

# GROTON'S FUTURE

- Athletic Field & Park Accessibility improvements
- Focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Agency Accreditation
- Assisting Neighbors with Food Insecurity
- National Accreditation for Senior Center

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Shennecossett ranked 5th Best Public Course in CT by Northeast Golf Magazine and featured on Golf.com as one of Top 100 Value Courses in the US!
- Community First Meals program recognized for Program of Excellence Award by National Institute of Senior Centers



## 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 2021

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 during the Covid-19 pandemic. In addition to providing 10,000+ free healthy meals to Groton community members in need.

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



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Connecticut Special Olympics

Triangle Community Center

Groton Public Schools

Health Improvement Collaborative of SECT

Groton Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (GASP)

Visit [grotonrec.com](https://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.

Doubled number of garden spots in the Noank Community Garden.

Obtained funding to connect the G+S Trolley Trail to Sutton Park and US Route 1 bike path.

Partnered with Bike Groton to fundraise for the Groton Bike Pump Track.

Completed Millwood Creek Disc Golf Course updates.



ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT

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

Maintained growth in Shennecossett golf memberships.

Offered Summer SoundWaves concerts for 32nd year.

Organized the 10th Annual Steve Lambert Roller Hockey Tournament.

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



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.

Established erosion control along Fort Hill Brook.

Planted sea grass at Esker Point Beach park.

Coordinated Noank Park Legacy Tree plantings at Noank Community Garden.

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



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 community event.

Acknowledged land ancestry by renaming Sassacus Recreation Area land.

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

Hosted Portraits of Life (Dementia Awareness) program.