

What other out-of-town recreation facilities do you use, if any?

1. None
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5. atlantic gymnastics
6. Atlantic Gymnastics, Biddeford Ice Arena, Dover Ice Arena, Portsmouth Pool, On Site Martial Arts, Dover Indoor Climbing
7. Atlantic Gymnastics, PMAC
8. Aware of rec facilities out of town. do not ever use. a park for dogs is greatly needed.
9. Baldwin center (york housing) for yoga and many other programs
10. Beaches, both ocean and lake.
11. Better program offering
12. Bikra Yoga Portsmouth indoor and outdoor pool Greenleaf sports club pool and facility
13. Bikrim yoga, kids snowboard hills, skate parks (york skatepark is closed and it's very unfair!) york needs a pool. Also would like to say the rec dept is doing a great job with the kids sports! Thank you!! Please be aware that there are a couple lifeguards going to hard on the kids in the surfing area
14. Bowling
15. Brevard County Community Center, Melbourne Beach FL . (Seasonal) Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (Gym)
16. Cape Neddick Country Club
17. Circus Maine
18. Classes, instruction at Kittery Community Center are separately paid for outside of membership. I have to pay out of town rates for weekly Yoga and Stretching classes. I have also paid for bus trips.
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32. Coastal Fitness Club in Kittery
33. Coastal Fitness in Kittery
34. Coastal Fitness in Kittery, Fort Foster in Kittery, Rye Airfield skate park
35. Coastal Fitness in Kittery, Portsmouth Music and Arts for music lessons, 3S ArtSpace for concerts
36. coastal fitness kittery
37. Coastal Fitness--has a variety of classes and equipment. Hours are convenient.
38. Coastal Fitness, Atlantic Gymnastics Classes (for kids)
39. Coastal Fitness, Kittery
40. Coastal Fitness, YMCA
41. community college classes
42. Connie bean and other Portsmouth facilities
43. Connie bean center in portsmouth

44. Connie Bean Center in Portsmouth.
45. Connie bean in Portsmouth Portsmouth pool
46. Connie Bean, Hampton Rim
47. do not really use out of town recreation , York has plenty to offer now. Town park, hiking at MT A, great town beaches
48. Dog parks in Ogunquit and Portsmouth. Fort Foster in Kittery. Seacoast Fitness Center for Brazilian Jiu Jitsu classes for my daughter. My husband used to have a membership for Planet Fitness in Portsmouth, but the location was too far to be convenient.
49. Dover arena
50. Dover Arena, Jackson's Landing, Many ski resorts
51. Dover climbing gym YMCA andover
52. Dover Hockey/Ice arena, Brixham Danceworks, and CrossFit in York
53. Dover Ice Arena
54. Dover ice arena, Dover pools, portsmouth indoor pool at the Y, Seacoast science center
55. Dover Ice Arena, Exeter Rink, Portsmouth pool, Atlantic gymnastics, dance classes
56. Dover Ice Arena, Rochester Ice Arena, The Rinks at Exeter, Portsmouth tennis courts
57. Dover Ice Arena, the Rinks at Exeter, Jackson's landing, Rochester Ice Arena, the dome in Portland
58. Dover Ice Rink Coastal Fitness Pierce Island Pool Portsmouth YMCA
59. Dover Pool, Kittery CC
60. Dover public pools, YMCA Portsmouth pool
61. Dover splash pad, seacoast science center, Dover children's museum, Henry law park in Dover, Urban forestry center Portsmouth, kittery woods
62. Fields in Dover NH and West Newbury MA to play rugby and Lexington MA to play cricket.
63. Fitness facility at Shapleigh School in Kittery. Memorial Field in Kittery.
64. Fort Foster Kittery
65. Fort Foster Kittery, Eliot Small Boat Basin (dead duck inn).
66. Golf
67. Great Bay Academy of Dance in Kittery, ME
68. Gym/health clubs in Boston as my office is there
69. Hiking and biking trails maintained in Sacco and Kennebunk. Parks in Portsmouth.
70. Hiking trails throughout New England. Arboretum walking trails in Portsmouth. Seacoast Sports Club for jujitsu. Indoor walking track at the Kittery Community Center in the winter. Free yoga at Prescott Park in the summer. Walking trails at Fort Foster in the fall. 3 Bridges Yoga (I attend the York one mostly, but I sometimes practice at their Portsmouth studio.) Indoor pool at the Meadowmere Hotel in Ogunquit.
71. Hiking, biking trails (esp rail trails with my daughter) She also takes dance lessons out of town at 2 studios
72. Hill top fun center for baseball batting cage .
73. historical houses and local state parks and preserves
74. Hockey ice arenas year round
75. Hockey Rinks
76. Hockey Rinks!!! Pools, indoor walking and running, other towns running groups, fitness groups and yoga for working people- 9 am -4p classes don't work
77. I am a firm believer in getting to where I exercise in under 5 minutes so I exercise in York or not at all.
78. I do a lot of paddle boarding in York and out of town.
79. I don't but would use if we had indoor tennis.
80. I exercise and recreation on my own outdoors for FREE. I am handicap. My family is all adult now living elsewhere.
81. I love the Kittery Community Center with their bus trips and their indoor walking trail which is great in the winter when you can't get out and walk trails or outside.
82. Ice arenas in Dover, Biddeford, Exeter and Jackson Landing - frequently use

83. Ice rink
84. Ice Skating Rink, swimming pool
85. ice skating, outdoor pool
86. indoor and outdoor pickleball courts in our home town of Londonderry, NH
87. Indoor play areas for kids, ice rinks, indoor fields
88. indoor pools in Portsmouth at schools/ hotels & outdoor pool in downtown portsmouth park, season pass to water country?
89. K
90. Kennebunk skating rink, strawberry bank skating rink
91. Kittery community center indoor gym and track and we have rented a room there for a birthday party, Portsmouth pool and YMCA, costal fitness is the gym we use because they have child care and great classes, splash pad by Dover children's museum (that would be an awesome addition to the bog road playground!!)
92. kittery community center, YMCA- portsmouth NH
93. Kittery dance hall; spin class in Beriwck
94. Kittery Pickleball courts
95. Kittery Recreation Center
96. Kittery Recreation Center- Basketball Court
97. Kittery-Marshwood
98. Kitty Community center
99. Launch ramps and water access for spearfishing.
100. Meadowmere Gym, Quest Fitness, 3 Bridges Yoga
101. Meadowmere gym; Ogunquit Museum; Ogunquit Playhouse; Portsmouth Music Hall.
102. Meadowmere Health Center
103. Meadowmere-Ogunquit gym membership
104. Mission Portsmouth, Quest Fitness & Cycle
105. Montpelier public pool, Montpelier VT Surf Club, Rye NH Great Bay Discovery Center, Greenland NH Seacoast united, Hampton NH YMCA Portsmouth NH
106. museums and gallerys
107. Music Together of Portsmouth, Rumble Tumble
108. n/a
109. N/A
110. N/A
111. N/A
112. N/A
113. Newburyport Pickleball @ the Racquet Club
114. Nobe
115. none
116. none
117. none
118. none
119. none
120. none
121. none
122. none
123. none
124. none
125. none
126. none

127. none
128. None
129. None
130. None
131. None
132. None
133. NONE
134. None an DO NOT WANT a York Recreation Center in my town of York. It will increase traffic, put a strain on our hospital and roads plus who knows how much our taxes would increase.
135. none- but many available elsewhere
136. None- I have no car and feel somewhat trapped here because of the very high taxi fares even for shopping for some necessities that I cannot purchase here in town.
137. none, only senior center
138. None.
139. None. I do my own housework and yard work and I'm in great shape! And, we walk!
140. Not sure if fitness includes pools - but we use the Portsmouth Pool, the Portsmouth YMCA pool and the SSC pool all regularly. I don't see martial arts listed on here - but we go out of town for that regularly as well at both private facilities in Portsmouth and at SSC. We use the RIM complex in Hampton for basketball as well as XL in Saco. We have attended Nike sports camps all around the region but never seen one in York.
141. Ogunquit tennis courts
142. Out of town pools indoor and outdoor
143. Out-of-town hotel pool.
144. Park's Tae Kwon Do School
145. Peirce Island, Portsmouth Pool
146. Planet fitness
147. Planet Fitness
148. Planet Fitness in NH and Seacoast Sports Clubs (swimming lessons for kids)
149. playgrounds
150. Playgrounds, library in Portsmouth
151. Pool
152. Pool at Spinnaker, Portsmouth
153. Pool at YMCA, although not happy with it.
154. Pool in dover
155. Pools
156. Pools at other hotels
157. pools in hotels outside of york tennis courts outside of york
158. Pools in Portsmouth. Ice rinks in Dover.
159. Pools, gymnastics facilities, dance facilities, batting cages, soccer facilities, water park/slide
160. Portland Ice Arena, Labrie Family skate at Strawberry Banke, Jackson's Landing Ice rink
161. Portsmouth based
162. Portsmouth city pool
163. Portsmouth Indoor Pool Portsmouth Outdoor Pool I teach a class at the pool at Beach Club in Rye I have also taught fitness classes regularly in the past at Spinnaker Point Field House and Seacoast Sports Club in Portsmouth. In the past, I have occasionally taught at UNH Outdoor Pool in Durham, NH We use cross country ski trails at Harris Farm in Dayton, Maine
164. Portsmouth Indoor Pool
165. Portsmouth Indoor Pool, Portsmouth YMCA
166. Portsmouth indoor pool, YMCA
167. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

168. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard gym
169. Portsmouth naval shipyard MWR and gym.
170. Portsmouth Outdoor Pool, swimming lessons.
171. Portsmouth pool
172. Portsmouth pool
173. Portsmouth Pool
174. Portsmouth Pool - excellent swim lessons with options on the weekend Atlantic gymnastics - excellent instruction with weekend options
175. Portsmouth Pool, Atlantic gymnastics, rumble tumble, parks in Kittery and the seacoast science center, oridon park, fort foster.
176. Portsmouth Pool; Jenny Thompson Pool, UNH pool
177. Portsmouth pools Portsmouth YMCA Jump On In/Blitz and similar in Portland, ME Community Campus in Portsmouth, NH
178. Portsmouth public pool
179. Portsmouth spinnaker point facility
180. Portsmouth YMCA
181. Portsmouth YMCA
182. Portsmouth YMCA
183. Portsmouth YMCA Pool
184. Portsmouth YMCA- swim 3 or more times/week with class instruction- excellent instructor/do my own swimming laps before class begins (45-60 min)
185. Portsmouth, dover
186. Prescott Park
187. private fitness center in kittery <coastal fitness>
188. Regatta (meetings/conferences)
189. Rinks at Exeter for learning to skate, public skate and hockey. Pool at YMCA Portsmouth
190. Rumble tumble indoor playground in Portsmouth; music together classes in Kittery; parks in Dover and Rye and Portsmouth; pool at Cochcecho Golf Club in Dover: boat Ramp in eliot. I like that Kittery has a community center and offers an indoor/outdoor school for pre-schoolers. Long wait list. Great idea.
191. Rye Airfield skate park Dover children's museum Fort Foster
192. Rye Airfield Skate Park
193. SBRGA- south berwick shooting range
194. Sea coast YMCA for the pool!
195. Seacoast fitness
196. Seacoast fitness
197. Seacoast rep, players ring, Merril Auditorium Portsmouth YMCA, Active Retirement Association
198. Seacoast Sports Club in Portsmouth for swimming, cardio and weight lifting
199. Seacoast Sports Club- Greenleaf
200. Seacoast Sports Club- Greenleaf
201. Seacoast Sports Clubs for Port City Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.
202. seacoast united pools ice skating parks skiing skateboarding atlantic gymnastics
203. Seacoast United Hampton's indoor free play, mom and baby/toddler activities in Portsmouth, Dover, and Newmarket, pools in Dover, fenced park in South Berwick
204. Seacoast United in Hampton, NH
205. Seacoast ymca
206. Seacoast YMCA
207. Seacoast YMCA
208. Seacoast YMCA
209. Seacoast YMCA (Portsmouth, NH)

210. seacoast YMCA Portsmouth
211. Seal Point beach - Kittery Kittery hiking trail off Haley Rd in Kittery Kittery Water District hiking trails
212. Senior center- daily meals important! socialization- very important! some members need transportation to the center both summer and winter!
213. Shooting range
214. SHOOTING RANGE
215. Skating rinks
216. Ski areas, and lakes
217. Somersworth splash pad, wells playground and trails, north Berwick playground and trails
218. South Berwick Rod & Gun Club
219. Spinnaker
220. Spinnaker Center in Portsmouth. I use the indoor track frequently.
221. Spinnaker Point in Portsmouth, NH - they offer all the training/exercise classes I enjoy with solid/experienced trainers
222. Spinnaker Point inside track and pool. Portsmouth
223. Spinnaker Point Portsmouth REC.
224. Spinnaker Point Recreation Center, Portsmouth, NH (for the pool)
225. Spinnaker Point, Portsmouth
226. Spinning classes at Mission or Cycle Fierce in Portsmouth, UNH indoor pool and outdoor pool.
227. SUP rental - Portsmouth Kayak rental - Portsmouth Bike Rental - Portsmouth
228. Swimming lessons, toddler classes, children music classes
229. Swimming pool, Tae Kwon Do
230. Tennis courts at Berwick Academy
231. Tennis, skating rinks, Portsmouth pool
232. The Rim in Rye, Saco rec, TKG - Saco, Connie Bean Ctr Portsmouth! WE need a POOL and Basketball courts/paddle ball
233. The works
234. The Works Family Health Center
235. The Works in Somersworth (swimming, personal training, cardio); Dover Ice Arena and area ice arenas (hockey/free skate); Planet Fitness various NH & ME sites (cardio/strength training)
236. The Works in Somersworth, NH
237. The Works in Somersworth, Portsmouth parks
238. The Works, Puddle Dock Skating, Blitz, South Portland Recreation Center
239. The Works, Somersworth (for Indoor/Outdoor Pool, yoga, fitness classes, karate, indoor cycle studio, parents night out, summer day camps, summer socials, winter socials, basketball league, "Sandlot kids" (kids activities while I work out), go just for lunch..they have healthy food options, smoothies), nutrition counseling, tennis, racquet ball, massage, hot tub....basically, I LIVE THERE! Absolutely love it.
240. The Y in Portsmouth
241. UNH Indoor Track, USM Indoor Track
242. use Ogunquit pickle ball courts as hours are better and the courts are real pickle ball courts
243. various boat launches (hand-carry). In-town, Strawberry Island & Scotland Bridge.
244. Volleyball court in gym at Horace Mitchel Elementary in Kittery.
245. Walk regularly with my dog at Fort Foster and take twice weekly yoga classes at Yoga on the Hill
246. walking paths in other Seacoast towns
247. walking trails in South Berwick
248. Waverley Oaks Athletic Club, Waltham, MA
249. We hike on handicap trails ie Mt. Agamenticus, Marginal Way, York Cemetery, Kennebunk trail is on our list, Fryeburg Maine walkway, sidewalks in York

250. We're seasonal residents. At home, I regularly go to Fuse yoga and the Workout Club. I've called the local hotels in the past to ask about using their pools. They were unable to accommodate the request during the summer. When I was training more, I would go to the town pool in Portsmouth. I'd love to see the town of York build an olympic distance swimming pool.
251. Wells/Ogunquit Community Center
252. Wentworth Douglas Hospital "work" in Somersworth NH. (See next page comment)
253. Wentworth, Seacoast
254. Why do you include Seacoast United or Paddle club
255. Women's Indoor field hockey, ice arena: ice hockey, lap pool, indoor track.
256. Work related fitness club in Augusta ME
257. XL Sports Center (Saco, ME), Gorham Sports Center(Gorham, ME), Bates College (Lewiston, ME)
258. XL sports world - sacco
259. Ymca
260. YMCA
261. YMCA
262. YMCA
263. YMCA in portsmouth but rarely, it's too far and not really adequate for our needs.
264. YMCA of Seacoast
265. YMCA of the Seacoast
266. YMCA Peverly Rd P'mouth
267. YMCA pool UNH pool Portsmouth Pool
268. YMCA pool
269. YMCA pool
270. YMCA pool facility and Gold's Gym pool facility,as well as Micro-tel pool facility.
271. YMCA pool. Portsmouth indoor pool
272. YMCA Silver Sneakers
273. YMCA- it has a pool, exercise classes and weight + cardio room at a reasonable price.
274. YMCA-Portsmouth
275. YMCA, Spinnaker Point, Portsmouth Pool by PHS.
276. YMCA; friend's home gym
277. Yoga in ME, Bellamy Disc Park
278. Yoga, pool
279. York have trust trails, trails on wata district lands, trails/walking paths in town, York harbor and long sand beaches, pool @ stage neck
280. York senior center

If there are additional reasons why you or members of your household may not use the recreation facilities or properties in York, please indicate them below:

1. Listing hotel swimming pools as "recreation" is a joke. These are not adequate pools for getting a proper workout. Pools must be at least 20 meters long, preferably 25yd/m
2. We are not aware of the facilities we desire (swimming pool, whirlpools, steam rooms, and racquetball courts) being available to year-round York residents.
3. A school is not a recreational facility. This is not a safe or fun place for kids to go after school, weekends, or summer. The pools at York hotels are small and dirty. It is not a community pool where you feel welcome.
4. A small splash pad/ indoor gymnasium at the bog road facility would make a lot of sense :) We need a public facility in York that is more geared to children, everything seems to be for team sports and older people...

5. Adequate fitness facilities are not available in York. There is simply no place to bring my family to swim, climb, play, or engage in fun fitness activities on a regular basis.
6. Age related physical limitations "basketball"
7. As a senior adult, I have danced (jazz, tap, hip hop and modern) for 15+ years and these are not available options in this community. I am not interested in just exercise classes--too boring.
8. As mentioned earlie, do NOT want a recreation center in my town. We already have too much traffic, inadequate roads and the strain to our police, fire and hospitals would create increased taxes due to the amount of injuries that will occur in recreation center. Please keep our town a small and quaint town and not let it become like about her Portsmouth. Thank you for listening.
9. At this time, we have two young children and are beginning to discover what is currently available/appropriate for their needs. Swim lessons have been the one challenge to find in York that are offered during hours when we are not working.
10. Basketball courts and playground are very crowded during summer. The swearing at basketball can be heard at playground
11. Because they don't exist. I am strongly in favor of a large community center similar to the new one in Kittery, or the Community Center in Portsmouth. A facility designed with all ages in mind, that included, possibly, a pool, basketball/squash/tennis courts, rooms/studios for education and activities, theatre for talks and movies, etc. A place for people in town to gather, recreate, stay in shape, and socialize.
12. Bog Rd Rec Facility- the road has been RUINED with Rec. Too much money spent on pee wee football area + development. Equal attention should be paid to less expensive/free places for children and adults and animals to enjoy. A soccer field only requires a ball and a net.
13. Cost can be too expensive, especially with multiple children. Some have hidden costs that can be a shock.
14. Currently our needs are more than adequately met elsewhere.
15. Did not know they are available. Would love to find way to be more active and perhaps an indoor pool.
16. Do use York Gold/Tennis Club- for tennis games and golf games and instruction/ been member for over 40 years. (private club) with many of my best friends as members. Do pay dues every year. Joined when we moved to York from Kittery.
17. enough facilities/programs already
18. Expense.
19. First come first serve for rec swim lesson; waitlists! Private instructor seem to be hogged up by those that can afford. Anchorage pool in COLD in winter. York needs a large indoor pool to call its own.
20. Have not yet joined the Senior Center, as we can make our own meals and do not do the limited ctivities they do there. We have exercise equipment at home.
21. I am not aware of any good recreation areas for families with toddlers in York.
22. I do not believe that the town should be providing for my recreation or anyone else's recreation. If I wish to participate in a gym or organization for recreation then I would go to a private entity and not expect the tax payers of York today for my activities. There are plenty of clubs and organizations to join if a person has the desire.
23. I don't consider the schools recreation facilities.
24. I have plenty of access to the services I need without depending on taxpayers.
25. I have two small children and work full time. There are no weekend swim lessons available in york. I travel to Portsmouth on Saturdays for swim lessons.
26. I like to lift weights (which I do in York) and practice Jiu Jitsu (which I do in Portsmouth because there are no schools in York).
27. I live by myself- exercising is important! I will always find a way to do it!!
28. I need something that wont take 30 minutes to get to when working full time. Many of the facilities in the York area are very expensive. The problem with the first try at a community center out on bog was the expense was more of a private club. Kittery Community center yearly fee for the fitness room was \$99.

29. I really would like to know about these recreation facilities, and was happy to find this postcard in my mailbox asking to take this survey.
30. I strongly believe this is best dealt with as private business, As such those that choose too can use it and pay for those that choose not to do not have to pay for it Those that choose to decide the best location for them and degree of facility i.e. Planet fitness at \$10 a month for those that choose limited and those with pools etc for more extensive fees. I firmly believe town should be in business of building maintaining and operating fitness centers.
31. i strongly want senior center kept seperate
32. I used to go to "the Works" in Somersworth for cancer recovering classes and continued going for several years. I stopped going because it was a 40 min drive each way. To me it was the perfect center serving all ages and all abilities including those with various medical conditions and disabilities. As a cancer survivor I paid a lower rate, but even the full rate was fine for all that is offered. As an arm of W.D. hospital a former fitness center was taken over by the hospital. 3 pools (2 inside one outside), child center, tennis, raquetball, weights, fitness machines, and a variety of classes appropriate for all members of the community. If it was closer I'd still be going there. (also indoor track, basketball court, and extremely clean dressing rooms and showers)
33. I would be interested but am just unaware of what is available
34. I would like to see a heated pool at the living wellness center like they have at Monadnock Community Hospital Bard Center
35. I would use a lap pool for swimming.. that is what we need here.
36. I'd love to use the high school track more but it's in use frequently (which is understandable). Mostly it's that most of the recreation places available are school grounds and they are in use for school and after school activities.
37. Ice rinks not available. Pools are crowded.
38. If there was an all-in-one facility in York that contained a pool, skating, fitness classes etc it would be much more convenient than traveling to neighboring towns and spending time and money there.
39. If we build a new community center there should be ample space for groups like the Center for Wildlife and Cape Neddick River and York River Associations and others to have meetings. There should also be a function room.
40. If we had a community pool (indoor + outdoor ideally, but at LEAST indoor), we'd use it a lot.
41. In York, there is no community pool or indoor track--two of the facilities that would best suit our family. There are also no off road family bike trails (away from traffic).
42. It's not all in one place. I go elsewhere because I know I can get quality childcare (knowing my kids are in a clean and interactive place), can stay for a good length of time (2+ hours), grab a bite with my kids, do multiple activities. My tween loves it. He's learning how to use exercise equipment while playing "video games. He uses a stationary bike and 'races' me in a virtual world. Up-to-date equipment. High tech facilities. worth every penny.
43. It's unclear who can use many of them and at what times. The availability seems to change depending on whether you're in organized leagues or not and whether you pay a membership fee etc.
44. Kittery Community Center has a great facility used by all ages. The workout room is excellent & lots of classes are offered. There's a walking track. It lacks a pool. Use of the York hotel pools is not consistent, limited in times and the water is often cold in mid week during winters. Microcell is best for heat. All hotel pools lack adequate changing rooms and the danger of slipping on wet looks is high.
45. Kittery recreation center offers more than adequate facilities for a very low cost of \$50 per year for seniors.They are never overcrowded; hence I question the need for York to build.
46. Lack of field space for minority sports i.e. rugby and cricket.
47. Lack of lap pool
48. like my own gym

49. like playing pickle ball but windy at tennis courts and hate playing at either 8 or 3. Would join the Senior Center but it is an eye sore and compared to the one in Moody, I just find no reason to be there. For a town like York it is shameful. I think it would be better used if it were appealing to seniors.
50. many classes offered are during the work day. Yoga etc
51. Meadowmere Ogunquit gym is very close to my home
52. Microtel pool is unclean, small pool, crowded and one bathroom available to change, etc. If a family wishes to swim/play tennis/other indoor/outdoor sports there is no one centralized facility for all members to be together in a clean, safe place. Our town has basketball ball courts at different locations, pool at a hotel where it is shared by hotel guests and everyone in town who is looking for a pool, the tennis court is remote at YHS so it does not feel safe for kids. A facility which has a staff meant for the maintenance and service of the participants would have a completely different feeling. In this town recreation is sprawled out, not monitored by staff, parents take risks leaving kids at various public locations for them to play sports/activities. It would feel much safer to have a place to drop off where there are adults supervising/on site and a place where the whole family could go together in a positive, healthy outing.
53. My family want to uses the out door hockey ring on bog road but in three years it has never been open..Also additional parking is need at the soccer/baseball/football field on bog road.
54. My family would use a community pool very frequently, but a good option is not available in town. Instead we go to Portsmouth on the weekends. Weekends because we lack the time to drive there during the week. If we had an in-town option we would use this during the week, and participate in other weekend, in-town options such as soccer through York Parks and Rec.
55. My husband and I re both 86 years old and only use the facilities that are appropriate for our age and health
56. My kids are aged 6 and 4. There's some great playgrounds and the beaches, but the hotel pools, the parks and rec programs, and the lack of a centralized space for these things to happen in can be a detriment. Parking can often be an issue and having to deal with disrespectful (or even drunk) tourists or the hotels and their policies and guests can be more trouble than it's worth. A year round recreation center that can handle the needs of town residents exclusively would be a relief.
57. my needs are met in York for my recreational interests.
58. N/A
59. N/A
60. Need a gym facility for daily use similar to Kittery Community Center. Gym, workout equipment, and indoor track for winter and bad weather
61. need an ice rink for high school and others
62. Need more to be offered
63. Need to be pet friendly
64. No children participate in activities
65. No indoor/ outdoor public pools available all the time. Hotels only allow during weekdays & don't allow you to swim untill after 6pm because they have swimming classes. Other pools are expensive and swimming classes take up the space. Would be nice to have an indoor soccer field with basketball courts & pool open to the public that would be a dream.
66. No interest in what is available at these facilities.
67. No pool availability. Time frames for Basketball not available. Basketball is very popular here with both girls and boys. Very hard to get gym time. Some times are late on school nights. Not good.
68. No pool available
69. No pool available with aqua aerobics classes. The senior center is a sad environment and doesn't have an adequate vent for the kitchen smells.
70. No pool in York for swimming laps.
71. No pool or indoor tennis courts

72. No pool other than hotel pool. No childcare at local fitness facilities.
73. No swimming pool!
74. NO! I would love to have a place for all the age groups to gather.
75. none
76. None
77. None of the facilities mentioned above meet the needs of my family. I have an eighteen-month-old son, and the recreation opportunities mentioned above are all beyond his skill and safety level.
78. None of them have a swimming pool or large group fitness room.
79. Not a "one-stop shop" spot, like in Kittery.
80. Not aware of anything that is available - I would use them if I knew about them. Don't forget to include mailings to your PO Box seasonal tax payers....
81. not enough gym time and you have to be in the "know" for some that are granted the gym time ie the Hynes experiment
82. Not enough interest on my part.
83. Not familiar with what is offered at these facilities.
84. Not in one centrally located area with a community presence.
85. Not interested in senior center
86. Not really aware of what these facilities provide.
87. Not what I need. Need a pool for year round use.
88. Nothing indoors!!!!
89. Number one reason is lack of availability. Can't get a basketball court in season. Can't get a baseball field in season. There is no pool. There is no indoor hockey rink. Off season the fields and courts are used for other sports.
90. Only there on summer, spring and fall weekends and not sure what is available.
91. Open basketball options are hard to find and reserve, no indoor track
92. our age has changed the recreational interests - when the family was a lot younger, utilized all of the facilities of the town -inside and outside - through the programs offered at the schools and through the rec Dept.
93. Our family prefers hiking in the woods and playing outside over structured activities
94. Outdoor recreation is a large part of living in New England; I don't see why we need indoor facilities for activities most people prefer to do outdoors
95. overloaded with kids
96. Physically at times I just cannot participate even tho I would like to and those offerings which are excellent I cannot afford to participate. I do participate regularly with lunch at the center every Friday. We do participate in the lectures but the exercises I tried and could not physically participate.
97. pool and ice rinks not available
98. Pools are crowded, skate park is shut down, surfing area is too small and lifeguards are aggressive
99. Pools need to be upgraded and easier to use all year round. Better changing rooms and access.
100. pools too small for lap swimming hours for Living Well Center are too limited - would like to more free weights
101. Price for gyms is too high and not family friendly, There are not any place that can serve the whole family. Schools facilities/gyms are well utilized used by park and rec outside of school hours or school activities, not much time left for York public use for recreational activities of the school gyms
102. Recreation can be done easily outdoors
103. Right now, the Town of York is involved in so many projects with cost overruns, because of poor planning and other circumstances. You never consider people on fixed incomes. We feel that a new Town Hall should have priority over a Recreational Facility, which has been voted down twice before.
104. satisfied with greater area facilities
105. seasonal resident

106. Since we are here in the summer, we do most of our swimming, biking and running outside.
107. Some of these questions seem confusing and appear to be double negatives.. My kids are grown and out of the house, but I am not a Senior.. so the survey doesn't seem to address the needs of my age group really (45-60). I would like to see a Community Center but think a pool is too costly at this time. The town has done a good job creating field space for the kids. When my kids went to the schools everything had to be shared on the VES /CRES fields YMS and YHS.
108. Spinnaker Point Recreation Facility, Portsmouth, NH, has a pool that has a deep end of only 4 1/2 feet to that I can walk the full length. It is great for physical therapy. And, it is only \$18/month for Maine residents.
109. Swimming not available
110. Swimming pools are not available in summer for lessons and free swim
111. The biggest reason is because there just aren't enough recreational facilities in York we love the Bog Rd playground, but not much else is available - no pool, no skating rink, and the beach areas are too crowded and difficult to park with a young family.
112. The facilities we have are mostly schools connected and youth/children connected. Lack of pool, tennis and other things that adults would be more interested in.
113. The Kittery ME Community Center meets my needs. Indoor walking tract, various music and theater events, clean, easy to use, good parking, etc. Also Spinnaker Point in Portsmouth NH for walking track and indoor pool. User friendly.
114. The Living Well Center is OK. Staff are great, but the group exercise class area is too small. It limits what can be taught. Also, I wish there were more classes offered - like Zumba, or Zumba Gold. Plus, I wish it was open 7 days/week.
115. The main obstacle is my family being busy with other activities and school obligations during the week. Also, trying to balance all our schedules with quality family time means we stay home to spend time together. There isn't much to do in York (other than the beach) as an entire family.
116. The name of this survey is deliberately misleading. I NEED oxygen to live. I WANT two scoops of chocolate almond yogurt at the Village Scoop every Sunday afternoon but can live without it. We may WANT more facilities but on NO account do we NEED them.
117. The options in York are scant and overpriced. I would much rather support a community based facility than the low quality, cheaply built, private "Mom and Pop" facilities in York.
118. The playgrounds and school fields are fine. The hotel pools are better than nothing, but I would love to see a community pool here in town so as not to have to go to Dover and/or Portsmouth. Thanks
119. the senior center and york housing programs meet my needs for exercise and recreation and are very accessible for me
120. The swimming pool for winter swim lessons at the hotel through the rec dept is very cold.
121. The things that we would do as a family would be classes, using a gym and especially swim. We go to a place that has a pool in order to fulfill that list of needs.
122. The town would greatly benefit from a fitness and pool facility!
123. There are lots of playgrounds but not much else. A community center with facilities for young children to seniors would be great. I attended nursery school at a community center where I grew up and lived it. Wish we had that here in York.
124. There are no pools that are convenient for use
125. There are not any good facilities in York to use.
126. There are really no recreation facilities in York.
127. There is no Y or a gym, pool or indoor ice rink. There is no Astro turf.
128. There isn't a lot of options
129. There isn't a rec center that has everything under one roof like the YMCA and if there were- it would be ridiculously expensive

130. There needs to be a swimming facility in York as well as a youth center. The lack of a facility such as this leads to hanging around, ultimately creating bigger issues for our youth and their families/schools.
131. These facilities are geared toward the tourist that visit not the residents of York. I don't believe that my tax dollars should be spent making sure that everyone from away has a good time while visiting my town if the parking fees are paying for it I suppose it's okay, but to be honest there are better things to spend that money on. I would love to see more on hunter safety, maybe firearms training or an indoor pistol range. We should be taking care of the local people not the people from away.
132. They don't have many recreational facilities in York and the ones they do have are hard to access (i.e. swimming lessons at anchorage fills up in 5 minutes thus preventing the majority of the community from accessing this program).
133. They don't seem appealing.
134. They simply do not meet our needs. It's ridiculous that we have a bunch of wealthy 50 and 60 somethings playing paddle tennis on the backs of tax-payers when we can't provide a swimming pool or ice rink to develop our young aspiring athletes.
135. This is not my lifestyle. And, York does not *need to spend money* on creating recreation facilities - there are plenty of options available as it is.
136. Too busy and the weight room at the High School has very limited hours so we got my two sons a membership at a private facility to get ready for the football season.
137. Total Lack of recreation facilities. Kittery is a perfect example of what York has fallen behind on
138. Town could use large indoor pool and indoor athletic facility with tennis and basketball courts and possibly indoor track
139. Town of York needs a public outdoor and indoor pool. The hotel pools are not adequate for year round residents.
140. Unaware of any facilities in York. New Full Time Resident, moved here 1 year ago.
141. Unwelcoming environment built to meet expectations of a limited group of people who waste the tax payers money and concentrate on the wants of their children and not the community as a whole. Run by management that are power and money hungry.
142. use senior center for exercise programs
143. Use YMCA in Portsmouth
144. vision impairment /liable issues
145. We are looking for an indoor space to use for a homeschool group that would like to meet on a weekly basis.
146. We are not seniors and we are too old for the younger 30's with children
147. We are only here for the summer. So the frequency with which we would use the facilities would be minimal.
148. We are only really aware of the Agamenticus trails. We probably don't do those more because we did it once, it was nice, but we just walk around the neighborhood. It's easier.
149. We are sometimes aware of facilities, but not aware of options for use or available programming OR unable to take advantage of available programming. Town recreation opportunities, especially for children during the summer, are difficult for working parents to take advantage of.
150. We do not need a community center. People need to get outside and enjoy the fabulous beaches and Mount Ag!!!!
151. We do use all town facilities
152. We enjoy the YMCA and the programs they offer
153. We have a beach and ocean. We participate in the things we wish to participate in by seeking them out. Being outdoors is the best way to experience exercise and recreation. There is little need to add more buildings to this town that will prove to serve surrounding communities and tourists more than those who live here. Those who live here and demand these services are being a bit self-serving.
154. We have a pool membership in MA that we use.

155. We have no swimming pool!!
156. We have our own workout facility in our basement and don't participate in team sports. Our daughter dances at Brixham Danceworks.
157. we need a new town hall before recreation- the people from away have their priorities in the wrong place. out of the 12,000 plus people from York who are participating in this survey? Non residents should not be in the survey upping our taxes.
158. WE NEED A COMMUNITY CENTER WITH POOLS (IN DOOR AND OUT) INDOOR AND OUTDOOR BB COURTS AND INDOOR FACILITIES TO HOST COMMUNITY EVENTS. IT IS PATHETIC HOW LITTLE WE HAVE COMPARED TO OTHER NEAR BY COMMUNITIES.
159. We need a good family indoor pool with a pool for young children (an area shallow enough that toddlers can feel comfortable playing).
160. We need a good, swim team ready, swimming pool in York.
161. We need a pool in York that you can exercise in.
162. We need a rec center with more indoor activity options. Our family must travel to find these options.
163. We primarily use the pool at SSC-Greenleaf. There is no public pool in York.
164. We use what's available in the community mostly for outdoor rec. Would love to have an indoor play area for young children besides the Library (too quiet), and the Indoor Center (no amenities to speak but love the (old) turf/lights/and new heat) pool activities for kids in every season. I use my home for fitness programs/instruction, which suffices.
165. We want to swim and workout. Because there is no community pool, we need to go out of town. Hotel pools are expensive and the times are very limited.
166. We would love to have an indoor swimming facility other the ones that local hotels and motels offer
167. When my daughter was in the York school system we found a severe lack of activities for kids that were not active in sports. My daughter was in Odyssey of the Mind for a number of years. We felt that the middle school and high school had little to no recognition of OM events or of the teams in York as well as there many accomplishments. There really needs to be a facility for kids to be able to go to that are not active in sports.
168. When York had a skatepark they neglected it making it unsafe to use and later to be torn down. York lacks a sense of community there aren't spaces where all people feel inclusive.
169. While we are more than willing to accommodate the needs of tourists, the recreational needs of York's youth take a back seat never mind that accessing them without a car is ludicrous. Biking or even walking around York is borderline suicidal. What we need is truly separated bike lanes nothing less.
170. With 2 adults and 3 small kids, ease of use, expense and variety of available options are important. Either we can go to a playground for the kids, a track for us or the Mictotel pool for the kids. There is no location that provides a variety of safe, enjoyable options for us to all use within the same area.
171. Would be nice to have a large facility that has everything in one place, like a field house that has various courts, and an olympic-sized indoor swimming pool.
172. Would like a pool with lap lanes
173. would like longer hours at Heart Health facilities
174. Would like to have town indoor and outdoor pool. We live near ocean. Seems like a good idea to teach residents about swimming. Also more available tennis courts, also gym with work out equipment and track and classes. Cross country skiing trails.
175. would love a center like Kittery has
176. Yes. My main purpose is walking every day, and not a facility in York offers an indoor track available in all types of weather.
177. York H.S. tennis court needs to be repair (upper court)
178. York is a small vacation town and for recreation we have things such as the Atlantic Ocean, bike routes, walking trails, boating. If the water is too cold vacation in Florida.

179. York Maine doesn't cater to locals only tourists in my opinion. I feel more community in towns like Dover or Portsmouth for my children.
180. York needs an all inclusive community center with fitness center, childcare, pool for recreation, lessons and competitive teams for younger children and teens. This would be idea for holding community classes, meetings and other community gathers.
181. York needs something like Spinnaker Point in Portsmouth or a YMCA would offer!

Please list other recreation facilities/amenities that you or your household might be interested in:

1. Whirlpools and steam rooms
2. Indoor swimming pool! * Indoor safe play area for toddlers and preschoolers -- a place where they can run and jump, unlike the library * A centrally-located playground with play options for all ages
3. Public library is the only place to meet that is not senior or religious inside. 2. We need to get dogs OFF the beaches. There are too many. Dog owners need a place to socialize with their animals and exercise. This the first year. York needs open green space that humans do not access- purely for the joy of SEEING it from the road, from the path. For the first time seen Aug 28 Monday @ twilight because there were no dogs on the beach and no fisherman.
4. A center that maintains a core offering; swimming with enough volume (size/schedule) to handle classes for all ages, including open swim. A facility that has several dance/group fitness studios for group fitness and lessons for outside contractors (kickboxing, karate, etc), spinning, and more. Study rooms and community classrooms for adult education/public meetings, etc. Indoor walking tracks with basketball/hard court sports below. Indoor space for team sports training, including a hard lacrosse "wall ball" somewhere on the property, preferably indoors in a controlled hard ball area. Separation of space based on hardball/softball activities, and indoor walking track (so track doesn't have to close if there is a hardball or 'elevated potential" of a ball or object hitting someone on the track). Closed times for the track for seniors or "walking" only. STORAGE will be critical. I could go on
5. A childcare area would be fantastic equipt with changing stations, playroom for little ones, a breast feeding/bottle feeding room, family bathrooms, and a kids' snack vending machine area stocked with healthy choices. a tech space would be great too with device charging areas and wifi access for parents who have kids taking classes that they are not meant to attend, but do not wish to leave the premises or become involved in an activity of their own.
6. A community space that actually encourages a sense of community within town and a place for multi-generational members of the community to be together and get to know each other.
7. A paved rail trail along the old trolley lines now maintained by CMP.
8. A splash pad for smaller children. A place to walk a dog without fewr of being ticketed.
9. A YMCA
10. again, NEED A INDOOR GYM AND WORKOUT FACILITY WITH AN INDOOR RUNNING NTRACK SWIMMING POOL WOULD BE A PLUS. Summer outdoor facilities are adequate.
11. Again, some of my answers may be confused with the fact that I am Not Interested.. but I think it might be important. For example, while I personally don't need a teen center or have teenagers who would attend one, I think it could be a benefit to the community to have one. My kids had access to one years ago when it was in the Long Sands Plaza.
12. Again. You need to be older or have kids.
13. All the above mentioned rec options would be amazing. I really strongly believe the presence of a teen center would benefit the community.
14. An indoor lap pool that could be used by residents and for a school swim team.
15. An indoor pistol shooting range where York Police can keep themselves well trained and york citizens can go and practice. A place where NRA trained shooting instructors can come and give lessons on home and

self defense and demonstrations. This facility can be utilized by ever increasing numbers of women who feel the NEED to be able to defend themselves, their home and families.

16. An indoor swimming pool would be a huge asset!
17. Artificial turf field!
18. As stated earlier an indoor year round facility for kids that are not involved in sports. Whether it be the arts or technology based it is needed for kids to have a place to go to.
19. Basketball courts outdoor and especially indoor courts!! Our schools do not allow kids to shoot hoops after school.
20. Basketball gym. No place for kids to go to improve their game. Have to go to kittery community center during their open gym times. This is a total pain.
21. Beach Volleyball court at Short Sands
22. Bicycle clubs for all ages/abilities. Meeting space with AV facilities for social club gatherings on a regular basis (e.g. - monthly meetings). A well equipped fitness facility comparable to Coastal Fitness in Kittery.
23. Bicycle trails
24. bike paths
25. Bike trails away from traffic. Swim lessons past level 4 for youth, and swim team.
26. Bocce courts (indoor and outdoor)
27. Bowling/curling? Frisbee golf course!
28. Children's splashpad
29. Community park that can be utilized for gatherings by town or individual york citizens that has adequate parking, picnic tables, gazebo, bathrooms and shade. Dog park Community outdoor or indoor pool
30. Community Pool with water aerobic classes after work hours. Open times for laps - after work hours. Space and time for jogging in place and just doing exercises in the water - after work hours. Have a separate area for kids who want to cannonball, splash and yell!
31. competition length swimming pools (indoor & outdoor), indoor ice skating rink, gymnastics facility and indoor soccer/softball facility are the most important and currently the largest needs in York.
32. Creative arts space--maker space, open studio space
33. dance classes for adults--not just zumba and tap. outdoor walking trails not overrun by traffic.
34. Disc golf. Parks with hiking and cross country ski trails.
35. Dog Park somewhere with some room
36. Dog swimming area with fresh water
37. Even though I checked "not important", I mean for me, but I can definitely see the value for others in the community.
38. Field availability not competing with commercial ventures e.g. 'Coastal Riptide'
39. field house with sauna, olympic-sized swimming pool and courts
40. Groomed cross country ski trails
41. Hard to answer survey, for example, I don't need a skate park for "me" but I think it's important for town to have one for kids. I don't need to play tennis, but I think facility should be available for those who do and don't have funds to join a club. Don't have a dog, but we need a dog park.
42. Have plenty to do in York
43. here's the thing... everything we build in york gets overtaken by the tourists then we end up paying supporting it for the tourists and the locals can't use it. I don't go to the beach because it's over run by tourists. The beach houses we build are for tourists, not locals... and it comes out of taxes. I think what we have is adequate. No need to put any add'l dollars into centers for tourists/out of towners to take over.
44. High school tennis courts are adequate for our outdoor tennis needs, tennis does not need indoor space-it's a fair weather sport. We already have lots of playgrounds- Bog Rd, the elementary schools and Short Sands. Portsmouth works great for outdoor ice skating. Microtel works for us for indoor pool access. The high school auditorium will be a great performance space when complete. York Library is adequate

for me for community meeting space. Outdoor performance space at Short Sands seems to work fine when I attend. I know a couple of people who use the indoor track in Kittery- not very far away, so I don't think we need this.

45. I am interested in installing sidewalks on the main roads in York.
46. I am single male who works in Boston and lives in York. I must admit I have no idea what is available and what isn't but I am a very strong proponent of indoor/outdoor amenities.
47. I believe if there were a facility where everything was available in one spot I am sure it would be used. Running all over town to find or wonder where to find what was offered makes it difficult. I don't see how York could offer such a facility. We even have to beg to get what other towns have for their schools.
48. I do not like dogs and find some dog owners to be rude or inconsiderate when i am walking on the beach. I am VERY interested in getting dogs off the beach.
49. I have a young daughter and would like the have a green space or playground/park where she can play. A climbing wall would be nice for me, but I am getting a little old for that stuff.
50. I have used the Kittery community Center for bridal showers - would love a similar space for small family events.
51. I know they're expensive but to reiterate the above, an indoor swimming pool, indoor tennis court facility and/or indoor ice arena would be great.
52. I think adequate space for classes like yoga, Tai Chi, stretching, is of high interest. I took a Tai Chi class at the middle school in a classroom that was large but inadequate for the number of students. It was difficult to do the steps due to lack of space. Same has happened at the high school. I love Kittery Community Center and it's spirit and energy. I would love to see this in York. It's needed.
53. I would love to be able to exercise while my kids are in a dance, gymnastics or martial arts class in our town. I would also love to have an accessible pool like in Portsmouth that is safe for all ages. It stinks to drive to NH for birthday parties, pool days, rec classes.
54. Ice arena or skating facility t
55. Improved baseball and softball facilities
56. Indoor and outdoor pool access with ability to swim laps, dive etc would be really nice and most important to me as all local facilities are expensive for a family to use and not always available (in the summer when tourist season arrives).
57. indoor and outdoor POOL! Ample opportunity for reasonably priced swim lessons.
58. Indoor lap pool. Fitness center with group classes
59. indoor multigenerational anytime drop in center for social activities , art and craft presentation DIY maker activities lecture hall and possibly performing arts without going to York High
60. Indoor outdoor swimming, indoor soccer & basketball courts, spaces to ride bikes and climbing wall park would be perfect. Media recreation for younger kids 6yrs & up to socialize with kids their age.
61. Indoor play area for winter time
62. Indoor pool
63. Indoor pool with zero degree entry. Fitness facility with childcare provided for fee or included with membership.
64. indoor senior community meeting space. indoor performing arts center - this refer to high school? if so i don't believe it meets community needs.
65. Indoor shooting range
66. Indoor shooting range.
67. Indoor Skating rink, weight room/gym, basketball courts
68. Indoor Track
69. Indoor track, Year round hiking trails
70. Indoor water park
71. Indoor year round pool; Indoor climbing wall
72. Indoor/outdoor swimming Indoor/outdoor skating

73. It would be great to have a fenced in dog park in the York Beach area. Many residents & vacationers come to the beach year round to walk in all kinds of weather. Dog parks in remote areas don't feel safe to many dog owners who are seniors or come along with their dogs. Remote areas invite other critters and insects.
74. its just me!
75. jogging trail, ice rink
76. Kayak launch in several areas
77. Kayaking club, Running Club, Hiking Club, Cross Country Ski Club, Snow Shoe Club, Bicycling Club, Movie Theatre, Tai Chi, Yoga.....
78. kittery has an ideal set-up although we have a brand new auditorium at the high school so a venue for performances should be available there. The upstairs track and small but adequate exercise room is fine. Pickle ball played indoors there is very difficult because of the lighting and it is in the gym. It is better than nothing on a cold winter day and is very popular
79. Large indoor lap pool!
80. Like I said, this town has lots of great recreation and does not need to spend millions of dollars on this foolishness
81. Love being able to walk on the beaches and be able to take our dogs on the beaches when allowed!
82. Many of the facilities and amenities listed here are available as private businesses around the area and people can go and pay to participate in those activities. Also we live in a beautiful rural setting where you can go out to run, swim, walk, bike, play ball...etc. Again the town does not need to provide for people's recreation.
83. More activities for young children (toddlers)
84. More activity availability for children, teens and adults with special needs.
85. More places to go hiking without having to worry about ticks.
86. Most important to my family would be an indoor aquatic center. I don't understand why this community doesn't already have one.
87. n/a
88. need to expand senior center
89. Network of walking/biking/cross country skiing trails from the mountain to York Beach. I vision a campus/network of recreational facilities at the proposed York Beach Parkway (incorporate the private/public use of the Methodist Church, Indoor field, Blinn house).
90. non e
91. None
92. Not necessary. Don't change York more than you have already!
93. Nothing at this time.
94. Outdoor basketball courts!!!
95. Outdoor Mackey skate park needs to be updated and maintained, we would use that a ton!! Outdoor pool/splash pad, rec center/indoor gym with fitness classes, dog park, sledding hill :)
96. outdoor pool too short a season
97. Pickleball time and courts set aside for those "not so serious" players!
98. Picnic areas wherever the athletics are
99. Please consider a dog park!!
100. Pool
101. Pool, climbing indoor and skatepark would be great!
102. Pool, gym and hockey ice rink
103. POOL, POOL, POOL
104. POOL! Gyn would also be nice with indoor track and Basketball courts
105. Put a chairlift back at Mount A for skiing and mountain biking
106. Quality neutral meeting space for children's clubs and activities

107. Re:Indoor meeting space-Use the new HS Auditorium. Re: performing arts center. Use of the new HS Auditorium
108. Recreation center
109. Recreation facilities/amenities similar to what is offered at the Kittery Community Center ie: indoor track, theater company, music performances. Also indoor pool similar to Spinaker Point in Portsmouth.
110. regular schedule of fitness classes
111. Reopening bog rd hockey outdoor ring
112. Resident boat launch ramp with parking similar to Eliot, ME. Also resident access to York River to launch kayaks, paddle boards and/or canoes at Goodrich Park or elsewhere if more suitable.
113. running adventure course -a pre-designed running/walking course with weight training "stations" throughout,
114. safe designated bike paths away from traffic aqua aerobic classes at indoor pool an inviting senior center (looks-wise and space-wise and smell-wise)
115. Shooting range/ archery
116. shooting rges
117. shuffle board courts with sun cover, PLEASE
118. Skateboard park and indoor community center!
119. Ski area on Mt. A
120. Swimming pool and skating top our list
121. SWimming Pool esp indoor for winter use
122. Teen center Indoor sports complex
123. The most important would be an public pool with available swim instruction for children and a skating rink - indoor or outdoor. And a public gym for working out would be awesome too.
124. The need for more indoor space for teams of all ages is one of the biggest needs in York.
125. The park at Short Sands is sufficient for outdoor bands, we have plenty of meeting space hopefully with the new auditorium we spent all this money on
126. The senior center meets all our families needs but if we could take over the former Police Center for additional meeting spaces the center would be excellent. We cannot afford the trips and attending plays, etc out of town but some people join the center because that is all they do.
127. theater, dance classes
128. This is Maine, not Massachusetts. Please don't turn York into one of those snotty, over-developed towns where no one really uses the facilities, but taxes go up and up. People get together when and where they want to. You can't force "community." It either happens with PEOPLE or it doesn't. Taxes will force out the old York people and bring in people who do not truly contribute. They pay taxes, but don't give their TIME and EFFORT which is what makes community happen. Recreation Department: please stick to sports and the current programs you offer currently. You're doing a great job as is. Better than a lot of towns. You do not have to keep growing, and believe me, it's better to do more with less. Thank you for reading, and offering the survey.
129. this page is designed to make all things important! Skewed to make sure to show need!
130. TRANSPORTATION
131. Turf field
132. Ultimately, I want a multi-purpose recreation center with a lot of options. Having options scattered about doesn't work well for me. A place where the whole family can go and meet our differing needs is key to me. In such a place I would highly value a climbing wall (more than a single wall) and a substantial pool. Microtel doesn't cut it. An ice rink would be very good and well used in York.
133. Very interested in an indoor swimming pool that does NOT have a "deep end." Walking in a pool is required physical therapy. It is only available at Spinnaker Point Rec Center in Portsmouth. My estimate is that about half the people who use the pool do so for physical therapy.

134. Walking path like Marginal Way in Ogunquit along York Harbor with benches so that we can all take advantage of the public access that we are entitled to use. Would also like to see a firearms training and shooting area including trap shooting, probably in the Mt Agamenticus area. How about developing some activities for adults and not always spending every cent on children.
135. Wallball for Lacrosse
136. Water sports center, Boys/Girls club
137. We are very interested in an indoor pool, especially for children's swimming lessons.
138. We do not need to provide facilities, in door or outdoor, for every activity people can think up. We live and work here and enjoy the facilities already available and we do not need to spend millions to pacify already spoiled children.
139. we have enough! already! in town- lots of beaches, walking places, etc. The whole community should NOT have to pay for many rec options you are proposing! let children use imaginations, and school sports and opportunities offered through the schools. They can have plenty of activities offered through schools!!
140. We have Mother Nature don't need anything else.
141. We have plenty of places currently available for community meeting (library, huge auditorium at YHS we JUST paid for, etc), outdoor activities are clearly not an issue given the amount of tourists, and many of these facilities are already available and sufficient for regular use.
142. We lived in Leesburg, Virginia and used the Ida Lee Rec Center every day. You should look at this it is what you are talking about. More important there were indoor pools and a therapy pool with warm water. This is great for people with disabilities. We have a disabled child who could benefit from something like that.
143. We need a place for our teens to go after school, summer, evening to keep busy and out of trouble. The library should be open later in the evening so kids have a place to do homework, projects in a quiet place. A cafe at the library would be a draw for teenagers and adults. We desperately need a pool!!!
144. We need a skating rink and indoor tennis/ pickle ball
145. We need an indoor walking track especially for winter.
146. We recently learned indoor rock climbing as a family out of state and would love to have a facility close by to be able to continue to do this.
147. We would be interested in an INDOOR TRACK
148. With the new auditorium no more money should go towards this. The town should have thought about these needs before spending so much money on the auditorium. think before you spend as the auditorium is a waste of money!
149. Year around Pickleball Courts.
150. York is lacking in recreational activities for all ages. It is very surprising .
151. you should have had another column (not important, NOT NEEDED). Non residents should not be allowed to be included in any York survey! What about the needs of the teen kids (ie football, baseball) Why are the questions worded with MY NEEDS?? Questions improperly worded! Should be worded meets community needs? (gyms are AVAILABLE.

Please list other recreation programs or activities that you or your family believe are important:

1. a pool would be a great addition to our town as most people have to go outside to use pool facilities.
2. Active fun involvement for kids to put the video games down. Kick ball? Golf/mini golf? Bike park?
3. Activities for children, more nature programs, a indoor play area for smaller children in the winter so I don't have to drive all the way to the Fox run mall.
4. Adequate indoor Pool for Seniors, Adults, Children and disabled. Rehab so important for a community like York,

5. Again a town hall is top priority- too many irons in the fire at one time- money don't grow on trees or is plentiful
6. Again all of these can be found privately should families or individuals wish to participate. The tax payers of York shouldn't have to subsidize anyone's recreation.
7. Again, big proponent of all these but when I say "unavailable to me" I mean I don't know if they exist in York but they should for people with children or who are retired. I am neither.
8. Aquatic is so important! It is a life skill.
9. as more of the population in Maine is aging, we need more activities and centers to cater to the older folks.
10. Basketball drop in gyms.
11. Basketball!!
12. Childcare/camps during school year vacation weeks.
13. Disable programs
14. Everyone in York feels squeezed by lack of space to be w/o a crowd tourist and season/off. There are many teens and preteens that have no one at home and no place to go. They do hang out at the library and socialize on the property but there is not supervision. If they had a place to go it would need employees to keep them safe from themselves!
15. Family nights for parents/grandparents and children with activities that include multigenerations. It is important that all people are comfortable participating in activities. Most private facilities attract young, athletic, thin jocks. If I were fat, ugly, disabled, very old, I'd want to feel comfortable because people just like me participate.
16. family related sports. community groups
17. golf
18. having a facility that is not associated with a school allows for someone to attend during the day and not after school programs and other sports that the students are getting first priority with. Adults try to participate in activities during the day especially in the winter.
19. I also don't think we need a pool in York... we have an ocean!!
20. I am having trouble with this survey because in many cases I don't have enough information to know whether or not we have these facilities and whether or not they are adequate. Maybe first step is a description of what is available would be helpful.
21. I am interested in indoor tennis lessons and indoor swimming lessons for children/youth during the whole year.
22. I BELIEVE THAT York HAS AN OUTSTANDING RECREATION PROGRAM SUPPORT JOINTLY BY THE TOWN AND THE PARTICIPANT AS WE AUTHORIZED YEARS AGO.
23. I find this survey very frustrating to answer. There is not a column for I don't know what is available..... many answers would be I don't know, but important.....
24. i loved the arthritis classes- range of motion in the heated pool at the bard wellness center in Peterborough NH
25. I need yoga and other fitness classes with child care available
26. I think a focus on teen after school programs and activities is vital. Ideally offering something for different types of kids - athletic (but not competitive, that exists), arts, technology, nature, etc.
27. I think our recreation department does an excellent job providing a variety of available activities for all ages.
28. I think swim lessons are so important.
29. I'm taking into account that 'fitness programs' in this survey includes private gyms. We have a great Crossfit box in York.
30. ice skating, parents night out, fun, "not stuffy" art workshops, cooking and jewelry making lessons (like Kittery adult ed), fun one-night classes, indoor cycling

31. Ida Lee had a preschool program and part of the 4's program was the kids swam once a week. Living by the Ocean all our kids should have red cross water programs. Ida Lee did this very well. All levels including a Swim team. You don't have that on here but we could have a swim team here and for the High School.
32. indoor and outdoor pools for lessons and classes year-round
33. Indoor swimming with lap lanes
34. Indoor tennis, swimming. Summer Day camps for kids that are NOT at their school. More free time for basketball playing. Not enough gyms for the basketball programs.
35. Indoor walking track and indoor pool with time for seniors
36. Instruction in all activities is valuable. An ice rink would be wonderful and well used in my opinion.
37. It's unclear if you mean just the York area or the broader area, such as Portsmouth & Ogunquit where cultural activities and performing arts are more available. We are in a unique spot to take advantage of all that. A Consortium of providers to offer exchanges or memberships might be considered.
38. Martial arts, sensory programs, music instruction (which is available, but out of town and/or expensive).
39. more intramural programs for middle school age that aren't involved in sports, especially 5-7th
40. MORE swim lesson options; kids need more than once-a-week
41. most of this is available thru out town. why do you work to duplicate and put these businesses out of bus?
42. My children are grown but we took advantage of all those great programs. We just do not need those programs now. I believe they are very important for the families in York.
43. My husband and I would probably get involved in swim programs if there were an adequate facility in York for this.
44. n/a
45. Need more convenient exercise/strength training programs for older adults
46. no pools, I have been there before and they are a disaster!!!
47. none
48. None
49. Note: Sometimes I had to answer "This is not important and/or I'm not interested" but what I meant was "This is important but I don't know what facilities/services are available to this group." (As in pre-K or senior activities.
50. Nothing at this time.
51. older people being able to get together with other older people. the senior center is great. i like to knit, share meals, exercise with richard simmons dvd is excelled and regular, same with wii bowling
52. Open lap swim for adults!
53. Pickleball for beginners to intermediate.
54. pickup hockey games
55. Please consider more teen activities after school
56. Pool, Pool, Pool
57. Pool!!!!!!
58. Recreation center.
59. Rugby
60. safe bike lanes away from traffic walking paths picnic areas
61. Safe place for middle and high schoolers to hang out with friends in the afternoon and evenings. Perhaps a coffe shop type thing at a rec center since all the local shops are too small and close quite early.
62. Shooting sport recreational facilities.
63. shuffle board courts w/cover over seats
64. Skating lessons, swimming lessons, white pine program is great but unavailable to those who can't afford it... Would be nice to have a more nature/ environmental kids program
65. Skating/hockey
66. Skiing, cross country ski, snowshoeing, fishing, golf

67. Some of these questions are far beyond the reach of a small town, We need a recreation center...it does have to all the bells and whistles.
68. Swim teams, martial arts
69. Swimming pool inside would be great for seniors and a plus for those seeking a retirement community
70. the above programs are important for children but since I don't have any I was unsure how to mark a box.
71. The choice "important, but I am not aware of available options". I think lots of kids things are important and should be a priority, but no way to say that. I'm retired, no kids or grandkids so not in position to know of adequacy of options available.
72. The town just got an auditorium and we have a relatively new library; you can't tell me we don't have a place for town meetings. Paying for these activities and facilities should be handled by the interested parties; this does not generate any income for the town and the average age is increasing year-over-year
73. Walking trails, bike trails,
74. Water exercises is extremely important
75. We have many private programs for the above listed but often the cost is too high for families. It would be incredible to have a community center to have easier more affordable access. Something I would be happy to put tax dollars toward
76. We like to walk and or run on the streets of our beautiful town; we would like it more if York could take some funding from the rec department and use it for building sidewalks.
77. We need an indoor walking track open from early morning to 9 at night.
78. We shouldn't have to travel to other towns or private hotels to obtain walking tracks/pools, etc. Most of these are available after hours school use when seniors eat early-medical or suffer from night blindness and don't travel during pm-work driving hours
79. We want pick up soccer for all ages that doesn't require trying out for a team, and year round tennis.
80. We would love to have swim lessons past level 4, and possibly a swim team. My child would also love more art opportunities--drawing classes focusing on interests like anime, etc. An indoor track to walk and jog on would be awesome for adults.
81. When I was a kid, in middle school, I really enjoyed after school intramural sports, not being a big organized sports fan, so my school had activities for us. One of which was archery, by far my favorite.
82. would be nice to have a fitness/health center that would have PALS to support sports lessons, e.g., swimming, basketball, baseball to supplement time with PALS. PALS is great! The sports are great but it would be nice to have other time offerings.
83. would like to see a pool not connected with hotels/motels so swimming times could be more convenient--would be terrific to have high school swim team
84. You seem to have covered them. Am not so much into games/sports, but like educational activities, areas to walk with dog, cultural events, Community Dialogue, gentle yoga and swimming.
85. Your rating scale is confusing. I support children and teen programming but I wouldn't use them myself.

If you could prioritize ONE of the options below – which would you choose? - Other (please explain):

1. "Community" is about people, not a building. What York does currently is perfect.
2. 1
3. A center for the community doesn't need separate areas. Better for community to all be together
4. A facility like the works in Somersworth
5. A multigenerational center with separate dedicated spaces for specific age groups as well as common areas for all people of York to foster a cohesive and mutually respectful community.
6. A multigenerational indoor recreation center that's hopefully more than just an open gym since we already have those at the schools. Preferably the arena would be something we can't already do (indoor tennis, indoor swimming pool, ice arena, etc.)

7. A multigenerational indoor recreation/activity center open to all residents of York that also includes an indoor ice arena for use by high school, middle school and youth hockey, figure skating and recreational programs
8. A multigenerational indoor recreation/community center with some place open to all residents and some separate, dedicated spaces for age specific groups.
9. a multigen indoor rec/comm ctr open to all, with a POOL!
10. Actually, a multigenerational indoor recreation/community center with separate, dedicated spaces in the building for specific age-groups (separate and distinct space for seniors, youth, etc. BUT WITH COMMON AREAS FOR ALL AGE GROUPS.
11. add to #2: with a place where everyone can congregate together like a lobby with news, magazines, food.
12. An ice skating rink because many families have far drive for hockey practices/games
13. An rec center w/6 lane pool, gym and racquetball, indoor track, that cost would be shared and used by Kittery/York/Wells
14. Community should not be segregated but integrated to meet everyone's needs.
15. Enlarging the Living WEll Center and maybe adding a pool would be great!
16. I am strongly in favor of this initiative and would vote for tax payer subsidized spending for the effort. Seems a bit premature to be asking about building design here, that is a complicated and complex task, and takes a lot of effort to get right. I had some input into the design of the Community Campus in Portsmouth.
17. I believe we need to use the facilities in this town that are already available and that we pay taxes on. If there were a seperate community building, not only would our taxes be raised but the fees associated for our use would be beyond what many of us can afford.
18. I think the facilities we have available from private sources meet the recreation needs sufficiently, I think any spending on recreation for the town should be directed to improving the quality of the outdoor facilities we already have
19. I would rather they purchase the open Davis Land for outdoor activities and green space
20. If you are building a recreation center, I would like to see an indoor ice arena option as most kids are traveling 35 to 45 minutes multiple times per week.
21. Indoor and outdoor pool
22. Indoor pool & basketball courts & bime park, climbing wall & not so typical sports related activities like mini golf and kick ball active but not super competitive/ skill oriented?
23. Kittery comm ctr is great example
24. multigenerational indoor recreation/community center with a heated pool, anchorage is too cold for me, let alone my baby.
25. new town hall first!
26. no more projects that raise taxes until current projects in town are completed !!!
27. Option B, multigenerational center but with a pool
28. Outdoor skating and hockey rink
29. pool and ice rink
30. recreation is covered adequately except for swimming
31. Senior only is desired but one for all is the affordable option
32. should not have spent so much on the auditorium!
33. Similar to a YMCA or the kittery community center
34. Some separate areas for classes and exercising would be nice
35. Sports Complex with gym, rink and pool!
36. swimming pool (?)
37. The first answer but include an indoor and outdoor pool, along with an indoor skating rink!
38. the first option but should include walking and running trails!

39. The Kittery Community center represents a good use of a surplus school with the addition of several features, that provides a variety of functional spaces for all ages.
40. The schools are adequate if used and supervised and staffed to meet the needs of most of the community, especially children, youth and families. The seniors need an improved facility or a space added onto one of the schools. We do not need more buildings but rather use the schools we have and the facilities they provide. A pool should be added to the high school for community and school use.
41. there is no need for an indoor rec/community center- we can not afford it!
42. This sounds like an attempt to turn York into a metropolitan play center for suburban and Boston/New York
43. This town, including Parks & Rec, is terrible at capital projects. Focus on building the bathhouse. Town Hall and the York Street/Longs Sands intersection are, or should be, also priorities. Not a swimming pool.
44. too much taxes!!
45. Use existing places for recreation: senior center, schools, hotel pools and gyms, etc.
46. walking track indoors
47. Way way in the future when other items are in place and paid off. too many "wants" No prioritization (need a new town hall first)
48. We are already over burdened on taxes with existing bonds etc. Police Station, Auditorium etc.
49. we have a lot of unused space in all the schools
50. We have a seacoast community where everyone should use what it offers
51. We have the Atlantic Ocean right there in town. We have the York River, Cape and multiple beaches right here in town. We do not NEED a swimming pool. Some may WANT it but NONE, not even one NEEDS a swimming pool.
52. We live near the beach in the summer and should promote big A and York land trust property for outdoor winter activities.
53. We need a pool
54. we pay enough taxes!
55. What we can currently afford without a tax increase.
56. With a pool please.
57. With those from other communities paying a much higher fee. If it's a good facility people from surrounding towns will pay to come.
58. Would love to see something like the Kittery Community Center. Could the existing recreation department be incorporated to this new facility? Transportation from the schools for afterschool groups/meetings/activities would be amazing.
59. York is lacking public indoor and outdoor pools as well as an indoor skating rink. We should have a community center that fosters healthy living, curiosity and learning for people of all generations. The winters are cold and long here. We could be doing so much more.
60. York needs a new town hall before a rec center
61. York needs to combine swimming, fitness, sports, and child care all in one building, and with possibilities to have outdoor activities as well.

If you would benefit from a town-supported indoor recreation/community center in York ... How would having access to a town-supported indoor recreation/community center in York benefit you, your household, and/or your community?

1. Bring neighbors & Community together especially in winter months. Encourage health based activities. Encourage same age group social interaction, Create a much more cohesive community in York.
2. Enhance the quality of year-round living in York, increase the physical well-being of York residents, increase the cultural activities for all York residents and visitors.
3.too expensive for the taxpayers.

4. It would allow me to stay in shape if there was a pool. 2. It would allow my family to have more social experiences.
5. A central place to exercise, play, hang out, and gather as a community. Would help bring our community even closer together. Would have a positive impact on us socially, athletically, and help with morale.
6. a facility with a swimming pool (lanes etc 25 ft or better) would be what I we would use most.
7. A great place to meet people and participate in activities
8. A place for my children
9. A place to go to see plays, workout (if there is an adequate weight room), and do activities with our daughter.
10. A safe environment for our kids to be connected to the community and an opportunity for us as parents to provide example of a healthy lifestyle to our kids and bringing families together. It would give everyone an opportunity to have a space to do things they love.
11. A senior center only would help and not bring in with others
12. Access to a town-supported indoor recreation center would allow my son opportunities to play in a safe environment and to meet other children in the community; in turn, it would allow me to meet other parents and build a stronger connection to the York community.
13. Activities for my kids. A safe place for kids to meet up and be active
14. An age-integrated community center would be a great benefit to everyone. I would get to know many more people, especially if there are classes held in the space as well as exercise equipment. I think having the kids and teens mixed with older people gives everyone great perspective and joy.
15. Aquatic and fitness center should be a priority. I'm not sure what a "community center" would include. Other than fitness and aquatic facilities we have no interest. Thanks for asking.
16. As a mom of young kids who works full time front the home, I have few opportunities to meet other moms like me. It would give me a place to bring my children to meet othe local moms on the weekends
17. As a senior it would give my husband and myself more affordable gym time and use of pool classes.
18. As a senior, having a decent space for activities is important. I know of people who travel 25 minutes to swim at the YMCA in Portsmouth.
19. Availability of facilities will help my family and I be as active as we like!
20. Be healthier
21. because taxes would go up
22. Benefits would be to better physical health, kinship (community social relationships), emotional health, etc. The physical and emotional health of the residents of a community result in a more vibrant community.
23. Better access, more participation, better health, for all
24. Better health
25. Better health overall - no need to pay for external club to get these services
26. Bring families together, reach across to all generations, provide safe places for families and individuals to meet and participate with others. We need this!
27. Bring people in the community together. Personally I would use an indoor/outdoor pool quite often for aerobics classes for health and wellness.
28. Bring people together, all ages, especially for the winter months.
29. bring people together, keep kids, especially after school programs, out of mischief and have a place to gather. Give seniors a place to be proud of.
30. Bring the community together and break down the gap due to income
31. builds community, nice space for fitness classes, indoor walking for winter
32. Car
33. depends on type of facility
34. Ease of exercise in colder months & way to meet more residents.

35. Everything you mention is available either in York (town/school supported now) or in surrounding towns for a fee. Those looking for this studd can find it very close and should not burden the rest of us through tax increases!!
36. exercise availability, especially in the winter is a great benefit
37. Feel it would benefit a few with all of the townspeople paying for it. There are facilities available for a fee and if people want it they should be willing to pay for it themseoves
38. Feel there is sufficient availability presently for the number of people who would be interested. Recently a sports facility went out of business which would indicate there was excess capacity and insufficient interest in additional facilities.
39. Fitness, social, culteral
40. Fitter and healthier
41. For me: swimming For household and community: bring the town together. People live in silos and would be great to break out.
42. For our families we need an indoor exercise length pool, gym, basketball and maintain the senior center either separate or included.
43. friendly competition builds community, example: "our insurance office can beat your office", "our community's orchestra is putting on a recital" "York's the voice competition or garage bands"
44. gathering place for our children mostly and also to mix with older generation. A place where people can be comfortable to gather, be active, enjoy.
45. Gathering space for all people to engage in healthy activities together, learn and grow and laugh and have fun, together.
46. Get people out and about regardless of weather
47. Get us out of house more!
48. Gives teenagers something to do in winter months, keeping them out of trouble.
49. Good place for intergenerational leisure activities, good place for teenages to "hang out"
50. Gosh. My children would have access to activities, classes, swim lessons, skating with their peers--the kids they go to (will go to) kindergarten with. We currently have to schlep all over the seacoast for these activities which is hard on the parents (and the children!) I also think having a recreational facility would enhance peer and parent relationships which would strengthen the community. I would LOVE for my children to grow up with activities in their town!
51. Great energy motivation convenience for any times of day and eve for families with desire be healthy in a mostly winter town and varying schedules.
52. Great family time!!!!
53. Greater opportunity for "your average Joe" of all ages to ignite their talents and potentials.
54. greater opportunity for social interaction, emotional support, intellectual stimulation as well as help keeping physical fit
55. Having a center nearby with a pool and fitness classes would make it easier to incorporate exercise into my schedule. I also have a 1 year old so childcare would be a plus.
56. Having a facility in town benefits all town residents to become a better community. Getting to know others that you may not cross paths with always has benefits. I do know that for a new person/family moving into the town can struggle with meeting people and this type of facility can help foster the 'welcome' to York feeling. Opening a door can lead to many places that are currently unknown.
57. Having a town-supported indoor recreation/community center would allow for more recreational programming outside the constrains of the school-based, commercial based and religious based facilities currently available. If done properly this could provide opportunities to interact across age, religious and economic populations in York and create a more cohesive community.
58. Having access to a town-supported indoor recreation/community center in York would benefit everyone. I take an adult ballet course at the Kittery Rec Ctr and I would lvd to b able to take fitness/dance classes right here in York. The indoor track would also benefit me, my spouse and the community. Holiday

events, concerts and drama events would also bring the year round community together more. It is a great idea to have a Multi-generational center because the younger kids could benefit from interacting with the elders in the community and visa-versa. The York Center would also benefit from having York tax payers keep their dollars in the community. I hope this idea comes to fruition because it is desperately needed!

59. Having an indoor/outdoor pool for my daughter would be fantastic. Living in a beach community require strong swimmers. We don't have many options to practice swimming outside of the ocean. I would also enjoy an affordable community gym and more organized athletics for adults.
60. Having something close to home, where we are not spending time and money traveling to neighboring towns, and connecting with other residents and families is incredibly important and would be very beneficial; creating relationships, keeping money in town, convenience, shorter traveling distance.
61. Health benefits.
62. Health, well being, socialization, recreation, community, jobs, its a win-win
63. Health, wellness, socially, etc...
64. Health/exercise/community relations
65. healthier and more positive options for the community
66. help keep us healthy physically enhance social aspects of living in York
67. Help us financially as well as support town. Have to go out of town now for many activities
68. How are you going to support this? There should be a plan to explain this. you might get petty support for this. this town needs a new town hall. this sounds expensive multi cut rec building. now programs thru out town are affordable. user feers to support this building expensive.
69. How many times have we kicked this can down the road in the past 20 years?
70. I am a senior who uses SC frequently. We have a wonderful program of exercises available the high school cafeteria is underused, Its a big open space for many activities. The high school has a track available we don't have to build a new building until other spaces have been explored. I don't see a need for more outdoor space at this time. We do need a new town hall.
71. I am by myself but would love one place to go.
72. I am not interested in the senior center at this time. I would like a community space to go to where the attendees/members have a more positive outlook.
73. I believe it would benefit my community because there isn't much to do in York. You have to go to Portsmouth or Boston or such just to find something to do with family, so a recreation center would offer more opportunities for the citizens of York.
74. I believe that it would benefit the community as long as it served the needs of the elderly, people who work in the day or on the weekends, and provided only what young people would use. It would NOT benefit the community if this center was geared towards the higher socio-economic group and their needs only.
75. I do not NEED a place to go for organized recreation. I do not believe in spending tax payer money on other people's recreation. If people are so helpless, disorganized and mentally incapacitated that they can not figure out how to recreate without having someone else pay for it, they should try moving back to the place they moved here from. If they think just a bit, that town DID have recreational facilities they could use. But no, that will not work. They come to my town and demand that I and everyone else that lives here pay for their recreational facilities and make York just like the town they moved here to get away from. If they want to recreate then fine, do it on their own nickle and not mine.
76. I don't know what's available for kids. The current Senior Center is limited by available space (and of course funding); it would be nice to have this open at least one weekend day.
77. I feel a multi-generational facility will bring the community together more so and allow the generations to interact.

78. I feel that a year-round place for children/youth swimming lessons would be very beneficial, as right now we have to drive out of town. I feel an indoor swimming pool would be frequented by members of the community of all ages.
79. I feel that if we had something similar to Kittery's community center it would be a great benefit to York. I travel there for plays and also have taken my child there for sports programs. A community center would bring the citizens together and make it less necessary for us to travel to experience the offerings in other towns.
80. I feel that my family and I would use a recreation center immensely. We are always looking for things to do and from what I have heard many families use kittery community center and things around the town due to lack of having it within York
81. I feel that the center also should benefit the surround communities such as Wells, Kittery, Eliot and South Berwick. The cost of the center could be a shared effort.
82. I feel there would be more options closer in town rather than always having to travel to do things. I do however feel there should be a membership fee to make people feel vested in it and take pride in what we as a community accomplished in the creation of it
83. I feel VERY strongly that kids do not have enough places to go "hang out" and do wholesome things. Having a community center with lots of physical activities and social activities will give kids something to do. Active, engaged kids are less likely to do drugs and more likely to have a sense of community. We currently spend a fair amount of money on out-of-town activities and I think it would be great to capture that income while providing an indoor recreation facility.
84. I have 2 young active kids who need to learn to swim, who love going to the pool but find the YMCA pool scary. We would use a community pool, particularly one with a kiddie pool/area, all the time. I would use a gym and yoga/fitness classes if I had access to group childcare. My whole family would use a rec center often, it would be a great family activity.
85. I have a very bad back and am limited in the exercise I can do but I can exercise in a pool. If York had a facility I wouldn't have to drive 20-30 minutes one way in order to exercise. A rec center like the YMCA would allow everyone regardless of age and ability to exercise
86. I have said my household would get NO BENEFIT FROM I have said above we would get NO BENEFIT from this proposal.
87. I have three kids and have to travel to Portsmouth and Exeter for their sports. I would love to be able to stay in my own town and have these benefits at my fingertips.
88. I look at what Kittery has done and I am very interested. I think they are with it benefits/opportunities. we won't even know until the center is a reality
89. I might get in shape
90. I might use it to get healthier, my husband would probably use it to get healthier, the community would definitely use it.
91. I pretty much get my exercise on my own and by private lessons in the area. I and my family would very much benefit if the facility were very good, clean, and inclusive.
92. I think a community center is a great way to build healthy relationships between body and mind, person to person, and family to family. There's lots to do with parks, trails, and beaches in the summertime, but in the long winter, we are often traveling out of town to stay active as a family. We love to York Illustrated books and classes as well as the Adult Edu. catalog and classes, but as a young family (two 30-year-old parents and a 1-year-old), we are looking for free things to do together. Family swim classes, family yoga, family martial arts, family crafts, family entertainment -- these are things we want to do in our own town!
93. I think having a center for multi generations (rec dept sports, senior activities, pool, indoor tennis) would be a great benefit to making our community a community. Since my children have grown up and we're no longer connected to school/rec sports, there is nothing that really ties us to our community. A gathering place with teen/youth activities, rec sports, indoor/outdoor tennis, pool, senior facilities would help build

community. I would consider taking some activities (like senior center, library computers), things we already have...and would still move all those into new bldg.

94. I think it would provide a wonderful space for varying ages to enjoy in their age specific categories as well as multi-generational.
95. I think the amount of recreational programs York offers is impressive. I'd love to see more indoor options available such as a pool and weight room. Thank you for all you do for the town.
96. I think the York Rec Dept does a great job and this facility would allow activities year round. I would rather belong to a Community Center here in town. It would be easier access. It takes me a 1/2 hour to get to Kittery! It would be great for everyone in town & for me, personally.
97. I would avoid spending the 35 minutes each way to Somersworth. I'd be able to spend time with/in our community; meeting new people, building relationships and strengthening community ties.
98. I would be healthier and have more activities to take part in, possibly new hobbies.
99. I would benefit from personal enrichment, community awareness, fitness, learning and social interactions.
100. I would benefit, I don't have a household, my community is quite limited due to my age.
101. I would feel empowered to use the facilities often, and to have a much healthier lifestyle throughout the winter months.
102. I would feel part of our York community. After the kids have grown and done with their sports we don't feel as connected.
103. I would love not having to drive to Portsmouth, NH to swim laps every morning. I think it would foster more clubs and camaraderie with programs in York.
104. I would love to keep the money we spend on children's birthday parties, pool trips, snacks and lunch, gym memberships and childcare at all our activities in York. There isn't a safe place for my kids to play indoors during rainy days or long winter weekends in York so we find ourselves driving to Dover to the Children's museum, Portsmouth to swim, ice skate, play in the park, watch outdoor movies at Prescott park, see the summer play and listen to music. The traffic isn't great and it's tough to always drive out of town for these activities. I would love to save the drive and spend the money in our town.
105. I would not benefit from this. We have everything in town, that is available to us. We have almost all these activities. Are we trying to reinvent the wheel? There is a beautiful ocean that has many activities Yoga' Surfing lessons Stand up paddling . The HS has many offerings. We need to just look around Mt A many trails and programs. We can swim in our best asset , many many people use this.
106. I would not have to utilize the Kittery Community Center for indoor track and/or theater/music. I would not have to utilize Spinakker Point in Portsmouth for pool.
107. I would see more acquaintances in a healthy living, environment where recreation and socialization is a key issue, bringing people together.
108. I would use it if it existed, but for crying out loud the Town has so many needs and makes so little progress! And taxes keep going up!
109. I wouldn't have to travel to New Hampshire to swim in pool.
110. I wouldn't use it, and it would create a handy babysitting service, that we don't need.
111. If done properly, a town-supported indoor recreation/community center in York would increase my family's fitness opportunities.
112. Important for our youth and seniors in particular - quality indoor space to recreate during our colder months will create a healthier, happier town.
113. Improve our quality of life and health, and enhance social interaction and community spirit.
114. Improved health, make friends, and I think it would help unite the community!
115. In many ways, possible improvements to health, opportunity to meet people.
116. Increase opportunities for people of all ages and incomes to participate in physical and community activities. This would promote the physical and emotional health of community members.
117. Increased fitness opportunities with year round access.
118. Increased socialization and fitness, build a sense of community , create memories for my child

119. Indoor swimming
120. Indoor swimming in the winter and walking track for the winter.
121. Indoor swimming pool priority to teach town kids to swim--water safety in a town surrounded by water. Also for year-round recreational training lap swimming when dangerous to walk and run outside. Also water aerobics and like. No nearby facilities for swimming so could be popular with nearby town residents.
122. indoor walking and social programs would add fitness and wellbeing
123. Interaction with other citizens is a good thing
124. It could bring together multiple generations, provide opportunity for improved physical fitness, mental, and social health. It could be affordable for folks that can't afford private clubs and facilities, it could provide year round programming.
125. It depends of what's being offered.
126. It is crucially important for teenagers to have a space to congregate with appropriate activities. It fosters community and more importantly keeps them away from illicit activities.
127. It is vital for the health of a small community like York to have gathering places where people can socialize, have fun, relax, work-out, learn, and casually exchange thoughts and ideas. With proper design, a center like the one being proposed could facilitate this.
128. It probably would just increase my property taxes and not offer any programs that would be age appropriate and affordable
129. It would add to the strength of our community. It would provide needed, positive recreational space for youth, provide a community swimming pool to be on par with other towns of our size and SES.
130. It would allow another option for somewhere to go. Open gym times would also be great.
131. It would allow fitness opportunities in the winter.
132. It would allow my kids the ability to meet various ages of people in their community and save our family money in transportation costs.
133. It would be 'nice', but not a necessity for me.
134. It would be a waste of my money.
135. It would be beneficial to have a new, updated facility serving the different age groups, instead of continuing with what's available now and them being spread out in many different areas. Consolidate and update.
136. It would be more convenient than traveling to other towns and facilities for recreational activities.
137. It would be nice but I fear that raised taxes might make it impossible for us to afford the cost of driving there.
138. it would be something I could use on a daily basis for my health and well-being
139. it would benefit school age children and keep them off the streets
140. It would benefit the health of both me and my husband.
141. It would combine use at one location. Pools can be regulated for adult/children use of common areas. Make it a campus style feel instead of private gyms with contract a gym use fee (reasonable) could be assessed for new equipment purchase and constant update. In/school year- adult day times after school hours for children, summer use- adults 6-9am, adults kids use each/then, hourly 15 min- swims for adults allows lifeguards rest/breaks/restrooms etc. Look at models- lets not re-invent the wheel!
142. It would cost taxpayers MORE money which is not something that all tax paying residents can afford. The only way that I could support it is if it was not built or maintained by any tax payer money.
143. It would depend on how encompassing the center. It would mean that I wouldn't have to stop exercising over the winter and also have social interaction.
144. It would depend on what is being put into the community center. The new auditorium should handle performing arts needs.
145. It would give local and visiting families more safe and reliable options for indoor recreation. There is plenty to do in the summer in York, but there is a lack of options in the winter. A rec center would

encourage physical fitness and would certainly be a source of income for the town. All ages would benefit from the rec center; both tourists and locals. I think York needs to focus less on celebrating the past and more on planning a bright future.

146. It would give the youth something to do throughout the winter and rest of year. It is very important as it allows them to exercise and have social interactions while also keeping them out of trouble.
147. It would give us options and a place to go to be active and social instead of trying to find some other place to go & never doing anything because we can't?
148. It would give us so many more options to be active and involved in not only recreation but in building community to get residents talking socializing and staying in York rather than partaking in activities in surrounding communities with better centralized recreational centers.
149. It would help develop a sense of community and be a welcome addition for those living in York year round.
150. It would mean I would not have to pay a monthly fee for a gym, it would be easily accessible so I would most likely use it more often. My health and the health of my family would improve, I would have the opportunity to meet friends, colleagues and family members there to participate in alternate activities. I would not always have to travel to nearby towns to participate in cultural events.
151. It would not benefit me, my family, or the community. We just spend +\$10M on an auditorium that almost half of the town didn't want, but surveys like this introduced bias through questions that were designed to derive support, regardless of the answer. Why should we spend another \$5-\$10M on indoor facilities for activities most people prefer to do outdoors anyways? We have access to reasonable running trails, ponds for ice skating, beach space for volleyball, many tennis/pickleball courts within a 30mi radius, and we live right on the ocean for swimming, surfing, etc. Spend the money on cleaning the beaches and improving the outdoor facilities. With a sports program that absorbs more than 3/4 of York school system students, I am not concerned about the lack of recreation.
152. It would not!! Because it would increase taxis and you would have to have membership per year or pay as you use the community center. too much money. the high school edition is enough to pay for with our taxis!! Taxis here are high enough!
153. It would offer us the opportunity to enjoy more recreational activities in a community environment.
154. It would promote more mingling and forming of connections among residents, especially those who may not normally do so because of different interests, generations, or schedules. As a parent with young children, I see the same people over and over at various events, classes, practices, etc. It would be nice to have those "bubbles" challenged and to interact with more York residents.
155. It would provide a space for our group to meet. Previously we've had the desire and numbers necessary, but not a consistently available or convenient indoor space to use.
156. it would provide enrichment activities for everyone and would allow more time with family due to less driving to other towns.
157. It would really strengthen the opportunities available for all age groups. Swimming is so important for a coastal community that having a really good swimming, diving pool would be extremely beneficial.
158. It would serve as a place where my family and children could join friends for community events and where my children could participate in athletic endeavors. It could also serve as a gathering place for the town and help to further instill a sense of community. In a worst case scenario, it could also serve as a temporary emergency shelter for displaced families.
159. It would strengthen the bonds of our community.
160. It would supplement the many options we already have.
161. It wouldn't benefit me personally, but my daughter could have something fun to do on rainy days. As for my community, I don't see a lot of year round residents using this so it may be just a unnecessary use of taxpayer funds.
162. It wouldn't! Put it an ice rink.
163. It wouldnt

164. It's needed!! Every town has. Place for their kids to go and adults. York residents have to go elsewhere.
165. keep families fit and happy also to keep children occupied so that they wont get into trouble
166. Keep my son busy and allow us as a family to exercise, swim etc
167. Keep us healthier
168. Keep us healthier, engage us with other age groups.
169. Keep us local creasing family time & decrease travel. Elevate our personal fitness through access to activities we each enjoy.
170. Kids need a place in the winter to swim, climb and skateboard. It would be great to see this happen
171. less time traveling especially in the snow storms, less money spent on out of town programs benefiting their municipalities
172. Local options instead Of Paying for Private places out of town
173. Local skating, dance, swim lessons would be great! A gym that is affordable with childcare options.
174. Look into the collicutt center in red deer Alberta. They have them in communities around Canada. They have climbing wall, courts, turf, pool, gym classes, etc. Would be AWESOME to have here.
175. Make a tighter community: meet new families: help our family establish more roots in community. Make York even more appealing to live here.
176. Make it private and let members only support the expense. This town has wonderful sports/recreation programs at all school levels. If there are people that don't feel satisfied with school offering- let them build their own rcreation facilities and pay for them themselves. Average citizen does not want that much tax raise and are very satisfied with our wonderful town of York. The wonderful surroundings please many of us without fancy rec centers that will cost a lot of money and will isolate people from each other- plenty of room at beaches and sports offered at every level of participation. Don't need anything more added to average person's taxes. Schools do a great job with sports teams- have wonderful coaches!!
177. Many times we have chosen to stay home rather than travel to other communities for activities, because the added travel time interferes with delicate baby/toddler nap schedules. In the future the time saved by having things available in York could be better spent on other things! Also, we would be more likely to shop in York if we were already in town for recreation, rather than shopping in the other towns we currently travel to for such activities. It would also be really nice to meet other local families!
178. Meet other neighbors; proximity to activities; more routine access to swimming year round for fitness and fun; opportunities to diversify activities multigenerational
179. Meeting spaces, fitness facility, more opportunities to bike/walk/jog with peers.
180. more active and less traveling
181. More community involvement for all. Swimming lessons, team, and adult lap time is so important!
182. More exercise options- especially indoors during the winter. I know many have enjoyed Kittery community center for this reason. Area for small events like bridal showers, birthday parties etc. Indoor area for my grandchildren to go on school vacation, or weekends - particularly the winter. If you DON't have kids in York schools - hard to meet other adults that have similar interests.
183. More interaction between all age groups, more socialization over all, more opportunities for movement and physical activity.
184. More local, convenient options for drop in sports (basketball, etc.) and the ability to swim recreationally and competitively in York.
185. more opportunity to recreate if you don't play school sports and also can recreate in the sports off season. As a community, more people would get to know each other from seeing other people at the center and making it better community.
186. More options to stay active, healthy and for teens to stay out of trouble... especially in the winter months. There is a large drug problem in this town with our teens due in large part to lack of healthy alternatives during the long winter months.
187. More physical activity opportunities for all Members of my family's

188. more programming for all ages
189. My children and husband and I could still get exercise in the winter and have a good place to socialize with the local community. I plan to homeschool my two sons and it's vital to their sense of community to stay involved in sports and activities.
190. My children would greatly benefit from indoor activities during winter months.
191. My daughter is now in college. But for the future I feel the town of York needs an indoor recreation/community center for kids to go to. Many resources are spent for York's school athletic programs. I feel this is great and well deserved. But also feel equal funding should be provided for programs to support kids that are not involved in sports.
192. My family would be able to be active together more in the winter and other bad weather with an indoor walking track and/or pool. I would love to personally benefit from afternoon and evening sports activities available for middle-age people who are more interested in playing a fun game than being ultra-competitive. It would be great to have a place we knew other families were spending time so kids could get together and play while parents socialized too.
193. My family would not benefit from this as we are more interested in doing things outside
194. My family's health would improve from indoor swimming during the winter months. I'd love to teach aquatic and group fitness classes. We would love year-round tennis. Kids forget how to swim in the colder months and the tiny pools at anchorage and microtel are full of tourists and elderly people who frown at children trying to learn how to swim. The town parks and rec lessons there are impossible to get into and the pools are so small that kids don't learn stamina in the water. The facility should be located on Route 1 and have it's own traffic light. Every proven resident of York should be able to have membership. Non-proven-residents should have to pay 30% more. Group EX instructors should be paid by the facility not class participants. Basic classes should be open, not limited, not signed-up for, and should be included in membership. If people have to sign up and pay extra for basic classes they won't come. If participants have to pay the instructor directly they will come in late, promise to pay at the end of class, and always forget. Our community and town would be healthier physically and socially, but not monetarily as this project will be astronomically expensive.
195. My hope is that a multigenerational community center in York would bring the community together more than it is now.
196. My household and I would participate more in healthy activities and this would increase our overall well being. Currently we have to drive to Kittery in the fall/winter for activities and their schedule is limited or too crowded as they have their own residents filling up the classes/sports/activities. I firmly believe having a town supported York indoor rec ctr would benefit the community as it would provide for social connections, healthy activities, reducing stress through participation and engagement in sports/fitness which in turn creates healthy residents.
197. My kids constantly crave going to active places with their friends or to participate in sports. I drive them to Kittery and Portsmouth to fulfill their needs/wants. I would love the opportunities, convenience and a healthy go-to option in York.
198. My kids would watch less tv and video games, a better sense of community, younger families would want to move to York, property values would increase, we would have a stronger basketball program if kids could actually practice on courts, indoor tennis would keep more adults and seniors active,
199. my son is a very strong swimmer. A town swimming pool would allow him to capitalize on his talent. I would also use a pool for lap swimming if we had one. Our town needs designated space for martial arts and dance. My family would also participate in martial arts classes.
200. My three little kids and myself would use it for years to come.
201. Myself, my family, and my community would be more likely to engage in healthy, local recreational activities that promote health, well-being, and community interaction.
202. No benefit.

203. None-except higher taxes and having York lose more of its charm. Don't destroy York more than it has already!!!! been destroyed!!!
204. Not at all
205. Not at all
206. Not having to drive to the surrounding communities to go to the gym, have swim lessons, gymnastics and dance classes would greatly benefit me and my kids.
207. Not having to leave town to get access to activities such as swimming. Being bale to participate with friends from town.
208. Note, the survey just switched like / dislike arrangement. Not 😊
209. Open/meeting space, performance space, winter social space that is non-demoninational (i.e. not religious, etc.). This is also important to people who will move here from OTHER countries where communities traditionally gather outside to be together. Community centers can bring ALL of our community together. Something to consider- how do we make the sign up for vsape FAIR- so that monthly book clubs, card games, potlucks, kid events get equal time. This is a problem. The libraru is over burdened with due to the needs of a town governing, special interest groups wanting to be open to the publci need space on a regular basis to meet safely.
210. Opportunities for maintaining health
211. Opportunity to participate in recreational activities for a reasonable fee and closer to home.
212. Our family of four would love this- we have 2 active kids (ages 1 and 3) who would love regular access to a pool. Myself and my husband would love a place to go with the kids where we could all get out and exercise together- especially in the winter when it may be too cold or inclement to get outside or stay outside. Family memberships at local gyms are very expensive and are not always conducive to bringing young children.
213. Our town is growing and more families are moving into York. There is a lot of new construction.. so it will be important to have a place for the kids, families and seniors to be.
214. Our winters are very long. A center, hopefully with an indoor swimming pool and track, would help us get enough exercise in the winter.
215. Particularly in the winter, the community needs to have the opportunity to come together. Old and young can benefit from a clean, safe environment for all levels of activity.
216. People need places to get together, do sports, display projects and art for our children and others who live here, to celebrate their accomplishments!! A safe place that helps to get ALL ages doing things together and/or sometimes apart.Small meeting rooms for various group meetings and classes. While our schools are doing their part, more space is needed for youth to gather both after school and in the evenings that is safe,with some people to help them in various ways-coaching/homework/just being there for them. A place that ALL people in York will feel welcome and free to use the facilities as needed.I certainly would use the meeting space, the walking track, the pool, and hopefully meet new people, and have a chance to interact with young people
217. place for all to gather and connect
218. Place for my kids to go to play basketball and improve their game.
219. Place to go and work out especially during the winter without having to pay a monthly fee.
220. pool and ice hockey rink
221. Pool for swim lessons and indoor tennis court, indoor walking track for the winter months
222. Presently we use the Kittery Community Center, so as York residents and taxpayers a closer facility would be a benefit.....depending on where in York it is located.
223. Provide access to activities in town rather than traveling to other towns for those same activities. Provide chances to socialize and meet other York residents and families.
224. Provide easier access for residents of all ages and income levels, encourage/provide ways for residents to stay active all year instead of just seasonally. Provide a greater sense of community with a central location in town for everyone to enjoy.

225. Provide place for fitness training and activity, and social activities with others of similar interest
226. provide travel opportunities, medical support, interesting programs, meals, and social opportunities
227. Providing a space for community members to mingle while doing recreational activities would boost the well being of all. The key will be to balance athletic activities with other programs. Presently the recreation dept tilts towards sports. The new center would need a program director who could solve this problem
228. Really important for teens to go after school to socialize is misread of Village Scoop. For town meetings and local gatherings. To bring a stronger place for community. A for the Winter Farmers Market.
229. Right now my family and everyone (literally everyone, from friends to my parents who are also York residents) lament the fact that there is no centralized rec area. My mother has had to change locations for her exercise classes four times in 18 months. My daughter has missed out on activities because the locations are too far flung for her to do everything she's interested in. My husband and I have no way to utilize a gym membership because of childcare issues and distance. Even our dog has had to miss out on rec time because of the beach restrictions in the summer and the lack of a fenced in dog park within a half hour's driving distance. In my opinion, having a school bus dedicated to taking kids from middle school up to the rec center everyday from the schools would be a huge plus and cut down on complaints of groups of kids acting up at Short Sands or at Tge Vilkgage Scoop and other areas of town. York desperately needs this.
230. Right now we spend a lot of our days driving to other communities to meet our recreational needs. We spend our money in other towns. I'd like to spend my money right here in York by supporting a community recreation center with paid memberships. This would save my family money and aggravation. Less driving converts to better family time, better community time. I have children age 8 & 10. I speak with lots of parents who struggle raising their kids because of what we lack. They are frustrated. They want York to get its act together and build a community recreation center. The 40 minutes required to drive my children to Portsmouth for gymnastics or 25 minutes to Dover for hockey prevents me from supporting York businesses because a) when we finish our activities we don't have time for other endeavors, and b) we often spend money in other towns. Our teenagers need a facility to give them positive pursuits. People don't like to talk about it, but right now York has one of the highest usage rates of opiates in Maine...because our teenagers are bored! Citizens of York like to talk about what a great town York is. When I consider what makes a great town, I think of what it should have. Great towns have a great community based recreation center. I have been to many towns in the country and these facilities are the vibrant core of the community. We lack that. We lack that cohesive structure that brings us together.
231. Save time; no need to commute to Portsmouth. Build community ties and support community health
232. Schools, fielded, recreational programs more than adequate.
233. Senior actiivies are very important to this community! This should be a priority, and a funding priority!!
234. seniors need their own space for activities and maybe some intergeneration activities when young people can interact with seniors to learn and respect and interact with seniors with understanding and compassion.
235. seniors would have a place to socialize and exercise, teens would have a place to play and learn to respect for others and also property
236. Short on time, having something local for gym, pool, classes, and activities would be helpful. There are many things my family and children do not participate in because of inconvenience or we are unaware of facilities such as swimming (classes or recreation), fitness center/gym (also unable to utilize other facilities because of lack of kids activities for older kids or childcare for younger kids), would be great to have easy access to meeting rooms for kids activities (scouts, etc). Would love to be more involved in town social events and programs.
237. Since I am a taxpayer the fee should be minimal for residents
238. Since the town has 4 Zip Codes and no Main Street, It maybe a start to unify the community.

239. Single male , no kids but I would appreciate a facility to work out in that has some nice outdoor running/walking trails
240. Single- no other household members. It would increase both physical and mental activity which helps maximize happy and healthy living- TV and reading leave a lot to be desired when one tries to consider recreation in one's own home.
241. Social interaction, healthy activities, opportunity to learn on a variety of topics (if education is addressed)
242. Socialization and exercise
243. Stop this process. We have beaches, Mt A, and existing facilities that serve all. We need a new town hall
244. Swimming pool would be used
245. Swimming and dance are preferred activities for health benefits and, hopefully, would be available in a recreation/community center.
246. Teen use. Basketball for all kids. A place for kids to go. Instead of wandering town there could be a place to go.
247. The benefit would be very limited. Household might use facility in winter for exercise such as pickleball or pool that is not currently available in my non-York fitness center. Note the York fitness center I previously attended closed as it was not profitable.
248. The community would benefit by having a multiuse center that could offer a variety of uses: athletic opportunities (basketball, soccer, pickleball, etc), community uses (voting space that does not interfere with school programs, community meetings of small and large groups of people, opportunities for presentations, movies, plays, benefits, etc.
249. The Ida Lee Rec Center in Leesburg, VA generates revenue for the town. It is a top rated facility in the State. We used the center daily for many many years. We miss it very much.
250. The town needs a dog park or two so that the beaches aren't overrun by dogs and their excrement. This is a huge turnoff for those wishing to use the beach for swimming and other recreation and is way behind the times. The beaches and Mt A are valuable, but vulnerable resources and need to be managed better to minimize the damage from overuse. The beaches should not be considered dog parks; that's defacto what they've become in the morning and evening.
251. The town offers so many wonderful recreational opportunities and activities for all generations. It would be nice to have it centralized in one location, as this would foster a more tight-knit community.
252. There are many great things offered in town but they are very spread out across locations and tend to draw in only people that are already somehow tied to that facility or location. There would be more opportunities and greater participation in activities and events if the locations were centralized and could allow for activities for multiple members of a family at the same place and time. It is also important to develop more of a sense of community by having a place where all types of community members can interact with each other for shared interests.
253. There are many rec centers in our area... maybe not in York, but I don't feel we need our own... there's one in Kittery that is beautiful!!!
254. There is plenty to do in the Town of York. We do not need a Recreation Center.
255. There would be a safe, reliable place for teens and myself to exercise or play together. Weather often makes it impossible and that is why a center would be beneficial.
256. This could be a huge benefit but needs to include pool, ice skating and other core activities.
257. This facility would improve the health of the senior community in town.
258. This is a beach town. The children that live here need to be strong swimmers. We need an indoor pool.
259. This is something York lacks and forces its residents to seek it out in other towns like Kittery, etc. It would be of great benefit for all ages to the residents of York.
260. This would benefit my families health & social wellbeing.

261. This would give me, my husband and my children a chance to engage more fully in fun and healthy activities such as rock climbing, swimming, tennis, fitness classes, etc. It would give kids, especially teens, a positive place to go, activities to become engaged in, meaningful and fun lessons, activities, sports, etc. We may find that having a quality community center could positively change the alcohol and drug problems that are affecting members of our teen community.
262. To have it be available when wanted/needed
263. totally unnessecary!!
264. Use of pools and indoor track would greatly benefit my family
265. Very helpful
266. Walking, use meeting spaces, son would use for practices and/or individual lessons.
267. we already have one. a good one!
268. We already have these facilities available.
269. We are a multi-generational family who would benefit GREATLY from a town supported facility
270. We are all a part of this community and we would benefit from a place where we could celebrate that fact by having a common ground where all are welcome.
271. We are an extremely active family. A facility that would possibly host lessons for our pre school children in karate, swimming, and ice hockey would be incredible. I know that al is not possible. But to have indoor play spaces (unorganized) in a clean, warm, safe environment would be tremendous as well. A true community center would be able to benefit all activities physically, and mentally. Integrating smart technology, having direct access to high speed wifi with a true coffee/refreshments opportunity, etc.
272. We are most interested in having better access to an indoor pool - standard or Olympic sized - for recreational, fitness and instructional purposes. The ability to swim and be safe around water is critical in a coastal town. Our family would likely take advantage of swim lessons for children, family swim, and maybe swim /dive competition. I would also love to be teaching water aerobics in my own town rather than having to teach in other places.
273. We are spending more and more time in York and our grandchildren are always looking for things to do especially in the winter.
274. We have enough opportunities open to us at present. I don't think we need any more.
275. We have 4 children under the age of 9, we need a place to go that we can interact with our community and release some energy especially in winter...
276. we have a senior center
277. We need a new town hall first!
278. We need a pool and other options for non-team-sport winter recreation!
279. We pay enought taxis already!!
280. We would be a healthier, better socialized, integrated community.
281. We would become healthier and more physically and socially active.
282. We would exercise more often, especially with indoor recreation choices. Maine's winter's are incredibly long, and it would be great to be able to swim/jog/walk indoors locally. We can't always get to Portsmouth due to time/schedules. I think other community members are in the same boat.
283. We would not have to travel to support our activities and would be better able to include friends.
284. We wouldn't have to check with multiple other towns to see what they have for recreation/community events.
285. We wouldn't have to drive to Kittery or Portsmouth for exercise and/or recreation. While I no longer have school age children in the home, I feel it's important for them to have a place to go after school or on vacations.
286. We wouldn't have to go to other towns that actually have things like this and be more of a community with our own town
287. we woulnt have to leave town for the majority of the things we do and hopefully my kids could have a safe place to go and be active whether with our family or with their friends

288. While I wouldn't necessarily benefit personally to a great extent, I feel that York is in great need of such a facility not only for the families with children and teens, but for the seniors as well. Our youth and their families (including grandparents) should not have to travel to other towns in order to participate in sports and recreational activities. A town this size should be providing the facilities which are sorely needed by our citizens.
289. Why do we need this? We have a new auditorium and library for community meetings, and almost all of the mentioned activities are better outdoors. Tourists would not use it, town teenagers definitely would not use it; it sounds like we're planning to another huge sum of money on something only 10% of townspeople will use. Fix the roads and take care of the beaches, our taxes are high enough already
290. Will give us a place to go for activities and help us connect with the community
291. will not benefit our household...the current space the senior center has is inadequate because the space limits what is offered and when it is offered. Give us the rest of the Police Station...we need a new town hall!!!
292. Will not have to travel for similar benefits, thus will be able to enjoy the benefits more
293. with Kittery Recreation Center nearby feel a York center is not needed. You skew the survey by giving a stand alone senior center as one option. This is not a recreation center for sports etc. tTeens and adults already have options via Recreation Dept. that uses school and hotel spaces.
294. Would have to to travel to P'mouth - 16 times/mo. public transportation would be superb!
295. Would help us be more physically fit and healthier and the same for others. Would also be a great way to bring people together. Would be a positive experience and image for the town. We need this.
296. Would love to be able to go to one facility for my family of 5... & see those from my community while there
297. Would use gym and swimming pool daily for workouts, would take PE classes. a Jacuzzi hot tub and/ or steam room at the gym is a big attraction after each workout.
298. Wouldn't have to travel to other towns for facilities. An indoor pool has many benefits for low impact fitness and swimming lessons for the young ones.
299. YOU SERIOUSLY HAVE TO ASK!.... NOT HAVING TO DRIVE TO OTHER COMMUNITIES FOR WHAT THEY HAVE TO OFFER. HELPS COMMUNITY BOND, ENRICHES LIVES!

Please respond by agreeing or disagreeing with the following statements: Use the space below to provide additional comments:

1. I believe that this project is essential to the residents of York and the visitors to our great town.
2. "If you build it, they will come."
3. 20.5% of our homeowners are from Ma. 5.6% of our homeowners are from NH. the rest is Maine residents and from the balance of the US and Intn. We should look to take advantage of these visiting families to help subsidize the cost for this not to mention surrounding communities.
4. A case by case basis as to whom the town would partner with for recreation services. (Not a Go-Fund-Me).
5. A fundraiser to kick start this effort before using taxes and a pay as you go or yearly fee for those who use it.
6. a SMALL fee for seniors and teens
7. Although, we think a facility that serves the greater community would be ideal, our willingness to pay depends a great deal on what services are available through a facility, and how much the costs would be.
8. an indoor pool would be great. Several physical therapists could use a therapeutic pool. Replace current senior cnt- include in new facility.
9. Any fees levied for the recreational facility and programs should take into account economic status. Any facility should not become a place only for the well off in York, but should serve its diverse population.
10. As a retiree on a fixed income, I would not welcome an increase in property taxes.

11. as long as our property taxes don't rise in order to pay for facilities
12. check these centers for ideas: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-recenter.htm>
13. Community center is a "want" not a "need". Leave things as they are. Move Sr center into an existing building that would provide more space & make it easier to maneuver a walker.
14. Companies could pay for advertising at facility
15. enough already!
16. Fees for swimming would be appropriate since this is an expensive facility to operate.
17. Having a single space and communications center will help streamline so community knows what is available, but if we can incorporate some of the organizations already providing these services in town to prevent redundancy that would obviously be ideal.
18. Having lower rates for residents and charging extra for out of town people.
19. heart health offers some great programs- I would want a facility to have employees who have the knowlegde heart health has- in other words, work with the hospital.
20. I agree with some fee for usage, but it needs to be affordable for all! (not elitest)
21. I am tired of this town spending money without thinking about everyone's needs. If the town had thought about spending less money on the auditorium and just upgrade it instead of redoing it all together I could get on board with this project but we just built a 750 seat palace for about 50 kids to use. Think first. An indoor skating rink would benefit this town more. If you want an indoor pool use one of the many hotel pools.
22. I believe it would be unfair to the people of York to use their taxes for this as it will most likely be used heavily in the summer months by tourist and seasonal residents.
23. i believe that a community center should be planned to be self sustaining and displace some of the current facilities that we operator out of e.g.. Goodrich house in order to have the least amount of financial impact. Highest need is serving the seniors and teens!!! This must be a fiscally responsible venture in order for the community to fully support! Combining efforts with senior center and community center is financially responsible and benefits more residents. We need to pursue a facility that is within our means, a capital campaign to offset initial building costs would increase support form the community. Have we considered a YMCA partnership? Partner with Kittery Community Center?
24. I believe that the current policy we created years ago has been perfect but the whole department has been limited in what it might consider partnering with because of current meeting space. I am very proud of Mike Sullivan and his leadership of the recreation department. Users should pay a fee which includes the adults necessary to be responsible for smooth execution of whatever is selected from the menu of activities.
25. I believe that there is ample business opportunities that allow for affordable recreation And exercise based programs through private investors I have seen communities like Stratham nh thrive from businesses like planet fitness and other communities that encourage full recreation companies open and succeed in communities like Londonderry nh. Home to two large recreation privat business that provide everything from tennis to track to swimming to etc. at no expense to those who choose not to use them and reasonable cost to those that do. That makes sense
26. I believe the town has plenty of town sponsored recreation options. There are private gyms, pools, fitness classes etc. nearby. The hospital, adult ed, parks and rec, museums, churches, and senior center all offer programs at low cost. There are many skating ponds for winter. There are plenty of golf courses, tennis courts and swimming opportunities. There is no need for a multigenerational recreation center.
27. I can't believe this isn't already happening.
28. I could bring in other year round swim teams to rent time of we had a pool. We tried to set it up before. I used to coach year round team in Portsmouth and was head coach of Portsmouth high school swim team! There are so many non-governmental programs to swim team to a master's swim program that would be so rewarding in this area. People are tired of leaving their community to swim for lessons to free swim.
29. i feel if you want more than what the town already offers you should pay for it yourself or move

30. I pay a membership fee to belong to KCC & I pay an extra fee for classes. It's worth it and fees are reasonable. I would do the same in York.
31. I really like how programs like White Pine partner with York Parks and Rec to offer after school and other activities. It makes it easier to find available activities in the area and helps the town provide more quality programs.
32. I think an indoor facility should be available to full-time residents only.
33. I think having volunteer positions for a recreational membership would be a great idea, in addition there are a long of talented people in our town to participate in such activities.
34. I think it is high time for York to have a Community Center just like all the towns surrounding us have for their own citizens where people from York go if they want to have certain facilities we do not have in York, yet.
35. I would be interested in knowing how the YMCA in some cities were built and multigenerational in years gone by-? What was their business model?
36. I would be willing to pay a small reasonable fee to use the facilities. The last time a facility was approached the proposed cost for residents to become members o use the facilities was extremely high. Contrary to popular belief not all York residents are rich. I no longer have kids in school and prefer outdorr activities like kayaking, skiing, etc., so I wouldn't really use the center. I don't want my property taxes paying for it.
37. I would be willing to pay for use of the facility OR access to the individual classes-but not both.
38. I would happily help subsidize this effort both through individual and family fees, and my tax dollars.
39. I would happily pay whatever fees necessary. The way most of us do it now, paying private businesses in other towns costs us a lot more. I'm happy for the added taxes. I don't see taxes as a cost. I see them as the beneficial tool of pooling resources.
40. I would rather see my tax dollars be spent on building sidewalks in the town than for a recreational center.
41. I'd be happy to pay fees for activities as long as it was non profit. The rec center in our previous town paid the bond back through fees then added lights to the baseball fields, built a hockey rink, new playground from membership dues.
42. I'd be willing to see a portion of the resident's property tax go towards the building of the arena but that's all. I wouldn't want the property tax to go towards the maintenance, staffing, utilities, programs or any other day to day functioning of the arena. I'd be willing to pay taxes to build it but it needs to be self-sustaining from then on.
43. I'm all for my tax dollars to help pay to build a Rec center. (We just spent over \$1 mm for a police station!!?? And I wish a portion of that \$ went towards something residents can use!)
44. I'm not opposed to a yearly membership fee for basic use and then a members fee for specific classes or programs especially if given by contracted sponsors. However, the fee should not be the only means of generating the money needed for the operations budget for a community center. Taxes should be used for building maintenance and upkeep and donations and fundraising opportunities should be sought out as well. The goal should be to keep the membership fee as low as possible.
45. If taxes go to anything, I want it to be paving Nubble Road.
46. If the Town pursues an indoor recreation facility, it MUST offer adequate services for adults, rather than just focusing on children. For example, if an indoor pool were available, I would use it a lot -- assuming it weren't full of children at all hours. Also, adult programs should not assume that all adults want to exercise at 6 am or in the middle of the workday. (Stated differently, after-work and after-dinner adult hours are important.)
47. If the town really feels this is needed, then why not contact the YMCA and let them know there is a need. Seems silly for the town to build and operate one...
48. IF these facilities are built, there should be additional fees to those who use them. It should not be an increase in taxes to support these supplementary programs. Just as the current programs require fees, the new ones should as well, if they are developed.

49. If you are going to charge to participate then everyone should pay the same amount and all funds should go to support the programs
50. If you plan on building this, make sure it's entirely covered on private donations and is sustained by entrance fees. As a young person in this town, I do not want my taxes to increase just so our local sports teams have another place to practice. This is an absolute waste of money for a town that's right on the ocean.
51. Just build it for gosh sakes!
52. Let's consult the YMCA
53. Let's do it!
54. Make an indoor swimming & basketball courts with climbing wall & outdoor bike park (or roller skating!). We're always looking for places to swim.
55. Many answers of "not important or not interested" really were more like "not applicable to me now, but will be in the future!" However I just don't know enough about those things as they haven't been relevant to me. I DO think things like senior activities are important!!
56. My answers are all contingent on the facility having a pool - I would not be willing to pay if it did not have one large enough for swimming laps!
57. My answers are dependent on whether such a facility would meet my and my husband's recreational needs.
58. My answers would depend on the fee or portion of property tax - difficult to answer without an idea of the costs.
59. n/a
60. no comment
61. NO TAXPAYER money!
62. None
63. Not everyone in York makes 6 figures.
64. Once we have a new town hall, then we can start thinking about recreation in York. Until that happens, I do not support any of my tax monies going towards this recreation facility. I especially do not in any way, shape or form support using \$10k for this wasteful survey. Selectmen, get your priorities straight. Town Hall first, then recreation. NEEDS before WANTS!
65. One of the functions of government is to provide for its citizens, thus some funding should be provided to alleviate a possible very high cost to the individual user if none is given.
66. Part of the cost of living anywhere is paying taxes. We have to pay a fair share for what we want. We have no children in schools, but are happy to pay for them, as we believe strongly in Public Education. We believe in the people coming together for the Greater Common Good. An indoor recreation facility would benefit many, and perhaps allow even more different activities that would draw people to use it then is possible now.
67. Partner with Kittery
68. partner with other organizations and don't increases taxis. We pay enough taxis.
69. Partner with the YMCA!
70. Priority should be given to residents. Really aggravating in summer to go to tennis courts and have out of state license plates using the courts. Also, if non residents are allowed to use the facilities, it should be limited and they should be charged more.
71. Probably too many people in town who would not use the facilities to force them to pay taxes to build the infrastructure. Let those who use them pay in proportion to their benefit from them.
72. Should develop a relationship with Kittery and their community center.
73. Since we are a community of "summer residents", the burden of a facility should be born by all - not just the tax-paying base.
74. so long as my taxes are not involved!

75. Some of us provide activities for the public for FREE we just need a place to do it. Partnerships with town and private businesses can get sticky. The Rec Dept is too big and needs to cost the town less. People don't need expensive toys to enjoy each other. We just need places to do it. Everuthing does not have to be structured. People need open places to THINK and to be ALONE or with one other person. 1. Could be done via building fund campaign 2. IF town collected parking fines, etc. (code violation fees) beginning in May when they are supposed to, we'd have some \$ and/or a fee on new houses could help to begin. The trouble is many people can't afford higher taxes. 3. There should be a campaign to raise money also for park space purchase town centered would be nice. Jr High kids especially like the park space outside the librayr.
76. Such a facility would best service the citizens when local businesses participate with some town taxes to provide a quality facility
77. Tax dollars are stretched now, with all of the current commitments (school auditorium, police station, COT land on Rte1, Long Sands bathhouse, etc.) I feel we have sufficient commitments for at least the next several years.
78. Taxes are high, invest in our community!
79. taxes are higher than shoudl be already!
80. Taxes should cover the cost of residence participating - it should be available to all residence regardless of their income - age
81. the cost would be too high- neither fees nor increased taxes are acceptable
82. The Town of York can help support private businesses that provide these services; there's no reason to spend another huge sum of money on another facility that will barely be used
83. There are so many variables in the above questions the devil is in the details
84. This is a slippery slope. A decision needs to be made if it will be supported by user fees or through property tax. But should not be both as that business model tends to create a lot of waste and excess spending.
85. This is a waste of tax payers money more money should be put into improving the schools
86. This is not needed, there are sufficient school and private facilities available.
87. This proposal is an end run around the town's comprehensive plan. Also an attempt to get public monies for a pool center that was already defeated by voters. We need a town hall first!
88. This should be town sponsored center, for the town and by the town, especially where not everyone could afford to pay out of pocket who might benefit the most from this.
89. too many bonds are out already. never.
90. Town helps build something that can support itself. Several facilities, out of state, have food/beverage for sale to help support the building. Yes, including alcohol sales.
91. town rec and parks dept should stand on its own. as it is now resident and non residents pay for programs they want. residents should not have to pay for activities they do not use. raising out taxes in a NO NO.
92. we already pay fees for park/rec activities and programs at the senior center- but as a senior cant committ to paying more fees
93. We already pay to register for the many York parks and rec programs we use and I think that's a fine system. I think an extravagant indoor facility with a pool, indoor gym etc. (that is hinted at in this survey) should not be paid for with property taxes as it would only be used by a small fraction of the population- not everyone is obsessed with sports and working out here. For our family we have plenty of options that we use for indoor and outdoor recreation including the schools and facilities in nearby towns.
94. We have the YMCA in Portsmouth, Kittery Rect Center in Kittery. That is enought for this family and our needs. We don't need more taxis. We are tax poor!
95. We moved here 12 years ago because of the New England small town feel. Since then we have done away with limited building permits, town selectman wanted to put traffic light on York street, now want to change area around monument and move monument. The Nubble with all the huge mansions going up, removing the smaller older homes. If you like the Town of Wells so much move there. The selectman and

people moving here from outside the area want to change this lovely town into the town they came from. If you don't like the small town low taxes town of York the way it is, move back to where you came from. We do not need another taxpayer funded boondogle recreation center. Use way beautiful recreation we have.

96. why do people move to town and want everything changed!!
97. Why this talk of another indoor facility, when the \$11m auditorium was sold to the taxpayer as a community asset?
98. With the schools, the new auditorium, the beach, the rec dept offerings, the land trust trails, we have a lot. One space would increase community. I would love a local pool so I could swim laps.
99. YMCA PARTNERSHIP
100. York does not NEED additional taxpayer funded recreational facilities. What we do need is for those people who want them to move back to the town they moved here from and stop trying to make York exactly like that place.
101. York does not need to spend money on creating recreation facilities - there are plenty of options available as it is, from the ocean to Mt A.
102. York hospital ??? a natural partner in such a facility and programs.
103. York needs an improved Senior Center. The biggest Need is the town Hall. Please don't confuse wants with needs....
104. York Parks and Rec is a strong program in York. It would be great to partner with them for this potential new facility.

If you have additional comments related to recreation in York, or if you need more space to elaborate on your answers from earlier in the survey, please write here:

1. I attended one of the sessions , I found not much interest in a Rec. Center. Granted a lot of York Residents are Seniors and don't need these services. If you use our income in your deliberation. It should show what a lot of people could not afford another WANT. Sending this survey to the Senior Center may not prove useful. I am 78, a lot of seniors would not be able to use a Computer Survey. Why not have a open discussion with them. How about all the residents of York Senior Housing. Maybe someday after we get a New Town Hall and a refurbished Senior Center this might be a consideration. I am certain this assessment committee are all in a much higher Income status and looking for Club status not recreation. Our parks and Rec do a great job. Thanks again for asking.
2. #1 priority town hall! More than adequate school and rec facilities. stop trying to ifx what "ain't broke"
3. A multi-generational community center is necessary to provide opportunities for both the young and old in York. It supports our community and our citizens.
4. A recreation center would be a fantastic addition to the town and I truly believe could make York an even closer knit community than it already is. Centralizing the location of so many activities would bring a wider variety of people in contact with each other and help diminish the lines between ages groups that have naturally formed throughout York's citizenry.
5. A recreational facility with an indoor pool would be very much appreciated.
6. A town recreation facility here in York would be a fantastic addition. It would bring opportunities for improved health, social benefits and sense of community. Having moved here with my children I would have liked the opportunity to meet others that have a love of physical activity like our family with in our town. Having to leave York to participate in activities as an outsider made it more difficult and less likely to occur. The number of oppportunities that a facility can create for multi-age residents to participate in is endless. Yes, I am someone who loves to be active because it is enjoyable along with beneficial. I am very interested in this type of opportunity for York.

7. Again, to iterate , York has a good rereation program offering all ages tennis, basketball, paddling, pickleball. It uses the schools, the river, hotels and private clubs for facilities. The new auditorium will provide an arts and theater space. We need to allocate our scarce funds to a new town hall.
8. An indoor walking trail that is available 52 weeks a year would be great. In Kittery, I pay \$1. to use theirs for a day, as an out of town resident. It is free to residents. A place to do exercise like exercise bike, etc. In Kittery, if you pay \$1. for the walking track, you can also use their exercise equipment. I was told that York Hospital donated all the exercise equipment for the Kittery Community Center. If you are thinking how to defray costs, it might be worth approaching York Hospital to get exercise equipment. Another alternative if there is not enough money to build an exercise room/rooms AND walking track, offer to pay a block of money each year from taxes to the Kittery Community Center so that YORK RESIDENTS can go there for free, as well.
9. As a seasonal resident, I'm unable to vote in town elections. Since we pay taxes, I think we should be given the privilege to vote on town issues.
10. as a senior I feel left out.
11. As we are seasonal, we do not vote here, so the prior screen is somewhat irrelevant. There are many decisions made regarding taxing I do not agree with and many I do, but we choose to remain voters in the area where we spend most of our time. We have many "greats" that come to visit and having somewhere safe they could go for entertainment/activity would be a benefit.
12. Community gathering space make a community stronger!!!!
13. Depends if they are cost effective and most already available. How many man-hours / expenses went into this survey!! waste of tax money!!!
14. every recreational activity or facility is available in york or surrounding areas
15. Feel any recreational facilities or programs should be fully fnded by the participants. Town taxpayers shoudl not be required to provide funds for the small number of participants (in relation fo all taxpayers) who will utilize those facilities/programs. Taxes are high enough and the town has a number of projects now being funded and seems to be an unending list of future requirements coming down the road. Consideration of additional programs will just raise the taxes on those who are already paying enough and taspayers should not be required to fund additional facilities/programs.
16. First let us say that Mike Sullivan + Robin Coggert + staff do a fantastic job providing a first class recreation program 2nd to none in the state. We strongly believe an indoor facility is needed in York and would benefit our community from ages youth to seniors as well as help us schedule events and practice for all current H.S., intramural, interscholastic, and recreation programs. The citizens of York deserve such a facility- it can be done cost efficciently if research, organziation, and implemented effectively.
17. focus should be town hall.
18. Grandchildren are summer residents only and I feel that they have excellent recreational opportunities in York in the summer, with the exception of swimming lessons
19. Great survey! I hope this brings about the addition of recreational facilities. Especially a swimming pool(s) and an indoor skating rink. I know it's been tried in the past, but maybe now is the time. Look at what happened with the auditorium issue!!
20. Have a park for RC planes/ drones, and a shooting range for guns/archery.
21. have enough access to recreation with York golf/tennis club in Yorl and Portsmouth YMCA for swimming and water aerobics in deep end. People who will not be using what you are considering should not be asked to pay for others who aren't satisfied with the schools (or private schools- like Berwick Academy which is a short bus ride to Sth Berwick). The town should not be paying for other childrens recreation- if they aren't satisfied with what is offered in town (public or private) for activities. We have never asked others to pay for our recreation or our children's. Build whatever you want, but don't come to others, not interested to pay any taxes on what you've created. We are not the suburbs!!
22. Having grown up as a child with a YMCA in a community the size of York in Marblehead,MA, I have sorely missed a central town multi generational recreation facility where residents can gather year round. We

- walked miles as kids and adults to swim, play badminton and volleyball as well as attended indoor boating education. Like Marblehead, York is a waterfront community and ALL children should be able to swim and have access to Red Cross water instruction. Ticks are so bad, and indoor walking track would be helpful
23. Historically York has problems getting tax payers to approve new/addition facilities and when approved the projects have problems being on time, on budget, and legal issues.
 24. I am 78 years old and love the senior center, the activities, the meals, and the great friends i have made there.
 25. I am a strong proponent of town sponsored recreation; our three children benefited greatly from the many Recreation Dept programs, from Pre-K though high school. However, some indoor programs (wintertime) were impacted by/impacted shcool functions due to the lack of indoor recreation facilities. I also believe that user fees are important to defray the cost of the programs; however, the overhead costs for these programs - buildings, fields, paid staff, etc -should be a town-supported item.
 26. I am concerned about property taxes! I and many folks in York live on fixed incomes and what I do not want to see is my taxes go up. York is known to be a wealthy town but there are many of its citizens who are not wealthy and their needs MUST be considered. PLEASE!
 27. I am disappointed in the lack of dance classes for adults in this area. Previously, I lived in the Farmington ME area and there were two different studios offering dance to adults of various ages and interests.
 28. I am jealous that Kitter has a community center. If budget allows, it would be great to have at least a similar facility in York for all ages. Indoor pool and gym would be a huge bonus and I would expect residents would pay a fee to use those facilities.
 29. I am not opposed to a Multigenerational center. Let's look at what we have currently as far as the recent addition to the York High School that cost us dearly. It's wonderful to have all these amenities as long as they are affordable.
 30. I am not registered to vote in Maine as my primary residence is in NH. We love York and do plan to move here full time in the foreseeable future. We are active and would appreciate a local and affordable gym with both strength training such as free weights/machines as well as cardio equipment to go to in order to stay healthy and in shape. We would also enjoy social opportunities and possibly volunteering in community activities
 31. I am personally most interested in an indoor swimming pool with lanes for laps.
 32. I am still registered to vote in MA at my primary residence. Our ME home is a "vacation" home, but I live here 98% of the time! I Use the Living Well Center for classes and weight work. I walk/run along Long Sands. I'm a senior, but haven't been to the Senior Center.
 33. I am very much against this idea and, if the town tries to use taxes to fund and operate this, I intend to actively fight it.
 34. I believe that recreational facilities should be paid for privately and not with tax payer money. There are plenty of public facilities, schools, churches and private organizations that provide the necessary recreational facilities. We do not need another.
 35. I believe that swimming is an important life skill that can even be life-saving. Children will learn to swim through lessons and playing in the water, but to become truly proficient, a recreational activity like a swim team is key. It is sad that a coastal, well-off, community like York, does not offer this for our children. I think the lack of a community pool is a major disadvantage for York.
 36. I cannot justify the taxpayer expense of a community recreation center, given the fact that there are still many municipal building issues still unresolved. For example, the York Town Hall, proposed Dept. of Public Works on Rt. 1.
 37. I do not vote in York because we are legal residents of Florida. However, since we are here five months a year, we have a stake in the overall welfare of the town which we believe to depend heavily on recreational opportunities.
 38. I do not support a tax increase, which will be forever, to pay for recreation/exercise programs and facilities that are currently fine for youth and available to adults privately who join fitness clubs.

39. I don't appreciate the AGE question or the CHILDREN question. It's irrelevant. If town funds are going to be spent, everyone should have equal input.
40. I don't believe the Town should be in the indoor recreation business. Less government is the best government. Kittery did a fine job by "converting an existing school" into a fine Community Center. York can't build a bath house nor did it handle the original police station or its Contractor effectively and wasted several million dollars with little to show for it and no one held accountable. I may be getting old, but I'm not stupid.
41. I don't have kids in my household but currently preschool grandkids who come for 3 months a year, no way to indicate this situation (kids needing rec. activities but only seasonal visitors/residents).
42. I exercise regularly and plan to continue to do so. The best of luck! I think York is a hard sell in the sense that there are many who will not spend money on anything.
43. I feel that public indoor and outdoor pools are an urgent need. They are common to so many town/cities. The current leasing of the hotel pool for lessons is depressing. And, with a pool, we would be able to establish a swim team!
44. I feel that seasonal residents should not have a say in this decision. Yes, they may use it but they do not pay taxes in this town and yes, they will benefit but that may cause a greater divide between full time residents and seasonal visitors.
45. I feel that seniors represent an "invisible" presence in York. The bulk of the York budget goes to school age children- upgrading their environments and supporting physical and social needs while seniors get crammed into crowded, unattractive, make-do sorts of environments which indicates to me that at best we get the left overs- even storage has a higher priority. A true community- which I do not believe York is- is one that is equally concerned about all its citizens.
46. I feel that York needs a swimming pool and hockey rink at the very least. My children are grown but I spent many hours driving to facilities such as these. To be very honest if I had young children and were looking to move to a town, it would not be York. The soccer teams fight for field space and also Little League. People with young children are looking for recreation facilities as well as good schools and unfortunately York does not have both. I hope to see this plan come to fruition and thank all those who are working on this committee.
47. I feel very strongly about keeping the senior center separate and not part of a multipurpose recreational center.
48. I feel we need to have an indoor recreational center for all the residents of York....intergenerational is very important, and can benefit each generation. A good indoor walking and jogging track would benefit the seniors in the winter especially without going into the schools. A pool will benefit everyone.
49. I found this survey to be extremely frustrating. Too many variables in many questions and answers. For example, don't include the elementary school and middle school together in one question. Don't have important and available or unavailable in the same choice. I have different answers for the many variables but this survey does not allow me to communicate my true feelings.
50. I have visited Colorado many times and we frequent their Recreation Centers. They have everything for everyone, young to old, pools to workout equipment, classes and more. They are in every suburb of Denver. There has to be a way to bring this to a community like York. We pay to the state of NH for our son to swim on their team because York doesn't have a pool and therefore, no swim team.
51. I have worked in a local business here for 20 years, we have 10 employees who all wish there was a facility to go to during the 8 months of the year that it is too cold to go for a walk for exercise during lunch time (indoors). (even for a very small fee)
52. I have worked in Athletic Facilities Management for my entire career. Would love to be part of the solution forward. Thank you-Craig Roderick 978.473.2533
53. I like the idea of a Rec Center but I don't think it a responsible use of tax dollars. If you could work a way to align with another group to share the financial burden, it might change my mind.

54. I may have been confused by some of the questions. I tried to answer them as they pertain to me only as a senior citizen. However, I very much agree that young children and teens could benefit from an indoor recreation center. In addition, the fees that were mentioned at least a year ago were much too high for us to afford. I pay \$18/month now for use of the Spinnaker Pool, and that is about all I could pay.
55. I moved back to York to raise my children and to be near their widowed, retired grandmother. A center that meets three generations' needs, would be so beneficial for our family and this community.
56. I really would like an ice rink
57. I recognize that this survey is focused on indoor recreation, but want to add that we are great fans and users of Mt. Agamenticus and the local beaches. They are both extremely valuable environmental and recreational resources. We appreciate all the town does to protect their environmental integrity and to manage their use. Pressure on these special places seems to be increasing. Maybe an indoor facility would relieve some of that pressure.
58. I resent having my tax dollars used to provide recreational facilities/activities that I will not be using. Each program should be self supporting through membership fees, etc. The recreation dept. in York has continued to expand since its' inception resulting in a bloated budget and created needs for programs that that were previously not necessary but became considered necessary once established. People need to pay for their own recreation.
59. I think a bandstand for local bands to play and one night a week the locals all get together for music. Would be great and getting bog field additon parking and opening there snack bars more is important plus getting the hockey ring on bog field reopens is importain
60. I think a rec center would be such a + thing for York and would bring people together in a + way and have multiple + benefits for the people and the town. Hope this can happen!
61. I think I've voiced my opinions
62. I think that there is one overrdding problem for attending activites in York and it has to do with lack of public transportation, traffic flow, and parking also day and night. Also lighting at night is not what it once was and streets which sidewalks alternate sides aren't very pedestrian friendly. I can walk long distances, but the older I get the longer it takes to get from point A to point B and the travel to a rec center without a car becomes less appealing. If I had a car and the rec center was very well attended, parking becomes a problem. In York- holiday activity and special events at the beach become problems for those of us who live in the village and I imagine for those who live at the beach or West of Route 1. Activites in town are not easily accessible either.
63. I think that York Parks & Rec caters to the tourist and not the residents, far too much money is spent making sure that people from away have a good time, think a little more about the people who live here a be a little bit smarter about how you spend "our" money!
64. I think the town needs a place for people to gather as a community that is not part of a hotel and that is financial possible for a majority of the community
65. I think the town should take over the outdoor ice skating area on Bog Road and upgrade it.. perhaps open it up more, put a pavilion style roof over it, create a seating area, bathroom possibly, better parking. Maybe even a small building so it could be rented for parties, events.
66. I want to add to the question about where I live in York. York Harbor, York Beach, York Village, and Cape Neddick all have a certain connotation, that we on the West side of 95 do not seem to have. I have been in groups where I have heard negative references to this part of town. I am not sure that the TOWN of York should be treating this area as OTHER! Doing so could send the wrong message to residents here when in reality you will need all the votes you can get to pass this vital facility.
67. I worked in healthcare and feel strongly that physical activity and social interaction are very important for all ages. Having facilities for this should be somewhat a town responsibility. I did encourage my children who grew up in York to participate in activities. At the time there were plenty of sports opportunities but a more limited number of activities for the non athlete who should still be physically active. I don't know all that is available now but I think it is great to assess what the community would benefit from.

68. I would encourage looking at the Kittery Community Center. It serves all age populations with a variety of activities for each age group yet provides for each age group to have their "space." ie: the indoor walking track used mostly by adults in above the basketball courts used by youth, teens, and adult teams, pickleball, etc. Youth sports, senior activities, theater, fitness room, indoor track, meals. Easy parking, clean, well managed.
69. I would like an indoor walking track. I think a multigeneration center would help in building community. I am a senior who does not use the senior center. I think our town recreation department is superior but it could only be enhanced by a community center. I do not think a new center only for seniors would pass in a town wide election but a community center appealing to different age levels would.
70. I would like to know who is involved in this effort and how to stay informed about progress and potentially become involved. Thank you, 3dsinyork@gmail.com
71. I would like to see the town fix up the sr center and remodel and expand town hall before embarking on another foolish building project that will not get built.
72. I would love to help with putting together a pool in this area. I would love to have lessons for all ages, program for middle school, high school team, master's program for over 18. I have coached swim teams since 1980 and am highly interested in fighting for a recreational pool.
73. I'm currently a resident of Florida, but if I was able to vote here, I would vote against a community center. I don't see why the taxpayers need to support a center that would be used by about 20% of the residents of York.
74. I'm registered to vote, but since my husband is military, we maintain our official residence elsewhere. I can't vote in York elections but wish I could in order to officially support the establishment of a recreation/community center in town. My children are very involved in Parks & Rec programs and appreciate all the offerings the town has. As a parent, it would be helpful and convenient to have a central location out of which many can be based. And as someone who hopes to be able to take advantage of more offerings from the town in the future, the idea of a community center is very appealing.
75. If we had taken just a portion of the money used for arguing over the cliff walk or where the police station would be, we would be more than half way there. The people of York need some counseling, a little more collaboration and a little less combativeness.
76. In my opinion current levels of recreation funding are wholly adequate. We do not need additional facilities of dubious value built or sustained through taxes. York High School is a dump yet \$11M is spent on a concert hall that will be used only a few times per year. I do not consider "recreation" to be a necessary nor basic government service that I should have to pay for whether I use it or not. Tax money should be focused on education, roads and safety.
77. In my three years living in York, I have found the recreation opportunities for my daughter to be wonderful and in great facilities. York has well maintained school facilities that can provide space required. Why would we invest more money when school populations are dropping?
78. In regard to the last set of questions, I am a registered voter at my primary residence in Ct but of course not here in York.
79. It depends what the issue is if it is about appropriating \$ it is always important. We are becoming a city. We need paid qualified people to oversee it. Town transportation is important. Rec Fac- concerned with the impact of cost upon residents homeowner taxes. Also the town needs to invest in BATHROOMS that are open YEAR ROUND. Security issues are very important. our beaches are RAIDED or rocks-mining for seaglass collapses the integrity of beach/ Wiggley Bridge overrun and damaged. CLEARLY we need more open space to be PRIVATE in. Money needed for police and rangers and parking year round extremely important to PREPLAN before another facility or park is designed Dogs needs places for POOP and PEE. The beaches where children dig isn't it.
80. it has to be done very well if it is going to be successful.
81. it seems to me that the town would be well advised to check possibility of a YMCA program in the area

82. It would be great to have a community/Rec center in town, for the new people that have moved to York that had one in the town that they lived in previously but had to leave because their taxes became too high.
83. It would be helpful if a comm center/rec facility was safely accessed by biking or walking which is currently a challenge for our household. Route one is our best option.
84. Leave the town as it is. If you do not like the town as it is, please MOVE!!!
85. Leave things as they are! Seniors need their own space!
86. Let's stop spending money for new projects until the present ones are complete and paid for.
87. Make a fair proposal involving Kittery or Wells, and you might be able to get this through.
88. More transparency about allocation of community assets for hierarchy of use e.g. school; non-profit; commercial users.
89. Multigenerational, multiuse facility indoor pool - YAY!
90. My kids (19 & 21) have benefitted from York Parks & Rec programs for years. I'm happy that the programs have expanded the way they have over the years. Keep up the great work! I think a Community Center would be a positive addition to our town. I will always support it, but I'm concerned about it competing for tax dollars against the schools. I'm all for using tax dollars to help pay for it but I work in the schools and follow the budget issues and am concerned about this expense impacting the school budget. I hope we are able to get a Community Center in the near future!
91. My wife and I are in our 80's and we make our own activities with family or right here at home.
92. Need new senior center- independent, this multigeneration project is totally unnecessary- need senior center, city hall, all other projects have been and continue to be fiascos, police dept- multi year delay bath hour overrun, auditorium out of town specs etc, many failures
93. New town hall is where we need to focus. My kids play outdoor like everyone kid should!
94. Nice, but as seniors we can't afford it.
95. None
96. Now that I am a Senior, I am very interested in seeing the Senior Center have a new and updated facility in which to work and offer their programs. I think they do an absolutely fantastic job with all they do, but the space they have in the basement of the old Police station is an embarrassment. How nice would it be to have dedicated spaces for everything. In addition, it would be wonderful to have a community building like they have in Kittery. Everything in one location.
97. One of the main reasons more people don't participate in many of the recreational activities is that the fees are too expensive especially for seniors or for young parents with more than 1 child.
98. Other towns in Maine have a requirement that if a developer creates a housing development...they must provide recreation space. Some are within their development...others are offsite. With all the money in York...York should have already had a recreation building. Kittery even has one!
99. Our comprehensive plan addressed many issues and most of them have been implemented by now...sidewalks have been a blessing...we can walk from York Corner to Cape Neddick now...what a blessing for all. Activities abound and most people both young and old I know are pleased. At one time there was a push to have a swimming pool at one of the lots at the high school so that all students would be required to learn to swim. This idea had little support but we do need someplace to provide a hot pool for arthritis...the only one available is in Somersworth, NH and that is difficult to squeeze into their schedule regularly. The hotel pools do not work for one with arthritis or joint issues. Honestly some of my answers look like I am opposed to young people's needs but from my age I answered these questions. York Village area lost a good tennis court when the addition was built on the middle school....many of us worked hard to get the courts there a number of times when the costs were questioned... I wish our children had what we offer today...I am proud of our recreation facility but I do not think we need a multigenerational facility....our town needs a new town hall as a major proposal. I know that this proposal has been voted down since 1936 repeatedly but using the old police station for storage is stupid when the senior center could use the area immediately to have two programs going on at once which is almost impossible currently...the lunch room is used for two additional programs instead of providing one

program space. I have visited Kittery's facility and think they have done a marvelous job and spent an ungodly amount of money... My activities in Kittery have been lectures and presentations I will say that there were many young people using their indoor track and basketball (?) racket area. The outdoor basketball facility at Ellis Park has been a hit...we were involved in planning a space for courts years ago!

100. Over the past few years our family has had the opportunity to visit many amazing community centers in different places we've traveled to both within the US and Canada. These centers have offered their citizens a place to gather to swim, rock climb, take fitness classes, skateboard, play tennis or squash, use a weight room, or gather for meetings or special events. Every center I've visited has been a quality facility that was well used and well attended by community members and tourists alike. As a visitor, I was always happy to pay a fee in order to utilize these centers because they are simply a wonderful, engaging, healthy place for our family to spend time in. I have two kids aged 8 and 10 and they have always loved visiting these community centers and often have expressed how sad they are that our own town doesn't have a place like this. As they are growing older, I worry that there are not enough positive places for teenagers in York to go to spend time with friends doing healthy and positive activities. I truly wonder if there is any connection between this lack of a community center and the emerging drug problems that affect our town's teenagers. Let's give kids and families a positive place to play, grow, learn and engage in a fun and healthy lifestyle! We truly need a community center. I believe that we will easily see a return on this investment in our community through a healthier, happier and more fit community. We need to invest in our town in order to make it the best place it can be!
101. Parks and recreation do a wonderful job now for the children and youth of York- we don't need any more programs or buildings at atx payer expense!
102. Please do not keep spending my money on outrageous projects. This town needs to be fiscally responsible. The new auditorium is a waste of money and an indoor pool would be also. If you want to build something build a hockey rink. Something York should have done a long time ago. we don't need another indoor pool. I will vote no for this.
103. Please get a good skate park fir the kids Please ask the lifeguards to have more kindness when dealing with kids. Treating kids that skate board and surf like criminals is unacceptable. It would be great to see a pool in york both indoor and outdoor
104. Please let dogs on the beach for more time when weather is cold
105. Please reassess these metered kiosk pay places. Having MS, you cannot just run over to see what number you have parked at when you do not know this is a important part of paying for beach parking. Very much against the elderly and the disabled.
106. Pool! We need a pool.
107. Pools!!
108. Property taxes are too high now.
109. Really would like public swimming pool for swimming lessons and adult swim. Adult gym. Community space for events.
110. See previous comments
111. Slow the traffic down so we can enjoy our sidewalks and biking in town. Create better trail systems throughout the area for walking and jogging and x-c skiing. This town does not need the burden of a recreational facility and as a very active family of seven from ages 4 through 16 we find plenty of recreational opportunities without having to add increased tax burden and traffic to this town.
112. Splash pad!!! Indoor gymnasium!! :)
113. Stop trying to make this Beautiful town into the town of Wells. The amount of building oversized homes on the Nubble, trying to change the quant town atmosphere. We have beautiful beaches, hotels that have pools to swim in the winter, nice town parks, schools with auditoriums, gyms etc. Theater and movie nearby. Ogunquit playhouse, Rec theater and movies in Portsmouth. A rec center in York will only have an increased tax on residents which is not needed.
114. Stop wasting money on facilities and activities that should be an individual's responsibility

115. Stop wasting taxpayer money on things that are not needed. Address town infrastructure first, like the town hall. The Board of Selectmen should not have wasted taxpayer money on a survey. Work on priorities. A Community Center is at the bottom of the list.
116. tax paying property owners should be able to vote on this even if not full time residents
117. Taxes are too high and driving people (full time residents) to sell their homes and leave York. End result more summer rentals. Schools have facilities and Rec Dept. does a fine job offering fee based programs and partnering with businesses. Town has other priorities than adding more expenses.
118. Taxes are unaffordable. There is no need to increase taxes on struggling town folks for an unnecessary indoor facility.
119. Ted is a great Pickleball instructor and good with beginners.
120. Thank you
121. Thank you for doing this survey. I hope York does build a new indoor rec center!
122. Thank you for issuing this survey.
123. Thank you for taking initiative in this. I am encouraged that there are talks about a community center. Something I believe York has needed for years.
124. Thank you for this approach. I hope that continued citizen involvement will inform the emerging plan.
125. Thanks for doing this survey. We hope someday to have a rec center in York!
126. thanks for the survey; the park and rec dept is great too!
127. Thanks for working on this!
128. that includes: art and music and film and education !! = to recreate. We have many wonderful opportunities in York for outdoor and indoor recreation! use what we have, our wonderful parks and beaches, walking trails, and schools and school facilities, and library, and adult education opportunities. be creative. think outside the box and don't just spend money on something new and shiny.
129. the excellent library needs funding so that it is available at least six full days weekly
130. The last question is very interesting. I answered that the question regarding a "Recreation Facility" was important for me to show up and vote on because I would vote NO.
131. The needs of York are a new town hall before a rec center, the schools in York provide tennis courts, BB, racquetball, squash courts. Let's consider the town employees who work in a tiny environment to serve the public.
132. The only thing I NEED is for fewer people who want to take the money I have honestly earned and use it for their own selfish purposes. I WANT those people to move back to the Occupied Territory they moved here from.
133. The Parks & Recreation Dept. & Mike Sullivan do a very good job. I use their tennis courts, I attend the Ellis Park summer concerts, I take part in their parades. I also am very involved in local private recreation including Center for Wildlife, White Pine Programs, York Historical Society, York Art Association and York Planning Board.
134. The senior center is depressing to be in. It doesn't have a proper vent for the kitchen so it smells from cooking lunches. There aren't enough separate spaces for smaller group activities. The local indoor pools at the motels don't offer lockers or showers for changing. Also, they don't offer aqua aerobics classes.
135. The town has had options for rec space for years. I believe the Davis land should be purchased and used similar to the Cumberland Recreation area with soccer fields, walking/running trails, open space, and rented out occasionally to offset the cost of maintaining the location. The town has other needs such as a new town hall which is more important at this time
136. The town of York has excellent Recreation and Senior programs. No change is needed.
137. There are adequate facilities in York. Do not need more overhead that our tourist can use and leave town in disarray
138. There are other areas that need funding at this time.
139. There are plenty of fields around at the York schools where families and the town of York can use for recreation. If the town decides on a recreational building I would hope they would look into repurposing a

building as to destroying forest to build a brand new building for this. Example tear down old police station and build this recreation center there

140. There is no need for an expensive facility that will make it even more expensive to live in York. Housing is already unaffordable for work force.
141. There is no reason to build indoor facilities in a town where the outdoor options are more than sufficient for the local recreational needs. Southern Maine has snow for 4 months out of the year; for the remainder, there's a huge list of activities that can be completed within the limits of the town: Swimming on Cape Neddick Beach, Harbor Beach, Long Sands Beach, Short Sands beach Local indoor fitness facilities in Meadowbrook Plaza, York Crossfit, YHS Open beach areas for recreational games, volleyball, etc Mt. A for hiking, climbing, etc Bog Rd. recreational area, ice skating also on many local ponds in York/Cape Neddick Indoor facilities at SU for indoor soccer, football, etc Basketball courts at Short Sands beach, Crossfit location on USRT1
142. There is no reason to tax people who will never use a facility. We pay for the children to learn must we pay for them to play!!
143. This project has come up several times and has been voted down twice. The property owners of this town should not have to pay with their property taxes for something they never use or want.
144. This subject has been addressed before and went nowhere! We have an active senior center and multiple sports fields. Those who tried to do it packed their bags when they realized it would go nowhere- some have attempted pools, ice rinks, hiking trails (we have mt. A and multiple beaches and the atlantic) Enough already!
145. This survey is way too long. Older folks who are not tech savvy will never fill it out, therefore I feel the results will be skewed. We need a new town hall BEFORE we build a rec center. That is the town's most urgent need. At this time we are building a huge auditorium for the arts and we have 4 gyms in the schools. We also have beautiful beaches, walks, playgrounds and green spaces that are free for all to use.
146. This survey was too long and personal.
147. time for a pool and a ice hockey rink
148. To many from away turned York around so it's not York anymore. When properly thought out and implemented improvements are necessary not taxing property owners because some have the "I WANTS" Why didn't those from away change their former towns and leave York alone? I believe Yorl has lost its historical value- too many changes too fast. If those from away don't like York, leave it be and return where they came from. Too many new regulations too fast. Why should York build a new bath house for out of towners?
149. To: The York Community Center Needs Assessment Committee: May I suggest respectfully the basic question here is not whether we need the community center, but rather can we afford it. The current tax structure in York, Maine puts tremendous burden on our taxpayers. It is far too expensive. Some people who have lived in York, Maine for geberation may now have to move, regretably, to a location less taxing and in the senior years of their lives. This is a tremendously unfortunate situation. My family and I have lived over many years in various locations in the eastern part of the United States. Nowhere have we encountered such a high level of spending relateive to the ability to pay for it. York, Maine does not have an industrial base to support (tax wise) the high level of spending. Sometimes in situations (such as ours) elaborate financial arrangements are made "to pass the cost burden away from the taxpayers" There arrangements- although perfectly legal and proper, seldom remove the ultimate risk to the taxpayer and in the event of a default. York, Maine is BLESSED with a beautiful mountain, magnificent shorelines, fabled lighthouses, and wonderful people. Lets make it an affordable place to live mindfull of the phrase "come for a visit- stay for a lifetime."
150. TRANSPORTATION
151. Use Kittery as a model to start what is desperately needed here in York
152. walkability, bike paths, needed very much

153. We all ready have a senior center and a new auditorium our schools need money I would support an ice rink or indoor tennis there are plenty of other spaces for other recreation and sports
154. We appreciate the extraordinary efforts of Mike Sullivan and the entire York Parks and Rec crew. York is fortunate to have Mike and his staff. At times we have felt they were under appreciated. We never had children, however that is not to say we have not benefited from the opportunities provided to the youth of York. Some children positively influenced by Parks and Rec are now our healthcare professionals, public service employees, educators, etc.
155. We are behind with a new town hall- we will be facing a new larger bath house we still owe for the high school auditorium- we are all concerned about our taxes!
156. We are excited to have this opportunity to make a home in York. We'd like to be able to participate fully in our community and have been delighted by the opportunities so far. The Memorial Day parade and service was particularly wonderful. We would enjoy and greatly benefit from an indoor space to meet, especially in the winter. Being able to have a place that was available at a consistent time interval would make a huge difference in the lives of our homeschooled kids. Thank you for all that you do.
157. We are long time residents of the town. Our children have moved out of state and our income is fixed. We pay our taxes every year and we do not want to see that money used to keep children from being forced to swim in the cold Atlantic Ocean. We have several friends, much younger with children, who are very active and are quite happy. Please stop this nonsense and turn your attention to things the town really needs. Roads. Maintenance of town buildings and property.
158. We are never able to get into swimming lessons and we've tried everywhere, including parks and rec at the anchorage inn, microtel, Spinnaker point, YMCA, seacoast fitness, and the two portsmouth pools. We really need a large indoor pool and proper group EX room in York. However, our town has so many other expensive needs to be fulfilled, that I think it will be many years before I can support this project on a ballot.
159. We are very grateful to live in such a wonderful town. We live close to the Bog Rd. fields and playground and enjoy using them. I grew up in Wells but have always had family in York. Great playgrounds, great beaches, great seasonal events. Thanks for taking the time to survey the town!
160. We attended an open forum and presentation led by 2 people from UNH. they did not know or were not aware of the opportunities York had and what programs were already in place. I felt the survey is USELESS and presenters incompetent and this whole effort is a WASTE of taxpayer money.
161. We have a great senior center and very active! more space would be great like using the other police station for more room. Our recreation center is very active with lots of program from young and old. We have a great YMCA in Portsmouth NH, Kittery rect center in Kittery and York Rect offer a lot of thing to do. We do NOT need a comm. center to increase our taxis!! Y.H.S. increase the taxis enough.
162. We have been surveyed to death on this topic. Just build the community center, pool and basketball court! It's obvious in all of the surveys that the community wants and needs this!
163. We hope the town will build a new bathhouse for Long Sands Beach, current one is woefully inadequate and frequently unsanitary.
164. We moved here last year and while we love what is currently available through the rec department, one of our biggest challenges is the lack of indoor rec center with a pool and with access to child care. We had access to a fantastic health club with pools and child care in our previous town and we went as a family all the time. It is a big loss to us not to have one here.
165. We need a new town hall and this survey is tainted As I filled it out 4 times on different computers!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Make sure this is communicated to the Selectmen.
166. We need a recreational facility and more preschool-based programs and we need them soon.
167. We need pools, both indoor and outdoor. Big enough to swim laps for adults and children.
168. We need s new town hall first and don't we have a new performing arts center?!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Too long a survey and to many personal question. Plus this survey can not be accurate or reliable as I can use differs computers or get many survey sheets to fill out!

169. We need to keep out town a place people want to raise their children in- we need our town to keep people not push them to other towns - When my children were young York had the best school system and we kept our youth involved in sports theater and the arts. We have some where along the line lost that. It is sad to see where we are now I am happy my children were educated here when we were at the top of our game. Recreational facilities are a apart of education- just some thoughts about my town.
170. We really need a dog park
171. We should look/study the Bath YMCA for facility design and usage.
172. We would love a recreational facility!
173. what coast and to who, senior center does a great job but needs moor space and should not be tied to park and rec.
174. While recreation and exercise is important to ones quality of life, such an endeavor needs to be supported by all residents, businesses and users so a combination of donations, tax dollars and fees would be appropriate as the costs would be better distributed. The choices of answers in this survey do not allow for a complete compilation of views. Many answers assume knowledge of availability and does not accommodate those of us who do not know of the facility/offering. How can I describe if something is adequite or inadequate id I do not know it exists? I do not think this will provide accurate conclusions for a topic that could cost a large amount of tax money. Great idea, mediocre execution.
175. While we may need this, out BIGGEST need right now is for a new town hall.
176. While well run as is, The York Senior Center needs significantly more space. As the "Baby Boomers" become seniors, the current facility will not be able to adequately accommodate them. How about expanding into the vacated space formerly occupied by the police station? Alternatively, build and entirely new Senior Center all on one floor? Thank you.
177. Work on outdoor walking paths and trails. There is no need for a recreation center and most certainly not at any expense to the taxpayers.
178. Would love to see more river activities for the community.
179. Would really value a safe place for older kids to hang out, an indoor track, and a large indoor pool with swimming lanes and a family splash/play/free swim area.
180. York already has multiple recreation opportunities for multiple age groups. Duplication of what's here already, doesn't seem necessary.
181. York desperately needs a community based recreation center. We need to earn the reputation of being a great town by providing the services great towns offer. What we do together is what gives us vibrancy as a community - socially and economically. We should aim to keep the citizens of this town directing their energy to the town. Right now we still fit the description of a bedroom community. A rec center would go a long way to cha ge that. Such a facility should not be limited to "traditional" sports and activities. There are already many opportunities for those through the school and rec department. The facility should be just as focused on "non traditional" sports and activities, such a rock climbing, skate boarding, etc. Many of the nicest rec centers I have seen in the country have terrific outdoor skate parks on site and well developed climbing gyms. Some climbing walls are actually columns in the center of the entryway - they take up very little room. My family would access such a facility consistently, all year. We would invite friends and family from other towns to use it (if allowed) and I am sure they would pay a fee - because this whole region is lacking such a place. Make York another leader. Let me help. I would love to volunteer my time to help getting such a facility going.
182. York has wonderful outdoor recreational space, but I believe its indoor athletic facilities are both lacking and antiquated. I've traveled with my children to dozens of other towns throughout southern and central Maine for school sporting events, and I am constantly amazed to see how large, nice and modern the athletic facilities are in the schools of other towns that often have much lower populations and much lower average income brackets than we have in York. Our middle school and high school gyms in particular have remained virtually unchanged for 40+ and 95+ years, respectively.

183. York is about the outdoors not the indoors. Get out and walk and save the taxpayer some money for once. Property taxes have doubled in the last 10 years.
184. York is seriously lacking community in my opinion, it feels like a few elite rich folk and out-of-towners are the ones that have the final say in our town if I could move somewhere else I would that better fits our family values and lifestyle.
185. York needs a facility specifically for the year round residents, not just what is available in the summer season for tourists.
186. York needs a Sr Center that community is growing and as well forcing them to move else ware may be even another state or town to find the services they need!
187. York presently has active and successful Recreation and Senior Center programs. No expansion is needed.