

## Acton 2020 Recommended Implementation Program

Strategy	Action Steps	Responsibility	Timing/Priority
<b>GOAL 4: Provide More Opportunities for Community Gathering and Recreation</b>			
<b>Objective 4.1: Provide a community facility large enough to accommodate a variety of uses and a wide range of programming.</b>			
Create a multi-use facility that can be used as a Senior Center during the day and for additional community uses during evenings and weekends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a Community Center Committee charged with the planning and design of a new facility.<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	Community Center Committee	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with the Community Center Committee and the Senior Center Expansion Committee to develop a program and architectural design for the facility. Seek Town Meeting approval for the new facility</li> </ul>	Municipal facilities Dept., Community Center Committee, CoA	
<b>Objective 4.2: Provide enough playgrounds, fields for team sports, parks, and conservation lands that Acton residents can either walk or ride a bike safely to reach one near their home.</b>			
Create and maintain parks and playgrounds, and increase opportunities for active recreation..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a schedule to maintain and improve existing public playgrounds and create new playgrounds using both public and private funds.</li> </ul>	Municipal Facilities, Recreation, Rec Cmte	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require contributions toward construction of playgrounds and/or parks in new developments</li> </ul>	Planning, Conservation, PIBd	
Create and maintain conservation lands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage the creation of conservation lands associated with new housing development</li> </ul>	Conservation, ConsComm, Land Stewardship Cmte	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a plan for maintenance of conservation lands, including trails, using a combination of public funds and private fundraising.</li> </ul>	Conservation, Land Stewardship Cmte	
Improve walking and biking access to these facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Objective 3.1</li> </ul>		
Increase opportunities for team sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct a new artificial turf field to accommodate demand for active recreation.</li> </ul>	Municipal Facilities, Recreation, Rec Cmte	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that playing fields are available to both youth leagues and adult leagues.</li> </ul>	Recreation, Rec Cmte	
<b>Objective 4.3 Create new gathering spaces and utilize existing ones.</b>			
Create parks and informal outdoor gathering places, and encourage commercial opportunities for gathering.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage developers to create pockets parks and public seating areas in infill projects and redevelopment projects.</li> </ul>	Planning, 2020 Committee; Design Review Committee, PIBd and BoS when reviewing development	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage a variety of new restaurants with outdoor seating where appropriate. (See Goal 7)</li> </ul>	Econ Dev coordinator, Econ Dev Cmte	
Encourage use of existing and new gathering spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a web-based 'one stop' mechanism for reserving spaces in either town or school facilities.</li> </ul>	IT, [who schedules Town Hall rooms?], School Dept., Memorial and Citizen's Libraries, CoA.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate existing town owned buildings to ensure that they are being used optimally. (See Goal 6)</li> </ul>	[who schedules Town Hall rooms?], Municipal Facilities	
<b>Objective 4.4: Support additional cultural activities.</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actively recruit a small scale movie theater to locate in Acton (See Goal 7), <b>and/or create a non-commercial showing of weekly movies at one or more appropriate locations such as a new Community Center.</b></li> </ul>	Econ Dev coordinator, Econ Dev Cmte	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the coordination between the Acton Memorial Library, the West Acton Citizen's Library, and the Council on Aging. Continue to support programming geared to different age groups (particularly children and seniors). (See Goal 6)</li> </ul>	Libraries, CoA	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer a wide range of community education / recreation programs that reflect the interests of Acton residents and promote connections among participants through shared interests.</li> </ul>	Libraries	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the efforts of the Acton Boxborough Cultural Council and private organizations to provide local opportunities and publicity for theater, concerts, dance, and multi-cultural events and celebrations. Make Acton's public venues available when</li> </ul>	Municipal Facilities, ABCC,	

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	appropriate and support the dissemination of information regarding these as possible (e.g. post on town website).		

CI- Capital Investment, P – Planning, M – Management, R – Regulatory, E - Encouragement

<sup>1</sup> Criteria for consideration in the Community Center:

- a. Locate it near other attractions to encourage community use
- b. Encourage multi-mode access (car, van, bike, pedestrian)
- c. Structure building to encourage multiple uses
  - i. Some spaces large enough for large community gatherings (cultural celebrations, wedding receptions, birthday parties)
  - ii. Some spaces usable for performances (theater, dance, music, movies)
  - iii. Spaces appropriate for a range of types of exercise
  - iv. Spaces appropriate for small and medium group gatherings
- d. Structure building so that it can be used for emergency shelter