Lyme Road South Precinct Planning

Summary of Polling Responses from the Community Meeting
Jan 20, 2022
Polling Themes & Questions

Warm-up
- Click on the map and drop a pin where you live

Lyme Rd Area Character
- Write 3 words that capture what makes the Lyme Rd area unique and special to you.

Recreation
- How often do you use the Garipay Fields?
- For what activities do you use the Garipay Fields?
- How often do you use the trails?
- Click on the map and drop a pin where you access the trails.
- How often do you use the open space west of Lyme Road?
- For what activities do you use the open space west of Lyme Road?

Retail, Amenities and Public Facilities
- What destinations do you currently go to?
- What other amenities would you like to see in the Lyme Road area?

Mobility
- How often do you use the Lyme Road MUP (Multi-Use Path) and bike lane?
- What is your primary reason for using the MUP and bike lane?
- What are the challenges for pedestrians and bikers along Lyme Road?
- Are there any existing challenges associated with the roundabout?

Leveraging development for other improvements
- If development in this area could help improve one existing challenge, what do you think it should be?
Click on the map and drop a pin where you live

172 TOTAL RESPONSES
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329 TOTAL RESPONSES
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<th>OTHER</th>
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<td>Green</td>
<td>Family-oriented</td>
<td>Daycare</td>
<td>Public-transportation</td>
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<td>Natural space for young children to explore</td>
<td>Kid friendly</td>
<td>elementary and middle schools</td>
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<td>Cross-country skiing</td>
<td>Open space</td>
<td>Community connection, community crossroad</td>
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<td>Buffer to downtown</td>
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<td>Running/jogging</td>
<td>Outdoor space for community</td>
<td>Community gathering space</td>
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<td>Potential for housing</td>
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<td>Walking</td>
<td>Pine park access</td>
<td>Beautiful, peaceful, scenic, serenity, quiet</td>
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<td>Social</td>
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<td>Biking</td>
<td>Sunrise</td>
<td>Benefits to mental health</td>
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<td>Backyard</td>
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<td>Hiking</td>
<td>Sustainable</td>
<td>Work life balance!</td>
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<td>Wildlife</td>
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<td>Youth opportunities</td>
<td>Open vistas, views of ridges west and east</td>
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<td>children learning skiing</td>
<td>Big open sky</td>
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<td>Exercise</td>
<td>Natural habitats near neighborhoods</td>
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<td>Ford Sayre Nordic program</td>
<td>Open community playground</td>
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<td>Kite-flying</td>
<td>Preserved animal habitat pathway</td>
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<td>Dog-walking</td>
<td>Year-round foot access in open spaces</td>
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<td>Wooded trails</td>
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Recreation - How often do you use the Garipay Fields?

197 TOTAL RESPONSES

- Everyday: 45%
- 1-3 times per week: 38%
- 1-3 times per month: 7%
- Rarely: 10%
Recreation - For what activities do you use the Garipay Fields?

334 TOTAL RESPONSES
Recreation - For what activities do you use the Garipay Fields?

### Active Sports & Recreation
- Skiing
- Nordic skiing
- Cross-country skiing
- Running/jogging
- Walking
- Biking
- Hiking
- Sledding
- Snowshoeing
- Golfing
- Baseball practice
- Football
- Soccer
- Softball
- Spike ball
- Volleyball
- Rugby
- Mountain bike
- Coach children to ski
- Upper valley running club
- Course field trips
- Dry land training
- Strength workouts
- Gathering for weekly group bike ride

### Passive Recreation
- Bird watching
- Wildflower watching
- Commute to school
- Dog walking
- Flying drones with kids
- Games with kids
- Kids snow tubing
- Playing with family-sports
- Teaching kids to fly kites
- Throwing a ball with kids
- Frisbee with friends
- Kite flying
- Drone photography
- Meditate
- Eating ice cream from coop
- Fly remote-control planes, model planes & rockets

- Gardening
- Sitting and reading
- Enjoy the beauty
- Snow play
- Relaxing in quiet space
- Take a break from work
- Mental health and wellness/escapism
- Social with other outdoor especially after covid
- Meet neighbors
- Visit people while walking
- Star-gazing
Recreation - How often do you use the trails?

- **200 TOTAL RESPONSES**

- **45%** use the trails everyday.
- **41%** use the trails 1-3 times per week.
- **1-3 times per month** is used by a smaller percentage.
- **Rarely** is the least common usage frequency, represented by the smallest slice of the pie chart.
Recreation - Click on the map and drop a pin where you access the trails.
Recreation - How often do you use the open space west of Lyme Road?

194 TOTAL RESPONSES

- 48% 1-3 times per week
- 23% Everyday
- 16% 1-3 times per month
- 13% Rarely
Recreation - For what activities do you use the open space west of Lyme Road?

277 TOTAL RESPONSES
Recreation - For what activities do you use the open space west of Lyme Road?

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<td>Nordic skiing</td>
<td>Walk trails to river</td>
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<td>Cross-country skiing</td>
<td>Connecting to other trails</td>
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<td>Running/jogging</td>
<td>Access to Pine Park</td>
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<td>Running Pine Park/Girl Brook</td>
<td>Walking to Occom pond</td>
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<td>Bird watching</td>
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<td>Biking</td>
<td>Dog walking</td>
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<td>Hiking</td>
<td>Mushroom hunting</td>
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<td>Sledding</td>
<td>Walking searching for plants</td>
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<td>Snowshoeing</td>
<td>Enjoying nature beauty, open space, and views</td>
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<td>Golfing</td>
<td>Enjoying sunset</td>
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<td>Softball</td>
<td>Star-gazing</td>
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<td>Soccer</td>
<td>Strolling with baby</td>
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<td>Swimming with my dog</td>
<td>Frisbee</td>
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<td>Course field trips</td>
<td>Meditating</td>
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<td>Throwing a ball with kids</td>
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|                              | Watching wildlife |
|                              | Yoga |
|                              | Flying remote-controlled planes |
|                              | Getting away from people and campus |
|                              | Getting to Pine Park to watch the river go by |
|                              | Photography |
|                              | Walking meetings |
Retail, Amenities and Public Facilities
- What destinations do you currently go to?

303 TOTAL RESPONSES
Retail, Amenities and Public Facilities - What destinations do you currently go to?

* Note: Boundaries between Pine Park property and Dartmouth property are pending.
### Retail, Amenities and Public Facilities – What other amenities would you like to see in the Lyme Road area?

#### Retail
- Casual restaurants
- Bakery
- Outdoor café
- Breakfast lunch place
- Coffee house
- Sandwich field
- Gelato/ ice cream shop
- Healthy restaurant
- Pizza place
- Pub
- Starbucks
- Deli
- Bigger grocery store
- Bookstore
- Cleaners
- Thrift store
- Wax station
- Atm
- Bank
- Drug store/ pharmacy
- Farmstand
- Gas station
- Laundromat
- Dry cleaners
- Ski shop
- Bundle new commercial place
- Open workspace
- Maker space
- DHMC clinic

#### Sports & Recreation
- Allow skiing at rugby area
- Après ski
- Bowling
- Ice skating rink
- More skiing area
- Ski course
- Soccer field
- Specialized gym (i.e. Pilates)
- Tennis courts
- Snowmaking
- Ski lodge/ warming hut
- River access
- Bike trail
- After-school activities
- Kid friendly spaces
- Bike and ski rentals
- Recreation center

#### Nature & Open Space
- Dog park
- Fountain
- Keep it chill
- More forest
- Natural beauty
- Drinking fountain
- Open field
- Preserve Garipay field
- Public gathering spaces
- Rest area, pocket park for adults and little ones
- Much better restoration of Girl Brook

#### Mobility & Transportation
- ADA accessibility between destinations
- Bicycle kiosk to include pump
- Bike shop, bike wash/repair
- Safe pedestrian crossings (for children getting to school)
- Sidewalks
- Streetlights
- Signaled crossing
- Electric vehicle chargers
- Parking on the west side
- Public restrooms
- Mail/ post office

#### Arts & Culture
- Art space/ art center (place to take classes)
- Library satellite
- Music center/ venue
- Sale of art by students
- Public art

#### Public Amenity
- Affordable housing, especially for young families
- Graduate housing

#### Other
- None

*Summary does not include “none” responses*
Mobility - How often do you use the Lyme Road MUP (Multi-Use Path) and bike lane?

202 TOTAL RESPONSES

- Everyday: 33%
- 1-3 times per week: 16%
- 1-3 times per month: 21%
- Rarely: 30%
Mobility - What is your primary reason for using the MUP and bike lane?

- Commute to work: 55%
- Exercise: 19%
- Pleasure: 18%
- Other: 8%

323 TOTAL RESPONSES
Mobility - What are the challenges for pedestrians and bikers along Lyme Road?

217 TOTAL RESPONSES
## Mobility - What are the challenges for pedestrians and bikers along Lyme Road?

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<th>Bike Facilities</th>
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<td>Heavy traffic, school traffic</td>
<td>Lack of lighting</td>
<td>Bike lane too narrow, inadequate space to accommodate cyclists</td>
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<td>Buses with children walking to school</td>
<td>Confusion about MUP</td>
<td>Bike lane not separated from high-speed cars and from walkers</td>
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<td>Drop-off for school</td>
<td>Lack of safe crossing between Garipay Field and the west side</td>
<td>Bikes/pedestrians don't seem to mix well on the MUP in terms of safety</td>
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<td>Excessively high-speed traffic</td>
<td>Disappearing sidewalk, no sidewalk on east side</td>
<td>Cyclists don't look out for pedestrians</td>
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<td>Speed limit too high</td>
<td>Lack of directional markings on multi use path for cyclists</td>
<td>Cyclists don't use bike lane</td>
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<td>Congestion on Lyme road</td>
<td>MUP does not separate bikers and walkers</td>
<td>Biking from town to Frances C. Richmond Middle School unsafe past the traffic circle</td>
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<td>(Traffic lane) could be wider. Roundabout is looking shoddy</td>
<td>MUP is too narrow</td>
<td>Biking too fast on MUP</td>
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<td>Roundabout intersection</td>
<td>MUP needs extension in all directions</td>
<td>No bike lane</td>
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<td>Getting on/off Reservoir Road</td>
<td>Need MUP to Ray School</td>
<td>No bike lane on side of MUP</td>
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<td>Large trucks on narrow road</td>
<td>No access from south to the multi-use path</td>
<td>No warning that bike lane ends before roundabout</td>
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<td>Limited parking</td>
<td>Path should continue to Organic Farm, on to Wilson’s Landing</td>
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<td>Drop-off for skiing</td>
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<td>Exhaust, pollution and noise from heavy traffic</td>
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<td>Reservoir Road dangerous and narrow</td>
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<td>Roundabout needs flashing light</td>
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<td>Excessive traffic</td>
<td>During morning/evening commute.</td>
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<td>Backed up during school</td>
<td>Drop off and pick up hours.</td>
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<td>Better lighting for peds</td>
<td>Maintenance</td>
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<td>Poor radius in front of the Coop.</td>
<td>Needs to be repaved</td>
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<td>Bike lane disappears/ends abruptly</td>
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<td>Pedestrian signaling</td>
<td>Needs to be repaved</td>
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<td>Crossing from Garipay field</td>
<td>Need easier access to roundabout from multi use path.</td>
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<td>Deteriorating road conditions</td>
<td>Would prefer granite bricks in center instead of elevate tarmac</td>
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<td>Blind spots</td>
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<td>Asphalt/potholes</td>
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<td>Awkward to walk &amp; skis across</td>
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<td>People don’t know how to use them</td>
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<td>Trees need to be limbed up and shrubs cleared</td>
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<td>Would prefer granite bricks in center instead of elevate tarmac</td>
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<td>The roundabout</td>
<td>Great -- it exemplifies the benefits of traffic calming.</td>
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<td>Crossing from Garipay field to coop/golf course</td>
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...Cars speed through and don’t always wait for pedestrians and children.
If development in this area could help improve one existing challenge, what do you think it should be?

220 TOTAL RESPONSES
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### RETAIL
- Affordable small businesses
- Dense retail space on west side of Lyme Rd
- More amenities so we don’t have to go into downtown
- Places like coffee shop to meet friends after school drop off
- Restaurant or cafe
- Proper village amenities...ground floor retail, cafes, etc.

### MOBILITY & TRANSPORTATION
- Pedestrian crossing to west side
- Better access to multi-use path
- Better bike lane/bike facilities
- Bigger parking lot for ski program
- Better crosswalks
- Better pedestrian experience for all ages
- Better transportation options
- Clear bikeways separate from pedestrians
- Electric charger
- Footbridge across the road
- Improved parking for recreation / large groups
- Managing traffic flow, safe commuting for bikes/pedestrians
- More bus service
- Park & ride for people living further out
- Reduce Lyme Road noise pollution
- Sidewalk on both sides Lyme Road

### NATURE & OPEN SPACE
- Improve erosion of Girl Brook and knot weed
- Boat access to river
- Conservation and protection of ecosystem
- Dog park
- Girl Brook corridor (erosion, drainage, bridges)
- Habitat for birds and bears
- Keep landscape natural looking, lots of trees

### SPORTS & RECREATION
- 5k ski course with snowmaking
- Trails connecting Oak Hill from Garipay
- 9-hole golf course
- Better beginner ski trails
- Ski lodge
- Lighting and parking for Nordic skiers
- Creating a place to walk/exercise that’s safe at night
- Ski center
- Fields for recreation department uses (soccer, baseball)
- Improve Girl Brook trail for non-winter seasons
- Improve trails
- Open flat space for skiing
- Space for soccer
- Kid friendly

### Housing
- Affordable housing
- Housing for more people in town
- Human-scaled design
- Low-rise development