

**Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant Program
Application Form FY 2012**

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1. **Municipality:** Town of Amherst
Population (2010 U.S. Census): 37,819
2. **Project Name:** Community Field Rehabilitation: Phase I—War Memorial Pool
Type of Project:
 Acquisition – acreage _____ New development Renovation of existing park
Project address: 205 Triangle Street, Amherst, MA 01002
3. **Contact Person:** David Ziomek, Director of Conservation and Development
Agency: Town of Amherst
Address: Town Hall, 4 Boltwood Avenue
Amherst, MA
Zip 01002
Telephone (413) 259 - 3122 Fax (413) 259 - 2402
Email: ziomekd@amherstma.gov

Please note: the contact person is the official representative for this project as authorized under item #14(b) of this application, usually not the chief municipal officer.

4. **Briefly describe the project on TWO attached pages.** Use the Outdoor Recreation Project Rating System as an outline for the description, as well as the items bulleted below, to ensure the maximum score possible for your project.
- a.) Acquisition Projects:
- site location – in an Environmental Justice neighborhood and/or site's distance to the nearest park
 - rare species (include letter from NHESP) (to determine if NHESP must approve site plans)
 - historic or archaeological resource (include letter from MHC) (to determine if MHC must approve site plans)
- b.) Development or Renovation Projects
- describe facilities being developed
 - describe community needs, including park equity/need in this neighborhood, if park is in an Environmental Justice neighborhood
 - new acres dedicated as parkland
 - brownfield projects must submit 21E evaluation and, at the minimum the Executive Summary of a Phase II Comprehensive Site Assessment under state cleanup regulations (Massachusetts Contingency Plan), or a Response Action Outcome statement for each Response Tracking Number
- c.) All Projects:
- accessibility for the disabled
 - water based recreation (include linear footage of bordering water resource)
 - cooperation of any other governmental agency (state, federal, county) or private nonprofit, fiscal or other
 - located in a high density area, Environmental Justice neighborhood, town/city center, or area of the community that lacks park resources
 - access to a public transportation route and other urban center services
 - description of enhanced public outreach in Environmental Justice neighborhood
 - environmental education/interpretive services planned for site
 - regional or statewide facility (communities applying in either category should submit a Usage Report)
 - accessible via public transportation (within a 1/2-mile walk)

9. Is the property permanently dedicated for park, playground, or recreation purposes (MGL Chapter 45, Section 3 or 14)? If not, please submit draft dedication language for DCS review as all PARC projects must be dedicated for park, playground, or recreation purposes.

Yes No **PLEASE SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE**

Total acres of dedicated park land 8.05 acres

10. Are fees currently charged or proposed for this facility? If yes, please attach a copy of the fee system. Charging fees is allowed subject to DCS approval. If applicant is awarded a grant, the site cannot be restricted to municipal residents only. If fees are charged based on residency, fees for nonresidents are subject to Section 5.08(3) of the PARC regulations (for file records only).

Yes (copy attached) No

Please see the attached fee schedule from 2008, which was the last summer when War Memorial Pool was open. The fees for War Memorial Pool and Mill River Recreation Pool are the same. Also attached is the current fee schedule, for summer 2011, for Mill River Recreation Pool.

11. Municipal Open Space and Recreation Plan

Describe how your project meets the recommendations in your current Open Space and Recreation Plan. To receive points in this category, you must cite specific goals, objectives, and/or actions from the Action Plan and the associated page number references. If we already have a copy of your plan, there is no need to submit another copy.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE

12. Check the following if applicable to project (for file records only):

- Yes No Prime agricultural lands (see Ex. Order #193)
- Yes No Cultural, historic, archeological site: Contact MA Historical Commission (617) 727-8470
- Yes No Endangered species habitat: Contact MA Natural Heritage Program (508) 389-6300
- Yes No Environmental intrusion, i.e. overhead power lines (must be buried), safety hazards
- Yes No Brownfield – 21E evaluation
- Yes No Environmental Justice community/neighborhood (see EJ data viewer at <http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/EJ/viewer.htm>)
- Yes No Acquisition involving relocation of residents, tenants, or businesses
- Yes No Negotiated sale

Do you have a Purchase and Sales Agreement or Agreed Price?

Yes No

If yes, Amount:

\$ _____

Is Clear Title available?

Yes No

If no, is an eminent domain taking anticipated?

Yes No

If yes, proposed pro tanto award amount:

\$ _____

Note that if clear title is not available, the community may decide to acquire the property by a friendly taking (eminent domain) process to clear the title. It is best to know if there is a potential title problem as soon as possible since this can complicate the acquisition process.

Appraisal Report #1

Valuation: \$ _____

Appraiser: _____

Valuation Date: _____

Review Appraisal Report #2 -- if land valued at over \$750,000

Valuation: \$ _____

Appraiser: _____

Valuation Date: _____

13. Check if the following permits are required (for file records only):

- Yes No U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (404 or Rivers and Waterways)
- Yes No MA DEP Division of Wetlands & Waterways (617) 292-5518
- Yes No U.S. Coast Guard
- Yes No U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (Zoos)
- Yes No C. 131 s. 40 Wetlands (municipal conservation commission)
- Yes No MEPA Review (301 CMR 11.00: MEPA Regulations) (617) 626-1020

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If any of the above permits are required, the permit or application for the permit must be submitted. Should the project be selected for funding, the permit will be required as part of the final application.

14. Attach certification of:

- a. Applicant community's legal authority to apply for the grant and to finance and construct the proposed facilities (see Sample Municipal Vote), and the **Chief Executive Officer's legal authorization to execute contracts**. This is a resolution, motion, or similar action that has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the community's governing body which authorizes the filing of the applications, including all understandings and assurances contained therein; and
- b. Authorization from chief municipal officer identifying individual named on the first page of this application who acts as official of municipality in connection with the application and who will provide such additional information as may be required (See Urban Self-Help Regulations 5.04:(6)).

7/13/11
Date

Janford Pooler
Signature of Chief Municipal Officer,

JANFORD POOLER
Name and Title (Typed)

ACTING TOWN MANAGER
Duration of Term

Mailing Address: 4 BOLTWOOD AVE, TOWN HALL
AMHERST, MA 01002

Telephone: (413) 259-3002

Chapter 216 of the Acts of 2001

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE AMHERST TOWN GOVERNMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 10 of the acts of 1936 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Chapter 11 of the acts of 1951 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Chapter 65 of the acts of 1951 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Sections 6, 7, 8 and 9 of chapter 512 of the acts of 1972 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Chapter 1088 of the acts of 1973 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Chapter 404 of the acts of 1998 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 7.

The following shall constitute the charter of the town of Amherst:

AMHERST TOWN GOVERNMENT ACT

4. The Town Manager

4.6 Administrative powers and duties

The town manager shall be the chief administrative and fiscal officer of all town agencies, other than the schools and the library. In addition to specific powers and duties provided in this act the town manager shall have the general powers and duties enumerated below.

4.61 Administration and reorganization of departments and offices

4.611 Supervision

The town manager shall supervise and direct the efficient and responsible administration of all officers and employees appointed by the town manager and their respective offices and departments, and of all functions for which the town manager is given responsibility by the select board, or under the laws of the commonwealth, this act, and by-laws passed by town meeting.

4.612 Examination of town records

The town manager may without notice examine the records of any office or department under the manager's control and have access to all town books, papers, and electronic records for information necessary for the proper performance of the manager's duties.

4.613 Reorganization

The town manager may, in accordance with the provisions of this act and except as otherwise expressly prohibited by the General Laws reorganize, consolidate or abolish such departments or offices as are under the manager's authority, in whole or in part; establish such new departments or offices as the manager deems necessary; and transfer the duties, powers and appropriation when incidental to the reorganization of 1 department or office to another.

4.62 Information and advice to the select board

4.621 Attendance at select board meetings

The town manager shall attend regular meetings of the select board except meetings at which the board considers the manager's salary, formulation of the manager's employment contract, and the manager's removal.

4.622 Ensure records available to select board

The town manager shall ensure that all town offices keep full and complete records which shall be available to the select board, and upon request to others as required by law.

4.623 Advice about needs of the town

The town manager shall keep the select board fully advised as to the needs of the town and shall recommend to the select board for adoption such measures requiring action by them or by the town as deemed necessary or expedient.

4.63 Supervision of town properties

The town manager shall have jurisdiction over the rental, use, maintenance, and repair of all town property except school property and property under the control of the town library trustees. The town manager shall be responsible for the preparation of plans and the supervision of work on existing buildings or on the construction of new buildings other than school buildings and buildings under the control of the library trustees. The town manager shall maintain and repair school buildings if and to the extent that the school committee requests, and the town manager shall maintain and repair buildings under the control of the library trustees if and to the extent that they so request.

4.64 Supplies, contracts and approval of warrants

4.641 Purchase of supplies

The town manager shall purchase all supplies, materials and equipment and shall award all contracts for all departments of the town except the schools and the town

library unless, and to the extent that, the school committee or the trustees of the town library may request by signed requisition.

4.642 Approval of warrants

The town manager shall receive all warrants for the payment of town funds in accordance with section 56 of chapter 41 of the General Laws. The approval of any such warrant by the town manager shall be sufficient authority to authorize payment by the town treasurer, but the select board shall approve all warrants in the event of a vacancy in the office of town manager.

4.65 Prosecution of litigation

The town manager shall have authority to prosecute, defend and compromise all litigation to which the town is a party and to employ special counsel whenever in the judgment of the select board it may be necessary.

4.66 Other administrative duties

4.661 Administer provisions of general and special laws

The town manager shall administer either directly, or through a person or persons appointed in accordance with this act, all provisions of general and special laws applicable to the town, all by-laws voted by town meeting and all regulations established by the select board.

4.662 Other duties

The town manager shall perform such other duties, consistent with the office, as may be required by state law, the by-laws of the town, or by vote of the select board or of the town meeting.

4.7 Annual review of the town manager

The select board shall conduct an annual review for the purpose of assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the manager's performance. The review shall be based on a written list of performance criteria developed by the select board. Copies of the criteria with an invitation to submit written comments shall be available to the public in the select board office. After due consideration the select board shall prepare a written report of its evaluation. The report shall be placed in the manager's personnel file and a written summary may be released to the public.

4.8 Review at the end of the contract period

The select board shall conduct an employment review at the end of the contract period to determine if the manager's employment contract should be renewed. In the event of

the non-renewal of the manager's employment contract the provisions of Section 4.9 shall apply.

4.9 Removal of the town manager

The select board, by a vote of 3 or more members of the board, may remove the town manager by the following procedures: At least 30 days before such proposed removal shall become effective, the select board shall file a preliminary written resolution with the town clerk setting forth in detail the specific reasons for the manager's proposed removal, a copy of which resolution shall be delivered to the town manager.

The manager may reply in writing to the resolution and may request a public hearing. If the manager so requests, the select board shall hold a public hearing not earlier than 20 days no later than 30 days after the filing of such request.

After the public hearing, if any, otherwise at the expiration of 30 days following the filing of the preliminary resolution, and after full consideration, the select board by a vote of 3 or more members of the board may adopt a final resolution of removal.

In the preliminary resolution, the select board may suspend the manager from duty, but shall in any case cause to be paid to the manager forthwith any unpaid balance of salary due in terms of the contract or salary for the next 3 calendar months following the filing of the preliminary resolution, whichever is greater.

Town of



AMHERST

Massachusetts

TOWN HALL
4 Boltwood Avenue.
Amherst, MA 01002-2351

July 14, 2011

Melissa Cryan
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street – Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Ms. Cryan:

The Town of Amherst's Chief Executive, as the duly authorized official and sole contract signatory authority, designates the Department of Conservation and Development, the Accounting Department and the Leisure Services and Supplemental Education (LSSE) Department to apply for and receive funding on behalf of the Town Manager. The following individuals are authorized to receive funds and implement the FY2012 PARC Grant Program:

David Ziomek, Director of Conservation and Development

Brad Bordewieck, Land Manager

Sonia Aldrich, Comptroller

Holly Bowser, Assistant to Comptroller

Nathaniel Malloy, Associate Planner

Signature of Chief Executive

ACTIX Town Manager,

Date 7/13/11

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Summary

Community Field, located in Amherst Center, is adjacent to the Regional High School and extremely popular with local residents and sports teams who use the baseball and softball diamonds, multi-purpose playing field, basketball court, playground, wading pool, and the outdoor War Memorial Pool. The pool and adjoining pool house were the anchors of Community Field from their construction in 1955 until closing in 2009 due to extended maintenance. The pool was the summer destination for families and children, swim teams, and the aging population of Amherst. Because of its walkable location in the town center and proximity to public transportation, the pool also accommodated low- and moderate-income residents and the environmental justice populations of Amherst with subsidized programs and free swim times (See attached maps). The other outdoor public pool is located in the north Amherst at the Mill River Recreation Area, a separate village center that is not connected to these neighborhoods with public transit or by an accessible sidewalk system. Nonetheless, the demand and use continually reached the capacity of these facilities, in particular, War Memorial Pool, straining Town resources to maintain and upgrade the pool.

The pool and pool house were constructed with the largest monetary gift to the Town as a veteran's memorial that would honor those who served in the World Wars. Local residents fundraised \$29,000 that was matched with Town funds to build the pool in 1955. At that time, the pool was state-of-the-art, including such amenities as an accessible lift to ensure that everyone could enjoy this gift to the Town. The purpose of constructing a pool as a veteran's memorial was to create a public space that local residents would want to visit and enjoy using—a novel approach at a time when many memorials included only plaques, statues and small sitting areas.

Community Use and Need

The Town's Leisure Service and Supplemental Education (LSSE) Department, which owns and manages the Town's parks and recreation lands, conducted a citizen and park-user survey during the update of the 2009 Open Space and Recreation Plan, and determined that swimming is by far one of the most popular recreational activities in Amherst. The public's enthusiasm and excitement for the pool remained strong through the decades—to point that in the years before its closure, there were approximately 100 children on the waiting list for summer swimming lessons at War Memorial Pool. Over its 50 years of operation nearly 11,000 children participated in swimming lessons, learning a valuable life-saving skill. The pool also offered programs that served thousands of seniors, families, adults, the disabled and other group lessons, especially local camps.

During its last full summer of operation, in 2008, War Memorial Pool offered a variety of programs to local residents, many of whom were low to moderate income (having family incomes that qualified them for the federal free or reduced lunch program):

- 247 out of 750 children who used the pool through LSSE's Adventure Day Camp and Early Adventures Camp.
- 58 out of 175 children who used the pool through LSSE's Outdoor Challenge Camp.
- 250 free swimming passes were distributed to the Amherst Public Elementary Schools and the Amherst Survival Center.
- 98 out of 294 children enrolled in swim lessons at War Memorial Pool.

Impact of Closing War Memorial Pool

The constant use and limited time for structural repairs eventually led to the closure of War Memorial Pool after the 2008 swimming season; the cost of capital improvements exacerbated tightening budgets and the annual maintenance needs of the aging facility. Currently, there is only one outdoor public pool open for eight weeks a year (Mill River Recreation Area), a shortened swimming season that does not accommodate the needs of the community. For instance, summer day camps at Community Field must now be bused once or twice per day, 15 minutes each way, to the Mill River pool. This creates numerous disadvantages, including added monetary and

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environmental costs of busing, wasted activity time, and impact on other pool activities. Water aerobic classes for adults have been eliminated. Seniors and handicapped adult swimmers have lost their quiet noon hour, and in-town residents no longer have a pool within walking distance. Ironically, closing War Memorial Pool has reduced revenue for the Town as fewer residents purchase memberships or register for summer camps. Approximately half as many households purchased pool memberships in FY 2011 as did in FY2009, indicating that most of the users of War Memorial pool did not purchase a membership for the Mill River Recreation Area.

Amherst is the only town in the region with outdoor public pools, such that residents of neighboring towns often use these facilities. Many residents live in Amherst because of its amenities and commitment to a healthy lifestyle. With the pool closed, children and families have lost one of the best local assets that offered life saving skills, recreational and social values, and a fun way to stay healthy. The LSSE Department and Commission, aware of the value of War Memorial pool to the community, recently approved a capital request to include funds to cover the cost of repairs to the pool. At the recent 2011 Annual Town Meeting, it was also voted that the Community Services budget be increased by approximately \$50,000 to help cover the operational costs of re-opening War Memorial pool. Town Meeting members voiced concerns that many of the residents who live in and around the downtown no longer have access to a public pool. It is very clear from Town Meeting and LSSE Commission meetings (See attached LSSE Meeting Minutes) that the community wants the re-opening of War Memorial pool to be one of the highest recreational priorities for the Town.

Rehabilitation Plans

The Town is currently making improvements to Community Field—renovation and expansion of the comfort station to make it fully accessible, and a barrier removal project funded by the state's Mini-entitlement CDBG program that includes two HP parking spaces and a new accessible pathway that serve War Memorial Pool. These efforts are the beginning of a rehabilitation of Community Field into a recreation destination that the Town intends to undertake with citizens and the LSSE Commission. Re-opening War Memorial Pool is integral to making this park a destination. The Friends of Amherst Recreation are also organizing a fundraising campaign to help with operational costs once the pool is re-opened.

Even though the pool was used by thousands of individuals, the carbon steel liner is structurally sound: an inspection in July, 2010, revealed minor deterioration. However, the annual maintenance and resurfacing the liner to open the pool every year takes almost seven weeks—precious time in the late spring when residents could be swimming. Through consultation with pool engineers, the LSSE Department determined the most feasible approach would be to utilize a pool liner that would reduce this preparation time and extend the life of the steel. The rehabilitation would also include new concrete decking to make the pool area accessible, fencing and lighting for safety, new drain lines and piping to fix significant water leaks and replacement of the filtration system and upgrades to the filter house to keep the water clean. These items are original to the pool and have never been seriously updated. New benches, lifeguard chairs, shade structures and water fountains are also included in this rehabilitation to honor the original bequest of making the space enjoyable for local residents.

In addition to the pool repairs, the existing pool house needs various upgrades to meet current building code and safety standards. Rehabilitation of the existing pool house is both cost effective and sustainable since the concrete block structure is sturdy and structurally sound. Having been built in 1955, however, it was not designed to meet today's demands and standards—the building is not equipped with a ventilation system to remove interior moisture, the exterior roof and gutters need replacement to keep water away from the structure, and the floors need a special treatment to withstand the heavy foot traffic, increase safety, and resist the moisture coming up through its slab foundation (See attached photographs).

The capital improvements to the pool and pool house is integral to the revitalization of Community Field, and helps the Town continue to honor its veteran's memorial as a place that can be enjoyed by the entire community.

GREEN COMMUNITY STATUS

Currently, the Town of Amherst is not a Green Community recognized by the EOEEA. However, the Town's leadership is committed to becoming a Green Community and is actively taking steps to complete an application for submittal during the fall 2011 grant round. The community recognizes the importance of working toward the State's sustainable development principles, and even without formal recognition, the Town functions as though it meets the five criteria used by EOEEA when awarding Green Community status:

1. Amherst provides as-of-right siting for the research and development of renewable energy,
2. Amherst provides expedited permitting for the research and development, and the generation of, renewable energy,
3. All municipally owned buildings and structures have completed an energy audit, which is accompanied by a Climate Action plan developed by the Town's Energy Task Force,
4. Town Meeting has voted to adopt a policy where only the most fuel efficient vehicles are purchased, and
5. Adoption of the stretch energy code at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting.

DEDICATED PARK LAND

Although Community Field is not formally dedicated parkland according to MGL Ch. 45 Sec. 3, the Town acquired the property in 1939 for the sole purpose of active recreation. The property is located within the Town Center adjacent to the Regional High School, and has been used by local residents and sports teams for decades. War Memorial Pool was dedicated to the Town's people in perpetuity to honor those who served in the armed forces, and with the current enthusiasm to re-open the pool, the Town looks forward to dedicating the property as parkland at the 2011 Fall Special Town Meeting.

OSRP/SCORP

Re-opening War Memorial Pool helps satisfy three of the eight overarching goals of the OSRP:

Goal 3. Provide and develop multi-use and multi-generational recreational opportunities that bring townspeople together.

Objectives:

- Develop recreational areas that integrate active and passive recreational opportunities available to all ages and abilities.
- Establish recreational opportunities near population centers such as existing neighborhoods and the Town Center.
- Maintain, renovate and adapt existing parks, facilities, fields and recreational areas to serve multiple purposes and to meet the changing recreational trends of the community, from lacrosse to soccer to swimming.
- Develop universal access programs to provide outdoor activities for those with disabilities and mobility impairment. (Pg. 78)

Goal 6. Develop partnerships with organizations to protect, manage and promote the town's natural attractions that are the basis for tourism and the cultural economy.

Objectives:

- Create new and improve existing outdoor recreational facilities including (1) non-consumptive passive – hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, bicycling, horseback riding, picnicking, pond swimming, birding, and nature study; (2) consumptive traditional– hunting and trapping in selected locations, fishing, and others; and (3) active – pool swimming, team sports, and other activities that require built facilities.

Goal 7: Increase land area available for active recreation in Amherst.

Objective:

- Reduce scheduling conflicts

By looking at the Action Plan Map (See attached OSRP Action Plan Map), it can be seen that improvements to existing facilities and the possible addition of recreational areas in the Town Center is a priority for Amherst and the Leisure Service and Supplemental Education (LSSE) Department. The LSSE Department has identified that swimming is one of the most popular recreational activities in Amherst (pp. 72-73), and also one of the most critical community needs to try and meet by expanding indoor and outdoor swimming facilities (pg 71). Other critical community needs include the maintenance of existing facilities and the revitalization of parks in higher density areas of Amherst such as the downtown (pg. 71). Maintaining and expanding swimming facilities is an important goal for Amherst because using a pool is a life-long activity that can be enjoyed individually, in groups and classes, with friends, and competitively with organized sports.

The OSRP notes that many residents are in support of a community recreation center that could accommodate a range of activities, from swimming to performing arts (pg 72). Citizens have indicated that a centrally located community center and park is important because of its proximity to public transportation, the schools, and it is walkable for many households. Rehabilitation of War Memorial Pool as part of a larger vision to revitalize Community Field would help satisfy the desire of many residents to have a centrally located recreational facility that is a destination; it is the first step in creating this recreation destination. Opening the pool would also provide the Town an opportunity to extend the summer swimming seasons and coordinate activities at the two summer pools (Pg 90).

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State Standards (SCORP)—2006

In the Connecticut River Valley Region, as described in Chapter 5 of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), swimming (52%), golfing (26%) and playground use (25%) are the most popular active organized recreational activities for people living in this region. Walking (44%) and picnicking (26%), popular passive recreation activities, are amenities that Amherst's Leisure Services and Supplemental Education (LSSE) Department can provide. The highest priorities for funding preferences reported in SCORP were:

- Maintaining existing facilities (98%);
- Restoring and improving outdoor recreational areas (92%);
- Improving access for people with disabilities (89%);
- Providing guides and interpretive information (84%); and
- Purchasing new outdoor recreational areas (79%).

SCORP shows that "the inferred need for new recreational areas in the Connecticut River Valley Region" includes establishing new parks and golf courses, new trails and greenways, and new bikeways. The highest priorities for funding identified in the SCORP and mentioned above mirror the conservation and recreation priorities for Amherst as well. The Town offers a tremendous amount of programming and activities, but the existing facilities need serious updating and renovations, conservation areas suffer from extreme overuse, and many areas need to improve access for those with disabilities.

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**PROJECT BUDGET
 FY2012 CONSTRUCTION**

Pool	Estimated Cost
Construction administration	\$ 20,000.00
Pool resurfacing and liner	\$ 35,000.00
New filtration equipment and system	\$ 42,500.00
Drain lines	\$ 25,000.00
Concrete decking	\$ 55,000.00
Perimeter fence	\$ 15,000.00
Security lighting	\$ 15,000.00
Repairs and improvements to existing filter house: ventilation, roof repairs, check valve on drain line, electrical upgrades as necessary	\$ 15,000.00
3 life guard chairs	\$ 12,600.00
4 pool ladders	\$ 5,000.00
10 benches	\$ 15,000.00
2 shade structures	\$ 8,500.00
2 water fountains	\$ 2,000.00
Water supply line to pool lift	\$ 500.00
Lane lines and reel-ADA Compliance; necessary for lap swimming	\$ 5,000.00
Trash cans	\$ 2,000.00
Sub-Total	\$ 273,100.00
Pool house	
Resurface floors	\$ 3,000.00
Ventilation system	\$ 15,000.00
Gutters/drainage	\$ 1,500.00
Furnace room upgrades--CO detection, chimney cleanout, flu extension	\$ 5,000.00
Sub-Total	\$ 24,500.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 297,600.00

FY 2012 PARC Request: 70% of Total Project Cost \$ 208,320.00

Local Match: 30% of Total Project Cost \$ 89,280.00

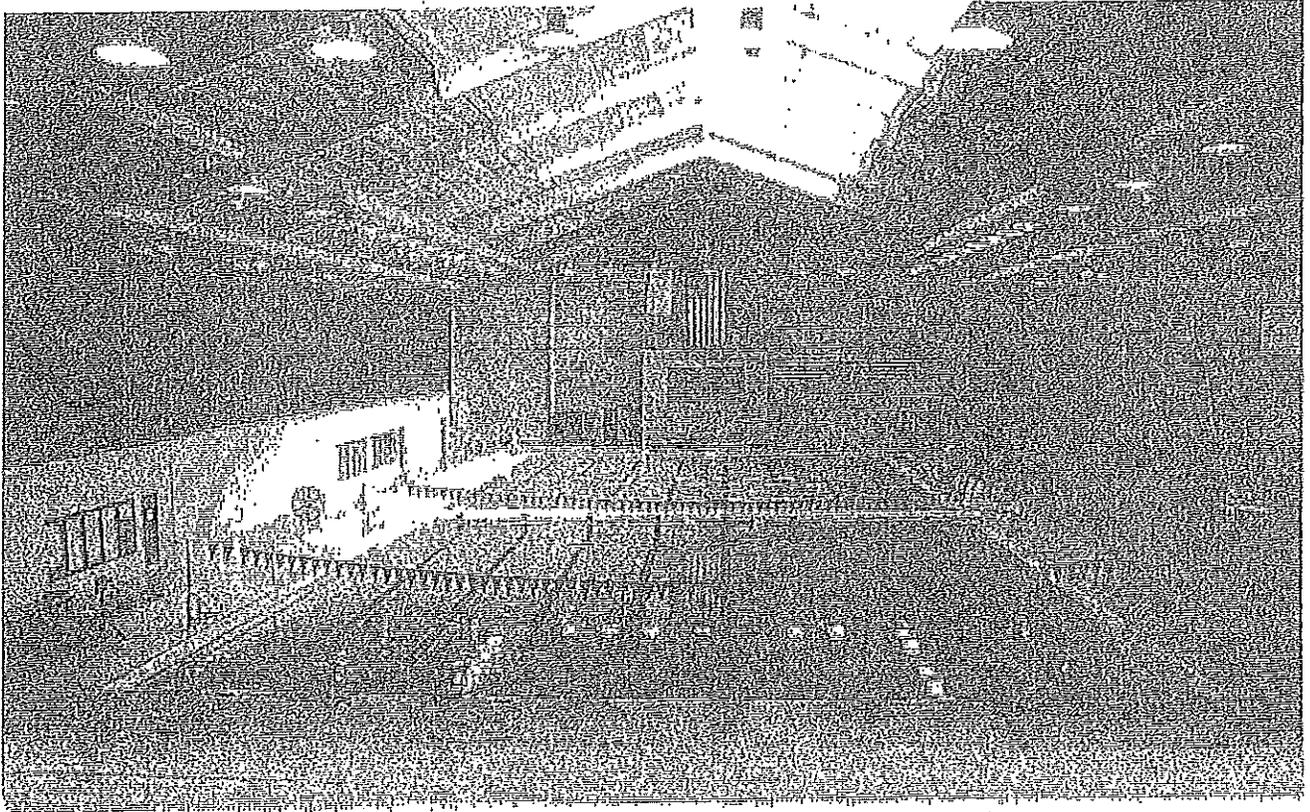
The local share will be funded in its entirety from the Town's General Funds:
 (\$50,000 has already been approved by 2011 Annual Spring Town Meeting for improvements to War Memorial Pool)

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**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ESTIMATES
November 2010**

<u>Company</u>	<u>Work</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
Liner		
Reno Sys Corp.	Steel Pool Liner and Resurfacing	\$33,965
Fence		
Hadley Fence Co.	Fencing and Poles	\$12,459
Filter		
Brock Enterprises	Removal and replacement of filters (including disposal, but excluding digital Chlorine monitor and dispenser)	\$36,500
Decking		
South Shore Gunitite	Decking Repair	\$53,718

**The remaining items shown in the budget were estimated based on catalogue specifications and consultation with Town staff—including the Director of Facilities, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, and the Director of Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Department—who have professional expertise with purchasing equipment and material, and with construction projects.



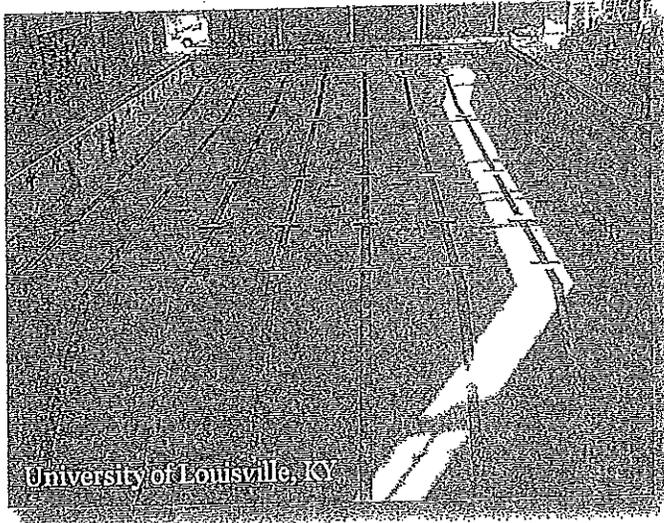
RenoSys PVC Pool Shell

RenoSys PVC Pool Shells are custom pool liners that offer the best solution for water containment. RenoSys PVC Pool Liner Shells are specifically formulated and designed to provide an effective water containment membrane for use in any public pool application. RenoSys commercial pool liners have been successfully employed in pools constructed of concrete, steel, fiberglass and aluminum. RenoSys offers special electrical isolation benefits for problem aluminum pools and other metallic pools. RenoSys commercial pool liner may also be used to line fountains, water features, or for site built potable water containment applications - virtually anywhere that water needs to be contained.

Durable, Flexible, Low Maintenance and Watertight

RenoSys is the ideal surface for the interior lining of new or existing commercial pool structures. Constructed on-site of a 60 mil reinforced membrane of specially formulated PVC, RenoSys is textured to provide a nonabrasive, slip resistance surface. The RenoSys Pool Shell liner is pore free for ease of cleaning.

Whatever your pool problems, RenoSys® has your solution.



NEW CONSTRUCTION

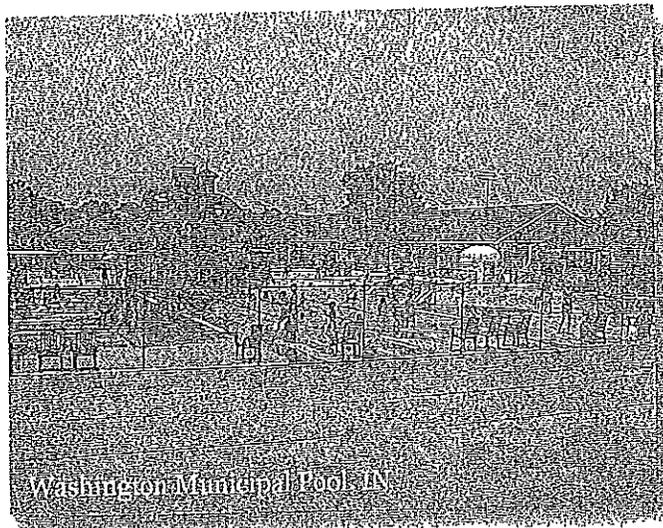
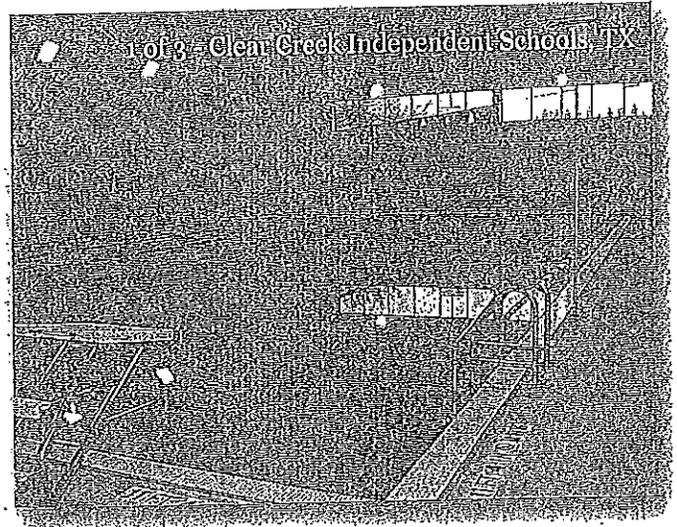
Stainless Steel and PVC Pools

If you are considering a new Aquatic Facility, a RenoSys FuturaPool is made in America and combines the durability of 50 year warranted Stainless Steel walls with a 25 year RenoSys Superior Interior™ PVC Membrane. You can cost effectively Build Your New Pool Right From the Start SM.

POOL RENOVATION

Recycle your old pool. SM

A RenoSys PVC Membrane combined with a new DuraTech S.S. or PVC Gutter allows the most cost effective reuse of your existing pool infrastructure imaginable. Your facility ends up with a pool that looks like new at a fraction of the cost of a conventional rebuild + a RenoSys pool significantly lowers your long term maintenance and operational costs.



AQUATIC CONVERSION

Turn your humdrum old pool into an Aquatic Fun Center!

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From: Mike Comstock <mikec@renosys.com>
Subject: War Memorial Pool
Date: August 12, 2010 2:58:24 PM EDT
To: bevstan@verizon.net
1 Attachment, 565 KB

Stan,

Below are some references for you to call or visit. I also attached the quote for your review. Please call me with any questions.

Camp Ramaquois
Pomona, NY
Contact: Phil Rainone
845-354-1600

Middletown Rec and Parks Dept.
Middletown, NY
Contact: Tom Elwood
845-346-4180

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- Cut out for all main drains, inlets, skimmers, and lights. All penetrations will be terminated with compression flanges.
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- Clean site suitable for pool filling and perform final inspection.
- Membrane and all welds shall carry a 15 year limited warranty.
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fasteners at compression fittings etc...)

Main Pool Total

\$ 33,865.00

Price is valid for 30 days.

Main pools 42'-0" x 75'-0" with depths from 3'-0" to 10'-0".

Quotation includes 6-8 hours of minor surface preparation.

No taxes (sales, use, local, county, state, B&O, privilege and/or other applicable taxes), bonds, permits, prevailing or Davis-Bacon wages, or additional fees are included in this proposal.

Sincerely,

Michael Comstock
RenoSys Corp.
8/12/10

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FROM: HADLET FENCE LLC@aol.com [mailto:HADLET FENCE LLC@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 3:27 PM
To: Bilz, Barbara
Subject: fence quote

Hi Barb,

Here are your quotes for the fencing at The War Memorial Swim Pool.

option one : Replace just fabric :

galvanized \$ 3737.00

black \$ 3914.00

option two : Replace entire fence :

all galvanized \$ 11,160.00

all black \$ 12,459.00

- * all materials are commercial grade
- * all labor is at prevailing wage rate
- * all quotes include removal and disposal
- * all posts are installed 36" in depth and with cement

Any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email.

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PROJECT QUOTATION

11/2/10

Cherry Hill Golf Club
Town of Amhurst
70 Boltwood walk
Amhurst, MA 01002

Attn. Barbara Biltz

Re, Filter replacement pricing on War Memorial Pool

Price includes the following:

Demolition:

- Removal and disposal of existing filter system (circulating pump to remain)

Supply and install the following:

- Qt 4 TR-140C filter tanks
- PVC 80 Manifold for individual backwashing
- PVC 80 pipe and fittings
- Isolation valves
- 6" fiberglass strainer basket with clear lid
- Certified filter media
- Pressure gage
- Unistrus pipe supports
- Zinc plated hardware

COST \$36,500.00

Barbara,

Thank you for the opportunity to price this work. We look forward to working with you on this project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Gregory R Macmillen

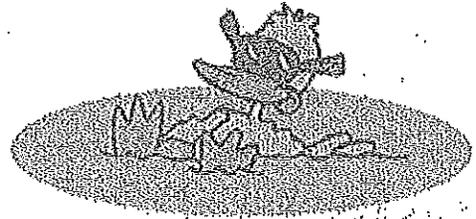
*FY 2012 PARC Grant Proposal
Rehabilitation of War Memorial Pool
Amherst, Massachusetts*

POOL FEES

Pool Admission/Membership Fees

Membership Dates

Full Year Valid one year from date of purchase
 Full Summer June 21 - August 29, 2008
 1st Half Summer June 21 - July 25, 2008
 2nd Half Summer July 25 - August 29, 2008
 Pool memberships may be purchased at the pool during operational hours and through the LSSE office.



Daily Admission

	Amherst Residents	Amherst-Pelham Regional School District Residents	Nonresidents
Adult	\$4	\$5	\$6
Youth /Senior	\$3	\$4	\$5

Pool Memberships June 21, 2008-August 29, 2008

Amherst Residents	Full Year	Full Summer	Half Summer
Family* (2+)	\$385	\$195	\$110
Adult	\$240	\$112	\$68
Senior (62+ yrs.) /Teen (13-18 yrs.)	\$177	\$94	\$58

Amherst-Pelham Regional School Residents	Full Year	Full Summer	Half Summer
Family* (2+)	\$365	\$205	\$125
Adult	\$250	\$124	\$78
Senior (62+ yrs.) /Teen (13-18 yrs.)	\$187	\$104	\$68

Nonresidents	Full Year	Full Summer	Half Summer
Family* (2+)	\$405	\$210	\$135
Adult	\$260	\$132	\$88
Senior (62+ yrs.) /Teen (13-18 yrs.)	\$197	\$114	\$78

Membership cards will be issued on your first visit to the pool.

*Family membership includes only those who live in your household.

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Private Swimming Lessons

Staff

For all ages. Thirty minute private swimming lessons for adults and children can be arranged by contacting the Pool Managers at the War Memorial pool (549-0597), or the Mill River pool (549-6875) on or after June 30.

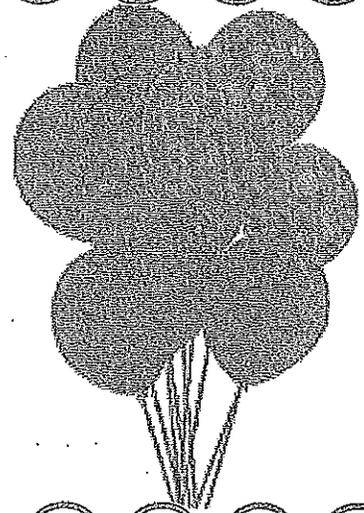
Private Lessons

Single session: \$35
 3 sessions: \$80

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Birthday Parties at the Pool!

Ages 6 and up. Treat your child to a Saturday or Sunday morning or evening birthday party at the pool. Parents need to supply favors, cake, etc. Pool staff will lead pool games. Contact the pool manager at Mill River (549-6875) or War Memorial (549-0597) pools on or after June 25 for more information or to make reservations. The fee is \$150 per hour for up to 20 kids.



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Pool Admission / Membership Fees

Daily Admission

Admission Type	Amherst Residents	Amherst - Pelham Regional School District Residents	Non-Resident
Adult	\$6	\$7	\$8
Youth / Senior	\$5	\$6	\$7

Membership Dates

Pool memberships may be purchased at the pool during operational hours or through the LSSE office and are good for the following dates:

Type of Membership	Valid Dates
Full Summer	June 25 - August 26, 2011
First Half Summer	June 25 - July 25, 2011
Second Half Summer	July 25 - August 26, 2011

Pool Membership Prices

Type	Full Summer	Half Summer
Amherst Residents		
Family* (Two+)	\$209	\$129
Adult	\$129	\$88
Seniors (62+)/ Teen (13-18)	\$109	\$75
Amherst-Pelham Regional School Residents		
Family* (Two+)	\$215	\$139
Adult	\$135	\$95
Seniors (62+)/ Teen (13-18)	\$119	\$88
Non-Residents		
Family* (Two+)	\$229	\$149
Adult	\$145	\$99
Seniors (62+)/ Teen (13-18)	\$125	\$89

*Family membership includes only those who live in your household.

Membership Cards

Membership cards will be issued on your first visit to the pool.

**LSSE COMMISSION MINUTES, MEETING NOTICES AND POOL USAGE DATA
(MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC AND ADVERTISED TO THE EJ POPULATIONS)**

Malloy, Nathaniel

From: Chalfant, Linda
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 5:22 PM
To: Malloy, Nathaniel
Subject: PARC Grant
Attachments: Minutes 9-8-09.docx; 12-8-09.docx; Minutes 5-20-2010.docx; Minutes 6-17-10.docx; Minutes 7-21-10.docx; Laurence Shaffer Memo.doc; OUTDOOR POOL USAGE COMPARISION 09 to 11.xlsx; Minutes 9-22-10.docx; Minutes 10-20-10.docx; Minutes 2-16-11.docx; Agenda 5-18-11.docx

Hi Nate,

Here are copies of LSSE Commission minutes that might be helpful for the justification that you wish to make about the Social Justice environment or perhaps useful in some other way.

Minutes Summary

9-8-09- Under Spray Pool Conceptual Work- the Commission votes unanimously to approve a study that would identify the cost of repairs to reopen the War Memorial Pool.

12-8-09-Future of WM Pool- the Commission discusses possible outcomes for the future of the WM Pool. P. Blier suggests writing a PARC grant to renovate the pool.

5-20-10- Committee to study future use of WM Pool is proposed by the LSSE Director.

6-17-10- The Commission takes a unanimous vote to request that a study committee to master plan Community Field inclusive of WM Pool.

7-21-10 The Commission discussed the importance of having a welder inspect the structural integrity of the pool surface.

7-28-10 L. Chalfant's report to Town Manager Shaffer regarding the WM Pool. Note last question about the policy position the Commission has taken - #4, to strongly support reopening the WM Pool.

Outdoor Pool Usage Data- Note data showing the number of waitlisted children for swimming lessons.

9-22-10 The Commission voted unanimously to request an estimate for WM Pool renovations and improvements.

10-20-10 The Commission reviewed copies of historical documents provided by the LSSE Chair regarding WM Pool. Also C. Mailer spoke on behalf of residents that advocated for aquatics program changes including the reopening of the WM Pool. The Commission voiced support for the advocacy of this group.

2-16-11- The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Capital Budget which included War Memorial Pool Renovation and Repairs.

5-18-11 The Commission voted unanimously to ask the Town Manager to use the \$65,250 funding approved by Town Meeting toward a rehabilitation plan that will get us to our goal of repairing the pool as soon as possible, though not in time for this swimming season.

Linda Chalfant
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"Leading the Way in Recreation and Lifelong Learning"

**Amherst Leisure Services Commission Meeting
December 8, 2009, 7:30 p.m. Middle School Library**

Present: Stan Ziomek, Chair, Peter Blier, Vice Chair, Alan Bonneau, Jim Patulak, Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director

Minutes: Linda Chalfant

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes for November 3rd were tabled.

250th Anniversary Committee: S. Ziomek reported that the culminating 250th event, the Gala was a sell-out. S. Ziomek noted that there would be a wrap-up 250th meeting that week. Given that there were considerable funds raised, the committee would discuss if the remainder of the funds might be used for some type of lasting gift to the Town.

Community Preservation Committee, CPAC: S. Ziomek stated that there had been no recent meetings but that proposals were due on December 17th.

Kendrick Park Committee: P. Blier reported that the University of Massachusetts Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning class was presenting their semester project on Wednesday. Their work is based on input from the Kendrick Park Committee report.

Puffers Pond Committee: J. Patulak reported that the Puffers Pond Committee had created a number of subcommittees to examine various issues. A final committee report is scheduled to be ready in April.

Dogs in the Parks: S. Ziomek led the discussion on potential solutions for the issue of unleashed dogs using the Mill River Recreation Area. Of particular concern is the practice of some inconsiderate pet owners who do not properly dispose of their pet's excrement. S. Ziomek suggested that a fine system might be needed in order to deal with these problems.

Capital Projects:

Curb Cuts at Mill River Recreation Area: L. Chalfant handed out a copy of the letter that the Commission sent to the Select Board office in November requesting a curb cut at the Mill River Recreation Area. L. Shaffer, Town Manager had also provided a supporting letter that was addressed to the Disability Access Advisory Committee about this same subject.

Handicap Access and Parking at Community Field: S. Ziomek reported that Architect Bill Gillen was drawing up a plan for Community Field to consider various field concerns and improvements. S. Ziomek explained that Bill Gillen is contributing his professional time at no cost and the plan will be brought before the Commission for review. There are also planning and discussion meetings underway to install a softball and baseball protective player's fence. The Commission will be consulted at future meetings prior to any decision to make fencing alterations to the field.

Future of War Memorial Pool: The Commission discussed possible outcomes for the future of War Memorial Pool. S. Ziomek remarked that the Commission should remember that the pool was built as a memorial to war veterans and this should be considered when determining its future. P. Blier questioned whether or not a PARC grant could be used to renovate the pool and perhaps to provide an

enclosure for it. S. Ziomek suggested that the Commission members should meet with the Town Manager about this issue.

Grant Activity

Community Preservation Committee, CPAC proposal: J. Patulak moved that the Commission put forward a grant proposal to CPAC to assist in the purchase of the Hawthorne property. A. Bonneau seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Community Development Block Grant: L. Chalfant updated the Commission on LSSE's current CDBG grant status and the need to write a future grant that would replace more Town fee subsidy funds in FY 11. The concern is that CDBG funds may not support programs such as youth sports programs and swimming lessons, which are many of the programs that are currently being offered to low income families with Town Fee Subsidy funds.

Rotary Club Grant: This \$25,000 grant was mentioned as one that could be available to the Department if an appealing project was put forward.

LSSE Budgets: The Department is struggling to reach many of its financial goals for this year and next year's FY 11 budget is even more challenging. Three large programs – Youth Basketball, Downhill Skiing and Community Theater will all be reviewed in January as these will be another clue as to whether or not the public is willing to support these programs with fee increases during our economic downturn.

New Business: L. Chalfant reported that an issue regarding LSSE's ability to serve low income families was mentioned at a November School Committee meeting.

Next Meetings: The LSSE Commission will meet next on Wed. Jan. 13th at 7:30 p.m. and Wed. Feb. 10th at 7:30 p.m.

Old Business: None

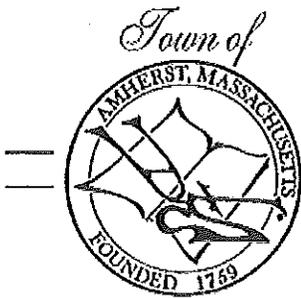
Adjournment: P. Blier moved that the meeting be adjourned. J. Patulak seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

MEETING NOTICE

LSSE Commission Meeting Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 7:30 p.m. Community Room, Police Station

AGENDA

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| 7:30 p.m. | Call to Order |
| 7:30 - 7:35 p.m. | Approval of the Minutes |
| 7:35- 8:10 p.m. | Planning and Review- Hawthorne Project |
| 8:10- 8:45 p.m. | War Memorial Pool |
| 8:45- 9:00 p.m. | Handicap Access Parking, Community Field |
| 9:00 – 9:15 p.m. | Community Field Restroom Update |
| 9:15– 9:30 p.m. | LSSE and Cherry Hill Reports |
| 9:30 p.m. | Adjournment |



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TO: Larry Shaffer, Town Manager
FROM: Linda Chalfant, Director, Amherst Leisure Services and Supplemental Education
SUBJECT: War Memorial Pool Report
DATE: July 28, 2010

In response to your May 4, 2010 request for an assessment of the War Memorial Pool I have prepared the following answers and data. An additional important piece of information will be available when Amherst Welding makes their pool surface assessment next week. Jeff Weeks, from Amherst Welding, has agreed to cut a number of holes into the steel pool surface to measure the level of wear. This assessment will occur the week of August 2nd when he returns from vacation and should provide a clear indication of the life expectancy of the pool surface.

I have attached a summary of the history and condition of the facility and equipment and I have made contact with two firms requesting further professional analysis which will be used to formulate a long term plan.

Questions and Answers

1. What activities need to be completed annually that will ensure the most flexibility to reopen the pool should funding become available to do so. What are the annual costs and the schedule that such activities need to occur?

A yearly maintenance timeline detailing tasks that cover the months of March through October is attached. Maintenance is provided by the Department of Public Works, Parks Department, with assistance by LSSE staff. The Town staffing estimate to perform this work is approximately \$10,000 for full time staff, \$5,000 for part time staff and \$15,000 for supplies. We have a 2009 quote for repairing the identified "skimmer line" leak from South Shore Gunitite Pool & Spa, Inc. The quote ranges from \$19,500 to \$44,765 depending on whether Town staff handles some of the repair or the repair is contracted completely by an outside vendor.

- 1a. What are the plans to properly "mothball" the facility and has that been completed?

Robert Pariseau, former Director of Water Resources and Assistant Superintendent of DPW, advised us to do the following: Empty the pool, blow out all pipe and leave the pump in the filter room. He believed that the pump would be safest exactly where it was and disturbing the equipment could lead to breakage or failure. The facility is also locked and the water and all utilities have been turned off.

2. What is the condition of the pump and filtration system? Is it obsolete?

The pump is approximately 6 years old and is in great condition. The filtration system is obsolete by today's standards; however, the system was working when the facility was last used in 2008. There is no way of knowing if the system would fail, without starting it up again.

3. What is the cost of a new pool in the same location and what is the benefit of completing in the same location?

The estimate for a new pool can vary greatly depending on the type, size and equipment used in the facility. Costs range from 2.5 to 4 million for a completely new swimming pool. An interesting web site on line may be worth reviewing. www.ci.veneta.or.us/pool.html. Veneta, Oregon is in the process of raising funds to build a community swimming pool and their website displays three different options. The benefits of completing in the same location include: no new costs for property purchase, utilities on site, centrally located and easy walking distance of clustered residential neighborhoods, three schools, affordable housing, housing for those with special needs and a bus route. Given its adjacency to three schools, it is also within walking distance for the Town's day camps. The site use is already established as a park and recreation area and has been memorialized. Given its longstanding tradition in the community, private fundraising may be more successful at this location than at another newly established area.

4. Has the LSSE commission taken a policy position different than last year when it formally supported the reopening of War Memorial Pool and not the creation of a spray park?

As of this date and to a member, the LSSE Commission strongly favors repairing and opening the current War Memorial Pool believing that this would be the right thing to do. They are interested in the results of the surface test that Jeff Weeks will perform and if the outcome is negative they may vote differently.

Amherst Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Commission Minutes
Wednesday, February 16, 2011, 7:30 p.m. Police Station Community Room

Present: Stan Ziomek, Chair, Peter Blier, Vice Chair, Alan Bonneau, Maryanna Whittemore, AB Winograd, Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director and from the Housing Partnership Fair Housing Committee- Nancy Gregg, Ellen Kosmer, Claude Tellier

Absent: Jim Patulak

Select Board Liaison: Alisa Brewer

Visitors: Carol Betsch, Robin Karson, Linda Faye, Randi Stein, Glen W. Hawthorne, Janice Doyama, Ellen Kosmer, Claude Tellier, Barbara Dudley, Celia Riahi, Jane Mildred, Norton Starr, Irene Starr

Call to Order: S. Ziomek called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes: AB Winograd moved and M. Whittemore seconded that the December 8th, 2010 meeting minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously. AB Winograd moved and A. Bonneau seconded that the December 15th, 2010 meeting minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Hawthorne Property: The Commission discussed dates for the next Hawthorne Meadows Joint Public Meeting. March 16th was considered and rejected as that date falls during the University's Spring Break. The Commission asked L. Chalfant to investigate reserving a room for a potential meeting on March 23rd. S. Ziomek opened the meeting for the public's questions. The questions are included with these minutes. Where possible answers were provided and for other questions more follow up or research is needed. N. Gregg suggested that visitors e-mail current and new questions to the LSSE Director.

Capital and Operating Budget Updates: L. Chalfant reviewed the meeting schedule for the Finance Committee and Joint Capital Planning Committee presentations. Handouts were supplied for the LSSE program Revolving Budgets including historical years beginning in FY 09 to FY 12 Proposed. Revenue and Expense Budget handouts and an LSSE Registration History handout was given. The Commission wishes to review the Town Manager's Proposed LSSE Budget at the next meeting.

Cherry Hill, Outdoor Pools and LSSE Capital Budget requests were reviewed. Commissioners suggested that parts or all of the Community Field fencing be considered for repair or replacement in a future Capital Budget and that DPW investigate the current fence condition. Commissioners questioned whether the use of boulders could replace a future Cherry Hill Security Fencing capital request. A. Bonneau moved and M. Whittemore seconded the War Memorial Pool Renovation and Repair, the Cherry Hill Fairway Mower and the Mold Abatement Capital Budget requests.

Old Landfill Property Agreement: S. Ziomek reviewed the original Old Landfill Property Agreement and described the conditions of the original capping grant. It was noted that when the landfill was closed it was capped with a \$500,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Environmental Quality Engineering Division of Solid Waste Management. The grant required the recording of a deed restriction which would limit the future uses of the landfill site to active or passive recreation. Under previous town administration that deed recording never occurred. The old landfill is comprised of more than 50 acres.

Solar Panel Projects: S. Ziomek updated the Commission on the current planned uses for the Old Landfill. The Town has put forward a Request for Proposals and has received interest from numerous companies proposing to place solar panels on the site in return for payment to the Town. AB Winograd moved and A. Bonneau seconded that the LSE Director draft a letter for the Town Manager and Select Board that would require the Town set aside a portion of the revenue from any agreements for future LSE recreational land purchases and development in order to mitigate this lost land opportunity. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report: L. Chalfant's report updated the Commission on the following topics including the Prime Time After School Program, Wednesday Clubs at Crocker Farm School, the Amherst Youth Basketball Program, the Wizard of Oz Performance, Winter Fest 2011, Swimming Lessons at Totman Pool, grant proposal submissions, the Community Field Restroom project, Kendrick Park project, a bicycle feasibility study proposal to the Community Preservation Committee, and a future Community Field Committee.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Amherst Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Commission Minutes
Thursday, May 20, 2010
Community Room, Amherst Police Station

Present: Stan Ziomek, Chair, Alan Bonneau, Jim Patulak, Maryanna Whitemore, Anna-Beth Winograd, Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director
Absent: Peter Blier, Vice Chair
Minutes: Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director

Approval of the Minutes: J. Patulak moved that the minutes of April 14, 2010 be approved. A. Bonneau seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

250th Anniversary Committee: S. Ziomek reported that the 250th Anniversary Committee had held a brief business meeting earlier that day and then adjourned to a social event at The Pub Restaurant in Amherst. A subcommittee was formed to determine the type and location of 250th Anniversary commemorative benches and would be making a report to the full committee.

Community Preservation Committee, CPAC: S. Ziomek reported that he had spoken to the Hawthorne Property article at Town Meeting and Town Meeting had voted to purchase the property. The LSSE commission members and director thanked S. Ziomek for his successful work in gaining CPAC and the Town Meeting's endorsement for the purchase.

Puffer's Pond Project 2020 Committee: J. Patulak reported that the Project 2020 Committee would be finishing its final report shortly and making its recommendation to the Conservation Commission.

Capital Projects

L. Chalfant provided brief status reports on each of the following capital projects.

Community Field Restrooms- Architect Bill Gillen, Town staff and LSSE Subcommittee members were meeting regularly to consider planning options for the project.

Mill River Roofing- This project was completed this spring and came in \$10,000 under budget.

Mill River Tennis Courts-Town Meeting voted to support \$50,000 in funding for renovated tennis courts. This project is scheduled for the fall.

Cherry Hill Well- Town Meeting voted to support \$15,000 in funding for a new well at the Cherry Hill Golf Course. This project is scheduled for the fall.

Hawthorne Property-Due diligence procedures will be done prior to the Town purchasing the property. A public process will occur to receive input on the type of recreational area to develop on the property.

War Memorial Pool and Town Manager's Request- L. Chalfant recommended that the Commission consider asking the Select board or Town Manager to form a LSSE Task Force to study the future use of the War Memorial Pool site. A process similar to the Puffer's Pond Project 2020 could be beneficial.

Teen Issues Update-A meeting was convened by L. Chalfant with stakeholders from the Amherst Boys and Girls Club, the Jones Library, the Amherst Senior Center and the Amherst Health Department. Information was shared regarding teen issues at various sites, options and remedies were discussed and ideas were exchanged for future collaboration.

Budget Update- L. Chalfant reported that despite strong attempts to meet this year's financial goals, it was likely that a deficit would occur. The difficult economy coupled with extremely high revenue generating goals were cited as reasons for the failed attempt.

Director's Report- L. Chalfant provided a handout and a summary report on staff and program highlights and capital and facility items.

Old Business-None

New Business- None

Adjournment- J. Patulak moved and A. Bonneau seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous.

Amherst Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Commission Minutes
Wednesday June 16, 2010
Community Room, Amherst Police Station

Present: Stan Ziomek, Chair, Peter Blier, Vice Chair, Alan Bonneau, Jim Patulak, Maryanna Whittemore, Anna-Beth Winograd, Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director
Minutes: Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director

Approval of the Minutes: A. Bonneau moved that the minutes of May 20, 2010 be approved. M. Whittemore seconded the motion. The vote was approved 5-0 with one member abstaining.

250th Anniversary Committee: S. Ziomek reported that a subcommittee is working on a plan to provide 250th Anniversary commemorative benches somewhere downtown, at Kendrick Park or at the Town Common.

Community Preservation Committee, CPAC: S. Ziomek reported that there were no meetings in the last month and no report to make.

Puffer's Pond Project 2020 Committee: J. Patulak reported that the Project 2020 Committee voted to approve a final report and has given the report to the Conservation Committee. The report will be on-line in the coming weeks. It is expected that the Conservation Commission will review it and then provide it to the Select Board.

Review of LSSE's Policies and Fees: S. Ziomek asked that LSSE policies be routinely voted by the LSSE Commission. A discussion followed regarding use of Town facilities. AB Winograd stated that signage at Town facilities could help clarify policies. For instance an "LSSE program in progress" sign for the Mill River Tennis Courts could clarify whether LSSE was providing lessons or another entity. Signs which include rules and signs which identify an area are all priorities.

Update on Parks and Recreation Area No Smoking Signs: L. Chalfant reported that the Health Director, Julie Federman, was planning to take the expense of "No Smoking" signs out of her budget. A request was made by AB Winograd to see a list of all of the parks and recreation areas inclusive of the schools that LSSE is currently using and which may be covered by the no smoking signage.

Discussion of Aquatics Report: AB Winograd moved that a request be made to the Select Board asking that: A study committee, in conjunction with the LSSE Commission, be established to create a Master Plan for Community Field inclusive of the area that comprises the War Memorial Pool. M. Whittemore seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Director's Report: L. Chalfant provided a handout and reported on the status of LSSE programs, staff, facilities and capital projects.

Old Business: None

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New Business: A plan to provide LSSE Commission member Identification Cards was discussed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 21st at 7:30 p.m. in the Police Community Room.

Adjournment: J. Patulak moved the meeting be adjourned. AB Winograd seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Amherst Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Commission Minutes

Wednesday, July 21, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

Community Room, Amherst Police Station

Present: Stan Ziomek, Chair, Peter Blier, Vice Chair, Alan Bonneau, Jim Patulak, Maryanna Whittemore, Anna-Beth Winograd, Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director

Minutes: Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director

Call to Order: At 7:33 p.m. S. Ziomek called the meeting to order. A handout about water parks was provided to all by S. Ziomek.

Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting Law: Sandra Burgess, Amherst's Town Clerk was welcomed and she then provided a review of the major changes to the Open Meeting Law. Specifics discussed relative to the law included; new posting regulations, e-mail deliberation, quorums, minutes, remote participation and how to register a complaint. S. Burgess also indicated that compliance with the Conflict of Interest Law meant that all Commission members would need to take the Conflict of Interest online training.

Approval of the Minutes: S. Ziomek asked that more detail be provided in the June 16th minutes about the discussion regarding the cricket play occurring at the North Amherst Field. J. Patulak moved that the minutes be accepted as amended and A. Bonneau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports: Community Preservation Committee, CPAC- S. Ziomek stated that there were no meetings during this period and therefore no report.

Puffers Pond Committee- J. Patulak reported that the committee appointments had run out and there were no further meetings to report on.

Discussion of Aquatics Report: Commission members discussed the importance of having a welder inspect the integrity and dimension of the War Memorial Pool surface and the need for this to be arranged. A. Bonneau indicated he wished to attend the inspection meeting. An inventory of the pool filtration equipment and current condition and date of purchase would be important to include in the continuing assessment of the War Memorial Pool. A draft of equipment status and answers to the Town Manager's questions was provided by the LSSE Director.

Overview of the FY 12 Budget Process: L. Chalfant gave an overview of the FY 12 Budget Process with a handout that explained the committee review process and included a timeline.

Director's Report: L. Chalfant offered a handout to all members of the Director's Report which included staff/program highlights including: Dave Grout's resignation as Arts and Education Coordinator, summer program registrations, Mill River Pool Programs, the Prime Time After School Program, July 4th special event, and the FY 10 End of Year Budget. The capital/facilities section of the report included information about Hawthorne Meadows, Cherry Hill Golf Course and Community Field Restrooms.

Old Business: Discussion topics included; Concerns about continuing cricket play at the North Amherst Field and the New England Lacrosse Tournament games at Groff Park. J. Patulak suggested that an LSSE Supervisor be hired whenever an outside group reserved a field for a tournament.

New Business: AB Winograd asked if members would support the idea of a focus group to push for more girls to participate in sports. A date of August 18 was set for the next meeting.

Adjournment: J. Patulak moved that the meeting be adjourned. A. Bonneau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Amherst Leisure Services commission Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Amherst Regional Middle School Library

Present: S. Ziomek, Chair, M. Bell, J. Patulak, A. Torres-Neto
Absent: P. Blier
Guest: Alyssa Brewer, Select Board Liaison

Call to Order: S. Ziomek called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Minutes: Approval of the minutes was tabled until the following meeting

Subcommittee Reports

250th Anniversary Committee- S. Ziomek announced that final preparations were being handled for the upcoming 250th Parade. A commemorative Gala is being planned for December. Sales of the 250th Benefit t-shirts – "Where Only the H is Silent" were reported to be strong.

Community Preservation Committee, CPAC- S. Ziomek reported that a CPAC meeting was scheduled for September 17th and an indication would be provided of available funds at that time.

Discussion of Priority of Field Usage- L. Chalfant explained the practice that was currently being used to set priorities for field usage and provided a handout that outlined the practice between LSSE, the Schools, and all other groups.

Discussion of Facility Charges- L. Chalfant described the practice of charging fees for facility usage and the justification for the charges.

Spray Pool-Conceptual Work - The Commission received several handouts about a possible future spray pool which the Town Manager had asked be distributed. The Town Manager has asked The Berkshire Design Group to create a schematic design and a cost estimate for an Amherst spray pool. J. Patulak moved that we study and identify the costs of repairs to reopen the War Memorial Pool. A. Torres-Neto seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Aquatics Program Review- This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Director's Report- L. Chalfant provided a report that updated the Commission on staff and program highlights including: grants, budget recaps, fall programs, future fundraisers, outreach and capital projects. Two months of reports were provided detailing activity at the Cherry Hill Golf Course.

Old Business- Curb cut at the Mill River Recreation Area was discussed. A. Brewer suggested that a letter from the Commission to the Select Board would be helpful. The letter should state why the Mill River Recreation Area is important and why the curb cut is necessary.

New Business- None

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Amherst Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Commission Minutes
Wednesday, September 22, 2010, 7:30 p.m. Cherry Hill Golf Course

Present: Stan Ziomek, Chair, Peter Blier, Vice Chair, Alan Bonneau, Jim Patulak, Maryanna Whittemore, AB Winograd, Alyssa Brewer, Select Board Liaison, Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director, Barbara Bilz, Assistant Director/Cherry Hill Manager, John Coelho, Golf Course Superintendent
Visitors: Members of the Friends of Cherry Hill Committee: Lawrence Michie, Alton Acker, Tina Acker, Sandy Anderson

Call to Order: S. Ziomek called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes from August 18, 2010 were reviewed. P. Blier moved and A. Bonneau seconded that the minutes be approved. The vote was unanimous.

Friends of Cherry Hill Committee: An informal discussion between all members occurred. The discussion topics included ideas for future course improvements, current capital projects, purpose of the committee, the benefits of Cherry Hill as an LSSE program, and the tournament schedule.

Cherry Hill Staff Reports: J. Coelho reported on current course conditions and course improvements. B. Bilz provided an explanation and a handout showing the Cherry Hill Revenue and Expenses over the past four years including funds turned back to the General Fund. An additional handout showing the 2010 budget detail was provided. Other reported items included course fees, advertised specials, security, and concessions operations.

Select Board Commission Charge: The Commission reviewed *The Town of Amherst Committee Charge* provided in a handout. A lengthier document was also reviewed which described the department history, the evolution of the department name and information replicated in the Committee Charge. This document is entitled *Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Department and Commission* and originates from a 1982 Annual Town Meeting Resolution.

Restroom Status: L. Chalfant provided the Bidding Schedule and a project update referring to 8/31/10 Design Review Board Memorandum to the Building Commissioner and the Planning Director.

War Memorial Discussion: A. Bonneau moved and M. Whittemore seconded that an estimate be developed for War Memorial Pool capital improvements. The vote was unanimous. Considerations for improvements will include a new filter, new decking, a surface liner and repairs to the skimmer line.

Director's Report: L. Chalfant provided a Director's Report handout which included the following topics: After School Programs, Middle School and High School Ultimate Programs, Fall Swimming Lessons Program, Community Theater Program, Community Field Restroom, Hawthorne Meadows, Mill River Tennis Courts, Cherry Hill Well Project and New Soccer Goals.

Continuing Business: None

New Business: L. Chalfant reported that the next Community Development Block Grant would be due on October 29th and she would be submitting a larger grant to accommodate afterschool access for children at all elementary schools.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

**Amherst Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Commission Minutes
Wednesday, October 20, 2010, 7:30 p.m. Police Community Room**

Present: Stan Ziomek, Chair, Peter Blier, Vice Chair, Alan Bonneau, Jim Patulak, AB Winograd, Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director
Absent: Maryanna Whittemore
Visitor: Carolyn Mailer

Call to Order: S. Ziomek called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes from September 22, 2010 were reviewed. J. Patulak moved and A. Bonneau seconded that the minutes be approved. The vote was unanimous.

Restrooms Community Field: L. Chalfant reported on the 10/15/10 Community Field Restroom Project Meeting and provided handouts from the meeting. These included: a diagram of the proposed East and South Elevations, Proposed Plan Scheme D-2 Revised, Project comments and notes from Bill Gillen on 10-15-10, Comfort Station Ziomek Field submittal options for hardware and signage.

The project will not include interweaving the existing block work into the new block work as there were concerns with disturbing the existing building walls. S. Ziomek stated that the area regrading provides an opportunity to replace the underground water line that travels to the War Memorial Swimming Pool. L. Chalfant advised that the underground water line from the building to the wading pool remain intact. Both concerns will be brought to the architect. The project will appear in the Central Register for advertisement on Wed. Oct. 27th and bids are due Friday November 12.

War Memorial Pool Report: S. Ziomek handed out copies of historical documents dated February 10, 1955 which began with the heading Trustees for the Town Swimming Pool. The documents included the Town Meeting article that raised and appropriated funds for the War Memorial Pool. Specifically the swimming pool project was identified as "worthwhile Memorial for those Amherst people who served our country in the World Wars." Also included was a financial statement and the program dedication for the pool opening on May 30, 1956.

L. Chalfant provided handout documents of pool estimates to date including project renovation estimates for pool filter, decking, skimmer repair and liner. More detailed estimates will be provided at the next meeting including the cost for a new fence.

Carolyn Mailer, spoke to the Commission on behalf of a group of residents that are advocating for aquatics program changes. A draft letter was circulated expressing an interest in the reopening of the War Memorial Pool, a longer season for the summer pools and the renewed use of the Middle School Pool. The Commission voiced support for this advocacy

and discussed the pros and cons of raising concerns about the Middle School Pool at this time.

Open Meeting Law Review: L. Chalfant provided two handouts on the Open Meeting Law. They were: Top Ten Changes to Watch for in the New Open Meeting Law and another entitled New Open Meeting Law Comes into effect on July 1, 2010 General Laws Chapter 30A, Sections 18-25. Commissioners were cautioned about obeying all guidelines in order to be in compliance with the new law.

Capital and Operating Budgets: L. Chalfant reported that the Town Manager and Finance Committee would be providing budget guidelines after the November 2nd election. The capital budget will be due at the same time that the operating budgets are due. A special Commission meeting may be needed to review the LSSE budgets prior to sending them to the Town Manager.

North Amherst Field Gardens and Clean Up: S. Ziomek raised concerns about the new lumber that was accumulating at the North Amherst Field and asked that this be investigated.

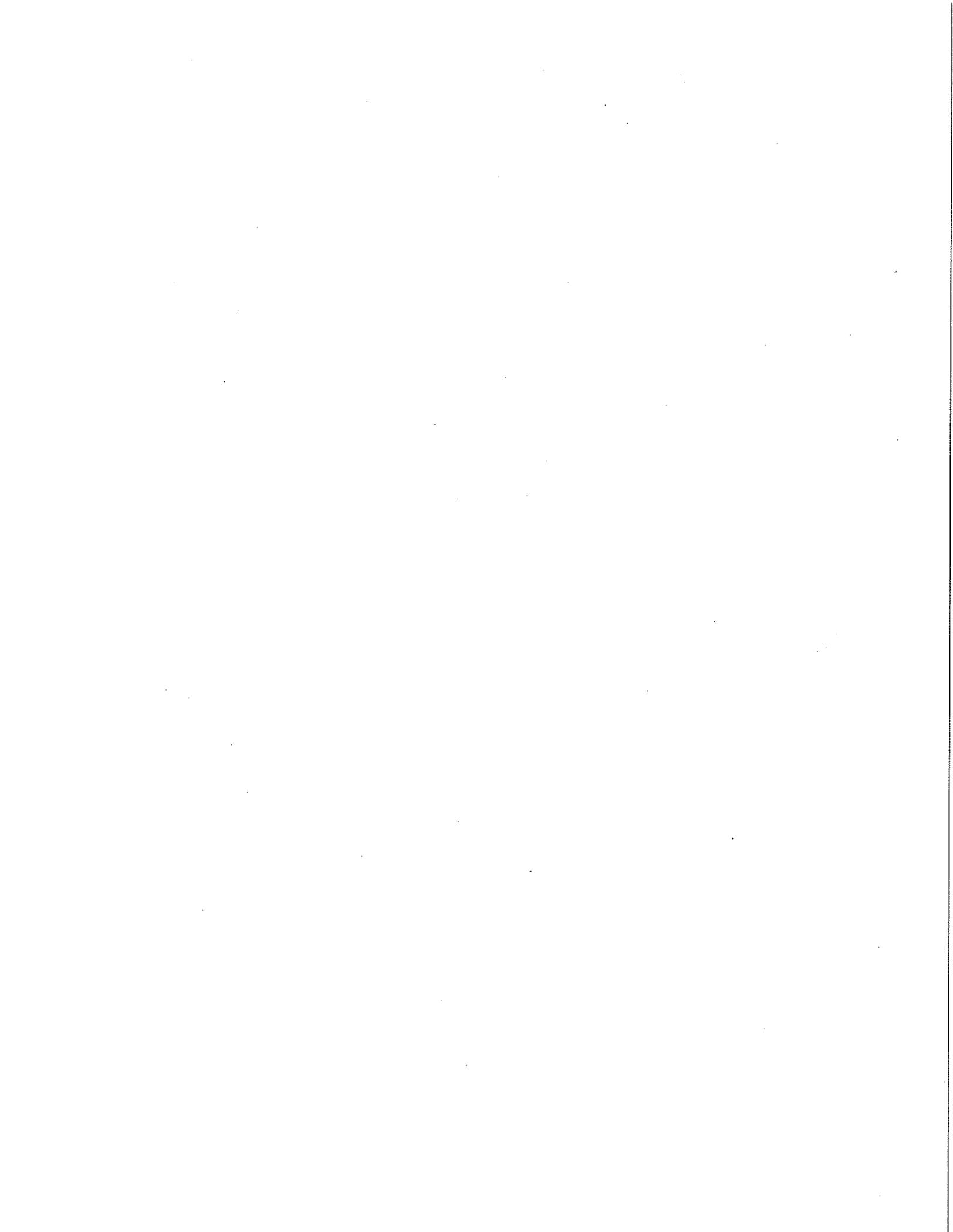
Director's Report: A Cherry Hill Golf Course report was provided for October 2010 and an October 2010 LSSE Director's Report was available at the meeting. Under the Capital/Facilities section the LSSE Director's Report stated that a public meeting and property walk through would be occurring on Saturday, November 6th at 9:00 a.m. at the Hawthorne property site. All Commissioners are asked to attend. A Community Development Block Grant is also being written to provide access to all income eligible children in the elementary schools. The grant presentation is Monday, November 1st at 5:00 and all Commissioners are invited to attend.

Continuing Business: Drainage is a concern behind the home bench area at the baseball field at Community Field. A. Bonneau agreed to investigate drainage options.

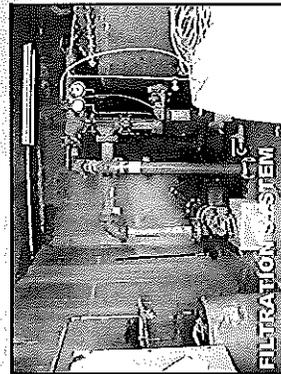
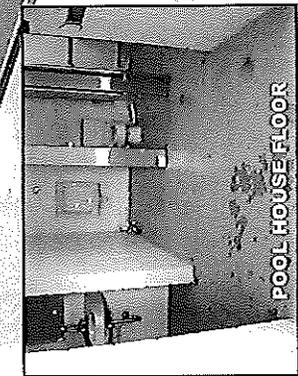
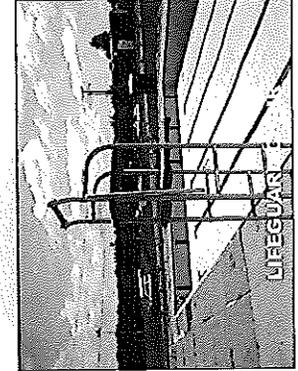
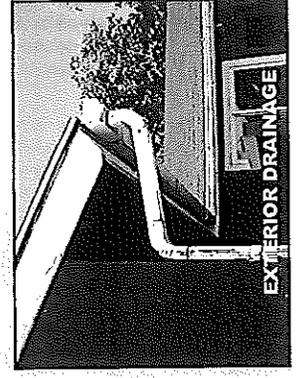
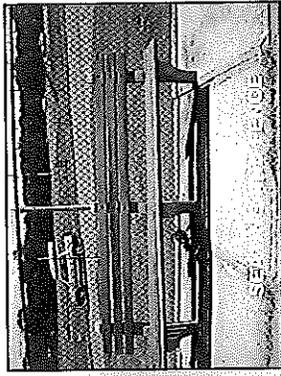
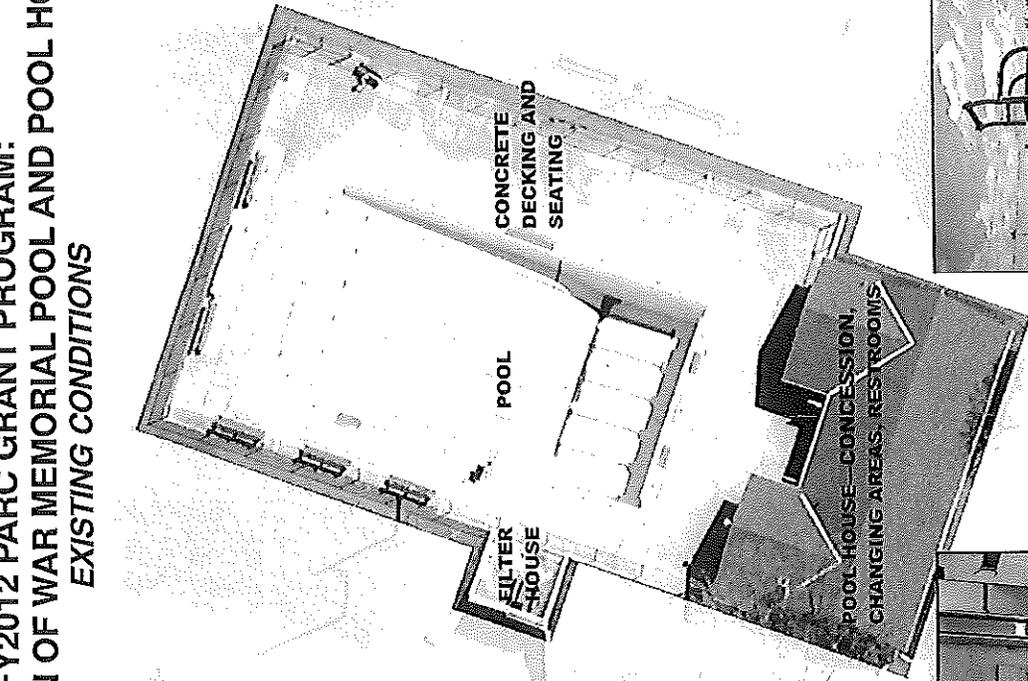
Adjournment: J. Patulak moved that the meeting be adjourned. A. Bonneau seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

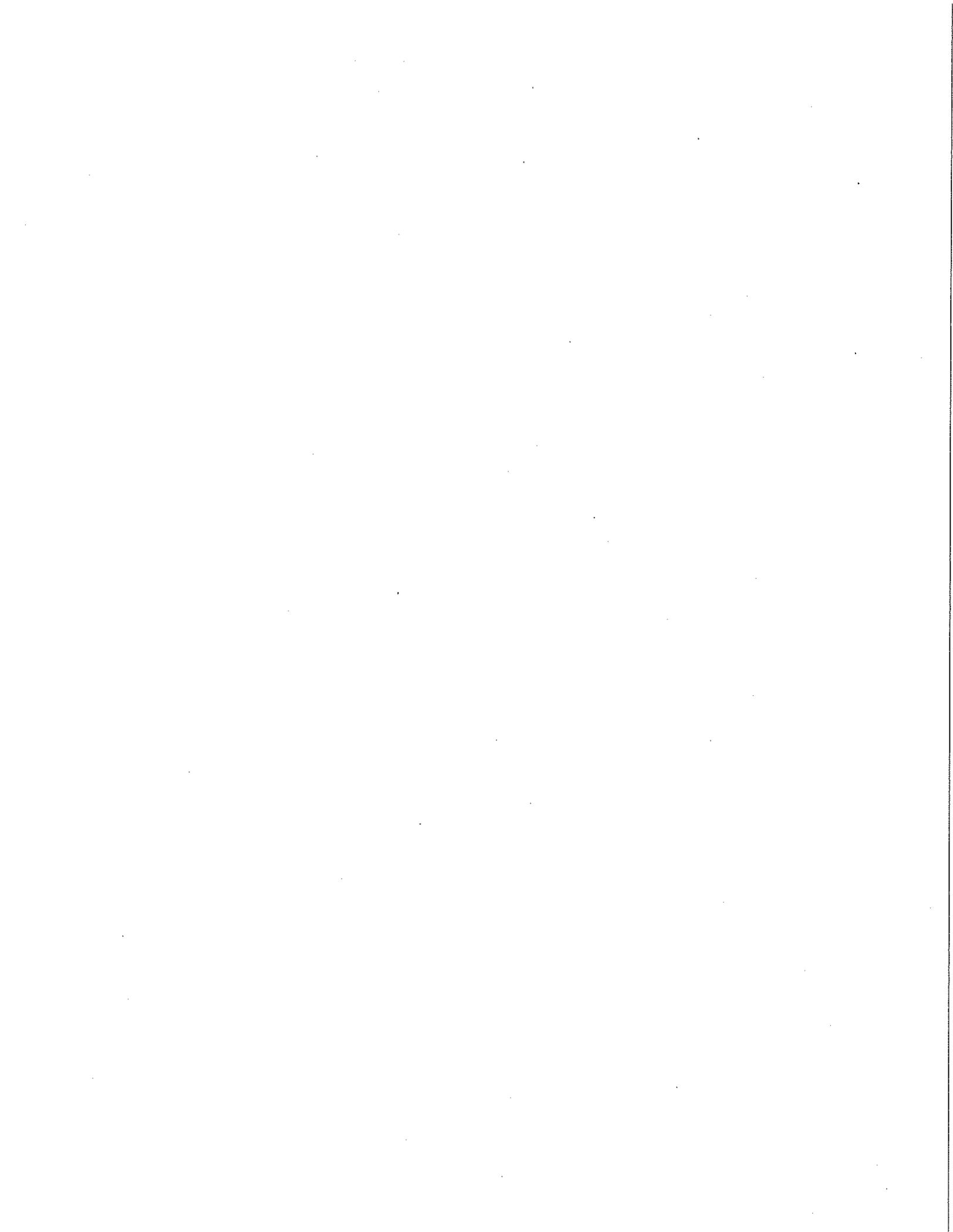
LSSE OUTDOOR POOL USAGE COMPARISON FY09 - FY11

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>	<u>FY11 (To Date)</u>
SEASON DATES	JUNE 23-AUG 24, 2007	JUNE 21-AUG 29, 2008	JUNE 27-AUG 23, 2009	JUNE 26-AUG 22, 2010
MEMBERSHIPS	118	122	59	n/a
	365 Household Members	515 Household Members	181 Household Members	304 Household Members
PUBLIC GROUP SWIM LESSONS	449	510	302	310
	42 Wait Listed	Mill = 269	26 Wait Listed	91 Wait Listed
	Lessons at Mill Only - War Opened Late	War = 241	Mill Open Only	Mill Open Only
PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS	0	34	6	0
LSSE CAMP SWIM LESSONS	516	479	457	479
ATTENDANCE (includes LSSE and all other camps)	5,265	7,403	5,715	5,736
	Mill = 3662	Mill = 2,641		
	War = 1603	War = 4,762		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$57,292.00	\$47,979.27	\$48,536.55	\$26,644 as of 9/22/08
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$151,472.00	\$169,887.00	\$88,264.87	\$69,709.57 as of 9/22/08
OTHER HISTORICAL DATA				
Membership Sold by Individuals and Families				
FY07		155		
FY08		118		
FY09		122		
FY10		59		
FY11		n/a		
ACTUALS FY07-11		EXPENSE	REVENUE	
FY07		\$187,243.00	\$76,320.00	
FY08		\$151,472.00	\$57,292.00	
FY09		\$169,887.00	\$47,979.00	
FY10		\$88,264.87	\$48,536.00	
FY11		\$69,709.57	\$26,644.00 (to date)	



**FY2012 PARC GRANT PROGRAM:
REHABILITATION OF WAR MEMORIAL POOL AND POOL HOUSE—
EXISTING CONDITIONS**





**FY2012 PARC Grant:
Rehabilitation of
War Memorial Pool**

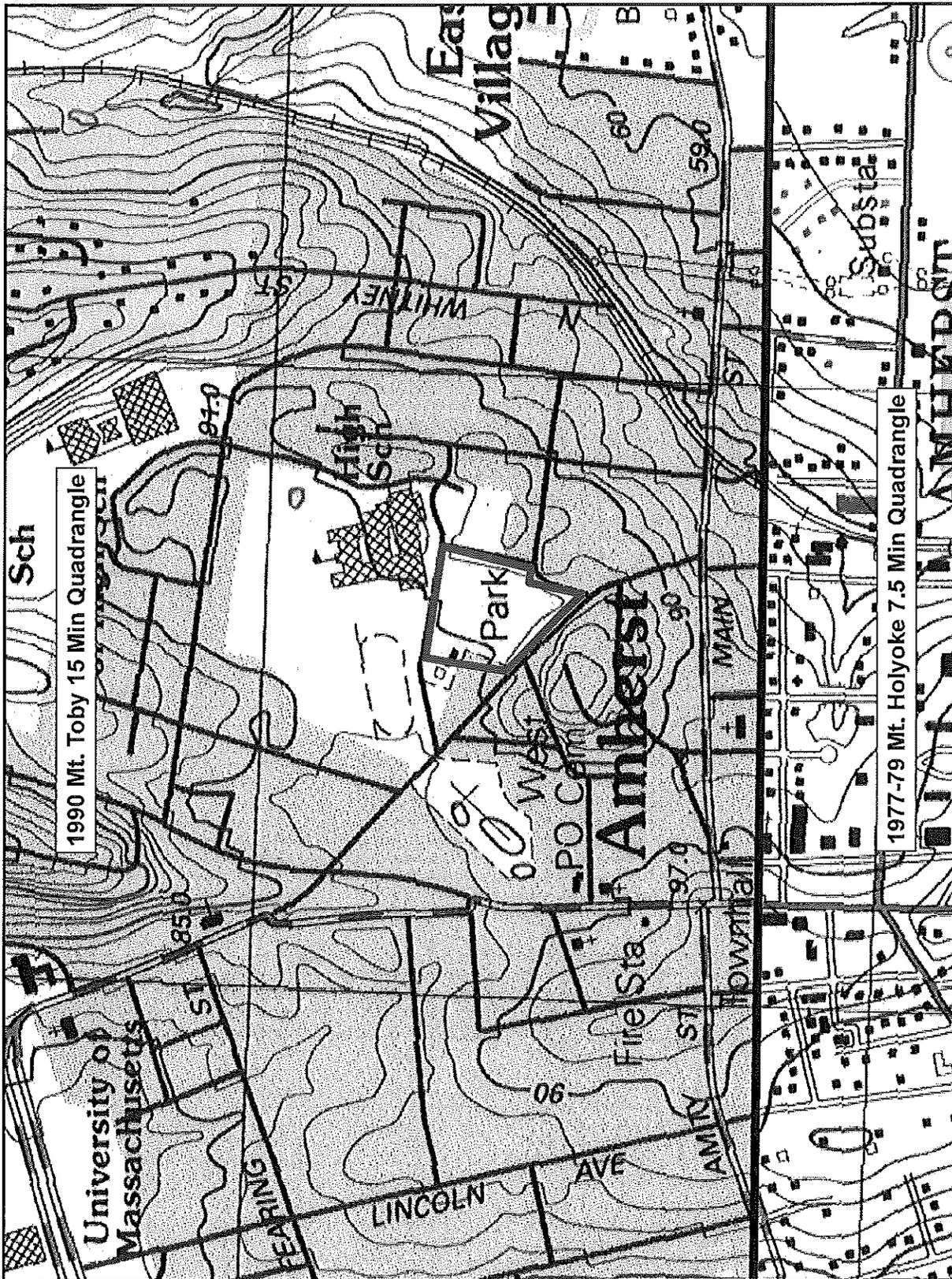
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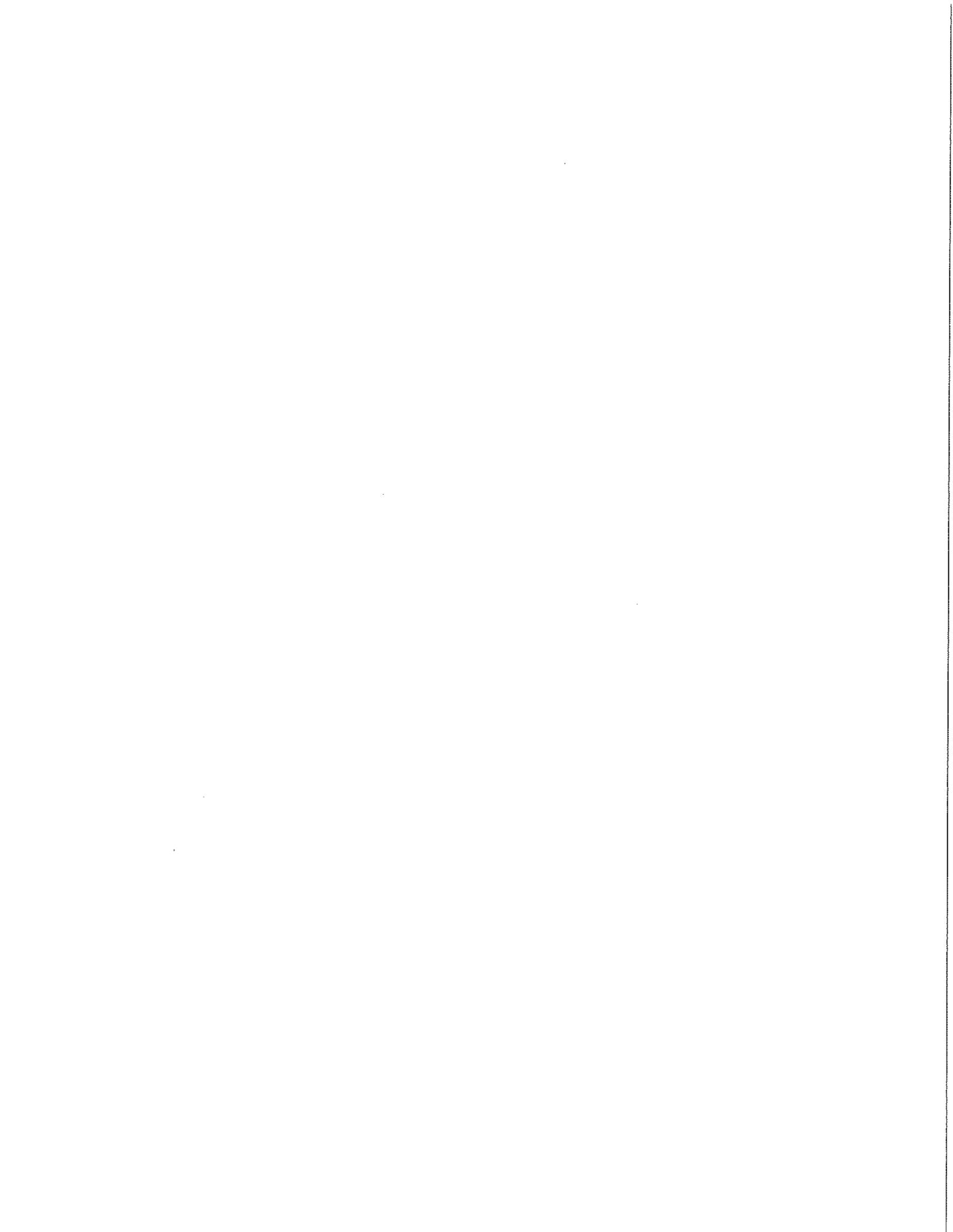
- Project Area**
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1 inch = 500 feet



FY2012 PARC Grant Rehabilitation of War Memorial Pool



Environmental Justice Populations

Massachusetts Environmental Justice Criteria
 Environmental Justice (EJ) populations are determined by identifying all Census 2000 block groups that meet any of the following criteria:
 Income—Households earn 65% or less of statewide median household income
 Minority Population—25% or more of residents belong to a minority group
 Foreign-born—25% or more residents are foreign-born
 English Proficiency—25% or more of residents lack English language proficiency

Project Area

 War Memorial Pool

15-Minute Walk

 3/4 Mile Distance

Populations Meeting Three EJ Criteria

 Income, Minority Population, and Foreign-born

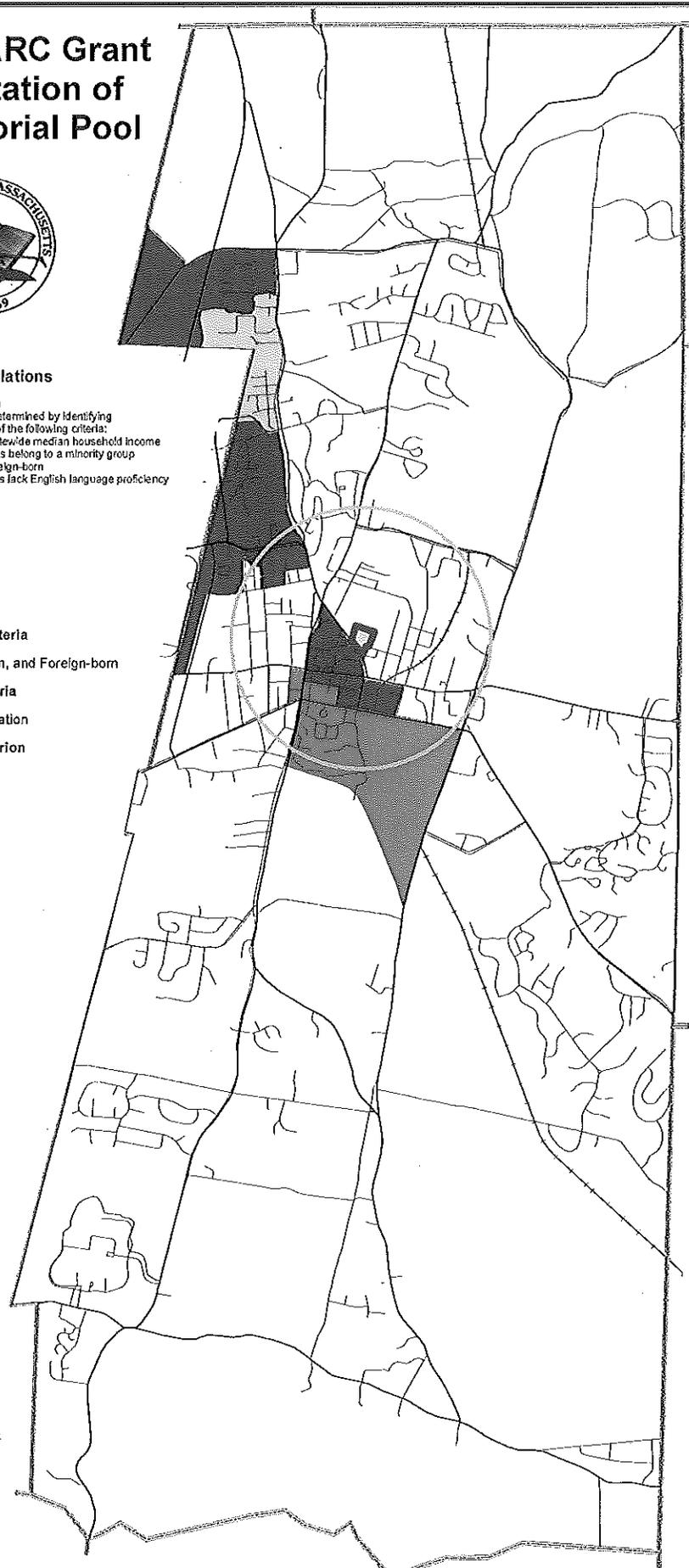
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 Income and Minority Population

Populations Meeting One EJ Criterion

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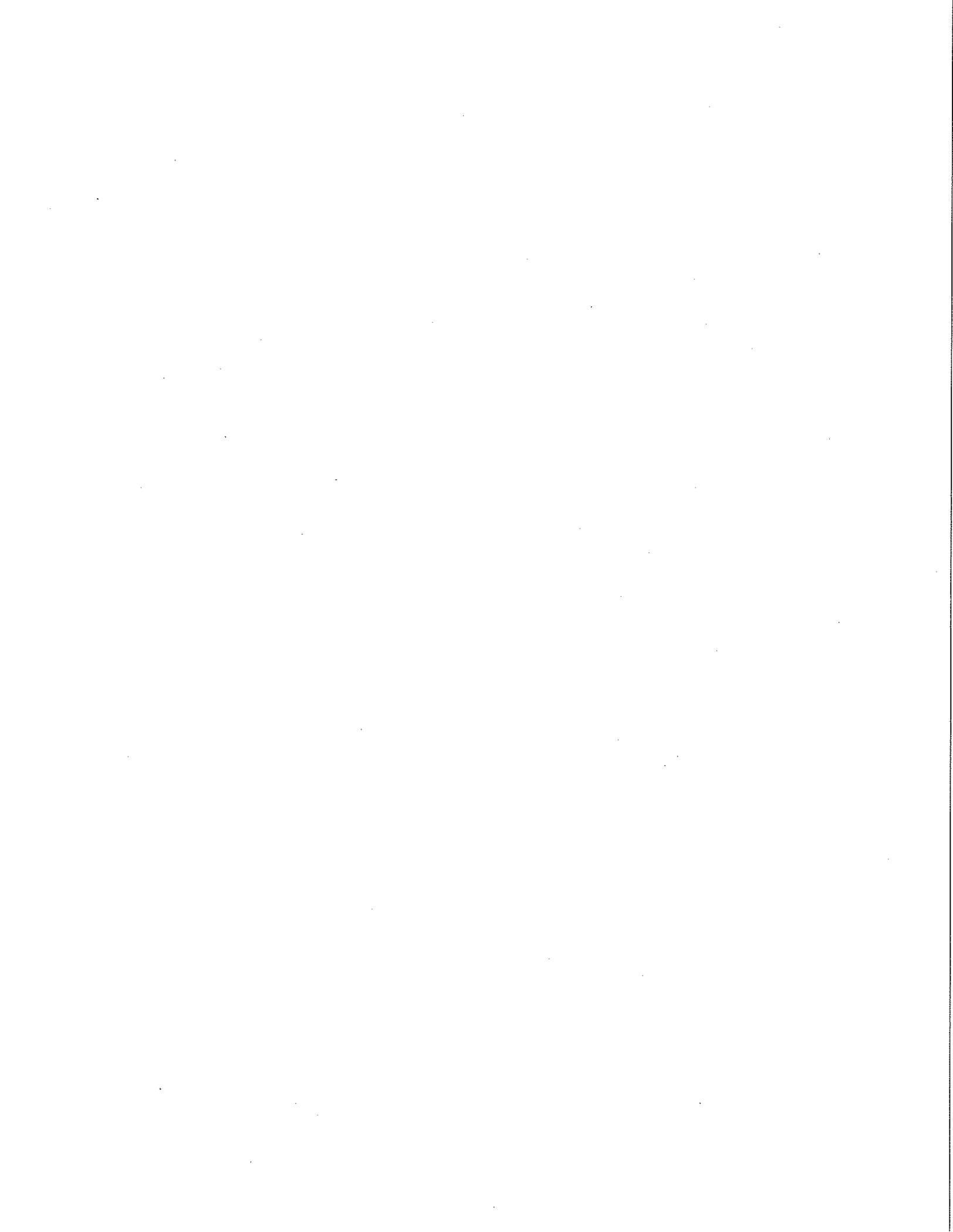
 Income



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1 inch = 3,000 feet



FY2012 PARC Grant Rehabilitation of War Memorial Pool



Low and Moderate Income 2000 Census Block Groups

The low and moderate income Census block groups indicate areas where 51% or more of the population earns less than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) as determined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Springfield, Massachusetts Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

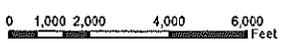
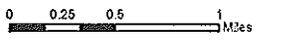
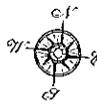
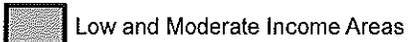
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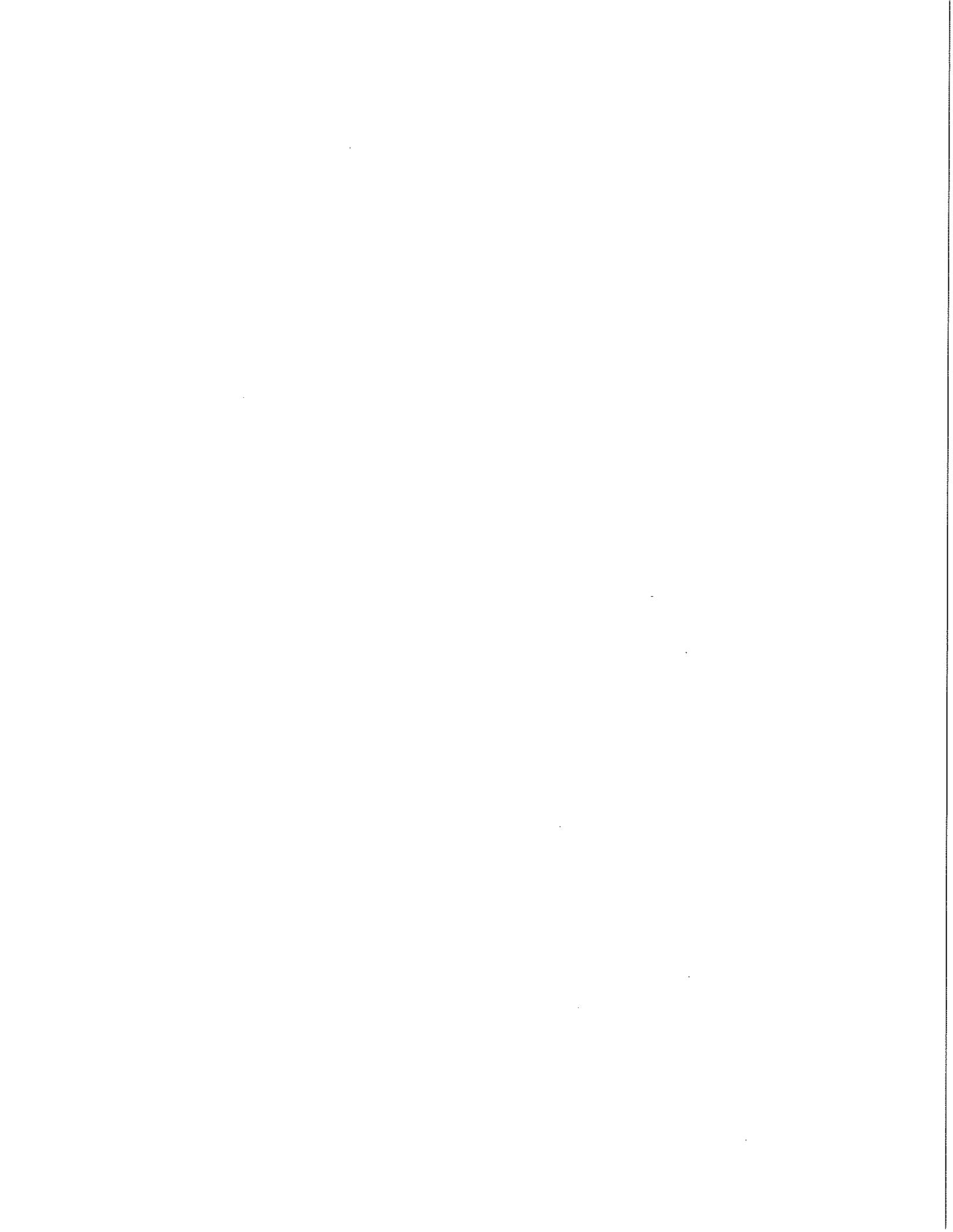
15-Minute Walk



2000 Census Block Groups



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Required Map 8 Seven-Year Action Plan



Conservation & Recreation Priorities

- Recreation Focus Areas
- Unique & Scenic Landscapes**
- AC Wildlife Sanctuary & Grasslands
- Bay Road - view north
- Hampshire College Farmland
- Lawrence Swamp
- Mt. Holyoke Range
- N. Amherst Agricultural Block
- NE St - Farmland & Viewshed
- Puffer's Pond to Leverett Wildlife Corridor
- SE Street - Farmland & Viewshed
- Possible Forest Reserve
- Riparian Corridors
- Protected Lands**
- Permanently Protected
- Partially Protected

Land protection and land use status is current through July, 2008.

