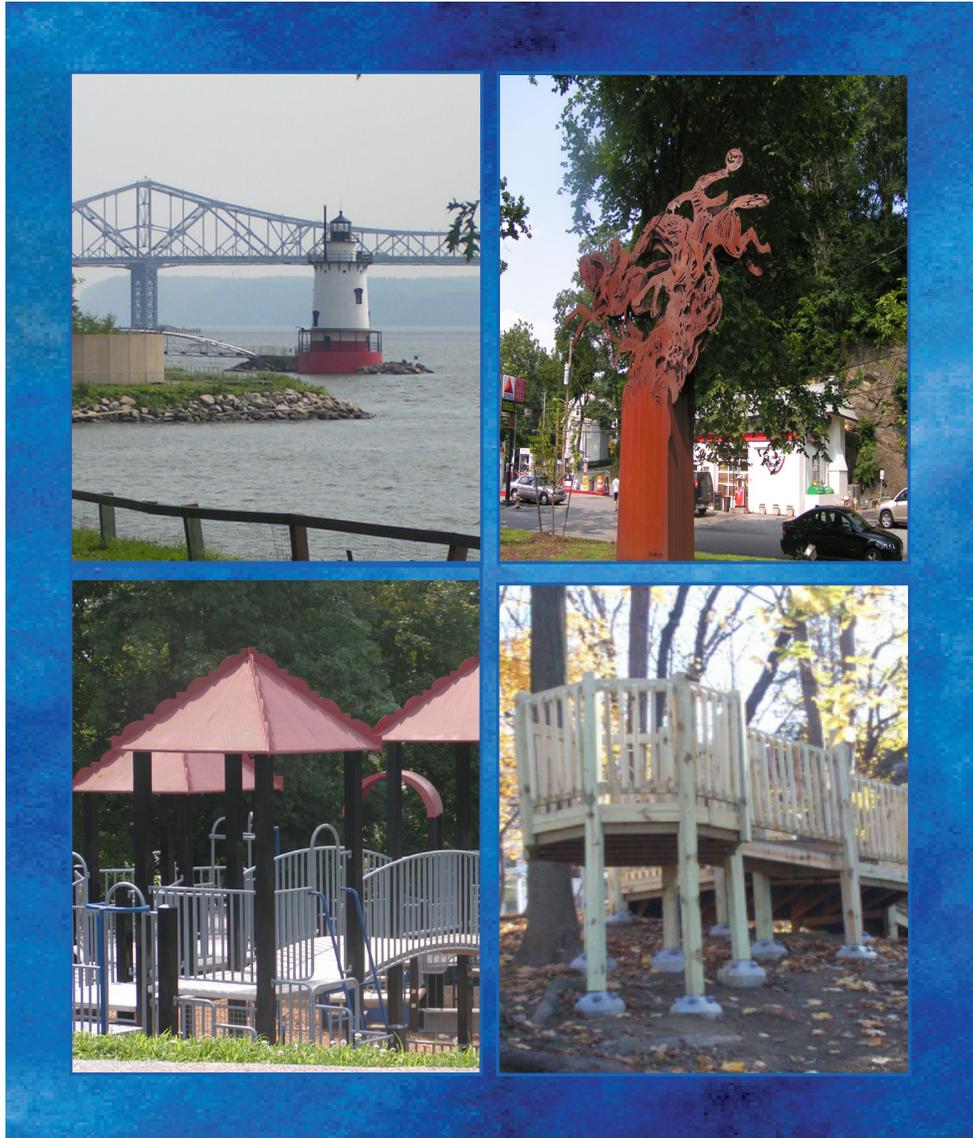


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Executive Summary

Background

Community recreational resources such as parks, open space, and trails provide an important means for protecting valuable natural resources and preserving safe, scenic areas for resident use and enjoyment. In an increasingly busy and technological era, access to recreational facilities and opportunities is regarded as a vital quality of life asset. Recreation is known to provide a healthy outlet for everyday pressures as it provides residents with opportunities for social interaction, exercise, and decompression from stress.

Consequently, it is important for a community to protect and enhance the recreational resources that currently exist, and to plan for the needs of the future. To that end, the Village of Tarrytown, the Village of Sleepy Hollow and the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns (hereinafter referred to as the “School District” and collectively the “Agencies”) have completed the *Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment* to evaluate the existing condition of its parks and recreational resources and identify desired improvements for the future. The *Recreation Needs Assessment* is part of the greater *Tri-Agency Shared Services Recreation Feasibility Study* that began in the summer of 2009 aimed at understanding ways in which the Agencies can work together to increase service efficiency, protect resources and create a cost savings. The *Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment* will ultimately guide park and recreational development within the Villages and School District.

Objectives

The primary objectives of the *Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment* are to: (1) create an inventory of the existing and future recreational opportunities found within the Villages and School District, and (2) provide a blueprint for the future growth and development of recreational resources. These objectives have been achieved through exhaustive research, relying heavily on the participation of the Tri-Agency Shared Services Steering Committee (“Steering Committee”), stakeholders and department heads. Achieving the levels of detail encompassed within this report would not have been possible without the leadership and participation of the Steering Committee who represented and advocated for their residents.

Plan Contents

Section I introduces the concept of a Recreation Needs Assessment, including a discussion of the opportunities and challenges that face the Agencies today. Section I also lays the groundwork for the *Recreation Needs Assessment* by introducing the planning process and the study methodology. Section II presents the policy statement that drove the *Recreation Needs Assessment* and offers goals and action items that, if accomplished, will bring the community’s vision to life. Section II

also presents potential funding sources and an implementation plan to aid the community with achieving its vision. Section III offers a picture of the existing conditions within the Villages to provide context for the Study. Section IV presents an inventory of recreational resources found within the Villages and School District, providing descriptions and conditions assessments of all the assets. Pictures of the facilities are included in Appendix A. Section V presents an analysis of the recreational resources based upon the New York State Comprehensive National Recreation and Parks Association criteria and guidelines. Section VI presents a summary and analysis of the public participation process conducted for the *Recreation Needs Assessment*, highlighting the Recreation Needs Community Survey, the Stakeholder Interviews and the Public Recreational Needs Workshop.

Study Methodology

Coordination with Stakeholders

To ensure that this Study was founded upon common goals and objectives, it was imperative that feedback be obtained from municipal leaders, recreation/parks maintenance department heads and community residents. Members of the Steering Committee were instrumental in assisting the consultant team in identifying areas of focus, providing information, as well as identifying additional stakeholders. A variety of outreach methods were used to solicit stakeholder input throughout the planning process: (1) meetings with the Steering Committee; (2) interviews with department heads (3) stakeholder interviews; (4) completion of the Recreational Needs Community Survey; and (5) the Public Recreational Needs Workshop. The feedback obtained through these outreach efforts formed the basis for the recommended consolidation model developed as part of this planning process.

Creation of Park and Recreational Facilities Inventory

The inventory of recreational resources was created through the review of previous plans and studies, interviews with Village and School District department heads and staff, stakeholder interviews, GIS data, and satellite images. Once all recreational resources were identified, an inventory of amenities and a conditions assessment was created through site visits. Park inventory sheets were used to evaluate resources in a consistent and objective manner. See **Appendix A** for a picture inventory of the parks.

Creation of Goals, Actions and Implementation Plan

Opportunities and challenges were identified through the public participation process. To help focus the communities on enhancing the opportunities and addressing the challenges, the consultants used the results of the public participation to create goal statements and action items. The action steps, if taken, should help the communities achieve the goals, ultimately resulting in the creation of the desired community.

I. Introduction

The Village of Tarrytown, the Village of Sleepy Hollow and the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns (hereinafter referred to as the “School District” and collectively the “Agencies”) share common interests in the future growth, coordinated planning, and the provision of essential services to maintain the quality of life for their respective communities. As a result, the three agencies cooperatively chose to develop the *Tri-Agency Shared Services Recreation Feasibility Study*. The Study has been prepared with funds provided by the New York State Department of Local Government Efficiency Program.

Purpose

The study was conducted in two phases. First, the study is to evaluate the existing condition of parks and recreational resources located within the Villages and School District, and identify desired improvements for the future. The resulting *Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment* serves as the blueprint for the future growth and development of recreational resources within the Villages and School District. Second, the study is to determine if recreation services can be provided more cost effectively and more efficiently through inter-agency cooperation. The *Tri-Agency Recreation Shared Services Study* identifies ways in which the Agencies, through formal cooperation, will be able to provide recreation services more cost effectively and efficiently.

What is a Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment?

Community recreational resources such as parks, open space, and trails provide an important means for protecting valuable natural resources and preserving safe, scenic areas for resident use and enjoyment. In an increasingly busy and technological era, access to recreational facilities and opportunities is regarded as a vital quality of life asset. Recreation is known to provide a healthy outlet for everyday pressures as it provides residents with opportunities for social interaction, exercise, and decompression from stress.

Consequently, it is important for a community to protect and enhance the recreational resources that currently exist and to plan for the needs of the future. To that end, a Recreation Needs Assessment is an important community planning tool. A community develops a Recreation Needs Assessment to evaluate the existing condition of its parks and recreational resources, and to identify desired improvements for the future. Through an ongoing public participation process, community residents are invited to provide feedback on the types of recreational resources they would like to see developed and where. A Recreation Needs Assessment can function as a detailed blueprint to guide future park and recreational development.

Planning Process Overview

Through the *Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment*, the Agencies assessed the conditions of the community parks and recreational resources and facilities, identified current and future needs, and established a planning framework to meet those needs.

Due to the difficult economic times in which we live, implementation of the *Recreation Needs Assessment* will largely be contingent on the availability of funding. It is important to remember that the *Recreation Needs Assessment* is intended to serve as a vision or guiding document for future development of the recreation systems rather than a direct mandate for action.

The Agencies initiated the planning process by identifying the existing recreational issues and concerns through regularly scheduled meetings with the Steering Committee, the results of the Recreation Needs Community Survey and stakeholder interviews, and detailed a analysis of the existing recreational resources. Next, the Agencies' recreational facilities, parks, and programs were compared with State and National standards to understand trends and community needs. The result of this analysis was a clear set of guidelines regarding the level and standard of recreation services, programs, and facilities to be provided for residents and property owners within the Villages and School District.

The Steering Committee was charged with oversight of the *Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment*. Tasks included reviewing draft documents, collecting information on parks and recreational facilities, and serving as a point of contact for community members within the Villages and School District. In addition to multiple Steering Committee meetings dedicated solely to the development of the *Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment*, the Agencies conducted a public workshop to engage participants in the creation of a community driven vision for the future of the combined recreational assets. The Steering Committee served as a community advocate for the ideas and topics that were addressed during the workshops, affirming that the goals and strategies of the *Recreation Needs Assessment* reflected the community's vision.

Public Participation Overview

The foundation of a good plan is the incorporation of public input early and often throughout the development of the plan. To ensure that a plan is founded upon common goals and objectives, it is imperative that feedback be obtained from the community. A variety of methods were used to solicit community input during the recreational planning process, including: regularly scheduled and conducted meetings with the Steering Committee, interviews with municipal parks maintenance and recreational programming department heads, the completion of the Recreation Needs



Community Survey online and in person, stakeholder interviews, and a Public Recreational Needs Workshop. The feedback obtained through these public outreach efforts formed the basis for the recommendations developed as part of this planning process.

Overview of Community Recreational Resources

The inventory of recreational resources owned by the Agencies was conducted using a variety of methods in order to ensure the most comprehensive list of parks and trails possible. Resources were identified through the review of previous plans and studies, interviews with Village and School District Department Heads and staff, stakeholder interviews, GIS data, and satellite images. Once all recreational resources were identified, an inventory of amenities and a conditions assessment was conducted through site visits. Park inventory sheets, found in **Appendix A**, were used to evaluate resources in a consistent and objective manner.

Opportunities & Challenges

The Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow have experienced upward growth trends in the past twenty years, enforcing the need for quality recreation resources. The Village of Tarrytown has experienced a 3.3% increase while the Village of Sleepy Hollow has experienced a 12.6% increase. Many of these new residents are families. According to the 2000 Census, 64.8% of the residents of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow are family households. Similarly, the largest age groups residing within the Villages include persons between the ages of 35 and 54 and residents between the ages of zero and 19, reinforcing the need for a diversity of recreational facilities and programs.

Currently, the Agencies provide access to a wide variety of recreational facilities and opportunities. For example, the Villages collectively own 16 parks, and are currently supporting the construction of Westchester County's RiverWalk Park in both Villages, the construction of the Aquatic Center in Tarrytown, and the construction of the Scenic Hudson RiverWalk Park in Tarrytown. In addition to the Village parks, the School District offers access to six recreational facilities, including fields and gymnasiums. In addition, the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail and Rockefeller State Park offer 4.4 miles of trail and 232.25 acres of preserved open space respectively. These resources, along with the numerous private and not-for-profit recreational resources available in the Villages, create a wide array of recreational opportunities for residents of all ages.

To gain a better understanding of the resources available within the Villages and School District, it is important to compare the existing facilities to the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). The SCORP and NRPA guidelines produce separate, yet equally important, standards from which to develop recreational facilities on the local level. According to the SCORP analysis, the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow provided 38.2% of the recommended recreational facilities to its

residents in 2000. The Villages had the greatest deficits in field game and pool facilities. This assessment accounted for all of the Village-owned parkland and facilities in the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow. School District and Westchester County resources were included in the analysis. In addition, although the SCORP and NRPA assessments do not include guidelines for waterfront access, residents identified a lack of public access to the Hudson River through the public participation process.

II. Goals, Actions & Implementation Plan

Recreation Policy Statements

A good Recreation Needs Assessment builds upon a framework that ties broad ideas and specific activities together, identifying the short and long-term needs of the community. Effective policies that will guide community investment and decision making in the Village of Tarrytown, the Village of Sleepy Hollow and the School District over the next decade will require a multi-level approach. The Assessment’s framework is very much like the blueprint of a building. All of the components, from the largest to the smallest, must fit together in a logical way for the structure to stand and function well for years to come.

As a result, this document is the foundation upon which the communities’ future direction, development and success will be built. To accomplish this, the *Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment* has the following key elements:

Community Vision Statement: A general statement about the future condition or state of parks and recreational resources in the community. It is the end toward which all actions are aimed.

Goal: A reasonably attainable statement of measurable activity to be accomplished in pursuit of the policy. Consider broad actions or aspirations, such as “increase,” “develop,” or “preserve.”

Action Item: A specific proposal to do something that relates directly to accomplishing a goal, which usually takes the form of a plan, activity, project, or program.

Recreation Vision Statement

**Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow and the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns
Recreation Vision**

“Support and maintain the park and recreation system, through inter-agency cooperation, to provide all residents with quality facilities, trails and programs that are not only safe and attractive, but provide diverse active and passive recreational opportunities.”

High Priority Action Items

As part of the planning process, an attempt was made to identify the priorities for action that best reflect the needs and desires of the communities. As a result, a key action or strategy was identified under each goal that, if implemented, will ensure the success of the *Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment*.



The implementation of the key action items will result in the improvement of recreational facilities that will address the recreation needs of the Village and the School District residents. The action items include:

Access & Awareness Action 1.1: *Create ways to reserve fields and facilities online, thereby improving coordination between residents.*

Active Transportation Action 1.1: *Create an active transportation system throughout the Villages and School District through the construction of pedestrian and bike path connections.*

Parks & Recreation Facilities Action 1.1: *Implement the recommendations of the Tri-Agency Recreation Shared Services Study to consolidate parks maintenance and recreational programming between the Agencies.*

Waterfront Action 1.1: *Continue to create convenient and safe access to the Hudson River for launching canoes, kayaks, skulls and/or motorboats.*

Access & Awareness Goals & Actions

AA Goal 1: **Improve access to, and awareness of, the resources for recreational and cultural enjoyment owned by the Villages and School District.**

AA Action 1.1: *Create ways to reserve fields and facilities online, thereby improving coordination between residents.*

AA Action 1.2: *Improve the Agencies’ websites to include events, maps, and general information about parks and recreation programs.*

AA Action 1.3: *Improve community bulletin boards and calendars on the Villages’ and School District’s websites to be more user-friendly, allowing the Villages and School District residents to easily communicate and post information about current events. Events to be posted should include, but not be limited to, concerts, family events, youth and adult athletic games and practices, volunteer opportunities,*

enrichment classes and adult education opportunities. The use of message boards will also allow participants to coordinate fundraisers and carpooling opportunities.

- AA Action 1.4: *Encourage and support special events such as concerts and family days at the various parks.*
- AA Action 1.5: *Encourage partnerships between public and private recreation facilities. Consider the creation of partnerships between the Agencies and private recreational facilities to promote the use of indoor sports facilities, and to provide the Villages with quality sports instruction and field space during the winter months. The creation of partnerships has the opportunity to encourage cooperative purchasing, likely to result in cost savings for all participants.*
- AA Action 1.6: *Expand senior recreation opportunities. Consider offering adult education and enrichment classes, and increasing passive recreation opportunities such as bird watching.*
- AA Action 1.7: *Expand opportunities for adults to participate in organized sports and recreation activities. Increased communication about events, games and leagues will encourage participation.*
- AA Action 1.8: *Ensure adequate parking at each recreational facility and trailhead. Consider conducting additional studies to examine the parking and traffic flow at the recreation facilities.*
- AA Action 1.9: *Create uniform signage for all Village and School District parks and trails to promote awareness of recreation opportunities and facilities.*
- AA Action 1.10: *Complete a self-evaluation of all the existing recreation facilities and trails to gauge compliancy with the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Upgrade facilities when appropriate to meet the needs of residents with disabilities. Encourage private recreation facilities to also evaluate and improve facility space to adhere to the ADA standards.*
- AA Action 1.11: *Add or upgrade lighting systems to encourage the use of Village and School District-owned recreational facilities after dark, and to enhance safety where appropriate. For example, the lighting system at Losee Park is scheduled to be replaced in the fall of 2010. The result will be an increased amount of light throughout the field and*

an increase in safety as light poles are removed from the center of the field.

Active Transportation Goals & Actions

AT Goal 1: Support the preservation and creation of active transportation options throughout the Villages and School District.

- AT Action 1.1: *Create an active transportation system throughout the Villages and School District through the construction of pedestrian and bike path connections. For example, consider ways to connect the Tarrytown Lakes Park trail to the Old Croton Aqueduct. Also, consider the creation of additional multi-use trails.*
- AT Action 1.2: *Continue to work with neighboring municipalities to create regional trail systems and enhance recreational opportunities along existing trails. Continue to support the connection of the RiverWalk Park between municipalities along the Hudson River.*
- AT Action 1.3: *Consider providing comfort stations with benches, garbage cans, and/or drinking water at key locations near major trails in the Villages.*
- AT Action 1.4: *Encourage programs, services, policies, plans, and incentives that promote healthy lifestyles and the general well-being of all residents.*
- AT Action 1.5: *Integrate the “Complete Streets” concepts into the current urban fabric to encourage a road network that is safe for all users. Elements of Complete Streets include, but are not limited to, sidewalks, bike lanes, frequent crossing opportunities, median islands, accessible pedestrian signals, and curb extensions. These policies can be further incorporated into site plan and subdivision design guidelines.*

Parks & Recreational Facilities Goals & Actions

PRF Goal 1: Continue to support the development and maintenance of a park and recreation system that meets the year-round needs of current and future residents of the Villages and School District.

PRF Action 1.1: *Implement the recommendations of the Tri-Agency Recreation Shared Services Study to consolidate parks maintenance and recreational programming between the Agencies.*

PRF Action 1.2: *Work with the Town of Greenburgh, the Town of Mount Pleasant, the Village of Irvington, and Westchester County to identify additional opportunities to improve delivery of recreational services to the region.*

PRF Action 1.3: *Support a multi-purpose community center to be used as a community resource and location for community programming. Evaluate existing buildings to determine a potential location for the community center. For example, consider partnering with WestCop to organize activities and programs at the Community Opportunity Center of the Tarrytowns. Support afterschool and teen programming. Support continuing education and senior programming.*

PRF Action 1.4: *Explore the potential of redesigning the existing fields to improve the utilization of Agency-owned land. Consider the dedication of certain fields to specific sports.*

PRF Action 1.5: *Improve field conditions. Replace the bleachers at Devries and Losee Parks. Remove concrete in-fill at Kingsland Point Park multipurpose field. Provide foul ball netting at all baseball and softball fields. Provide shade opportunities for spectators. Improve condition of hard packed outfields at all baseball and softball fields. Maintain the scoreboards at Losee and Devries Parks.*

PRF Action 1.6: *Conduct a feasibility study to explore the possibility of constructing turf fields, particularly at the High School Fields and at the Washington Irving Middle School Fields, in an effort to reduce effects of overuse.*

PRF Action 1.7: *Explore sustainable funding mechanisms for recreation programs and facilities. Consider the use of federal and state grants as potential funding sources. See **Table 1: Sources of Grant Funding** for*

further information. Consider cooperatively purchasing recreation equipment, for example soccer goals, as a way of reducing cost and increasing quality of equipment.

- PFR Action 1.8: *Evaluate existing park conditions and strive to meet any unmet needs.* Consider the construction of a field house at the Sleepy Hollow High School Fields. Explore locations for dog parks throughout the Villages. Construct restrooms, additional pavilions, benches and lighting where necessary.
- PRF Action 1.9: *Explore opportunities for additional and secure equipment storage space to be used by recreation leagues.* Consider the use of space under bleachers for the storage of equipment.
- PRF Action 1.10: *Modernize outdated, unsafe or vandalized park equipment and facilities.* Replace unsafe playground equipment. Replace tennis courts at Pierson Park.
- PRF Action 1.11: *Incorporate equipment and restroom access for residents with special needs and disabilities at existing recreation facilities.*
- PRF Action 1.12: *Continue to increase the variety of activities available at the parks and fields located within the Villages and School District.*
- PRF Action 1.13: *Explore natural park designs for all new recreation facilities and playgrounds.* Use the natural park design for Neperan Park as an example.
- PRF Action 1.14: *Consider additional outdoor public pools and/or indoor pools to increase access for the residents based upon the SCORP and NRPA analyses.* Support the construction of the new Aquatic Center.
- PRF Action 1.15: *Periodically evaluate existing parking conditions and strive to meet any unmet needs.*

Waterfront Goals & Actions

W Goal 1: Promote awareness and access to the water resources located within the Villages and School District for water-related recreational activities.

- W Action 1.1: *Continue to create convenient and safe access to the Hudson River for launching canoes, kayaks, skulls, and/or motorboats. Consider the creation of kayak and skull storage spaces along the Hudson River as an additional way to connect the Village of Tarrytown and the Village of Sleepy Hollow.*
- W Action 1.2: *Support the creation of pedestrian and bike paths along the Hudson River. Encourage connections to the pedestrian and bike paths that will be created as part of the Scenic Hudson RiverWalk Park and the RiverWalk.*
- W Action 1.3: *Continue to provide and enhance picnic areas and pavilions near the Hudson River.*
- W Action 1.4: *Secure additional land on the riverfront for future public access to the Hudson River when opportunities present themselves.*
- W Action 1.5: *Continue to recognize the water parks as an asset. Encourage the construction of additional water parks. Support the maintenance of the existing water parks located within Barnhart and Reverend Sykes Parks.*

Implementing the Plan

The adoption of the *Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment* is only the beginning. The mere statements of goals and actions included in this Assessment will not produce the desired results unless the Agencies implement the concepts through land use regulations, public investment and cooperation, and/or the formation of partnerships.

Once the *Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment* is adopted, the Agencies may choose to designate a Recreation Implementation Committee¹ to assist with the implementation of the vision, goals, and actions of the plan. The Agencies should consider appointing community residents to the Recreation Implementation Committee, which may also include other staff members from the Village Planning Departments or the Village and School District Recreation

¹ The Recreation Implementation Committee has the potential to become part of the Parks and Recreation Policy and Budget Board. The creation of the Policy and Budget Board is recommended as part of the consolidated model recommended in the *Tri-Agency Recreation Shared Services Study*.

Departments. The Committee should meet at the request of the Agencies to assist with *Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment's* implementation activities, which may include, but are not limited to, grant writing, staffing volunteer boards, and coordinating community projects. The Village of Tarrytown Village Board, the Village of Sleepy Hollow Village Board and School District Board of Education should be charged with establishing annual goals and milestones related to the *Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment's* implementation. The *Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment* should be reviewed in full once every five years and amended as necessary. An update of the plan should be completed at least once every ten years to ensure the recreational needs of the community are addressed.

Funding Sources for Parks & Recreation Projects

Meeting the goals of a *Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment* can be costly, whether implementation requires further planning and analysis, expansion of services, facility construction, or maintenance and improvements. To ensure success, the Agencies should identify and capitalize on available funding sources and cooperative purchasing options between the Villages and School District. Recreation projects are typically funded through private donations, bonding and/or in-lieu-of fees, as well as grants from state and federal programs. Cooperative purchasing options for equipment and improvements provide another venue for reducing cost and increasing quality. See the *Tri-Agency Recreation Shared Services Study* for additional analysis and suggestions.

State and federal agencies are the primary sources of funding for local parks and recreation projects. Funding programs support a range of actions including land acquisition, planning and design, construction, and maintenance. State grants are administered through various funding agencies including the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), the New York State Department of State (NYSDOS), and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP). Most State funding programs stem from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), which was established to provide a dedicated source of funding for vital environmental programs.

Federal grants are generally available through the National Parks Service, the Federal Highway Administration, the Department of Education, and National Resource Conservation Services. Federal funds are commonly administered by the State to the localities.

The state and federal grants listed in **Table 1** below are extremely competitive and can be difficult to secure without the adoption of the *Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment*. Project eligibility, the supported action, and project elements vary depending on the grant program. If the project meets eligibility requirements, a community must then ensure that the project is aligned with the funding agency's priorities and ranking criteria. Funding priorities are established each year and are based on a point system. Most grant cycles are announced on an annual basis and the opportunity to apply ranges from several weeks to several months. Municipalities must keep

abreast of available funding opportunities and be cognizant of application deadlines. The *Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment* should be examined regularly to ensure the plan is aligned with the community's wants and needs, as well as with the state and federal criterion necessary to successfully secure grant funding.

Table 1: Sources of Grant Funding

Grant Source	Eligible Projects	Application Due Date	Funds Available
Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act <i>New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park preservation and rehabilitation • Historic preservation of properties on the State and National Register • Acquisition of easements for use by general public for recreation, conservation or preservation purposes 	Annual call for proposals (summer)	Special funding cap of \$1 million for projects over \$4 million Standard funding cap of \$500,000
Environmental Protection Fund <i>NYSOPRHP & New York State, Department of State, Division of Coastal Resources</i>	NYSOPRHP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park preservation or rehabilitation • Historic preservation of properties on the State and National Register • Acquisition of easements for use by general public for recreation, conservation, or preservation purposes NYS DCR Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General local waterfront revitalization or redevelopment • Public coastal education 	Annual call for proposals (summer)	Cap of \$1 million for projects over \$4 million (Typically \$10,000 - \$500,000)
Furthermore <i>The Kaplan Fund</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publications (maps, pamphlets, books, guides, and catalogues) to expand public interest in the built and natural environment, historic resources and preservation, cultural history, art landscape and design. 	March 1 st & September 1 st	Up to \$20,000
Land and Water Conservation Fund <i>National Park Service</i>	National Park Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land acquisition • Recreational/park improvements including trails 	Not yet established	\$7,000 - \$400,000
National Trails Endowment <i>American Hiking Society</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of new trails or improvements of exiting trail facilities • Increasing disabled access • Purchasing of trail lands • Trail research projects • Constituency-building for a specific trail project 	November 30 th	Up to \$10,000
National Recreational Trails Program <i>NYSOPRHP & Federal Highway Administration</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail development • Acquisition of trail easements or rights-of-way • Trail management activities 	Irregular call for proposals (spring)	Total funding \$1 million (\$5,000 - \$80,000)

Grant Source	Eligible Projects	Application Due Date	Funds Available
Preserve New York <i>Preservation League of New York & New York State Council on the Arts</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic structure and/or landscape reports and cultural resource surveys to plan for the preservation • Restoration and rehabilitation of historic buildings and landscapes 	May 1 st	Total funding \$106,500 (\$3,000 - \$15,000)
Recreation and Conservation Grants (not-for-profit organizations only) <i>Recreational Equipment, Inc.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community recreation projects including outdoor education and recreational access • Conservation projects to encourage community support • Advocacy and public policy to protect access and recreational opportunities 	March	Up to \$5,000
Transportation Enhancements Program <i>New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities for bicycles & pedestrians • Scenic or historic highway programs • Tourist & welcome center facilities • Transportation related museums • Control & removal of outdoor advertising • Environmental mitigation to reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality, landscaping & scenic beautification 	Irregular call for proposals (summer)	\$50,000 - \$2.5 million

Source: Laberge Group

III. Existing Conditions: Inventory & Analysis

Highlights: Opportunities & Challenges

- *The populations of the Village of Tarrytown and the Village of Sleepy Hollow are projected to grow between the years 2000 and 2014.*
- *The Villages have a large number of residents who are under the age of 19 providing a need for youth recreation activities and programming.*
- *The largest age cohort in the Villages include residents between the ages of 35 and 54 resulting in a need for adult recreational activities and programming.*
- *Residents indicated a desire for more organized family events in the Recreation Needs Community Survey conducted during the fall and winter of 2009.*
- *Only a small percentage of the housing units in the Villages are vacant, signaling stability within the Villages.*
- *The median household income in the Village of Tarrytown is projected to reach \$94,420 by 2014. The median household income in the Village of Sleepy Hollow is projected to reach \$77,377 by 2014.*

This section provides background information on the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow and will serve as the foundation for the rest of the Study. A demographic profile provides information on population, education, housing, and income trends for the Villages. Additionally, programs related specifically to parks and recreation are discussed and existing plans and studies are summarized to highlight recreational opportunities.

Location

The Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow are located on the eastern bank of the Hudson River in Westchester County, New York. The Villages are approximately and respectively 25 to 30 miles north of midtown Manhattan in New York City. Both Villages are served by the Metro-North Hudson Line and are serviced by US Route 9.

The Village of Tarrytown is nestled within the Town of Greenburgh. The Village of Tarrytown is bordered by the Village of Sleepy Hollow to the north, the Village of Irvington to the south and parts of unincorporated Greenburgh to the east. The Tappan Zee Bridge crosses the Hudson River at Tarrytown, creating a connection with Interstates 87 and 287.

The Village of Sleepy Hollow, formerly known as the Village of North Tarrytown, is comprised of two square miles within the Town of Mount Pleasant. The Village is bordered by the Village of Tarrytown to the south and parts of unincorporated Town of Mount Pleasant to the north and east. See **Map 1: Regional Map**.

History

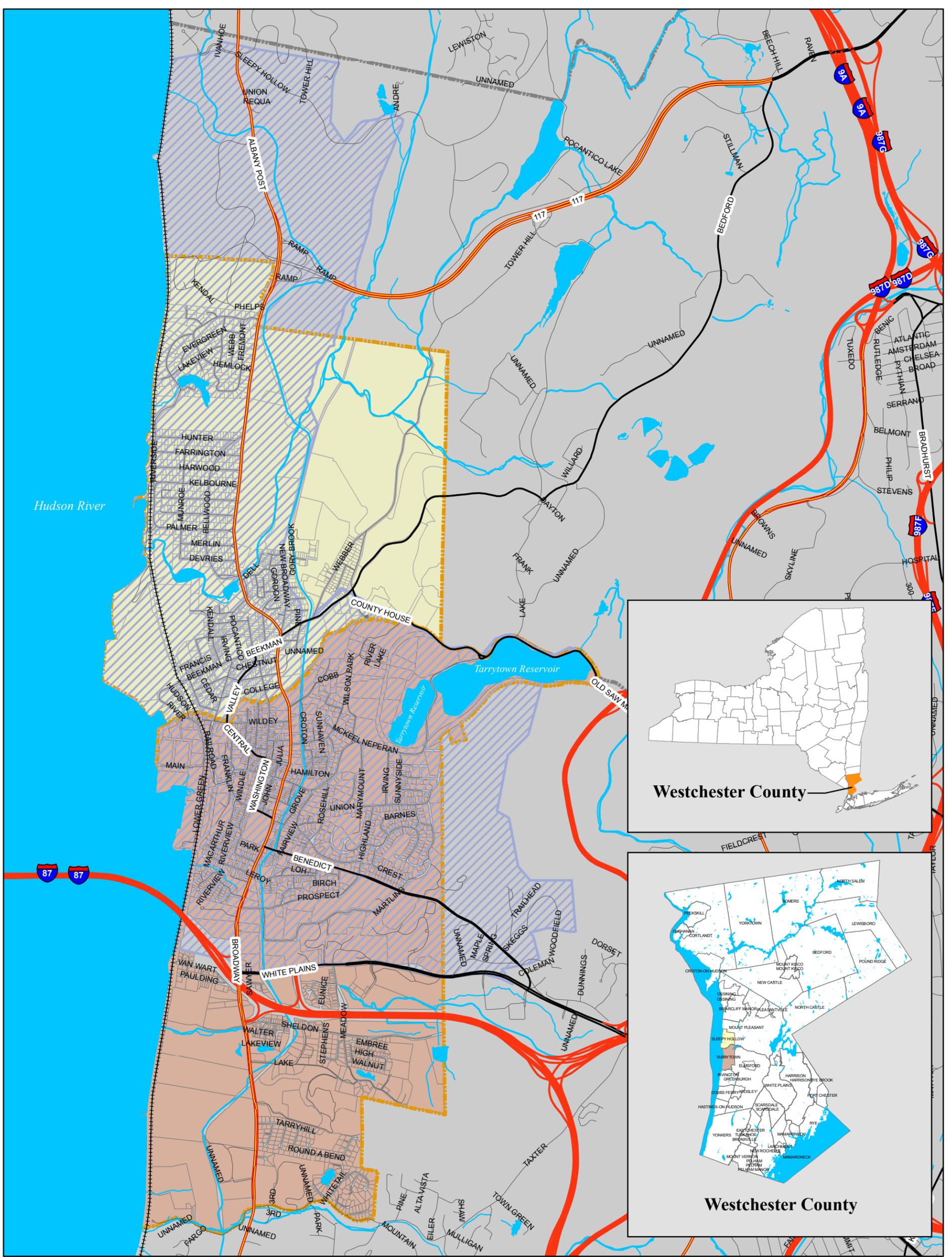
After many battles with the Weckquaesgeck Indians, the Village of Tarrytown was settled in approximately 1645 by Dutch farmers and fur trappers. Upon settlement, the Village of Tarrytown quickly became a large grain distribution center due to Frederick Philipse, a wealthy businessman who began purchasing the first of his 90,000 acre estate in 1681. In the 1790s, the north end of the Village became known as the “Sleepy Hollow” in honor of the famous story written by Washington Irving during a visit to Tarrytown.

The Village of Tarrytown continued to revolve around the Philipse’s wheat mill until the arrival of the Industrial Age, ushered in with the construction of the New York & Hudson River Railroad in 1849 and the arrival of industrial factories such as General Motors. The new industry and the railroad connection encouraged the arrival of millionaires such as John D. Rockefeller, Sr. and Jay Gould to the area, resulting in the construction of mansions and private schools along the Hudson River. As a result, Tarrytown was known as “Millionaire’s Colony.” During the same time period, the north end of Tarrytown near the Sleepy Hollow became an immigrant and industrial community known as Beekman Town, soon to be incorporated into the Village of North Tarrytown.

After the arrival of the Industrial Age, the completion of the Tappan Zee Bridge in 1955 was the next significant change as the Bridge successfully connected Tarrytown to major interstates such as I-87, the Cross Westchester Expressway (287) and I-95. The Bridge has increased traffic patterns in the area, a reality that continues to challenge Tarrytown as it finds new ways to accommodate the estimated 135,000 vehicles that cross the Bridge daily. Additionally, it was not until 1996 that the Village of North Tarrytown decided to officially change its name from the Village of North Tarrytown to the Village of Sleepy Hollow in honor of Irving’s famous story.

Demographic Profile

The Demographic Profile presents population, age, housing, education, and income trends within the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow. The Villages have been compared to Westchester County and New York State where appropriate. These comparisons will provide the context required to assimilate an understanding of past and future estimated growth patterns for the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow. The information is gathered from the 2000 U.S. Census and from ESRI Business Analyst Online. Data from the 1990 Census and population estimates for 2009 and 2014 are also utilized to show the progression of trends over time.



LEGEND		ROADS	
	(V) Sleepy Hollow		Limited Access Hwy
	(V) Tarrytown		Primary Highway
	Adjacent Municipalities		State or County Hwy
	Public Schools of the Tarrytowns District		Local Roads
			Railroads
			Streams
			Body of Water

Regional Map

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Population

Local population growth and decline is dependent on several factors, including economic expansion, environmental capacity, housing suitability, age-driven needs, and regional desirability. According to U.S. Census data, the Village of Tarrytown’s population increased from 10,739 in 1990 to 11,090 in 2000, resulting in a 3.2% increase. During the same period, population increased from 8,179 to 9,212 in the Village of Sleepy Hollow, resulting in a 11.2% increase. Westchester County and New York State population also increased at rates of 5.6% and 5.2% respectively.

Population estimates by ESRI Business Analyst Online for 2009 predicted a 1.9% growth rate between the years 2000 and 2009 for the Village of Tarrytown, and a 10.3% growth rate for the Village of Sleepy Hollow as shown in **Table 2**. The predicted growth rate for the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow combined is 6.8%. Comparatively, the projected growth rates for Westchester County and New York State are predicted to be 3.5% and 2.7% respectively. Projections for 2014 estimate a 2.6% growth rate for the Village of Tarrytown between the years 2000 and 2014, a 13.2% growth rate for the Village of Sleepy Hollow, projecting a growth rate of 7.7% for the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow combined.

Table 2: Population Trends

Year	(V) Tarrytown		(V) Sleepy Hollow		(V) Tarrytown & (V) Sleepy Hollow		Westchester County		New York State	
	Number	Growth	Number	Growth	Number	Growth	Number	Growth	Number	Growth
1990	10,739	NA	8,179	NA	18,918	NA	874,866	NA	17,990,455	NA
2000	11,090	3.2%	9,212	11.2%	20,302	6.8%	923,459	5.6%	18,976,457	5.2%
2009	11,305	1.9%	10,269	10.3%	21,574	5.9%	956,748	3.5%	19,495,049	2.7%
2014	11,386	0.7%	10,574	2.9%	21,960	1.8%	969,514	1.3%	19,645,949	0.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1, & ESRI Business Analyst Online.

Age

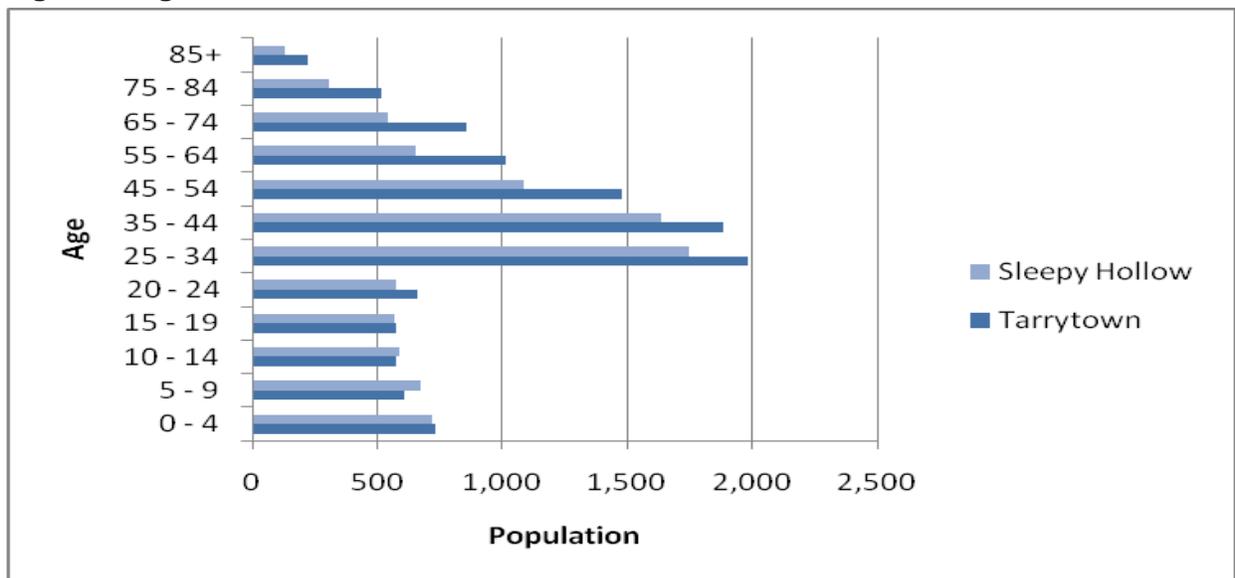
As shown in **Figure 1** and **Table 3**, 22.5% of the total population of the Village of Tarrytown and 27.7% of the population of the Village of Sleepy Hollow are under the age of 19. Similarly, 24.8% of the combined populations of the Villages are under the age of 19. While the average age in the Village of Tarrytown is lower than the average age in Westchester County (27.2%) and New York State (27.5%), the average in the Village of Sleepy Hollow is slightly higher. The percentage of the population below the age of 19 for the combined populations of the Villages is lower than the percentages in both Westchester County and New York State.

The number of residents between the age of 30 and 34 is significantly higher in the Village of Tarrytown (9.5%) and the Village of Sleepy Hollow (10.1%) than in Westchester County (7.4%) and New York State (7.7%). The percentage of residents between the age of 30 and 34 for the combined populations of the Villages is 9.7%, a percentage that is also higher than both Westchester County and New York State.

In contrast, the number of residents between the ages of 35 and 54 is lower in the Village of Tarrytown (30.2%) and the Village of Sleepy Hollow (29.5%) than in Westchester County (31.1%). The number of residents between the ages of 35 and 54 is greater in the Village of Tarrytown than in New York State (29.7%) and slightly less in the Village of Sleepy Hollow than in New York State. The percentage of residents in both Villages between the ages of 35 and 54 is 29.8%, a percentage that is lower than Westchester County and slightly greater than New York State.

The median age for the Village of Tarrytown (37.1) is similar to the median age for Westchester County (37.6) and higher than the median age for New York State (35.9). The median age for the Village of Sleepy Hollow (33.6) is lower than the Village of Tarrytown, Westchester County and New York State.

Figure 1: Age Distribution, 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1

Table 3: Age Distribution, 2000

Age	(V) Tarrytown		(V) Sleepy Hollow		(V) Tarrytown & (V) Sleepy Hollow		Westchester County		New York State	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
0-19	2,484	22.5%	2,548	27.7%	5,032	24.8%	250,355	27.1%	5,211,251	27.5%
20-29	1,585	14.3%	1,390	15.0%	2,975	14.7%	101,696	11.0%	2,549,034	13.5%
30-34	1,055	9.5%	933	10.1%	1,988	9.7%	68,733	7.4%	1,452,599	7.7%
35-54	3,358	30.2%	2,715	29.5%	6,073	29.8%	287,031	31.1%	5,627,234	29.7%
55-64	1,016	9.1%	655	7.1%	1,671	8.2%	86,680	9.4%	1,687,987	8.9%
65-74	856	7.7%	539	5.9%	1,395	6.8%	66,785	7.2%	1,276,046	6.7%
75+	736	6.6%	432	4.7%	1,168	5.7%	62,1479	6.7%	1,172,306	6.1%
Total	11,090	100.0%	9,212	100.0%	20,302	100.0%	923,459	100.0%	18,976,457	100.0%
Median	37.1		33.6		35.3*		37.6		35.9	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1. *The median age is an average of the median ages for the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow.

Households

As shown in **Table 4**, the total number of households in the Village of Tarrytown and the Village of Sleepy Hollow were 4,533 and 3,181 respectively in 2000. The combined number of households in the Villages totaled 7,714. Families comprised the majority of all households in the Village of Tarrytown (61.0%) and the Village of Sleepy Hollow (70.4%), or 64.8% of the combined family households in both Villages. Non-family households made up of 39.0% of the households in the Village of Tarrytown and 29.6% of households in the Village of Sleepy Hollow, or 35.2% of the combined non-family households in both Villages.

Westchester County (69.8%) and New York State (65.7%) had a higher percentage of family households than the Village of Tarrytown and a smaller percentage of family households than the Village of Sleepy Hollow. Westchester County and New York State had a higher percentage of families than the percentage of families in both Villages combined. The U.S. Census defines a family as “a group of two people or more (one of whom is the householder) related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together.”² A non-family is defined as two or more unrelated individuals living together or individuals living alone.

² U.S. Census Bureau. Current Population Survey (CPS) – Definitions and Explanations. <http://www.census.gov/population/www/cps/cpsdef.html>. Last modified 11-18-2008. Last visited 5-20-09.

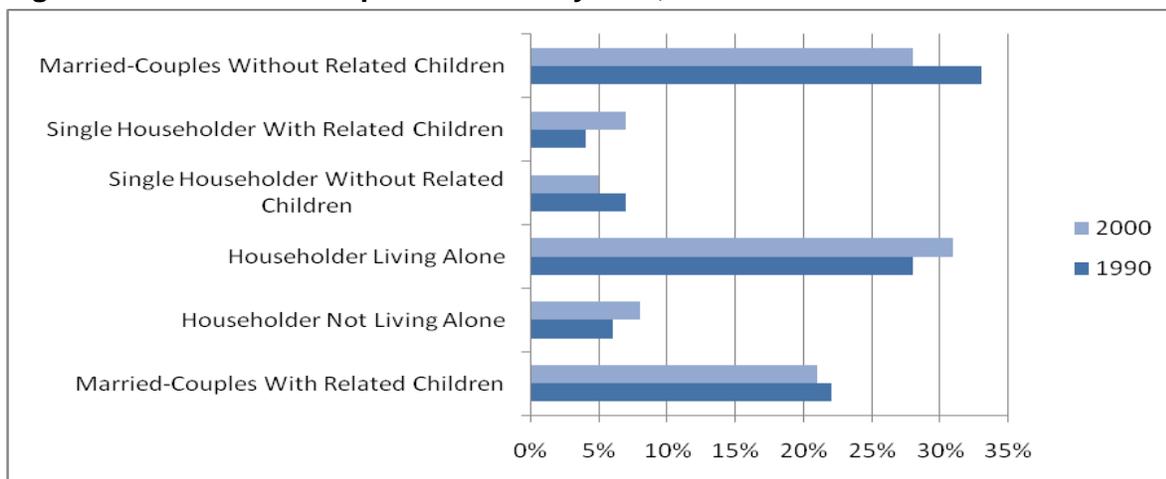
Table 4: Households by Type, 2000

	(V) Tarrytown		(V) Sleepy Hollow		(V) Tarrytown & (V) Sleepy Hollow		Westchester County		New York State	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Family Households	2,763	61.0%	2,238	70.4%	5,001	64.8%	235,201	69.8%	4,639,387	65.7%
<i>Married-couple Families</i>	2,198	48.5%	1,637	51.5%	3,835	49.7%	181,690	53.9%	3,289,514	46.6%
With Related Children	955	21.1%	894	28.1%	1849	24.0%	91,995	27.3%	1,600,827	22.7%
<i>Other Family (No Spouse Present)</i>	565	12.5%	601	18.9%	1166	15.1%	53,511	15.9%	1,349,873	19.1%
With Related Children	297	6.6%	343	10.8%	640	8.3%	30,159	8.9%	830,592	11.8%
Nonfamily Households	1,770	39.0%	943	29.6%	2,713	35.2%	101,941	30.2%	2,417,473	34.3%
<i>Householder Living Alone</i>	1,416	31.2%	733	23.0%	2,149	27.9%	86,596	25.7%	1,982,742	28.1%
<i>Householder not Living Alone</i>	354	7.8%	210	6.6%	564	7.3%	15,345	4.6%	434,731	6.2%
Total Households	4,533	100.0%	3,181	100.0%	7,714	100.0%	337,142	100.0%	7,056,860	100.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1

Figure 2 indicates that the number of families living in the Village of Tarrytown decreased from 66.2% in 1990 to 61.0% in 2000. The decline in family households can be attributed to the decrease in number of married-couple families, which fell from 55.0% in 1990 to 48.5% in 2000. The decrease in the percentage of married-couple families was mitigated by an increase in the percentage of other families (no spouse present) with related children from 4.3% in 1990 to 6.6% in 2000. In addition, the number of nonfamily households increased from 33.8% to 39.0% in 2000.

Figure 2: Household Composition in Tarrytown, 1990 & 2000

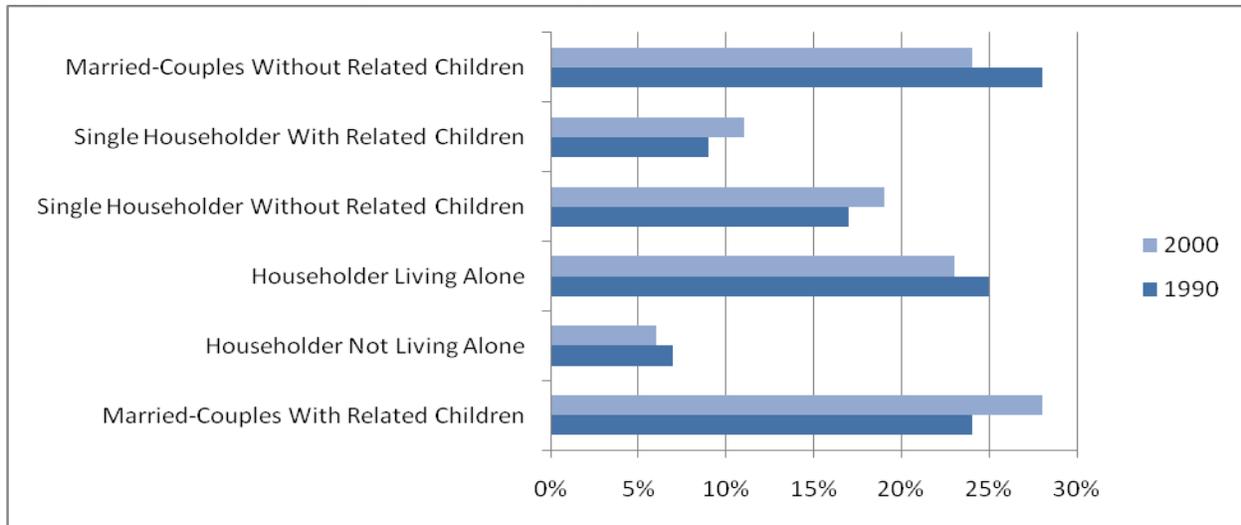


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Unlike the Village of Tarrytown, **Figure 3** indicates there was an increase in the total number of families in the Village of Sleepy Hollow from 68.8% in 1990 to 70.4% in 2000. The increase in family households can be attributed to the increase in family households with related children from 24.5% in 1990 to 28.1% in 2000. The increase in family households is further supported by a decrease in nonfamily households from 31.2% in 1990 to 29.6% in 2000 due to a decrease in householders living alone (24.5% in 1990 to 23% in 2000).

The average household size in the Village of Tarrytown decreased from 2.42 persons in 1990 to 2.33 persons in 2000. However, the average household size in the Village of Sleepy Hollow increased from 2.73 persons in 1990 to 2.89 persons in 2000.

Figure 3: Household Composition in Sleepy Hollow, 1990 & 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Housing

According to the 2000 Census, the Village of Tarrytown housing stock consisted of 4,688 total housing units. As shown in **Table 5**, occupied housing units comprised the majority (96.7%) of the housing stock. This figure was higher than both Westchester County (96.5%) and New York State (91.9%). Vacant housing units comprised only 3.3% of the total housing units. The majority of vacant homes were for rent (36.0%) or for sale only (9.6%) or for seasonal, recreation, or occasional purposes (29.0%). The percentage of vacant housing units for seasonal, recreation, or occasional purposes in the Village of Tarrytown was higher than the percentage for Westchester County (22.0%) and significantly lower than the percentage for New York State (37.8%). Housing for seasonal, recreation, or occasional purposes is defined by the U.S. Census as “vacant units used

or intended for use only in certain seasons or for weekend or other occasional use throughout the year.”³

According to the 2000 Census, the Village of Sleepy Hollow housing stock consisted of 3,253 total housing units. As show in **Table 5**, occupied housing units comprised the majority (97.8%) of the housing stock. This figure was, like the Village of Tarrytown, higher than both Westchester County (96.5%) and New York State (91.9%). Vacant housing units comprised only 2.2% of the total housing stock in the Village of Sleepy Hollow. The majority of vacant homes were for rent (68.0%). The percentage of vacant housing units for seasonal, recreation, or occasional purposes in the Village of Sleepy Hollow (12.5%) was significantly lower than for Westchester County (22.0%) and New York State (37.8%).

As of the year 2000, the housing stock located within the Villages consisted of 7,941 total housing units. As show in **Table 5**, occupied housing units comprised the majority (97.1%) of the housing stock. This percentage is, like both Villages, higher than the percentage of occupied housing found within Westchester County (96.5%) and New York State (91.9%). Vacant housing units comprised only 2.9% of the total housing stock in the Villages combined, showing that the majority of vacant homes were for rent (46.3%). The percentage of vacant housing units for seasonal, recreation, or occasional purposes in the Villages combined (23.8%) was greater than Westchester County (22.0%) and lower than New York State (37.8%).

The Village of Tarrytown has a greater percentage of owner-occupied housing units (50.7%) than the Village of Sleepy Hollow (36.1%). Conversely, the Village of Tarrytown has a smaller percentage of renter-occupied housing units (46.0%) than does the Village of Sleepy Hollow (61.7%).

³ U.S. Census Bureau. Housing Characteristics from STF3Appendix B, “Definitions of Subject Characteristics.” http://www.census.gov/geo/lv4help/apen_bhous.html. Last modified 6-7-01. Last visited 5-29-09.

Table 5: Tarrytown Housing Inventory, 2000

Characteristics	(V) Tarrytown		(V) Sleepy Hollow		(V) Tarrytown & (V) Sleepy Hollow		Westchester County		New York State	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Housing Units	4,688	100.0%	3,253	100.0%	7,941	100%	349,445	100.0%	7,679,307	100.0%
Occupied housing units	4,533	96.7%	3,181	97.8%	7,714	97.1%	337,142	96.5%	7,056,860	91.9%
Vacant housing Units	155	3.3%	72	2.2%	227	2.9%	12,303	3.5%	622,447	8.1%
<i>Seasonal, recreation, or occasional</i>	45	1.0%	9	0.3%	54	0.7%	2,711	0.8%	235,043	3.1%
Occupied housing units	4,533	100.0%	3,181	100.0%	7,714	100%	337,142	100.0%	7,056,860	100.0%
Owner-occupied housing units	2,375	50.7%	1,174	36.1%	3,549	46.0%	202,673	58.0%	3,739,166	53.0%
Renter-occupied housing units	2,158	46.0%	2,007	61.7%	4,165	54.0%	134,469	38.5%	3,317,694	47.0%
Vacant housing units	155	100.0%	72	100.0%	227	100%	12,303	100.0%	622,447	100.0%
For rent	56	36.1%	49	68.1%	105	46.3%	4,208	34.2%	158,569	25.5%
For sale only	15	9.7%	5	6.9%	20	8.8%	1,861	15.1%	59,405	9.5%
Rented or sold, not occupied	8	5.2%	2	2.7%	10	4.4%	1,265	10.3%	40,439	6.5%
Migrant workers	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	18	0.2%	750	0.1%
<i>Seasonal, recreation, or occasional</i>	45	29.0%	9	12.5%	54	23.8%	2,711	22.0%	235,043	37.8%
Other vacant	31	20.0%	7	1.7%	38	16.7%	2,240	18.2%	128,241	20.6%

Source: U.S. Census of Population and Housing, 2000

Education

National trends indicate that an increasing number of individuals are attaining higher levels of education, while the number of individuals possessing only a high school education or less, is steadily decreasing. **Table 6** shows that the Villages are consistent with these national trends.

In comparing the Villages, the County, and the State, it is evident that the Village of Tarrytown has a tremendous number of educated residents. As of the 2000 Census, the Village of Tarrytown had a significantly higher percentage of residents with a bachelor’s and/or graduate degree (50.3%) than residents in general within Westchester County (40.9%) and New York State (27.4%). The Village of Tarrytown also has an extremely low percentage of residents with a high school diploma or less. Only 31.0% of Tarrytown residents have a high school diploma or less compared to 38.6% in Westchester County and 48.7% in New York State.

As of the 2000 Census, the Village of Sleepy Hollow had a lower percentage of residents with a bachelor’s and/or graduate degree (33.5%) than Westchester County (40.9%), but a higher percentage than New York State (27.4%). The Village of Sleepy Hollow also had a significantly higher percentage of residents with a high school diploma or less (50.1%) than Westchester County (38.6%) or New York State (48.7%).

Table 6: Educational Attainment, 2000

Attainment Level	(V) Tarrytown	(V) Sleepy Hollow	(V) Tarrytown & (V) Sleepy Hollow	Westchester County	New York State
Less than 9th grade	5.3%	15.5%	9.7%	7.0%	8.0%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	6.8%	14.8%	10.2%	9.5%	12.9%
High School graduate	18.9%	19.8%	19.3%	22.1%	27.8%
Some college, no degree	12.8%	11.3%	12.2%	15.1%	16.8%
Associate degree	5.9%	5.2%	5.6%	5.5%	7.2%
Bachelor's degree	26.2%	18.1%	22.7%	21.1%	15.6%
Graduate or professional degree	24.1%	15.4%	20.3%	19.8%	11.8%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: U.S. Census of Population and Housing, 2000

Income

Table 7 demonstrates that the median household income in the Villages have consistently been lower than Westchester County, but higher than the New York State median household incomes. In 2000, the median household income in the Village of Tarrytown was \$65,897 and the median household income in the Village of Sleepy Hollow was \$54,041. This is to be contrasted with the median household income in Westchester County (\$63,637) and New York State (\$43,582). The median household income in the Village of Tarrytown is projected to reach \$94,420 by 2014 while the median household income in the Village of Sleepy Hollow is projected to reach \$77,377 by 2014.

According to the Census, only 14.0% of the Village of Tarrytown residents earn less than \$25,000 per year. The Tarrytown percentage is small in comparison to the Westchester County (19.8%) and New York State (29.6%). A significant portion (30.3%) of the Village of Tarrytown residents earn more than \$100,000 per year, a percentage that is slightly lower than Westchester County (31.3%) and much larger than New York State (15.3%).

According to the 2000 Census, 22.8% of the Village of Sleepy Hollow residents earn less than \$25,000 per year. The Sleepy Hollow figure is large in comparison to the Westchester County (19.8%) and small compared to New York State (29.6%) percentages. Only 25.1% of Sleepy Hollow residents earn more than \$100,000 per year, a smaller percentage than Tarrytown (30.3%) and Westchester County residents (31.3%), and a larger percentage than New York State residents (15.3%).

Table 7: Household Income, 2000

Income in 1999	(V) Tarrytown % of Total	(V) Sleepy Hollow % of Total	(V) Tarrytown & (V) Sleepy Hollow % of Total	Westchester County % of Total	New York State % of Total
Less than \$25,000	14.0%	22.8%	17.6%	19.8%	29.6%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	21.0%	23.0%	23.5%	20.1%	26.2%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	17.8%	17.0%	17.5%	16.8%	18.4%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	13.9%	21.1%	11.6%	12.3%	10.6%
\$100,000 or more	30.3%	25.0%	28.1%	31.1%	15.3%
Households	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Median HH income - 1990	\$48,295	\$38,333	N/A	\$48,405	\$36,635
Median HH income - 2000	\$65,897	\$54,041	N/A	\$63,637	\$49,423
Median HH income - 2009	\$89,069	\$73,846	N/A	\$84,333	\$64,992
Median HH income - 2014	\$94,420	\$77,377	N/A	\$89,207	\$75,811

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1, & ESRI Business Analyst Online

IV. Inventory & Assessment: Parks & Recreational Facilities

Highlights: Opportunities & Challenges

- *The Village of Tarrytown owns nine parks.*
- *The Village of Sleepy Hollow owns seven parks.*
- *The Public Schools of the Tarrytowns owns six recreational facilities.*
- *Eight of the parks are adjacent to Broadway.*
- *Sixteen outdoor playfields exist within the boundaries of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow.*
- *4.4 miles of the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail travels through the Villages.*
- *Current park construction projects include the construction of the Scenic Hudson RiverWalk Park in Tarrytown, and the continuing construction of natural park features in the Village of Tarrytown’s Neperan Park.*
- *An Aquatic Center is to be constructed on the former Village of Tarrytown Department of Public Works site located to the west of the Tarrytown Metro-North Railroad Station.*
- *There are numerous private and not-for-profit recreational resources in both Villages.*
- *232.25 acres of the Rockefeller State Park located within the Village of Sleepy Hollow.*
- *Kingsland Point Park charges a nominal fee for access; all are collected and used by the Village of Sleepy Hollow.*

Introduction

The Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow are rich in recreational resources. Parkland ranges from active parks with amenities to natural open space. Parkland is owned by the Village of Tarrytown, the Village of Sleepy Hollow, the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns (“School District”) and Westchester County. Village-owned parks, indoor and outdoor recreation facilities and/or open space will be inventoried. A physical conditions assessment will also be provided for existing resources. All parks and recreational facilities and amenities examined in this section are listed below in **Table 8**. See also **Map 2: Village of Tarrytown Parks & Recreation Map** and **Map 3: Village of Sleepy Hollow Parks & Recreation Map**. The inventory and assessment of the recreation facilities provided in this Section will be used to evaluate and prioritize future recreation improvements.



Parks & Parkway Land

1. Tarrytown Lakes Park
2. Patriots Park
3. Sarah Michaels Memorial Park
4. Proposed Scenic Hudson Riverwalk Park
5. Pierson Park
6. Losee Park
7. Washington Irving Middle School
8. Old Croton Aqueduct
9. Neperan Road Park
10. Loh Park
11. Taxter Ridge
12. Lagana Field
13. Gracemere Park
14. Heritage Park

LEGEND

- (V) Sleepy Hollow
- (V) Tarrytown
- Adjacent Municipalities
- New York State Parks
- Westchester County Parks
- Local Parks
- Public Schools of the Tarrytown Parks
- Quasi-Public Parks

ROADS

- Limited Access Hwy
- Primary Highway
- State or County Hwy
- Local Roads
- Railroads
- Streams
- Body of Water

Tarrytown Parks & Recreation Map

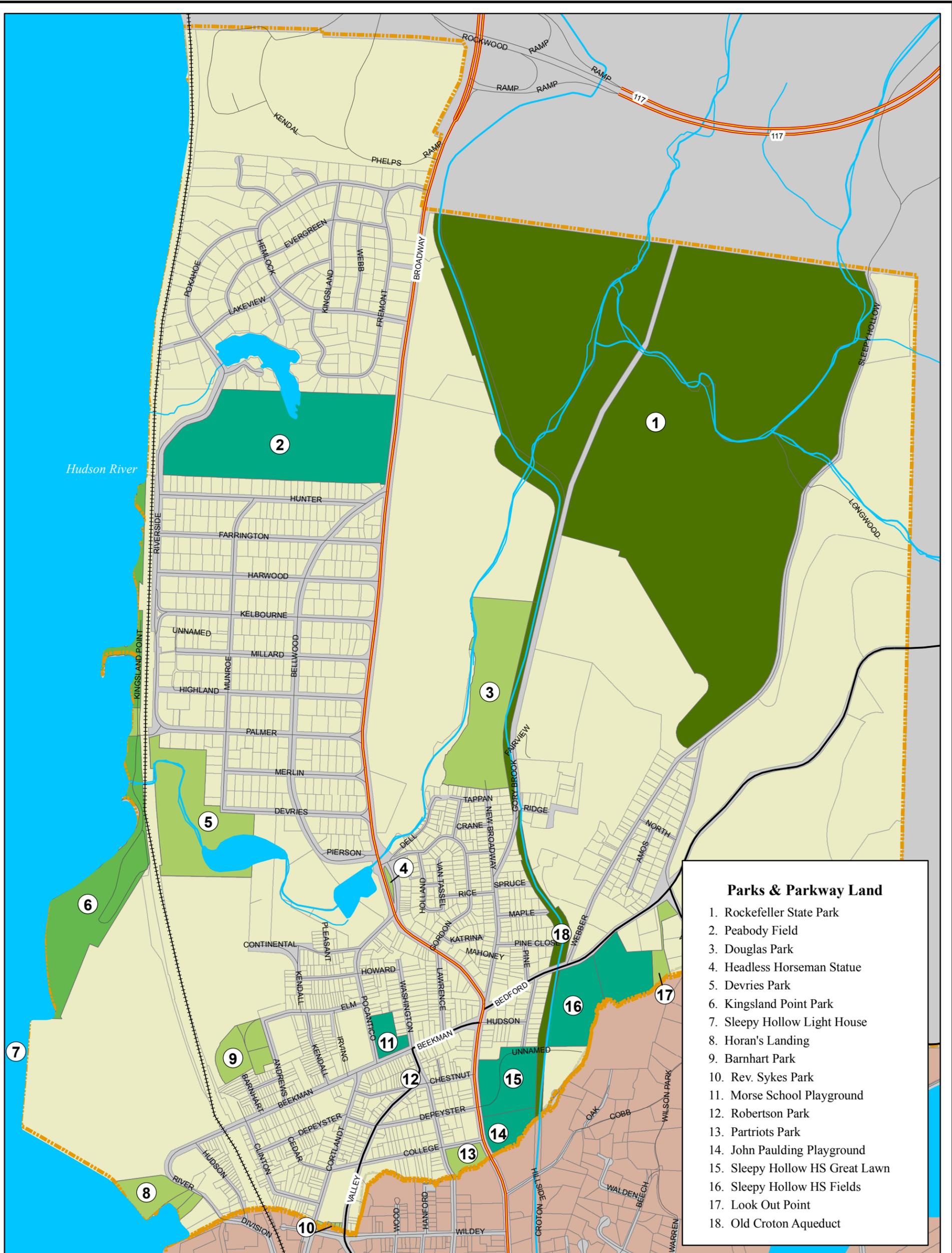
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- Parks & Parkway Land**
1. Rockefeller State Park
 2. Peabody Field
 3. Douglas Park
 4. Headless Horseman Statue
 5. Devries Park
 6. Kingsland Point Park
 7. Sleepy Hollow Light House
 8. Horan's Landing
 9. Barnhart Park
 10. Rev. Sykes Park
 11. Morse School Playground
 12. Robertson Park
 13. Patriots Park
 14. John Paulding Playground
 15. Sleepy Hollow HS Great Lawn
 16. Sleepy Hollow HS Fields
 17. Look Out Point
 18. Old Croton Aqueduct

LEGEND

- (V) Sleepy Hollow
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Sleepy Hollow Parks & Recreation Map

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Table 8: Public Park and Recreational Facilities

Park/ Facility Name	Acres	Ampitheater	Baseball/ Softball Field/Backstop	Basketball Hoop	Benches	Dog Park/Run	Grill	Lampposts/Lights	Multi-Purpose Field	Parking	Paved Sidewalk	Picnic Tables/ Shelter/ Gazebo	Play Equipment	Restroom	Splash Park	Tennis Court	Track	Trails (Unpaved)	Volleyball Court	Water Access/View
Village of Tarrytown																				
Gracemere Park	6.2									X		X								X
Lagana Field	2.94		X	X					X	X		X	X	X		X				
Loh Park	0.44				X															
Loose Park	56.04		X				X	X	X	X		X	X							
Neperan Park	2.43				X													X		
Patriots Park	1.64			X	X			X			X		X							
Pierson Park	8.54			X								X	X			X				
Sarah Michaels Memorial Park	0.98				X						X									
Tarrytown Lakes Park	175.45 (plus Lake)									X								X		X
Village of Sleepy Hollow																				
Barnhart Park	3.81			X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				X	
Devries Park	18.39		X		X		X	X		X		X	X	X		X				X
Douglas Park	17.69				X							X	X					X		
Horan’s Landing	2.56	X								X										X
Look Out Point	1.45									X										X
Reverend Sykes Park	0.19			X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X		X					
Robertson Park	0.05				X															

IV. INVENTORY & ASSESSMENT: PARKS & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Park/ Facility Name	Acres	Ampitheater	Baseball/ Softball Field/Backstop	Basketball Hoop	Benches	Dog Park/Run	Grill	Lampposts/Lights	Multi-Purpose Field	Parking	Paved Sidewalk	Picnic Tables/ Shelter/ Gazebo	Play Equipment	Restroom	Splash Park	Tennis Court	Track	Trails (Unpaved)	Volleyball Court	Water Access/View
Public School of the Tarrytowns																				
John Paulding Playground	1.72											X	X							
Morse School Playground	1.03			X									X							
Peabody Field	35.0				X				X	X										
Sleepy Hollow High School Great Lawn	2.20								X											
Sleepy Hollow High School Fields	12.50		X						X								X			
Washington Irving Middle School Fields	9.03		X						X								X			
State and County Parks																				
Kingsland Point Park	22.50		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X						X
Old Croton Aqueduct	44.45																	X		
Rockefeller State Park	232.25									X								X		
Taxter Ridge	17.4																	X		
Waterfront Park	40.0																	X		

Source: Loberge Group

Village of Tarrytown Owned Parks & Recreation Facilities

Gracemere Park

Gracemere Park is a 6.2 acre park located along Lake Road off of South Broadway, provides opportunities for passive recreation. It is currently comprised of open green space, a gazebo and a pond. The pond is part of a stormwater retention system for the surrounding neighborhood; fishing is prohibited. There is an access point onto the Old Croton Aqueduct trail from the park.

Conditions Assessment: The property is in good condition.

Accessibility: Parking is currently offered via an unpaved gravel lot.

Ownership/Maintenance: Gracemere Park is owned by the Village of Tarrytown.

Classification: It is identified as a *Neighborhood Park* according to the NRPA and SCORP classification system.

Lagana Field

Lagana Field is a 2.94 acre community park located on Sheldon Avenue south of I-87. The park offers an unlighted softball/little league field, an unlighted multi-purpose soccer field, two unlighted tennis courts, an unlighted half basketball court, a pavilion with many picnic tables and the Bill Baird Playground. The softball/little league field and the multi-purpose soccer field are known as Pennybridge Field. The Elizabeth Mascia Childcare Center leases the Bill Baird Playground. The Bill Baird Playground recently had a balance beam, one swing set with two swings, three horse rockers and two multi-station play structures. The play equipment at the Bill Baird Playground was deemed outdated and out of compliance with current code by a playground recreation equipment specialist. Consequently, the equipment was removed by the Village of Tarrytown in December, 2009. Due to contractual obligations, the Elizabeth Mascia Childcare Center is responsible for its replacement.

Conditions Assessment: According to the 2008 *Evaluation of Athletic Field Venues for the Villages of Tarrytown & Sleepy Hollow and the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns* conducted by HMH Site & Sports Design, Lagana Field is in fair to poor condition. The Evaluation states that the field and equipment are in fine condition, despite the need for a few fence repairs. The Evaluation also notes that the topography of the field should be evaluated to ensure that stormwater is actively draining. The Laberge Team noted that although the field is easily accessible to the public, the field needs to be resurfaced and the team benches need to be repainted. The Laberge Team also noted that although a basketball hoop is available, it is in need of a net. The Village of Tarrytown Recreation Supervisor noted that this park is one of the most highly used parks in the Village of Tarrytown resulting in overuse.

Accessibility: Street parking is available.

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned and maintained by the Village of Tarrytown.

Classification: It is identified as a *Neighborhood Park* according to the NRPA and SCORP classification systems.

Loh Park

Loh Park is a 0.44 acre park located along Leroy Avenue. The park provides the opportunity for passive recreation. The perimeter is lined with trees and the park is adorned with a bench.

Conditions Assessment: Loh Park is in good condition. The green areas are welcoming and well maintained.

Accessibility: Street parking is available.

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned and maintained by the Village of Tarrytown.

Classification: It is identified as a *Mini-Park* according to the NRPA classification guidelines and a *Pocket Park* according to the SCORP classification system.

Losee Park

Losee Park is located along Lower Green Street, just to the south of the Tarrytown Boating Club, and offers active and passive recreation opportunities. Three lighted fields exist in the park: Giaquinto Softball/Little League Field, Basher Baseball Field and a multi-purpose playfield. Each baseball field has a scoreboard and a protected dugout. Due to the location of the fields along the Hudson River, the fields provide a magnificent view of the Hudson River and the Tappan Zee Bridge. The park also provides one swing set with three toddler swings, multiple picnic sites and grills, all of which are separated from the ball fields by a chain link fence. Three picnic table shelters are also present to provide opportunities for shade.

Conditions Assessment: According to the 2008 *Evaluation of Athletic Field Venues for the Villages of Tarrytown & Sleepy Hollow and the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns* conducted by HMH Site & Sports Design, the fields are in good to excellent condition. The equipment and the soil are in good condition. The fields are used often, averaging two to three games per weekday night and a few games on the weekends. Currently, the field has twelve lights placed in the center of the fields precluding use of the fields by sports other than baseball. As a result, despite the fact that the lights are in good working order, the lighting system is scheduled for an upgrade. The new lighting technology will only

require three to four poles to produce the same amount of light that the current twelve posts produce, eliminating the need for lighting poles in the center of the fields. The upgrade is to happen in the near future using grant money provided by New York State. Similarly, the sprinkler system, although adequate, requires manual engagement. New technology is available that could make the system automatic and the Village of Tarrytown is considering an upgrade.

Accessibility: Parking is available along the perimeter of the field. A large sign identifies the park.

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned and maintained by the Village of Tarrytown.

Classification: The park is identified as a *Large Urban Park* according to the NRPA classification guidelines and an *Urban Park* according to the SCORP classification guidelines.

Neperan Park

Neperan Park, the former site of the Old Mott House Hotel, circa 1860-1910, is open from sunrise to sunset and is located along Neperan Road. The park is currently known for the wrought iron fence that surrounds the park, the Native Plant Garden located just inside the entrance, an unpaved trail along the perimeter of the park, and Natural Park and Playground currently being constructed. As a start to the renovation, a slide has been built into the natural landscape, a tree



house made of natural materials and a balance beam made of faux logs have been constructed. It is estimated that \$60,000 of renovations are yet to come.

Conditions Assessment: The park is in good condition. The Native Plant Garden is in good health and the benches are in good repair.

Accessibility: Street parking is available. The gate opening along the perimeter creates an inviting entry. The stone steps leading to the park are not ADA accessible, making it difficult for physically challenged patrons to enter.

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned and maintained by the Village of Tarrytown.

Classification: It is identified as a *Mini-Park* according to the NRPA classification guidelines and a *Pocket Park* according to the SCORP classification guidelines.

Patriots Park

Patriots Park serves both the Village of Tarrytown and the Village of Sleepy Hollow residents. Distinctive features include a stone bridge over a small creek, a statue honoring Revolutionary War heroes, a playground including a swing set and a multi-station play structure, open space with benches, and a walking path around the perimeter adorned with trees and wrought iron lampposts. The park is the location of many events, including the Shakespeare in the Park festival in the summer.

Conditions Assessment: The playground, play fields, bridge and open space are in good condition.

Accessibility: The park is accessible to pedestrians within the surrounding neighborhood. Street parking is available along the perimeter of the park.

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned and maintained by the Village of Tarrytown.

Classification: The park is identified as a *Neighborhood Park* according to the NRPA and the SCORP classification system.

Pierson Park

Pierson Park is located along West Main Street across the street from Ferry Landing, the newly constructed 250-unit residential development along the Hudson River. The park is currently undergoing a \$3 million renovation by the Village of Tarrytown. The park is to go into design in

the Spring of 2010 with scheduled construction to start at the end of summer or beginning of fall 2010.

Currently, the park has a multi-station play structure for children, a picnic pavilion, four tennis courts, two basketball courts, and a practice wall for tennis, handball and paddleball. Due to its location, the park provides a great view of the Hudson River and Tappan Zee Bridge. After the renovation, the area of the park along the riverfront will be named the Scenic Hudson RiverWalk Park and will be extended along the river adjacent to the new townhomes (see Scenic Hudson RiverWalk Park). The land for the extension of the Scenic Hudson RiverWalk Park adjacent to Pierson Park is to be donated by the developer of the Hudson Harbor townhomes.

Conditions Assessment: The play structures are in good condition.

Accessibility: A paved parking lot exists along the perimeter of the park. The park is easily accessible via pedestrians from the condo complex.

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned and maintained by the Village of Tarrytown.

Classification: It is identified as a *Neighborhood Park* according to the NRPA and SCORP classification guidelines.

Sarah Michaels Memorial Park

Sarah Michaels Memorial Park is a passive recreational area comprised of 0.98 acres located along Cortlandt Street located near the Railroad Depot. The park is surrounded by a chain linked fence and is adorned with ten stone benches that are unique in shape. The many benches provide an abundance of sitting areas within a small space. The benches, coupled with the many trees and manicured shrubs, provide a nice green space for the surrounding neighborhood.

Conditions Assessment: The park is in good condition.

Accessibility: Street parking is available along the perimeter of the park. The chain-linked fence that surrounds the park keeps the space from being extremely accessible to pedestrians. The lack of lighting throughout the space makes this an uninviting space after dark.

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned and maintained by the Village of Tarrytown.

Classification: It is identified as a *Mini-Park* according to the NRPA classification system and a *Pocket Park* according to the SCORP classification system.

Tarrytown Lakes Park

Tarrytown Lakes Park is comprised of 175.45 acres and is located along Neperan Road. The lake provides patrons many options for active recreation throughout the year, such as fishing and kayaking in the summer and ice skating on the upper lake in the winter. A platform provides easy water access for ice skaters. Two trails provide opportunities for walking or biking, including a 1.2 mile paved trail along the southern perimeter of the lake and a one mile trail east of the lake starting across the street from Neperan Road. The park includes an old pump station which currently serves as a base of operation for Hudson River Recreation, a local kayaking outfitter. There has been discussion of adopting the pump station as an educational tool for the community, however the pump station currently leaks and would need repair.

Conditions Assessment: The trails are inviting and easily accessible. The platform in the lake for ice skaters is also accessible during the winter. The lakes provide many opportunities for recreation. The Park is in good condition.

Accessibility: A small paved parking lot is available to patrons. The trailheads and ice skating platform are easily accessible from this parking lot; however pedestrians must cross Neperan Road to access the other trailhead.

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned and maintained by the Village of Tarrytown.

Classification: It is identified as a *Large Urban Park* according to the NRPA classification system and an *Urban Park* according to the SCORP classification system.

Village of Sleepy Hollow Owned Parks & Recreation Facilities

Barnhart Park

Barnhart Park was recently constructed in 2008 at the north end of Barnhart Road. The park provides many opportunities for both passive and active recreation. Some of the distinctive features of the park include a splash park, a children's playground with swing sets and multi-station play structures, a toddler play area with toddler-sized stationary train, ADA accessible restrooms, rubberized sports courts providing opportunities for volleyball, basketball and soccer, and a view of the Hudson River. Lampposts are placed throughout the park to provide opportunities for evening recreation.

Conditions Assessment: The park is in excellent condition as the equipment is new. The variety of available activities makes Barnhart Park unique and attractive to patrons of all ages.

Accessibility: This park is not easily accessible to pedestrians. There is, however, a paved parking lot along the perimeter of the park and bike racks along the restrooms. In addition, the restrooms are ADA accessible and the park's facilities are level making it accessible for physically challenged patrons.

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned and maintained by the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

Classification It is identified as a *Neighborhood Park* according to the NRPA and SCORP classification guidelines.

Devries Park

Devries Park is comprised of 18.39 acres. It consists of a platform tennis court, the Joe Quattro Little League Field, a lighted regulation-size ball field complete with electronic score board, a picnic pavilion filled with many picnic tables and double grills available for private parties, and a children's playground with a multi-structure play station. In addition, swing sets and benches are placed along a tree-lined creek lined. A few lampposts are placed throughout the park, although the park is only open until dusk. The majority of ball games played in the park are little league games played at the Joe Quattro field. An elevated pedestrian walkway crosses over the adjacent railroad tracks, connecting Devries Park with Kingsland Point Park. The walkway is owned by Westchester County and is currently condemned due to safety issues.

Conditions Assessment: Devries Park is in fair condition. The scoreboard is new at the regulation sized field and new Must Go lights are to be installed by April, 2010 with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money. The 2008 *Evaluation of Athletic Field Venues for the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow and the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns* conducted by HMH Site & Sports Design, recommended fertilizing both fields and replacing the chain-linked fence along the regulation sized field. Identified playground issues include the lack of a fence separating the playground from the parking lot, the need for resurfacing of the play area and the replacement of some of the equipment in the play area. Additional issues include water control (occasional flooding and occasional drought), as well as the condition of the abandoned county-owned pedestrian walkway over the railroad tracks.

Accessibility: Paved parking lots exist along the perimeters of the ball fields. This park is not easily accessible to pedestrians due to the condemnation of the county-owned pedestrian bridge along the railroad tracks. The bathrooms are not ADA accessible.

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned and maintained by the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

Classification The park is identified as a *Community Park* according to the NRPA and SCORP classification guidelines.

Douglas Park

Douglas Park is a 17.69 acre park that serves the local neighborhood. The pedestrian-only entrance, located at the north end of New Broadway, is controlled by a wrought iron gate. The gate is part of a fence that passes through the backyards of the adjacent houses. The park includes an unpaved trail, many trees, benches, picnic tables, a gazebo and a playground providing opportunities for passive and active recreation. A multi-station play structure has recently been removed from the playground. Construction of the new naturally designed playground is anticipated for Spring, 2010.

Conditions Assessment: The condition of the park is good.

Accessibility: The park is only accessible to pedestrians who may enter through the open wrought iron gate. A few parking spaces are available along New Broadway near the entry to the park. The lack of accessibility via vehicle helps ensure the park is used by neighboring residents who are within walking distance.

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned and maintained by the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

Classification: The park is identified as a *Neighborhood Park* according to the NRPA and SCORP classification system.

Headless Horseman Statue

A statue of the famous and iconic Headless Horseman of Washington Irving fame is located on a small patch of land along North Broadway at the intersection of Dell Street. The land and its famous landmark are owned and maintained by the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

Horan's Landing

Horan's Landing is a small pocket park located on the Hudson River. Distinctive features include an amphitheater and a flag pole reminiscent of a ship flag pole. The park provides a great view of the marina on the Hudson River and ample seating to enjoy the view. The park is suited for passive recreation only.

Conditions Assessment: The condition of the amphitheater and flag pole is good.

Accessibility: The park is easily accessible to patrons who have vehicles; street parking is available along the perimeter of the park.

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned and maintained by the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

Classification: It is identified as a *Mini-Park* according to the NRPA classification guidelines and a *Pocket Park* according to the SCORP classification guidelines.

Look Out Point

Look Out Point is located on a bluff overlooking the Hudson River, which can be seen in the distance. Stone benches, placed in a circular formation, provide a place for patrons to enjoy the view. A stone railing has been placed along the edge of the bluff to protect patrons from the drop in elevation.

Reverend Sykes Park

Reverend Sykes Park is a small park nestled at the corner of Wildey and Cortlandt Streets. The park is lined with a chain linked fence and contains two separate areas: a lighted basketball court complete with team benches, a play area with a few picnic benches, a multi-station play station, a double grill and a spray park.

Conditions Assessment: The park is in fair condition. The nets on the basketball court exist but are clipped. There is greenery along the perimeter, but the shrubs tend to be overgrown. A swing set is in place; however one of the swings is missing.

Accessibility: The park is accessible to pedestrians within the surrounding neighborhood via a paved sidewalk; however the chain-linked fence along the perimeter creates a visual and real accessibility issue. Street parking is available along the perimeter of the park.

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned and maintained by the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

Robertson Park

Robertson Park is a small park placed on a median located at the intersection of Chestnut, North Washington and Valley Streets. The park is named in memory of John M. Robertson, M.D., a fact that is displayed on a monument rock located in the center of the park. The park has a patriotic feel due to the flag pole located in the center of the park, the three iron benches with the words "Rescue House Co. #1" on the backs, and the plaque that reminds visitors the park was dedicated on May 26, 1986 by V.F.W. Post 1939 "in memory of our departed comrades." The park hosts a US Postal Service Box and a stop sign.

Conditions Assessment: The park is in good condition. The grass is mowed. The benches are accessible and inviting. The flag pole and plaques are maintained.

Accessibility: The park is accessible to pedestrians within the surrounding neighborhood. The streets surrounding the park provide parallel parking opportunities.

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned and maintained by the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

Sleepy Hollow Lighthouse

The 1883 Lighthouse at Sleepy Hollow⁴, formerly known as the Tarrytown Lighthouse or the Kingsland Point Lighthouse, is located approximately one quarter of a mile off Kingsland Point Park in the Hudson River. The Lighthouse was authorized by the United States Congress in 1847 due to concerns about the safety of steamship travel along the Hudson River. The Lighthouse was not constructed until 1883, however, due to a long battle over the asking price of the Kingsland Point property. The property battle eventually ended with the decision to construct the Lighthouse in the water itself rather than on the Kingsland Point property. The Lighthouse is a five-story structure that housed its twelve different keepers and their families over the 78 years it was in operation. Unlike today, the Lighthouse was only accessible via row boat or by walking across the frozen Hudson River. Today the Lighthouse is accessible by a metal bridge connecting Kingsland Point Park and island on which the Lighthouse resides.



1883 Lighthouse at Sleepy Hollow
www.hudsonlights.com/tarrytown.

The Lighthouse was in operation until 1955 when the lights of the newly constructed Tappan Zee Bridge made the Lighthouse obsolete. Consequently, it was reduced to candlepower and placed on automatic operation. The Lighthouse was eventually deactivated in 1961 and placed on the General Services Administration list for disposal. It was saved from demolition in 1969 due to community organized advocacy and was re-opened to the public on October 1, 1983 by the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation. Today, walking tours are available for groups by appointment, starting from Kingsland Point Park.

Public Schools of the Tarrytowns Recreation Resources

The Public Schools of the Tarrytowns (“School District”) serve residents of both the Village of Tarrytown and the Village of Sleepy Hollow. See **Map 4: School District Map**. The Village of Tarrytown residents who live outside of the boundaries of School District are served by the Irvington Union Free School District. The Village of Sleepy Hollow residents who live outside the boundaries of the School District are served by the Pocantico Hills Central School District.

⁴ Information regarding the 1883 Sleepy Hollow Lighthouse was taken from Hudson Riverlights. www.hudsonlights.com/tarrytown.htm.

The School District currently shares many resources with the two Villages and is a partner in this study.

The Public Schools of the Tarrytowns are comprised of six schools: Tappan Hill (pre-kindergarten and kindergarten), John Paulding (first grade), Winfield L. Morse (second and third grade), Washington Irving (fourth and fifth grade), Sleepy Hollow Middle School (seventh and eighth grade) and Sleepy Hollow High School (ninth through twelfth grade). The recreational facilities for the School District include: two playgrounds, five multi-purpose fields, two softball fields, one baseball field and two tracks. In addition, the Sleepy Hollow Middle School and the Sleepy Hollow High Schools both have gymnasiums that serve the students and the residents of both Villages.

John Paulding Playground

John Paulding Playground is 1.72 acres of playground adjacent to the Sleepy Hollow High School located on North Broadway. The property is adorned with a large playground and picnic tables. The playground serves as a gathering place for school-aged children during and after school hours.

Conditions Assessment: The park is in good condition. The playground and picnic tables are in good repair.

Accessibility: The playground is easily accessible to school-aged children who are gathering during and after school hours. A large parking lot connected to the school makes this area easily accessible to patrons in vehicles. The playground is not accessible for patrons with disabilities, standards which are laid out in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned and maintained by the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns.

Classification: The park is identified as a *Mini-Park* according to the NRPA classification guidelines and the *Play Lot* according to the SCORP classification guidelines.

Morse School Playground

Morse School Playground is adjacent to the Winfield L. Morse School. The playground includes a multi-station play structure. The playground is located on a lower elevation than the school and is separated from the school parking lot by a chain linked fence. The school parking lot provides a basketball net to accommodate half-court basketball.

Conditions Assessment: The playground is in fair condition and is scheduled to be replaced.

Accessibility: The park is accessible to pedestrians within the surrounding neighborhood and from the school. Street parking is available along the perimeter of the park.

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned and maintained by the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns.

Classification It is identified as a *Mini-Park* according to the NRPA classification guidelines and a *Pocket Park* according to the SCORP classification guidelines.

Peabody Field

Peabody Field is located to the east of Riverside Road and is comprised of 35 acres. The Field contains one multi-purpose soccer field. Due to the size of the space, the field is sometimes broken up into more than one field for use by different sports.

Conditions Assessment: According to the 2008 *Evaluation of Athletic Field Venues for the Villages of Tarrytown & Sleepy Hollow and the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns* by HMH Site & Sports Design, the fields are in good to poor condition. Perhaps the largest issue for the field is water collection due to uneven topography.

Accessibility: The park is primarily accessible only to patrons with vehicles. A paved parking lot is accessible along the perimeter of the park. Parking is, however, limited.

Ownership/Maintenance: The fields are owned by the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns. The land is deed restricted. If sold, the land is to be sold only to the Town of Mount Pleasant, New York. Field maintenance is split between the Village of Sleepy Hollow and the School District; the fields are lined by the Village of Sleepy Hollow and are mowed by the School District.

Classification: It is identified as a *Large Urban Park* according to the NRPA classification guidelines and an *Urban Park* according to the SCORP classification guidelines.

Sleepy Hollow High School Fields

The Sleepy Hollow High School Fields are located on the east side of North Broadway between Hudson Terrace and Cobb Lane. The fields are comprised of terraced playfields. The lower terrace includes one softball field and one baseball field. The middle terrace includes a 400 meter all-weather, resilient surface track and an exhibition playfield. A second practice field is located on the upper terrace and is located a distance away from the other fields.

Conditions Assessment: According to the 2008 *Evaluation of Athletic Field Venues for the Villages of Tarrytown & Sleepy Hollow and the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns* by

HMH Site & Sports Design, the baseball and softball fields are in poor to fair condition while the infields of the baseball and softball fields are in generally good condition. The track is in fair condition while the practice fields are in poor to fair condition.

Accessibility: The fields are accessible via a marked driveway useable by motor vehicles.

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned and maintained by the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns.

Classification: The park is identified as a School Park according to the NRPA classification guidelines and the Urban Park according to the SCORP classification guidelines.

Sleepy Hollow High School Gym

The Sleepy Hollow High School Gym is found within the Sleepy Hollow High School located at along N. Broadway in the Village of Sleepy Hollow. The gym was constructed in 2008 with a dedication ceremony held on December 5, 2009. The gym is comprised of two regulation size basketball courts that can easily be used for volleyball. The gym has a set of bleachers on either side and is able to be portioned in the middle. The condition of the gym is excellent. The gym is maintained daily until 9:00 p.m. by custodial staff compensated by the School District.

Washington Irving Middle School Fields

Washington Irving Middle School is located on the west side of South Broadway in between Franklin Street and Park Avenue. The School's fields, sometimes referred to as the Franklin Fields, are located on an upper terrace and a lower terrace. The upper terrace contains a multi-purpose playfield which contains a softball/little league infield. The lower terrace contains a stone dust track with a multi-purpose field located in the center. A modified baseball infield is located in the corner of the multi-purpose field; however the baseball infield is scheduled to be removed. As a result, all of the seventh and eighth grade baseball players who would usually practice on the modified field will use the Sleepy Hollow High School baseball field instead. The field is scheduled to be regraded and reseeded with grant funds that were awarded in 2010.

Conditions Assessment: According to the 2008 *Evaluation of Athletic Field Venues for the Villages of Tarrytown & Sleepy Hollow and the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns* by HMH Site & Sports Design, the fields are in poor condition with the infields in fair condition. One of the largest issues is water collection due to uneven topography.

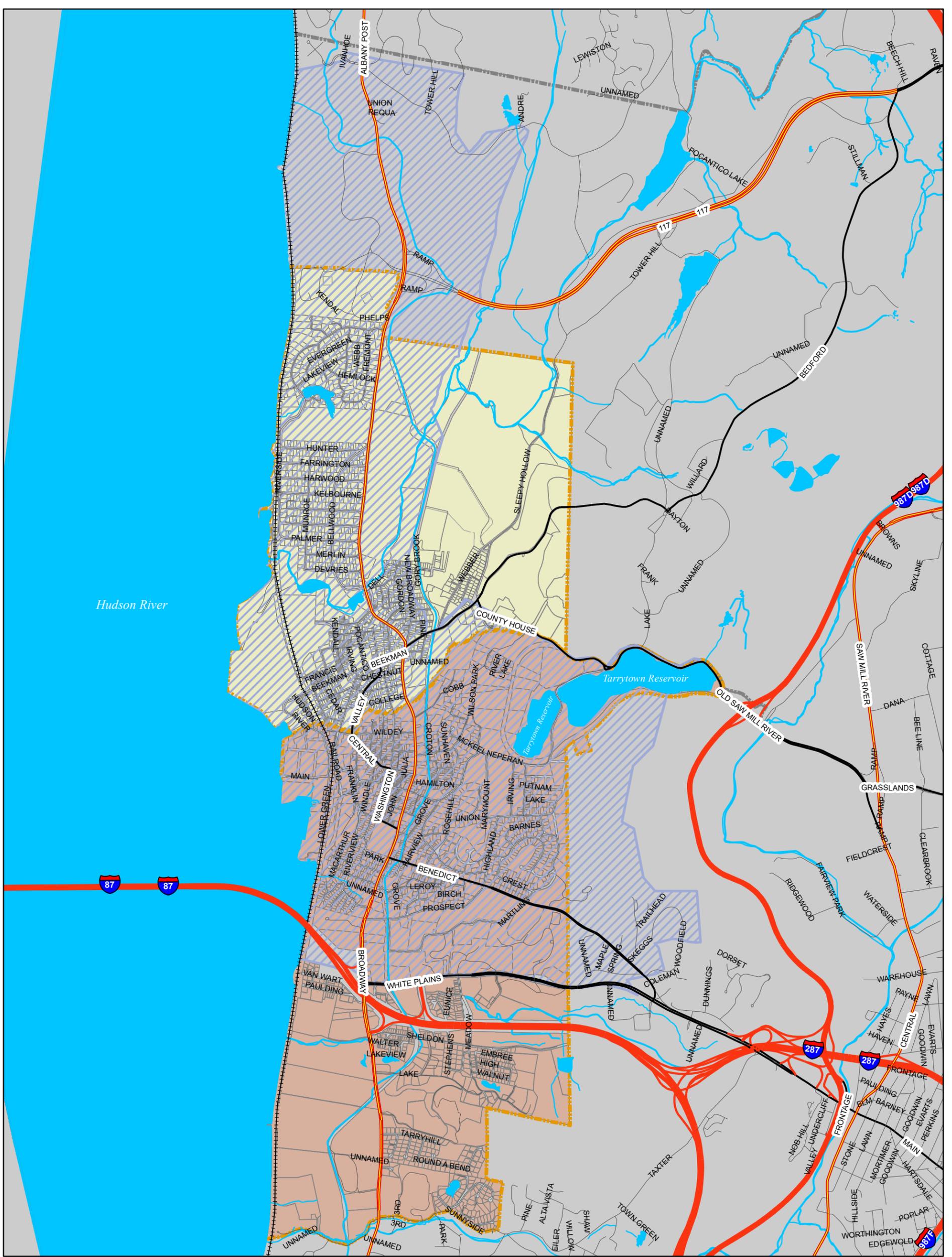
Accessibility: As the fields are located directly next to the Middle School, they are easily accessible to school aged children who attend the school. School parking lots provide ample parking. The fields are also barrier free and easily accessible to those living in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Ownership/Maintenance: The fields are owned and maintained by the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns.

Classification: The Washington Irving Middle School Fields are identified as a *School Park* according to the NRPA classification guidelines and an *Urban Park* according to the SCORP classification guidelines.

Washington Irving Middle School Gym

The Washington Irving Middle School Gym is found within the Middle School located on the west side of South Broadway, in between Franklin Street and Park Avenue. The gym itself hosts many of the local sports leagues while also supporting the Middle School athletic teams. The gym is comprised of one smaller-than-regulation-size basketball court that has six nets around the perimeter. The court is also used for volleyball providing enough space for three courts. The gym has a set of bleachers and can be partitioned in the middle. The gym used to be the High School Gym and is sometimes still referred as such. The gym is used by school sports teams and various Village recreational groups. For example, an informal men's basketball league uses the Washington Irving Middle School Gym for games and practices every Sunday. The gym is maintained daily until 9:00 p.m. by custodial staff compensated by the School District. The gym is available for rent at an hourly rate. An hourly rate for custodial staff is also charged if the gym is used on the weekend to help cover custodial overtime costs.



LEGEND

- (V) Sleepy Hollow
- (V) Tarrytown
- Adjacent Municipalities
- Public Schools of the Tarrytowns District

ROADS

- Limited Access Hwy
- Primary Highway
- State or County Hwy
- Local Roads
- Railroads
- Streams
- Body of Water

Public Schools of the Tarrytowns District Map

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State & County Owned Parks

Kingsland Point Park

Kingsland Point Park is a 22.5 acre park, located adjacent to the Hudson River in the Village of Sleepy Hollow that provides opportunities for passive and active recreation. Distinctive features include open space adorned with many picnic tables and soccer nets, a Village controlled dog run, a view of the Hudson River and the Sleepy Hollow Lighthouse, a dock and opportunity for private kayak rentals, a multi-purpose play field and a softball/little league ball field.

Conditions Assessment: Overall, Kingsland Point Park is in fair condition with the fields being in poor condition. Issues in the overall park include the presence of a large and vacant bathhouse and an existing but short (only four feet high) fence along the river causing potential safety issues. According to the 2008 *Evaluation of Athletic Field Venues for the Villages of Tarrytown & Sleepy Hollow and the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns* conducted by HMM Site & Sports Design, the multi-purpose and softball/little fields are in poor condition. The *Evaluation* noted the poor condition of the grass and the uneven elevation of the multi-purpose playfield. The *Evaluation* also noted the rusted condition of the fencing along the softball/little league field and recommended the installation of new infield cutouts, backstops and six foot high fencing along the first and third base lines.

Accessibility: The park is easily accessible via vehicle; a large paved parking lot is available. Access is restricted and visitors are required to pay a fee: \$4.00 for Village and County residents and \$8.00 for non-residents. (All fees are collected and used by the Village of Sleepy Hollow.) The restrooms are not ADA accessible limiting access for physically challenged patrons.

Ownership/Maintenance: The park is owned by Westchester County. The park is maintained by the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

Classification: It is identified as a *Community Park* according to the NRPA and SCORP classification guidelines.

Old Croton Aqueduct Historic State Park

The Old Croton Aqueduct State Park presently provides a total of twenty-six (26.2) miles of trail from from Van Cortlandt Park at the Bronx County/City of Yonkers border to the Croton Dam in Cortlandt. The trail is a footpath that runs along the top of an old masonry water tunnel characterized by a wooded pathway. Approximately 2.8 miles run through the Village of Tarrytown while approximately 1.6 miles run through the Village of Sleepy Hollow. The trail has many access points easily accessible to pedestrians from surrounding neighborhoods and patrons in vehicles who are able utilize public parking lots or find a spot along Route 9/Broadway. Parking is also available at the Tarrytown Metro-North Railroad Station on weekends and

holidays. The park is owned and maintained by the State of New York. More specifically, the trail is under the jurisdiction of the Taconic Region of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Rockefeller State Park

Rockefeller State Park is a nature preserve that provides opportunities for passive and active recreation. Patrons are able to bird watch, fish in Lake Swan, and enjoy the many trails. Trail activities include walking, jogging, horseback riding, snowshoeing and cross country skiing. The park is owned and maintained by the State of New York.

Westchester RiverWalk

The Westchester RiverWalk is a 51.5 mile pathway along the Hudson River that is to span 14 municipalities, including the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow. The RiverWalk has been created by the Westchester County Department of Planning and is part of the Hudson River Valley Greenway system.

RiverWalk at Tarrytown

The RiverWalk at Tarrytown begins just south of the Tappan Zee Bridge and extends for approximately one mile. The section passes through the historic Lyndhurst estate and the Kraft Foods, Metro North and Village of Tarrytown properties, ultimately connecting the County Waterfront Park and the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail. This section of the RiverWalk provides a great view across the Hudson River, highlighting the Tappan Zee Bridge. Construction is expected to be completed by the spring of 2010.

RiverWalk at Sleepy Hollow

RiverWalk at Sleepy Hollow will be a linear trail incorporating the 97-acre former General Motors manufacturing site, the 44-unit Ichobad Landing townhome development, Kingsland Point Park and Devries Park. Access to Devries Park is to be improved through the construction of a new pedestrian bridge, or perhaps the renovation of the existing pedestrian bridge, over the Metro-North railroad tracks.

Construction of the RiverWalk at Sleepy Hollow began on September 22, 2009 with the groundbreaking ceremony in honor of the start of phase-one of the Kingsland Point Park historic bathhouse renovations. Phase one will consist of an exterior façade renovation while phase two will address the interior condition. The bathhouse, to be named after the philanthropist responsible for the renovation, Kathryn W. Davis, is to become a center for environmental education and recreation. The bathhouse will host picnics and community events as well as be a rental office for Hudson River Recreation, a local outfitter that provides the opportunity to rent kayaks and receive instruction. Phase-one construction is anticipated to be complete by Fall 2010.

Taxter Ridge

Taxter Ridge, located at Taxter Ridge and Sheldon Avenue in the Village of Tarrytown, is part of a 200 acre nature preserve. The reserve is used for passive recreation such as hiking and nature study.

Waterfront Park

The County Waterfront Park consists of approximately 40 acres and is located along Route 9 near the Belvidere Estate. The park was purchased from the Unification Church in 2001 and has been dedicated parkland since. The park currently has an unpaved walking path. The path will eventually connect the RiverWalk at Tarrytown to the Old Croton Aqueduct.



Westchester County Waterfront Park
Source: Westchester County Planning Department

Other Building & Grounds Maintenance

Margotta Courts

Margotta Courts is a playground located along Valley Street. The playground is typically used by the residents of the Margotta Courts apartment building and the residents of the surrounding homes. The playground is in good condition as it was recently replaced within the last couple of years with funds provided by Westchester County and Village of Sleepy Hollow. Due to the fact that the playground was replaced with Village funds, the playground is maintained by the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

Sleepy Hollow High School “Great Lawn”

The Great Lawn is the front lawn of Sleepy Hollow High School. The lawn is currently used as a retention pond and is characterized by sloping ground. The Great Lawn is not used for any organized recreation.

Private & Not-for-Profit Recreational Resources

In addition to recreational resources owned by the Villages and School District, there is also a wealth of private and not-for-profit recreational resources located within the boundaries of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow. Because private facilities can be used and enjoyed by Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow residents, it is important to acknowledge them in the recreation inventory. However, many of these resources require a user fee in order to utilize the facility. A selection of private and not-for profit recreational resources is listed below:

- Community Opportunity Center of the Tarrytowns
- EF International School
- Neighborhood House
- OnTrack Sports Center
- Pace University Pool
- Philipse Manor Beach Club
- St. Teresa of Avila School Gym
- Tarry Crest Swimming & Tennis Club
- Tarrytown Boat Club
- Tarrytown Senior Center
- Washington Irving Boat Club
- YMCA of the Tarrytowns

Future Facilities

Aquatic Center

The developer of Hudson Harbor, a mixed-use development project located along the Hudson River in Tarrytown, has agreed to construct a 20,000 to 30,000 square foot Aquatic Center for the benefit of Hudson Harbor and Tarrytown residents. The Aquatic Center is to be constructed on the former Village of Tarrytown Department of Public Works site located to the west of the Tarrytown train station. The property is owned by the Village of Tarrytown. The construction of the Aquatic Center is to begin upon the issuance of the 48th Certificate of Occupancy for Hudson

Harbor.⁵ The construction of the Aquatic Center is eagerly awaited as it will address the need for a public pool within the Villages.

Scenic Hudson RiverWalk Park

Scenic Hudson RiverWalk Park will be a park owned by the Village of Tarrytown located along the Hudson River near the Metro-North railroad station. Pierson Park will be renovated to become part of the linear RiverWalk that will extend more than one-half (1/2) mile along the Hudson River, a trail that is to eventually connect Losee Park with the existing Pierson Park.

The renovated park will include a variety of outdoor recreation spaces, a children’s play area, a terraced lawn, scenic overlooks, a pedestrian esplanade and a separate bike path. The adjacent Hudson Harbor residential development will be buffered from the park through the use of natural plantings helping to create what will be known as the “eco-corridor.” The use of natural plantings is an effort to restore the natural landscape present along the local Andre Brook.

The construction will be funded by Scenic Hudson. The park is to go into design in the fall of 2009 with scheduled construction to start in summer of 2010. The park, once complete, is expected to be Tarrytown’s “Showcase on the Hudson.”



Scenic Hudson RiverWalk Park at Tarrytown
Source: Village of Tarrytown

⁵ Amended and Restated Memorandum of Agreement by and between Ferry Landings LLC, et al and the Village of Tarrytown executed February 7, 2006.

Sleepy Hollow Senior Center

The Sleepy Hollow Senior Center is a \$3 million investment that is currently under construction. The Senior Center will give the seniors a permanent home in which they can run their programs and have meetings. Prior to the construction of the Senior Center, the local seniors used a local church for which the Village is seeking other uses

V. State & National Recreational Needs Assessment

Highlights: Opportunities & Challenges

- *The Old Croton Aqueduct is classified as a Greenway according to the NRPA Pathway Classifications, providing 4.4 miles of trail throughout the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow.*
- *The Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow have an individual and collective shortage of recreational facilities according to SCORP.*
- *The Villages, School District and County have 34.4 acres dedicated to 16 play fields compared to the 64.7 acres recommended by SCORP.*
- *The Villages, School District and County have three full court and one half-court basketball courts compared to the 10.8 basketball courts recommended by SCORP.*

In this Section, the recreational resources owned by the Villages have been analyzed using criteria promulgated by the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and the National Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines promulgated by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). These State and National guidelines will enable the Villages and the School District to determine the extent of the recreational need and to identify areas that are currently underserved by existing parks and recreational facilities. It is important to note that the SCORP and NRPA analyses, although helpful to gain an understanding of the recreational resources in the Villages, do not take into account private or not-for-profit resources or the realities of urban environments. As a result, the analyses should be considered a guide rather than a rule.

SCORP Analysis

The standards established in the New York State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) are used to assess the adequacy of the park and recreational resources found within the Villages and School District. The purpose of this analysis is to help the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow pursue grants and other funding opportunities available through New York State related to the implementation of the plan included within the *Recreation Needs Assessment*.

SCORP Standards and Classifications

The State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) standards and classifications provide guidance to communities focused on developing recreational resources. The recommended standards and classifications act as guidelines by identifying the minimum population density required to support a specific recreation opportunity, the approximate number of acres needed to support the recreational opportunity, the recommended facility size per 1,000 population, the maximum travel time of a potential user, and the appropriate means of accessing the resource. The

SCORP also provides suggestions on how such recreational resources may be further enhanced. The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation developed these guidelines through researching the various recreational activities, working with the public through a public participation process, and obtaining feedback from other government agencies that have a vested interest in open space and recreation. SCORP standards are designed to be evaluated at the municipal level.

The SCORP guidelines look to maximize the social and economic benefits of recreation while minimizing the adverse impacts to the resource. These standards provide communities with information to assist them develop specific recreational resources and ensure the success of the resources or facility. Through comparing the community's characteristics, population density, and land availability with the SCORP standards, communities can better identify the likely need for a proposed resource. If the community specifics differ greatly from the recommended standards, and fall short of the SCORP minimum standards, the potential success of that proposed resource is questionable.

Table 9 describes the different facility types identified by SCORP, and their associated standards. Each recreational facility provides different opportunities for residents, and based upon population and square miles, communities should facilitate the development of all or some of these parks. Most of the smaller parks are accessible by foot or bicycle, which encourages each neighborhood to contain at least one of these facilities. This raises the quality of life and allows users to access a variety of equipment within close proximity to their homes. This table is a statewide standard; therefore, not all of the items listed will apply to the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow.

Table 10 describes the different facility types identified by SCORP and their associated standards. As each recreational facility provides different opportunities for residents, communities should facilitate the development of all or some of these parks based upon population and square miles. As most of the smaller parks are accessible by foot or bicycle, SCORP encourages neighborhoods to contain at least one of these facilities as the presence of parks raises the quality of life and allows users to access a variety of equipment within close proximity to their homes. It should be noted that **Table 10** presents a statewide standard; therefore, not all of the items listed will apply to the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow.

Table 9: SCORP Recreational Facility Design Guidelines*

Facility Type	Service Area	Approx. Size In Acres	Max. Travel Time	Means of Access	Comments
Play lot	0.2 sq. mi.	2,500 sq. ft. to 1 Ac	10 min.	By foot or By bicycle	Similar to a Pocket Park but typically combined with residential development, may have some play equipment.
Pocket park	0.2 sq. mi.	2,500 sq. ft. to 1 Ac	10 min.	By foot or by bicycle	Primarily passive recreation areas for office workers and shoppers.
Neighborhood Park	0.8 sq. mi.	5-10	20 min.	By foot or by bicycle	Should contain a balance of passive areas with landscaping, and active areas such as play fields, court games, tot lots, etc.
Community Park (serves multiple neighborhoods)	0.8 sq. mi. to 28 sq. mi.	20-50	30 min.	Automobile, mass transit, bike, hiking or trail	Offers both passive and active recreational opportunities. Not intended for scheduled or organized athletic events. May include play structures, game courts and fields, swimming pools or beaches, trails, individual and group picnic areas, landscaping and gardens, and/or areas for concerts or plays. Support facilities such as parking and comfort stations would be needed.
Urban Parks (serves entire city)	28 sq. mi. to 50 sq. mi.	50-150	30 min	Automobile, charter bus, mass transit, or trail	Extensive day use areas; may include play structures, game courts and fields, swimming pools or beaches, trails, individual and group picnic areas, landscaping and gardens, and/or areas for concerts or plays. Support facilities such as parking and comfort stations would be needed. Provides 4-season activities and may accommodate organized athletic leagues or events.
Large Regional Parks (serves a county)	50 sq. mi. +	40+	1-2 hrs.	Automobile, charter bus, mass transit, or major trail	In addition to activities mentioned for Urban Parks, these parks may include camping, picnicking, water access and selected winter activities such as ski touring or snowmobiling.
Metro	28 sq. mi. to 50 sq. mi.	25	30 min.	Limit vehicle access. Promote non-motorized modes of access.	Urban parks emphasizing special recreational cultural or historical themes and activities, day and evening operation during all seasons.

Source: Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2009-2013. Appendix I: Recreation Facility Design Guidelines. Standards and Development Guidelines.

* Partially derived from National Recreation and Parks Association

Table 10: SCORP Facility Development Standards

Facility Type	Instant Max. User Density	Standard Per 1,000 Pop	Comments
Skating Areas (natural)	500 users/acre	1 site/2,500	This category includes non-refrigerated rinks.
Camping	20 users/acre	N/A	Density figures based on 5 sites per acre, 4 users per site.
Picnicking	35 users/acre	N/A	Density figures based on 10 tables per acres, 3.5 users per table.
Boating	6-8 acres/boat	N/A	This figure is used for both powered and sail boating. There are generally 3 users in each boat.
Skiing	30 users/acres of developed slope	N/A	
Big Game Hunting	1 hunter/5 acres	200 acres/1,000	
Fishing (Stream)	5 users/mile	0.5 mi. stream/1,000	
Golf Course	8 users/hole	0.5 holes/1,000	
Field Games (Baseball, Softball, Football, Soccer)	15 users/acre	3 acres/1,000	The following may be provided through off-peak use of school facilities.
Swimming Pool	1 user/25 sq. foot	750 sq. ft./1,000	The following may be enclosed to extend seasonal use.
Tennis Courts	4 users/court	1 court/2,000	The following can be lighted and converted for ice skating.
Basketball (Courts)			

Source: Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2009-2013. Appendix I: Recreation Facility Design Guidelines. Standards and Development Guidelines.

Evaluating Recreation Resources Using SCORP Park & Open Space Classifications

There are a number of parks located in the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow and that are owned by the School District and the County. Based on the SCORP standards, the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow and the School District have three play lots, seven pocket parks, six neighborhood parks, three community parks, five urban parks and two large regional parks. Classifications are provided in **Table 11**.

Table 11: SCORP Park & Open Space Classifications (Tarrytown, Sleepy Hollow & the School District)

Park/Facility Name	Acreage	SCORP Classification
Village of Tarrytown Parks		
Gracemere Park	6.20	Neighborhood Park
Lagana Field	2.94	Neighborhood Park
Loh Park	0.44	Pocket Park
Losee Park	56.04	Urban Park
Neperan Park	2.43	Pocket Park
Patriots Park	1.64	Neighborhood Park
Pierson Park	8.54	Neighborhood Park
Sarah Michaels Memorial Park	0.98	Pocket Park
Tarrytown Lakes Park	175.45	Urban Park
Village of Sleepy Hollow Parks		
Barnhart Park	3.81	Neighborhood Park
Devries Park	18.39	Community Park
Douglas Park	17.69	Neighborhood Park
Horan's Landing	2.56	Pocket Park
Look Out Point	1.45	Pocket Park
Reverend Sykes Park	0.19	Play Lot
Robertson Park	0.05	Pocket Park
Public Schools of the Tarrytowns		
Morse School Playground	1.03	Play Lot
Sleepy Hollow High School Great Lawn	2.20	Pocket Park
Sleepy Hollow High School Fields	12.50	Urban Park
John Paulding Playground	1.72	Play Lot
Peabody Field	35.00	Urban Park
Washington Irving Middle School Fields	9.03	Urban Park
State and County Parks		
Kingsland Point Park	22.50	Community Park
Old Croton Aqueduct	44.45	Large Regional Park
Rockefeller State Park	232.25	Large Regional Park
Taxter Ridge	17.40	Community Park

Source: Laberge Group

Evaluating Recreation Resources using SCORP Facility Development Standard Guidelines

Table 11 outlines the recommended recreation facility standard per 1,000 residents. This standard is the basis for the evaluation of the facilities owned by the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow⁶.

To begin the analysis, the SCORP standard for each type of facility is identified. For example, the SCORP standard for 1,000 residents for tennis courts is 1 court per 2,000 residents. To begin applying this standard to each Village, the existing condition for each facility within each Village must first be identified. For example, the Village of Tarrytown has six tennis courts. To determine if the existing condition meets the SCORP standard, the population for each Village is identified. For example, the population for the Village of Tarrytown in the year 2000 was 11,090. To determine the ideal number of facilities within the Village, the recommended population for each facility is divided into the total population for the Village. For example, the population in the Village of Tarrytown in the year 2000 (11,090) is divided by the ideal number of residents per tennis court (2,000) to determine that ideally, the Village of Tarrytown should have at least 5.5 tennis courts to support its population. The difference between the existing condition within the Village (6 tennis courts) and the ideal number of facilities per 1,000 residents (5.5 tennis courts) is the estimated surplus or shortage of recreational facilities. In 2000, there was a surplus of 0.5 tennis courts in the Village of Tarrytown. This type of analysis was completed for the years 2000, 2009 and 2014 to result in a trend analysis⁷. The total number of existing facilities was added and divided by the total number of SCORP recommended facilities to determine a percentage surplus or deficit.

As the per capita figures and the SCORP standards are only to be used as guidelines, the results of the analyses should be viewed with a tempered eye. Overall deficits should not be viewed as a failure, particularly when the numbers reflect current conditions with communities that do not have room to expand. The standards illustrate ideals and act as a measuring stick across which communities can be compared.

Village of Tarrytown's Facilities

The Village of Tarrytown has one designated skating area provided at the Tarrytown Lakes Park in the winter. Thirteen fields exist between the resources of the Village of Tarrytown and the Public Schools. The fields include: two at Lagana Field, two at Losee Park, one at Peabody Field, four as part of the Sleepy Hollow High School Fields, and two at the Washington Irving Middle School, and two at Kingsland Point Park. A swimming pool is not currently available. The Village has a total of six tennis courts; two are located at Lagana Field and four are located at Pierson

⁶ The resources owned by the School District and Westchester County are included in each analysis due to the frequent use of both facilities by Village residents.

⁷ The number of residents per Village in the years 2009 and 2014 were estimated by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Park. In addition, a half basketball court at Lagana Field, a full basketball court at Patriots Park and two full basketball courts at Pierson Park are available for resident use.

Analysis of Village of Tarrytown’s Facilities

According to the SCORP analysis illustrated in **Table 12**, the Village of Tarrytown experienced a deficit of recreation facilities in 2000 of -35.2%. This deficit is estimated to have increased to -36.8% in 2009. As Tarrytown’s population continues to grow, it is projected that the deficit will have increased to -37.3% by 2014.

Table 12: SCORP Facility Needs for Village of Tarrytown

			2000 Needs Analysis		2009 Needs Analysis		2014 Needs Analysis	
Facility Type	SCORP Standard Per 1,000 Pop	Existing Condition	11,090 Residents	Estimated Surplus or Shortage	11,305 Residents	Estimated Surplus or Shortage	11,386 Residents	Estimated Surplus or Shortage
Skating Area (natural)	1 site/2,500	1	4.3	-3.3	4.5	-3.5	4.6	-3.6
Field Games (Baseball, Softball, Football, Soccer)	3 acres/1,000	27.6	33.3	-5.7	33.9	-6.3	34.2	-6.6
Swimming Pool	750 sq. ft./1,000	0	11.0	-11	11.3	-11.3	11.4	-11.4
Tennis Courts	1 court/2,000	6	5.5	+0.5	5.7	+0.3	5.7	+0.3
Basketball Courts	1 court/1,999	4	5.5	-1.5	5.7	-1.7	5.7	-1.7
Total Facilities Developed		66	59.6	-21	61.1	-22.5	61.6	-23
Needs Analysis (%)				-35.2%		-36.8%		-37.3

Source: Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2009-2013. Appendix I: Recreation Facility Design Guidelines. Standards and Development Guidelines.

Village of Sleepy Hollow’s Facilities

The Village of Sleepy Hollow does not offer its residents a swimming pool or a skating area. Three fields are provided in Sleepy Hollow including one soccer field at Barnhart Park and two ball fields at Devries Park. Additional fields are provided by the School District and the County: one at Peabody Field, four as part of the Sleepy Hollow High School Fields, and two at the Washington Irving Middle School, and two at Kingsland Point Park. Two basketball courts are provided in the Village: one in Barnhart Park and one in Reverend Sykes Park. In addition, one platform tennis court is provided in Barnhart Park.

Analysis of Village of Sleepy Hollow’s Facilities

According to the SCORP analysis illustrated in **Table 13**, the Village of Sleepy Hollow experienced a deficit of recreation facilities in 2000 of -44%. This deficit is estimated to have

decreased to -50% in 2009. As Sleepy Hollow’s population continues to grow, it is projected that the need will have increased and the deficit will have increased to -52% by 2014.

Table 13: SCORP Facility Needs for Village of Sleepy Hollow

Facility Type	SCORP Standard per 1,000 Pop	Existing Condition	2000 Needs Analysis		2009 Needs Analysis		2014 Needs Analysis	
			9,212 Residents	Estimated Surplus or Shortage	10,269 Residents	Estimated Surplus or Shortage	10,574 Residents	Estimated Surplus or Shortage
Skating Area (natural)	1 site/2,500	0	3.7	-3.7	4.1	-4.1	4.2	-4.2
Field Games (Baseball, Softball, Football, Soccer)	3 acres/1,000	24.6	27.6	-3	30.8	-6.2	31.7	-7.1
Swimming Pool	750 sq. ft./1,000	0	9.2	-9.2	10.3	-10.3	10.6	-10.6
Tennis Courts	1 court/2,000	1	4.6	-3.6	5.1	-4.1	5.3	-4.3
Basketball Courts	1 court/1,999	2	4.6	-2.6	5.1	-3.1	5.3	-3.3
Total Facilities Developed			49.7	-22.1	55.4	-27.8	57.1	-29.5
				-44%		-50%		-52%

Source: Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2009-2013. Appendix I: Recreation Facility Design Guidelines. Standards and Development Guidelines.

Combined Village of Tarrytown & Sleepy Hollow’s Facilities

The Village of Tarrytown has one designated skating area provided at the Tarrytown Lakes Park in the winter. The fields in Tarrytown include two at Lagana Field and two at Losee Park. Three fields are provided in Sleepy Hollow including one soccer field at Barnhart Park and two ball fields at Devries Park. Additional fields are provided by the School District and the County: one at Peabody Field, four as part of the Sleepy Hollow High School Fields, and two at the Washington Irving Middle School, and two at Kingsland Point Park. Tarrytown has six tennis courts, two of which are located at Lagana Field and four of which are located at Pierson Park. One platform tennis court is provided in Barnhart Park. In addition, Tarrytown has one half basketball court at Lagana Field, one full basketball court at Patriots Park and two full basketball courts at Pierson Park. Two basketball courts are provided in the Village of Sleepy Hollow: one in Barnhart Park and one in Reverend Sykes Park.

Analysis of Village of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow’s Facilities

According to the SCORP analysis illustrated in **Table 14**, the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow experienced a deficit of recreation facilities in 2000 of -54.5%. This deficit is estimated to have increased to -57.2% in 2009. As the populations continue to grow, it is projected that the need will have increased and the deficit will have increased to -60.0% by 2014.

Table 14: SCORP Facility Needs (Tarrytown & Sleepy Hollow)

Facility Type	SCORP Standard per 1,000 Pop	Existing Condition	2000 Needs Analysis		2009 Needs Analysis		2014 Needs Analysis	
			20,302 Residents	Estimated Surplus or Shortage	21,574 Residents	Estimated Surplus or Shortage	21,960 Residents	Estimated Surplus or Shortage
Skating Area (natural)	1 site/2,500	1	8.1	-7.1	8.6	-7.6	8.8	-7.8
Field Games (Baseball, Softball, Football, Soccer)	3 acres/1,000	34.4	60.9	-26.5	64.7	-30.3	65.9	-31.5
Swimming Pool	750 sq. ft./1,000	0	20.3	-20.3	21.6	-21.6	22.0	-22.0
Tennis Courts	1 court/2,000	9	10.2	-1.2	10.8	-1.8	11.0	-2
Basketball Courts	1 court/1,999	5.5	10.2	-4.7	10.8	-5.3	11.0	-5.5
Total Facilities Developed			109.7	-59.8	116.5	-66.6	118.7	-68.8
Needs Analysis (%)				-54.5%		-57.2%		-60.0%

Source: Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2009-2013. Appendix I: Recreation Facility Design Guidelines. Standards and Development Guidelines.

Introduction to the NRPA Systems Approach to Park Planning

Since 1983 the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) has published a Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines publication to assist communities in developing park and recreation plans. Through this publication, the NRPA looks to ensure that communities know how to secure “the right kind of land” to meet their community needs. To ensure that this occurs, the NRPA recommends a systems approach be used in planning a community park network. Several steps of the NRPA’s multi-step planning process have been undertaken as part of this planning effort. These efforts are described in further detail below.

Multi-Step Park Planning Process

Under the systems planning model, the NRPA has identified a multi-step process that results in effective parks and recreation planning. The first four steps, which are directly related to developing a parks plan, are described in the following paragraphs.

Identifying Users

Step #1 involves identifying users. According to the NRPA guidelines, this includes Participant Users (individuals that participate in a structured manner, i.e., sports leagues); Direct Users (those that use a facility in an unstructured manner, such as hiking or picnicking); and Non-Users (those that do not use the park directly and may or may not recognize the benefits the park system brings

to the community). Non-users may also represent a latent need for specific types of resources, including, for example, facilities that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

As part of this planning process, the consultants met with the Tri-Agency Shared Service Steering Committee to discuss expressed community needs. The Steering Committee was comprised of Tarrytown, Sleepy Hollow and Public School leaders. A demographic profile was developed, providing for a synopsis of the community's population. Specific characteristics analyzed included population trends, age, income, household composition, housing trends and education.

In addition, a Recreation Needs Community Survey was developed. Village residents were invited to complete an online or a paper version of the survey. The survey was accessible online during October, November and the beginning of December 2009. A total of 648 surveys were completed. This feedback was instrumental in helping the plan consultants develop an overview of both user as well as non-user populations in the Village.

The Department Head Questionnaires were used to gather invaluable information regarding each department's parks and recreation activities, programming, responsibilities, and equipment inventory. Data gathered included: the age, condition and value of equipment; the organizational makeup of the department, including job title, duties, full time or part time, salary or average wage, years of service, specialized skills of certain laborers; and identified current and shared services opportunities for the future. Participating Department Heads included the appropriate Village of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow Village Administrators and Supervisors as well as the appropriate School District representatives of facilities and athletics. The Questionnaires were collected in September and October of 2009. The interviews were conducted in November of 2009.

Department Head Interviews were conducted subsequent to the receipt of the Questionnaires to supplement the information provided. The interviews resulted in more detailed information regarding department staff duties and functions, the perceived needs and key issues confronting each department, and recommendations for sharing recreational facilities and services between the Villages and the School District.

Obtaining User Involvement and Developing Relationships

Step #2 includes obtaining user involvement and developing relationships. In order to meet the actions required of this step, a public workshop open to all Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow residents were held on January 25, 2010. The goal behind the public forums was to obtain feedback from users and non-users on what they would like to see at the various parks and recreational facilities, including improvements to existing resources and development of new amenities, both now and in the future.

Assessing Need

Step #3 involves assessing need. Once the information from the public workshop, the department head questionnaires, and the Recreation Needs Community Survey had been compiled and summarized, this information was integrated into a usable form. Common themes regarding potential inadequacies in the system were identified. The plan consultants then evaluated the community's resources in the context of users' expressed desires (as indicated through the public forums). Through interaction and communication with the Steering Committee, the plan consultants attempted to balance user perceptions and feedback with information about ongoing recreation activities and programs.

Developing the Strategic Plan

Step # 4 is developing the strategic plan. As part of this planning process, using the feedback obtained through the various public forums, a community vision for the Village's and Public School's parks and recreation system was identified. Based on the values and ideals residents have identified throughout the public participation process, as well as the critiques and shortcomings identified, the Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment will provide viable solutions to rectify inadequacies in the park and recreation systems for the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow. The Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment that has been developed as part of this process includes a matrix of appropriate implementation techniques to facilitate the development of the Village's park system. See Section II. Goals, Actions and Implementation Plan.

NRPA Classifications

As shown in **Table 15**, NRPA has broken the classification of parks and open space into several categories. Each category is based upon features, size, location, need and expected use. The guidelines establish location criteria by providing specific distances that each park should be located in reference to neighborhoods and development. For example, the placement of neighborhood parks in communities should address existing transportation and/or physical barriers. These standards allow for park planners to design more interconnected, active and passive recreational facilities to serve community members.

Table 15: NRPA Parks & Open Space Classifications

Parks and Open Space Classifications			
Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
Mini-Parks	Used to address limited, isolated or unique residential needs.	Less than ¼ mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2,500 square feet and 1 acre.
Neighborhood Parks	Basic unit of the park system & serves as the recreational & social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	¼ to ½ mile distance and not interrupted by non-residential roads or other physical barriers.	> 5 acres and < 10 acres are optimal.
School Park	Depending on circumstances, pursuing joint opportunities can fulfill space requirements for variety of park classification needs (e.g., neighborhood, community, or sports complex).	Determined by location of school district property.	Variable, Depends on function.
Community Parks	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes & open space.	Determined by quality & suitability of site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods at ½ to 3-mile distance.	As needed. Often 30-50 acres.
Large Urban Parks	Serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when smaller parks are inadequate. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as unique landscape/open space preservation.	Determined by quality & suitability of site. Usually serves entire community.	> 50 acres and < 75 acres are optimal.
Natural Resource Area	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, landscapes, and open space.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.
Greenways	Effectively tie the park system components together to form a continuous park environment.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.
Sports Complex	Consolidates heavy programmed athletic fields & associated facilities to large multipurpose sites.	Strategically located in community-wide facilities.	Min.: 25 acres Optimal: > 40 acres and < 80 acres.
Special Use	Area for specialized or single purpose recreation activities such as campgrounds, golf courses etc.	Variable depending on specific use.	Variable.
Private Park/ Recreation Facility	Privately owned facilities that contribute to the public park and recreation system.	Variable depending on specific use.	Variable.

Source: National Parks Recreation Association, Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines (1996)

The NRPA Pathway Classification is a new feature to the 1996 guidelines. This update reflects the recognition of the growing importance in park planning to include a well linked, multi-modal transportation path for active and passive recreation. As communities realize that more people are using trails, bicycle lanes and other types of recreational paths, it is important for planners to identify potential opportunities for multi-modal transportation linkages. The Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow are fortunate enough to include a portion of the Old Croton Aqueduct which serves as a walking, hiking and biking trail that runs through both Villages. **Table 16** outlines the NRPA classification system for existing pathways.

Table 16: NRPA Pathway Classifications

Pathway Classifications		
Classification	General Description	Description of Each Type Size Criteria
Park Trail	Trails located within greenways, parks, & natural resource areas. Focus is on recreational value and harmony with nature.	Type I: Separate/single-purpose, hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians/cyclists/ skaters. Type II: Multi purpose hard surface trails. Type III: Nature trails for pedestrians. Hard or soft surfaced.
Connector Trails	Multipurpose trails emphasizing safe travel for pedestrians throughout community. Recreation & transportation focus.	Type I: Separate/single-purpose, hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians/cyclists/ skaters located in independent ROW. Type II: Separate/single-purpose hard surface trails typically in independent ROW.
On-Street Bikeways	Paved segments of roadways that serve as a means to safely separate cyclists from cars.	Bike Route: Designated portions of the roadway for preferential/exclusive use of cyclists.
All-Terrain Bike Trail	Off-road trail for all-terrain (mountain) bikes.	Single-purpose loop trails usually located in larger parks and natural resource areas.
Cross Country Ski Trail	Trails developed for traditional and skate-style cross-country skiing.	Loop trails usually located in larger parks and natural resource areas.
Equestrian Trail	Trails developed for horseback riding.	Loop trails usually located in larger parks and natural resource areas. Sometimes developed as multipurpose with hiking and all-terrain biking where conflicts can be controlled.

Source: National Parks Recreation Association, Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines. (1996)

Evaluating Park and Recreation Resources Using NRPA Standards

As shown in **Table 17**, based on the NRPA standards the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow and the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns have six mini-parks, six neighborhood parks, six school parks, three community parks, three large urban parks, one greenways and zero natural resource areas.

The Old Croton Aqueduct is classified as a *Greenway*. In addition to being a greenway, it can also be classified as a pathway or a *Connector Trail*. A *Connector Trail* is defined as “...a multipurpose trail emphasizing safe travel for pedestrians throughout the community.”

Table 17: NRPA Park & Open Space Classifications (Tarrytown, Sleepy Hollow & the School District)

Park/Facility Name	Acreage	NRPA Classification
Village of Tarrytown Parks		
Gracemere Park	6.20	Neighborhood Park
Lagana Field	2.94	Neighborhood Park
Loh Park	0.44	Mini-Park
Losee Park	56.04	Large Urban Park
Neperan Park	2.43	Mini-Park
Patriots Park	1.64	Neighborhood Park
Pierson Park	8.54	Neighborhood Park
Sarah Michaels Memorial Park	0.98	Mini-Park
Tarrytown Lakes Park	175.45	Large Urban Park
Village of Sleepy Hollow Parks		
Barnhart Park	3.81	Neighborhood Park
Devries Park	18.39	Community Park
Douglas Park	17.69	Neighborhood Park
Horan's Landing	2.56	Mini-Park
Look Out Point	1.45	Special Use
Reverend Sykes Park	0.19	Mini-Park
Robertson Park	0.05	Mini-Park
Public Schools of the Tarrytowns		
Morse School Playground	1.03	School Park
Sleepy Hollow High School Great Lawn	12.50	School Park
Sleepy Hollow High School Fields	12.50	School Park
John Paulding Playground	1.72	School Park
Peabody Field	35.00	School Park
Washington Irving Middle School Fields	9.03	School Park
State and County Parks		
Kingsland Point Park	22.50	Community Park
Old Croton Aqueduct	44.67	Greenway
Rockefeller State Park	232.25	Large Urban Park
Taxter Ridge	17.40	Community Park

Source: Laberge Group

VI. Community Outreach Process

Highlights: Opportunities & Challenges

- *The Village parks used by the majority of respondents to the Recreation Needs Community Survey are Patriots Park in Tarrytown, and Devries Park in Sleepy Hollow.*
- *The Sleepy Hollow High School Fields are among the School District resources used by the majority of the Recreation Needs Community Survey respondents.*
- *Kingsland Point Park is the Westchester County park used most frequently by the majority of respondents to the Recreation Needs Community Survey. Rockefeller State Park is the Westchester County park used most frequently by the majority of respondents 21 and over.*
- *Respondents indicated that park safety, the overall quality of the parks and the condition of the parks were satisfactory.*
- *Respondents indicated that the Villages and School District are in need of tennis courts and that park restrooms, biking trails, basketball courts and baseball fields are in need of improvement/expansion.*
- *Respondents indicated the following additional recreational programs were needed: concerts (63.2%), family events (43.1%), youth athletics (39.5%) and adult athletics (25.0%). Respondents age 21 and over indicated the following additional recreational programs were needed: concerts (22%), enrichment classes (14%), adult athletics (13%) and adult education (12%).*
- *The majority (70.3%) of respondents age 21 and over indicated that they spent \$601 or more on recreation annually.*
- *Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow residents support additional access and amenities to the Hudson River. Desired amenities include canoe and kayak launches, beach/swimming access, biking and walking paths, picnic areas and play structures.*
- *The greatest challenge identified by stakeholders is the shortage of field space and the overuse of the fields.*
- *Other significant challenges mentioned by more than one stakeholder are (1) the lack of gym space, and (2) the lack of space for middle school and high school students to gather.*

The foundation of a good recreation needs assessment is the incorporation of public input early and often throughout the study's development. To ensure that a recreation needs assessment is founded upon common goals and objectives, it is imperative that feedback be

obtained from the community. Many methods were used to solicit community input during the development of the Tri-Agency Recreation Needs Assessment: a Recreation Needs Community Survey; stakeholder interviews; a Department Head questionnaire, follow-up interviews, and a Recreation Needs Public Workshop. The feedback obtained through these public outreach efforts formed the basis for the recommendations developed as part of this planning process.

Recreation Needs Community Survey

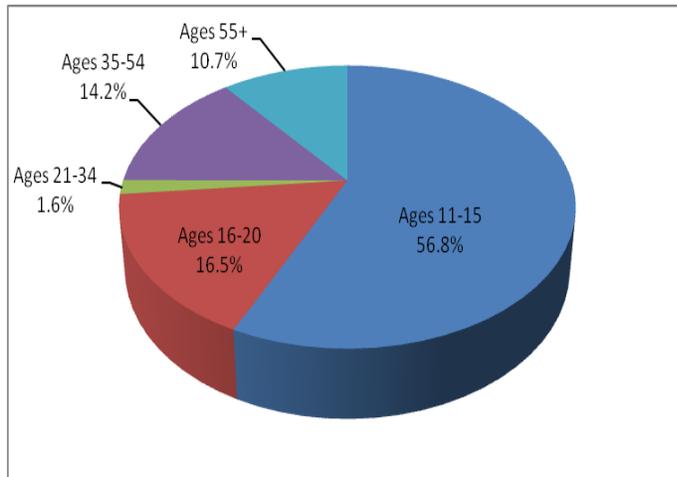
The Villages and School District conducted a Recreation Needs Community Survey designed to better understand the recreation needs of community residents. The survey asked sixteen multiple choice and open-ended questions pertaining to the recreational resources owned by the Villages and the School District. The survey was available electronically on the Village and School District websites and in hard copy at the Village Halls and the School District Main Office. The survey was available during the months of October, November and the beginning of December, 2009. A total of 648 residents completed the survey. Responses to the survey were tabulated and the full results can be found in **Appendix B**. The following pages highlight the key findings of the Recreation Needs Community Survey based upon the responses of participants.

Demographics of Survey Respondents

Survey respondents were asked to answer a series of demographic questions to determine how closely the sample replicates the Villages' known population and, if necessary, to allow analysis of sub-groups. Respondents were asked to indicate their gender and age. These questions were instrumental in determining what types of residents responded to the survey.

The majority of survey respondents were female (58%). As seen in Figure 4, an overwhelming majority of survey respondents (56.8%) were between the ages of 11 and 15. The high response rate from the 11 to 15 age cohort can be attributed to the intentional engagement of students by the School District during the school day. Of the other survey participants, 16.5% were between the ages of 16 and 20, 14.2% were over between the ages of 35 and 54, 10.7% were over 55 and 1.6% were between the ages of 21 and 34. In order to more fully assess the public's recreation needs, responses from the respondents over the age of 21 were also evaluated and compared with the responses from the community's youth.

Figure 4: Age of Respondents

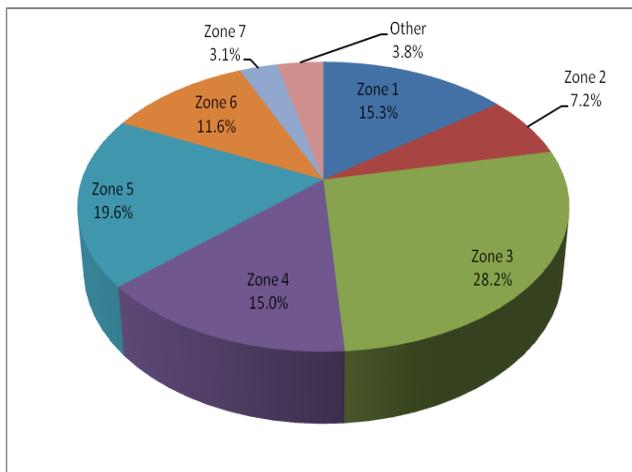


Source: Laberge Group

Survey respondents were asked to indicate where they live in the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow by identifying the zone in which their residence is located according to the map provided. (See **Map 5**). The map was divided into Zones 1 through Zone 7.

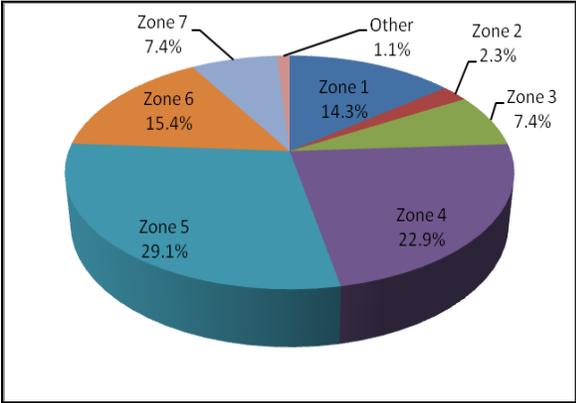
As indicated in **Figure 5** and **Figure 6**, the majority (28.2%) of survey respondents live within Zone 3, while the majority (29.1%) of respondents age 21 and over live in Zone 5. 19.6% of the total respondents live in Zone 5, 15.3% in Zone 1, 15.0% in Zone 4, 7.2% in Zone 2 and 3.1% in Zone 7. 22.9% of residents age 21 and over live in Zone 4, 15.4% in Zone 6, 14.3% in Zone 1, 7.4% in both Zone 3 and Zone 7, and 2.3% in Zone 2. 3.8% of total respondents and 1.1% of respondents age 21 and over indicated that they live in a zone other than those indicated on the map. A write in box was also available for respondents who reside outside of these zones to indicate where they reside.

Figure 5: Geographic Representation of Respondents



Source: Laberge Group

Figure 6: Geographic Representation of Respondents Age 21 and Over

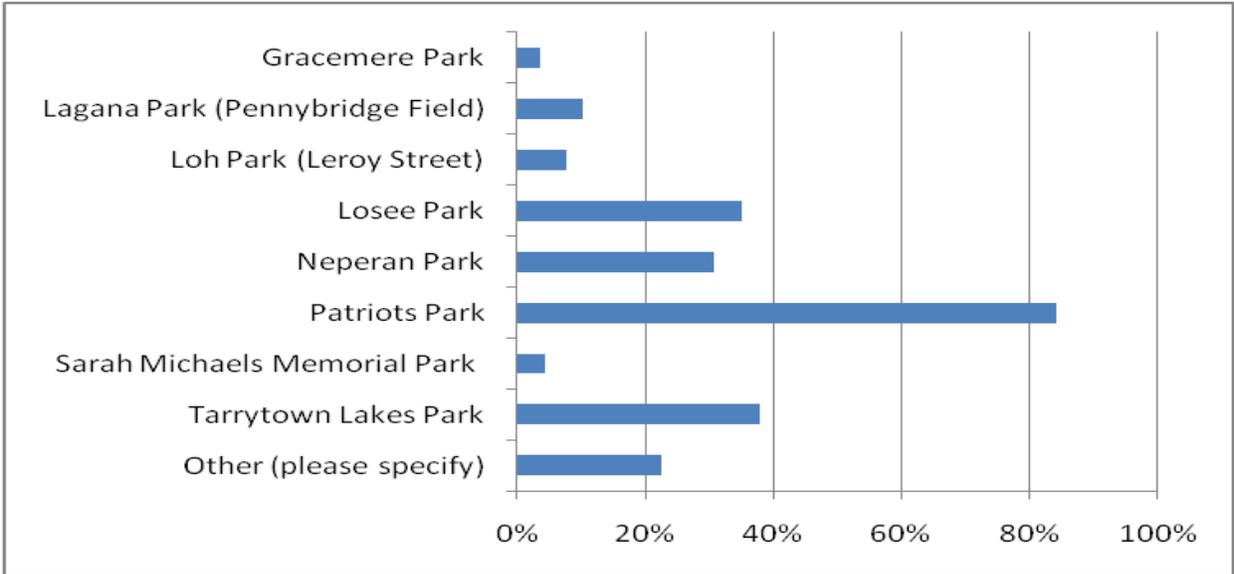


Source: Laberge Group

Preferred Parks and Recreational Facilities

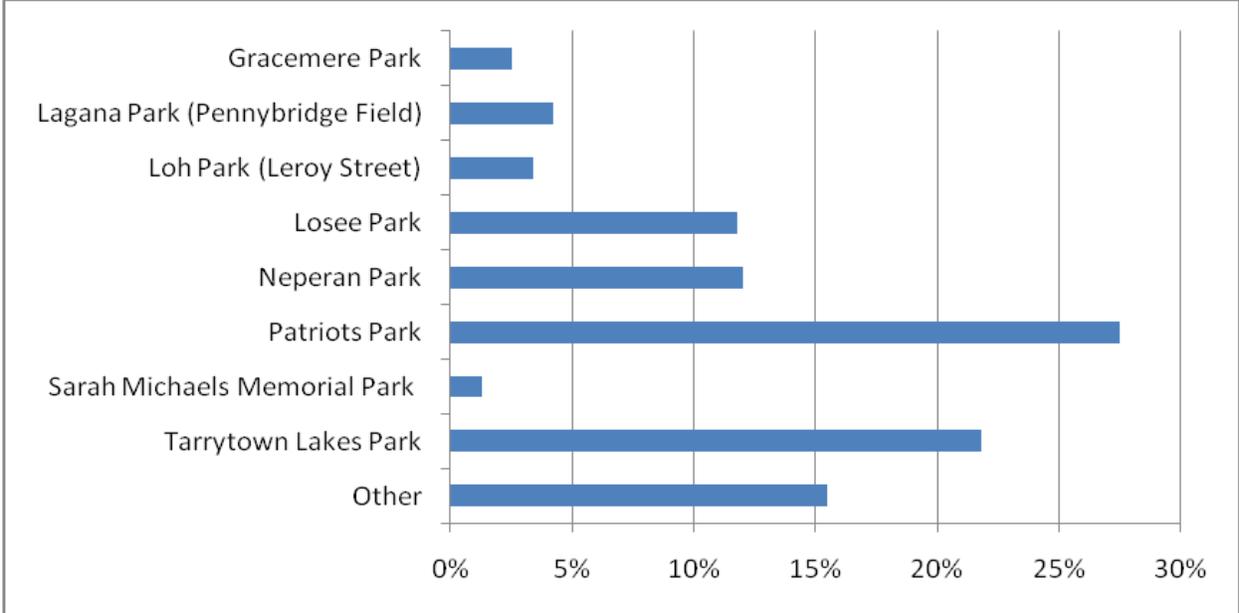
Respondents were asked to identify which of the public parks and recreation facilities were used by members of their households. As shown in **Figure 7**, the park most frequented in the Village of Tarrytown was Patriots Park, which was used by 84.1% of respondents and the majority (28%) of respondents age 21 and over. Other parks and facilities used by a high percentage of respondents were Losee Park (37.8%), Tarrytown Lakes Park (35.1%), and Neperan Park (30.8%). As shown in **Figure 8**, respondents age 21 and over most often use Tarrytown Lakes Park (22%), Losee Park (12%) and Neperan Park (12%). Pierson Park was indicated most often (13.9%) by respondents in the write-in “other” category, and most often (approximately 16%) by the respondents age 21 and over.

Figure 7: Public Parks in the Village of Tarrytown (by % of Respondents who use Resource)



Source: Laberge Group

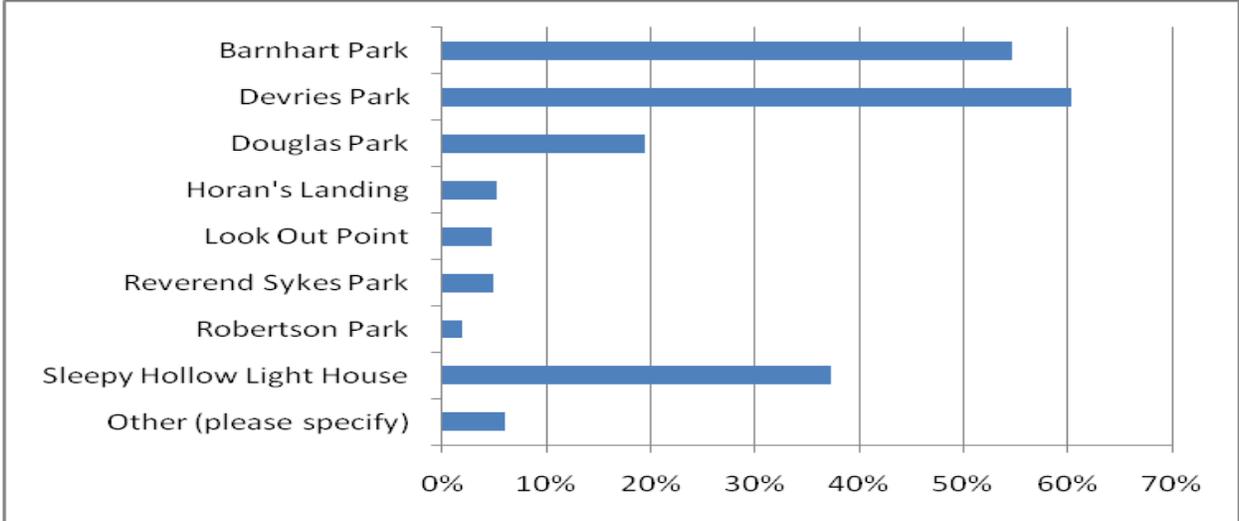
Figure 8: Public Parks in the Village of Tarrytown (by % of Respondents Age 21 and Over who use Resource)



Source: Laberge Group

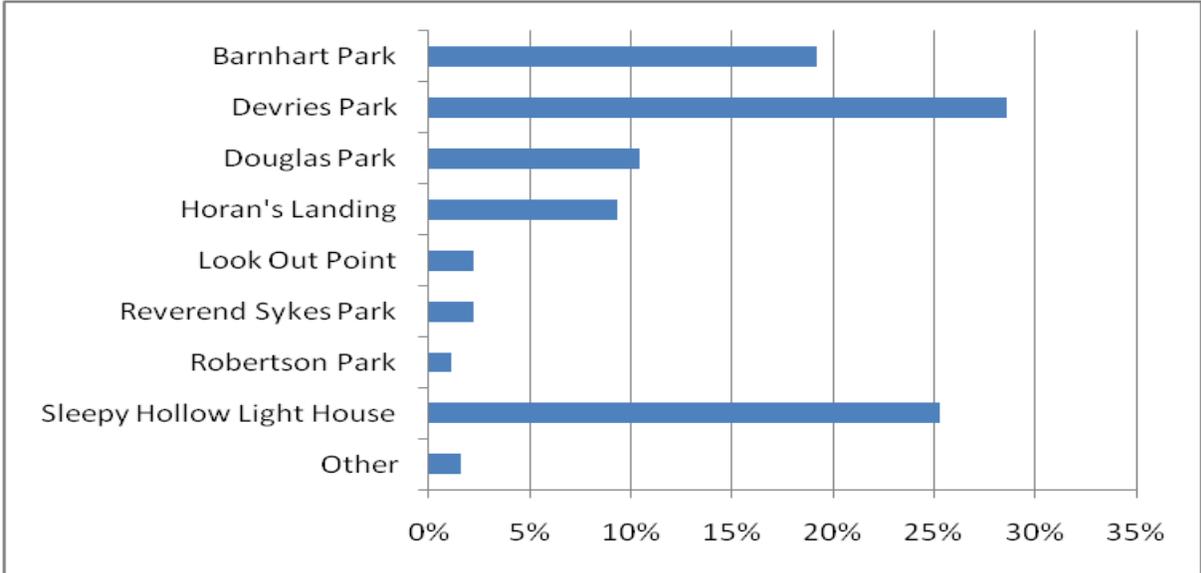
As shown in **Figures 9 and 10**, the park most frequented by respondents (60.3%) and the respondents age 21 and over (29%) in the Village of Sleepy Hollow was Devries Park.. Other parks and facilities used by a high percentage of respondents were Barnhart Park (54.7%), the Sleepy Hollow Lighthouse (37.3%), and Douglas Park (19.4%). Respondents age 21 and over frequent the Sleepy Hollow Lighthouse (25%), Barnhart Park (19%), and Douglas Park (10%).

Figure 9: Public Parks in the Village of Sleepy Hollow (by % of Respondents who use Resource)



Source: Laberge Group

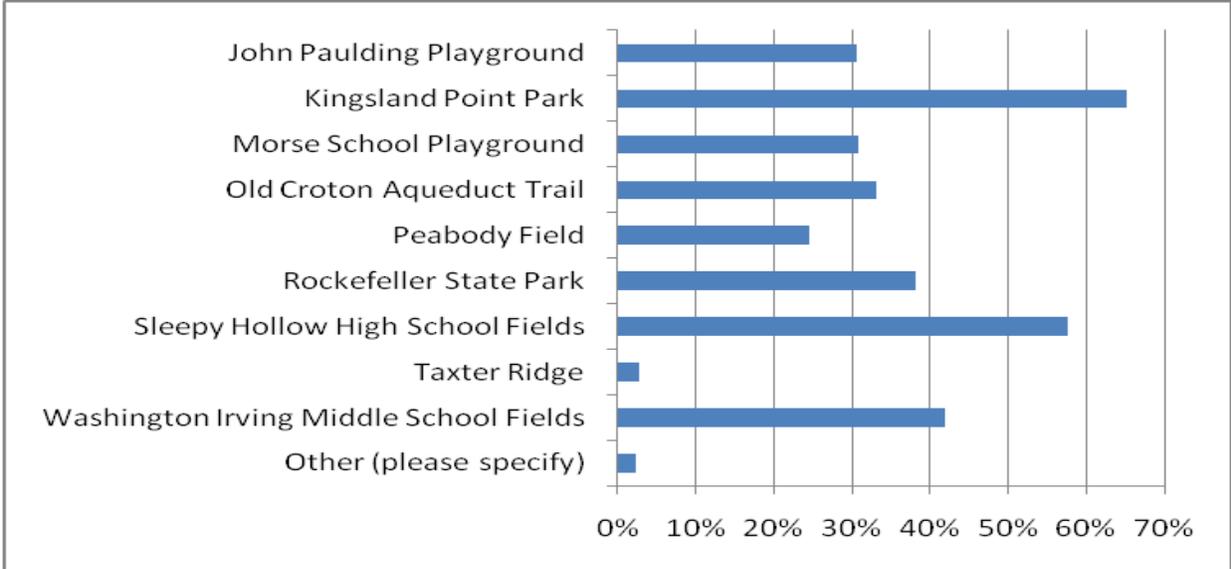
Figure 10: Public Parks in the Village of Sleepy Hollow (by % of Respondents Age 21 and Over who use Resource)



Source: Laberge Group

Respondents were also asked to identify other School District, Westchester County and New York State parks and recreation facilities used by members of their households. As shown in **Figure 11**, the park visited by the most respondents was Kingsland Point Park (65.2%) followed by the Sleepy Hollow High School Fields (57.6%), the Washington Irving Middle School Fields (42.0%), and Rockefeller State Park (38.2%).

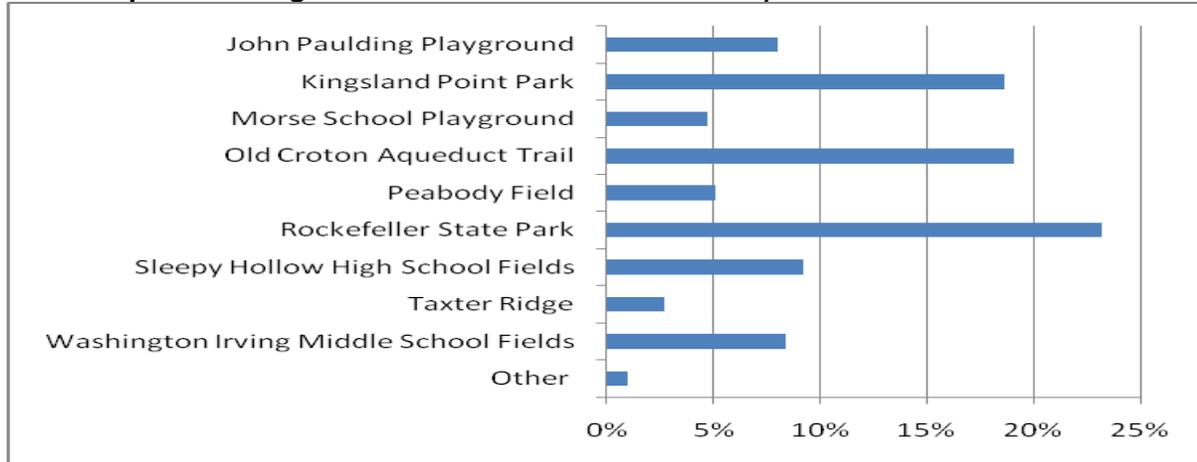
Figure 11: Parks Owned by the School District, Westecheter County & New York State (by % of Respondents who use Resource)



Source: Laberge Group

As shown by **Figure 12**, Rockefeller State Park (23.2%), Old Croton Aqueduct Trail (19.1%) and Kingsland Point Park (18.6%) are the parks visited most by respondents age 21 and over.

Figure 12: Parks Owned by the School District, Westchester County & New York State (by % of Respondents Age 21 and Over who use Resource)



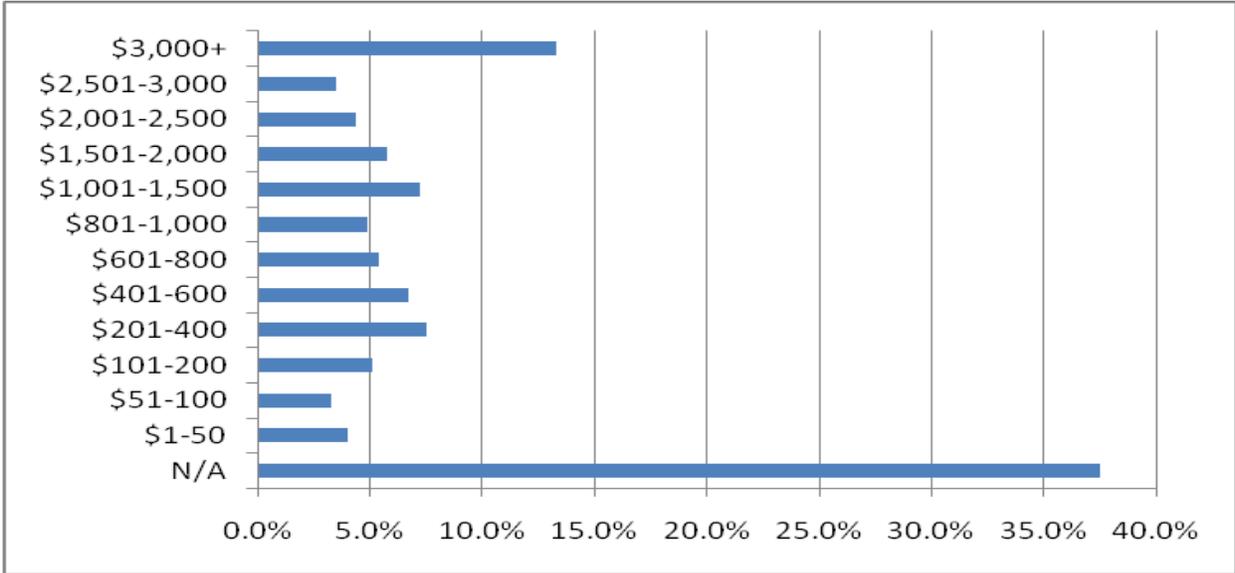
Source: Laberge Group

The recreational facilities used by the most respondents include the Warner Library (77.1%), the YMCA (52.4%), the Sleepy Hollow High School Gym (39.1%) and the Tarry Crest Swim and Tennis Club (23.9%). Respondents age 21 and over most frequently visit the Warner Library (34.0%), the YMCA (18%), the Tarry Crest Swim and Tennis Club (9%), the Philipse Manor Beach Club (6%) and the Tarrytown Senior Center (6%).

Recreational Spending

Survey respondents were asked to estimate the amount their household spends on recreation each year. As shown in **Figure 13**, over 37.5% of respondents reported that they were unable to answer the question. It is important to note that this may be attributed to the high percentage of youth that completed the survey. Of the respondents who did answer the question, approximately 13.3% of respondents spent \$3,000 or more per year on recreation, 7.5% spent between \$201 and \$400 per year and 7.2% spent between \$1,001 and \$1,500 per year.

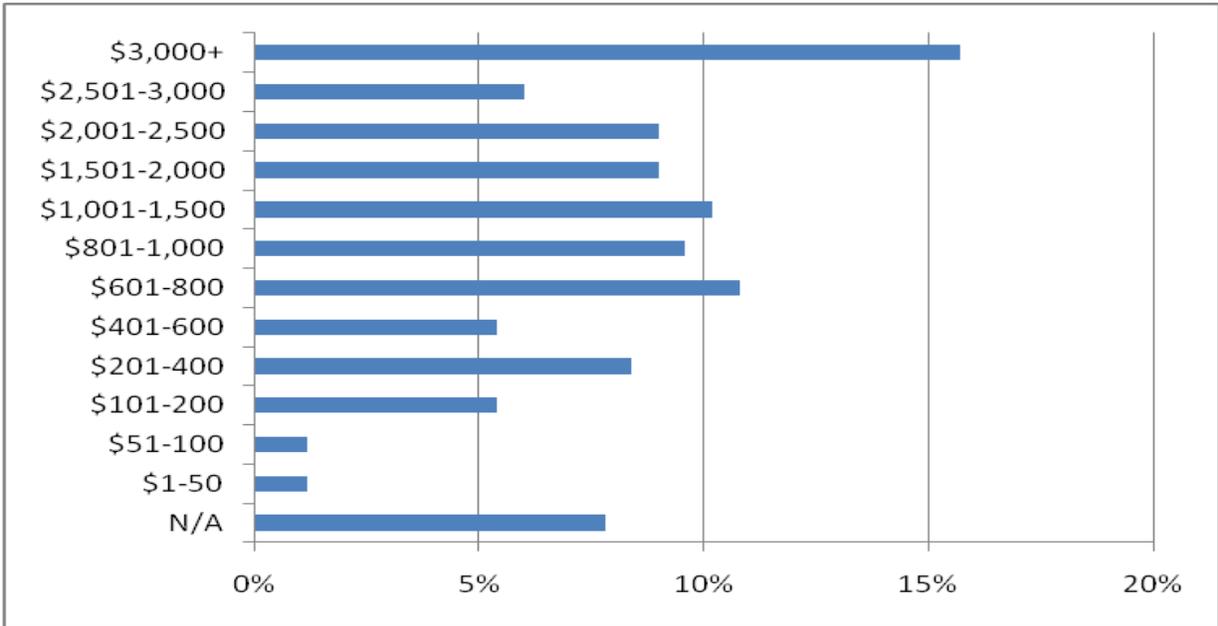
Figure 13: Amount Respondents Spent on Recreation per Year



Source: Laberge Group

As shown in **Figure 14**, approximately 16% of respondents age 21 and over spent \$3,000 or more per year on recreation. Approximately 11% spent between \$601 and \$800 per year, 10% spent \$801 and \$1,000 and 10% spent between \$1,001 and \$1,500 dollars. The majority (70.3%) of respondents age 21 and over spend \$601 or more on recreation annually.

Figure 14: Amount Respondents Age 21 and Over Spent on Recreation per Year



Source: Laberge Group

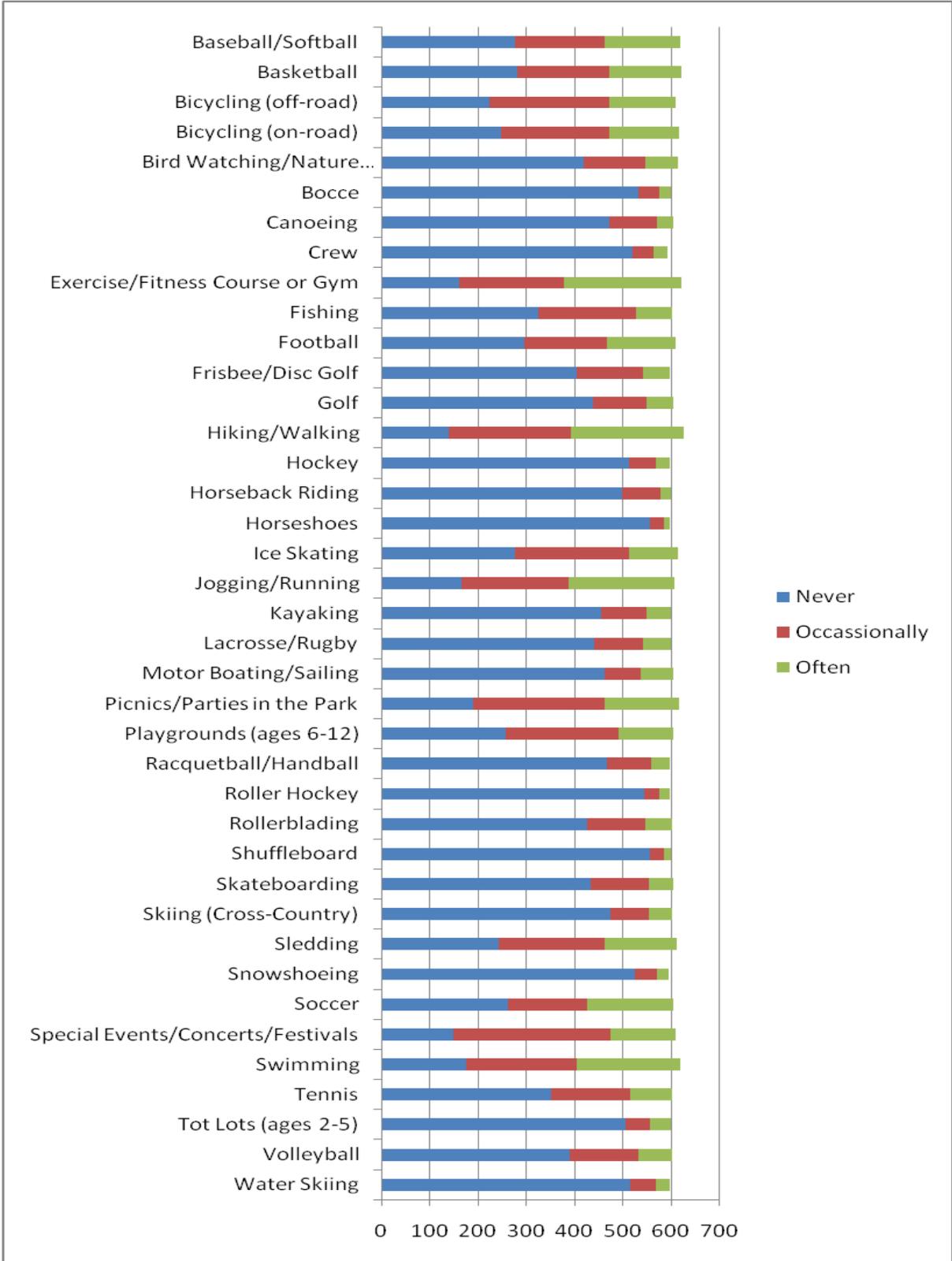
Preferred Recreational Activities

Respondents were asked to indicate how often they participate in a number of recreational activities. As shown in **Figure 15**, respondents indicated that the activities they participate in often include exercising in a fitness gym (39.1%), hiking/walking (37.3%), and running/jogging (36.0%). It is important to note that the Village of Tarrytown does own a public fitness gym that is available only to Village residents at a fee. Other than this facility, all other fitness facilities are likely privately owned. As shown in **Figure 16**, respondents age 21 and over indicated that they often hike/walk (61.5%) and exercise in a fitness gym (45.6%) just as the total respondents indicated. The respondents age 21 and over also swim often (41.9%).

The types of activities that respondents participate in occasionally include special events/concerts/festivals (53.4%), picnics/parties in the park (44.2%), bicycling off-road (40.6%) and hiking/walking (40.5%). In addition to these activities, respondents over 21 also occasionally bird watch (35.3%).

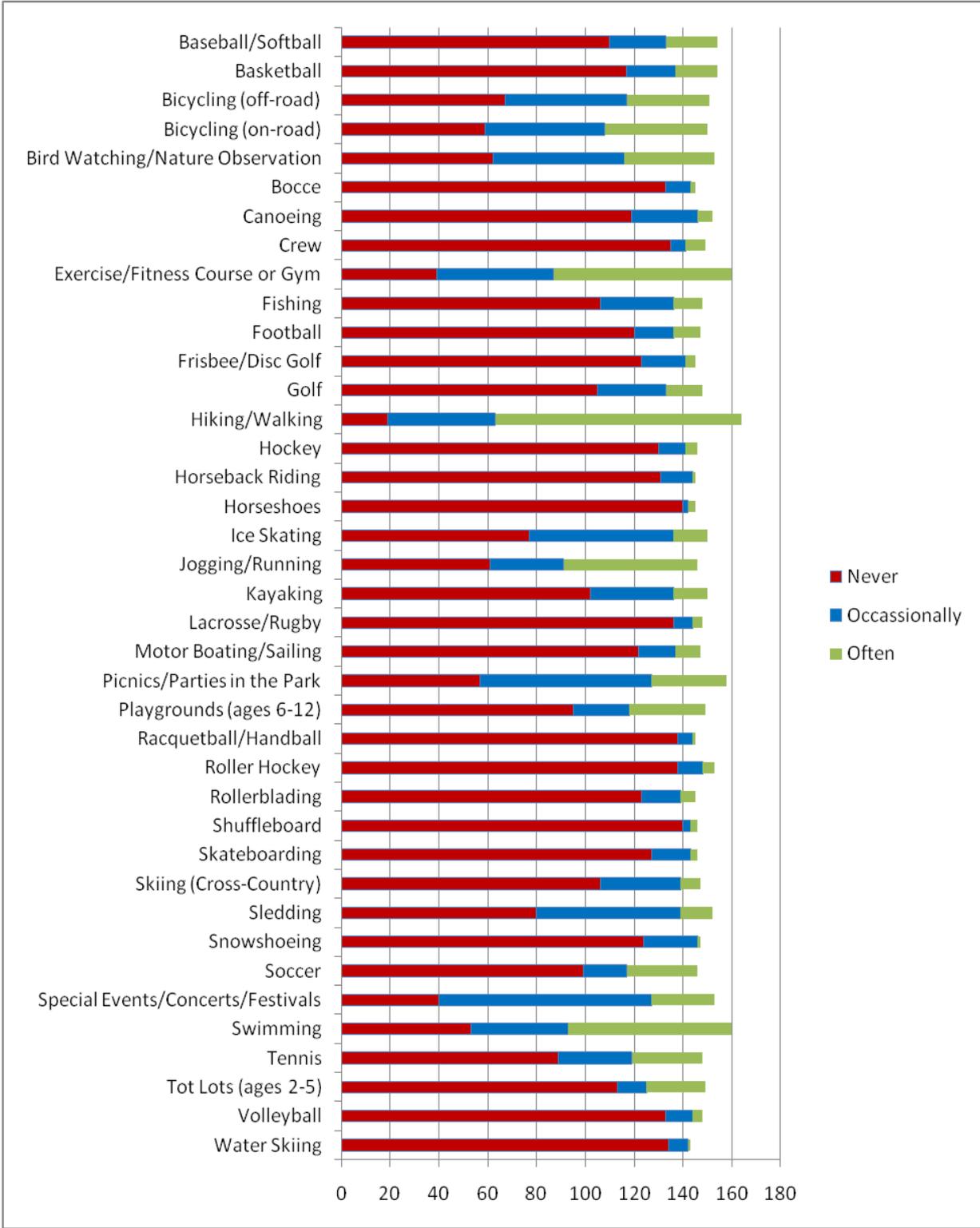
A majority of respondents indicated that they never participate in horseshoes (93.3%), shuffleboard (93.0%), and roller hockey (91.1%). The respondents age 21 and over also indicated that they never participate in the above activities.

Figure 15: Frequency Respondents Participate in Recreational Activities



Source: Laberge Group

Figure 16: Frequency Respondents Age 21 and Over Participate in Recreational Activities

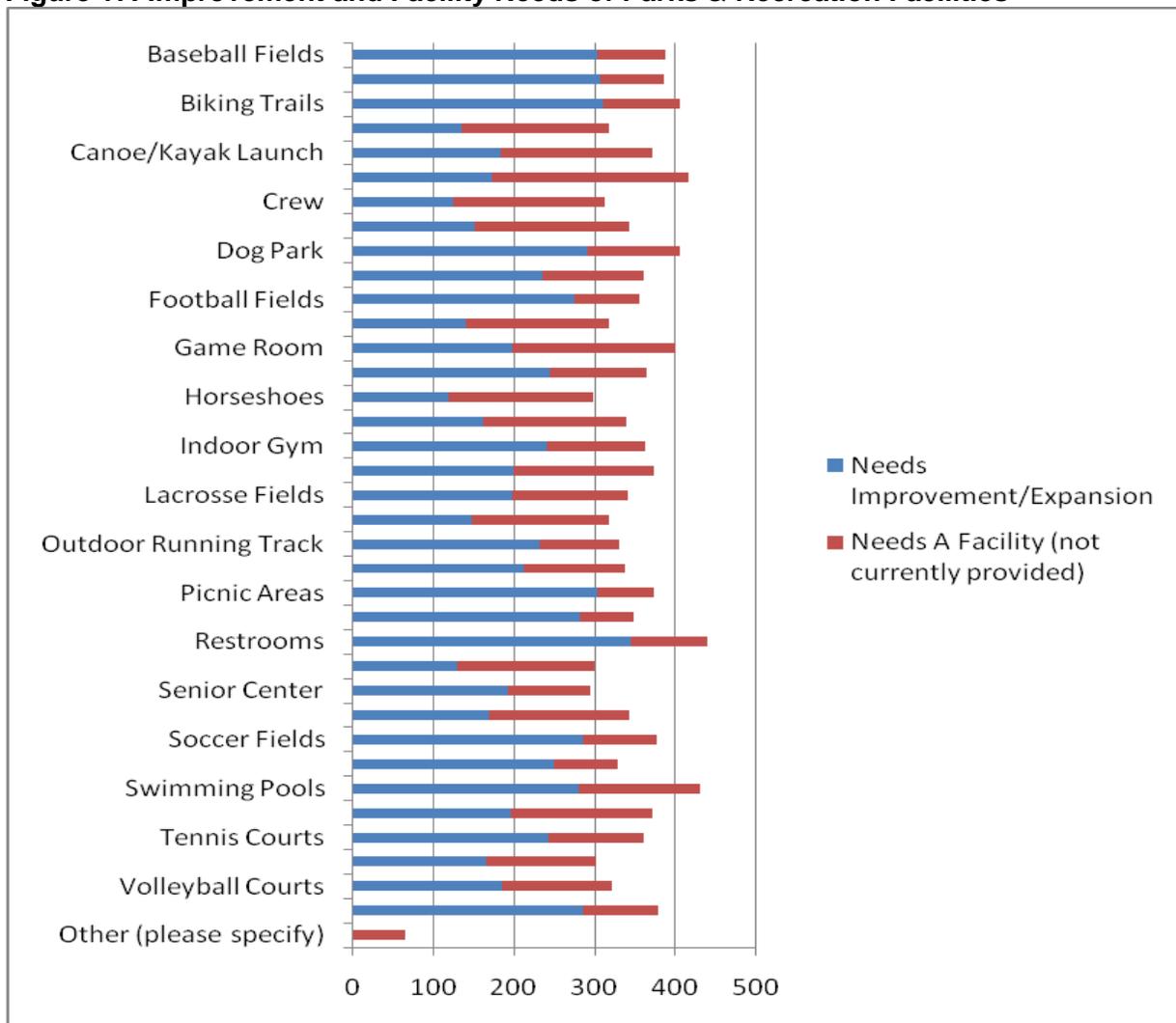


Source: Laberge Group

Overall Quality of Recreation Facilities

Respondents were asked to identify the quality of Village and School District parks and recreation facilities and those that need improvement. As shown in **Figure 17**, all amenities were identified as being in need of improvement or in need of a new facility. It should be noted that the respondents were not able to identify whether or not the facilities were satisfactory, but merely if they needed improvement or a new facility. As a result, the question did not elicit positive responses about the facilities. More specifically, park restrooms, biking trails, basketball courts and baseball fields were identified to have the greatest need of improvement/expansion. In addition to the responses noted below, the respondents indicated that the Villages and School District are in need of tennis courts.

Figure 17: Improvement and Facility Needs of Parks & Recreation Facilities

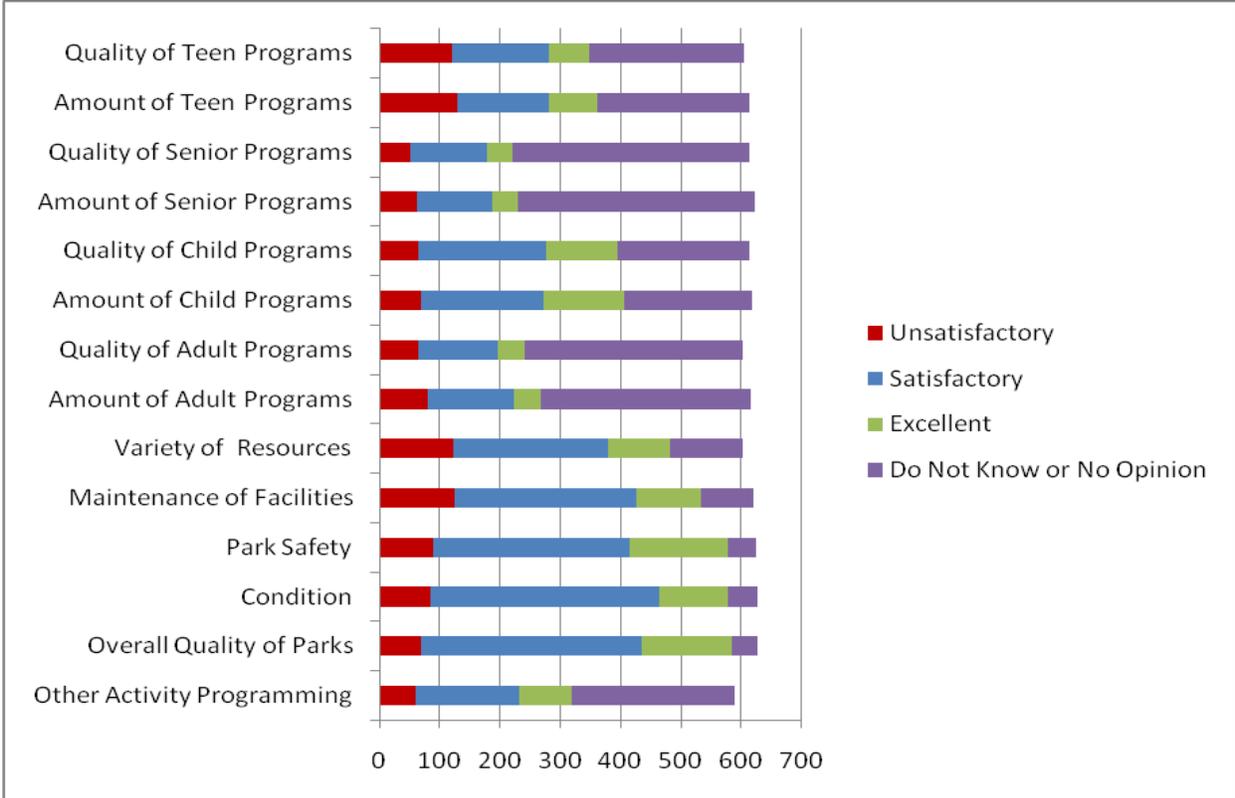


Source: Laberge Group

As shown in **Figure 18**, parks and recreation facilities, as well as recreation programs were evaluated based upon the variety, quality, safety and condition. In general, park safety, overall

quality of the parks, and condition were described as satisfactory by the majority of survey respondents. Most respondents had no opinion about the amount and quality of senior programs, the amount and quality of adult programs and other activity programming.

Figure 18: Quality of Parks & Recreation Programming & Facilities

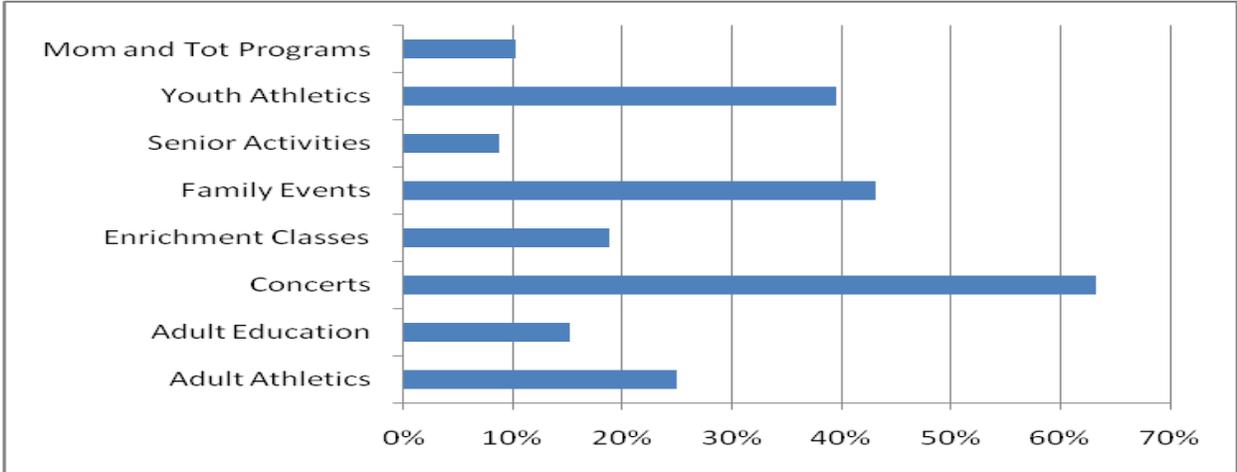


Source: Laberge Group

Future Recreational Programming and Amenities

Respondents were asked to select the types of additional recreation programs that they would like to see provided. As **Figure 19** illustrates, programs selected by the highest percentage of respondents were concerts (63.2%), family events (43.1%), youth athletics (39.5%), and adult athletics (25.0%).

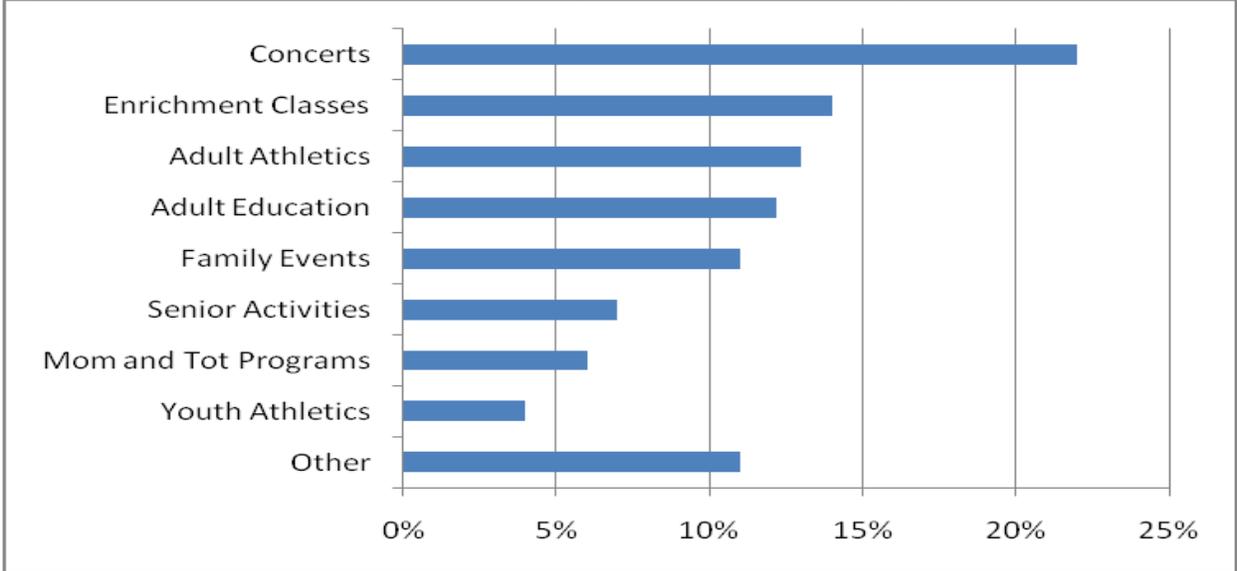
Figure 19: Desired Future Recreation Programs



Source: Laberge Group

As illustrated in **Figure 20**, the total number of respondents age 21 and over selected concerts (22%), Enrichment Classes (14%), Adult Athletics (13%), Adult Education (12%) and Family Events (11%).

Figure 20: Desired Future Recreation Programs (Respondents Age 21 and Over)



Source: Laberge Group

In addition, the majority of respondents (78.6%) and the majority of the respondents age 21 and over (87%) also support additional public access and amenities on the Hudson River. Possible amenities, as suggested by respondents, include canoe and kayak launches, beach/swimming access, biking and walking paths, picnic areas and play structures.

Stakeholder Interviews

Stakeholder Interviews held in September, October and November of 2009 with members of the Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow communities. The group of stakeholders was identified by the Tri-Agency Shared Services Recreation Feasibility Study Steering Committee based on their diversity, as well as their affiliation with the School District and recreational groups, leagues, facilities and organizations throughout the area.

Twenty-one stakeholders were interviewed during the process, answering questions regarding existing recreation facilities and the future recreation needs of the Villages and the School District. The interviews lasted approximately 30 minutes, providing insight and perspective from recreation groups on topics and issues in Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow. The stakeholders represented special interest groups and organizations that have been categorized as follows: (1) adult and senior citizen activities, (2) community related, (3) school related, (4) sports and activities for all ages, and (5) youth sports and activities.

The results of the Stakeholder Interviews were compiled into lists of challenges and recommendations. Overall, the greatest challenge identified by stakeholders is the shortage of field space and the overuse of the fields. Other significant challenges mentioned by more than one stakeholder are (1) the lack of gym space, and (2) the lack of community space for middle school and high school students to gather.

The following are the challenges and recommendations from the Stakeholder Interviews:

Challenges

(1) Adult & Senior Citizen Activities: Neighborhood House, Tappan Zee Flag Football League

- Lack of handicap accessible van to transport seniors to and from the Neighborhood House.
- Player safety as Kingsland Point Park multi-purpose field can be dangerous due to concrete in-fill.
- Drainage issues at Kingsland Point Park multi-purpose field.
- Inclement weather permitting flag football games to be played.

(2) Community Related: Boys & Girls Club of the Tarrytown, Community Opportunity Center of the Tarrytowns, Elizabeth Mascia Childcare Center, Tarrytown Family YMCA, Warner Library

- Lack of space for middle school and high school students to gather due to closing of Boys & Girls Club.

- Lack of tutoring programs and afterschool support for school aged children due to the closing of Boys & Girls Club.
- Safety of children using Bill Baird Playground as equipment has been deemed outdated and out of compliance with current code.
- Limited gym space in the community.
- Lack of available parking at the YMCA.
- Current state of economy is precluding community members from paying full membership fees at the YMCA.

(3) ***School Related: Public Schools of the Tarrytowns Assistant Superintendent, Sleepy Hollow High School Swimming & Tennis Teams, St. Teresa of Avila School***

- Overuse of fields.
- Lack of field space.
- Small staff to tend the fields.
- Unusable tennis courts at Sleepy Hollow High School due to unrepaired hurricane damage.
- Scheduling challenges due to limited pool space.

(4) ***Sports and Activities for All Ages: Hudson River Recreation, OnTrack Sports Center***

- Storage space for kayaks along the Hudson River.
- Scheduling of indoor sports facility.
- Promotion of indoor sports facility.

(5) ***Youth Sports and Activities: Alpha Gamma Volleyball League, AYSO, Rivertown Aquatics, Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Day Camps, Teaches Basketball Camps, Tri-County Travel League/Winter Basketball League, TNT Baseball Softball, UK Elite Soccer, Wolfpack/ Pop Warner Football***

- Lack of gym space to meet demand for volleyball and basketball practice and play.
 - High School Gym is only space adequate in size.
 - YMCA gym space is exceedingly difficult to book and is expensive.
- Lack of field space exacerbated by the elimination of the back-stop on the Washington Irving Lower Field and the lighting fixtures currently placed in the middle of Losee Field.
- Overuse of fields by organized and unorganized sports groups.
- Lack of equipment storage space at School District facilities for use by private groups.
- Scheduling challenges for pool time due to lack of facilities.

- Scheduling challenges for field time due to large amount of sports groups and small number of fields.
- Available field space is small in scale.
- Demand at Losee Field for night games and practices due to presence of lights.
- Lack of indoor facility space for summer campers.
- Lack of staff to properly maintain the fields.
- High rental prices for space at private indoor recreation facilities.
- Challenge to find volunteer coaches.

Recommendations

(1) *Adult & Senior Citizen Activities: Neighborhood House, Tappan Zee Flag Football League*

- Villages should consider a joint effort to re-fill Kingsland Point Park’s multi-purpose field.
- Build turf fields, perhaps by including local colleges as financial partners, to save on maintenance and eliminate overuse issue.
- Villages should consider purchasing the 2-3 soccer fields located behind the current EF International School (the former site of Marymount College) to expand available field space.

(2) *Community Related: Boys & Girls Club of the Tarrytown, Community Opportunity Center of the Tarrytowns, Elizabeth Mascia Childcare Center, Tarrytown Family YMCA, Warner Library*

- Build a Village-run Community Center to support afterschool and weekend programming.
- Create a partnership between the Villages, School District and other community organizations to meet the needs of the children no longer being provided tutoring and afterschool programming.
- Replace equipment at Bill Baird Playground. Village of Tarrytown has agreed to remove it; the Daycare is to replace it.
- Consider all available recreational resources in the community before deciding to build new.

(3) *School Related: Public Schools of the Tarrytowns Assistant Superintendent, Sleepy Hollow High School Swimming & Tennis, St. Teresa of Avila School*

- Repair High School tennis courts.

(4) *Sports and Activities for All Ages: Hudson River Recreation, OnTrack Sport Center*

- Consider the creation of partnerships between the Villages, the School District and private recreational facilities to promote the use of the indoor sports facility, share on-line scheduling software at a discounted price, provide the Villages with quality sports instruction and field space in the winter months and provide a funding source for Village and School District field maintenance.
- (5) ***Youth Sports and Activities:*** *Alpha Gamma Juniors Volleyball League, AYSO, Rivertown Aquatics, Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Day Camps, Teaches Basketball Camps, Tri-County Travel League/Winter Basketball League, TNT Baseball Softball, UK Elite Soccer, Wolfpack/ Pop Warner Football*
- Build a Village-run Community Center to provide dry space for the Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Day Camps on rainy days.
 - Build new fields as part of RiverWalk renovations in Kingsland Point Park.
 - Merge Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow Recreation Department basketball programs with Tarrytown Recreation providing access to the courts and Sleepy Hollow recreation paying any fees.
 - Clear the trees around Peabody Field and build additional fields.
 - Villages should consider renting their facilities for tournaments as a revenue source and as an economic development strategy for the Villages.

Public Recreational Needs Workshop

The Public Recreational Needs Workshop was held at the Sleepy Hollow High School on January 25, 2010. A group of approximately 75 citizens attended the session and were broken into eight groups, providing insights and perspectives on existing recreation facilities and the potential for any future facilities. Each group contained a diverse range of residents including Village and School District officials, property owners, members of civic groups and recreation stakeholders. The groups were asked to answer eight questions pertaining to recreation in Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow.

The results of the workshop showed that the residents of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow are very active individuals, participating in a variety of recreational activities. While most recreational needs are currently being met by the Village of Tarrytown, the Village of Sleepy Hollow and the School District, it is still necessary for some residents to travel outside of the Villages or join a private facility to participate in certain activities. Overall, Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow residents who attended the workshop identified many recreation facilities and amenities they appreciated, including but not limited to the access to the Hudson River, the easy access to the parks and facilities, the natural spaces provided in so many of the parks, and the variety of facilities available. The participants identified facilities and amenities they were least satisfied with, including but not limited to the conditions of the fields due to overuse, the insufficient gym space,

and the lack of a community center and a teen center, and the lack of bike paths throughout the Villages.

The participants identified facilities that are needed/could be improved, including but not limited to the condition of the fields, a community center, tennis courts, and a pool. The participants were then asked to identify each improvement they considered to be a priority. To identify priorities, each participant was given a total of three dots to place next to the items they deemed to be a priority, all three of which could be placed next to one item. The top priorities identified by the participants included the development of a Community Center, the installation of turf fields, improvements to the existing fields, and the centralization of the Recreation Departments in collaboration with the School District.

Once the priorities were identified, participants were asked to identify funding priorities. To indicate funding priorities, participants were asked to place a dollar sign inside the dot placed next to the item they considered to be a priority. The improvements identified as the top funding priorities by the participants include the installation of turf fields, especially at Washington Irving Middle School and the Sleepy Hollow High School, the construction of a Community Center, and the connection of the villages through the creation of bike and pedestrian trails and kayak launches.

1) Where do you go for recreation?

- *Barnhart Park*
- *Bruce Park for kids*
- *Chinese Arts and Center in Pleasantville*
- *Club Fit in Briarcliff*
- *Croton Point Park*
- *Devries Park, including Paddle Tennis Courts, Quattro Field*
- *Douglas Park*
- *Fremont Pond for ice skating*
- *Gym at Tarrytown Recreation Center*
- *Gyms at Tappan Hill, John Paulding and Sleepy Hollow High School*
- *Hackley Trails*
- *Horan's Landing*
- *Jewish Community Center (JCC)*
- *John Paulding Playground (for children under 6)*
- *Kingsland Point Park fields and dog park*
- *Losee Park*
- *Master Yoo's in Tarrytown*
- *Mount Pleasant pool*
- *Neperan Park*
- *New York Sports Club/NY Life Gym*
- *North County Trail*
- *Old Croton Aqueduct Trail for walking and biking*
- *OnTrack Sports*
- *Pace University pool*
- *Patriots Park*
- *Peabody Field*
- *Pennybridge Field at Lagana Park*
- *Philipse Manor Beach Club*
- *Pierson Park*
- *Rockefeller State Park*
- *Rockwood*
- *Saxon woods*
- *Sleepy Hollow Cemetery*
- *Sleepy Hollow High School Fields*
- *Tarry Crest Swim Club*
- *Tarrytown Lakes Park trail for biking and walking.*
- *Tarrytown Lakes Park Reservoir for ice skating and kayaking*
- *Tennis at Tarry Crest Swim and Tennis (private facility), New Rochelle and out of town*
- *Washington Irving Fields*
- *Westchester County Bike Path*

- *YMCA Fitness Center and pool*

2) What do you like best about the Villages' or School District's parks and recreation facilities?

- *Accessibility (convenient; within walking distance; close proximity to neighborhoods)*
- *Access to Hudson River*
- *Activities such as Jazz In Park at Pierson Park and Scarecrow making at Patriots Park*
- *Barnhart Park play structures and water park*
- *Connection with community*
- *Cost (reasonably priced or free)*
- *Green space*
- *John Paulding School play structure*
- *Lakes*
- *Location of the parks and facilities*
- *Mature trees*
- *Neperan Park Playground- natural park features*
- *Old Croton Aqueduct trail and access to nature*
- *Open space*
- *Pavilion facilities available*
- *Quiet wooded space*
- *Rockefeller State Park is a great resource*
- *Tarrytown Lakes Park*
- *Variety*
- *Views of the Hudson River*
- *Village honchos and schools are invested in parks and recreation facilities*
- *Well maintained*

3) What do you like the least about the Villages' or School District's parks and recreation facilities?

- *Bad field conditions- overused, not enough, poorly maintained, lack of storage which leads to theft, overlapping of uses of fields (e.g. soccer and baseball)*
- *Bleachers in poor condition at Devries*
- *Condition of school ball fields- hard packed*
- *Condition of some playground structures*
- *Condition of the Tennis courts*
- *Distance to parks within waking distance from Manor (farthest part of Manor)*
- *Field conditions (Washington Irving Fields, Pennybridge, Kingsland, Peabody, High school)*
- *How do you get around the High School on the Aqueduct?*
- *Insufficient gym space*
- *Lack of ability to have pick up groups for sports other than organized leagues; need opportunity for singles to participate in sports*
- *Lack of bike paths around town areas (route is unsafe for the average family bike ride)*
- *Lack of bleachers/seating at some field*
- *Lack of coordination among sports groups e.g. scheduling use of fields*
- *Lack of community run afterschool program and staff*
- *Lack of fields-multiple teams playing on one field/court*
- *Lack of foul territory netting*
- *Lack of indoor courts/facilities*
- *Lack of public pool*
- *Lack of shade*
- *Lack of storage (Washington Irving, Peabody, High School) for Recreation teams*
- *Lack of teen center*
- *Lack of waterfront access*
- *Lack of water parks (1 at Barnhart; 1 at Rev. Sykes Park)*
- *Limited boating opportunities*
- *Limited parking space at Kingsland Point Park*

- *Litter/cleanliness/waste*
- *Maintenance at Kingsland Point Park and Devries*
- *Malfunctioning score boards*
- *Need better communication about Village programs and events*
- *Need game room*
- *Need open gym*
- *Outdated Equipment*
- *Permit fees for tennis*
- *Poor maintenance*
- *Public transport to bus players around on AYSO days; need carpooling*
- *Sports council is needed*
- *Transporting of permits for use of facilities*

4) What facilities are needed/could be improved?

- *All fields need improving(e.g. drainage)*
- *All weather facilities for sports and recreation*
- *Afterschool program and open gym for ages 13-18*
- *Bike paths and interconnecting parks via bike path*
- *Community center for teens and adults*
- *Condition of Devries*
- *Condition of Kingsland Point Park*
- *Condition of tennis courts*
- *Condition of school ball fields-hard packed*
- *Coordination of schedules/calendars to avoid double-booking*
- *Field house*
- *Lighted fields*
- *More access to river; more places to store kayaks*
- *More basketball courts*
- *More indoor recreation space*
- *More maintenance*
- *More natural parks*
- *More passive recreation opportunity for adults at parks*
- *More storage*
- *More tennis courts*
- *Multipurpose fields*
- *Need public pool*
- *One dedicated soccer field*
- *Parking, especially at Kingsland Point Park*
- *Plan for the GM site*
- *Pool*
- *Restrooms*
- *River access; water activities*
- *Some playground structures*
- *Teen center; what is happening with the old COC building?*
- *Tennis*
- *Turf field, especially at High School or Washington Irving*
- *Upgraded play equipment*
- *Water fountains*
- *Waterfront park*
- *YMCA facility should partner more*

5) Ideally, what will the parks and recreation system look like in 5 years?

- *Access to the river (e.g. kayak put-ins)*
- *Another community gym and exercise facility*
- *Aquatic center*
- *Better park maintenance*
- *Better web presence*
- *Centralized management of Recreation Department in collaboration with School District*
- *Community pool*
- *Connect RiverWalk between Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown*
- *Connected bike paths*
- *Construction of lighted fields*
- *Consolidation of Recreation Programs under one Village run entity*
- *Dedicated soccer fields*
- *Excellent maintenance and preservation of facilities*
- *Greater cooperation and sharing of all the stakeholders (cooperation is currently good, just enhanced)*

- *Ideally one unified recreation system that works well together with the schools (separate from public works)*
- *Improved communication*
- *Mechanisms for self funding/sustainable programs*
- *More after school programs*
- *More dog walks/parks*
- *More fields*
- *More inclusive*
- *More volunteer opportunities for youth helping maintain parks*
- *More water access and launching areas*
- *Olympic size pool*
- *One Recreation Department between the two Villages*
- *Open/fair process for field and court use*
- *Private/public type of partnership*
- *Recreation committee (s)*
- *Tennis courts*
- *Turf field at High School and Washington Irving*
- *Vibrant community center for adults and teens*
- *Universal signage*
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6) What topics brought you to the meeting?

- *Ask about transportation for seniors*
- *AYSO*
- *Board of Education member*
- *Chance to impact what is offered*
- *Community Center have kids*
- *Concern over Lagana Field/playground inclusion*
- *Concern over field conditions for sports leagues*
- *Frustration with facility and field quality and availability*
- *Hear ideas*
- *Interest in seeing two Villages develop the GM lot*
- *Invited*
- *Lack of afterschool recreational program for ages 13-18*
- *Lack of bike paths and interconnecting parks via bike path*
- *Lack of community pool*
- *Lack of fields*
- *Limited parking at Kingsland Point Park*
- *More natural parks*
- *More waterfront access*
- *Need to preserve natural habitat and environmental education*
- *Nosey*
- *Progress on connecting water access-RiverWalk*
- *Recreation Commission member*
- *Steering committee member*
- *Teen center*
- *Tennis Court*
- *To keep updated*
- *Trustee*
- *Want to see Devries and Kingsland Point Park improved*
- *Want recreation facilities at former GM Plan sooner than later*
- *Work for Villages*

7) What are your top priorities (each participant had 3 votes indicated by the placement of dots which could have been used cumulatively on one item)?

24 Dots

- Community Center

13 Dots

- Turf Field

10 Dots

- Field improvement

8 Dots

- Centralized management of Recreation Department in collaboration with School District
- Teen Center

7 Dots

- More fields

6 Dots

- Community pool/Aquatic Center
- Consolidation of Recreation Programs under one Village run entity/one Recreation Department

5 Dots

- Access to the river (e.g. kayak put-ins) and recreational activities

4 Dots

- Bike paths
- Connecting villages through river walk, bike trails, kayak launches, etc.
- Ideally one unified recreation system that works well together with the schools (separate from public works)
- More storage

3 Dots

- All weather facilities for sports and recreation

- Better availability and coordination of schedules/calendars (avoid double-booking, etc.)

- Keep more natural settings and parks
- Lagana field field/playground inclusion

- Tennis courts

2 Dots

- Improved maintenance
- Indoor facility
- Mechanisms for self funding/sustainable programs
- Open gym
- Redesign fields
- Restroom
- RiverWalk Park
- Upgraded play equipment
- Upgrade quality of recreational facilities (e.g. Devries and Kingsland Point Park)

1 Dot

- Dog parks
- More gyms
- More inclusive
- More opportunities for singles to participate in group sports
- More passive recreation for adults at parks
- More volunteer opportunities for youth in helping maintain parks
- Parking
- Public/private partnerships
- Recreation Committee
- Water fountains

8) What priorities you are willing to fund (indicated by the placement of a dollar sign in within the dot)?

7 \$ Signs

- Improve fields
- Turf Fields (esp. at High School & Washington Irving)

5 \$ Signs

- Community center

4\$ Signs

- Connecting villages through river walk, bike trails, kayak launches, etc.

3\$ Signs

- Centralized management of Recreation Department in collaboration with School District
- Community run afterschool program
- More natural park settings and parks

2 \$ Signs

- Community pool/Aquatic Center
- Redesign fields for efficient use of space

1 \$ Sign

- *All weather facilities*
- *Bike Path*
- *Improve Kingsland Point Park and Devries*
- *Improved maintenance and communication*
- *Indoor facilities*
- *Passive recreation for adults*
- *Improved access to water*
- *Teen Center*
- *Tennis Courts*

Appendix A: Park Inventory Sheets

Village of Tarrytown Parks



Picture #1



Picture #2



Picture #3



Picture #4



Picture #5



Picture #6



Picture #1



Picture #2



Picture #3



Picture #4



Picture #5



Picture #6



Picture #7



Picture #8



Picture #9



Picture #10



Picture #11



Picture #12



Picture #13



Picture #14



Picture #1



Picture #2



Picture #1



Picture #2



Picture #3



Picture #4



Picture #5



Picture #6



Picture #7



Picture #8



Picture #9



Picture #1



Picture #2



Picture #3



Picture #4



Picture #5



Picture #6



Picture #7



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Picture #2



Picture #3



Picture #4



Picture #5



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Picture #9

Village of Sleepy Hollow Parks



Picture #1



Picture #2



Picture #3



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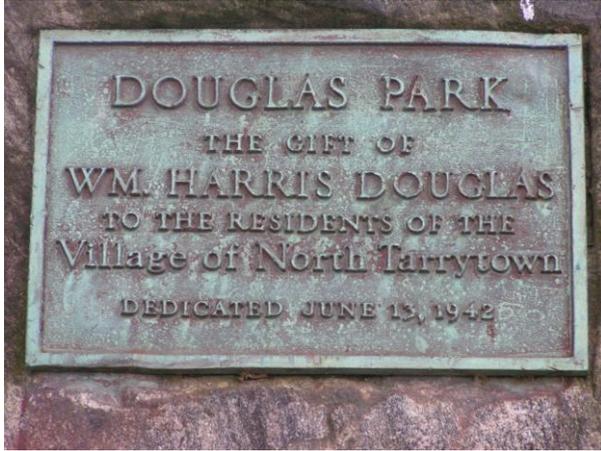
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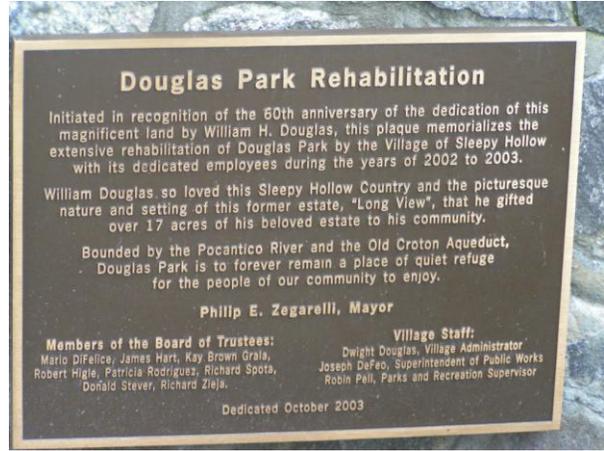
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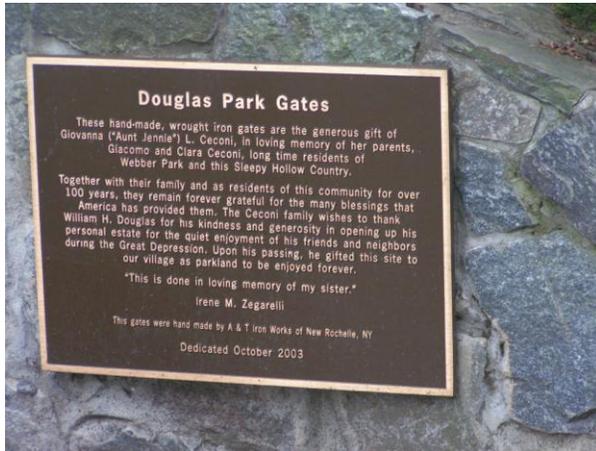
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Picture #3



Picture #4

Public Schools of the Tarrytowns Parks



Picture #1



Picture #1



Picture #1



Picture #2



Picture #1



Picture #1



Picture #2



Picture #3



Picture #4



Picture #5



Picture #6



Picture #7



Picture #8



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Picture #2



Picture #3



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Picture #6



Picture #7



Picture #8

State of New York and
Westchester County Parks



Picture #1



Picture #2



Picture #3



Picture #4



Picture #5



Picture #6



Picture #7



Picture #8



Picture #1



Picture #2



Picture #3



Picture #1

Appendix B: Recreation Needs Community Survey & Results

Villages of Tarrytown & Sleepy Hollow, and the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns

RECREATIONAL NEEDS SURVEY 2009



The Village of Tarrytown, the Village of Sleepy Hollow and the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns are preparing a Tri-Agency Shared Services Recreation Feasibility Study and your input is needed! Take the Recreation Needs Survey and let us know what recreational programs and facilities are important to you and your family. Survey responses will be taken until **November 13, 2009**. Paper copies are available with the Village Clerk in Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow, as well as at the School Front Offices.

The survey is also available on the Village of Tarrytown website: <http://www.tarrytowngov.com>, the Village of Sleepy Hollow website: <http://www.sleepyhollowny.gov>, and the Public Schools website: <http://www.tufsd.org>.

1. What is your gender? Male Female

2. Please indicate your age.

- 11-15 26-34 55-64
 16-20 35-44 65-74
 21-25 45-54 75+

3. Please indicate the number of persons in your household by age group.

	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
1 Person	<input type="checkbox"/>										
2 Persons	<input type="checkbox"/>										
3 Persons	<input type="checkbox"/>										
4 Persons	<input type="checkbox"/>										
5 Persons	<input type="checkbox"/>										
6+ Persons	<input type="checkbox"/>										

4. Please identify which of the following parks you or members of your family use in the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow. Please check all that apply.

Village of Tarrytown	Village of Sleepy Hollow	School District & Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Gracemere Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Barnhart Park	<input type="checkbox"/> John Paulding Playground
<input type="checkbox"/> Lagana Park (Pennybridge Field)	<input type="checkbox"/> Devries Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Kingsland Point Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Loh Park (Leroy Street)	<input type="checkbox"/> Douglas Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Morse School Playground
<input type="checkbox"/> Losee Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Horan's Landing	<input type="checkbox"/> Old Croton Aqueduct Trail
<input type="checkbox"/> Neperan Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Look Out Point	<input type="checkbox"/> Peabody Field
<input type="checkbox"/> Patriots Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Reverend Sykes Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Rockefeller State Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Pierson Village Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Robertson Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Sleepy Hollow High School Fields
<input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Michaels Memorial Park (near Asbury Terrace)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sleepy Hollow Lighthouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxter Ridge
<input type="checkbox"/> Tarrytown Lakes Park		<input type="checkbox"/> Washington Irving Middle School Fields
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____		

5. What facilities do you or members of your household utilize?

<input type="checkbox"/> Community Opportunity Center of the Tarrytowns	<input type="checkbox"/> Philipse Manor Beach Club	<input type="checkbox"/> The Warner Library
<input type="checkbox"/> EF International Language School	<input type="checkbox"/> Sleepy Hollow High School Gym	<input type="checkbox"/> Washington Irving Middle School Gym
<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood House	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Teresa of Avila School Gym	<input type="checkbox"/> YMCA
<input type="checkbox"/> OnTrack Sports Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Tarry Crest Swimming & Tennis Club	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pace University Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Tarrytown Senior Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____

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6. Please rate the following aspects of the Villages' and Public Schools' parks and recreation facilities/programs.
PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE SPECIFIED ITEM, CHECK "NO OPINION."

	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Do not Know or No Opinion
Accessibility of Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall Quality of Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Condition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Park Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintenance of Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Variety of Available Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount of Adult Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of Adult Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount of Child Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of Child Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount of Senior Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of Senior Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount of Teen Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of Teen Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Activity Programming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Events Promotion/Notification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Please indicate how often members of your household participate in the following activities.

	Never	Occasionally (1-2 times per month)	Often (3 or more times per months)
Baseball/Softball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicycling (off-road)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicycling (on-road)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bird Watching/Nature Observation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bocce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canoeing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crew	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exercise/Fitness Course or Gym	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frisbee/ Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hiking/Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horseback Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horseshoes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ice Skating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jogging/Running	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kayaking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lacrosse/Rugby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motor Boating/Sailing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Picnics/Parties in the Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playgrounds (ages 6-12)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Racquetball/Handball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roller Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rollerblading	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shuffleboard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboarding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skiing (Cross-Country)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sledding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snowshoeing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Events/Concerts/Festivals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tot Lots (ages 2-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water Skiing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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8. What types of additional recreation programs would you or members of your household like to see?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Athletics | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concerts | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Athletics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrichment Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Mom & Tot Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ | |

9. Please identify what improvements or new facilities you or members of your household feel are needed in any of the Village parks or as part of a new recreation facility.

	Needs Improvement/Expansion	Needs A New Facility (not currently provided)
Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Basketball Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Biking Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bocce Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canoe/Kayak Launch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Climbing Wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crew	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cross Country Ski Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exercise/Aerobic Room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frisbee Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Game Room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hiking Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horseshoes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ice Hockey Rink	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indoor Gym	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indoor Running Track	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lacrosse Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motor Boat Launch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor Running Track	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Performance Space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Picnic Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playgrounds (ages 6-12)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roller Hockey Rink	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming Pools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teen Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tot Lots (ages 2-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volleyball Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weight Room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____		

10. Please identify the zone in which you live using the map provided.

- Zone 1
- Zone 2
- Zone 3
- Zone 4
- Zone 5
- Zone 6
- Zone 7
- Other _____

11. How much, in general, do you and your household spend on recreation per year (i.e. membership fees excluding Country Club fees, Village program fees, etc.)?

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> \$401-600 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,001-2,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1-50 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$601-800 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,501-3,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$51-100 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$801-1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$3,000+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$101-200 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,001-1,500 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$201-400 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,501-2,000 | |

12. Do you feel that additional public access and amenities are needed on the Hudson River? Yes No

Please specify:

13. Which funding option(s) would you support to finance additional indoor and/or outdoor facilities? Indicate all that you support.

- Increase Membership/User Fees
- Village Tax Increase
- Recreation Improvement Bond
- Other _____

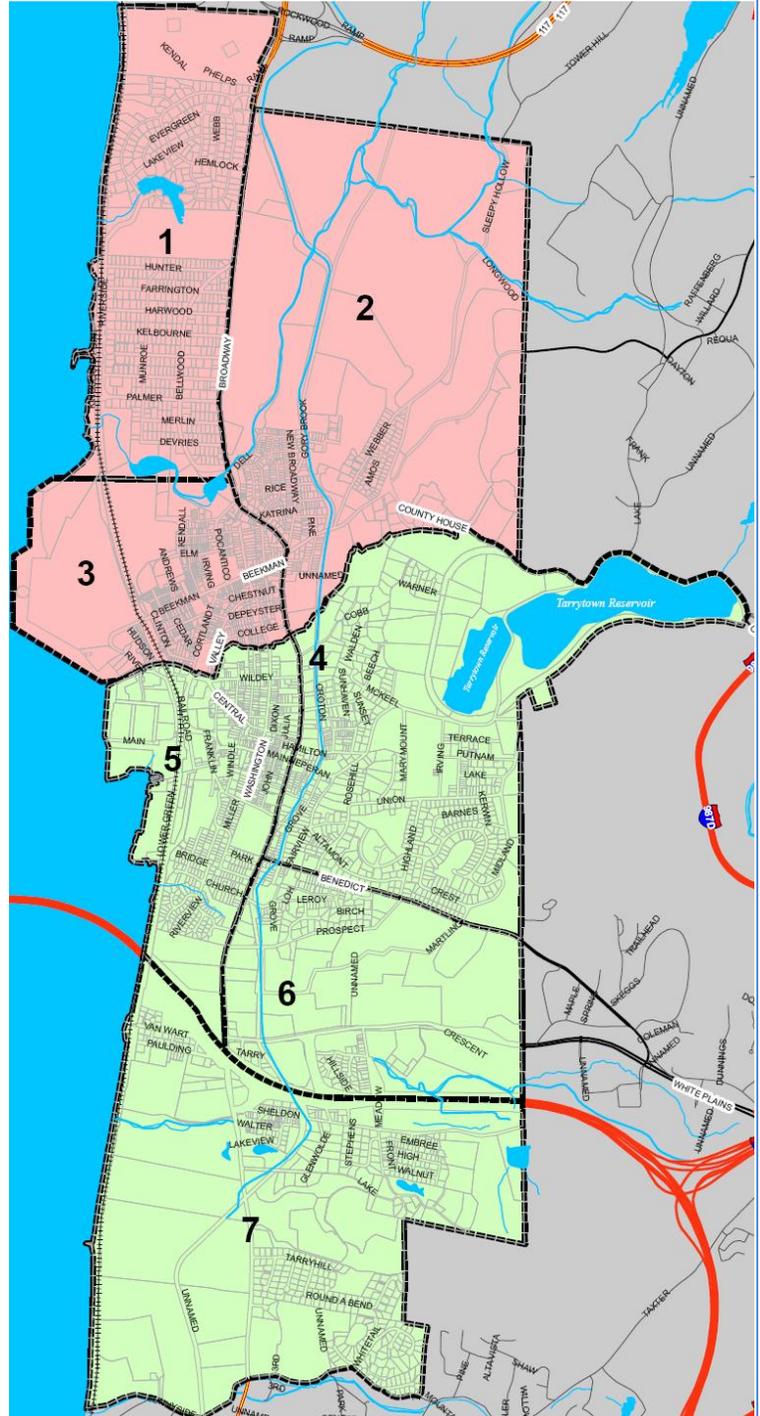
14. Would you support sharing recreation facilities and programs between the Village of Tarrytown, the Village of Sleepy Hollow and the School District?

- Yes No

15. Would you support sharing parks between the Village of Tarrytown, the Village of Sleepy Hollow and the School District?

- Yes No

16. Please provide any additional comments you feel would be helpful in the development of the Tri-Agency Shared Services Recreation Feasibility Study.



Thank you for participating!

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Tri-Agency Shared Services Recreation Feasibility Study

1. 1. What is your gender?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Male		42.4%	280
Female		57.6%	380
<i>answered question</i>			660
<i>skipped question</i>			14

2. 2. Please indicate your age.			
		Response Percent	Response Count
11-15		56.8%	379
16-20		16.5%	110
21-25		0.3%	2
26-34		1.3%	9
35-44		8.4%	56
45-54		5.8%	39
55-64		4.3%	29
65-74		3.4%	23
75+		3.0%	20
<i>answered question</i>			667
<i>skipped question</i>			7

3. 3. Please indicate the number of persons in your household by age group.

	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74
1 Persons	17.7% (92)	23.7% (123)	43.9% (228)	24.3% (126)	7.3% (38)	10.8% (56)	26.2% (136)	21.4% (111)	8.9% (46)	5.2% (27)
2 Persons	4.9% (23)	6.0% (28)	24.0% (112)	10.7% (50)	4.5% (21)	4.3% (20)	29.1% (136)	29.8% (139)	6.0% (28)	4.5% (21)
3 Persons	4.1% (6)	10.3% (15)	24.7% (36)	18.5% (27)	7.5% (11)	6.8% (10)	28.1% (41)	19.9% (29)	4.8% (7)	2.1% (3)
4 Persons	6.7% (6)	12.2% (11)	36.7% (33)	18.9% (17)	11.1% (10)	8.9% (8)	31.1% (28)	16.7% (15)	4.4% (4)	2.2% (2)
5 Persons	18.9% (10)	15.1% (8)	22.6% (12)	17.0% (9)	9.4% (5)	11.3% (6)	32.1% (17)	20.8% (11)	5.7% (3)	3.8% (2)
6+ Persons	27.3% (6)	31.8% (7)	13.6% (3)	27.3% (6)	13.6% (3)	13.6% (3)	18.2% (4)	45.5% (10)	4.5% (1)	9.1% (2)

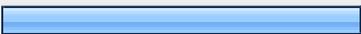
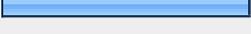
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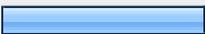
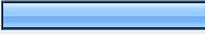
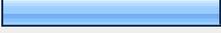
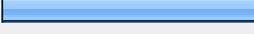
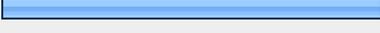
4. 4a. Please identify which of the following parks you or members of your family use in the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow. Please check all that apply in the Village of Tarrytown.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Gracemere Park <input type="checkbox"/>	3.7%	23
Lagana Park (Pennybridge Field) <input type="checkbox"/>	10.3%	64
Loh Park (Leroy Street) <input type="checkbox"/>	7.7%	48
Losee Park <input type="checkbox"/>	35.1%	219
Neperan Park <input type="checkbox"/>	30.8%	192
Patriots Park <input type="checkbox"/>	84.1%	525
Sarah Michaels Memorial Park (in front of Asbury Terrace) <input type="checkbox"/>	4.5%	28
Tarrytown Lakes Park <input type="checkbox"/>	37.8%	236
Other (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	22.6%	141
<i>answered question</i>		624
<i>skipped question</i>		50

5. 4b. Please identify which of the following parks you or members of your family use in the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow. Please check all that apply in the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Barnhart Park 	54.7%	293
Devries Park 	60.3%	323
Douglas Park 	19.4%	104
Horan's Landing 	5.2%	28
Look Out Point 	4.7%	25
Reverend Sykes Park 	4.9%	26
Robertson Park 	1.9%	10
Sleepy Hollow Light House 	37.3%	200
Other (please specify) 	6.0%	32
	<i>answered question</i>	536
	<i>skipped question</i>	138

6. 4c. Please identify which of the following parks you or members of your family use in the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow. Please check all that apply in the School District & Other.

		Response Percent	Response Count
John Paulding Playground		30.6%	182
Kingsland Point Park		65.2%	388
Morse School Playground		30.8%	183
Old Croton Aqueduct Trail		33.1%	197
Peabody Field		24.5%	146
Rockefeller State Park		38.2%	227
Sleepy Hollow High School Fields		57.6%	343
Taxter Ridge		2.7%	16
Washington Irving Middle School Fields		42.0%	250
Other (please specify)		2.4%	14
		<i>answered question</i>	595
		<i>skipped question</i>	79

7. 5. What facilities do you or members of your household utilize?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Community Opportunity Center of the Tarrytowns	4.9%	30
EF International Language School	2.1%	13
Neighborhood House	5.7%	35
OnTrack Sports Center	10.5%	64
Pace University Pool	6.2%	38
Philipse Manor Beach Club	21.9%	134
Sleepy Hollow High School Gym	39.1%	239
St. Theresa of Avila School Gym	4.6%	28
Tarry Crest Swimming and Tennis Club	23.9%	146
Tarrytown Senior Center	7.0%	43
The Warner Library	77.1%	471
Washington Irving Middle School Gym	17.8%	109
YMCA	52.4%	320
Other (please specify)		34
	answered question	611
	skipped question	63

8. 6. Please rate the following aspects of the Villages' and Public Schools' parks and recreation facilities. Please note: If you are unfamiliar with the specified item, check "No Opinion".

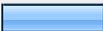
	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Do Not Know or No Opinion	Response Count
Accessibility of Parks	43.3% (275)	44.4% (282)	4.7% (30)	7.6% (48)	635
Overall Quality of Parks	23.6% (148)	58.5% (367)	11.0% (69)	6.9% (43)	627
Condition	18.2% (114)	60.9% (381)	13.4% (84)	7.5% (47)	626
Park Safety	25.9% (162)	52.3% (327)	14.2% (89)	7.5% (47)	625
Maintenance of Facilities	17.1% (106)	48.8% (303)	20.0% (124)	14.2% (88)	621
Variety of Available Resources	16.7% (101)	42.6% (257)	20.4% (123)	20.2% (122)	603
Amount of Adult Programs	7.5% (46)	22.9% (141)	13.1% (81)	56.5% (348)	616
Quality of Adult Programs	7.3% (44)	21.9% (132)	10.8% (65)	60.0% (362)	603
Amount of Child Programs	21.4% (132)	33.1% (204)	11.2% (69)	34.4% (212)	617
Quality of Child Programs	19.1% (117)	34.5% (212)	10.6% (65)	35.8% (220)	614
Amount of Senior Programs	6.7% (42)	20.1% (125)	10.0% (62)	63.2% (394)	623
Quality of Senior Programs	6.7% (41)	20.8% (128)	8.3% (51)	64.2% (394)	614
Amount of Teen Programs	13.2% (81)	24.4% (150)	21.2% (130)	41.2% (253)	614
Quality of Teen Programs	11.2% (68)	26.4% (160)	20.0% (121)	42.3% (256)	605
Other Activity Programming	14.6% (86)	29.5% (174)	10.0% (59)	45.8% (270)	589
Events Promotion/Notification	16.5% (97)	38.0% (224)	15.4% (91)	30.1% (177)	589
answered question					648
skipped question					26

9. 7. Please indicate how often members of your household participate in the following activities.

	Never	Occasionally	Often	Response Count
Baseball/Softball	44.7% (276)	30.1% (186)	25.2% (156)	618
Basketball	45.2% (281)	30.8% (191)	24.0% (149)	621
Bicycling (on-road)	40.1% (247)	36.4% (224)	23.5% (145)	616
Bicycling (off-road)	36.8% (224)	40.6% (247)	22.5% (137)	608
Bird Watching/Nature Observation	68.2% (419)	20.7% (127)	11.1% (68)	614
Bocce	89.0% (533)	7.0% (42)	4.0% (24)	599
Canoeing	78.1% (472)	16.4% (99)	5.5% (33)	604
Crew	87.8% (519)	7.6% (45)	4.6% (27)	591
Exercise/Fitness Course or Gym	26.0% (162)	34.9% (217)	39.1% (243)	622
Fishing	54.2% (326)	33.2% (200)	12.6% (76)	602
Football	48.8% (297)	28.1% (171)	23.2% (141)	609
Frisbee/Disc Golf	67.6% (404)	22.9% (137)	9.5% (57)	598
Golf	72.5% (437)	18.6% (112)	9.0% (54)	603
Hiking/Walking	22.2% (139)	40.5% (254)	37.3% (234)	627
Hockey	85.6% (512)	9.2% (55)	5.2% (31)	598
Horseback Riding	83.1% (498)	13.2% (79)	3.7% (22)	599
Horseshoes	93.3% (557)	4.5% (27)	2.2% (13)	597
Ice Skating	45.2% (277)	38.5% (236)	16.3% (100)	613
Jogging/Running	27.4% (166)	36.6% (222)	36.0% (218)	606
Kayaking	76.1% (456)	15.5% (93)	8.3% (50)	599
Lacrosse/Rugby	73.6% (441)	16.9% (101)	9.5% (57)	599
Motor Boating/Sailing	76.3% (461)	12.6% (76)	11.1% (67)	604
Picnics/Parties in the Park	31.0% (191)	44.2% (272)	24.8% (153)	616
Playgrounds (ages 6-12)	42.6% (258)	38.7% (234)	18.7% (113)	605
Racquetball/Handball	78.1% (467)	15.4% (92)	6.5% (39)	598

Roller Hockey	91.1% (545)	5.2% (31)	3.7% (22)	598
Rollerblading	70.7% (425)	20.3% (122)	9.0% (54)	601
Shuffleboard	93.0% (557)	4.5% (27)	2.5% (15)	599
Skateboarding	72.0% (434)	19.9% (120)	8.1% (49)	603
Skiing (Cross-Country)	78.6% (473)	13.5% (81)	8.0% (48)	602
Sledding	39.9% (244)	35.5% (217)	24.5% (150)	611
Snowshoeing	88.4% (525)	7.7% (46)	3.9% (23)	594
Soccer	43.6% (263)	26.9% (162)	29.5% (178)	603
Special Events/Concerts/Festivals	24.3% (148)	53.4% (326)	22.3% (136)	610
Swimming	28.3% (175)	37.2% (230)	34.6% (214)	619
Tennis	58.6% (352)	27.1% (163)	14.3% (86)	601
Tot Lots (ages 2-5)	84.3% (506)	8.2% (49)	7.5% (45)	600
Volleyball	65.1% (391)	23.3% (140)	11.6% (70)	601
Water Skiing	86.3% (515)	8.9% (53)	4.9% (29)	597
			Other (please specify)	57
			<i>answered question</i>	655
			<i>skipped question</i>	19

10. 8. What types of ADDITIONAL recreational programs would you or members of your household like to see?

		Response Percent	Response Count	
Adult Athletics		25.0%	132	
Adult Education		15.2%	80	
Concerts		63.2%	333	
Enrichment Classes		18.8%	99	
Family Events		43.1%	227	
Senior Activities		8.7%	46	
Youth Athletics		39.5%	208	
Mom and Tot Programs		10.2%	54	
	Other (please specify)		96	
			answered question	527
			skipped question	147

11. 9. Please identify what improvements or new facilities you or members of your household feel are needed in any of the Village parks or as part of a new recreation facility.

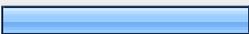
	Needs Improvement/Expansion	Needs A Facility (not currently provided)	Response Count
Baseball Fields	78.4% (304)	21.6% (84)	388
Basketball Courts	79.7% (307)	20.3% (78)	385
Biking Trails	76.4% (310)	23.6% (96)	406
Bocce Courts	42.1% (134)	57.9% (184)	318
Canoe/Kayak Launch	49.5% (184)	50.5% (188)	372
Climbing Wall	41.6% (173)	58.4% (243)	416
Crew	39.7% (124)	60.3% (188)	312
Cross-Country Ski Trails	43.9% (150)	56.1% (192)	342
Dog Park	71.6% (290)	28.4% (115)	405
Exercise/Aerobic Room	65.6% (236)	34.4% (124)	360
Football Fields	77.0% (274)	23.0% (82)	356
Frisbee Disc Golf	44.0% (140)	56.0% (178)	318
Game Room	49.1% (197)	50.9% (204)	401
Hiking Trails	67.1% (245)	32.9% (120)	365
Horseshoes	39.9% (119)	60.1% (179)	298
Ice Hockey Rink	47.8% (162)	52.2% (177)	339
Indoor Gym	66.6% (241)	33.4% (121)	362
Indoor Running Track	53.2% (199)	46.8% (175)	374
Lacrosse Fields	58.1% (198)	41.9% (143)	341
Motor Boat Launch	46.7% (148)	53.3% (169)	317
Outdoor Running Track	69.8% (231)	30.2% (100)	331
Performance Space	62.9% (212)	37.1% (125)	337
Picnic Areas	81.0% (303)	19.0% (71)	374
Playgrounds (ages 6-12)	80.8% (282)	19.2% (67)	349

Restrooms	78.6% (345)	21.4% (94)	439
Roller Hockey Rink	43.3% (130)	56.7% (170)	300
Senior Center	65.1% (192)	34.9% (103)	295
Skateboard Park	49.1% (168)	50.9% (174)	342
Soccer Fields	75.9% (286)	24.1% (91)	377
Softball Fields	76.0% (250)	24.0% (79)	329
Swimming Pools	65.0% (280)	35.0% (151)	431
Teen Center	52.7% (196)	47.3% (176)	372
Tennis Courts	67.0% (242)	33.0% (119)	361
Tot Lots (ages 2-5)	54.8% (165)	45.2% (136)	301
Volleyball Courts	57.6% (185)	42.4% (136)	321
Walking Trails	75.7% (286)	24.3% (92)	378
Weight Room	64.8% (226)	35.2% (123)	349
		Other (please specify)	65
		<i>answered question</i>	611
		<i>skipped question</i>	63

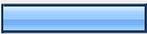
12. 10. Please identify the zone in which you live using the map below.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Zone 1 	15.3%	95
Zone 2 	7.2%	45
Zone 3 	28.2%	175
Zone 4 	15.0%	93
Zone 5 	19.6%	122
Zone 6 	11.6%	72
Zone 7 	3.1%	19
Other (please specify)		24
	<i>answered question</i>	621
	<i>skipped question</i>	53

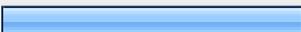
13. 11. How much, in general, do you and your household spend on recreation per year (i.e. membership fees excluding Country Club fees, Village program fees, etc.)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
N/A 	37.5%	214
\$1-50 	4.0%	23
\$51-100 	3.3%	19
\$101-200 	5.1%	29
\$201-400 	7.5%	43
\$401-600 	6.7%	38
\$601-800 	5.4%	31
\$801-1,000 	4.9%	28
\$1,001-1,500 	7.2%	41
\$1,501-2,000 	5.8%	33
\$2,001-2,500 	4.4%	25
\$2,501-3,000 	3.5%	20
\$3,000+ 	13.3%	76
answered question		571
skipped question		103

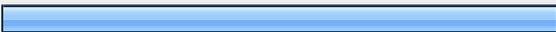
14. 12. Do you feel that additional public access and amenities are need on the Hudson River?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	78.6%	459
No 	21.4%	125
Please specify		142
answered question		584
skipped question		90

15. 13. What funding option(s) would you support to finance additional indoor and/or outdoor facilities? Please indicate all that you support.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Increase Membership/User Fees 	45.6%	194
Village Tax Increase 	15.8%	67
Recreation Improvement Bond 	63.1%	268
Other (please specify)		90
answered question		425
skipped question		249

16. 14. Would you support sharing recreation facilities and programs between the Village of Tarrytown, the Village of Sleepy Hollow and the School District?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	84.4%	509
No 	15.6%	94
answered question		603
skipped question		71

17. 15. Would you support sharing parks between the Village of Tarrytown, the Village of Sleepy Hollow and the School District?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	88.0%	534
No 	12.0%	73
answered question		607
skipped question		67

18. 16. Please provide any additional comments you feel would be helpful in the development of the Tri-Agency Shared Services Recreation Feasibility Study.

	Response Count
	243
<i>answered question</i>	243
<i>skipped question</i>	431

Appendix C: Stakeholder Interview Results

Neighborhood House Stakeholder Interview**1) About the organization.**

The Neighborhood House serves mostly older community residents of the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow. Programs include classes such as computers, cooking, singing, knitting, writing, and yoga. There is also the “Senior Canteen,” which hosts bingo, speakers, movies, and bridge. The organization’s programs are supported by the Villages.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

The organization has its own facility, which is located on 43 Wildey Street, Tarrytown, NY.

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

N/A

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

N/A

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

No, the organization’s facility can accommodate all seniors who want to participate.

6) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

Yes, the facility is used by the Tarrytown Girl Scouts, a yoga instructor, and an SAT prep course.

7) What are your organization’s challenges?

The organization’s greatest challenge is the lack of a handicap accessible van. The organization currently uses a Village van to transport seniors to and from the facility. Some seniors have to miss out on activities because they have no way to be transported. The seniors are happy with the programs currently offered.

Tappan Zee Flag Football League Stakeholder Interview**1) About the organization/camps.**

Tappan Zee Flag Football League is a men's flag football league. The League plays from March through June and from September through November. On average, about 200 people participate weekly. The League operates out of a local bar called JP Doyles and accommodates players from both Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

The league always plays at the multi-purpose field located within Kingsland Point Park.

The condition of the field at Kingsland Point Park is an issue. A number of years ago a Village Councilman championed an effort to fill the field. The field was not filled with soil, but rather with dirty concrete. As a result, the players are constantly pulling rocks and wires out of the field as they play, and sod has failed to grow evenly throughout the field. In addition, the field is not level resulting in drainage issues. The field must be re-filled.

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

The organization plays every Sunday from 9am through 3pm. The organization has a permit to use the park for which it pays \$1,000 annually.

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

N/A

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

At this time, however, there is enough space at Kingsland Point Park to allow everyone who wants to play the ability to play.

6) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

Yes. Kingsland Point Park is used by many other organizations including the High School Lacrosse teams and the High School Girls Field Hockey Team. The field is also used as a soccer field throughout the year, despite the weather conditions, by informally organized groups.

7) What are your organization's challenges?

The organization's greatest challenges include: (1) inclement weather prohibits the ability to play, and (2) keeping the players safe. The League provides medical insurance for the players and League rules include limit contact game during the game. Safety is, however, always an issue, especially with the condition of the field.

General Comments:

If the Villages decide to re-do a field, policing or managing of the fields to prevent over-use will likely be necessary.

If the Villages decide to pool their money to re-do Kingsland Point Park, they should use Tibbets Park in Yonkers as a model. Tibbets Park has 2-3 turf fields as well as about 5 grass fields and a new pool. The turf fields are exceptional as they save on maintenance and permit use 24/7 reducing the capacity issue. To help pay for the expense of the turf fields, the Villages should also consider partnering with local colleges (example: reconstruction of Hoffman Park in Albany with the College of St. Rose as a financial partner in the project).

There are 2-3 soccer fields behind the current EF International School (the former site of Marymount College) that might be potential purchases for the Villages to expand field space.

Boys & Girls Club of the Tarrytowns Stakeholder Interview**1) About the facility/organization.**

The Boys & Girls Club of the Tarrytowns began as a satellite program of the Northern Westchester County Boys & Girls Club out of need in 2002. The Club served approximately 6 kids the first year and grew to serve approximately 600-700 kids annually and approximately 140 kids daily. The Club was run by a 3-4 member full-time staff and supported by a large mentoring program.

The Club is currently defunct as funding from the Northern Westchester Boys & Girls Club was recently cut. Despite this, however, a strong Advisory Board has been working to find a way to provide the same services and activities for the kids and families of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow.

Prior to the loss of funding, the Club operated 5 days a week for 10 months per year while also providing a summer program for about 100 kids per summer. Activities included: afterschool activities for children of all ages including academic tutoring and college preparatory activities; summer camps for the children; hot dinners were provided for the kids five days a week with one hot meal a week provided for seniors by the Boys & Girls Club kids as well; the Backpack Program allowed families to fill a backpack with food twice a month (approximately 80-98 families used this program); Thanksgiving dinner was provided for the kids and their families annually; Christmas and holiday gifts were provided annually; access to a weight room and gym where pick-up basketball games were played; martial arts lessons were provided; an organized mentor program was sustained, ultimately providing the younger children with mentors and the older children with a paycheck and sense of accomplishment; and regular parties for the older kids.

The leaders of the group allowed the Club to be considered a “cool” place to spend time. As a result, the Club provided the Village kids with a safe place to congregate, play and learn.

Of the 120-125 kids that were served daily, only 40 children and families are being served today. The Advisory Board was able to continue to provide summer camp opportunities for the children by partnering with the Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Summer Camp. The camp fees were paid through a combination of funding sources including the Villages of Tarrytown & Sleepy Hollow, the Westchester Community Foundation, and the County. The Board would like to continue to partner with the Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Summer Camps in the future.

In addition to providing summer camp opportunities, the Advisory Board was also able to sign 30 kids up for the after school program at the YMCA and is looking for a way to partner with the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns to provide an after school tutoring program.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

Prior to the loss of funding, the Club operated out of the Community Opportunities Center (COC) in Tarrytown. The Board has actively been in conversations with the YMCA and has attempted to start conversations with WestCop, the organization now in charge of the COC. The Board is currently using space in the schools for afterschool programs.

Whether or not the Club will be able to operate out of the COC will be determined as the COC gets back on its feet.

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

N/A

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

N/A

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

The Boys & Girls Club is looking for space to operate that would “belong to the kids” who use it, acting as safe place and something like a club house. Having a Community Center would be ideal; however, building a new facility does not seem wise in these economic times. At the end of the day, the Advisory Board is interested in helping to provide all of the programming that was available to the kids through the Boys & Girls Club, whether that is out of the COC, the YMCA or a different location found by the Villages and School District.

6) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

N/A

7) What are your organization’s challenges?

The greatest challenge is finding space and financial support to operate the many programs that were available through the Boys & Girls Club. The Board is hopeful that they will be able to partner with other organizations to meet the needs of the kids and their families. The Board is certain they have the capacity to raise funds.

The Board’s goals are to: (1) provide afterschool tutoring and academic support for all children, and (2) to provide a safe place for middle school and high school kids to gather.

Elizabeth Mascia Childcare Center Stakeholder Interview**1) About the facility/organization.**

The Elizabeth Mascia Childcare Center has been in existence for 40 years. The Daycare currently has two locations, one in Tarrytown, and one in Sleepy Hollow.

Tarrytown Location: The Daycare is located next to the Lagana/Pennybridge Field. The Daycare serves 114 toddlers and preschool aged children and has been at this location since the mid-1980s. The Daycare leases the building from the Village. The lease is a 30 year lease; 6 years remain.

Sleepy Hollow Location: The Sleepy Hollow location serves only infants and is located on Valley Street in Sleepy Hollow.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

The lease includes the right to use the Bill Baird Playground located next the Daycare Center, although use is not limited to those at the Daycare (the public at large is permitted to also use the playground). The Bill Baird Playground includes a swing set with 2 swings, 2 climbing structures, a balance beam, and 2 rocking horses. The playground is geared toward use by kids older than toddler age.

The Daycare also uses a smaller playground located on close to the Daycare (on top of the hill next to the Daycare Center). Rights to use this playground are not included as part of the lease, but use is permitted as the playground is Village property. The playground includes a couple of play structures that are geared toward toddlers.

The Daycare Center takes the children on field trips on a regular basis to facilities within the region. For example, the Daycare takes children to the Tarrytown YMCA on a weekly basis during the summer months to use the pool.

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

N/A

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

N/A

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

N/A

6) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

The Bill Baird Playground and the other Lagana Field facilities are open to public use.

7) What are your organization's challenges?

The play equipment at the Bill Baird Playground has been deemed outdated and out of compliance with current code by a playground recreation equipment specialist. As a result, the specialist suggested the equipment be replaced as soon as possible.

The Village has agreed to remove the equipment from the playground as owner of the land and the Daycare will purchase and install the new equipment. The Village is to remove the equipment before the winter. The Daycare hopes to replace the equipment as soon as the funds are raised. It is estimated that new equipment will cost \$50,000.

Tarrytown Family YMCA Stakeholder Interview**1) About the facility/organization.**

The Tarrytown Family YMCA is located in downtown Tarrytown. The organization serves the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow, as well as other communities in the greater Tarrytown area. Memberships are all inclusive. The only “a la carte” membership is for art programs. For off-site programs, residents do not have to be members of the YMCA.

The facility offers a full fitness center with a weight room, machines, swimming pool, gym, 4 exercise studios, a spin studio, 2 racquetball courts, and an art studio. The gym has 1 court for basketball or volleyball, but it is smaller than regulation size. Programs and activities include yoga, dance, swimming lessons, swim team, basketball, volleyball, squash, racquetball, handball, theater, art classes, pottery, full and part-day childcare, enrichment classes, after school programs, haunted house, fun run, healthy kids day, and much more. The YMCA tries to not compete with Parks and Recreation in terms of programming. Their goal is to supplement and augment parks and recreation programs.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

The YMCA has its own facility that it uses for most of its programming. However, some YMCA programs are offered off-site. After school programs, enrichment classes, and the middle school theater program are held at the schools. Patriots Park is used during the summer for Shakespeare in the Park and Healthy Kids Day. The Senior Center and the Neighborhood House are used for active older adult classes. Kingsland Point Park is used for pilates. The “Fun Run,” golf outing, and masquerade ball are all held offsite.

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

Scheduling is handled by Gerry or Barbara. There is no formal system in place. Because space is at a premium, the needs of members have to be considered first.

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

The facility is in use during all hours of operation. The YMCA is open from 5 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 5 a.m. through 10 p.m. on Friday and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The organization does its best to accommodate everyone who wants to use the facility.

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

Facility space is a challenge for the YMCA. They are trying to move the administrative offices off-site and convert the offices into additional recreation space. Because the YMCA is downtown, there is no room for expansion.

6) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

The YMCA is often used by other organizations. Facility space is offered for Village recreation programming free of charge. Travel basketball, AYSO (when too cold outside), the High School (for swim classes and physical education elective), 3rd Friday, a dance company, the High School flag team, and Parks and Recreation (coordinate for haunted house) use the YMCA facility. The YMCA is also flexible about lending its facility space to Village and School organizations in instances of a one-time need (scheduling emergencies, work being conducted on usual facility, etc.).

7) What are your organization's challenges?

The organization's major challenges are (1) facility space (2) parking and (3) the economy.

Parking is an issue because the YMCA is mostly accessed by car. However, people shopping downtown often use the YMCA parking lot, thereby limiting parking for people who want to use the facility.

The economy is a challenge because the number of people on financial assistance plans has doubled. The YMCA tries to accommodate everyone and reduces fees for residents that cannot afford the full price of membership. The gap is ever widening between what the give and what they get.

8) What are challenges that you see community-wide?

The community's greatest issue is the lack of gym space in the community. The school gyms are very difficult to book and the YMCA gym is in use most of the time, except for in the early morning.

There is also no dedicated place for youth, specifically "tweens" to exercise. It is hard to program for middle school kids because they are no longer children, but are not quite adults either. They YMCA would like to provide for programs for middle school kids but have no room for expansion.

The selection of private and not-for-profit fitness facilities in the Villages is currently adequate. If anymore are built, the market would be oversaturated. There are also a lot of indoor pools The Villages really need to take into account ALL available resources before deciding to build new facilities.

Warner Library Stakeholder Interview**1) About the facility/organization.**

The Warner Library has many programs for the community ranging from senior programs to youth programs. For example, the Library is hosting a movie matinee, a poetry reading, a historical program, and visits from 2 authors. See attached Warner Library News.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

The Library facility includes: 2 reading rooms, a computer room, a teen room with 3 computers, a children's room downstairs.

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

To schedule the community room, contact Regina Butcher at rbutcher@wlsmail.org.

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

N/A

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

N/A

6) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

The third floor is known as the "Event Room" that can be rented out by community members for meetings.

Public Schools of the Tarrytowns Assistant Superintendent Stakeholder Interview

1) About the organization/camps.

The Public Schools of the Tarrytowns recreational/park facilities include: Morse School Playground, the Sleepy Hollow High School Fields, John Paulding Playground, Peabody Field, and the Washington Irving Middle School Fields (also known as Franklin Fields).

2) What facility(s) do you use?

All of the School's facilities are used by school groups and outside groups. Private facilities that are contracted out include ice arenas for hockey and pools for swimming.

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

Scheduling events occurs in a multi-step process: (1) Groups requesting space fill out a facilities request. (2) The request is forwarded to each building to determine the availability of the facility on the requested day. If a field is requested, the Athletic Director for the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns also receives a copy. (3) The completed and approved form is forwarded to the Assistant Superintendent for the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns for final approval.

This process is all done electronically and occurs rather seamlessly. According to the Assistant Superintendent, private groups who are requesting space respect the fact that School needs come first.

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

The facilities are used as often as required and as often as requested.

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

The Assistant Superintendent noted that adequate field space is always an issue for any school district of any size. This is the also the case for the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns. In this case, the real issue is overuse coupled with the small recreation staff available to tend to the fields (about 2 to 3 staff persons).

6) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

Yes. Many private groups use the fields and gyms.

7) What are your organization's challenges?

The overuse of fields.

Sleepy Hollow High School Swimming & Tennis Stakeholder Interview

1) About the organization/camps.

Swimming: The Sleepy Hollow High School Swim Team is comprised of 30+ team members. The team members are students at the Sleepy Hollow High School, the Irvington High School, and the Edgemont High School. The swimming season runs between August and November every year.

Tennis: The Sleepy Hollow High School Tennis Team is for boys ages 12 -15.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

Swimming: The Swim Team currently uses the pool at the EF International Language School, previously known as Marymount College of Fordham University. In the future, the team is planning to use the aquatic center. The aquatic center is expected to be built along the Hudson River in conjunction with the new condominium development.

Tennis: The Tennis Team previously used the tennis courts located on the High School Fields near the football field. The courts, however, have suffered severe damage due to a hurricane. As a result, the team now practices on the 4 courts located near Losee Park by the Tarrytowns Recreation Building.

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

The High School teams get preference for facility use. When permitting outside groups to use the facilities, Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow residents get preference.

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

Swimming: The team uses the pool two mornings a week around 6am and two afternoons a week for practice. The team hosts about 6-7 meets per year.

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

Swimming: The swim team practices early in the morning at the EF School in order to ensure the team is able to practice. The early morning practices cause some issues with students being able to return to school before the first bell in the morning. It would be easier if they had their own facilities. The team is looking forward, however, to using the new aquatic center once it is built.

Tennis: Although preferable to use the High School facilities, due to the condition of the High School courts, the team is fine with using the courts located near Losee Park.

6) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

The High School does not own the swimming pool or the tennis courts. As a result, this question is N/A.

7) What are your organization's challenges?

School teams have an advantage as there will always be potential team members and facility space will be attainable.

St. Teresa of Avila School Stakeholder Interview

1) About the organization/camps.

St. Teresa of Avila is a Roman Catholic Parish located on Depeyster Street in Sleepy Hollow that has an associated school.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

The school has a gym facility available for use by parishioners. For example, a group of Equadorian parishioners use the gym to play soccer.

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

The Priest and the School Office schedule gym use.

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

In addition to use by the local parishioners on a regular basis, the school also rents the gym space to the Holy Unison Church in Pleasantville for its Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) meetings.

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

The gym is used primarily by the local parishioners. As a result, there is not a lack of facility space.

Hudson River Recreation Stakeholder Interview**1) About the organization/camps.**

Hudson River Recreation (“HRR”) is a local outfitter that provides the opportunity to rent kayaks and receive instruction. HRR is open seasonally. The season usually begins in May and runs through September. HRR employs between 12 and 15 employees. The clientele includes residents of the Tri-State area including, Village residents and Manhattan visitors that typically arrive in Tarrytown or Sleepy Hollow via train.

What facility(s) do you use?

HRR has two locations: the Kingsland Point Park Bathhouse in Sleepy Hollow and the old pump station in the Tarrytown Reservoir which is part of Tarrytown Lakes Park. HRR has 30 kayaks at the Bathhouse, all of which are rented out to patrons who are interested in a guided tour down the Hudson River. HRR has 18 kayaks at the Reservoir which are rented out for patrons interested in a self-guided tour (although the water is patrolled by a guide at all times).

2) How does your organization handle scheduling?

HRR works with the Villages to gain water permits. It has not been a problem to get permits from either Village in the past.

3) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

N/A

4) Do you have a lack of facility space?

HRR would enjoy the opportunity to provide river access in Tarrytown similar to the way they do in Sleepy Hollow at the Bath House. The largest challenge to achieving this expansion will be finding storage space for the kayaks. The best option would be to find a location that has a structure available for storage; however, the organization has not ruled out the idea of temporary storage units.

5) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

HRR has shared water time with one other organization throughout the years: a not-for-profit sailing school called Seas. Seas was based out of the Bath House, but has since moved to Ossining, New York. The organization attended the groundbreaking for the Scenic Hudson RiverWalk Park, thereby showing an interest in returning to Kingsland Point Bath House at some point in the future.

6) What are your organization’s challenges?

The largest challenges include: (1) finding storage space to expand along the Hudson River in Tarrytown, and (2) being flexible through next season as the Bath House is being renovated as part of the RiverWalk.

OnTrack Sport Center Stakeholder Interview**1) About the organization/camps.**

OnTrack Sport Center is an indoor sports facility housed in a warehouse. The facility opened in 2007; the facility is in great condition. The business of the facility breaks down into 60% soccer, 30% lacrosse, and about 10% baseball. The facility offers sports instruction while providing space for individuals and organized groups (both kids and adults) to play on a recreational and competitive level. The facility also hosts birthday parties.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

OnTrack uses its own facility while also using Village fields (Losee and other fields) for outdoor summer use. OnTrack uses the Village fields in exchange for the use of their own facilities by Village groups on rainy days; OnTrack has not yet been taken up on this offer.

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

Scheduling is a challenge. To combat this, OnTrack uses an on-line system which allows anyone who is logged on to see what facilities are booked and by which group. They also publish their schedules online, along with a list of available classes.

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

100%

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

The facility space is adequate for winter use. It would be nice to have more access to outdoor space (via the Villages) during the summer months for baseball, soccer, and lacrosse.

6) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

Yes. A large portion of OnTrack Sports' revenue is through the ability to contract out space to other sports groups and teams throughout the area.

7) What are your organization's challenges?

The organization's major challenges are (1) scheduling and (2) promotion.

OnTrack Sports would be more than happy to partner with the Villages. Partnering would not only allow them to combat the promotion challenge, but it would also provide the Villages access (for a small fee) to their on-line scheduling software. Other benefits would be the Villages' access to quality sports instruction and field space in the winter months. OnTrack would also be interested in partnering financially with the Villages regarding field maintenance in exchange for guaranteed field access during the summer months.

Alpha Gamma Juniors Volleyball League Stakeholder Interview**1) About the organization/camps.**

Alpha Gamma Juniors Volleyball League is a division of the Garden Empire Volleyball League, which is a division of USA Volleyball. The season is from November through May. Last season the League had 68 participants. The League runs 2 clinics: one is June for 4th – 8th graders and one in August for 9th-12th graders.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

The League practices at the Sleepy Hollow Middle School gym which has 3 volleyball courts. The League hosts a tournament in the Sleepy Hollow Middle School and the Sleepy Hollow High School gyms. The High School gym has 2 volleyball courts. The Schools are paid for the use of the gyms out of USA Volleyball money, allowing the Schools to profit.

How does your organization handle scheduling?

The gym is scheduled through the Sleepy Hollow Department of Parks and Recreation. The Parks and Recreation Department handles the logistics with the School District.

3) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

N/A

4) Do you have a lack of facility space?

Facility space at Sleepy Hollow Middle School is not sufficient for League practices. Last season, the League turned away about 20 kids from the League, while still training about 30 more kids than they had the capacity to train. This year, the League expects to have to turn down about 30-40 kids in order to remain at capacity.

5) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

The facility is used by the High School teams and the Teaches Basketball Camps.

6) What are your organization's challenges?

The organization's major challenge is the lack of facility space in the Villages that can accommodate the number of children who would like to participate.

AYSO Stakeholder Interview**1) About the organization/camps.**

The American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) chapter in Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow has about 600 participants a season. The seasons run from the fall through the month of June with a break during the winter months. AYSO is the only soccer organization for youth in the Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow area. The Schools and Villages seem to recognize the benefit of the AYSO as the provider of organized soccer.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

AYSO uses all of the fields within the Villages, particularly using the facilities provided at the Schools. AYSO does not rent space from OnTrack Sport Center. The organization has rented space from Marymount College however it is not a regular occurrence.

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

AYSO contacts the Village Recreation Departments and the Schools to schedule field time; the contact is chosen based on the owner of the field.

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

N/A

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

AYSO uses the fields on weekends. The organization does not have trouble reserving field time; however, there never seems to be enough time. An increase in field space would alleviate this problem. For example, AYSO is able to easily schedule time at Losee Field during the fall, however is not permitted to use the space in the spring due to the large number of baseball games and practices occurring on the same fields.

6) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

The fields are used by the High School and other sports leagues in the area.

7) What are your organization's challenges?

Challenges for AYSO include: (1) the lack of field space which would allow them more field time, (2) the condition of the fields due to overuse and (3) the lack of storage space. The organization currently stores their equipment under the bleachers at the schools.

Rivertown Aquatics Stakeholder Interview**1) About the organization/camps.**

Rivertown Aquatics is a privately owned, USA Swimming sanctioned swim team that is made up of about 130 swimmers. Prior to being sold to the coach of the team in 2002, the team was owned by Pace University and was called the Pace Setters Swim Team.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

The team has always used the Pace University swimming pool.

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

Now that the team is privately owned, the team is under contract for pool time at Pace University, being subject to the Pace University swim team schedule. Pool time is also shared with the High School swim team.

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

N/A

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

Facility space at Pace University is adequate at the present moment. The coach/owner intends to expand the team in the near future which will likely cause a need for more space. Also, there is a general lack of pool space for the 9 swim teams located in the community that spans from Mount Kisco to Yonkers, New York.

6) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

The facility is used by the High School swim team and Pace University swim team.

7) What are your organization's challenges?

The organization's major challenge is facility space. The new aquatic center may help with this issue, depending on how the new space is used and the contracts that are created.

The coach is committed to the area and committed to the sports in the area. He is willing and interested in contracting with the proposed Aquatic Center, if possible. He would like to see Peabody Field expanded (the trees around the field cut down to maximize the land that is owned by the Village) and thinks that the Village should look into renting their facilities for tournaments as a revenue source, not only for the Villages and Schools, but for the surrounding businesses.

Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Day Camps Stakeholder Interview**1) About the organization/camps.**

The Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Day Camps consist of three camps: the Tot Camp for campers ages 3-5, the Day Camp for campers in Kindergarten through 7th or 8th grade, and the Sports Clinic for campers in grades 2-7. The Tot Camp is run from 9am through 1pm. The Sports Clinic provides instruction and competition in basketball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, and football. A swimming facility in Yonkers is used, on occasion. The hope is to use the new Aquatic Center once it is built. The camp camps run for six weeks beginning just after July 4th and running through the 1st or 2nd weekend in August. The Tot Camp has an average of 50 campers, the Sports Clinic has an average of 40 kids, and the Day Camp has an average of 120 campers. This past year was unusual for the Day Camp as it took on an additional 115 campers that were traditionally part of the Boys and Girls Club.

The camps were historically two separate camps run by Joe Arduino of the Tarrytown Recreation Department and Robin Pell of the Sleepy Hollow Recreation and Parks Department respectively. The camps combined forces in 2005 to become one camp. Once merged, a contractor was hired to run the camps and fulfill the role of Director. Due to the workload, three staff members were hired to run each camp providing the Director the chance to oversee the camps. All four Directors are paid out of the Village of Tarrytown Budget.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

The camps use the school and Village facilities. The Tot Camp is run in the Tappan Hill School. The Day Camps are run at the John Paulding School for first graders. The Sports Camp is run at the Tarrytown Recreation Center with the morning sessions being held at Losee Park and the afternoon sessions being held at Pierson Park.

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

The camps are run at the School District facilities. Scheduling is not an issue.

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

Everyday the Camps run in the summer, the respective facilities are used.

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

This year, due to the addition of the Boys and Girls Club campers, there was a need to adjust the scheduled facility space in order to accommodate all of the campers. In general, there is plenty of space, except on rainy days. On these days, the Sports Camp in particular is in need of dry space. On rainy days the Sports Camp will either use the Senior Center near the Recreation Department offices or another room at one of the schools. A couple of times the Sports Camp has utilized the OnTrack Sports facility, however this has been rare.

The Director would love to have one facility from which all of the camps could be run, something like a YMCA camp. It should be noted that the Day Camps do not partner with the local YMCA.

6) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

N/A

7) What are your organization's challenges?

The largest challenge for the Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Day Camps has been finding space for the additional Boys and Girls Club campers in the future (it has not yet been determined if the Boys and Girls Club will be included in the Day Camps going forward).

Teaches Basketball Camps Stakeholder Interview**1) About the organization/camps.**

Teaches Basketball Camps holds the David Lee Basketball Camp at Sleepy Hollow High School. The camp is in its second year and is held in mid-July. Boys and girls ages 7-15 can participate in the camp. Campers are primarily from the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow. Approximately 175 kids participate in the camp.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

The camp is held in the Sleepy Hollow High School gym. The gym has 2 full-sized courts, which are split into 5 half-sized courts for the purposes of the camp.

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

The gym is scheduled through the Sleepy Hollow Department of Parks and Recreation. The Parks and Recreation Department handles the logistics with the school district.

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

N/A

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

Facility space at Sleepy Hollow High School is sufficient for the camp. However, there is no other indoor facility in the Village that is large enough to accommodate the camp. The elementary school gyms are too small and the YMCA is exceedingly difficult to book. If Sleepy Hollow High School was unavailable, the camp would have to be held at a venue outside of the Village.

6) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

The facility is used by the high school teams.

7) What are your organization's challenges?

The organization's major challenge is the lack of facility space in the Villages that can accommodate large numbers of campers. It is also difficult to book School District facilities directly due to excessive paperwork and bureaucracy. However, the Parks and Recreation Department acting as the intermediary has made the process seamless.

Tri-County Travel League/Winter Basketball League Stakeholder Interview**1) About the organization/camps.**

The Tri-County Travel League is a winter basketball league. The season runs from November through March. On the national level, participating teams range from 4th grade teams through 8th grade teams. Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow, however, have never had a 4th grade team and rarely have a boy's 8th grade team due to varsity basketball rules. Each participating team finds their own coach, organizes themselves, and pays a league fee of about \$300.00 per team. Sleepy Hollow Recreation has been paying the participation fees for all of the teams. This year, it is expected that four teams will participate.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

The contact person for the league (the informal organizer and promoter of the league) uses the YMCA gym for his team practices, a situation that exists because his wife is an employee of the YMCA. When the YMCA is not available, he uses the Washington Irving gym, as do most of the other leagues. All of the league games are played at the Washington Irving School. Sometimes his team is able to schedule the Sleepy Hollow High School Gym. This is a rare but fun occasion due to the quality of the facility. The OnTrack Sports facility is not typically used as it is rather pricey.

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

Scheduling practices and games at the Washington Irving School occur through the Tarrytown Recreation Department. Tarrytown Recreation also provides referees for games. Scheduling time at Sleepy Hollow High School occurs through the School District. Due to the large demand for use of the space, it is difficult to schedule. It is also a bureaucratic process to schedule High School space and requires overtime for custodians.

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

N/A

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

When space is needed for practices or games, space is available. The coach that was interviewed feels fortunate to have access to the YMCA, even though the gym facility is not in pristine shape, as the facility has less demand.

6) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

N/A

7) What are your organization's challenges?

N/A

8) Additional Comments:

The coach is hoping that additional fields may be provided with the RiverWalk renovations.

The coach believes it is a “superb idea” to merge Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow resources. At this point in time, the YMCA hosts a basketball program for K-2nd grade, Sleepy Hollow Recreation runs a basketball program for 3rd through 6th graders, Tarrytown Recreation is the entity that provides access to the courts, and Sleepy Hollow pays the Tri-League fees. Placing all of the organizations under one “umbrella” would be an “improvement.”

TNT Baseball Softball Stakeholder Interview**1) About the organization/camps.**

TNT Baseball Softball is a volunteer not-for-profit recreational baseball softball league for children ages kindergarten through high school. The Villages supplement umpire fees. Each player is charged a fee of \$90 for the season to cover the cost of uniforms, etc. The seasons run from April to October. 35 teams participated in the league this past season.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

TNT uses Village and School District fields to play games (usually held during the weekdays) and to practice (usually held on Saturdays and Sundays).

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

The Villages and the School District have been helpful and have made scheduling very easy.

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

N/A

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

There is not a lack of facility space for TNT. The President does wonder about the availability of recreation space for children who are not playing baseball or softball with an organized league. Due to the small amount of fields, the available fields are typically being used by organized teams such as the TNT league. The lack of field space is to increase for two reasons: (1) the backstop on the Washington Irving Lower Field is going to be eliminated making the field multi-purpose. This will reduce the number of baseball/softball fields by one. (2) Losee Field currently has a lighting fixture placed in the middle of the field precluding soccer games and practices to be held. The competition for time on Losee Field during the evening will increase once the lighting system is upgraded and soccer teams will be able to use the field.

6) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

TNT shares field time with AYSO and all other organized sports leagues.

7) What are your organization's challenges?

TNT's greatest challenge is finding volunteer coaches.

General: The President mentioned that the fields are in poor shape and the greatest challenge for the Villages is finding enough capital to maintain them properly. Overall, his impression is that the current system works as Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow Recreation Departments seem to work efficiently. His impression is that merging the two departments might be difficult due to the long standing history and strong identity of both Villages, however finding ways to share resources would be positive.

UK Elite Soccer Stakeholder Interview

1) About the organization/camps.

The UK Elite Soccer organization is a soccer coaching organization that provides soccer programs for kids ages 3 to 14 throughout the year. On average, they have about 40 kids participating in a program at any given time. Participation costs \$80 to \$160 per child, depending on the age of the child and the program in which they are participating. The programs include an indoor winter program that runs from January through March, an outdoor program for 3-5 year old children that runs from April through May, a one week summer camp for children of all ages, and a fall outdoor program for 3-5 year old children.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

The program uses the OnTrack Sports Center, the John Paulding gym and the fields at Kingsland Point Park.

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

UK Elite Soccer schedules outdoor field time at Kingsland Point Park and time in the John Paulding School gym through Robin Pell, the Recreation Supervisor for the Sleepy Hollow Parks and Recreation Department. The organization schedules time at OnTrack Sports directly through the OnTrack Sports.

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

N/A

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

The outdoor field space at Kingsland Point Park is adequate for the smaller 3-5 year old children, however there seems to be a lack of field space that would be adequate for older age groups. In addition, there is a lack of field space within the Villages. If there were more fields and/or the space available at the existing fields were to increase, UK Elite Soccer would consider providing more programming for older children.

6) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

There is a lot of competition for soccer field space within the two Villages due to the large amount of soccer programs that exist. This makes it hard to schedule space (for example, Peabody Field is difficult for UK Elite Soccer to reserve as AYSO is typically using it).

7) What are your organization's challenges?

The organization's largest challenges include (1) the large amount of organizations competing for the use of the limited number of fields. (2) the condition of the fields as the fields are overused. In addition, stones and other debris are often found on the fields at Kingsland Point Park. (3) the fields in Kingsland Point Park are multi-purpose fields and are not necessarily lined for soccer use. (4) the small size of the fields make it difficult to run programs for older children.

Additional Comments:

There seems to be a lot of competition between the two Villages. For example, if a camp is held in Sleepy Hollow, it may be difficult to get Tarrytown residents to participate. As a result, it would be great if there was more cooperation between the two Villages.

Wolfpack/ Pop Warner Football Stakeholder Interview

1) About the organization/camps.

Pop Warner Football provides the opportunities for about 150 young children to play football. The Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow teams are called the Wolfpacks leading to the common name of Wolfpack football.

Flag football is offered for children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Tackle football is offered for three different age groups: 3rd and 4th grade, 5th and 6th grade and 7th and 8th grade. The 7th and 8th grade team did not exist this past year due to the introduction of a modified football team offered through the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns. There are about 35 kids on a tackle football team, and every season there are about 3-4 teams. Many children start with the flag football team and continue to participate in the program as they grow.

The season runs from mid-August through mid-November. The flag football teams play about 7 games followed by play-offs. The tackle football teams play about 8 games followed by play-offs.

The program costs about \$80 per child to participate in flag football and about \$120 to participate in tackle football. The fee includes access to a helmet, shoulder pads and a jersey. Some years the jerseys are donated and available for the kids to keep at the end of the season. Some years the kids must pay a bit extra to keep the jersey. Due to the wide range of the socio-economic classes the kids come from, the Village of Tarrytown helps provide scholarships.

2) What facility(s) do you use?

Practices are held at the Washington Irving Upper Field from 5:30 to 7pm on weeknights. The field is typically split to accommodate the tackle football teams. The flag football team will typically practice on a patch of grass behind Washington Irving that is not an official field. The patch is about 50 feet by 50 feet; the small amount of space is a challenge.

Games are usually played away because of the lack of field space in Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow, however they might host two to three games per year. When they do host, the teams play at the Sleepy Hollow High School field. Later in the season when it starts to get dark earlier, the Recreation Supervisor at the Village of Tarrytown will schedule the teams onto Losee Field to give them the benefit of a lighted field.

Parent meetings are typically held at the Tarrytown Senior Center.

3) How does your organization handle scheduling?

The teams schedule their practices and games through the Athletic Director at the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns. The Village of Tarrytown Recreation Supervisor schedules the use of Losee Field and the Tarrytown Senior Center.

4) How often are your practice/game facilities in use?

N/A

5) Do you have a lack of facility space?

Yes. The fields available at Washington Irving are not large enough to accommodate the number of children on the teams.

6) Is the facility(s) used by other organizations?

Yes. Scheduling field time can be difficult due to the large amount of teams and organizations using the field space.

7) What are your organization's challenges?

The organizations greatest challenges can be: (1) the large number of children in small field space, and (2) fundraising can be a challenge.

Additional Comments:

The condition of the fields in Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow are "horrible." Often there is a lack of grass on the fields due to overuse. The director of the program was disappointed when the vote to construct turf fields was overturned a few years ago. The Village of Tarrytown has been extremely flexible with providing field time and meeting space for the program.

Appendix D: Public Workshop Results

**Tarrytown Recreation Needs Workshop
January 25, 2010
Sleepy Hollow High School Cafeteria
Break-out Groups Meeting Results**

1. Where do you go for recreation?

Table 1

- Rockefeller State Park
- Tarrytown Lakes Park
- Pierson Park
- Patriots Park
- Kingsland Point Park
- Devries Park
- Tarry Crest Swim Club
- JCC

Table 2

- Rockefeller State Park
- Kingsland Point Park
- Pierson Park
- Old Croton Aqueduct
- Sleepy Hollow Cemetery
- Rockwood
- Washington Irving Fields
- Sleepy Hollow High School Fields
- North County Trail
- Tarrytown Lakes Park
- Gym at Tarrytown Recreation Center
- YMCA
- Gyms at Tappan Hill, John Paulding and Sleepy Hollow High School

- Pace University
- Hackley Trails
- Philipse Manor Beach Club
- Tarry Crest Pool

Table 3

- Tennis at Tarry Crest Swim and Tennis (private facility), New Rochelle and out of town
- Tarrytown Lakes park
- Patriots Park
- Pierson Park
- Kingsland Point Park
- Barnhardt Park
- Devries Field
- Rockefeller State Park
- Hackley Trails

Table 4

- School gyms
- Rockefeller/Aqueduct/Rockwood
- YMCA
- Tarrytown Lakes walking path
- Peabody, Washington Irving/Pennybridge/Devries/Losee
- Fremont Pond/Tarrytown Lakes
- Paddle courts
- Neperan/Pierson/Barnhardt Playgrounds
- Tarrycrest Beach Club

- New York Sports Club/NY Life Gym
- County Bike Path
- North County Trail

Table 5

- Barnhardt Park
- Rockefeller Preserve
- Kingsland Point Park
- Douglas Park
- Patriots Park
- Neperan Park
- SH High School Fields
- Tarrytown Lakes Park
- Old Croton Aqueduct

Table 6

- Lacrosse at Kingsland Point Park
- Ice Skating at Reservoir and Fremont Pond
- Tennis at Pierson Park
- Soccer at Peabody Field and Losee
- Baseball at Devries (Quattro field) and Losee
- Biking: Aqueduct, Reservoir Trail
- Organized Activities: Reservoir/ Tarrytown Lakes Park; Horan's Landing; Kingsland
- Kids Play: Pierson Park for bike path, John Paulding for play structure, Barnhardt for play structure
- Fitness: YMCA, Club Fit Briarcliff, Chinese Arts and Center in Pleasantville, Master Yoo's in Tarrytown, Pace University, On Track

- Swimming: Philipse Manor Beach Club, Tarrycrest Swim and Tennis

Table 7

- Other towns and county facilities (+/- 25%) e.g. Bruce Park for kids; Croton Point Park
- Washington Irving Fields
- Peabody Field
- Pennybridge Field (Lagana Park)
- Other Village Fields to a varying degree
- Answers seem to be determined by proximity
- Rockefeller State Park
- John Paulding Playground (for children under 6)
- Kingsland Point Park dog park
- YMCA for swimming
- OnTrack Sports
- School gyms (when available)

Table 8

- All the parks in both Villages
- Pace pool
- Mount Pleasant pool
- Beach club
- Saxon woods
- Pierson park
- Preserve

2. What do you like best about the Villages' or School District's parks and recreation facilities?

Table 1

- Access to river
- Lakes
- Rockefeller State Park
- Old Croton Aqueduct

Table 2

- Location of the parks and facilities
- Variety
- Accessibility
- Cost (reasonably priced)
- Well maintained
- Rockefeller Preserve is a great resource
- Village honchos and schools are invested in parks and recreation facilities
- Supportive
- Hudson River access
- Pavilion facilities available
- Mature trees

Table 3

- River views
- Lakes
- Aqueduct trail- nature
- Neperan Park Playground- natural park features

Table 4

- Convenience
- Open space

- Easy access
- Quiet wooded space
- Riverfront
- Beautiful views
- Free access

Table 5

- Neperan Park (nature)
- Rockefeller Preserve
- Parks are in walking distance
- Access to parks
- Tarrytown Lakes Park

Table 6

- Play structure and water park at Barnhardt
- Play structure at John Paulding School
- Accessibility: easy to get to at least one park from multiple locations; spread out
- Connection with community
- Amount of green space/access to green space; views of river and nature are scenic!
- Activities: Jazz in Park at Pierson; Scarecrow making at Patriots; etc.

Table 7

- The fact that they exist at all
- That they are “free”
- Close proximity to neighborhoods

Table 8

- Rockefeller State Park

- Old Croton Aqueduct Trails
- Ice skating at Tarrytown Lakes Park

3. What do you like the least about the Villages' or School District's parks and recreation facilities?

Table 1

- Tennis courts
- Permit fees for tennis
- Lack of ability to have pick up groups for sports other than organized leagues; need opportunity for singles to participate in sports
- Meeting needs of young adults
- Maintenance at Kingsland Point Park and Devries

Table 2

- Bad fields- overused, not enough, poorly maintained, lack of storage which leads to theft, overlapping of uses of fields (e.g. soccer and baseball)
- Insufficient gym space
- No public pool for Tarrytown
- Need carpooling
- Lack of tennis courts
- Public transport to bus players around on AYSO days
- Need better communication about Village programs and events
- Transporting of permits for use of facilities.
- Lack of coordination among sports groups e.g. scheduling use of fields
- Sports council needed

Table 3

- Shape of tennis courts
- Shape of school ball fields- hard packed

- Some playground structures

Table 4

- Field conditions (Washington Irving Fields, Pennybridge, Kingsland, Peabody, High school)
- Lack of fields- multiple teams playing on one field/court
- Lack of storage (Washington Irving/Peabody/High School) for Rec teams
- Lack of courts/indoor facilities
- Sharing/leasing space/time of our fields
- No teen center
- Not enough waterfront access
- Malfunctioning score boards
- Litter/cleanliness/waste
- Lack of foul territory netting
- Limited boating
- Bleachers in poor condition at Devries
- Lack of seating/bleachers at some fields

Table 5

- Need more indoor facilities for winter basketball
- Need gameroom
- Community run afterschool program and staff
- Open gym
- Space for kids to hang out instead of standing in front of coffee labs
- Limited parking space at Kingsland Point Park

Table 6

- Condition of fields/overuse

- Lack of pool/swimming facilities
- Lack of water parks (1 at Barnhardt; 1 at Rv. Sykes Park)
- Lack of river access
- Outdated Equipment e.g. Patriots: too big gaps with equipment; Devries: broken, missing equipment
- Lack of shade

Table 7

- Over use of fields
- Poor condition
- Poor maintenance
- Restroom facilities
- Limited capacity of indoor facilities (specifically in summer)

Table 8

- Distance to parks within waking distance from Manor (farthest part of Manor)
- No good bike paths around town areas (route is unsafe for the average family bikeride)
- Condition of fields
- How do you get around the High School on the Aqueduct?

4. What facilities are needed/could be improved?

Table 1

- Kingsland Point Park
- Devries

Table 2

- All fields need improving
- More basketball courts
- More tennis courts

- Need public pool
- One dedicated soccer field
- Community center for teens
- Turf field
- More access to river; more places to store kayaks
- More indoor recreation space
- More storage
- Field house
- Rest rooms

Table 3

- Shape of tennis courts
- Shape of school ball fields- hard packed
- Some playground structures
- Teen center
- What is happening with COC building?

Table 4

- Field turf at high school and/or Washington Irving
- Pool and tennis for both Villages
- Another field(s) in the Village
- Another gym(s) in the Village
- Parking
- restrooms

Table 5

- Lack of bike paths and interconnecting parks via bike path

- More natural parks
- Lack of community pool (outdoor and indoor)
- Lack of after school program & open gym for ages 13-18
- Limited parking space at Kingsland Point Park

Table 6

- Community center for teens and younger and adults
- All weather facilities for sports and recreation
- River access; water activities
- More fields, improved drainage, artificial turf, multi-purpose
- Upgraded play equipment for younger children
- Redesign fields for efficient use of space
- Restrooms at parks
- Community pool

Table 7

- Rest rooms
- Water fountains
- Pool
- Build community center
- Better availability and coordination of schedules/calendars (avoid double-booking, etc)
- Lighted fields

Table 8

- Outdoor Public Pool
- Kingsland Point Park/Field improvement
- More maintenance all present fields

- YMCA facility should partner more
- Waterfront at Kingsland Point Park/Tarrytown
- More passive recreation opportunity for adults at parks
- Riverwalk park
- Community center for both villages (basketball/open room/outdoor pool)
- A plan for the GM site

5. Ideally, what will the parks and recreation system look like in 5 years?

Table 1

- Connect riverwalk between Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown
- More water access and launching areas
- Adult community center
- Another community gym and exercise facility

Table 2

- Vibrant community center
- Dedicated soccer fields
- Olympic size pool
- Greater cooperation and sharing of all the stakeholders (cooperation is currently good, just enhanced)
- Excellent maintenance and preservation of facilities
- More inclusive

Table 3

- Ideally one unified recreation system that works well together with the schools (separate from public works)
- Universal signage
- Better web presence

- Access to the river e.g. kayak put-ins
- Fields
- Keep more natural settings and parks
- Aqueduct Center
- Aquatic Center
- Doggie walks—parks?
- Teen center
- Tennis courts
- Mechanisms for self funding/sustainable programs

Table 4

- New tennis courts
- Turf at High School and Washington Irving
- Centralized management of Recreation Department in collaboration with School District
- Open/fair process for field and court use
- Consolidation of Recreation Programs under one Village run entity

Table 5

- More waterfront access
- Connected bike paths
- More after school programs for youth
- More volunteer opportunities for youth helping maintain parks

Table 6

- Turf fields
- Bike paths
- Community center

- River access
- More fields
- Community pool

Table 7

- RiverWalk completion (whole length of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow)
- Better maintenance
- A private/public type of partnership
- Recreation committee (s)
- Construction of turf fields--- with lights
- One Recreation Department between the two Villages

Table 8

- Improved with better maintenance and communication

6. What topics brought you to the meeting?

Table 1

- Steering committee member
- Nosey
- Recreation Commission member
- Progress on connecting water access- riverwalk
- Interest in seeing two towns develop the GM lot
- Ask about transportation for seniors

Table 2

- AYSO
- Community Center have kids
- work for villages

- Trustees
- Board of education member
- Want recreation facilities at former GM Plant sooner than later

Table 3

- Concern over Lagana Field/playground inclusion
- Tennis courts
- Teen center

Table 4

- Lack of fields
- Frustration with facility and field quality and availability
- Frustration with youth programs

Table 5

- lack of afterschool recreational program for ages 13-18
- lack of bike paths and interconnecting parks via bike path
- more waterfront access
- more natural parks
- lack of community pool
- limited parking at Kingsland Point Park
- need to preserve natural habitat and environmental education

Table 6

- Chance to impact what is offered
- Community center- important to support
- Was invited
- To keep updated

- Hear what ideas are

Table 7

- Want to see Devries and Kingsland Point Park improved
- Concern over field conditions for sports leagues

Table 8

Concern that the River access be improved for boating and swimming

7. What are your top priorities (each participant had 3 votes indicated by the placement of dots)?

Table 1

- Connecting villages through river walk, bike trails, kayak launches, etc. (4 dots)
- More opportunities for singles to participate in group sports (1 dot)
- Upgrade quality of recreational facilities (e.g. Devries and Kingsland Point Park) (1 dot)
- Identification of community center and gym space (2 dots)

Table 2

- Community center (7 dots)
- Field improvement (10 dots)
- Turf field (1 dot)
- More storage (2 dots)
- More inclusive (1 dot)

Table 3

- Ideally one unified recreation system that works well together with the schools (separate from public works) (4 dots)
- Access to the river e.g. kayak put-ins (1 dot)
- Fields (1 dot)
- Keep more natural settings and parks (3 dots)
- Aquatic Center (1 dot)

- Doggie walks—parks? (1 dot)
- Teen center (2 dots)
- Tennis courts (3 dots)
- Mechanisms for self funding/ sustainable programs(2 dots)
- Lagana field field/playground inclusion (3 dots)

Table 4

- Lack of fields (2 dots)
- Lack of storage for rec teams (2 dots)
- No teen center (2 dots)
- Field turf at High School or Washington Irving (6 dots)
- Another field in the Village (1 dot)
- Another gym in the Village (1 dot)
- Parking (1 dot)
- Centralized management of Recreation Department in collaboration with School District (8 dots)
- Consolidation of Recreation Programs under one Village run entity (1 dot)

Table 5

- Indoor facilities (2 dots)
- Community run afterschool program (6 dots)
- Open gym (1 dot)
- Space for kids to hang out (4 dots)
- more waterfront access (1 dot)
- more volunteer opportunities for youth in helping maintain parks (1 dot)

Table 6

- Community center for teens and younger and adults (2 dots)

- All weather facilities for sports and recreation (3 dots)
- River access- water activities (2 dots)
- More fields (3 dots)
- Artificial fields (2 dots)
- Upgraded play equipment (2 dots)
- Redesign fields (2 dots)
- Community pool (2 dots)

Table 7

- Rest rooms (2 dots)
- Water fountains (1 dot)
- Build Community Center (1 dot)
- Better availability and coordination of schedules/calendars (avoid double-booking, etc.) (1 dot)
- Pool (1 dot)
- A private/public type partnership (1 dot)
- Recreation committee (1 dot)
- Construction of turf field—with lights (4 dots)
- One Recreation Department (5 dots)
- Improve Kingsland Point Park and Devries (1 dot)

Table 8

- Bike paths (4 dots)
- Outdoor public pool (2 dots)
- More passive recreation for adults at parks (1 dot)
- Riverwalk (2 dots)
- Community center (3 dots)

- Improved maintenance and communication (2 dots)
- Improved access to water (1 dot)

8. What are the priorities you are willing to fund (indicated by the placement of a dollar sign in the dot)?

Table 1

- Connecting villages through river walk, bike trails, kayak launches, etc. (4\$ signs)
- Identification of community center and gym space (1 \$ sign)

Table 2

- Improve fields (7 \$ signs)

Table 3

- More natural park settings and parks (3 \$ signs)
- Aquatic Center (1 \$ sign)
- Tennis Courts (1 \$ sign)

Table 4

- Turf field at High School and Washington Irving (3 \$ signs)
- Centralized management of Recreation Department in collaboration with School District (3 \$ signs)

Table 5

- Place for kids to hang out (1 \$ sign)
- Indoor facilities (1 \$ sign)
- Community run afterschool program (3 \$ signs)
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Table 6

- Community center (1\$ sign)
- All weather facilities (1\$ sign)
- Artificial turf fields (2\$ signs)

- Redesign fields for efficient use of space (2\$ signs)

Table 7

- Build community center (2 \$ sign)
- Construction of turf fields—with lights (2 \$ sign)
- Improve Kingsland Point Park and Devries (1\$ sign)

Table 8

- Bike paths (1 \$ sign)
- Outdoor public pool (1 \$ sign)
- Community center (1 \$ sign)—indicated the price of \$5 million
- Passive recreation for adults (1 \$ sign)
- Improved maintenance and communication (1 \$ sign)
- Improved access to water (1 \$ sign)



**Village of Tarrytown, Village of Sleepy Hollow
& Public Schools of the Tarrytowns
Recreation Master Plan**



**Public Open
Forum**

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Recreation Feasibility Study

January 25, 2010

Introductions

Drew Fixell, Mayor of Tarrytown & Ken Wray, Mayor of Sleepy Hollow

Laberge Group

- Ben Syden, AICP, E.D.P., Director of Planning & Community Development
- Nicole Allen, AICP, Planning Services Manager
- Jaclyn Patrignani, Planner

Steering Committee

Village of Tarrytown

Michael Blau, Administrator
Joe Arduino, Recreation Dept.
John P. Hill, Jr., Recreation
Advisory Committee
Becky McGovern, Trustee

School District

Howard Smith, Superintendent
Peter Quartroni, Facilities Dir.
Chuck Scarpulla, Athletics Dir.

Village of Sleepy Hollow

Anthony Giaccio, Administrator
Richard Gross, DPW
Robin Pell, Parks & Rec. Dept.
Karin Kopplmae Wompa, Trustee



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Agenda

- Overview of Plan & Process 7:00 – 7:45 PM
- Break-out Groups 7:45 – 8:45 PM
- Recap and Q&A 8:45 – 9:00 PM



Tri-Agency Shared Services
Recreation Feasibility Study

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**Tri-Agency Shared Services Recreation
Feasibility Study**

- Villages & School District joined together to inventory parks, recreation facilities, resources, staff, and services to identify ways to improve recreation opportunities for residents and the overall delivery of resources.
- Two Components: Shared Services Feasibility Study & Recreation Master Plan.
- The Study has been prepared with funds provided by the New York State Department of State under the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program.



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Recreation Feasibility Study

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Purpose of Shared Services Study

- Examine ways in which the Villages and School District operate and maintain recreation resources, facilities and staff.
- Inventory Personnel, Equipment, Fiscal Expenditures and Legal Agreements.
- Develop recommendations to cooperatively share resources.
- Enhance service delivery for all residents and increase the quality of common services and activities.



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Purpose of Recreation Master Plan

- Evaluate Existing and Future Recreation Needs.
- Inventory and Assess Park and Recreation Resources.
- Develop Recommendations for Addressing or Improving Recreation Needs/Resources.
- Provide a blueprint for future trails, parks, & facilities.



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Recreation Master Plan Overview

- I. Existing Conditions: Inventory & Analysis
- II. Inventory & Analysis: Parks & Recreational Facilities
- III. State & National Recreational Needs Assessment
- IV. Community Outreach Process
- V. Goals & Recommendations

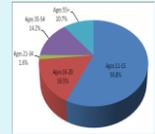


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Existing Conditions: Inventory & Analysis

- Projected Population Increases Between 2000 and 2014
Tarrytown: 0.3% Sleepy Hollow: 14.8%
- Population between the ages of 35 and 54 (2000 Census)
Tarrytown: 31.2% Sleepy Hollow: 31.4%
- Households with Children (2000 Census)
Tarrytown: 27.7% Sleepy Hollow: 38.9%
- Projected Median Household Income by 2014
Tarrytown: \$94,420 Sleepy Hollow: \$77,377



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Inventory & Assessment: Parks & Recreational Facilities

- **Village of Tarrytown:** Gracemere Park, Lagana Field (Pennybridge Field), Loh Park, Losee Park, Neperan Park, Patriots Park, Pierson Park, Sarah Michaels Memorial Park, Tarrytown Lakes Park
- **Village of Sleepy Hollow:** Barnhart Park, Devries Park, Douglas Park, Horan's Landing, Look Out Point, Reverend Sykes Park, Robertson Park, Sleepy Hollow Lighthouse
- **School District:** John Paulding Playground, Morse School Playground, Peabody Field, High School Fields & Gym, Washington Irving Fields & Gym
- **Westchester County & New York State Parks:** Kingsland Point Park, Old Croton Aqueduct Trail, Rockefeller State Park, Taxter Ridge, Waterfront Park



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Inventory & Assessment: Parks & Recreational Facilities

- The Village of Tarrytown owns 9 parks.
- The Village of Sleepy Hollow owns 7 parks.
- The Public Schools of the Tarrytowns owns 6 recreational facilities.
- 8 of the parks are adjacent to Broadway.
- 16 outdoor fields exist within the boundaries of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow.
- Approximately 4.4 miles of the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail runs throughout the Villages.



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Inventory & Assessment: Parks & Recreational Facilities

- 232.25 acres of the Rockefeller State Park are located in Sleepy Hollow.
- Current park construction projects include:
 - The construction of the Scenic Hudson RiverWalk Park in both Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow, including the renovation of the bathhouse in Kingsland Point Park.
 - The continuing construction of natural park features in Tarrytown's Neperan Park.
- Numerous private and not-for-profit recreational resources exist in both Villages.



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State & National Recreational Needs Assessment

- State Comprehensive Recreation Plan (SCORP)
 - Suggested acreage requirements based on population per 1,000
 - Maximum travel time
 - Appropriate means of accessing resource
- National Park, Recreation, Open Space & Greenway Guidelines (NRPA)
 - Systems approach
 - Considers users of facilities rather than per capita figures to evaluate recreational need
 - No strict acreage formulas



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State Comprehensive Recreation Plan (SCORP)

Facility Type	Service Area	Approx. Total to Access	Max. Travel Time	Mode of Access	Comments
Play lot	0.2 sq. mi.	2,500 sq. ft. to 1 Acre	10 mins.	By foot or by bicycle	Similar to a Pocket Park but typically combined with residential development; may have some play equipment.
Pocket park	0.2 sq. mi.	2,500 sq. ft. to 1 Acre	10 mins.	By foot or by bicycle	Primarily passive recreation areas for office workers and residents.
Neighborhood Park	0.8 sq. mi.	5-10 Acre	20 mins.	By foot or by bicycle	Should contain a balance of passive areas with landscaping and active areas such as play fields, court games, etc. etc.
Community Park (serves multiple neighborhoods)	0.8 sq. mi. to 20 sq. mi.	20-60 Acre	30 mins.	Automobile, transit, walking or trail	Offers both passive and active recreational opportunities. Can function for recreation or enjoyment of park visitors. May include play structures, picnic grounds and other recreational uses. Includes both individual and group picnic areas, landscaping and gardens, picnic areas for picnics or play. Support facilities such as parking and comfort stations could be needed.
Urban Parks (serves entire city)	20 sq. mi. to 50 sq. mi.	50-150 Acre	30 mins.	Automobile, transit, walking or trail	Recreative day use areas; may include play structures, picnic areas, and trails, swimming pools or beaches, tennis, individual and group picnic areas, landscaping and gardens, picnic areas for picnics or play. Support facilities such as parking and comfort stations could be needed. Provides a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities.
Large Regional Parks (serves a county)	50 sq. mi. +	400+ Acre	1-2 hrs.	Automobile, charter bus, transit or bicycle	In addition to activities mentioned for Urban Parks, these parks may include camping, picnicking, water access and selected active activities such as ice skating or ice.
State	20 sq. mi. to 50 sq. mi.	20 Acre	30 mins.	Live and vehicle access. Provides recreational mode of access	Urban parks may include special recreational facilities or historical themes and activities, day and evening operation during all seasons.

State Comprehensive Recreation Plan (SCORP) Analysis

- The Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow and the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns have:
 - 3 Play Lots
 - 7 Pocket Parks
 - 6 Neighborhood Parks
 - 3 Community Parks
 - 5 Urban Parks
 - 2 Large Regional Parks
- There are 34.4 acres (16 fields) for play fields compared to the 64.7 acres recommended by SCORP.
- There are 3 full court and 1 half-court basketball courts compared to the 10.8 basketball courts recommended by SCORP.

State Comprehensive Recreation Plan (SCORP) Analysis

- According to SCORP, the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow experienced a collective deficit (-64%) of recreation facilities in 2000.

Facility Type	SCORP Standard per 1,000 Pop	2000 Needs Analysis				2010 Needs Analysis			
		Existing Facilities	% of Standard	Estimated Deficit or Surplus	% of Standard	Estimated Deficit or Surplus	Estimated Deficit or Surplus	% of Standard	
Recreation Area (total)	1,440/1,000	1	8.1	-71	6.6	-7.6	8.8	-7.6	
Child Center (Recreation, School, Community, Senior)	3,600/1,000	34.4	9.6	-24.5	46.7	-38.3	65.9	-31.5	
Swimming Pool	720/1,000	0	0%	-720	21.6	-21.6	22.8	-22.8	
Beach Courts	1,440/1,000	5	3.5	-71.5	30.8	-7.8	11.0	-8.0	
Recreational Courts	1,440/1,000	3.1	2.1	-67.9	28.8	-7.9	11.0	-7.8	
Total Facilities/Recreation Area		399.7	27.7	-477.4	116.3	-74.6	118.7	-74.8	

* Parks owned by the School District and Westchester County were included in the SCORP analysis.

National Park, Recreation, Open Space & Greenway Guidelines (NRPAG) Analysis

- The Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow and the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns have:
 - 6 Mini-Parks
 - 6 Neighborhood Parks
 - 6 School Parks
 - 3 Community Parks
 - 3 Large Urban Parks
 - 1 Greenway
- The Old Croton Aqueduct is classified as a Greenway according to the NRPAG, providing approximately 4.4 miles of trail throughout Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow.



Community Outreach Process

- Completed:
 - Steering Committee Meetings
 - Recreation Needs Community Survey
 - Stakeholder Interviews
 - Public Meeting on Recreation Master Plan (January 25, 2010)
- To Do:
 - Steering Committee Meetings
 - Shared Services Community Survey
 - Public Meeting on Recreation Shared Service Recommendations
 - Roundtable Discussions
 - Draft & Final Joint Presentation



Recreation Needs Community Survey

- Available online and in hard-copy during October, November and beginning of December 2009.
- Completed by 648 Respondents:
 - 56.8% of respondents were between the ages of 11 and 15.
 - 58% of respondents were female.
- 16 multiple choice and open-ended questions.



Recreation Needs Community Survey Results

- Resources used most often include:
 - Tarrytown: Patriots Park
 - Sleepy Hollow: Devries Park
 - School District: High School Fields
 - Westchester County: Kingsland Point Park (total number of respondents); Rockefeller State Park (respondents age 21 and over)
- Respondents generally indicated that park safety, overall quality of the parks and the condition of the parks is satisfactory.
- Majority of respondents indicated a need for improvement and/or expansion for tennis courts, park restrooms, biking trails, basketball courts and baseball fields.



Recreation Needs Community Survey Results

- Respondents indicated the following additional recreational programming is needed:

Total Respondents	Respondents Age 21 and Over
Concerts (63.2%)	Concerts (22.0%)
Family Events (43.1%)	Enrichment Classes (14.0%)
Youth Athletics (39.5%)	Adult Athletics (13.0%)
Adult Athletics (25.0%)	Adult Education (12.0%)

- Majority (70.3%) of respondents over age 21 spent over \$601 on recreation annually.
- Residents support additional access to the Hudson River and amenities such as: canoe and kayak launches, beach/swimming access, biking and walking paths, picnic areas and play structures.



Stakeholder Interviews

- Interviews were conducted in September, October and November of 2009.
- 21 stakeholders were interviewed from community organizations:
 - Adult and Senior Citizen Activities
 - Community Related
 - School Related
 - Sports and Activities for All Ages
 - Youth Sports and Activities



Challenges Identified by Multiple Stakeholders

- Shortage of Field Space
- Overuse of Fields
- Lack of Gym Space
- Lack of Community Space for Middle and High School Students to Gather



Challenges Identified by Stakeholders

- Adult & Senior Citizen Activities**
 - Need a handicap accessible van
 - Player safety and drainage issues at Kingsland Point Park multi-purpose field
- Community related**
 - Lack of space for middle school and high school students to gather
 - Lack of tutoring programs and afterschool support for school aged children
 - Safety of children using playground equipment that has been deemed outdated and out of compliance with current code
 - Limited gym space in the community
 - Current state of economy is precluding community members from paying full membership fees for private facilities



Challenges Identified by Stakeholders

- School Related**
 - Overuse of fields
 - Lack of field space
 - Unusable tennis courts at Sleepy Hollow High School due to unrepaired hurricane damage
 - Indoor pool scheduling challenges due to limited facilities
- Sports and Activities for All Ages**
 - Storage space for kayaks along the Hudson River
 - Scheduling of indoor sports facility
 - Promotion of indoor sports facility



Challenges Identified by Stakeholders

- **Youth Sports and Activities**
 - Lack of gym space; private gym space is exceedingly difficult to book and is expensive
 - Lack of field space exacerbated by the elimination of the back-stop on the Washington Irving Lower Field and the lighting fixtures currently placed in the middle of Losee Field
 - Overuse of fields by organized and unorganized sports groups
 - Lack of equipment storage space for use by private groups
 - Scheduling challenges for pool time due to lack of facilities
 - Scheduling challenges for field time
 - Available field space is small in scale
 - Lack of indoor facility space for summer campers



Opportunities Identified by Stakeholders

- **Adult & Senior Citizen Activities**
 - Villages should consider a joint effort to re-fill Kingsland Point Park's multi-purpose field
 - Consider purchasing additional fields, if possible
 - Build turf fields, perhaps by including local colleges as financial partners, to safe on maintenance and eliminate overuse issue
- **Community Related**
 - Build a Village-run Community Center to support afterschool and weekend programming
 - Replace playground equipment that is outdated and/or out of compliance with code
- **School Related**
 - Repair High School tennis courts



Opportunities Identified by Stakeholders

- **Sports and Activities for All Ages**
 - Promote sharing of resources (field and staff) between private and public entities
- **Youth Sports and Activities**
 - Build a Village-run Community Center
 - Build new fields as part of RiverWalk renovations in Kingsland Point Park
 - Merge Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow Recreation Department basketball programs
 - Clear the trees around Peabody Field and build additional fields
 - Villages should consider renting their facilities for tournaments as a revenue source and as an economic development strategy for the Villages



Break-Out Groups

- Small group discussion on the recreation needs of the Villages and School District.
- Each group will appoint a facilitator and recorder.
- At the end of the discussion, a representative from each small group will report on their discussion to the larger group.



Break-Out Groups

- Introductions
- Questions:
 - Where do you go for recreation?
 - What do you like best about the Villages' or School District's parks and recreation facilities?
 - What do you like the least about the Villages' or School District's parks and recreation facilities?
 - What facilities are needed/could be improved ?
 - Ideally, what will the parks and recreation system look like in 5 years?
 - What topics brought you to the meeting?



Break-Out Groups

- Final Exercise: Each person select 3 "Top Priority" improvements by placing a sticker next to the desired strategy.



Q & A

Questions and Answers...



