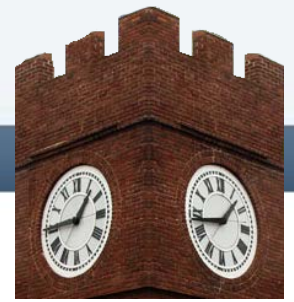




Parks Department Overview

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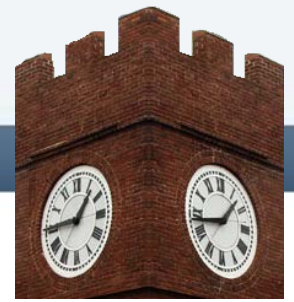
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- **Strategic Planning**

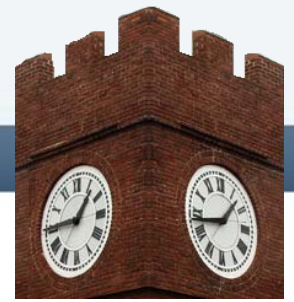
- Parks Master Plan approved by Park Board and City Council in 2000.
 - Established trail connectivity as a high priority
 - Established land classification system for all park land
 - Mixed Use, Active Use, Limited Use
- Goal 1 of the Strategic Plan seeks to “Create a more vibrant and connected residential community.” Connectivity provides additional recreational opportunities, decreases vehicular traffic and promotes a healthier community.



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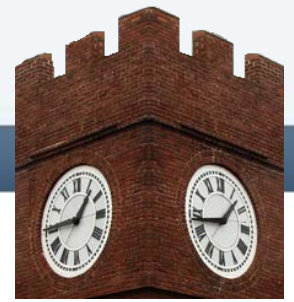
- The Park Board has identified several trails as the top priority of the proposed trail system.
 - Based on the amount of potential usage
 - Based on connectivity to the downtown area, parks, neighborhoods, schools and library
 - Based on potential for regional connectivity
 - Based on number of people directly impacted



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- **Budget Information**

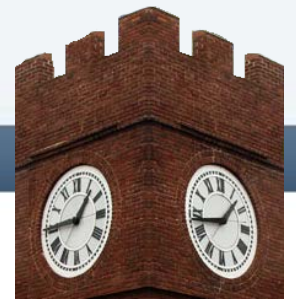
- In preparation for budget discussions, the Park Board keeps a list of prioritized projects. This list is adjusted from time to time as needed based on community input.
- Sources of revenue include income tax, gas well royalties and user fees
- Budget impacts include larger projects scheduled over the course of the next five years
- Cost pressures include equipment and fuel



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- **Budget Information**

- Parks Department unfunded initiatives currently include:
 - Dog park
 - Tennis court facilities
 - Nature center
- In the case of reduced funding, the Parks could reduce the frequency of several maintenance items including grass cutting, trash removal and baseball field prep.



Questions?



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