



City of Lowell Department of Planning & Development



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!

THIS IS YOUR PARK!

 WHAT DO YOU LOVE?

 WHAT WOULD YOU FIX?



OSRP @ SOUTH COMMON
TUESDAY 9/2/2025
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

CITY OF LOWELL OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN (OSRP)



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The Lowell Park Assessment Form is now live; Join the Lowell 2025 Park Count!

Collect data on your local park/s to help prioritize the next 10 years of open space improvement projects! Tap the link to access the Park Assessment Form. Head to your favorite nearby park and the form will guide you through the assessment process. A park assessment typically takes 30-60 minutes depending on the size of the park. Questions about the form? Reach out to openspace@lowellma.gov or come to one of our upcoming events for in-person support.

Interested in having the OSRP Mobile Engagement Station at your event? Reach out to openspace@lowellma.gov.

LOWELL 2025 PARK COUNT TOUR

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

Scan the QR
code with
a smart
phone to
learn more!



1 **NPS Maintenance Lot**
Saturday, July 19, 2025
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

2 **South Common**
Tuesday, September 2, 2025
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

3 **Mill City Grows Farm**
Saturday, September 13, 2025
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

4 **Shedd Park**
Thursday, September 25, 2025
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

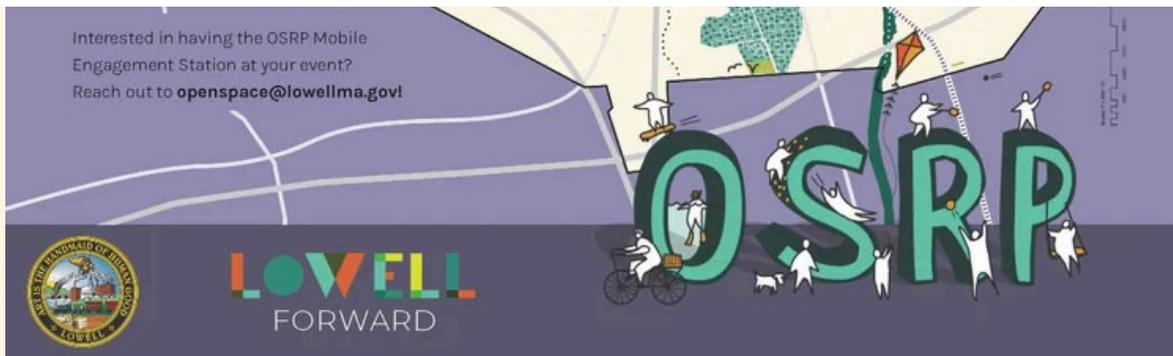
5 **McPherson Park**
Friday, October 10, 2025
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

6 **Callery Park**
Saturday, October 18, 2025
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Park Champions Wanted!

Help prioritize the next 10
years of park improvements by
assessing your local park!





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!



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

[View the Full Calendar of Events](#)



2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
01	02 OSRP @ South Common 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm 200 South Street (track near the pool)	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12	13 OSRP @ Mill City Grows Harvest 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 101 Pawtucket Boulevard	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 OSRP @ Shedd Park 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm 493 Rogers Street (Pavilion)	26	27	28
29	30					



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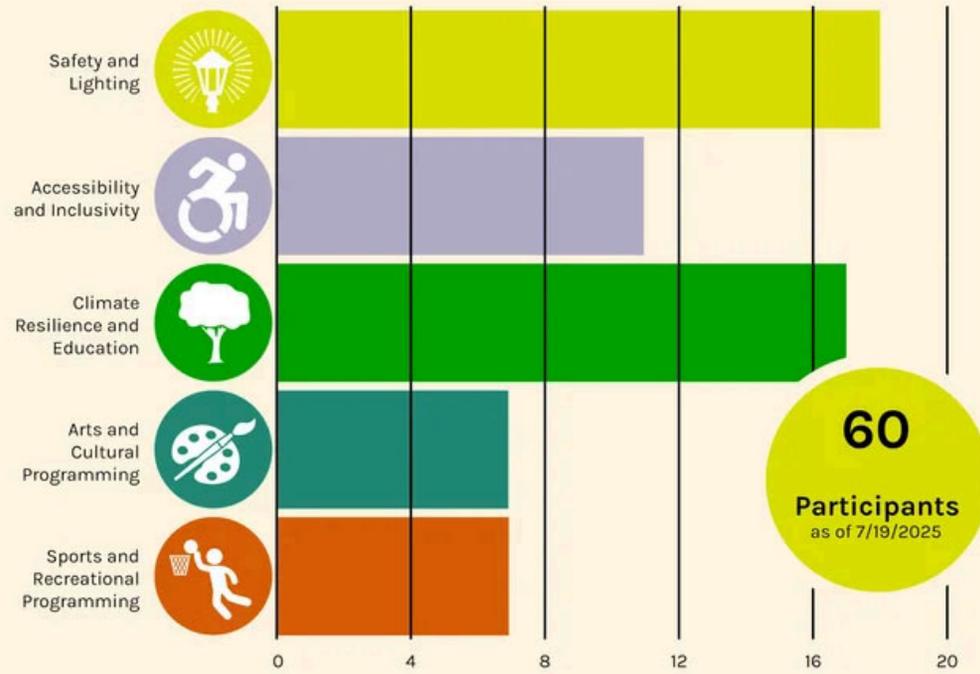
Engagment Dashboard

We've been listening!

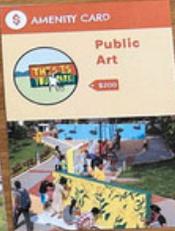
- 3/29/2025 OSRP at Mill City Skill Share at Western Ave Arts Studio
- 4/5/2025 OSRP at Lowell Volunteer Fest
- 4/22/2025 OSRP at UMass Lowell Eco Fest
- 4/24/2025 OSRP at Mill City Grows Plant Sale
- 5/28/2025 OSRP CBO Focus Group with Nature Everywhere
- 7/10/2025 OSRP Senior Open Space Focus Group
- 7/19/2025 OSRP Park Count Tour Kick-off with Lowell Litter Krewe

Here's some of what we've heard from over 160 residents so far:

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



Mobile Engagement Station | Interactive Board
Combined Results



OSRP Park Libs

My favorite park in Lowell is Mc Dermott Reservoir. My favorite thing to do there is stranger. Sometimes I also like to have picnics.

I go there with my mom or my friends. We get there by driving.

It takes 7-10 minutes to get there. I usually visit the park at least 4 times per month in the park I love.

benches, dogs, and birds.

I hope that this park is always clean. I wish that this park had more trash cans.

Some political issues and less which there are many activities to do in this park Accessible and colorful.

In the future, I hope that it will be accessible.

When complete, please send a scan or photo to openspace@lowellma.gov. Thanks for participating!

THE CITY OF LOWELL DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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Date: 5/24/2015

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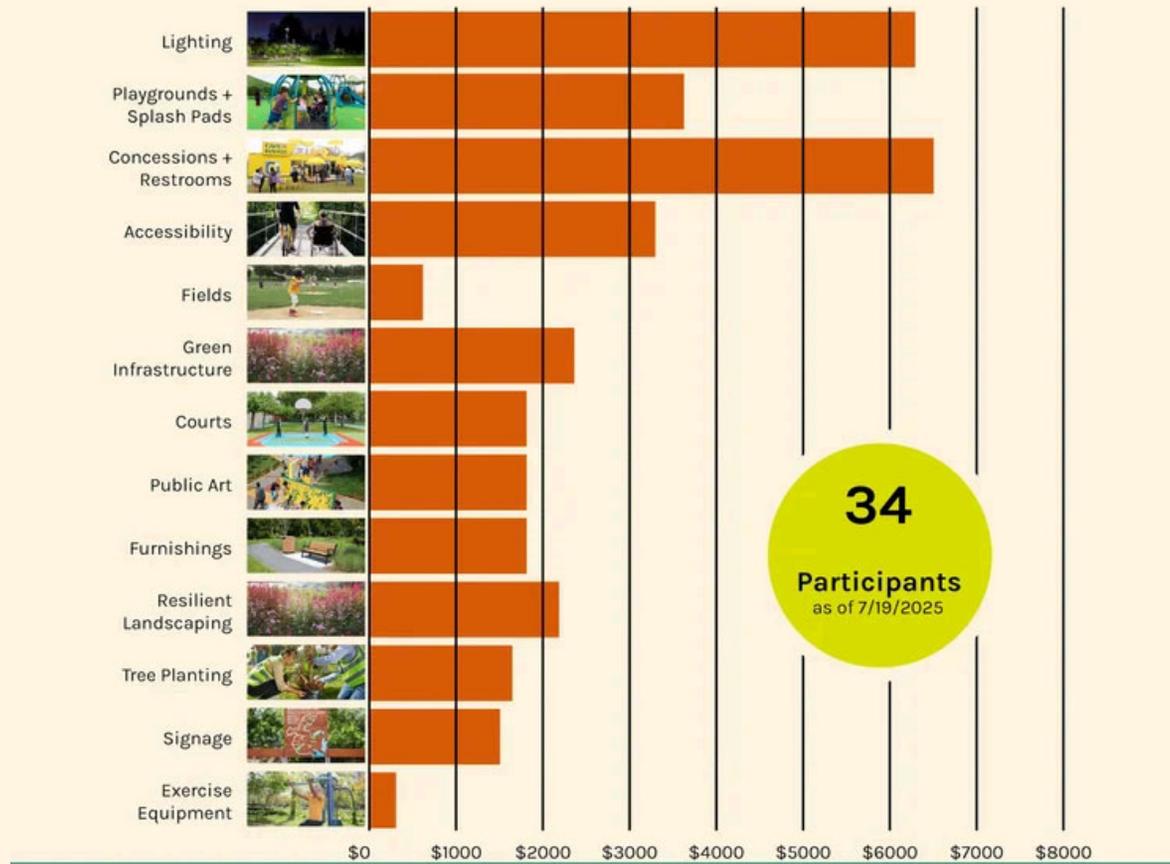
PARK CARD

Park: McDermott Reservoir / Christian Hill

Neighborhood: Centralville

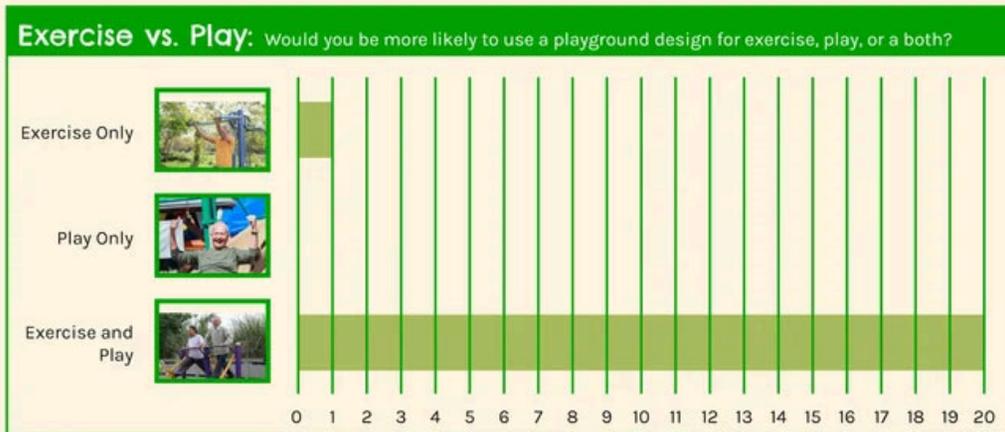
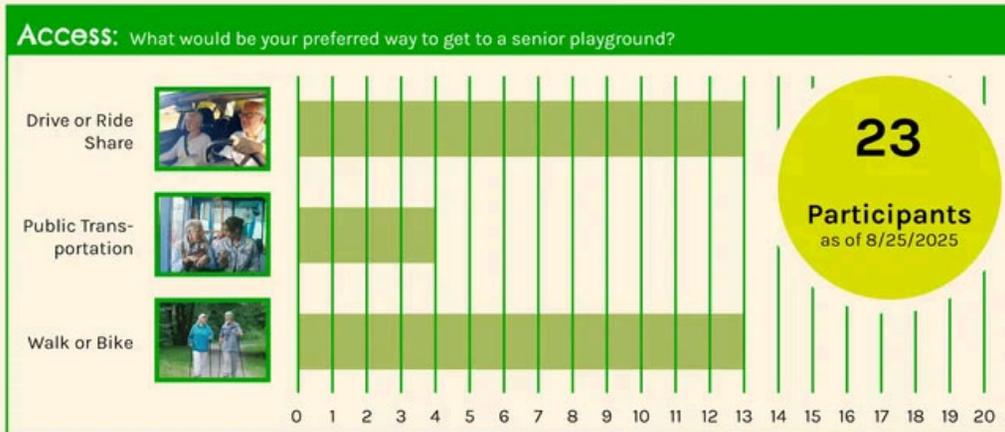


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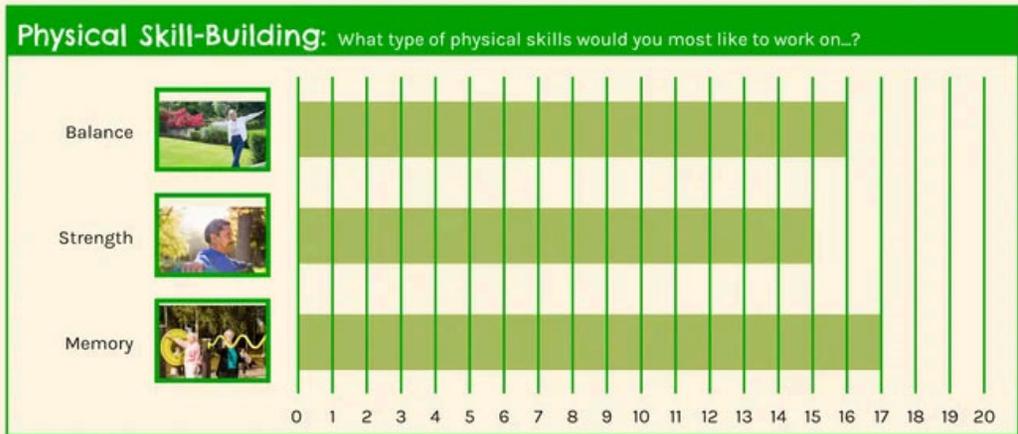
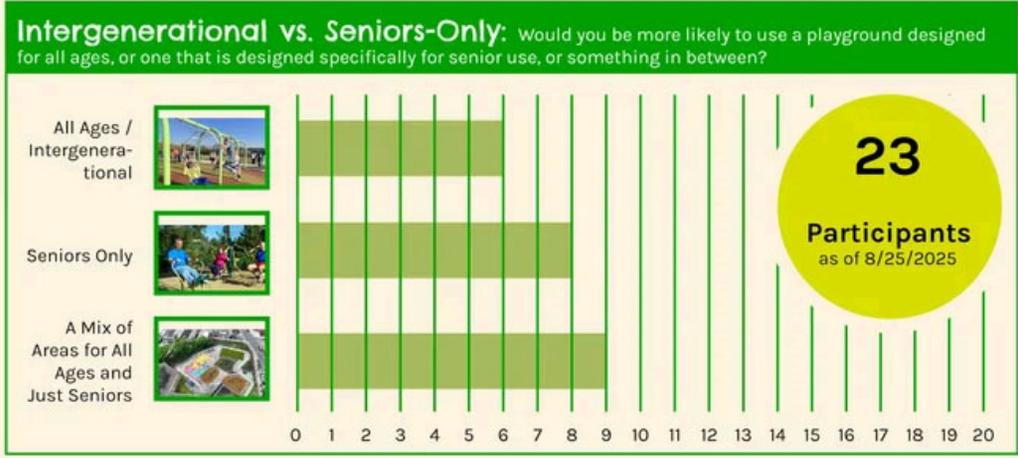


Mobile Engagement Station | Park Budget Card Game Combined Results

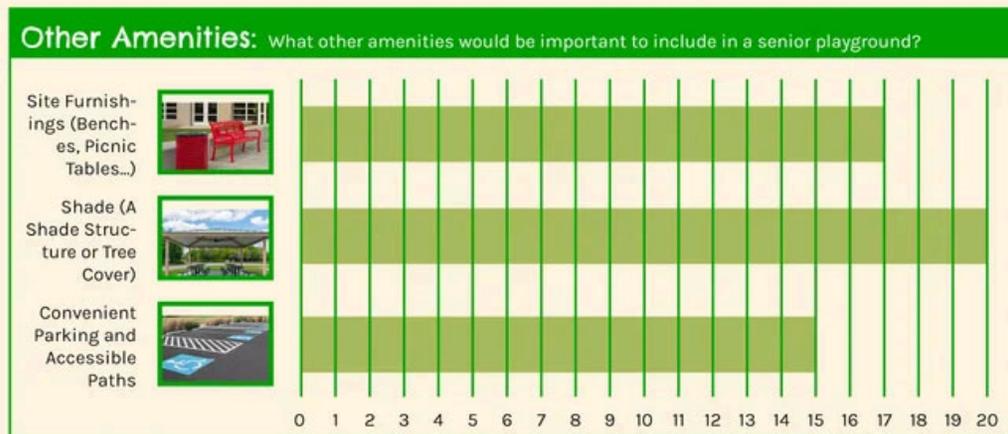
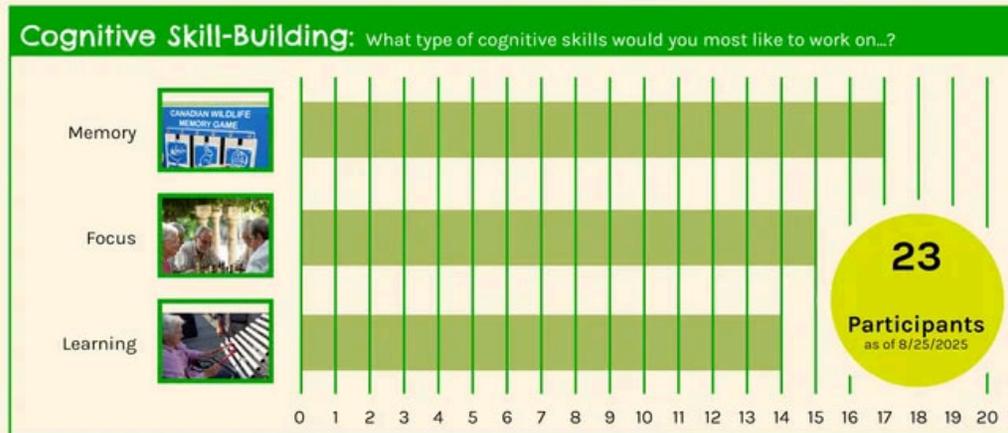
Senior Playground Visual Preference Survey Results



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OSRP Project Highlight

Saint Louis Sponge Park is taking shape! The project is on schedule for completion in November 2025.



DPD's Open Space Liaison, Lowla, overseeing site prep for the new playground and splash pad at Saint Louis Park in the Centralville

neighborhood.



The basketball courts are complete and open to the public! In addition to new hoops and backboards, the City added a high-albedo sealcoat to help reflect heat from the sun and mitigate urban heat island effect. DPD is working with Researchers at UMass Lowell to study the effectiveness of this treatment in the New England climate.

Park



What do you want to see next at Saint Louis Park?

Phase 2 design is underway! Learn more at saintlouisspongepark.com.

Concept collage by Agency Landscape + Planning

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