

***PROGRAMS & SERVICES –
Per Age Category & Groups**

Pre-School (Ages 3 – 5)

- Summer Pre-School Playgroup
- Swimming Lessons
- Tee Ball
- Open Swim

Youth (Ages 5 – 12)

- Tee Ball
- Youth Baseball – Rookie League; Ages 6-8
- Youth Basketball - Grades - K-2; 3&4 Junior; 5&6 Senior
- Youth Basketball Clinics - Girls & Boys, Grades 3 - 6
- Youth Soccer – Grades - K-2; 3&4 Junior; 5&6 Senior
- Girls Softball– Rookie (6-8) & Senior League (9-12)
- Bluefish Swim Team (Winter & Summer)
- Swimming Lessons
- Babysitting Course
- Open Swim
- Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest
- Summer Playground Program –
 - Discovery Program
 - Sports & Adventures
- Tennis Lessons

Teen (Ages 13 – 19)

- Bluefish Swim Team (Winter & Summer)
- Babysitting Course
- Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest
- Summer Playground Program -
 - Counselor Assistants Program (CAP); ages 13/14
 - Counselor/Supervisor positions
- Adult Co-Ed Softball League (18+)
- Tennis Lessons
- Open Swim
- Sawmill River 10K Run

Adult (Ages 18 & Up)

- Adult Co-Ed Softball League
- Open Lap Swim
- Sawmill River 10K Run

Families

- Scarecrow Stuffing Party
- Peter Cottontail’s EGGstravaganza
- Open Swim
- Cookies & Canvas Painting Workshop

**Indicates current programs as of Fall 2016
All programs are subject to change.*

PROGRAMS & SERVICES - *Per Season

Winter

- Youth Basketball
- Babysitting Course
- Bluefish Swim Team
- Swimming Lessons
- Open Swim
- Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest – partner
w/ Turners Falls Chapter
- Sawmill River 10K Run
- Cookies & Canvas Painting Workshop

Spring

- Tee Ball
- Youth Baseball
- Girls Softball - Rookie (6-8), and Senior (9-12)
- Adult Co-Ed Softball League
- Swimming Lessons
- Peter Cottontail's EGGstravaganza
- Tennis Lessons

Summer

- Summer Playground Program
 - Pre-School Program (Ages 3 – 5)
 - Discovery Program (Ages 5 – 12)
 - Sports & Adventures (Ages 9 – 14)
- Tennis Program
- Summer Bluefish Swim Team
- Swimming Lessons
- Co-Ed Adult Softball League

Fall

- Scarecrow Stuffing Party
- Youth Soccer Program
- Bluefish Swim Team (October – March)
- Swimming Lessons
- Tennis Lessons

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Program Volunteers

In the last few years, finding and retaining reliable volunteers has been a challenge. We assume that this is due to parents having to work more than they did at the beginning of the last decade. The area where this has the greatest impact is youth sports. Parents are needed to fill coaching roles, and when they're not available, we're unable to offer children the opportunity to participate. The problem is compounded when the parents of those children who lost out then bring their child to other local programs, and their future patronage with us may be at risk. Departmental staff fills the coaching void where possible, but this is not the best long-term solution.

It would be extremely difficult to provide adequate, affordable programs without a strong volunteer base. The primary use/need of volunteers are found in our vast youth sports program, which include Squirrt Soccer, Junior & Senior League Soccer, K-2 Basketball, Junior & Senior League Basketball, Tee Ball, Rookie Baseball and Softball, and Senior Girls Softball. The Parks &

Recreation Department also benefits from volunteers during our special events, most notably the Annual Sawmill River 10K Run and Peter Cottontail's EGGstravaganza. Approximately, 125 additional volunteer hours are devoted to such events.

Overall, MPRD is fortunate to receive the help of over thirty (30) adult volunteers who invest approximately 300 total hours in a given year towards its youth sports programs (not including planning and travel time to contests). Based upon 2016 minimum wage, the Parks & Recreation Department would spend between \$3,000 - \$3,500 on personnel costs. These costs would either need to be covered through its Operating Budget or Revolving Budget (participation fees).

Thankfully, we continue to experience strong participation across our entire program spectrum, as we seem to have recovered from participation loss experienced in early part of the last decade. School enrollment plays a big part when it comes to participation in our programs. This is due to the fact that children wish to participate in the same programs as their peers from school. If children choice-out of the district, then they will most likely participate in programs from that town. The health and public perception of the Gill-Montague School District seems to have turned around, and they seem to be retaining school-aged residents. We hope this trend continues as this seems to provide positive results for our programs.

CURRENT PARKS, FACILITIES & RESOURCES

The following resource inventory includes parks and facilities under the jurisdiction of the Parks & Recreation Department.
Other town owned parks and facilities are defined in the Open Space & Recreation Plan.

PARKS

Facility/Unit Condition Definitions –

- New – recently purchased and/or installed; within two years of purchase. *New Items Since 2009 Master Plan delineated with (*)*
- Excellent – No visible damage or wear.
- Good – Slight visible damage/wear. Structurally sound.
No repairs or replacement needed at this time.
- Fair – Visible damage and wear. Structurally sound.
Removal/replacement plan is recommended in near future.
- Poor – Extensive damage and wear. Structurally poor.
Immediate removal/replacement is needed.
- N/A – Information Not Available

UNITY PARK

First Street, Turners Falls, 01376
Total Acreage = 8+

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Year Installed</u>
<u>*Playground -</u>			
• *Firehouse Tot Structure	Excellent	Kompan, Inc.	2012
• *Spaceship Climbing Unit	"	Kompan, Inc.	2012
• *Spinner Bowl	"	Kompan, Inc.	2012
• *Spica Spinners	"	Kompan, Inc.	2012
• *Supernova Spinner	"	Kompan, Inc.	2012

Unity Park, continued:

• *Three Seat Spring Rider	Excellent	Kompan, Inc.	2012
• *Whale Water Spray Feature	Excellent	Vortex, Inc.	2012
• *Rock Climbing Area	"	Rocks & Ropes, Inc.	2012
• *Three Bay Swingset	"	Big Toys, Inc.	2012
• *Sequoia Root	"	Rocks & Ropes, Inc.	2014
• Tube slide	Good	Miracle Recreation Equipment, Inc.	2000
• Large Play Structure – (Carol Thomas)	Good	Miracle Recreation Equipment, Inc.	2000
• Wooden Memorial Swing (“Geri’s Swing”)	Good	Town of Montague	1999
• Sway Fun Glider ("Jacob's Glider")	New	Landscape Structures, Inc.	2014
• *Rubber Surfacing	Excellent	Surface America, Inc.	2012
• *Engineered Wood Chip Surfacing	New	Roberts Bros. Lumber Co.	Scheduled Maintenance
• Benches (2)	Excellent	Wabash Valley	2013
• Wheelchair Accessible Picnic Table	Excellent	Wabash Valley	2013

Ballfields -

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Year Installed</u>
• *Unity Field #1 - youth baseball, youth/adult softball			
• Infield Condition -	Good	Taylor Davis, Inc.	2013
• Outfield Condition -	"	"	2013
• Backstop Condition (Chain link) -	Excellent	Fitzgerald Fencing	2005
• First base Fence (Chain link) -	"	Taylor Davis, Inc.	2013
• Third base Fence (Chain link) -	"	" "	"

****New Items Since 2009 Master Plan***

Unity Park, continued:

• Outfield Fence (Chain link) -	"	N/A	"
• Outfield Net	"	Nylon Net Supply Co.	"
• First base Aluminum Bench -	Excellent	On Deck Sports, Inc.	2013
• First base Aluminum Bleachers	Excellent	" "	2013
• Third base Aluminum Bench -	"	On Deck Sports, Inc.	"
• Third base Aluminum Bleachers	New	" "	"
• Bases/plates	Excellent	Jaypro	2013
• *Unity Field #2 – youth baseball, youth/adult softball			
• Infield Condition -	Good	Taylor Davis, Inc.	2013
• Outfield Condition -	"	" "	"
• Backstop Condition (Chain link) -	"	" "	"
• First base Fence (Chain link) -	Excellent	Taylor Davis, Inc.	"
• Third base Fence (Chain link) -	"	" "	"
• First base Aluminum Bench -	"	On Deck Sports, Inc.	"
• First base Aluminum Bleachers	"	" "	"
• Third base Aluminum Bench -	"	On Deck Sports, Inc.	"
• Third base Aluminum Bleachers	"	" "	"
• Bases/plates	Excellent	Jaypro	"
• Benches (3)	Excellent	Wabash Valley	2013

Skatepark -

The Unity Skatepark was part of the third and final phase of the Unity Park Improvement Project. The approximate size of the skatepark is 7,200 square feet, and is primarily built out of concrete. There are numerous skate-able elements that appeal to all user levels that include, but not limited to; a bowl, half-pipe, quarter pipes, a fun box, stairs, steel rail and numerous ramps. The skatepark was funded through a joint effort of the Parkland Acquisition & Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant (MA Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs), The Tony Hawk Foundation, donations and fundraising spearheaded by the Unity Skatepark Committee, and the Town of Montague. The total cost of construction was approximately \$396,000. The skatepark was designed by Pillar Design Studios out of Tempe, Arizona, and was constructed by Grindline Skateparks from Seattle, Washington. Construction began late September of 2016, and was completed in February of 2016.

****New Items Since 2009 Master Plan***

Unity Park, continued:

***Basketball Court –**

• Court Surfacing	Excellent		2013
• Basketball Poles (2)	"	Jaypro, Inc.	2013
• Backboards (2)	"	"	2013
• Rims (2)	New	Bison Athletic	2016
• Nets	New		Replaced annually, or as needed
• Benches (3)	Excellent	Wabash Valley	2013

Community Garden -

A community garden was constructed in the northwest corner of Unity Park during Phase II of the Unity Park Improvement Project. It borders the main parking lot and skatepark. There are a total of 38 4'x8' individual plots, including six raised beds. Montague residents lease individual plots through the department, and are solely responsible for their content. The garden beds are made out of a plastic/wooden composite. At the moment, we have two residents who help coordinate the usage of the plots, as well as events that help support the facility. There is a small garden shed which currently houses supplies and equipment for the garden.

***Rain Gardens (2) -**

A rain garden is a planted depression or a hole that allows rainwater runoff from impervious areas, like roofs, driveways, walkways, parking lots, and compacted lawn areas, the opportunity to be absorbed. This reduces rain runoff by allowing stormwater to soak into the ground (as opposed to flowing into storm drains and surface waters which causes erosion, water pollution, flooding, and diminished groundwater). Native and adapted plants were used as they are more tolerant of the local climate, soil, and water conditions; have deep and variable root systems for enhanced water infiltration and drought tolerance; habitat value and diversity for local ecological communities; and overall sustainability once established. Unity Park has two rain gardens; one located in the playground area, which was built as part of Phase I of the Unity Park Improvement Project (2012), and the other at the eastern portion of the park beyond the basketball court, which was part of Phase II (2013). There are interpretive signs located at both rain gardens.

• Benches (2), near playground	Excellent	Wabash Valley	2013
• Trash Cans	"	"	2013

***Butterfly Garden**

Located at the eastern portion of the park, adjacent to the basketball court and ballfield #2, the butterfly garden was part of the Phase II portion of the Unity Park Improvement Project in 2013. The gardens include two butterfly houses, and plantings that attract various species of butterflies. There is also an interpretive sign located in the garden.

• Bench	Excellent	Wabash Valley	2013
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****New Items Since 2009 Master Plan***

Unity Park, continued:

***Volleyball Court –**

• Net	Good	United Volleyball Supplies	2014
• Posts	“	”	“
• Sand	“		Scheduled maintenance

***Outdoor Fitness Equipment Stations**

• Elliptical	New	Greenfield Outdoor Fitness, Co.	2016
• Chest Press (Double)	Excellent	”	2013
• Leg Press (Double)	“	”	“
• Pull-up/Dip	Excellent	Greenfield Outdoor Fitness, Co.	2013

Picnic Area

• *Picnic Tables – 3 - (April – November)	Good	Town of Montague/Highway Dept.	Scheduled Maintenance
• *Deluxe Park Grills (2)	New	Pilot Rock	2015, 2016
• *Wheelchair Accessible Picnic Table	Excellent	Wabash Valley	2013

Other:

• *Parking Areas (2)			
• Main (West side of Unity Park) Fieldhouse	Asphalt with	Lane Construction, Inc.	2012
• East End Parking Lot	granite curbing	Taylor Davis, Inc.	2013

HIGHLAND PARK

Lyman Road, Millers Falls, 01349
Total Acreage = 4 +/-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Year Installed</u>
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Playground -

• Sky Rail Climber	Good	Landscape Structures	2008
• Motorcycle Spring Rider	Good	Landscape Structures	2008
• 8’ Rockslide	Excellent	GameTime, Inc.	2005

****New Items Since 2009 Master Plan***

Highland Park, continued;

• Balance Beam	Excellent	GameTime, Inc.	2005
• Merry-Go-Round	Excellent	GameTime, Inc.	2005
• Sammy Seal (Coil Spring rider)	Good	Miracle Recreation Equipment, Inc.	1999
• Crawl Tube	Excellent	Ronald L. Packard, Inc.	1998
• Overhead Loop Ladder	Excellent	Ronald L. Packard, Inc.	1998
• *Swing sets – 2	New	Summit Supply Co, Inc.	2014
• Playground Surfacing – wood chips	Good	Roberts Bros. Lumber Co.	Scheduled Maintenance

Ballfields (1) -

• Infield Condition –	Fair	N/A	N/A
• Outfield Condition -	Excellent	N/A	N/A
• First Base Wooden Bench -		Town of Montague/Highway Dept.	Refurbished
• Third Base Wooden Bench –			Yearly
• Wooden Distance Markers -	Good	“ “	

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Year Installed</u>
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Picnic Area -

• Picnic Tables – 2 - (April – November)	Good		Scheduled Maintenance
• Deluxe Park Grill	Good	Ronald L. Packard, Inc.	1998

Other -

• Wooden Shed (unheated) w/			
• Restrooms	Fair	N/A	N/A
• Storage	Fair	N/A	N/A

****New Items Since 2009 Master Plan***

Highland Park, continued:

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| • Basketball Hoop | Good | O'Brien & Sons, Inc. | 1999 |
| • Asphalt parking area | Good | N/A | N/A |

MONTAGUE CENTER

Station Road & School Street, Montague Center, 01351

Total Acreage = 5

Playground -

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|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|------|
| • Quad-Climber | New/Excellent | Landscape Structures, Inc. | 2007 |
| • Teeter-Totter | New/Excellent | Landscape Structures, Inc. | 2007 |
| • 8' Cyberslide | Excellent | GameTime, Inc. | 2005 |
| • Balance Beam | Excellent | GameTime, Inc. | 2005 |
| • Merry-Go-Round | Excellent | GameTime, Inc. | 2005 |
| • Overhead Ladder Climber | Excellent | Miracle Recreation Equipment, Inc. | 1999 |
| • Swing sets – (2) | Fair | Burke & Burke, Inc. | 1976 |
- Please note: The age of the sets indicated reflect that of the frames. Individual swings (seats and chains) are replaced when needed.
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| • Playground Surfacing – wood chips | Fair | | 2006 |
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Ballfield (1) – Youth baseball/softball

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| • Backstop (Chain link) - | Fair | | ? |
| • Infield Condition – | Fair | | |
| • Outfield Condition – | Good | | |
| • First Base Fence (Chainlink) – | Good | | ? |
| • Third Base Fence (Chainlink) – | Good | | ? |
| • Wooden Bench (First Base) - | Good | Town of Montague | Refurbished |
| • Wooden Bench (Third Base) - | Good | Highway Dept. | Yearly |

Picnic Area -

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| • Deluxe Park Grill (1) | Good | Ronald L. Packard, Inc. | 1998 |
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Montague Center Park, continued:

- Wooden shed
 - Restrooms (2)

Other –
Fair

LAKE PLEASANT

Rutter’s Park -
Montague Ave. & Broadway, 01347
Total Acreage = 1

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Year Installed</u>
• Double slide (Tot sized)	Fair-Good	Miracle Recreation Equipment, Inc.	2000
• Metal Slide	Fair	Unknown	2000
• Teeter-Totter	Fair		1996
• Swing Set (3 bay)	Fair	Burke & Burke	N/A
• Small field	Fair		1996
• Playground Surfacing	Poor		2007
• Basketball Court	Poor	Town of Montague	N/A
• Hoops (2)	Fair	Jaypro N/A	2007 N/A

Norma’s Park –
Lake Pleasant Rd., 01347
Total Acreage = >1

• Bench Swing	Good	Summit Supply Co.	2008
• Climbing Structure	Fair/Good	Burke & Burke, Inc.	1976
• Swing Sets	Fair	Burke & Burke, Inc.	“

Please note: The age of the sets indicated reflect that of the frames. Individual swings (seats and chains) are replaced when needed.

Norma's Park, continued:

• Fence	Good	Hadley Fence Co.	2007
• Playground Surfacing – wood chips	Good		2007
• Flower beds	Good	(MPRD is currently looking for someone to maintain the flower beds)	
• Metal Grills (2)	*Very Good (1) Poor/Fair (1)	Pilot Rock	2010 N/A
• *Picnic Table	Very Good	Summit Supply Co.	2010
• Lake Pleasant Ballfield (3.7 acres)	Fair	N/A	N/A

Description: The ballfield is owned by Eversource of Springfield, Massachusetts, and it is not known at this time what their future plans are for this space.

Hillcrest Grammar School – Griswold St. Entrance

The play units in this portion of the Hillcrest School property were installed in 1968, and were recently re-painted by volunteer residents.

FACILITIES & RESOURCES

UNITY PARK FIELDHOUSE

56 First Street, Turners Falls

The Unity Park Fieldhouse was built in the mid-fifties and currently houses the Main Office of the Parks & Recreation Department, and for years, the Highway Light Maintenance Crew. Unfortunately, due to budget cuts in the later part of the 2000's the Light Maintenance Crew had been dissolved. The Parks and Recreation Department not only utilizes the Fieldhouse for their main offices, but to also store equipment, supplies and materials for their various programs and services. The department is looking to re-purpose the Garage area, and convert it into programming space. In the winter of 2007/2008, the Fieldhouse roof, main room, and electrical system were refurbished through a 50% matching federal grant through the Land & Water Conservation Fund. During the summer of 2008, a mural was painted on the exterior walls of the Fieldhouse thanks to an Art Angels grant obtained through The Brick House Community Center. The footprint of the building is approximately 85'x57', with interior square footage at approximately 3,123 sq. ft.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Year Installed/Purchased Last Major Renovation</u>
Montague Parks & Recreation Department Offices (2)			
• Parks & Recreation Director's Office (12'x10' = 120 sq. ft.)			
• *Computer	Good	WYSE	2013

****New Items Since 2009 Master Plan***

Unity Park Fieldhouse, Offices continued:

• *Monitor	Good	Dell	2014
• *Fax Machine	Good	Sharp	2012
• *Desk	New	n/a	2016
• *Bookcases (2)	Good	n/a	2012
• Clerk/Administrative Support Office (11'x9' = 99 sq. ft.)			
• *Computer	Good	WYSE	2013
• *Monitor	Good	Dell	2005
• Printer	Excellent	Hewlett-Packard	2008
• Desk	Good	n/a	
• Copier	Excellent - lease	Sharp	2013
• *Storage Cabinet	Good	Sandusky	2015
• Bookcase	Good	n/a	
• Main Room - (30'x30' = 1,017 sq. ft.)	Good		2006
• Garage - (1,091 sq. ft.)	Fair		
• Side Room – (8'x9' = 72 sq. ft.)			
• Refrigerator	Good	Frigidaire	1997
• Microwave Oven	Good	Haier	2005
• *Freezer	Excellent	Danby	2013
• Laminating machine	Good	GBC	1999
• Paper cutter	Good	N/A	1989
• Other ancillary items include: Toaster oven, desk, dry erase board, barbecue supplies, and paper products.			
• Recreation Supplies/Equipment Room – (12' x 20' = 240 sq. ft.)			
• Arts & Crafts Supplies. These items are perishable, and many are replaced numerous times throughout the year. These items include: paints & paint supplies, markers, crayons, beads, paper mache, glue, individual arts & crafts projects, and many varieties of paper, etc.			
• Art Cart	Good	N/A	1994
• Athletic Equipment. These items do experience wear with use, and some items are replaced once every 1 – 2 years. These items include; softballs, bats, various types of balls, tennis supplies, broomball supplies, cones, frisbees, parachutes, table tennis, etc.			
• TV/VCR Combo	Good	Toshiba	1997
• Other supplies: board games, children's carnival games, and storage bins.			
• Karaoke Machine	Good	Califone	1996

****New Items Since 2009 Master Plan***

TURNERS FALLS HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR SWIMMING POOL

This facility is operated and managed by the Gill-Montague School District. Since the pool was built in 1972, MPRD has utilized the swimming pool for extensive programming. The most notable programs have been the Bluefish Swim Team, swimming lessons, and open swim (which included adult lap swim and family swim).

MAINTENANCE OF PARKS & FACILITIES

The Highway Department, with the assistance of the Parks & Recreation Department (and volunteers) maintains all parks, playgrounds, and facilities for the Parks & Recreation Department.