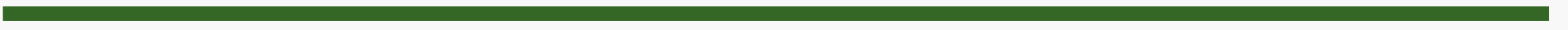




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# West Seneca

Parks & Recreation Addendum to the 2016  
Comprehensive Plan

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# Introduction

## Who is who...

- Town of West Seneca (Community-based planning)
- CPL (Technical support)
- Steering Committee (Leads the way)



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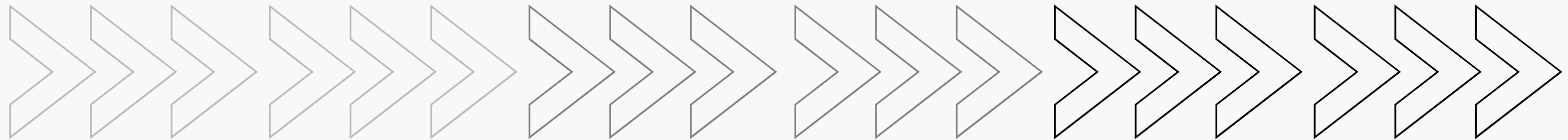
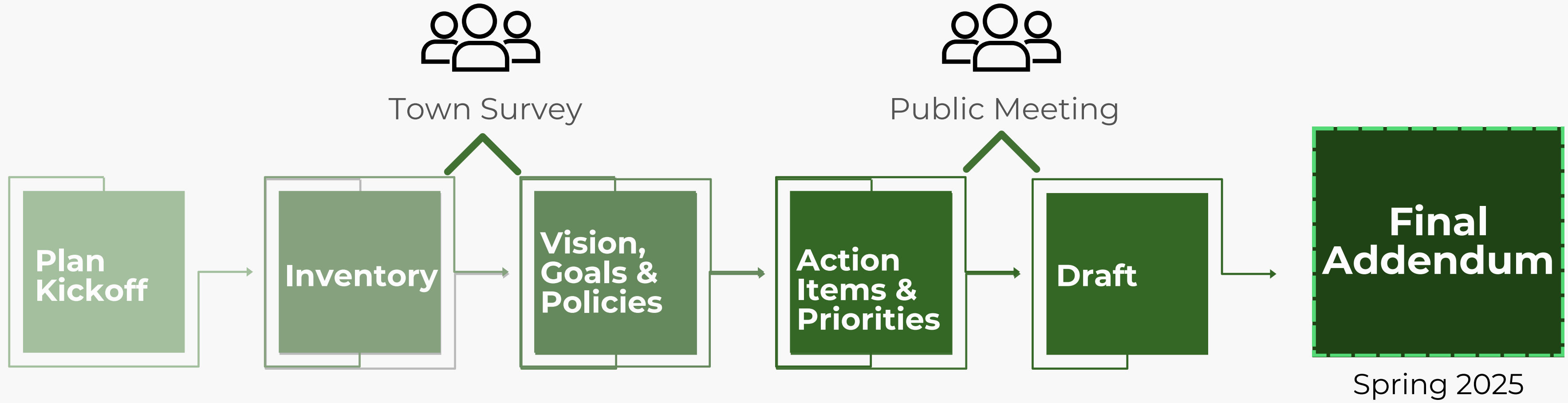


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# *Project Background*



# Project Background

## 2016 Comprehensive Plan

The vision for West Seneca remained unchanged as a result of this addendum as it was all-encompassing and supported various aspects of community recreation. However, through the analysis of parks and recreation in the Town, several key objectives were developed along with actions that were added within the “Our Policy Framework” section of the plan to further identify metrics that would support improvements and enhancement to the recreational environment in West Seneca.



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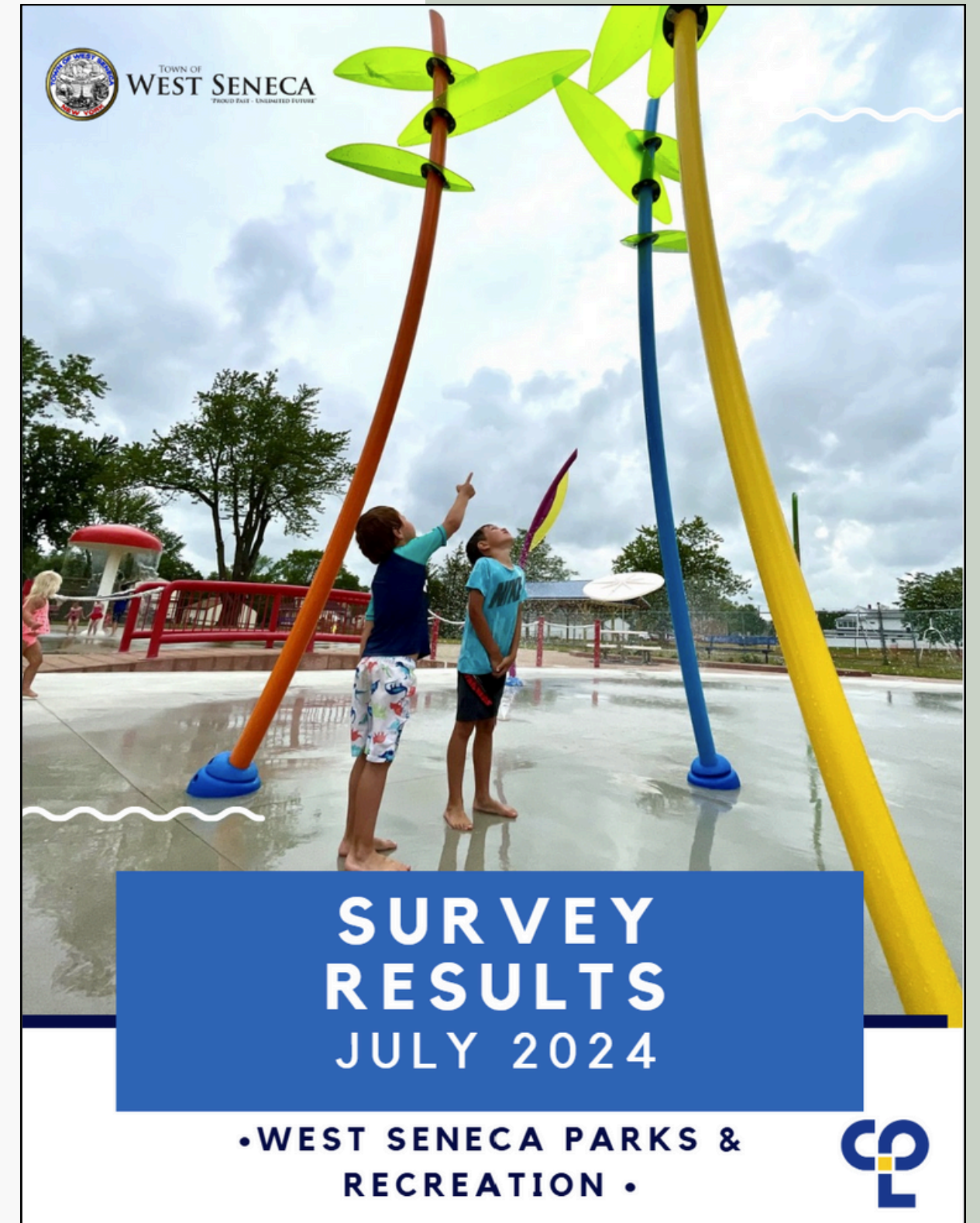
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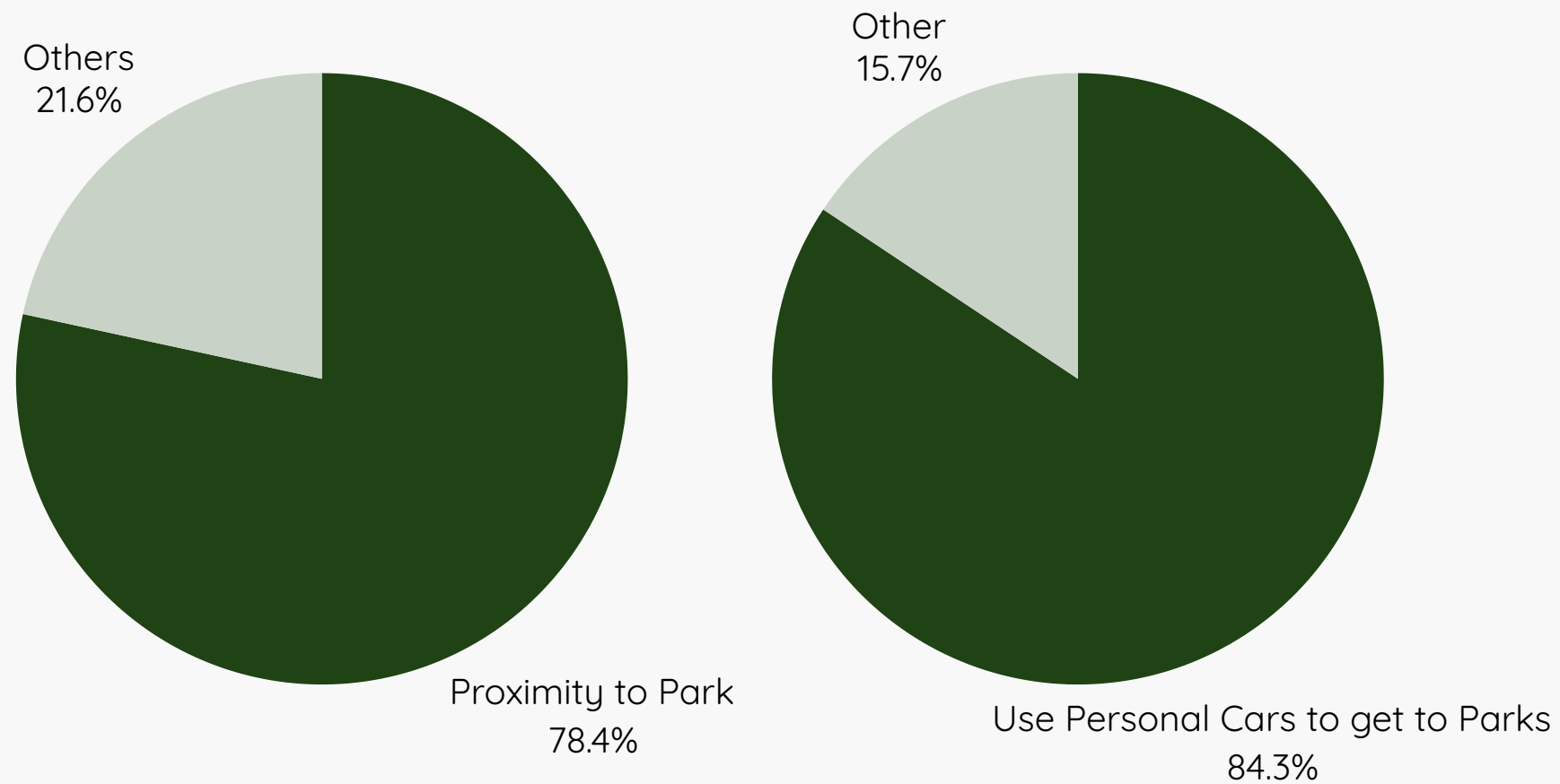
# *Parks & Recreation Survey*

**February- July 2024**

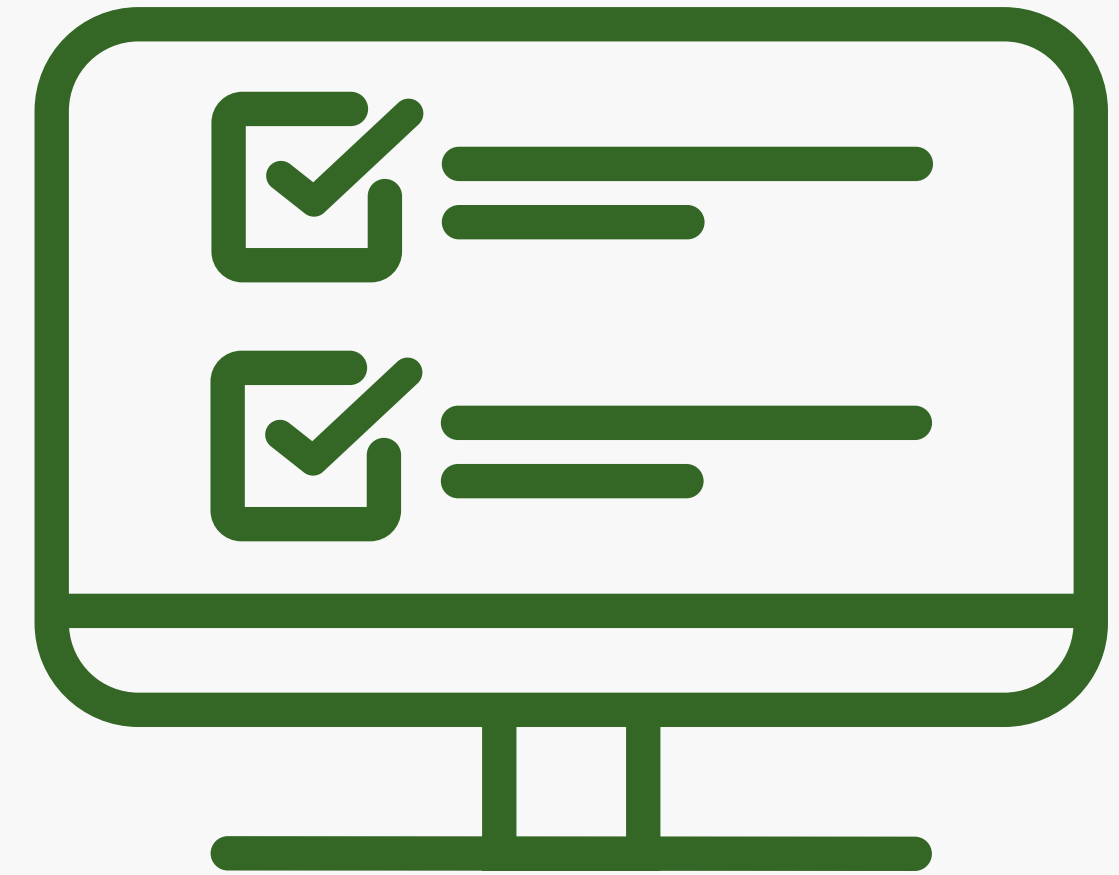
“The Town of West Seneca, in attempt to maintain a forward-thinking planning process, set out to amend previously established plans for the Parks & Recreation Department. As part of this project, a project page was created, along with a community survey accessible through said page. The questionnaire included 13 questions. Physical copies were made available at the Town Library and at West Seneca Senior Center. The survey was promoted on social media, through the Town website, and through in-person events at the farmer’s market and the 2024 Kick-off to Summer event. “



# According to the Survey...



- 78.4% of respondents chose a park based on proximity to house
- 83.5% used personal cars to get to recreational facilities

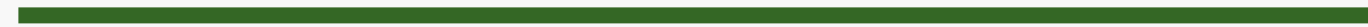


SURVEY RESPONDENTS

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# *Vision*



“The Town of West Seneca’s Youth & Recreation Department continues to provide a diverse range of options that appeal to residents and visitors alike. The facilities in Town have state-of the-art inclusive equipment and parks have a high rate of use. Both the Aquatics and Soccer Complexes remain destinations in Town. The Town of West Seneca is renowned for its recreational programs, which cater to the greater Western New York Community.”



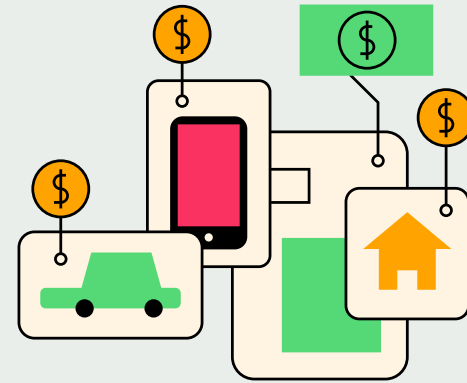
# Objectives

A



Continue to update equipment and meet the physical needs of each park and facility in the Town.

B



Continue to provide for changing needs of the community.

C



Improve access and pedestrian safety.

D



Prepare for increased maintenance and labor needs.

**A: Continue to update equipment and meet the physical needs of each park and facility in the Town.**

1. Continue to upgrade aging playground structures with state-of-the-art and inclusive playground equipment.
2. Expand and maintain current infrastructure at parks, including restrooms, covered shelters, benches, bike racks, walking/bike paths, work-out equipment, water features, and hard surface courts.
3. Utilize the vacant rail corridor along the NYS Thruway to link West Seneca to the regional rails-to-trails system of West Seneca.
4. Investigate the feasibility of locating a park in the northeast and northwest corners of the Town.
5. Identify and apply for grants that support the betterment of the parks and facilities in the Town of West Seneca.
6. Plan for a new twin ice rink for indoor and outdoor use.

## **B: Continue to provide for changing needs of the community.**

1. Maintain versatility within the park system, with multi-functional infrastructure adaptable to changing trends.
2. Continue to review program offerings in the Town and make changes as is necessary, based on attendance and feedback.
3. Continue to surveys facility users and program attendees to look for areas of improvement and successes.
4. Expand technology-related recreational options for youth.
5. Create a Youth Ambassador program, offering volunteer hours for high school students.
6. Advocate for the use of the State Property at the closed West Seneca Development Center on East and West to address desired recreation.

## **C: Improve access and pedestrian safety.**

1. Update and maintain sidewalks, crosswalks, and other pedestrian infrastructure to ensure parks remain accessible and walkable.
2. Explore opportunities to increase access to public transportation in town by expanding the reach of current NFTA Bus Routes/Stops and their connectivity with parks and recreation facilities.
3. Improve the connection between Fireman's Park and Sunshine Park.
4. Create and maintain a bike paths to provide active, safe ways to access parks and other facilities in Town.
5. Provide reasonable access to public parks or open space within all new and existing neighborhoods
6. Establish trails and connections that link the Town to the Niagara River Greenway Plan.
7. Explore opportunities to reuse the abandoned Norfolk Southern railroad right-of-way for off-road trails or other recreational uses.

## **D: Prepare for increased maintenance and labor needs.**

1. Identify avenues of increased funding for workforce and workforce development.
2. Partner with local high schools, trade schools and BOCES programs.
3. Establish Volunteer park maintenance opportunities.
4. Identify grant opportunities to replace, upgrade and increase maintenance equipment.

# *Activity*

- Each Person gets 5 Stickers
- Place at the tasks you feel are most important



*Questions & Thank You!*

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THANK YOU

Any Questions?

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