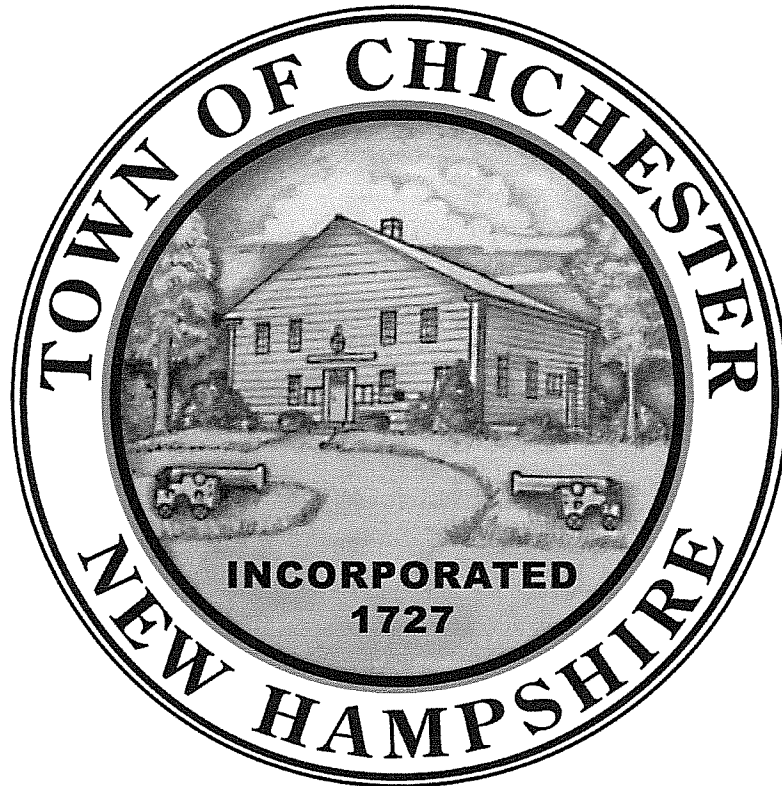


Town of Chichester

Recreation Master Plan



March 1, 2010

Date: March 1, 2010

To: Chichester Board of Selectmen

From: Chichester Parks & Recreation Commission

RE: Chichester Recreation Master Plan

For over a year, representatives of the Chichester Parks and Recreation Commission, Chichester School Board, Chichester Conservation Commission, and Chichester Youth Association have worked to prepare Chichester's first Recreation Master Plan. With input from Chichester's citizens and our individual boards, the partner committee has prepared a plan outlining a Vision and six goals with supporting objectives for recreational opportunities for all of Chichester's citizens over the next ten years.

Our core goal is to improve communication- both between our partner groups and especially with the citizens of Chichester. Next, we want to enhance access to and use of Chichester's water resources, trails, and open space. We also hope to build on and organize the many excellent programs offered by many groups in and around Chichester into a virtual community center. And we shall be working towards, and creating a specific comprehensive plan for, and then begin phased enhancements to, Carpenter Park - Chichester's primary outdoor recreation resource.



Richard DeBold, Chairman

for;

Ansel Sanborn
Ewen MacKinnon
Zack Boyajian
Michelle Doucette
Todd Hammond
Susan Hartley

Introduction:

Between the fall of 2007 and the winter of 2009/2010 a committee [the partner committee] convened by the Chichester Parks and Recreation Commission and including representatives of the Chichester School Board, the Chichester Conservation Commission, and the Chichester Youth Association has been working on a master plan for recreation in the Town of Chichester. Information was gathered from Town documents; the Town's 2004 master plan (Appendix A), the Natural Resource Inventory (Appendix B), the Capital Improvement Program (Appendix C), from surveys; the 2005 Town wide recreation survey (Appendix G), and the 2007 survey of Chichester Central School students (Appendix E), and from public meetings: the December 1, 2007 Recreation Forum (Appendix D), and data from the Chichester Youth Association (Appendix F, CYA Data).

Based on the information gathered over this period, the partner committee has drafted a Vision and plan identifying our findings: the categories of most important recreation needs identified; the strengths and weaknesses in each category in Chichester today; opportunities for improvement; and threats to success. The draft plan was presented to the public at a public informational meeting. The final Recreation Master Plan and a special Memorandum of Agreement (Appendix I) signed by the Chichester School Board, the Parks & Recreation Commission, the Conservation Commission and the Chichester Youth Association are hereby presented to the Selectmen and published as Chichester's Recreation Master Plan as part of the Vision 20/20 Master Plan update.

Chichester Recreation Vision Statement

In the year 2020, recreation is a major contributor to the rural quality of life desired by Chichester's residents. The many programs and activities offered are coordinated and promoted through the Town Newsletter, Community Calendar, and the Cable Television Channel. Cooperative agreements with surrounding communities have increased attendance in Chichester's programs and broadened the number of programs available to Chichester residents.

Chichester's conserved and public properties are linked by multi-use trails and provide access to rivers and ponds, fields, and forests for all types of outdoor recreation. The most popular stop on the trail system is Carpenter Park.

Long known for its excellent Old Home Day activities and active youth sports programs, Carpenter Park now serves even more Chichester residents with a wider variety of activities: a fitness trail, expanded playground, and pavilion/performance area, which serves all ages and helps to promote a healthy lifestyle for the residents of Chichester.

I. Chichester Recreation Goals: (Not Prioritized)

1. Provide and improve information and awareness about recreational opportunities and facilitate communication between various user and interest groups.
 2. Provide both additional and improved access to water based recreational opportunities.
 3. Provide additional/expanded/lighted playing fields in Town in order to meet the needs of the various user and interest groups.
 4. Provide additional and improved open space and trails for passive recreation.
 5. Provide enhancements to Carpenter Park to improve opportunities and capabilities for recreational opportunities.
 6. Develop a plan for Community Based Programs including a needs assessment and possible opportunities to meet those needs.
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II. Goals and Detailed Objectives

(including Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats Assessment (SWOT)).

Goal 1: Information/Awareness/ Communication

- Objectives:
1. Provide a single resource/location to maintain and access recreational related information.
 2. Provide better visibility and access to existing Town conservation lands.
 3. Develop information brochures/maps/ resources to facilitate knowledge about Town Recreational resources.
 4. Develop formal rules and relationships between the Town and user/ interest groups to facilitate coordination and maximum

Strengths: Conservation Commission website
Public/ conserved lands available for recreation

Chichester Youth Association website
Information on youth programs
Contact information
Calendar for town athletic fields

Chichester Central School website
Calendar of school activities
School usage policy

Chichester Central School trails
Trail map
Trail signage

Weaknesses: There is no single source/ location to access recreation related information.

Conservation lands in Town are not well identified.

Information on allowed uses/ restricted uses and parking is lacking.

The process for scheduling Carpenter Park for non-CYA purposes is unclear.

There are no written, established rules for Carpenter Park usage.

There is no simple way to coordinate scheduling for Carpenter Park and the school particularly for non- CYA activities.

Promotion/ opportunities for recreation for all age/ interest groups is lacking.

Opportunities: Create a centralized site for information on recreation facilities/ programs/ and how to access them.

Formalize rules/ relationships for Town facilities including coordination and scheduling responsibilities.

Maximize usage of what we have- map/ mark trails, parking, etc.
Actively promote usage by all.

Threats: Maintaining effective communication is time/ resource intensive and difficult to do with volunteers.

Goal 2: Access to Water

Objectives:

1. Improve and or provide additional Access to Marsh Pond.
2. Acquire additional land around Marsh Pond to facilitate access and ensure construction of a safe dam to ensure consistent water depth for the pond.
3. Enhance current access to Deer Meadow Pond through development site improvements.
4. Enhance and or provide additional access to the Suncook River either at existing or new locations.
5. Develop public access to Lynxfield Pond.

Strengths:

Marsh Pond

Centrally located in Town.

Bordered by a number of Town owned or conserved properties.

Suncook River

Accessible from Route 28 through Carpenter Park property.

Deer Meadow Pond

Accessible from Deer Meadow Road through Town owned property.

Weaknesses:

Marsh Pond

Removal of the dam significantly reduced the pond.

Reconstructing the dam is hindered by issues of cost sharing and liability.

Deed restrictions on portions of the Town property.

Suncook River

Though an access to the river exists primarily for fire department use, no parking is available.

The shape and size of the lot limit its potential.

The direct access onto route 28 raises some safety concerns if usage were to become heavy.

Varying water level (high and swift in Spring low in Summer dry periods)

Deer Meadow Pond

The size and location of the parcel limit its potential as a major recreation facility.

Lots of aquatic vegetation, not suitable for swimming.

Opportunities:

Access improvements to Deer Meadow Pond hold potential for the short term.

In the long term, restoration of the dam and Marsh Pond have the greatest potential to address water access as well as open space and trail issues.

Threats:

Opposition of abutters to more usage.

Liability and security concerns.

Goal 3: Additional/ Expanded/ Lighted Athletic Fields

Objectives:

1. Develop strategy to address need for Babe Ruth and Adult sized ball Fields.

2. Create Master Plan for Carpenter Park to include phased implementation of additional field space- formal fields including dugouts, fences, infields, goals, etc. can be added as needed. Level grass fields can serve practices and function as multi-purpose fields.

Strengths: Despite the damage to the school field in the spring of 2007 and the record number of CYA youth teams, the fields at the school and Carpenter Park have been managed to accommodate the needs of all.

Despite steady/ declining enrollment at Chichester Central School, participation in the baseball, softball, and soccer programs has been steadily increasing.

Data to Support Growth and Expansion.

Weaknesses: None of Chichester's fields meet the minimum dimensional requirements for Babe Ruth or adult baseball.

Damage to the school field in 2007 left no Chichester field sized for ages 11 vs. 11 , 7th/ 8th grade, or adult soccer.

Currently nine (9) baseball/ softball teams compete for game and practice time at the two (2) Carpenter Park fields. [The school field can be used for practice, no games, only for these teams]

School and scheduled games limit available practice time for all.

3 T-ball teams practice in corners of the park on makeshift fields.

If the school baseball and softball programs resume, this situation will be worsened.

Opportunities: Two assumptions contribute to the following recommendations:

Chichester sport teams will encourage participation by all by using tryouts to evaluate and sort rather than to cut players

Youth sports will continue to depend on volunteer coaches thus limiting the hours available for practice and games

The solution is to increase the supply of fields.

The options for a Babe Ruth field are:

- construct a field on the school/ Frangione property;
- construct a field on the Town owned, former Shaw property on Main Street; construct a field at Carpenter Park.

Constructing a field at Carpenter Park in the area of the upper ball field works well since the Park has support facilities in place and would group athletic fields together.

This would also allow conversion of the school field to a youth baseball/ softball sized field which would fit well within the existing space and add a field in the size category most in demand.

By master planning Carpenter Park, space for additional fields could be planned to be constructed as needed to meet demand.

Threats: Larger sized baseball and soccer fields serve the smallest number of players and are expensive to provide.

The school population is level or declining. Will the need for additional facilities continue?

Goal 4: Open Space/Trails

Objectives: 1. Create a plan for future trails to link town owned/ conserved properties specifically between Carpenter Park, Chichester Central School, Town Library, Main Street Fields and Grange Hall/Madeline Sanborn Conservation area.

2. Develop and publish trail guides for existing Town Conservation lands.

3. Support Conservation Commission, Five Rivers Conservation Trust and other organizations in efforts to acquire additional open space for passive recreation to include water access.

4. Convene a trail committee composed of reps. from interested organizations [Conservation Commission, school, snowmobile club, horseback riders, etc.] to accomplish the trail effort.

5. Mark and maintain existing and future developed trails.

Strengths: Preservation of open space is a focus of the Town - led by the Conservation Commission and supported by the voters.

A number of Town owned or conserved parcels have trails

available for hiking or cross country skiing.

Volunteers have created, mapped, signed, and maintained a system of trails and an outdoor classroom on the property donated by Mrs. Barbara Frangione to Chichester Central School.

Informal trails used by snowmobilers, cross country skiers, hikers, and horseback riders cross two of the three parcels of Carpenter Park.

Weaknesses: Trail location and permitted usage information, marking, and parking on town owned or conserved lands is lacking.

Condition and maintenance of the trails varies widely.

Opportunities: Publish a trail guide pamphlet [similar to one recently published as a newspaper insert by the City of Concord] verified by property owners.

Map and mark existing trails.

Organize volunteers to construct and maintain trails.

Convene a trail committee composed of representatives from interested organizations [Conservation Commission, school, snowmobile club, horseback riders, etc.] to accomplish the trail effort.

Support the Conservation Commission in their effort to acquire/ conserve open space.

Create a plan for future trails to link town owned/ conserved properties.

Coordinate with the school to sponsor a series of programs for townspeople at the outdoor classroom.

Partner with snowmobile clubs on trails.

Threats: Opposition of abutters/ property owners to increased use for privacy, security, or liability reasons.

Stewardship and policing responsibilities.

Goal 5: Enhance Carpenter Park

- Objectives:**
1. Develop Master Plan for Carpenter Park taking in needs for recreational opportunities and conservation of existing resources as directed by the Selectmen.
 2. Acquire more detailed site information about Carpenter Park including full wetland delineation and Topography.
 3. Expand/improve Playing fields to accommodate additional needs.
 4. Expand playground to handle more children and have different types of equipment.
 5. Construct permanent restroom facilities.
 6. Provide improve handicap access to playing field viewing.
 7. Improve Trails.

Strengths: From the construction of its first athletic fields, Carpenter Park has been a model of collaborative efforts.

Improvements to parking, the pavilion, playground equipment, the upper field baseball diamond, and the basketball court were excellent expansions to the facilities.

Expanded youth sports, adult programs, old home day activities, and informal recreational uses all occur at the park.

Weaknesses: The Park's successes have led to field scheduling conflicts from increased usage.

The playground equipment and sandbox often cannot handle the number of children playing on it.

Access to the athletic fields from the parking lots is difficult for those with walking disabilities.

Lines at the portable toilets are not uncommon at times of peak park usage.

Opportunities: The Selectmen have charged the Conservation Commission and Recreation Commission with creating a master plan for the park properties.

The interest from the four recreation partner groups and the public should ensure a collaborative effort in developing this key element of the recreation plan.

The park property is large and varied enough to accommodate a number of needs.

Threats: Changes in Carpenter Park may impact the forested and/ or wetland areas.

Increasing fields will require funds for construction and increase maintenance requirements and costs.

Goal 6: Community Based Programs

- Objectives:
1. Develop a needs assessment of additional community based programs and activities.
 2. Develop list of alternative programs, activities, providers and partners to fill the needs.
 3. Develop a plan to fill gaps between the needs and available resources.

Strengths: Some suggested activities currently exist- an after school program is run by the YMCA at the school; Pittsfield runs programs for area seniors; the Town library has book clubs, chess club, and movies; adult volleyball and adult and youth basketball programs take place at the school.

Some facilities currently exist: the school offers a gymnasium and classroom space; the Town hall and safety building offer meeting space; the library has program space.

Weaknesses: Information on programs is not centralized.

Some requested programs do not exist: a preschool program; a drop in center offering informal recreation and social programs.

Opportunities: Consolidate program information in an accessible location.

Add requested programs as resources allow in available space [a virtual community center].

Maximize collaboration within Chichester and with adjacent communities to meet needs.

Threats: Until the need for a physical community center is shown and accepted by the Town, this could be a divisive item.

Implementation and Funding

Implementation of this master plan is expected to involve activities of a number of town functions/groups including but not necessarily limited to the Chichester Parks and Recreation Commission, the Chichester Conservation Commission and the Chichester School Board/Chichester Central School. Involvement of the Chichester Youth Association is also anticipated. Funding for implementation of master plan goals and objectives is expected to vary and potentially include Town of Chichester appropriated funds, funds raised by the CYA and other donations, Chichester Conservation funds when goals of both conservation and recreation can be met and other sources such as grants. Capital improvement plan submissions by the Parks and Recreation Commission, which identify specific funding requests currently proposed, are presented in the Capital Improvement Plan which may be accessed through the link provided in Appendix C.

APPENDICES:

A. Chichester Master Plan

http://www.chichesternh.org/Public_Documents/ChichesterNH_MastPlanSteerCom/masterplan2004.pdf

B. Chichester Natural Resource Inventory

http://www.chichesternh.org/Public_Documents/ChichesterNH_Conservation/ConComDoc/ChichesterNaturalResourcesInv.pdf

C. Chichester Capital Improvement Program

[http://www.chichester.org/Public_Documents/Chichester, NH Capital Improvement Plan](http://www.chichester.org/Public_Documents/Chichester,_NH_Capital_Improvement_Plan)

D. December 2007 Facilitated Recreation Forum

E. 2007 Chichester Central School Student Recreation Survey

F. Chichester Youth Association Usage Data

G. 2005 Chichester Town Recreation Survey

H. Carpenter Park Property Map

I. Partners Memorandum of Agreement

Appendix D



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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Chichester Recreation Master Plan Forum

December 1, 2007

**Chichester Recreation Master Plan Forum Agenda
Chichester Central School
December 1, 2007**

- 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 Welcome and Why Are We Here—Richard DeBold, Chairman
Chichester Recreation Committee (CRC)**
- 9:15 Chichester Recreation: Past, Present and Future—Ansel
Sanborn, CRC**
- 9:30 Youth Presentation—Chichester Central School Student
Council**
- 9:45 Overview of Schedule for the Day—Michele Gagne, UNH
Cooperative Extension**
- 10:00 Breakout into 2-3 Small Groups**

Questions to be addressed by each group:

1. Brainstorm of existing facilities used by:
families with young children
adults
senior citizens
2. Brainstorm of needs for recreation (programs and facilities) for the
next 10 years without taking into account cost or feasibility for
now.
3. Prioritize each of the needs regarding impact and feasibility using
Impact/Feasibility grid.
4. Decide upon top 5 programs/facilities based on prioritizing activity
and *if there's time*, begin to strategize what is needed to implement them including “outside of
the box” thinking (i.e. partnering with other towns, entities; grants; volunteer-organized
activities; etc.)

- 11:30 Report outs of top 5 programs/facilities by each small group**
- 11:50 Wrap up by Town Official including next steps**
- 12:00 Adjourn**

Chichester Recreation: Past, Present and Future

Ansel Sanborn

Youth Focus Groups

Ben Kubat, Chichester Student Council

Small Group Meetings

Group #1

Facilitator: Nicole Finitsis

Recorder: Julian Linero

Participants: David Gill, Tom Jameson, Jean Donzelli, Hannah West, Bob Mann, Todd Hammond, Tom Downey, Sally Kelly, Linda Fisher

Existing Recreation Opportunities—Families with Young Children:

- Carpenter Park (hiking)
- 3 soccer fields (fall)
- 2 baseball fields (spring/summer)
- basketball/playground
- pavilion
- batting cage
- soccer kicking wall
- snack shack
- sledding hills
- playground
- outdoor classroom
- bike riding
- fishing
- Deer Meadow Pond
- Lynx Field Pond (fishing)
- M.S.C.A. (Madeline Sanborn Conservation Area) with hiking and skating
- Blackman property
- commercial recreation
- library

Existing Recreation Opportunities—Adults:

- hunting
- Carpenter Park
 - adult softball
 - horseshoe pits
 - hiking
- pavilion (social events)
- Shaw Fields
- Deer Meadow Pond
 - fishing
 - boating/kayaking
- Thunder Bridge (fishing)
- Suncook River (fishing, canoeing)
- Lynx Field Pond (fishing)
- library

Existing Recreation Opportunities—Senior Citizens:

- hiking trails
- fishing (Thunder Bridge, Deer Meadow)
- pavilion
- fire station community room
- library with 2 book groups—one at library and one in people's homes

Future Needs/Wants for Recreation in Next 10 Years:

- community center located near fields, parks, etc. for all ages
- swimming with swimming lessons (outdoor or indoor)
- field house with indoor soccer, basketball and swimming
- public skating rink
- band stand
- increased hiking
- more playing fields
- increased marketing
- walking based trails
- large pool
- permanent bathrooms
- more water access (ponds and rivers)
- lights on one field
- open space conservation
- spring soccer

Prioritizing Future Needs/Wants:

High Impact/Low Feasibility:

- field house for indoor soccer, basketball, swimming
- community center that's located near fields for all ages

High Impact/Moderate Feasibility:

- permanent bathrooms (also noted under High Impact/Low Feasibility)
- more water access to ponds/river (also noted under High Impact/High Feasibility)
- open space conservation (also noted under High Impact/High Feasibility)

High Impact/High Feasibility:

- town awareness of the facilities we have (increased marketing)

Moderate Impact/Low Feasibility:

- indoor swimming pool
- large pool for adults to do laps

Moderate Impact/Moderate Feasibility:

- lights on one field
- outdoor swimming facilities
- band concerts (band stand)
- informal public skating (not hockey) (also noted under Moderate Impact/High Feasibility)
- more playing fields (also noted under Moderate Impact/High Feasibility)

Moderate Impact/High Feasibility:

- more hiking trails
- spring soccer

Low Impact/Low Feasibility:

None noted

Low Impact/Moderate Feasibility:

None noted

Low Impact/High Feasibility:

None noted

Top 5 Priority Projects of Group 1

- town awareness
- community center
- open space for conservation and hiking trails
- more playing fields

- informal public skating
 - lights on one field
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Group #2

Facilitator: Varalin Newcomer Recorder: Kelley Wojcik

Participants: Marlene Hammond, Doreen Lehoullier, Michelle Doucette, Ewen MacKinnon, Ben Brown, Lisa Drouse, Fuat Arj, Tammy Jameson, John West, Joe Amour

Existing Recreation Opportunities—Families with Young Children:

- soccer
- baseball/softball
- playground
- trails (schools, Town Hall)
- snowmobiling
- outdoor classroom
- Deer Meadow Pond
- outside of town:
 - lakes
 - pools
 - fishing
 - beaches
- basketball
- mini golf/driving range/batting cages
- reading hour and library

Existing Recreation Opportunities—Adults:

- church softball
- sign out gym for basketball/volleyball
- soccer (gone now—field was small)
- trails
- Old Home Days
- pick up softball
- fishing/canoe access at Deer Meadow Pond and Suncook River across from Carpenter Park
- cross country skiing
- horseshoes
- snowmobiling
- snow shoeing
- horseback riding
- fishing at Thunder Bridge
- Range and Historical Society

Existing Recreation Opportunities—Senior Citizens:

- cross country skiing
- trails
- fishing and Deer Meadow Pond
- Old Home Day
 - food
 - tractor pulls
 - parade
 - social events
 - fireworks
 - talent show (all ages)
- driving range/mini golf/batting cages
- library
 - book group
 - chess group
 - art group

Social/Occasional Events

- PTO
 - Easter hunt
 - Pancake breakfast
 - Halloween walk about
- Grange
- Boy/Girl Scouts
- CYA
- 4-H
- ski program (CYA and PTO)
- church activities
- sliding at Carpenter Park
- Historical Society
- Old Home Day

Future Needs/Wants for Recreation in Next 10 Years:

- link/protect trails
- e x p a n d f i e l d a r e a s
 - Carpenter Park and school
- access to lake and ponds and make more aware of what's available
- community center
- outdoor swimming pool
- marked access to hiking trails and conservation trails
- outdoor skating rink with cover

- lighting up the fields
- increase awareness to town for everything
- do something with trail behind firehouse and Grange Hall to pond with something recreational
- tennis courts
- permanent bathrooms
- swings at playgrounds
- trail head at Carpenter Park
- indoor recreation center
- rock climbing
- indoor/outdoor pool (whichever)
- playground in southern part of town
- beach front access

Prioritizing Future Needs/Wants:

High Impact/Low Feasibility:

- indoor recreation /community center

High Impact/Moderate Feasibility:

- swimming pool (indoor or outdoor) (also noted as High Impact/Low Feasibility)
- permanent bathrooms

High Impact/High Feasibility:

- swings at playgrounds to include lighting
- increase awareness of town uses
- marked access to hiking trails and conservation trails
- water access

Moderate Impact/Low Feasibility:

- link trails (also noted as High Impact/Low Feasibility)
- lighting fields

Moderate Impact/Moderate Feasibility:

- skating rink/tennis court covered (also noted as High Impact/Moderate Feasibility)
- expand fields for baseball and soccer (also noted as High Impact/Moderate Feasibility)

Moderate Impact/High Feasibility:

- covered skating rink (also noted as High Impact/High Feasibility)
- develop trail to pond behind fire house

Low Impact/Low Feasibility:

None noted

Low Impact/Moderate Feasibility:
None noted

Low Impact/High Feasibility:
None noted

Top 5 Priority Projects of Group 2

- increase awareness of town uses/mark uses/trails
 - swings at playgrounds, including lighting
 - expand fields: baseball and soccer at Carpenter Park
 - swimming pools outdoors
 - permanent bathrooms
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Group #3

Facilitator: Cheryl Coffin

Recorder: Marc Smith

Participants: Mark Fisher, Jennifer Sanborn, Ansel Sanborn, Zack Boyajian, Joe Montambeault, David Morey, Diane Morey, John Poirier, Richard DeBold, Barbara Fraugione

Existing Recreation Opportunities—Families with Young Children:

- playground
- Carpenter Field
 - softball fields
 - baseball fields
 - soccer fields
- basketball court
- school gym
- soccer baseball and cross country at the school
- outdoor classroom
- outdoor trails
- playground at school
- bike riding at school
- fishing at Deer Meadow Pond
- library (multiple uses)
- Grange
- Old Home Day
- 4-H and Boy/Girl Scouts

Existing Recreation Opportunities—Adults:

- softball in the upper field at Carpenter Park
- soccer/basketball at Carpenter Park

- volleyball and basketball at the school
- trails/outdoor classroom
- mountain biking
- snowmobile trails (many on private property)
- Deer Meadow Pond (fishing)
- Suncook River access
- cross country skiing at outdoor classroom
- limited skating at Deer Meadow
- Grange
- Old Home Day

Existing Recreation Opportunities—Senior Citizens:

- walking
- basketball/baseball/softball
- fishing
- no senior center (only in Concord and Pittsfield)
- no handicapped accessible trails
- Carpenter Park is not handicapped accessible and has limited parking
- no permanent or handicapped bathrooms
- possible golfing at Carpenter Park
- book group at library
- story time at library
- Grange
- Old Home Day

Future Needs/Wants for Recreation in Next 10 Years:

- improved access to Suncook River, Deer Meadow Pond and Marsh Pond
- ice skating on Deer Meadow Pond with public access
- skate park (skate boarding, etc.)
- boat launch
- trail network (links between properties, especially Main Street)
- more info on trails and conservation land (what is allowed: hunting, etc.)
- cross-country trails need permanent bridge
- more information on trails (signs/trail markers)
- more access points to trails, etc.
- make Carpenter Park handicapped accessible
- repairs at Carpenter Park
- environmental programs (i.e. lectures)
- use outdoor classroom
- lighting at Carpenter Park on fields
- net system at Carpenter Park for golf
- more athletic fields or multi-purpose fields

- softball
- baseball (Babe Ruth and younger field)
- soccer
- football
- t-ball
- lacrosse
- indoor facilities—multipurpose
 - softball
 - baseball
- outdoor pool
- outdoor tennis court
- trail from school to Carpenter Park
- permanent bathrooms at Carpenter Park

Prioritizing Future Needs/Wants:

High Impact/Low Feasibility:

- indoor facilities
- Deer Meadow parking
- outdoor pool

High Impact/Moderate Feasibility:

- permanent bathrooms at Carpenter Park (also noted at High Impact/Low Feasibility)
- access and parking to Suncook River
- lighting at Carpenter Park

High Impact/High Feasibility:

- softball/Babe Ruth field (also noted at High Impact/Moderate Feasibility)
- repairs at Carpenter Park (also noted at High Impact/Moderate Feasibility)
- improved access to Suncook River, Deer Meadow Pond and Marsh Pond
- environmental programs using outdoor classroom
- trail from school to Carpenter Park
- multi-purpose field (soccer, lacrosse and football)
- handicapped accessibility at Carpenter Park

Moderate Impact/Low Feasibility:

- outdoor tennis courts

Moderate Impact/Moderate Feasibility:

- public access ice skating
- trail network and more access
- softball field

Moderate Impact/High Feasibility:

- cross country trail needs permanent bridge
- more information on trails and conservation land (signs)

Low Impact/Low Feasibility:

- skate board park
- baseball field (Babe Ruth)

Low Impact/Moderate Feasibility:

None noted

Low Impact/High Feasibility:

- net system for Carpenter Park for golf

Top 5 Priority Projects of Group 3

- multi-purpose fields with softball and Babe Ruth fields
- more information on trails and conservation lands (signs, etc.)
- trail from school to Carpenter Park
- lighting at Carpenter Park
- repairs at Carpenter park with handicapped accessibility

Steering Committee for Chichester Recreation Master Plan:

Ansel Sanborn, Recreation Commission

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Appendix E

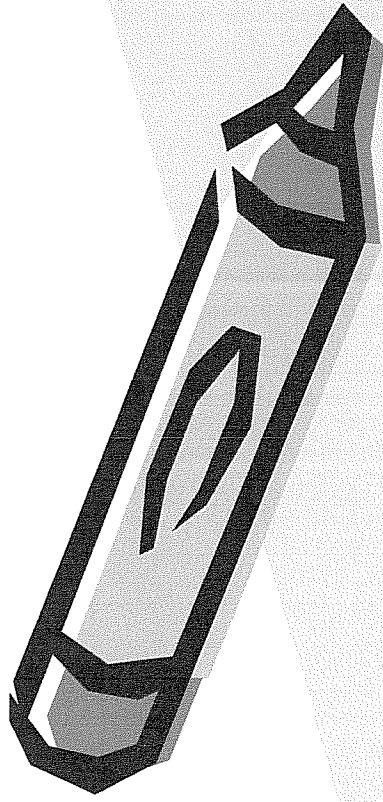
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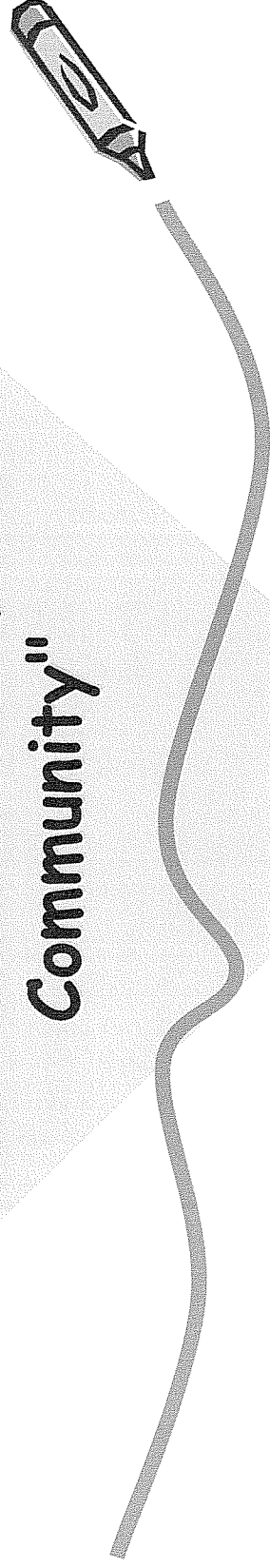
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- Grades 1st through 8th

Appendix F



Chichester Youth Association

**"For the Youth of the
Community"**



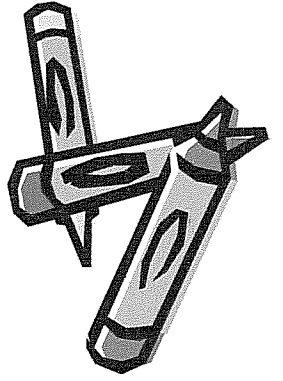
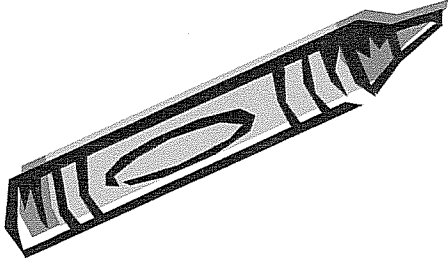
Chichester Youth Association

Our Mission:

The Chichester Youth Association was created in 1996 to provide and promote programs for all youth in and around the town of Chichester. Chichester Youth Association's goal is to encourage the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect in the youth of the community.

The CYA is responsible for organizing tee ball, baseball, softball and soccer teams. Their home fields are located near the end of Bear Hill Road in Carpenter Park. The CYA also shares responsibilities for other events, including a ski program and Old Home Day activities.

The CYA is a non-profit organization that relies financially on volunteers, donations and fund drives. A large source of income for the CYA is the Snack Shack, located at Carpenter Park.

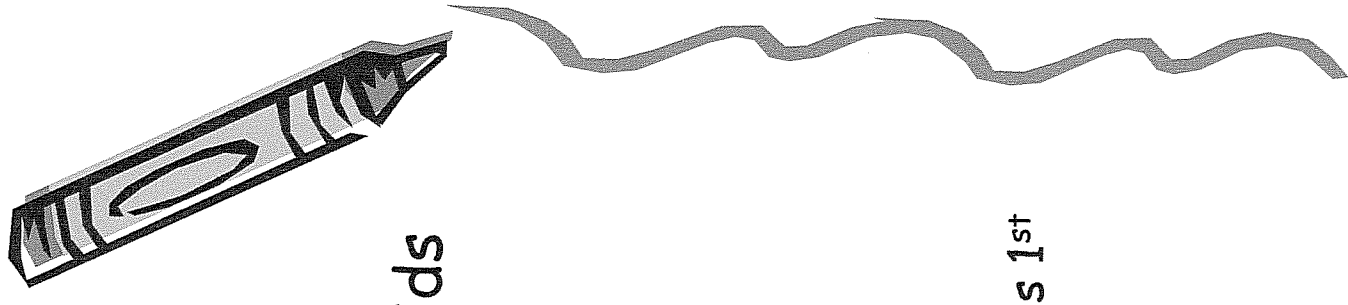
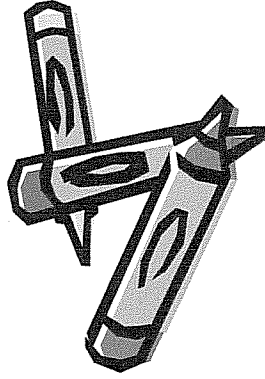


Chichester Youth Association

We offer several athletic opportunities for kids in and around our community, including:

- ☺ Baseball
- ☺ Softball
- ☺ Tee ball
- ☺ Soccer - including sponsoring a summer soccer camp
- ☺ Skiing
- ☺ Basketball*

*We partnered with school to offer this program to kids 1st thru 4th grade.

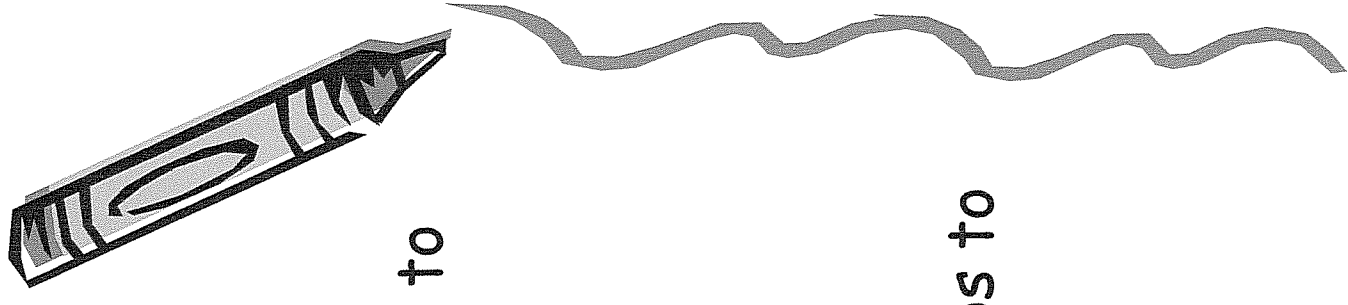
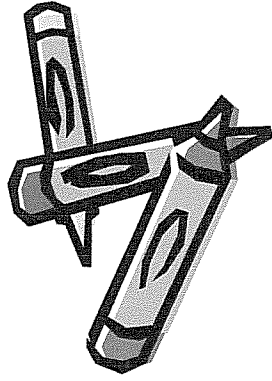


Chichester Youth Association

Our organization provides athletic opportunities to kids ages 4 -18.

Our primary sources of income are through fundraising efforts and donations from local organizations, businesses and charities.

With this support we are able to keep our registration fees low and to offer scholarships to those families who are unable to pay the registration fees.



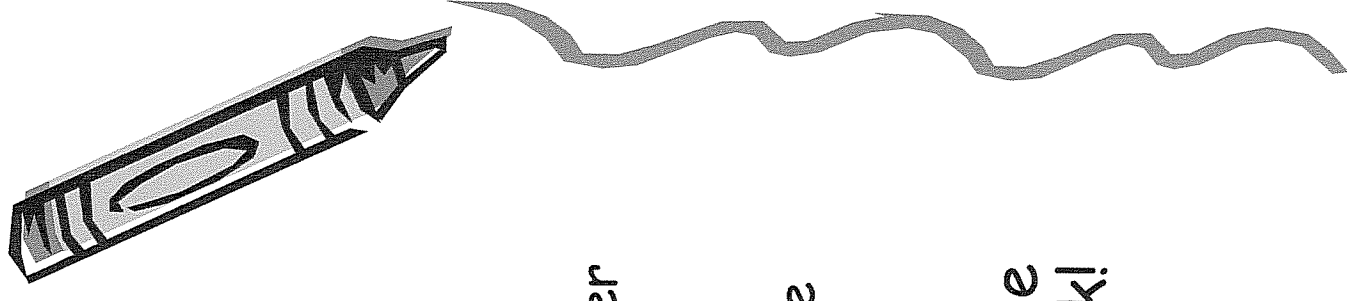
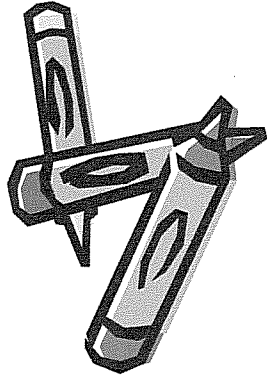
Chichester Youth Association

Our programs are growing each year!

In 2008

- Baseball, Softball and Tee ball combined had over 150 kids participate
- Soccer had over 105 kids participate
- Basketball had approximately 50 kids participate
- Skiing had approximately 50 kids participate

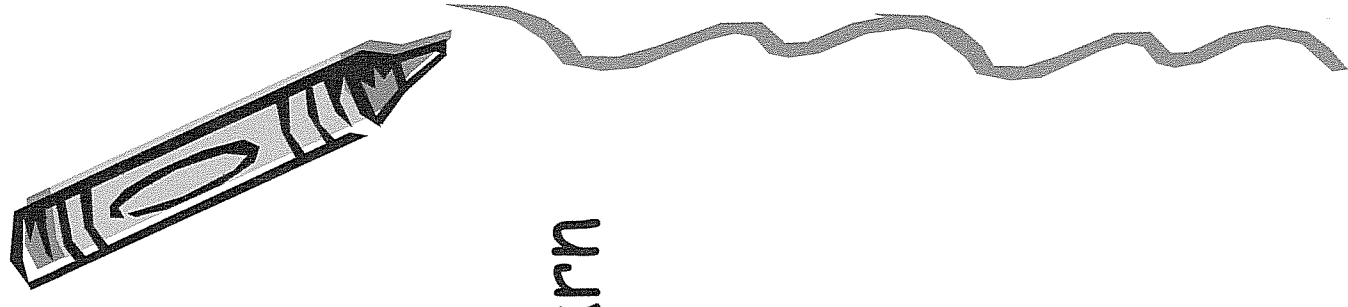
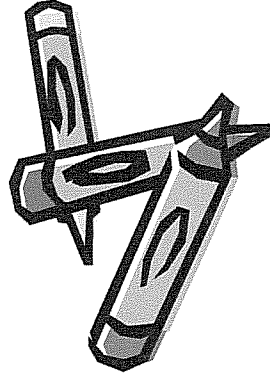
And these numbers do not include our multiple volunteers who help make the program work!



Chichester Youth Association

Thank you for taking the time to learn
about our organization.

Todd Hammond, President
Marlene Hammond, Soccer Commissioner



Appendix G

Chichester Parks & Recreation Commission
Town Wide Survey

1. (250) Resident Status?

a. Year-round Resident	97%
b. Part-time Resident	½%
c. Non-resident land/property owner	½%
d. Business Owner	2%

2. (249) How long have you been a resident of Chichester?

a. 5 years or less	21%
b. 6 – 10 years	17%
c. 11 – 20 years	19%
d. 21 – 50 years	37%
e. More than 50 years	6%

3. (248) What are the ages, and the numbers in each group, of the people residing in your household, including yourself?

a. Households - 38,	with a total of 50	Children under 5
b. Households - 62,	with a total of 96	Children 5 – 14
c. Households - 42,	with a total of 55	Ages 15 – 19
d. Households - 32,	with a total of 41	Ages 20 – 25
e. Households - 96,	with a total of 153	Ages 26 – 44
f. Households - 135,	with a total of 216	Ages 45 – 64
g. Households - 52,	with a total of <u>67</u>	65 and over
	678	

4. (250) Overall, how would you rate the existing park and recreational opportunities in Chichester?

a. Excellent	16%
b. Good	45%
c. Fair	16%
d. Poor	3%
e. Don't Know/Not Familiar	20%

Parks & Recreation Commission
Town Wide Survey

5. (201) **What Town or School recreational facilities and programs do you and/or any of your family currently use, if any?**

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| a. Carpenter Park Playground | 30% |
| b. Carpenter Park Basketball Court | 9% |
| c. Carpenter Park Pavilion | 40% |
| d. Chichester Youth Assoc. Activities | 20% |
| e. Chichester Central School Sports | 16% |
| f. Other; Comments, 22 | |

Answered "None", 45 (31 w/no children and over 45 years old – 69 %)

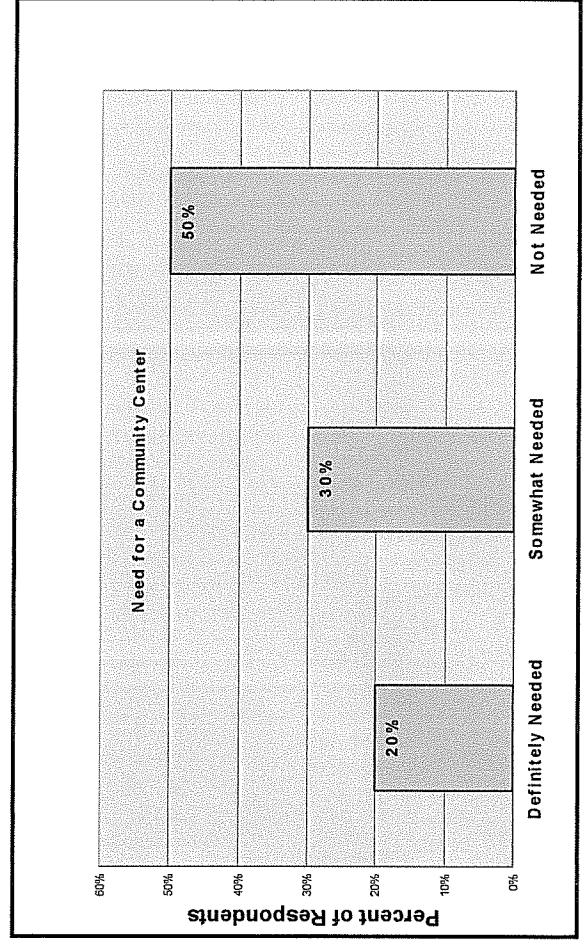
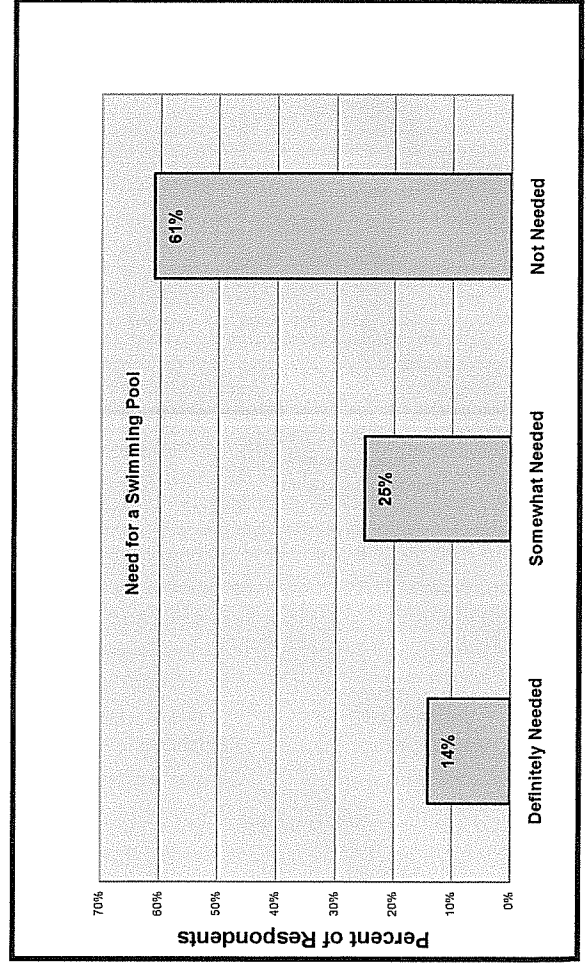
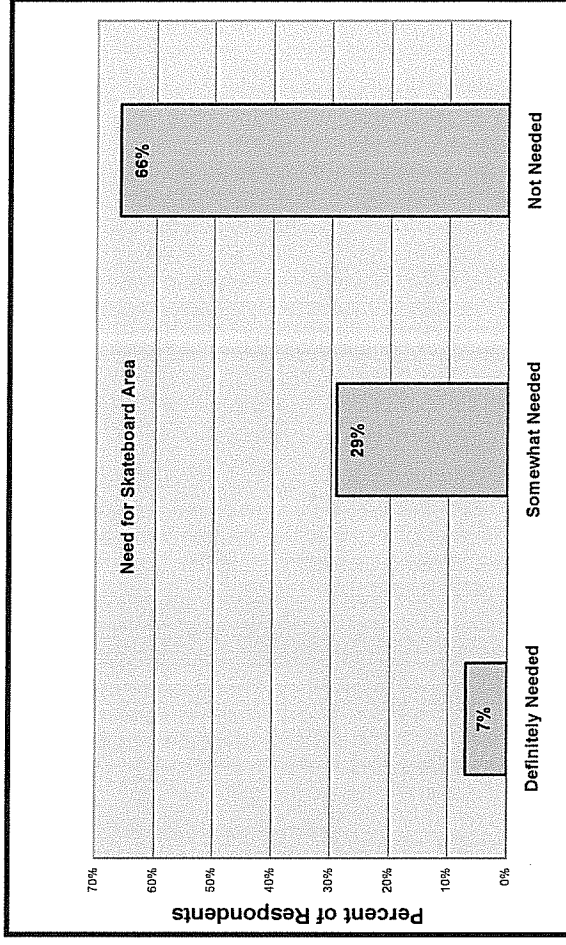
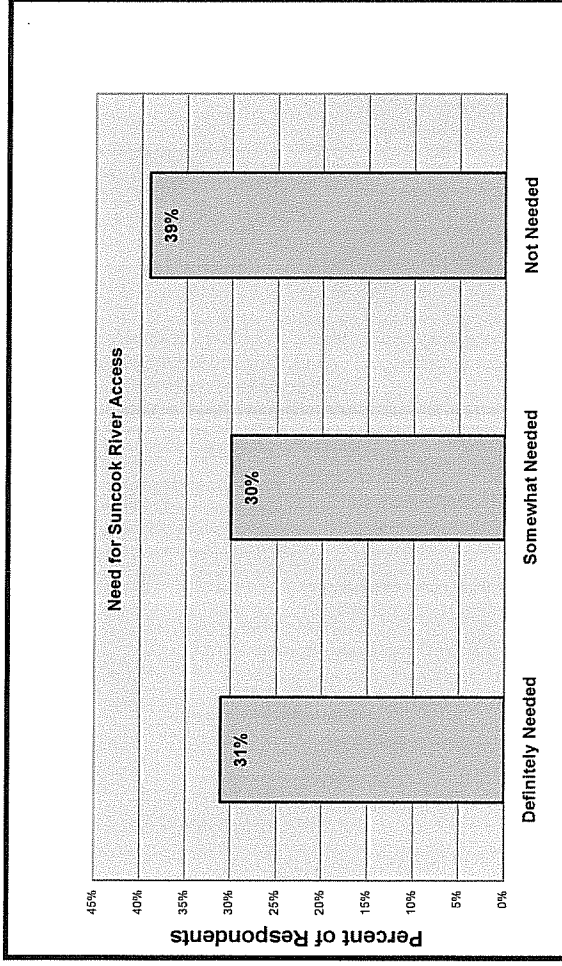
Did Not Answer Question, 49 (35 w/no children and over 45 years old – 71 %)
(8 w/school age children – 16 %)



Chichester, New Hampshire

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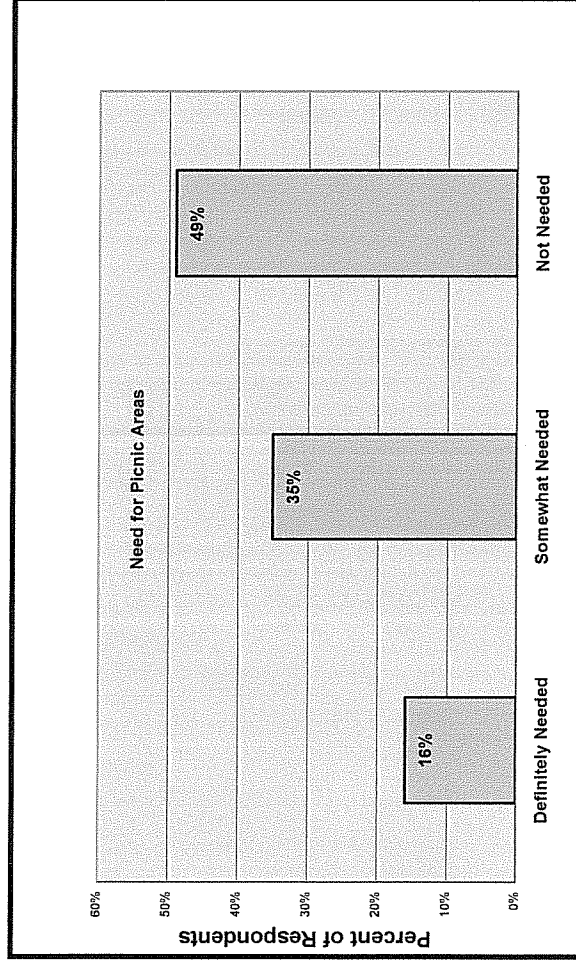




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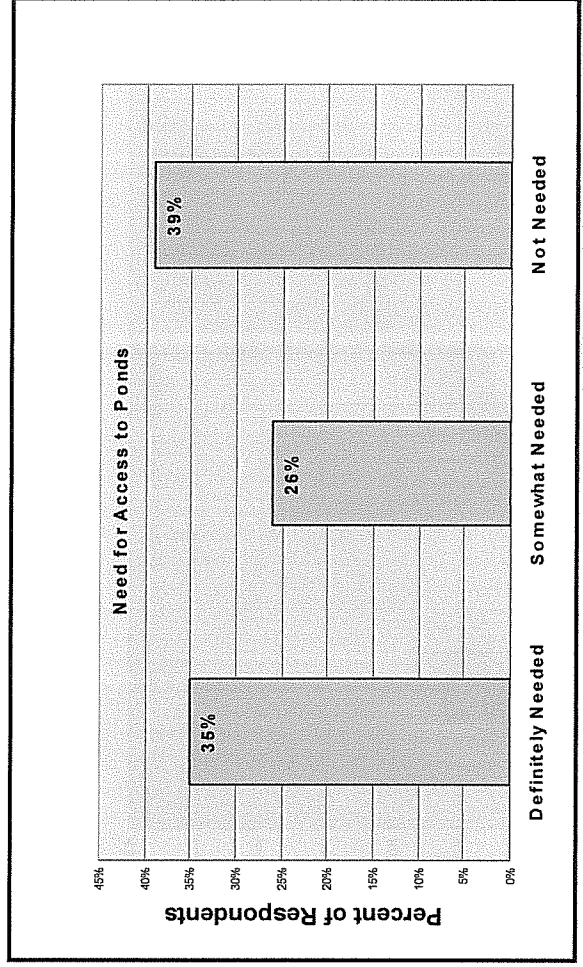
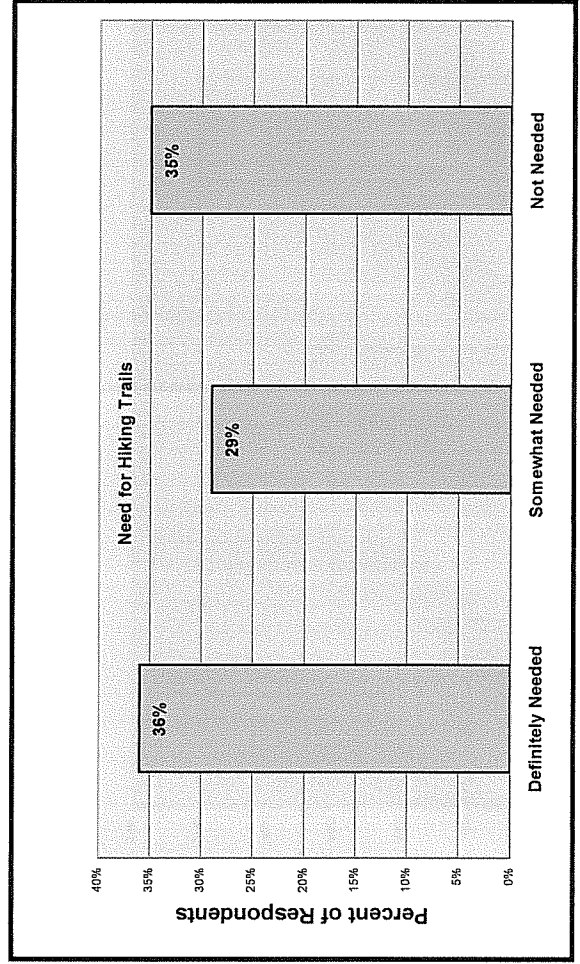
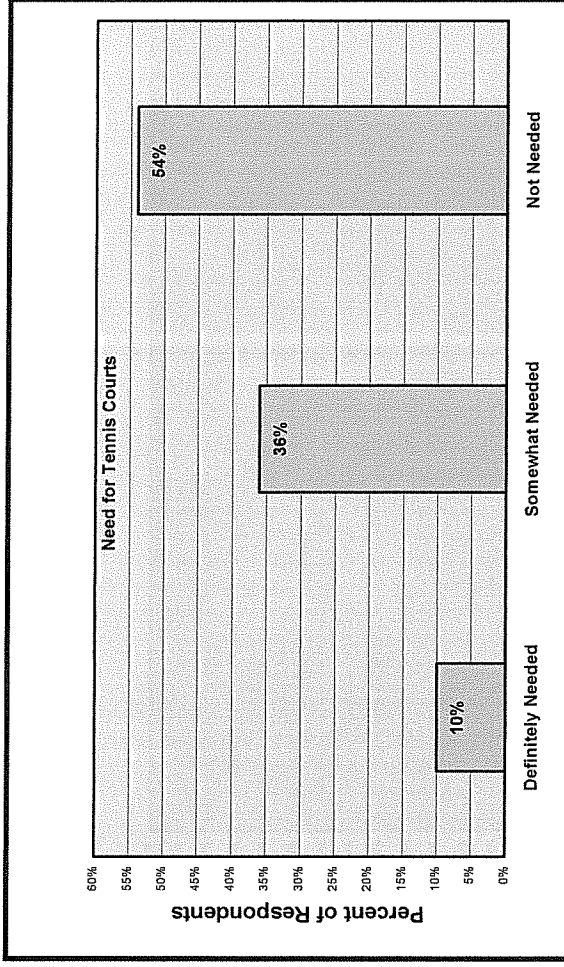
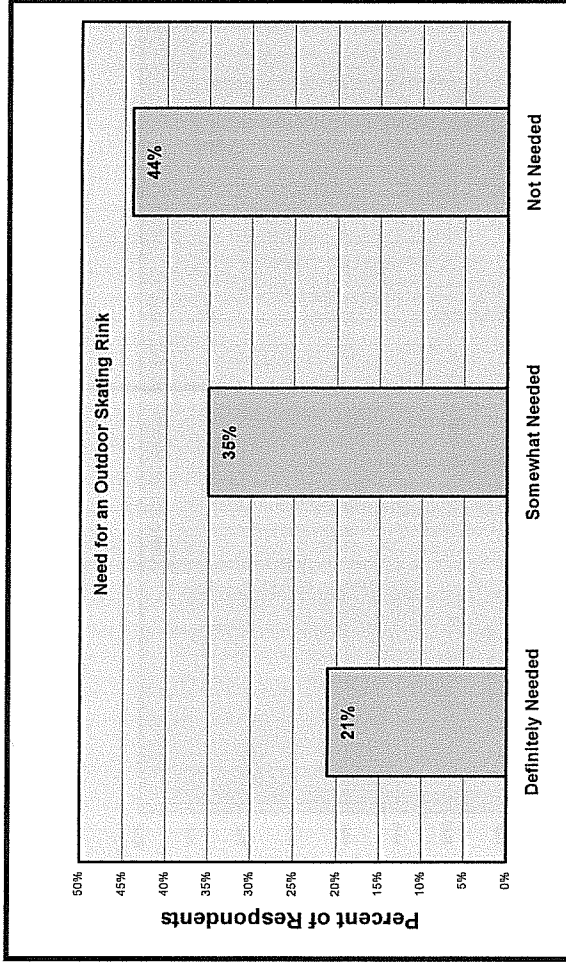




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Appendix H

Appendix I

Memorandum of Agreement
Recreational Facilities Coordination

Between

The Town of Chichester and the Chichester Central School

This agreement between the Chichester Parks & Recreation Commission, here-in referred to as the 'Town', and the Chichester Central School, here-in referred to as the 'School', is intended to establish and implement a coordinated effort between both the Town and the School to work together jointly to coordinate recreational facility planning and scheduling, and to assure the compatibility and efficient use of Town and School recreational facilities and to maximize the use of public assets.

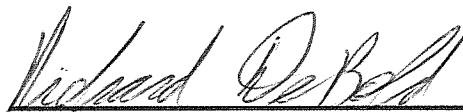
The Chichester Conservation Commission and the Chichester Youth Association shall also be included as 'partners' to this Memorandum of Agreement and shall participate, along with the Town and the School, in the planning for any upgrades to existing recreational facilities, or for the development of new recreational facilities.


The primary goals of this Memorandum of Agreement are;


- To ensure a coordinated planning process to share information among the parties of the Agreement,
- To determine the most appropriate means of relating existing recreational facilities, of both the Town and the School, considering all program needs, and including opportunities for sharing facilities,


- To identify opportunities for any future compatible Town and School recreational facilities to provide complementary services,
- To identify opportunities for enhancement of and/or expansion of existing facilities in a cooperative manner to ensure resource and cost effectiveness.
- To determine the most appropriate and effective means of scheduling for usage of any shared recreational facilities.
- To engaging the community into the planning process through public informational meetings/forums.

By signature below, of the duly authorized representatives, this memorandum signifies agreement to these goals by the Chichester School Board and the Chichester Parks & Recreation Commission as well as the partner groups, the Chichester Conservation Commission and the Chichester Youth Association.


 Richard DeBold, Chairman
 Chichester Parks & Recreation Commission


 Benjamin Brown, Chairman
 Chichester School Board


 Robert Mann, Chairman
 Chichester Conservation Commission


 Todd Hammond, President
 Chichester Youth Association

Dated: June 1, 2009