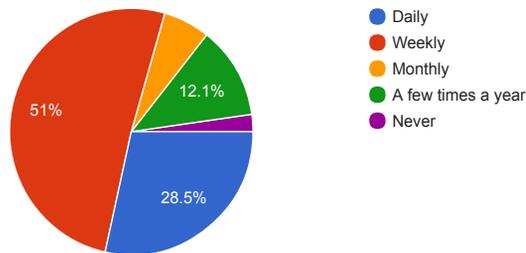


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Question 1A: How often do members of your household visit Gloucester's beaches during the summer (~June, July and August)?

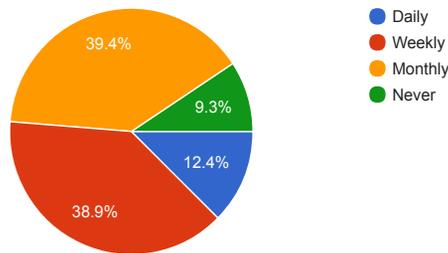
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Question 1B: How often do members of your household visit Gloucester's beaches during the off-season (~September to May)?

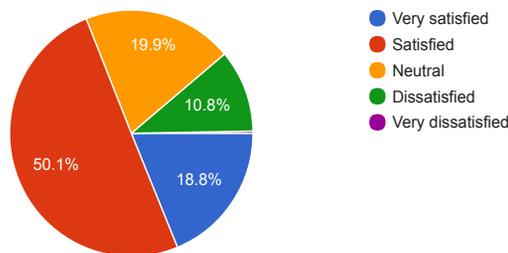
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Question 1C: How satisfied are you with the quality of your experience at Gloucester's beaches?

351 responses



Question 1D: Optional: explain any concerns or provide a short comment on the City's beaches

217 responses

I wish we could get a handle on all the trash on the beaches in the season and, in the offseason, the disrespectful dog owners whose dogs poop on the beach and who leave bags of poop at the footbridge at Good Harbor.

I do NOT like seeing GPD officers riding quads on Good Harbor Beach. They are dangerous and often the officers are NOT wearing helmets. Better to patrol walking !

More work needs to be done with maintenance at our local beaches. These beach revenue are the bulk of our budget and they are not treated or respected as much as they should be. Let's work together to make our beaches the best they can be.

Carry in carry out needs to be changed; barrels are needed.

Trash policy not working

Resident parkng stickers should have better selling hours for those that work

TRASH and dog poop on beaches!!! No healthy snack options at Good Harbor. Our beaches are so beautiful and they are habitat for land and sea life and they are an economic driver for our city. It's our responsibility as a city to keep them clean. Apparently we can't count on the public to do it.

The trash that is found on the beach and at the ends of the walkways to the parking lots or at the footbridge is absolutely disgusting. On multiple occasions I have brought home bags of trash that others have just dumped. This needs to be addressed by the city immediately. It's a health hazard and polluting our environment and oceans.

Litter. Seagulls are irritating. LOVE the dog beach days.

Plum Cove is my closest beach and used mostly by locals. As a bird watcher, I do occasionally visit beaches all over Gloucester in the off season.

The trash problem is out of hand. "Carry in carry out" does not work. It is embarrassing to our city that our beautiful beaches are littered in trash. Covered trash cans need to be installed and emptied by the city.

Concerned about needles found. Also, I'm concerned about smokers and them leaving their butts in the sand.

Trash on beaches. Piles of debris from beach comber left on niles.

Plum Cove Beach needs to be restored to its original, safe, sandy condition. It can be done, easily and for FREE. Let Nature take its course! (For info: peter_parsons@comcast.net)

There isn't enough parking

It would be good to have seagull-proof trash barrels at exit points on the beaches.

Lack of enforcement of the carry in/out trash policy; lack of enforcement of the on/off leash day schedule for dogs (I no longer take my dog to the beach because even on on-leash days, there is always at least one dog that is off leash and charges at my on-leash dog).

The congestion to get to them is discouraging in the summer. The trash left behind is gross and SMOKING at the beaches by soo many make it not very desirable to go. Why can't the beaches be NON SMOKING? in 2017 its tragic that it is allowed.

People being inconsiderate and leaving trash

No garbage bins

The trash issue: I would like to see regular (like twice daily) trash collection set up at the exits. The current system simply does not work. Buy/rent dumpsters, and get volunteers to re-paint them pretty.

Would like to have professional lifeguards hired annually to cover all shifts. Love that residents have reserved parking. Trash cans at public entrances/exits would help with the mess often left at ends of paths, and perhaps those created on the beaches themselves.

Trash barrels would be a no-brainer. At least during off leash season, for the dogs.

no trash collection areas.

The trash left behind is disgraceful

Trash needles and dogs

No trash containers available

There should be an attendant further up the road for Wingersheek to turn cars without stickers around to make the line shorter for residents

No trash cans, harassment from other private citizens

Is the carry in, carry out policy affective?

I wish there were more trash barrels. I always bring trash bags for myself but others don't think that far.

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Off leash dogs, garbage, and dog poop.

During the winter, our experiences are highly positive (except for some unleashed dogs dog poop). Summers, we find difficult with the crowds and alcohol and general rowdiness, and although we love dogs, they ruin the beach experience and the health of the beach.

Trash

I think we should be handling trash better. I often come off the beach and too few trash barrels are overflowing with trash, and garbage strewn about on the ground.

The trash and litter are everywhere. Maybe some things are buried shallow as well. Sand seems dirty as a result.

Trash on the beach.

More tourists and trash every year

I was born and raised here. I've never used the beaches more than during the off season when I can bring my dog. I really feel that dog owners should be allowed to take their dogs on the beach year round, even if only for morning and evening hours before and after lifeguards. I wouldn't mind a crazy high fee for dog poop offenders or even paying an extra fee for an permit to have my dog on the beach in the summer. It's also very frustrating that we can't bring them starting May 1st, when the beaches aren't even technically open until the end of the month!! If you look, you'll see the beaches are EMPTY most of this time. As soon as people can't bring their dogs, no one uses the beach until it's really hot out. Other cities with beaches including the entire state of Florida are way way more dog friendly. Please make some changes!

Trash is a consistent problem. Large, loud groups of underage drinkers are a sporadic problem

I used to go to the beaches when no one was around to let my dog run off leash. Now with the greater structure as to when dogs can be on the beaches and whether or not they are off leash, it is more difficult. For example, on a rainy day there may be no one around but my dog still can't be on the beach. This has the effect of having a much higher concentration of dogs and people on the beaches at certain times which can be problematic. I go to smaller beaches in summer without my dog once in awhile, but the two big beaches are way too crowded.

City-owned restrooms not in good condition. Lack of enforcement of ban on dogs. Inadequate protection of migratory piping plovers.

Trash!!!

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We need actual trash pick-up. It's not OK to just let it pile up and expecting people to carry it home is clearly not working. This should be an operating cost of the beach.

litter can be an issue at both wingaersheek and good harbor especially during the summer

Trash barrels needed at the beaches. Carry in, carry out is not working. Every other day system at beaches off season is working great.

Dogs off leashes are out of control. Dog feces is everywhere. If the owner does pick it up, a good amount of it is left at the footbridge. On a side note there are some responsible owners. Sadly, they are few and far between.

Lots of marine debris and trash is left on the beach that can harm wildlife.

Dogs not properly controlled picked up after. More enforcement of carry in carry out required.

I would love to be able to walk my dog on the beach on summer mornings 7-9AM

As a dog owner, I would like to see summer season evening hours for my dogs; as its tick season and my dogs have been infested multiple times despite tick prevention and checks, I prefer to keep them out of the woods and go to the beach.

Concerns: trash, dog waste, inattentive lifeguards

very crowded

Unfortunately, the carry out policy is not working. We need trash barrels again.

Would like to see less trash on the beaches off season on warm days. It's horrific frankly. More beaches open to dogs off season and morning and/or evening hours during the season.

I love our beaches and am grateful to live in Gloucester. However the issues around various kinds of trash including dog poop are disturbing. I believe the city should support responsible dog owners and give us places to responsibly dispose of all trash.

Bring back barrels. GHB has turned into a sandy burial ground of trash. We tried. It doesn't work. As per photos from last weekend

Human-created trash in the summer is awful. Bring back trash barrels!

The dog situation at the beaches is ridiculous. The alternating days rule is not a compromise, keeping dogs off the beaches for half the year is hardly a compromise. More access for dogs, and stop the collective punishments to all dog owners over a few rotten apples.

The beaches are often littered with people's trash during the summer season.

Need to have disposal for dog poop bags at least in the off season!

I only go with my dog during the 'off' season. It's far too crazy during the summer and people are slob.

wish there were trash cans so people don't litter as much.

wish there were FT lifeguards (not EMTs) late in the season after other guards go to college. 1hr of parking could easily pay for 2 guards per hour. just sayin'

The absurd Carry-In Carry Out law resulting in buried trash, trash left behind in neighboring yards. Dumpsters may not be pretty, but the DPW can empty trash cans into them and lock them at night to minimize household trash disposal.

Rubbish and smoking are becoming more of a problem in the warm months.

So much trash that gets left behind or washed up on shore

Provide covered trash barrels and empty them daily by the GHB footbridge!

Trash at good harbor gets worse every year!

Beaches could be a bit cleaner and I don't think the carry in carry out policy works.

So much trash & nowhere to put it!

Trash barrels with lids should be placed at the end/beginning of each boardwalk

Love all the beaches. Always wondered why there is no plaque, marker or harbor walk to denote the location of "The Fort" that was located in Fort Square.

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Trash, garbage, diapers, dog poop

Stopped going to nils after needles were found last year. And weekends are rough with all the traffic. Wingersheek is usually out of the question. Wish there were more parking options at long beach.

Good Harbor is nice and clean with the exception of garbage that people leave behind, the Pavilion beach is very dirty everyday, it's very visible to anyone that walks on the boulevard and we do have a lot of tourist, half moon beach has lots of sea weed that washes off on the sand, the same for nils beach, I think we have the best beaches and for the price for parking that tourist pay they should be raked everyday.

I walked Wingersheek Beach all winter. It was beautiful. I have noticed how much dirtier it is now that summer is almost here. I am saddened by the garbage I have seen in the past few weeks.

my one concern is trash that people leave behind

Trash, shrinking sands at Good Harbor

Uncurbed dogs; trash; waste from fishing and boat traffic are all problems.

trash needs to be addressed

The trash is an issue Maybe more cans or more frequent service to the barrels

We're concerned about the trash problem. Would it be possible to have some one monitor the area and fine people who litter? The trash receptacles should not be allowed to overflow.

Trash is a problem. More should be done to protect nesting birds.

The amount of trash left on the beach concerns me. And Good Harbor sometimes seems overcrowded during the summer.

Far too crowded in the summer. Residents should be given preference for parking and beach going especially at high tide.

Make them MORE accessible to out-of-towners. E.g. shuttles from the train.

People leave garbage and bags of dog poop. We need to find new ways to stop this.

We have begun to avoid going to Good Harbor for our early evening walks due to the amount of trash on the beaches. We end up picking up trash and not relaxing and enjoying our time at the beach. It's very sad and not enjoyable to experience and observe. This is a problem that has been going on for years and has been getting noticeable worse. I know there is no easy solution but needs to be addressed ASAP.

Trash is a problem. Good Harbor needs a trash can near the foot bridge.

Cigarette butts and dog owners still taking dogs in beach are annoying. Wish sticker holders could get on beach earlier for surfing and walking say 6a-8a

Although the cleanup teams work very hard, the beaches need more attention with a visual check. Also life guards ready to go day 1 on ALL of our beaches.

Dogs shit and beer cans Both are partially buried under sand to be later found by bare feet

Smoking should be disallowed

Worried about trash and erosion

I am fine with the carry in carry out concerning trash but too many people leave their trash. I wonder if the trash bags used for home use could be sold at the beach and an area provided to drop them for pick up like a dumpster that has a lid to keep animals out. My second thought but certainly not less important is about dog use. Why can't we bring the dogs early in the morning say before 8 and after 7 at night?

We need trash cans and pick up service

I would like to see less garbage and no radios. We are always picking up after other people who leave garbage behind. Loud radios are a nuisance to the peaceful sound of the ocean.

Would like to see more time available for dogs

I feel garbage cans should bE provided year round

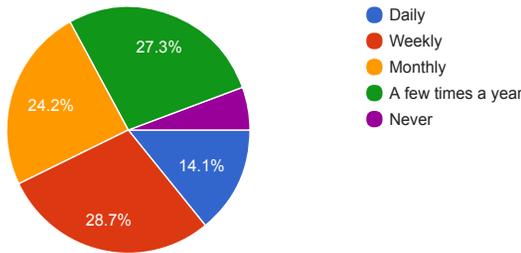
Parking is horrible, non-residents parked in the residents lot at Wingersheek.

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Question 2A: How often do members of your household visit Gloucester's woodland and other natural areas?

355 responses

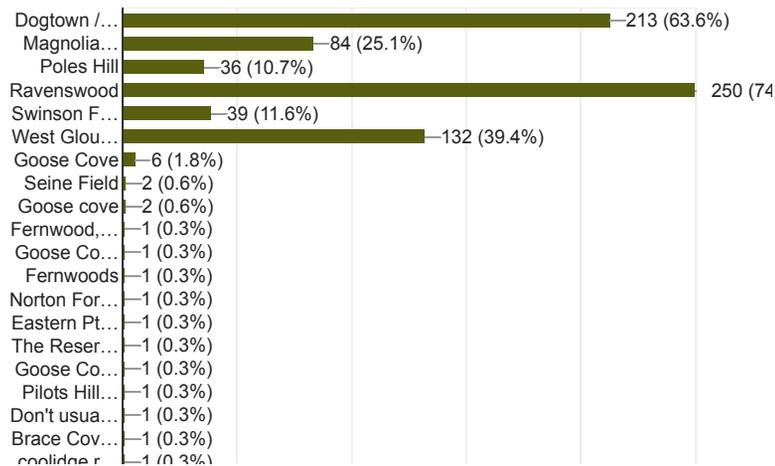
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Question 2B: Which woodland / nature areas do members of your household visit?

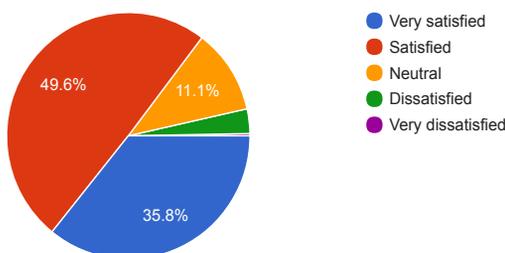
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Question 2C: How satisfied are you with the quality of your experience in Gloucester's woods and other natural areas?

341 responses



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Question 2D: Optional: explain any concerns or provide a short comment on the City's woods and other natural areas.

107 responses

We're lucky to have so many beautiful wooded areas in Gloucester.

Goose Cove trail needs improvement

Our open spaces too need maintenance and a plan to keep homeless visitors out and a place for these homeless to be cared for, not in our open spaces. The trash that has taken over these wonderful places too need to be addressed.

The issue is with dogs off lease and owners not picking up after their pets.

Don't like hearing gun shots from the firing range while walking in the woods, sometimes feel unsafe in the woods (Dogtown) because people are clearly living there, dog poop everywhere all the time and dogs not on leashes, can't believe how much dog poop I see around our drinking water supply.

Again trash. The bags of dog poop that people leave behind at Goose Cove is disgusting and smells horrible.

Love our wood spots.

Litter remains a problem everywhere, but especially Dogtown. especially near the compost dumps and Goose Cove.

Absolutely gorgeous!

These areas have been allowed to be DUMPS for litter and dangerous junk.

I am glad the police patrol the quarry areas.

Trails are poorly marked.

Dog owners who do not have their off-leash dog under control

I don't have a dog so it is a bit much when you go on a hike a random dogs are coming up to you or even growling at you and they are OFF LEASH. It makes it to where you can't trust the place to be safe for you

and your kids - who think every dog is friendly which may not be the case but the owner is a good 200 feet away.

The path on Thompson Rd. from Bray St. is sometimes hard to pass b/c of bushes

The Pines should be more accessible. We used to walk right in on Marble Rd. and now it turns into a private driveway. Where did the road go?

Leash law harassment

Picking up after dogs

We need more clean ups/ awareness of these woodlands esp poles hill

Dogs and dog poop (this again from a dog lover). They damage the environment and can keep everyone from being fully relaxed, since one never knows what to expect of an unleashed dog.

Dog feces are a menace to walking. I'm concerned about picking up ticks as well.

Too many wild dogs off leashes

People are not picking up after their dogs and lots of unleashed animals

I am very conscious of the situations re: the times circumstances and seasons I go to these areas. Coyotes and ticks are a big concern, but can't be helped. Prefer wider trails and roads. Do pay attention to how many other people are around. Also, some trails have other hazards; eg broken glass, physical safety. Walking alone might be risky.

People pick up dog droppings, only to leave the bags in the paths (who is going to pick these up?). Carry in carry out!

I approve of efforts to ensure access to the woods.

Needs forestry management

They seem to manage trash pickup at the Reservoir and have cans for dog waste year-round, yet this is not possible for the Good Harbor Footbridge, and the beach has an income stream? I find this absurd.

there can be issues with dog waste left behind especially at ravenswood

The woods are wonderful. I mostly walk in Dog Town or Poles Hill. Sadly there are a lot of parties at both these locations - leaving behind a lot of trash.

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Out of perhaps anyone's control - the ticks!

Why did they close off Mt. Ann's entrance ? I got all kinds of answers through the years. All mixed and weird. What's yours ?

One of the finest woodlands that Gloucester has, is the West Gloucester/Mt Ann tract of land bordered by Rt 128/Rt133/Magnolia Ave and Rt 127. It is just downright wrong that this beautiful unspoiled tract of forest is under consideration by Gloucester (in its long range plan) for industrial park development. It's funny how you did not poll us on that area for it is the most very satisfying of all your woodlands.

same concerns as above

Leave dogtown wild. Nuff said.

The ticks are a strong deterrent.

Beer cans, trash

Too much broken glass.

Parking can be an issue at many locations most of the time.

Needs more parking

More history info on

Depends which. Ravenswood main trail is all dog poop. Thompson clean, Dogtown trash in main trail entrances but trashers seldom walk far in. Swinson and moors fine.

Worried about the threat from school relocation proposal to the Pines and surrounding areas going down to High Popples Rd.

Wish trails were more clearly marked in Dogtown.

dogs and dog waste; trash

We ar truly blessed to have these wooded areas open to all!

people need to learn to pick up their own bottles, cans, and trash.

Thankfully, people seem to not litter that much in woodlands.

North woods quarry areas are a concern with trash and broken glass during the warm months and we have begun to avoid these areas in the summer months due to the trash and safety concerns.

Not enough parking at some spots (Ravenswood). There is no path maintenance at The Pines- and Swinsons is not mowed enough so tick problems.

Disappearing

City woods are full of creeps. Every see politician with their lovers on Mother Ann

Trash

Concerned people do not pick up after their dogs and drop trash.

Trustees of the reservations do nothing other than to cut trees that have fallen out of the roads. We have a dangerous tinder box in Ravenswood just waiting to happen. A lot of people will lose their homes when it DOES burn.

Dog owners leave feces everywhere. Constant gun fire in DogTown(sportsman club) is unpleasant.

Trash regularly dumped at Thompson St., broken glass around firepits.

Lots of graffiti at Red Rocks lately

I don't seek out the woods as I'm concerned about ticks. I love Ravenswood and it's always beautiful. Thank you!

Swinson/Pines still experiences trash from kids partying on weekends.

I know it would be difficult, but try to stop young people from partying in dogtown, they trash the place.

can we spray for ticks? is there an organic option?

Not a short coming just an FYI- i love the trail markings that were added (the dots)

A couple of areas listed above I've never heard of-- it'd be cool if the city website had a subsection devoted to them, how to get there, where to park, if the trails are marked and how long they are-- clearly, I've got some exploring to do!!

Again, litter/trash issues are still a problem

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Clearer paths in Dogtown would be extremely helpful. As a new resident of Gloucester, I am too nervous about losing my way to venture too far into Dogtown without a guide!

Trail markers in Dogtown would be helpful.

I think that the trails could be better maintained in West Gloucester

Trail markings and (sustainable) maintenance could be improved

Swinson Field/The Pines is not accessible to the public (no parking)

The Lanesville quarries should be utilized as a revenue producing attraction.

Stage Fort Park Open Area, not the playground, is terrible. The grass is weeds, and it just is not fitting for the City, can't even sit in the grass. The DPW or Parks Dept, who knows, needs to do a better job planning, budgeting and improving. If money is a problem, why not partner with the Grand Prix Race, have them create a permanent flattering race track and invest in upgrades to the grounds. Be creative and do a private/public partnership if taxes won't get you there.

Barrels and poop bags in all parking lots would be great.

Trash & empty beer can litter is bad

We are fortunate to have large contiguous areas of open space such as the Ravenswood/Fernwood Lake/Little River continuum for the benefit of wildlife as well as human residents.

Again, trash is a concern.

Suddenly this year folks have started spray painting the rocks with dumb "tags" it's horrible.

Keep the marshes clean through enforcement of Conservation Commission and Building Department regulations.

Attracts Nice people and nice behavior

Owners of large dogs do not pick up their dogs poop.

Trash and dog poop are always present.

We are very concerned with plans to site a new school in The Pines, leaving the East Gloucester Elementary site as (another) abandoned property. The Pines are already under threat by developments on Marble Rd. The School comm proposal would dramatically accelerate the damage to this valuable open-space.

Trash is getting to be a problem

More Parking and trail marking/maintenance would be great in dog town - also would make it easier and more accessible to tourists

Thompson street needs better markings

They should be patrolled more regularly in evenings and weekends to prevents kids partying.

Lack of parking/access at many locations

It would be nice if Dogtown were a little more accessible - as a resident I'm not even sure where it's best to enter except by the compost. Parking isn't really available. I think it is a wonderful, wild place but a little intimidating for anyone to go alone.

I would like to see permanent protections in place for remaining open space

maps and trail maps would make these more accessible.

Prefer they not become too developed/too manicured. While appreciate the maintenance, keeping out poison ivy, etc., I prefer the most natural state possible.

Citizens do not pick up after their animals

Occasionally, motorcycles go into Dogtown, though it is forbidden through city ordinance. This is discouraging and frustrating. I am especially angry when I find oil containers left behind in our beautiful woods. I would like to see some enforcement of the ordinance or as an alternative, perhaps a number to call when there is a motorcycle sighting.

Trash.

Dog poop bags hanging in the bushes and poop in the trails.

Parking

I thought Mt Ann was closed?

Again, dog feces by our reservoir. Dogs not on leashes. My nine year old nephew has autism and a phobia of dogs, so when they charge at him with no leash on, even playfully, it causes alot of turmoil. I'm an animal lover and owner myself, but bad owners are ruining our parks and beaches by refusing to keep dogs leashes and clean up thier poop.

Gloucester's woodland areas are a local treasure, please do nothing to limit access. Everything is perfect exactly as it is. The one comment I'd make as a regular mt biker, I see a fair amount of motorized traffic in the woods. I have no problem with this machines on the main trails, but lately there have been some that have started to motorcycle on the narrower "single track" trail that mt bikers prefer. I don't know how to enforce that, but it would be nice to come up with a way to at least patrol more or educate visitors better. But, ultimately I think only enforcement had have the desired impact.

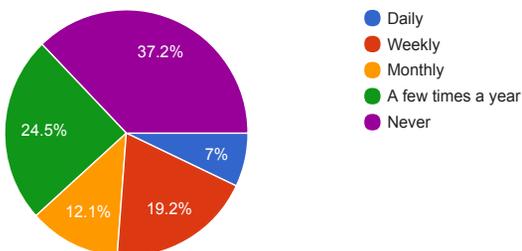
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Does ANYONE go to Pole's Hill? That seems to be a very little-used area for the money invested in it.

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Question 3A: How often do members of your household visit Gloucester's playgrounds?

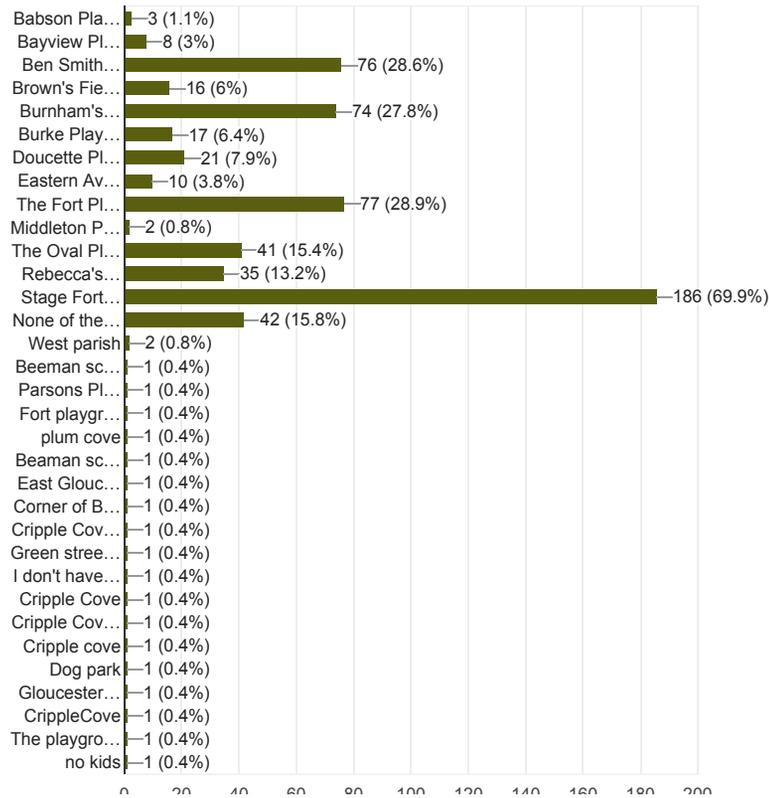
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Question 3B: Which neighborhood playgrounds do members of your household visit?

266 responses

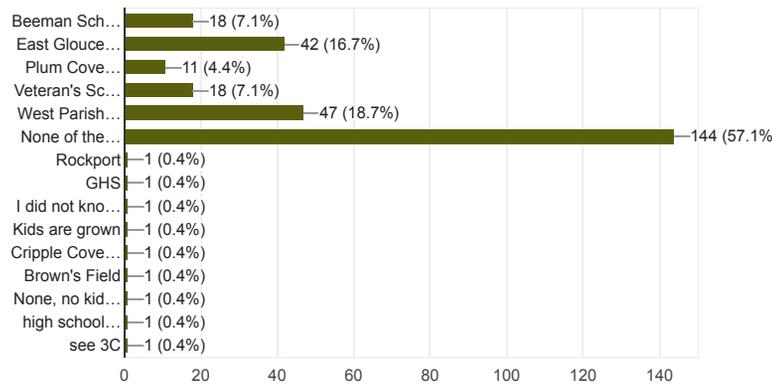
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Question 3C: Which school playgrounds do members of your household use outside of school hours?

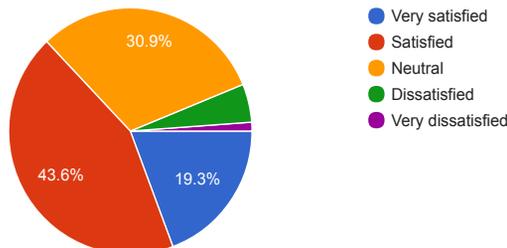
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Question 3D: How satisfied are you with the quality of your experience with Gloucester's playgrounds?

259 responses



Question 3E: Optional - explain any concerns or provide a short comment regarding the City's playgrounds

75 responses

It's still a challenge to protect the Burnham's Field playground from vandalism and poor behavior, though it has improved a lot in recent years.

Keep the bathrooms open

Middleton Playground isn't a playground. It is a parking lot.

Burnhams needs police paroles

I have to clean up before allowing my children to play at burnhams field. I have to repair swings as well. It seems the city workers just dump the trash barrels and move on. Unfortunately it's the parents that allow their kids to leave trash behind while they are throwing their cigarette butts in the mulch. I don't drive and that's my local park most of the time I'm afraid to go there because I don't know what my children will find.

Seems like most need upkeep.

Maintenance...?

The playgrounds aren't always the cleanest - graffiti, trash, broken parts of the equipment some times. Also, I would really love playgrounds become smoke-free areas. There's no reason why my kids or any kids be subjected to cigarette smoke while playing.

I think Stage Fort is nice - there are MANY pieces that are broken. there is a playground in Magnolia that is hidden and no one uses because it is so poorly cleared and no parking - its like a big secret. I have young kids and we go to Mosconomo Park in Manchester because it is spacious, well laid out and you can park

Upkeep and cleanliness

N/A

Beeman playground is very much in need of upgrade.

Trash seems everywhere. Needles may be lying about as well.

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Trash, poorly maintained and unexciting equipment

Again I used to go to playgrounds with my dog when no one was around, but this is no longer an option.

Swings need repair

Bravo to the DPW. The parks we have visited are in great shape.

I don't have children

Need grass cut more often.

Grass should be cut more frequently in the summer.

LOLOL - helped build a couple, kind of biaseded.

dog waste; trash

Trash is a concern

I'm 73 years old. Past my jungle gym days.

My kids are grown-up so we don't use them but happy others have the opportunity.

Not enough up keep. Especially softball fields

Depends on park , love Stagefort, West Parish

More care

Equipment could be better maintained.

Stage Fort Park play ground area needs to be updated!!!!

Parking has become an issue; parking payment for using a city park is a deterrent.

they seem lovely as is

Stage Fort Park is a treasure

Need more adventure play/options for kids of all ages and abilities. We have a lot/enough oplaygrounds they just need to be updated.

they're a bit run-down.

The city playgrounds, particularly those attached to the schools, are well cared for and expansive. However, I think the city is losing a lot by not getting rid of aging, unsafe playground equipment near some of the town's major features. In particular, the Stage Fort Playground. The old equipment at Stage Fort should be removed and replaced with safe, innovative play equipment. The Stage Fort playground should be a destination playground. People inside the town use it daily, and people come from outside of Gloucester to take advantage of Stage Fort all the time. If the playground equipment were state of the art, the park would be even more of a draw in the summer. It would bolster use of Stage Fort Park, support all of the events there, etc. I would happily get involved to help tear down the aging equipment to make way for beautiful new playground structures.

Burnham's mostly, concerned for the trash and needles found

The Stage Fort playground is well-loved and needs updates/improvements. The Rotary portion is great and should be expanded. (We appreciate the very recent, though small, additions of the climbing spire and the stacked bells sound structure.) In the "wooded" perimeter, the wooden structures (light houses and ship) are often in need of repair and/or maintenance (tall weeds, broken). Nearly all of the metal sea saws are broken and dangerous, with exposed, sharp, and rusted edges, and seats that regularly fall off. Many of the spring-mounted animal rides are loose or missing handles. Until recently, many of the older swings in that section were missing seats. I'd like to see an expansive play space worthy of the majesty of this crown jewel park... maybe even include a splash park area. Two great examples would be the Esplanade Playground in Boston, or Cedar Beach Park Destination Playground in Allentown, PA (<http://www.allentownpa.gov/Parks-and-Recreation/Parks/Park-Inventory/Cedar-Beach-Park/Destination-Playground>). I'd imagine the additional summer parking revenue for such a destination play space would help offset its cost. On a smaller scale, the playgrounds behind the Rockport Elementary School, or the new one at Beverly's Lyons Park (Dane St Beach) are good examples of what could be.

I walk my dog almost every day through Green Street Park and weekly through Burnham's field. The walking paths are great, and super helpful that they are plowed in winter.

Burnham's is dangerous because of the omaley kids having "fight club" there. Burkes is outdated and neglected.

The lawn care could be maintained better. As well as the filling under swing sets and play areas in general

Can't compare to Rockport School

Cripple Cove is the nicest because of the family down the street who cut the grass and fundraise for it. The DPW does nothing. Stage Fort is dangerous, the ship has nails sticking out all the time and the lighthouses have splinters, plus many other broken spots.

The dog park is too far away - only one.

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Equipment is getting a bit worn. Need to be better maintained.

Most visits during the warmer months I see people nodding off or visibly impaired right near the kids it brings up a concern for safety.

Kids found a knife in the middle of the field at Green St. Tons of beer cans and broken glass in woods nearby

Green St playground should be expanded and updated

Pirate ship at stage fort has fairly high drop offs

Needles/refuse from illicit activity.

Stage fort park needs improvement. Volley ball court falling apart. All weeds and barely in grass around cupboard side of fields.

Concerned about the safety/upkeep of Burke Playground, often found with trash/empty alcohol containers around

the old play structures at stage fort are dangerous - chipmunks and seesaws - they are also in a very shady and buggy area

The wooden truck at Stage Fort was a favorite! We miss it! Love the pirate ship and twin towers.

Maintenance at stage fort is slow - last summer there were no baby swings, there are limited playgrounds within walking distance in the Riverdale neighborhood - apple street is small but mostly well maintained and Beeman playground is very outdated and can only be accessed during after school hours - not enough for young families

Rusted in spots, some have broken equipment

Cripple cove really wonderful as is the playground Lansville. However both stage fort and the one in magnolia are in need of repairs. I also don't like going to the playground in Magnolia because there is a men's softball league that plays there, which means many drink alcohol and leave things scattered around and

No dogs.

More shade!! More bench seating for parents

older parts of stage fort's playground need to be updated/maintained

Some equipment needs to be replaced and graffiti removed

As a teacher, it would be great to see more natural wood and less plastic.

Trash is a problem. General upkeep at stage fort

Trash sometimes an issue, including broken glass from beer/liqour bottles.

We used to visit Stagefort, Rebecca's, Fort, Cripple Cove and West Parish playgrounds a lot. Now that my kids are older, we don't spend as much time at playgrounds, but it is important to me to pay to maintain playgrounds for those who use them.

I feel that the stage Fort Park playground is an absolute embarrassment to our city. It is pretty sad that the dog park across the street is better taking care of then something for our children.

Used to visit a lot. My children are older now

more shade seating

We live in Magnolia Burke Playground needs to be redone. There isn't even a swing.

Play grounds are fabulous and I commend the city on a good job.

I love them and feel their quality has surged recently. Of course sometimes there are unruly teenagers but that is to be expected. I just love the playgrounds in Gloucester. The Fort playground needs new swings and monkey bars.

Equipment is rundown, trash and debris is a constant issue, broken glass/ vandalism in some spots

I live along Liberty street I have a 7 year old daughter who cannot go to burnhams without feeling unsafe! The vulgar music playing and teens 13-17 are intimidating and beyond out of control. They purposely try to break the equipment. They come in giant groups and take over all the equipment so that the young children cannot play. Us parents have tried to step in. The teens are aggressive and foul with their words.a grandmother was told to suck a dick for asking them to allow the young kids to play. This happens everyday!!! They swarm in each day! We are trying go move out of this area as it feels unsafe.

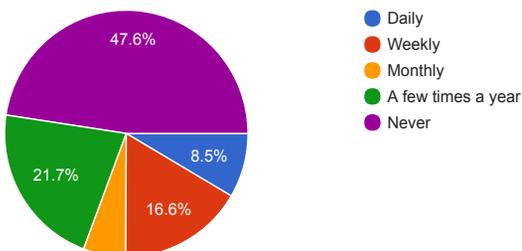
I think they are maintained very well- great job

We enjoy cripple cove playground, nice location, decent equipment

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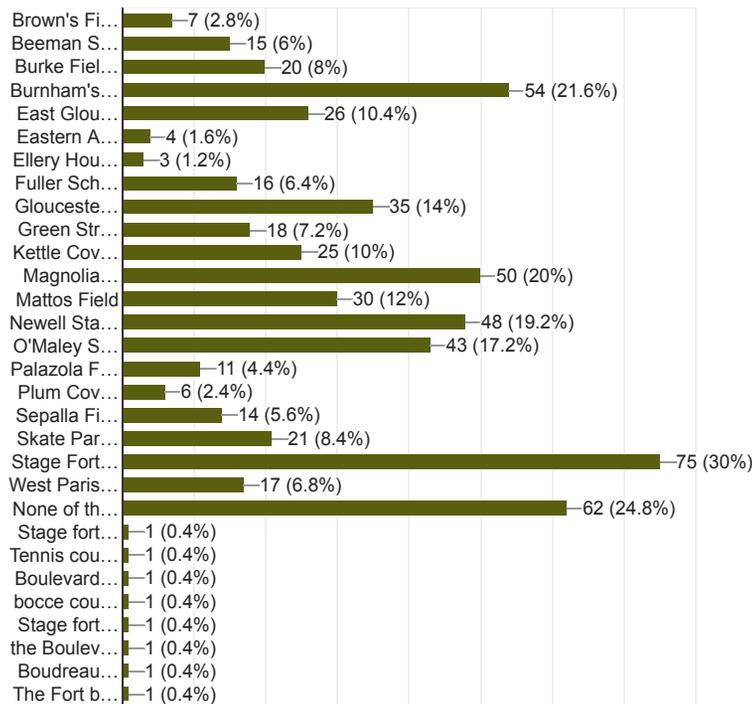
Question 4A: How often do members of your household use Gloucester's playing fields, tennis and basketball courts or other active recreation areas?

355 responses



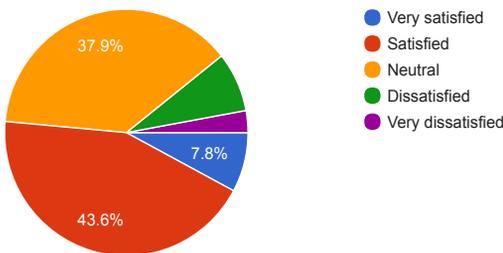
Question 4B: Which playing fields, tennis or basketball courts do members of your household use (outside of school hours)?

250 responses



Question 4C: How satisfied are you with the quality of your experience with Gloucester's playing fields, courts and other recreation areas?

243 responses



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Question 4D: Optional - explain any concerns or provide a short comment regarding the City's fields and active recreation areas

73 responses

- We live near the Burnham's Field playing fields and they are used a TON
- Palazola Field has no bathroom facilities.
- Maintenance is the key
- Again needs some upkeep
- Magnolia Wood field is so wet, but all in all okay.
- People with off-leash dogs; dog owners failing to pick up after their dog; trash/litter
- Why o Why can't the access to the football and track fields at OMalley be planned out? you have to go down a steep decline and incline when going there by foot. Older persons need to walk far and around to get to the field. I get the goose poop all over but there are some dire needs to upkeep and expand upon facilities.
- The softball fields are not maintained and have no bathroom access for girls.
- entirely given over to sporting events, no 'park' left for others to enjoy
- Cleanliness and upkeep
- The city should have contributed more to the Light Up Mattos Project. It should not have landed solely on the women of Cape Ann Women's Softball League to raise those lights!!! That public bathroom also needs

to be kept up by the city not us.

Beeman field and O'Maley track is in need of attention

gloucester

What is going on at Magnolia Woods? Why are there deep tire ruts in the first field, top portion of fields? Is it ongoing vandalism? Infrastructure vehicles? When will that field be usable again? It would be nice to know where to get more information.

They seem well kept and people using them seem to care about the field's appearance.

Tennis courts are sometimes in rough shape, but nice to have access to.

Magnolia woods is a disaster. Always flooded and always full of goose poop. It is a disgrace. The track is rarely open for public use and the times that it is available are very poorly communicated.

These areas are very much underused other than when athletic events are happening.

Courts need some care.

Light Pollution is out of control

Illegal hazardous material dump, just beyond paved circle, Magnolia Woods

We need more tennis courts. We need another skate park

The track at the high school should be available for public use.

I'm a runner and the O'Maley middle school track is concrete and has pot holes and is very unsafe. And the high school track is LOCKED at all times. I'm very dissatisfied.

Magnolia Woods fields are uneven, drain poorly and are covered in goose poop.

Need grass cut more often.

City does a pretty good job. It is my grandkids who use them and I watch.

I would love to see one tennis court striped so that it could be used for pickleball. There are hundreds of people who enjoy this game and make much more use of the courts, and they could still be used for tennis.

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dog waste; trash

We're retired and get our exercise walking.

magnolia woods is swampy and difficult to play on in the spring. also the gates are often locked when kids have a scheduled practice

Too old.

Many don't have lights, girls sports fields are worse than boys. O'maley fields are dreadful and dangerous to play on with holes/divers, and cracks

Depends on the field, some are great others display neglect

Not clear when available

Difficult to request use of the ballfields e.g. CAWSL team looking to practice

Water issues at mag woods can be frustrating

Magnolia Woods soccer fields MUST be fixed to include adequate drainage! O'Maley track needs to be resurfaced for safety reasons.

Concerns regarding Mag. Woods Field. Ponding Water etc.

magnolia Woods needs major improvements to drainage. Many cancelled spring games due to wet fields.

The field at Magnolia Woods do not drain. They are constantly too wet to play on. This rainy spring was awful with those fields. The coach was having practices elsewhere and home games canceled.

Been to field all over the state we have the worst

It took forever to get a fence over by Boudreau Field

Again, it'd be great to know where public tennis courts are located

The water issues at Mag Woods could be better looked at. Fields are always wet.

trash is not picked up enough, need more barrels specifically in burnham's field and bathrooms should be open during peak times, saturday mornings for girls softball

Tennis courts near SF Park are not well maintained. I use fields for working out, not sport. My priorities are level natural surface short grass.

Stacey Boulevard Tennis Courts and Bocce Ball

We need More Lit fields for night games!!

The grass at west Parish gets long- I think there is a building issue with regular cuttings

Perhaps we have too many and not enough money to upkeep. I would suggest contracting the upkeep out because the DPW is not doing a good job.

Kudos to the Light up Mattos Committee and the Friends of Burnhams Field

Upkeep and vandalism are always the struggle. Outdoor cams are cheap. Let's protect these areas and hold vandals accountable.

The Mattos Field Committee has gone above and beyond to improve Mattos Field

The stage fort Basketball court is in poor shape. As is the Burnham basketball courts. Burnham's offered littered with glass.

Why does your survey neglect to mention Swinson's Field tennis courts?! Are you not aware that this is one of the city's important courts?

Love the new bocce courts at Stacy Blvd

gloucester high tennis courts are in poor condition

O'maley track is a disgrace

Nets at Boulevard/Stage Fort tennis courts are often in disrepair. My family has played there once a week for at least ten years. A member of my family has offered to pay to replace the nets this year, but the request is held up in city council.

magnolia woods fields always flood and need to be reseeded/better grass

Kids were very disruptive at the bocce court and tried to damage it.

The condition of the tennis courts

Thank you for high school track repairs! Tennis courts at Stage Fort Park could use some work. Corlis landing needs some work; dog droppings a big problem here.

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We non longer use the fields as much as we once did, but support paying to maintain fields for all.

Bathrooms at Mattos and other public bathrooms should be maintained by the city ! Clean bathrooms are a must for our community

I feel these fields are not taken care of the way they should be. Some of these fields are not even taking care of at all by the city and have to be funded by private groups. I find that disgusting and unacceptable. I've traveled to many other cities for a little league tournaments and in every other City around us the city is responsible for taking care of their Little League fields. I do not feel it it should be the responsibility of little league to have to mow the grass of a city-owned field

Dog poop on fields and fields could be maintained better. Very concerned about track at Newell!

the fields could be better maintained by the city

Visited a lot before my children graduated. Stands were the biggest issue.

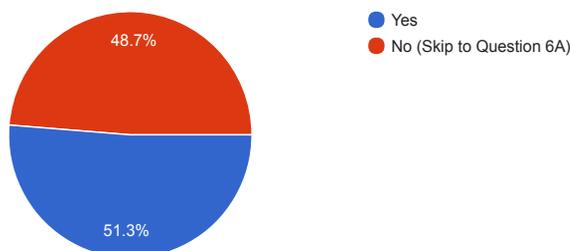
I would like to se parisi field get lights and dugouts.

There's hypodermic needles in the playing field and by the bleachers

I'd like to work out at Newell Stadium- run the bleachers but every time I go it's locked up. When can the public get in?

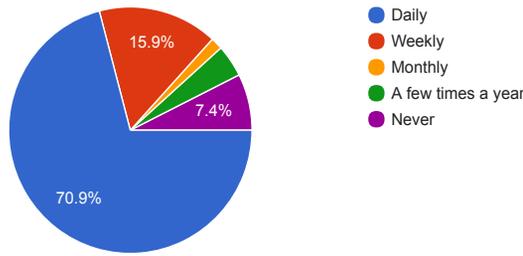
Question 5A: Do you have a dog in your household?

355 responses



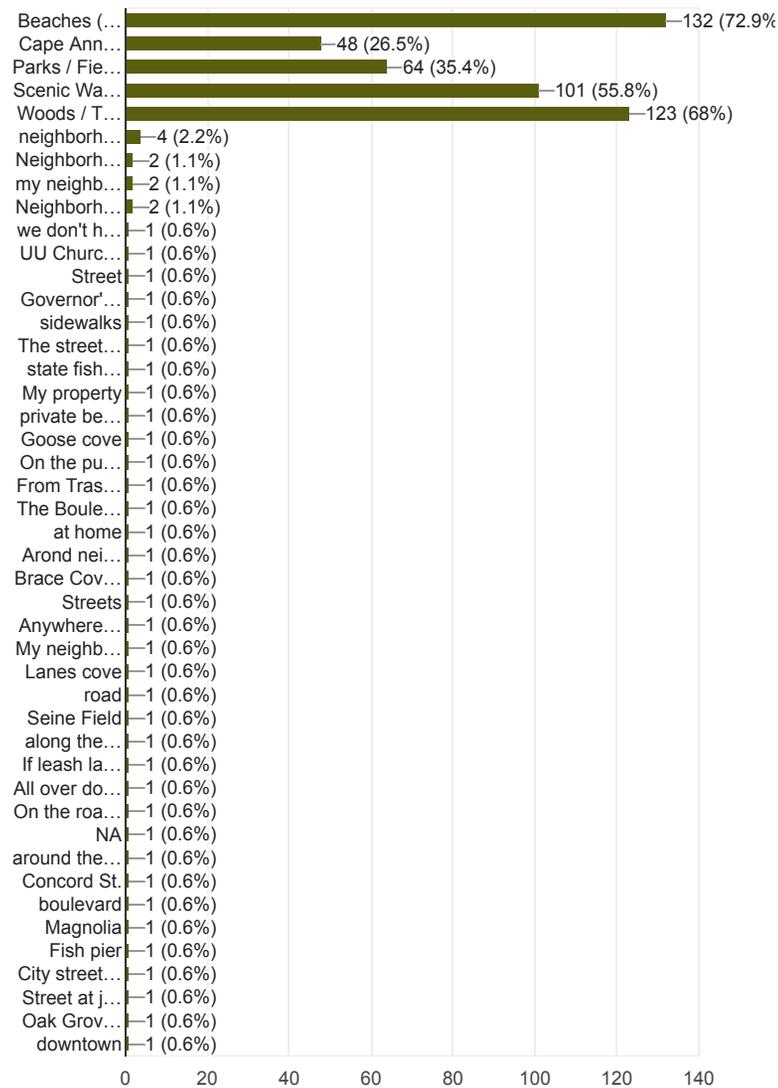
Question 5B: How often do you walk your dog in Gloucester?

189 responses



Question 5C: Where do members of your household walk your dog in Gloucester?

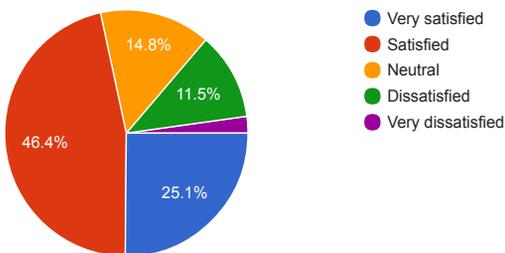
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Question 5D: How satisfied are you with the quality of your experience with the areas in Gloucester where you walk your dog?

183 responses



Question 5E: Optional: Explain your answer to Question 5D

83 responses

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My dog prefers the woods so we go there mostly...

Would like more dog hours on the beaches in season. Maybe early mornings?

Alternating days with the beach schedule is tough

Many people don't clean up after their Dogs

Dog owners failing to adhere to on/off leash day schedule at beaches; owners not having off-leash dogs under control; dogs off-leash in areas/parks where it's not allowed; owners not cleaning up after their dog

Trash barrels on beaches during off season (as in years past) are needed. Also the leash laws pertaining to beaches should be eased to allow possible early morning access, and a longer dog/beach season.

no barrels for waste disposal. Hostile City Hall attitude to dog ownership in the city.

I wish there was beach/swimming time in the summer, early am or late pm

Non animal waste unmanaged(buried diapers, glass and human trash).Harassment by city, and a private citizen legislating their anti dog preferences through manipulating the city council

There are few available options for residents of the Fort to safely walk out dogs during the summer months.

Would love dogs to be able to be on the beach when it's nice out! Maybe before 8am and after 7pm would be a nice compromise

Governor's Park is used as the neighborhood toilet for dogs in the area. I've complained to the city with no results. The Mitt Mutts are not always available...but even if they are, they are not used.

We would like to walk our dog on the beach in the off season, but their are too many dogs off leash that are aggressive towards smaller dogs and that jump up on people.

Wish dogs were allowed on beaches before 7 or 8 am or after 7pm... or whatever hours are acceptable. Just in off hours when it is not crowded.

Please see my answer to 1D regarding time in the on season to bring dogs to beaches.

dog park is boring for my dogs. more fenced in places for dogs.

There are nowhere near enough areas where dogs can be off leash safely. Concentrating dogs and humans into so few places now has created unforeseen problems.

Would like more dog friendly beach policies

Cans at Good Harbor Beach Footbridge- Magnolia has one, the Reservoir has one, why can't there be one there?

Trash barrels needed at beaches.

Dog feces left behind Dogs off leashes.

Would love to be able to walk my dog on the beach summer mornings 7-9AM

I am a responsible dog parent and clean up after my dog and carry poop baggies to my home garbage bin, but dog folks or not, there needs to be garbage bins and pickup at public spaces

There are no open spaces for dogs to run when the beaches are closed. Dogs need exercise. It is critical for their health and well-being. The city needs to provide more wooded and waterfront areas for dogs.

Gloucester is beautiful. The trash around Haskell Pond, the Reservoir off Laurel Street etc. is disturbing.

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Where there are trash barrels, the areas are generally clean.

The beach situation is absurd. Full off season access is all that is acceptable.

Need more access to beaches year round & I think dog park rule about children under 8 yro not being allowed is excessive! I can't bring my 4 yro son & HIS dog to the dog park together !

It's not the Cape Ann Dog Park, It's the Gloucester Dog Park.

I'd like swimming options year round for my dog.

The anti-dog sentiment that's arisen in the past few years is disheartening. While most other communities are opening up more to allow dogs and pets in general more access, Gloucester is doing the opposite with confusing and arbitrary even/odd days the worst of it. Obviously irresponsible dog owners who don't curb their pets or let them run off leash in unsafe areas should be dealt with, but we shouldn't continue to let a few bad apples spoil the bunch.

I think that the beaches should be available for dogs in the evening and early morning year-round. The odd/even schedule doesn't really make much sense to me (although I understand the stated purpose).

Not relevant, dogs stay here except for walks to LanesCove and Dogtown.

These days it looks like people love to walk their dogs on the boulevard, with the new seawall and the amazing new gardens who wouldn't want to take a nice walk there, its been open for only 3 weeks and I'm so disgusted of how inconsiderate people are, poop is been left on the new grass and the walkway where is been stepped on, the new grass has lots of peed dead spots. I've seen people enjoy seating on a blanket and eat pizza, not realizing that they are sitting on dogs poop and pee, why can we have a peaceful boulevard without walking around dogs on long leashes, after all they is a dog park and it's all for them,

For the most part, people keep dogs leashed and pick up after the dogs. However, too many dogs off leash in ravenswood.

I am disgusted by people who don't pick up their dog's poop or allow them to run free when they are not behaved. It is a people problem not a dog problem.

We avoid walking on beaches due to inconsistent use of leashes even on leash days. This is also a concern in some areas we walk in Lanesville. We appreciate the major improvements to Stacy Blvd! It's beautiful! The walkway is great! It's wider and even to walk on! The tulips were amazing!

Needs to be more off-leash areas for dogs. Am fine with no beach in summer- but dog park is too small, and not for walking/running. Some woods walkers are anti-dog, but dogs need more areas to roam/run under supervision of owners. Perhaps we could allow dogs on beaches as per current rules (odd/even days) until lifeguards are installed.

6ft leash law, Responsible use of Open Spaces should be for everyone.

Dogs shit. Keep them off beaches and public grasses. Children enjoy public grasses best

A little too much trash along roadside. (We pick some up. We see it is the trash trucks that are careless) Some trunks of trees dangerously leaning into walking path in woods.

Dissatisfied with not having a beach to walk my dog in the summer

People need to clean up pick up after their dogs even in the off season on beaches!

I enjoy Gloucester but am honestly paranoid walking my dog here because of all the negative things I read about dogs and their dog owners. My dog does not like the dog park yet needs to be run off leash for hours daily! Because of this we usually take him out of town for him to run off leash and then just wake around town in the evening

Would love some beach hrs during hot months so he can cool off also

More large unenclosed off-leash areas during the summer and hunting season are needed.

Glass

Need better poop disposal facilities for those that wont take it home.

The leave a mess, shouldn't be allowed on beaches or boulevard.

In the summer there is no place for me to let the dogs off leash and get exercise myself except Ravenswood and Thompson reservation and I worry about Cayotes there now so I no longer feel comfortable letting them off leash. The dog park doesn't work for me as I get no exercise and my dogs just stand around there.

I love walking my dog in Gloucester. People are respectful and give space when needed. I also always clean up after my pets and i see most doing the same.

The dog park is invaluable!!!

Alternating days on GHB and Winger was a good compromise. Please put back poop only Barrels in off season at two big beaches.

Just wish the season were longer on the beaches! Memorial Day to Labor Day for example.

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not speaking for my self, the dog park seems to have a problem with glass shards & needs to be addressed.

I wish there were evening hours when you could walk your dog on the beach during the off season

The rules on when you can walk your dog on the beach are a bummer in the off season...

I'm not happy with the odd even days at GHB in the off-season. I think dogs could be allowed every day M-F (maybe between 6-9 a.m.) and do the odd-even thing on the weekend. The dog owners that I walk with are extremely diligent about picking up after their dog as well as others.

I wish there were side walks

Enforce the leash laws.

I think there's unnecessary hostility towards dogs due to the belief that leashing dogs and curbing dogs are at all related. Good dog owners clean up after their pets, leashed or not. I'm afraid to ever let my pup off leash, even in a gated, contained cemetery or one of Gloucester's tiny little nontourist beaches for fear of a ticket. And I claim up, always. I wish we put the same focus on clean up nips and butts in our parks and on main thoroughfares as we do in poop. Not that I think we shouldn't clean up. I do. But I have to stick my hand in bushes that may have needles and definitely have nipped to clean up after my pet and nobody seems to go after that issue.

Gloucester is a great walking city....one reason I love it

There are a number of dogs off leash that harass walkers.

Large dog poop is not picked up.

Dog park does not feel like a safe place to bring my dog, many people using park noncompliant with the rules and recently broken glass found in the park

Not enough off-lead open spaces for dogs to run, especially in summer.

Don't like the odd even days and the dogs can't run free on the beach.

Very grateful for off leash open space - the dog park is not big enough for large dogs and is a dust pit

the odd/even day dog rule is incredibly annoying and also dogs should be allowed before 8am in season.

I live in Lanesville. Lack of sidewalks and speed of traffic make walking along streets (with or without pets), a dangerous though necessary undertaking.

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However I believe dogs should be allowed on beaches every day from January - March. During these cold stretches, it is very rare to see someone walking the beach without a dog.

More beach access in the summer - before

need trash containers, better leash enforcement, more areas for off-leash in the summer

There are a lot of issues with dog droppings at Corliss Landing.

I would like to be able to walk my dog at Good Harbor Beach during the summer. Early morning, perhaps, or, after 5.

The dog park could be better and the city could make it a little easier on the owners to walk their dogs on the beaches

the dog Park needs more seating

See above.

It would be nicer to have some more places that well behaved dogs could be off leash in wider open spaces for actual running and freedom

dog park is a disgrace. People have ruined a good concept

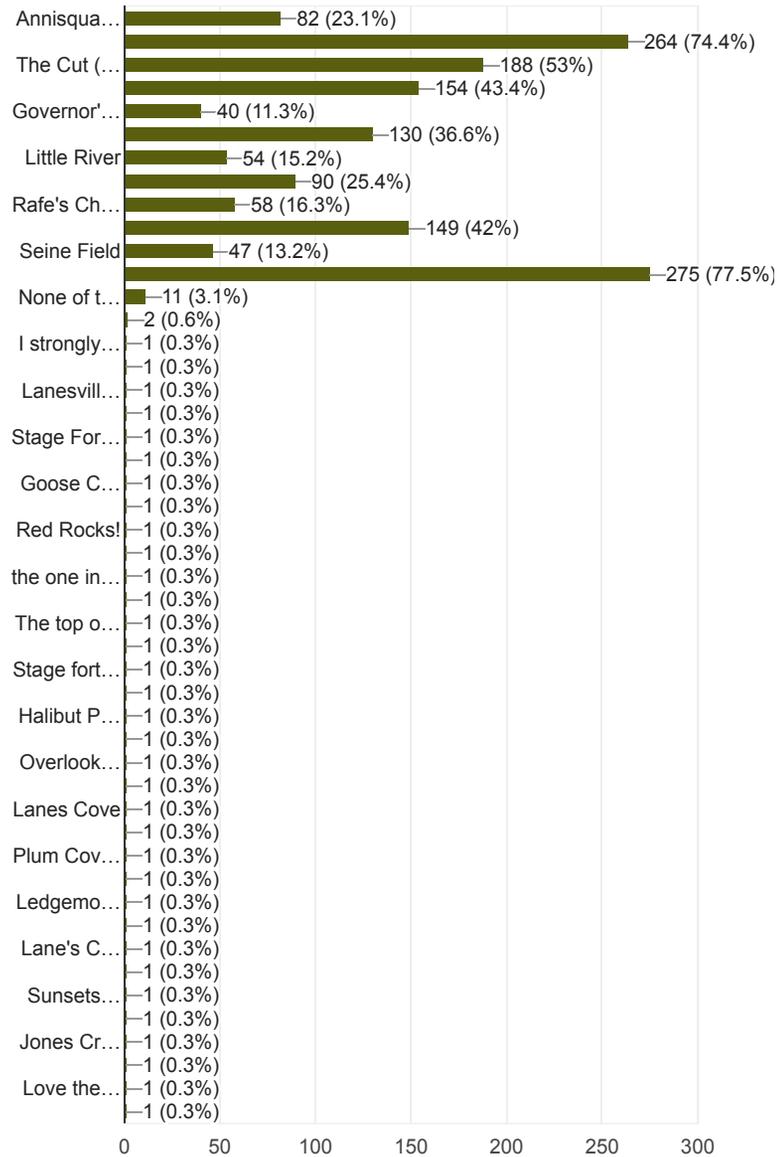
I'm tired of the irresponsible dog owners on good harbor- not all, but many

There should be designated dog areas as well as dog free areas. Dogs should not be allowed (year round) on beaches where shellfish harvesting is allowed, or when birds are nesting. Also, dogs should not be allowed off leash (or maybe not at all) near reservoirs

Question 6A: Which scenic overlooks / areas do members of your household regularly visit to walk or sitesee?

355 responses

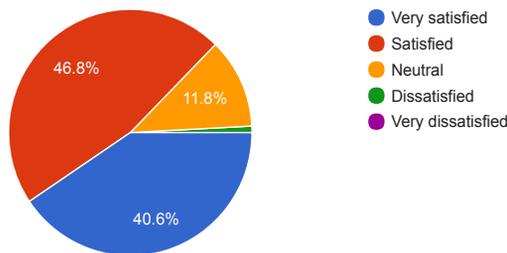
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Question 6B: How satisfied are you with the quality of your experience with scenic areas in Gloucester?

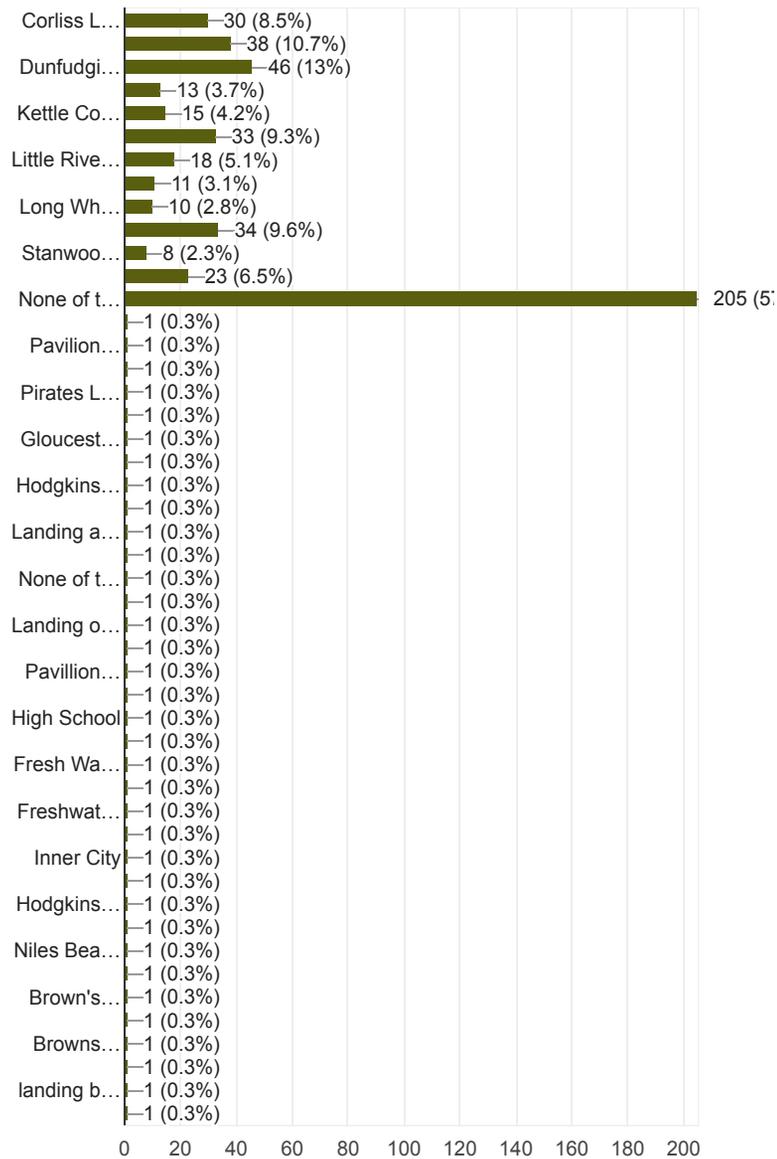
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Question 7: Do you or household members use any of the following landings for watercraft access?

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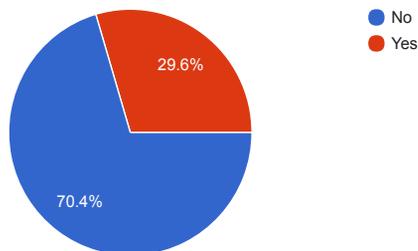
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Question 8A: Have you found any obstacles that prevent you or a household member from accessing or using and enjoying any of Gloucester's beaches, playgrounds, fields, courts or other recreation and open space areas?

355 responses



Question 8B: If you answered yes to Question 8A, identify the location and type of obstacle you or a household member encounter

90 responses

This is supposed to be optional but the form won't let me submit it without filling out this space

My son has a severe vision imparment and a neurological disorder and I feel that no parks in town are really "happicapped friendly"

Paying for breakwater parking has reduced my usage to zero, we used to walk it at least once a week

Staircase at the end of Fremont St. on Rocky Neck is destroyed. Unsafe to let it stay like that.

Traffic

Limited parking

Poor "maintenance", litter--broken glass bottles

Sometimes illegally parked cars especially at Magnolia landing, we also need to do better with fining for littering and dog issues

Some of the playgrounds do not have baby swings - or they aren't usable

Sometimes limited parking at Dunfudgin Landing.

overly restrictive legislation against on leash dogs on several park areas signage.

No trash bins@beach

Wingaersheek - no attendants further up the line to tell cars without stickers to turn around when the lot is full. Jones River Landing - unable to park to go on boats. Have been told to leave even though I was getting on a boat.

Extreme and complex dog control rules and human trash i.e. No trash removal despite high fees

Dogs off leash that jump up on you on our beaches.

dogs and trash

Beaches not assessible to elderly who need a walker.

No parking.

Parking- should have city parking spot stickers like Rockport

Fields consistently closer to flooding and even when they have been "open" DOW has repeatedly failed to open the gate at mag woods

not allowing leashed dogs

Landings like Jones River/ Stone Pier and other areas are great spots for dogs, and much of the time no one is using them. Again, obstacles are legal ones.

NEEDLES

Trash at Good Harbor Beach Footbridge

parking at Pavillion Beach

CROWDS

Long lines getting into Wingaersheek when out of town visitors don't realize the parking lot is full.

There are no public spaces for dogs to run off leash from May 1 to Oct. 1. My dogs are terrified of the dog park and will not go in. They have no spaces to run and exercise for 5 months of the year. They are part of the family and unable to enjoy all that Gloucester has to offer.

No access to beaches for dogs in the summer!

There needs to be an 'in season' beach area for dogs and their humans to use.

The track at the high school is locked

parking & over crowding

dog shit

Lanes cove wall is a disgrace and the Boat landing area needs improvement.

Trash

Stage Fort bathrooms in terrible condition. Trails and paths are in bad condition and difficult to walk on.

trash; parking;

Hard to walk in sand with elderly

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traffic on weekend mornings make it difficult to get to the beach or anywhere in the good harbor beach area

People who litter are a big problem. Could we put up signs that say something like \$500 fine for littering especially at the beaches? And do something to enforce it?

I don't like the alternating days you can bring dogs to the beaches that you can bring dogs to the beaches in the off season.

We parked at Wingersheek after hours and got back 1 minute past 9. We couldn't get our car out, we had to take a cab home, we had to pay a fine and a huge fee to Tally's for towing and storing our vehicle. It worked, we will never let that happen again, but I think it was excessive.

Public drunkenness and speeding cars

GHB parking lot full (closed to residents)

too much poorly handled traffic on weekneds makes it impossible for residents to get out of our streets and get back home again

Summer traffic is overwhelming for locals

My mother walks with a cane- can't get to the beaches easily

No bathrooms at niles

No walkway on Wingersheek resident side

This winter I broke a bone in my foot and had to wear a boot. This made me aware of how difficult it is to cross the uneven parking lot at Wingersheek and to cross the foot bridge at good harbor when the bridge is wet or icy. I never understood why people complained about have no access to parking lots until I became temporarily handicapped.

Parking is sometimes an issue.

Parking at scenic areas and ravenwood

Parking

lack of parking

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The board walk at Good harbor is too narrow for 2 way traffic.

Not what you're looking for w/r/t accessibility, but the rocky outcropping at Tompson St Park (near Fernald St entrance) is regularly littered with shards of broken bottles, which makes visiting this favorite site a little treacherous with our little children. We've also had several near misses in Stage Fort Park. The 2 most common scenarios include 1) vehicles coming from (or going to) the Dog Park parking area, driving into the main lot, but not being cautious or looking for families/small children in the main lot - perhaps this is because of the elevation change between the two lots, and 2) vehicles driving very fast along Hough Ave - it's a park and clearly there are children around, but many vehicles use the park as a "shortcut" (to where, I have no idea) and speed through ... I'd like to see speed bumps other traffic calming devices, especially in the vicinity of the crosswalks near the visitor center/playground and to the south near the Cupboard.

Closed lot last summer

Limited parking at Ravenswood, Dogtown, Lane's Cove, Lobster Cove, and St. Peter's Park

Magnolia Landing is difficult to access the beach at times.

Gloucester should have beach accessible wheelchairs to be able to rent or have on hand at all beaches for handicap accessible use

parking is an issue in many of the "open space areas"

Thank God my family does not face these types of issues.

Wheelchair access to Good Harbor Beach from Nautilus Road is impossible

Limited parking is a problem

Broken glass at town landings and beaches

Witham st entrance to God Harbor beach

Trash and dog feces

Frequently vehicles parked blocking access.

Beaches limited Handicap accessibility

Boardwalks need to be widened, especially for Local parking area. Handicapped and with people bringing carts to the beach, it makes it harder to pass each other without having to step off the boardwalk.

Trash, drug paraphernalia, bottles, cans, broken glass.

Off leash dogs w two small children who are afraid of dogs!

Gates

Too crowded & limited parking.

Limited access to the beaches in the summer with the dog. Before 7am, after 7pm

A place to store a kayak along the river

Traffic and crowding in summer

Summer traffic to Good Harbor and Wingersheek

Dogs and their poop.

The Guy with the golf cart who has a broken leg at Dunfudgin was a real jerk.

Sometimes parking

Lanes Cove landing is in disrepair as is the cove wall.

Dogs off leashes

Traffic to good harbor and parking, maybe a locals only parking area for both good harbor and Long Beach would be nice.

Park equipment at several locations is inadequate and in need of repairs and updating for safety purposes

crowds, rudeness, drunkenness and profanity

Safety at Burnhams

many of the city's landings are deteriorated to the point you can not launch a small craft - particularly without an engine. there is no adequate public landing left in the harbor to launch. one must launch small craft over private property or go to Dun Fudgin and tow a boat into the harbor. a landing should serve as a transition point from land to water not just an observation point.

simply put dog feces... it is everywhere, particularly in the offseason... rules need to be enforced. Also, people throwing up "private" signs everywhere, even on public ways.

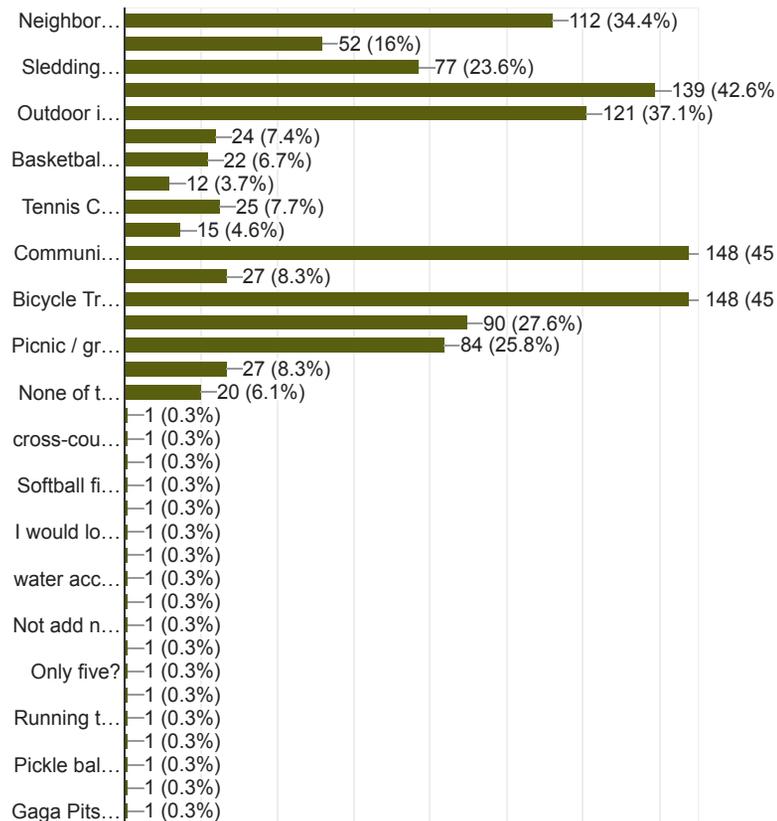
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A security guard is posted at the corner of Eastern Point Blvd and Farrington Avenue. If I want to see or use the Dogbar for fishing, I have to go by them. They also close the parking lot for Eastern Point far too early, before sunset during the summer. I'd like to be able to take my family to watch that over there when they come into town.

Question 9: Additional Facilities - Which of the following conservation and recreational facilities do you think Gloucester should add or increase the number of? (Pick up to five)

326 responses

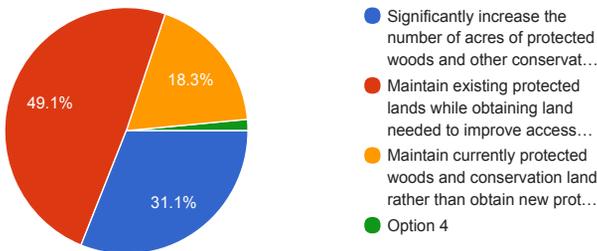
2017 Gloucester Open Space & Recreation Survey



Question 10A: Open Land Protection Priorities: Gloucester should concentrate its efforts and resources on efforts to: (choose one):

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338 responses



Question 10B: Do you know of any sensitive environmental areas or areas of historical significance in Gloucester that are not protected but should be? If yes, explain

50 responses

No (2)

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The Emerald Forest is a wetland in the middle of our beautiful city. This wetland is on of the only green spaces left in our inner city. It needs to be protected .

Still working on north Gloucester

Plum Cove Beach, Lanes Cove Breakwater and historic shack(s)

Keeping our beaches clean of trash and cigarette butts, there needs to be more fines, on Main Street the Boulevards, the butts are awful. Maybe no smoking on the Blvd., Stage Fort Park, the beaches.

Wetlands between houses in Bayview/Lanesville. Neighbors seem to dump fill with impunity and inch closer and closer to streams and sensitive areas—even after being warned by authorities.

no but turn over brownfield sites owned by City to become parks and increase number of dog parks.

Much of Dog Town is not permanently protected and really should be.

Annisquam River Marshes.

Wetlands under development threat, 18-A Calder St.

Once again the tract of forest that is bordered by Rt 128/Rt133/Magnolia Ave and Rt 127 that is currently in Gloucester's long term plans for industrial development.

East Gloucester moors. Do not build schools or other structures there. Ten Pound Island, insure preservation, do not develop.

Privately held parcels adjoining reservoir watershed areas - especially the West Gloucester watershed.

Good Harbor Beach is under assault from tour buses--check out Kim Smith's pictures in Good Morning Gloucester. The police should take notice and identify the companies that bring people who throw trash on the beach and threaten piping plovers.

Fresh water marsh behind Pathways for children

The area around Little River off King Phillip Rd. could be better maintained and free of garbage.

Klondike from industrial contamination. North woods and surrounding areas with inappropriate quarry activities. I believe Gloucester is good about preserving historical sites/areas.

I think it would be great to lower the speed limit on Western Ave along Stacey Blvd. The noise and traffic contrasts with the charm and pleasure of walking there.

The old cemeteries (unitarian comes to mind) need much better maintenance.

Land in middle of

Freshwater Cove

Protect the Harbor from developers! Do not remove the Marine Zoning!

Grave yard off Centennial Ave.

The corner of Witham and Thatcher, that was illegally filled in, and should not be built on. The condos will damage the marsh and be an eyesore, as well as make that intersection even more dangerous

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Nothing should be built in the Swinsons Field/Pines area!

re-open unused area such as Mt. Ann Park

Babson Reservoir

no idea

The City Archives (home of the records of historical significance) are badly underfunded. Hiring a part time Archivist will help but more could be done.

As Back Shore proposal for 3 houses on ocean side of Atlantic showed, there are shoreline lots that need to be acquired so they are not developed

Swinson's field - should not be developed

Dogtown: the parts that are not yet protected

The Wharfs, especially those used by the fishing industries. The fishing industry is such an integral part of Gloucester History and if private or public entities keep buying those wharfs then we will be losing that connection to our ancestry.

I see encroachment on the woods and neighborhood infrastructures being overly taxed by new construction. Given the tax rate residents are charged the city should be maintaining and updating the current systems (sewer, roads) to support what is already here. The cost to homeowners for poor water/sewer and road systems is significant and it appears the city is not holding up their end by allowing these infrastructures to be overtaxed by new construction without property maintaining them or upgrading them to support existing structures.

The Pines!!

Cemeteries should NOT allow dogs. So tired of going to graves of loved ones with dog mess all around.

I'm involved in a group creating a Cape Ann Slavery Trail website. Some of the historic locations related to slavery and abolition will be gaining notice and may need to be protected. We'll have a full list of the historic sites by the end of this summer.

Salt Island

Stone Pier Jones Creek

West Gloucester, watershed of reservoir off Forest Lane being destroyed by Mass Mudders

Any of the cemeteries not currently protected. Areas adjacent to dog town. Salt island.

Wondering how protection of Centennial Burial Ground is now - it wasn't great when we lived on Lincoln Ave. Dogtown boulders and whales jaw - graffiti. Fires and parties in Dogtown. Damage due to motorcycles in Dogtown.

Quarry areas in lanesville could be better protected. South woods is pristine woodlands and exceptional wildlife habitat. Mt Anne is pristine and could be better protected.

Salt Island is a huge and oft-used resource. It is privately owned but should be purchased by the city.

All the city owned land between Kondelin Rd. and Rt. 128 and to Manchester that some fool councilor wanted to turn into a golf course. Old Rockport Rd. and any land near Babson watershed (it has already been an insult to the memory of the Babson family, who gave us the water supply land, that an industrial park was built on their former pasture land). I could go on.

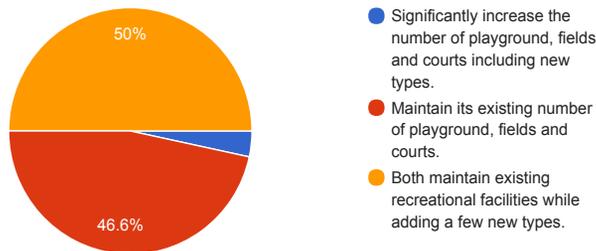
The harbor-the wide spread use of LED lights is making the harbor too bright at at night. The lights should cast their light down instead of spending out in wide area.

The Pines! They are not protected. They contain many ponds of all sizes- home for 100 species of birds, coyotes, turtles, fox, rabbits, chipmunks , etc. please donate all to Greenbelt

There is a lot of protected land that is or should be pubic (land trust/city) that is locked up by "private property" signage that is not true or appropriate. Public roadways are being blocked which hampers access... this needs to stop.

Question 10C: Recreation Priorities: Gloucester should concentrate its efforts and resources on efforts to: (choose one):

326 responses



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Question 10 D: Do you know of any opportunities for Gloucester to acquire land for parks or fields? If yes, explain

30 responses

No (3)

no (2)

North Gloucester & woodlands close to Dogtown

Former Cape Ann Fisheries Property at The Fort

There is a park in Magnolia that is NEVER USED by kids. it is hidden off of 127 and its wasteful to see it like that. Someone spent time and money to put it there but there are no signs, parking and its overgrown bushes, etc.. Lots of children in Magnolia would LOVE a nice park..

Wetlands should be protected; they could serve as wildlife refuges/educational opportunities.

brownfield site buyup in City.

not off hand

Salt Island

Trails for bicycling, scootering, roller-blading

Parker st being used as a parking lot. Poor useage

Require developers at fuller site to replace ball field that is being removed

Buy the corner of Witham and Thatcher, build a nice park for people to take a break from the beach and enjoy the wildlife.

Only if we can afford it. Honestly go to any town that is attracting young people, families, etc, and the public grounds are immaculate. Ours are in shambles, the grass, the landscaping etc. If I were to invest I

would tear down the visitor center at Stage Fort and open a State of the Art Facility, the current one is an embarrassment. Also, I would work with the Commonwealth to figure out how to use the land in the middle of the Blackburn Rotary (Market Basket Rotary now). This land is underutilized and could easily be used to host some sort of renewable energy generation, more turbines, solar panels whatever. Make better use and invest in what we already have. We have plenty. Perhaps think about creating some competition for the DPW because they are not getting the job done, or give them more resources so they can get the job done. This is to say, I don't know if they are just not doing their job or simply under resourced.

Apple st field would be a great spot for a basketball court.

The site of Ocean View Inn would make a nice park and provide the broader public with view of open ocean....

Yes... five woodlots in . Dogtown

Several city owned properties are not maintained. Manage what you already have before acquiring more.

There is an open lot in magnolia, the site of the pizza shop that burnt down. It would make a great location for a fenced in playground.

Don't sell the field at fuller

Land for more Blue Space would be nice - more areas along Back Shore. Salt island.

Essex County Greenbelt?

See above. Salt Island should be a public resource. The city is making a foolish decision to bet that it will stay open without controlling it. It is currently for sale and has been. The owners would, I suspect, be willing to listen to a reasonable offer.

I-4 C-2!!! Area behind Shaws on Maplewood--make it all parks.

It would be nice if the city had more open space in the denser part of the city, especially the gateways to the city. Driving from Good Harbor to downtown it looks a little dumpy, and it is also very dangerous to bike.

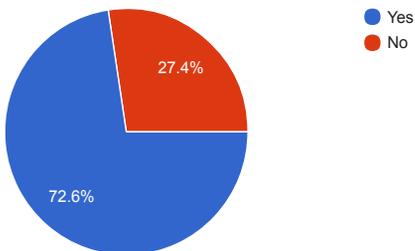
Please do not build on The Pines- value what we have its precious

The city should buy the parking lot on Eastern Point (by the lighthouse) from Mass Audubon or take over management of it. They run people, even locals, out of there at 8 pm all summer long. What happened to being able to access the jetty, such a scenic spot, especially at sunset which is after 8 during the summer, plus good for walk or fishing (and the best fishing can be at night). If that is not an option, exercise use of the right of way adjoining roadway to widen and create parking. Being treated like a criminal for wanting to watch the sunset in your own community is a shame. Otherwise just let people access what already exists and take opportunities as they come. Example... more pull outs and scenic area parking along Atlantic Ave. Also don't let people mark up public ways as private to try and scare off people... it hurts tourism, limits recreation opportunity for locals, and generally destroys the friendly face of our community.

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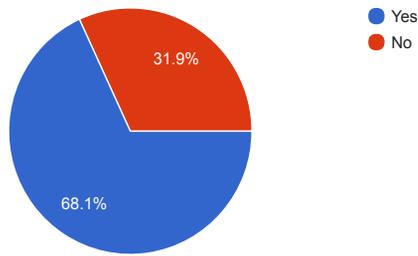
Question 11A: Community Preservation Act - Gloucester currently funds open space protection, historic preservation and affordable housing with a 1% Community Preservation surcharge on property tax bills that helps match state and federal grants (low-income residents are exempted). The CPA raises \$650,000 a year for those purposes. Would you support raising the Community Preservation surcharge by 1% to increase funding to achieve Gloucester's Open Space and Recreation priorities?

336 responses



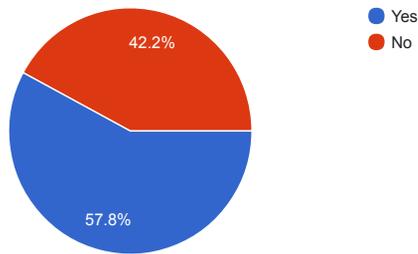
Question 11B: I would be willing to pay more taxes so that Gloucester can better maintain its existing recreation facilities and conservation lands.

342 responses



Question 11C: I would be willing to pay more taxes so that Gloucester can buy land for recreation and conservation.

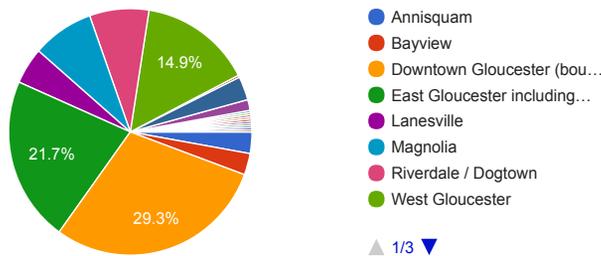
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Wrap - Up: Your Neighborhood

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Other (12)

Wrap-up: Provide any additional comments or suggestions

86 responses

Thank you for putting this survey out. I hope all who utilize our wonderful public facilities take the very few minutes needed to fill it out and submit it.

Thank you for your work on this!

Thank you all for your hard work on this survey, I do hope that it brings change for the better for our beautiful city and its open spaces.

Great survey!

Thank you City of Gloucester for reaching out to the public on this important matter!

Where is USE YOUR HEAD? Good survey, addition of photos is great!

I have been involved in The Plum Cove Beach "Issue" and restoring "The Shack", Lanes Cove, etc. Happy to help!

Again, if we want to be greener we need to be cleaner. Smoking in front of stores and eating establishments should be enforced. Also littering should be fined.

Thank you for your consideration!

I would recommend Gloucester focus on improving trail access and blazing.

We are a newer family to Gloucester and finding out information about activities for my kids to do is like a secret. I would love to see one place that has ALL activities listed and enrollment links from . Like a REC department page. There are SOO many fabulous people and places in this city that I learn about via facebook or good morning gloucester solely. I do LOVE that there is so much community involvement and I know for CERTAIN many people would donate to a kickstarter campaigns to get the fields looking better and safer for the kids. I want to help just don't know how I can.. feel free to reach out.

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Re: 7 (landings)- The public landing (Robinson's) at Pirates Lane (for kayaks, paddleboards etc.) is not maintained, and sometimes people park blocking it. The bushes need to be cut back, and the loose boulders/rubble/trash need to be cleared so the neighborhood can safely use the only tiny public access in walking distance (walking with a kayak that is). see part 4 of <http://gloucester-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/426>

In season Dog beach hours would be great. Maybe 7pm-7am??

We would be willing to have our taxes go up slightly if we were guaranteed the funds were NOT going to pay for tulips, which only bloom one time. Very disturbing to learn CPA grant money helped fund tulips.

It would be great to know where to access more information about our parks, recreational, and conservation land (e.g. suggested things to do, history, maps, trails etc)

Quarry access would be a unique public venue to Gloucester/Rockport.

Thanks for issuing this survey!

Thanks!!!!

Greater enforcement of dog ordinances needed. Keep dogs off beaches!

Please place Sharps containers at all areas of difficulty.

Trash solution needed for Good Harbor Beach Footbridge, current not working

NO MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, until we can deal with all the issues the current level have brought to Gloucester.

Instead of raising taxes, be accountable to use tax revenue better (with integrity)

Parts of the city are cursed with trash and litter. I'd like to see our good Mayor take this on as a quality of life issue. I'm not just talking about trash on the beaches. I consider downtown "open space" as well. All of Gloucester should be treated with great respect.

I'd love to see a soccer field (or two!) at Burnham's. Magnolia Woods is too remote for kids who don't have a parent to drive them around during work hours. Soccer at Burnhams would be a great community builder in the heart of the city.

carry in carry out doesnt work. The two BIG beaches need barrels

Gloucester does a great job maintaining its beautiful recreational areas, but please bring trash barrels or dumpsters back to the beaches. Carry In/carry out is not working, and that's a shame.

If there was any increase in taxes I would like it to address school budgets and DPW for beach cleanup and Maintenance, or other areas we are underfunded,

I think this is a very positive step for the city to engage community members. Thanks for doing this!

I would support a slight tax increase to maintain and obtain recreational areas, and also to increase parking access. I'd like to see more focus on patrolling beach lots, etc during seasonal use to increase awareness among non-residents who do not respect the beauty of Gloucester and its beaches.

Add more trash receptacles at beaches! & empty them regularly!

Gloucester is so beautiful yet so dirty. I wish there was a way to clean it up.

So happy to see all the progress made to boulevard and waterfront.

Thanks for asking :)

Gloucester is blessed with incredible parks and open lands but they need to be maintained (Stage Fort, Ravenswood, beaches...) . Stage Fort is a gem but the facilities need upgrading. The city needs to dedicate more resources to maintaining these parks Also get more businesses involved and volunteer groups to help in enhancing the parks, trails and facilities.

The trash and dog issues are important—the carry in carry out idea does not work if busloads of people are involved, and the dog issue at Brace's Cove and other sites is really serious: people bring their dogs to walk in our areas and a. do not leash them and b. do not clean up after them. I think we need the police to help on all this. Spending more for beauty and recreation is absolutely the future of Gloucester. Thanks for the survey!

great idea to do this survey!

Clear Dogtown with controlled burns. Restore it to open pasture-like land.

Sadly, some people litter. I think we need something stronger to discourage this like posting signs for fines and enforcing this enough so people understand we are serious. We have reasonable rules in place. I think we need to do a little more but not go overboard.

Gloucester is a gem and it is important to keep it clean, safe and enjoyable for its citizens and visitors! Thank you for all your hard work!

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We need to account for wildlife better. In my opinion we are over building, pushing our resources beyond capacity and robbing nature's creatures of habitat, in turn reduces our personal own experiences in life. Please understand any criticism is meant to point out weakness, over all, great job! We all love Gloucester!

DPW is the abest

Would like to see more beach time for dogs. My hometown is similar to Gloucester as it's a summer tourist destination with many beaches.

"From April 1 to June 15, leashed dogs are allowed at any time of day; from June 16 to Sept. 15, dogs are only allowed before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m." York (yorkmaine.org)

Would just like to see more fairness as I live here and feel like I can't equally enjoy what Gloucester has to offer because I am a dog owner

resident parking at the beach should be more of a priority than for out of towners. Waiting in line to get into Wingersheek when it is closed to non-residents is a joke. Then you finally get to the beach and everyone is sitting down doing nothing. Once the beach is closed to non-resident someone should be making them turn around and get out of line so the residents can get to the beach.

Clean up Cressys Beach!!! It's disgrace to the city of Gloucester to have such a beautiful Stage Fort Park and the city puts no effort into cleaning up that beach. I grew up swimming at that beach and it was cared for then why not now? It only makes sense that Cressy's and Half Moon are the overflow beaches that people could be utilizing and more revenue for the city.

I feel that dog owners and their dogs have a strong negative impact on our beaches and watershed. More outreach and education about hygiene and etiquette would help mitigate that impact.

Please don't construe my support for recreational areas and conservation as a lack of support for building a school in the Pines/Swinsons. A school there would be the kind of asset Gloucester could hugely benefit from. Many private schools boast of being located in parkland and I can think of no better environment to nurture an interest in the environment, conservation and general learning than surrounded by nature.

Beach parking fees should go into specific beach maintenance fund instead of city's general fund, to fund recycling bins and staff to enforce carry-in carry out policy.

Before Asking for more tax money, we should know how it is currently being spent.

during the summer beach and recreation department should have the kids maintain the parks - .. the DPW does a great job - grooming the beaches in the summer months - ..and picking up the trash - real nice job! ... the should seasons - .. it is a harder - as a few hot days and everyone goes to the beach - .. and lots of

trash gets left regarding the parks - ..to have a nice park .. with the grass not being cut regularly looks bad. most of these places are beautiful places - they just need to be regularly maintained. also - .. Main street should be power washed - with leaf blowers to clean it up daily - ... to get the bird crap \$ trash off of the sidewalks - ... rockport does it daily in the summer - and there downtown is very clean - .. gloucester - not so much - .. so that could be improved. Again - .. local kids should be tasked to do this - .. with supervision.

Trash is the most obvious problem in Gloucester right now. Last year roughly 60 people (many from out of town) watched the July 3rd fireworks from Cripple Cove park, where trash was floating everywhere in the water, sitting up on the land--it was everywhere. It was deeply embarrassing. They had to notice.

The soccer fields at upper magnolia need some major revision. This season my son's team has had 3 or 4 games cancelled due to an unplayable field out of an eight week season. Ridiculous! Not having a proper place to play and practice has compromised our local teams ability to compete against other towns.

I also have serious concern about the lack of sidewalk on Gloucester Ave. So many teens walk up to jobs at Gloucester crossing and are sharing a road with tractor trailer truck headed for Bomco. It is an accident just waiting to happen.

I would not want to just raise taxes to buy property for conservation or recreation but would consider it on a case by case basis.

Do not raise our taxes. Leverage our cpa funds with state money, e.g parc grants ;)

Look at opportunity to begin connecting trails now that we have purchased land via CPA funds. Make signage professional like essex county and enforce violations.

Thank you!

Shore Rd in Magnolia, and some private roads like Lake Rd, need repaving badly.

The city should encourage RV visits by authorizing overnight parking of same in desirable locations.

Not sure about increasing taxes without specifics....

The city of Gloucester should rewrite the current zoning regulations. The current regulations are not worth the paper they are written on. As a result, a poorly trained zoning board makes incredibly ill-advised decisions. The zoning board and Conservation Commission should consider new development ideas in concert to avoid approving developments that are of great detriment to the citizens of Gloucester. Complete and comprehensive training of members of both groups is needed to avoid decisions that "feel right" and ensure they are legal and correct.

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Walker Creek needs a boat access point. The intersection of Concord St. and Sumner St. isn't perfect, but it can work.

limit teen drinking and homeless people at these venues

The tax burden on residents is already excluding lifelong residents from continuing to live on Cape Ann. While it might be unrealistic to keep Gloucester affordable for everyone born here, keep in mind you are pricing out people whose families have sacrificed their blood and sweat into making our city home. In my lifetime I have observed the "neighbors looking out for neighbors" vibe disappear as properties are bought up and turned into mini mansions for people who don't even live here year round or bother getting to know who they live among. Gloucester's charm is directly related to the fishing port that has been decimated, the "starving" artists who can no longer afford to live here, and all those "quirky" but comforting oddities that tend to offend the straights. I see a transformation into a generic bedroom community for Boston and it saddens me to think as often as I do if by moving to a different community I might find that comfortable community (warts and all) that feels like home.

I would prefer to use money to maintain existing parks, beaches, ect.

I would like to see additional security (motion lights?) to prevent vandalism. More enforcement of dog leash laws would be helpful too. Also, citizens would be willing to help restore park equipment, if we were invited! I had offered to help restore the wooden truck at Stage Fort Park previously, but then it was taken down instead. Organized community work days would be great and help foster more engagement. Thank you for your efforts to improve Gloucester. It is such a beautiful and special place!

They need to take care of what they have instead of adding more.

The poorly maintained tennis nets are an eyesore beside the gorgeous tulip beds/gardens and the well-maintained bocce court. The nets are my first priority right now. Also, make sure the city stays on track with affordable housing. Keep Gloucester people in Gloucester rather than sell out to large developers. The children and grandchildren of fishermen and the artists and musicians add a lot to this community,

red rocks parking area needs to be maintained! and expanded! so that cars are not parks on the side of the road on 133. resident beach parking areas need to be enforced, last season there were many cars without stickers in the parking area at Wingersheek

We live in such a beautiful area. I haven't been to the beaches much in recent years because we are boaters, but when we go, it's shocking how many people are there and how much litter is left behind.

Add Kayak racks near high school and add a backboard to stage fort park tennis court

Trash is a huge issue everywhere in the city, especially summer at the beach. Cigarette butts litter the entire city

keep up the good work

Keep up the good work!

We appreciate all that the city DOES do...taxes have been rising for us every year for the past 5 years, asking for additional money when we are certain to already be contributing additional money...

Thank you for all you are doing to protect, beautify and increase open space!

As far as raising the taxes to make Gloucester's fields and recreational areas better I would only agree if it was guaranteed to go towards the right things

what can be done to remove and replace the broken pilings, and fix the docks all over the inner harbor? We (Gloucester) have such a beautiful harbor yet to see unused dock space is such a shame. Think of all that money the city could be taking in for docking space. I know the government has its regulations in there somewhere but maybe working together with Corporations who have football fields, baseball parks and civic centers named after them all the time, maybe Gloucester's industry could help. Gortons, New Balance, Applied Material, Sam Park and more....

Historic preservation is very important to promoting tourism in our community, I especially enjoyed visiting the Sargent House Museum. Dog owners need a couple of dedicated dog parks, as opposed to sharing the beaches and reservoir and hoping they will be responsible with dog waste.

I don't believe tax expenditures are being used wisely at this time, which is why I object to tax increases.

The Klondike Quarry needs to be better protected from trespassers.

I think Gloucester has an extensive Open Space & Recreational areas; however, they do need to be maintained better, which I know costs money. But I think we pay enough taxes for this purpose. Not sure how revenues could be increased to allow for better maintenance.

A bike path from rockport to Gloucester would be great! Going through Dogtown, I think that would attract tourists and would be great for residents.

Please put some consideration in advancing boating needs for the community. We are told the Waterways Board is somewhat hamstrung by the Conservation Commission as to restoration of historic landings. Yes, conservation is necessary but many landings are being destroyed and not reestablished - County Landing (at the Boulevard) and Brown's Landing (Mill River) to name two which have historically been used for launching more than just car top vessels (kayaks) but small trailerable vessels - such as row or sail. There is no landing in the harbor to launch.

Funds re-allocated for Bike Paths is a great idea... our local roads are treacherous to ride with kids.

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Levy a surcharge on dog licenses to raise funds for dog parks & enforce the rules at beaches! Going to the beach off-season with a family is like trying to take them to a dog park... poop and pouncing!

Please- if you haven't been in the Pines I'd be happy to take you. Let's not be short sighted with this wonderful space

more public access across the board but particularly to waterfront areas... residents paying to park out by eastern point light is ridiculous for example. Also town should be removing "private drive or road" signs that are on public ways... way to much of that happening in town. It's bad for business tourism, you name it. City should be working to acquire more parking, scenic pull out location (Atlantic Ave, etc) and other things like that.

I live in Danvers, but work and recreate in Gloucester. I moved to MA from other parts of the country, and have to say that (in my experience) Gloucester lags far behind other places in terms of shoreline access for both salt and freshwater bodies of water. The public should be able to use its common resources for activities like fishing, especially in a place that so prides itself on being a fishing town. I have a particular issue with Eastern Point, as it seems like a segment of the community have partitioned themselves off from the rest of Gloucester and have made access to an entire part of town more difficult for the rest of us.

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