

Town of Wales
Open Space and Recreation Visioning Workshop
Saturday March 9, 2024 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Wales Elementary School Cafeteria

- 9:30-10:00 am **Registration and orientation** (make name tags, review handouts, maps, eat, etc.)
- 10:00-10:15am **Welcome & Introductions – Discussion of “Sense of Place”**
- Name a place you like to take out-of-town visitors.
 - Name a place you avoid taking out-of-town visitors.
 - Name a place you consider to be a “public place”; that is, places where people can meet freely to discuss community issues.
 - Name features, natural or man-made, that make the community special and unique.
- 10:15-10:30am **Overview of Workshop and Open Space and Recreation Plan**
- What is “open space?”
 - What is “recreation?” (passive vs. active)
 - What is an open space and recreation plan?
 - Why is Wales creating an Open Space and Recreation Plan now?
 - Who is on the Open Space Planning Committee and what are their roles?
- 10:30-11:00am **Mapping Exercise**
- Step 1: Each table has a copy of an enlarged map of Wales. Identify by drawing on the map with markers your answers to the following questions:
- Where do you live?
 - Where do you play or recreate?
 - What are the important natural resources and landmarks in Wales? (Examples: scenic areas, farmland, historic landmarks, etc.)
 - What are the important recreational facilities in Wales?
 - Where do you find open space and recreation opportunities lacking in Wales?
 - Are there issues/conflicts occurring with open space and/or recreational facilities? Where?
- Step2: Each group has 2-3 minutes to present and explain their maps to everyone. Discuss Wales’ assets and challenges.
- 11:00-11:30pm **Open Space and Recreation Needs Analysis**
- Step 1: As a large group, discuss the results of the mapping exercise and discuss strengths and challenges.
- Step2: Identify open space and recreation needs in the context of strengths and weaknesses.
- 11:30-11:50pm **Identify Goals, Objectives, and Action Items**
- Identify and discuss goals individually.
 - Develop objectives.
 - Come to consensus on adding/removing any goals or objectives.
 - Identify actions to address specific goals and objectives based on this and prior discussions.
- 11:50-12:00pm **Final Thoughts, Questions & Conclusion**