# Nathaniel Thayer Memorial Park Concept Plan and Vision

Lancaster's Thayer Memorial Park is a 22 acre plot of town-owned land directly behind the Town Green and Thayer Memorial Library, in what is quite literally, Lancaster's back yard. Lancaster is fortunate to have such an unusual asset in the heart of our town, a credit to Pauline R. Thayer who gifted the land in the name of Nathaniel Thayer just prior to her death in 1934.

"...to be used by said town for the purpose of providing a proper and adequate recreation and playground center for the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster"



## Today

Feature	Today	
Utility Field (behind Memorial School)	Yes (needs renovation)	
Tennis	Yes (but closed)	
Basketball	Yes (Usable but in rough shape)	
Softball	Yes (non-regulation)	
Little League Baseball	Yes	
Wooded Trails	Yes	
Skating Rink	Yes	
Pump Track	Yes (needs maintenance)	

## What is a Phased Approach?

- Several smaller projects taken on as funding is available
- Concept Plan is meant to show locations
- Details are defined at the Phase level
- Phases are currently being defined
- Phases inform fundraising plan
- Will be seeking interest groups to work on each phase
- Public input and review for each phase
- Allow neighbors and community to help define character

### How do we Define Character?

- Enhance the neighborhood and the community
- Source of pride for the neighborhood and community
- Provide a gathering place for neighborhood and community
- Mixed use something for everyone... All generations.
- Aesthetically fit in with neighborhood and small town feel
- Inviting, Safe, Community oriented

**NOTE:** Images in this presentation DO NOT reflect actual designs. They are meant to show what is possible in terms of design and to serve as a guide to the kind of character we are looking for in the Park.





Landscaped

• Plenty of shade

Areas to rest

Avoid chain link

• Opportunity for unique design

Playground





Playground







#### Community Park

- "Park within a Park"
- Designed Landscape
- Areas to rest
- Community Gardens

- Passive Area
- Possible synergy with future use of Memorial School







#### Wooded Trails

- Offset removal of existing Woods
- Leverage unutilized land





Accessible Paths





#### Field House

- Concessions, Storage, Bathrooms
- Design in keeping with local character







Community Pavilion

- Common Area adjacent to Field House
- Fire Pit All season use
- Picnic/Party/Gathering area

Community Pavilion

#### Seasonal Skating Rink

- Adjacent to Field House and Pavilion
- Temporary structure







- Music, community theatre, education, scouts
- Natural look and feel
- Takes advantage of existing slope

#### Amphitheatre





• Landscaped

• Not just an open lot



#### Basketball





- Tight landscaping
- Lighting **not** part of Master Concept Plan

Tennis



#### Multi-use

- Volleyball
- Pickleball
- Lighting **not** part of Master Concept Plan













#### Baseball / Softball





- Design structures in keeping with local character
- Lighting **not** part of Master Concept Plan.





#### **Utility Field**

- Local Youth Sports (Soccer, Lacrosse, etc)
- Local Adult Leagues (Frisbee, Flag Football)
- Other events
- Neighborhood play space
- Added Revenue Stream for maintenance
- Lighting <u>not</u> part of Master Concept Plan.





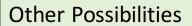




- Landscaped
- Plenty of Shade and seating
- NOT a square plot of dirt with chain link!







- Gaga Pit
- Horseshoes
- Bocci





#### Borders and Berms





- Serve as visual and aural barrier
- Minimal use of Chain Link



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	Softball	Yes (non-regulation)	Yes (regulation)
	Little League Baseball	Yes	Yes
	Wooded Trails	Yes	Yes
	Skating Rink	Yes	Yes
	Pump Track	Yes (needs maintenance)	Yes
	Passive Park / Garden	No	Yes
	Amphitheater	No	Yes
1	Playground	No	Yes
	Dog Park	No	Yes
	Accessible Paths	No	Yes
	Field House and Community Pavilion	No	Yes
	Picnic Areas	No	Yes
	Ample and Modern Parking	No	Yes

