

Appendix E: Park Specific Improvement Recommendations

Although the Town of Amherst Park system has great facilities and is well maintained, there are multiple recommendations to further improve the system. Below is a summary of recommendations for each park facility. Recommendations which are currently included in the Town Action Plan and items currently programmed in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) are noted below.

Amherst State Park

- Planning: Park to be developed in accordance with the Amherst State Park Master Plan (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Site Structures: Restore retaining wall. Restore staircase (\$170,000 in funds allocated for 2018 restoration – bid documents ready for winter/spring bid).
- Boardwalk/Trails: Improve pathways to provide ADA access. Complete stone dust trail through orchard. Construct boardwalk and stone dust trail on east side of Ellicott Creek between Ellicott Creek Bridge and Glen Avenue/Glen Park (\$575,000 proposed in 2019 CIP for construction).
- Drainage: Correct drainage to prevent water from ponding on pavers; maintain storm drains. Daylight the storm sewer located adjacent to concrete walkway at bottom of stairs – create natural water course utilizing grading and native riparian plantings.
- Lighting: Remove existing lights over wall. Design and install new lighting to illuminate names on memorial wall.
- Parking Lot: Update ADA pavement markings/signage to meet NYS standards.
- Signage: Relocate sign/separate signs to direct visitors and increase visibility; provide new sign that is consistent with NYSOPRHP sign standards.
- Site Furnishings: Replace aging benches and picnic tables with accessible, matching models. Relocate and replace bike rack to improve access.
- Site Maintenance: Mow orchard area annually after September 1st. Mow meadow area on west side of creek every two or three years after September 1st. Grass paths can be mowed regularly during the year. Regular mowing along the edges of stone dust trails is encouraged.
- Structure Maintenance: Remove graffiti from bridge railings as necessary.
- Trash: Secure trash cans. Provide recycling receptacle. Provide DogiPot at trail entrance.
- Trees/Landscape: Weed, replenish, and maintain garden areas. Prune existing trees for safety and maintenance purposes; remove dead trees and restore orchard with new fruit and nut trees as appropriate.
- Impacts to Baseball Field at Sheridan Drive Youth Center. Repair pavilion roof. Provide accessible bleachers. Maintain turf at practice field.

Amherst Veterans Canal Park

- Accessibility: Improve ADA access at northeast overlook. Improve ADA access to grills. Provide railing at boat ramp.
- Lighting: Repair/replace bollard lights.
- Parking Lot/Entrance Drive: Replace curb stops. Update ADA pavement markings/signage to meet NYS standards. Install crossing signage/pavement markings where bike path crosses entrance roadway to protect bikers.
- Signage: Install entrance sign visible from road; new sign should be consistent with new Town-wide park sign design. Consider renaming park “Amherst Canal Park.”
- Site Furnishings: Replace aging picnic tables and benches with accessible, matching models. Replace aging grills. Consider removing bollards if not serving a purpose. Install bike rack for bike path users to increase utilization of park. Replace flag pole.
- Site Maintenance: Weed asphalt paths.
- Site Structures: Paint pavilion. Paint railings at floating dock.
- Trash: Secure trash cans. Provide recycling bins.
- Trees/Landscape: Restore ground cover plantings under Birch Trees. Restore ornamental grass plantings in islands formed by bike path.

Audubon Recreation Complex

- Lighting: Install light standards on one or more of the existing softball diamonds (only one field has lights – currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Accessibility: Provide accessible route to soccer field.
- Baseball/Softball Fields: Replace/repair fence at batting cage. Improve turf. Improve accessibility at Softball Field 2. Improve infield at pitching cage. Construct warning tracks at softball fields.
- Courts: Install a basketball/multipurpose court.
- Parking Lot/Access Road: Update ADA pavement markings/signage to meet NYS standards. Repave access road. Provide ADA signage at rear parking area.
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible picnic tables. Repaint bleachers and provide accessible bleachers. Replace aging benches with matching, accessible benches. Relocate bike rack to improve access and visibility.
- Site Structures: Replace roof on pavilion. Replace concrete floor at pavilion. Repair downspout at bathroom near softball fields. Repair water fountain.
- Trash: Secure trash & recycling bins.

Amherst Center for Senior Services

- Courts: Develop bocce courts to expand outdoor recreation opportunities (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Garden: Develop community garden/seating & outdoor space in conjunction with library.
- Parking Lot: Repair/replace curbs.
- Site Furnishings: Replace bike rack with improved design; relocate to improve access & visibility. Provide accessible picnic tables. Repair/replace site furnishings at pavilion area behind building.
- Trails: Provide pedestrian connection to Walton Woods Park.

Bassett Park

- **Planning:** Implement all elements of the park-specific master plan (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- **Accessibility:** Implement Town approved plans for ADA accessible parking and paths to amphitheater audience area, paths around pond, and to the bathrooms. Improve overall accessibility along existing paths.
- **Courts:** Renovate existing bocce court and add second court per Town Action Plans.
- **Parking Lot:** Update ADA pavement markings/signage to meet NYS standards at playground parking lot.
- **Playground:** Provide accessible surfacing at playground.
- **Pond:** Reconfigure pond, planting with natives, coir logs, and limestone boulders for shoreline stabilization (implement approved plans).
- **Site Furnishings:** Provide bike rack. Replace aging benches and tables with accessible, matching benches. Secure trash bins. Provide recycling containers.
- **Site Structures:** Repair leaking water fountains. Repair wooden fencing where needed.
- **Signage:** Provide new main park sign and new Kiwanis Playground Park Sign – design to be consistent with new Town-wide park identification design standards.
- **Trails:** Install trail markers. Replace existing path with stone dust or asphalt. Expand trail system throughout park. Construct accessible stone-dust trail through woodlands.

Briarhurst Park

- **Baseball/Softball Field:** Provide ADA access to baseball practice field. Paint backstop fence. Repair backstop fence at softball field. Paint softball field fence. Remove the practice diamond backstop (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- **Accessibility:** Install detectable warning at curb ramp.
- **Courts:** Paint the basketball nets and backboards (currently included in Town Action Plan). Repaint backboard at basketball court.
- **Soccer Field:** Shift the soccer field to the north (currently included in Action Plan). Repair soccer standards netting (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- **Lighting:** Consider limited park lighting.
- **Playground:** Provide accessible surfacing at swing set. Provide accessible route and surfacing at playground.
- **Restrooms:** Maintain portable toilet.
- **Signage:** Provide new sign consistent with new Town-wide park identification design standards.
- **Site Furnishings:** Repaint bleachers. Provide accessible bleachers, picnic tables, and benches. Secure trash containers and provide recycling containers.
- **Site Structures:** Repair or replace existing pavilion. Repair/replace water fountain.
- **Trees:** Plant trees for shade in select locations.

Billy Wilson Park

- Planning: Examine possibility of developing a nature center (currently included in Town Action Plan). Evaluate two-acre area near cell tower as a possible location for an off-leash dog run (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Invasive Species: Develop Invasive Plant Species Management Plan for Park and Conservation Area.
- Accessibility: Provide ADA accessible walk at restrooms. Provide accessible paths to grills.
- Maintenance: Consider no-mow/wildflower areas in expanses of rolling lawn.
- Parking Lot: Update ADA pavement markings/signage to meet NYS standards.
- Signage: Provide new sign on stone/concrete base and flagpole per Town approved concept plan (\$15,000 estimated cost).
- Playground: Implement second phase of new playground (\$123,000 proposed in CIP for 2018-2019).
- Fit Trail: Consider development of a fit trail.
- Trails: Renovate and widen existing path where needed to meet ADA standards. Expand path system to connect park to stub streets on north and west sides of park (\$390,000 proposed for trail improvements in the CIP for 2020).
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible benches and picnic tables. Secure trash cans and provide recycling receptacles. Repair grills or replace. Provide DogiPot and Dogi drinking fountain.
- Site Structures: Repair roof on pavilion. Provide new ADA accessible water fountain near playground.
- Access Road: Reset permeable pavers to correct uneven walking surface.

Campus Drive Recreation Area

- Planning: Undertake park-specific master plan (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Parking Lot: Delineate recreation area parking. Provide accessible parking, signage, and pavement markings.
- Paths: Repair entrance path. Repair curb ramp at sidewalk.
- Playground: Consider installation of inclusive playground.
- Signage: Install entrance sign consistent with new Town-wide Park identification design standards.
- Site Furnishings: Secure trash receptacles and provide recycling receptacles. Provide accessible benches and picnic tables.
- Site Structures: Paint fence where rusted. Install proper entrance gate. Consider development of picnic area or pavilion.
- Sport Field: Paint fence at backstop.

Central Amherst Baseball Complex

- Baseball Fields: Fence batting cage. Install scoreboard at Baseball 3. Install scoreboard and outfield fencing at Baseball 4. Construct roofs over dugouts. Install scoreboard and outfield fencing at Baseball 5. Construct roofs over dugouts.
- Parking Lot: Resurface parking area with asphalt paving (currently included Town Action Plan). Provide accessible parking, signage, and pavement markings.
- Landscape: Improve landscaping at memorial.
- Washrooms: Install ADA accessible washrooms (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible picnic tables and benches. Replace aging bleachers with accessible models. Paint benches. Replace bicycle racks.
- Site Structures: Repair/replace perimeter fence.

Cindy Drive Play Area

- Planning/Community Engagement: Merge the two parcels into one parcel with Lyndon Lane Address. Hold neighborhood meeting regarding the future of the park, including potential uses and parkland amenities (currently included in Town Action Plan). Prepare concept plan based on community input.
- Signage: Provide park sign consistent with new Town-wide park identification design standards. Consider renaming park to Lyndon Lane Park, as majority of frontage is on this street.
- Parking: Install ADA curb cuts at on-street parking.
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible benches.
- Trees/Landscape: Plant trees for shade throughout park. Consider arboretum and consider development of community garden.
- Playground: Consider constructing playground
- Site Furnishings: Consider installation of bike racks.
- Site Structures: Consider development of pavilion/picnic area.
- Planning: Merge the two parcels into one parcel with Lyndon Lane Address.

Clearfield Community Center

- Gymnasium: Install a retractable wall or netting in the large gymnasium to allow the court to be divided in two (Currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Parking Lot/Access Road: Replace curb stops. Update ADA pavement markings/signage to meet NYS standards. Resurface access road.
- Signage: Replace entry sign with sign consistent with new Town-wide park identification design standards.
- Site Furnishings: Replace existing bicycle racks. Secure trash receptacles and provide recycling containers.
- Site Structures: Paint decorative fence at building. Repair utility fence at rear of building.
- Sidewalks: Repair concrete sidewalk at entrance. Repair concrete sidewalk at maintenance entrance.
- Trees/Landscape: Improve landscaping at front of building. Plant additional trees to provide shade and variation.

Clearfield Community Center Park

- Drainage: Correct drainage problems on mini soccer fields and at the east end of the park (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Courts: Install an outdoor sand volleyball court (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Parking Lot: Update ADA pavement markings/signage to meet NYS standards.
- Baseball fields: Provide ADA access at baseball field. Install field lighting. Install warning track.
- Site Structures: Repair existing fence. Paint rusted areas of fence.
- Playground: Provide ADA access at playground, provide ADA surfacing at playground.
- Basketball Court: Reset posts and paint backstops at basketball court. Provide ADA access to courts.
- Site furnishings: Repair existing bleachers and paint; provide accessible bleachers. Secure trash receptacles. Provide accessible benches.

College Park

- Planning: Develop park for passive recreation (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Parking: Provide parking/ADA access at end of Richfield Road.
- Trails: Develop path system around perimeter of park. Connect paths to office buildings and abutting streets/roads.
- Signage: Install interpretive signage to educate visitors about wetland/wildlife.
- Trees/Landscape: Enhance wetland with diverse plantings. Enhance existing border of shade trees to screen from nearby office and residential development.
- Community Engagement: Consider partnering with nearby business to promote stewardship of park.
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible benches and picnic tables. Provide secured trash and recycling receptacles. Install DogiPot.
- Site Structures: Install picnic pavilion and ADA seating.
- Restrooms: Provide ADA portable toilet.

Creek Woods Park

- Courts: Repair vandalized nets at tennis court (currently in Town Action Plan).
- Trails: Connect park trail to proposed NW connector road bike trail (currently in Town Action Plan). Extend accessible path around perimeter of park.
- Parking Lot: Restripe parking lot. Update ADA pavement markings/signage to meet NYS standards. Replace curb stops.
- Signage: Provide new park sign consistent with new Town-wide park identification design standards.
- Playground: Replace playground and swings with inclusive, ADA accessible structures.
- Site Furnishings: Replace aging benches and picnic tables with matching, accessible models. Secure trash receptacles and provide recycling containers. Replace picnic grills.
- Site Structures: Construct picnic pavilion/shade structure.
- Trees/Landscape: Consider bioswales to manage stormwater. Replace dead trees. Plant additional trees for shade and biodiversity. Develop no-mow zones and wildflower meadows. Consider developing arboretum.
- Lighting: Expand site lighting.
- Sport Fields: Consider development of soccer/lacrosse field if demand is present.

Dana Heights Recreation Area

- Playground: Install accessible swing set (currently in Town Action Plan). Provide ADA access to playground. Repair existing structure.
- Parking Lot: Provide curb ramps from street to park. Delineate ADA parking at site along street.
- Sidewalks: Repair/replace sidewalk to improve accessibility. Provide accessible route from apartments to playground.
- Trees/Landscape: Improve aesthetics of site with gardens/wildflower areas and additional tree planting.
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible benches and picnic tables. Provide bicycle rack. Provide secured trash cans and recycling receptacles.
- Site Structures: Construct picnic pavilion. Install water fountain.
- Restrooms: Provide ADA compliant portable toilet.

Dann Lake Park

- Parking Lot: Improve parking. Provide ADA parking per existing park master plan and Town approved site plan.
- Site Structures: Install accessible fishing platform, canoe/kayak launch per existing park master plan and Town approved site plan.
- Trails: Construct accessible boardwalk & stone dust trails per existing park master plan and approved site plan (\$255,000 in funding available for 2018, CIP proposes additional \$625,000 for 2020).
- Landscape: Restore lake front with native reeds, grasses, and aquatic plants.
- Signage: Install entrance sign consistent with new Town-wide park identification design standards. Develop and install environmental interpretive signage.
- Community Engagement: Consider partnering with nearby residential developments for stewardship possibilities.

Dellwood Park

- Parking lot: Provide ADA parking spaces along street at existing curb ramps.
- Sidewalks: Repair heaving/cracking sections in concrete sidewalk.
- Site Structures: Repair entrance sign posts. Repair roofs at pavilions, repair fence posts where needed.
- Playground: Provide accessible route to playground. Replace swing set with accessible model. Provide ADA compliant surfacing.
- Site Furnishings. Replace aging benches with matching, accessible models. Provide accessible picnic tables. Secure trash receptacles. Provide recycling containers.
- Restrooms: Provide ADA portable toilet.
- Courts: Repave basketball court. Install nets, posts, backboards etc. Provide ADA access to court.
- Softball Fields: Restore infield and level grade at outfield. Provide benches.
- Trees: Plant additional trees for shade.

Egbertsville Community Park

- Parking Lot: Update ADA pavement markings/signage to meet NYS standards.
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible benches. Provide accessible picnic tables. Secure trash receptacles. Provide recycling containers. Provide bicycle rack.
- Trails: Repair existing asphalt trails and resurface existing trails with asphalt.
- Playground: Restore rubber mulch at playground.
- Landscape/Trees: Replace dead trees, expand tree plantings for shade. Plant wildflower meadow at edge of woodland overlooking park.
- Softball Fields: Repair backstop.
- Signage: Repaint entry sign.
- Site Structures: Repair fence where damaged. Install water fountain.
- Drainage: Repair existing storm drains & culverts.
- Restrooms: Provide ADA portable toilet.

ECO Park Playground

- Planning: Implement Approved Site Plan.
- Parking: Delineate ADA parking spaces along road.
- Sidewalks: Extend concrete sidewalks to provide accessible route to site. Provide connection to proposed concrete walkway at bottom of stairs to link to Crosby Blvd. to the east and west.
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible, matching benches. Secure trash receptacles and provide recycling containers. Install water fountain.
- Lighting: Consider expanding lighting.
- Signage: Install entrance sign consistent with new Town-wide park identification design standards.
- Playground: New playground equipment has been designed and purchased. Installation of equipment and surfacing are anticipated to bid/proceed in early 2018 for 2018 construction.
- Trees: Plant trees at parking lot at edge of park (mixed-use building side) to screen view of lot.

Fetto Park

- Planning: Implement elements of a park-specific master plan (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Parking Lot: Improve striping at small parking lot. Provide ADA parking/signage.
- Concrete: Consider replacing stamped concrete with new concrete/other surfacing.
- Trees/Landscape: Plant additional trees and shrubs. Screen hot box with landscape plantings. Improve meadow area with no-mow/wildflower areas; consider developing a plan to manage or eradicate common buckthorn in wooded areas.
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible benches and picnic tables. Provide recycling containers. Provide bike racks
- Site Structures: Repair fountain (remove gravel from outflow pipe near top of pipe – consider removing gravel from area around boulder fountain and replace with river stone to prevent gravel from clogging fountain).
- Drainage: Maintain storm drains.

Fisherman's Wharf

- Parking: Develop a parking area on the south side of Tonawanda Creek Road (currently included in Town Action Plan). Install ADA accessible parking stalls.
- Trails: Provide accessible route via trail to waterfront.
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible benches and picnic tables.
- Accessibility: Provide access to grills.
- Trees/Landscaping: Restore shoreline along creek to promote biodiversity and discourage geese. Replace dead trees.
- Drainage: Improve storm water system. Divert culvert away from pathway.
- Site Structures: Install dock for fishing at waterfront.
- Signage: Install interpretive signage along creek.

Garnet Park

- Parking Lot: Stripe the parking lot and replace curb stops. Update ADA pavement markings/signage to meet NYS standards.
- Trails: Restore asphalt along path and correct width variations.
- Site Structures: Replace roof at pavilion. Paint and clean pavilion. Provide accessible benches and picnic tables.
- Site Furnishings: Secure trash receptacles and provide recycling containers. Provide accessible bleachers.
- Trees/Landscaping: Improve landscape at buildings. Plant trees along access road to provide shade and improve aesthetics at park. Develop management plan for wooded areas – remove Common Buckthorn and plant native species of trees and shrubs that are compatible with wet soils.
- Baseball Fields: Install warning track at baseball fields. Improve dugout to provide ADA access. Repair roof to eliminate exposed nails. Repair chain link fence, paint where necessary. Restore or replace scoreboards.
- Concessions: Provide shade structure at concessions building, paint concessions building. Restore asphalt at concessions building. Remove unnecessary asphalt.
- Drainage: Maintain/clean storm drains and associated structures.
- Lighting: Replace site lighting with updated/energy efficient models to improve overall visibility in park.

Great Baehre Conservation Area

- Trails/Boardwalk: Provide additional trails throughout the Conservation Area on both sides of Hopkins Road linking to adjacent residential areas and Youngs Road (currently included in Town Action Plan). Replace deteriorated railings at boardwalk.
- Signage: Install entry sign at trailhead consistent with new Town-wide Park identification design standards. Develop permanent interpretive signage at viewing areas.
- Site Furnishings: Relocate bicycle rack to better accommodate users. Provide accessible benches at viewing areas. Secure trash receptacles and provide recycling containers. Install DogiPot.
- Planning: Develop invasive plant species management plan.

Note: Property is jointly owned by the Town of Amherst and the State of New York and is considered Parkland as defined by NYS. Any change of use or sale to private entity would require the property to go through the “Alienation of Parkland” process via the NYS legislature and governor. That is not likely for these parcels. Residential/Commercial Development is currently prohibited through a combination of ownership, zoning, and wetland regulations.

Getzville Fire Department Park

- Trails: Review and analyze site as potential trailhead for the peanut line multi-use trail (currently included in Town Action Plan). Construct stone dust path to provide access to fields.
- Parking Lot: Update ADA pavement markings/signage to meet NYS standards.
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible bleachers. Secure trash receptacles and provide recycling containers.
- Baseball Fields: Install warning track. Repair fence at practice field.
- Trees/Landscaping: Plant trees on site to provide shade. Consider memorial trees.
- Signage: Provide new sign consistent with new Town-wide park identification design standards.
- Site Structures: Paint areas of rust on fence.
- Drainage: Reset storm drain.

Glen Park

- Accessibility: Develop comprehensive ADA integration plan for the park.
- Paths: Replace steep path from Main Street with steps (currently included in Town Action Plan). Repave pathways (currently included in Town Action Plan). Pave stone dust trail with asphalt.
- Signage: Install proper signage at park entrances consistent with new Town-wide Park identification design standards (currently included in Town Action Plan). Install interpretive signage at waterfall, creek, and bioretention area. Consider installing species markers at trees.
- Site Furnishings: Repair/replace benches (currently included in Town Action Plan). Secure trash receptacles and provide recycling containers. Replace aging benches with accessible, matching models.
- Site Structures: Replace sections of the fence that do not adhere to park aesthetic.
- Restrooms: Consider developing public washroom facilities (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Lighting: Install ornamental lighting (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Parking Lot: Update ADA pavement markings/signage to meet NYS standards.
- Memorial: Replace existing deteriorated memorial plaques.
- Trees/Landscape: Maintain existing landscapes and establish dense plantings to reduce weeds. Restore plantings at bioretention pond with native plants; monitor circulation of water to prevent algae accumulation. Utilize native plants to promote biodiversity and provide habitat for wildlife.
- Watercourse: Reconstruct stream bed to contain flow continuously from upper pond to lower ponds.

Harlem Road Community Center

- Signage: Replace sign with new sign consistent with new Town-wide park sign standard design.
- Parking Lot: Update ADA pavement markings/signage to meet NYS standards. Paint pavilion.
- Site Structures: Replace or remove wooden fence. Repair chain link fence.
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible picnic tables. Repair roof of main building. Secure trash receptacles. Provide recycling containers. Replace aging benches with accessible, matching models. Install bicycle racks.
- Sidewalks: Provide accessible route to pavilion. Restore concrete sidewalk.
- Playground: Provide accessible route to playground. Update play structures. Restore rubber mulch.
- Accessibility: Provide accessible route to water fountain.

Jurek Post

- Planning: Explore potential acquisition of Jurek Post for future recreational uses (currently included in Town Action Plan). Consider redevelopment of site for the following potential uses – dog park, soccer/lacrosse practice area, passive recreation area with walking paths, inclusive play area with splash pad.
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible picnic tables and benches. Secure trash receptacles and provide recycling containers.
- Parking Lot: Consider development of parking lot at more visible location. Provide ADA accessible parking.
- Trees: Plant trees throughout site to provide shade and enhance landscape aesthetic.
- Site Structures: Replace small pavilion with modern, safe structure.
- Playground: Replace swing sets and slide with inclusive, safe structures.
- Softball fields: Restore infield mix. Replace backstops. Replace benches and bleachers. Repair foul-line fencing. Consider alternate use of area if softball is not in demand at this location.
- Planning/Community Engagement: Obtain community input to determine best use of park and determine if purchase of leased parcel is desirable.

Kingsgate Park

- Parking Lot: Provide ADA parking, associated signage, and pavement markings.
- Playground: Provide accessible route to playground. Restore mulch.
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible benches. Secure trash receptacles. Provide recycling containers. Provide accessible bleachers. Provide accessible picnic tables. Install bike rack.
- Signage: Reset entrance sign to make level. Replace Ridgewood Drive park sign to be consistent with new Town-wide park identification design standards.
- Baseball Field: Install dugout roofs. Consider constructing pitching and batting cages.
- Trees: Plant trees to buffer adjacent residences.
- Site Structures: Repair fence where needed. Replace water fountain. Provide Dogi fountain.
- Playground: Provide ADA access to swing set. Repair rusted chains.
- Lighting: Consider site lighting to extend play hours.
- Paths: Provide additional accessible pathways throughout the park that connect with Central Amherst Little League and sidewalks on Wehrle Drive, Ridgewood Drive, and Bennington Road.

Lou Gehrig Amherst Park

- Parking Lot: Provide ADA compliant parking and associated signage and pavement markings at Smith Road parking lot. Update ADA pavement markings/signage to meet NYS standards at Dann Road lot.
- Concessions: Repair paving at concessions building. Restore/replace signage.
- Restrooms: Provide ADA accessible bathroom facilities at existing structure.
- Batting Cage: Improve accessibility at batting cage.
- Site Furnishings: Secure trash receptacles. Expand recycling container locations. Provide accessible bleachers. Replace aging benches and picnic tables with accessible, matching models.
- Accessibility: Provide accessible route to bleachers. Provide ADA access route to picnic areas and benches.
- Trees: Replace dead trees.
- Drainage: Repair catch basins and reset to ensure drainage across site.
- Baseball & Softball Fields: Repair/paint fence where necessary. Consider additional site lighting to extend playing hours. Restore outfields & infields where necessary. Replace scoreboards where existing models are in disrepair. Construct roofs over dugouts as funding is available.

North Amherst Fire Company Recommendations

- Planning: Transfer the ownership of 7 + acres to the North Amherst Fire District (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Site Furnishings: Install picnic tables (currently included in Town Action Plan). Provide accessible benches and picnic tables. Replace bleachers with accessible, matching models.
- Courts: Resurface the basketball court (currently included in Town Action Plan). Replace posts and nets. Provide accessible route. Remove court if underutilized.
- Signage: Install entrance sign consistent with new Town-wide park identification design standards.
- Baseball Fields: Replace dugout benches and install dugout fencing.
- Site Structures: Replace pavilion. Provide accessible route to pavilion.
- Playground: Remove slide and swing. Replace with safe, modern structures or build inclusive play area.

North Amherst Recreation Center Recommendations

- Garages: Develop a maintenance garage to serve Northeast Amherst if the facilities are expanded (currently included in Town Action Plan). Repaint maintenance garages.
- Lighting: Consider replacement of outdated light posts with energy efficient, matching models.
- Parking Lot: Repair/replace damaged curbs. Update ADA pavement markings/signage to meet NYS standards. Repair concrete curb where necessary.
- Trees/Landscape: Plant trees within parking area islands and around perimeter. Restore landscape; remove invasive/overgrown shrubs.
- Building: Clean recreation department building and repaint. Enhance building entrance to improve aesthetics and promote membership.
- Signage: Repaint entrance sign.
- Accessibility: Improve accessible route to Recreation Center.
- Site Structures: Maintain fence around utilities and paint where rusted.
- Site Furnishings: Replace benches with matching, accessible models.

North Forest Park

- Parking Lot: Repair/replace curb stops. Update ADA pavement markings/signage to meet NYS standards. Restore asphalt at later stage.
- Walls: Repair retaining wall. Replace capstones. Repoint concrete masonry. Repair retaining wall at pool.
- Horseshoes: Replace wood backstops at horseshoe pits.
- Site Furnishings: Replace aging picnic tables and benches with accessible, matching models. Secure trash receptacles and provide recycling containers. Replace bicycle rack with modern design.
- Trees/Landscape: Restore landscape in front of pool house. Install dense plantings to reduce weed proliferation. Consider stewardship opportunities for gardens in front of building. Prune existing trees to facilitate growth and remove deadwood. Plant trees at locations where shade is needed. Consider no-mow/wildflower areas in steep sections. Consider construction of bioretention areas to accommodate stormwater and promote biodiversity through native plantings.
- Maintenance: Maintain/weed plants at fence.
- Courts: Provide accessible route to tennis courts. Stripe Pickleball courts.
- Playground: Replace play structures with ADA compliant, inclusive playground. Repair swing sets, paint to reduce rust, and replace unsafe components.
- Lighting: Evaluate existing site lighting to determine where more appropriate lighting may be installed. Replace aging fixtures with energy efficient models.
- Walkways: Restore/repair concrete walks.
- Paths: Relocate sections asphalt path system to improve ADA accessibility. Restore asphalt where needed.

North French Recreation Area Recommendations

- Buildings: Facilitate development of a central building with a shelter, permanent washrooms, and concession stand (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Sport Fields: Install lighting on two soccer fields; develop two mini fields and one additional full-size field (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Trees/Landscape: Plant shade trees annually (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Parking Lot/Access Road: Update ADA signage and pavement markings to meet current standards. Maintain access road.
- Signage: Repaint entrance sign.
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible benches. Provide accessible route to benches. Secure trash receptacles and provide recycling containers. Replace rusted bleachers with accessible models. Replace practice kicking board.
- Trails: Extend accessible path to provide access to individual fields. Develop accessible stone dust path around perimeter of recreation area.
- Site Structures: Provide access to water fountain, repair to make functional or replace. Develop interpretive overlook at pond on south side of recreation area.

Northtown Center at Amherst

- Baseball Field (existing lighting): Replace existing turf with synthetic turf.
- Trees/Landscape: Replace dead trees, monitor care and health of existing trees. Improve landscaping overall. Improve landscape at rear of building.
- Playground: Provide ADA compliant surfacing at playground. Repair existing play structure or replace with inclusive playground.

Nature View Park

- A parking area is located on Tonawanda Creek Road at Brenon Road, and a new lot is under construction on Sweet Home Road at Glenhaven Dr. In the near-term, provide improved natural or stone dust trails/boardwalk trail to link these two parking areas.
- Planning: Develop master plan for this significant natural area (currently included in Town Action Plan).

Oakwood Conservation Area/Oakwood Golf Course

- Planning: Expand Oakwood Golf course into the Conservation area to develop an 18-hole course (currently included in Town Action Plan).

Park Forest Park

- Planning: Consideration should be given to either redevelopment of this property as a neighborhood park with a playground and security cameras. Alternately, abandonment of this parcel as a park could be considered due to its poor location and visibility. Potential exists for adoption by future office development adjacent to the west or sale to the adjacent car dealership or residences via the Alienation of Parkland process thru the State.

Paradise Park

- Courts: Develop two tennis courts; include Pickleball striping (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Trails: Develop an internal trail system and evaluate potential linkages to future on and off-road bikeways (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Signage: Replace entrance sign with new sign consistent with new Town-wide park identification sign design standards (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Sport Fields: Regrade the existing kickball diamond (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Buildings: Facilitate development of a central building with a shelter, permanent washrooms, and a concession stand (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Parking Lot: Install curbs to keep drivers off lawns.
- Trees/Landscape: Replace dead trees; plant additional trees to provide shade.
- Site Structures: Repaint pavilion.
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible benches. Provide accessible picnic tables. Secure trash receptacles. Provide recycling containers. Provide accessible benches at individual fields.
- Courts: Stripe basketball court.
- Playgrounds: Replace playground with inclusive structure. Provide accessible route and surface.
- Planning: Consider allowing the installation of commercial Cell Tower Facility to fund future park development.

- Trails: Develop accessible path system around park and field for walking/running. Link to Casey Road to north and to proposed trail on adjacent former railroad right-of-way. Consider developing a Fit Trail.
- Trees/Landscape: Plant trees along road to screen site. Plant varied shade trees throughout site. Consider no-mow/wildflower areas. Consider bioretention/wetland plant establishment in low-lying areas.

Sattler Field

- Baseball/Softball Fields: Repair and paint fence at softball field. Install bases. Restore infield at baseball field. Install warning track, bases, etc. if demand is present.
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible bleachers and accessible route to bleachers.
- Trees/Landscape: Plant shade trees and trees to screen road.

Saratoga Park

- Parking: Designate accessible parking spaces at Saratoga Road.
- Signage: Install entrance sign consistent with new Town-wide park identification standards. Create trail marker system and develop interpretive signage at improved meadow and woodland.
- Trails: Restore stone dust trail. Ensure trail is level to promote accessibility. Consider paving all paths with asphalt to facilitate accessibility. Consider development of fit trail.
- Trees/Landscape: Consider establishment of native pollinator species in existing meadows. Consider limited mow area to create wet meadow in low area of park. Consider restoration of forest to remove invasives and establish native species to promote biodiversity. Consider development of arboretum along walking trails with memorial plaques.
- Site Furnishings: Install recycling receptacles. Install accessible benches at existing concrete pads.
- Site Structures: Install DogiPot and Dogi fountain. Install water fountain. Install pavilion.
- Planning: Consider development of dog park.
- Playgrounds: Construct inclusive playground/nature playground.
- Community Engagement: Explore stewardship opportunities in surrounding residential areas and adjacent Amherst Middle School.
- Winter: Re-establish ice-skating pond in low area near Saratoga Road. Preserve sledding opportunities on hill south of Yorktown Road.
- Planning/Community Engagement: Obtain community input to determine best use of park and determine if purchase of leased parcel is desirable.

Walton Woods Park

- Signage: Install proper signage at park entrances as mandated by NYS grant requirements (currently included in Town Action Plan). Install directional signage and formalize trail entrance at Adult Day Center. Investigate where trail markers/directional signage is lacking and make improvements. Develop interpretive signage.
- Site Development: Extend the park entrance closer to the Amherst Center for Senior Services (currently included in Town Action Plan). Enhance entrance area (signage, landscape, information, etc.).
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible benches. Secure trash cans and provide recycling containers at key locations near trailheads.

- Site Structures: Consider construction of fishing pier at pond near day center.
- Trees/Landscape: Explore restoration opportunities to improve water quality at pond. Develop an invasive species management plan for the park. Plant native species of trees and understory shrubs/plants. Improve existing landscaping/gardens. Consider pollinator gardens.
- Parking Lot: Provide ADA parking spaces and associated signage and pavement markings.
- Restrooms: Provide ADA portable toilets or coordinate with local businesses for access to bathrooms.
- Community Engagement: Foster stewardship with surrounding residential neighborhood & businesses.

Wehrle FAA Recreation Area

- Irrigation: Install an irrigation system (currently included Town Action Plan).
- Parking Lot: Update ADA signage and pavement markings to comply with NYS standards.
- Accessibility: Provide accessible routes to bleachers.
- Site Furnishings: Provide accessible bleachers and picnic tables. Secure trash receptacles and provide recycling receptacles.
- Trees/Landscape: Prune existing trees to remove die-off. Replace dead trees. Plant trees to shade parking area.
- Signage: Replace entrance sign. Design to be consistent with new Town-wide park identification design standards.
- Site Structures: Repair water spigot at concessions building. Recalibrate flow rate of water fountain. Replace siding at pavilion. Repaint interior of pavilion. Repair fencing where damaged. Paint rusted fencing.
- Maintenance: Remove scattered gravel in lawn areas. Maintain existing gardens.
- Lighting: Replace site lights with energy efficient, matching models. Ensure adequate lighting throughout park.
- Accessibility: Provide ADA access to pavilions. Provide ADA access at softball field, paint dugouts.
- Baseball Fields: Update scoreboards as necessary.

Willow Ridge Park

- Parking Lot: Provide ADA parking spaces and associated signage and pavement markings.
- Site Furnishings: Replace aging benches and bleachers with accessible, matching models. Provide accessible picnic tables. Replace bike rack with updated model. Secure trash receptacles and provide recycling containers.
- Playground: Paint playground to inhibit rust; provide accessible route and surfacing.
- Signage: Install entrance sign. Design to be consistent with new Town-wide park identification design standards.
- Site Structures: Repair chain link fence where necessary. Reset posts of chain link fence bordering school. Consider construction of pavilion.
- Trees/Landscape: Consider establishment of low-maintenance wildflower gardens/bioretention areas; regrade trouble spots to alleviate standing water in lawn areas – direct runoff to bioretention areas. Add tree plantings along sidewalks and to screen residential areas.
- Drainage: Reset storm drain and rim. Replace culvert pipe. Replace cleanout at playground.
- Trails: Consider establishment of fit trail. Consider development of stone dust/asphalt trail around perimeter of park with a connection to Hubbardston Place via the access-way.

- Community Engagement: Explore stewardship opportunities in adjacent residential neighborhood and Willow Ridge Elementary School.

West Royal Parkway Recreation Area

- Baseball Fields: Undertake minor repairs to baseball backstops (currently included in Town Action Plan).
 - Baseball Field 1: Paint fence, restore infield, weed at backstop, install bases, and provide accessible route. Replace benches, paint fence, and construct roof at dugouts.
 - Baseball Field 2: Replace benches, paint fence, and construct roof at dugouts. Paint fence, restore infield, weed at backstop, install bases, and provide accessible route.
 - Baseball Field 3: Paint fence, restore infield, weed at backstop, install bases, and provide accessible route. Replace benches, paint fence, and construct roof at dugouts.
 - Baseball Field 4: Paint fence, restore infield, weed at backstop, install bases, and provide accessible route. Replace benches, paint fence, and construct roof at dugouts.
- Consider removal of one or more baseball fields.
- Playground: Install swings (currently included in Town Action Plan). Replace existing playground structure with inclusive playground and surface. Provide accessible route.
- Parking Lot: Provide ADA parking and associated signage and pavement markings.
- Site Furnishings: Secure trash receptacles and provide recycling containers. Replace bleachers and benches with accessible, matching models.
- Courts: Restore topcoat and replace hoops/nets at basketball court. Restore tennis court surface, replace nets & posts, paint fence. Alternately, consider striping for Pickleball or removal of tennis courts if demand is not present.
- Plant screen of deciduous and evergreen trees along interstate to screen roadway
- Signage: Replace entrance sign with new sign designed to be consistent with new Town-wide Park ID sign design standards.
- Trees/Landscape: Consider no-mow/wildflower meadows and/or bioretention areas. Plant trees to screen highway to make park more attractive to community.
- Maintenance: Remove graffiti at maintenance building.
- Site Structures: Paint perimeter fence, weed fence. Replace water fountain.
- Lighting: Replace lighting with energy efficient, matching models (assess/review site lighting locations).
- Trails: Consider construction of stone-dust perimeter trail.
- Community Engagement: Conduct community survey to determine best uses for this facility.

Windsor Woods

- Playground: Install creative playground equipment (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Maintenance: Remove debris from property (currently included in Town Action Plan).
- Trails: Develop trails along road frontage and stream along southern property line.
- Community Engagement: Develop concept plan for the property with community input.