

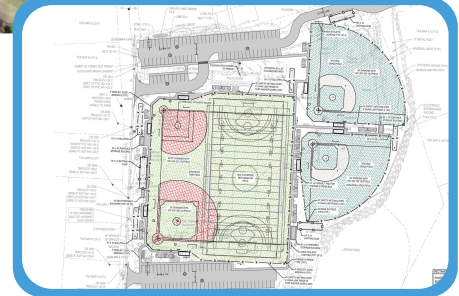
# COMMUNITY RECREATION AT MEMORIAL FIELD

## ABOUT MEMORIAL FIELD

Memorial Field hosts a variety of athletic groups and organizations including Traip Academy baseball, football, soccer, lacrosse and field hockey as well as flag football, Little League and Babe Ruth baseball.

The fields are shared across multiple programs making scheduling and access to the fields overly complicated, resulting in exceeded capacity and deteriorating field conditions due to overuse. The current fields require a high level of effort and cost to maintain and there is a need for improved and expanded parking and ADA accessibility.

A Revitalized Master Plan for Memorial Field establishes the most beneficial layout for passive and active recreation space, adequate parking, site use and more.



## TODAY'S CHALLENGES



### USAGE & AMENITIES

The current fields are stretched beyond capacity due to balancing the needs of multiple athletic groups and cannot support the increasing demand from athletes, spectators and visitors. Overuse and insufficient rest for the fields has caused deteriorating conditions for the fields, locker rooms, spectator seating, scoreboards, press box, lighting and other amenities.



The current field layout does not utilize the area effectively, has insufficient parking, organic field materials that are harder and costlier to maintain and a lack of passive recreation options.



### PARKING

With high demand for sports and recreation, the current parking at Memorial Field is inadequate. Parking areas are not paved which increases issues caused by repeat usage, inclement weather and poses a challenge for emergency vehicle response.



### SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY

The fields, amenities and parking at Memorial Field are not currently ADA compliant, making access a challenge for people with disabilities. Due to deteriorating conditions, the fields are becoming increasingly unsafe for athletes, spectators and visitors.

## FUTURE POSSIBILITIES



### USAGE & AMENITIES

Future improvements would improve the condition of fields/spaces by incorporating synthetic turf and proper aeration/drainage throughout the fields. Upgraded amenities for athletes and community members seeking passive recreation include walking/jogging paths, lighting, locker rooms, increased storage, bullpens/batting cages, press box, playground, concessions and seating.



Creating a centralized and fully accessible location for Traip Academy teams to compete will provide an opportunity for enhanced community pride.



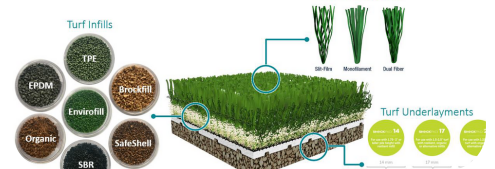
### PARKING

Parking enhancements would include improving and paving current parking areas, increasing paved parking spaces and ensuring ADA accessible parking.



### SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY

Future improvements would correct ADA issues and make the Memorial Fields parking, athletic fields and passive recreation spaces accessible for all.



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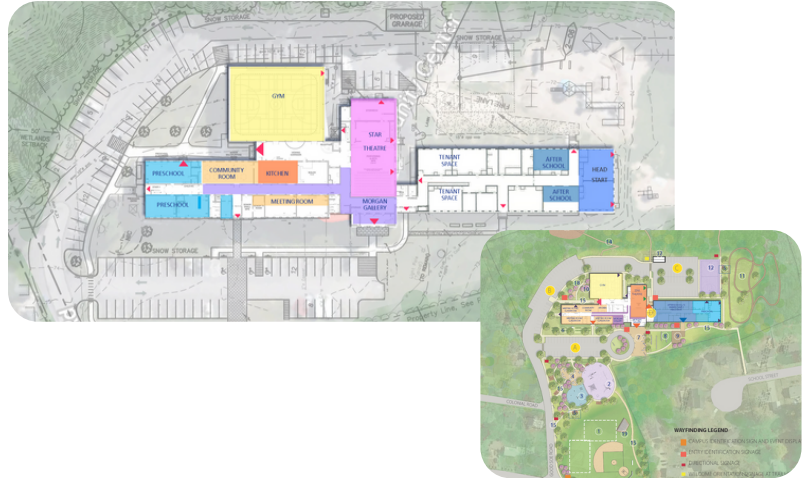
# COMMUNITY RECREATION AT THE KITTERY COMMUNITY CENTER

## ABOUT THE KCC

The Kittery Community Center has been in operation at its current location since 2012. The KCC hosts afterschool and summer programs, a forest-based preschool, a performing arts theater, fitness center, gymnasium, meeting rooms, catering kitchen, teen and senior programs, a little league field, a playground, access to Rogers Park and 109 parking spaces.

As programs evolve and expand, visitors to the KCC increase, leading to conflicting uses of outdoor spaces, parking shortages, damage to the athletic field, and circulation challenges on the site.

A Campus Master Plan for the Kittery Community Center establishes the most beneficial layout for passive and active recreation space, adequate parking, site circulation and more.



## TODAY'S CHALLENGES

### OPEN & OUTDOOR SPACES

The Campus lacks site furnishings, shade access and seating options that promote socialization and encourage visitors to stay and use the site. The site has play areas, fields and equipment that are deteriorating and require updating due to usage, play and safety standards, stormwater drainage issues and more.

### BUILDING & PROGRAMS

The Community Center building has no clear definition between its main and secondary entrances. The current building lacks visible and fully accessible walkways and connections from the local neighborhood to the buildings, athletic fields, and playground area.

### PARKING & CIRCULATION

The existing parking capacity doesn't meet the needs of the site, and has gravel areas that pose a challenge for emergency vehicles. The Campus presents pedestrian challenges including areas without sidewalks, walkways in close proximity to traffic with low visibility and walkways that require updating for accessibility standards.

### SAFETY & SECURE ACCESS

Access and security are currently monitored via the main entry and needs updates for security at other points of access for the school/preschool, and theatre. The Morgan Gallery lacks visibility due to its location in the hallways.

## FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

### OPEN & OUTDOOR SPACES

Future improvements would maximize visible activities/usable space by redesigning/reprogramming areas in the front and within view of the main road to include additional parking, sports courts, pump track, splash pad, community garden, perimeter trail system with fitness station and more accessible connections to Roger's Park.

### PARKING & CIRCULATION

Future improvements would increase parking by adding 30 spaces, provide turnaround access for vehicles, establish pick-up/drop-off areas near the main entrance and youth program spaces, pave emergency vehicle access areas, and add EV charging stations.

### BUILDINGS & PROGRAMS

Future improvements would enhance connection areas and provide pedestrian gateways between the KCC and the surrounding neighborhood and ensure walkways and amenities are ADA accessible.

### SAFETY & SECURE ACCESS

Future improvements would streamline secure access at entrances and exits and adjust building flow for enhanced programming. The Annex would support school programs, camps, and youth hang-out spaces.



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# RECREATION FOR ALL

## AT THE KITTERY COMMUNITY CENTER AND MEMORIAL FIELD



## TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE RECREATION FOR ALL

The Town of Kittery's goal is to provide opportunities for passive and active recreation that appeal to all ages, celebrate and utilize valuable open/green space, and contribute to the health, wellness and spirit of the community.

### RECREATION FOR ALL AGES

Move and stay active at the Kittery Community Center and Memorial Field with increased walking/jogging paths, playgrounds, athletic field improvements, outdoor fitness, and more.

### ACCESS FOR ALL ABILITIES

People of all abilities can utilize and enjoy ADA accessible athletic fields, support spaces, outdoor gathering areas and play spaces at the Kittery Community Center and Memorial Field.

### WELCOMING OPEN SPACES

Find new opportunities to sit and relax, spend time with friends and neighbors, share experiences and enjoy elements of nature at the Kittery Community Center and Memorial Field.

### IMPROVED PARKING & FLOW

Experience reduced parking congestion at the Kittery Community Center and Memorial Field with more parking spaces and better utilization of space to improve pedestrian and vehicle flow.

**BY PROVIDING IMPROVED RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND SPACES, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERY INTEREST, NEED AND ABILITY.**



## WHAT ARE YOUR FUNDING PRIORITIES?

The plans developed include concepts and ideas to improve and increase community usage, parking and flow, materials, amenities and more. Now it's up to **YOU** to provide input and feedback on where your funding priorities lie for these concepts to help guide next steps.



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