City of Portsmouth
Comprehensive Recreation Needs Study

Recreation Fields
Public Input Presentation

December 16, 2009
AGENDA

RECREATION NEEDS STUDY PROGRESS UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL / ALUMNI FIELD REPLACEMENT

RECREATION FIELDS PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS PERIOD

CLOSING AND NEXT STEPS
Recreation Needs Study
Progress Update
Field Demand Conclusions (Summary)

- Peak Demand Season: Spring and Fall

- Peak Demand Days & Times: Weekday Late Afternoons & Early Evenings. Saturdays.

- Only 4 of the 9 game quality diamonds are lit and only 4 can accommodate Adult Leagues.

- Only 7 of the 17 total fields are lit. 5 of the lit fields are at Portsmouth High School.

- Many organizations have to limit the size of their program due to the lack of fields.

- Many organizations are heavily utilizing fields in Newington and Greenland.
Field Demand Conclusions (Summary) (Continued)

- Most fields are serving as Multi-use, being heavily overused, and have no recovery time.

- Portsmouth Middle and Elementary schools are under served by the existing fields.

- Tournament play is limited due to the lack of field time and the lack of a multi-field complex.

- Amenities are limited:
  - Lack of restrooms at most fields
  - A lack of parking at fields
  - Safety issues with fields being too close to major roads
Recommended Field Development Based on Needs Assessment:

- 3 to 4 Rectangular Multi-Use, Artificial Turf, Lit Fields
- 2 to 3 Adult Softball Fields
Middle School / Alumni Field Replacement
Former Wentworth School Site (Off of Woodbury Avenue)
Site Context
Former Wentworth School Site (Off of Woodbury Avenue)

Proposed Adult Softball Field
Football Field Has Been Approved for Resurfacing with Synthetic Turf as Part of the Middle School Project
Preliminary Recommendations

1. IMPROVING EXISTING FACILITIES FOR INCREASED USE AND PLAYABILITY
   DEVELOP A SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
   IRRIGATION & DRAINAGE
   RE-GRADING
   RE-SODDING
   RESTROOMS, FENCING, PARKING OPTIONS FOR EACH FIELD
   EVALUATE INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS AT APPROPRIATE EXISTING FIELDS
   DEVELOP AND ADHERE TO A ROTATION FOR PRACTICE, GAME AND RECOVERY TIME

2. REPLACE SOD WITH ARTIFICIAL TURF
   PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD*
   PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL MULTI-USE RECTANGULAR FIELDS
   CONSIDER TURF AT ALL NEW FIELD LOCATIONS

3. DEVELOP A MULTI-FIELD COMPLEX
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Proposed For Resurfacing with Synthetic Turf
Potential New Field Locations

- Stump Dump Site
- Jones Avenue Site
- Peverly Hill Road / Route 33 Site
- Pease Site
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Stump Dump Site
Site Context
Stump Dump Site

Proposed Adult Softball Field
Jones Avenue Site
Site Context

Capped Ash Fill (1989)
Approximate Location

Pedestrian Path
(Existing)
Jones Avenue Site

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- Wetland Crossing/ Wooden Footbridge
- Pedestrian Path (Proposed)
- Pedestrian Path (Existing)
- Emergency Vehicular Access
- Proposed Multi-Use Field (300’x180’)
- Proposed Multi-Use Field (360’x180’) (2)
- Percentage of Development = 12.5%
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Peverly Hill Road/Route 33 Site
Option A

Proposed Multi-Use Field (360’x180’) (1)
Proposed Multi-Use Field (300’x180’) (3)

Percentage of Development = 12%
Peverly Hill Road/Route 33 Site
Option B

Percentage of Development = 17%

Proposed Multi-Use Field (360’x180’) (2)

Proposed Multi-Use Field (300’x180’) (3)
Conservation Land Context

Existing Conservation Parcels Adjacent to Peverly Hill Road/Route 33 Property

The Nature Conservancy Conservation Land ~260 acres

City of Portsmouth Great Bog ~320 acres

Peverly Hill Road/Route 33 Site
Potential Acquisition for Recreation and Conservation Space (107 Acres)
Proposed Multi-Use Field (300’x180’) (2)
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Next Steps