

Community & Recreational Programs & Facilities



Granville High School

Community and recreational facilities and programs are very important to the Village, to satisfy the needs of the community and to help define the character of the Village. According to the results of the Residential Survey, most residents would however, like to see the additional public trails and greenways in the Village. The youth population is perceived to be problematic by some because the Village of Granville is lacking an abundance of activities for young adults. The Village library could use improvements like new computers and a greater variety of inventory. The Village needs to develop more public parks with equipment and amenities that the community desires for recreation and leisure. The following Goals and Recommendations support these concepts:

Goal 1: Maintain and enhance Village buildings and properties to sufficiently serve their function for all residents.

Recommendations/Actions:

1. Continue annual maintenance of all municipal buildings and properties.
2. Survey all of the Village properties to determine the accuracy of property boundaries and ownership.
3. Expand the Senior Citizens Center to meet the future needs of the citizens.
4. Develop a Village Community Center/Family Recreation Center in an appropriate location as an indoor, civic gathering place for young and old.

5. Continue maintenance of the existing recreational facilities for safety and aesthetics.

Goal 2: Utilize the Granville Central Schools as a neighborhood center.

Recommendations/Actions:

1. Create a steering committee comprised of Village, Town, and School representatives to provide for increase communication within the community.
2. Work with Granville Central Schools to expand opportunities for youth and adults through additional educational programs and facilities.
3. Utilize the Granville Central Schools for after-school and/or inter-generational programming.
4. Encourage the use of the Village environs as a “Living Classroom” or “Community Workshop” for classes or organizations within the school system.
5. Establish a working relationship with Adirondack Community College to establish a satellite program at the Granville Central Schools.

Goal 3: Provide the desired recreational opportunities for all Village residents.

Recommendations/Actions:

1. Maximize the use of existing facilities and expand their functions to better serve the needs of the community.
2. Create an interconnected trail system between the Village and Town.
3. Where feasible, work to obtain abandoned railroad easements for the development of trails for pedestrians and bicycles.
4. Acquire additional land to meet the future recreational needs.
5. Develop ways the carnival grounds can be used throughout all the seasons.
6. Develop additional playgrounds for younger children.
7. Work with the Town and the Granville School District to develop a community swimming pool.
8. Continue to support programs and activities for senior adults, teens, and families and develop a variety of programs and community activities for young and old.
9. Develop programs to place youths and seniors together for social activities.
10. Appoint an Activities Director to be responsible for program development and involving the public in community activities and programs.

Goal 4: Maximize the recreational potential of the Mettawee and Indian Rivers.

Recommendations/Actions:

1. Create linear parks, nature trails, picnic areas, and access points for fishing and boating along the banks of the Indian and Mettawee Rivers.
2. Cooperate with the Town, County, Chamber of Commerce, and the Scouts to sponsor an annual "Fishing Tournament."
3. Develop other special events that celebrate the importance of the water resources of the Village.