

Healthy Places by Design, North Kingstown, Rhode Island

Town of North Kingstown and West Bay Family YMCA

Public Spaces

Guiding Principles

North Kingstown should develop and maintain a network of connected public spaces that provides the community with the following benefits:

- Supports healthy, active lifestyles,
- Accessible to all ages and abilities,
- Draws people together and increases social relationships,
- Connects to neighborhoods and other community assets,
- Increases safety for families and children, and
- Showcases the natural beauty of the Town.

Next Steps...

- . Identify all town, state, public and other protected or recreational properties town-wide.
 - Review Town properties and facilities to identify additional needs at sites, and easy opportunities to add features.
 - Are additional types of parks needs/features such as dog park, water features at existing parks, etc...
- . Develop map of recreation properties showing each category such as state open space, state facilities and public buildings, town open space, town recreation, town facilities and public buildings, other conservation organization land, private land with development rights purchased, etc.
 - Research property restrictions and allowances for each. (For example, Rome Point – hiking, dogs are allowed, no hunting)
 - Research size, location, access points, parking information, and bike rack information for all recreation properties.
 - Research how properties were acquired, for how much money, and when.
- . Use above mentioned information to update Recreation Department User Guide for 2012.
- . Meet with RIDEM to develop a plan for future use of Cocumcussoc Park including:
 - Parking areas, access to the park, walking/hiking trails, user pamphlet
- . Community/Teen/Recreation Center:
 - Develop list of possible locations:
 - Davisville, Quonset Gateway area, Post Road south near Dave's Marketplace, in close proximity to Wickford Middle School or High School.
 - Locate on a transit line and/or with access from multi-modes of transportation.
 - Develop list of possible amenities:
 - Teen center, recreation possibilities for all ages, pool, meeting place for recreation-based clubs, etc.
 - Develop list of partners, organizations, and champions needed to make a reality.
 - Town/School partnership, community based organization, private investors.
 - Identify funding sources and action steps necessary for developing a recreation center.
- . Other public spaces issues:
 - Education campaign regarding what facilities are available town-wide for public use.
 - Improve signage for existing public spaces.
 - Work to create a connected network of public spaces by including surrounding areas and neighborhoods via biking, walking and other transportation.



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