

**March 19, 2009**  
**Stow Recreation Commission**  
**Land Use Task Force Report**

The following information is what the Stow Recreation Commission forecasts for future needs for recreational land.

**Lacrosse-** Currently we have around 112 participants from Stow in the Nashoba lacrosse program. We have no fields right now reserved for lacrosse. With the projected growth of the program doubling in the next couple of years and the addition of another 1000 families to Stow there would be no way Bolton could continue to provide all of the fields for Nashoba Lacrosse. So there would be a need for us to either contribute at least 2 fields dedicated to lacrosse in Stow. The lacrosse field dimensions are 330x246 feet and would require 1.6 acres of land.

**Field Hockey-** Currently we do not have a designated field for Field Hockey. This is a growing sport and Stow Recreation foresees the need for at least one field to accommodate this growing program. A field hockey field dimensions are 300x180 and would require 1.2 acres of land.

**Youth football-** Currently our football program is run fully in Bolton. If we build out to 10,000 people in Stow there maybe a need to split the current football program and have the Stow participants play in Stow. We would need at least one game field and a large enough area to hold multiple practices. A football field dimensions are 360x160 feet and would require 1.3 acres of land.

**AVLL-** Currently we have roughly 300 participants from Stow in AVLL. We currently have three 60ft baseball fields dedicated to AVLL plus two additional fields to be built at the Old Bolton Road property. If we build out to 10,000 there will be a need for an additional field to sustain the program. If we loose the two Center School fields we will need at least two additional fields. A 60ft base ball field would be 300 x 300 feet in dimensions and would require 2 acres of land.

**Babe Ruth Baseball-** Currently we do not have a 90ft baseball field in Stow. So that means we can not accommodate Babe Ruth or Senior league baseball. There is a need now to add at least one 90ft baseball diamond. A 90ft baseball field would be 450 x 450 feet in dimensions. With the increase of population we would need to add a total of two 90ft diamonds to run a Senior league or Babe Ruth Program. Currently our kids have to go to Maynard and use their fields.

**Soccer-** Currently we have roughly 624 participants from Stow playing soccer in town. With the addition of the Snow fields we will have a total of 7 fields. If the build out happened and we loose the Center School fields we will need at least 4

additional fields to have enough space to accommodate the program in town. An 11v11 soccer field dimensions are 330x240 feet and would require 1.8 acres of land. An 8v8 field would be 70x50 in dimension and a 6v6 would be 50x40 feet in dimension.

**Men's Softball-** We currently have 160 participants in the men's softball program. This number could double if we build out to 10,000 people so we would need 1 additional softball field to accommodate that program and possibly add a women's softball league in town, which we currently do not have.

**Recreation Center/Community Center-**With the anticipated growth there would be a great need for a community center. Stow Recreation would like the center to include such things as a pool, fitness center, basketball court, teen center, and community-gathering place.

**Indoor basketball court-**We currently only have two indoor basketball courts in Stow. We have over 160 participants in the youth basketball program. We currently don't have enough space and time at the gyms to run the program. With the addition of 1000 families we would need at least two more indoor courts to run the youth basketball program during the winter.

**Boat Landing-** canoe/kayak access to Lake Boone and Assabet River

**Bike Trails** - support of Assabet River Rail Trail links.  
Walking/Skiing Trails - support of Stow Conservation Commission and other protected spaces for walking.

**Tennis Courts** - If we lost the two Center School tennis courts there would be a need for at least four additional tennis courts in Stow. A tennis court dimensions are 78x36 feet.

**Skate board park-** There are many communities that have added Skate Board parks. With the increase in population it would be great to have a place for teens to come and do something constructive and physical.

**In addition a field or a complex of fields would need parking and storage areas as well. And there is always the requirement of flat dry land.**