

GATE STREET RECREATION AREA

SITE OPPORTUNITIES

Barton & Loguidice



Open Space

- There is an opportunity to take advantage of the ample open space for new programming elements.

Amenities

- There is an opportunity to expand and improve parking within the site.
- There is an opportunity to convert the existing baseball field into an area for pickleball, tennis, and handball.
- It is recommended to relocate the existing playground to the area within the walking track..
- There is opportunity to develop a bicycle skills park.
- There is a opportunity to improve accessibility and safety along the edge of Sawmill Pond.
- There is an opportunity to enhance site furnishings.
- There is potential for the addition of a digital information sign.

Facilities

- It is recommended to remove the existing garage.
- There is an opportunity for another pavilion.
- It is recommended that an improved restroom is put in place.

Pedestrian Circulation

- It is recommended to install established an ADA loop trail and sidewalks.
- It is recommended to improve pedestrian circulation conditions along Route 138.
- There is an opportunity to connect with the Pachaug State Forest and surrounding open space.

Plantings/Vegetation

- It is recommended to increase tree plantings throughout the space to increase shade.
- The trees bordering Sawmill Pond block potential views and opportunities to connect with the Pond.
- It is recommended that there is selective clearing of invasive plant species.