

GOALS, POLICIES, STRATEGIES

RECREATION/PUBLIC ACCESS GOALS, POLICIES, STRATEGIES

Goals:

1. Provide a variety of settings and outdoor recreational opportunities for parks, pathways, and facilities - from riding a bike or walking along a road, to skateboarding on pavement, playing tennis or organized sports, or cross-country skiing, biking, walking, or snowmobiling along a woodland path.
2. Provide ready and safe access to parks, pathways, and other recreation areas from every neighborhood in the city and along the Penobscot River waterfront.
3. Provide ample and diverse recreation opportunities for people of all age groups.

Policies	Strategies	Responsibility
1. Continue the City's financial commitment to providing a broad range of recreation programs and facilities.	A. Recreation staff. Continue to provide staff to support the City's recreation programs and facilities.	City Council
2. Plan for the long range recreation needs of Brewer.	A. Recreation Master plan. In conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) develop a long-range master plan for parks and recreation facilities.	Recreation Department
	B. Waterfront/trail plans. Update the Waterfront master plan and Penobscot Landing Multi-Use Trail plan and continue to implement where feasible.	Economic Development Staff/Recreation Dept./PRAC
3. Maintain and invest in recreation facilities as necessary to meet current and future needs.	A. Outdoor swimming pool. Plan for and develop a new outdoor swimming pool to replace the aging 55-year old structure that is made of asphalt and concrete.	City Council/ Recreation Dept./PRAC
	B. Existing recreation fields. Continue to maintain/upgrade existing recreation fields, including those at former school sites or develop new sites as current sites are converted to other uses.	City Council/ Recreation Dept./PRAC
	C. Existing recreation facilities. Continue to maintain existing recreation facilities including indoor facilities, playgrounds, ice rink and basketball courts.	City Council/ Recreation Dept./PRAC

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3. (continued)	D. New uses. Explore the potential for creating new types of recreation uses including a dog park and community garden.	Recreation Depart./PRAC
	E. Trail systems. Continue to work with the Brewer Land Trust, private landowners, regional organizations and other municipalities to create municipal and regional trail systems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to explore recreational use of the railroad bed; • Consider the establishment of cross-country running and ski trails, as well as snowmobile trails that connect with regional snowmobile trail systems. 	Recreation Depart./PRAC
	F. Sherwood Forest. Continue improvements to Sherwood Park to improve its use as an outdoor classroom.	Recreation Depart./PRAC
	G. Land conservation/open space. Continue to work with the Brewer Land Trust on the protection of important open space and recreational land.	Recreation Depart./PRAC
	H. Implementation mechanisms. Continue to utilize a wide range of tools for implementing recreation programs and facilities including city funds, grants, easement, donations, fees, and the use of volunteers.	Recreation Depart./PRAC
4. Provide information to the public about the City's programs and facilities.	A. Public education. Continue public information and education efforts including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs and displays at various facilities • The City of Brewer website, facebook page and e-list. • Printed brochures and pamphlets 	Recreation Depart./PRAC
	B. Public access to private lands. Develop educational materials outlining the benefits and protections for landowners who allow public recreational access on their property.	Recreation Depart./PRAC
	C. Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to utilize volunteers to help implement recreation programs • Expand on existing efforts to recognize the work of volunteers 	Recreation Depart./PRAC