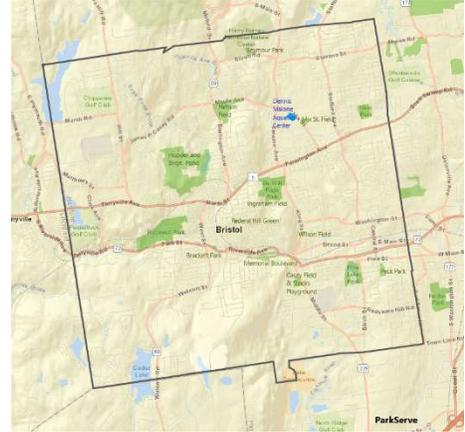

Policy: Jurisdiction

Adopted by City Council: Park Department Formed in 1932

The BPRYCS Department and Board of Park Commissioners has been given jurisdiction over all public park areas and open spaces within the corporate boundaries of the City of Bristol per City Charter. The term "park property" shall include all parks and areas of land within the management of said board, and all buildings, structures, improvements, seats, benches, fountains, boats, walks, drives, roads, trees, plants, flowers and other things thereon and enclosures of the same, and all resting places, watering stations, playgrounds, and parade grounds, or the like, and all connecting parkways, and all birds, animals or curiosities, or objects of interest or instruction, and all tools and implements placed in or on any of such enclosures, ways, parkways, roads, or places. A listing of the city-owned property, under the care of the Board of Park Commissioners, is on file in the office of the town and city clerk. [Bristol, Connecticut, Municipal Code, § 43, \(a\), \(k\), \(l\).](#)



Parks and Facilities (under BPRYCS Jurisdiction)

The BPRYCS Department is responsible for the stewardship of over 730 acres of city parks and open space including:

The Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department is responsible for the stewardship of approximately 800 acres of city parks and open space. Parks and facilities include:

Park/Facility Name	Description
Brackett Park	Two acres purchased from Carlyle F. Barnes in 1917 and later named for Dr. A. S. Brackett who was instrumental in securing the purchase. Entrances are located on School Street and North Main Street. Amenities: Basketball court, gazebo, enclosed toddler playground, and memorial garden. Goodsell Toddler playground was established in 1974.
Casey Field	Nine acres transferred from the Sewer Department in 1950 and later named for former Mayor James P. Casey. The entrance is located on Lake Avenue. Amenities: Lighted softball field, parking, and youth football facility.
Dennis Malone Aquatics Center	Built in 1995 and named after Superintendent Dennis Malone, located on Mix Street. Amenities: Indoor swimming pool which offers daily and seasonal memberships, as well as, swim lessons, water exercise programs, swim teams, and rentals.
E. G. Stocks Playground	One and a half acres transferred from the Sewer Department in 1954 and later named for former Superintendent of Parks, E. Gordon Stocks. The entrance is located on Middle Street. Amenities: Basketball court, playground, four lighted sand volleyball courts, restrooms, pavilion shelter, and water-spray park. The facility received a major renovation in 2006.

Federal Hill Green	Two acres, designated park controlled when the Board of Park Commissioners was formed in 1913, located at Maple Street and Queen Street. Amenities: Community green area, lighted walkway, regular playground, playfield, gazebo and park benches. Riordin Toddler Playground was established in 1974.
Hoppers/Birge Pond Nature Preserve	Two hundred and seventy acres acquired in 1973 and located at Beech Street and Ambler Road. Amenities: Open space with geological kettles, hiking paths, boardwalk, fishing pond, and kayaking and canoeing.
Kern Park	Twenty-two acres deeded to the City in 1966, Kern Park is a larger parcel which now consists of Ivy Drive School to its north. The park is named after long time Park Commissioner Herbert L. Amenities: a passive recreation area with nature trails connecting the school grounds to surrounding neighborhoods, wetlands and upland habitats.
Mix Street Field	Ten acres of land provided by the New Britain and Bristol Water Departments in 2014. Amenities: Lighted softball field and multi-use youth field.
Muzzy Field	Eight and a half acres given in 1912 by future Park Commissioner Adrian Muzzy in memory of his two sons. The field is located on Muzzy Street. Amenities: Lighted baseball, football, and soccer stadium complex with a seating capacity for baseball-4,900 and football/soccer-5,800.
Nelson Field	Fifty acres acquired in 1988 under the Recreation and National Heritage Trust Program and the State of Connecticut D.E.E.P. The entrance is located on Burlington Avenue. Amenities: Parking, passive recreation and sledding hill.
Page Park	Eighty-six acres given by DeWitt and May Rockwell Page in 1933. Entrances are located at King Street, Moody Street, Page Avenue and Woodland Street. Amenities: Outdoor swimming pool, boundless playground, fishing lagoon, 18-hole disc golf course, rain garden, water spray park, picnic areas, five lighted tennis courts, lighted softball field, hardball diamond, horseshoe pits, basketball court, pavilion and lodge buildings which house arts and camp programs through the year. Ingraham Field (a section of Page Park): Eight acres given in 1936 by Edward Ingraham. The entrance is located on Woodland Street. Amenities: Playfield located within confines of Page Park.
Peck Park	Eight acres transferred from the Board of Education to the Parks and Recreation Department in 1976. It was developed and constructed through Community Development funding and completed in 1977. A trust fund was established to help maintain the park under the will of Constance Y. Peck. Entrance is located on Daley Street, additional parking at Greene-Hills School. Amenities: Four tennis courts four pickleball courts, regular playground, and youth softball fields.
Pigeon Hill Preserve	Sixty-three acres acquired by the City in 2021. The preserve is comprised of a 3-parcel collection (2 parcels in Bristol owned by the City and 1 parcel in Burlington owned by the Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut) of mixed forest, fields, and wetlands. The property has immense environmental and historical value as it will preserve the entire glacial esker between a now contiguous preserve made of Pigeon Hill and Barnes Nature

	Center. The site provides passive recreation opportunities to park users. Amenities: hiking trails
Pine Lake	Fifty-four acres acquired from the Conservation Commission on May 27, 1968. The entrance is located at Emmett Street, Pine Street, and Birch Street. Amenities: Fishing Pond, accessible fishing pier and parking lot, ropes challenge course, and Bristol Soccer Club Facility. The Pine Lake Challenge course became part of the purview of the Parks and Recreation Department in 2019 when the Youth Services Department merged.
Quinlan Park	Located on Broad Street in Forestville, the Thomas W. Quinlan Forestville Veterans Park was acquired by the City in June of 1979. Amenities: Memorial Bell, Forestville Honor Roll
Roberts Property Park	Seventeen acres of open space was acquired by the City in August 10, 2004. The site was studied for a multi-use sports complex but the project was shelved in favor of passive recreational use. Amenities: Off leash dog park and walking trails.
Rockwell Park	One hundred and five acres given by Albert and Nettie Rockwell in 1911. Entrances are located at Jacob Street, Dutton Avenue, Park Street, and Terryville Road. Amenities: Lagoon, fishing pond, regular playground, toddler playground, outdoor swimming pool, water-spray park, 18-hole disc golf course, picnic areas, basketball court, para-fitness course, multi-purpose field, walking/hiking trail, mountain bike trails, pavilions, dog park, concrete skate park plaza, and lighted sand volleyball courts. Fraser Field (a section of Rockwell Park): Given by Albert Rockwell in 1914 and later named for former Park Superintendent, Willis P. Fraser. The entrance is located on Park Hill Road and Terryville Road. Amenities: Four little league fields for McCabe-Waters Little League.
Seymour Park	Five acres acquired through the estate of George Dudley Seymour in 1971. The park is located on Shrub Road next to Barnes Nature Center. Amenities: Hardball diamond (Riley Field), basketball court, two tennis courts, picnic area, and regular playground. Riley Field was dedicated to former Superintendent Sarge Riley in 1974.
Veterans Memorial Boulevard	Twenty-five acres given in 1921 by Albert Rockwell along with the school property. The entrance is located at Main Street, South Street, and Riverside Ave. Amenities: Passive recreation parallel to the Pequabuck River with benches, two fishing ponds, memorial monuments, parking, multi-use athletic field and walking path with mile markers. The Parks Department assumed maintenance responsibilities of the Memorial Boulevard fields in June 2013. The tennis courts were closed down in 2016 due to their condition.
Wilson's Field	Two acres given by Bristol Brass Corporation in memory of Albert Wilson in 1950. The playground is located on King Street. Amenities: Regular playground, youth softball field and basketball court.