

Town of East Hampton, CT Recreation Needs Assessment Survey

The Town of East Hampton is conducting a community recreation needs assessment to develop a guiding document and allowing a big-picture look with short and long-term community needs. The areas of focus of this study will be based on the community's vision and values.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your input will be valuable in helping the Town of East Hampton in providing parks, and recreation services.

This survey will open November 24, 2021 and will remain open until December 15, 2021.

A public forum to present the findings from the survey and other public engagement will be scheduled after the survey closes. Community input will be welcome at the public forum. Please refer to the Town's website for upcoming events.

*** 1. How long have you lived in East Hampton?**

- <5 years
- 5-9 years
- 10-19 years
- 20+ years
- Not a resident but use programs or facilities

2. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 5 is very familiar and 1 is not at all familiar, please indicate how knowledgeable/familiar are you and your household with parks, recreation facilities, programs and services the Town provides?

1 - Not at all familiar 2 - Somewhat familiar 3 - neutral 4 - Familiar 5 - Very familiar

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3. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 5 is very important and 1 is not at all important, please indicate how important to you and your household is the availability of local parks and recreation opportunities in East Hampton?

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1 - Not at all important	Somewhat important	3 - neutral	4 - Important	5 - Very important
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4. Please indicate if your family participates in or would like to participate in any of the following activities (please check all that apply):

- 1. Adaptive (therapeutic) recreation
- 2. Adult education (computer, workforce, etc.)
- 3. Adult enrichment (hobby classes)
- 4. After school programs
- 5. Arts programs
- 6. Athletic leagues - youth
- 7. Athletic leagues - adult
- 8. Community events (e.g. festivals, concerts, farmer's markets)
- 9. Family programs
- 10. Fitness and wellness programs
- 11. Intergenerational programs
- 12. Outdoor recreation programs
- 13. Nature programs
- 14. Senior programs
- 15. Summer camps
- 16. Swim lessons/aquatic programs
- 17. Teen programs
- 18. Pre-teen programs
- 19. Youth enrichment programs
- 20. Youth education programs
- 21. Other (please specify)

5. Please rank the top three highest priorities for you and your household in East Hampton from the list below are the ? Please select up to 3 choices.



1. Adaptive (therapeutic) recreation



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3. Adult enrichment (hobby classes)



4. After school programs



5. Arts programs



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20. Youth education programs

6. Please rank the top three priorities that the parks and recreation department should focus on improving. Please select up to 3 choices.



Handicapped accessibility within parks



Health and wellness



Land preservation/acquisition



Family-oriented activities



Connectivity between trails and facilities



Safety and security in parks



Maintenance of parks and facilities



Heritage, historical, cultural preservation



Availability of indoor recreation space



Customer service



Developing new parks in under-served areas



Community-wide special events



Expanded programs and classes for all ages



Aquatic facilities/programming



Public water access



Affordability of service



Signage/wayfinding

7. What are the three most important areas that, if addressed by the Town, would increase your utilization of East Hampton's parks and recreation? Please select up to 3 choices.



Accessibility



Additional facilities and amenities



Awareness of programs (communications)



Condition/maintenance of parks



Customer service/staff knowledge



Hours of operation



Parking



Pricing/user fees



Programs I want



Quality of facilities



Safety and security



Wi-Fi connectivity

8. What are the greatest needs for indoor and outdoor facilities to be added or improved upon in East Hampton over the next 5-10 years? (Select all that apply)

- 1. Indoor multi-sport facility
- 2. Indoor aquatic facility
- 3. New community/recreation center
- 4. Athletic field complex
- 5. Bike lane/sidewalks
- 6. Splash pads
- 7. Disc Golf Course
- 8. Dog parks
- 9. Pickleball courts
- 10. Facilities accessible for those with physical challenges
- 11. Improved park amenities (drinking fountains, restrooms, benches, etc)
- 12. Skate park/bike park
- 13. Additional lake access
- 14. Playgrounds
- 15. Connections to the Air Line Trail
- 16. Downtown central park/plaza
- 17. Other Indoor or Outdoor facilities

18. Other (please specify)

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10. What is the best way to reach you with information on parks and recreation facilities/services/programs? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Internet/website
- Local media (TV, radio, newspaper)
- Department publication
- At the recreation facilities/program location
- Word of mouth
- Social networking (e.g., Twitter, Facebook)
- E-mail from the Town
- School flyers
- Utility bill inserts
- Other (please specify)

11. East Hampton receives taxes and grants to build parks and recreation facilities, and trails. Additional funds are required for the operations and maintenance of new facilities. User fees, grants, and donations offset some costs. In order to construct an indoor multi-sport facility, an outdoor sports complex, new trails, add restrooms, or make other improvements to parks and recreation facilities, additional capital funds will be needed. Which of the following, if any, would you support to provide the necessary funds?

- Increase in real estate tax
- Rental fees
- User fees
- Bonds (long-term borrowing)
- New dedicated sales tax
- Other (please specify)

12. If adjustments to fees were made to provide the programs or services you use or the facilities you visit, which of the following best describes the potential impact, if any, that fee increases would have on your current level of participation?

- Fee increases would not limit my/our ability to participate at all
- Fee increases would limit my/our participation somewhat or would have a minor impact on the ability to participate
- Fee increases would limit my/our participation significantly
- Don't know/uncertain
- Other (please specify)

*** 13. Please rank the following potential parks and recreation initiatives.**



Add more trails/sidewalks



Add new specialty parks (skate park, bike park, disc golf course)



Add new multi-sport indoor complex



Add new aquatic facilities (e.g., indoor or outdoor pool, aquatic playground, etc.)



Add outdoor athletic fields and courts



Expand programs and activities (e.g., more teen programs, senior programs, etc.)



Improve and/or renovate and maintain existing park and athletic facilities



Improve and/or renovate and maintain Sears Park and boat ramp

14. Other comments/suggestions/feedback