

GROTON'S FUTURE

- Recreation Master Plan
- Bike & Pedestrian Master Plan
- National Accreditation for Senior Center
- Investment in Parks infastcture

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- National Institute of Senior Centers of Excellence Award: Portraits of Life
- Connecticut Council of Municipalities Municipal Excellence Awards: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- ICAA NuStep Pinnacle Award: Best in Wellness
- Youth After-School Drop-In Programs



GROTON PARKS & RECREATION CONNECTING A HAPPY, HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Every day, across the Groton community, Groton Parks & Recreation is providing essential services while addressing the most pressing issues of our time - advancing mental and physical health and wellness, creating climate-ready parks, and championing equity and inclusion efforts. By working with local community partners we are advancing and enhancing the quality of life of the people who live, work, and play in Groton.

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OUR IMPACT IN 2022

Last year, we provided our community with essential opportunities for exercising and socialization in our local parks, trails, and open spaces, helping to maintain mental and physical health throughout the year, while encouraging a sense of community.

Groton Parks & Recreation is an essential service to the Groton Community.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Special Olympics Groton

CT Alzheimer's Association

Groton Community Meals

Ledge Light Health District

Groton Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (GASP)

Visit grotonrec.com 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.

Collected 400+ lbs of produce from the Thrive55+ community gardens

5,220 miles ridden by Thrive55+ participants

511.2 miles walked by 2022 OATS group hikes

Griffin Health held Covid vaccine clinics at Groton parks, the Groton Community Center, and Summer Camp.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

Golfers spend in the community \$400,000 annually on hotels, meals and gas when playing at Shennecossett.

Offered Summer SoundWaves concerts for 33rd year.

Organized the 11th Annual Steve Lambert Roller Hockey Tournament.

Hosted CT Senior Open golf tournament, drawing 136 players from thirteen states.

Hosted the 3rd Annual National American Championship karate tournament



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.

Received CT Nature Conservancy grant to protect wetlands at Esker Point Beach

Partnered with Public Works and Save The Sound to produce an educational video on stormwater and conservation efforts in Long Island Sound.

CT Girl Scout's project: Free Beach Toys Library at Esker Point Beach

Rain gardens installed at the Thrive55+ complex



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.

Partnered with Groton Police Department on National Night Out - Free community event

Transition Academy - Grasso Technical School kitchen program

Sent Special Olympics Groton athletes to compete in the National Games.

Youth after-school drop-in programs at Community Center