

Town of Burlington
Shortage of Outdoor Athletic Facilities
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I. Where the problem started

A. BHS building plans

1. Athletic fields
2. Tennis courts
3. Swimming pool

B. What happened?

1. Fields built on wetlands
2. Tennis courts not built
3. Swimming pool not built

C. Results

1. Shortage of facilities ever since
2. Little help from Public Schools
3. Most new facilities developed by Recreation Department
4. Not adequate for school and youth sports
5. All fields are over-used
6. Fields become unplayable and must be closed for repairs
7. Money is being wasted.

II. Growth in sports programs

A. High School sports

1. Girls sports
2. New sports (lacrosse)

B. Youth sports

1. Girls programs
2. New sports (lacrosse)
3. New programs for younger children

C. Not enough fields to accommodate soccer, baseball, softball, football and lacrosse

D. Adult programs squeezed to accommodate youth sports

III Short-term needs

- A. At least two new multi-purpose fields
- B. At least two new baseball/softball fields
- C. At least one artificial turf field

(Outdoor facilities continued)

IV. Long-term needs

- A. A complex of at least four new multi-purpose fields with parking and restrooms (need 4 total – 2 additional fields if get the two short-term fields listed above)
- B. A complex of four new baseball/softball fields with parking and restrooms (need 4 total – 2 additional fields if get the two short-term fields listed above)
- C. At least two additional artificial turf fields (need at least 3 total)
- D. Six additional tennis courts
- E. A stand-alone recreation center
- F. A new maintenance facility
- G. Walking trails.

V. Where do we go from here?

- A. Landlocked Parcel
- B. Cummings Park
- C. Wildwood school site
- D. Other town-owned land
- E. Land purchase
- F. Use of private land by agreement