

WHAT CAN I DO?

► We need your support!

The Board of Selectmen will vote by the end of June as to whether a referendum should be put on the Presidential ballot in November. If they do not see interest from the community, they will not support the referendum.

► Reach out to a member of the BOS

Let them know you want the park built.

► Reach out to friends & neighbors

Encourage them to show their support for the park.

► VOTE in November

Have your spouse, partner or voting aged children do the same.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit portlandct.org for FAQ's and to see the final park design



Follow us on Facebook at "Portland Connecticut Parks & Recreation"



Reach out to committee members



Stop by our table at future community events and help build our support!



TOWN PARK
STEERING COMMITTEE



PORTLAND TOWN PARK

Building Strong Foundations



WHY DO WE NEED A PARK?

Help grow our community

Residents and local clubs and programs deserve a place to build strong foundations.

Provide dedicated sports fields

Many fields in town are leased or privately owned such as Tomasso (*Little League*), Camp Ingersol fields (*Portland Soccer Club*), and the Oakwood fields behind the Town Garage.

Maintenance is needed on many of these locations and repairs are limited - there are no options for relocations at this time.

Water activities & playgrounds

Young families currently have no water activity areas and most playgrounds are only available after school and during the summer.

Help resolve traffic concerns

The redesign of Strickland Street will stop speeding in this area and provide local access to Route 17 and the park. Ample parking will be provided on park grounds.

Provide a safe walking track

Portland's large walking community deserves a safer facility better suited to their needs.



▶ WHAT WILL BE IN THE PARK?

- 2 Baseball fields
- 2 Soccer fields
- Bocce court
- Horseshoe pits
- Splash pad
- Playscapes
- Sledding Hill
- Multi-use walking path
- Fitness park
- 15+ acres of open space
- Hiking & Picnicking areas

▶ HOW CAN THIS BENEFIT THE TOWNS ECONOMY?

- The splash pad and recreation facilities will bring both young and old to the park on a weekly, or even daily basis which can lead to those families spending in town.
- The Park will also offer the opportunity for youth sports to host local tournaments, which will bring in families from surrounding areas, increasing the opportunity for local businesses.
- A town invested in their community is more attractive to future home buyers.

▶ A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

- The new town park will be great for all ages in our community and surrounding areas, encouraging new friends for children and families young and old, as well as provide a safe environment for young adults.
- We hope to also provide Youth sports (soccer & baseball), Community groups (MOMS Club, fitness groups, Girl Scout/Boy Scout, and Summer Camp) a great place to meet, learn and grow!



FARM TO FIELDS:

How did we get to where we are now?

2005

Town approves purchase of the Goodrich Property for recreational use with a public vote of 118-13

2006

P&R Commission publishes Master Plan with 3 options for the Goodrich Property

2011

Town of Portland is awarded a STEAP Grant to do an engineering study of the Property for a Recreation Complex.

2013-14

Public meetings held and park designs are developed

2015-16

Final Park design completed, and final payment on property made. Potential park bonding referendum on Nov ballot.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

Parks & Recreation estimates the new park would cost the average Portland-owning resident roughly \$6.91/month - that's only about the same as 2-3 large cups of coffee!



This figure of \$6.91/mo (\$83/yr) is an estimate based on \$5.5M bond for 20 years at 4.0% at the 2016 mill rate and for the average Portland owners assessment of \$166,000. The actual cost will depend on the bonding strategy of the town, interest rate at the time, and the current mill rate for each year of re-payment, and is subject to slight change.