OPEN SPACE SURVEY RESULTS

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DEMOGRAPHICS

Age Group		How Many Children do yo	ou have?		
17 and under	0%	None	37%	What is your combined fan	nily income?
ir and under	070	None	5770	\$0-\$20,000	7%
18-25	2%	1	11%	\$20,001-\$40,000	10%
26-35	20%	2 to 3	51%	\$40,001-\$80,000	26%
36-50	44%	4 to 5	1%	\$80,001-\$120,000	26%
51+	34%	6+	0%	\$120,001+	31%

Please indicate the number of years you've lived in town:		
0-3	5%	
4 to 6	7%	
7 to 10	16%	
11 to 20	18%	
20+	53%	

Please indicate the general location o you live:	f town in which
Linwood	6%
Northbridge	24%
Riverdale	1%
Rockdale	8%
Whitinsville	60%
Other	1%

LOCATION

Please indicate the general location of town in which you live:



■ Linwood ■ Northbridge ■ Riverdale ■ Rockdale ■ Whitinsville ■ Other

HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION FACILITIES A YEAR?

0 [Never]	7%
1-2 times [Rarely]	25%
Monthly [Regularly]	33%
Weekly or More [Often]	28%
Other	6%

WHICH OPEN SPACE OR RECREATIONAL AREAS WITHIN NORTHBRIDGE DO YOU & YOUR FAMILY CURRENTLY USE? PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.

DCR Land	52%
Playing Fields	65%
Lookout / Shining Rock	46%
Swimming/Waterways	18%
Trails	47%

HOW WOULD YOU RATE NORTHBRIDGE'S OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION FACILITIES?

Excellent	0%
Good	19%
Fair	47%
Bad	22%
Unsure	12%

How would you rate Northbridge's Open Space and Recreation Facilities?



Excellent Good Fair Bad Unsure

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO YOU THAT NORTHBRIDGE ALLOCATE TOWN RESOURCES [VOLUNTEERS, FUNDS, COMMITTEES, ETC.] TO MAINTAIN OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION FACILITIES?

Not Important	5%
Somewhat Important	11%
Neutral	6%
Important	34%
Very Important	44%

WOULD YOU SUPPORT TAX INCREASE TO PRESERVE AND/OR MAINTAIN OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL AREAS WITHIN NORTHBRIDGE?

Not Important	13%
Somewhat Important	11%
Neutral	32%
Important	24%
Very Important	20%

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PRESERVING AREA FARM LAND AND HISTORICAL SITES WITHIN NORTHBRIDGE?

Not Important	4%
Somewhat Important	10%
Neutral	9%
Important	32%
Very Important	45%

RESPONSES

I have lived in Whitinsville my entire life. As the town has grown I know that additional soccer fields have been added... however I find it disappointing that more open areas for playgrounds etc, including basketball courts etc are not available. Although my children are not old enough to use I like the fact that there is the skate park as it shows the need and interest the town has in youth interested in skating. I do not know if you are familar with Wakefield, RI but they have many open recreational areas within the town that are well kept and useful including tennis courts, basketball courts, swing sets etc. With all the young families in town I would love to see more parks added to town. In fact when we purchased our home in the Hills of Whitinsville I was told a park was going into this development and from what I an see that plan has been scraped, very disappointing.

RESPONSES II

- Preserve Castle Hill Farms for open space and recreation
- I have just moved from Hudson, MA, a small town in Middlesex, the last month. I am not completely
 aware of all the needs of this town, but I can not find park with playground close to my home,
 Presidential Farms, and the roads around are in pretty bad condition. I have 2 kids and I love to take
 them to the park. I am willing to volunteer for the town.
- I will not support any Town monies or tax increase to be used on Open Space or fields until the Towns major interests are accomplished. Roads, DPW Facility, New Fire Station, ADA for the Town Hall Annex to name some.

RESPONSES III

OPINION ONLY:

Northbridge cannot 'afford' this! To many Town Departments have been level funded for far to many years! I have seen better roads in New Deli then Northbridge! The Bill may be coming due for so many years of Level Funding our DPW and other Town Departments!

Our DPW, FIRESTATION, ROADS, TOWN INFRASTRUCTURE, #184 STREET LIGHTS shut off, need the Taxpayers attention 'first'!

If it was not for our excellent Town Planner in attaining no strings attached Grants for the Town Hall windows, they would still be a disgrace!

The Town's Taxpayers have way to many other financial priority's before open space can maybe even be looked at or discussed!

Maybe Other Funding:

If you can attain freebie State or Federal Grants (No String Attached), or if Private Banks wish to donate I think that is the only way you may get off of first base. I think a Private Bank paid for the recent new Dugouts at the Linwood Athletic fields if correct.

QUESTIONS?