

COAs and Senior Centers

Bridgewater Senior Center

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When You've Seen One Senior Center, You've Seen One Senior Center – surprise!

- Connectivity through phased improvements that accommodate people of all ages and abilities – not surprising
- Increase use of dedicated indoor and outdoor space and amenity destinations for all types of users at all times of year – not surprising until we closed for a year
- Provide learning opportunities for all ages – not surprising
- Encourage physical activity – not surprising
- Improve site accessibility and equity – surprising! We support other town building accessibility issues,
- Help seniors stay even more social than ever – surprise! We now offer connectivity options remotely.
- Open new sources of support – surprise! – e.g. food access, vaccines, Medicare/MassHealth, ASAP services, & everything in between.



Benefits

- The demand for outdoor services, recreation, and supports for older adults has increased tremendously in recent years. This is due not only to the influx of “baby boomers” turning 60, as nearly 25% of the Commonwealth’s population is now over the age of 60, but also to the impact of COVID-19 on older adults.

- Population 60+

2020	2025	2030	2035
1,721,462	1,925,411	2,049,347	2,098,125



Bridgewater Population Counts & Projections

	2010	2020	2030
All Ages	26,563	26,688	25,741
Age 60+	4,086	5,725	7,280
% Age 60+	15	21.5	28.3
Growth		40	72.2

Center for Social & Demographic Research, Gerontology Institute, John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy & Global Studies, UMass Boston
Population Counts (2010) and Projections (2020, 2030) by Massachusetts Town; All Ages and Age 60+

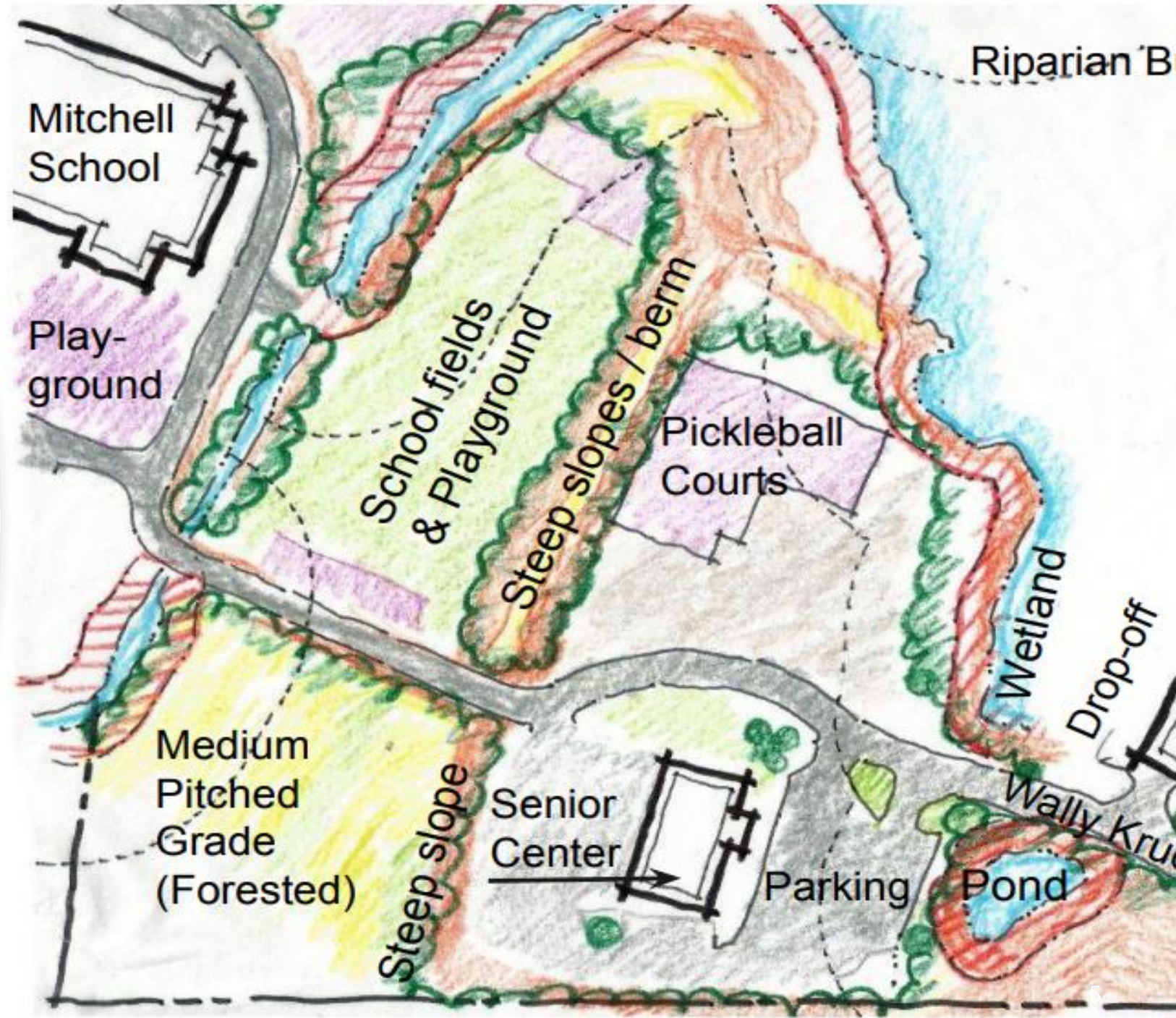
I'm a COA Director, not a Developer

Areas More Difficult to Develop:

- Orange: steep slopes (>20%)
- Blue: Edge of wetland, pond or stream
- Red: 25' no-touch setback distance
- Dark Green: Trees

Areas Less Difficult to Develop:

- Yellow: medium grade(5-15%)
- Green: Gentle slopes Purple: Recreation
- Grey: Pavement





Bricks & Mortar while Connecting to Nature

Space for all
ages & abilities



Building a Community



Creating a sense of place & community



Support Economic Development



Improve individual & community health



Advance Equity & Inclusion



Improve community resilience

Senior Centers & COAs

Create a Sense of Place and Community for All



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