

Recreation Governance Study Committee Survey

How can we continue and/or enhance our current recreation services under a new governance model?

The Essex Selectboard and Essex Junction Trustees recently identified a 10-member Recreation Governance Study Committee. The group has been tasked with studying recreation and exploring options for potentially restructuring the village and town recreation departments.

The decision to form a committee was reached unanimously by the Prudential Committee, Selectboard, and Trustees in February, due to the community vote to form the new Unified Union School District, which will begin in July 2017. Forming the new District will eventually mean dissolving the Essex Junction School District, which has served as the governing body of Essex Junction Recreation & Parks (EJRP) since 1971.

A decision needs to be made about the future of recreational services in the community.

Here are the goals that the committee has identified:

- Ensure that the current quality of recreation services are maintained or enhanced.
- Explore all avenues and entities before making a recommendation.
- Actively engage the community in the process and keep them informed by making information easily accessible.
- Keep the community's affordability in mind and ensure that the funding structure is fiscally responsible and will be supported by the public.
- Reach a consensus on a final recommendation by the middle of June.

Please provide feedback through the following questions to help the committee in their decision making process.

[If you are interested, click here to watch a 2.75 minute video about the Recreation Governance Study Committee and the work they are doing.](#)

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What Matters?

* During the Heart & Soul community process, several themes emerged related to health and recreation. They included:

- Support for strong recreation departments
- Biking and walking friendly community
- Diverse year-round recreational opportunities for all age groups, including community events
- A variety of recreation facilities including pools, parks, fields, and shared community spaces
- Affordable and accessible opportunities for physical activity
- Maintenance of open spaces and parks
- Health, fitness, and nutrition education

When you think about recreation services in our community (Village of Essex Junction & Town of Essex), which of these themes listed above matters most to you?

* Thinking about what matters to you about recreation in our community, what do you want the members of the Recreation Governance Study Committee to keep in mind as they evaluate the future delivery of recreational services in our community?

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Communications

* What ways of communication are most helpful to you for getting information about an important topic like recreation governance changes? Please select your top 3.

- Front Porch Forum
- Facebook (Note: if you don't already, please "like" the Essex Parks and Recreation and Essex Junction Recreation and Parks pages.)
- Essex Reporter
- Channel 17
- Community Forums
- Recreation/municipal websites
- Information shared at community/school/sports events
- Short videos on the web/Facebook
- Informal face to face discussions with community members

Other (please specify)

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Demographic Information (optional)

Our recreation departments serve the entire community and we want to make sure that we are hearing from everyone. Please answer these questions to help us gauge who we are and who we are not hearing from.

We would appreciate you answering the following questions, however, they are optional.

Your age

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-44
- 45-64
- 65+

Your residency

- Village of Essex Junction (including the Town of Essex)
- Town of Essex (outside the Village)
- Other
- I don't know

Your household income

- Less than \$25K
- \$26K-\$40K
- \$41K-\$65K
- \$66K-\$90K
- \$90K+
- I don't know

Number of people in your household

	0	1	2	3	4	5+
Under 18	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Over 18	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Recreation PROGRAMS Use

My/my family use recreation programs in Essex (Village and/or Town)

- Frequently
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never
- I don't know

Recreation PARKS Use

My/my family visits parks in Essex (Village and/or Town)

- Frequently
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never
- I don't know