
OSRP September Newsletter

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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!



Celebrate National Public Lands Day by participating in 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. Paper copies of the assessment form are also available at in-person events or can be downloaded from the digital engagement station.

Interested in having the OSRP Mobile Engagement Station at your event? Reach out to 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 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:

[OSRP @ Shedd Park - Thursday, September 25, 2025 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm ***CANCELLED DUE TO RAIN***]

OSRP @ McPherson Park - Friday, October 10, 2025 9:00am - 12:00 pm

OSRP @ Callery Park - Saturday, October 18, 2025 12:00pm - 3:00pm

[View the Full Calendar of Events](#)



2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10 OSRP @ McPherson Park 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 984 Bridge Street (Playground)	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 OSRP @ Callery Park 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm 420 Stevens Street (Parker Street Lot)	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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Engagment Dashboard

We've been listening!

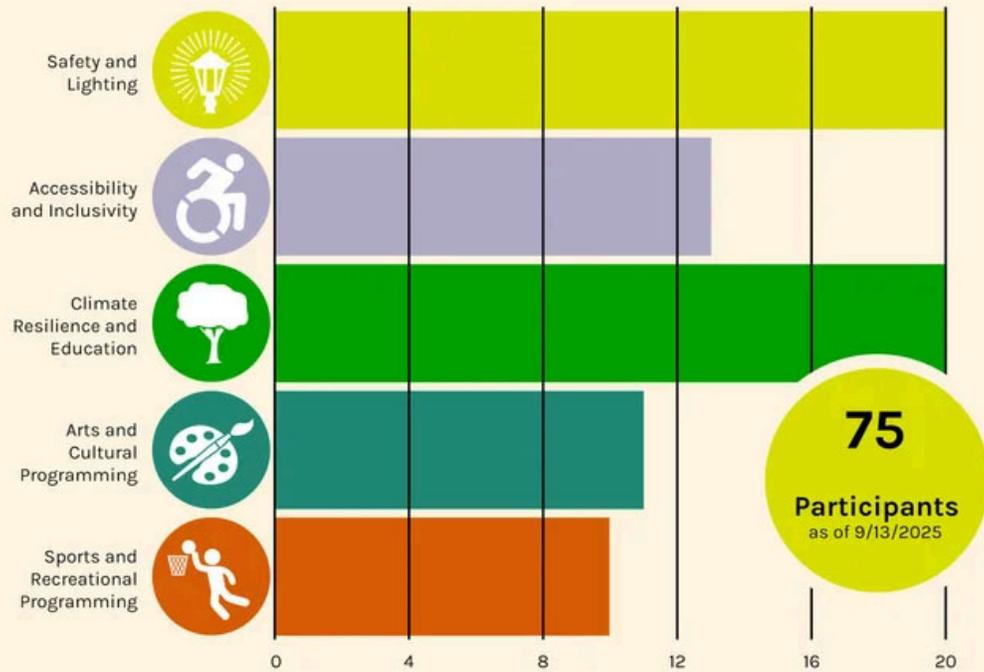
- 3/29/2025 OSRP at Mill City Skill Share at Western Ave Arts Studio
- 4/5/2025 OSRP at Lowell Volunteer Fest
- 4/22/2025 OSRP at UMass Lowell Eco Fest
- 4/24/2025 OSRP at Mill City Grows Plant Sale
- 5/28/2025 OSRP CBO Focus Group with Nature Everywhere
- 7/10/2025 OSRP Senior Open Space Focus Group
- 7/19/2025 OSRP Park Count Tour Kick-off with Lowell Litter Krewe
- 9/2/2025 OSRP @ South Common
- 9/13/2025 OSRP @ Mill City Grows Harvest Event

Here's some of what we've heard from over 230 residents so far:

“I love meeting friends at Shedd Park.”

Poll Results I

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



Mobile Engagement Station | Interactive Board Combined Results

"I learned something about my own neighborhood - there's lots more to explore!"



“The swings at Shedd Park flood.”

Total Community Park Budget per Amenity:



Mobile Engagement Station | Park Budget Card Game Combined Results

OSRP Project Highlight

The new playground at Clemente Park is reaching new heights! At 26' tall, this tower is the first playground the team has worked on that required scaffolding!



The planetarium feature is packed with fun, inside and out!



The basketball courts have a snazzy new sealcoat.



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