

**PLEASE NOTE THIS SURVEY PERIOD HAS ENDED**

**LOWELL OPEN SPACE SURVEY**

1. Please identify how important each of the following is to you when choosing where to live:

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
Availability of playgrounds and parks for young children					
Availability of parks, athletic fields, and recreational programs for youth					
Availability of parks and recreational facilities and programs for adults					
Condition/maintenance of parks, playgrounds, and recreational facilities					
Access to natural areas and scenic landscapes					
Quality, walkability, and appearance of neighborhood streetscapes (trees, sidewalks, lighting, etc.)					
Access to open spaces and natural areas					
Preserving environmentally sensitive areas					
Protecting property from natural disasters such as flooding					

2. Please indicate how often you or members of your household use or participate in each recreational activity listed:

Activity	Never	Once a year	Few times a year (2 - 5 times)	Several Times a year (6 - 12)	Many times a year (12+)
Fishing or Boating					
Bicycling					
Walking or jogging					
Special event space					
Picnics/Outdoor gatherings					
Skateboarding					
Community Gardens					
Public Fitness facilities/Equipment					
Recreational Swimming					
Dog park/play area					

3. Please indicate how often you or members of your household participate in each sport or group athletic activity listed:

Activity	Never	Once a year	Few times a year (2 - 5 times)	Several Times a year (6 - 12)	Many times a year (12+)
Crew/Rowing					
Tennis					
Baseball or Softball					
Football or Soccer					
Volleyball					
Lacrosse					
Basketball					
Deck or Street Hockey					
Ice Hockey/Ice skating					
Competitive Swimming					

4. What is your opinion of availability and your access to the following park, recreational facilities, and other open spaces in the City of Lowell?

	Very Good	Fairly Good	Neutral	Somewhat Poor	Very Poor
Playgrounds and other play areas for young children					
Athletic Fields/Courts for team and organized sports					
Recreation programs for youth					
Public recreation programs and facilities for adults					
Safe and convenient pedestrian & bicycle paths					
Places to host/hold cultural events					

5. What is your opinion of the following with respect to parks, recreational facilities, and other open spaces in the City of Lowell?

	Very Good	Fairly Good	Neutral	Somewhat Poor	Very Poor
Conservation of open space land, forest, and natural areas					
Preservation of historic places and structures					
Condition and maintenance of park and playground equipment and structures					
Safety of parks and recreation areas					
Cleanliness and maintenance of fields and parks					
Quality of park equipment and facilities					

6. How frequently do you use public parks and open spaces in Lowell ?

- At least weekly     
  Once a month     
  A few times per year     
  Rarely     
  Never

7. If you use parks and open spaces in Lowell, please list up to five parks or facilities you use most frequently (consider neighborhood parks, City-wide parks, stadiums and athletic fields, trails, forests, public pools, and waterfront areas)?

8. The City must decide among many options when planning for new or making improvements to existing open space, parks, and recreational areas, please rank the following park functions in order, identifying your highest priority (1) to lowest priority (10):

- Trails and paths for cycling, running, walking \_\_\_\_\_
- Athletic fields or courts \_\_\_\_\_
- Spaces for gathering, picnics, and events \_\_\_\_\_
- Recreation facilities for youth \_\_\_\_\_
- Playgrounds and play structures \_\_\_\_\_
- Pools and water facilities \_\_\_\_\_
- Conservation of Open Space/Natural Areas \_\_\_\_\_
- Preservation of Historic Structures and Buildings \_\_\_\_\_
- Protection from Flooding \_\_\_\_\_
- Street Trees and Sidewalk Improvements \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please rank the following types of athletic facilities in order, identifying your highest priority (1) to lowest priority (10):

- Tennis courts \_\_\_\_\_
- Baseball or Softball Fields \_\_\_\_\_
- Football/Soccer fields \_\_\_\_\_
- Volleyball Courts \_\_\_\_\_
- Lacrosse Fields \_\_\_\_\_
- Basketball Courts \_\_\_\_\_
- Swimming Pools \_\_\_\_\_
- Dek or Street Hockey Rinks \_\_\_\_\_
- Ice Hockey/Skating Areas \_\_\_\_\_
- Spalsh Pads/Spray Parks \_\_\_\_\_

10. Please identify any other types of open space or recreational activities not listed in question# 8 or question #9 that you consider to be a high priority:

11. Would you support a 1-3% increase in property taxes to be used specifically for the conservation of open space and improvement of parks, historic preservation, and recreational areas in the City?

- Yes
- No

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

12. How long have you been a resident of Lowell

- Less than 2 years
- 2 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- 11 to 20 years
- over 20 years

13. Which Lowell neighborhood do you live in?

Neighborhood	
The Acre	
Back Central	
Belvidere	
Centralville/Christian Hill	
Downtown	
The Highlands	
Lower Highlands	
Pawtucketville	
South Lowell/Sacred Heart/Riverside	
Don't know	
Other: (Text box)	

14. Are there children under 5-years-old in your household?

- Yes
- No

15. Are there school age children in your household?

- Yes
- No

16. Do you own or rent your residence?

- Own
- Rent

17. Which of the following age categories are you?

- Under 18
- 19 – 44
- 45 – 65
- Over 65

18. Which of the following best describes your race or ethnic background?

- African American
- Caucasian
- Hispanic/ Latino
- Asian
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

19. Please identify the category that includes your total household income

- Under \$25,000
- \$25,000 – 49,999
- \$50,000 – 74,999
- \$75,000 - 99,999
- \$100,000 – 124,999
- \$125,000 or more

20. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female