

GROTON'S FUTURE

Athletic Field & Park Accessibility improvements

Focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Agency Accreditation

Assisting Neighbors with Food Insecurity

Community Survey - leading to new facilities

National Accreditation for Senior Center

Senior Center National Award for Programming Excellence

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Summer Camp Job Fair

Esker Point Beach Sand Reclamation

Assumed Management of Noank Community Garden

Hosted National American Championship Karate Tournament

Shennecossett was featured in New England Golfing Magazine in an article titled "A Road Trip through Connecticut"



GROTON PARKS & RECREATION

CONNECTING
A HAPPY,
HEALTHY
COMMUNITY

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OUR IMPACT IN 2019

Last year, we served our mission to build up Groton as a healthy, happy and more connected Community.

Through our four pillars of service and strategic Community Partnerships, we strive to positively impact Groton's Quality of Place as a community where people want to live, work and invest.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Connecticut Special Olympics

Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce

Groton Open Space Association (GOSA)

Groton Utilities

Ledge Light Health District

Visit grotonrec.com/partners for our full list of 150+ local community partners.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

We foster health and wellbeing by offering accessible recreation programming, affordable essential services and resources that support active lifestyles.

The Groton Senior Center received a grant from NRPA to train instructors in Walk with Ease from the Arthritis Foundation. On a trip to Ellis Island, one Walk with Ease program participant said she "ventured the 193 steps to walk up the Statue of Liberty to the top!"



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We bring money into the community by offering recreational programming, park traffic and special events that serve Groton residents and draw visitors.

Hundreds of participants from Groton and neighboring communities take part in the Tour de Noank and Mystic Irish 5K races each year.

I ran the Tour de Noank 5k on Saturday. Thank you so much for an awesome day, drove all the way from PA and it was perfect. - Philadelphia Marathon runner in training.



CONSERVATION

We act as a steward of Groton's parks, trails and public beaches – conserving natural resources by using best practices to manage open spaces and coastal shorelines.

Shennecossett Golf Course is participating in the Monarchs in the Rough program by planting milkweed seeds. Golfers love it! The golf course also has a planting area for Operation Pollinator: that is well received.

Although I have relied on that area for errand shots over the years, I recognize that the pollinators need a lot more help than my slice. Yet another reason I LOVE Shennecossett! - Adam Joseph



SOCIAL EQUITY

We work with local partners to engage in outreach, offer services to fill essential community needs, and grow a financial aid program that increases access to programming.

The Adaptive Karate class has been life changing for my son, Maxwell, who has a rare bone disorder which causes him to have muscle weakness and fracture easily. This class has given him confidence and a sense of strength and control of his body that hasn't been able to experience before. Sensei Ralph does an amazing job of pushing his students to excel while accommodating each of their individual limitations. - Kristie Lundgren