

Town of Victor Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2007

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1. Introduction

INTRODUCTION



Remarkable population and development growth in the Town of Victor over the past twenty years has generated significant demand for recreational lands and services.

The Town recognizes the need for comprehensive planning to accommodate current and future needs while retaining its high quality of life. The Town's Comprehensive Plan, its Strategic Plan, and its Growth Management Plan are critical guides to its land development decision-making with respect to Parks and Recreation.

This Parks and Recreation Master Plan builds upon the previous Master Plan and the Town's Comprehensive Plan to provide direction in the assessment and delivery of recreational lands, facilities, and programs for Victor. The Town's first Parks and Recreation Master Plan was completed and adopted in 2002. This 2007 update fulfills the original plan's outline for periodic revisions.

Traditionally, most facilities for active recreation in Victor, such as athletic fields, courts, swimming pool, and others, have been provided by the Victor Central School District (V.C.S.D.). The effective cooperation between the Town and the School District must and will continue. However, as the Town grows and V.C.S.D. land holdings remain at current levels, the Town must take on greater responsibility to meet the consistently increasing recreational needs of its residents.

Creation of a professional Parks and Recreation Department in 2000 indicated the Town's strong commitment to providing quality parks and recreational services to residents and

visitors. The Town also hired a full-time Parks Maintenance Supervisor in 2001. The department moved its offices from the Victor Education Center to Blossom Drive in July 2006. New Parks and Recreation Department offices and indoor facilities will be planned as part of a proposed Community Wellness Center in the near future.

In recent years, the Town has acquired land to create and add to existing parks, including Paparone Park, Victor Municipal Park, Lehigh Crossing Park, and Fishers Park. This is a valuable foundation for the town's plans to acquire a varied inventory of lands to serve future recreation needs.

Citizens have played a significant role in establishing and maintaining recreational services in Victor. The Parks and Recreation Citizens' Advisory Committee is an effective proponent for parks and recreation. Over the past 15 years, Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. has created and maintained a growing network of trails and linkages within the Town and as part of regional trailways.

Youth sports organizations run by volunteers serve hundreds of participants. Input from staff, the advisory committee, citizens, and organizations has shaped much of the direction and recommendations of this Master Plan. A survey of individuals and groups who use parks and recreation facilities and programs was conducted in 2006 for the purpose of this update.

This Parks and Recreation Master Plan builds upon and is intended to complement other planning efforts within the Town such as the Strategic Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and Growth Management Plan. It assesses Victor's unique recreational assets and needs. It establishes long-term goals and objectives. It proposes strategies for acquiring, developing, and operating recreational lands, facilities, and services within the Town's capabilities. Specific recommendations are made for the next five years in context with the long-term objectives.

This Plan is intended to be a working guide for the Town and other sources of recreational opportunities to provide a well-balanced delivery of high quality recreation appropriate to Victor.

2. Existing Conditions

EXISTING CONDITIONS

DEMAND FOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

General

The demand for recreational opportunities within a community is measured by the rate and frequency of participation in specific recreational activities and is influenced by several factors including:

- Characteristics of the population, including age, education, employment, income, and lifestyle.
- The availability of unique local programs, facilities, or other influences.
- Physical and climatic conditions which create feasibility, opportunities, or expectations for certain recreational opportunities.
- Willingness and ability of a community to support municipal recreational opportunities through taxes and fees.
- Changing trends in the popularity of specific recreational pursuits.

Broad standards for providing recreational opportunities are often referred to in determining demand within a community or to measure a community's quality of service. Standards frequently referenced are those of New York Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). Neither addresses the particular interests and opportunities of individual communities but they are of some relevance to Victor. The standards are appended to this plan as they might be useful references should the Town apply for state or federal grants-in-aid.

Population

Victor's 2000 population of 9,977 was a significant 39 percent increase from its 1990 population of 7,191. Its 2004 population of 11,500 was a 17 per cent increase from its 2000 population. The Town Planning Department projects a 10 per cent population growth from 2004 to 2007, which would result in a 2007 population of approximately 12,650. While growth management and open space preservation have the potential to limit ultimate population, growth during the next five years is projected to continue at rates similar to those of recent years. A 40% increase per decade in housing units and population is expected between 2000 and 2040, according to the Ontario County Planning Department's Town of Victor Build-Out Analysis of 2005. Projections from this report indicate a population of approximately 14,720 in 2010, 20,608 in 2020, and 28,851 in 2030. In 2000 there were 2900 housing units; in 2010 there are projected to be 4060 units. By 2040 the Town is expected to reach maximum buildout with 8,242 total housing units and a projected population of approximately 40,391. (Projections based on current zoning districts).

The 2000 census also provides us with some interesting information on the demographics of the town's population. The census found the following percentages of the population in each age group: 0-9 years, 15%; 10-19 years, 13.2%; 20-29 years, 7.2%; 30-39 years, 16.8%; 40-49 years, 18.4%; 50-59 years, 14%; 60-69 years, 7.4%; and 70 years and older, 8.2%. What this indicates is a steady rise in the youth population in the town for which recreation facilities,

especially 'active' recreation facilities will need to be found. Victor Baseball, in agreement with this assertion, has seen a rapid increase in the number of kids in the youngest player age group, 'T-Ball', signing up to play in just the past 2 years. Likewise, there is likely to be an increase in the older population segments over the next 10 to 20 years as those in the '40-49' and '50-59' age groups advance. There has been increased interest in the development of housing specifically earmarked for seniors in the Village and Town. With this development comes the increased likelihood that the existing population moving into the seniors age bracket will remain in Town and also, others from the region will be attracted to the Town. Youth and senior, having generally more time available for recreation activities are heavier users of facilities than other age groups.

Size and Land Uses

The Town is approximately 35 square miles or 22,200 acres, and is roughly square. The Village of Victor occupies 1.5 square miles in the east central portion of the Town. Varied land uses include commercial development along the State Route 96 corridor, high tech businesses along County Road 42 and NYS Route 251, the Village downtown area's mix of smaller businesses and residences, scenic residential areas and subdivisions. The commercial Route 96 corridor north of the Thruway serves much of the area's retail and service needs. The manufacturing sector has also grown in recent years.

Land use within the Town, as of the 2004 census, is mostly residential for the first time. The three largest percentages of land use types are: 34.2 percent residential, 18.8 percent agricultural, and 21.3 percent vacant. Census figures from 2000 indicated that Town land was mostly agricultural. Residential development is mostly within and to the north and east of the Village and around the hamlet of Fishers in the western part of the Town. Commercial development accounts for 4.7 per cent of land use and is generally limited to the Route 96 corridor through the Town with Eastview Mall the largest commercial development, considered to be at capacity in 2006. Industrial uses include quarries in the southwestern portion of the Town and industrial development along Route 251, Route 96, and Main Street, Fishers in the western part of the Town.

Commercial development has increased at 25% per decade in recent decades to 5,036,331 sq. ft. as of 2004. This is expected to be 5,955,925 sq. ft. by 2009 and 6,891,243 sq. ft. by 2019, according to the Build-Out Analysis of 2005.

Plans for open space protection, growth management, and the topography and watercourses within the town suggest a future reduction in the rate of growth of the Town's population while preserving much of the Town's quality of life. In 2004, 5.4 per cent of land use was recreational.

Land Forms

Topography varies from very level lands to steep slopes. The glacially formed topography contains drumlins, moraines, eskers, and steep slopes, resulting in prominent ridge areas with long attractive views. The Route 96 corridor follows a major east-west valley through the Town and the Village.

Major creeks and flood plains offer attractive linear open spaces. They include Irondequoit

Creek in the western part of the Town and Mud and Ganargua Creeks in the eastern part of the Town. Smaller creeks include White Brook Creek in the northeastern part of the Town and Great Brook in the eastern and central parts of the Town.

Soils vary from highly permeable sand and gravel to moderately permeable stream alluvium and less permeable unsorted glacial tills.

Transportation

Automobile travel is the primary mode of transportation to and within the Town. The principal highway corridors receive heavy traffic, particularly commuter traffic.

Victor is served by three principal transportation corridors. The New York State Thruway bisects the Town in a generally east-west direction with interchanges (No. 45) at Route 96 and (No. 44) at Route 332 in Farmington. Route 96 enters the Town from Rochester to the north where it parallels and connects with Interstate 490 north of the Thruway, passes through the Village and eastward to Farmington, Manchester, Waterloo, Ithaca, and beyond.

Interstate Route 490 connects Thruway Exit 45 with Rochester to the north and beyond, reconnecting with the Thruway at Exit 47 near Leroy.

Route 251 begins at Route 96 approximately 1-1/2 miles west of the Village and leads west to Rush, an interchange of Interstate Route 390, and beyond. New York State Route 332 runs south from Thruway Exit 44 in Farmington to Canandaigua. Route 96 intersects with Route 332 just east of the Town of Victor. Boughton Hill Road, (County Route 41), crosses the southern portion of the Town. Victor-Bloomfield Road, (State Route 444), runs south from the Village of Victor to the Village of Bloomfield, the Town of East Bloomfield, and U.S. Route 20. Victor-Egypt Road, (County Route 9), runs north from the Village to State Route 31 in eastern Perinton.

Bus service includes an RTS Park and Ride lot at Routes 490 and 96 in Bushnell's Basin and at Eastview Mall. Victor is served by Ontario County CATS. The nearest small airport for general aviation is at Canandaigua. It is headquarters for Mercy Flight.

Few roads in Victor are pedestrian- or bicycle-friendly. Sidewalks exist within the Village on Main St., Church St., High St., Maple Ave., and streets east of Maple Ave in the southernmost portion of the village. The most recent mapping (2003) from Ontario County Planning shows sidewalks existing only in small isolated pockets in the rest of the Town, mostly contained within residential developments.

An extensive network of multi-use and hiking trails serves several areas of the Town at this time, but portions remain unconnected. A Trails Master Plan is in progress and is scheduled to be completed in 2007.

The Town's Transportation Plan and Walkable Communities Initiative supplements to its Comprehensive Plan makes recommendations that can enhance access to local recreational opportunities. Relevant recommendations include: "provide greater pedestrian connectivity in new subdivisions and promote / require pedestrian / bicycle / transit-friendly design in all new developments and re-developments."

AVAILABILITY OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

General

Victor residents are served by a variety of recreational lands and facilities provided by various levels of government, the Victor Central School District, commercial enterprises, and not-for-profit organizations within and beyond the Town.

The Town is acquiring, developing, and making available to its residents several very desirable properties that do or will offer high quality experiences. The Town's Parks and Recreation Department has made impressive progress in its short existence in identifying, improving, and maintaining lands for recreation.

A knowledgeable and enthusiastic Parks and Recreation Citizens' Advisory Committee, supportive Town and Village Boards, and a host of interested citizens have provided the demand, support, and guidance to accomplish truly impressive progress in a short period of time.

Acquisition and development of several town parks and sites is ongoing. The use of commercial and community facilities outside of the Town provides an additional opportunity to Town residents.

In recent years, the Victor Central School District has been the most important provider of facilities and programs that serve recreational and leisure interests. Previously, the Town entered into a long-term agreement with the School District to provide major facilities, particularly sports facilities, to serve school and community needs. As the agreement is renewed on a periodic basis, the Town and School District will continue to serve these needs and could possibly expand service. However, use of many school facilities has reached saturation and new venues must be created. That will largely become the Town's responsibility.

The Victor Central School District includes citizens beyond the borders of the Town of Victor, particularly large areas of the Town of Farmington. School District facilities and community educational programs are, therefore, available to these School District residents. Many of the youth sports leagues and other organizations involved in providing recreational opportunities also include participants beyond Victor's boundaries. As the School District and these organizations are, at this time, the largest providers of facilities and services, it is to be expected that Victor will continue to include and to form meaningful partnerships with its neighboring towns and the School District.

Partnering with the Village of Victor, which is within the Town, is likewise a mutually beneficial approach to the delivery of recreational opportunities to all Town residents. The current Operation and Maintenance Agreement for Victor Municipal Park (formerly Brace Road Park) provides that the Town, through its Parks and Recreation Department, will manage and operate it and two other parks, which are owned by the Village, for their mutual benefit.

As the growing inventory of Town parkland is developed, the Town and other organizations will continue to use School District facilities until they reach full capacity. Facilities to be developed on Town parkland will most likely serve those future demands not currently

satisfied by the School District.

Recreational opportunities available to Victor residents are not limited to municipal or school facilities. In determining the level of availability of opportunities to Town residents, it is necessary to identify commercial, private, and other levels of government facilities and programs available to Town residents and within acceptable distances from the Town.

Town of Victor Lands and Facilities

The Town has aggressively acquired lands for recreational purposes in recent years. The Town currently holds approximately 450.6 acres of parkland, or 1 acre per 25.5 residents. An additional 330 acres is available for Town and Village resident use at Boughton Park (located in the Town of East Bloomfield). It will become increasingly important to determine the recreational, open space, and cost-benefit values of specific land parcels as the Town's land inventory increases along with its responsibilities for maintenance and operation of those lands.

Fishers Park

Location: Main Street Fishers (County Route 42) and Wangum Road, Fishers
Ownership: Town of Victor
Size: 98 Acres, of which 56 acres were acquired in 2001.



Recreational facilities include:

- Two tennis courts with parking for 8+ vehicles
- 1 small softball/practice field
- Picnic area
- Hiking trails and bridge with parking for 10 vehicles
- Accessible fishing area along Irondequoit Creek
- Open fields

Undeveloped land is suitable for trails and passive recreation.

Dryer Road Park

Location: Dryer Road between School Road and Malone Road
Ownership: Town of Victor

Size: 130 Acres total, of which ten acres are developed for recreation with nine miles of multi-use trails created in 2004-06 as part of phase 1. Trails connect to the Fort Hill Granary Trail at Ganondagan State Historic Site. Twenty-two acres are used by the Town Highway Dept. for mining gravel.



Recreational facilities include:

- Lacrosse field
- Multipurpose athletic field
- Box lacrosse/roller hockey rink: dasher boards, safety netting, bleachers
- Multi-use trails
- Children's playground, 35 x 100 ft., with 2 playsets for ages 2-5 and 6-10
- Concession/restroom/maintenance & sports equipment storage building
- Trailhead kiosk/entryway
- Mountain biking teaching & skills area
- Parking for 150+ vehicles, with lighted turnaround loop
- Picnic tables

Recreational facilities planned for future development:

- Full picnic area
- Additional multi-use trails
- Permanent trailhead map

Undeveloped lands are suitable for a variety of recreational development, including additional athletic fields. In future development phases, the Town should continue to seek out public-private partnerships for expanding the trail network. Trail work in 2005-06 was funded in large part by two private foundation grants (KenLou Foundation & Highlander Cycle Tour) for the operation and management of the park's trail system. A grant from the Highlander Cycle Tour included funds for the purchase of a cross-country skiing trail groomer. It is one of the few multi-use trail systems with single-track dirt trails in the Rochester-Finger Lakes region, making it popular among the region's trail enthusiasts, especially among mountain bikers. The Town should also continue to work cooperatively with the Victor Mountain Bike Club and the Rochester Cross-Country Ski Foundation for the maintenance and management of the trail system at Dryer Road Park.

MaryFrances Bluebird Haven

Location: Victor-Egypt Road (County Route 9) at Valentown Road (Mott's Corner).

Ownership: Town of Victor; Robert Butler had life estate (he passed away 2006)

Size: 40 Acres

Recreational facilities include:

- One-mile-long grass perimeter trail
- Bluebird houses for nesting and observation
- Newly renovated cottage for meetings, programmed activities
- Small pond; soon to be stocked for fishing



This is intended to be an experimental classroom with an emphasis on preservation and restoration of the Eastern Bluebird.

Lehigh Crossing Park

Location: Victor-Mendon Road (State Route 251)

Ownership: Town of Victor

Size: 54 Acres

Recreational facilities include: Approximately one mile of trails

This park, acquired in 2000, is undeveloped. It is bordered by both the Lehigh Valley Trail and the Auburn Line Trail. The Rochester and Eastern Rapid Railway crossed the property. It contains wetlands with a recently improved shallow pond and the Phillips branch of a feeder stream to Irondequoit Creek.

Paparone Park



Location: Brace Road
Ownership: Town of Victor
Size: 16.1 Acres

This park contains open fields bordered by trees on two sides. It was acquired in 2005. A planning process incorporating community input was conducted in 2006 for park development, and a master plan for the development of this park has been approved by the Town Board.

Village on the Park



Location: Victor-Egypt Road (County Route 9) north of the Thruway

Ownership: Town of Victor
Size: 70 Acres Total, 10 Acres Developed
Recreational facilities include:
Two soccer fields
Children's play area
Gazebo
Trail (approximately 1 mile mowed loop) on the drumlin
Sledding Area
Parking for approximately 40 vehicles

Monkey Run Trails

Location: Victor-Egypt Road (County Route 9) south of Valentown Road
Ownership: Town of Victor
Size: 23 Acres
Recreational facilities include:
A pond
A network of trails following and crossing White Brook Creek with a trailhead and parking areas for 6 cars

Lehigh Valley Trail

Location: Victor portion: from Route 251 through Lehigh Crossing Park to the Mendon town line
Ownership: Town of Victor
Size: Approximately 2.5 miles long in Victor
Recreational facilities include:
Multi-use hiking trail suitable for biking and cross-country skiing. Trail connects to longer routes as part of a regional system that extends west through towns of Mendon and Rush to the Genesee Valley Greenway.

Lehigh Trail near Hamlet of Mendon



Auburn Trail

Location: East Victor Road to the Farmington town line
Ownership: Town of Victor
Size: Approximately 1,700 feet



Auburn Trail near Route 251

The Town, Village, and Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. received a \$1.4 Million grant in 2002 from the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) and the State Department of Transportation (DOT) to expand and improve the Auburn and Lehigh Trails. This work began in 2004. Improvements include the redesign and reconstruction of approximately 10 miles of trail (including work on both the Auburn and the Lehigh Trails). Also included is the installation of benches and wayfinding signs and the construction of several parking areas and three plazas. One plaza is at Mead Square Park, one at Main St., Town of Fishers, and one at Maple Ave at the former Rail Station. Construction is scheduled for completion in summer 2007. The Town also received a grant in 2006 from the Genesee Regional Trails coalition (GRTC) for decking of the trestle at Phillips Road.

In a project funded by the FHA and DOT, the Town was awarded a grant in 2007 for \$619,500 for continuation of the Auburn Trail north to the Perinton Town Line. Construction is to take place from 2008-2010. It is also pursuing additional GRTC and private-sector grants.

Boughton Park

- Location: Town of East Bloomfield
- Ownership: The Towns of Victor, East Bloomfield, and West Bloomfield
- Size: 330 Acres
- Recreational facilities include:
 - Hiking and biking trails through woods
 - Two large ponds totaling 56 acres
 - Canoeing
 - Fishing
 - Mountain biking
 - Group camping by permit
 - Cross county skiing
 - Picnic area with pavilion
 - Equestrian Trails

This park is open to residents of the three towns. A free resident permit is required for use. The park is operated and maintained by an independent board of directors representing the three towns.

Village of Victor Lands and Facilities

The Village of Victor has approximately 54 acres of parks on three park sites of widely varying characters and uses. The Village parks are important resources to Town residents. The Town and the Village entered into an inter-municipal agreement in 2001 providing that the Town will maintain and operate the Village Parks.

Victor Municipal Park (formerly Brace Road Park)



Location: Within the Town and the Village from Brace Road in the Town to Jacob's Landing and Great Brook Apartments in the Village
Ownership: Village of Victor
Size: 47 Acres



Existing amenities are:

- An unpaved trail along sewer lines and along the former Rochester & Eastern Rapid Railway, maintained by the village.
- An informal footpath through the middle of the property.

In 2006, a planning process that incorporated community input was conducted for park development, and a master plan was approved by the Town Board. Recreational facilities and an entrance road are being planned for construction in 2007. The property includes woods, scrub brush, wetlands, and open field. Great Brook traverses the park's northernmost section. In 2000, a grant was obtained to build an access road from Brace Road into the park via Dorchester Park subdivision. Design and construction of this road is expected to take place in 2007 by Town & Village employees and construction contractors. The nearby Auburn trail was constructed as part of the 2002 trails grant discussed in the Auburn Trail section. This grant also funded the construction of shared-use paths on Rawson Road and School Street.

Harlan Fisher Park



- Location: Lynaugh Road at East Parkway
- Ownership: Village of Victor
- Size: 6 Acres
- Recreational facilities include:
 - Open children's play area with a 2-5 year-old playground
 - Picnic area / wooded area
 - Loop trail along perimeter
 - Parking for 20+ vehicles

The inter-municipal agreement for operation and maintenance of Harlan Fisher Park provides that the Town will maintain the park and offer on-site recreational programs there to Village residents. This park has fewer park visitors than other Town parks and its large parking lot attracts inappropriate gatherings. The Town intends to create an updated plan for this park to influence the type of use it receives.



Mead Square Park

Location: West Main Street
Ownership: Village of Victor
Size: 0.3 Acres



Recreational facilities include:

Benches, gardens, pathway

Parking for 14 vehicles plus parking at adjacent library and businesses

The Village and Town sponsor summer concerts, community tree lighting, & other events at this passive park in the village center.

Victor Central School District Lands and Facilities

Location: High Street
Ownership: Victor Central School District
Size: 162 Acre campus



Outdoor recreational facilities include:

- Varsity football/lacrosse stadium, lighted
- Two football practice fields within baseball outfields
- Varsity soccer field
- Two soccer practice fields
- Two youth soccer fields, 75x50 yds.
- Two youth soccer fields, 55x40 yds.
- One football / lacrosse / soccer multipurpose field
- Three 90 ft. base baseball / senior youth baseball fields

- Three 60 ft. base youth baseball fields
- One 60 ft. base varsity softball field
- Six 60 ft. base softball and T -ball fields
- One 400-meter all-weather track
- Six tennis courts
- Two basketball courts
- Two children's play areas

The campus contains a junior-senior high school, intermediate school, elementary school, and the Victor Education Center, which contains the School District offices, the Pre-K and Kindergarten programs.

The varsity football / lacrosse and soccer fields are reserved for School District use. Shared use of those fields is not anticipated. Use of the varsity baseball and softball fields is allowed. Indoor recreation facilities include:

- Five gymnasiums
- Swimming pool, 25 yard
- Arts and crafts rooms
- Classrooms for community education
- Two Auditoriums
- Five Cafeterias

Planning is underway for a new community wellness center that will be housed in a 33,000 sq. ft. building on the V.C.S.D. campus. This facility must be approved by Town residents and V.C.S.D. voters before it will be constructed. The School District is the largest supplier of recreational facilities in the Town. The School District's policy and inter-municipal agreement with the Town makes most school facilities available to the community on a limited basis after regular school and extra-curricular hours.

State of New York

Ganondagan State Historic Site

Location: North and South of Boughton Hill Road (County Route 41) from Victor-Bloomfield Road (State Route 444) west to approximately Murray Road

Ownership: State of New York

Size: Currently approximately 520 acres (adjacent to & connected to Dryer Road Park property)

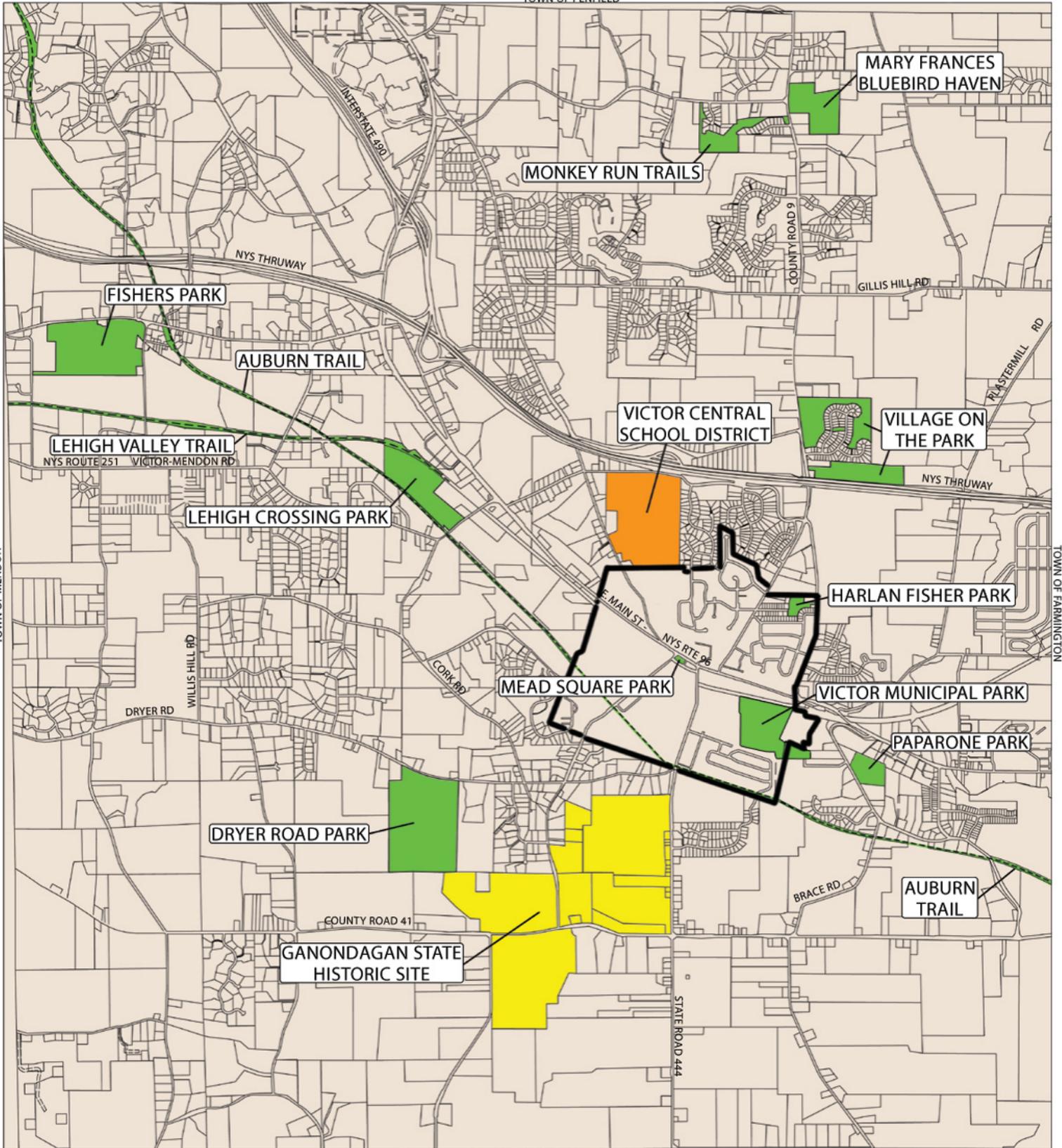
Recreational facilities include:

- Visitor / interpretive center
- Replica of a Seneca long house
- Approximately three miles of interpretive trails
- Native American gardens

Trails within Ganondagan include approximately 5/8 mile of the Seneca Trail, which extends approximately 5.5 miles north and west of Ganondagan, ending at the firehouse on High Street. The Seneca Trail is maintained by Victor Hiking Trails, Inc., which plans to continue the trail north to the Perinton town line.

EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATIONAL LANDS, TOWN & VILLAGE OF VICTOR

TOWN OF PENFIELD



TOWN OF MENDON

TOWN OF FARMINGTON

TOWN OF EAST BLOOMFIELD

NOT TO SCALE

LEGEND

- TOWN/VILLAGE PARK LAND
- GANONDAGAN STATE HISTORIC SITE
- BOUGHTON PARK
- VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



TOWN OF VICTOR, ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK
 BASED ON THE MAP:
TOWN AND VILLAGE OWNED LANDS
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Neighboring Municipalities

Victor residents take advantage of recreational lands and facilities of neighboring communities. Those of particular proximity or interest to Victor are listed. The Town of Farmington has 80 acres of parkland.

Farmington Town Park

Location: County Road 8, Farmington, adjacent to Farmington Town Hall
Ownership: Town of Farmington
Size: 25 acres
Recreational facilities include:
Three softball fields
One full size soccer field
One small soccer field
Two tennis courts
Basketball court
Children's play area
Picnic area with pavilion

The Victor Central School District does and will likely continue to use fields at this park. Area adult softball leagues use this park.

Mertensia Park

Location: Mertensia Road
Ownership: Town of Farmington
Size: 22.4 acres
Recreational facilities include:
Hiking trail on Northern Central Railroad right-of-way connects to Victor
Sports fields
Tennis/basketball courts
Parking

The town of Farmington operates the park, which is open to the public.

Pumpkin Hook Park

Location: Allen Padgham Road, Farmington
Ownership: Town of Farmington
Size: 10 +/- acres
Recreational facilities include:
Two tennis courts
Basketball court
Picnic area with pavilion
Multi-purpose field
Youth baseball field
Children's play area
Picnic area with pavilion

Egypt Park

Location: Victor-Egypt Road at Route 31
Ownership: Town of Perinton
Size: 16 Acres, of which 6 acres are developed for recreation
Recreational facilities include:
Youth baseball field
Two tennis courts
Children's play area
Picnic area with pavilion
Access to Rochester, Syracuse, and Eastern Trolley Trail

Mendon Ponds Park

Location: Clover Street, Town of Pittsford
Ownership: County of Monroe
Size: 2,381 Acres
Recreational facilities include:
Swimming beach with bathhouse
Fishing area
Picnic areas with nine picnic shelters
Three softball fields
Hiking/cross-country skiing/snowshoeing/nature trails
Bridle paths
Ice skating rink
Five "day-use" lodges
Group camping
Nature center
Sensory Garden
Sledding hill

This park is partially in the Town of Mendon. It provides excellent open space, wooded rolling hills, and glacial kettle hole lakes.

Powder Mills Park

Location: Route 96 near Bushnell's Basin in the Towns of Perinton and Pittsford
Ownership: County of Monroe
Size: 380 Acres
Recreational facilities:
Six "day-use" lodges
Picnic areas with five picnic shelters
Four softball fields
Four sand volleyball courts
Children's play areas
Hiking and nature trails
Horse ring
Downhill skiing with rope tow
Cross country skiing
Sledding hill

Fish hatchery
Fishing in Irondequoit Creek

This park is mostly in the Town of Perinton. It provides attractive open space, wooded rolling hills, and wetlands.

Erie Canal

Location: Traverses most of New York State. Nearest accesses to Victor are in the Town of Perinton.

Ownership: State of New York

Size: More than 300 miles from the Hudson River at Waterford to the Niagara River at Tonawanda, not including branch canals.

Recreational opportunities:

Boating, several nearby boat and canoe launches and tie ups Fishing Trails for hiking, biking, and cross country skiing

Designated as the Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor.

Crescent Trail

Location: Various throughout the Town of Perinton

Ownership: Various public and private

Size: More than 30 miles

Recreational facilities:

Trails for hiking and cross-county skiing.

Biking, motorized vehicles, and camping are not permitted. Opportunities exist for trail connections from Victor to the Crescent Trail system.

Other Lands and Facilities of Recreational Interest

Private, club, commercial, and other civic sponsored lands and facilities contribute to the availability of recreation for Victor residents. Lands and facilities within the Town or within reasonable distance and used by Town residents are listed here.

Victor YMCA Active Family Center

Location: High Street

Ownership: Victor Central School District

Recreational facilities include:

Indoor facility offering after-school child care, pre-school, fitness, and karate programs.

Southeast YMCA

Location: 111 East Jefferson Avenue, Pittsford

Ownership: YMCA of Greater Rochester

Recreational facilities include:

Indoor swimming pool

Two gymnasiums

Fitness center

Camp Arrowhead

Location: Arrowhead Road adjacent to Powder Mills Park
Ownership: YMCA of Greater Rochester
Size: 55 Acres
Recreational facilities include:
Swimming pool
Three multipurpose fields
Picnic area
Half basketball court Archery range
Hiking trails
Four buildings

Facilities at this day camp are available for rental fees.

Greater Canandaigua Civic Center

Location: 250 North Bloomfield Road, Canandaigua
Ownership: Canandaigua Civic Center
Recreational facilities include:
Indoor hockey-size ice skating arena with support and spectator facilities.

Victor Hills Golf Club

Location: 1450 Brace Road
Ownership: Private, open to public
Size: 63 holes
Recreational facilities include:
Three 18-hole golf courses
9-hole executive golf course

Ravenwood Golf Club

Location: 929 Lynaugh Road
Ownership: Private, open to public
Size: 18 holes
Recreational facilities include:
18 hole golf course
Driving range

Parkview Fairways

Location: Boughton Road, off State Route 444, East Bloomfield
Ownership: Private, open to public
Size: 18 holes
Recreational facilities include:
18 hole golf course
Driving range

Winding Creek Executive Golf Course

Location: 6392 Plaster Mill Road
Ownership: Private, open to public
Size: 9 holes, executive length

Recreational facilities include:

- 9 hole executive golf course
- An additional 9 holes are planned
- Two tennis courts
- Outdoor swimming pool for members' use
- Meeting room

Headrush Paintball Field

Location: School St.

Ownership: Commercial, open to public

Recreational facilities include:

- Indoor paintball game centers and equipment rental

Cobblestone Creek County Club

Location: 100 Cobble Creek Road

Ownership: Private club, for members and guests only

Size: 18 holes

Recreational facilities include:

- 18-hole golf course
- Private Fitness Center and Pool

Auburn Creek Golf Range

Location: 7331 Victor-Mendon Road

Ownership: Private, open to public

Recreational facilities include:

- Golf driving range
- Putting green

Victor Rod and Gun Club

Location: 6649 Gillis Road

Ownership: Private

Recreational facilities include:

- Three skeet fields
- Trap field
- Sporting clays range
- Rifle range

Burroughs Audubon Sanctuary

Location: Probst Road at Railroad Mills Road

Ownership: Audubon Nature Club

Size: 21 Acres

Recreational facilities include:

- Forever wild area
- Facilities for bird watching, nature study, and passive recreation

Bentley Woods

Location: Log Cabin Road, north of the Thruway

Ownership: The Nature Conservancy

Recreational facilities include:

Hiking and nature trails (by permission only)

Several other golf courses exist in the nearby towns of Farmington, Macedon, Mendon, Pittsford, and Canandaigua.

3. Analysis

ANALYSIS

DELIVERY OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

With a few exceptions, the Victor Central School District was, until 1993, the principal provider of public facilities and programs for recreation in Victor. The Town now provides a variety of recreation facilities, such as athletic fields, playgrounds, trails, and natural areas.

Youth sports organizations led by volunteers have served large numbers of youths. The Town employed a part time recreation program director until 2000 and has had a separate senior citizens program for many years. In 2000, a full time Director of Parks and Recreation, a Recreation Supervisor, and a clerk were hired, with offices in the Victor Education Center. In 2001, a full time Parks Maintenance Supervisor was hired. A parks operations center has been established. In 2005, an additional Recreation Supervisor was hired and in 2006, a Parks Laborer was hired for that operation. Additional staff is hired seasonally, and more staff will be required as facilities are developed. It is anticipated that the Town will hire additional administrative, program and parks staff in the next few years to coincide with the demand for services.

Over the past ten years, dramatic changes in the delivery of recreational opportunities within Victor have occurred.

In 1997, the Town and the School District entered into an inter-municipal agreement for developing and operating an expanded athletic fields complex at the school campus for the shared use of the residents of the School District and the Town. Construction of the facilities by the School District enabled considerable cost savings through the use of State Education Department aid. The Town committed to a maximum cost of \$900,000 over a ten-year period toward a portion of the debt service on the capital costs. The result is an excellent complex of facilities that will remain the primary site in Victor for athletics for the foreseeable future.

The School District schedules the use of the athletic fields on its campus as well as its indoor facilities. It also offers an extensive Community Education program.

The Town has an opportunity to provide parks and recreational services that will complement those already offered by others. In order to effectively provide quality recreational facilities and programs, the Town employs a full time professional parks and recreation department with sufficient resources to support its mission.

The Town and Village, together, have approximately 484.4 acres of parkland. Most of the land is yet to be developed. The Town has completed limited development at Fishers Park and added a loop trail at Village on the Park. It has completed the first phase of athletic fields, facilities, and trail development at Dryer Road Park, and plans more multi-use trails and a full picnic area for phase two. It is more than halfway finished with improvements to the Auburn and Lehigh Trails, with plazas to be added in three locations. The Town also underwent a planning process for the development of Victor Municipal and Paparone Parks in 2006 with parks master plans adopted by the Town and Village Boards.

Boughton Park, outside of but close to the Town, offers a very different recreational opportunity. This very attractive park, managed by West Bloomfield, East Bloomfield, and Victor and open only to residents of those towns, contains two man-made lakes. It contains trails around the perimeter of the property as well as through the interior and along the lakes.

Three Village parks, Harlan Fisher, Mead Square, and Victor Municipal Park, through another intermunicipal agreement, have been maintained and operated by the Town since 2002. The Town's parks and recreational offerings have evolved over the past 15 years because of the active Town Board and the effective support of the Parks and Recreation Citizens' Advisory Committee. The Parks and Recreation Citizens' Advisory Committee has an essential role in providing expertise and perspective in its advocacy and advice on recreation policies, programs, and related matters.

Volunteer groups have played a significant role as well. The Walkable Communities Committee has made significant progress in getting sidewalk construction funded and planned for several sections of roads throughout the Town. The independent, volunteer Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. and Victor Mountain Bike Club are important contributors to the variety and quality of recreational opportunities available to Town residents. More than thirty miles of hiking and/or multi-use trails have been developed and maintained in Victor, with fifteen of those developed by Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. and nine miles of trails by the Victor Mountain Bike Club at Dryer Road Park. More trails are planned by both groups, as well as by the Town Parks and Recreation Department. There is an opportunity for those interested in equestrian trails to organize and develop equestrian trails in the same manner as the other trail clubs have.

CONDITIONS AFFECTING DELIVERY OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Victor is fortunate to have excellent recreational opportunities, sources and means of delivery, and the vision to offer an outstanding variety of recreational experiences to present and future Town residents.

Opportunities

Victor offers a high quality of life due to its scenic qualities and traditionally rural character. Due to rapid population growth and many new subdivisions, most of the Town was residential as of 2004. The second-most-common land-use type is agricultural. Residential developments are mostly clustered near each other; large-lot homes are dispersed. Commercial and industrial uses are generally within specific corridors suited to those uses.

Large acreages are developed or designated for uses considered recreational. These include approximately 430.4 acres of Town park land: Boughton Park containing 330 acres, the 162-acre School District campus, which is extensively developed with athletic fields, Village park lands totaling approximately 54 acres, and Ganondagan State Historic Site containing approximately 520 acres.

The Town should acquire new parklands when needed and desirable possible in order to adequately serve the needs of its population, which has significantly increased in the past fifteen years and continues to do so. Even if the rate of population growth slows, there is a

strong likelihood of more users, from Victor and beyond, placing even greater demands on current parks. As land acquisition and park development take time and funding, the Town should make efforts to look ahead to future needs when land becomes available, even before plans for specific parks are in place. Referring to the Master Plan's outline of park needs and facilities needed by user groups can potentially aid the land acquisition and development approval process.

The Town has developed an extensive network of hiking and multi-use trails that provides a variety of opportunities and can be expanded as needed. Existing trails connect to those maintained by other municipalities and the adjacent county of Monroe. More connections are possible.

Town resources and staff are in place to ensure that existing and future recreational opportunities reflect the needs and desires of Victor residents. These resources, however, are stretched to their limits due to expanding facilities and programs. An Inter-municipal agreement with the School District enables maximum effective use of the extensive school facilities by the community. In addition, volunteer organizations continue to serve many of the youth sports demands. Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. and Victor Mountain Bike Club plan to expand the Town's trail network.

The Parks and Recreation Department is organized, well staffed, and capable of carrying out its mission to serve town and village residents. As its duties expand with additional developed and undeveloped parkland and programs, staff and resources must be added so that it can maintain its high level of service.

Vision

The Town of Victor has demonstrated its recognition of the importance of preserving the quality of its physical and environmental character through its several planning and regulatory efforts including the Strategic and Comprehensive Plans. It is hoped the Town's planning efforts will manage the locations and nature of future growth to utilize land, transportation, and other resources—including recreational ones—most effectively.

Easy and enjoyable access to a broad spectrum of active and passive recreational facilities serving all ages is a goal of the Town's Strategic and Comprehensive Plans and of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan. With that goal, a balance must be struck so that development of new recreational facilities is consistent with objectives and techniques for preserving the Town's scenic and environmental qualities. This will help maintain the quality of life residents seek in Victor.

Providing easy access to recreational facilities for all ages should include bicycle and pedestrian access. The Walkable Communities Committee is working toward this purpose as part of its goals. According to the Town's Planning Department, this committee, along with the Town Board, will be promoting bicycle and pedestrian linkages in planning, design, and construction, such as the installation of sidewalks. The Town Highway Department is considering widening shoulders and installing sidewalks, or installing asphalt sidewalks to cut costs.

The Parks and Recreation Citizens' Advisory Committee, made up of interested citizens, elected officials, and town employees, is the body that can identify, communicate, and support the Town Board in achieving this vision.

NEEDS TO BE SERVED

The needs for recreational lands, both active and passive, and for specific recreational facilities, are estimated based on evaluations of present and anticipated future populations, surveyed local interests, recreational trends in general, experience with nearby communities, national standards, and specific deficiencies identified by user group representatives.

It is important to recognize that local interests may vary considerably among nearby towns due to demographic differences, successful local programs, unique facility or natural features, or other reasons.

Overall Demands

Demands for many recreational facilities that require investments in relatively large areas of land, capital development, and maintenance and operations can be identified relatively easily based on enrollments, recreational trends, and other available information.

Demands for various types of athletic fields and courts can be quantified. Demands for many recreational activities, such as trails, skate parks, passive parks, and nature centers, cannot be as readily quantified. These are desirable and popular assets of a community. In addition, trails need to be planned as both destinations and linkages.

Development of the Town and of land access opportunities such as rights of way will influence the nature of its trail system. Nature centers and similar passive recreational attractions typically occur where physical or cultural features justify them. Also influencing land use is the protection of wetlands and other ecosystems, as these are important for recreation and for education, ecology, and aquifer protection.

Indoor recreational facilities are increasingly in demand for many reasons. They provide year-round opportunities. They can provide activities for all age groups. Many people have become accustomed to indoor recreational facilities, municipal and commercial, in other communities. The Town must determine the feasibility of developing indoor facilities. A referendum in 2007 will decide whether bonds will be issued to raise funds for construction and operation of a Recreation and Wellness Center on the VCSD campus.

It is important that the Town provide sufficiently greater parkland than the amount presently required to meet known demands. Recreational trends and levels of participation vary over time, resulting in a need for space for new opportunities. In addition, many potential park users do not participate in organized programs, but desire passive or green space to play informal games, picnic, run or jog, sit, or "fly a kite". Acquiring parkland to serve future population growth and resulting demand growth is crucial while appropriate parcels remain available. This is especially important in a quickly developing town such as Victor.

In the past, the Town has frequently been approached by developers requesting relief from zoning requirements and/or development fees in return for turning over a portion of the potential development land to the Town as 'Park' land. The developer, as a result can be allowed to consolidate the development and thereby reduce infrastructure costs, among other things. When considering an offer of land, the Town must consider a variety of variables that can influence their ultimate decision on acquisition. Foremost among those reasons should be the notion of 'developable' versus 'un-developable' parkland. The Town is currently blessed with an abundance of parkland; however, much of it is not readily developable for active recreation purposes such as athletic fields, playgrounds, or indoor facilities. The Town should consider the acquisition of parkland from developers primarily if the land is adjacent to existing Town parkland or if the developable portion of that land is of sufficient size as to offer the possibility of significant active recreation facilities.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Access

There is a significant need to connect parks and neighborhoods by walking / biking paths or sidewalks so that those of all ages have access to recreational opportunities. This adheres to current community planning principles and was requested by residents in the 2006 survey.

The volunteer Walkable Communities Committee is working toward this goal and their efforts should be supported and tied into the Town's planning, property permitting, park land acquisition, and trail easement access efforts. The group has published an electronic version of the Town's pedestrian access map on the Town's web site and is obtaining public input on the map. See Appendix A-4 for the map. The committee's goals are as follows:

1. Install sidewalks with priority given to making connections between: existing sidewalks, neighborhoods and parks, neighborhoods and the destinations circled on the map, adjacent cul-de-sacs/housing developments.
2. Develop the budget and obtain funding for the Committee's projects through grant efforts, use and expansion of an existing sidewalk fund, and philanthropy.
3. Develop language and criteria for a code section to be proposed to the Town Board requiring all future developments, at locations yet to be designated on the Committee's map, to provide pedestrian access in some form.

The committee plans to complete sidewalk construction on the following roads in 2007:

- Rawson Road from Burlington to Wellington (1000 linear ft.) Lengths are approximate.
- County Road 9 from Kensington Court to the village line/Church St. (1000 linear ft.).
- High Street (phase 1) from the school to Lane Road (4000 linear ft.).

The committee plans to have sidewalks installed on the following roads in 2007 and beyond:

- High Street (Phase 2) from High St. extension to Herfordshire (2500 linear ft)
- High Street (Phase 3) from Herfordshire to Willowbrook (5000 linear ft)
- High Street (Phase 4) from Willowbrook to Lane Rd (2500 linear ft)
- Br ace Road from the Park to Route 96 (2000 linear ft)
- MacMahon Rd from Plastermill to Route 96 (5000 linear ft)

Additionally, the committee is considering designating sidewalks for Brace Road, School St

from the village to County Rd. 41, Lynaugh Road, Dryer Road to the park, Gillis Road, and Valentown Rd. The committee determined that there would be no winter maintenance of sidewalks to eliminate the need for related maintenance fees.

Demands for Outdoor Facilities Requiring Large Dedicated Spaces

Victor has a relatively high rate of participation in sports programs among its youth population and increases program availability when feasible and necessary. This reflects trends in demands elsewhere.

Youth sports organization officials responding to a questionnaire during the 2006 master planning process indicated significant deficiencies in the availability of outdoor athletic fields.

This is due to the rapidly increasing population and the overuse of existing fields, especially at the school complex. The need for youth sports fields is as follows:

Football, Soccer, and Lacrosse

Football, soccer, and lacrosse are played on large rectangular fields of somewhat similar size. Younger classes of lacrosse and soccer can use smaller fields. The heaviest demand for rectangular fields occurs during the spring.

Victor Blue Devils Youth Football and Cheerleading Club has 180 enrollees on 6 teams ages 6 to 14. That number is not expected to increase over the next five years. Demand for football fields is not likely to increase significantly.

Victor-Farmington United Soccer Club has 2,000 enrollees, including 300 competitive players on 23 teams in the travel portion, 700 players in the fall program, and 1,000 in the recreational portion. At any one time, the number of participants is up to 1,000 in seasonal play. Ages are 7 to 18. The growth rate has been 5 to 10 per cent per year. There is a current deficiency of one full size (preferably 80 x 120 yds.) and two junior fields, according to league officials. This would increase to a deficiency of approximately five fields by 2011. One to two junior fields can be accommodated with additional striping across a full-size field. However, this limits scheduling for both age groups.

The club uses fields in the Town of Victor, Town of Farmington, and on the Victor School Campus. The club has identified a need for more fields for practice and game use, as those currently in use are worn out from overuse by mid- to late-season and thus pose safety hazards for players. The club's wish list includes goals, bleachers, turf, corner flags, stripe equipment, and field lighting to alleviate overcrowding of practice and game fields due to scheduling.

Victor Youth Boy's Lacrosse has 125 players, in grades 1 through 6. It uses 6 fields at the Victor School Campus and one at Dryer Road Park. It has consistently seen 10 per cent growth per year and projects growth to 200 players by 2011, and thus expects to need one full field every two years. A full-size field can be used as two junior-size fields for first and second graders if not scheduled for regular play. The Victor Youth Girl's Lacrosse program caters to a similar age group, is growing, and will have similar needs as the Boy's program.

The club's immediate needs include several more fields so that practice and games can be held in one location, separate from the school campus, to prevent scheduling conflicts with the varsity team. Also needed are field bleachers, backstops, catch nets, and lights for night games to alleviate scheduling conflicts. The club also suggests that the Town designate certain fields for certain sports only, to make them consistently available.

There is no non-school lacrosse program for older players in Victor. However, the Greater Rochester area has several adult leagues. There may be opportunities for the Town to offer additional programs to serve needs not met by existing programs.

Current use of school fields to their full capacity does not permit the Town to rotate fields "off-line" for needed periodic maintenance. Development of additional fields on the school campus is not feasible. A minimum of ten percent or more of additional field capacity is necessary to reduce field use and to allow rotation and renovation of fields. With the existing nine rectangular fields at the school campus, plus two fields at Dryer Road Park and two at Village on the Park, meeting current program needs will require a minimum of two new fields to limit field maintenance. In addition, to prevent wearing out fields from overuse, two other fields should be "off-line" for renovation and restoration during the next five years.

There is an anticipated deficiency of approximately five rectangular fields by 2007 (six by 2012). This will be partly satisfied by the creation of two rectangular fields at Papparone Park. This indicates a total need for four to five additional fields within the community. This includes a portion of the Town of Farmington, which recently created a park with one adult baseball field and 2 soccer fields. These fields can be used occasionally by Victor, but are not equivalent to having 3 Victor Town fields, as scheduling must be worked out with Farmington.

Baseball, Youth Baseball, and Softball

Baseball, youth baseball, and softball are popular in Victor. While each has different requirements for diamonds, they are addressed collectively for planning purposes.

Although school needs are essentially met with existing fields, community demand for existing fields exceeds capacity. There are 758 boys and girls, ages 4 to 19, enrolled in Victor Community Baseball and Softball Association, Inc. (VCBS) programs. The league projects at least five percent growth per year, and had approximately 35 per cent growth in 2006. The league expects to have 850 youth in 2007, and states that it cannot accommodate all 850 players with current fields.

The league's main short-term need is for a full-size (90-ft.) senior baseball field, of which there are none in the Town for general use. This would serve the older high school students not on the varsity team, and any adult or teen recreational needs. Based on the use of approximately thirteen fields now, the demand for approximately four additional fields (2 baseball and softball fields with 60-foot and 75-foot baselines, 2 T-ball fields with 40-50 ft. baselines) is estimated for 2011. Two are needed immediately and two for the longer term, according to league officials. These would serve the fastest increasing group, those in the T-ball league, which added seven teams in 2006. The second greatest group numbers are in the under-14 age group, which will grow when the current T-ball players move up. This large population of younger players also points to the need for a senior field for use by these players in future years. This older group is currently not accommodated because the High School does not

allow use of the two existing senior fields for non-school/intramural games.

One baseball field was converted for use as a softball field at the School Campus in 2005. The projected increase in demand for four additional fields cannot be served at the schools or at other existing venues. VCBS has expressed an immediate need for two practice baseball/softball fields. Paparone Park, with a master plan completed in 2006, will accommodate two such fields. The fields would overlap a rectangular field, so that fencing around them would not be possible.

Outdoor Tennis Courts

Outdoor tennis courts serve high school teams and players, who do not participate at private, club, and commercial courts. Courts in neighboring towns are underused. Six courts at the school campus and two at Fishers Park would appear to exceed current "non-school" demand. As additional town parks are developed in the future, consideration should be given to developing courts within those parks conveniently located near population centers.

Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks

Interest in ice-skating consists of two principal forms: recreational ice-skating and ice hockey. Speed skating and figure skating are specialties beyond the scope of the Town.

The School District offers a varsity hockey team and a junior high school club team. There are also spring and summer league teams.

Three indoor ice arenas are available and used by Victor Hockey within reasonable, yet inconvenient, travel distances. They are the Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, the Thomas Creek Ice Arena in Perinton, and ESL Sports Center in Brighton. Other facilities are available at greater distances from Victor.

Outdoor ice skating rinks for recreational skating or hockey are not recommended in Victor's climate. They require a significant investment in labor to establish and maintain ice for only very limited days of satisfactory skating. Very few towns in this region still attempt to offer outdoor natural ice-skating. Victor does not have sufficient staff or resources to attempt to maintain acceptable outdoor ice.

The box lacrosse / roller hockey rink at Dryer Road Park, currently for summer use only, consists of a concrete slab of ice hockey dimensions. It is crowned to drain for potential use as an ice hockey rink.

Outdoor Aquatic Centers

Victor has no outdoor public swimming pool, nor natural beaches.

Public outdoor pools have declined in popularity in most suburban environments. The availability of private home and club pools, declining interest in "static" pools, and easy access to natural beaches, particularly in the Finger Lakes and at Lake Ontario, further decreases demand for a public outdoor pool in Victor.

Aquatic centers with a variety of amusements such as water slides, spray pools, wave pools, and other attractions hold interest longer and have greater appeal to today's participants.

Many communities with outdoor pools are converting or adding attractions. An indoor aquatic park is currently being planned for the Town of Farmington.

The regional demand for aquatics is well served at the new commercial water park in Canandaigua and at Sea Breeze Park in Irondequoit. Six Flags Darien lakes offers a large water park one hour's drive from Victor. Victor itself has insufficient population to support a local municipal outdoor aquatic center.

In-Line Skating, Skateboarding, and Roller Hockey

In-line skating and skateboarding are mainstream activities appealing to large numbers of mostly younger participants. In-line skating is a valid form of transportation and recreation for which provisions should be made. Roller hockey uses in-line skates for an increasingly popular sport similar to ice hockey and using a similar rink.

Skateboarding is also a well-established activity popular primarily among teenagers. The lack of appropriate venues for skateboarding often leads to misuse and conflicts with pedestrians and retailers in commercial areas. Skateboard parks are a desirable recreational facility. They may be simple and "portable" or large, complex, and very attractive.

Development of a skateboard park should be considered if residents express sufficient interest. Use of the roller hockey / box lacrosse rink at Dryer Road Park for skateboarding is not likely to be practical. Times of greatest demands are likely to conflict. Frequent movement and storage of skateboarding structures is not feasible. A permanent skateboard park consisting of a level platform with manufactured ramps, pipes, rails, and other structures should be built, preferably within or close to the Village, as a central convenient location is important for accessibility by youth.

A roller hockey / box lacrosse rink was completed at Dryer Road Park in 2005.

Box Lacrosse

Box lacrosse is becoming increasingly popular in the Greater Rochester area due to the local growth of high school field lacrosse, the visibility of college lacrosse, and the established sport. Summer youth and adult box leagues elsewhere in New York are in great demand and there should be sufficient demand in Victor. The box lacrosse / roller hockey rink at Dryer Road Park accommodates a significant portion of the need for such a facility.

Hiking and Biking Trails

Trailways and linkages among neighborhoods and destinations are important assets with increasing demand. Trails of all types were rated the most used recreational feature by respondents to the Town's 2006 survey. Many respondents noted the lack of walkable connections between parks and neighborhoods.

Within the Town, pedestrian and bicycle linkages among neighborhoods and between neighborhoods and destinations such as schools, parks, and commercial centers should be a priority. Planning for additions to the existing network of trails should incorporate trail connections to parks wherever possible, as these could serve the needs both of hiking and trail running clubs and of those who want access to parks for other uses. Sidewalk connections should be incorporated where trails cannot be. When roads are improved,

consideration should be given to widening and striping for delineated bike routes or, more desirable but less easily accomplished, providing parallel bike paths out of the roadway.

There is no standard amount of miles of trails within a town. There can be guidelines and objectives for the creation of varied types of trails, walkways, bikeways, and other linkages. The American Hiking Society recommends a trail within one mile of any location within a community. Victor has trails in place and opportunities for additional trails that suggest such a guideline could be met, particularly in the more populated portions of the Town.

In Victor, opportunities exist for two principal forms of trailways: Rail-to-trail conversions and a Town trail network. The Lehigh Valley and Auburn Line railroad rights-of-way have been developed as parts of larger regional trail systems that have potential for significant long-distance linkages. Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. has been collaborating with neighboring towns for additional inter-municipal historical, cultural, and recreational linkages that have significant potential as Town resources. An example is a linkage to Victor Municipal Park through Dorchester Woods subdivision from Auburn Trail, and from that park to the Village via the Rochester & Eastern Rapid Railway right-of-way.

Four trails user groups, both organized and non-organized, have noted the need for more land acquisition/access for trail development in the 2006 survey. Individual respondents rated hiking / walking trails the most-used park amenity by a wide margin. Even without being combined with the use of natural areas (which are also trail-oriented), this was by far the most popular activity. This points to the need to develop more trails as the population grows. In addition, the second-highest number of individuals identified a need for more trails or natural areas as their first priority for new park development.

A long-range master plan is being prepared, with support from the Genesee Transportation Council and Ontario County Planning, for hiking, biking, and other trails in Victor and is expected to be completed in 2007. It will include connections to adjacent towns and regional trailways, linkages within the Town, and recreational trails of varying degrees of difficulty.

Equestrian Trails

A significant interest in equestrian activities exists in Victor. There is interest in linking stables and private lands, particularly among the western and southern areas of the Town, Ganondagan, and, possibly, Boughton Park where many private trails exist near by. The Lehigh Valley Trail in Rush, Mendon, and Victor has a parallel trail to Old Dutch Road for equestrian use. Large portions of these areas of the Town remain lightly developed. It is recommended that the equestrian community become organized, perhaps creating an entity similar to Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. to plan and acquire easements, permits, or title from property owners for a network of horse trails.

All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and Snowmobile Trails

Similarly, there is interest in seeing more trails developed for use by ATV and snowmobile enthusiasts. It is a Town Code requirement and should continue to be policy, that, mostly for safety reasons, ATVs and snowmobiles not be allowed on Town park property and trails. Signs to this effect should continue to be posted at all entrances to parks. ATV and snowmobile riders should be encouraged to pursue alternative trail resources such as shared-use roadways, private property agreements, utility right-of-ways, and the like. Other towns in

the region have been known to permit snowmobiles to use roadway right-of-ways for crossings and trail access.

Pavilions and Lodges

Three user groups in the 2006 survey listed picnic pavilions/ shelters as a significant need in the parks in general. Picnics were the eighth-most noted park use out of 22 rated by residents. Several also listed it as a priority in new parks, and commented on the general need for pavilions, shelters, and lodges.

Most towns find value in an enclosed lodge, cabin, or park center that contains meeting space, a small kitchen, and restrooms. Such a facility within a park can serve many recreational programs and take advantage of adjacent park facilities. It is a potential revenue source as it can be rented for fees to groups and families for special events. There is ample space for lodges in existing parks. Ideal sites should be identified and developed for this use, as many park users identified such a need. Many noted that these amenities allow all ages and ability levels in the community to enjoy parks together.

Children's Play Areas

Several respondents to the 2006 survey noted the need for children's play areas in new park development. They are both important destinations and supplementary attractions to other facilities at parks. There is no standard for quantifying the need for children's play areas. However, play areas should be provided at each active park for ease of access by families in nearby neighborhoods. These areas were the sixth-most-used park amenity out of 22 rated by residents, and received high ranking in questions about new park development.

Children's play areas must meet current Consumer Product Safety Commission, Americans with Disabilities Act, and other standards for safety and accessibility, of equipment design and maintenance, and for ground surfacing. They should also provide quality creative and interactive play experiences.

The Town should establish procedures for ongoing monitoring and maintenance of equipment and surfacing. The parks maintenance supervisor has received training in accepted standards for play area design and maintenance and periodically renews it.

Other Outdoor Facilities

Most other outdoor facilities commonly provided by a town such as Victor can be readily accommodated within a park system as physical features, conditions, and demands justify.

The Town will be expected to provide a greater array of outdoor facilities on Town parklands to complement existing school and other outdoor facilities which will, also, require the Town to increase its role in controlling, scheduling, and assisting user groups.

Demands for Indoor Facilities for Recreation

Nearly all indoor facilities for public recreation within Victor are provided by the School District. The current facility housing the Parks and Recreation offices has space suitable to accommodate indoor activities such as senior citizen group activities and a teen center, but demand for many other types of space now exceeds availability. Continued growth in

population and participation will increase the demands for new indoor facilities. The recent survey found significant interest in indoor facilities, including a pool and typical recreation center equipment/facilities. In 2007 a town-wide referendum will determine whether the town can fund construction for such a facility through bonding.

Expansion of school facilities in the near future is not likely. Significant development of facilities by others is also not likely. The Town will be expected to play a larger role in the provision of indoor recreational facilities and programs as indicated in the 2005 Harris Interactive Survey.

Gymnasiums

All gymnasiums within the Town are in schools. Both the School District and user groups indicate the gyms are used to capacity and many users cannot be accommodated. There are currently demands for gymnasium times for recreation during the after-school, evening, and weekend times that are not served by school gyms. The unmet demands will increase with both population growth and, as observed elsewhere, growth in participation in activities served by gymnasiums.

Field House

Many of the activities demanding gymnasium space can be accommodated in a field house as well as/or better than in a Community Center. Indoor practice of outdoor sports and indoor versions of outdoor sports require large open spaces. Other gymnasium-type activities such as basketball, volleyball, and indoor track can also be accommodated in a field house. It is expected that if a field house were available, the School District would use it for sports practice and other purposes. At the time of this writing, the Town is determining the feasibility and relative desirability of including a field house in any indoor facilities it may develop. The 2007 town-wide referendum will address this issue as well.

Indoor Swimming Pools

Indoor swimming pools serve a variety of activities for all ages. They are used for instructional, competitive, therapeutic, and certain recreational activities. The High School has one 25-yard pool, which is reportedly used to its maximum. Victor Swim club sponsors several types of swim programs and cannot accommodate all prospective participants or types of potential programs due to lack of additional pool time. The recent survey found that there is significant interest in an indoor swimming pool so that families, working adults, and a variety of non-swim-club uses can be accommodated year-round. The existing pool serves the swim club and has few slots open for community use.

National Recreation and Park Association facilities guidelines recommend one 50-meter pool per 20,000 people, which roughly translates in water area to three 25-meter pools, or one 25-meter pool per 6,667 people. At its average growth rate over the past twenty years, Victor's population would support that standard within ten years. Opening the pool to non-Victor residents could potentially increase the market and revenue immediately.

Contemporary aquatic centers offer a variety of recreational water activities in addition to a customary pool. These often include zero-depth-entry pool, water slides, spray grounds, and others that broaden appeal, lengthen participation times, and generate revenues.

Indoor pools and aquatic centers have high operating and maintenance costs. The plan should include an estimate of annual costs and probable revenues to determine whether the Town is able to support the cost of constructing and operating a pool or an indoor aquatic center.

Indoor Ice Skating Rinks

Interest has been expressed for an indoor ice arena in the vicinity of Victor. Indoor rinks can serve a wide variety of year round activities in addition to ice skating and hockey.

Victor Hockey uses rinks at three facilities that are within twenty miles of Victor. The Greater Canandaigua Civic Center is a fine facility. Thomas Creek Ice Arena in Perinton offers two rinks. ESL Sports Center is adjacent to Monroe Community College. Other rinks are available at greater distances.

Indoor ice skating rinks are expensive to build, maintain, and operate. It is unlikely that a public or commercial rink between Perinton and Canandaigua is feasible. When sufficient demand exists, the Greater Canandaigua Civic Center has the potential to expand to a second rink.

Fitness / Wellness Centers

A fitness/wellness center can be an attractive feature of a community center. The Town must decide its role in providing a fitness/wellness center within the existing market of commercial and other centers such as the YMCA. Approaches could include a Town-owned center providing entry-level services that do not directly compete with other centers or facilities, yet charging market-level fees that would cover all costs. Alternatively, the Town could partner with an entity such as YMCA to provide a facility, or could enable a private enterprise to provide facilities.

Senior Citizens Center

Victor has had a senior citizens' club for many years. A venue available for seniors whenever desired could be an important feature of a community center that could also be available for other activities when not being used for seniors' activities. Senior citizens should participate in the planning of a facility and identify with it. Typically, a lounge, a kitchen, a dining room, and an activity room are found in senior citizens centers. The senior citizens have indicated a need for a larger kitchen facility and have expressed interest in a lodge for a larger meeting space. Meeting rooms could be included as part of the potential community center.

Teen Center

Teen centers can take a variety of forms and serve a wide range of teen needs and activities. They often serve the segment of the teen population that does not participate in athletic and other activities of widespread interest. They can also serve as meeting rooms or places to unwind during time off for those who do participate in athletic programs. Many communities offer teen centers and programs with widely varying successes. The School District offers some programs for such teens. The Town should determine whether and to what extent it should provide a dedicated teen center or whether existing or expanded School District programming or multi-purpose rooms at the proposed community center can serve the range of needs.

The Parks and Recreation Department provides a Teen Adventure Club for those in grades 7 through 12, with most of its 80 participants in the 7th through 10th grades. This group was surveyed by the program director, Steve Hendrickson, about the need for a teen center as part of the potential community center. The conclusions were that a single room within the center would be adequate as a multi-purpose space for various groups, not just teens, to share on a scheduled basis. The Adventure Club currently uses the teachers' lounge for meetings to plan upcoming trips twice a month, and has student officers who monitor the groups' behavior.

To accommodate teen use, appropriate amenities for leisure activity include audio and video equipment, couches, and game tables such as pool, ping-pong, and foosball. The room could be sized to accommodate about 15 to 20 students with permanent space for two game tables. If the room were in the community center, away from the school campus, there would be a need for a bus shuttle to provide access from campus. A supervisor would also be needed at least during peak hours of teen use.

Day Care / Pre-School Center

Day care centers are operated by both commercial and non-profit organizations and are, typically, beyond the range of services provided by towns such as Victor. Neighboring Perinton provides a pre-school center, but not a day care center, at its community center to serve children for short periods of time while parents and guardians are using the facility.

It is not likely that Victor is prepared to operate a day care center at this time. It might carefully consider the feasibility and desirability of providing a pre-school center as part of a community center.

Rooms that serve either a variety of programs and activities or more specialized activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, and socializing are available at the temporary Parks and Recreation offices on Blossom Drive and at the School District. The school also programs these rooms. The main room at the Town Hall, courtroom, and a small room at the library are also available.

Multipurpose rooms are desirable spaces to include in a community center. The projected growth of Town-sponsored recreational and other programs requiring such spaces, in addition to the needs of other growing community organizations for such rooms, will prompt their inclusion in a community center if one is built. Multi-purpose rooms can help reduce capital costs by eliminating construction of specific rooms for single purposes.

Parks and Recreation Department Offices

The department is temporarily housed at 1290 Blossom Drive. If a community center is built, it is probable that the Parks and Recreation Department offices will be relocated to that facility. At that time, the department will increase its responsibilities and staff to enhance both its identity within the community and its efficiency in operating the center and various programs within the center.

Parks Operations Center

Park maintenance staff responsibilities will continue to grow as parkland is acquired and

developed by the Town. The Town constructed an operations center adjacent to the Water and Highway Departments. The space provides indoor equipment and materials storage, maintenance shop, office, and support spaces to serve needs for the foreseeable future.

Other Recreational Opportunities

Many recreational activities cannot or need not be quantified in a master plan. Besides the highly developed facilities which can be quantified for organized activities, there is a need for informal spaces for non-organized sports; informal activities, such as picnicking, walking, kite flying, Frisbee, birding, and many other "non-scheduled" activities; as well as spaces set aside for "quiet", scenic, and environmental enjoyment.

Demands for Recreational Lands

Parks and other public recreational lands are valuable assets to the quality of life in a community. It is also argued that a quality and adequate park system and preservation of important open spaces enhance real estate values and attract residents and businesses to the community.

The quantity and, to a large extent, the types of park land within a community will vary depending on availability, character of land, population density and distribution, and other factors. No single standard applies.

Recreational lands in nearby towns in Monroe County and towns elsewhere vary from approximately ten to fifteen acres of municipal recreational lands per 1,000 people. The Town and Village, including the School District and Boughton Park but not Ganondagan State Historic Site, currently own or have access to approximately 87 acres of recreational lands per 1,000 people. Town and Village parklands account for just over 43 acres per 1000 residents.

As a rapidly growing town with an abundance of open space remaining, the Town should continue to acquire land suitable for recreation to serve future needs while it is reasonably available. The Town should seek to make strategic acquisitions of parcels adjacent to existing parkland wherever possible in order to facilitate park connections to neighborhoods as well as provide more acreage for amenities. Acquisitions should take place in conjunction with approvals of new residential developments only if the land to be acquired suits the needs of the town and fulfills a higher need than what can be achieved with the collection of a recreation fee for each home developed and uses those trust fund moneys for development of existing park land.

Much of the Town's parkland is undeveloped or has very limited development at this time. The need for development of these parklands is increasing as the population grows.

Park Land for Active Recreation

The minimum quantity and nature of parkland to accommodate specific active recreational facilities can be determined. Acquisition of land for active facilities should be suitable for development and should be located for convenient access. Lands adjacent to existing parks should be given higher priority in order to allow for greater expansion capabilities and shared use of nearby existing facilities (i.e. parking and restrooms).

Special Use Recreational Lands

Lands offering unique features or opportunities for activities not otherwise available should be acquired regardless of acreage as opportunities occur. Examples include nature centers, bikeways, scenic vistas, fishing access, and a community center site.

4. Planning

PLANNING

ROLES OF TOWN AND OTHERS

General

In the past several years, Victor's Parks and Recreation Department has been able to establish its role and responsibility for the delivery of various recreational programs and facilities. Since 2002, recreation program offerings have increased 250%. These are now better defined than they were 5 years ago, but will continue to change and probably increase.

Many suppliers of recreational opportunities serve Victor residents. Most developed facilities are on Victor Central School District property. Many adult programs that could be considered "recreational" have been and will continue to be offered by the School District through its Community Education program. The Town & Victor Central School District should work collaboratively to avoid duplication of programs & services. The Village of Victor provides three parks that are used by town residents and for town programs such as its summer concert series. The majority of participants in organized recreational activities belong to organized sports leagues that are nearly always run by volunteers. Commercial and private venues serve demands for ice-skating, golf, equestrian activities, and others.

The Town has recently acquired land holdings on Brace Road (Paparone Park) to be used for parkland along with the Victor Municipal Park property. The Town Parks and Recreation Department implemented a planning process in 2006 to work with residents and the advisory committee to determine the best uses for these lands. A similar planning process should and will likely be a part of most park development projects in the future.

Facilities

The School District will continue to provide the majority of the developed outdoor and indoor facilities used for recreation for the near future. The District reserves priority use of all varsity fields. An inter-municipal agreement between the School District and the Town in 1997 provided for the Town of Victor to pay to the District an amount of \$900,000 payable in ten annual installments toward the District's debt service for capital improvements to its athletic field complex, in return for community use of most fields when they are not being used for school programs. Priorities and methods of scheduling usage are defined in the agreement, which is in effect through 2017. Scheduling of fields is done by the District athletic department.

State and county parks, not-for-profit organizations, and commercial and private operators typically offer facilities and resources that complement, rather than duplicate, facilities offered locally. Many of these facilities serve markets that are much larger in population or geographic area than a town such as Victor. The Greater Canandaigua Civic Center Ice Arena, Thomas Creek Ice Arena in Perinton, golf courses outside of the Town, and Monroe County's Mendon Ponds and Powder Mills Parks are examples of resources available to and used by Victor residents.

With the development of facilities at Dryer Road and Village on the Park, the Town has undertaken some scheduling activities since 2001. As new fields and other facilities become

operational at town parks, the Town must further define its park use policies regarding long-term capital investments, scheduling of facilities, recreational programming, and potential revenue generation.

Policies for acceptance of park land within residential subdivisions are necessary to ensure that lands received by the Town serve identified recreational needs, will be available to all Town residents, and can be appropriately operated and maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. Issues such as parking and other logistics that continue to plague use of some lands such as Village on the Park must be resolved prior to acceptance of these lands.

At a minimum, acceptance of such land should require that it meet criteria for park land and identified needs as defined in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and its subsequent updates; the preliminary subdivision plats and the proposed land parcel be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Director and the Parks and Recreation Citizens' Advisory Committee; means for development, operation, and maintenance are available or will be committed; the anticipated recreational value of the land, as determined by the Town, will be greater than alternative payments to the Town's Section 277 Parks and Recreation Trust Fund; and the land satisfies Section 277 recreational land donations and not the separate requirements for set asides for open space, protection of wetlands, or other non-recreational purposes.

PROGRAMS

Independent, primarily sports, organizations and the Victor Central School District offer a significant majority of recreational programming in Victor. Most of these programs include both Victor and non-Victor residents, most notably residents of Farmington.

The relationship between Victor and Farmington residents is long-standing and is not likely to change in the foreseeable future. As in many other communities, school district boundaries are much stronger than municipal boundaries in determining associations, particularly when school children form relationships at school.

Victor Central School District offers an extensive Community Education program aimed at adult residents of the District. It also offers specialized facilities for a variety of programs. The School District intends to continue its Community Education program and offer programs where a demand is identified.

The School District, as the provider and maintainer of most indoor and outdoor athletic facilities, schedules the community use of its facilities in accordance with the inter-municipal agreement, which is effective for a minimum of ten years. Most of the community sports organizations use School District facilities, use of which has reached saturation in many cases.

The Town of Victor has not historically had the facilities, program capabilities, or administrative resources to offer a broad range of recreational programs or to serve as a "clearing house" for recruiting and scheduling sports leagues or similar organizations.

As the Town develops its parks and indoor facilities, it should identify constituencies that are

not now nor are likely to be served by the School District, existing organizations, or private enterprise. Certain preschool, recreational youth sports, adult sports, and senior citizens' programs may be accommodated in proposed facilities such as a Community Center and offered where sufficient demand justifies. Town programs would then have priority for use of Town facilities and it could schedule use by other organizations at resulting available times.

The department should undergo a thorough review of its recreation programming to better understand the needs of its residents in 2007-2012.

Most of the youth sports programs are presently self-sufficient, rely primarily on the School District for facilities, and include Farmington residents. Many of these programs anticipate continuing growth in participants, current or soon-to-occur shortages of needed facilities, and lack of ability to create their own facilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Northwest Quadrant

Fishers Park and its expansion are lands conveniently located and suitable to serve the northwest quadrant of the Town. The park offers sufficient appropriate acreage to serve active recreation, passive recreation, and special experiences. The Town should acquire additional land as opportunities are presented to allow for connections to the nearby Lehigh Valley Trail.

Southwest Quadrant

Dryer Road Park is well located and suitable to provide active recreation in the southwest quadrant of the Town. The trail connection to Fort Hill at the Ganondagan State Historic Site offers access to parklands intended for special experiences. Potential park expansion should be pursued in the future to accommodate newly arising community needs. The adjacent gravel pit provides additional parkland for passive or active recreation in the future when it is no longer productive or desired for mining gravel.

Southeast Quadrant

The southeast quadrant of the Town is projected to attract nearly half of the Town's growth in households by 2015.

The Town has acquired a 49-acre parcel of land, known as Victor Municipal Park, south of State Route 96 (E. Main St.) and a 16.1-acre parcel on Brace Road known as Paparone Park. Paparone Park is well suited for active recreational facilities. Victor Municipal Park is well suited for passive recreation facilities and has sufficient acreage to buffer facilities and activities from adjacent neighborhoods. If possible, the Town should pursue future land acquisition for park expansion in this rapidly growing quadrant.

Northeast Quadrant

The northeast quadrant of the Town is projected to become the second greatest growth area of the Town by 2015. At least a twenty-acre, preferably thirty-acre, undeveloped park site should be acquired in the northeast quadrant of the Town, ideally near Victor-Egypt Road (County Route 9) and Gillis Road. Additional parklands may be obtained through the development process if it is in the best interest of the town.

The athletic fields at Village on the Park have contributed to the inventory of active facilities but do not fully satisfy the needs of that area of Town, and have presented several logistical problems. In the future, acceptance of small parcels within residential subdivisions for town parks should be discouraged for the following reasons:

- Inefficient use of the land and difficulty of maintenance
- Likely conflicts with neighbors, particularly if scheduled games create street parking, noise, and litter.
- Potential possessiveness of neighborhood residents
- High likelihood of misuse and vandalism.
- Lack of control of the property when the park should be closed.
- Acceptance of such parcels in lieu of fees dilutes the effectiveness of the Trust Fund to meet goals and objectives.

Parks for Special Experiences

Parks for special experiences may be stand-alone parcels containing unique visual, environmental, cultural, or historical interest or they may be discrete sections of larger parks with active recreation.

Parks for special experiences typically occur as opportunities provide. They may become available through outright purchase, various forms of less than fee simple ownership, or they may be donated to the Town or another entity.

While many parcels may be identified as significant landmarks or open spaces, parks should have accommodations for public access, parking, and for appropriate recreational pursuits.

MaryFrances Bluebird Haven is an example of a venue for special experiences. Portions of Fishers Park can be considered venues for special experiences.

The Victor Municipal Park land offers opportunities for many types of uses. Its topography and existing features make it primarily suited to passive recreation. The northern part of Victor Municipal Park contains woods, a meandering stream, and wetlands, making it well suited to become a natural area for trails and wildlife observation. If that becomes its designated use, this part of the park will fit in the category of parks for special experiences. Based on the Wetland Delineation Report, there appears to be sufficient developable land to accommodate a variety of other passive uses at the park, with related parking and support facilities.

Lehigh Crossing Park offers access to regional trails and its wetlands offer opportunities for nature trails and nature study as special experiences.

Trails

Trails are an important component of Victor's recreational inventory. Demand for trails is high in Victor, as it is in most communities.

The portion of the Lehigh Valley Regional Trailway within Victor is owned by the Town and maintained by the Town and Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. Other hiking trails have been developed and maintained by the Town and Victor Hiking Trails, Inc., including the Auburn Trail and Seneca Trail.

Opportunities exist for expansion of the trails network in Victor to link many neighborhoods with other neighborhoods, parks, and other attractions. Additional trails may be destinations offering things to do or see. Inter-municipal coordination, planning, and financing are necessary to link important regional and multi-town trails and to enhance qualification for grants-in-aid.

Outstanding potential opportunities have been identified for regional linkages, particularly to the north and southeast. Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. is actively collaborating with regional and neighboring trails organizations to enable these linkages as integral parts of its trail network.

Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. is a valuable community resource. This volunteer organization, with partial funding from the Town, develops and maintains a system of trails that is intended to eventually link most neighborhoods with parks and other destinations, including sections of the regional Lehigh Valley and Auburn trails. Trails have been built within Dryer Road Park to connect to Fort Hill and beyond at Ganondagan. Most new large housing developments will have trail easements to enable Town goals for trail connections to neighborhoods and parks.

The Town and Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. will collaborate with Genesee Transportation Council in preparing a long-term master plan for a system of trails of various categories within the Town and connecting to trails in neighboring towns. The master plan should identify:

- Specific trail route where it can be identified (such as abandoned rail line)
- Conceptual trail route: alternatives and future availability will determine actual route
- Connectivity to larger inter-municipal trail systems and to other parks/neighborhoods
- Class and specified uses of each trail (or trail segment, where appropriate)
- Construction and maintenance standards for each class of trail
- Provisions for ensuring permanent maintenance
- Potential sources and means of financing acquisition by purchase, easement, permit, or other rights.

The plan should address implementation strategies, land acquisitions, and techniques for obtaining railway rights through purchase, permits, easements, and other means. Roles of the Town and Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. in providing and maintaining trails should be clearly defined and strategies developed to design and construct trails for efficient long term maintenance. The Town should maintain trails on Town property. Trails on private properties should have permanent trail easements and should be maintained by Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.

Acceptance of trail lands or rights should be in accord with the trails master plan to ensure that the lands meet the criteria, comply with public concerns, and can undergo needed maintenance. A variety of trail uses should be encouraged. In addition to hiking trails, opportunities should be explored for additional potential trail uses such as pleasure biking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, and, perhaps, snowmobiling. These uses are not generally compatible with walking, hiking, and jogging but can often be combined where they can be properly designed.

Recommendations for Pedestrian and Bicycle Access

To improve pedestrian and cyclist access, interested groups such as the Walkable Communities Committee (see p. 3-4), the trail development organization Victor Hiking Trails Inc. (see p. 4-5), other trail groups, and the Parks and Recreation and Planning Departments should work cooperatively to provide trail or sidewalk linkages between all neighborhoods and parks, in line with organization goals and the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Recommendations for Outdoor Facilities

The recommendations for land acquisition propose that Town facilities for organized "active" recreation, such as fields and courts, be located within new "parks for active recreation."

Multipurpose Rectangular Athletic Fields

For planning purposes, fields for football, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, rugby, and some other activities are quite similar and can be interchangeable, particularly by seasons of use.

Often, two games of "junior" versions of the sports can be played on one full sized field, but this can lead to over-scheduling and over-use. Sports played on rectangular fields generate considerable wear and damage, which leads to poor quality of play and, more importantly, injuries. Sufficient fields should be provided to allow rotating fields out of service for maintenance and repair. The requests from lacrosse and soccer teams for lighting to allow more field time should be weighed against these concerns.

Current and projected field deficiencies:

	2007		2012	
Football	0		0	
Soccer	2 full size	2 junior	3 full size	2 junior
Lacrosse	1 full size	1 junior	1 full size	1 junior
Relief Field	2 full size		2 full size	
Total Deficiencies	5 full size	3 junior	6 full size	3 junior

Lacrosse and Soccer Fields

Lacrosse is played during spring and summer at the least. Soccer is offered as a year round program. The greatest demands occur during the spring when both sports compete for fields. Two soccer/multipurpose fields have been developed at Village on the Park and will be transferred to the Town. In the event these fields are scheduled for league games, it is recommended that they be lightly scheduled until their impact on the surrounding neighborhood is determined. These fields will satisfy the demand for two junior soccer fields.

Two fields were constructed at Dryer Road Park in 2002. One is sized for lacrosse. The other is a multipurpose field of sufficient size to accommodate one full-size lacrosse or soccer field or two junior soccer fields.

To serve the remaining 2012 deficiency of rectangular fields, five additional full size and three additional junior fields should be built at one or more of the proposed parks for active

recreation, depending on availability of the parks and the recommendations of proposed master development plans for each of the parks.

Farmington built Mertensia Park in 2005 with one adult size baseball field, 2 soccer fields, 2 tennis courts, and one basketball court. These facilities alleviate some of the need for similar ones in Victor, as they accommodate approximately the number of non-victor residents using fields in Victor. Thus the 2012 deficiency could potentially be reduced by one baseball and one soccer field (or by only one field, depending on scheduling conflicts/access).

It is desirable to have a venue with several (at least five or six) rectangular fields at one location for convenience of players, families, and officials; for enhanced visibility of the venue; for efficiency of administration, operations, and maintenance; for support of concessions; and particularly, for the ability to accommodate tournaments that require multiple fields.

The Victor Central Schools campus offers such a potential and is easily accessed for tournaments. Dryer Road Park could accommodate five or six fields, with the remainder of fields that will be needed in the future distributed throughout the other proposed parks for active recreation. A community center with a field house, currently under consideration, could serve this need.

Baseball and Softball Fields

Youth baseball requires three sizes of fields. They are fields with 90-foot, 75-foot, and 60-foot baselines and roughly proportionally sized outfields. Softball also uses 60-foot baselines, although adult softball elsewhere often uses 65- or 70-foot baselines. T-ball and mini fields use 40-50-ft. baselines. While softball and youth baseball use the same size fields, construction of the fields differs.

Baseball and softball fields are typically used for shorter seasons and experience less wear and damage than rectangular fields. A good maintenance program can allow fields to remain playable without the rotation recommended for the rectangular fields.

Victor Community Baseball and Softball Association, Inc. uses twelve to fourteen existing fields. The fields serve its needs only through its policy of shortening games and practice sessions to accommodate its program. V.C.B.S. has expressed a need for two baseball/softball practice fields. It projects a five to ten percent annual growth rate; census data suggest it may be higher, as it was in 2006. Assuming 40% population growth per decade, 4 to 5 additional fields, (1 full, 4 junior) would be needed by 2012 to accommodate all users.

The Victor Parks and Recreation Department might consider the potential of offering baseball or softball programs to persons not served by the existing program. Two softball fields should be developed in one of the parks for active recreation to serve anticipated 2012 needs. There should be at least one softball field in each of the parks for recreational, not league, use.

Outdoor Basketball Courts

The existing travel and recreational youth basketball programs cite a need for outdoor courts in parks to allow them to play small-team tournaments or summer camp programs. There is also a need for indoor or outdoor courts with enough baskets to be used in full-court or half-court games, along with adjustable youth baskets of safe, durable quality construction. There is also a need for casual-use courts not scheduled for league use.

Outdoor Tennis Courts

There does not appear to be a need at this time for additional outdoor tennis courts. Existing outdoor courts at the school campus and at Fishers Park should serve the needs of players who do not play on private, club, or commercial courts. However, for convenience of players, it is suggested that two courts be considered for each of the three remaining proposed parks for active recreation. Two courts use roughly one fourth of an acre of land and are roughly the size of two full size outdoor basketball courts. Occasional attempts elsewhere to combine tennis and basketball courts are usually unsuccessful due to conflicts for use of the courts and incompatibility of the nature of the two activities.

Outdoor Aquatics Centers

Consideration of an indoor aquatics center is included in the proposed feasibility study for a community center. The Town may elect to expand the scope of that study to include some form of indoor-outdoor, retractable roof, or other technique.

Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks

Outdoor ice skating rinks with naturally frozen ice are popular. However, they are not dependable in Victor's climate, requiring considerable labor to create and maintain suitable ice for very few days of skating. Efforts to create ice on parking lots, tennis courts, and similar "retrofits" should not be attempted. At this time, the Parks and Recreation Department is not capable of providing staff at the times needed to build and maintain an ice skating rink.

At some future time, the roller hockey / box lacrosse rink at Dryer Road Park might be considered for use as a hockey size ice skating rink, for special events or seasonal programs.

If feasible, this could occur after construction of a roof and support facilities and when adequate staff and/or volunteers are available to build and maintain ice and operate the facility. It should be noted that most demand for ice skating and hockey occur during winter evenings, which requires lighting of the rink and possible disturbance of neighboring residents.

In-line Skating, Skateboarding, Roller Hockey and Box Lacrosse

A dedicated permanent skateboard park should be built at a central location within the Town, perhaps at Victor Municipal Park, Paparone Park, Lehigh Crossing Park, or at another location within or near the Village. The rink constructed at Dryer Road Park in 2002 will serve roller hockey and box lacrosse. It can also serve arena soccer and other activities. It should not be considered as a short-term venue for a skateboard park for scheduling and logistical considerations.

Recommendations for Indoor Facilities

Community Center

A community center containing a variety of indoor facilities has been proposed in a Town referendum. The choices of facilities to be included within a community center or elsewhere must be based on analyses and evaluations of needs and capabilities. This would include the information gleaned from the 2006 park user survey, which indicates a combination of features that would be an attractive and appropriate asset.

From the 2006 survey and from levels of facility use in other communities, there appears to be sufficient demand for some or all of the proposed facilities, such as:

- Multipurpose field house or gymnasium with running track
- Fitness center
- Pool or aquatics center
- Lockers and showers for field house and for pool or fitness center
- Senior citizens' area
- Multi-purpose rooms
- Department of Parks and Recreation offices
- Kitchen / cooking space
- Pre-school space

Some interest has also been expressed in relocating the library to the community center. A community center is a significant capital investment and an ongoing operational commitment. A Town-wide referendum expected in 2007 will determine the extent of community support for building a center using bond revenues.

5. Goals and Objectives

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Planning for providing recreational lands, facilities, and services requires a definition of the role of parks and recreation within the context of the Town's overall vision, needs, and capabilities. Policies, goals, and objectives for providing parks and recreational opportunities must be consistent with the Town's overall planning as described in its Comprehensive Plan.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission statement of the Victor Parks and Recreation Department is:

"The Town of Victor Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to offering residents a balanced system of parklands, preservation of open spaces, and broad-based leisure opportunities that will foster growth of healthy lifestyles."

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOALS AND POLICIES

Following are goals and policies for recreation, open space, and historic resources adopted in July 1992, with 1994 Growth Management Committee revisions, and included in the 1995 Comprehensive Plan:

Goals:

- Promote the creation of a diversity of active and passive recreation facilities within the Town for all age groups.
- Capitalize on unique scenic, historic, and cultural assets, including Ganondagan and scenic ravines for recreational and educational pursuits.

Policies:

- Periodically evaluate demand for additional recreation facilities as residential development continues and prepare recommendations accordingly.
- Undertake a detailed analysis to identify potential development of sites for public recreation.
- Require dedicated fees or land from residential subdivision developers for recreation purposes.
- Encourage private construction of and maintenance of public recreation space.
- Encourage "clustering" where appropriate to preserve desirable woodlands, ravines, and vistas.
- Encourage a voluntary Town-wide trail system.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

The following goals and objectives for parks and recreation build upon the Mission Statement of the Parks and Recreation Department and the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. They reflect the expressed sense of the Town Board, of the Parks and Recreation Citizens' Advisory Committee, and of Town residents.

Goal 1

Promote the creation of a diversity of active and passive recreation facilities within the Town for all age groups.

Objective 1

Acquire and develop a system of Town recreational facilities that includes parks for active recreation, parks for special experiences, and a network of trails.

Objective 2

Recognize the importance of recreational lands and facilities provided by the School District, neighboring communities, and other levels of government, including the Village, County, and State.

Objective 3

Encourage private construction and maintenance of recreational facilities available to Town residents.

Objective 4

Partner with private, non-profit, volunteer, and other organizations to provide public access to significant natural, scenic, and historic sites.

Objective 5

Recognize the importance of space within parks for individual and family informal recreation.

Objective 6

Continue to encourage and support a voluntary Town-wide trails system. Develop trails that serve as park-to-park and residential area-to-park linkages, and install trail and park signage throughout Town for ease of wayfinding.

Objective 7

Preserve significant open spaces within the Town in addition to parkland for environmental and aesthetic values.

Objective 8

Continue to pursue a plan for implementation of a community center that will serve the community's most important needs and that can be constructed, operated, and maintained within the Town's capabilities.

Goal 2

Capitalize on unique scenic, historical, and cultural assets, including Ganondagan and scenic ravines, for recreational and education pursuits.

Objective 1

Partner with Ganondagan State Historic Site to provide co-sponsored programs and special events at Ganondagan and Dryer Road Park.

Objective 2

Acquire lands or rights thereto for the purpose of preserving open space and enhancing environmental, aesthetic, and cultural values - in addition to parkland.

Objective 3

Encourage new development that will preserve desirable woodlands, ravines, and vistas.

Objective 4

Provide access and trails on significant lands where appropriate.

Objective 5

Create buffers along stream corridors that will protect stream channels, enable trails and linkages, and provide water access for fishing and other compatible activities.

Objective 5

Publicize the trails within the Town and the unique scenic, historic, and cultural assets of the Town that are accessible to the public.

Objective 7

Cooperate with neighboring towns and other agencies to expand inter-municipal and regional trailways, particularly along waterways and historical routes.

Objective 8

Recognize that revitalization of the Village can create an identifiable "center" or "destination" for the Town, enhance recreational pursuits, attract visitors, and contribute to economic activity.

Objective 9

Attract tourism as an economic benefit to the Town through the promotion of recreational opportunities unique to Victor.

Objective 10

Plan and execute programs for residents and others in the parks and on the trails.

Goal 3

Provide high-quality recreational lands, facilities, and programs in a fiscally appropriate manner.

Objective 1

Recognize that well-planned, well-designed, high-quality facilities are investments that can reduce ongoing long-term operating and maintenance costs.

Objective 2

Prepare master development plans for the development of each park property with priorities, potential phasing, and cost estimates to maximize efficiency and cost effectiveness of development, to enable long term capital planning, to serve as basis for applications for grants in aid, and to take advantage of unique opportunities as they occur.

Objective 3

Provide adequate resources to enable a high quality of maintenance and operation of parks and recreational facilities that will extend useful life, maintain safety and accessibility standards, justify appropriate fees and charges, and enhance the value of the recreational experience.

Objective 4

Continue to participate in inter-municipal agreements for provision of lands, facilities, and programs where costs may be shared for mutual benefit.

Objective 5

Aggressively pursue state, federal, and other sources of financial assistance for land acquisition and development and for certain programs.

Objective 6

Do not accept parkland on behalf of the Town, which does not satisfy the goals, objectives, and criteria of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Objective 7

Continue to impose fees in lieu of land on new residential development unless a particularly favorable situation occurs to justify acceptance of land.

Objective 8

Annually review the amount of the fees on new residences and adjust to reflect costs of providing recreational lands and facilities.

Objective 9

Implement a comprehensive system of fees for programs and charges for use of facilities that will generate revenues to offset operating costs, recognizing that many participants are not Victor residents.

Objective 10

Encourage and support the planning, acquisition, development, and maintenance of trails by volunteers.

Goal 4

Ensure that parks and recreational offerings are responsive to the needs and desires of the community.

Objective 1

Adopt and periodically update this Master Plan, ideally every five years.

Objective 2

Inform the public and seek public input periodically and during specific planning processes.

Objective 3

Continue a strong Parks and Recreation Citizens' Advisory Committee with broad-based community representation.

Objective 4

Maintain strong working relations with the sports leagues and other organizations, which provide recreational services within the community.

Objective 5

Promote the Parks and Recreation Department, the Town's parks and facilities, and its recreational programs.

Objective 6

Develop the Parks and Recreation site on the Town's community web site to provide information on Town parks and programs, schedules, and, as capabilities permit, registrations and payments for programs.

Objective 7

Provide lands, facilities, and programs to accommodate persons of differing abilities, including those with disabilities.

Objective 8

Benchmark the rate of success toward achieving out programmatic goals and objectives by using a scientifically valid community survey every 5 years.

6. Action Plan

ACTION PLAN

GENERAL

The Town should acquire, plan, develop, and improve land and facilities which will enable it to meet community recreational needs within five years and to provide land to accommodate development to serve needs beyond five years, including reducing dependency on school facilities.

Recreation and Wellness Center

The Town undertook a professionally guided study in 2002 to determine the feasibility of building a community center and assess demand for its potential facilities. The study estimated costs, projected appropriate revenues, and discussed implementation. At that time, the community supported the idea of building a center and increasing property taxes to pay for bonding to fund construction. A Town-wide bonding referendum will be held in 2007. The Town and School District have signed a memorandum of understanding to work on preliminary decision-making. Features under consideration are listed on page 4-9.

LAND ACQUISITION (see Proposed Parks map, next page)

New Parks for Active Recreation

Northeast Quadrant; Southeast Quadrant

Acquire a parcel of not less than twenty, preferably thirty, acres suitable for development of active recreational facilities in the northeast quadrant of the Town. Consider acquisition of a parcel for active recreation in the southeast quadrant of the Town if land becomes available.

Expansion of Existing Parks

Southeast Quadrant

To satisfy the growing needs of the community for passive recreation opportunities, the Town should add to the centrally located Victor Municipal Park by acquiring the adjacent 8.8-acre parcel to the west should it become available. The undeveloped land is part of Great Brook Apartments. To satisfy the growing needs of the community for active recreation opportunities, the Town should acquire the adjacent 6-acre parcel south of Papparone Park should it become available.

Northwest Quadrant

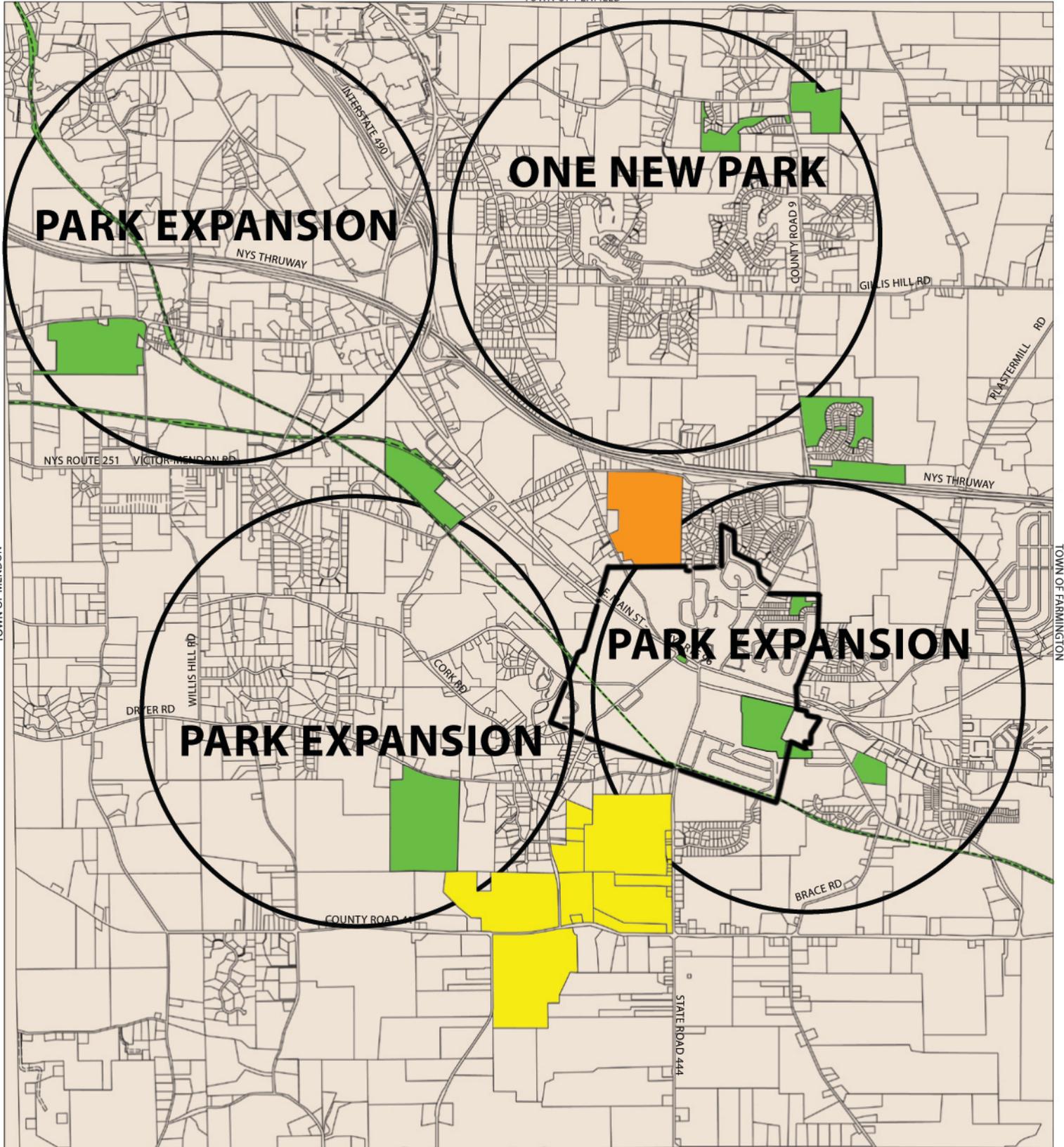
To accomplish the goal of expanding parks and providing trail connections to parks, the Town should acquire rights to enough land along Old Dutch Road to connect the southwest corner of Fishers Park to the Lehigh Valley Trail. This should be integrated into the Town's agreement with the proposed Bluestone Creek subdivision, if the Town Board approves the project.

Southwest Quadrant

Land at Dryer Road Park should be developed according to the list of amenities slated for phase two under the section below, 'Development through Five Years.'

PROPOSED PARKS, TOWN & VILLAGE OF VICTOR

TOWN OF PENFIELD



TOWN OF MENDON

TOWN OF FARMINGTON

TOWN OF EAST BLOOMFIELD

NOT TO SCALE

LEGEND

- TOWN/VILLAGE PARK LAND
- GANONDAGAN STATE HISTORIC SITE
- BOUGHTON PARK
- VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



TOWN OF VICTOR, ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK
 BASED ON THE MAP:
TOWN AND VILLAGE OWNED LANDS
 SNIEDZE ASSOCIATES - CONSULTING ENGINEERS
 CANANDAIGUA, NEW YORK

Parks for Special Experiences

Acquire or accept lands and set aside portions of large town parks which offer unique or significant recreational opportunities or appropriate space for development of a "stand alone" recreational facility. This will occur as specific opportunities arise.

Trails

The Town should pursue inter-municipal connections to the Lehigh Valley, Auburn, and Seneca trails, and the Eastern trail to Lake Ontario. It should also continue efforts to extend the Auburn Trail North to the Perinton town line, through Federal Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) funding secured in 2007.

Enable and implement, where practical, the objective of at least one trail within one mile of any point within the Town, per American Hiking Association recommendations. In doing so, create trail connections between parks and from neighborhoods to parks wherever possible. Park expansion and development plans should make use of stream corridors as pedestrian trail linkages to parks to be consistent with the vision of the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

The Town should upgrade remaining/existing revocable permits along trails to permanent easements where feasible.

PARK PLANNING

Master Development Plans

Prepare master plans for the ultimate development of future and existing parks:

- Fishers Park
- Lehigh Crossing Park
- Victor Municipal Park (Adopted November, 2006)
- Papparone Park (Adopted November, 2006)
- Harlan Fisher Park
- Dryer Road Park, phase II

Upon acquisition of parkland for active recreation in the northeast quadrant, prepare a master development plan for its development.

Development through Five Years and Beyond

Indoor Facilities

Community Center / Indoor Facility (to be determined pending 2007 referendum)

Facilities under consideration in 2007 (per SWBR plan):

- Future Swimming pool: 25 meters long with spectator facilities, lockers, and showers or aquatic center as phase II
- Field house - with running track, courts, lockers, and showers
- Gymnasium
- Fitness / wellness center with locker rooms
- Senior citizens' area
- Meeting, activity, and multi-purpose rooms

Kitchen
Preschool space
Walking/jogging track
Department of Parks and Recreation offices
Consider feasibility of library

Parks Primarily for Active Recreation

Dryer Road Park

Two additional multipurpose fields, 2012 - 2017
Individual picnic area and shelter, 2007 - 2010
Additional multi-use trails and kiosk, 2007 - 2012
Park development master plan, 2007 - 2010
Pave existing parking area, 2007 - 2012

Proposed park, northeast quadrant, 2007 - 2012

One or two multipurpose field(s) (one as a spare field), 2007 - 2012
Two junior baseball or softball fields, 2007 - 2012
Informal recreational fields for individual, non-organized activities, 2007 - 2012
Individual picnic areas with open pavilions 2007 - 2012
Children's play area, 2007 - 2012
Nature Center / Pavilion with nature trail, 2007 - 2012

Paparone Park

Two multipurpose rectangular practice fields
(1 large with lights, 1 small/medium), 2007
Two baseball or softball fields, 2007
5-ft. wide walking/jogging path, 2007 - 2012
10-ft.-wide multipurpose paved trail with bridges over wetland, 2007 - 2012
Children's play area with canopy, adjacent to picnic area and fields, 2007 - 2012
Pavilion with small picnic area, 2007 - 2012
Restroom/storage building, 2007
Basketball Courts, 2007 - 2012
Parking lot with overflow area, 2007
Striped crosswalk connection to multi-use trail at Victor Municipal Park, 2007

Village on the Park (facilities for Town-wide use)

Additional parking for athletic field users, 2007 - 2012
New trails on drumlin and wooded area maintained for walking, x-c skiing, 2007 - 2012
Benches, landscaping and shade trees for those using playground area, 2007 - 2010
Playground set for the 5 to 12 age group, near existing playground, 2007 - 2010
Multi-purpose court near soccer fields to accommodate basketball, tennis,
skateboarding, etc. , 2007 - 2012
Re-grading of existing sledding hill, 2007 - 2010
Additional sledding hill at back side of drumlin with parking off Route 9, 2007 - 2012
Trees on property line between houses and drumlin (resident watering), 2007 - 2010
Rehabilitation of two existing fields, 2007 - 2012
Addition of multi-use field, 2007 - 2012
Trees on property line between multi-use fields and thruway, 2007 - 2010

Parks Primarily for Passive Recreation

Lehigh Crossing Park

Horse trailer parking and connection to Lehigh Valley Trail, 2012 - 2017
Access and Parking improvements, 2007
Park sign, 2007 - 2010
Park development master plan, 2007 - 2012
Picnic area and shelter, 2007 - 2010
Trail improvements, 2007 - 2012, 2012 - 2017

Victor Municipal Park

Informal recreational field for individual, non-organized activities, 2007
Individual picnic areas with open pavilions, 2007 - 2012, 2012 - 2017
Children's play area adjacent to picnic area, 2007 - 2012
5-ft. wide walking/jogging path, 2007 - 2012
10-ft. wide multipurpose paved trail, 2007 - 2012, 2012 - 2017
Parking lot with overflow area, 2007 - 2012
Two lodges, 2007 - 2012, 2012 - 2017
Restroom building, 2007 - 2012
Pond with fishing platform and dock, 2007 - 2012
Boardwalk over wetland, 2007 - 2012
Nature trail, 2012 - 2017
Information kiosk, 2007 - 2012
Bandstand, 2012 - 2017
Volleyball, bocce, and shuffleboard courts, 2012 - 2017

Fishers Park

Group picnic area with open pavilion, 2007 - 2010
Children's play area, 2007 - 2012
Trail connection to Lehigh Valley Trail, 2007 - 2012
Park development master plan, 2007 - 2010
Pave existing parking lots, 2007 - 2010
Trails improvements and bridge replacements, 2007 - 2010
Tennis court improvements, 2007 - 2010
Creek erosion control, 2007 - 2012
Upgrade little league baseball field (T-ball), 2007 - 2012

Harlan Fisher Park

Pave access road and parking area; eliminate second half of parking loop, 2007 - 2010
Landscape within parking island, 2007 - 2010
Update playground; add rock-climbing wall, 2007 - 2010
Improve swale drainage, 2007 - 2010
Thin parts of wooded area, 2007 - 2010
Consider bollards or fencing between lot and lawn area, 2007 - 2012
Picnic area and shelter, 2007 - 2012

Mary Frances Bluebird Haven

Oil and chip parking area and driveway; widen driveway entrance, 2007 - 2012
Stock pond and install observation deck on south side of pond, 2007 - 2012

Install benches around pond along trail, 2007 - 2012
Remove garage and add picnic pavilion, 2007 - 2012
Pave existing parking area for 15 vehicles, 2007 - 2010

Additional Specialized Facilities for Active Recreation Parks

As determined per individual park master plans

General Support Facilities for Active Recreation Parks

At each active recreation park

Parking - at least 70 cars per competition athletic field and 31 to 40 per practice field, plus parking for each other activity as appropriate

Restrooms

Concession stand - wherever two or more fields exist

Equipment storage - at least 200 square feet for maintenance and activities equipment

Water fountain and/or hose connection - at all athletic fields

Walks, paths, and necessary vehicular circulation accessible to persons with disabilities

Identification, informational, and regulatory signage in accordance with a Town-wide coordinated graphics and wayfinding system

Various other support facilities as required for specific facilities and activities within each park

Trail Construction, Expansion, and Maintenance

The Town should provide financial and logistical support to Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. to assist the volunteer development and maintenance of trails to the extent it may legally do so. The two should work together to continually update and improve the trails web page and mapping, as has been done so far by the trails group.

Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. should secure rights to develop and maintain trailways in accordance with the upcoming Trails Master Plan. The Trails Master Plan should be in concert with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for consistency of vision and implementation.

The Town should develop, promote, and install a consistent system of informational trail wayfinding signage and graphics.

It is the long-term goal of the Parks and Recreation Department that the Town should develop and maintain existing or proposed trails within Town parks or other Town-owned lands.

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

General

The following capital improvements are based on the proposed "Action Plan" and are believed to be possible within the five-year period of this plan.

Costs of the proposed acquisition and development of the Auburn Trail Improvements and Connections are not included in this plan.

Estimates of state, federal, or other aid that would reduce Town costs are not included.

Estimated costs are based on current contracted professional and construction costs in the geographic area for appropriate quality of municipal construction. Costs should be adjusted annually to reflect changes in construction costs.

Proposed Actions - 2007 through 2012 (in 2007 dollars)

- Phase 1 = Near Term Improvements (1 to 3 Years)
- Phase 2 = Mid-Term Improvements (2 to 5 Years)
- Phase 3 = Long-Term Improvements (5 to 10 Years and Beyond)

Victor Municipal Park

Phase 1:

Clearing and Grubbing – 2 Acres	8,000	
Earthwork, Fill, Topsoil	124,000	
Roadway (Fabric and Stone)	145,000	
Drainage Improvements	50,000	
Fine Grading and Seeding/Lawns – 1.5 Acres	6,000	
	Subtotal	333,000

Phase 2:

Misc. Grading and Drainage	75,000	
Clearing and Grubbing	46,000	
Roadway (pave) – 2,500 LF	230,000	
Paved Walking/Bicycle Trail – 1,930 LF	183,200	
Restroom Building	175,000	
Concrete Sidewalks, Walkways, Trails	141,500	
Picnic Area and Shelter	50,000	
Fine Grading and Seeding/Lawns – 2 Acres	38,000	
Site Utilities	195,000	
Large Playground	80,000	
Lodge	450,000	
Timber Boardwalk – 550 LF	82,500	
Parking Lot and Site Lighting	70,000	
	Subtotal	1,816,200
	Total	\$2,149,200

Dryer Road Park

Phase 1:

Picnic Area and Shelter	50,000	
	Subtotal	\$50,000

Phase 2:

Pave Existing Stone Parking Area	50,000	
Seasonal Ice Skating Rink - Lighted	150,000	
	Subtotal	\$200,000
	Total	\$250,000

Lehigh Crossing Park

Phase 1:

Picnic Area and Shelter	50,000	
	Subtotal	\$50,000

Phase 2:

Survey	12,000	
Master Development Plan	20,000	
Trails and Miscellaneous	62,000	
	Subtotal	\$94,000
	Total	\$144,000

Fishers Park

Survey of Active Portion	8,000	
Master Development Plan	20,000	
Upgrade Little League Baseball Field (T-ball)	10,000	
Creek Erosion Control at Ball Field	10,000	
Picnic Area and Shelter	25,000	
Trail Improvements and Bridge Replacements	35,000	
	Total	\$108,000

Paparone Park

Phase 1:

Large Multi-Use Athletic Fields	70,000	
Misc. Grading, Drainage, Seeding	136,000	
Little League/Softball Fields – 2 @ \$50,000ea.	100,000	
Roadway/Parking Lot	87,000	
	Subtotal	393,000

Phase 2:

Basketball Court	30,000	
Roadway, Sidewalks, Parking, Trails	148,000	
Misc. Grading, Drainage, Seeding	52,000	
Landscape Plantings	50,000	
Site Utilities	80,000	
Parking Lot and Site Lighting	100,000	
	Subtotal	460,000
	Total	\$853,000

Village on the ParkPhase 1:

Playground Improvements (6-10-year-olds' play set)	40,000	
Shade Trees and Benches for Playground	2,500	
Recondition Two Existing Multi-Use Fields	5,000	
Regrade Existing Sledding Area	5,000	
Pave Parking for 20 Vehicles	32,000	
	Subtotal	84,500

Phase 2:

Add Parking for 40 Vehicles at Field Area	100,000	
	Subtotal	100,000
	Total	\$184,500

Harlan Fisher Park

Drainage Improvements	10,000	
Pave Parking Lot and Entrance; Upgrade Landscaping	36,000	
Selective Clear More of Wooded Area	6,000	
Add Playset to Accommodate 5-10 Year-Old Age Group	40,000	
Upgrade Entrance Walkways from Neighborhood	10,000	
	Total	\$102,000

Mary Frances Bluebird HavenPhase 1:

Upgrade Pond and Stock with Fish	5,000	
Pave and Widen Existing Driveway	40,000	
Construct Parking for 15 Vehicles at Cottage	20,000	
	Subtotal	65,000

Phase 2:

Demolish Garage; Construct Picnic Area and Shelter	25,000	
Fishing Platform/Dock	10,000	
	Subtotal	35,000
	Total	\$100,000

Trails

Town support to volunteer Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.:		
Assume \$5,000 per year for trail amenities, maintenance equipment, and materials for Town-owned trails	25,000	
	Total	\$25,000

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Five-Year Update (2012)	25,000	
	Total	\$25,000

Grand Total:	\$3,940,700
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FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN TOTAL

Proposed Actions - Beyond 2012

Victor Municipal Park

- Fishing Dock and Platform
- Paved Walking/Bicycle Trail – 1,660 LF
- Band Stand
- Lodge
- Site Utilities
- Landscape Plantings
- Volleyball, Bocce, Shuffleboard Courts
- Picnic Area and Shelter
- Nature Trail – 650 LF
- Fine Grading and Seeding/Lawns – 2 Acres

Dryer Road Park

- Master Development Plan, Future Development
- Entrance Road and Additional Parking - 150 spaces +/-
- Misc. Trail Improvements (kiosk, new trails)
- Two Multi-Use Fields (Future)

Lehigh Crossing Park

- Trails and Miscellaneous
- Parking for Horse Trailers and Horse Trail Access to Lehigh Valley Trail

Fishers Park

- Pave Existing Parking Lots (2)
- Tennis Court Improvements
- Trails, Connection to Lehigh Valley Trail
- Warming Hut for Cross-Country Skiing and Snowshoeing

Proposed Park - Northeast Quadrant

Phase 1:

Acquisition - assume 25 acres (minimum size developable for active and passive recreation)

Phase 2&3:

- Survey
- Master Development Plan
- Two Multi-Use Fields
- Two Baseball / Softball Fields
- Restroom, Concession, Storage Building
- Children's Play Area
- Parking for 100 Vehicles
- Miscellaneous

Paparone Park

- Basketball Court
- Lighting of Large Multi-Use Field

Large Playground
Restroom/Storage Building
Picnic Area and Shelter
Trails and Bridges

Village on the Park

Basketball/Multi-Use Court
Misc. Trail Improvements
New Sledding Area and Parking (8 spaces)
One Multi-Use Rectangular Field

Harlan Fisher Park

Picnic Area and Shelter

PROPOSED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The following six pages are three pages of aerial maps of Fishers Park, Lehigh Crossing Park, Village on the Park, Dryer Road Park, Monkey Run Trails, Mary Frances Bluebird Haven, and Harlan Fisher Park. The three pages following those are the development master plans and section drawings for Victor Municipal Park and Papparone Park. On these maps and plans is depicted the locations of all the improvements set forth in action plan above and estimated in the preceding five-year capital plan.



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FISHERS PARK

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LEHIGH CROSSING PARK

TOWN OF VICTOR, ONTARIO COUNTY, NY





VILLAGE ON THE PARK

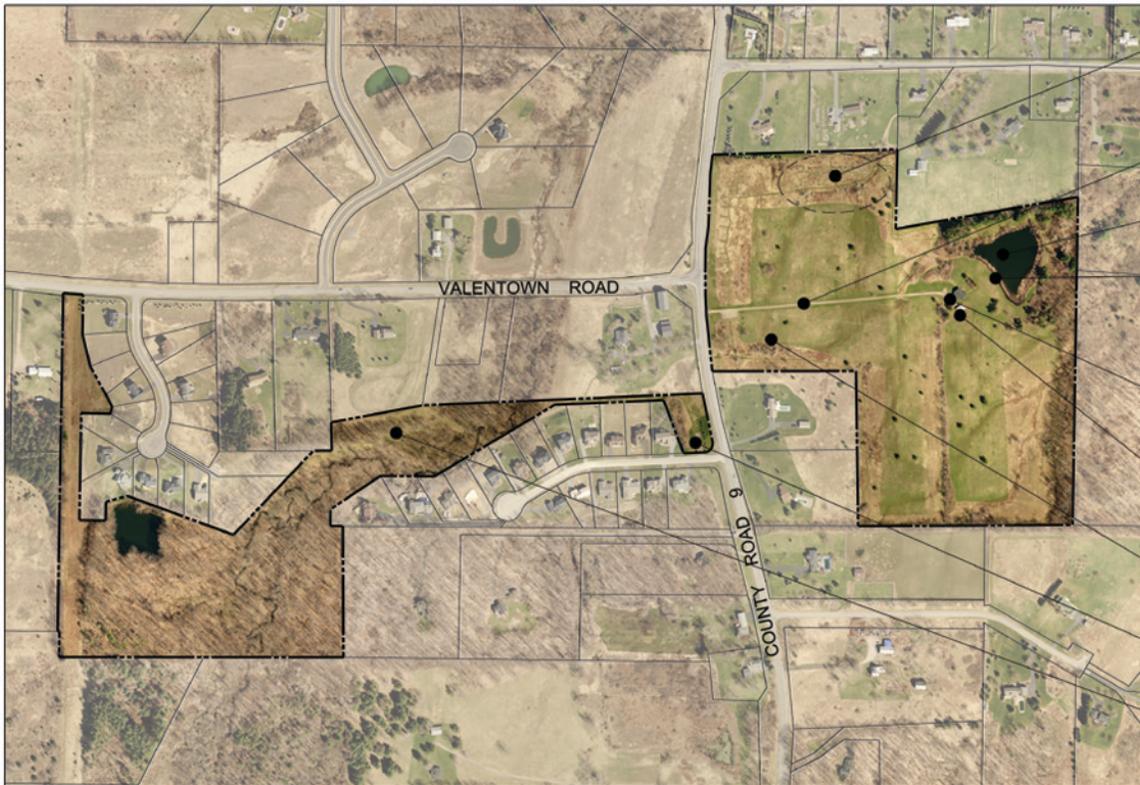
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DRYER ROAD PARK

TOWN OF VICTOR, ONTARIO COUNTY, NY





- EXISTING WILDLIFE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AREA TO REMAIN
- WIDEN AND PAVE ENTRANCE DRIVE
- IMPROVE POND AND STOCK WITH FISH
- PROVIDE FISHING PLATFORM ON SOUTH POND EDGE
- EXPAND AND PAVE PARKING TO FIT 15 VEHICLES
- DEMOLISH GARAGE AND PROVIDE PICNIC AREA WITH SHELTER
- EXISTING ORCHARD TO REMAIN
- EXISTING PARKING TO REMAIN
- EXISTING HIKING TRAILS TO REMAIN

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MONKEY RUN TRAILS

MARY FRANCES BLUEBIRD HAVEN



TOWN OF VICTOR, ONTARIO COUNTY, NY

REMOVE SURFACE SWALE AND REGRADE LOW SPOTS.

PROVIDE 5-10 YEAR-OLD PLAYSET. EXISTING PLAYSET TO REMAIN.

IMPROVE ENTRANCE PATHS FROM NEIGHBORHOOD



PICNIC AREA AND SHELTER

PAVE PARKING LOT AND ENTRANCE DRIVE.

ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPING AROUND PARKING LOT. RETURN EXCESS PARKING TO LAWN.

SELECTIVE CLEARING OF TREES AND BRUSH FOR PARK USER SAFETY AND SECURITY.

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HARLAN FISHER PARK



TOWN OF VICTOR, ONTARIO COUNTY, NY



VICTOR MUNICIPAL PARK MASTER PLAN

BRACE ROAD
TOWN OF VICTOR
ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK

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5 FT. WIDE WALKING / JOGGING TRAIL

EXISTING WETLANDS (TYP.)

EARTH WAVE PLAY AREA

5 FT. WIDE WALKING / JOGGING TRAIL

PLAYGROUND WITH OVERHEAD CANOPY

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE (TYP. OF 2)

10 FT. WIDE STRIPED CROSSWALK CONNECTION TO ENTRANCE TRAIL TO VICTOR MUNICIPAL PARK

10 FT. WIDE PAVED MULTI-USE TRAIL

BASKETBALL COURTS

PICNIC PAVILION (1200 S.F.)

RESTROOM / STORAGE BUILDING (1,000 S.F.)

PICNIC AREA (TYP.)

PARKING LOT (106 SPACES)

BRACE ROAD

MULTI-PURPOSE ATHLETIC FIELD 225' X 360'

MULTI-PURPOSE ATHLETIC FIELD 160' X 300'
SOFTBALL / BASEBALL PRACTICE FIELD (230' BASELINE, 260' CENTERFIELD)

SOFTBALL / BASEBALL PRACTICE FIELD (200' BASELINE & CENTERFIELD)

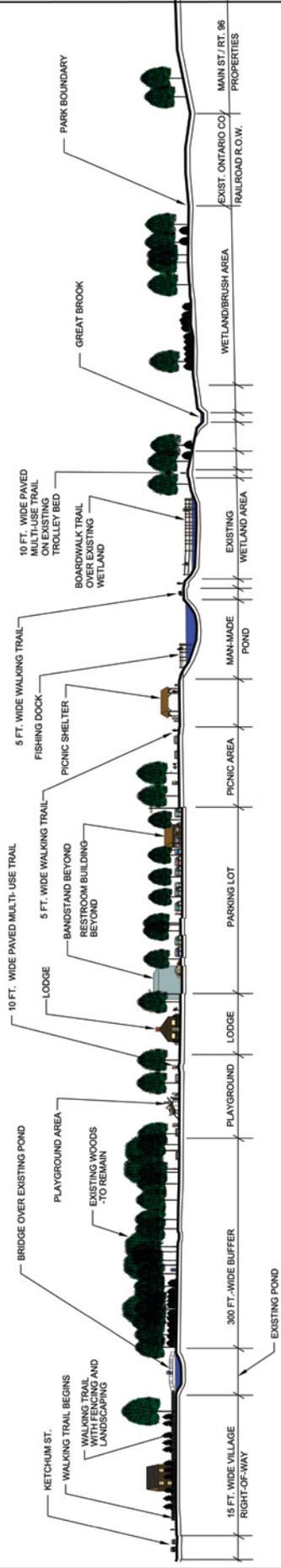
PAPARONE PARK MASTER PLAN

BRACE ROAD
TOWN OF VICTOR
ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK

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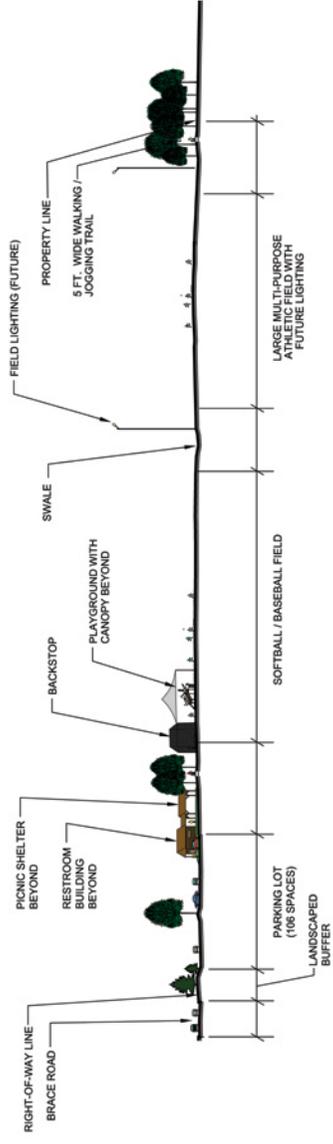


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SECTION 'A' - VICTOR MUNICIPAL PARK (NORTH / SOUTH)

VERTICAL: 1 inch = 50 ft.



SECTION 'B' - PAPANONE PARK (EAST / WEST)

VERTICAL: 1 inch = 50 ft.

VICTOR MUNICIPAL PARK AND PAPANONE PARK

TOWN OF VICTOR
ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK



7. Financing

FINANCING

Acquisition of Park Lands

The recommended acquisition and development of recreational lands and facilities should achieve a balance of municipal recreational opportunities to serve Victor's growing needs within the projected future.

Acquisition of park land for future needs should be a priority while large parcels of suitable land are available and before land costs increase. Development of recreational lands according to carefully prepared master development plans for each property will ensure cost effective development and enhance eligibility for financial assistance.

Private resources and private-public partnerships should be used where appropriate opportunities exist to provide maximum benefit at the least public cost. Some possible resources are the Genesee Land Trust, the Finger Lakes Land Trust, and the Mendon Foundation. Another possible avenue is the creation of endowments or charitable giving instruments that could be used to give land or money to the Town for use as or purchase of new parkland.

Sources of Financial Assistance

Many vehicles and combinations of vehicles are available for financing the acquisition and development of public parks and recreational facilities, Local funds, human resources, and equipment can be applied against various sources of state, federal, and other financial assistance to achieve maximum value for the local expenditure. The use of lands for public purposes short of outright purchase, particularly for trails and similar uses, should be considered where appropriate. Non-profit organizations may be helpful partners in obtaining land or funds that might not otherwise be feasible.

The availability of certain forms of state and federal assistance can vary widely from year to year. The following are a few of the more widely available sources of assistance currently available that could be applicable to Victor.

Environmental Protection Act of 1993 - Title 9

Grants are available from New York State for acquisition and/or development of municipal parks and for historic preservation projects. Municipal or non-profit agencies may apply. Grants are for a maximum of fifty percent reimbursement of eligible costs.

Competition for the relatively limited funds is very high and typically a minority of applicants is funded, sometimes at less than the requested amounts. It is necessary to document a clear planning process that identifies needs, demonstrates appropriate development, and includes community support. This Parks and Recreation Master Plan is an important component of that documentation. This program is administered through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

The Town received a grant through this program for the first phase development of Dryer Road Park. The Town received a grant through this program to develop the access road to Victor Municipal Park from Brace Road.

Environmental Protection Act of 1993 - Title 3

Acquisition of open space conservation projects is provided for in Title 3 of this act. Conservation of open spaces that have been prioritized in the New York State Open Space Plan may be done by either the Department of Environmental Conservation or the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Acquisition may be by either of the two state agencies. There may be opportunities for local and state participation such as state purchase and lease back to a town of lands for recreational use. However, presently Ganondagan and Sonnenburg Gardens are the only sites in Ontario County identified in the Open Space Plan. The program is primarily administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation with cooperation from the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The State might acquire additional lands at Ganondagan through this program.

New York State Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act of 1996

This act authorized New York State to issue \$1.75 billion in bonds for "long term improvements to the state's environmental infrastructure and natural resources above and beyond those paid for by the Environmental Protection Fund or other sources of state funding". Municipal park projects, historic preservation, and heritage area projects are eligible. Parks grants are administered through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. While the criteria of this program and of the Environmental Protection Act vary slightly, this program favors waterfront or water-based recreation, which is not favorable to Victor except, perhaps, along Irondequoit Creek or Mud Creek.

Land and Water Conservation Fund - Department of the Interior

Funding for local projects through this long-standing federal program has not been available for several years. During the past few years, considerable effort in Washington was directed toward reinstating funding through dedicated revenues.

The Conservation and Reinvestment Act would provide \$450 million annually through the LWCF, thus assuring stable and predictable funding. Funding will be administered for municipalities through New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

National Recreation Trails Fund

This program is part of the Federal TEA-21 Transportation Efficiency Act and it funds the acquisition, construction, and maintenance of trails on state, county, municipal, or private lands. It includes the "Rails to Trails" grants program. Implementation is through the U.S. Department of Transportation in consultation with the Department of Interior. Administration of the fund in New York State is by its Department of Transportation.

Trails of regional significance are favored. The Town of Victor has partnered with the Village and Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. through Genesee Transportation Council to apply for a grant for the Auburn Trail. The Auburn Trail received a TEA-21 grant in 2002. Construction on the trail improvements started in July 2004 and is expected to be completed in 2007.

Partners for Wildlife

This program of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offers grants and technical assistance for improving and protecting fish and wildlife habitats. Wetlands are a major emphasis. However, the program is adaptable to a variety of habitat types and could include improvements such as trails, boardwalks, overlooks, and habitat enhancements. Eligibility is open to virtually anyone, including

municipalities, private citizens, corporations, and others. The program is administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior. The local coordinator is the Fish and Wildlife Service at Cortland, New York.

Snowmobile Trail Development / Maintenance Program

This is a funding program available to counties for the development and/or maintenance of snowmobile trails compatible with established statewide trails plans. It is administered by the New York State Parks Bureau of Marine and Recreational Vehicles.

The Trust for Public Land

The Trust for Public Land is a non-profit organization that has received funding from the Ford Foundation to establish a Property Acquisition Revolving Fund to purchase real estate on behalf of communities or non-profit organizations.

The Fund acts as a land bank until the sponsor is able to buy the property. The property must fulfill an important community development objective and may include environmental, recreational, and historic properties. In New York, the fund is administered through the Regional Office of The Trust for Public Land, in New York City.

The Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy is a non-profit organization that acquires land that fits its objectives. The Nature Conservancy also will serve as a land bank, acquiring and holding property until one or more sponsors, usually state or local government, can buy the property from the Conservancy. The Conservancy will frequently prepare management plans for properties it may hold for an extended time. The Conservancy manages land programs both at the national (international) and local chapter level. Bentley Woods, located in Fishers, is owned by The Nature Conservancy. Land acquisition and management efforts in Victor would be with the Central / Western New York Chapter which is located in Rochester.

Legislative Appropriations

State appropriations for projects of local interest, such as acquisition and development of parks and recreational facilities, are initiated through state legislative representatives and are acted on by the state legislature. This has been an important ongoing source of funding for special projects of immediate need, such as band shells and amphitheaters, picnic shelters, special gardens, and memorials.

Local Resources

Real Estate Taxes

Local tax revenues are the primary source for funding maintenance and operations and they may be used for land acquisition and development, including serving as a matching share of funds for State, federal, and other grants in aid.

Sales Taxes

Sales taxes are an important source of income in Victor. Revenues are available for virtually any appropriate use.

Fees and Charges

Revenues from fees for participating in programs and charges for the use of facilities should be

important segments of the budget for parks and recreation. The extent to which programs and facilities are financed through fees and charges is a philosophical decision to be made by each community.

A common philosophy is that parks and most facilities are community assets that contribute to the overall quality of life and maintenance of the desirability and value of a community with the costs supported through taxes and other broad based methods.

It is commonly believed that those who use certain programs, facilities, and amenities should pay fees that help defray the costs of developing and maintaining them. In the 2006 survey, most residents agreed that some costs should be borne by users of facilities or amenities. See appendix A for activity-specific numbers.

In Victor, many programs and users of facilities are non-town residents. Fees and charges that reflect the total costs of programs and facility operations would be reasonable in Victor.

Parks and Recreation Trust Fund

The Town of Victor maintains a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund enabled by Section 277 of the New York State Town Law which provides that a town may, "prior to approval by the planning board of plats, require developers to reserve land suitable for parks, playgrounds, or other recreational purposes or, in lieu thereof, to pay money to the Town to be held in a trust fund for the purchase of land for recreational or park purposes, construction of recreational facilities, or maintenance of existing recreational facilities."

The recommendations of this Master Plan should be used as documentation of the appropriateness of accepting specific parcels of land. Unless a proposed parcel is specifically desired by the Town for a stated recreational purpose, the Town should accept payment of fees for the trust fund to acquire and develop park land as proposed in the Master Plan.

The Town currently assesses a fee of \$1000.00 for each new home. The fee has not been increased in 5 years. The fee should be adjusted upward to about \$1,200 soon to account for the increased valuation of homes in the community and should be reviewed annually and, if necessary, adjusted to reflect future costs of parkland acquisition and development.

Techniques for Implementation

Cost Sharing

Shared cost techniques permit intergovernmental cooperation in developing, operating, and maintaining mutually beneficial facilities. Such arrangements with school districts and other municipalities can allow a sharing of the cost of facilities or programs that may not otherwise be feasible. Victor is experienced in this form of partnering with its inter-municipal agreements with the School District and with the Village.

Leases, Easements, and Permits

Leases, easements, and permits may enable the use of land or facilities for long or short terms. Advantages may include avoidance of immediate large capital outlay, possible less overall cost, avoidance of restrictions of debt financing, preservation of debt capacity, control of the period of the lease when permanency is not intended or obsolescence is anticipated, and use or control of land or

facilities which are not for sale or otherwise available. These are particularly effective means of acquiring rights-of-way for trails.

In Victor, some trails exist on revocable permits. Wherever possible, replacing permits with permanent easements should be pursued to ensure perpetuity.

Bonding

Bonds generate immediate financing and are appropriate for capital projects. General obligation bonds are backed by the general credit and taxing power of the municipality. Bonding may be subject to permissive referendum if so petitioned. Other forms of bonds, such as revenue bonds, are occasionally applicable. The popularity of bonds varies with market fluctuations, interest rates, tax rates, and other influences.

Bond Anticipation Notes

Bond anticipation notes are short-term financing intended to be issued in anticipation of a long-term bond issue or as interim financing prior to grant in aid permanent financing.

Donations

Service clubs, "Friends" groups, special interest groups, developers, corporations, and individuals are sources of money, land, materials, and volunteer services for developing and maintaining facilities as well as for programs when appropriate liability, use, and suitability issues can be resolved.

Large donations may be in the form of sponsorships, naming rights, and other privileges. The Town should identify present and future opportunities for such participation and should pursue this where it is in the interest of the Town to do so.

Foundations

Foundations are a less common source of assistance for municipal parks and recreational programs. Established philanthropic foundations tend to favor programs over capital projects, but have been known to support unique projects of interest to a specific foundation.

Local private foundations may support local efforts benefiting the public, such as land acquisition or specific types of recreational opportunities.

Victor Community Center, Inc. is a local tax-exempt organization that can receive tax-deductible gifts. Its' mission is to "promote wholesome recreation, maintain a place or headquarters to arrange activities, and to promote and be a focal point for lawful recreational activities". Its focus has been to promote a community center for Victor. The foundation was created in 1993 and has current funds of approximately \$40,000. This can be a partner to the Town for promoting awareness of parks and recreation, for soliciting and receiving funds and other resources, and for supporting Parks and Recreation Department efforts.

Private Enterprise

Many types of recreational facilities are operated for profit by businesses. Golf courses, fitness and wellness centers, indoor sports arenas, ice skating arenas, gymnastics centers, and many other types of recreational venues are potentially viable ventures which serve segments of the local demands.

Where markets exist, a town may forego development of certain facilities and defer to the private sector to serve the needs.

8. Appendices

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY RESULTS

The survey's sample of 85 individual residents (out of 11,500 total in the town and village) means that results are anecdotal. However, clear majorities of opinion or interest seem to indicate some trends. Indoor facilities, natural areas or trails, youth play areas, and picnic shelters/party space were high priorities on many of the questions. Respondents had two weeks to return the survey. [**A separate park user survey went to youth sports and other organizations.** This obtained information about the need for athletic fields and other park amenities.]

A summary of the core results is as follows. With the **majority of respondents** of ages 35-44, recently moved to town, and with children living at home, many ranked youth play areas of high priority. These received the most votes for **general importance in park and recreation areas**, and the third-most votes for **accommodation in new parks**. Youth play ties in with the high number of votes for an indoor recreation center, which would serve much of the need in the winter season.

On the question: **'What is the single most significant improvement to Parks and Recreation areas in Victor?'** by far the most votes went to indoor recreational facilities. Second was more natural areas or trails, closely followed by a need for connections between parks and from neighborhoods to parks. The need for park connections ties in with residents' most frequent activity, walking, and comments about the town's lack of walkability. New athletic fields were low (2nd to last) in priority.

On the question: **'What is most important to accommodate at the new park?'** (votes ranked 1st to 3rd priority), natural areas and picnic shelters shared first priority, with children's playground equipment and a recreation center a close second and third priority. However, if all indoor facilities were combined, their votes would outnumber those in other categories. (Indoor facilities listed were a programmed recreation center, swimming pool, cabins or lodges, and skating rink.) New athletic fields got the 15th highest number of votes (out of 29) when all ranked votes were combined, indicating low priority. There was a preference toward leaving more than half of new parkland with natural vegetation (unmowed).

On the **most important statements about park and recreation areas** (votes ranked 1st to 3rd priority), Protecting open space from unplanned development got the most votes as 1st priority. The next highest number of 1st priority votes went to Providing play areas for youth. Next in 1st priority votes was Creating areas where neighbors can get to know each other, followed closely by Preserving environmentally sensitive areas and Making neighborhoods more appealing places. When the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd priority votes were combined, the overall greatest vote-getter was providing play areas for youth. Next was protecting open space from unplanned development, then creating areas where neighbors can get to know each other.

As for **use of current parks, facilities, and programs**, the most-often-visited park is Dryer Road Park, followed by Boughton Park and the athletic complex at the school campus. The most frequent activity by far is walking, whether in parks or on roads, trails, or sidewalks. The next most frequent is going to the nearest town park, followed closely by going to natural areas/observing wildlife. Next (sharing the same number of votes) are visiting lake parks/beaches and exercise/fitness centers.

Comments: There were 9 comments about a Rec. Center: 8 for it, 1 against having a new center at the school campus due to traffic/safety. Of 13 comments on parks, several were content with parks/trails, several requested picnic/party areas, nearby play areas, and more classes/programs at low prices. Of the 13 comments on the Parks and Recreation department, 8 were very positive about staff and programs, 3 urged that better info be sent to residents, 2 urged more focus on family and non-youth needs. Pedestrian access drew 7 comments for connections from neighborhoods to parks for kids' safety/access, for new parks closer to neighborhoods, and for general pedestrian access around town. Of the 7 comments on taxes/fees, two asked for no higher taxes for parks, 2 said users should pay, and 2 said general or corporate-sponsored amenities should be free to taxpayers, youth programs should charge fees, and non-residents should pay. Two other comments asked for a skating rink; 1 other said park neighbors were notified too late about the April 26 public input meeting.

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1. Where do you live? (closest intersection) -- optional
 2. In the past twelve months, where have people in your household most often gone? Or, in what activities did you (or they) most often participate? (Check any boxes that apply).

- Walking/Jogging (dirt trails) **47**
- Walking/Jogging on roads/sidewalks **47**
- Nearest Town Park/Walk To Parks **41**
- Natural Areas/Wildlife Observation **40**
- Lake Beaches/Lake Parks **38**
- Exercise Fitness Centers **38**
- Swimming Pools **33**
- Children's Playgrounds **33**
- Walk/Jog/Bike/Skate Paths (paved/stone dust) **32**
- Picnics / Parties **30**

- Recreation Ctr. w/programs **27**
- x-c ski in town park **1**
- Special Events in Parks **25**
- tennis **1**
- Bicycling (dirt trails) **24**
- Ice Skating **20**
- Fishing **17**
- Camping (RV & Tent) **11**
- Basketball Courts **10**
- Boat Ramps/Non-Motorized Boating **11**
- Open/Unstructured Play Areas **16**
- Hockey Rink/Programs **9**
- Non-Team Use of Athletic Field/Track **7**
- Handball/Racquetball Courts **0**

- write-in: ymca programs **1**
- skatepark **1**
- We play or participate as spectators in:

Adult	Youth
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf 35	<input type="checkbox"/> Team Soccer 28
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis 12	<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball/Softball 17
<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball/Softball 9	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf 13
<input type="checkbox"/> Team Soccer 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Team Football 7
<input type="checkbox"/> Team Football 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball 2

3. Are there any other recreation activities not mentioned that you or members of your family participate in at least once a month? Yes **32** No **32** Blank **20** If so, please explain: What activities? How many family members go?

- equestrian trail riding 8
- x-c ski 6
- canoeing 6
- dance 4
- geocaching 4
- gymnastics 3
- skiing 3
- Lacrosse 2
- dog walk (leash & no leash) 2

- trap & target shooting 2
- swim lessons 1
- paragliding 1
- snowshoe 2
- bingo 3
- scouts 2
- church activities 2
- road cycling 2

- team basketball 1
- drama 1
- adult bsktbl (Perint. Rec) 1
- skateboard 2
- duck pond 3
- rollerblade 5
- hike trails as a family 3
- youth bsktbl 1

4. Are there any recreational activities that you or members of your family would like to participate in but cannot because of cost, low quality facilities, lack of available facilities or inadequate skills/knowledge?

If so, what and why? Yes **32** No **31** Blank **22**

	swimming pool	5	fitness equipment	1
open swim time (family & working adults)	Indoor walk/jog	1	horseshoe pits	1
1	adult 3-on-3 basketball	1	golf lessons	1
indoor rec facility (for kids parties/events)	special needs programs	1	walk in town (need sidewalks)	1
1	programmed Rec. Ctr.	3	canoe/kayak rentals (Boughton)	1
volleyball adult league	activities for seniors		skateboard park/ramps	1
1	(ex. shuffleboard)	1	full-contact karate	1
tennis adult league	casual athletics (no field)	1	outdoor basketball courts	1
1	more lax, football, &		walk to village park & picnic pavilion	1
picnic areas	soccer teams/camps		water therapy pool time needed	1
2	for 4-5 yr olds	1	group knit/basket/furniture making	1
bingo			all-year youth basketball-jr-sr high	1
1			youth small-class swim lessons	1
youth golf by age group				
1				
Ice skate (indoor)				
3				
Ice skate (outdoor)				
2				
horseback riding				
3				

5. Which **one idea** would make the most significant improvement to park and recreation areas in Victor? Check one.

- 27 There need to be more indoor recreational facilities.
- 13 There need to be more natural areas or trails.
- 11 There need to be better connections from neighborhoods to parks/between different parks.
- 8 The parks and recreation areas are fine as is.
- 8 Change the design of parks/include different park amenities to reflect changing recreational needs of the community.
- 5 The Town and Village need to develop a greater number of recreational amenities in both old and new parks.
- 3 There need to be more playing/athletic fields.
- 3 The parks need to be closer to neighborhoods.
- Blank: 4 Other (write-in) 1 Access to indoor/outdoor basketball courts
- 1 More open swim time for families
- 1 More parks with picnic & play areas

6. What park & recreation areas in the Town or Village of Victor have you used in the past twelve months?
Check all that apply.

60	Dryer Road Park	23	Fishers Park	9	Brace Road Park
53	Boughton Park	23	Auburn Trail	8	Lehigh Crossing Park
53	Athletic Field Complex (Victor School Campus)	21	Lehigh Trail	4	Monkey Run Trails
		18	Mary Frances Bluebird Haven	2	Village on the Park
40	Ganondagan St. Hist. Site			1	Harlan Fisher Park
38	Mead Square Park				

7. a. Which facilities/activities do you think it is most important that we accommodate at the new park?

Check **only one**.

b. Which would be the SECOND most important to include?

c. Which would be the THIRD most important to include? **Listed in order of highest total votes first**

(If the Rec. center and pool votes were combined, this would be the highest vote-getter.)

	1 st choice	2 nd choice	3 rd choice	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Areas/Wildlife Observation	11	8	4	23
<input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Shelters/Party Space	7	11	5	23
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Playground Equipment	7	5	8	20
<input type="checkbox"/> Programmed Recreation Center (Youth and Adult)	11	4	4	19
<input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Swimming Pool	8	9	1	18
<input type="checkbox"/> Cabins or Lodges	5	4	8	17
<input type="checkbox"/> Walk/Jog/Bike/Skate Paths (paved/stone dust paths)	3	6	4	13
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Swimming Pool	3	3	6	12
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Events (Concerts, Field Days, etc.)	3	2	6	11
<input type="checkbox"/> Walking/Jogging (dirt trails)	3	4	3	10
<input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Ice Skating Rink		5	1	3
9				
<input type="checkbox"/> Nature Center	1	4	4	9
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Ice Skating Rink	2	4	2	8
<input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian Trails	5	0	1	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Football/Soccer/Lacrosse Fields	2	3	1	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Access	2	0	3	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Open/Unstructured Play Areas	1	3	1	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Shell/Bandstand	1	2	2	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Skateboard/Inline Skate/BMX Park	2	0	2	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis	0	1	2	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling (dirt trails)	0	1	1	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball Courts	1	0	1	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Hockey Rink/Programs	0	1	1	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball/Softball Fields	1	0	0	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Camping (RV & Tent)	0	1	0	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball Courts	0	0	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/> BMX Dirt Trail Park	0	1	0	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	0	1	0	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Handball/Racquetball Courts	0	0	0	1

Indoor soccer	1
Outdoor inline skate rink	1
Indoor walking track	1

8. Please tell us how important each of the following statements about park and recreation areas is to you.

<u>Circle one number for each:</u>	<u>1 = very important</u>	<u>2 = somewhat important</u>	<u>3 = not important</u>
Protecting open space from unplanned development	1 - 65	2 - 16	3 - 2
Providing play areas for youth	1 - 59	2 - 41	3 - 3
Creating areas where neighbors can get to know each other/strengthen community	1 - 41	2 - 23	3 - 18
Preserving environmentally sensitive areas	1 - 39	2 - 18	3 - 3
Making neighborhoods more appealing places	1 - 38	2 - 33	3 - 7
Offering recreational facilities for adults	1 - 22	2 - 37	3 - 10

9. a. If you could create the ideal park for your neighborhood, what percentage of it would be open mowed lawn?

- 0-20% **16**
- 30-50% **45**
- 60-80% **13**
- 90-100 **1**

b. What percentage would be left natural (trees/shrubs/grasses allowed to grow in most areas)?

- 0-20% **9**
- 30-50% **48**
- 60-80% **19**
- 90-100 **8**

Blank (both 9a & b): **8**

c. Would you want natural areas to have trails? Yes **75** No **2** To have benches/lookouts? Yes **71** No **6**

10. In some regions, park visitors pay a share of the cost of maintaining facilities. Indicate which should require actual users to pay fees to cover the cost of providing/maintaining a facility/program. 100% means that fees should cover all of the cost; a lower number indicates the portion of the total costs that user fees should cover; 0% means facilities should be free to users. Blank: **4**

<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pools	55%	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Shelters/Party Space	49%
<input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian Trails	56%	<input type="checkbox"/> Hockey Rink/Programs	73%
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult athletic fields	32%	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Skating Rink	61%
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth athletic fields	25%	<input type="checkbox"/> BMX Dirt Trail Park	36%
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth recreational programs	49%	<input type="checkbox"/> Skateboard/Inline Skate/BMX Park	52%
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult recreational programs	52%	<input type="checkbox"/> Lodges/cabins	66%
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Elder recreational programs	31%	<input type="checkbox"/> Music Shell/Bandstand	36%
<input type="checkbox"/> Nature Center	28%	<input type="checkbox"/> Ball Fields	23%
<input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Sports Courts	57%	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Events - Concerts, Field Days, etc.	40%
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis courts	33%		

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11. Do you have children age 18 or younger living in your household? Yes **55** No **24**
 If yes, does (do) your child (children) participate in programs offered by the following organizations? Please check
all that apply: Do not participate: **13**

- Victor Parks and Recreation **38**
- Victor Community Baseball/Softball **13**
- Victor-Farmington Soccer **23**
- Victor Youth Lacrosse **6**
- Victor Swim Club I **5**
- Victor Blue Devils Football & Cheerleading **4**

12. In which of these categories does your age fall?

- 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65 & over
- 1** **9** **33** **17** **11** **7**

13. How many years have you lived in Victor?

- 0-5 **27**
- 6-10 **13**
- 11-15 **9**
- 16-20 **4**
- 21-30 **7**
- 30+ **12**

List of number of years living here:

3,1,11,13,47,21,<1,4,4,8,11,10,40,11,11,18,40,5,2,5,3,2,8,3,6,5,34,4,2,27,31,11,4,2,3,6,11,24,38,1,30,30+
 18,10,4,1,10,28,50,13,1,70,25,4,6,9,40,11,11,17,7,24,17,13,39,3,4,36,4,3,10,4,6,6,35,28,2

14. Use this space for any further comments you may have about Parks and Recreation in Victor:

Comments: (BY TOPIC) Abbreviations: **Rec.** = recreation **Ctr.** = center **Comm.** = community

RECREATION CENTER:

Victor is overdue for a Rec. Ctr.—located w/in close proximity to village. Recreation is booming & will only continue to do so as Victor grows. People are forced to join over-priced health clubs or utilize the tiny YMCA.. We need a Rec./Comm. Ctr. All over the USA, when planning committees plan a development, be it a neighborhood or whatever, they seem to always include a Comm./Rec. Ctr.! Why are we so behind the times?!

Rec. program hours do not accommodate working parents. We need an indoor facility with a pool & adult rec.

We need a high quality one at least! We need a rec. center! Indoor pool, place for senior/youth programs!

Great job w/ summer rec. prog for kids!

The #1 need is a multi-purpose year-round indoor facility.

Need athletic complex w/ field house (indoor fields, pool, ice rink)

Currently Victor residents have to use the Perinton & Pittsford Rec. Centers for fun programs. It would be nice to see Victor do similar programs right here in town so our \$ would benefit the town and the drive would be a lot shorter! Family programs would be great—Bingo, holiday parties (ex. St. Pat's day), dance parties, orienteering, pizza competitions, dog obedience training, etc. Check w/ Perinton & Pittsford Rec. centers for their popular programs—chances are that a lot of Victor residents are enrolled in them!

A Comm. Rec. Center. modeled after Perinton's—its awesome. Playground, hiking trails, benches with shades, picnic area, indoor heated pool, weights, programs for kids of all ages, toddler to 18. Too few programs for kids in Victor.

We moved here from Perinton and their Parks & Rec. is great example of what I'd like—Victor has many of these too: well organized, reasonable prices, extensive course offerings, indoor pool, fosters a sense of community, brings young & old together. Thank you.

I do not feel a rec. center should be on the school campus. The number of cars/heavy traffic would put the school children in danger. Also, the traffic going through the neighborhood would be horrific.

PARKS:

Connections between parks are important too (first choice in #5: more natural areas or trails).

I wish there was a park we could walk to in the village (or closer than Dryer Rd., which we love) I wish we had more 3 yrs + younger opportunities.

My family and I are excited that Victor is improving the parks, and offering more choices. We used Dryer Rd. Park a lot last year, and plan to again this year. We would love to have a park w/ shelters & party space. It is very hard to find space to do an outdoor picnic/party without going outside Victor. Thank you for doing this survey—it is nice to know that our opinion matters!

We LOVE Victor Parks—thank you for letting us have a say in our community development!

We have been to several graduation parties for Victor students—they were in Perinton because they have very nice pavilions for rent. We should focus on projects that everyone can enjoy—not so specific like hockey or baseball or basketball Not everyone is an athlete, but we all enjoy the outdoors.

Need more parks with picnic and playgrounds—we go to Perinton more because they have more of these. The lower the costs for facilities, the better! We love Victor but envy our friends in Fairport/Perinton because they have so many parks, playgrounds, trails, & rec. classes to choose from & resident fee is low/0. We know V. is smaller but more parks, playgrounds, & some picnic areas would be a good start. An outdoor comm. Pool would be another great addition!

Great variety of offerings—some seem to be getting a bit pricey. It's too expensive to do all the programs we would like to. If it was a bit less expensive we would take more classes.

It looks like Victor has plenty of parks. They just need to be used to the maximum.

Currently have wonderful parks—main concern is preserving land & providing room for new populations moving in—preserving sense of community.

Victor needs a playground park in the northwest area of Victor.

Dogs should be made to be on leash at all times. We stopped going to Boughton Park years ago because of all the dogs off-leash there.

The loss of areas where people may safely ride horses has been tragic over the past 10-15 years. Many people in Victor must travel to Mendon to trail ride. I urge you to make some provisions for people who enjoy horses. Thanks for all that you do.

Boughton Park & Ganondagan are jewels in the rough. Those, along with the new biking trail system, are reasons to want to live in Victor.

TRAILS:

More multi-use (mountain bike) trails would be great!
Keep up the good work! Dryer Rd bike trails are great!

The trail system around Victor has evolved into an incredible resource. Keep up the good work! We had a ball at the black diamond duathlon.

Put in new trails if done with environmental sensitivity, with very few benches.

My husband and I have enjoyed the trails & parks in Victor. Hang onto them.

Enjoy the nature trails & hiking trails a lot. Preserving these should be a priority. Development too close to these trails flushes out the wildlife!

I am really hoping that Equestrian Trails can be implemented—Riding is so therapeutic—was available as a sport 29 years ago, and should be a sport that can be wonderful for both children and adults if we had some Equestrian trails!

PARKS AND RECREATION:

I love the concert series! Keep up the great work offering exciting, new courses.

Great job by Brian & staff. Parks & Rec. is a great asset to Victor. Thanks for the opportunity to provide input.

Too much energy & focus is on organized activities for young children. Organized activities become “after school programs” for the Victor school system.

I like how it’s expanding and connecting to residents’ needs, collaborating w/town & village organizations.

I think the Victor Parks & Rec. Dept. and staff are wonderful. We enjoy the parks and are looking forward to the new ones too. Thank you for all of your hard work.

The P&R Program is awesome. We love coaches Steve and Bill! Thanks for all you do! Detailed survey! We are happy with the services now—so whatever you do or add, I’m sure it will be great!

Our daughter has done several of the Parks and Rec. programs and we have been very pleased. Coach Steve and staff have been wonderful! Thank you.

Our family has been very pleased with our parks & Rec. programs, parks and trails. I think maintaining a portion of land as “wild and natural” is extremely important for the environment and the community. Thank you for taking our thoughts into consideration. On a side note: Has the idea of P&R taking over the VF United soccer program [sic]. I have concerns as to how this is run/organized.

The people are friendly & professional. The cost is reasonable. Coach Steve is awesome!

Parks & Rec. should be able to communicate with all residents more frequently. Possibly have its own newsletter or brochure.

No one I know knew we had access to Bluebird Haven—looks like someone’s house.

Send new residents an info book on the town and its amenities, and organizations for new area businesspeople.

Need to develop active and passive initiatives in our parks for group & family use. We’re headed in the right direction.

WALKING / ACCESS TO PARKS:

I want to walk all around town but no sidewalks anywhere, roads are unsafe to walk.

Victor needs more sidewalks! No sidewalks--huge amounts of kids can’t walk to schools/playgrounds or village, esp. in Quail Ridge. We need another park on this side of 96. Otherwise great town, nice parks—(Do something with Village on the Park-gone to waste).

Many crossings to get to parks cross very busy roads.

Facilities are adequate but not close enough.

Need parks closer to home for walking access. (2 comments)

TAXES/FEES:

Cost for expensive facilities (a new Rec. center, soccer & ball fields) should be covered by those that use them—not by taxing everyone.

Question 10 (on user fees) is hard to complete—I think some fees make sense for certain specialized activities—if a choice is for a service + fee, or no service, I’d pick the former but depends on how much...on youth fields & rec. programs, adult rec. programs, I expect fees.

Taxes should support rec. programs/facilities except for a few (youth rec. programs, skate park)

Fees: This is a subjective question I think. If I use the amenity, I want it to be free. If I don’t, I want the users to pay 100%! To answer this question without a lot of additional info would be useless.

It’s hard to tell what fees should be charged. If a corporation or individual donates the facility it should be free or nominal fee. It is hard to put a percentage down unless you know all the facts. All on Victor

Residents—town & village should be allowed to use facilities at a discount rate or no charge because they are already paying for it in their taxes. All non-residents should be charged a fee no matter what!

I don't want taxes to go up any more. Subsequently, everything has a cost. My family & I are quite healthy and fit and have been for years without a lot of unnecessary programs and facilities. Let's keep the taxes low and the parks green (grass, trees, and low-maintenance items).

Every time you take property for parks you take land off the tax rolls forcing retirees to pay more and more taxes forcing the people who have paid taxes in this town for decades out of town. So when the town is made up of people who live here for a couple of years and the town is made up of homes in foreclosure, remember you brought it upon yourself and you killed the goose who laid the golden egg.

MISC:

An indoor ice skating facility on the west side of V. would be a community asset. The west side because it would serve our region better than the east side. The east side might conflict with the Canandaigua Civic Center. It would be advantageous to have one that is multi-purpose and used 12 months A year. An arena is unique, as it can be used by everyone.

Ice skating activities—there is no skating rink in Victor. We would enjoy a facility like this in a closer proximity to where we live.

Would love to see an Independence Day Carnival.

The Town should consider buying lifestyle data-- the firm I work for (the Center for Governmental Research) could help you. You could buy data by census tract or lower that would tell you what sporting activities the population participates in. With geographic info you may also be able to determine the cannibalization from existing facilities as well. The firm I work for is Mapping Analytics (271-6490) and CGR is in the phone book. Thanks for the survey.

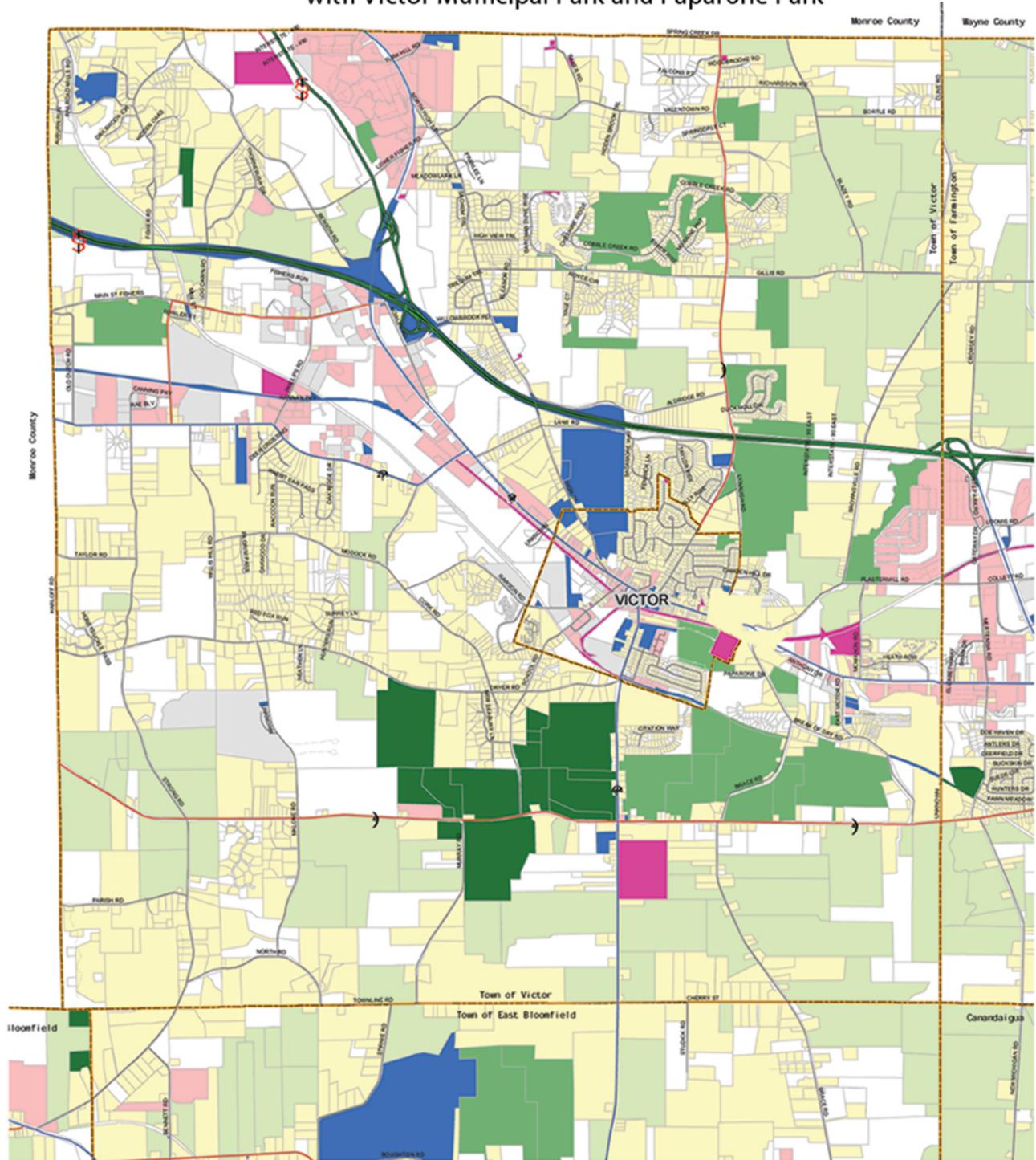
Would like Bingo and card games families can sit and play together. Also Bunco is fun (dice game). We had so much fun in other towns playing Bingo together—cute prizes, cash prizes. Can sell concessions if needed, sell the bingo boards. Seniors like it too—young kids can follow it too!

The homeowners on Ketchum St. that have houses that back up to this area are suspicious of the timing of the 4/26 meeting and the delivery of this survey. We all received this survey/notification on 4/25, for a meeting 4/26. This seems shady at best. Some people think it was done on purpose for a low turnout at the meeting. The people on Ketchum St. should be personally invited to future meetings and have a say into what, if anything, is done to this land. We built houses here because we wanted our backyards to face wilderness, but still be in a village setting. Most of the facilities/programs in question 10 would completely ruin our quality of life and that of all the animals that use the land.

We are both in our 90's so we won't voice our opinions. Thank you.

APPENDIX 2 -- LAND USE MAP, TOWN OF VICTOR

with Victor Municipal Park and Paparone Park



Town of Victor - Property Class Codes



Ontario County, NY

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June 2005



Based on the Map with the above Title
NOT TO SCALE

Road Classes

- NYS Thruway
- State or US Routes
- County Roads
- Municipal Roads
- Private Drives

Key

RPTS Property Class

- Residential
- Agricultural

- Commercial
- Recreational
- Community Service

- Industrial
- Public Service
- Conservation

- Municipal Boundary
- Vacant



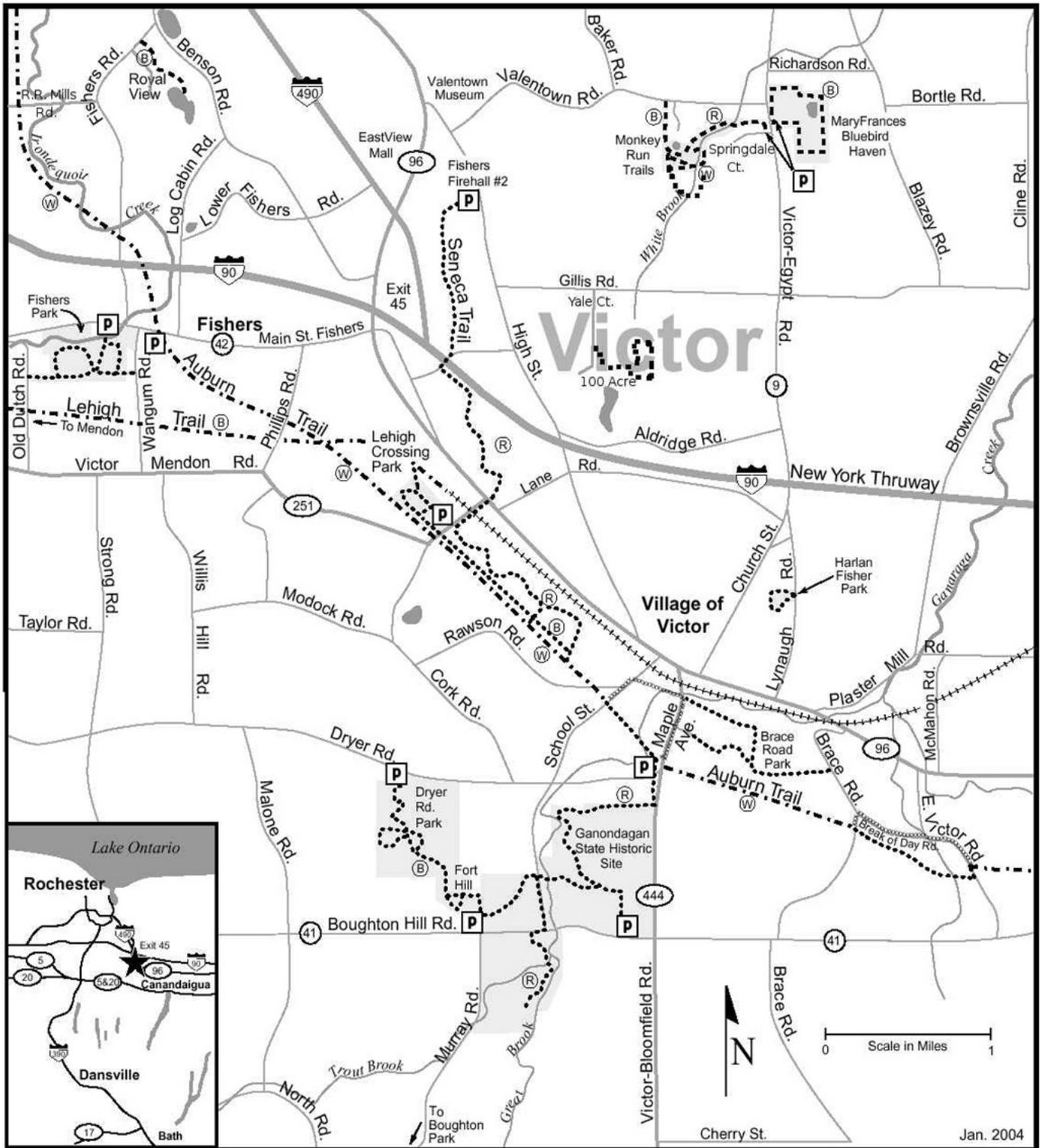
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APPENDIX 3: Town of Victor Hiking Trail System Map

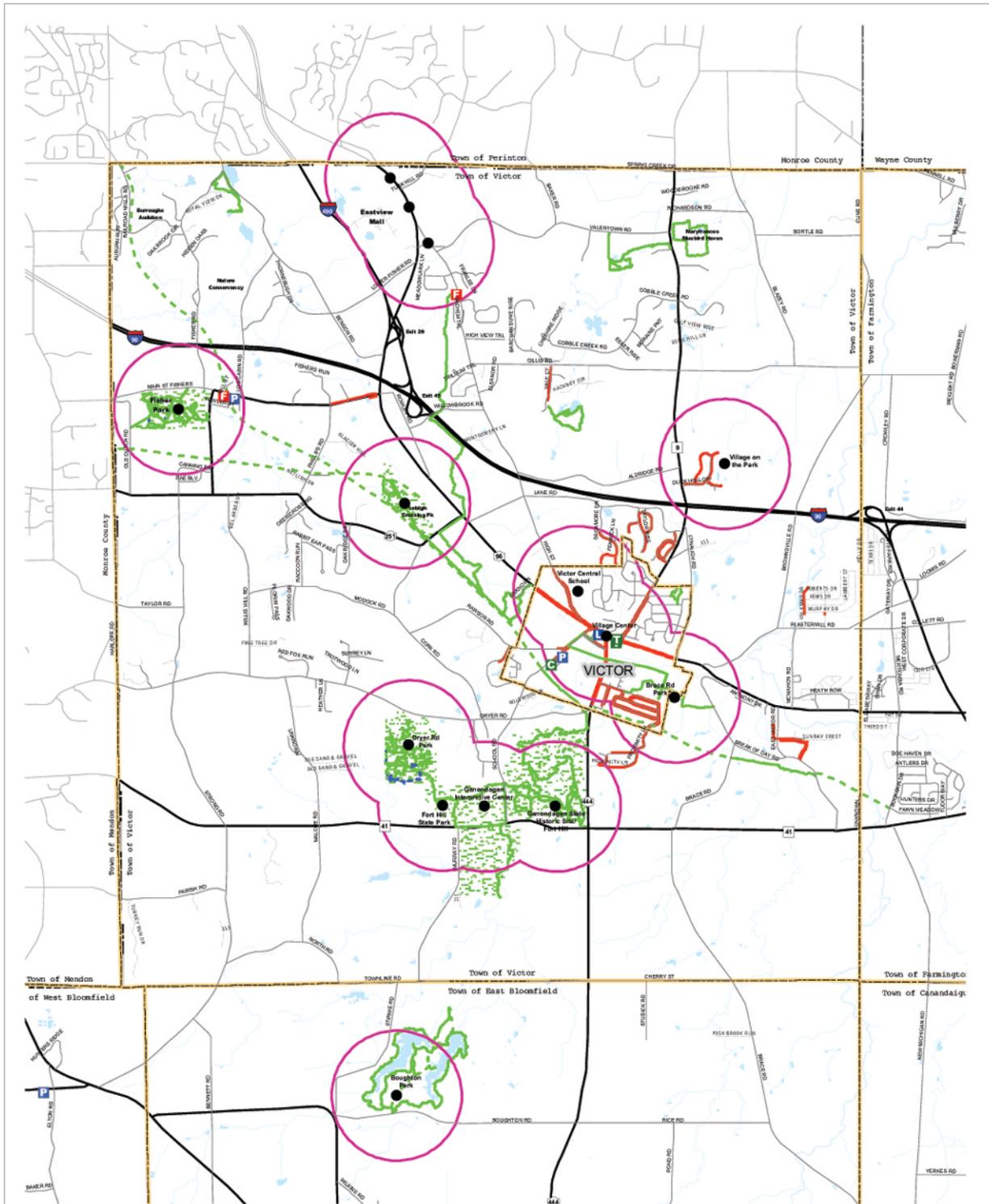
Hiking/Biking/Skiing Trails in Victor, NY



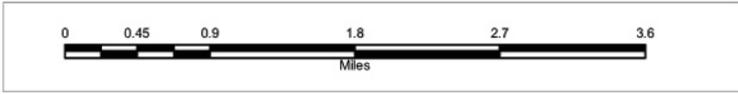
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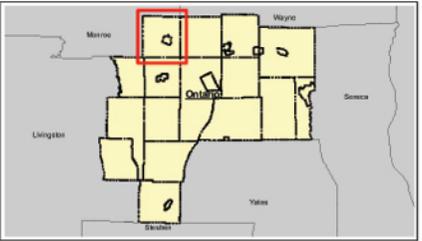
APPENDIX 4: Walkable Communities Committee Map



Town of Victor - Base Map
 Ontario County, NY
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 March 2003



Key			
US-State-County Routes	USGS 1:24,000 Hydrology	Sidewalks	Unknown
Municipal Roads	USGS 1:24,000 Water Bodies	2640 Ft Buffer	Service Road
Private Drives	Municipal Boundary	Park/Conservations Lands	Multi-Use Trail
		Hiking Trail	



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APPENDIX 5: NATIONAL AND STATEWIDE STANDARDS

National and statewide standards for determining the quantities of recreational lands and facilities which should be provided by a Town are useful only as a point of beginning in developing rough guidelines for providing lands and facilities. National and statewide standards cannot reflect local demands that are generated by local conditions, interests, trends, and capabilities.

Standards, however, are useful in documenting needs and priorities for state and federal grants-in-aid. National and statewide standards for facilities are included herein as a reference and to serve as a basis for documenting consistency with or variations from them, particularly SCORP, in support of potential grant applications.

The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Standards are well known but not very relevant to current trends and local interests.

They largely serve as the basis for many of the New York Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Standards that are supposed to be updated every five years to reflect state priorities but have not been updated since 1994. They, likewise, have only marginal relevance to current issues in Victor.

Both sets of standards incorporate the following:

- Area of recreational land as a function of population (e.g. acres per thousand population)
- Percentage of total land designated as recreation or open space.
- Quantities of specific facilities based on user characteristics or demand projections.

This plan attempts to identify the specific demands and capabilities of Victor. These will often vary from the NRPA and SCORP Standards.

The NRPA and SCORP Standards are presented for reference purposes. They are not recommended or proposed for Victor except as guidelines where specific levels of local demand cannot be determined.