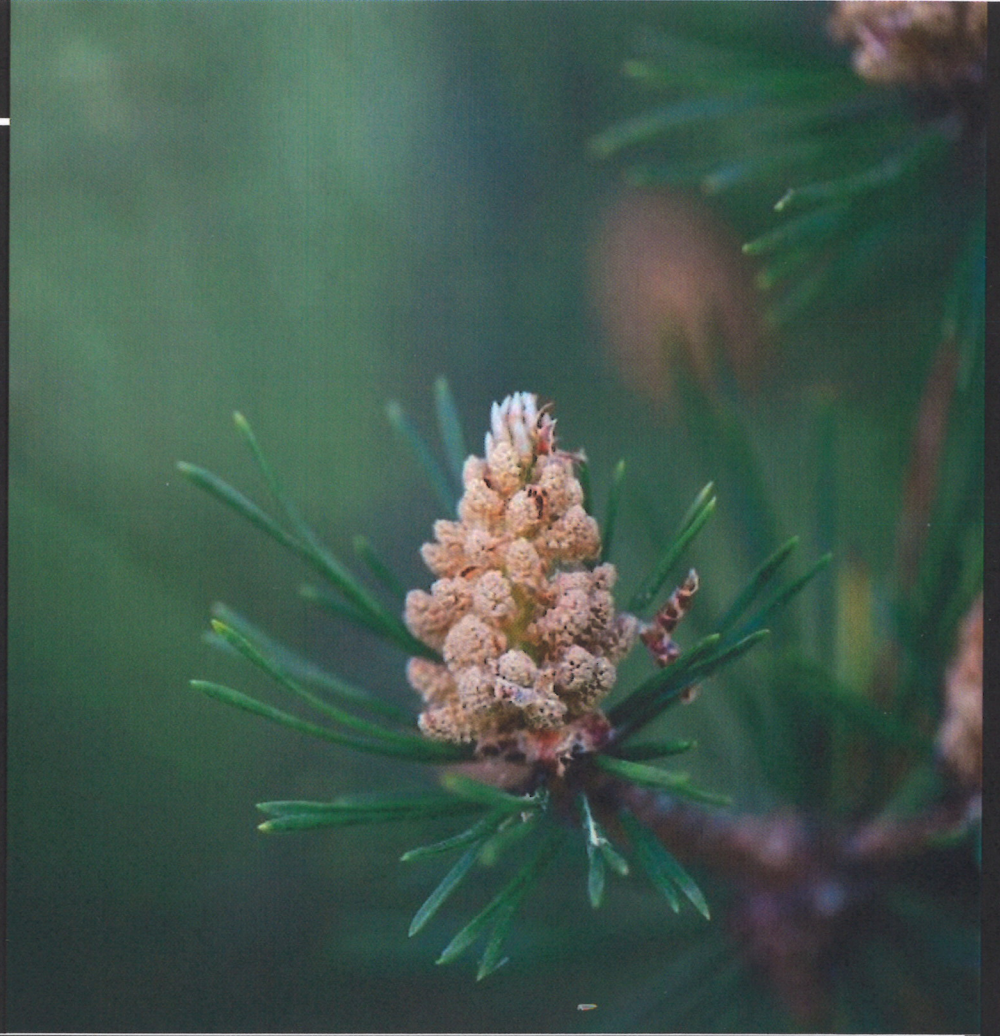

GRANBY
PARKS & RECREATION

PARK STUDY 2025

SALMON BROOK PARK
AHRENS PARK



BACKGROUND

Originating from a very well-attended public session of a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board in September 2024 it was directly heard that there were unmet demands and expectations of the town parks. This valuable input from the community led to the Town engaging with a consulting firm to conduct a comprehensive Park Study.

The findings from this study will serve as a foundation for developing a Master Plan that addresses park improvements, explores the addition of new features, and ensures the most effective and balanced use of available space for all residents.



GZA GEOENVIRONMENTAL, INC.

Selected consultant firm, GZA, followed a comprehensive, community-centered methodology:

1. Site Analysis
 2. Public Engagement
 3. Parks Master Plan Development
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PARKS MASTER PLAN

The plan incorporates responses to stakeholders, public input, and the effective use of Town resources.

It examines both Salmon Brook Park and Ahrens Park, providing strategies to balance usage across the two facilities.

Recommendations are structured as a phased approach, guiding implementation over the course of several years to ensure sustainable and achievable progress.



PARKS & RECREATION BOARD*



Board Endorsement & Input

- The Parks & Recreation Board was tasked with submitting its **Endorsement of Parks Improvements and Input for the Capital Planning Process**.
- On **August 12**, the Board met to review and compile its priorities.
- These priorities are drawn directly from **GZA's Master Plans** for both **Salmon Brook Park** and **Ahrens Park**.

SALMON BROOK PARK*

1. **Route 20 Path to Soccer Fields with Improvements for Pedestrian and Equestrian Use**
 - Upgrade existing path to Route 20 parking lot
 - Expand ADA accessibility from the central parking lot to soccer fields
2. **Install Pickleball Courts and Relocate Lacrosse Fields**
 - Relocate two smaller lacrosse fields to Ahren's Park
 - Build new Pickleball Court at southern end of central parking lot
3. **Ballfields 3 and 5**
 - Relocate ballfield 3 and re-orient ballfield 5
 - Add upgraded and accessible seating, lights, and scoreboard
4. **Playground**
 - Develop a new playground for ages 5-12
5. **Utilities Expansion**
 - Installation in preparation for restroom and future use
6. **Restroom**
 - Develop a new restroom building between Fields 3 and 5 and Pickleball courts

*P&R Board order of priorities
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SOURCES: UCONN CLEAR, CT DEEP, CNES, NEARMAP

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AHRENS PARK*

1. Install relocated lacrosse fields from Salmon Brook Park

2. Playground

- Develop a playground for ages 2-5 and ages 5-12 adjacent to existing pavilion/restroom building

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AHRENS PARK - MASTER PLAN
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PROPOSED NEW PARK FEATURES AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

SOURCES: UCONN CLEAR, CT DEEP, CNP'S, NEARMAP

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