4A | Grove Street Park - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS



Map 4.4B | Grove Street Park - Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

	PROPERTY LINE		STORAGE AREA
	PASSIVE RECREATION AREA		GATHERING AREA
	CHAIN LINK FENCE		ATHLETIC LIGHTING
	PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION		TENNIS COURT(S)
	PARK BENCH		PLAY AREA
	EXISTING ACCESS POINT		CLIMBING WALL
	PICTURE REFERENCE		

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BICYCLE RACK

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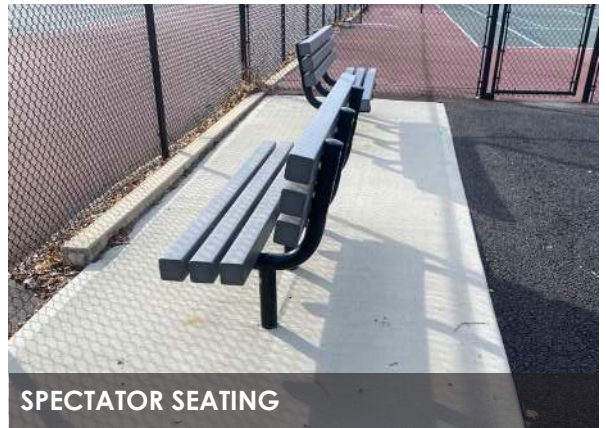
PARK ACCESS POINT

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HISTORIC SIGNAGE

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SPECTATOR SEATING

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LOG WALKING PATH

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COURTSIDE TEAM BENCH

7



STORAGE UNIT

8



ATHLETIC LIGHTING

4.5 | MAGNOLIA PARK



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	111 Magnolia Street
NEIGHBORHOOD	East Arlington
PARCEL SIZE	1.22 acres
ZONING	R1
PARKING	Lot between Magnolia Park and Thorndike Field, 66 Spaces
MAIN USES	Basketball, Soccer

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	No
FLOOD HAZARD	Yes, 1% Chance
AUL STATUS	No
SOILS	Merrimac 626B, Udorthents 655

SITE OVERVIEW

Magnolia Park contains a basketball half-court, a flexible grass field space, and a large playground. A community garden is also located on the site. Stakeholders indicated that Magnolia Park is very popular with local residents, but the court is not a draw for users from other areas of Arlington.

1% of basketball users surveyed identified Magnolia Park as their favorite court facility in Town. This indicates a very low level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (100%)
- Attractiveness of the neighborhood/park (100%)
- Court is well-maintained (100%)

The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Distance from home, school, or work (33%)
- Size of court/net (33%)
- Court is too crowded (17%)

Current Site Conditions

The last renovation to the basketball court occurred in 2015. The asphalt court is in good condition. There are no obvious cracks or dead spots felt underfoot. The surface is generally level and no puddling was identified onsite. Some aesthetic staining and water damage was noted.

The single basketball goal is adjustable with a rectangular tempered glass backboard. The goal is in fair-to-good condition.

The playability of the court is low. The half-sized court is below standard size for adult and high school play.

There is no perimeter fencing and netting around the court.

Access to the court is provided via an asphalt walkway that connects to an adjacent path. The slope and width of the path meet ADA guidelines.

There are no benches or additional site amenities directly associated with the court. The court has no storage.

General Improvement Considerations

- Limited space for expansion within property lines and existing park areas. There is potential to expand the half court to a full court with two goals with some reorganization of other park elements.
- The court could be co-striped to host two pickleball courts.
- The addition of team amenities, such as benches, would increase playability.
- The park is located in the 1% chance (also known as 100-Year) flood hazard area due to its proximity to Alewife Brook.

LOCUS MAP



Map 4.5A | Magnolia Park- Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS

















Map 4.5B | Magnolia Park - Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

	PROPERTY LINE		GATHERING AREA
	ACTIVE RECREATION AREA		BASKETBALL COURT
	PASSIVE RECREATION AREA		PLAYGROUND
	CHAIN LINK FENCE		MULTI-SPORT FIELD
	ORNAMENTAL FENCE		
	WOODEN GUARDRAIL		
	PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION		
	PARK BENCH		
	EXISTING ACCESS POINT		
	PICTURE REFERENCE		

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BASKETBALL HOOP

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BASKETBALL HALF COURT

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ADA COURT ACCESS

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PLAYGROUND

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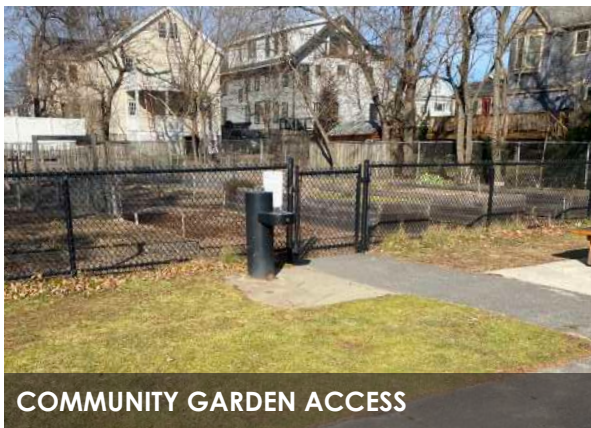
ACCESS POINT

6



WOODEN GUARDRAIL

7



COMMUNITY GARDEN ACCESS

8



SOCCER FIELD

4.6 | NORTH UNION PARK



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	48 North Union Street
NEIGHBORHOOD	North Union
PARCEL SIZE	4.96 acres
ZONING	R1
PARKING	Adjacent School Lot, 26 Spaces
MAIN USES	Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, School Recess

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	No
FLOOD HAZARD	No
AUL STATUS	No
SOILS	Udorthents 654

SITE OVERVIEW

North Union Park contains a basketball court, little league baseball field, spray pad, and playground. The park is directly adjacent to Thompson Elementary School and is used during recess.

4% of basketball users surveyed identified North Union Park as their favorite court facility in Town. This indicates a low-to-average level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (100%)
- Other amenities in the park (50%)
- Proximity to public transit/bike routes (38%)
- Availability of parking (38%)
- Feeling of safety (38%)

The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Court is unattractive (100%)
- Court is not well maintained (67%)
- Court is too crowded (33%)

Current Site Conditions

The last renovation to the basketball court occurred in 2005. The asphalt court is in fair condition. Many areas have been patched but there is no evidence of deep cracking onsite. Surfacing has worn away in high traffic areas. The surface is generally level and no puddling was identified onsite.

Both basketball goals are fixed height with rectangular tempered-glass backboards. The goals are in fair condition. Components including netting require attention.

There is no perimeter fencing and netting around the court.

Additional site amenities include an asphalt team area with a player bench adjacent to the court. The court has no storage.

In the summer, a portable restroom is located onsite.

General Improvement Considerations

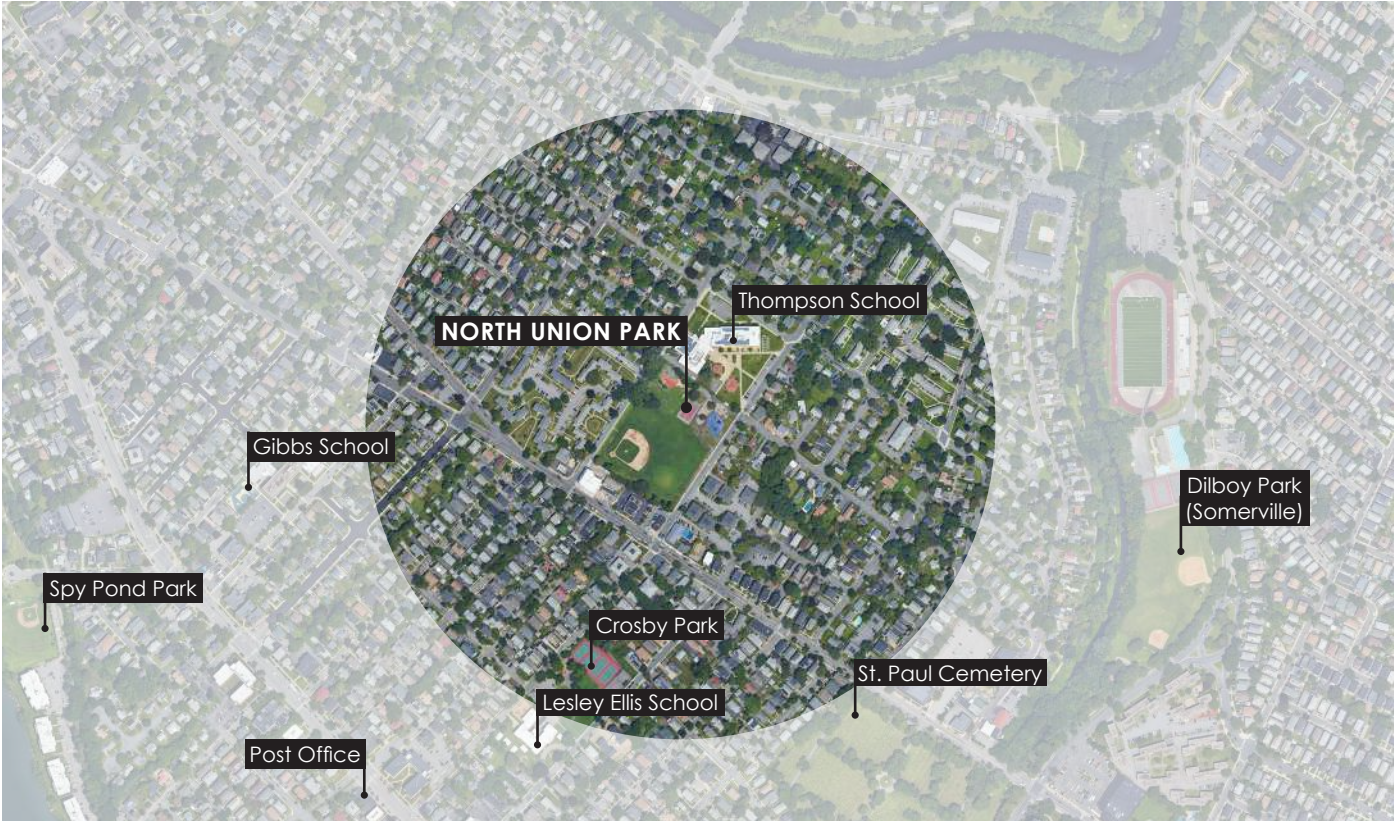
- There is room for expansion surrounding the basketball court. Playability could be increased with the addition of a second court. Care should be taken to avoid existing utilities located nearby.
- The court is located in a popular park and is highly visible. The adjacent playground and spray pad are heavily used.
- There is no perimeter fencing or netting around the court, which may increase player safety and help mitigate conflicts between sports that may occur. The court is located near the baseline of an adjacent softball field.
- The addition of court lighting would extend usable hours. Users have requested that lighting be added at the adjacent playground.

LOCUS MAP



Map 4.6A | North Union Park - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS



Map 4.6B | North Union Park - Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

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|--|------------------------|--|-------------------|
| | PROPERTY LINE | | BASEBALL FIELD |
| | PARKING AREA | | MULTI-SPORT FIELD |
| | ACTIVE RECREATION AREA | | GATHERING AREA |
| | CHAIN LINK FENCE | | PLAYGROUND |
| | WOODEN GUARDRAIL | | BASKETBALL COURT |
| | PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION | | |
| | PARK BENCH | | |
| | EXISTING ACCESS POINT | | |
| | PICTURE REFERENCE | | |

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PORTABLE RESTROOM IN STOCKADE

2



SITE PICNIC TABLES AT PLAYGROUND

3



GRANITE BENCH ADJACENT TO PATH

4



WORN AND PATCHED SURFACING UNDER BASKETBALL GOAL

5



BASKETBALL GOAL

6



TEAM BENCH AT COURT

7



UTILITY PAD ADJACENT TO COURT

8



SPRAY PAD

4.7 | PARALLEL PARK



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	Medford Street
NEIGHBORHOOD	North Union
PARCEL SIZE	4.96 acres
ZONING	R1
PARKING	None
MAIN USES	Basketball

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	No
FLOOD HAZARD	Yes, 0.2% Chance
AUL STATUS	No
SOILS	Merrimac 626B

SITE OVERVIEW

Parallel Park contains a basketball court and playground.

3% of basketball users surveyed identified Parallel Park as their favorite court facility in Town. This indicates a low level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (80%)
- Court is well maintained (60%)
- Feeling of safety (60%)

The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Distance away from home, school, or work (40%)
- Court is not well maintained (40%)

Current Site Conditions

The last renovation to the basketball court occurred in 1999. The asphalt court is in poor condition with significant cracking throughout. The court experiences drainage issues despite a drain installed in the center - the asphalt has settled around the drain causing ponding and water damage to the center of the court and attracting sediment and leaf litter.

The hoops are fixed with fan-shaped backboards but appear to be set at different heights, which limits playability.

There is no perimeter fencing and netting around the court. The chain link fence around the perimeter of the park is rusted and in poor condition.

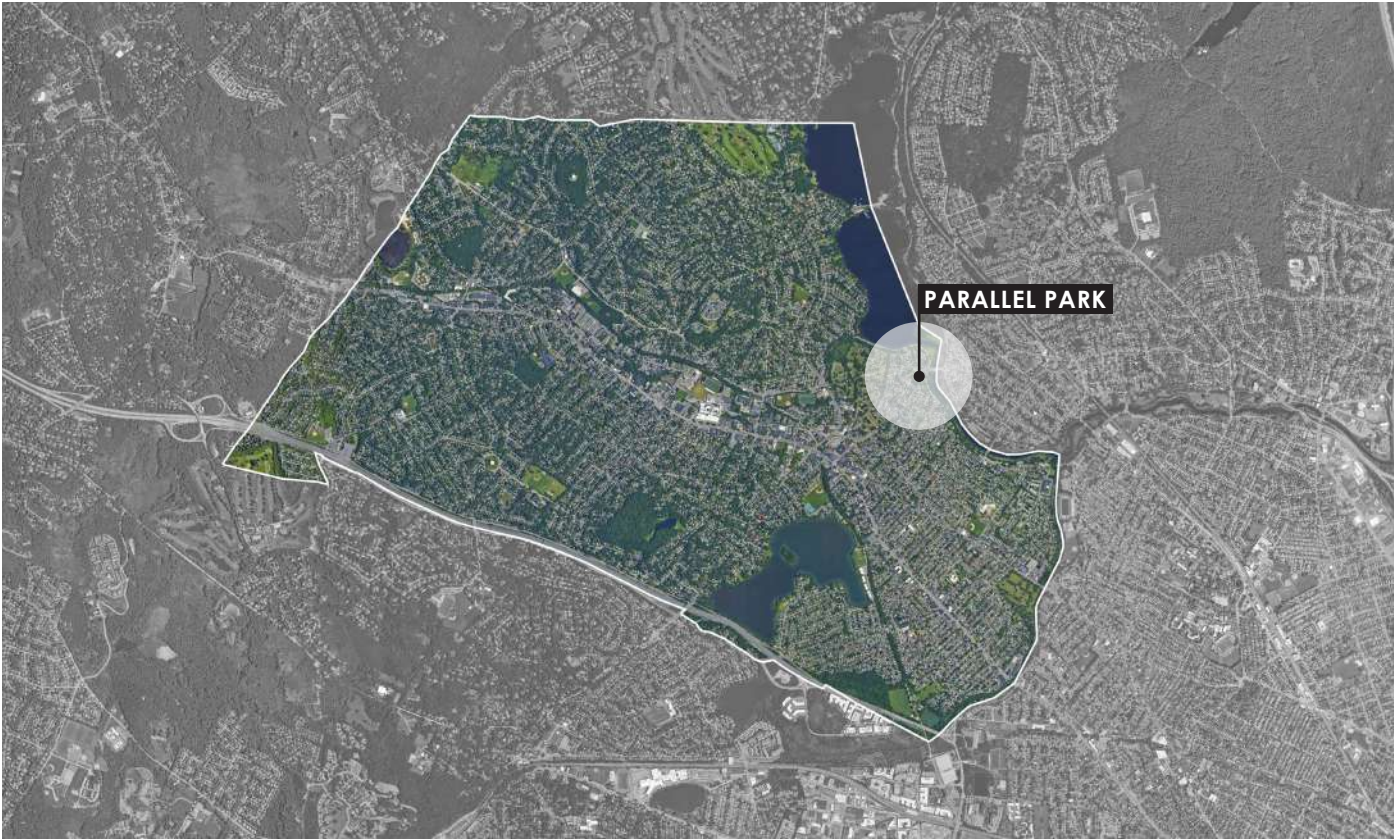
There is no ADA-compliant access to the court. The court does not connect to any site walkways.

There are no benches or additional site amenities directly associated with the court. The court has no storage.

General Improvement Considerations

- Significant slopes between the court and the playground may limit the possibility for expansion.
- The court is slightly smaller than a standard basketball court intended for adult and high school use. Expanding the court to a standard size and increasing the runout space beyond the court lines would increase playability and safety.
- Playability could be increased with the addition of team area amenities, such as benches.
- The site is owned by the DCR and is managed by the Town of Arlington as part of a 99-year lease agreement.
- The only access to the park is adjacent to the playground, which is inconvenient for pedestrians trying to access the park from the northern side or the bridge from Medford.
- The park is located in the 0.2% chance (also known as 500-Year) flood hazard area due to its proximity to Alewife Brook.

LOCUS MAP



Map 4.7A | Parallel Park - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS













Map 4.7B | Parallel Park- Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

	PROPERTY LINE		PLAYGROUND
	PASSIVE RECREATION AREA		BASKETBALL COURT
	CHAIN LINK FENCE		
	PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION		
	PARK BENCH		
	EXISTING ACCESS POINT		
	PICTURE REFERENCE		
	SIGNIFICANT SLOPE		

1



SLOPE FROM COURT TO PLAYGROUND

2



PLAYGROUND AND PARK ACCESS

3



DRAIN IN THE CENTER CIRCLE

4



CHAIN LINK FENCE AT PROPERTY LINE

5



BASKETBALL HOOP

6



COURT CRACKING

4.8 | RESERVOIR PARK



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	310 Lowell Street
NEIGHBORHOOD	Arlington Heights
PARCEL SIZE	21.24 acres
ZONING	R1
PARKING	Lot, 60 Spaces and 4 ADA
MAIN USES	Multi-Sport Court, Beach

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	Yes
AQUIFER LOCATION	No
FLOOD HAZARD	No
AUL STATUS	No
SOILS	Hinckley 253B

SITE OVERVIEW

Reservoir Park contains a temporary multi-sport court space with a portable basketball hoop. The park also contains a public beach and a playground.

1% of basketball users surveyed identified Reservoir Park as their favorite court facility in Town. This indicates a very low level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (50%)
- Other amenities in the park (50%)
- Size of court/net (50%)

The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Court is not well maintained (63%)
- Court is unattractive (25%)
- Distance away from public transit/bike routes (25%)

Current Site Conditions

The multi-sport court was installed in 2022. It is made up of modular floor tiles manufactured by Ultra-Base Systems. A portable Spaulding basketball hoop is in use and was replaced twice during the 2022 season due to high usage.

The temporary court is approximately 25' wide by 50' long. A standard basketball court is 50' wide by 84' long. The temporary court is very small, which reduces its playability.

The court is surrounded on three sides by a temporary wooden fence similar to that used in other areas of the park. The temporary fencing is not anchored with permanent posts. As in other areas of the park, the fencing adjacent to the court has collapsed in places and has been subjected to increased damage due to high use. On the fourth side, a permanent chain link fence is in place between the court and the beach. This fence is in good condition.

There are no benches or additional site amenities directly associated with the court. The court has no storage.

In the summer, a portable restroom is located onsite.

General Improvement Considerations

- Limited space for expansion within property lines and existing park areas. Steep slopes adjacent to the courts may limit expansion opportunities.
- Playability could be increased with the addition of a second hoop.
- The addition of team amenities, such as benches, would increase playability.
- The Ultra-Base system is notably slippery when wet. If the temporary surfacing system is to remain in use at the site, another manufacturer may be used. Other suppliers of court flooring systems include Musco and Sportsfield Specialties. Some of these systems may include semi-permanent fencing and basketball hoops or futsal/handball goals.
- The adjacent resource area (Reservoir Pond) limits expansion or development potential.

LOCUS MAP



Map 4.8A | Reservoir Park - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS



Map 4.8B | Reservoir Park- Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

	PROPERTY LINE		MULTI-SPORT COURT
	PARKING AREA		WALKING TRAIL
	PASSIVE RECREATION AREA		GATHERING AREA
	CHAIN LINK FENCE		STORAGE AREA
	SPLIT RAIL FENCE		
	TEMPORARY WOODEN FENCE		
	VEHICULAR CIRCULATION		
	PARK BENCH		
	EXISTING ACCESS POINT		
	PICTURE REFERENCE		
	SIGNIFICANT SLOPE		

1



ADJUSTABLE BASKETBALL HOOP

2



MULTI-SPORT COURT

3



WOODEN POST FENCE KNOCKED OVER AT COURT ENTRANCE

4



SPORT COURT BASE LAID IN GRAVEL

5



CHAIN LINK FENCE

6



WALKWAY TO SHADE STRUCTURE WITH PICNIC TABLES

4.9 | ROBBINS FARM PARK



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	61 Eastern Avenue
NEIGHBORHOOD	Jason Heights
PARCEL SIZE	11.04 acres
ZONING	OS
PARKING	Street
MAIN USES	Basketball, Baseball, Brackett School

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	No
FLOOD HAZARD	No
AUL STATUS	No
SOILS	Charlton 631C, Udorthents 654

SITE OVERVIEW

Robbins Farm Park contains a basketball court (co-striped with two pickleball courts), a baseball field, and a playground. The park is located across the street from Brackett Elementary School and students share many of the facilities in the park.

20% of basketball users and 11% of pickleball users surveyed identified Robbins Farm Park as their favorite court facility in Town. This indicates a high level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (80%)
- Court is well maintained (59%)
- Attractiveness of the neighborhood/park (53%)

The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Conflicts between sports (50%)
- Distance away from home, school or work (21%)
- Park lacks amenities (14%)
- Size of court/net (14%)

Current Site Conditions

The last renovation to the courts occurred in 2017. The asphalt courts are in good condition. No cracking or uneven settlement was detected. The surface is generally level and no puddling was identified onsite.

There is no perimeter fencing and netting around the court.

Both basketball goals are fixed height with rectangular tempered-glass backboards. The goals are in good condition. Components including netting are intact.

Access to the court is provided via an asphalt walkway that connects to an adjacent path. The slope and width of the path meets ADA guidelines.

Additional site amenities include two site benches and a water fountain located just outside of the court. The court has no storage.

General Improvement Considerations

- The primary concern heard from users is about ball control, both due to wind and the location of the court on top of a hill. Methods to block high winds and capture balls should be explored. To block winds, a fence with a windscreen or a hedge row or vegetated berm could be used. A fence, hedge row, or berm could also aid in ball capture and recovery. It is important that the height of any structure added at the court take into account the scenic qualities of the court and do not entirely block views from the court or from adjacent areas, or decrease the attractiveness of the park.
- The location of the court on the site is far from existing parking and entry points. Though an accessible asphalt path is provided, the length of the path may be prohibitive to users.
- Steep slopes adjacent to the courts may limit expansion opportunities.
- The attractive city view restricts the use of lights.

LOCUS MAP



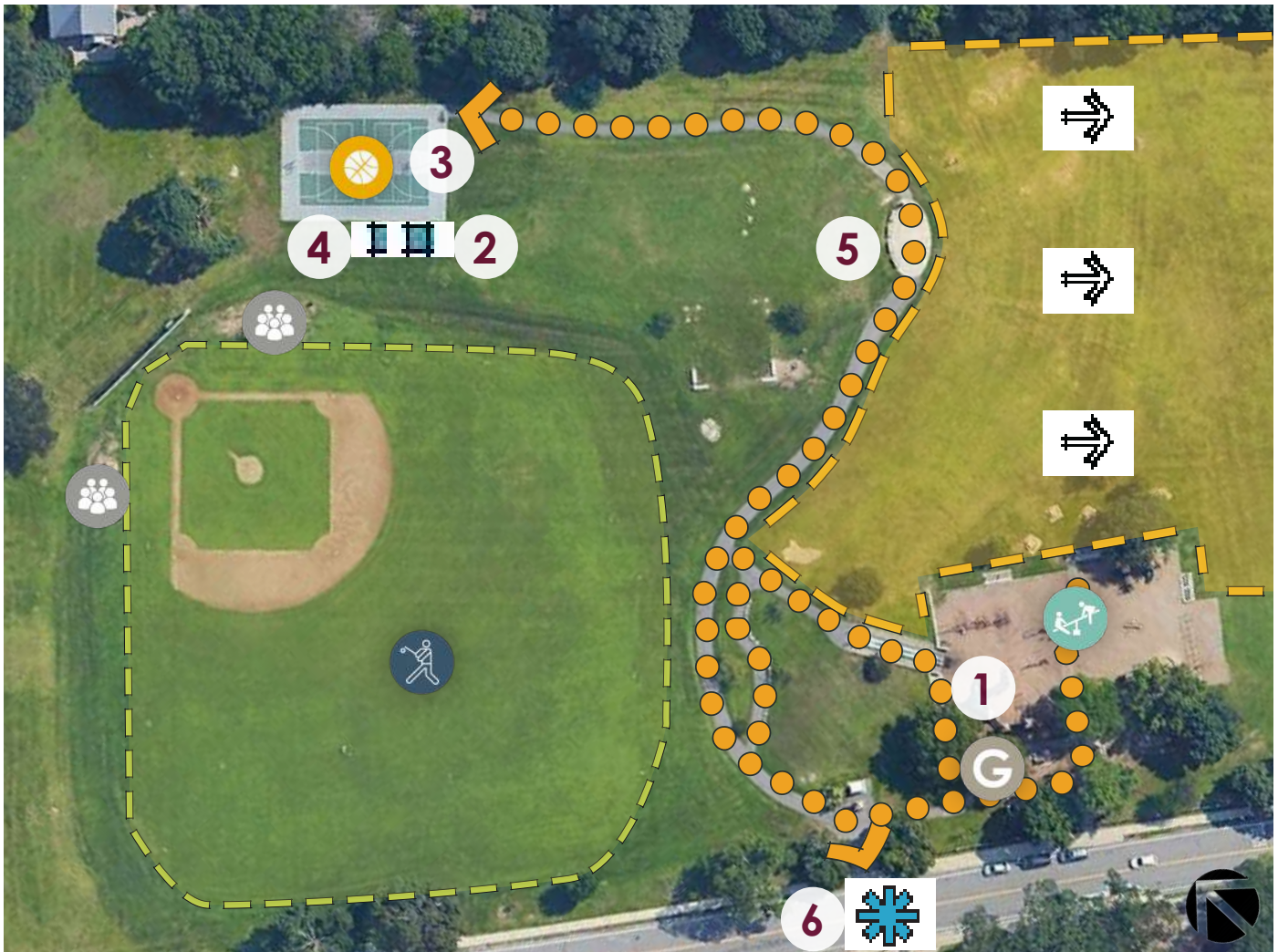
Map 4.9A | Robbins Farm Park - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS



Map 4.9B | Robbins Farm Park - Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

	PROPERTY LINE		BASEBALL FIELD
	ACTIVE RECREATION AREA		TEAM AREA/DUGOUT
	PASSIVE RECREATION AREA		BASKETBALL COURT
	PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION		PLAYGROUND
	PARK BENCH		GATHERING AREA
	EXISTING ACCESS POINT		
	PICTURE REFERENCE		
	SIGNIFICANT SLOPE		

1



PLAYGROUND

2



BASKETBALL COURT

3



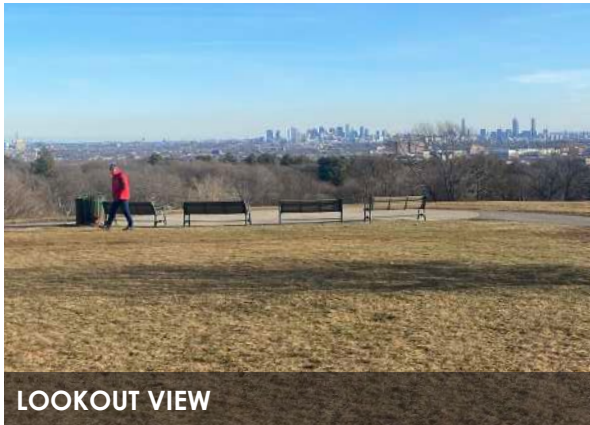
BASKETBALL HOOP

4



PARK BENCH

5



LOOKOUT VIEW

6



ACCESS POINT

4.10 | SPY POND PARK



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	35 Wellington Street
NEIGHBORHOOD	Arlington Center
PARCEL SIZE	8.76 acres
ZONING	OS
PARKING	Street
MAIN USES	Tennis, Baseball

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	No
FLOOD HAZARD	No
AUL STATUS	No
SOILS	Udorthents 654

SITE OVERVIEW

Spy Pond Park contains a five tennis courts (two co-striped with pickleball for a total of 4 pickleball courts. There is an additional fenced mini-court that is used for tennis) and a baseball field. The tennis courts are used by Arlington High School in the spring for after-school practices as well as Lesley University in the spring, summer, and fall for team practices and to run additional University tennis programs. The tennis courts are also used by the Arlington Department of Parks and Recreation to host lessons.

29% of tennis users and 18% of pickleball users surveyed identified Spy Pond Park as their favorite court facility in Town. This indicates a high level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (60%)
- Court is well maintained (53%)
- Attractiveness of the court (43%)

The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Court is too crowded (47%)
- Distance away from home, school or work (41%)
- Lack of parking (35%)

Current Site Conditions

The last renovation to the courts occurred in 2015. The tennis courts are in good condition. There is minor cracking in the center of the courts. The tennis nets and posts are in good condition.

The courts are surrounded by a 10' high chain link perimeter fence. Fencing is in good condition.

A rebound wall is attached to the fence in one corner of the courts. The wall itself is in fair condition; however, its location reduces its utility as other players may be disrupted while the wall is in use.

Additional site amenities include four courtside team benches located along the fence line.

Additional site benches are located just outside of the courts. Storage is provided within the fence at a shed.

General Improvement Considerations

- There may be room for expansion within property lines. Unprogrammed space can be found onsite directly adjacent to the courts.
- Steep slopes adjacent to the courts may limit expansion opportunities. In the northwest corner, the courts abut a retaining wall.
- The addition of court lighting would extend usable hours.
- There is no parking onsite. Court users parallel park on the street, competing for space with visitors to the neighboring Boys and Girls Club.
- Arlington High School lacrosse has inquired about moving the existing rebound wall or adding an additional rebound surface on the outside of the fence for lacrosse.
- Users have noted that the site is very windy. The addition of windscreen or screening plantings could reduce disruptions to play on windy days.
- Access to the courts is limited to gates in the corners of the fence, requiring players to cross other courts to access courts in the middle. This may cause disruptions to play.

LOCUS MAP



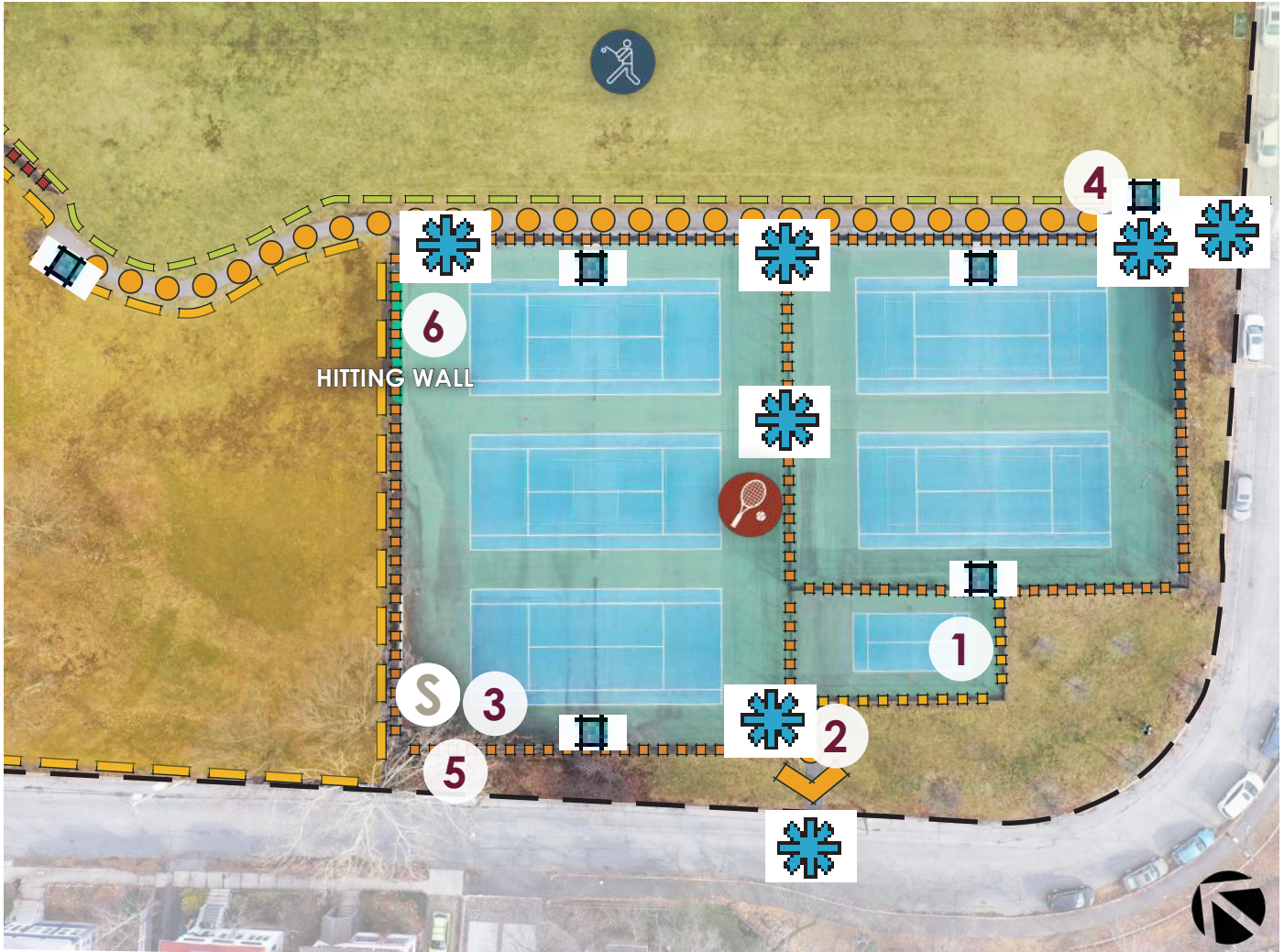
Map 4.10A | Spy Pond Park - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS















Map 4.10B | Spy Pond Park - Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

- | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|---|-----------------|
|  | PROPERTY LINE |  | STORAGE AREA |
|  | ACTIVE RECREATION AREA |  | TENNIS COURT(S) |
|  | PASSIVE RECREATION AREA |  | BASEBALL FIELD |
|  | BASEBALL OUTFIELD FENCE | | |
|  | CHAIN LINK FENCE | | |
|  | PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION | | |
|  | PARK BENCH | | |
|  | EXISTING ACCESS POINT | | |
|  | PICTURE REFERENCE | | |

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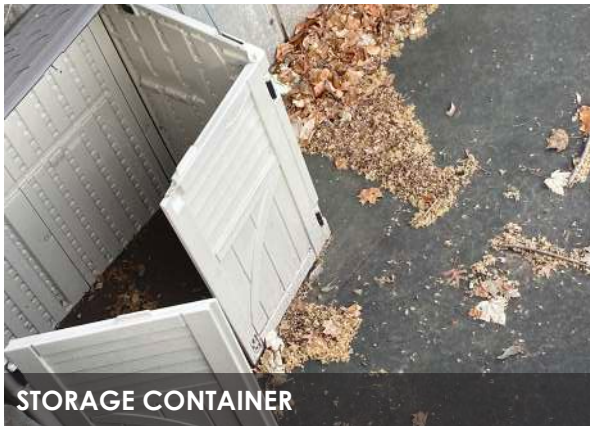
MINI TENNIS COURT

2



COURT ACCESS POINT

3



STORAGE CONTAINER

4



PARK BENCH AT PARK ACCESS POINT

5



RETAINING WALL

6



REBOUND WALL

4.11 | SUMMER STREET PARK



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	422 Summer Street
NEIGHBORHOOD	Turkey Hill
PARCEL SIZE	7.03 acres
ZONING	OS
PARKING	Lot, 96 Spaces and 4 ADA
MAIN USES	Basketball, Bocce Ball, Baseball, Field Hockey, Soccer, Ice Skating

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	No
FLOOD HAZARD	No
AUL STATUS	No
SOILS	Udorthents 656

SITE OVERVIEW

Summer Street Park contains a baseball field, a basketball court, and two bocce courts. A gathering space with chess tables and outdoor fitness stations is also located close to the courts. The park is directly adjacent to the office of the Department of Parks and Recreation, located at the Ed Burns Arena, which is used for indoor ice skating in the winter. Also on the property, though not adjacent to the area of the park where the courts are located, is a natural grass softball field and multi-sport rectangular athletic field.

The park is notable for having direct access to the Minuteman Commuter Bikeway, which runs directly behind the basketball court. The court in its current location is highly visible from the bikeway.

3% of basketball users surveyed identified Summer Street Park as their favorite court facility in Town. This indicates an low level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (67%)
- Proximity to other destinations (33%)
- Proximity to public transit/bike routes (33%)
- Lack of crowds (33%)

The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Court is not well maintained (71%)
- Court is unattractive (65%)
- Neighborhood/park is unattractive (29%)

Current Site Conditions

The last renovation to the basketball court occurred in 2001. The asphalt is in poor condition. There are cracks throughout and an uneven pattern of settlement, particularly in heavy wear areas such as below the hoops. Painted lines are faded. Puddling occurs after rain.

The court is full-sized (84' by 50') and can accommodate adult and high school play. Both basketball goals are fixed height and double rimmed with fan-shaped backboards. The goals are in poor condition. The nets are in poor condition and one has been replaced with a chain.

There is no perimeter fencing and netting around the court.

Access to the court is provided via an asphalt walkway that connects to an adjacent path. The slope and width of the path meet ADA guidelines.

Posts for a four-pole system of court lighting remain, though the luminaries are no longer functioning. There are no benches or additional site amenities directly associated with the court. The court has no storage.

The bocce ball courts were installed in 2008. The courts are heavily weeded and collect debris and leaf litter.

General Improvement Considerations

- Limited space for expansion within property lines and existing park areas.
- The site is highly visible from the Minuteman Bikeway.
- Gathering spaces adjacent to the courts are heavily used.
- There are existing athletic light poles at the basketball court, but the luminaries are no longer working. There is athletic lighting at both adjacent baseball fields. The location of the court and of the site in an industrial area makes it a prime candidate for court lighting, which would increase playability.
- The bocce courts are rarely used. The space, in a prominent and highly accessible location, could be used to expand basketball or pickleball.

LOCUS MAP



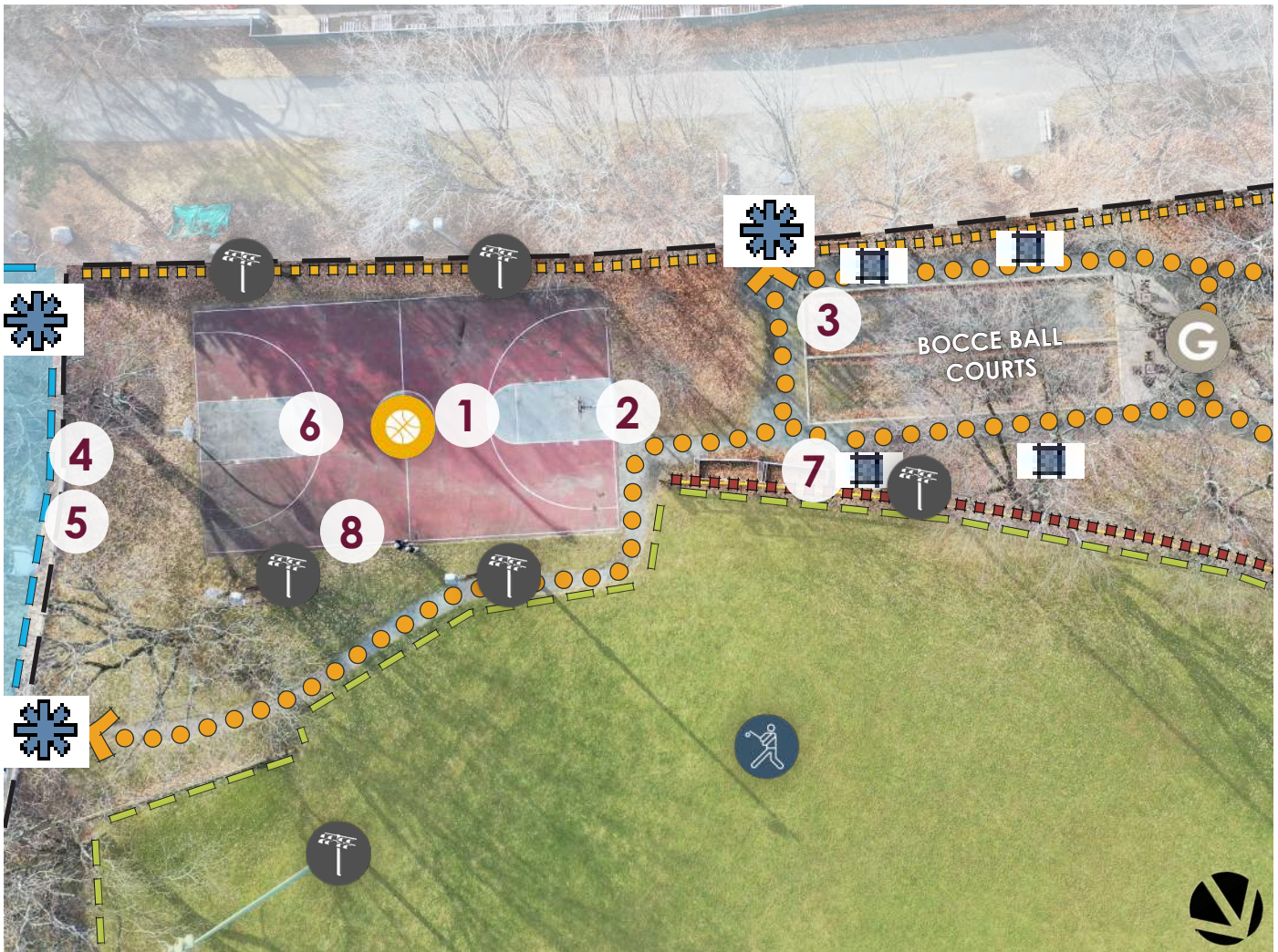
Map 4.11A | Summer Street Park - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS
















Map 4.11B | Summer Street Park - Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

- | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|---|-------------------|
|  | PROPERTY LINE |  | GATHERING AREA |
|  | PARKING AREA |  | BASKETBALL COURT |
|  | ACTIVE RECREATION AREA |  | ATHLETIC LIGHTING |
|  | BASEBALL OUTFIELD FENCE |  | BASEBALL FIELD |
|  | CHAIN LINK FENCE | | |
|  | PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION | | |
|  | PARK BENCH | | |
|  | EXISTING ACCESS POINT | | |
|  | PICTURE REFERENCE | | |

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BASKETBALL COURT

2



BASKETBALL HOOP

3



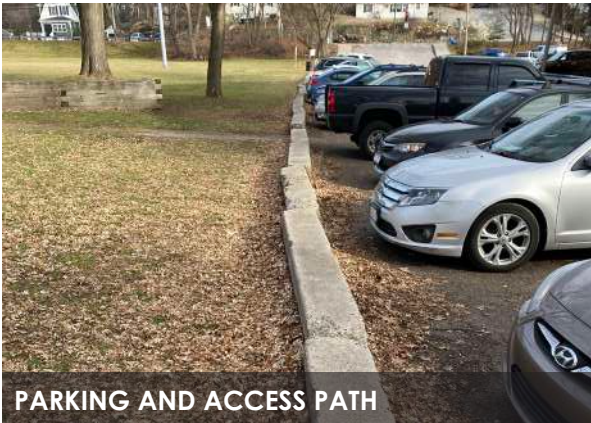
BOCCE BALL COURTS

4



STONE CURB AND ACCESS POINT FROM PARKING

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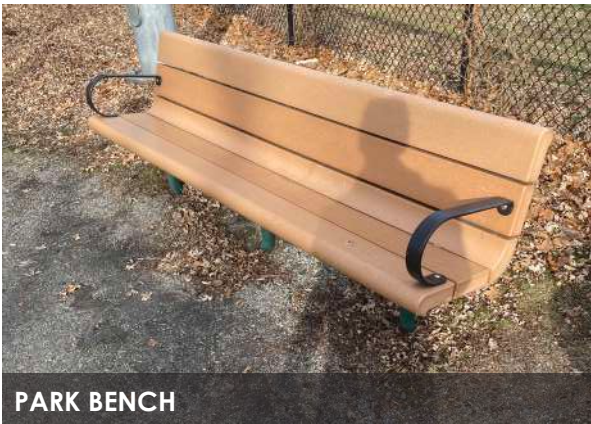
PARKING AND ACCESS PATH

6



COURT CRACKING

7



PARK BENCH

8



ATHLETIC LIGHTING

4.12 | WALDO PARK



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	65 Waldo Road
NEIGHBORHOOD	East Arlington
PARCEL SIZE	0.55 acres
ZONING	R1
PARKING	None
MAIN USES	Basketball

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	No
FLOOD HAZARD	Yes, 0.2% Chance
AUL STATUS	No
SOILS	Merrimac 626B

SITE OVERVIEW

Waldo Park contains an under-sized basketball court and a playground/tot-lot.

4% of users surveyed identified Waldo Park as their favorite basketball court. This indicates an average level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (88%)
- Lack of crowds (50%)
- Feeling of safety (25%)

The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Distance away from home, school, or work (50%)
- Court is not well maintained (33%)

Current Site Conditions

The last renovation to the basketball court occurred in 2005. The asphalt is unsurfaced and is in poor-to-fair condition with extensive cracking. Painted lines are faded. The surface is generally level and no puddling was identified onsite.

Both basketball hoops are fixed height with fan-shaped backboards. The supports are beginning to show wear and signs of rust.

The playability of the court is low. The court is below standard size for adult and high school play. There is no runout space between the edges of the asphalt and the painted court lines.

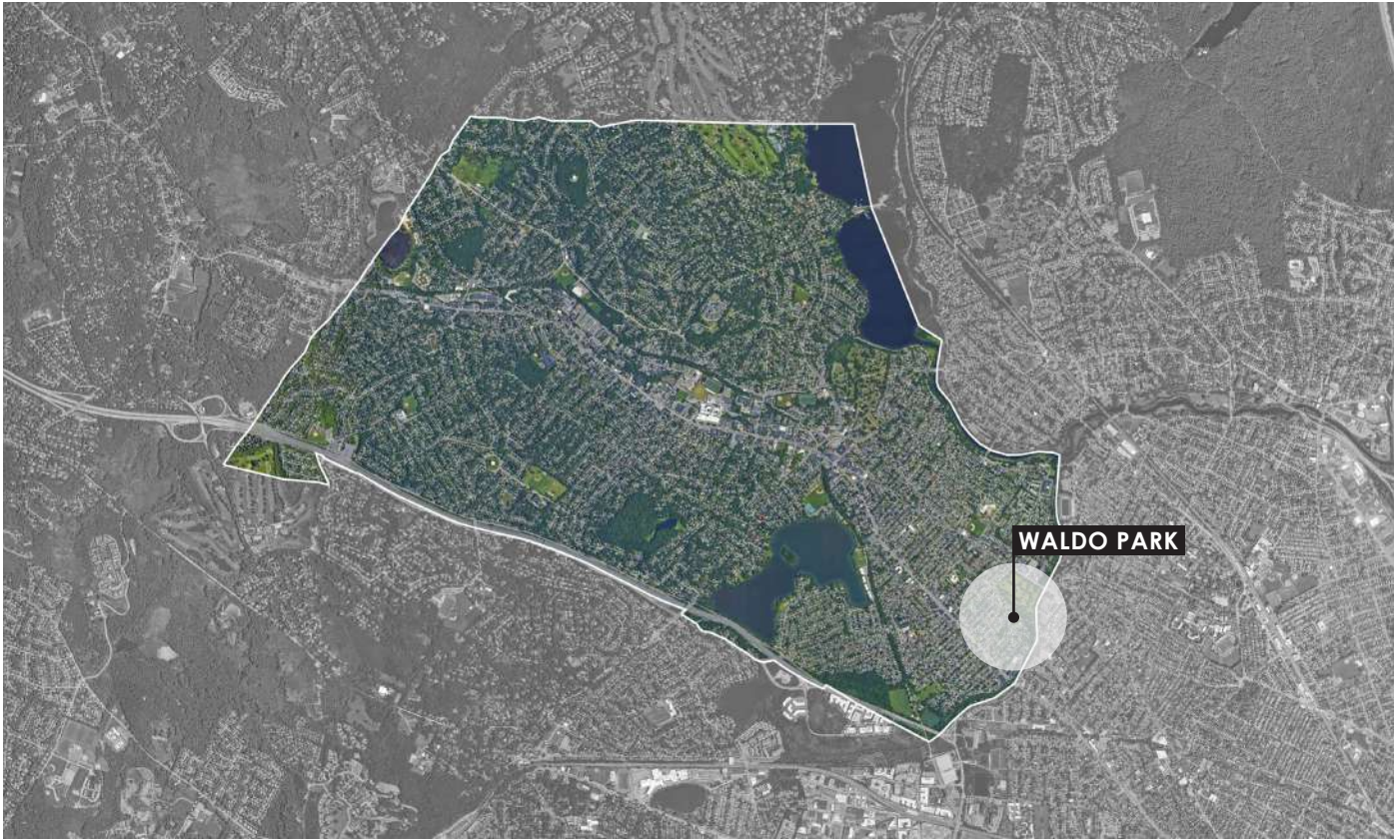
There is no perimeter fencing and netting around the court.

There are no benches or additional site amenities directly associated with the court. The court has no storage.

General Improvement Considerations

- Limited space for expansion within property lines.
- There is unprogrammed space adjacent to the court (currently a passive recreation lawn) that could be studied for conversion to courts.
- The existing basketball court is somewhat too narrow for adult/high school play. Expanding the court to be wider and increasing runout space between the painted lines and the edge of the asphalt could increase safety and playability.
- The addition of team amenities, such as benches, would increase playability.
- The court could be co-striped to host two pickleball courts. The court abuts St. Paul Cemetery, setting it apart from neighboring residences.
- The park is located in the 0.2% chance (also known as 500-Year) flood hazard area due to its proximity to Alewife Brook.

LOCUS MAP



Map 4.12A | Waldo Park - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS










Map 4.12B | Waldo Park - Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

-  PROPERTY LINE
-  PARKING AREA
-  ACTIVE RECREATION AREA
-  TALL CHAIN LINK FENCE
-  ORNAMENTAL FENCE
-  CHAIN LINK FENCE
-  PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
-  PARK BENCH
-  EXISTING ACCESS POINT
-  PICTURE REFERENCE
-  SIGNIFICANT SLOPE
-  GATHERING AREA
-  PLAYGROUND
-  BASKETBALL COURT

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BASKETBALL COURT

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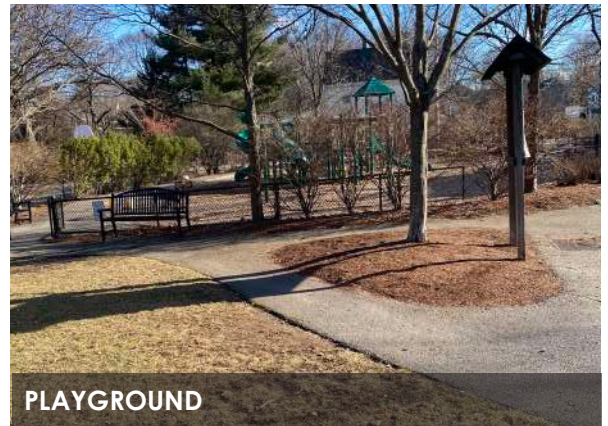
CURVING ENTRANCE

3



STONES AND RAISED BED AT ACCESS POINT

4



PLAYGROUND

5



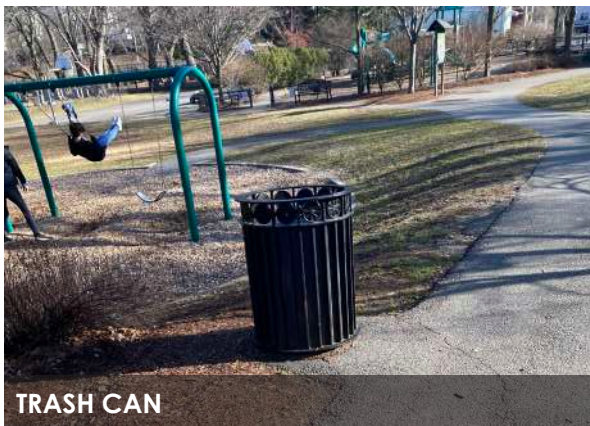
WALKWAY

6



PARK BENCH

7



TRASH CAN

8



ACCESS POINT FROM LIGHTING

4.13 | BISHOP SCHOOL



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	25 Columbia Road
NEIGHBORHOOD	Morningside
PARCEL SIZE	3.63 acres
ZONING	R1
PARKING	Lot, 25 Spaces and 2 ADA
MAIN USES	Softball, Basketball, Bishop School

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	No
FLOOD HAZARD	No
AUL STATUS	No
SOILS	Canton 629C

SITE OVERVIEW

The John A. Bishop Elementary School serves students in grades K-5 living in East Arlington. The Bishop Elementary School campus includes a softball field, a full-sized basketball court, and a playground.

6% of users surveyed identified Bishop Elementary School as their favorite basketball court. This indicates an average level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (73%)
- Court is well-maintained (55%)
- Size of court/net (45%)
- Attractiveness of the neighborhood/park (27%)

There were no negative attributes selected.

Current Site Conditions

The last renovation to the court occurred in 2023. The asphalt court is in excellent condition. The blacktop area was reconstructed in asphalt very recently; however, the court is not yet lined or surfaced.

Both basketball goals are adjustable with tempered-glass backboards and padded poles. The goals and nets are in excellent condition.

There is incomplete perimeter fencing around the court. The chain link fence is in excellent condition.

There are no benches or additional site amenities directly associated with the court. Storage and restrooms can be accessed inside Bishop Elementary School during the school day but not during off-school hours.

General Improvement Considerations

- Limited space for expansion within property lines and existing park areas. Steep slopes adjacent to the courts may limit expansion opportunities. In the southwest corner, the courts abut a retaining wall.
- Painting permanent lines on the basketball court would increase playability.
- The addition of team amenities, such as benches, would increase playability.
- The site is managed by the Arlington School Department. The potential for the Department of Parks and Recreation to install, manage, and maintain court improvements is limited.
- Public access to the courts during the daytime is limited while school is in session.

LOCUS MAP



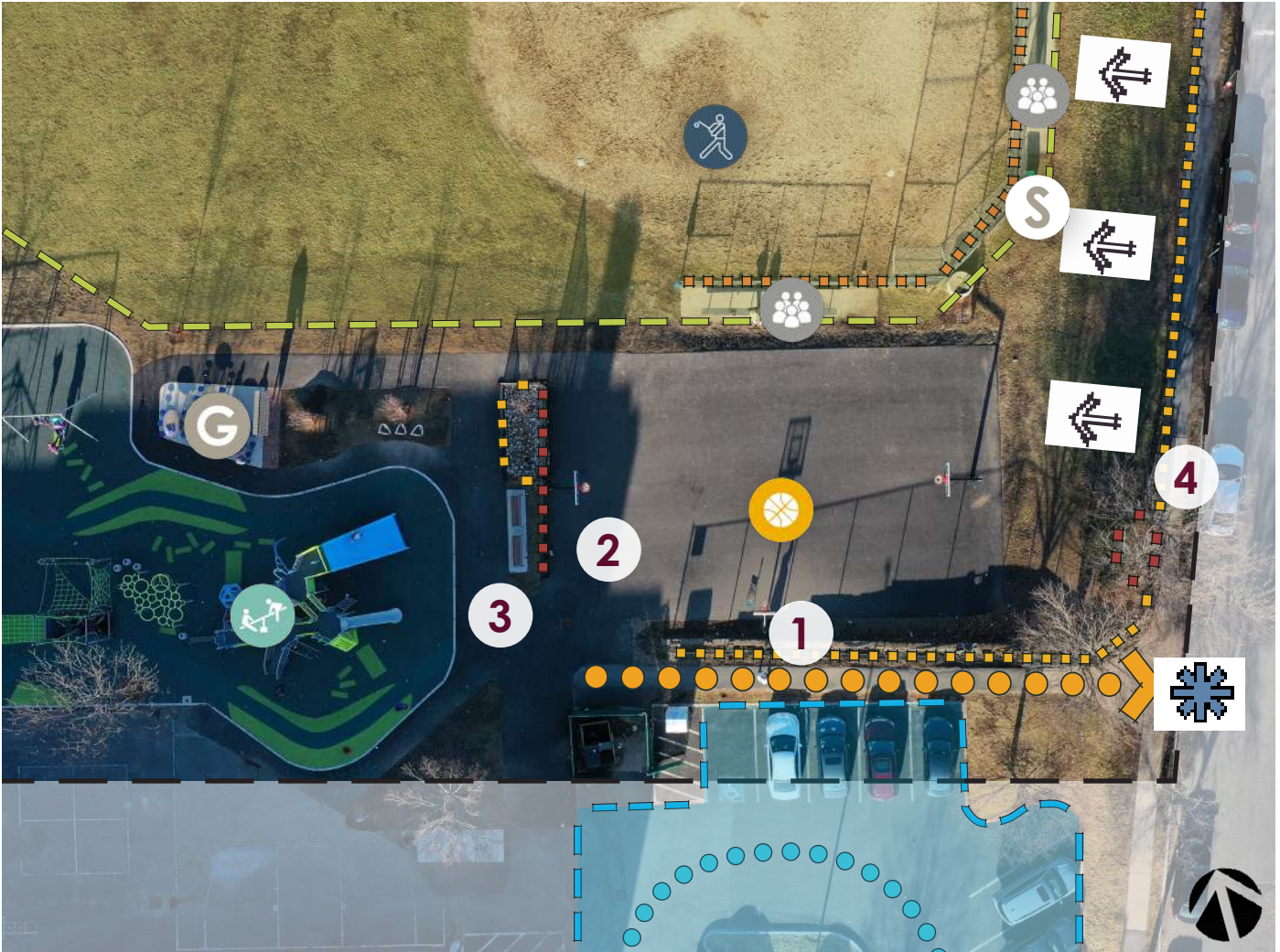
Map 4.13A | Bishop School - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS


















Map 4.13B | Bishop School - Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

	PROPERTY LINE		STORAGE AREA
	PARKING AREA		GATHERING AREA
	ACTIVE RECREATION AREA		PLAYGROUND
	TALL CHAIN LINK FENCE		BASKETBALL COURT
	CHAIN LINK FENCE		SOFTBALL FIELD
	PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION		
	VEHICULAR CIRCULATION		
	PARK BENCH		
	EXISTING ACCESS POINT		
	PICTURE REFERENCE		
	SIGNIFICANT SLOPE		

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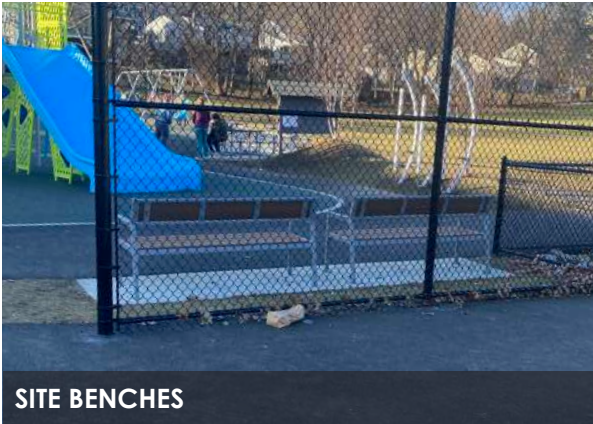
RETAINING WALL

2



BASKETBALL HOOP

3



SITE BENCHES

4



CHAIN LINK FENCE

4.14 | BRACKETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	60 Eastern Avenue
NEIGHBORHOOD	Jason Heights
PARCEL SIZE	3.11 acres
ZONING	R1
PARKING	Lot, 39 Spaces and 2 ADA
MAIN USES	Basketball, Brackett School

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	No
FLOOD HAZARD	No
AUL STATUS	No
SOILS	Charlton 631C

SITE OVERVIEW

The John Q. A. Brackett Elementary School serves students in grades K-5 living in Arlington Heights. Brackett Elementary School's campus includes a flexible blacktop space with a full-sized basketball court and a playground.

5% of basketball users surveyed identified Brackett Elementary School as their favorite court facility in Town. This indicates an average level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (67%)
- Availability of parking (44%)
- Size of court/net (44%)

The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Court is not well maintained (50%)
- Distance away from home, school, or work (33%)
- Court is unattractive (33%)

Current Site Conditions

The last renovation to the courts occurred in 1999. The asphalt court is unsurfaced and is in poor condition. Painted lines have faded significantly. There are major structural cracks within the court and the asphalt around the cracks has heaved from freeze and thaw, which creates tripping hazards and reduces playability. The edges of the court have been patched due to extensive cracking and crumbling.

In general, the surface is uneven and the cracks and patching may become a safety hazard.

There is incomplete perimeter fencing around the court. Chain link fencing is in good condition.

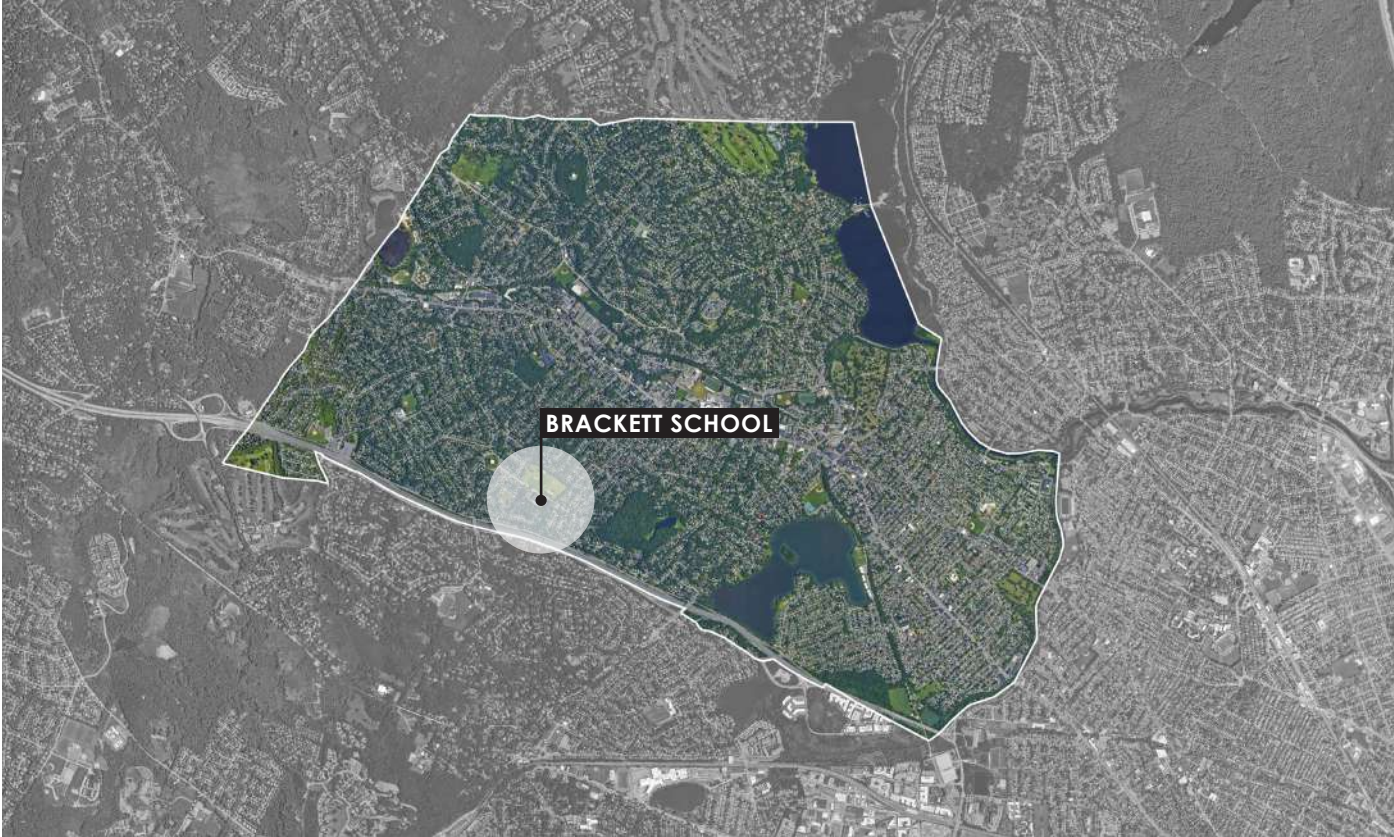
Both basketball goals are fixed height and double rimmed with fan-shaped backboards. The goals are in fair condition. Components including netting are intact. Supports are showing signs of rust.

There are no team benches or other athletic amenities directly associated with the court. Storage and restrooms can be accessed inside Brackett Elementary School during normal school hour, but not during off-school hours.

General Improvement Considerations

- The school is located across the street from Robbins Farm Park, which has its own playground, athletic field, and basketball court (co-stripped with pickleball). The school already uses the Robbins Farm fields for physical education classes.
- The site is managed by the Arlington School Department. The potential for the Department of Parks and Recreation to install, manage, and maintain court improvements is limited.
- The addition of team amenities, such as benches, would increase playability.
- Brackett School and Robbins Farm Park are the only facilities located in Arlington Heights. This neighborhood is generally underserved in terms of recreational amenities.
- Public access to the courts during the daytime is limited while school is in session.

LOCUS MAP



Map 4.14A | Brackett School - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS










Map 4.14B | Brackett School- Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | PROPERTY LINE |  | GATHERING AREA |
|  | PARKING AREA |  | PLAYGROUND |
|  | PASSIVE RECREATION AREA |  | BASKETBALL COURT |
|  | DOUBLE HEIGHT CHAIN LINK FENCE | | |
|  | PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION | | |
|  | VEHICULAR CIRCULATION | | |
|  | PARK BENCH | | |
|  | EXISTING ACCESS POINT | | |
|  | PICTURE REFERENCE | | |

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BASKETBALL COURT

2



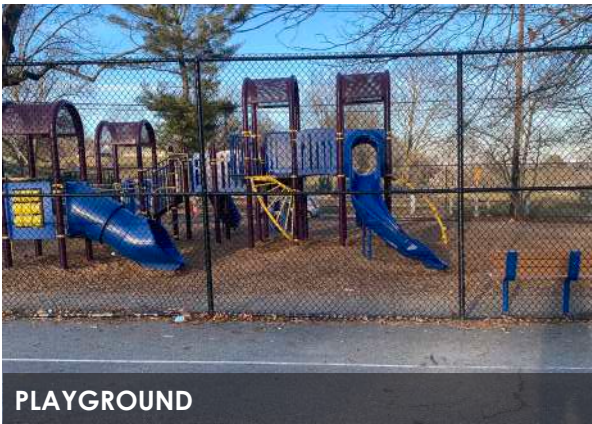
PASSIVE RECREATION SPACE

3



ADDITIONAL BLACK TOP

4



PLAYGROUND

5



RESIDENTIAL ACCESS POINT

6



COURT CRACKING AND PAINT CHIPPING

7



COURT CRACKING AND PAINT CHIPPING

8



EDGE OF BASKETBALL COURT

4.15 | GIBBS SCHOOL



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	41 Foster Street
NEIGHBORHOOD	East Arlington
PARCEL SIZE	2.65 acres
ZONING	R1
PARKING	Lot, 69 Spaces and 3 ADA
MAIN USES	Basketball, Gibbs School

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	No
FLOOD HAZARD	No
AUL STATUS	No
SOILS	Urban Land 602

SITE OVERVIEW

The Gibbs School serves all 6th grade students in East Arlington as they transition from small neighborhood elementary schools to one collective Town middle school. The Gibbs School's campus has a flexible blacktop space painted with a basketball half-court, foursquare, and hopscotch games.

2% of basketball users surveyed identified the Gibbs School as their favorite court facility in Town. This indicates a low level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (80%)
- Attractiveness of the court (40%)
- Court is well maintained (40%)

The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Distance away from home, school, or work (100%)
- Court is not well maintained (100%)
- Court is too crowded (100%)

Current Site Conditions

The last renovation to the courts occurred in 2017. The existing asphalt is in good condition. Some areas of settlement with ponding were identified. Aesthetic staining and marking was noted but the surfacing remains intact.

The court is surrounded by chain link fencing. Fencing is 20' high where it directly abuts neighboring homes. The fence is in good condition.

The single basketball goal is fixed height and double rimmed with a fan-shaped backboard. The goal is in fair-to-good condition. Components including netting are intact.

There are no team benches or other athletic amenities directly associated with the court. The court has no storage, but storage and restrooms can be accessed inside Gibbs School during the school day.

General Improvement Considerations

- Limited room for expansion within property lines.
- The addition of team amenities, such as benches, would increase playability.
- The site is managed by the Arlington School Department. The potential for the Department of Parks and Recreation to install, manage, and maintain court improvements is limited.
- The school is located in a densely-developed residential neighborhood. The court directly abuts adjacent private homes. Increasing use with the addition of lights may negatively impact abutters.
- Public access to the courts during the daytime is limited while school is in session.

LOCUS MAP



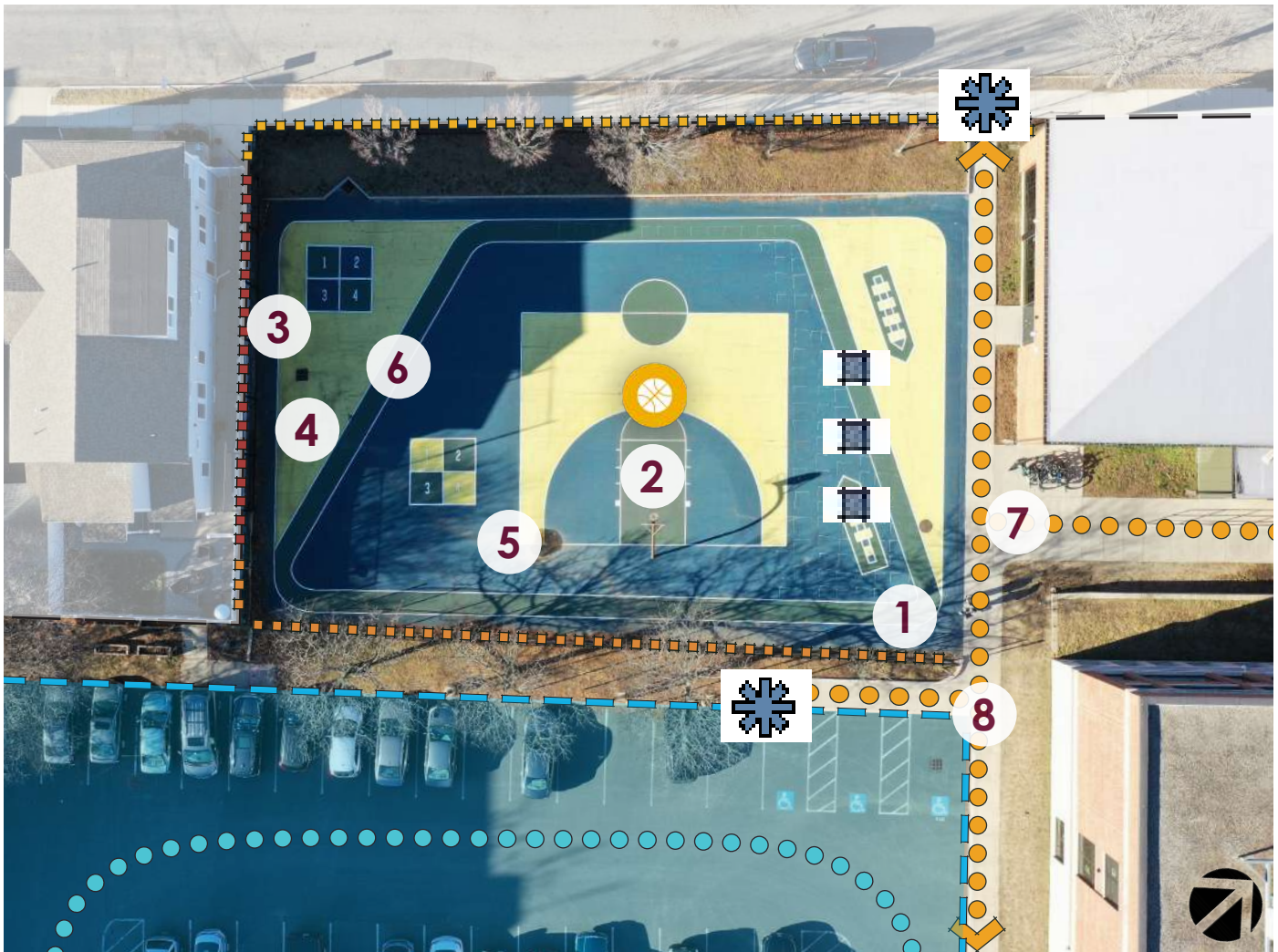
Map 4.15A | Gibbs School - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS













Map 4.15B | Gibbs School - Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

-  PROPERTY LINE
-  PARKING AREA
-  20' HIGH CHAIN LINK FENCE
-  10' HIGH CHAIN LINK FENCE
-  CHAIN LINK FENCE
-  PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
-  VEHICULAR CIRCULATION
-  EXISTING ACCESS POINT
-  PICTURE REFERENCE
-  BASKETBALL COURT

1



BASKETBALL AND MULTI-SPORT COURT

2



BASKETBALL HOOP

3



PROTECTIVE FENCING

4



DRAIN

5



POOLING

6



COURT, SCHOOL, AND PARKING LOT

7



BICYCLE RACK

8



COURT ACCESS POINT

4.16 | HARDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	52 Lake Street
NEIGHBORHOOD	East Arlington
PARCEL SIZE	2.55 acres
ZONING	R1
PARKING	Lot, 31 Spaces and 2 ADA
MAIN USES	Basketball, Hardy School

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	No
FLOOD HAZARD	No
AUL STATUS	No
SOILS	Urban Land 602

SITE OVERVIEW

The Rodney J. Hardy Elementary School serves students in grades K-5 living in East Arlington. Hardy Elementary School's campus includes a flexible blacktop space with an undersized basketball court and a playground.

5% of basketball users surveyed identified Hardy Elementary School as their favorite court facility in Town. This indicates an average level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (70%)
- Attractiveness of the court (40%)
- Availability of parking (40%)

The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Distance away from home, school, or work (100%)
- Lack of parking (33%)

Current Site Conditions

The last renovation to the courts occurred in 2019. The existing asphalt is in good condition. There are no cracks or dead spots felt underfoot. Aesthetic damage to the surfacing is minor. The surface is generally level and no puddling was identified onsite.

There is incomplete perimeter fencing at the back of the court. The fencing is in good condition.

There are three basketball goals which are all fixed height with rectangular tempered-glass backboards. The goals are in good condition. Components including netting are intact. Each goal is padded at the base.

There are no benches or additional site amenities directly associated with the court. Storage and restrooms can be accessed inside Hardy Elementary School during the school day but there is no access to the storage during off-school hours.

There is an additional multi-sport court with soccer goals that was also constructed in 2019 and is in good condition. The surface of that court is poured-in-place rubber surfacing. The size of the court limits playability for sports such as futsal, but it is used regularly for elementary school recess.

General Improvement Considerations

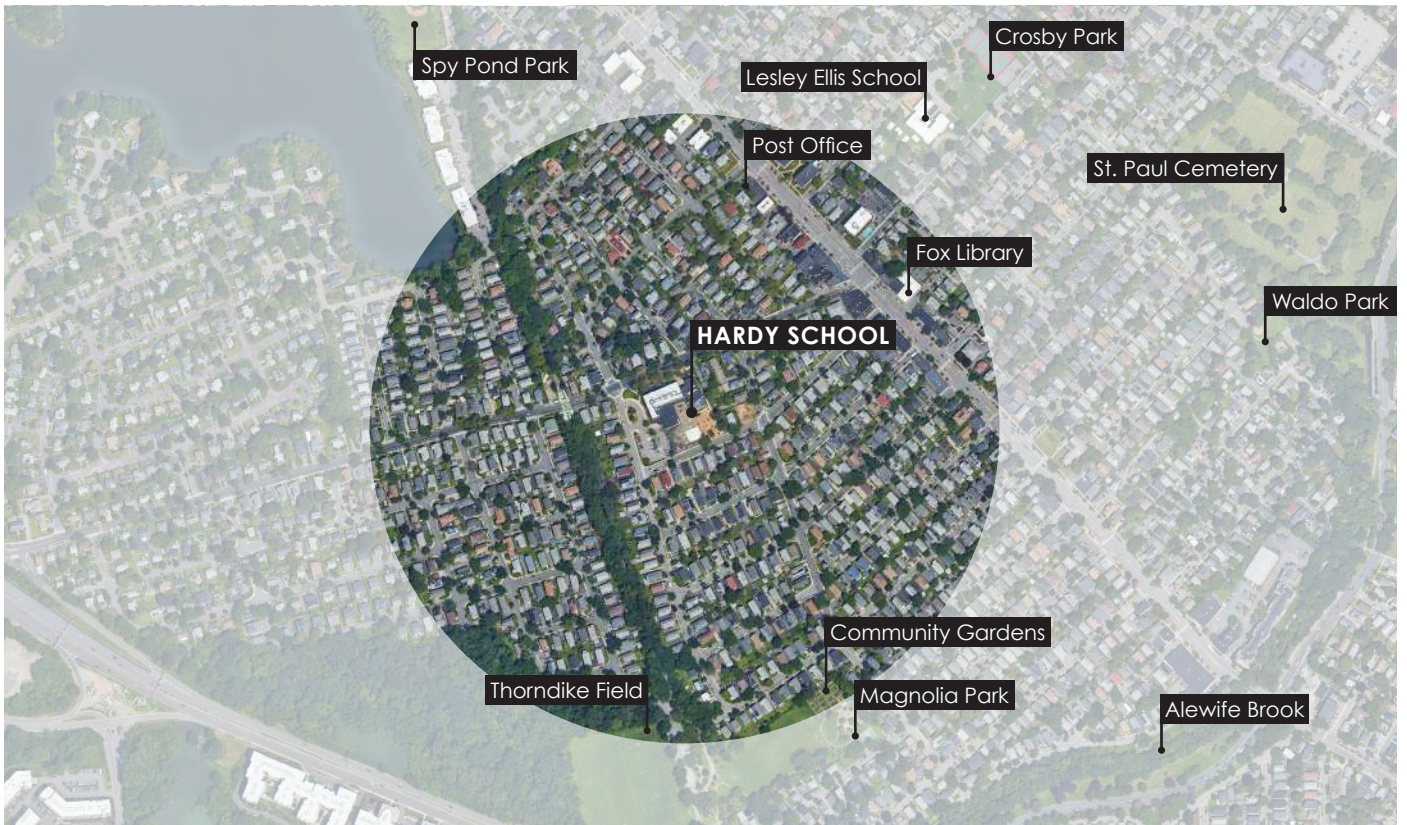
- Limited space for expansion within property lines and existing park areas.
- The court is undersized for adult and high school play, and the painted lines do not match standard court measurements. The court is also a non-standard shape, which may limit playability.
- The addition of team amenities, such as benches, would increase playability.
- An adjustable hoop or a permanent hoop set at a lower height could increase playability for players at elementary school levels.
- The site is managed by the Arlington School Department. The potential for the Department of Parks and Recreation to install, manage, and maintain court improvements is limited.
- Public access to the courts during the daytime is limited while school is in session.

LOCUS MAP



Map 4.16A | Hardy Elementary School - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS



Map 4.16B | Hardy Elementary School- Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

	PROPERTY LINE		BASKETBALL COURT
	PARKING AREA		PLAYGROUND
	DOUBLE HEIGHT CHAIN LINK FENCE		MINI SOCCER COURT
	CHAIN LINK FENCE		
	PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION		
	VEHICULAR CIRCULATION		
	EXISTING ACCESS POINT		
	PICTURE REFERENCE		

1



FENCING ADJACENT TO COURT

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SITE ENTRY POINT

3



PROTECTIVE PADDING AT BASKETBALL HOOP

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HOOP AND BACKBOARD

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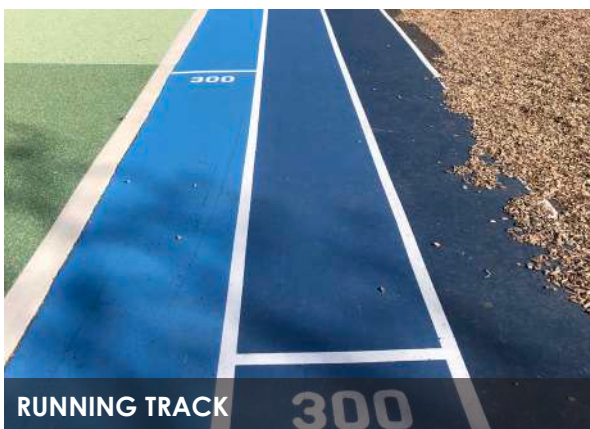
MULTIPLE HOOPS AT COURT

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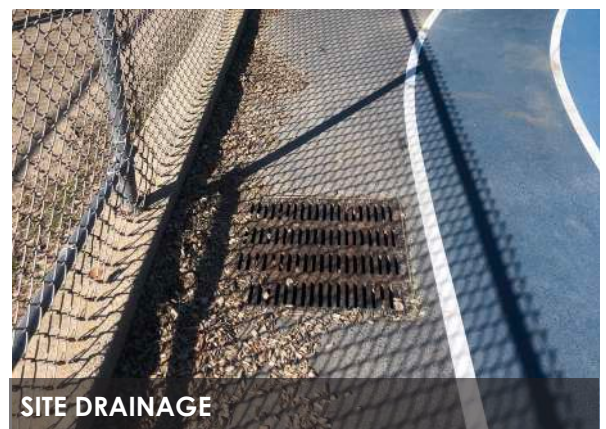
MULTISPORT COURT WITH SOCCER GOALS

7



RUNNING TRACK

8



SITE DRAINAGE

4.17 | PARMENTER SCHOOL



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	25 Irving Street
NEIGHBORHOOD	Arlington Center
PARCEL SIZE	1.21 acres
ZONING	R1
PARKING	Street
MAIN USES	Basketball, School Recess

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	No
FLOOD HAZARD	No
AUL STATUS	No
SOILS	Charlton 631 C

SITE OVERVIEW

The site has been the long-term or temporary home of multiple Town educational programs since the Parmenter Elementary School closed in 1983. The Menotomy Preschool is using the space temporarily during disruptions caused by the Arlington High School Renovation.

The Parmenter School's campus includes a flexible blacktop space with two basketball hoops and a playground. 1% of basketball users surveyed identified Parmenter School as their favorite court facility in Town. This indicates a low level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (100%)
- Lack of crowds (100%)

The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Court is unattractive (50%)
- Court is not well maintained (50%)
- Size of court/net (50%)

Current Site Conditions

The last renovation to the courts occurred prior to 1996. The asphalt in the flexible blacktop area is in poor condition. Cracking is pervasive and major potholes and depressions occur throughout. Potholes and other unstable areas (i.e. areas of delamination, crumbling) are covered by traffic cones.

The current condition of the courts is a safety hazard.

The court is surrounded on three sides with retaining walls. There is fencing on top of the walls abutting the street. Chain link fencing is in good condition.

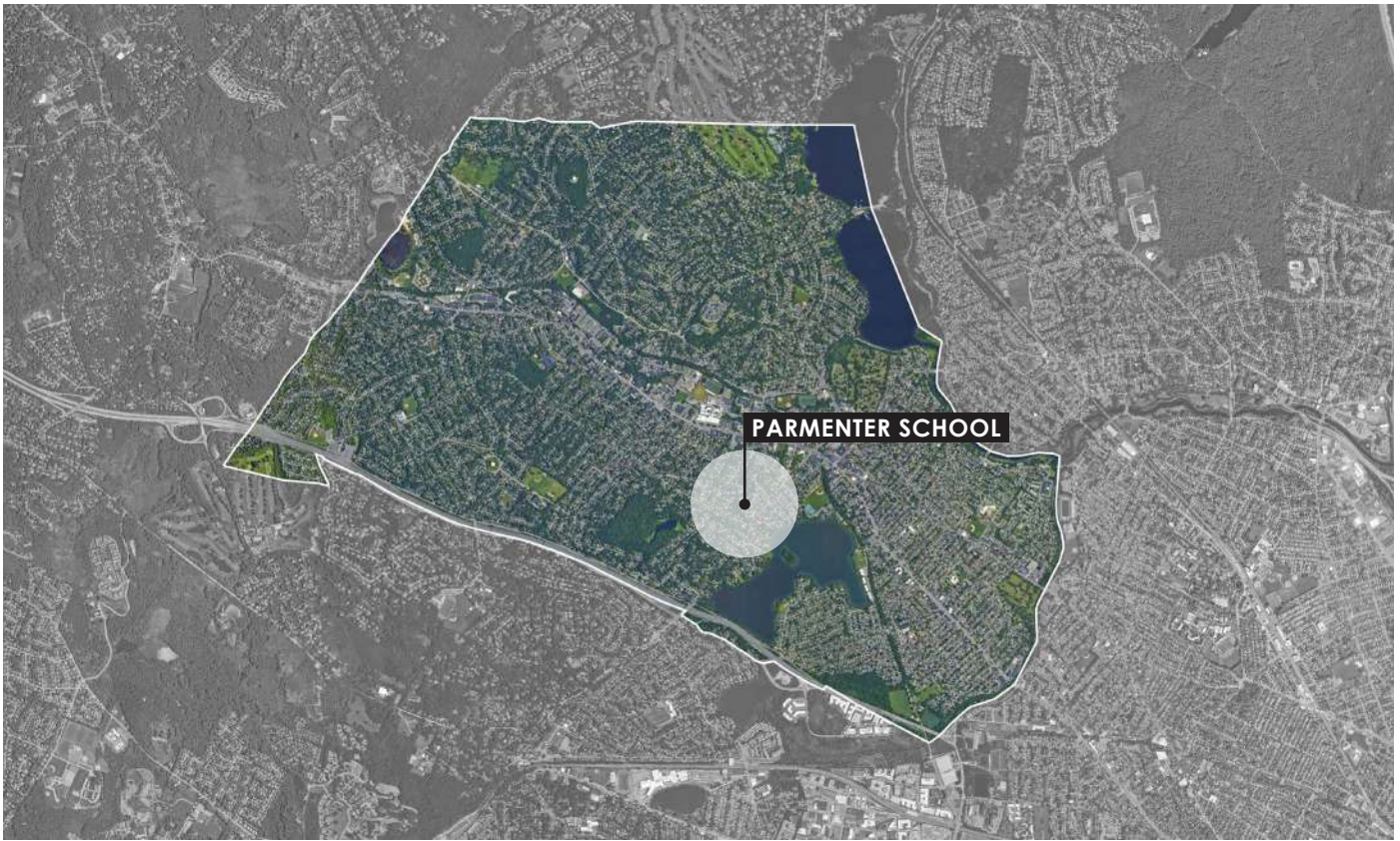
Both basketball goals are fixed height and double rimmed with fan-shaped backboards. The goals are in fair-to-good condition. Components including netting are intact.

There are no team benches or other athletic amenities directly associated with the court. Storage and restrooms can be accessed inside the Parmenter School during the school day but there is no access to the storage during off-school hours.

General Improvement Considerations

- Limited space for expansion within property lines and existing park areas. Steep slopes adjacent to the courts may limit expansion opportunities. On three sides, the courts abut a retaining wall.
- The addition of team amenities, such as benches, would increase playability.
- The playground was recently renovated with plans to renovate the rest of the site, including the blacktop space/basketball court.
- The Arlington Department of Parks and Recreation manages the playground and blacktop space. The building is managed by the School Department.
- Public access to the courts during the daytime is limited while school is in session.

LOCUS MAP



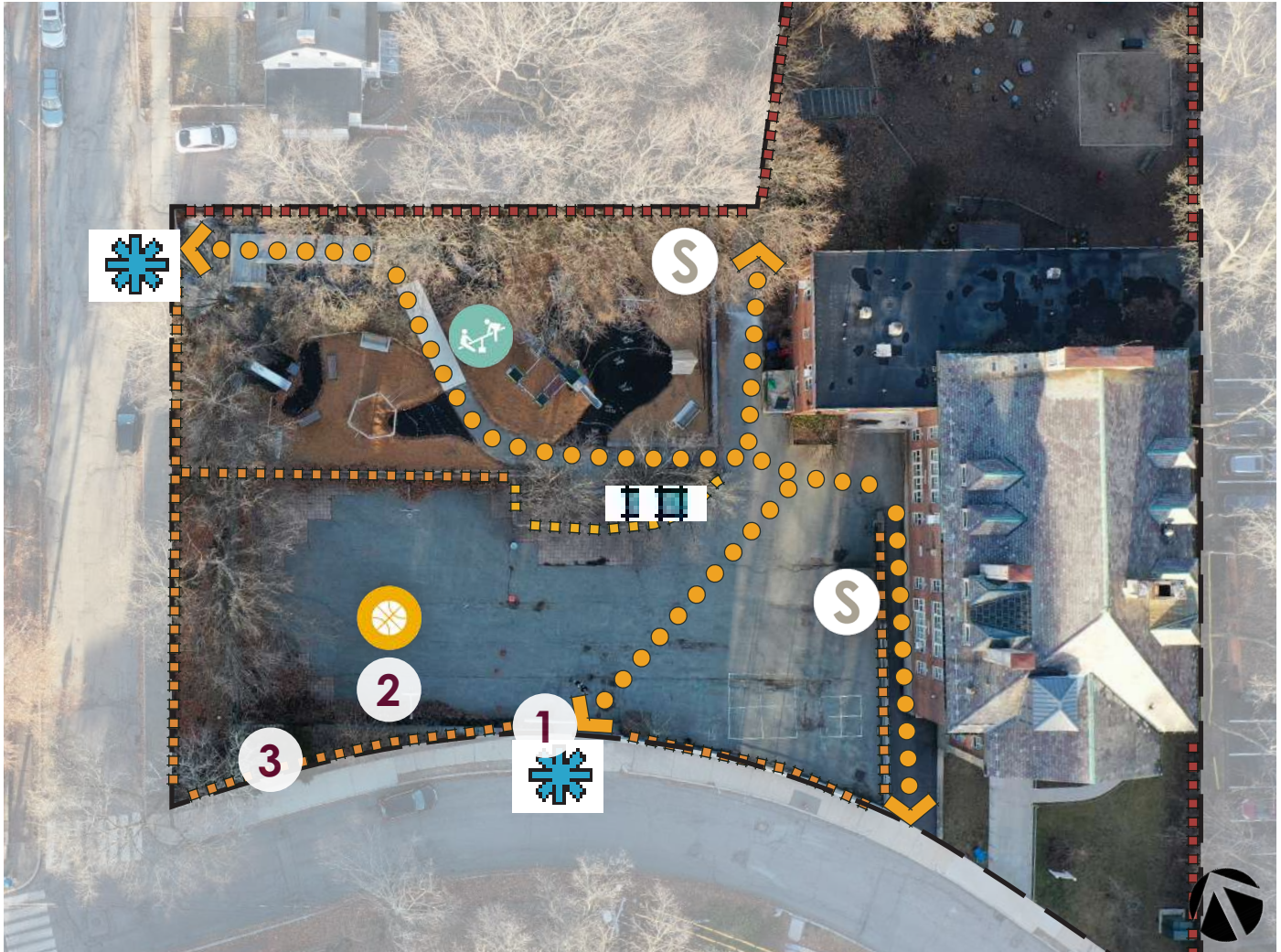
Map 4.17A | Parmenter School - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS



Map 4.16B | Parmenter School - Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

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|---|------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | PROPERTY LINE |  | STORAGE AREA |
|  | TALL CHAIN LINK FENCE |  | PLAYGROUND |
|  | CHAIN LINK FENCE |  | BASKETBALL COURT |
|  | PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION | | |
|  | PARK BENCH | | |
|  | EXISTING ACCESS POINT | | |
|  | PICTURE REFERENCE | | |

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ACCESS GATE

2



BASKETBALL HOOP

3



CHAIN LINK FENCE

4



ASPHALT AT BASKETBALL COURT

5



NEWLY RENOVATED PLAYGROUND



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	99 Park Avenue Extension
NEIGHBORHOOD	Turkey Hill
PARCEL SIZE	2.52 acres
ZONING	R1
PARKING	Lot, 18 Spaces and 1 ADA
MAIN USES	Basketball, Pierce School

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	No
FLOOD HAZARD	No
AUL STATUS	No
SOILS	Charlton 631C

SITE OVERVIEW

The Peirce School serves students in grades K-5 living in East Arlington. The Peirce School's campus includes a flexible blacktop space with two basketball hoops and a playground.

11% of basketball users surveyed identified Peirce School as their favorite court facility in Town. This indicates a high level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (82%)
- Size of court or net (36%)
- Court is well-maintained (32%)

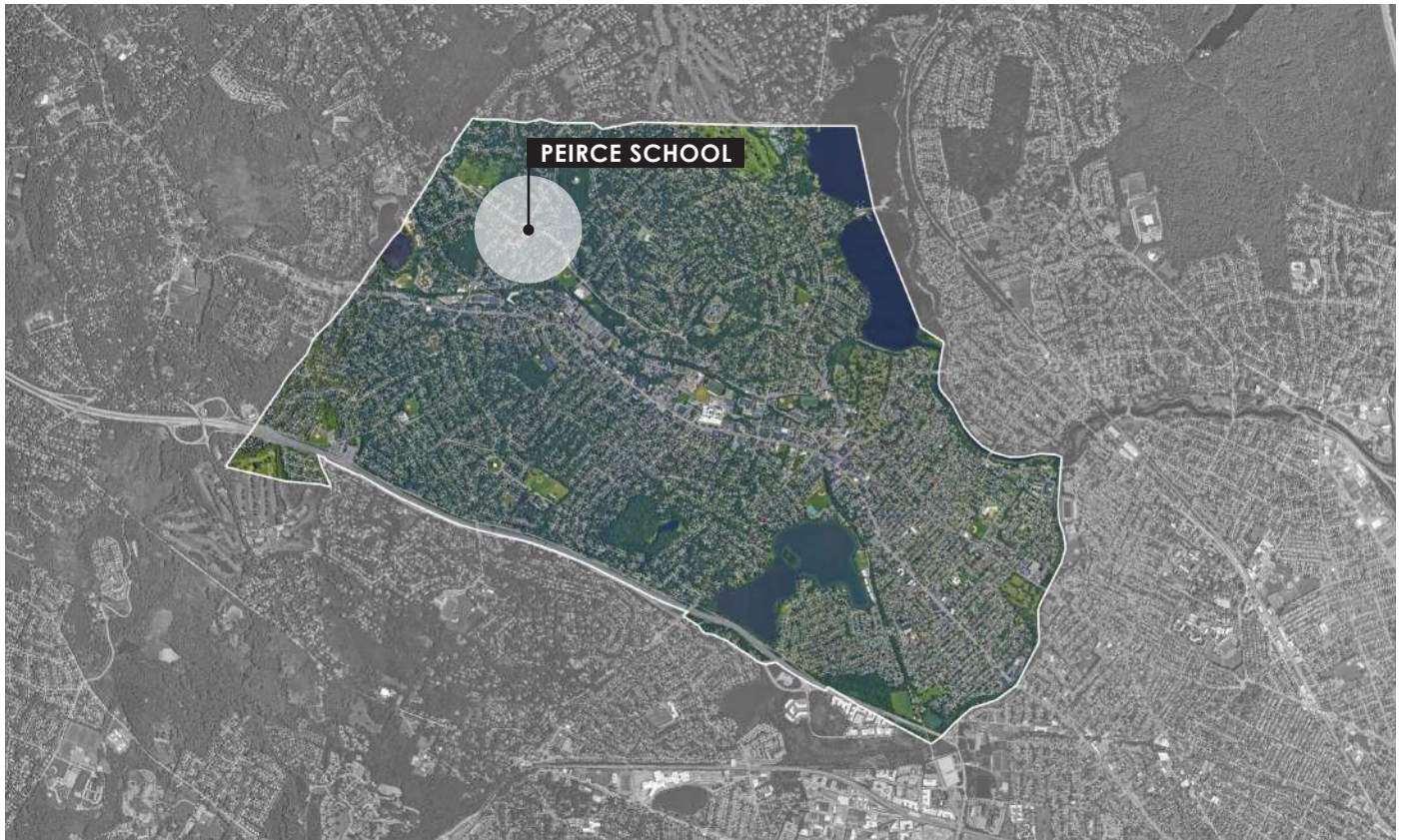
The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Court is unattractive (100%)
- Conflicts between sports (100%)

Current Site Conditions/General Improvement Considerations

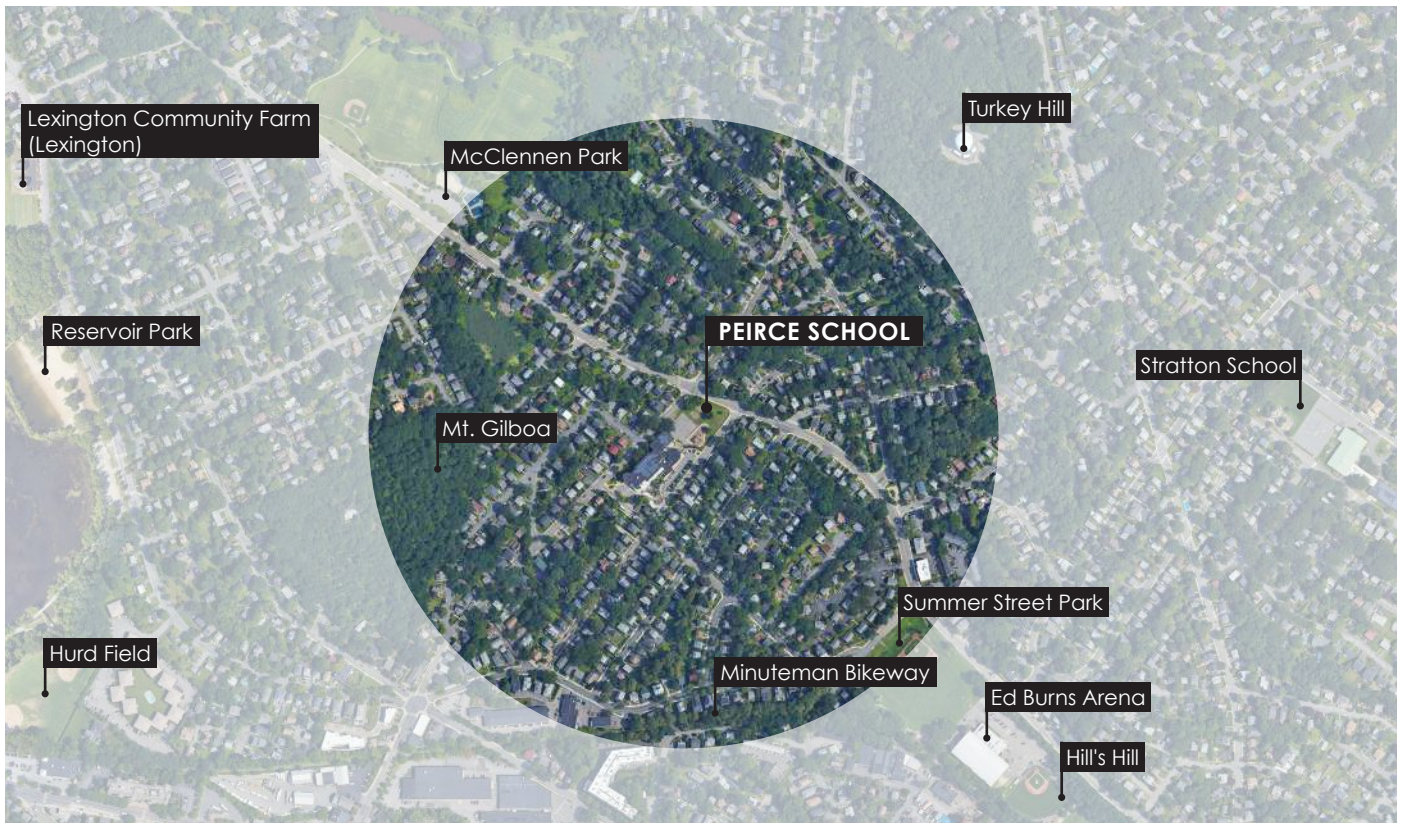
- Renovations to the playground and blacktop area are currently underway. The existing conditions at this site were not reviewed as part of this study.
- The renovated playground and blacktop area will include three basketball hoops in a similar orientation to the existing layout and an updated playground. Renovations to the lawn to accommodate youth soccer are being considered for a future phase.
- The site is managed by the Arlington School Department. The potential for the Department of Parks and Recreation to install, manage, and maintain court improvements is limited.
- Public access to the courts during the daytime is limited while school is in session.

LOCUS MAP



Map 4.18A | Peirce School - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS



Map 4.18B | Peirce School - Five Minute Walk Analysis

4.19 | STRATTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS	180 Mountain Avenue
NEIGHBORHOOD	Morningside
PARCEL SIZE	3.84 acres
ZONING	R1
PARKING	Adjacent School Lot, 37 Spaces and 2 ADA
MAIN USES	Basketball, Stratton School

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

ADJACENT WETLANDS	No
AQUIFER LOCATION	No
FLOOD HAZARD	No
AUL STATUS	A3 – Oil
SOILS	Newport 627C

SITE OVERVIEW

The M. Norcross Stratton Elementary School serves students in grades K-5 living in East Arlington. Stratton Elementary School's campus includes a flexible blacktop space with three basketball hoops (arranged as one basketball court and one half-court) and a playground.

6% of basketball users surveyed identified Stratton School as their favorite court facility in Town. This indicates an average level of popularity within the Town.

The positive attributes selected most often were:

- Proximity to home, school, or work (83%)
- Availability of parking (50%)
- Feeling of safety (42%)

The negative attributes selected most often were:

- Court is unattractive (67%)
- Court is not well maintained (56%)
- Lack of lighting (44%)

Current Site Conditions

The last renovation to the basketball courts occurred prior to 1996. The asphalt is in poor-to-fair condition with some minor cracking and evidence of settling at corners. Painted lines are faded. The surface is generally even and no puddling was identified onsite.

Users noted that the court is not an ideal location for an athletic court as the entire surface is sloped, causing uneven ball bounce and roll.

There are three basketball goals onsite. All are fixed height and double rimmed with fan-shaped backboards. The goals are in good condition. Components including netting are intact.

The playability of the court is low as there is no painted perimeter line. Other sports and recess activities that utilize the same blacktop area may create conflicts of use.

There is site lighting located adjacent to the blacktop that may allow for evening use.

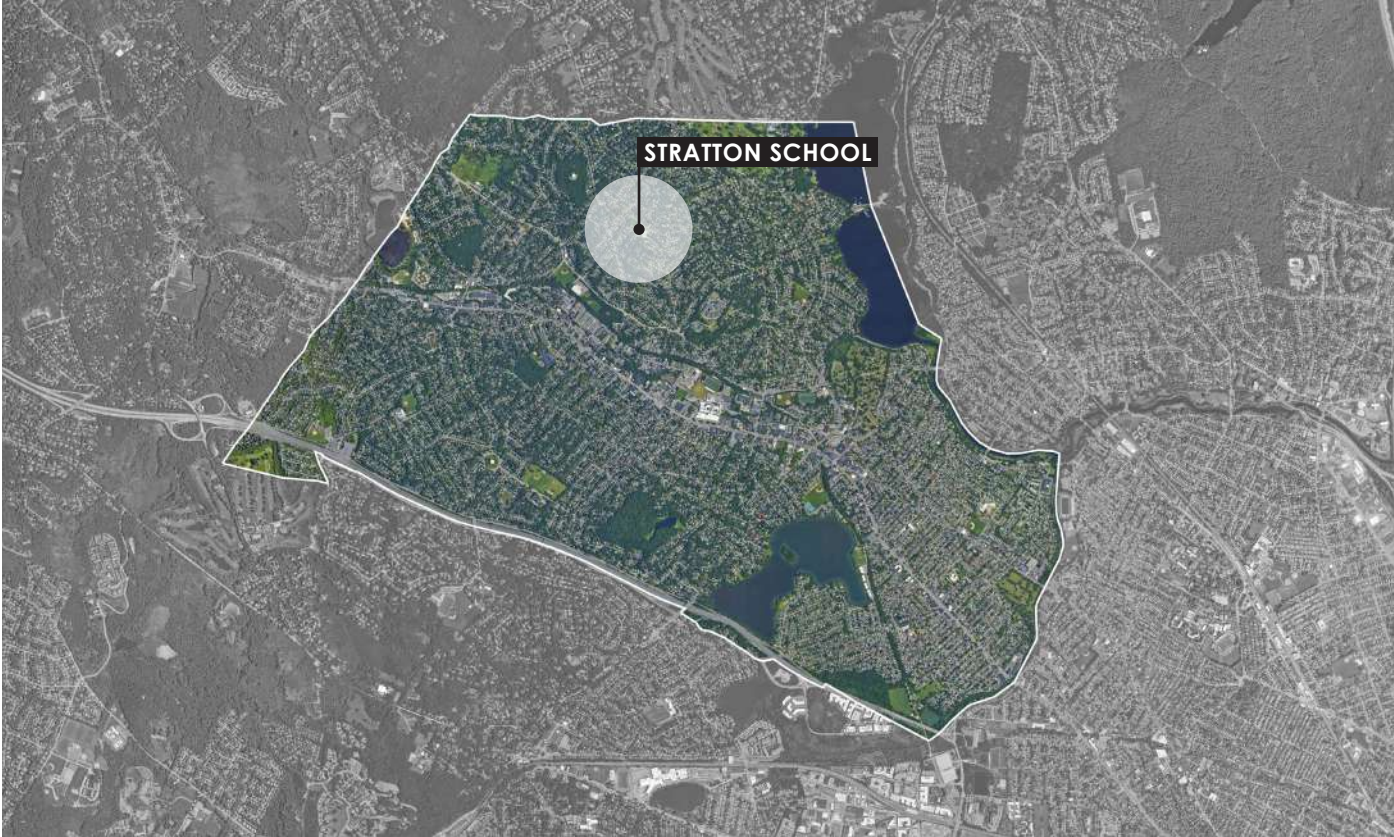
There is one site bench associated with the courts. Storage is provided at a shed adjacent to the school building. Additional storage and restrooms can be accessed inside Bishop Elementary School during the school day.

Storage and restrooms can be accessed inside the Stratton Elementary School during the school day but there is no access to the storage during off-school hours.

General Improvement Considerations

- The site is under an AUL due to oil contamination. A permanent solution has been achieved. Contamination has not been reduced to background. The AUL continues to limit potential use and excavation.
- Painting permanent lines on the basketball court would increase playability.
- An adjustable hoop or a permanent hoop set at a lower height could increase playability for players at elementary school levels.
- The property is managed in collaboration by the Arlington Department of Parks and Recreation and the Arlington School Department. The potential for the Department of Parks and Recreation to install, manage, and maintain court improvements may be limited.
- Public access to the courts during the daytime is limited while school is in session.

LOCUS MAP



Map 4.19A | Stratton Elementary School - Locus Map

FIVE-MINUTE WALK ANALYSIS



Map 4.16B | Stratton Elementary School - Five Minute Walk Analysis

SITE ANALYSIS



LEGEND:

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|---|------------------------|---|-------------------|
|  | PROPERTY LINE |  | STORAGE AREA |
|  | PARKING AREA |  | GATHERING AREA |
|  | ACTIVE RECREATION AREA |  | PLAYGROUND |
|  | TALL CHAIN LINK FENCE |  | BASKETBALL COURT |
|  | CHAIN LINK FENCE |  | MULTI-SPORT FIELD |
|  | PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION | | |
|  | VEHICULAR CIRCULATION | | |
|  | PARK BENCH | | |
|  | EXISTING ACCESS POINT | | |
|  | PICTURE REFERENCE | | |

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BASKETBALL BACKSTOP

2



CRACKING ASPHALT AT COURT

3



STORAGE AREA

4



STORAGE AREA AND PICNIC TABLE
ADJACENT TO COURT

5



TEAM BENCHES AT COURT

6



STAIRS TO ACCESS COURT FROM STREET

The background of the page is a grayscale topographic map. It features intricate contour lines that represent elevation changes across a terrain. The lines are more densely packed in some areas, indicating steeper slopes, and more widely spaced in others, indicating flatter ground. The overall pattern is complex and organic, typical of a detailed topographic survey.

5 | RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS

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Of the 19 court facilities that Activitas was tasked with reviewing, five (5) were identified as priority locations for renovation and/or expansion. The five facilities identified were:

- Buzzell Field Park
- Crosby Park
- North Union Park
- Spy Pond Park
- Summer Street Park

Section 5 provides an overview of the proposed renovations at each site, a justification for the site selection, a projection of the impact of the proposed redevelopment on the existing Town-wide court inventory and programming, and a rough order of magnitude (ROM) of cost for each potential renovation/development. Activitas created conceptual plan renderings of these improved facilities. It should be noted that many of the improvements proposed for each of the facilities could be developed in phases.

Finally, the impact of these developments of the complete court system inventory is explored. While these recommended improvements will not eliminate the court deficits described in Section 3: Court System Inventory, additional dedicated courts with greater utility will reduce wear and crowding on existing courts. The new courts will also be a draw for users, creating a system-wide reduction in the demand on other courts.

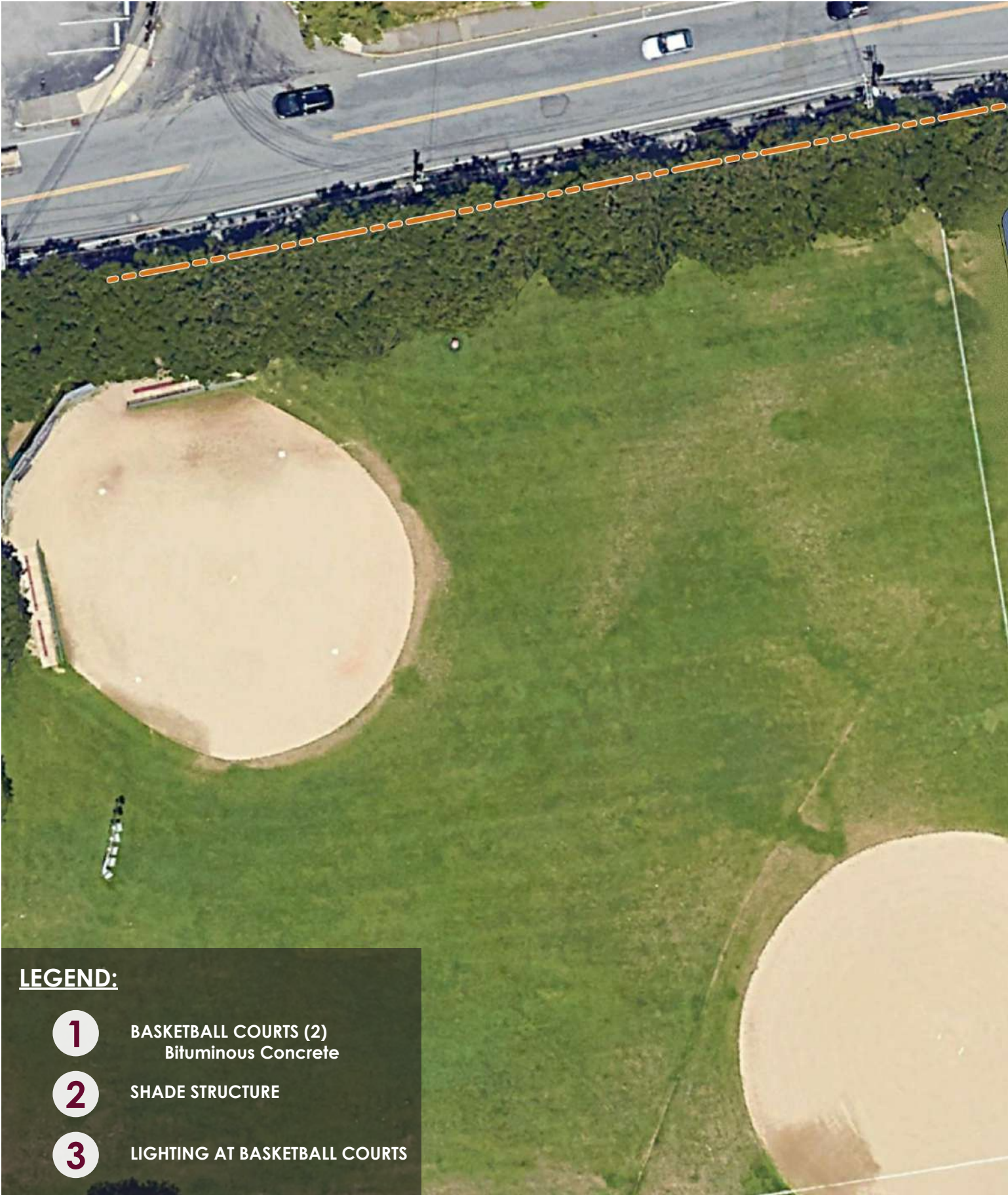
In addition to these site-specific recommendations, Activitas also explored general system-wide improvement and cultural maintenance recommendations.

These conceptual plans and cost opinions are estimates to be used for planning purposes only and do not constitute a basis for construction or design. Additional surveying, geotechnical explorations, and other due diligence would be required to verify existing site conditions.

Notes for ROM Costs:

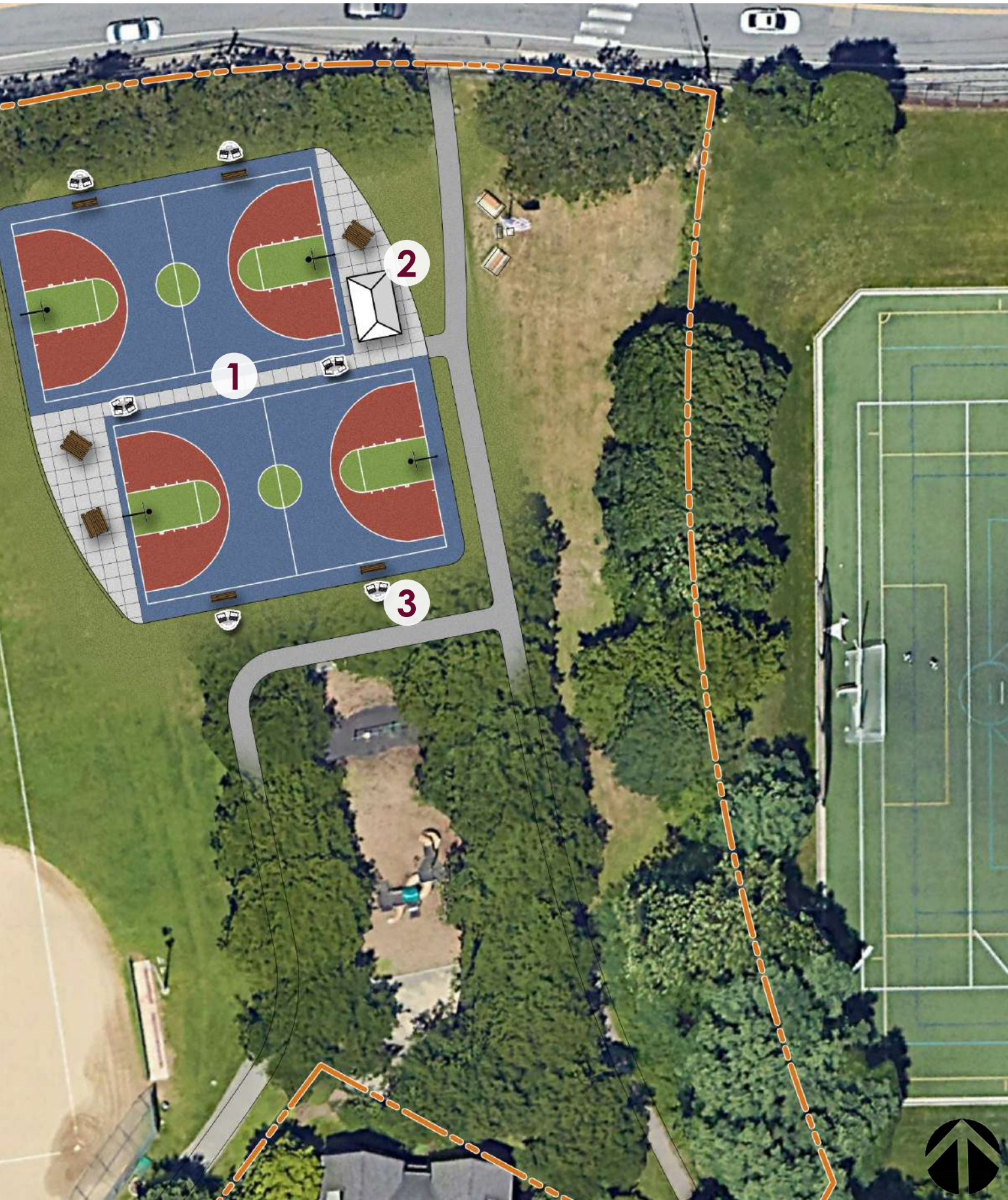
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BUZZELL FIELD PARK RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS



LEGEND:

- 1** BASKETBALL COURTS (2)
Bituminous Concrete
- 2** SHADE STRUCTURE
- 3** LIGHTING AT BASKETBALL COURTS



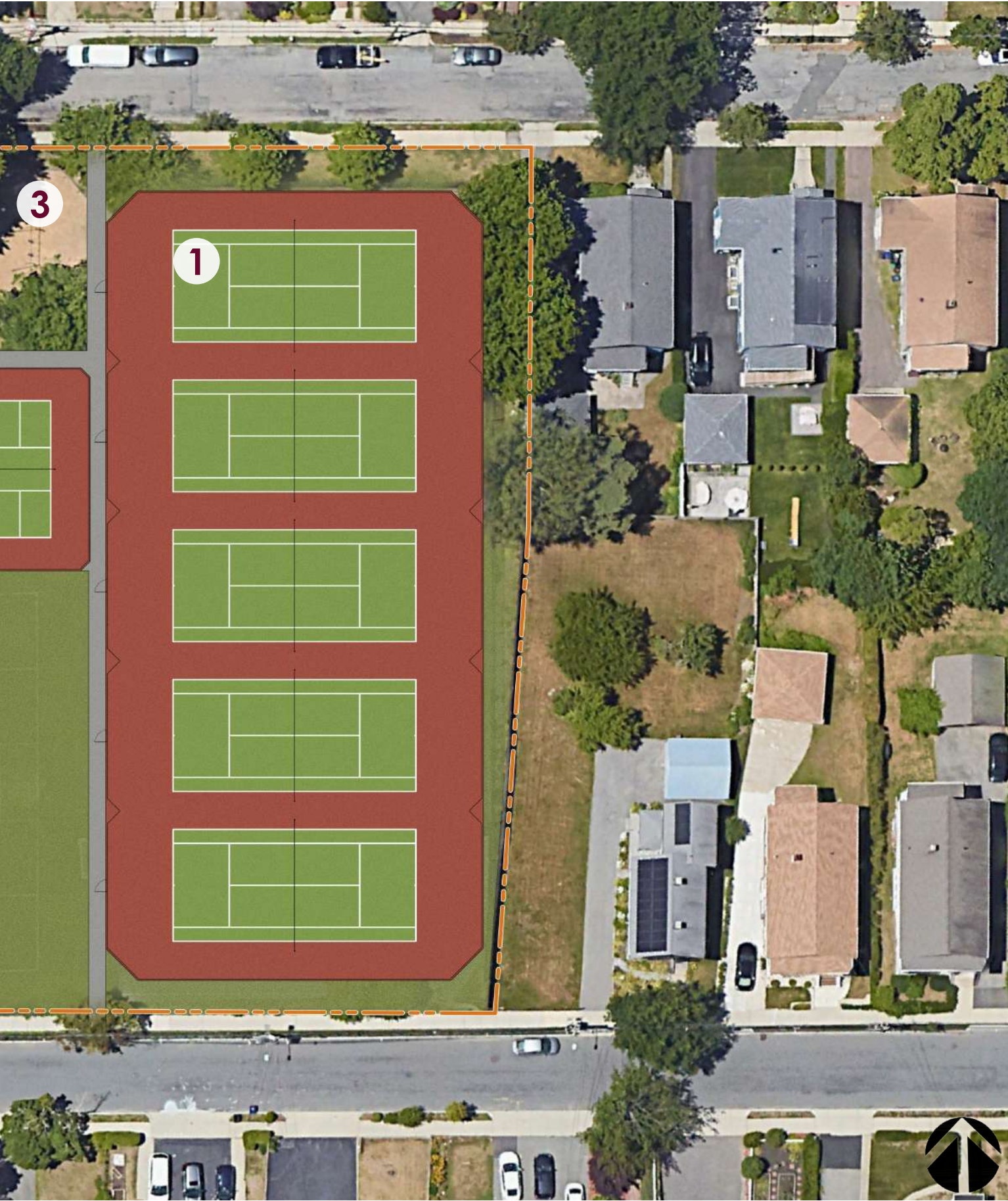
CROSBY PARK

RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS



LEGEND:

- 1** NEW TENNIS COURTS (5)
Bituminous Concrete
- 2** NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS (4)
Bituminous Concrete
- 3** EXISTING PLAYGROUND



NORTH UNION PARK RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS

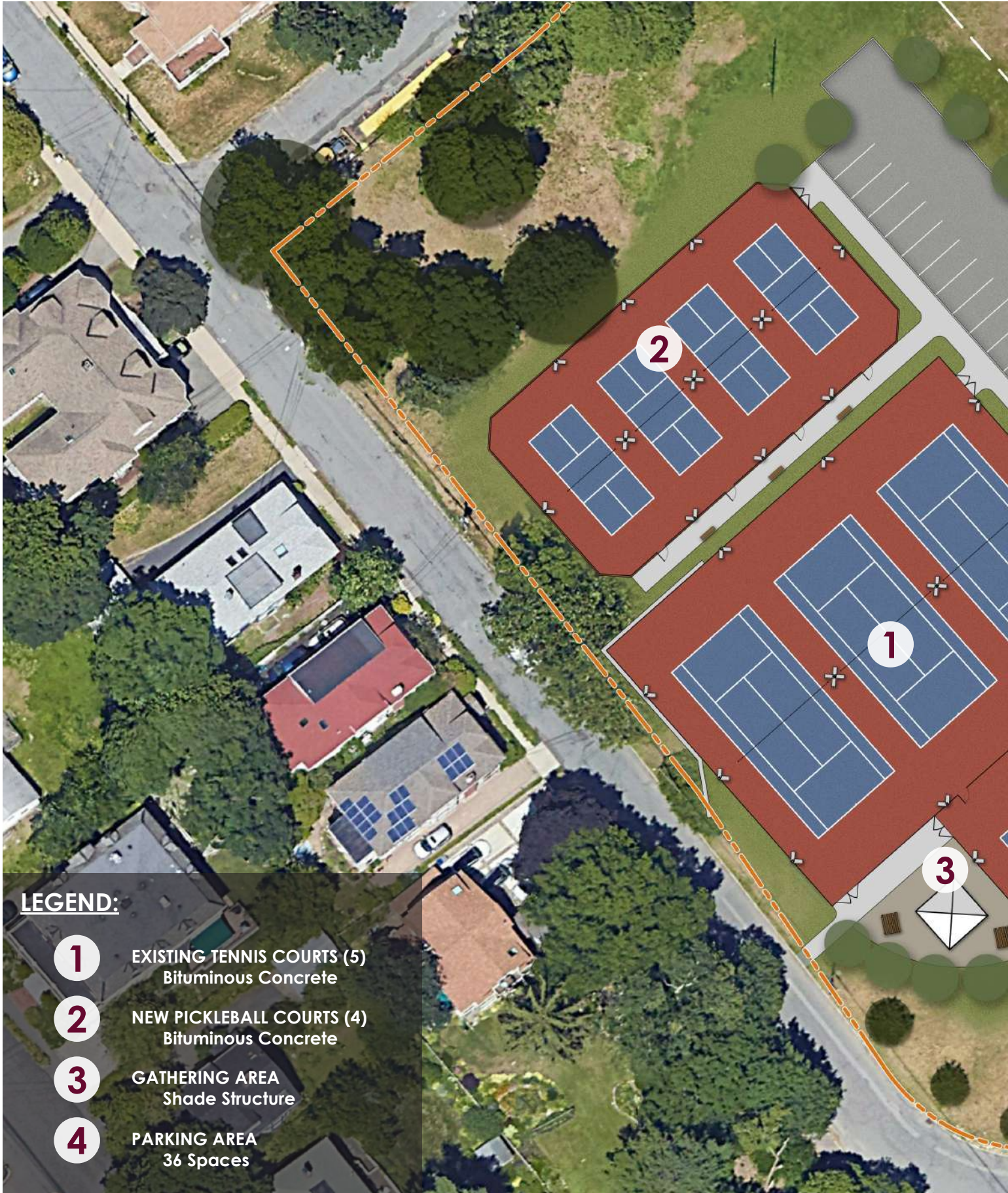


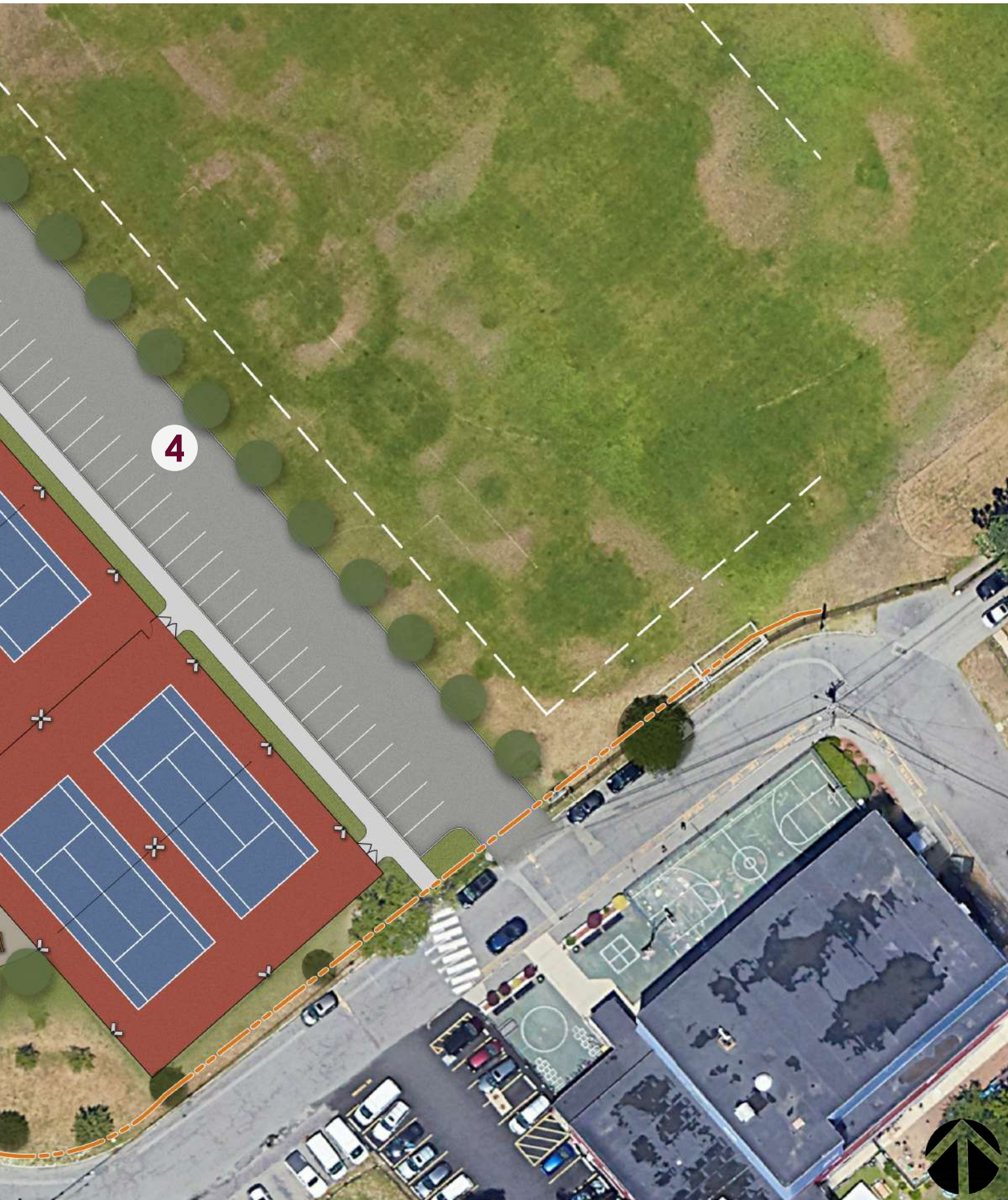
LEGEND:

- 1** NEW BASKETBALL COURTS (2)
Bituminous Concrete
- 2** LIGHTING AT BASKETBALL COURTS
- 3** EXISTING SPRAY PAD
- 4** EXISTING PLAYGROUND
- 5** GATHERING AREA
Shade Structure



SPY POND PARK RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS





SUMMER STREET PARK RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS



LEGEND:

- 1** NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS (3)
Bituminous Concrete
- 2** LIGHTING AT PICKLEBALL COURTS
- 3** GATHERING PLAZA
- 4** ACCESS FROM BIKEWAY



BUZZELL FIELD PARK

Buzzell Field Park currently features a single basketball court. Activitas recommends expanding the facility by adding a second court and installing a system of athletic lighting to extend usable hours. In addition, Activitas recommends improvements to user experience including seating areas and a shade structure. The existing playground, walking paths, and softball outfield space would remain undisturbed.

Buzzell Field Park was identified as a priority for renovation primarily due to its location. The court is highly visible and located centrally in Town, with access across the park from the Minuteman Commuter Bikeway. As basketball players are the most likely to join pickup games, the visibility and proximity to the street and other local amenities may encourage additional use, particularly in the evenings when the lights are on.

IMPACTS ON PROGRAMMING

Feedback from the community for basketball was focused on the desire for a pair of full-sized basketball courts for tournament play located somewhere in Town, ideally with lighting. The addition of lights and seating would increase the playability of the courts and the addition of athletic netting to the perimeter of the court would prevent conflict between softball and basketball use that might otherwise affect when the courts could be used.

ROUGH ORDER OF MAGNITUDE OF COST

ITEM	COST	
MOBILIZATION AND SITE PREPARATION	\$	43,742.00
EARTHWORK & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	\$	147,000.00
NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS	\$	155,546.00
LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS	\$	282,019.50
ALTERNATE 1 - ADD FOR TENNIS LIGHTING SYSTEM	\$	255,000.00
	SUBTOTAL \$	883,307.50
8% General Conditions	\$	70,664.60
12% Contractors Overhead and Profit	\$	105,996.90
	CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL \$	1,059,969.00
20% Construction and Design Contingency	\$	211,993.80
10% Soft Costs and Design Fees	\$	105,996.90
	TOTAL \$	1,377,959.70
Estimated Impact of Inflation on Construction Costs	2025 \$	1,433,078.09
	2026 \$	1,490,401.21
	2027 \$	1,550,017.26

CROSBY PARK

Crosby Park currently features four tennis courts, two of which are also striped with two pickleball courts each (a total of four pickleball courts). There is also an underutilized asphalt area which currently contains an undersized basketball court and a rebound wall. Activitas recommends rebuilding and expanding the tennis courts to five courts, removing the basketball court in the process. In the place of a small blacktop area intended for use at elementary school recess, Activitas recommends adding four dedicated pickleball courts. The existing playground, parking area, and flexible field space would remain undisturbed.

The courts at Crosby Park are the oldest courts in Town and receive heavy use despite being the lowest-rated tennis courts by tennis players. Tennis players frequently complain about the condition of the courts and the conflicts between tennis and pickleball use. Despite this, Crosby Park is rated highly for its location and the availability of parking.

IMPACTS ON PROGRAMMING

Adding new dedicated pickleball courts would reduce conflicts that may occur between tennis and pickleball players that currently share space and time slots on the existing tennis courts. By replicating the existing striped pickleball courts at their own facility, the plan returns the two tennis courts that were often in use for pickleball back to tennis players.

In addition, a fifth tennis court would allow the park to support use by high school and college tennis programs. High school tennis programs that currently play at Spy Pond and Grove Street could divide their time to free up courts for other uses.

Though the plan proposes removing an existing basketball court, the court is significantly undersized and the court and surrounding area are in poor condition. As Crosby Park ranked very low with basketball players in terms of popularity, it is not assumed that the loss of the court will significantly impact basketball programming in Town. A full-sized basketball court can be found at North Union Park, less than .25 miles from Crosby Park.

ROUGH ORDER OF MAGNITUDE OF COST

ITEM	COST	
MOBILIZATION AND SITE PREPARATION	\$	43,742.00
EARTHWORK & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	\$	147,000.00
NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS	\$	155,546.00
LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS	\$	282,019.50
ALTERNATE 1 - ADD FOR TENNIS LIGHTING SYSTEM	\$	255,000.00
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 883,307.50
8% General Conditions	\$	70,664.60
12% Contractors Overhead and Profit	\$	105,996.90
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	TOTAL	\$ 1,377,959.70
Estimated Impact of Inflation on Construction Costs	2025	\$ 1,433,078.09
	2026	\$ 1,490,401.21
	2027	\$ 1,550,017.26

NORTH UNION PARK

North Union Park currently features a single basketball court. Activitas recommends expanding the facility by adding a second court and installing a system of court lighting to extend usable hours. In addition, Activitas recommends developing a plaza area between the courts and the spray pad, increasing access to the courts from Everett Street and providing shade and seating in a busy area of the park. The existing playground, spray pad, and field space would remain undisturbed.

North Union Park was prioritized for renovation due to its adjacency to Thompson Elementary School and the proximity and popularity of other amenities onsite, including a baseball field, spray pad, and playground. This variety of amenities means that the park is often busy year-round.

The location of the courts in the center of the park allows the Town to explore adding a system of athletic lighting with minimal impact to abutters. The playground is very popular and a system of lighting has been proposed for the play areas in addition to the courts.

IMPACTS ON PROGRAMMING

Feedback from the community for basketball was focused on the desire for a pair of full-sized basketball courts for tournament play located somewhere in Town, ideally with lighting. As North Union Park is popular for its other amenities, including the playground and spray pad, the second basketball court and expanded gathering areas could make the park even more of a destination.

Landscape improvements would increase user comfort and safety by providing shade, protection from inclement weather, seating, and gathering space while also improving the aesthetic appearance of the court. These improvements may help to increase the popularity of the park with court users.

The proposed gathering areas adjacent to the courts would not only serve the courts but would also introduce additional seating and much-needed shade at the spray pad.

ROUGH ORDER OF MAGNITUDE OF COST

ITEM	COST	
MOBILIZATION AND SITE PREPARATION	\$	43,742.00
EARTHWORK & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	\$	147,000.00
NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS	\$	155,546.00
LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS	\$	282,019.50
ALTERNATE 1 - ADD FOR TENNIS LIGHTING SYSTEM	\$	255,000.00
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 883,307.50
8% General Conditions	\$	70,664.60
12% Contractors Overhead and Profit	\$	105,996.90
	CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,059,969.00
20% Construction and Design Contingency	\$	211,993.80
10% Soft Costs and Design Fees	\$	105,996.90
	TOTAL	\$ 1,377,959.70
Estimated Impact of Inflation on Construction Costs	2025	\$ 1,433,078.09
	2026	\$ 1,490,401.21
	2027	\$ 1,550,017.26

SPY POND PARK

Spy Pond Park currently features five tennis courts and a small practice court. Activitas recommends adding a new bay of four pickleball courts, removing the practice court and constructing a gathering plaza in its place, and adding a parking lot. The existing tennis courts would remain undisturbed.

Spy Pond Park is the most popular tennis facility in town and is used by high school and college tennis programs. The existing tennis courts are in good condition but have been impacted by the shared use of spaces for both tennis and pickleball, and the small practice court area is underutilized. Lack of parking was also a common concern for users.

Despite these concerns, Spy Pond Park was prioritized for renovation due to its popularity and the size of the property. There is significantly more room for expansion at Spy Pond than at the other tennis courts in Town.

IMPACTS ON PROGRAMMING

Adding new dedicated pickleball courts would reduce conflicts that may occur between tennis and pickleball players that currently share space and time slots on the existing tennis courts. By replicating the existing striped pickleball courts at their own facility, the plan returns the two tennis courts that were often in use for pickleball back to tennis players.

The small practice court is rarely used and not needed to support any current programs. The park currently lacks other amenities that would improve user experience, including seating and shade. The proposed gathering plaza addresses this concern with a shade structure and picnic tables.

The new parking area reduces the size of the adjacent flexible outfield space but should not impact programs that use the field. An 11v11 soccer match can still be played without crossing into the baseball infield.

ROUGH ORDER OF MAGNITUDE OF COST

ITEM	COST	
MOBILIZATION AND SITE PREPARATION	\$	43,742.00
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SUMMER STREET PARK

Summer Street Park currently features single basketball court with a defunct system of court lighting and two stonedust bocce courts. Activitas recommends replacing the basketball court with three pickleball courts, restoring the court lighting, and constructing a gathering plaza in place of the bocce courts. The existing fitness trails would remain undisturbed.

Summer Street Park was prioritized for renovation primarily due to its location. The park has direct access to the Minuteman Bikeway and is adjacent to the Recreation Department Offices, the Ed Burns Arena and Skating Rink, and the Hill's Hill fields. The location in an industrial area allows the Town to explore adding a system of court lighting with minimal impact to abutters.

IMPACTS ON PROGRAMMING

Though the plan proposes removing a full-sized court, Summer Street Park ranks very low with basketball users in terms of popularity despite its central and highly accessible location. With this level of use it is unlikely that the loss of the basketball court will have a major impact on users.

The bocce courts are very rarely used, though the area around the courts is used more frequently for passive uses including tai chi and tabletop games. Converting the area to a passive gathering space would allow these activities to continue in an open area while alleviating some of the current concerns about maintenance and safety posed by the recessed bocce courts.

Expanding pickleball courts separate from tennis facilities allows the Town to offer the sport in new neighborhoods and helps to reduce conflicts between sports that may occur when tennis and pickleball players have to share space.

ROUGH ORDER OF MAGNITUDE OF COST

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IMPACTS ON SYSTEM INVENTORY

The following chart, adapted from Section 3: Court System Inventory, shows the proposed change to the court system inventory and the impact on the deficit previously described.

SPORT	EXISTING COURTS	PROPOSED COURTS (CHANGE)	RECOMMENDED COURTS (NRPA)	REMAINING DEFICIT
Tennis	14	+1	32	17
Pickleball	8	+7	23	8
Basketball	4	+1	9	4 (full-size)

Despite a relatively low change in quantities proposed for tennis and basketball, utility is greatly increased for both sports. For basketball, there are now two proposed facilities that have side-by-side full courts with lighting even though the recommendations show a net gain of only one full-sized court (the converted court at Summer Street is a proposed loss). This is ideal for league and tournament play and the lighting allows basketball to be played later into the evenings, when a majority of users reported in the survey that they currently play basketball.

Tennis utility is increased by removing pickleball courts from the tennis facilities where use is currently shared, reducing some of the use conflicts that both parties report at the shared-use courts. Although the recommendations only create one new tennis court, removing shared use would return these existing courts to primarily tennis play, effectively increasing their availability.

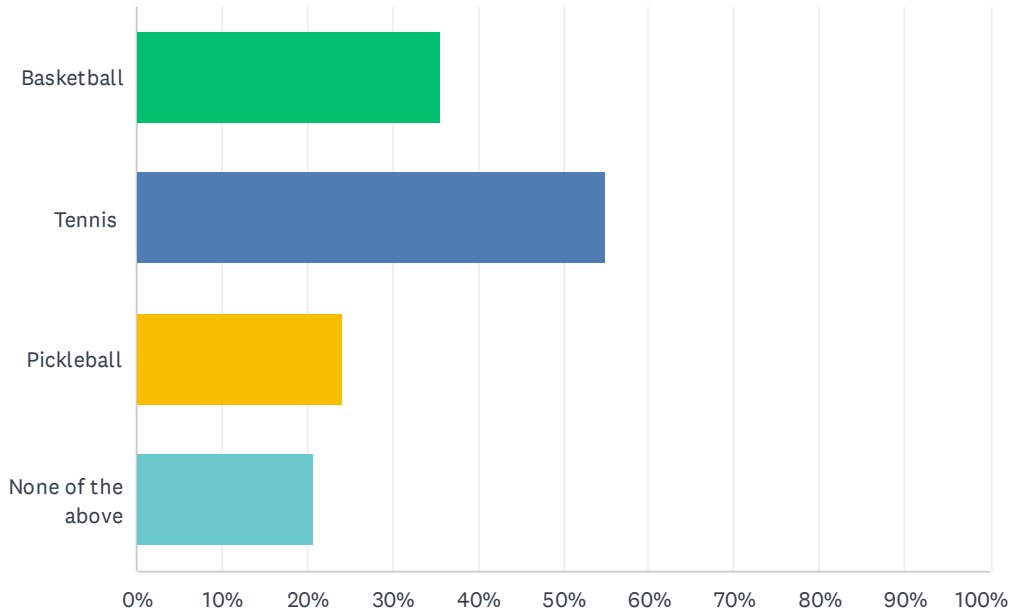
With these recommended improvements, the number of pickleball courts is increased significantly from 8 to 15 courts, 11 of which would be dedicated for pickleball. Shared use could continue at Robbins Farm and Grove Street, and pickleball distribution could be further expanded by increasing shared use at other basketball courts in Town.

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A | FULL SURVEY REPORT

Q1 What types of court facilities do you use in Arlington? (Select all that apply)

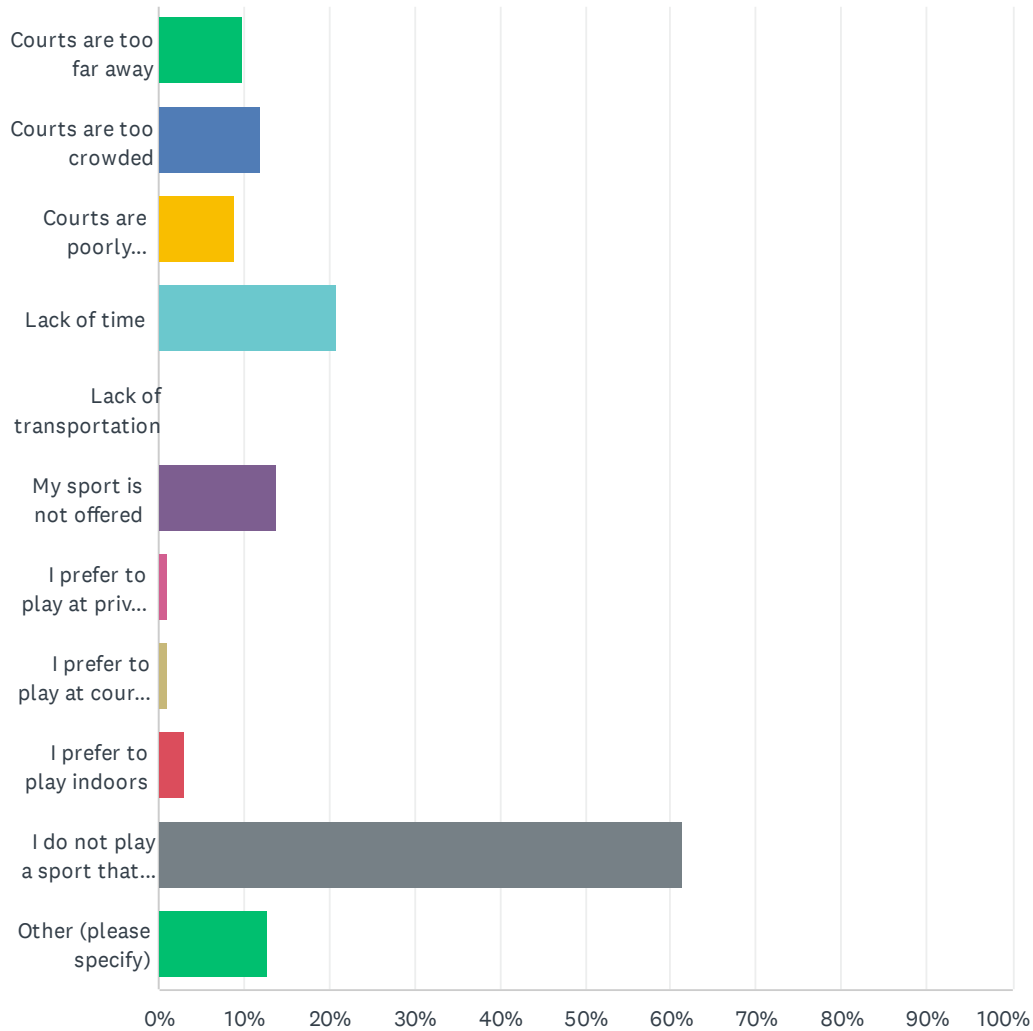
Answered: 552 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Basketball	35.69%	197
Tennis	55.07%	304
Pickleball	24.09%	133
None of the above	20.65%	114
Total Respondents: 552		

Q2 Why don't you use the court facilities in Arlington? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 101 Skipped: 451



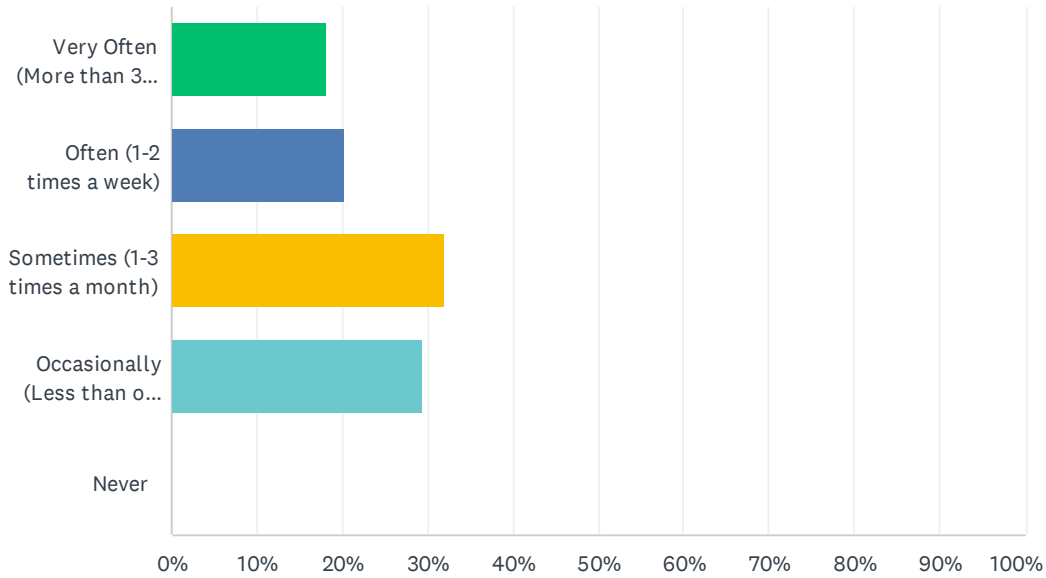
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Courts are too far away	9.90%	10
Courts are too crowded	11.88%	12
Courts are poorly maintained	8.91%	9
Lack of time	20.79%	21
Lack of transportation	0.00%	0
My sport is not offered	13.86%	14
I prefer to play at private courts	0.99%	1
I prefer to play at courts in another town	0.99%	1
I prefer to play indoors	2.97%	3
I do not play a sport that requires a court	61.39%	62
Other (please specify)	12.87%	13
Total Respondents: 101		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Unclear how to reserve.	4/10/2023 9:15 PM
2	West Medford courts are closer to my house, should I want to play a court sport.	4/10/2023 8:26 PM
3	I didn't realize there was a pickleball court.	4/10/2023 7:52 PM
4	not enough badminton courts in the town.	4/10/2023 7:24 PM
5	Volleyball courts needed	4/10/2023 5:13 PM
6	I or my family use baseball fields.	4/10/2023 5:13 PM
7	Not enough beginner pickle ball instruction courses offered	4/10/2023 4:01 PM
8	I didn't realize that there were pickle ball courts.	4/10/2023 3:58 PM
9	I don't play these sports. Would prefer a bouldering wall and bike track.	4/10/2023 3:40 PM
10	I do not play these sports, my kids play soccer	4/2/2023 5:11 PM
11	Courts are not lighted	3/31/2023 3:24 PM
12	I didn't know there were pickleball courts (where are they?).	3/31/2023 2:02 PM
13	I play badminton.	3/30/2023 7:21 PM

Q3 How frequently do you use the basketball courts?

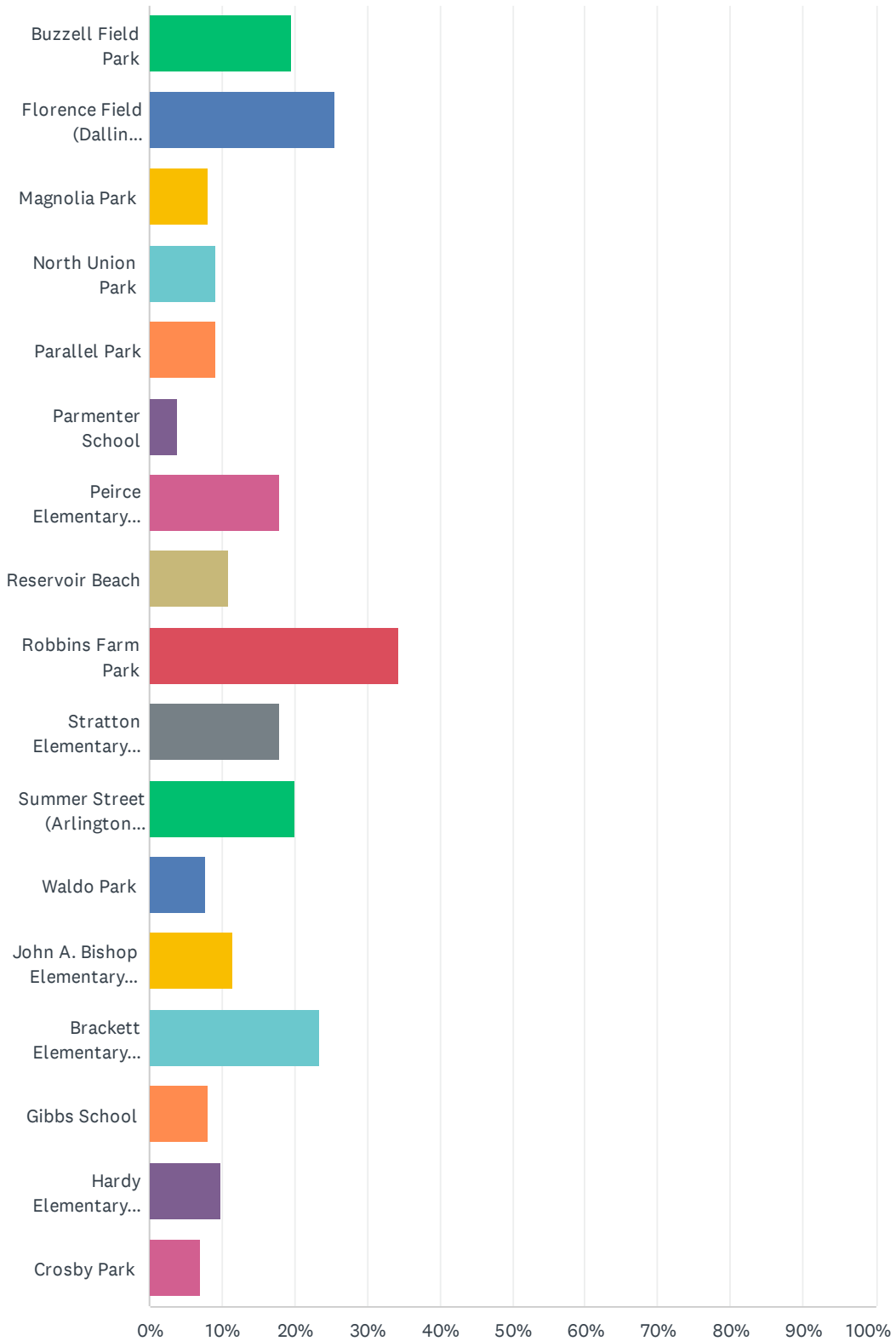
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Often (More than 3 times a week)	18.18%	34
Often (1-2 times a week)	20.32%	38
Sometimes (1-3 times a month)	32.09%	60
Occasionally (Less than once a month)	29.41%	55
Never	0.00%	0
TOTAL		187

Q4 Which basketball courts do you use? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 184 Skipped: 368



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Buzzell Field Park	19.57%	36
Florence Field (Dallin Elementary School)	25.54%	47
Magnolia Park	8.15%	15
North Union Park	9.24%	17
Parallel Park	9.24%	17
Parmenter School	3.80%	7
Peirce Elementary School	17.93%	33
Reservoir Beach	10.87%	20
Robbins Farm Park	34.24%	63
Stratton Elementary School	17.93%	33
Summer Street (Arlington Recreation Department)	20.11%	37
Waldo Park	7.61%	14
John A. Bishop Elementary School	11.41%	21
Brackett Elementary School	23.37%	43
Gibbs School	8.15%	15
Hardy Elementary School	9.78%	18
Crosby Park	7.07%	13
Total Respondents: 184		

Q5 Why don't you use the basketball court facilities in Arlington? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 0 Skipped: 552

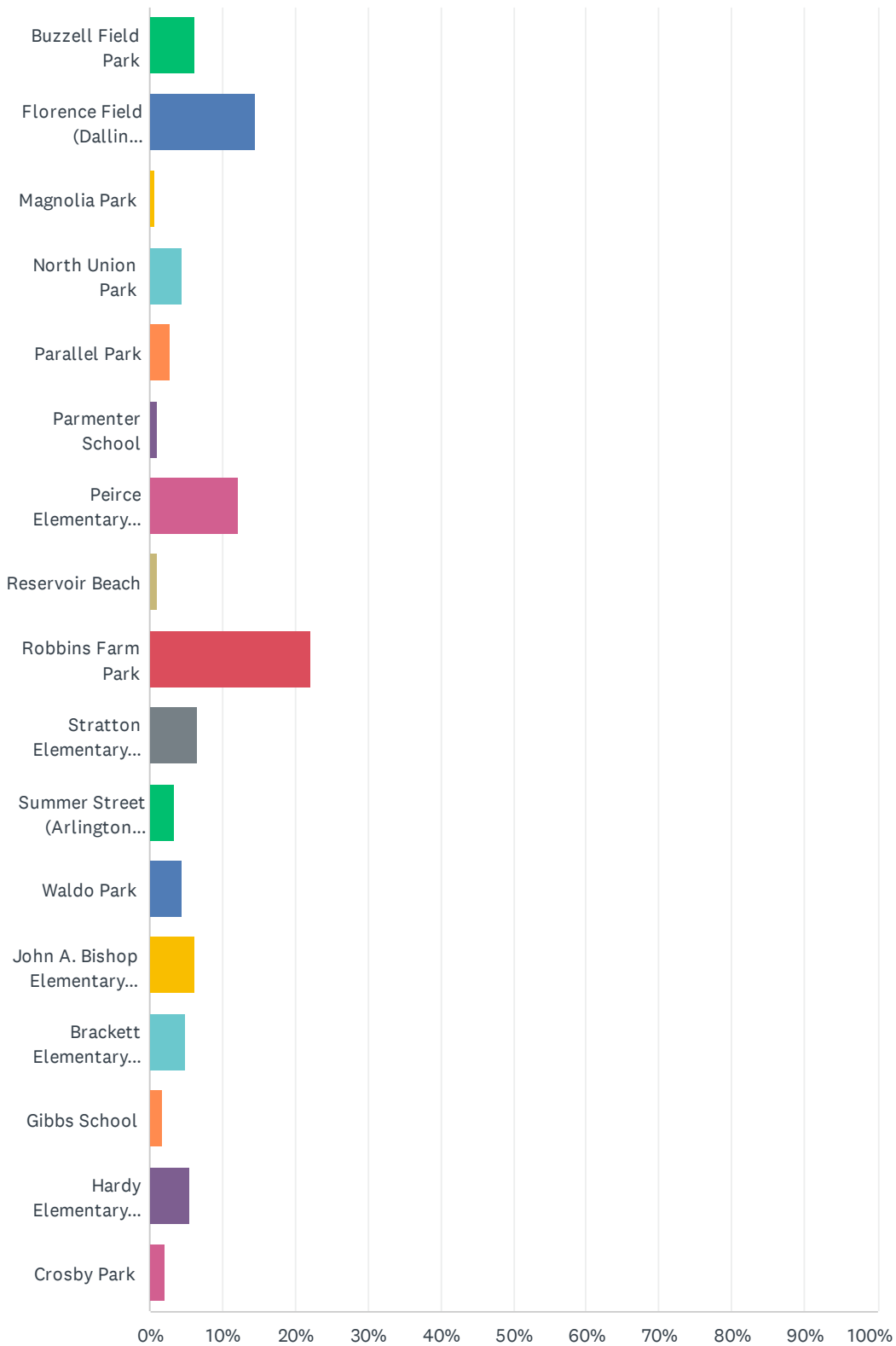
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Courts are too far away	0.00% 0
Courts are too crowded	0.00% 0
Courts are poorly maintained	0.00% 0
Lack of time	0.00% 0
Lack of transportation	0.00% 0
I prefer to play at private courts	0.00% 0
I prefer to play at courts in another town	0.00% 0
I prefer to play indoors	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 0	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q6 Of the basketball courts that you use, which court is your favorite?

Answered: 180 Skipped: 372

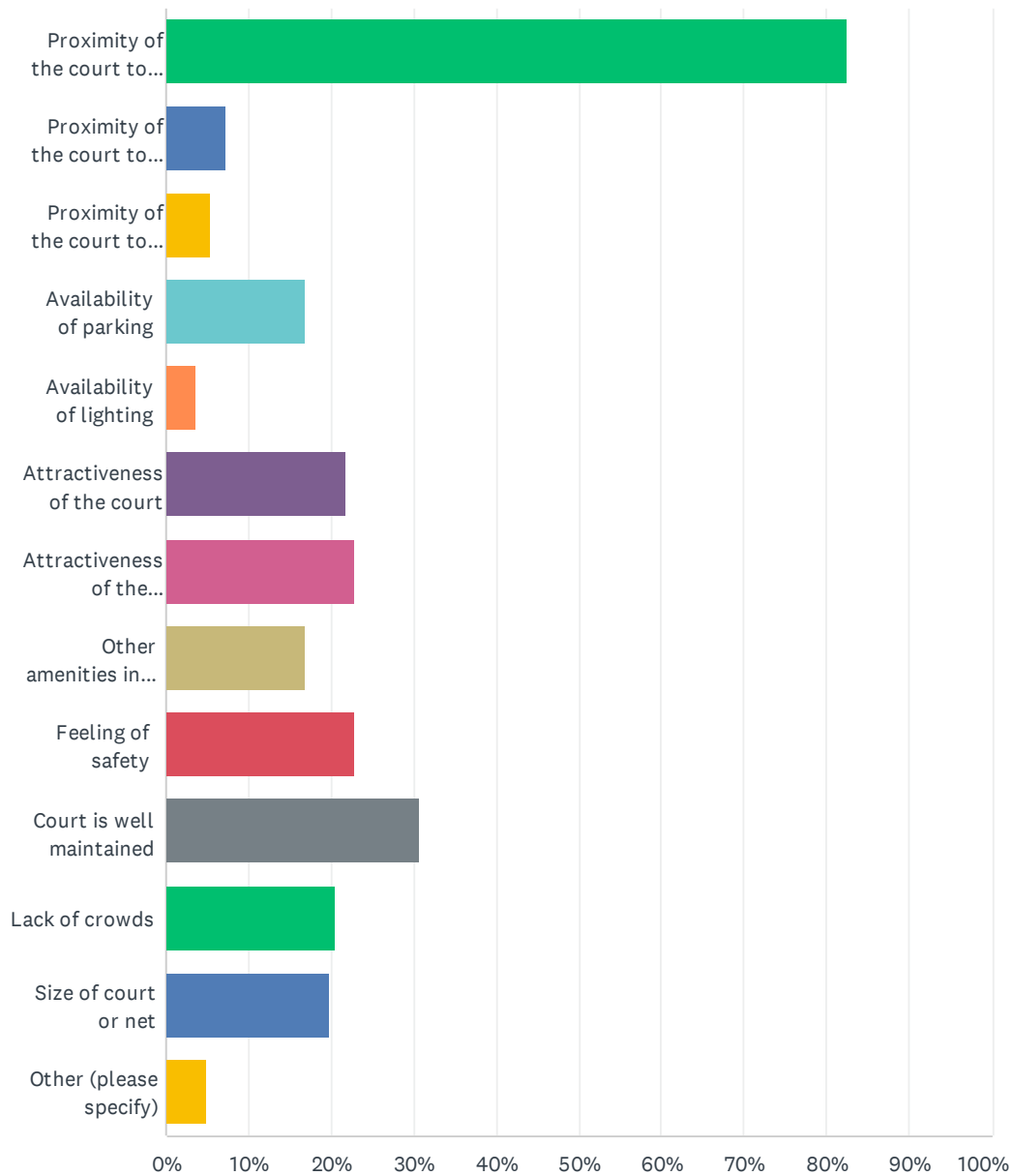


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Buzzell Field Park	6.11%	11
Florence Field (Dallin Elementary School)	14.44%	26
Magnolia Park	0.56%	1
North Union Park	4.44%	8
Parallel Park	2.78%	5
Parmenter School	1.11%	2
Peirce Elementary School	12.22%	22
Reservoir Beach	1.11%	2
Robbins Farm Park	22.22%	40
Stratton Elementary School	6.67%	12
Summer Street (Arlington Recreation Department)	3.33%	6
Waldo Park	4.44%	8
John A. Bishop Elementary School	6.11%	11
Brackett Elementary School	5.00%	9
Gibbs School	1.67%	3
Hardy Elementary School	5.56%	10
Crosby Park	2.22%	4
TOTAL		180

Q7 What features of {{Q6}} do you most enjoy? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 166 Skipped: 386



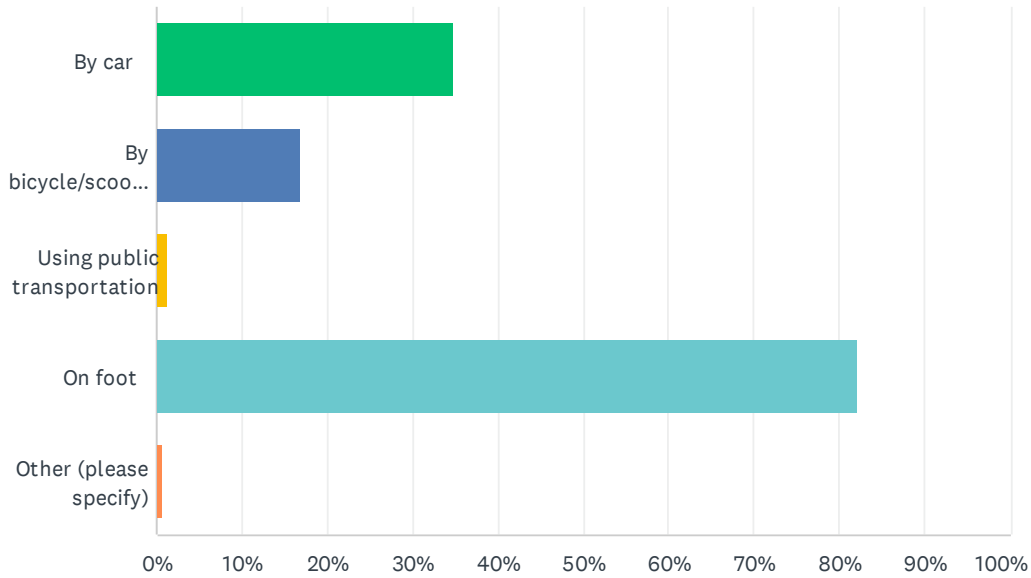
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Proximity of the court to home, school or work	82.53%	137
Proximity of the court to other destinations	7.23%	12
Proximity of the court to public transit/bike routes	5.42%	9
Availability of parking	16.87%	28
Availability of lighting	3.61%	6
Attractiveness of the court	21.69%	36
Attractiveness of the neighborhood/park	22.89%	38
Other amenities in the park	16.87%	28
Feeling of safety	22.89%	38
Court is well maintained	30.72%	51
Lack of crowds	20.48%	34
Size of court or net	19.88%	33
Other (please specify)	4.82%	8
Total Respondents: 166		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	It has the best court and backboards.	4/11/2023 1:18 PM
2	My son uses Poets all the time as well but it was not on the list.	4/11/2023 10:51 AM
3	glass backboards give more friction for better use	4/10/2023 5:38 PM
4	Fenced in so don't have to worry about ball rolling too far away	4/10/2023 3:40 PM
5	Can change the height of the hoops for kids who can't hit regulation baskets.	4/10/2023 3:39 PM
6	Like the different height hoops for smaller kids; As they age, we really like Robbins court.	4/4/2023 6:50 PM
7	Scoreboard	4/1/2023 4:36 PM
8	The view is incredible. Just wish there was a small berm to keep the ball from rolling away and provide some seating.	4/1/2023 7:54 AM

Q8 How do you arrive at {{ Q6 }}? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 167 Skipped: 385

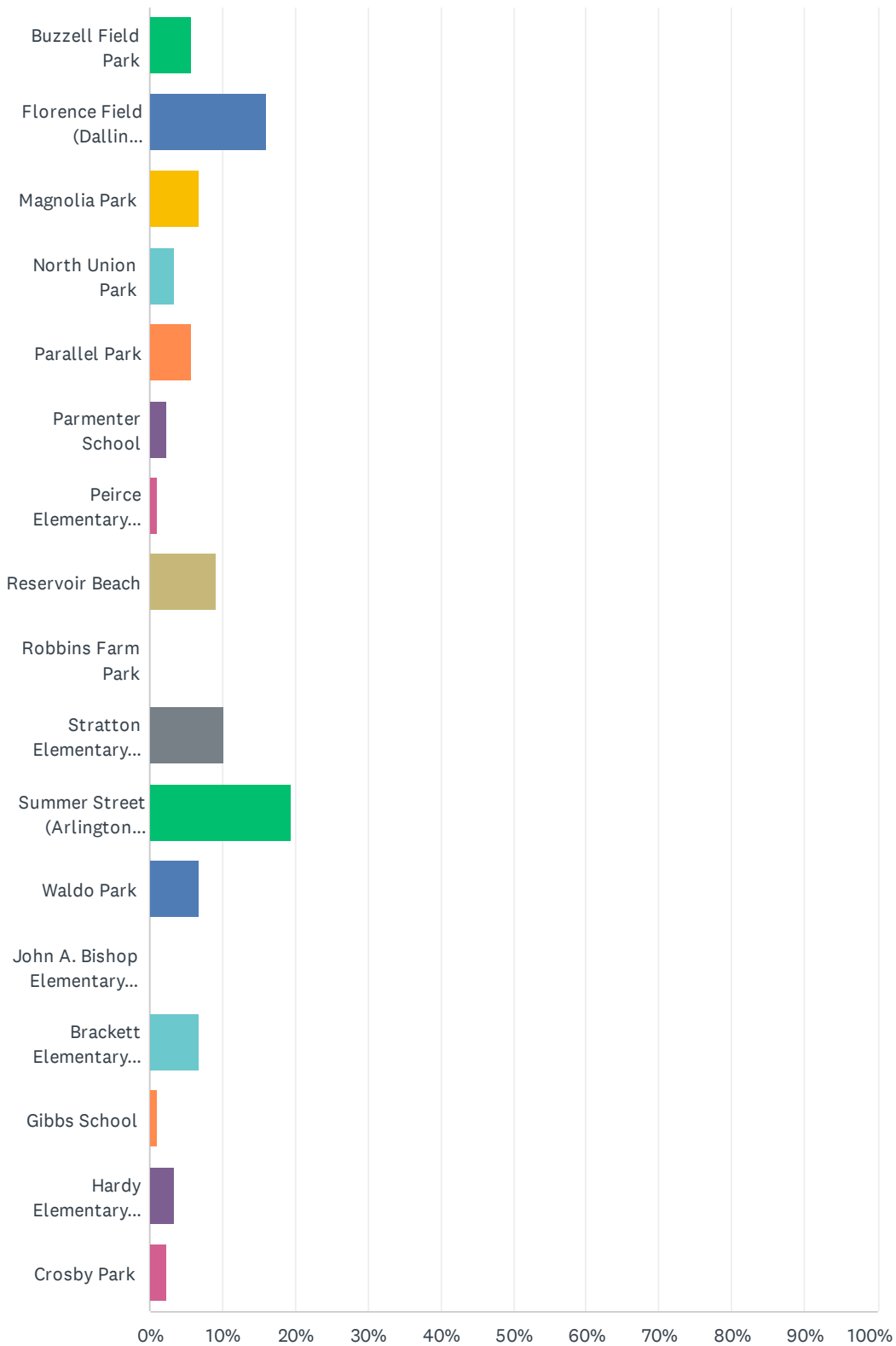


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
By car	34.73%	58
By bicycle/scooter/skateboard/other non-motorized	16.77%	28
Using public transportation	1.20%	2
On foot	82.04%	137
Other (please specify)	0.60%	1
Total Respondents: 167		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I live next door to the courts.	3/31/2023 4:03 PM

Q9 Which basketball court is your least favorite?

Answered: 88 Skipped: 464

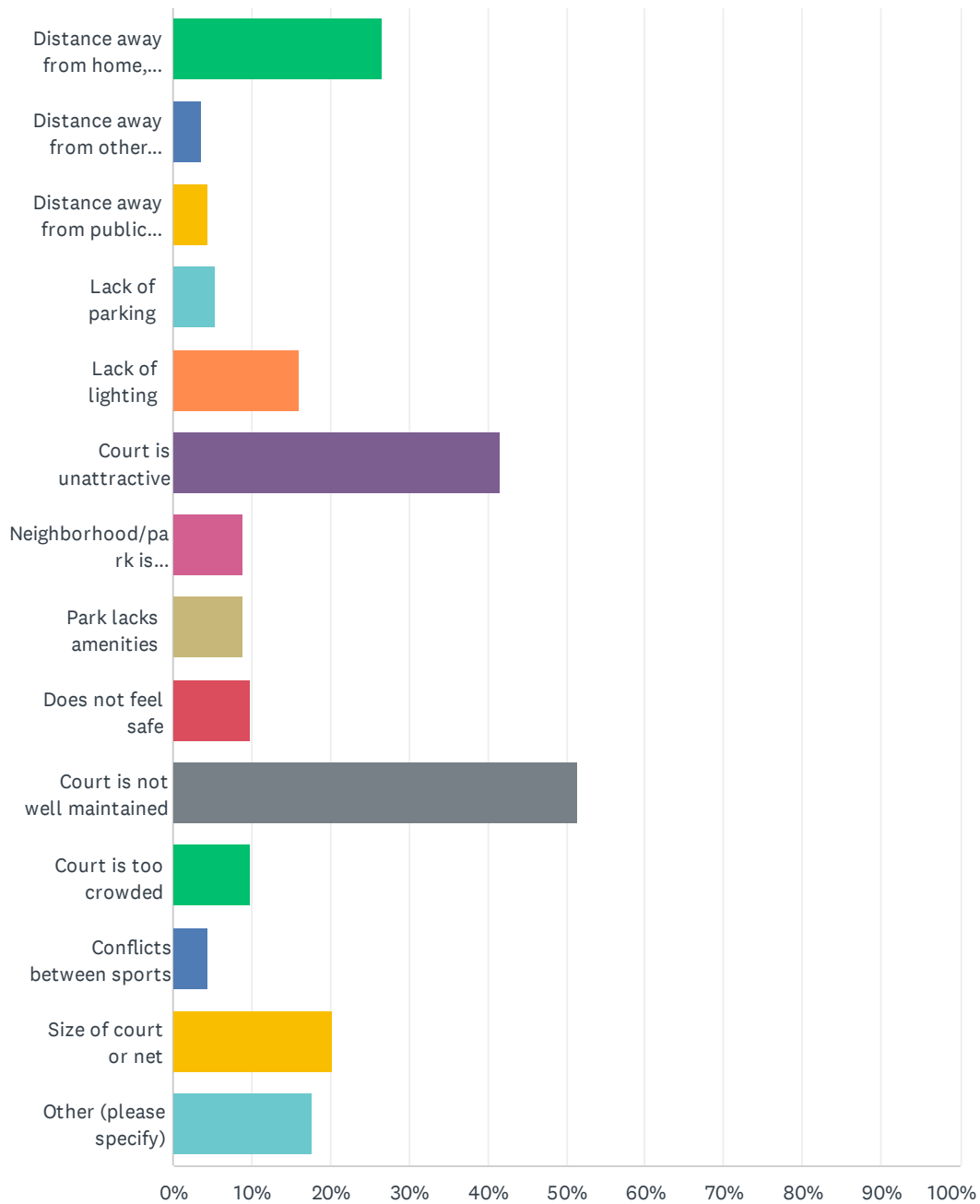


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Buzzell Field Park	5.68%	5
Florence Field (Dallin Elementary School)	15.91%	14
Magnolia Park	6.82%	6
North Union Park	3.41%	3
Parallel Park	5.68%	5
Parmenter School	2.27%	2
Peirce Elementary School	1.14%	1
Reservoir Beach	9.09%	8
Robbins Farm Park	0.00%	0
Stratton Elementary School	10.23%	9
Summer Street (Arlington Recreation Department)	19.32%	17
Waldo Park	6.82%	6
John A. Bishop Elementary School	0.00%	0
Brackett Elementary School	6.82%	6
Gibbs School	1.14%	1
Hardy Elementary School	3.41%	3
Crosby Park	2.27%	2
TOTAL		88

Q10 What features of {{ Q9 }} do you least enjoy? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 113 Skipped: 439



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Distance away from home, school or work	26.55%	30
Distance away from other destinations	3.54%	4
Distance away from public transit/bike routes	4.42%	5
Lack of parking	5.31%	6
Lack of lighting	15.93%	18
Court is unattractive	41.59%	47
Neighborhood/park is unattractive	8.85%	10
Park lacks amenities	8.85%	10
Does not feel safe	9.73%	11
Court is not well maintained	51.33%	58
Court is too crowded	9.73%	11
Conflicts between sports	4.42%	5
Size of court or net	20.35%	23
Other (please specify)	17.70%	20
Total Respondents: 113		

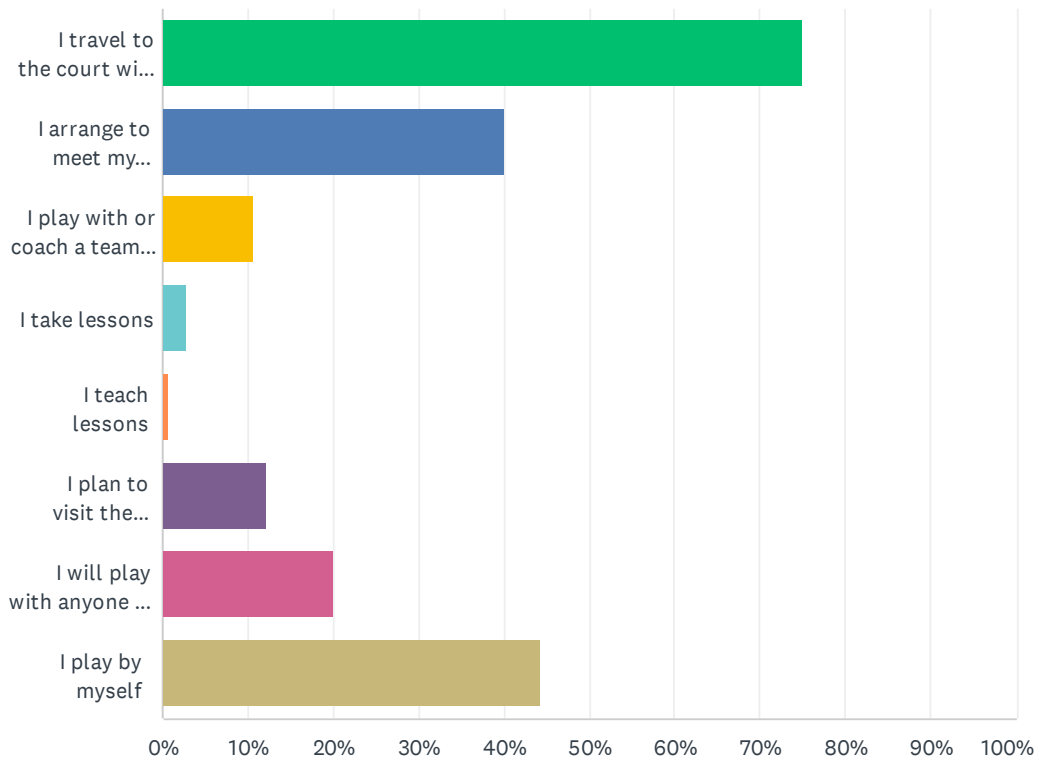
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1	Broken	5/2/2023 9:24 AM
2	It is on a slope and the baskets are in poor shape	4/11/2023 1:19 PM
3	The basketball hoop is temporary, an eyesore and in disrepair. For the money spent on the Reservoir renovations and the nice court, I find it hard to believe this is the basketball hoop that is provided.	4/11/2023 8:56 AM
4	Too many off leash dogs	4/11/2023 6:10 AM
5	I find the park next to it not taken care of. The bocce ball and the outdoor workout stations need maintenance.	4/10/2023 9:49 PM
6	The court is sloped making it an uneven playing surface	4/10/2023 8:02 PM
7	Court is oddly placed in back of field	4/10/2023 7:10 PM
8	I don't know where it is	4/10/2023 6:56 PM
9	Wish it was closer to the street.	4/10/2023 6:09 PM
10	Ground beneath hoops are slanted	4/10/2023 5:40 PM
11	Hoops are different heights off the ground.	4/10/2023 5:11 PM
12	Not marked and sloped ground. Poorly maintained	4/10/2023 4:26 PM
13	it's only halfcourt and the ball can roll in the ditch which is gross when it's muddy	4/10/2023 3:41 PM
14	Court needs update — 5 minutes from my house	4/10/2023 3:40 PM
15	It's so far away from everything at Dallin...it's an afterthought in the overall sports area.	4/10/2023 3:39 PM
16	Erosion of the ground around the edge of the blacktop makes the Brackett court unsafe. The Brackett playground in general is in bad need for maintenance.	4/1/2023 3:48 PM

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17	The vegetation crowds the sides, access is weird with the parking barriers and does not drain particularly well.	4/1/2023 7:55 AM
18	Don't have a least favorite	3/31/2023 4:04 PM
19	N/A	3/31/2023 1:55 PM
20	The height adjustment of the basketball hoop doesn't work.	3/30/2023 9:14 PM

Q11 How do you use the basketball courts? (Select all that apply)

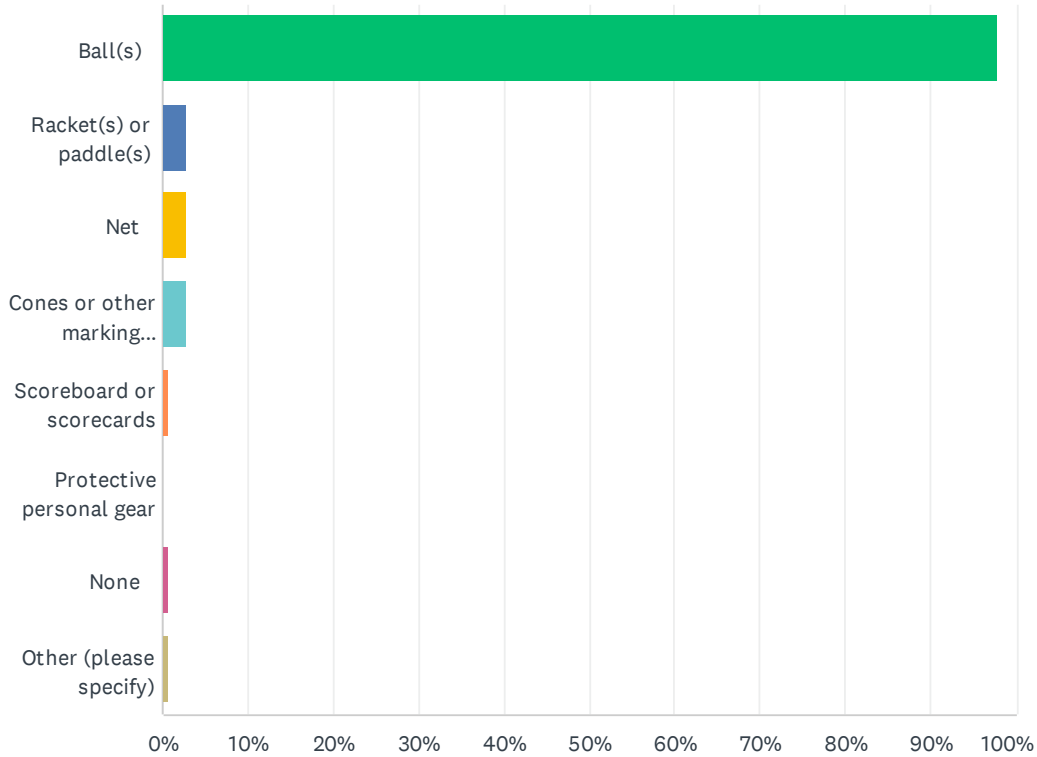
Answered: 140 Skipped: 412



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I travel to the court with my friends/family	75.00%	105
I arrange to meet my friends/family at the court	40.00%	56
I play with or coach a team or organized group	10.71%	15
I take lessons	2.86%	4
I teach lessons	0.71%	1
I plan to visit the courts at a time when I know others will be there	12.14%	17
I will play with anyone who is at the court at the same time	20.00%	28
I play by myself	44.29%	62
Total Respondents: 140		

Q12 What equipment do you bring with you to use the basketball courts (Select all that apply)

Answered: 141 Skipped: 411

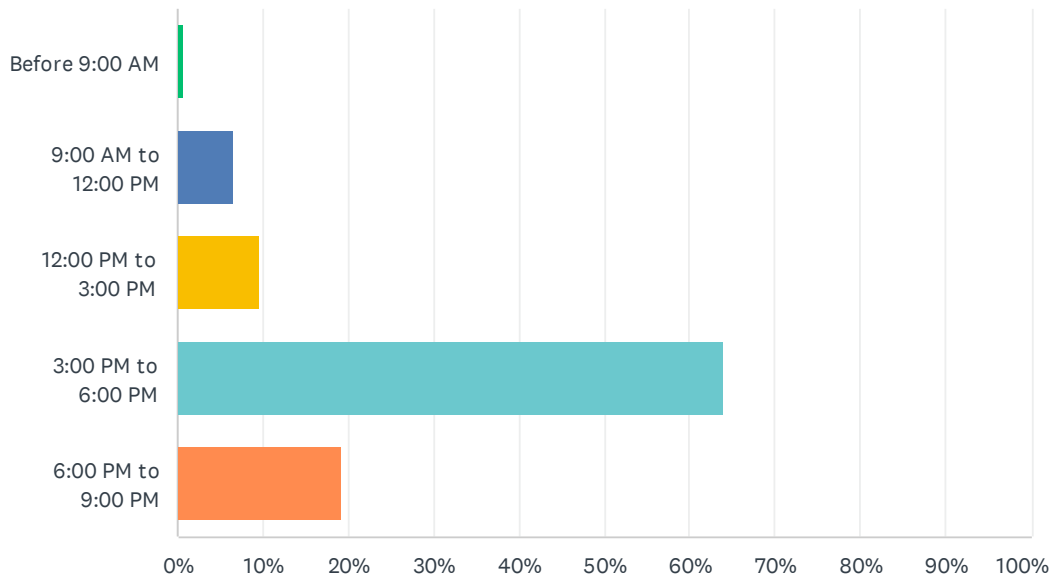


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ball(s)	97.87%	138
Racket(s) or paddle(s)	2.84%	4
Net	2.84%	4
Cones or other marking equipment	2.84%	4
Scoreboard or scorecards	0.71%	1
Protective personal gear	0.00%	0
None	0.71%	1
Other (please specify)	0.71%	1
Total Respondents: 141		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Gymnastic equipment	3/31/2023 5:09 PM

Q13 During what time of day do you use the basketball courts?

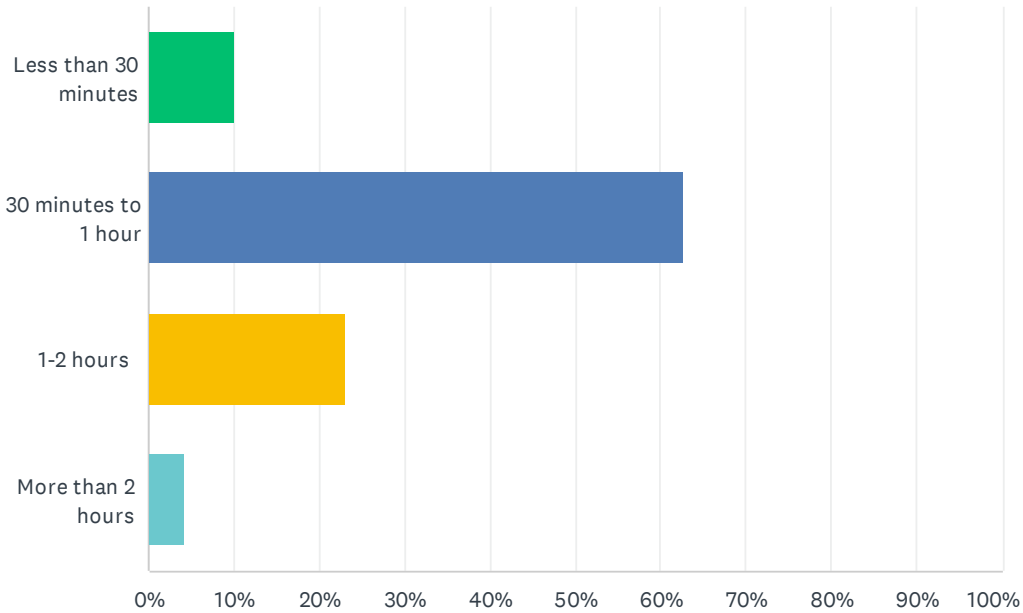
Answered: 136 Skipped: 416



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Before 9:00 AM	0.74% 1
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	6.62% 9
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM	9.56% 13
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM	63.97% 87
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	19.12% 26
TOTAL	136

Q14 On average, how long do you spend at a basketball court during a single visit?

Answered: 139 Skipped: 413



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 30 minutes	10.07%	14
30 minutes to 1 hour	62.59%	87
1-2 hours	23.02%	32
More than 2 hours	4.32%	6
TOTAL		139

Q15 Do you travel to play basketball in any other cities/towns?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 504

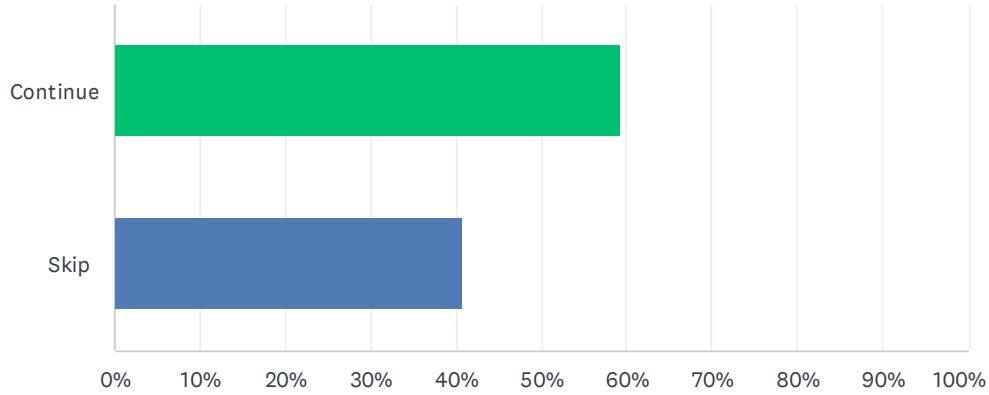
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1	Occasionally - we like the courts in Medford at Dugger Park.	4/17/2023 11:24 AM
2	no	4/14/2023 10:34 PM
3	no	4/14/2023 2:42 PM
4	Yes, I travel to Cambridge as well.	4/13/2023 9:40 AM
5	Newton	4/12/2023 12:08 PM
6	No	4/12/2023 12:06 PM
7	no	4/12/2023 10:21 AM
8	Somerville	4/11/2023 10:24 PM
9	no	4/11/2023 9:53 PM
10	Yes	4/11/2023 1:20 PM
11	no	4/11/2023 11:34 AM
12	Yes - Winchester - Vinson Owen School Courts are great	4/11/2023 9:53 AM
13	Yes, Lexington	4/11/2023 8:57 AM
14	Yes play in leagues that travel to other towns	4/11/2023 8:15 AM
15	Yes, child on AAU team	4/11/2023 6:11 AM
16	No	4/10/2023 10:47 PM
17	No	4/10/2023 10:42 PM
18	Davis square	4/10/2023 10:12 PM
19	No	4/10/2023 9:34 PM
20	Boston	4/10/2023 7:17 PM
21	Yes indoors	4/10/2023 7:12 PM
22	Yes	4/10/2023 6:57 PM
23	Lexington	4/10/2023 6:56 PM
24	No	4/10/2023 6:30 PM
25	Yes, Lexington	4/10/2023 6:10 PM
26	Yes	4/10/2023 5:48 PM
27	sometimes in Cambridge or Watertown	4/10/2023 5:41 PM
28	Yes	4/10/2023 5:12 PM
29	Medford	4/10/2023 4:57 PM
30	No	4/10/2023 4:42 PM
31	yes	4/10/2023 4:28 PM
32	no	4/10/2023 4:09 PM
33	Sometimes	4/10/2023 4:03 PM

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34	No	4/10/2023 3:43 PM
35	No	4/10/2023 3:41 PM
36	Yes, Medford better courts	4/10/2023 3:41 PM
37	Winchester -	4/10/2023 3:40 PM
38	yes	4/10/2023 3:37 PM
39	yes, indoor at other gyms	4/10/2023 3:36 PM
40	No	4/10/2023 3:32 PM
41	Yes	4/1/2023 4:03 PM
42	no	4/1/2023 2:52 PM
43	No	3/31/2023 5:23 PM
44	Medford	3/31/2023 5:09 PM
45	No	3/31/2023 4:05 PM
46	no	3/31/2023 2:04 PM
47	Dugger Park, Medford	3/31/2023 1:58 PM
48	No	3/31/2023 1:56 PM

Q16 The following questions pertain to tennis court use in Arlington. If you don't play tennis or don't wish to answer questions pertaining to tennis court use, please select "Skip" below.

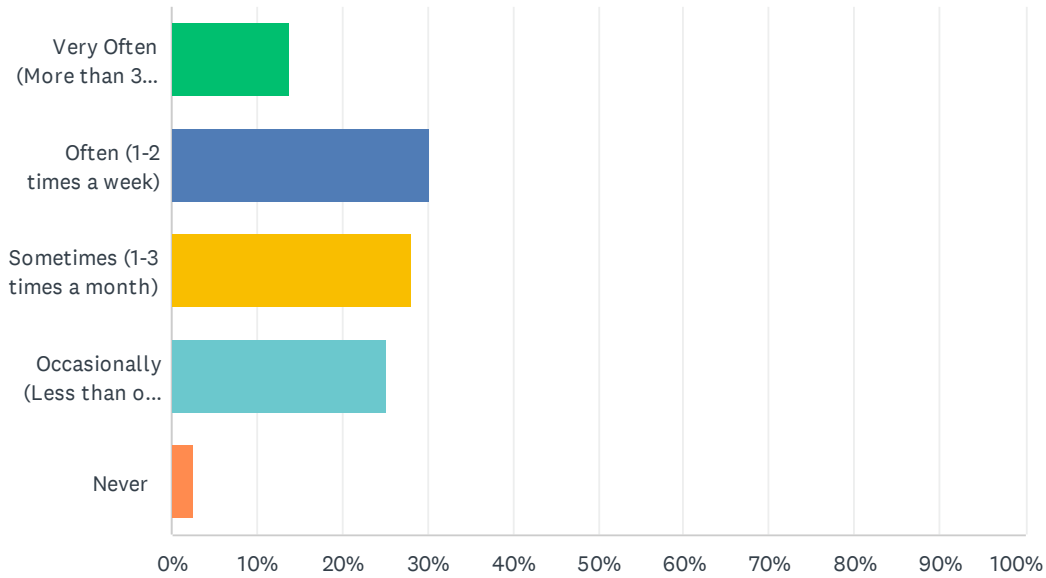
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Continue	59.29%	83
Skip	40.71%	57
TOTAL		140

Q17 How frequently do you use the tennis courts?

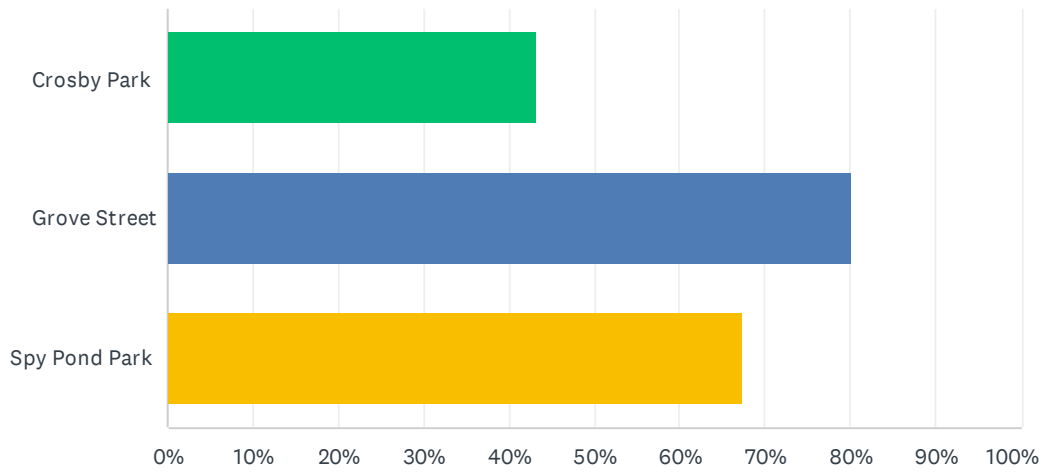
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Often (More than 3 times a week)	13.86%	37
Often (1-2 times a week)	30.34%	81
Sometimes (1-3 times a month)	28.09%	75
Occasionally (Less than once a month)	25.09%	67
Never	2.62%	7
TOTAL		267

Q18 Which tennis courts do you use? (Select all that apply)

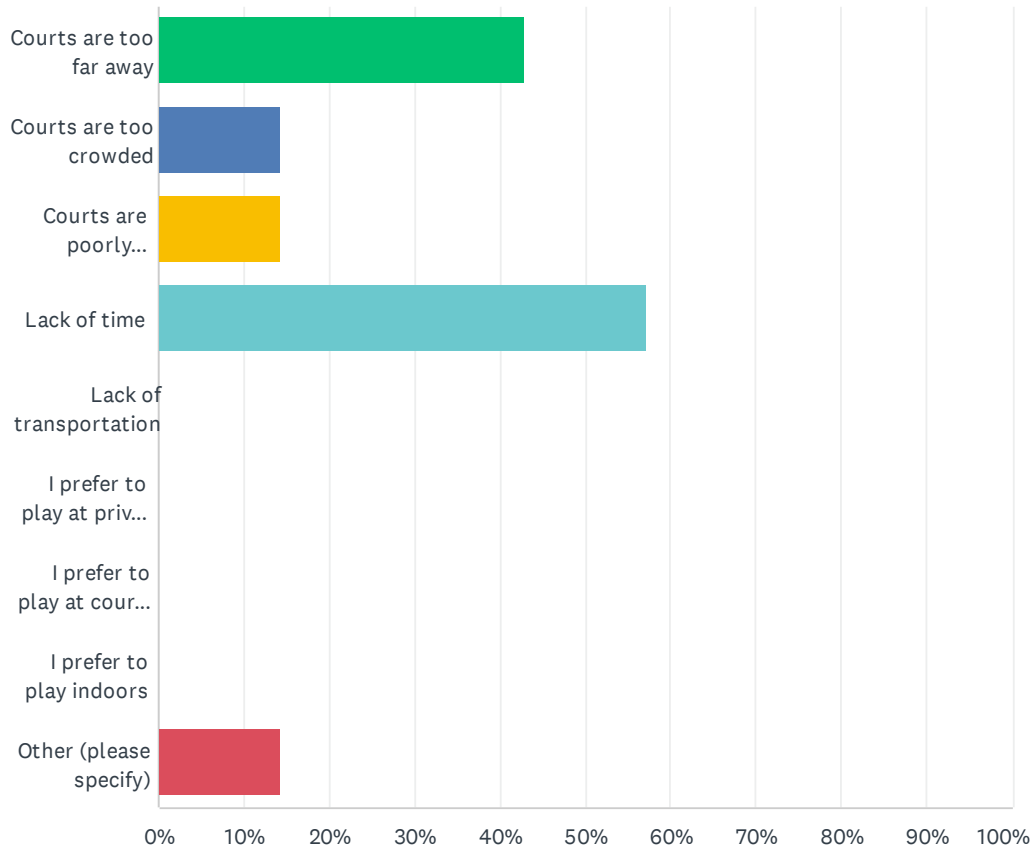
Answered: 261 Skipped: 291



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Crosby Park	43.30%	113
Grove Street	80.08%	209
Spy Pond Park	67.43%	176
Total Respondents: 261		

Q19 Why don't you use the tennis court facilities in Arlington? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 7 Skipped: 545

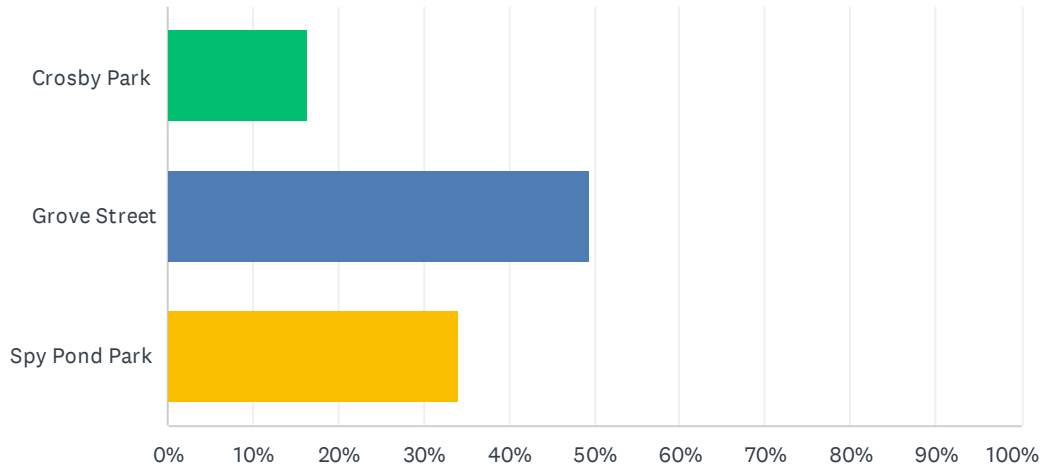


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Courts are too far away	42.86%	3
Courts are too crowded	14.29%	1
Courts are poorly maintained	14.29%	1
Lack of time	57.14%	4
Lack of transportation	0.00%	0
I prefer to play at private courts	0.00%	0
I prefer to play at courts in another town	0.00%	0
I prefer to play indoors	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	14.29%	1
Total Respondents: 7		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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Q20 Of the tennis courts that you use, which court is your favorite?

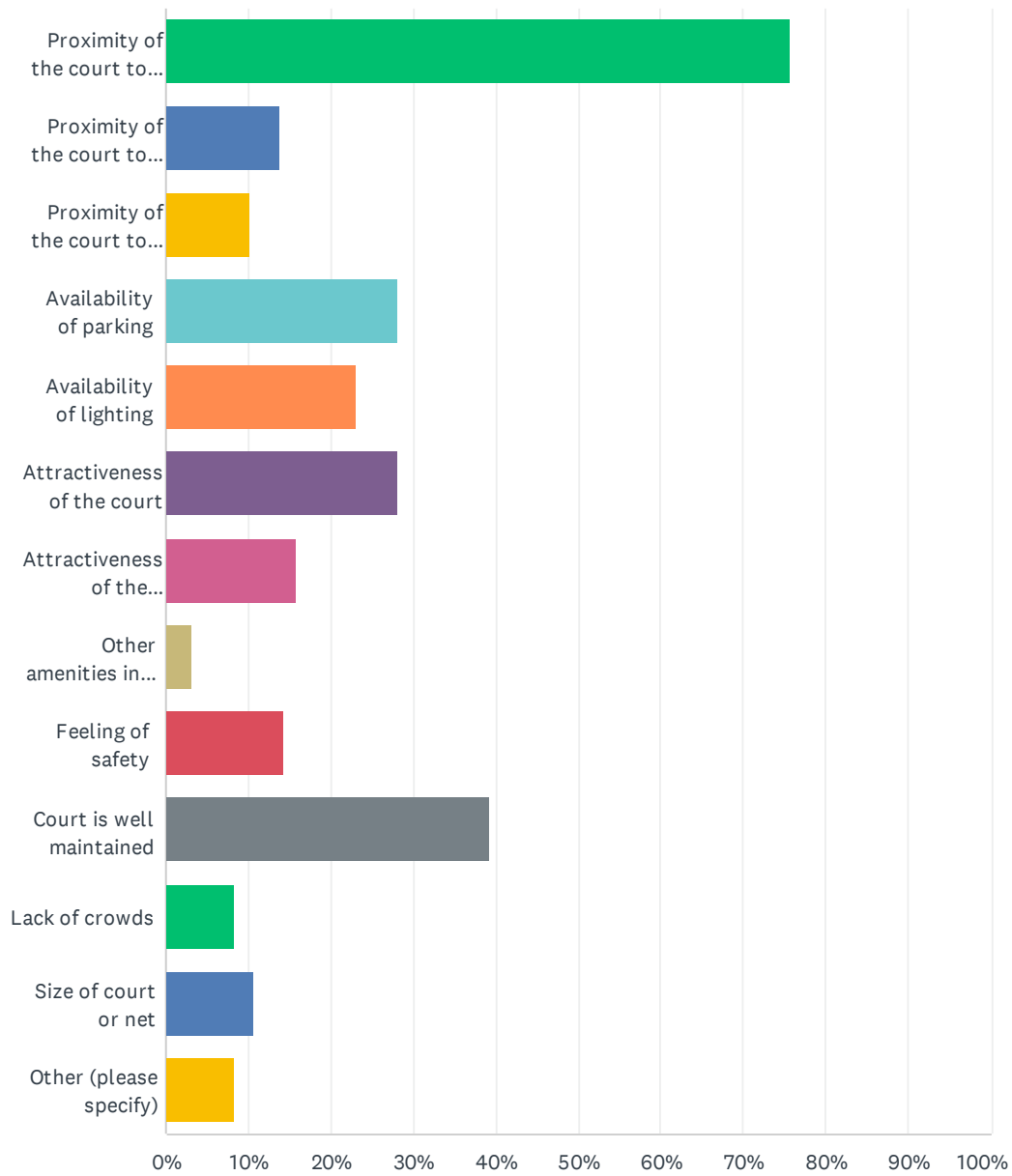
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Crosby Park	16.47% 42
Grove Street	49.41% 126
Spy Pond Park	34.12% 87
TOTAL	255

Q21 What features of {{ Q20 }} do you most enjoy? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 252 Skipped: 300



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Proximity of the court to home, school or work	75.79%	191
Proximity of the court to other destinations	13.89%	35
Proximity of the court to public transit/bike routes	10.32%	26
Availability of parking	28.17%	71
Availability of lighting	23.02%	58
Attractiveness of the court	28.17%	71
Attractiveness of the neighborhood/park	15.87%	40
Other amenities in the park	3.17%	8
Feeling of safety	14.29%	36
Court is well maintained	39.29%	99
Lack of crowds	8.33%	21
Size of court or net	10.71%	27
Other (please specify)	8.33%	21
Total Respondents: 252		

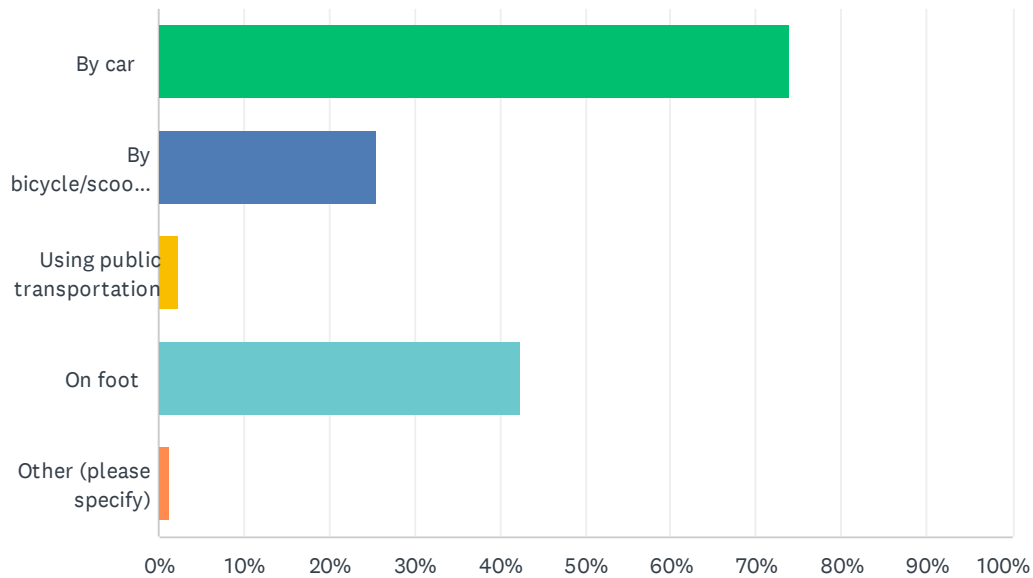
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	portable toilet	4/17/2023 6:55 PM
2	definitely missing light to play in the evening	4/13/2023 10:12 AM
3	Possibly to book online	4/12/2023 10:03 PM
4	Best tennis class ever	4/12/2023 2:39 PM
5	With current construction, parking is a challenge	4/12/2023 12:30 PM
6	Please fix the poet's corner park, put in a better playground, make a tennis court and improve the basketball court, thanks!	4/12/2023 8:49 AM
7	I work there 5 days a week in the summer!	4/11/2023 11:38 PM
8	Less traffic. Quiet. Peaceful.	4/11/2023 9:27 PM
9	Lighting !! Reservable !! Acceptable condition.	4/11/2023 3:08 PM
10	We live across the park.	4/10/2023 10:43 PM
11	Crosby has a wall to hit against; Grove St. does not. Also parking on the street here is a little nicer than on Grove St. But honestly, both Crosby and Grove are very nice.	4/10/2023 8:59 PM
12	Place for high school girls team to play	4/10/2023 4:02 PM
13	Court surface is good for tennis.	4/10/2023 4:01 PM
14	Has a separate hitting wall	4/10/2023 3:48 PM
15	number of courts, you can almost always get one, but we really love the court where you are gated in and don't have to worry about hitting the ball into your neighbor's game	4/10/2023 3:48 PM
16	Has a wall to hit balls by yourself/practice	4/10/2023 3:45 PM
17	Ball wall	4/10/2023 3:39 PM
18	Spy Pond Park courts have a Practice Wall, others do not	4/10/2023 3:35 PM

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19	proximity of court to my partner; accessible via public transportation	3/31/2023 7:24 PM
20	I	3/31/2023 3:58 PM
21	all of the courts are regularly busy - we need more courts and specifically more backboards for practice that are NOT behind a court to accommodate more people.	3/31/2023 2:10 PM

Q22 How do you arrive at {{ Q20 }}? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 250 Skipped: 302

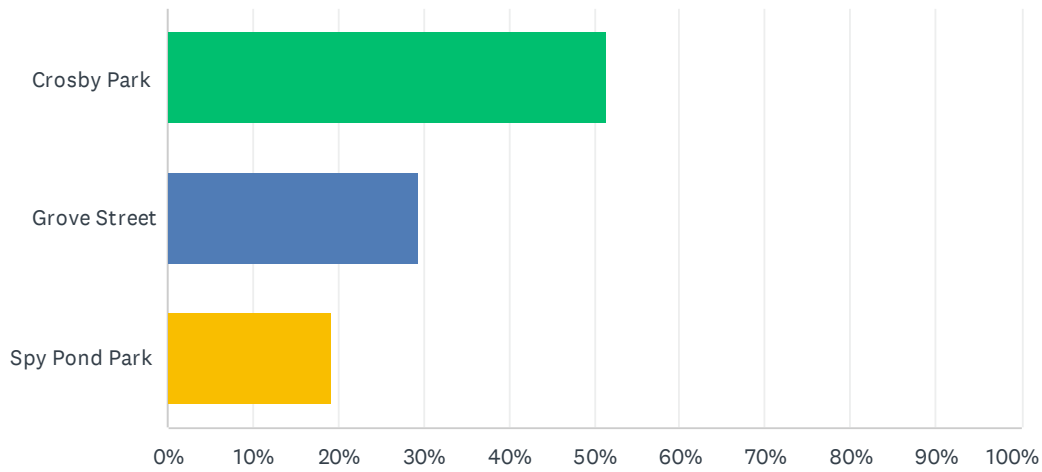


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
By car	74.00%	185
By bicycle/scooter/skateboard/other non-motorized	25.60%	64
Using public transportation	2.40%	6
On foot	42.40%	106
Other (please specify)	1.20%	3
Total Respondents: 250		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Please fix the poet's corner park, put in a better playground, make a tennis court and improve the basketball court, thanks!	4/12/2023 8:49 AM
2	Parking is terrible on Saturdays when there's lessons and soccer	4/10/2023 9:06 PM
3	I live next door to the courts.	3/31/2023 4:06 PM

Q23 Which tennis court is your least favorite?

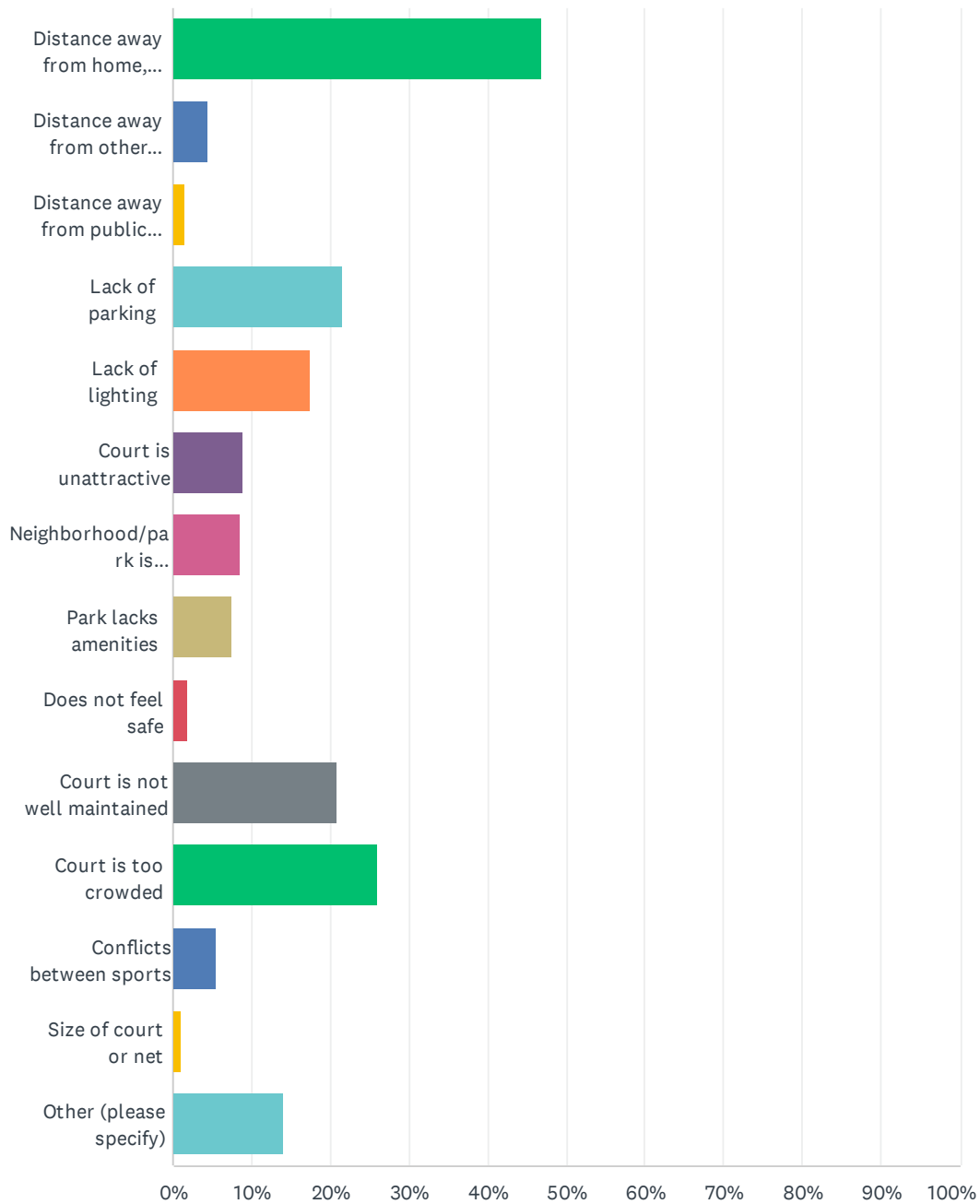
Answered: 177 Skipped: 375



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Crosby Park	51.41% 91
Grove Street	29.38% 52
Spy Pond Park	19.21% 34
TOTAL	177

Q24 What features of {{ Q23 }} do you least enjoy? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 200 Skipped: 352



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Distance away from home, school or work	47.00%	94
Distance away from other destinations	4.50%	9
Distance away from public transit/bike routes	1.50%	3
Lack of parking	21.50%	43
Lack of lighting	17.50%	35
Court is unattractive	9.00%	18
Neighborhood/park is unattractive	8.50%	17
Park lacks amenities	7.50%	15
Does not feel safe	2.00%	4
Court is not well maintained	21.00%	42
Court is too crowded	26.00%	52
Conflicts between sports	5.50%	11
Size of court or net	1.00%	2
Other (please specify)	14.00%	28
Total Respondents: 200		

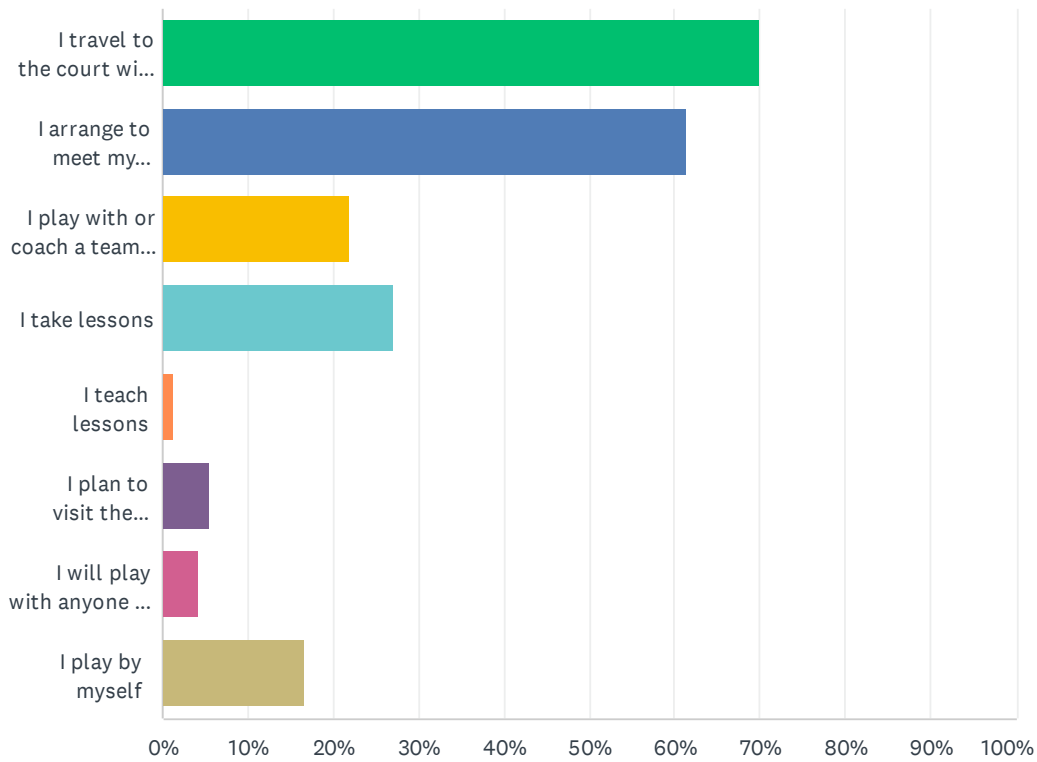
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	haven't played on crosby lately, but last time i did it had cracks and many weeds	4/27/2023 11:17 AM
2	Courts need to be updated/resurfaced.	4/19/2023 6:45 AM
3	one way streets. (Can't do anything to change that!)	4/13/2023 12:18 PM
4	It would be nice if there was a practice wall or two like the one at Spy Pond. I think having at least one separate PickleBall Court would be helpful because the lines get confusing on the regular tennis courts.	4/12/2023 12:03 PM
5	Please fix the poet's corner park, put in a better playground, make a tennis court and improve the basketball court, thanks!	4/12/2023 8:49 AM
6	too busy of a street.	4/11/2023 9:28 PM
7	never been there	4/11/2023 2:43 PM
8	I like all Arlington courts, they all have something to offer. Grove St. courts are great, however parking is difficult and crowding / programmed instruction is an issue weekday afternoon/evenings.	4/11/2023 12:12 PM
9	Don't know where it is	4/11/2023 9:02 AM
10	Windy	4/11/2023 12:31 AM
11	The court surfaces are worn out and cracked. Also, with the uptick of Pickle ball, there are more players wanting to get on the courts.	4/10/2023 10:45 PM
12	Doesn't feel as safe as the spy pond and Crosby courts. It's also farthest from my home. I only use the Grove street court because of Arlington Rec lessons there. I do appreciate the lights there, though!	4/10/2023 10:06 PM
13	It's actually a perfectly fine court, though it can be a little more windy.	4/10/2023 9:00 PM
14	I wish that all courts had lights!	4/10/2023 7:38 PM

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15	I was not aware of this court and have never been there	4/10/2023 6:12 PM
16	I just don't go there	4/10/2023 4:30 PM
17	When the courts were resurfaced a couple years ago, this resulted in dead spots on the courts. That is, areas where the surface is not completely flush with the underneath part, making it so the ball does not bounce well. This was disappointing to see after the effort that went into resurfacing them.	4/10/2023 4:30 PM
18	Parking is a huge problem especially with the on going town building construction	4/10/2023 4:22 PM
19	Windy	4/10/2023 3:48 PM
20	Still pretty chapped about those chains locking my kids out of the tennis courts in 2020.	4/10/2023 3:42 PM
21	not enough shade in summer time	4/10/2023 3:37 PM
22	Grove Street courts are really busy all the time	4/10/2023 3:36 PM
23	too hot there	4/10/2023 3:33 PM
24	The nets always seem in rough shape on this court so I don't like to play here often.	4/4/2023 6:53 PM
25	Needs a backstop (wall) so that one person can practice by themselves.	4/1/2023 3:52 PM
26	Why is it locked in the winter! This is ridiculous--no neighboring towns do this. People play pickleball all winter. Please keep up with changing preferences.	4/1/2023 10:02 AM
27	All is okay	3/31/2023 4:07 PM
28	Typically more windy than other courts	3/31/2023 3:20 PM

Q25 How do you use the tennis courts? (Select all that apply)

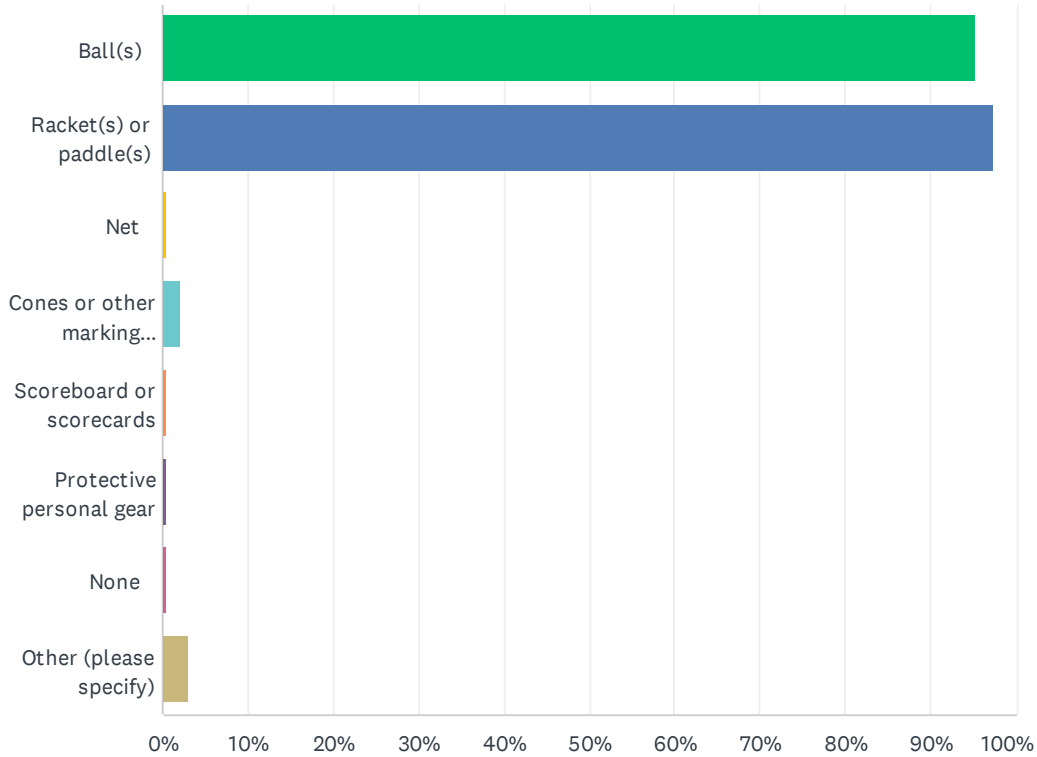
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I travel to the court with my friends/family	69.92%	165
I arrange to meet my friends/family at the court	61.44%	145
I play with or coach a team or organized group	22.03%	52
I take lessons	27.12%	64
I teach lessons	1.27%	3
I plan to visit the courts at a time when I know others will be there	5.51%	13
I will play with anyone who is at the court at the same time	4.24%	10
I play by myself	16.53%	39
Total Respondents: 236		

Q26 What equipment do you bring with you to use the tennis courts? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 238 Skipped: 314



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ball(s)	95.38%	227
Racket(s) or paddle(s)	97.48%	232
Net	0.42%	1
Cones or other marking equipment	2.10%	5
Scoreboard or scorecards	0.42%	1
Protective personal gear	0.42%	1
None	0.42%	1
Other (please specify)	2.94%	7
Total Respondents: 238		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	ball machine	4/27/2023 11:18 AM
2	Ball machine	4/12/2023 5:39 PM
3	Please fix the poet's corner park, put in a better playground, make a tennis court and improve	4/12/2023 8:49 AM

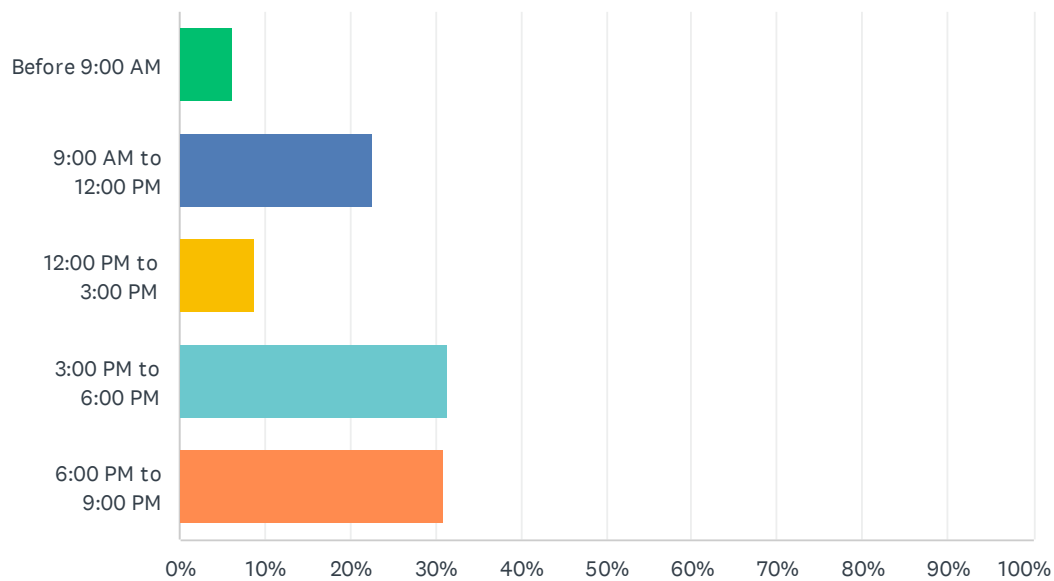
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the basketball court, thanks!

4	Ball thrower	4/11/2023 3:09 PM
5	Water bottle	4/10/2023 8:45 PM
6	Ball machine	3/31/2023 4:45 PM
7	water	3/30/2023 7:27 PM

Q27 During what time of day do you use the tennis courts?

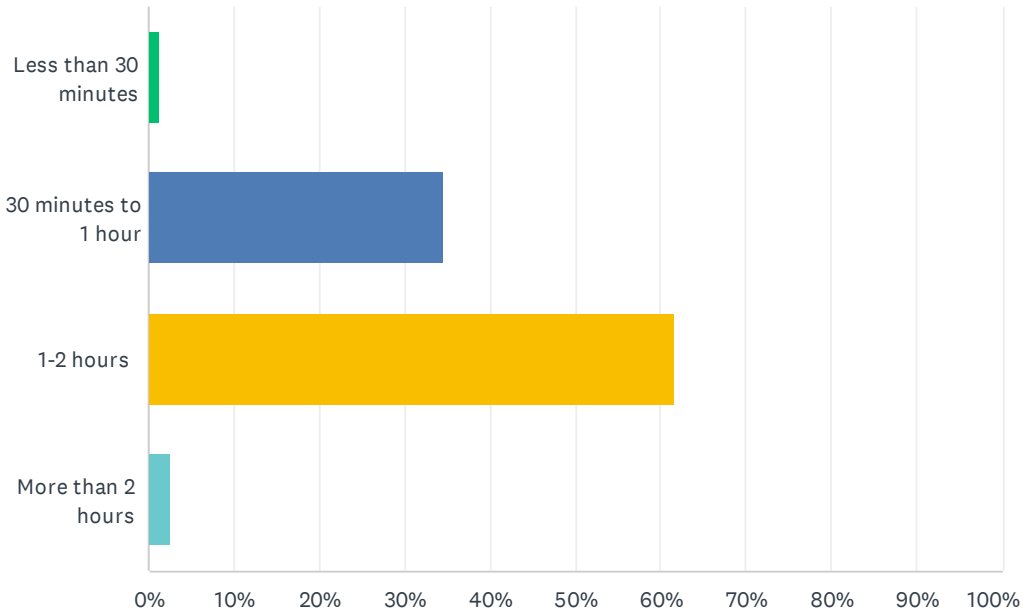
Answered: 229 Skipped: 323



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Before 9:00 AM	6.11%	14
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	22.71%	52
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM	8.73%	20
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM	31.44%	72
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	31.00%	71
TOTAL		229

Q28 On average, how long do you spend at a tennis court during a single visit?

Answered: 234 Skipped: 318



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 30 minutes	1.28%	3
30 minutes to 1 hour	34.62%	81
1-2 hours	61.54%	144
More than 2 hours	2.56%	6
TOTAL		234

Q29 Do you travel to play tennis in any other cities/towns?

Answered: 120 Skipped: 432

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	sometimes to medford	4/27/2023 11:18 AM
2	Sometimes to Belmont	4/26/2023 9:25 AM
3	Yes	4/21/2023 9:35 PM
4	No.	4/19/2023 8:44 AM
5	Medford, Belmont, Lexington	4/19/2023 6:47 AM
6	There should be an option above to select additional time slots. I play at various times during the day. I also travel to Winchester for indoor tennis.	4/17/2023 6:58 PM
7	no	4/14/2023 10:36 PM
8	yes, in Belmont	4/14/2023 2:46 PM
9	yes	4/14/2023 8:40 AM
10	yes	4/13/2023 12:19 PM
11	yes, and i ususally would play at any time 9am-12pm, 3pm-9pm	4/13/2023 10:16 AM
12	Not often, but sometimes to Medford, Cambridge or Somerville	4/13/2023 9:45 AM
13	Yes, when courts not available here, but I prefer to play in Arlington	4/12/2023 10:06 PM
14	Yes	4/12/2023 9:05 PM
15	Other towns nearby	4/12/2023 6:34 PM
16	Winchester and Medford	4/12/2023 5:39 PM
17	No.	4/12/2023 4:16 PM
18	No	4/12/2023 2:53 PM
19	Winchester	4/12/2023 2:40 PM
20	Yes - Dugger Park at West Medford	4/12/2023 1:51 PM
21	Cambridge, Watertown, Lexington, Woburn	4/12/2023 12:40 PM
22	Medford, because I'm on the edge of Arlington and Medford and it's equally close	4/12/2023 12:36 PM
23	Waltham, Winchester and Belmont	4/12/2023 12:17 PM
24	Yes, Winchester	4/12/2023 12:10 PM
25	Sometimes Lexington	4/12/2023 12:08 PM
26	Yes- Wayland, Wellesley, Waltham, Lexington	4/12/2023 12:07 PM
27	No	4/12/2023 12:01 PM
28	Yes, as Arlington takes nets down earlier and puts them up later in the season than any other town	4/12/2023 12:01 PM
29	Sometimes, when Arlington's nets are down	4/12/2023 9:22 AM
30	Please fix the poet's corner park, put in a better playground, make a tennis court and improve the basketball court, thanks!	4/12/2023 8:49 AM
31	I will travel to Winchester Indoor Courts to play.	4/11/2023 11:39 PM

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32	Yes	4/11/2023 11:22 PM
33	Medford	4/11/2023 10:25 PM
34	no	4/11/2023 9:55 PM
35	Yes, Belmont & Watertown & Lexington	4/11/2023 9:29 PM
36	No	4/11/2023 3:09 PM
37	yes	4/11/2023 2:44 PM
38	no	4/11/2023 1:57 PM
39	Haven't had to but would go to Lexington, if necessary.	4/11/2023 12:14 PM
40	no	4/11/2023 11:35 AM
41	Winchester Indoors in winter	4/11/2023 10:57 AM
42	no	4/11/2023 10:29 AM
43	In the winter I have gone to Dugger Courts in Medford because they keep the nets up and courts open	4/11/2023 10:19 AM
44	No	4/11/2023 9:03 AM
45	Yes, Lexington	4/11/2023 9:03 AM
46	No	4/11/2023 8:24 AM
47	Medford, Woburn	4/11/2023 12:32 AM
48	No	4/10/2023 10:50 PM
49	Only in winter.	4/10/2023 10:45 PM
50	Lexington and Woburn for lessons.	4/10/2023 10:08 PM
51	sometimes	4/10/2023 9:36 PM
52	Lexington	4/10/2023 9:16 PM
53	Yes	4/10/2023 9:13 PM
54	no	4/10/2023 9:01 PM
55	No	4/10/2023 8:08 PM
56	No	4/10/2023 7:57 PM
57	Yes	4/10/2023 7:40 PM
58	Yes	4/10/2023 7:39 PM
59	Yes	4/10/2023 7:25 PM
60	Medford	4/10/2023 6:59 PM
61	Lexington	4/10/2023 6:19 PM
62	Sometimes	4/10/2023 6:13 PM
63	No	4/10/2023 6:11 PM
64	No	4/10/2023 5:59 PM
65	Winchester	4/10/2023 5:33 PM
66	No	4/10/2023 4:58 PM
67	yes, Medford	4/10/2023 4:57 PM
68	Medford courts near east arlington	4/10/2023 4:42 PM
69	Waltham, Winchester	4/10/2023 4:38 PM

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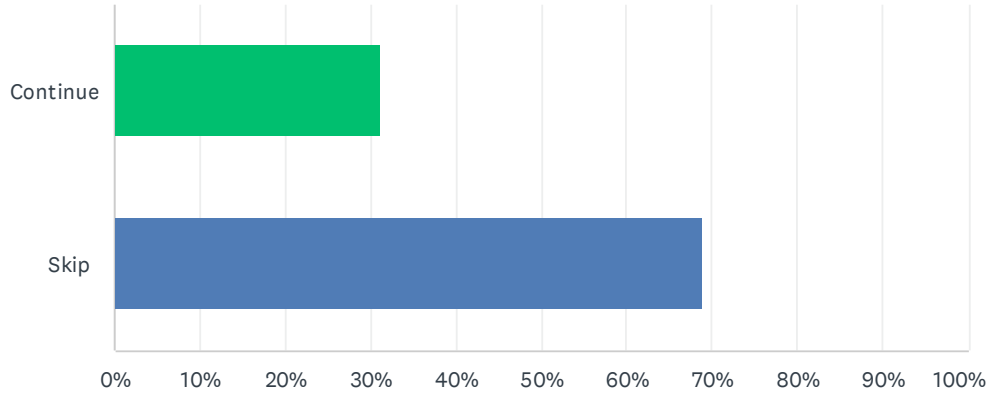
70	Yes. Reading, North Reading, Wilmington, Lexington, Medford	4/10/2023 4:32 PM
71	No	4/10/2023 4:31 PM
72	Occasionally in Belmont	4/10/2023 4:31 PM
73	Occasionally	4/10/2023 4:23 PM
74	Yes Belmont and Waltham	4/10/2023 4:18 PM
75	yes medford I also use the courts at any time of the day	4/10/2023 4:06 PM
76	No	4/10/2023 4:04 PM
77	If the Arlington courts are busy we will use courts in Medford.	4/10/2023 4:04 PM
78	My high schooler does	4/10/2023 4:04 PM
79	yes	4/10/2023 4:03 PM
80	Yes	4/10/2023 4:02 PM
81	Not currently	4/10/2023 3:49 PM
82	yes, Lexington if the Arlington courts are full	4/10/2023 3:49 PM
83	No	4/10/2023 3:48 PM
84	Sometimes.	4/10/2023 3:46 PM
85	Yes, to Pemberton Courts in Cambridge because they have lights and a large hitting wall	4/10/2023 3:46 PM
86	Waltham, Belmont and Winchester	4/10/2023 3:44 PM
87	Previous Question on time of day didn't allow for more than one selection! I would note 9-12 AND 3-6 AND 6-9. Depends on Summer months v. non-Summer months AND depends on weekdays v weekends.	4/10/2023 3:44 PM
88	Yes	4/10/2023 3:41 PM
89	Yes, when I participate in a tennisortheast league	4/10/2023 3:39 PM
90	no	4/10/2023 3:38 PM
91	no	4/10/2023 3:38 PM
92	No	4/10/2023 3:37 PM
93	No	4/10/2023 3:37 PM
94	Yes, Belmont.	4/10/2023 3:36 PM
95	Yes, Winchester mostly	4/10/2023 3:35 PM
96	No	4/10/2023 3:34 PM
97	no	4/10/2023 3:33 PM
98	Play indoors at Woburn Racket Club on a league team so I travel to many clubs on the North Shore. I also play at various times throughout the day - but it only lets me select one time frame.	4/4/2023 6:54 PM
99	No	4/3/2023 9:06 PM
100	No	4/3/2023 11:29 AM
101	No	4/1/2023 4:34 PM
102	No	4/1/2023 4:06 PM
103	Lexington	4/1/2023 3:52 PM
104	Yes	4/1/2023 2:13 PM
105	Yes--because the courts are locked!! Ridiculous.	4/1/2023 10:04 AM

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106	NO	4/1/2023 9:48 AM
107	occasionally belmont	3/31/2023 7:25 PM
108	No	3/31/2023 5:25 PM
109	Winchester, woburn, reading	3/31/2023 4:45 PM
110	sometimes	3/31/2023 4:19 PM
111	Providence, RI	3/31/2023 4:09 PM
112	sometimes -- Cambridge, Medford for the question on time of day, I play at several different times depending on partners and schedules.	3/31/2023 3:57 PM
113	yes	3/31/2023 3:27 PM
114	Medford Somerville Woburn	3/31/2023 3:21 PM
115	No	3/31/2023 3:20 PM
116	Yes - Medford courts along the Mystic River and by Playstead Rd	3/31/2023 3:17 PM
117	Belmont, Bedford, Medford, Lexington	3/31/2023 2:40 PM
118	I use the backboard at the courts in Lexington because it is available more regularly than the backboards in arlington. And living in the heights it isn't that much further of a drive.	3/31/2023 2:11 PM
119	Lexington, Winchester	3/31/2023 2:03 PM
120	yes	3/30/2023 7:27 PM

Q30 The following questions pertain to pickleball court use in Arlington. If you don't play pickleball or don't wish to answer questions pertaining to pickleball court use, please select "Skip" below.

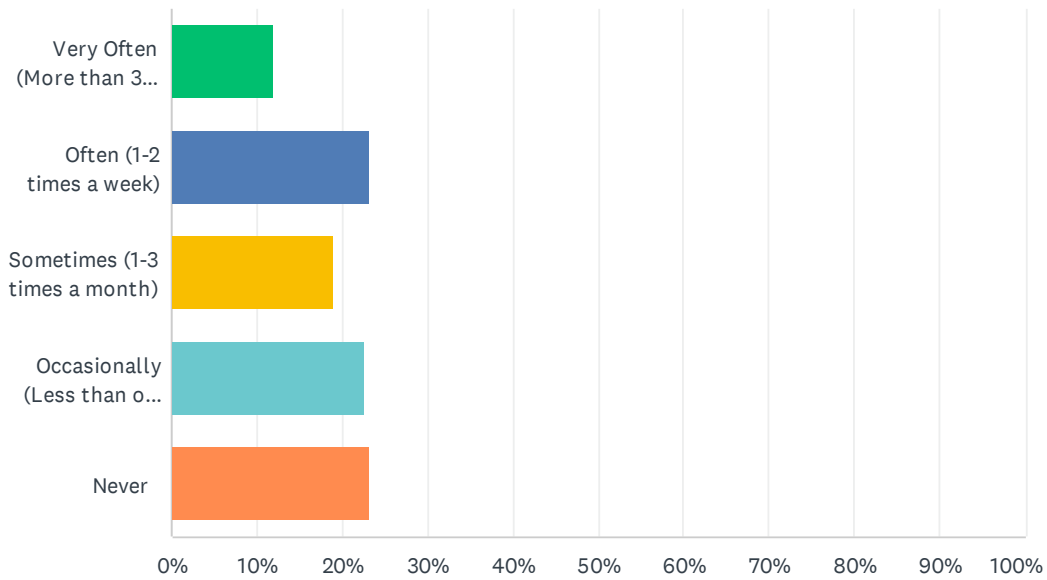
Answered: 301 Skipped: 251



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Continue	31.23%	94
Skip	68.77%	207
TOTAL		301

Q31 How frequently do you use the pickleball courts?

Answered: 142 Skipped: 410

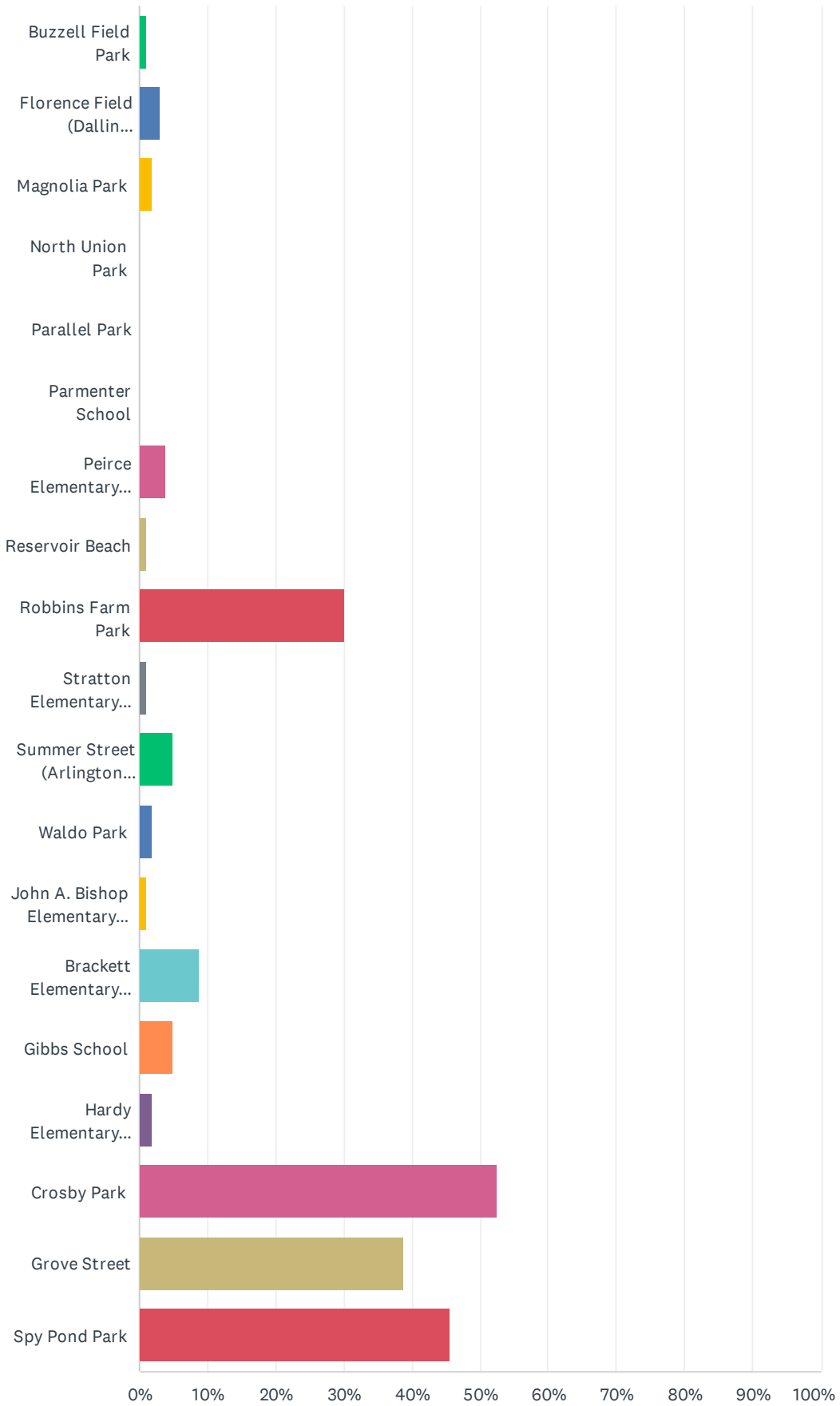


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Often (More than 3 times a week)	11.97%	17
Often (1-2 times a week)	23.24%	33
Sometimes (1-3 times a month)	19.01%	27
Occasionally (Less than once a month)	22.54%	32
Never	23.24%	33
TOTAL		142

Q32 Which courts do you use for pickleball? (Select all that apply)*Note: While not all courts are lined for pickleball, we recognize that some users bring their own nets and markings.

Answered: 103 Skipped: 449

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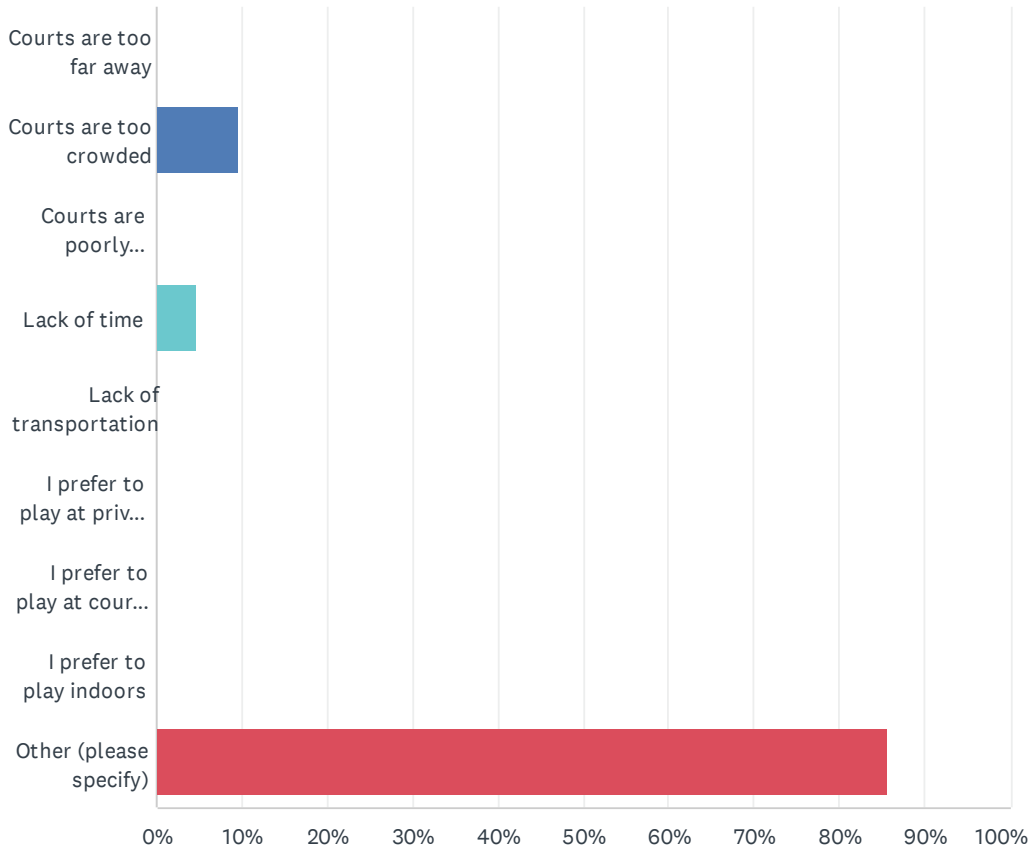


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Buzzell Field Park	0.97%	1
Florence Field (Dallin Elementary School)	2.91%	3
Magnolia Park	1.94%	2
North Union Park	0.00%	0
Parallel Park	0.00%	0
Parmenter School	0.00%	0
Peirce Elementary School	3.88%	4
Reservoir Beach	0.97%	1
Robbins Farm Park	30.10%	31
Stratton Elementary School	0.97%	1
Summer Street (Arlington Recreation Department)	4.85%	5
Waldo Park	1.94%	2
John A. Bishop Elementary School	0.97%	1
Brackett Elementary School	8.74%	9
Gibbs School	4.85%	5
Hardy Elementary School	1.94%	2
Crosby Park	52.43%	54
Grove Street	38.83%	40
Spy Pond Park	45.63%	47
Total Respondents: 103		

Q33 Why don't you use the pickleball court facilities in Arlington? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 21 Skipped: 531



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Courts are too far away	0.00%	0
Courts are too crowded	9.52%	2
Courts are poorly maintained	0.00%	0
Lack of time	4.76%	1
Lack of transportation	0.00%	0
I prefer to play at private courts	0.00%	0
I prefer to play at courts in another town	0.00%	0
I prefer to play indoors	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	85.71%	18
Total Respondents: 21		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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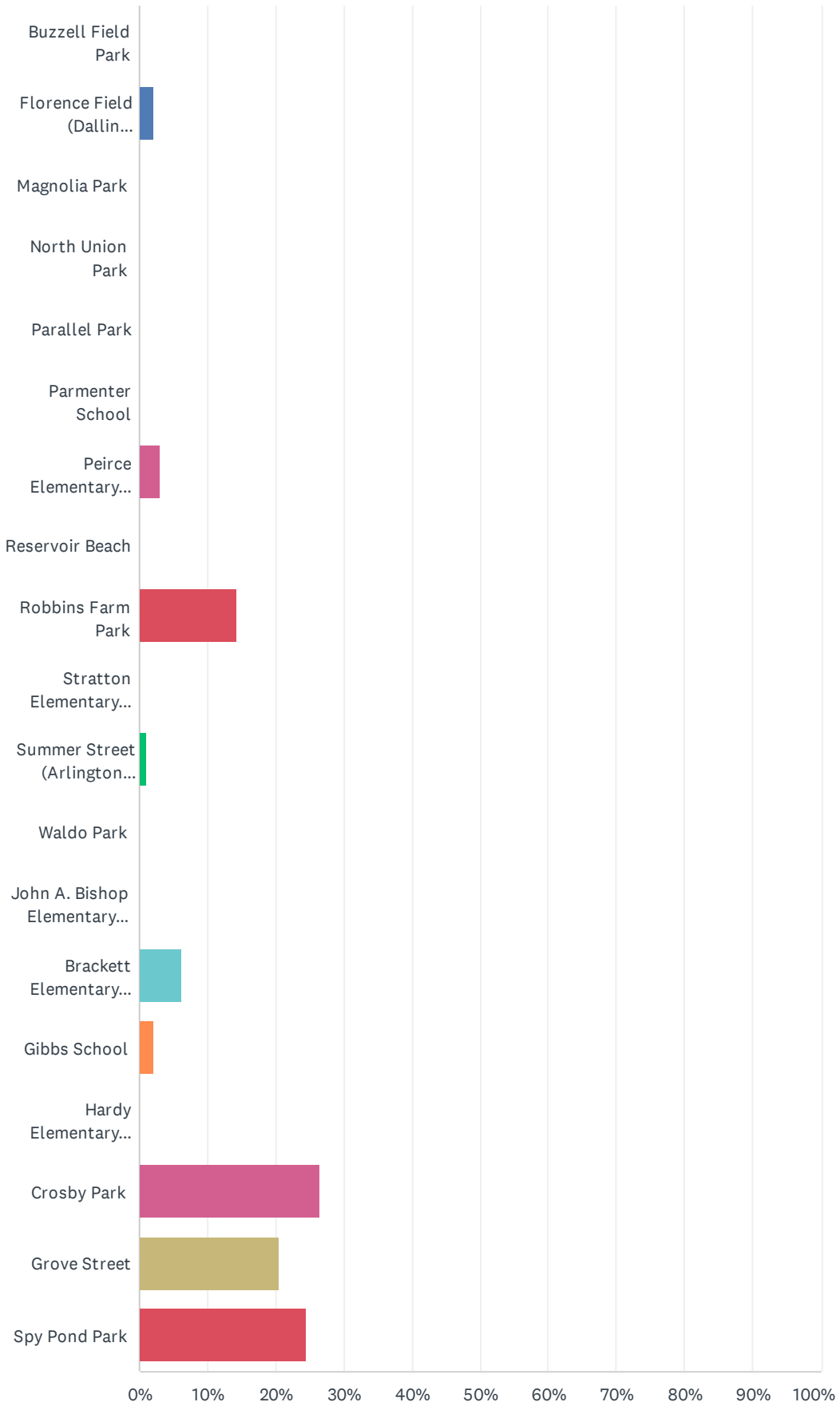
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1	I prefer to play tennis	4/12/2023 10:07 PM
2	I don't play pickle ball	4/12/2023 12:41 PM
3	I prefer to play tennis	4/12/2023 12:06 PM
4	I don't like pickle ball and don't play. I think it takes away from tennis and is too loud	4/12/2023 9:24 AM
5	My husband and I just started to play this winter at the Y. We are looking forward to playing outside in Arlington!	4/10/2023 8:47 PM
6	I don't play pickleball	4/10/2023 7:39 PM
7	Didn't know they existed	4/10/2023 6:42 PM
8	I didn't know they existed	4/10/2023 6:31 PM
9	I don't play	4/10/2023 4:31 PM
10	I'm interested in learning but there are not enough lessons offered	4/10/2023 4:19 PM
11	I do not know how to play but I'm interested in it.	4/10/2023 3:57 PM
12	I did not know that we had pickleball courts.	4/10/2023 3:39 PM
13	Pickleball is a fad and no tennis courts should be converted to pickleball courts.	4/10/2023 3:38 PM
14	Haven't played yet but would be interested if we had courts	4/10/2023 3:38 PM
15	I haven't learned how to play yet, but I'd like to	4/1/2023 2:14 PM
16	I hope to start playing pickle ball and Reservoir Beach is the closest.	4/1/2023 10:37 AM
17	I play tennis and do not want the two types of games to be lined on the same court. The courts should be totally separate, even if at the same park.	3/31/2023 3:59 PM
18	It is frustrating to see so many people taking up tennis courts by playing pickleball.	3/31/2023 2:12 PM

Q34 Which court is your favorite for pickleball?*Note: While not all courts are lined for pickleball, we recognize that some users bring their own nets and markings.

Answered: 98 Skipped: 454

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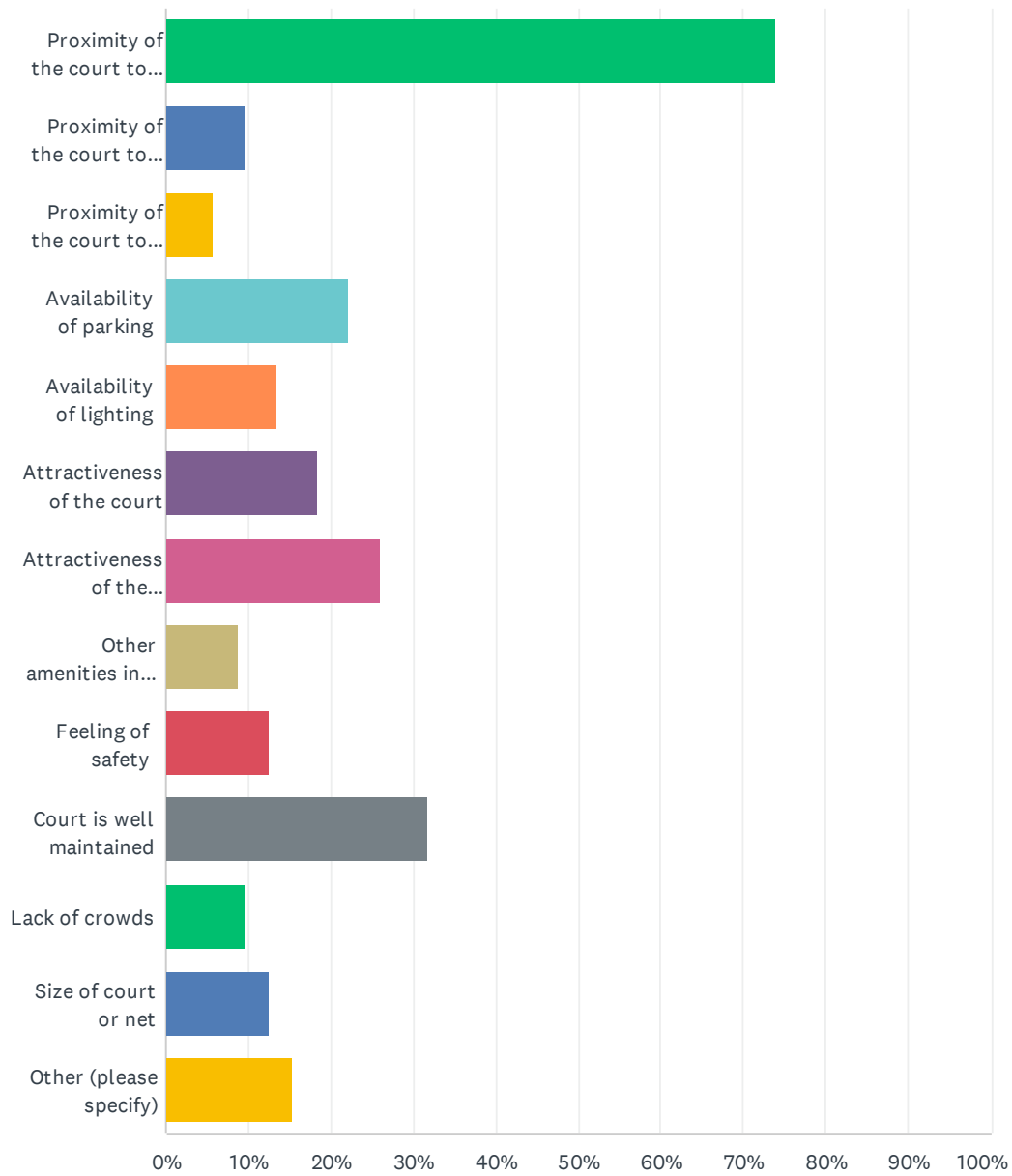


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Buzzell Field Park	0.00%	0
Florence Field (Dallin Elementary School)	2.04%	2
Magnolia Park	0.00%	0
North Union Park	0.00%	0
Parallel Park	0.00%	0
Parmenter School	0.00%	0
Peirce Elementary School	3.06%	3
Reservoir Beach	0.00%	0
Robbins Farm Park	14.29%	14
Stratton Elementary School	0.00%	0
Summer Street (Arlington Recreation Department)	1.02%	1
Waldo Park	0.00%	0
John A. Bishop Elementary School	0.00%	0
Brackett Elementary School	6.12%	6
Gibbs School	2.04%	2
Hardy Elementary School	0.00%	0
Crosby Park	26.53%	26
Grove Street	20.41%	20
Spy Pond Park	24.49%	24
TOTAL		98

Q35 What features of {{ Q34 }} do you most enjoy? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 104 Skipped: 448



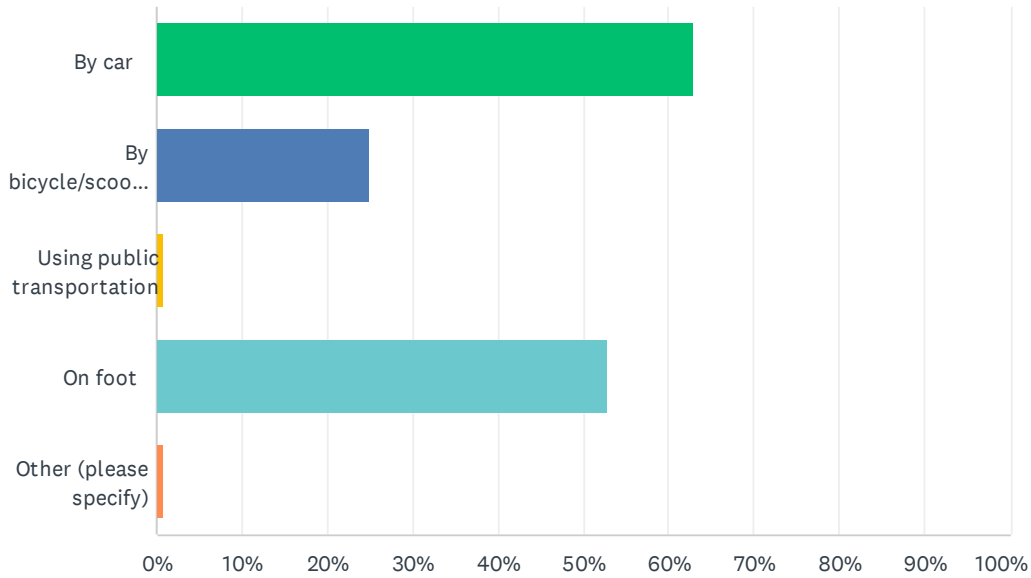
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Proximity of the court to home, school or work	74.04%	77
Proximity of the court to other destinations	9.62%	10
Proximity of the court to public transit/bike routes	5.77%	6
Availability of parking	22.12%	23
Availability of lighting	13.46%	14
Attractiveness of the court	18.27%	19
Attractiveness of the neighborhood/park	25.96%	27
Other amenities in the park	8.65%	9
Feeling of safety	12.50%	13
Court is well maintained	31.73%	33
Lack of crowds	9.62%	10
Size of court or net	12.50%	13
Other (please specify)	15.38%	16
Total Respondents: 104		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Beautiful setting	4/13/2023 2:40 PM
2	Using a permanent pickleball net, not a tennis net. Perhaps use crank to raise or lower net as per tennis or pickle ball.	4/10/2023 10:41 PM
3	No trees/leaves	4/10/2023 8:17 PM
4	Many other town's courts are well suited to pickleball. When they are not available, we revert to using Arlington.	4/10/2023 5:21 PM
5	I used courts in Medford	4/10/2023 4:07 PM
6	But it's too windy and I can't book it online.	4/10/2023 3:57 PM
7	size of that small court	4/10/2023 3:50 PM
8	My favorite court WOULD be any court that was actually constructed for Pickleball. I would gladly travel to the furthest part of Arlington if there were pickleball courts with dedicated lines and permanent nets. Until that happens my "favorite" will simply be the closest to me.	4/10/2023 3:48 PM
9	Existing pickle ball lines and nets.	4/10/2023 3:35 PM
10	Near to Stop n Shop	4/1/2023 12:31 PM
11	Restroom albeit a portapotty Shelter from wind	3/31/2023 8:49 AM
12	Rest room/portapotty Sheltered from wind	3/31/2023 8:49 AM
13	Less windy than Spy Pond Portapotty (at least last summer) However, at times smokers from the apartments - or pot-smoker at the brook-side park make it unpleasant.	3/30/2023 7:48 PM
14	Courts stay relatively free of leaves & debris.	3/30/2023 7:24 PM
15	I haven't played pickleball in Arlington because I couldn't find a place to play. I've played at Medford Park and Rec. I would love to see a group of dedicated pickleball courts . It could be a great community building experience	3/30/2023 7:24 PM
16	Can be reserved.	3/30/2023 7:23 PM

Q36 How do you arrive at {{ Q34 }}? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 108 Skipped: 444



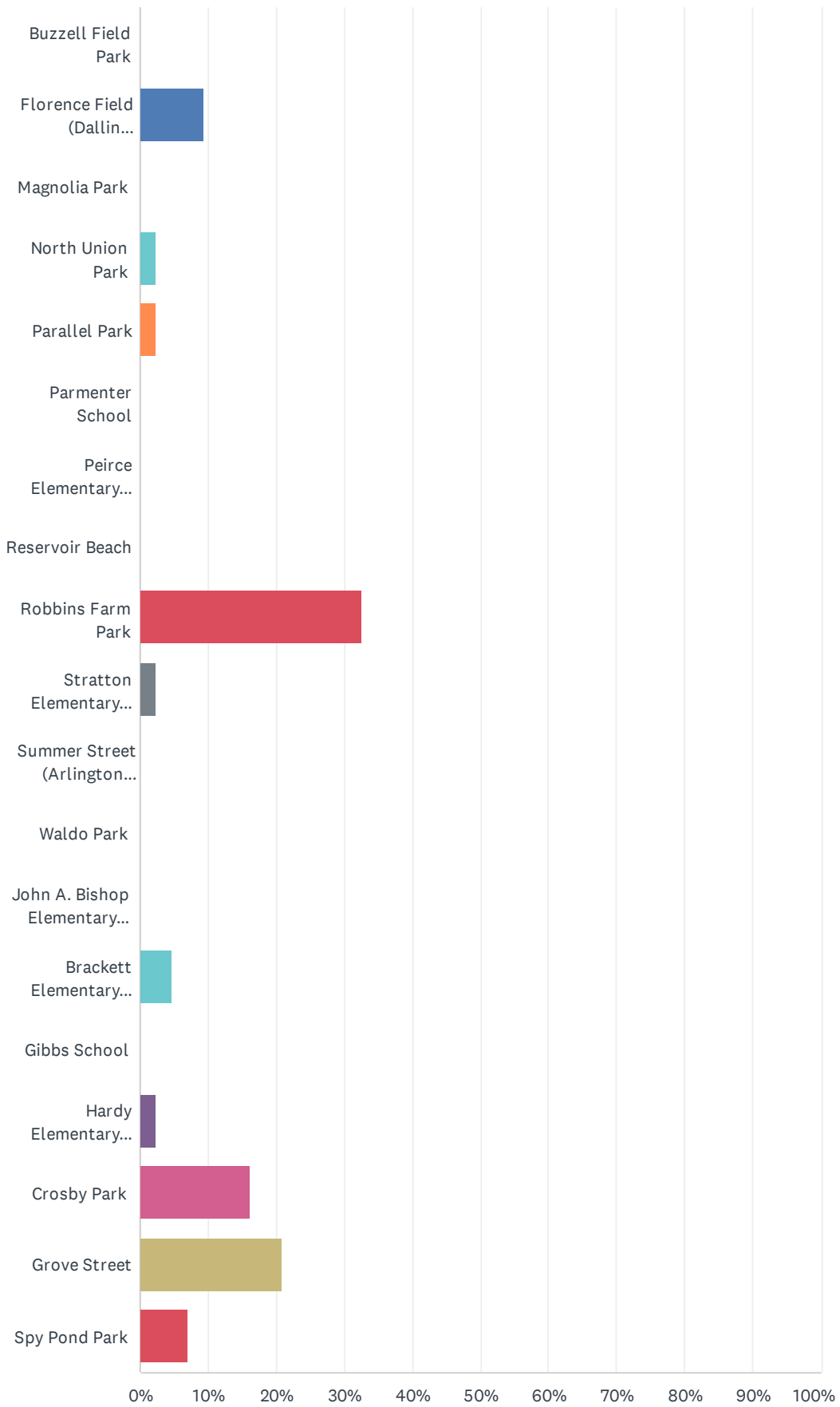
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
By car	62.96%	68
By bicycle/scooter/skateboard/other non-motorized	25.00%	27
Using public transportation	0.93%	1
On foot	52.78%	57
Other (please specify)	0.93%	1
Total Respondents: 108		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I used courts in Medford	4/10/2023 4:07 PM

Q37 Which pickleball court is your least favorite?*Note: While not all courts are lined for pickleball, we recognize that some users bring their own nets and markings.

Answered: 43 Skipped: 509

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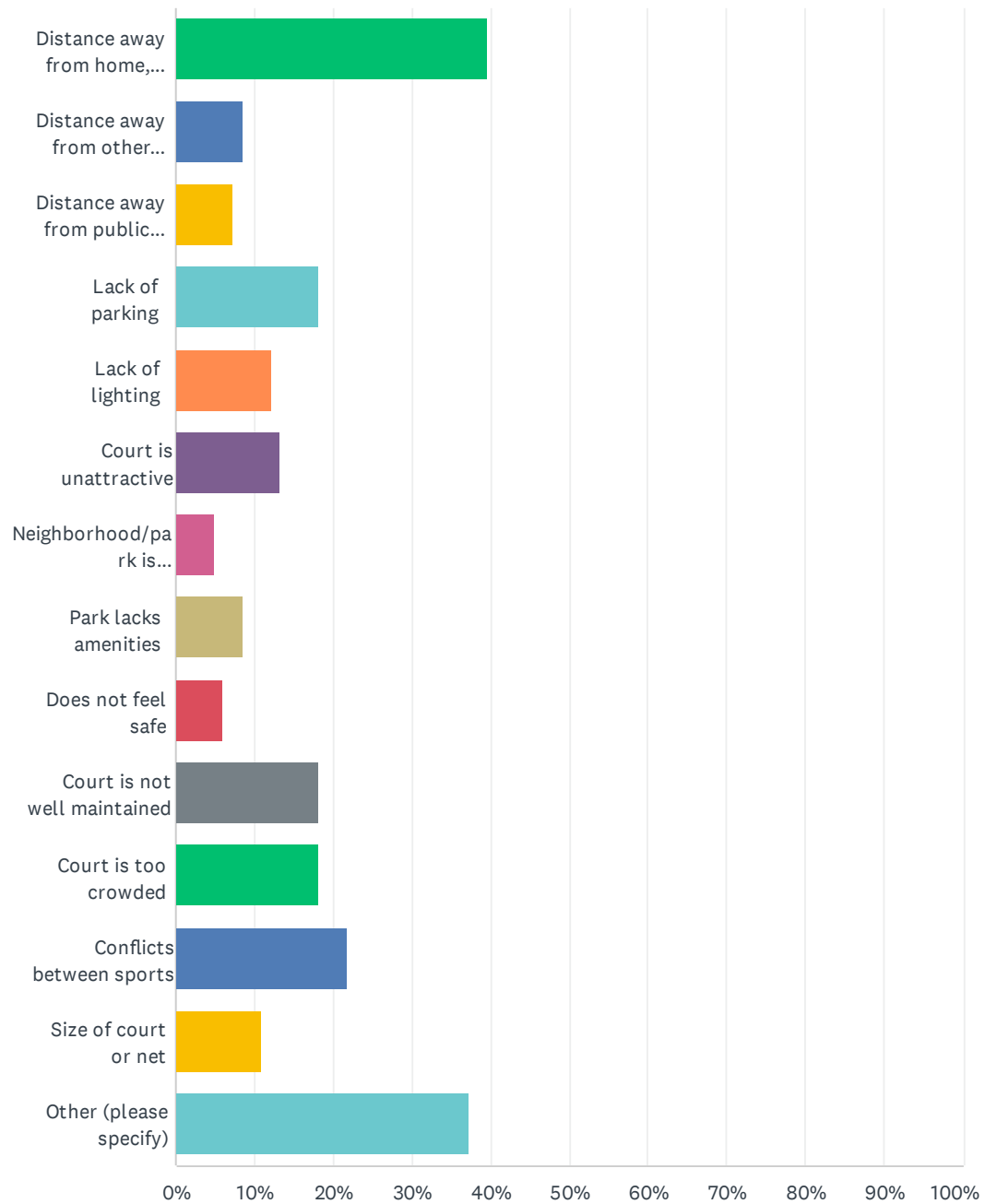


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Buzzell Field Park	0.00%	0
Florence Field (Dallin Elementary School)	9.30%	4
Magnolia Park	0.00%	0
North Union Park	2.33%	1
Parallel Park	2.33%	1
Parmenter School	0.00%	0
Peirce Elementary School	0.00%	0
Reservoir Beach	0.00%	0
Robbins Farm Park	32.56%	14
Stratton Elementary School	2.33%	1
Summer Street (Arlington Recreation Department)	0.00%	0
Waldo Park	0.00%	0
John A. Bishop Elementary School	0.00%	0
Brackett Elementary School	4.65%	2
Gibbs School	0.00%	0
Hardy Elementary School	2.33%	1
Crosby Park	16.28%	7
Grove Street	20.93%	9
Spy Pond Park	6.98%	3
TOTAL		43

Q38 What features of {{ Q37 }} do you least enjoy? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 83 Skipped: 469



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Distance away from home, school or work	39.76%	33
Distance away from other destinations	8.43%	7
Distance away from public transit/bike routes	7.23%	6
Lack of parking	18.07%	15
Lack of lighting	12.05%	10
Court is unattractive	13.25%	11
Neighborhood/park is unattractive	4.82%	4
Park lacks amenities	8.43%	7
Does not feel safe	6.02%	5
Court is not well maintained	18.07%	15
Court is too crowded	18.07%	15
Conflicts between sports	21.69%	18
Size of court or net	10.84%	9
Other (please specify)	37.35%	31
Total Respondents: 83		

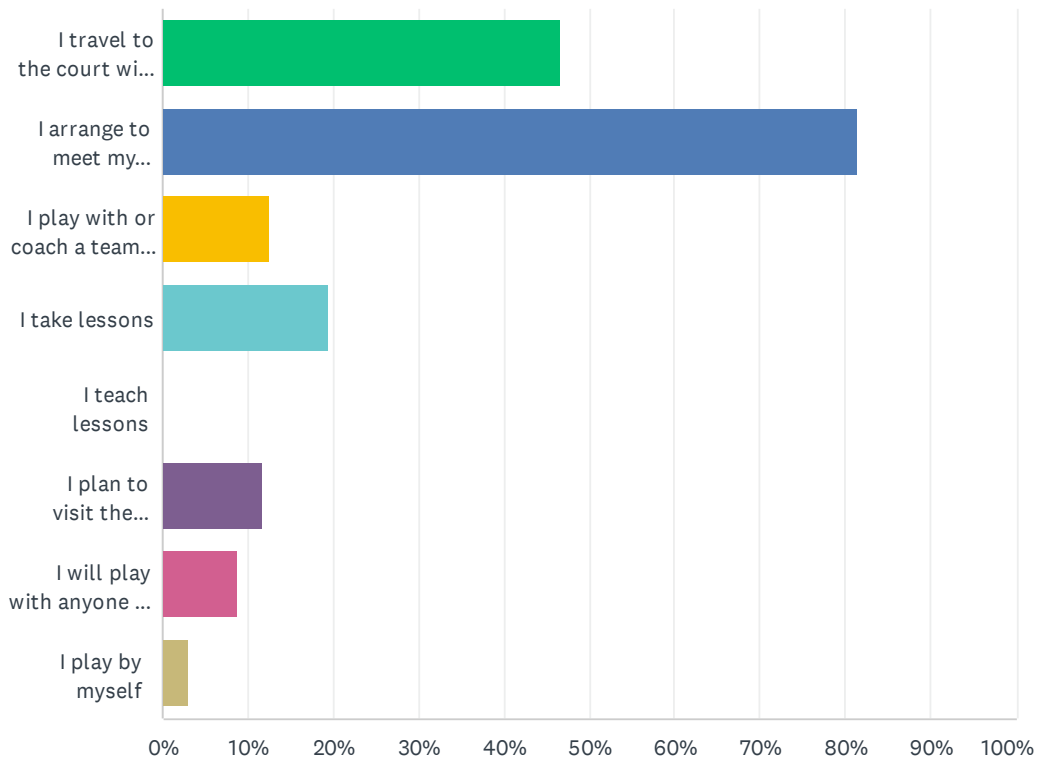
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1	Crosby does not have a broom for clearing leaves. They are a slip hazard.	4/14/2023 10:50 AM
2	it's very difficult to see the lines with the lines of the tennis court.	4/13/2023 12:20 PM
3	field not good for pickle ball.	4/12/2023 12:10 PM
4	There are no dedicated Pickleball Courts. Arlington needs to serve senior citizens better. We are a forgotten group.	4/12/2023 11:58 AM
5	Please fix the poet's corner park, put in a better playground, make a tennis court and improve the basketball court, thanks!	4/12/2023 8:50 AM
6	I don't use other courts because Brackett is so close	4/11/2023 9:45 AM
7	Ball needs to be chased down hill due to no ball stopper/barrier.	4/11/2023 12:56 AM
8	Most PB courts are not dedicated courts and court not always available when you arrive. Also, most are locked much of the year so no access.	4/10/2023 8:56 PM
9	No net have to bring own	4/10/2023 7:42 PM
10	Court is oddly lined, and uses the tennis net instead of a full PB lined court on each side of the tennis court.	4/10/2023 5:22 PM
11	It's a perfectly fine court just too sunny.	4/10/2023 4:54 PM
12	Lack of nets and/or specific pickleball markings	4/10/2023 4:33 PM
13	Arlington really needs more pickle all courts! Please!	4/10/2023 4:20 PM
14	lack of permanent net	4/10/2023 4:12 PM
15	I used courts in Medford	4/10/2023 4:07 PM
16	No fence and very windy	4/10/2023 3:49 PM

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17	No pb lines on each side, have to play using tennis net	4/10/2023 3:41 PM
18	High wind, hilltop, no fences means a lot of lost balls	4/10/2023 3:35 PM
19	I had to pick one. I don't think there is even a court there.	4/10/2023 3:34 PM
20	Tennis nets ruin play	4/8/2023 2:12 PM
21	Crosby courts are poorly maintained.	4/1/2023 10:05 AM
22	Windy. We want kids to have a place for basketball. If we play during school hours, it's not an issue.	3/31/2023 3:39 PM
23	Crosby courts are always very busy. It would be better to fit 2 pickleball courts on 2 of the tennis courts and allow people to bring their own nets, like in Medford	3/31/2023 3:23 PM
24	No fencing so you need to chase the ball. It's often windy at Robbins farm, which makes Pickleball difficult to play.	3/31/2023 2:14 PM
25	As far as I'm aware, Arlington has no dedicated pickleball courts. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country and it's really distasteful that many of the courts are kludges around tennis nets. It suggests that Arlington doesn't take this sport seriously. Dedicated courts are necessary - note: the former location of the tennis courts at Robbins Farm Park would be a perfect location for dedicated pickleball courts.	3/31/2023 2:01 PM
26	Frequent foul smell	3/31/2023 1:59 PM
27	Very windy location and no surrounding barrier/fencing	3/31/2023 8:50 AM
28	Too windy, no fence around the court to keep balls from rolling/flying far away, can't be reserved on PlayLocal. On the plus side, I have my own net (preferred over using tennis nets) so would use it if these problems were addressed.	3/30/2023 7:51 PM
29	Very windy!	3/30/2023 7:25 PM
30	Windy. No fencing. Cannot be reserved.	3/30/2023 7:24 PM
31	Windy, no nets available, no fences to contain the ball, cannot reserve.	3/30/2023 7:23 PM

Q39 How do you use the pickleball courts? (Select all that apply)

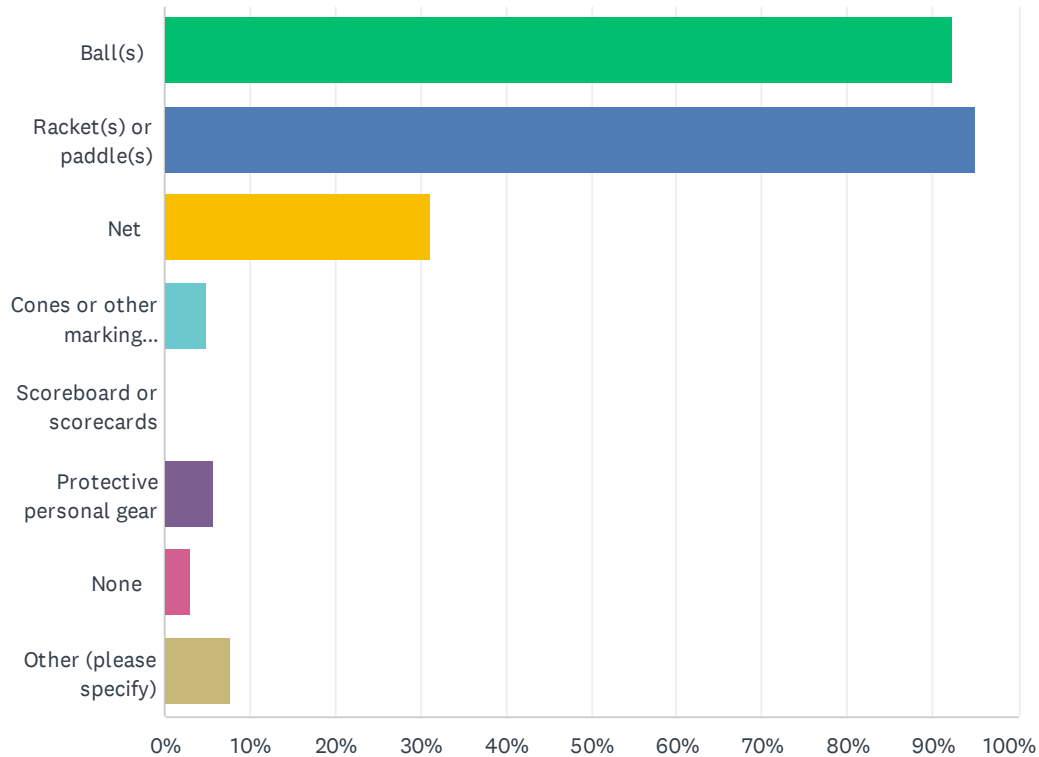
Answered: 103 Skipped: 449



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I travel to the court with my friends/family	46.60%	48
I arrange to meet my friends/family at the court	81.55%	84
I play with or coach a team or organized group	12.62%	13
I take lessons	19.42%	20
I teach lessons	0.00%	0
I plan to visit the courts at a time when I know others will be there	11.65%	12
I will play with anyone who is at the court at the same time	8.74%	9
I play by myself	2.91%	3
Total Respondents: 103		

Q40 What equipment do you bring with you to use the pickleball courts (Select all that apply)

Answered: 103 Skipped: 449



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ball(s)	92.23%	95
Racket(s) or paddle(s)	95.15%	98
Net	31.07%	32
Cones or other marking equipment	4.85%	5
Scoreboard or scorecards	0.00%	0
Protective personal gear	5.83%	6
None	2.91%	3
Other (please specify)	7.77%	8
Total Respondents: 103		

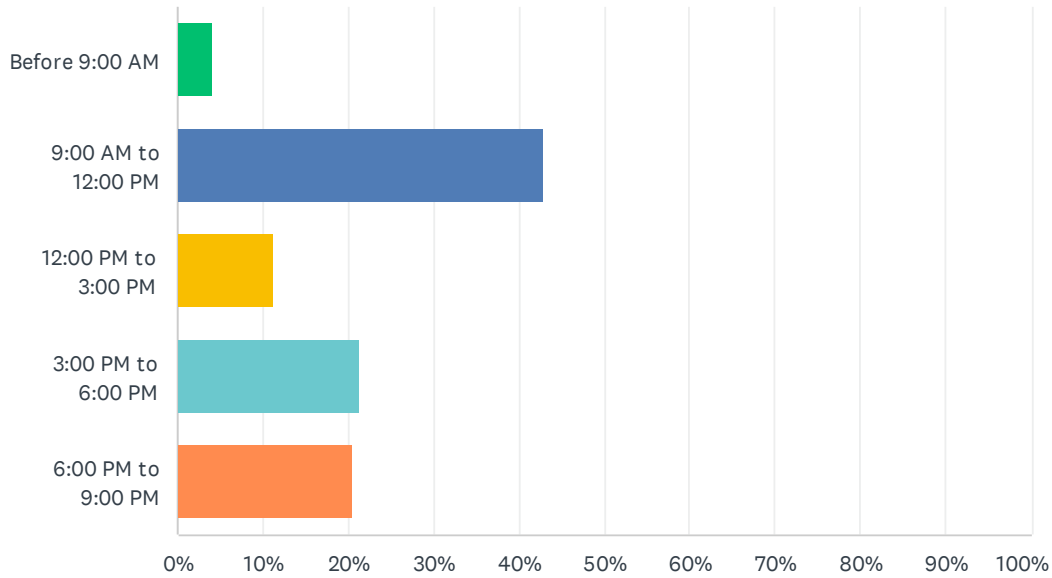
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Please fix the poet's corner park, put in a better playground, make a tennis court and improve the basketball court, thanks!	4/12/2023 8:50 AM
2	Chair. Provided benches would be appreciated...especially for seniors.	4/10/2023 11:06 PM

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3	Enjoy using PlayTime Scheduler to create a group online.	4/10/2023 5:25 PM
4	If there were dedicated pickleball courts I would probably play more frequently. The local pickleball culture would likely change, too, if there were dedicated courts. I suspect people would come (if you build it they will come), with or without friends and family. The culture of pickleball in places where it has taken off is such that people just show up and play with whomever is there. This is what I've seen in my limited travels to Florida and New York, where there are more facilities.	4/10/2023 3:54 PM
5	I WOULD bring my pickleball net if we weren't forced to use the tennis nets. Would prefer marking 2 pickleball courts per tennis court, and using portable pball net.	3/30/2023 7:55 PM
6	sun visor/hat, water, snack...	3/30/2023 7:28 PM
7	I'm new to pickleball and have borrowed paddle. I plan to buy one	3/30/2023 7:26 PM
8	Net if not available.	3/30/2023 7:25 PM

Q41 During what time of day do you use the pickleball courts?

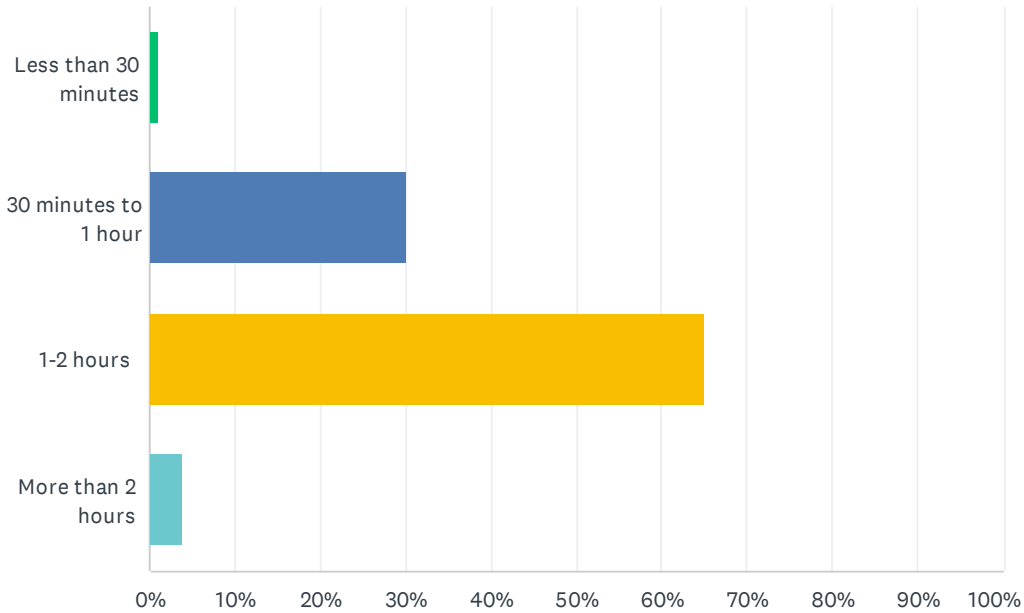
Answered: 98 Skipped: 454



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Before 9:00 AM	4.08% 4
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	42.86% 42
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM	11.22% 11
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM	21.43% 21
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	20.41% 20
TOTAL	98

Q42 On average, how long do you spend at a pickleball court during a single visit?

Answered: 103 Skipped: 449



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 30 minutes	0.97%	1
30 minutes to 1 hour	30.10%	31
1-2 hours	65.05%	67
More than 2 hours	3.88%	4
TOTAL		103

Q43 Do you travel to play pickleball in any other cities/towns?

Answered: 63 Skipped: 489

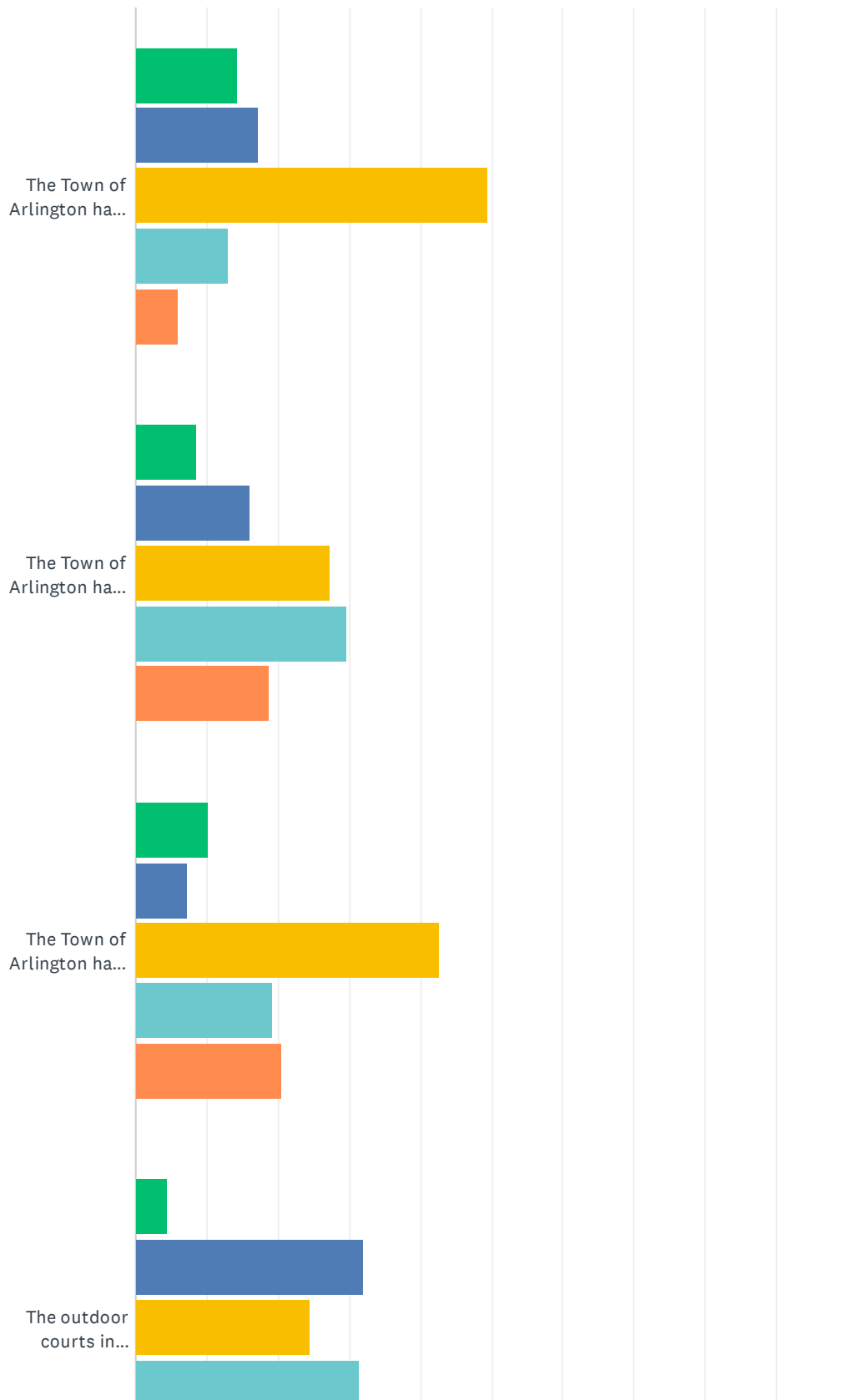
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Yes	4/27/2023 1:55 PM
2	Yes	4/13/2023 2:47 PM
3	Yes. Lexington has very nice outdoor facilities but, starting this season, they are not available to non residents. I also play in organized indoor pickleball in Lincoln and Somerville but really wish we had indoor facilities available in Arlington for the colder season.	4/13/2023 1:39 PM
4	yes	4/13/2023 12:20 PM
5	No	4/13/2023 9:48 AM
6	no	4/12/2023 12:11 PM
7	yes in Medford but elsewhere from time to time. What's wrong with Arlington???	4/12/2023 12:00 PM
8	Waltham, Burlington, Watertown, Lexington, Medford, Bedford	4/12/2023 10:48 AM
9	Please fix the poet's corner park, put in a better playground, make a tennis court and improve the basketball court, thanks!	4/12/2023 8:50 AM
10	no	4/11/2023 11:24 PM
11	Lexington	4/11/2023 10:59 AM
12	Medford courts across the river as they are open all winter.	4/11/2023 10:59 AM
13	nope	4/11/2023 9:46 AM
14	Yes! Much simpler.	4/11/2023 12:58 AM
15	Yes. Would love to play in Arlington if changes are provided.	4/10/2023 11:06 PM
16	Yes - Woburn, Winchester, Reading, Watertown and Reading. Belmont and Lexington recently made courts available as well.	4/10/2023 8:58 PM
17	Yes. Indoor courts in the winter. Medford Duggar daily drop-in	4/10/2023 8:19 PM
18	Yes Burlington Winchester Medford	4/10/2023 7:43 PM
19	South Boston	4/10/2023 7:01 PM
20	Yes, I would like to play here but play instead in Woburn, Newton and Belmont because we don't have pickleball nets and do not have multiple courts for pick- up games on playtime. Arlington is way behind other towns—We need dedicated courts in multiple locations.	4/10/2023 6:34 PM
21	Yes	4/10/2023 5:54 PM
22	Yes	4/10/2023 5:41 PM
23	Yes -- Belmont, Watertown, Natick, Burlington, Waltham, Winchester, Woburn -- using Playtime Scheduler	4/10/2023 5:25 PM
24	No	4/10/2023 5:08 PM
25	Yes, Concord and Medford.	4/10/2023 4:55 PM
26	I play pickleball at the Lifetime Fitness facility in Burlington, which has indoor pickleball courts	4/10/2023 4:34 PM
27	not yet but I expect to this season	4/10/2023 4:13 PM
28	I used courts in Medford	4/10/2023 4:07 PM

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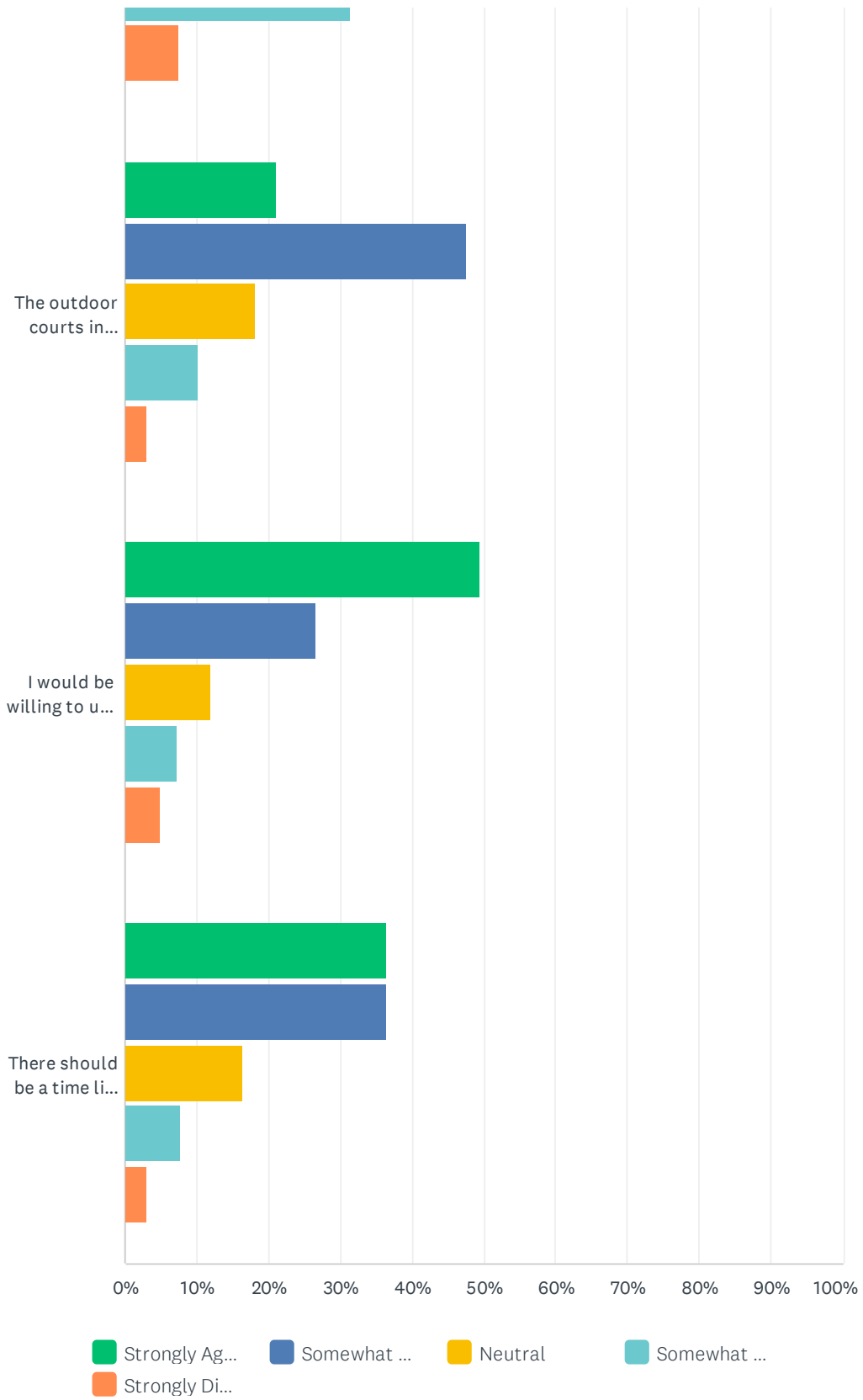
29	Yes -- Belmont, Watertown, Waltham, Lexington	4/10/2023 4:04 PM
30	Yes, but not extensively. I've played in Lexington and Newton and Medfield.	4/10/2023 3:54 PM
31	yes, Medford and Belmont	4/10/2023 3:51 PM
32	Yes	4/10/2023 3:50 PM
33	Yes	4/10/2023 3:42 PM
34	No	4/10/2023 3:40 PM
35	No	4/10/2023 3:35 PM
36	Yes. Belmont	4/10/2023 3:34 PM
37	Yes	4/8/2023 2:13 PM
38	no	4/3/2023 9:08 PM
39	Medford	4/2/2023 1:39 PM
40	Yes! Wakefield, Woburn, Andover, North Andover	4/2/2023 8:38 AM
41	No	4/1/2023 6:47 PM
42	No	4/1/2023 4:38 PM
43	Medford	4/1/2023 12:33 PM
44	Yes--because Crosby is locked. Bad policy	4/1/2023 10:06 AM
45	Yes but would rather not have to do that!	3/31/2023 4:23 PM
46	Yes.	3/31/2023 3:40 PM
47	yes	3/31/2023 3:29 PM
48	Burlington	3/31/2023 3:24 PM
49	No	3/31/2023 3:22 PM
50	No	3/31/2023 3:01 PM
51	yes, Lexington	3/31/2023 2:20 PM
52	Woburn (they have dedicated Pickleball courts)	3/31/2023 2:16 PM
53	Yes - I've played in many other towns, mainly because Arlington doesn't have adequate pickleball facilities.	3/31/2023 2:03 PM
54	Waltham	3/31/2023 2:00 PM
55	Yes for indoor play Acton ,Winchester,Concord	3/31/2023 8:53 AM
56	Yes - for indoor options I travel to Winchester, Acton and Concord	3/31/2023 8:52 AM
57	Yes	3/31/2023 8:42 AM
58	Yes, all winter I've been travelling to Concord & Acton to make use of indoor facilities. For outdoor, I love to play at Dugger Park in Medford - they have a great round robin setup EVERY morning, on 5-6 courts.	3/30/2023 7:55 PM
59	Watertown, Belmont, Newton, Woburn,	3/30/2023 7:35 PM
60	Yes - West Medford (Dugger Park), Woburn (behind library).	3/30/2023 7:28 PM
61	Medford	3/30/2023 7:26 PM
62	Yes - Medford. Acton for indoor play.	3/30/2023 7:25 PM
63	Acton	3/30/2023 7:25 PM

Q44 Select how strongly you agree/disagree with the following statements.

Answered: 409 Skipped: 143



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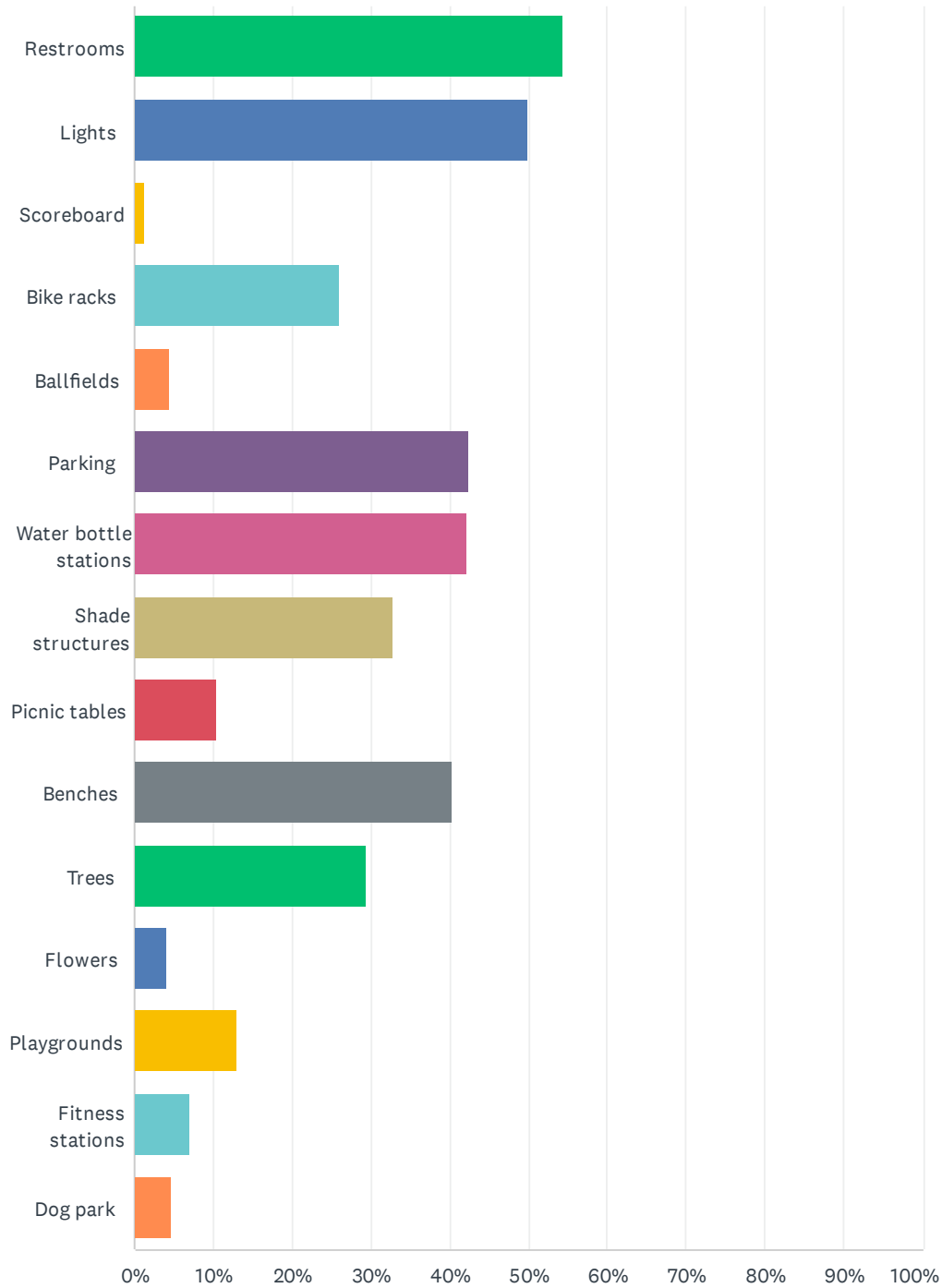


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	STRONGLY AGREE	SOMEWHAT AGREE	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL
The Town of Arlington has enough basketball courts.	14.32% 55	17.19% 66	49.48% 190	13.02% 50	5.99% 23	384
The Town of Arlington has enough tennis courts.	8.59% 34	15.91% 63	27.27% 108	29.55% 117	18.69% 74	396
The Town of Arlington has enough pickleball courts.	10.28% 40	7.20% 28	42.67% 166	19.28% 75	20.57% 80	389
The outdoor courts in Arlington are in good physical condition.	4.51% 18	32.08% 128	24.56% 98	31.33% 125	7.52% 30	399
The outdoor courts in Arlington are convenient to use.	21.11% 84	47.49% 189	18.09% 72	10.30% 41	3.02% 12	398
I would be willing to use an online scheduling system to reserve time at my favorite courts.	49.38% 200	26.67% 108	11.85% 48	7.16% 29	4.94% 20	405
There should be a time limit to use the courts.	36.48% 147	36.48% 147	16.38% 66	7.69% 31	2.98% 12	403

Q45 Select the three amenities that you would most like to have nearby when you play basketball/tennis/pickleball:

Answered: 401 Skipped: 151

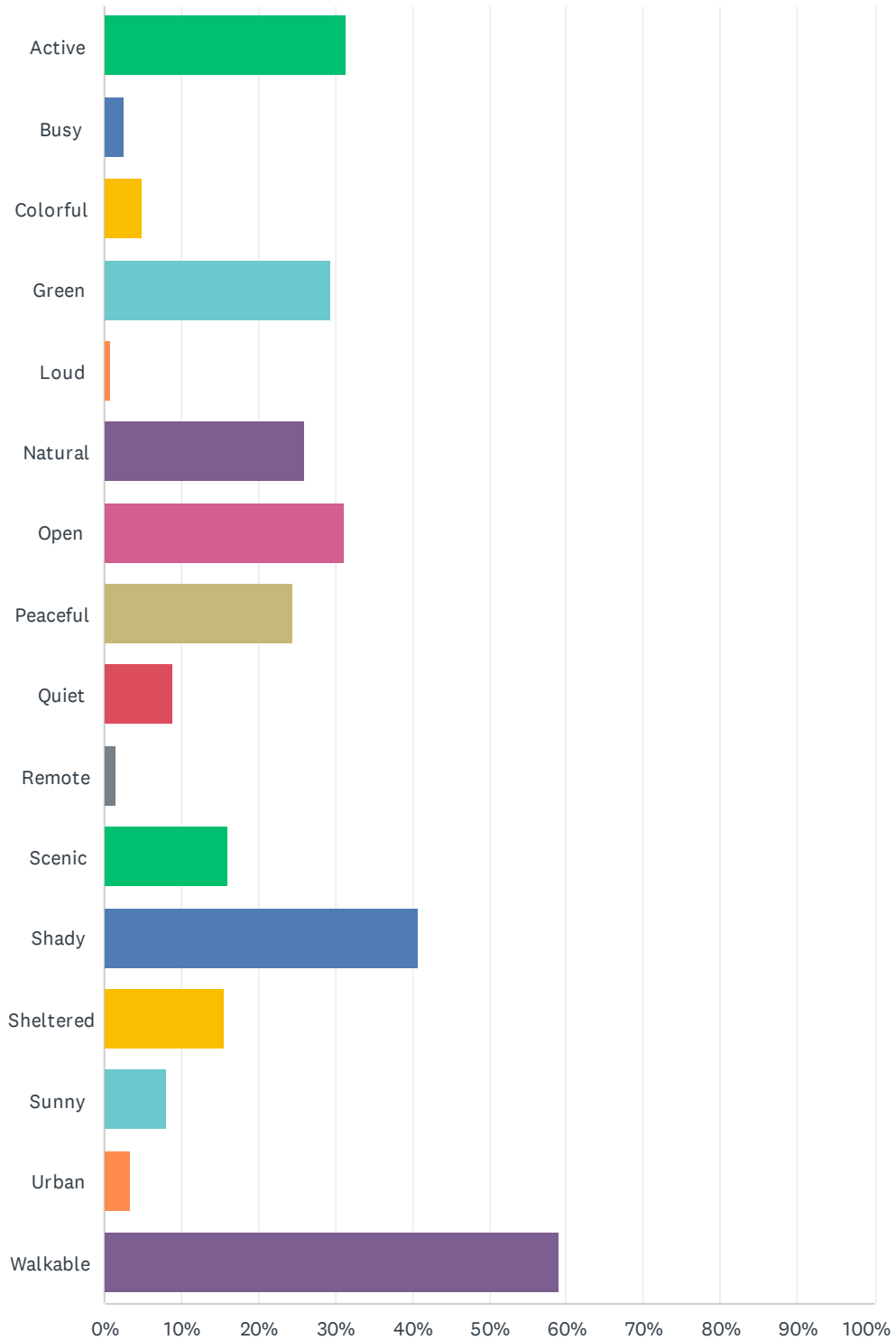


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Restrooms	54.36%	218
Lights	49.88%	200
Scoreboard	1.25%	5
Bike racks	25.94%	104
Ballfields	4.49%	18
Parking	42.39%	170
Water bottle stations	42.14%	169
Shade structures	32.92%	132
Picnic tables	10.47%	42
Benches	40.40%	162
Trees	29.43%	118
Flowers	3.99%	16
Playgrounds	12.97%	52
Fitness stations	6.98%	28
Dog park	4.74%	19
Total Respondents: 401		

Q46 Select three adjectives that would describe your ideal place to play basketball/tennis/pickleball:

Answered: 383 Skipped: 169

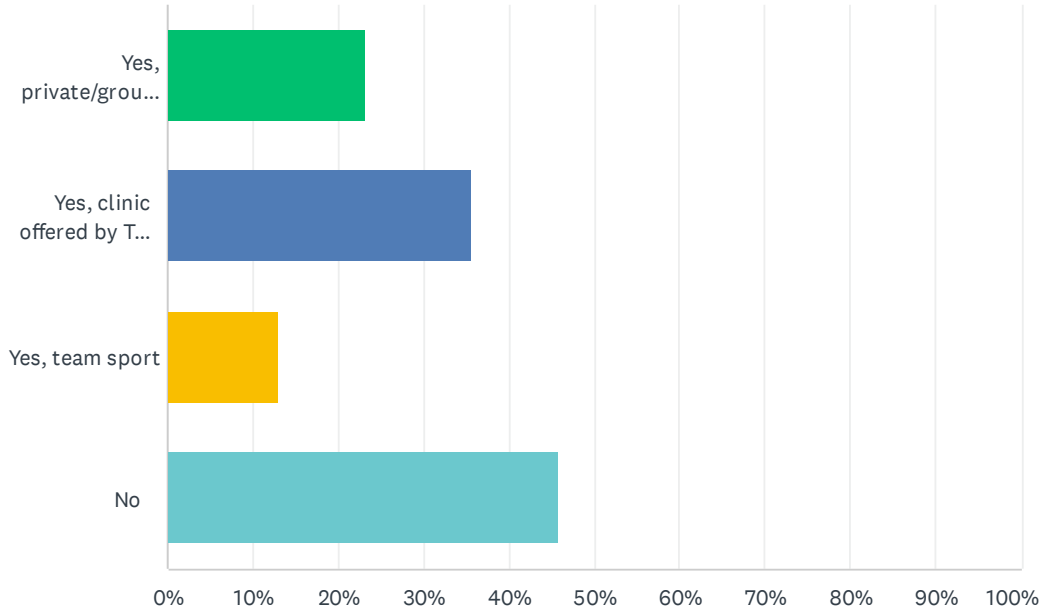


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Active	31.33%	120
Busy	2.61%	10
Colorful	4.96%	19
Green	29.50%	113
Loud	0.78%	3
Natural	26.11%	100
Open	31.07%	119
Peaceful	24.54%	94
Quiet	8.88%	34
Remote	1.57%	6
Scenic	15.93%	61
Shady	40.73%	156
Sheltered	15.67%	60
Sunny	8.09%	31
Urban	3.39%	13
Walkable	59.01%	226
Total Respondents: 383		

Q47 Have you ever participated in a class or organized recreational activity at a court in Arlington?

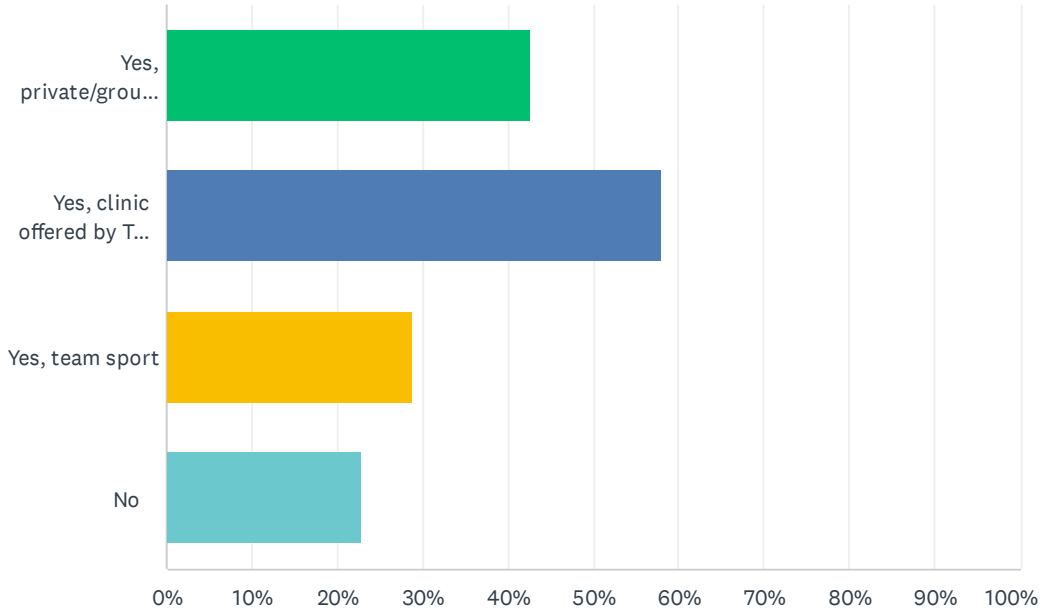
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, private/group lessons	23.21%	94
Yes, clinic offered by Town of Arlington	35.56%	144
Yes, team sport	13.09%	53
No	45.93%	186
Total Respondents: 405		

Q48 Would you be interested in participating in a class or organized recreational activity at a court in Arlington?

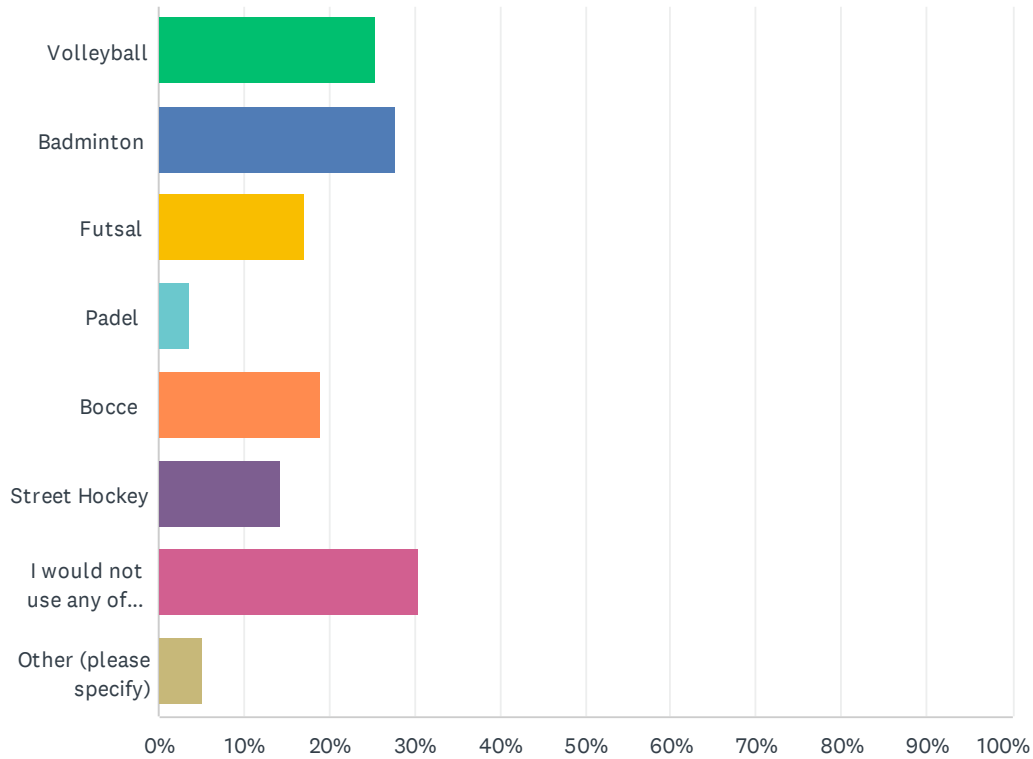
Answered: 399 Skipped: 153



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, private/group lessons	42.61%	170
Yes, clinic offered by Town of Arlington	57.89%	231
Yes, team sport	28.82%	115
No	22.81%	91
Total Respondents: 399		

Q49 Are there any other court sports that you would like to see represented in Arlington?

Answered: 338 Skipped: 214



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Volleyball	25.44%	86
Badminton	27.81%	94
Futsal	17.16%	58
Padel	3.55%	12
Bocce	18.93%	64
Street Hockey	14.20%	48
I would not use any of these courts.	30.47%	103
Other (please specify)	5.03%	17
Total Respondents: 338		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	soccer turf	4/25/2023 12:25 PM
2	Soccer	4/12/2023 2:53 PM
3	squash	4/11/2023 2:46 PM

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4	Similar to futsal, a multi use boarded court for soccer and hockey. A few have been built in Boston.	4/11/2023 1:22 PM
5	Swimming pools, turf fields for soccer and Lacrosse	4/11/2023 8:21 AM
6	Indoor soccer	4/11/2023 7:13 AM
7	With decent parking and a real variety of courts with picnic areas, you could recreate Reservoir Beach (without the beach) at another location	4/10/2023 9:11 PM
8	Table tennis	4/10/2023 6:35 PM
9	skating (inline/roller) skate boarding	4/10/2023 5:44 PM
10	I don't feel strongly about these, but if there were an indoor option to play in an Arlington gym over the winter that would be nice.	4/10/2023 3:59 PM
11	Paddle tennis	4/10/2023 3:44 PM
12	wiffleball field would be great	4/10/2023 3:41 PM
13	platform tennis, please!! it's a great outdoor winter racquet sport option and could be repurposed for pickleball in warm months. http://www.platformtennis.org/american_platform_tennis_association.htm	4/10/2023 3:40 PM
14	I'm sure my son would like street hockey	4/4/2023 6:58 PM
15	Street soccer style	4/3/2023 9:26 AM
16	Table tennis	3/31/2023 5:29 PM
17	Badminton is already here!	3/30/2023 7:23 PM

Q50 Do you have any comments about the sport courts in Arlington?

Answered: 131 Skipped: 421

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Glad you're looking for feedback! Thanks for the opportunity.	4/27/2023 1:57 PM
2	Thank you for providing courts for our use. The PlayLocal app is very useful. Does it give priority to arlington residents? that might be helpful.	4/27/2023 1:48 PM
3	The public courts are too dominated by the local sports teams. Those courts are for the whole town's use, not just the schools. The high school dominates most courts all afternoons on weekdays in the spring, and local colleges frequently use all the courts in the afternoons in the fall. Can be very frustrating. Lights would help extend the hours on all courts too.	4/26/2023 9:28 AM
4	As far as the tennis courts go an easier method of signing up online would be helpful. The nets often need repair. I would love to see screens on the fences especially at Grove.	4/19/2023 6:52 AM
5	even though I don't do court sports, they are important for others, so they should be well kept, well publicized, and well-used	4/18/2023 4:11 PM
6	most of the time people respect the posted time rules though there are still some recognizable characters who give private lessons and monopolize court time.	4/17/2023 7:04 PM
7	Better basketball backboards is always the wish from my kids!	4/17/2023 11:26 AM
8	Crosby courts need to be refinished. Spy Pond courts are nice but hard to find parking and they are typically busy in the evenings.	4/14/2023 2:52 PM
9	For amenities, I'd like to add benches and bike racks. Limiting the answers to 3 wasn't enough. Reserving courts is a good idea but one hour isn't enough time. Use of courts is 4:00 to 8:00 pm. I checked 6:00-9:00 because I couldn't check more than one box. Please line more pickleball courts!	4/13/2023 1:49 PM
10	i would love them to be more attractive and a comfortable and nice place to spend time, meet people, hanging around, be as much as possible constructed in a way to preserve the nature around to profit from it being on the court, or waiting or after practice rest/picnic	4/13/2023 10:21 AM
11	Please refresh BBall courts at North Union, Crosby and Waldo parks (similar to what was done at Hardy courts would be great) Please repair Crosby Tennis Courts similar to what was done at Spy Pond (there are still tons of dead spots so a simple resurfacing will not be sufficient) Thank you!!	4/13/2023 9:55 AM
12	More tennis courts would be great	4/12/2023 10:12 PM
13	My biggest care abouts are availability and maintenance. Current refresh cycles frequently result in cracked surfaces for long periods which reduces number of options for finding a well maintained courts. Indoor options during cold weather months would be welcome.	4/12/2023 5:48 PM
14	We need more soccer fields	4/12/2023 2:53 PM
15	They are in decent shape, Grove tennis court surface are aging, the weeds at Grove are not trimmed each year. Baseball fields look great though. All courts are reservable which is good for regular players but leaves out serendipitous tennis for some town residents, one court non reservable?	4/12/2023 12:12 PM
16	I would play pickball but I can't seem to find any place to play that is available	4/12/2023 12:11 PM
17	A reservation system is absolutely critical to me. The courts (for tennis) get very crowded and people often ignore the stated time limits and are rude to others waiting.	4/12/2023 12:06 PM
18	My 11 year old son is the primary basketball court user in our family. For the most part, he plays pickup with friends during school or in the afternoons when he has free time. The school court/blacktop provides an easy, centrally located and safe place for our kids to meet up independently. As a parent, I value those qualities.	4/12/2023 10:27 AM

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19	It's generally the landscape around the courts that is not well maintained as opposed to the courts. There are often weeds growing in and around the fences.	4/12/2023 9:29 AM
20	Replace courts at Poet's Corner	4/12/2023 4:14 AM
21	I'd love to see a more easy-to-manage online system for booking courts or at least a more clear public posting of clinic schedules for the general public could be really helpful. As a tennis coach for Arlington Recreation, I've had several instances where we've had our play time disrupted by people looking to play tennis. I've also faced instances of people unwilling to move off of courts that we have booked for our camp which limits the types of drills and play we can run. I'd also like to see some cleanup of overgrown weeds and plants, especially around the grove street courts. To be specific, there are several plants with burrs on the courts that tend to stick to balls. In the summer when I teach, a lot of our ball pick-up time is spent picking the burrs off of balls which takes away time to play and teach kids paying for our camp.	4/11/2023 11:49 PM
22	Arlington needs public restrooms - kids can't wait & public urination is an embarrassing necessity with so few available spaces. Also, Arlington needs more bike racks - we are building the bike lanes and we have the fantastic bikeway, but no good way to lock up and visit Arlington establishments or play sports at Arlington sport courts.	4/11/2023 11:07 PM
23	Put tennis courts in Poets' Corner!	4/11/2023 10:28 PM
24	Bring back the tennis courts to Poet's Corner!	4/11/2023 9:31 PM
25	I would love to have a tennis court near the ice rink park	4/11/2023 6:06 PM
26	Lights for more tennis !!	4/11/2023 3:12 PM
27	Thank you for considering how people who live here can be active!	4/11/2023 2:17 PM
28	Courts should be lit and visible; reduces possibility of vandalism. Reservations for basketball will not work, culture of the sport is to show up and play.	4/11/2023 1:22 PM
29	Please consider leaving tennis courts unlocked all winter. Even if you take the nets down, folks can bring their own for Pickball.	4/11/2023 11:03 AM
30	I would like lights installed at Spy Pond and Crosby tennis courts. I love that there are lights at Grove Courts. But, when Grove is taken up by Arlington Rec classes or High School tennis it would be wonderful to have another lit court option to go to. I also noticed that Crosby courts are getting a lot of cracks.	4/11/2023 10:24 AM
31	I worry that the teenagers playing pick up basketball will get kicked out by the scheduled pickleballers. The teens need a space to be themselves.	4/11/2023 9:49 AM
32	Leave the courts open in the winter. Pickle ball can be played year round	4/11/2023 6:24 AM
33	Tennis courts are getting harder to reserve because you have to compete with people reserving them for pickleball. We need more courts for tennis AND we need to get the pickleball players off them and onto their own courts!	4/11/2023 1:41 AM
34	Need more courts with lighting Need more tennis courts, they are all very busy Need some options for Juniors coaching during the week	4/11/2023 12:36 AM
35	Would be nice to have an indoor tennis court. If you charge a reservation fee, maybe the cost can be recovered in a few years.	4/10/2023 10:50 PM
36	Waldo court should be repaved and the rims should be replaced so that they are the same	4/10/2023 10:17 PM
37	Thank you for gathering this info. The only thing I would add is that I would like to select more times that I generally play-- usually between 7 and 10AM and between 4 and 8PM. Thanks again!	4/10/2023 10:12 PM
38	I would like to see a tennis court at summer street. Replace the basketball court and bocce court. I also would like to see the workout area cleaned up and taken more care of.	4/10/2023 9:55 PM
39	I believe Arlington is behind in supporting Pickleball activities though know the Rec Dept is supportive (greatly appreciated).	4/10/2023 9:02 PM
40	I know there's a lot of competition for space. Thanks for organizing this survey!	4/10/2023 8:51 PM

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41	I would add running areas around them	4/10/2023 8:25 PM
42	North Union Park basketball court needs new nets	4/10/2023 8:10 PM
43	Most Basketball courts aren't maintained at all: tilted rims, ripped nets and cracked /broken concrete. No lights for nighttime play.	4/10/2023 7:59 PM
44	The nets need to be replaced at north union and the paint is already looking beat up.	4/10/2023 7:58 PM
45	Shouldn't be locked in winter. We had to go to surrounding towns to play Pickleball this winter	4/10/2023 7:48 PM
46	The tennis courts are great! I would love if all courts had lights but I understand they are expensive. I also sometimes play against the wall on my own; the wall at Crosby is preferable to Spy Pond because it is not on a court and separately entirely. This is nice to not to take up a court from someone else! My biggest worry is that pickleball will take over all the tennis courts. I hope this does not happen.	4/10/2023 7:44 PM
47	Swimming pool	4/10/2023 7:39 PM
48	The town should allow the town members availability to play under the lights - most weeknights are taken up with town run clinics / there should also be a schedule for all tennis events accessible to the public to see if the courts are available	4/10/2023 7:30 PM
49	N/A	4/10/2023 7:23 PM
50	The group adult tennis classes organized by Arlington Rec provided me a huge benefit in actually getting me out to use the wonderful resource of the public tennis courts in Arlington. I go to the classes, but it also encourages me to get other friends to play with at other times, and the class introduced me to a new group of tennis friends to play with on the weekends. Thank you!	4/10/2023 7:02 PM
51	Great that you are getting data!!	4/10/2023 6:55 PM
52	Tennis courts are always too crowded in nice weather. We need more courts or an enforced reservation system that people are required to use and adhere to.	4/10/2023 6:21 PM
53	Provide more walls to hit tennis balls	4/10/2023 6:12 PM
54	A public lap pool would be nice	4/10/2023 6:09 PM
55	I like when they are multi-use like how the magnolia one is used for yoga classes and kids biking as well as basketball	4/10/2023 5:43 PM
56	More PB specific courts would be great, on par with what other surrounding towns are doing. Help to minimize tennis/PB contention. Help to minimize/eliminate noise resistance of PB courts in residential areas.	4/10/2023 5:33 PM
57	Please make more turf fields (for soccer). It would help scheduling if a third turf field is able. A third turf field is definitely needed.	4/10/2023 5:18 PM
58	The bocce courts by Ed Burns Arena need maintenance	4/10/2023 5:14 PM
59	Poets field needs to be redone!!	4/10/2023 4:45 PM
60	It would be amazing to find a way to fit an additional basketball or other court somewhere at McClennen. I don't know if there is space. But I know it would be well-used! Thanks for all you do.	4/10/2023 4:45 PM
61	not really about courts but there are way too many baseball fields in arlington and they go unused for so many hours of the day and days of the week. we need fields where kids can play sports which actually get them moving and involved. baseball has the highest drop out rate of any youth sport and is generally fading as a sport generally.	4/10/2023 4:31 PM
62	Most of the tennis courts have developed cracks which will continue to worsen until they become unplayable if not maintained	4/10/2023 4:31 PM
63	I would love to be able to play tennis with my kids after school, but the courts are typically booked for teams every weekday from 3-6pm--it would be nice if a few courts could be left open for community members.	4/10/2023 4:21 PM
64	Better maintenance of the current tennis courts along with an online scheduling system would be a great start	4/10/2023 4:20 PM

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65	it would be great to have a few more pickleball courts	4/10/2023 4:17 PM
66	As mentioned, I'm still furious that the town locked tennis courts in March and April 2020. There was stiff competition, but this won the award for dumbest decision of all.	4/10/2023 4:15 PM
67	Need a park with multiple basketball courts, like the old AHS courts.	4/10/2023 4:11 PM
68	Would be wonderful if at least some of the pball courts had permanent nets. Or tennis nets that can easily be lowered with a crank (as at Cambridge Public Library courts).	4/10/2023 4:07 PM
69	The fitness stations/chess/bocce/basketball courts at Bobby Mac Memorial (next to Summer St. field) are in desperate need of renovation, there is no maintenance despite being used by many Arlington residents and Arlington Rec camps. The small playground is border-line safe for kids (play structures are completely spoilt, ground cover uneven, lots of dead branches throughout). Please take a look and do something, it has so much potential being righ next to the bike path and Ed Burns arena!!! Thank you,	4/10/2023 4:04 PM
70	Please do not convert natural areas into sports courts. I don't play court sports, but I do walk in natural areas, and for whatever reason, that is not considered a legitimate activity to be catered to. But the more natural areas are converted to sports use (courts, fields, mountain biking), the less I am able to do my activity of choice.	4/10/2023 4:01 PM
71	The Rez is looking good. I don't play softball down there anymore, but I wish I did!	4/10/2023 3:59 PM
72	Lot of basketball couts need to be update and maintained	4/10/2023 3:54 PM
73	I know a lot of people make a fuss about the small court at Spy Pond- these people need better marketing g and/or education about WHY we have a small court- so that the sport is inclusive to all ages and abilities! Where do they think tiny children learn to play the sport they love? Seriously...the myopia.	4/10/2023 3:53 PM
74	Night lights at Crosby would make a huge difference in the usability of those courts. It is one of the only walls in the area, which is very inviting to newcomers or people who don't yet have a social circle for tennis through organized groups or chance meetings. The wall itself is in poor condition currently with consistent spalling and flaking of the top masonry course which causes very strange bounces. And honestly, the wall should be about 2' higher and have 2 entrances to get the balls behind it.	4/10/2023 3:52 PM
75	High School takes over the tennis courts too much, should have their own.	4/10/2023 3:51 PM
76	Stop locking the Crosby courts during winter months. We still want to use them!!	4/10/2023 3:47 PM
77	I don't understand why the town removes net during the winter time. In some other places around Boston, we can play outdoor even in the winter.	4/10/2023 3:47 PM
78	Not courts, but it would be great to have an aquatic facility	4/10/2023 3:45 PM
79	Leave nets up longer in the fall. We can usually play all winter	4/10/2023 3:44 PM
80	I suggest taking a look at the Manchester Field basketball courts at the middle school in Winchester. They are very heavily used. Although I do not play basketball and neither do my children, I think we need more bball courts in town. Perhaps next to a future Arlington middle school rebuild. Grouping several together is helpful. Also pickleball courts would be nice, or perhaps we can just use tennis courts? I have not played before but it sounds like fun.	4/10/2023 3:44 PM
81	From the list was missing the Poet's Corner basketball court. Why is this missing from the list? We use this basketball court all of the time and it is not being considered in this survey. This is very disappointing.	4/10/2023 3:43 PM
82	Consider non-court sports, too!	4/10/2023 3:41 PM
83	please add platform tennis courts!	4/10/2023 3:40 PM
84	They should be better maintained and updated to include newer backboards and rims as well as better playing surface.	4/10/2023 3:39 PM
85	They're great, need more urban tree canopy. Don't need more courts in town	4/10/2023 3:39 PM
86	basketball courts need a big facelift. New courts at Peirce are great but need to be maintained	4/10/2023 3:39 PM
87	You cannot install enough full time Pickleball courts. I winter in Florida, they are everywhere	4/10/2023 3:39 PM

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here, and still not enough of them. It is the up and coming sport. More courts please, not just PB lined Tennis courts (which are horrible to play on).

88	We surely need more turf soccer field, especially 11v11 with lights.	4/10/2023 3:37 PM
89	We have plenty of paved courts in Arlington. We need to not pave over more surfaces. We also need to not use artificial turf on our natural surfaces.	4/10/2023 3:36 PM
90	I joined the call on March 29th and know there were quite a few very vocal pickle ball players on that call. I understand that they want their own dedicated spaces, but I truly hope that's not at the expense of any of the tennis courts. The tennis courts are pretty busy and it can be hard to book a time on the weekends in particular. So while we may not be as vocal, we are here and we love to use the courts as well! I also have kids that play basketball and mostly do so at their school but as they age, I'm sure they'll travel around town. That being said, it seems like there are many options for basketball play throughout town.	4/4/2023 6:58 PM
91	I think the rec dept should line pickeball courts in as many places around town as possible. I'm concerned about the demand for both tennis and pickleball on the tennis courts. Pickleball can be played a number of different locations, but tennis needs a tennis court!	4/3/2023 9:12 PM
92	Having lights on the courts would greatly increase my ability to use the Crosby and spy pond courts after work hours	4/3/2023 11:32 AM
93	Soccer does not a court sport but there are too few soccer fields - especially with the high school rebuild eliminating a soccer field - and too many baseball fields	4/2/2023 5:14 PM
94	The Grove St courts are in good shape.	4/2/2023 1:37 PM
95	I understand that this is focused on "courts" in Arlington. However, I am disappointed with the presentation and survey, especially: "NRPA Recommended" is used in presentation without even telling people that it means "National Recreation and Park Association." Further, while NRPA has metrics, even it acknowledges that "park and recreation agencies are as diverse as the communities that they serve, and what works well for one agency may not be best for your agency." NRPA's own figures include: Acres of parkland per 1,000 residents = 10.4; residents per park: 2,323. If you're going to use NRPA metrics to support even more asphalt in Arlington, you should at least discuss those 2 important park metrics – how does Arlington stack up? Also, nothing else is said about open space. Again, if you're going to advocate that there are opportunities for expanding courts in Arlington, you must acknowledge that means you are trading open space for more asphalt (and probably losing mature trees) and increasing negative environmental effects. Two more comments: Notably, there is no discussion of certain options: trails for walking, hiking, running and/or biking, skate parks, dog parks, etc... I don't have a dog, but plenty of residents do. Plus, as usual, the presentation talks about DEI, yet the survey doesn't bother to examine this at all. For example, people with disabilities (and seniors, which is some overlap in populations) are completely ignored.	4/2/2023 1:31 PM
96	I play Pickleball at a grammar school in Andover (Andover Recreation offers drills/skills classes 3-4x/week). Is Arlington considering indoor Pickleball options throughout the cold months?	4/2/2023 8:42 AM
97	Please prioritize fixing the playground at Brackett School. The basketball court has been unsafe for over 5 years. Much of the playground equipment was removed over a year ago because of safety concerns and has not yet been replaced. The field area is a perpetual mud pit. There is not enough space for the >500 children to play at recess. In addition to outdoor courts, the town needs more indoor basketball courts to be available for use evenings/weekends in winter. Our town basketball team missed many days of practice this season because its scheduled court was needed for something else (voting, music performance, maintenance, etc.) and no other court was available.	4/1/2023 4:06 PM
98	Need more courts, but not at the expense of soccer fields	4/1/2023 2:54 PM
99	We have lots of basketball courts but many are not in good shape. We do not have enough tennis courts or pickle ball courts and it would be great to see more added.	4/1/2023 10:40 AM
100	1. Locking the courts in winter is an absurd and outdated policy. Get with the times! 2. Crosby courts are poorly maintained.	4/1/2023 10:08 AM
101	The Crosby St. courts need to be resurfaced. There are many soft spots. They should be left open all year for everyone to enjoy.	4/1/2023 9:53 AM

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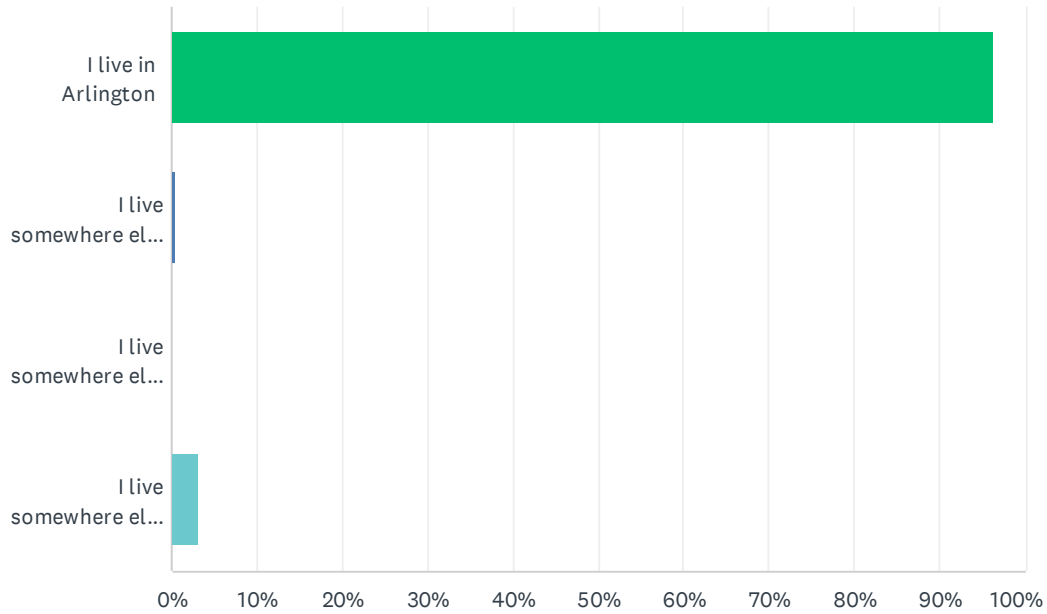
102	Could you make Bishop basketball court better? Currently, it needs a better surface.	3/31/2023 5:29 PM
103	Pickleball is taking over tennis courts. Medford paints 2 pb courts per each tennis court. They use their own nets.	3/31/2023 4:49 PM
104	might be interested in pickleball	3/31/2023 4:42 PM
105	There should be more full basketball courts. Keep the hours limited - Don't want lighting after dark - I'm right next door and there are many homes close to the courts. Pickle ball is much nosier than tennis. It needs courts away from a closely developed area.	3/31/2023 4:16 PM
106	As noted before, keep tennis and pickleball courts separate. Overlapping lines are very confusing !!	3/31/2023 4:05 PM
107	I appreciate that we have pickleball court options in different parts of town. I've never played in the spring before so not sure how available the courts will be now that the town's high schools use the courts in the afternoon.	3/31/2023 3:45 PM
108	Please add lights to the tennis courts!	3/31/2023 3:36 PM
109	I would love to see courts open in the winter. We played all winter at Robbins with our own nets and would love to be able to do so at Crosby.	3/31/2023 3:30 PM
110	Need more tennis courts with lights. In general there is huge demand for tennis courts and tennis programs as the rec classes sell out immediately.	3/31/2023 3:29 PM
111	Unlike with fields, there is ample space to significantly improve the current situation.	3/31/2023 3:27 PM
112	The 1-hour time limit on reserved courts is too short for even semi-serious players. This has actually hindered my use of the Arlington courts; I'm more likely to be able to play for 1.5-2 hours on the Medford courts.	3/31/2023 3:26 PM
113	The tennis courts by the DPW on grove st are frequented by drug user after hours. There are always needles all over the grounds during nicer weather. there should be more lighting in this area to discourage this kind of activity.	3/31/2023 3:10 PM
114	Thanks for doing this survey. Arlington is a great town. More pickleball courts please.	3/31/2023 3:04 PM
115	We are a family that loves tennis. We would fiercely advocate for an indoor town tennis facility so that residents could have low cost or free access play tennis in the winter months.	3/31/2023 2:43 PM
116	I worry that additional courts in Arlington will pave more of the Town's open space, which I would oppose.	3/31/2023 2:27 PM
117	I would like to see dedicated Pickleball courts because 1) so I don't have to bring my own net, 2) I don't have to compete with Tennis 3) Pickleball nets are different height than Tennis nets	3/31/2023 2:26 PM
118	They are a disgrace.	3/31/2023 2:24 PM
119	There are not enough tennis courts - lessons fill up very quickly and courts are never available.	3/31/2023 2:14 PM
120	It would be great to offer a way to search for a kind of court that provides a list of all the places in town that offer that kind of court. The only list of courts I can find is the "List of Parks" at https://www.arlingtonma.gov/departments/public-works/parks-fields/list-of-parks . A map version, in addition to a list, would also be great. Also, pickleball courts were mentioned in a previous question, but that list doesn't mention any pickleball courts.	3/31/2023 2:07 PM
121	The court at the Arlington Recreation Department isn't my "least favorite" so I wasn't able to comment on it until now. But it's typically one of the busiest basketball courts — on nice days, there are almost always people playing. It's also very convenient, right off the bike path, and with good parking. But, it's one of the worst maintained courts. The unevenness of the court (especially right under the hoops) is a sprained ankle waiting to happen. Also, puddles tend to form. So it's definitely due for a new surface.	3/31/2023 2:03 PM
122	We have enough courts. We need to maintain what we have, including the water fountains and other facilities. I live near one set of courts and they are rarely in use. Let's not pave more of the open land that we have — we are in a climate crisis. Paving is terrible in every possible way.	3/31/2023 1:54 PM
123	They are generally good but need some maintenance and the overall plan is excellent in moving the town forward for all court sports with increased capacity and quality	3/31/2023 9:05 AM

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124	Unlock courts in winter - we can bring nets!	3/31/2023 8:44 AM
125	Parmenter playground: - It would be great if the basketball hoop is adjustable. This location is mostly used by kids who are discouraged by the height of the hoops. - The court doesn't get cleaned, so for a large part of the year there are either lots of leaves and debris, or large areas of large grain salt that make the court slippery. - The paving is really worn out and uneven.	3/30/2023 9:23 PM
126	Please keep them unlocked over the winter so that we can play pickleball with our own nets. Please fix holes & cracks in the surfaces. In the Fall, leaves were an issue on the Crosby courts. Wind is a big issue at Spy Pond.	3/30/2023 8:03 PM
127	Thank you for offering ample opportunities for citizens input on planning for our Town	3/30/2023 7:39 PM
128	It would be great to see dedicated pickleball courts -- to eliminate the usage conflict/competition with tennis players.	3/30/2023 7:36 PM
129	I am new to pickleball. Just learned it in Australia and I'm hooked. It's so much fun and such a great way to meet people. I wish there were dedicated courts in Arlington and indoor courts as well. My 7 yr old granddaughter wants to learn and play and I don't see where she can do that. Thank you	3/30/2023 7:31 PM
130	I am so happy that the courts are open again! Also, our family does use the scheduling app. We have used the email we receive to prove that we have scheduled the court.	3/30/2023 7:29 PM
131	Make space available on more evenings for badminton.	3/30/2023 7:23 PM

Q51 Which of the following best describes you?

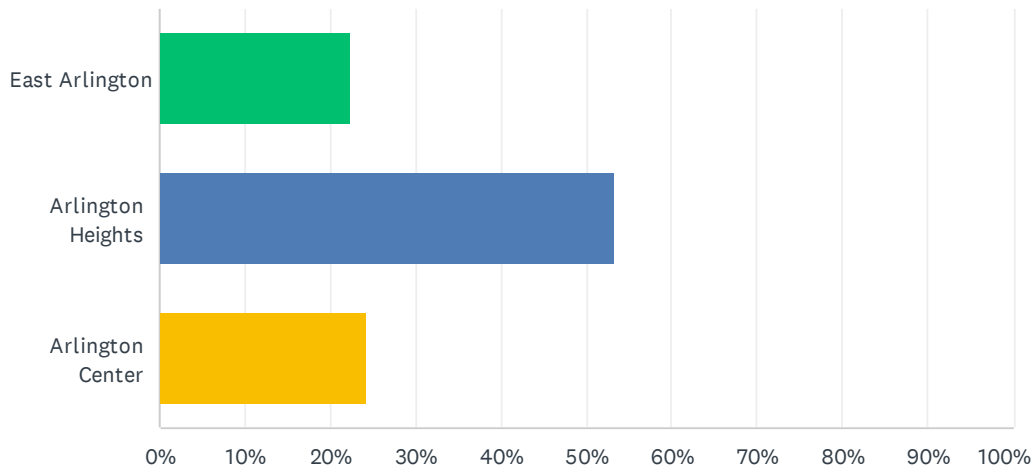
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live in Arlington	96.31%	391
I live somewhere else and I work in Arlington	0.49%	2
I live somewhere else and I study in Arlington	0.00%	0
I live somewhere else and I come to Arlington to use the courts	3.20%	13
TOTAL		406

Q52 What area of Arlington do you live in?

Answered: 392 Skipped: 160



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
East Arlington	22.45%	88
Arlington Heights	53.32%	209
Arlington Center	24.23%	95
TOTAL		392

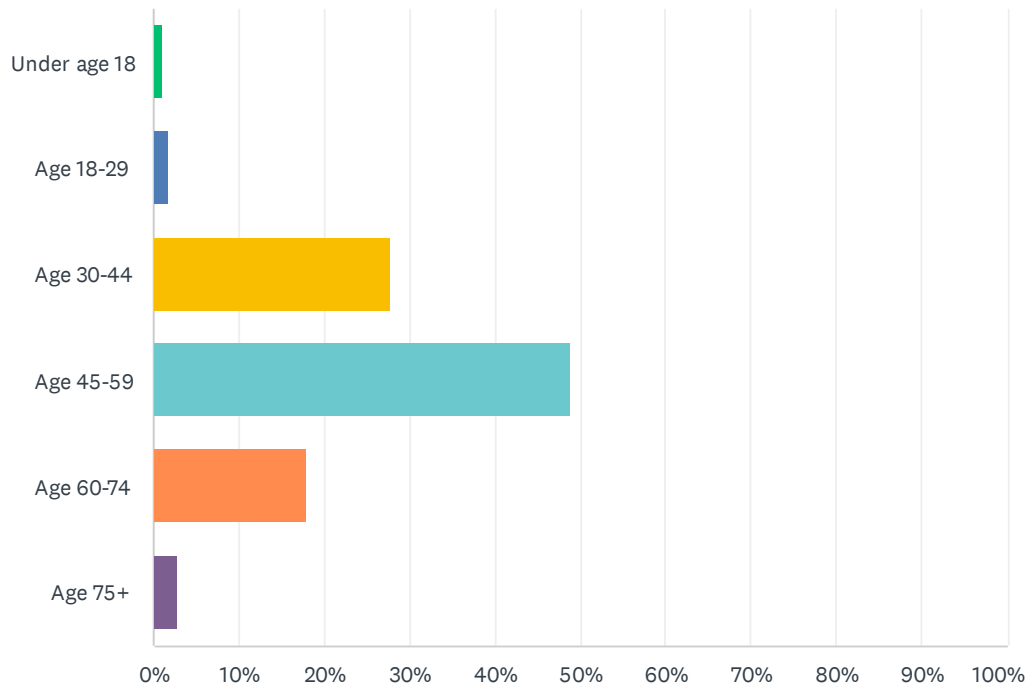
Q53 What city/town do you live in?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 538

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3	Cambridge	4/12/2023 2:42 PM
4	Waltham MA	4/12/2023 1:02 PM
5	Wayland	4/12/2023 12:08 PM
6	Lexington	4/12/2023 12:05 PM
7	Burlington, lived in Arlington from 2016-2022	4/11/2023 12:59 PM
8	Lexington	4/11/2023 11:03 AM
9	Somerville	4/10/2023 5:57 PM
10	Somerville	4/10/2023 5:43 PM
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14	Lowell	3/31/2023 5:05 PM

Q54 What is your age?

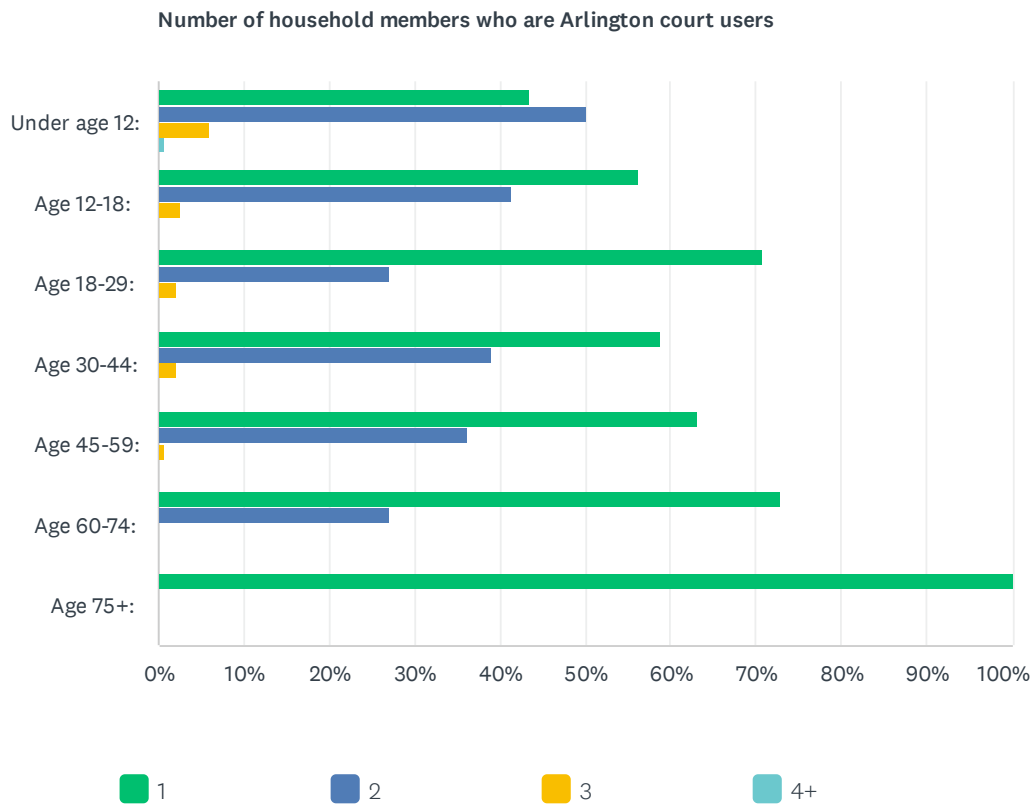
Answered: 403 Skipped: 149



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under age 18	0.99% 4
Age 18-29	1.74% 7
Age 30-44	27.79% 112
Age 45-59	48.88% 197
Age 60-74	17.87% 72
Age 75+	2.73% 11
TOTAL	403

Q55 Please indicate how many other members of your household use the courts in Arlington by selecting the number of users of each age group:

Answered: 337 Skipped: 215



Number of household members who are Arlington court users					
	1	2	3	4+	TOTAL
Under age 12:	43.45%	50.00%	5.95%	0.60%	168
	73	84	10	1	
Age 12-18:	56.20%	41.32%	2.48%	0.00%	121
	68	50	3	0	
Age 18-29:	70.83%	27.08%	2.08%	0.00%	48
	34	13	1	0	
Age 30-44:	58.95%	38.95%	2.11%	0.00%	95
	56	37	2	0	
Age 45-59:	63.16%	36.18%	0.66%	0.00%	152
	96	55	1	0	
Age 60-74:	72.92%	27.08%	0.00%	0.00%	48
	35	13	0	0	
Age 75+:	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8
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Q56 If you would like to be added to a contact list to receive updates about this project, please provide your email address below. (optional)

Answered: 121 Skipped: 431

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PRESENTATIONS

MEETING NOTES

Subject: Public Forum #1

Project: **Town of Arlington – Athletic Court Needs Assessment**

Project No. 23002.00

Issue Date: 1 April 2023

Meeting Date: 30 March 2023

Prepared By: Olivia Messenger, Landscape Designer

Presenters: Joe Connelly, Town of Arlington
 Leslie Maher, Town of Arlington
 Meg Buczynski, Activitas
 Mark Novak, Activitas
 Olivia Messenger, Activitas

Attendees: Open to the public

GENERAL

- 1.0.01 The following Meeting Notes are compiled from a scheduled public forum conducted virtually by the Town of Arlington (TA) and Activitas (ACT for the Arlington Athletic Court Needs Assessment Study.
- 1.0.02 The items and comments are not listed in order of the discussion, but are grouped by topic for easier reference and interpretation.

DISCUSSION

ITEM NO.	ACTION BY/ DUE	ITEM (<i>New items in italics</i>)
1.1 PRESENTATION		
1.1.01		<i>ACT noted that the purpose of the public forum was to listen to public opinions and collect additional supporting information about the existing courts in Arlington.</i>
1.1.02		<i>ACT presented background information about the firm and the project process so far. To date, ACT has conducted site visits and remote analysis and two meetings with Town and stakeholder group members have been completed.</i>
1.1.03		<i>ACT noted that the final product will be a written report that comprises the completed site analyses, survey results, and renovation recommendations for up to 5 sites.</i>

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1.1.04		<i>ACT presented the preliminary athletic courts inventory, beginning with a numeric analysis of distribution and quantity. ACT shared initial court quantity recommendations using NRPA level of service recommendations and market potential.</i>
1.1.05		<i>ACT presented site analyses for two sample facilities as a preview of the narrative analysis, incorporating comments from the two previous meetings. ACT reviewed the courts based on popularity, utility, and court condition. ACT noted that 4 sites had renovation potential based on initial review.</i>
1.1.06		<i>ACT noted that these preliminary analyses and recommendations would be augmented or revised based on the results of the community survey and comments during the public forum.</i>

1.2 POLLING INSIGHTS

1.2.01		<i>Polling was conducted via Slido during the meeting. A comment box within the Slido interface remained open through the following day for late feedback.</i>
1.2.02		<i>Question 1: Which sports do you play at Arlington's outdoor courts? There were 31 responses. Pickleball was the top choice. ACT prompted "Other" respondents to type in the Q&A; badminton was mentioned.</i>
1.2.03		<i>Question 2: Which sport court facilities in Arlington are your favorite? Respondents could choose up to 3 answers. There were 31 responses. The top three choices were Spy Pond, Grove Street, and Crosby Parks. Brackett, Florence Field, and Waldo Park received zero votes.</i>
1.2.04		<i>Question 3: What do you like about your favorite courts in Arlington? Respondents were encouraged to enter a word or short phrase. There were 83 responses. The top submission was "Lights", followed by "Reservable" and "Location", followed by "Proximity" and "Good Condition".</i>
1.2.05		<i>Question 4: Which 3 improvements do you think would have the biggest impact to make the courts in Arlington better? Respondents were encouraged to create an ordered ranking of their top three choices. There were 28 responses. The top-rated three choices were "Quantity of Courts", "Lighting" and "Crack & Court Repairs". The lowest-rated three choices were "Parking", "More Events", and "Park Beautification".</i>

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1.2.06		<i>Question 5: Rank the top 3 amenities you would most like to have at your ideal court facility. Respondents were encouraged to create an ordered ranking of their top three choices. There were 34 responses. The top-rated three choices were "Lights", "Restrooms" and "Shade Structure". "Bleachers" and "Storage" received zero votes.</i>
1.2.07		<i>There were 63 comments submitted in the Q&A.</i>

1.3 DISCUSSION

1.3.01		<i>A community member noted that Robbins Farm Park is great for basketball, but that wind makes it less effective for pickleball. Another community member noted that there are nets at Robbins Farm Park, but that they are locked up when not in use by a coach/TA staff member.</i>
1.3.02		<i>A community member noted that Spy Pond Park is often very windy and could benefit from a windscreen. Another community member noted that parking at Spy Pond becomes difficult during the operating hours of the Boys & Girls Club directly next door.</i>
1.3.03		<i>A community member noted that while the hitting wall at Crosby Park is appreciated and heavily used, the fence is too low and balls often need to be retrieved behind the wall. The community member wondered if a ball recapture system could be implemented at this site.</i>
1.3.04		<i>A community member commented support for shade structures and wind reduction, and asked that nature-based solutions be considered. The community member also voiced concerns about wetland encroachment and the potential for lighting to cause problems for wildlife.</i>
1.3.05		<i>ACT noted that nature-based solutions would be considered and that potential problems with leaf litter and maintenance could be mitigated with plant selection. ACT noted that GIS analysis had been performed at each of the sites to locate wetland buffers and identify other permitting concerns.</i>
1.3.06		<i>Multiple community members noted that there are no dedicated pickleball courts in Town, unlike in other communities. This causes conflicts between tennis and pickleball users looking for time on the same courts. A community member noted that the tennis nets are too large for pickleball and cannot be adjusted. Another community member expressed that the pickleball lines affect tennis gameplay.</i>

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1.3.07		<i>Multiple community members characterized pickleball as a spontaneous, communal sport focused on pick-up and round-robin styles of play, which would ideally require 4-6 courts at a single site.</i>
1.3.08		<i>A community member noted that other towns provide indoor pickleball courts at public facilities such as town halls, which can be used for a small fee/potentially different rates for residents and nonresidents. The community member noted that this could be a potential revenue generator for the Town.</i>
1.3.09		<i>TA noted that plans had been made to stripe as many pickleball courts as possible within the ice rink, beginning in late April. A small drop-in fee will apply.</i>
1.3.10		<i>A community member noted that while there are many basketball courts in Town, Arlington is underserved for full-sized courts that would support outdoor league games and tournament play. Another community member noted that there was no central court that would be a draw for players. Ideally, a central court facility would have two courts side by side with lights and be sited within view of the street for pickup play and safety/security. The community member commented that Buzzell Field is a good example of a court that is well-sited for visibility.</i>
1.3.11		<i>A community member noted that the basketball courts are well-sited at parks that also provide intergenerational programming, such as playgrounds for small children to use while older children and teens use the court. The community member would like to see similar programming at tennis and pickleball facilities, citing Carr Park in Medford as a good example of such a facility.</i>
1.3.12		<i>A community member asked if the benchmarking study took into account the alternate uses of facilities in neighboring towns, citing Medford as an example of pickleball players setting up games at basketball courts.</i>
1.3.13		<i>Multiple community members expressed frustration with wait times and difficulty scheduling time on courts during peak hours.</i>
1.3.14		<i>A community member commented that bocce courts at Summer Street Park receive little to no use and are in poor condition, noting that people can and do play bocce on grass. The community member noted that the location of the bocce courts is very convenient to the bike path and might be a good site to expand pickleball.</i>

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1.3.15		<i>A community member noted that there is a popular badminton club in Arlington that meets once a week at Dalin School; they have also been pressured for schedule.</i>

1.4 NEXT STEPS

1.4.01		<i>At the end of the meeting, ACT introduced the public survey. A QR code was broadcast on the screen and a link was shared in the Zoom chat. The link to the survey was shared on the Recreation Department website. The survey is expected to be open for 2-4 weeks.</i>
1.4.02	ACT	<i>ACT will compile responses from the polling and comment box to expand the narrative site analyses.</i>
1.4.03	ACT	<i>ACT will continue to progress the final report.</i>

NEXT MEETING

1.5	TBD.
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The preceding meeting notes represent our understanding of the information exchanged. Please notify us of any misunderstandings or required interpretations, within five days, as we will proceed on the basis that these items are agreed to by all parties.

Respectfully,

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MEETING NOTES

Subject: Public Forum #2

Project: **Town of Arlington – Athletic Court Needs Assessment**

Project No. 23002.00

Issue Date: 22 September 2023

Meeting Date: 20 September 2023

Prepared By: Olivia Messenger, Landscape Designer

Presenters: Joe Connelly, Town of Arlington
Mark Novak, Activitas
Olivia Messenger, Activitas

Attendees: Open to the public

GENERAL

- 2.0.01 The following Meeting Notes are compiled from a scheduled public forum conducted virtually by the Town of Arlington (TA) and Activitas (ACT) for the Arlington Athletic Court Needs Assessment Study.
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DISCUSSION

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2.1 PRESENTATION		
2.1.01		<i>ACT noted that the purpose of the public forum was to review the work that had been completed and collect feedback on recommended improvements.</i>
2.1.02		<i>ACT presented background information about the project process. To date, ACT has conducted site visits and remote analysis; conducted two meetings with Town and stakeholder group members; presented initial results at a public forum; collected feedback from the public with an online survey; and compiled an initial report including recommendations for improvements at five sites.</i>
2.1.03		<i>ACT reviewed the survey results. There were 552 responses to the online survey over a period of three weeks. Information collected included sports played, specific courts used, typical hours and duration of use,</i>

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		<i>favorite & least favorite court (per sport played) and reasons why, desired attributes and amenities for future park development, and other potential new court sports to explore in Arlington.</i>
2.1.04		<i>ACT presented key insights that guided recommendations. Overcrowding was a common reason for users to choose a court as their least favorite. ACT also noted that conflicting use could be a predictor of whether users would dislike a court, with the most popular tennis courts being the most unpopular for pickleball and vice versa.</i>
2.1.05		<i>ACT also noted that the way tennis and pickleball players use the court for long hours and during the same period may increase conflict. ACT noted that patterns of basketball and pickleball use appear to conflict far less than tennis and pickleball.</i>
2.1.06		<i>ACT presented the existing courts analysis. The analysis considered three metrics:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• Popularity: survey usage data measured against the median number of responses for each sport type at each court;</i><i>• Condition: existing physical conditions analyzed onsite by Activitas;</i><i>• Utility: playability and accessibility of the court, based on the size of the court, number of courts, availability of amenities such as lighting, location, and availability of parking and transportation.</i>
2.1.07		<i>ACT presented court quantity recommendations using NRPA level of service recommendations and market potential.</i>
2.1.08		<i>ACT presented the recommendations for renovations at five sites with conceptual pricing.</i>
2.1.09		<i>ACT noted that the proposed renovations are only a step towards achieving the recommended number of courts, but that reducing conflicts of use at the existing courts greatly increases utility.</i>

2.2 DISCUSSION

2.2.01		<i>A community member asked if the survey had considered different uses by youth versus adults. ACT noted that it had not.</i>
2.2.02		<i>A community member noted that they had experienced challenges with the existing scheduling system, with finding reserved courts currently in use on their arrival.</i>

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2.2.03		<i>A community member expressed concern that the Spy Pond concept showed parking internal to the park and asked if parking on the street could be explored further.</i>
2.2.04		<i>A community member noted that zoning bylaws may prevent the proposed parking at Spy Pond from being constructed in the location shown.</i>
2.2.05		<i>A community member expressed concern about the proposed separation between the playground and the field area in the Crosby Park concept. The community member wondered if the playground could be renovated concurrently.</i>
2.2.06		<i>A community member noted that the location of potential parking should consider handicapped access to the courts.</i>
2.2.07		<i>A community members noted that recommendations should consider the noise pollution created by pickleball.</i>
2.2.087		<i>A community member asked about the timeline for making improvements to the facilities. TA noted that there is no immediate timeline but that the Recreation Commission would like to improve a court in FY25. Project selection would await public feedback.</i>
2.2.09		<i>A community member asked if lighting was included at all of the courts. ACT noted that the design of any court facility would include the capacity to add sports lighting.</i>
2.2.10		<i>A community member asked if solar court lighting was available. ACT noted that leading athletic lighting manufacturers do not offer solar options at the moment, but that the idea could be explored.</i>
2.2.11		<i>A community member expressed concern that none of the recommendations were located in Arlington Heights. TA noted that many other parks projects in Arlington Heights are underway or upcoming.</i>
2.2.12		<i>A community member asked if acquiring additional land for new facilities had been considered. TA noted that land acquisition remains a challenge in Arlington. The goal of the study was to explore opportunities at existing facilities without taking away existing programming or passive uses.</i>
2.2.13		<i>A community member asked if the recommended improvements would provide enough new courts to meet NRPA recommendations. ACT noted that these improvements would be one step in a longer process.</i>

ITEM NO.	ACTION BY/ DUE	ITEM (New items in italics)
2.2.14		<i>A community member asked if more tennis/pickleball courts could be painted like the courts at Grove Street with two pickleball courts separated by the tennis net, noting that the tennis net is too high for pickleball play.</i>
2.2.15		<i>A community member asked if courts could remain unlocked in winter.</i>
2.2.16		<i>A community member asked about indoor options for pickleball. TA noted that the pilot program to open the skating rink for pickleball was popular, but that the window of opportunity to use the rink annually was very narrow.</i>
2.2.17		<i>TA noted that a pilot program to leave portable pickleball nets available at Grove Street was being explored for 2024.</i>
2.2.18		<i>A community member asked if more maintenance or renovations could be explored further at Parmenter School. TA noted that the space may be more available to the Recreation Department after the preschool's lease ends.</i>

2.3 **NEXT STEPS**

2.3.01 ACT *ACT will prepare the final report for submission to the Town of Arlington.*

The preceding meeting notes represent our understanding of the information exchanged. Please notify us of any misunderstandings or required interpretations, within five days, as we will proceed on the basis that these items are agreed to by all parties.

Respectfully,

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Olivia Messenger
Landscape Designer
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The following emails and letters were received by the project team during the Athletic Courts Inventory process and are compiled here for reference. The project team would like to thank all who reached out to provide vital feedback, commentary, and direction during this time.

From: Nancy Ulrich <nbean2001@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 7:05 PM
To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>
Subject: 3/30 Public Input Meeting re: Athletic Court Needs Assessment

Hi Director Connelly,

I recently learned of the 3/30 public input meeting but unfortunately can't join since I am traveling at that time, and will not have internet and/or cellular access.

I am an Arlington resident who enjoys playing pickleball. Unfortunately, I very rarely play in Arlington, and here are a few reasons why:

- 1) There doesn't appear to be any drop in options, as there are at Dugger Park in Medford, for example;
- 2) Requires reservations through PlayLocal.com, which involves providing a credit card number, even though there isn't a fee. I'm one who likes to put as little personal information as possible online, so I find this requirement prohibitive to play in Arlington;
- 3) I'm not sure if this is still the case, but in the Fall of 2021 when I wanted to play at Crosby Park, I learned that certain courts required reservations and others allowed walk-ons. Unfortunately, the courts that required reservations were both the ones with pickleball lines, leaving no walk-on option for pickleball players;
- 4) Outdoor courts were locked over the winter, where other towns outdoor courts were open for play.

Would it be possible for the Town to designate allowable timeframes for pickleball court play, so that the players can post on PlayTimeScheduler (<https://playtimescheduler.com/login.php#>) inviting others to play at the given time and location?

I currently play in Medford, Watertown, Belmont, Newton, Winchester, and Woburn, but would love play in my own town. Anything that you can do to make it a more user friendly process would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments.

Nancy Ulrich

From: Julie Zigo <juliezfb@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 12:46 PM
To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>
Subject: Public Input RE: Court Need Assessment

Dear Mr. Connelly,

Because I am unable to attend tonight's meeting, I am sending a comment via this email.

I am an almost-retired resident of Arlington; I have lived here for almost 34 years. I learned to play Pickleball through enrollment in three consecutive, excellent classes offered through the Rec Department last summer.

This winter, the cohort of people with whom I learned to play utilized the Town of Concord's indoor Pickleball courts so that we could continue to play regularly through the winter. In addition the group cooperatively purchased two nets, and we have played outside at Duggar in Medford as this winter allowed for outdoor play.

With the significant increase in participation, it is my hope that Pickleball will be recognized as being a sport that appeals to a wide demographic of people.

I am writing to bring attention to the need for more outdoor courts, outdoor court access in the winter, and opportunities for indoor winter play for Arlington residents.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to share my input with you.

Sincerely yours,

Julie Zigo

From: Alan <lavalley@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:18 PM
To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>
Subject: Re: Athletic Courts Needs Assessment

Dear Commission,

As you've noticed over the past few years, PICKLEBALL is riding a wave of enthusiasm, popularity and participation. While some multi-use options exist in Arlington – (Robbins Farm Park with 2 BYO-net courts shared with basketball and Crosby Park with two courts lined using the off sized tennis net, shared with tennis – other surrounding towns like Belmont are acknowledging the sport with dedicated courts, and lining all tennis courts utilizing a BYO-net pickleball court on each side of the tennis court rather than just one spanning the tennis net. Towns such as Natick not only line both halves of the tennis court, but they also provide moveable pickleball nets on rollers, that players can move on and off the court. We encourage you to consider these options, expand the number of courts, and help facilitate greater opportunities for pickleball in Arlington!

All the best,

Alan LaValley
Deborah LaValley
Zachery LaValley
Allison LaValley

From: Jennifer Goebel <jsgoebel@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 1:38 PM
To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>
Subject: Court assessment

Hi Joe,

I'll attend the meeting tonight, but have another meeting at 7, so will have to leave early. My request: more pickleball courts please! I think that the Town should stripe all the tennis courts for pickleball, too. Sometimes tennis players take tennis courts with pickleball marks when there are empty tennis courts, so having all courts for both would improve access.

I would love to see the town develop some smaller courts for just pickleball like they have in Woburn and other towns, as there does seem to be growing demand for pickleball.

But at the very least, having the existing courts available to all players would be great.

Thank you,

Jennifer Goebel

From: Emily Shea <emilygshea@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 4:30 PM
To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>
Subject: Parks and Rec Meeting/PICKLEBALL!

Hello,

My name is Emily Shea. I have lived on Draper Avenue in Arlington for just shy of 30 years. In addition, I am the owner of Kickstand Cafe in Arlington Center.

I'm writing to today to express my enthusiasm for increasing the number of pickleball courts in Arlington. For nearly a year, I have played almost daily at the drop-in sessions that the Medford Recreation department oversees at Dugger Park, just across the border with Arlington.

The popularity of this sport is exploding and I believe that it is here to stay. Pickleball has so much to recommend it: it's relatively quick to learn, it's fun, it's community building, it's physically engaging yet accessible -- this may sound corny, but it has changed my life. I'm in the best shape I've been in in years and look forward to it every single day.

And I am hardly the only one: at Dugger park, there are lines painted on some of the tennis courts for pickleball and portable nets that are kept in a lockbox and set up by Pickleball Ambassadors every morning. Even in the winter, it was common to have as many as 20-30 people show up for the open play. In warmer weather, it can exceed 40 and there can be quite long waits to play. I have played in other towns and each one operates their pickleball program differently. I think the Medford model is remarkable for it's accessibility and reliability -- you just show up and you know that you will be able to play.

As the popularity grows, I am confident that courts in Arlington will be well used. Ideally there would be dedicated, purpose-built pickleball courts, but painting lines on tennis courts can also work well (though not making use of the tennis net -- there are many reasons why that is not appropriate for pickleball). Any concerns about noise (I know there have been recent media accounts of issues in some towns) could be solved by thoughtful placement and time restrictions.

I would be happy to share more and answer any questions the department may have and I sincerely hope that Arlington can become a leader in providing for this great game.

Best,

Emily Shea

From: cafemejia <cafemejia@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 4:45 PM
To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>
Subject: Pickleball court availability

Dear Joe,

Thanks for letting us share our thoughts on the use of courts in Arlington. My wife and I are a 60+ years old couple who have lived more than 1/ 2 our lives in this beautiful town. We are both physically active and would love to be able to practice our sport in our town but there are not many places

available designated for Pickleball in Arlington. Pickleball is a growing sport in our age group especially and we'd like to feel we can enjoy with our friends locally rather than having to travel to other towns.

Could you help us to dedicate more space for pickleball courts? We know the spaces are limited even for tennis but we see more pickleball players than tennis players at the courts that share the space. At Crosby, 2 tennis spaces are not enough. Each tennis court can accommodate 2 pickleball courts if lined to allow for this (1 pickleball court per side of the net) as Lexington and other places have done. This would make maximum use of the tennis courts. I'm not sure what other courts are lined for pickleball (other than Robbins) but we definitely need more. With the ability to make court reservations.

Also, lighting would be a really wonderful addition, especially for the fall/early winter evenings.

We all need the exercise and this sport is an activity for all ages and very economical and a real social interaction very needed for all as well.

Thank you. We appreciate you listening. Sorry we can not attend to the meeting tonight

Otto and Jean Mejia

From: anju joglekar <joglekar.anju831@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 6:03 PM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>

Subject: pickleball courts

Hello,

I would like to ask you to consider painting pickleball lines on the remaining two tennis courts at the Crosby courts.

I would also like to ask you to create indoor court options for Pickleball at a reasonable price per 2-3 hour drop in session without requiring a commitment for months. Other surrounding towns have not had any problems providing this so it is hard to understand why Arlington has a hard time providing the same.

Thank you.

Regards,

Anju Joglekar

From: Julie Horvath <juliehorvath8@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 5:46 PM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>

Subject: Zoom meeting/Parks & Recreation

Hi Joe,

In regard to pickleball, I know Arlington would greatly benefit if we had dedicated pickleball (PB) courts (preferable with permanent nets) at some locations in town.

My husband and I have been playing for a year now and I've met so many people through this activity. It is a "multi-generational" sport to be honest and it's great for active seniors as well. I have met people from age 18-85 playing P.B.

We typically play in Medford, at Duggar on Mystic River Road, but I've traveled to Woburn,

Winchester, Somerville, Waltham, etc. Duggar consistently has an average of 30 people there every morning – which the Medford Recreation put into place (a few residents open and close the locked box provided where the nets are stored). You should drive by sometime to see the crowd.

Arlington should have some permanent nets. I know there are pickle ball lines on many courts around town, but nothing permanent or consistent to rely on. If we had them, our local businesses would benefit as well... bringing more people into town to play.

Check out Playtime Scheduler online and you will see how popular it is in the various communities that offer courts.

Thank you for listening!

Julie Horvath-d'Amico

From: CYNTHIA BOUVIER <cindy.bouvier@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:29 PM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>

Subject: (no subject)

Hi Joe, it's Cindy Bouvier. Long time no see! I hope you are well. I could not make it to your meeting tonight, but I wanted to throw in my 2 cents for Pickleball nets, and not just tennis nets. For all I know you may have them, but I did sign up last summer and we had to use the tennis nets at Crosby. Not great. Is the sign up still for tennis nets in the Spring?

Thanks, Cindy

From: Robert Lafaytis <rlafaytis@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:36 PM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>

Subject: courts

I attended the meeting this evening but was unable to vote. I feel like perhaps the tennis community was underrepresented. The tennis courts are often full. Lights on the Spy Pond courts would help. The courts are often not available at prime playing times due to Lesley taking up most of the courts. Not sure why this is allowed.

A side issue I think should enter the town discussion though maybe beyond the preview here is installation of AEDs - maybe only practical a larger facilities. Belmont has placed these at many of its fields after the death of a young man.

Thanks for a well run meeting.

From: Sidekick Sports Academy <sidekicksportsacademy@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 4:50 PM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>; Matt Curran <mjcurran@town.arlington.ma.us>

Subject: Formal Comment - Town of Arlington Athletic Courts

Hope this email finds you well!

As a long-standing partner with Arlington Recreation, I would simply like to formally express the

community's need for a two-court outdoor facility; particularly for basketball.

Over five years ago, Arlington High School had two courts side-by-side. These allowed for a successful summer league for youth players in the community. It also allowed for a much easier vacation camp process. Since those courts have been removed, Sidekick Sports Academy has not been able to offer the summer league. Vacation camps now require multiple locations, which causes issues for staff and players, having to shuttle between the spots.

Arlington has a rich basketball pedigree, with a current NBA player (Milwaukee's Pat Connaughton) and a current NCAA Men's Final Four player (Miami's Bensley Joseph) representing the town at the highest levels of the game. The community should have a proper two-court outdoor facility that can be enjoyed by everyone; particularly youngsters who idolize the players representing their town on national television.

I should also mention that should approval of a two-court outdoor facility move forward, it would be wise to install hoops that raise up and down between 8 feet and 10 feet. This will be a huge help for players under the age of eight. Furthermore, the hoops that were previously installed at Arlington High School were "double-rims". These are more akin to the hoops you would see in a carnival setting. A thinner, standard rim is much better and enjoyable for players.

Should you have any further questions, please let me know.

It is an honor to continue to serve the Arlington community!

Warmest regards

ZACH ROCHA

Co-Founding Executive Director / SIDEKICK SPORTS ACADEMY

From: John V. Hurd, Esq. <john@johnhurdlaw.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 11:08 AM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>

Subject: Outdoor Street Hockey Rink

Hey Joe,

Thanks for chatting about the potential for an outdoor rink. This is something I get asked all the time, so if it is a possibility then that would be amazing. Let me know if there is anything that I can do to assist.

Thanks,

John V. Hurd, Esq.

Law Office of John V. Hurd, P.C.

From: Laurie Abrams-Hall <laurieabramshall@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 8:30 AM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>

Subject: Connecting

I left an email for you a month ago,

shortly after the Zoom Meeting.

Had wanted to verbally talk about my concerns -

but didn't feel the Zoom Meeting was exactly the right place.

And - don't use technology very well...

Besides concerns about the Parks and Courts and Lighting and Hours -
I didn't know who was now in charge of making sure
the grass between my fence and the Town's fence is mowed.
As well as the vines creeping up the Tennis Courts' fences...

Will look forward to a phone call -
and/or connection
of some sort or other.

Knowing you're busy - to say the least -
but as we are neighbors....
Would be good to connect.

Thank you, as always,
Laurie

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 9:25 AM

Thank you, Joe.

Concerns -
Pickleball (much noisier than tennis)
Lighting (wouldn't want people playing later at night...)
Repairs with backboard
Or - move backboard - allow for full basketball court.
If any questions about my concerns, I would be happy to talk with anyone -
781-648-6732
And - might I expect to hear back as to what decisions were made?

Will look forward to hearing back from Kevin.
(Perhaps you can warn him?)

With appreciation for all you do -
Thanks,
Laurie

From: Alan <lavalley@comcast.net>

Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2023 12:14 PM

To: Joe Connelly <jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us>

Subject: Feedback: Court Study Results Presentation Sept 20

Hi all,

Alan LaValley here. Arlington resident and lifelong tennis, racquetball, table tennis player – now committed pickleball player, with my wife Deb, playing 3-5 times a week outdoors in Watertown, Belmont, Greater Boston, and indoor at Lifetime Fitness in Burlington, Framingham, and Westwood, along with indoor in Winchester & Woburn tennis clubs.

I previously organized a PlayTimeScheduler.com session on Wed mornings at Robbins Farm BB court with 10-12 folks. Loved the location and view, but we tired of chasing the ball down the hill to the baseball field, or searching for the ball in the brush on the other side.

Just wanted to add my feedback after attending your Sept 20th zoom review.

#1 - Very happy to see (on Slide 12) the LOS move up of pickleball to 1 per 2,000 – up from your March presentation of 1 per 5,000. A recent study finds 36.5 million PB players in the US in the last 12 month,

compared with 23.6 million playing tennis according to a recent USTA report. All good, but very happy to see you capturing that idea in your terrific plans. Here's hoping many of these plans find their way to reality and you can work to satisfy neighborhood 'PB pushback' with optimum court positioning and the use of wind/sound screening installed on the perimeter fencing -- see Natick's Connor/Heffler Park.

#2 – Appreciate your approach to reducing the mixed use 'court pressure' that PB puts on tennis. In many local venues I play, 20 PB 'pick-up' players will arrive to play on two tennis courts (lined for 4 PB courts) and find the other two tennis courts being used by just four tennis players. Many towns line two PB courts on every tennis court. Hoping your vision works and you can add PB specific court inventory to meet the demand.

All the best,

Alan & Debbie LaValley

COMMENTS FROM SLIDO

- Who represented pickleball in the stakeholder/user group discussion?
- Are there any existing pickleball courts with permanent pickleball nets?
- Arlington Heights showed as underserved. Why was Florence Field not selected as a priority then?
- Is the plan to build more courts in Arlington, or to create multi purpose courts?
- Robbins is great for Basketball but not so good for pickleball. Please note
- Has anyone looked at actual usage of existing courts?
- We need to differentiate between indoor and outdoor courts a/w/a dedicated with permanent nets in place.
- Is there an ability to make the skating rink a multi purpose space in the off season?
- What has the feedback been from tennis players, in regard to Pickleball needing more courts, etc. Just curious.
- I hope that Arlington will expand the number of pickleball courts with permanent nets
- Pickleball courts need fencing around them, which most basketball courts do not have
- There are not any basketball courts in proximity to the Reservoir area in Mt. Gilboa. Peirce isn't proximate.
- Pickleball users are mostly during the day so schools facilities are very limiting.
- Is population considered when looking at the density of courts? East Arlington as an example, circles overlap, but guessing the population is more dense.
- For other - we have badminton players in our family.
- What are the plans for soccer? There are not enough courts. Arlington Soccer Club has a large crowd. I drive to Cambridge, Medford, or Somerville for leagues
- You should ask who has converted from tennis to PB. I bet that Stat would be interesting.
- The communities around us have been having noise issues with pickleball, will density play a role in placing courts.
- Reservoir beach facility isn't a real court setup.
- There is a large contingent of badminton players in Arlington and surrounding towns playing through Arlington rec that fight for court time against basketball
- I answered pickleball, but to be fair, I am in my 50s, and i wonder whether most of the attendees tonight are similarly not young. That might bias the poll...
- Street hockey is another popular court use
- I hope you'll put this survey online to get a broader response. It was very hard to make this event because it comes right in the middle of family dinner time.
- Have you considered that pickleball is a growing sport for seniors? There are few recreation facilities in Arlington for seniors.
- Wondering if a partnership with a private developer might help bring dedicated year-round pickleball courts to Arlington...
- Medford has a concept where they can run multiple pickleball courts on a single tennis court and players bring their own nets. Could we replicate in Arlington?
- Will you overlap the needs for courts with needs for fields?
- Good point about why courts are not available all year.

- Can Town Hall be used for indoor pickleball during winter?
- I would like to say thank you for adding Pickleball courts! It's been great to have in town
- Seems like pickleball is representing at this meeting here. But I hope tennis and basketball don't become underserved. I bet many couldn't attend due to time.
- Water bottle fillers would be great
- Do the Grove Street pickleball courts get any use? Anecdotally, there is a lot of tennis use on Grove Street -doesn't seem any pickleball play on Grove Street.
- Can you double the number of pickleball courts by created more dedicated courts like Belmont is doing?
- The blacktop at Parmenter usually has salt and loose gravel on it that make it slippery to use. Kids often slip and fall on this surface.
- Have you considered the communal/open play aspect of pickleball and how that only thrives when there are multiple courts in one location?
- Storage would come into play if the town provides pickleball nets. Not if we are bringing our own.
- What's happening with pickleball at the End Burns arena? We got an email that news would be coming...a long time ago.
- What is priority for letting schools use courts? For example, it seems that arlington catholic has reserved late afternoons every weekday from 3-5.
- Woburn has dedicated Pickleball courts and charges \$25 annually for non-resident passes. Winchester and Woburn Tennis Clubs charge \$14 for 2-3 hour sessions.
- Are all courts bookable in advance on play local or similar?
- Will proximity to wetland resource areas be considered during the process for choosing sites for improvement, expansion or new courts?
- Thank you for the meeting. I live near Crosby but have to go to Belmont and Newton to play where there are dedicated courts with right-sized nets.
- For those of us who missed the beginning - where do we find the presentation?
- Are you considering indoor facilities for court use?
- Can you increase options for puckleball in the winter on nights and weekends?
- Every pickleball or tennis court seems to have one side with the sun in the eyes.
- Can you add pickleball markings so that there are 2 courts per tennis court - - for use THIS summer?
- Would love more lighted courts. Often neighbors complain about lights and noise on athletic fields after dusk. What would the cost be for lighting? Who pays?
- Some pickleball players can play at a school gym after school is done.
- This winter I travelled to Concord & Acton to play pickleball. Would love to play closer/local!
- YAY to pickleball at the rink!!!
- Why was McClellan Park not part of the study? It is one of the larger areas and could open up tennis, pickleball opportunities in that area of town.
- Crosby Courts need to be repaired
- Spy Pond courts - the only hitting wall for tennis is on a court striped for pickleball. That has been an issue
- You can efficiently have two pickleball courts on either side of a tennis court net as at Dugger

park in Medford.

- The bocce court at Summer St is full of garbage & weeds. Completely unusable.
- Tennis player here. Crosby courts were rated good condition on survey but there are quite a few hollow spots that become “dead zones” when the ball hits them
- Have you considered replacing the Parmenter court with a more forgiving surface, especially given the number of small kids who play there?
- Please also consider heat from playing surfaces and how that might be reduced or mitigated.
- Badminton is not competing with outdoor courts, it can really only (best) be played indoors.
- Can you consider adding adjustable height basketball hoops at Parmenter? There are a lot of small kids who use this court.