



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!

THE JUNE 28TH EVENT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO JULY 26TH

UPCOMING JULY EVENTS:

Thursday, July 10: OSRP Senior Focus Group 10:00 am - 11:00 am at the Lowell Senior Center (276 Broadway Street). This focus group will involve a brief presentation on the OSRP and the concept of “senior playgrounds” followed by a visual preference survey and small group listening sessions.

Saturday, July 19: Lowell 2025 Park Count Tour Kickoff with Lowell Litter Krewe 8:00 am - 11:00 am at the National Park Service Maintenance Lot (233 Aiken Street).

Saturday, July 26: Lowell 2025 Park Count Tour Stop #2 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Callery Park in the Highlands neighborhood (420 Stevens Street, we will be set up near the parking lot on Parker Street)



Join the Lowell 2025 Park Count Tour! We are seeking volunteers to help us collect important data on the condition of the City’s 90+ public parks. At the Park Count Tour Stops, participants can learn more about the OSRP and provide feedback at the **OSRP Mobile Engagement Station** as well as learn how to use the online Park Assessment Form. Once trained on how to use the form, volunteers can assess their local parks on their own time and submit data to the planning team.

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 will be added soon!

Get In Touch!



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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



2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	01	02	03	04	05	06
07	08	09	10 OSRP Senior Focus Group 10:00 am - 11:00 pm Lowell Senior Center (276 Broadway St)	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 OSRP @ NPS Maintenance Lot w/ LLK 8:00 am - 11:00 am NPS Maintenance Lot (233 Aiken St)	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 OSRP @ Callery Park 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Callery Park (420 Stevens Street - Parker Street Lot)	27
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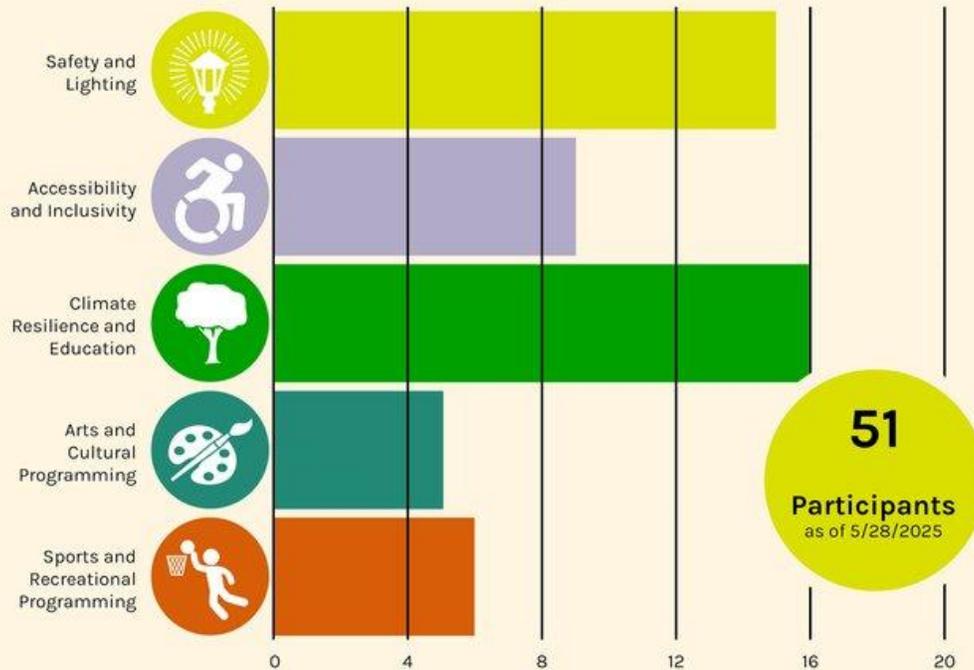
We've been listening!

- 3/29/2025 Mill City Skill Share at Western Ave Arts Studio
- 4/5/2025 Lowell Volunteer Fest
- 4/22/2025 UMass Lowell Eco Fest
- 4/24/2025 Mill City Grows Plant Sale
- 5/28/2025 Nature Everywhere Stakeholder Forum #2

Here's what we've heard so far:

Poll Results I

WHAT PARK IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD THE CITY PRIORITIZE IN THE NEXT TEN YEARS?



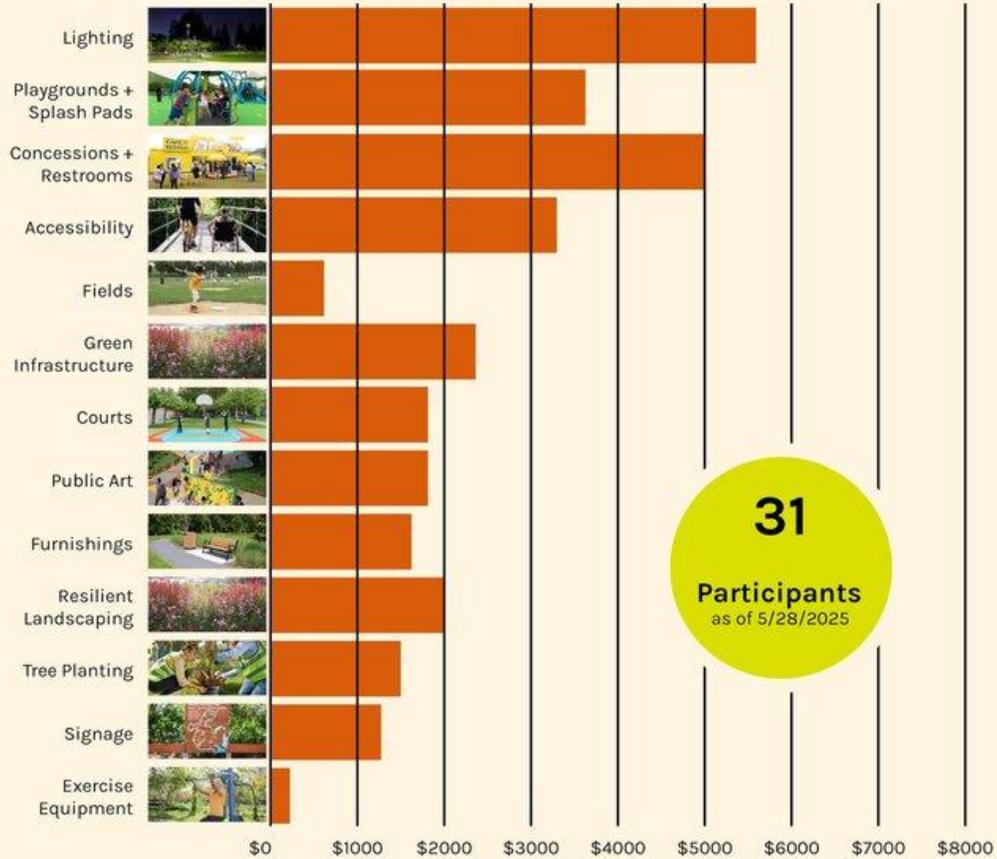
Mobile Engagement Station | Interactive Board Combined Results

“I’m almost 70 and have lived in Centralville just about my entire life. St Louis Park has always been there and in the 1960s they would actually flood the ballpark in the winter so the kids could ice skate there. Did you know that? My son played ball in the Little League field. I’m so happy about this Park renovation. My granddaughter and all of the neighborhood kids will love it.”



**“I love the native plants at JFK Plaza
and at the Lord Overpass.”**

Total Community Park Budget per Amenity:



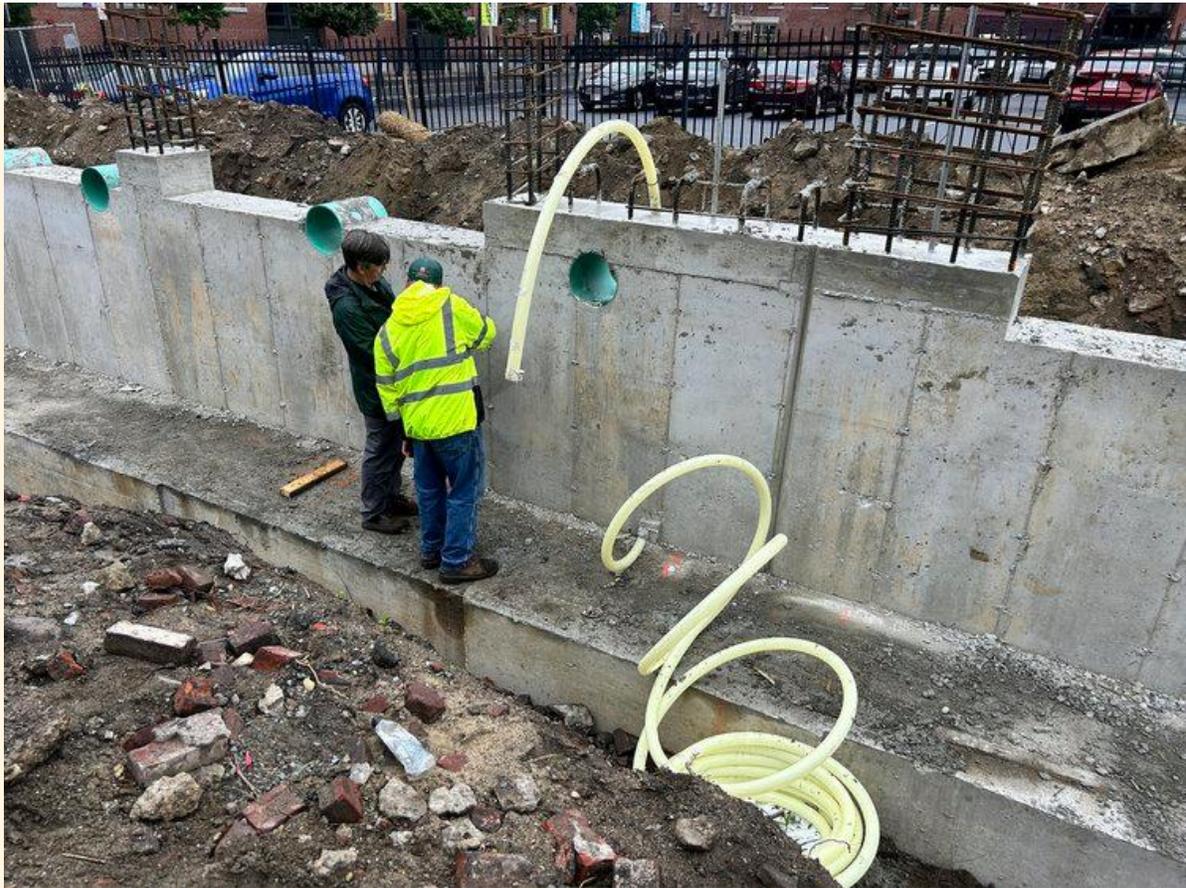
Mobile Engagement Station | Park Budget Card Game Combined Results

“We need more pools rather than splash pads - teens and adults need water recreation too!”



OSRP Project Highlight

Construction is underway on the brand new Jackson Street Pocket Park! The most frequent request we get for open space in Downtown Lowell is more play space and more green space. The new pocket park at 68 Jackson Street will provide the perfect balance of both. The custom play wall designed by Groundview Landscape Architects and Supernormal Architects was inspired by the historic boiler house wall that will be preserved along one edge of this park. The play wall invites more imaginative play than a traditional playground and will be fun for all ages and abilities. Resilient landscaping and tree planting will be woven throughout with plenty of spaces to sit and enjoy this playful green oasis in the heart of the City.



This is the footing for the play wall (6' tall!) The yellow tube is for a "talking tube" play feature and the blue tubes/holes in the concrete provide room for tree roots to grow without damaging the structure. Keep an eye on this site, the crew is flying along!



A rendering by Groundview of what the custom play wall will look like when it is finished. The openings will light up at night!



A view of the construction site from on top of the Edward Early Jr. Parking Garage. The site connects Jackson and Middlesex Streets. To the right, you can see the preserved boiler house wall from Lowell Manufacturing Co.

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