

City of Lowell Department of Planning & Development Open Space & Recreation Plan



*Thank you for signing up for the OSRP Newsletter! The City of Lowell Department of Planning & Development is updating the Open Space & Recreation Plan. This Plan is an important document created in collaboration with the community to identify and prioritize needed park and open space improvements. The City is required to update its OSRP every 10 years to maintain eligibility for state grants to fund open space improvement projects. The newsletter is how we will share information about upcoming community engagement events, volunteer opportunities, and other ways to get involved. We will also be sharing back the feedback we gather along the way.*

## Get Involved!

There are a few ways you can get involved with the OSRP now, and more to come! The planning team is finalizing engagement activities and events, and working to get materials translated in Spanish, Portuguese, and Khmer. If you would like an additional language, please submit a request to [openspace@lowellma.gov](mailto:openspace@lowellma.gov).

Visit the [OSRP Digital Engagement Station](#). This is your one-stop-shop for all things OSRP-related. You can learn more about the OSRP, participate in the quick survey, and download the OSRP Coloring Book and Park libs. A Deep Dive Survey link and information about volunteer opportunities will be added soon!

## Get In Touch!



Email Hotline:

**openspace@lowellma.gov**

*You may write to us in any language!*



Phone Hotline:

**978 - 674 - 4225**

*You may leave us a voice message in any language!*



Digital Engagement Station:

<https://tinyurl.com/37a2y2n9>



Mobile Engagement Station:

***Coming Soon to a Park Near You!***

## Calendar of Events

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

The OSRP mobile engagement station made its "soft launch" debut at Mill City Skill Share on March 29th, and then went on a tour from the City Volunteer Fair on April 5, to CNAG on April 7, Khmer New Year on April 19, and UML's Eco Fest on April 22nd! The project team is taking a quick break from engagement events to finalize materials and have them professionally translated.

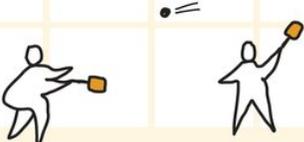
*More events will be planned soon!*



2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	01	02	03	04	05	06
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Clemente Park Tableting @ Ichmer New Year 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Clemente Park (803 Middlesex Street)	20
21	22 OSRP @ UMLA Eco Fest 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Campus Recreation Turf Field	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

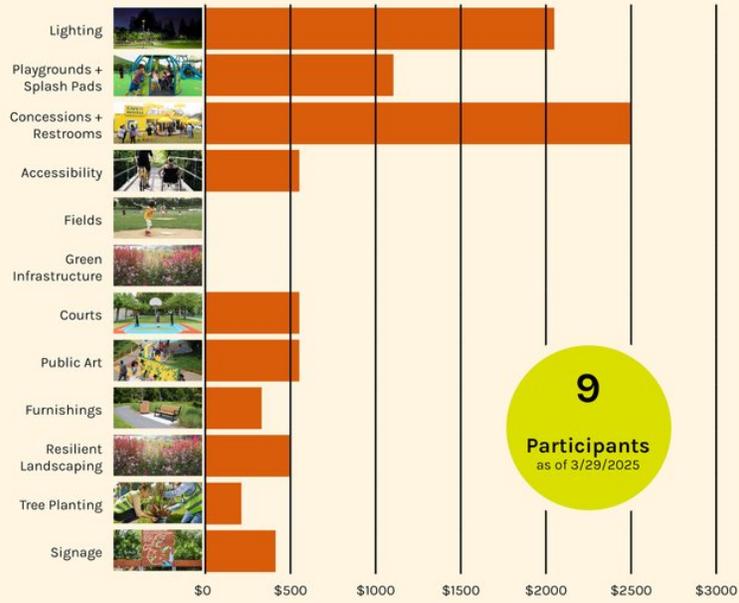


## Engagment Dashboard

Here's what we heard at the Mill City Skill Share and City Volunteer Fair:

**“North Common is a beautiful park for a lot of families and their children to play for little league baseball.”**

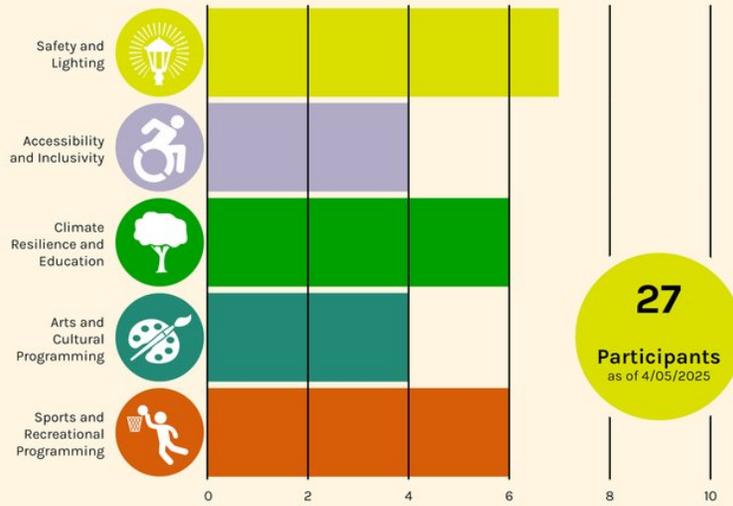
### Total Community Park Budget per Amenity:



### Mobile Engagement Station | Park Budget Card Game Combined Results

“Lowell needs an indoor year-round pool.”

**Poll Results |**  
**WHAT PARK IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD THE CITY**  
**PRIORITIZE IN THE NEXT TEN YEARS?**



**Mobile Engagement Station | Interactive Board**  
**Combined Results**

**“What North Common needs is to fix walkways, and [add] new grass and lightings, benches, and more trash cans - [the] ballfield needs improvement and bathrooms for the public.”**



“Add [a] trail connecting [the] gas modernization project in [the] Highlands. [The] Bruce Freeman Rail Trail [could connect] to [the] Daley Middle School.”



“It would be great to have a canopy over the grass at the HCID garage.”

## OSRP Project Highlight

**Saint Louis Sponge Park Phase 1 Construction Began April 14, 2025!** Upgrades include sealcoat on the 3 basketball courts, new backboards and hoops, a universally accessible playground with rubber safety surfacing, a new splash pad, a picnic plaza, and new site furnishings. Stay tuned for updates on phase 2 coming soon!



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