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Creating Community Through Conservation







Pawtucket Farm

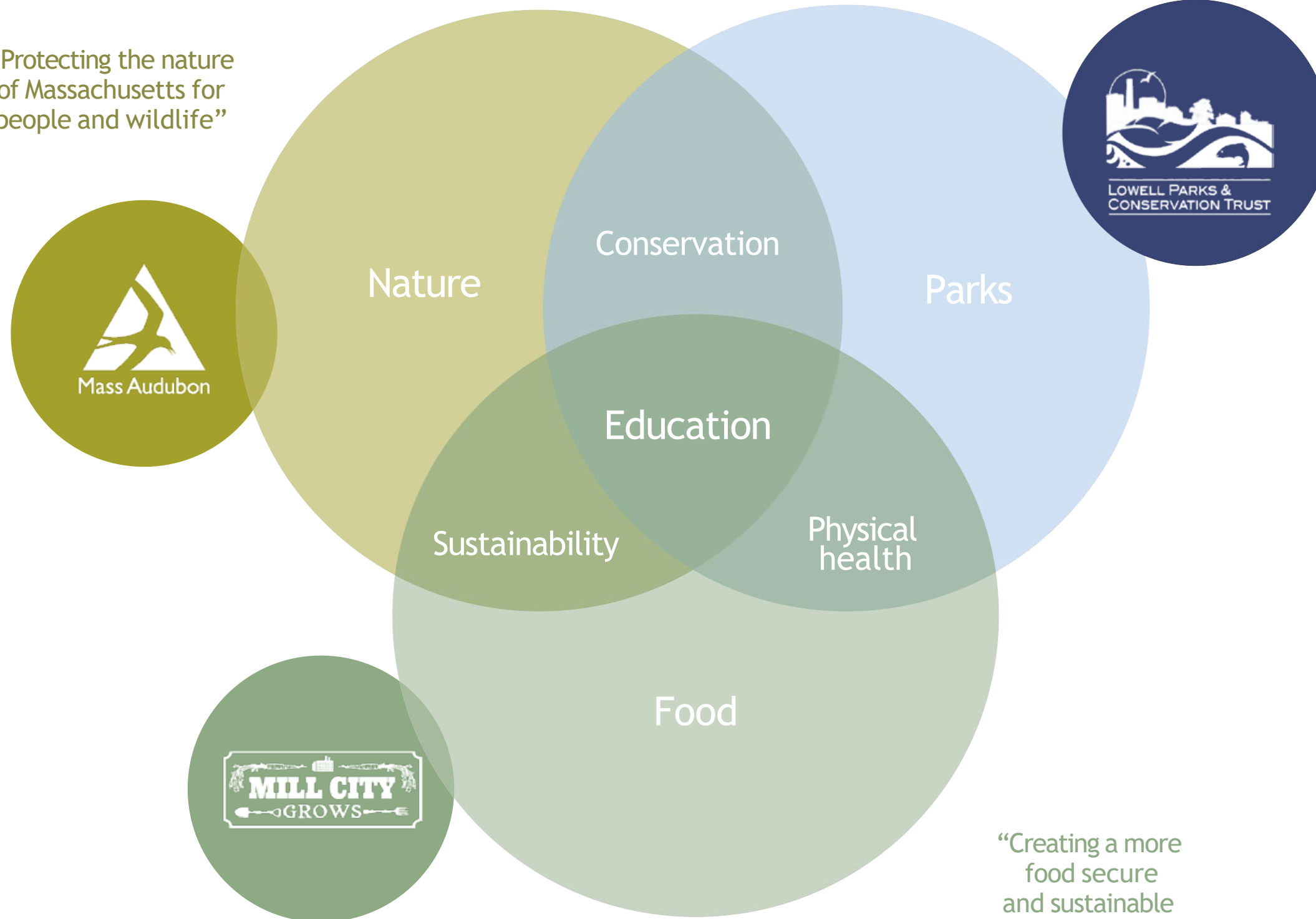


The Partnership

Mass Audubon + Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust + Mill City Grows

“Improving the quality of life for the people of Lowell through education and through the conservation of special places”

“Protecting the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife”



“Creating a more food secure and sustainable community”

Plan Principles

Design Guidelines

ACCESS FOR ALL



Learn how trails, programs, facilities and way-finding can be enjoyed by and welcome all!

EDUCATION AND RECREATION



See how the future will include active and passive opportunities for learning and gathering.

GROWING SPACE



Imagine the existing farmlands cultivating culturally connected foods for the Lowell community.

ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP



Explore how restoration of diverse critical habitats can heal the site's existing ecology.

Pawtucket Farm Wildlife Sanctuary Plan Vision

The Framework Plan is a vision that provides a clear roadmap to guide future investments. It does this first by imagining a few distinct zones of use which are aligned with the community's needs and the plan's principles.

Low-lying existing farmland along Varnum Avenue is re-purposed as community farming and larger growing plots. Nearby, the existing pond is enhanced for ecological value and biodiversity. The existing farmhouse is renovated as a new operations hub - for staff office, support space, and storage for farming uses. At the north edge of the frontage, a new, safe entrance drive and parking lead to a drop-off area, Education Center, farm stand and community plaza.

Moving up the hill into the existing Christmas tree farm, places of pause, overlook, learning, and play are interwoven with extensive, accessible trail loops through a restored ecological landscape of heathland, shrubland, and forest.

Farm & Sanctuary Features

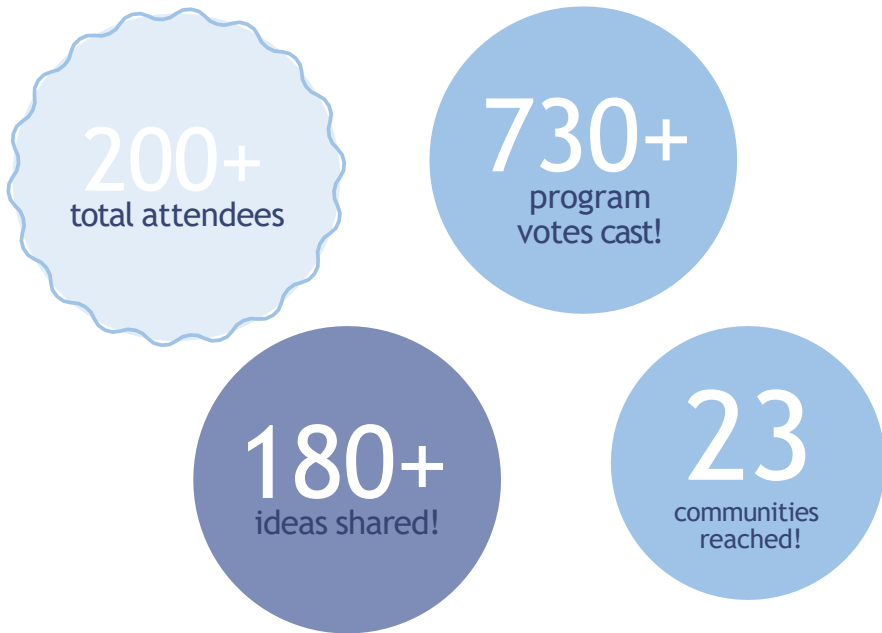
① Cultural Gardens	⑬ Overlook Hill
② High Tunnel Greenhouses	⑭ Hammock Hill + Nature Play Area
③ Community + Market Gardens	⑮ Restored Wetland
④ Cold storage + Produce Washing	⑯ Trailhead Outpost
⑤ Staff Offices + Storage	⑰ Pond Education Dock
⑥ Pavilion	⑱ All-Persons Trail
⑦ Education Center + Farm Stand	
⑧ Food Forest	
⑨ Parking	
⑩ Bus Drop Off	
⑪ Arrival Plaza	
⑫ Outdoor Classroom	



Listening Sessions + Focus Groups

The Framework Plan is the result of a community-engaged process that included a number of outreach and engagement events. Three distinct community forums called “Listening Sessions” welcomed broad, public engagement.

Six curated focus groups gathered cultural, ecological and community experts as well as native Spanish, Portuguese and Khmer speakers in rousing conversation.



Listening Session #1
Wang Middle School



Listening Session #2
Shedd Park



Listening Session #3
UMass Lowell



Listening Session #3
Virtual



Focus Groups
Spanish, Khmer, Portuguese

Engagement Takeaways
Listening Sessions + Focus Groups

234 Food production

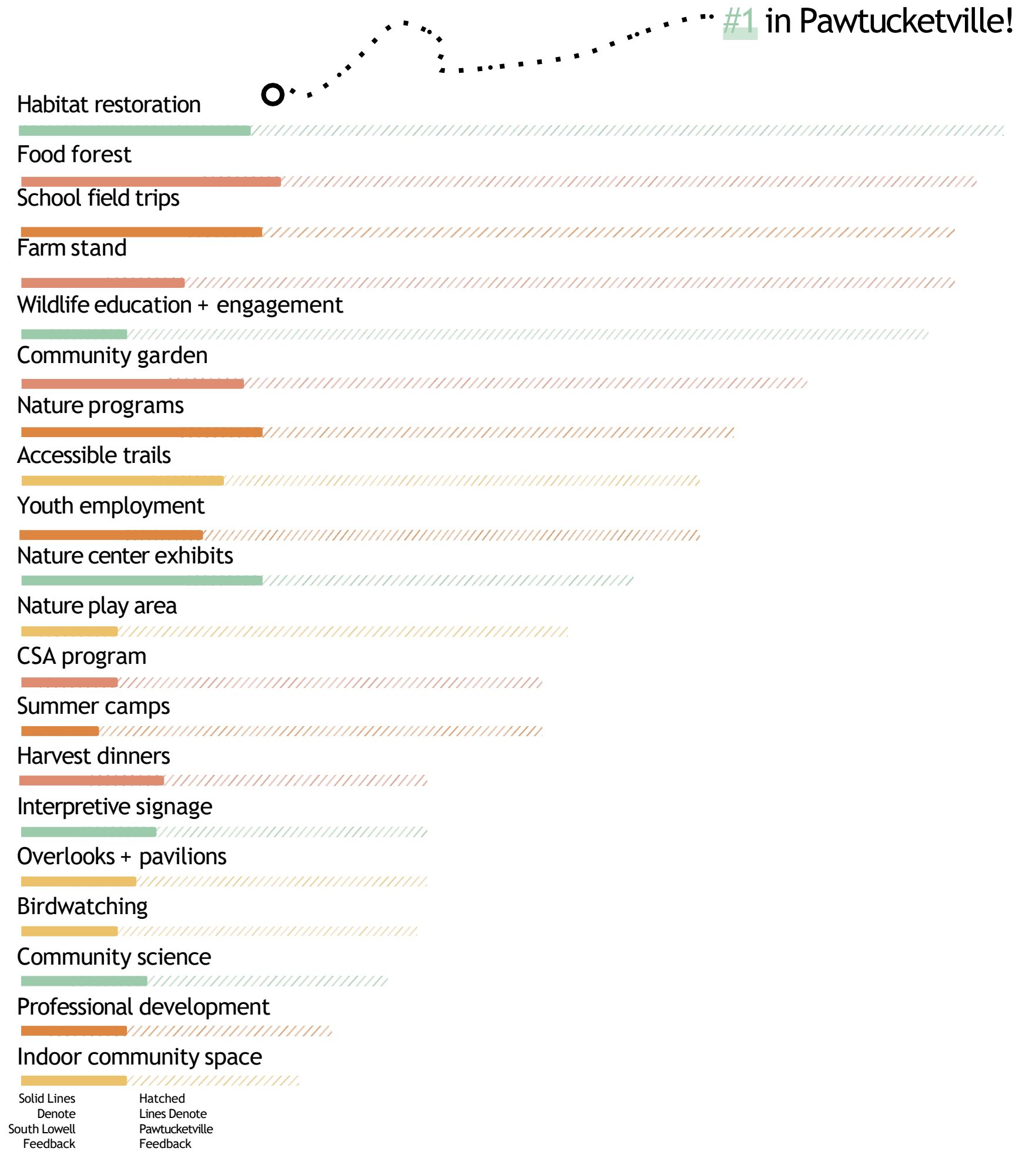
258 Nature

220 Education

160 Recreation

#1 from Shedd Park!

Over 870 votes!



PAWTUCKET FARM WILDLIFE SANCTUARY FRAMEWORK PLAN

Formerly Rollie's Farm



Get Involved

Looking Ahead to Next Steps

Our team is continuing to refine the design for the property and will be gathering more community input. For more information on how you can support the future of Pawtucket Farm, please contact us:

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