



# Town of Fairfield Parks & Recreation Master Plan Public Workshop #1 - 11.29.2021



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# BL Companies Overview

Founded in 1986

230+ Connecticut Employees

Offices in Hartford and Meriden

100% Employee-Owned Firm (ESOP)

Diverse Public & Private Clients



Architecture  
Engineering  
Environmental  
Land Surveying

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# BL Companies Overview

## CORE SERVICES

- Architecture
- Engineering
- Environmental
- Land Surveying

## MAJOR SERVICES

- Landscape Architecture & Planning
- Architecture
- Sports Facility Design
- Civil / Site Engineering
- GIS / Base Mapping
- Construction Engineering and Inspection
- Transportation & Infrastructure Engineering
- MEP Engineering
- Structural Engineering
- Environmental Resources & Site Assessment





# Horsley Witten Group

## ***COMPREHENSIVE/MASTER PLANNING***

## ***LAND USE PLANNING***

## ***CLIMATE ADAPTATION/RESILIENCY PLANNING***

## ***PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS ANALYSES***

## ***PARKS CONDITIONS ASSESSMENTS***

## ***OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLANS***

## ***RECREATION MASTER PLANS***

## ***STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLANS***

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Project Webpage/Websites
- Public Participation Plan
- Facebook/Social Media
- Eblasts
- Feedback Loops
- Local Media

## **ANALYSIS/RESEARCH**

- Review of Existing Plans, Studies and Reports
- Comparative Analyses
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Connectivity
- Level of Service GIS Analysis

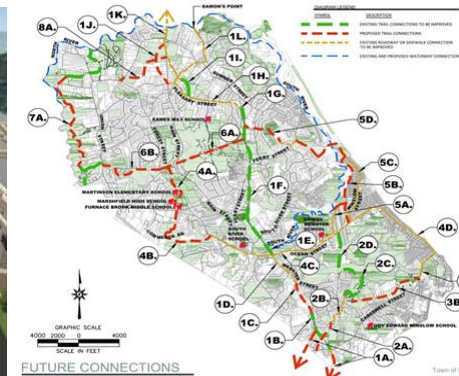
## **PUBLIC OUTREACH/ENGAGEMENT**

- Project Webpage/Website
- Survey 123
- Athletic Facility Users Survey
- Community Survey
- Interviews/Focus Groups
- Onsite Pop-Ups
- Public Forums/Design Charrettes





# Relevant Experience | BL Companies



- **Community Services Parks Master Plan** | East Greenwich, RI
- **Playground & Open Space Recreation Assessment** | Wareham, MA
- **Comprehensive Trails Plan** | Marshfield, MA
- **JABS All Sports Village** | Windsor Locks, CT
- **Acorn Hill Recreation Fields** | Woodbridge, CT
- **BAR Planning Study** | Torrington, CT
- **Soccer Fields Relocation Study** | Meriden, CT
- **Farquhar Park Expansion** | Groton, CT



# Relevant Experience | Horsley Witten Group

## STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS



OVERVIEW ABOUT THE SCORP RESOURCES & DOCUMENTS CNMI SCORP OUR TEAM GET INVOLVED CONTACT US

### Get Involved

USE THE FORM BELOW TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS OR PROVIDE IDEAS.

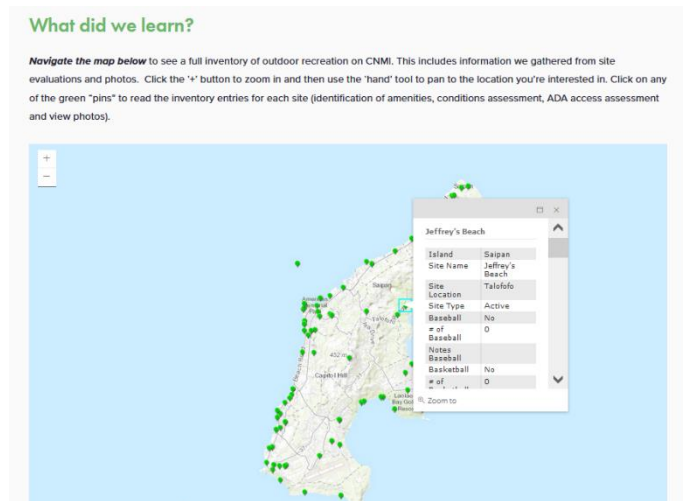
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# What Creates a Strong Preferred Plan?

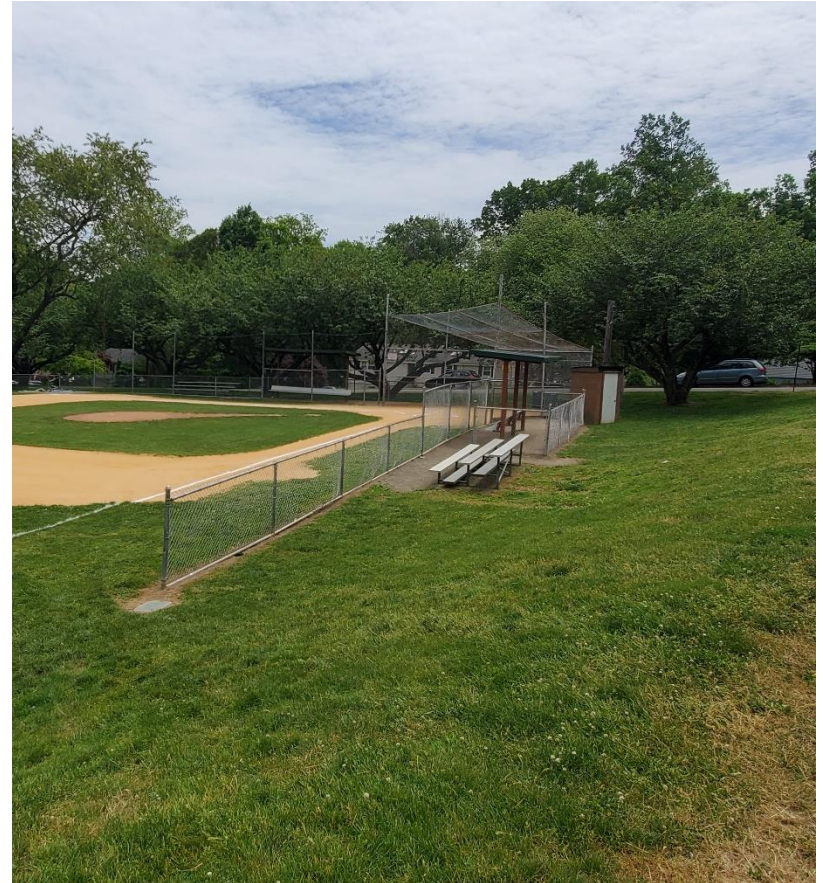
- Defining Goals & Objectives of the Plan
- Thoroughly Assessing Existing Facilities/ Programs
- Developing a Needs Assessment
- Listening to the Community
- Identifying the “Wants” and “Needs” of the Community
- Identifying the Risks Associated with the Current Conditions
- Preparing a Comprehensive Set of Recommendations and an Implementation Strategy
- Getting Buy-In from the Community





# Project Goals

- Inventory recreation facilities
- Confirm existing conditions
- Engage the public
- Establish recreation facility needs
- Develop a strategic plan to upgrade existing facilities and develop new facilities on a site-by site and town-wide basis
- Provide, safe, high-performing, gender equitable and multi-generational facilities
- Establish funding and phasing strategies





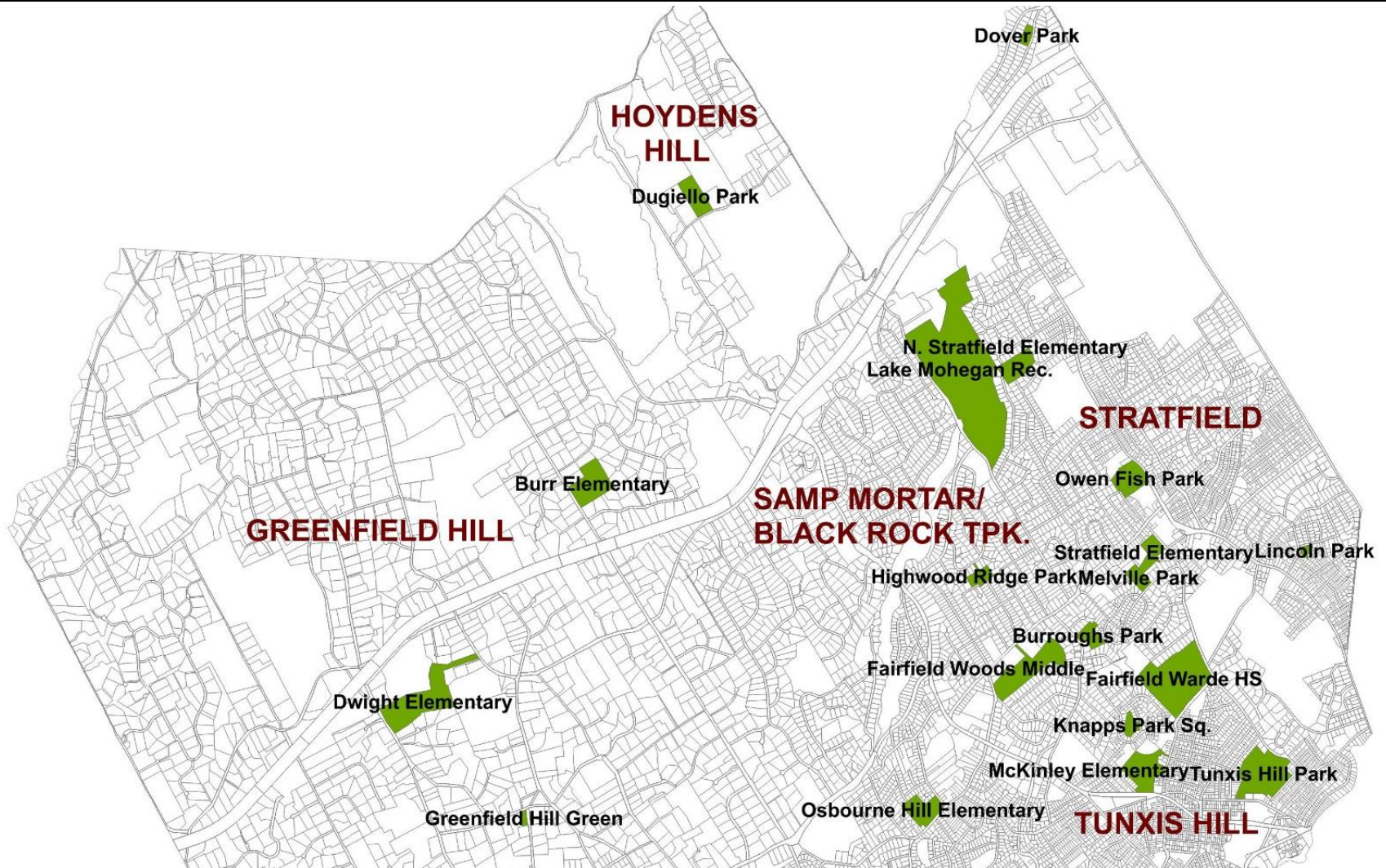
# Specific Outcomes

- Gain a better understanding of community needs
- Identify gaps of service, programming, and facilities not currently being met
- Identify future trends and bench marking through the National Recreation and Parks Association and other standards
- Create multiple park designs for future development and capture associated costs
- Address plans for deferred maintenance
- Define future Capital Improvement Projects as well as staffing/equipment needs to meet recreation and park objectives
- Guidance in the prioritization of projects
- Identify needs for current maintenance needs
- Identify risk verses benefit for natural turf field verses synthetic turf



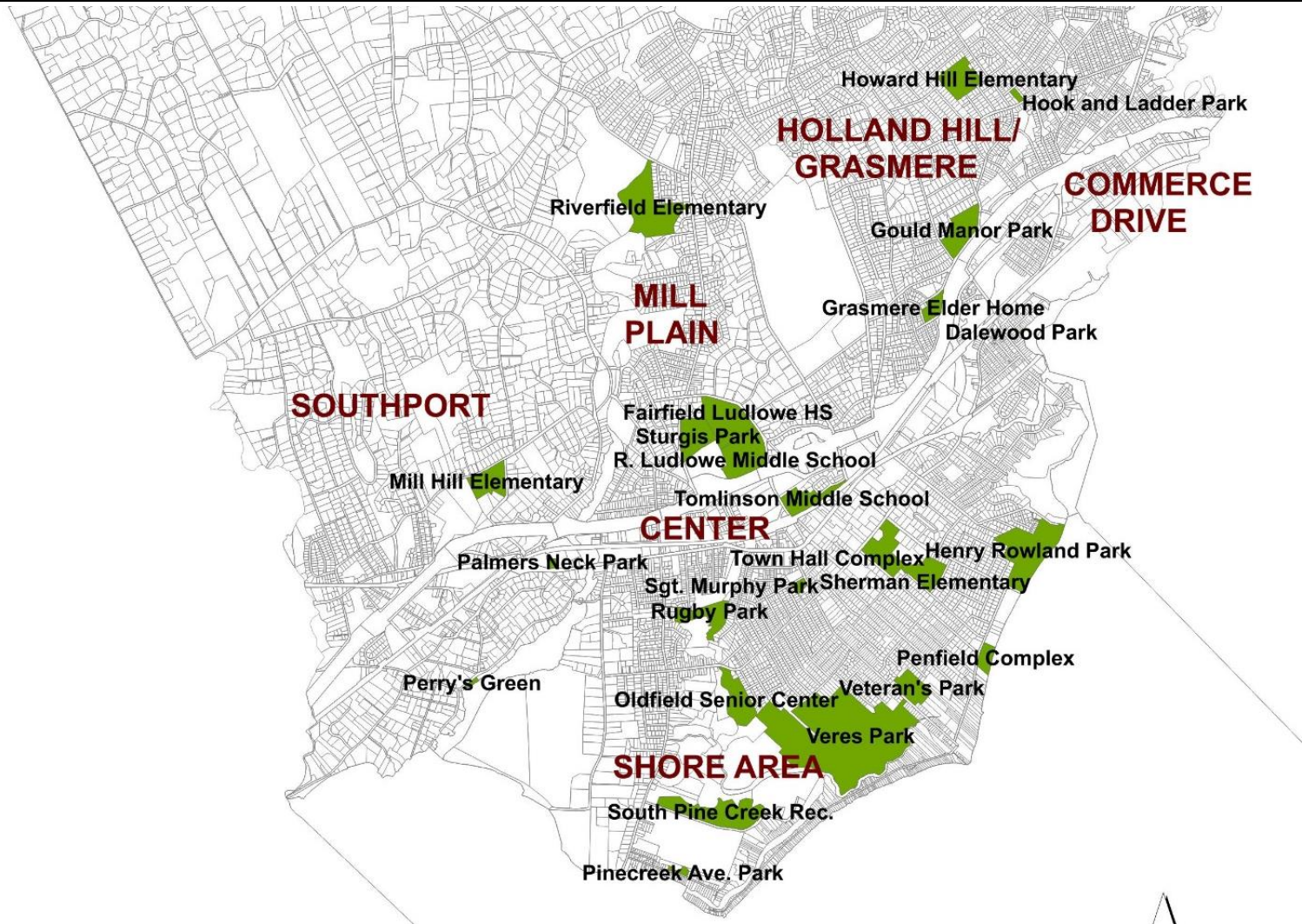


# Project Study Sites - Northern





# Project Study Sites - Southern





# Project Study Sites

## PARK FACILITIES

BURROUGHS PARK

DALEWOOD PARK

DOUGIELLO PARK

DOVER PARK

DREW PARK

GOULD MANOR PARK

GRASMERE ELDERCARE PARK FACILITY

GREENFIELD HILL GREEN

HENRY ROWLAND PARK

HIGHWOOD PARK

HOOK AND LADDER PARK

KAROLYI PARK

KNAPPS PARK SQUARE

LAKE MOHEGAN

LINCOLN PARK

MELVILLE PARK

OLDFIELD SENIOR CENTER

OWEN FISH PARK

PALMER'S NECK

PENFIELD COMPLEX

PERRY'S GREEN

PINE CREEK AVE PARK

RUGBY PARK

SGT. MURPHY PARK

SHERMAN GREEN

S. PINE CREEK REC AREA

STURGES PARK

TOWN HALL COMPLEX

TUNXIS HILL PARK

VERES STREET PARK

VETERANS PARK





# Project Study Sites

## BEACHES AND MARINAS

JENNINGS BEACH

LAKE MOHEGAN

PENFIELD BEACH

RICKARDS BEACH

SASCO BEACH

SOUTH PINE CREEK BEACH

SOUTHPORT BEACH

PERRY'S GREEN

SOUTH BENSON MARINA

YE YACHT YARD





# Project Study Sites

## SCHOOL FACILITIES

BURR ELEMENTARY

DWIGHT ELEMENTARY

HOLLAND HILL ELEMENTARY

JENNINGS ELEMENTARY

MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY

MILL HILL ELEMENTARY

N. STRATFIELD ELEMENTARY

OSBORN HILL ELEMENTARY

RIVERFIELD ELEMENTARY

SHERMAN ELEMENTARY

STRATFIELD ELEMENTARY

FAIRFIELD WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL

ROGER LUDLOWE MIDDLE SCHOOL

TOMLINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

WALTER FITZGERALD CAMPUS

FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE HIGH SCHOOL

FAIRFIELD WARDE HIGH SCHOOL





# Project Study Sites

## OPEN SPACES AND CEMETERIES

ASH CREEK OPEN SPACE

BRETT WOODS OPEN SPACE

GRACE RICHARDSON OPEN SPACE

GYPSY SPRINGS OPEN SPACE

HOYDEN HILL OPEN SPACE

LAKE MOHEGAN OPEN SPACE

MARY KATONA MEMORIAL OPEN SPACE

MOUNTAIN LAUREL OPEN SPACE

MILL RIVER OPEN SPACE AREAS

OLD DAM MARSH OPEN SPACE

OLDFIELD NORTH MARSH OPEN SPACE

OLDFIELD SOUTH MARSH OPEN SPACE

PEQUOT ROAD OPEN SPACE

PERRY'S MILL POND OPEN SPACE

PINE CREEK MARSH OPEN SPACE

RICHARDS BEACH OPEN SPACE

RIVERFIELD OPEN SPACE

SAMP MORTER ROCK OPEN SPACE

SASCO CREEK/KIRIK OPEN SPACE

SASCO CREEK MARSH OPEN SPACE

SASCO CREEK POND OPEN SPACE

SOUTHGATE LANE MARSH OPEN SPACE

SPRINGER GLEN OPEN SPACE

TRILLIUM ROAD OPEN SPACE

TURNERY CREEK MARSH TRACTS OPEN SPACE

WESTWAY ROAD OPEN SPACE

WOODSIDE CIRCLE OPEN SPACE

FAIRFIELD WEST CEMETERY

GREENFIELD HILL CEMETERY

OLD BURYING GROUND CEMETERY





# Town of Fairfield | Parks & Recreation System Overview

## Park Land (1200 acres total)

- 2 Major Active Parks (South Pine Creek & Lake Mohegan, +/- 75 acres each)
- 30 +/- Neighborhood Parks
- 5 Beaches on Long Island Sound
- 27 Open Space / Passive Parks
- 1 Lakefront Property

## Amenities

- Water Spray Park
- 31 Tennis Courts (6 lighted)
- 5 Sand Volleyball Courts
- 4 Pickle Ball Courts
- 4 Bocce Courts
- 2 Outdoor Basketball Courts
- 24 Playscapes
- 13 Baseball Diamonds
- 7 Softball Diamonds (1 lighted)
- 2 Golf Courses
- 3 Marinas
- 1 Skate Park
- ADA Compliant Playground
- Multiple Fishing Areas
- Jogging Paths
- Hiking Trails





## Break out Sessions

- What are we doing well?
- What could we do better?
- What is the Town not doing?

