

Please help the City of Leominster update our Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) by participating in this important survey. A state-approved updated plan is necessary to qualify for state funding for purchasing and protecting open space and recreational facilities. This survey is being conducted to understand the needs and concerns of Leominster residents regarding the city's open space and recreation facilities. The OSRP was last updated in 2014, and many of the action items from that plan have been completed.

Open Space in this survey is defined as public and privately-owned undeveloped lands which are important for a variety of reasons, including habitat for wildlife, water resource protection, passive recreation, agriculture, forestry, or simply because of their scenic qualities and their contribution to the overall character of the city. The terms recreational facilities or recreation refer to land used for active recreational purposes, such as athletic fields, courts, or golf courses. Passive recreation refers to uses such as wildlife observation, walking along Leominster's wooded trails, biking along our scenic roadways, and canoeing or kayaking one of our waterways. Open space and recreational planning will help us preserve open space while allowing development to occur that is consistent with the character of Leominster.

Please take a few minutes to answer the following survey questions. Responses to this survey will be anonymous and not attributed to individuals. The results will be used to develop an updated Action Plan to improve and enhance the open space and recreational facilities in Leominster.

Thank you for your time and responses!!

1. What Ward number do you live in? If you don't know, use your trash collection day as a guide below.

- Ward # 1 (Monday)
- Ward # 2 (Tuesday)
- Ward # 3 (Wednesday)
- Ward # 4 (Thursday)
- Ward # 5 (Friday)
- Not a resident but use resources

2. How long have you been a resident of Leominster?

- Less than 5 years
- 5-10 years
- 10-20 years
- More than 20 years
- Not a resident

3. How many of the following are in your household?

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 or more
Adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children under 18	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

5. Do you feel that your recreation and open space needs are being met?

	Yes	No
Within your Ward?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Within the City?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments:

6. How often do you and/or your family use the following conservation and/or recreation facilities in Leominster?

	Frequently	Occasionally	Never
Bachand Field (American Little League)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Barrett Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bennet Street School Playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Carter Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Carter Fields (Hall St.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Doyle Field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Frequently	Occasionally	Never
Doyle Field Fitness Equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Doyle Field Playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Doyle Pickleball/Tennis Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Doyle Reservation (Lindell Ave.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fallbrook School Playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fallbrook Soccer Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fay Scharmett Memorial Playground (Dinosaur Park-Hall St)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fournier Park Fields/Courts/Walking Paths	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fournier Water Park/Playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Johnson Street Fields/Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Johnson Street Skate Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Johnny Appleseed School Playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Justin DeSantis Field (N. Leominster Little League)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leominster State Pool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leominster State Forest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lincoln Woods (Audubon-Union St.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Louis Charpentier Playground (Third Street Playground)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Monoosnoc Brook Greenway (Downtown)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Monoosnoc Ridgeline Trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Monoosnoc Brook Greenway (Outside the Mall)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Frequently	Occasionally	Never
Northwest School Playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Priest School Playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prospect Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Samoset School Playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Samoset School Playing Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Samoset School Trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Southeast Playground (Frances Drake)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other:

7. Please rank the activities you and/or your family enjoy in Leominster in order of importance – 1 being most important, 3 being not important.

	1 Important	2 Somewhat important	3 Not important
Road biking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trail/mountain biking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BMX biking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hiking/Walking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jogging/Running	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trail running	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog walking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Horseback riding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nature activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Photography	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnicking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visiting playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor Fitness Classes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor Fitness Stations/Equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rock climbing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	1 Important	2 Somewhat important	3 Not important
Swimming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Motorboating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Canoeing/Kayaking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Camping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skateboarding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Motorcycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All-terrain vehicle riding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pickleball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Baseball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lacrosse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Football-tackle	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Football-flag	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soccer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Golf	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disc Golf	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volleyball-outside courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bocce	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ice skating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Snowmobiling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
X-country skiing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sledding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ice fishing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Snow shoeing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other Activities:

8. Do you go outside of Leominster to recreate? If so, why?

- Yes
- No

Why? (please specify)

9. What conservation or recreation areas do you feel Leominster needs more or less of:

	Need more of this	Have enough of this	Need less of this	No opinion
ATV/dirt bike trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ball fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Biking lanes on roadways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Biking trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Campgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disc Golf	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Golf Course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Golf Driving Range	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hiking trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Horseback riding trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kayak/Canoe access areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Miniature Golf	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Motorboating areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nature sanctuaries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Neighborhood green space or park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Off-leash dog park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Off-leash open dog walking area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor ice skating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnic areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Need more of this	Have enough of this	Need less of this	No opinion
Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rock climbing areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sledding areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Snow mobile trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swimming areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
X-country skiing trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other areas:

10. Do you feel that the city needs an expanded recreation program?

- Yes
- No

Comments

11. What Parent and Young Children (Age 0-5) programs would you like to see in Leominster?

- Morning summer camp
- Summertime young children safety program
- Music and movement classes
- Tikes and Trikes play group
- Preschool play group
- Developmental "sports" clinic
- Stroller walking group
- Stroller fitness classes
- Arts and crafts

Other parent/child program? (Explain)



12. What YOUTH programs (Ages 6 to 18) would you like to see?

- Summertime day adventure field trips
- Summer full-day camp
- Summer half-day camp
- Summer counselor-in-training (CIT) camp program
- Swimming lessons
- School vacation childcare
- Parent meet-and-greet group
- Team sports clinics
- Indoor floor hockey program
- Fitness classes
- Art and crafts classes
- Drawing classes
- Skating lessons
- Ice skating party
- Geocaching
- Golf lessons
- Skills and Drills basketball clinic
- Tennis lessons
- Disc golf
- Lacrosse clinic
- Softball clinic
- Kayak lessons
- Paddleboard lessons
- Block dance party
- Destination trail hiking
- Recreation programs after school

Other (please specify):

13. Please list the kinds of Adult Programs you would like to see in Leominster.

14. How would you want to be notified of Recreation events and programs?

- E-mail
- Leominster Recreation Facebook page (If yes, visit the Leominster Recreation page and like the page)
- I do not want to be notified

Other comments:

15. What actions do you favor to preserve open space?

- City purchase of private lands without the financial assistance of grants, even if it temporarily raises my real estate taxes for several years.
- City purchase of private lands only if funded at least 50% by grants, even if it temporarily raises my real estate taxes for several years.
- City purchase of private lands only if it does not raise my real estate taxes.
- Promote donation of conservation restrictions or conservation easements by private landowners.
- Participate with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the purchase of development rights on agriculture land via an Agriculture Preservation Restriction (APR).  
*The APR Program is a voluntary program which is intended to offer a non-development alternative to farmers and other owners of prime and state-important agricultural land who are faced with a decision regarding future use and disposition of their farms. Towards this end, the program offers to pay farmers the difference between the fair market value and the agricultural value of their farmland in exchange for a permanent deed restriction which precludes any use of the property that will have a negative impact on its agricultural viability.*
- Mandate the dedication of open space/recreation space by developers.
- Promote Donations to Leominster Open Space Fund
- I am not in favor of preserving open space.

Other (please explain below):

16. Is there any open space in Leominster (publicly or privately owned) which you would like to see protected (enter exact locations)?

17. Would you support Leominster adopting the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Program?

*The CPA allows communities to create a local Community Preservation Fund to raise money through a surcharge of 1% to 3% of the real estate taxes on property for open space protection, historic preservation, affordable housing, and recreation. This surcharge is calculated based on the amount of your tax bill. So if the city chose a 1% surcharge, and your tax bill is \$4,000, the city would collect an extra \$40/year (1% of \$4,000); not 1% of your property's value. The act also creates a significant state matching fund, which serves as an incentive to communities to pass the CPA. The Department of Revenue has distributed matching funds to CPA cities and towns of more than \$726 million to 186 communities since 2010. Out of the 351 communities in MA, 53% have chosen to pass the CPA at varying percentages. Many cities and towns of Leominster's size have passed CPA at the 1% surcharge level.*

Yes

No

Other Comments (please specify):

18. If you wish, please add additional comments below with regards to open space, natural resources and recreation in Leominster: