



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION,  
YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



## Message from the Superintendent



We are incredibly proud to present the 2022 Annual Report for the Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services (BPRYCS) Department. The report showcases our department's accomplishments and profound impacts we made on the Bristol community over the past year. The work of our professional team is guided by our collective mission of delivering high-quality services and facilities that enhance the community's quality of life, meets the diverse needs of

all citizens, and builds a sustainable future for our city. This mission is achieved through commitment to our foundational core values to service, partnership, diversity, equity, and inclusion, stewardship and conservation, fiscal stewardship and innovation. Throughout this report you will see how embracing our core values have resulted in enduring changes to our park system, programs and services.

First, as you will see in our Park Projects highlights, we successfully leveraged our city funding, American Rescue Plan Funding, park trusts, and supplemental grants to renovate, revitalize and enhance many parks and recreational amenities across the city. We are also deep into design phases for several major upcoming park projects that will be transformative to our city, benefiting families and future generations of park users. Additionally, in our effort to continue to increase transparency and our community engagement efforts, we have launched an interactive Parks Project Portal which allows residents to view active projects and provide real time feedback to ensure their voices are part of the development process.

For the first time in the department's history, we are guided by a comprehensive resident-driven City Wide Parks Master Plan and a Strategic Action Plan 2022-2024 to keep our team focused on the priorities that will strengthen our service to the community. The strengthening of our policies, procedures, and planning has resulted in both local, state and national recognition including receiving the 2022 Gold Medal Award Finalist designation from the American Academy of Parks and Recreation Administration.

The BPRYCS team truly cares about the critical role we play impacting the lives of all Bristol residents, shaping positive public perceptions of the city, fostering cultural unity, creating responsible and healthy citizens, and inspiring advocacy to help build a brighter future. We look forward to celebrating the successes of 2022 and building on the momentum for all the great work ahead in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Dr. Joshua T. Medeiros.

Dr. Joshua T. Medeiros, Ed.D., CPRE, Superintendent  
City of Bristol, Department of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services

### Department Core Values

#### **Commitment to Service**

Utilize a responsive, customer-centric, resident-driven professional approach to all areas of service delivery which includes transparency, strong communication and public outreach.

#### **Commitment to Partnership**

Develop strong internal and external partners and sponsors to ensure the changing recreation, leisure, and community service needs of a diverse community are being met.

#### **Commitment to Diversity, Inclusion and Social Equity**

Ensure every resident feels welcome and has access to high-quality parks and services; regardless of age, ability, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and socio-economic status.

#### **Commitment to Stewardship and Conservation**

Manage city parks and open space to preserve natural resources and park assets for future generations.

#### **Commitment to Fiscal Stewardship**

Engage in strong financial leadership across every level of the organization to ensure all areas of service are administered in a fiscally responsible way.

#### **Commitment to Innovation**

Commit to being at the forefront of solution-based problem solving and creativity to address current and future challenges facing the City of Bristol.

### **Department Mission**

It is the mission of the Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department (BPRYCS) to deliver high-quality services and facilities that enhance the community's quality of life, meet the diverse needs of all citizens, and build a sustainable future.

### **Department Vision**

The Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department is an essential department impacting the lives of all Bristol residents by shaping positive public perceptions, fostering cultural unity, creating responsible and healthy citizens, and inspiring advocacy.



## Advisory Boards and Commissions

The work of the BPRYCS Department is supported and guided by three City Commissions including a policy Board of Park Commissioners, and an advisory Youth Commission and Arts and Culture Commission. Citizen board members are appointed by the Mayor and City Council and serve 3 year terms.



### Board of Park Commissioners

The Board of Park Commissioners was established in 1913 to provide stewardship and policy oversight of the Parks Department. The commission consists of the Mayor as an ex officio, chairman, six commissioners, a City Council Liaison and a Board of Finance Liaison. In order to thoroughly vet policy, 3 sub-committees comprised of board members (as assigned by the Mayor) are established and convene on an as needed basis. This includes:



#### Commissioners

Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano - Chair  
Robert Fiorito - Vice Chair  
Andrew Howe - City Council Liaison  
Marie O'Brien - Board of Finance Liaison  
Sandra Bogdanski  
Cynthia Donovan  
Leonard Lamothe  
Robert Lawson  
Emily Michaud

### Policy Committee

To act as the policy development committee responsible for: Annually reviewing and approving the Policy Manual, reviewing Superintendent's policy change recommendations, introduces new policies for staff to develop.

### Finance Committee

To act as the fiduciary committee responsible for: Reviewing financials on a monthly basis, providing input and approving the Superintendent's annual operating and capital improvement budget, reviewing and modifying park use fee schedules as appropriate.

### Fund Development Committee

To act as the philanthropic committee responsible for: Partnering with staff to institutionalize philanthropic processes, assisting with securing sponsorships and donations, providing input on and assisting with fundraising events or initiatives as requested by staff.

### Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts and Culture Commission was established in 2018 to encourage tourism, entertainment, and arts in order to foster the development of community pride and improve the quality of life for Bristol resident. The Arts and Culture Commission shall consist of seven (7) members. A chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary shall be elected by members of the City Arts and Culture Commission from among their members. In order to assist the Arts and Culture Supervisor administer special programs, an advisory sub-committee was established and convene as needed. This includes:

#### Commissioners

Walter Lewandoski - Chair  
April Dews - Vice Chair  
Cheryl Thibeault - City Council Liaison  
Andrea Adams  
Tiffany Howe  
Juliet Norton  
Nigel Wynter

### Youth Commission

The Youth Commission was established in 1978 to study continuously the conditions and needs of the youth of the city in relation to employment, health and development of their skills and talents so as to become participating and contributing members of the community. The Youth Commission shall consist of eleven (11) members. There shall be at least three (3) members currently under twenty-one (21) years of age, a representative of the school system, police department, a private youth serving agency, a city councilman, four (4) citizens.

#### Commissioners

Matthew Gotowala - Chair  
Deborah Ahl - Vice Chair  
Jolene Lusitani - City Council Liaison  
Ryan Broderick  
Makayla Cervantes  
Rich Kilby  
Jon Lukasiewicz  
Corey Nagle  
Ramon Peters  
Renee Singleton  
Lance Washington



### Cultural District Committee

In 2022 the City of Bristol obtained a Cultural District Designation for the downtown area established by the Cultural District Committee. Per state requirements the Cultural District committee will meet a minimum of once per year with responsibilities to annually review and approve the elements and assets of the cultural district.

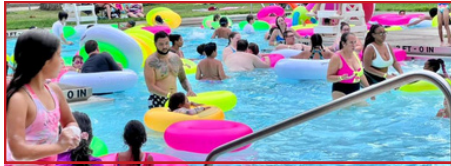


## Core Service Program Areas



### Aquatics

Aquatic programs include introductory, intermediate, and advanced swim lessons that promote water safety, exercise, and therapeutic classes to help residents meet their health goals.



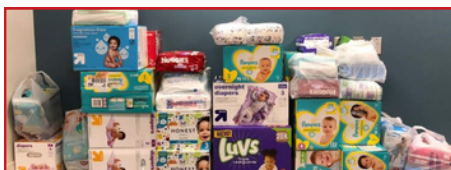
### BEST

The BEST program, funded through a federal grant, works to unify the community and promote wellness through increasing education, strategies, and enforcing policy to prevent substance misuse by youth and those who impact their development.



### Parent and Child Program

The Parent and Child program provides resources and services that assist parents in raising healthy and happy children. Programs range from learning about pregnancy and being a parent, to developing children's literacy skills, and healthy lifestyles.



### Positive Youth Development

Youth development programs enhance the network and support between family, school, peer, and community environments by creating essential opportunities for positive social and emotional development for youth.



### Arts & Culture

Comprehensive, year-round programs, events, and projects to bring creativity and entertainment to the Bristol community. A key initiative of BPRYCS is to ensure all voices of the Bristol community are heard and amplified.



### Case Management

Case management aims to reduce the causes of poverty, increase opportunity and economic security of individuals and families, and revitalize communities by assessing the basic needs of Bristol residents and providing equitable opportunities to enhance their lives.



### Park Maintenance

Bristol is home to over 730 Acres of active and passive recreational areas. Daily park maintenance includes all necessary work to keep areas safe, clean, welcoming and operating efficiently to serve the needs of Bristol community members.



### Recreation

Recreation programs are designed to have a wide range of positive impacts on physical, behavioral, emotional, and psychological health. In addition, field, facility, and park space rentals provide community members and local organizations direct access for everyone to recreate.





# Leading Bristol with a Vision for the Future

## A strategic roadmap to meet our community needs

Planning for the future is one of the most important responsibilities of the professional staff at BPRYCS. In 2020, the Board of Park Commissioners adopted the department’s first City Wide Master Plan; a community-driven, comprehensive assessment of the department’s parks, programs, and services, aligned with resident needs and national trends. The department’s 2022-2024 Strategic Plan provides a tangible and measurable roadmap to guide the staff’s work over the next few years.

The Strategic Plan serves as the implementation tool to execute the community’s vision for BPRYCS established in the 2020 Master Plan. The 5 focus areas of the plan include:



### Park & Facility Development

The Bristol community is dependent on the parks, facilities, and infrastructure managed and operated by the BPRYCS department. BPRYCS is committed to excellence in planning and development of continuous improvement of facilities through alignment of resources, priorities, and progress monitorization. BPRYCS strives to ensure every resident feels welcome and has access to high-quality parks and services.



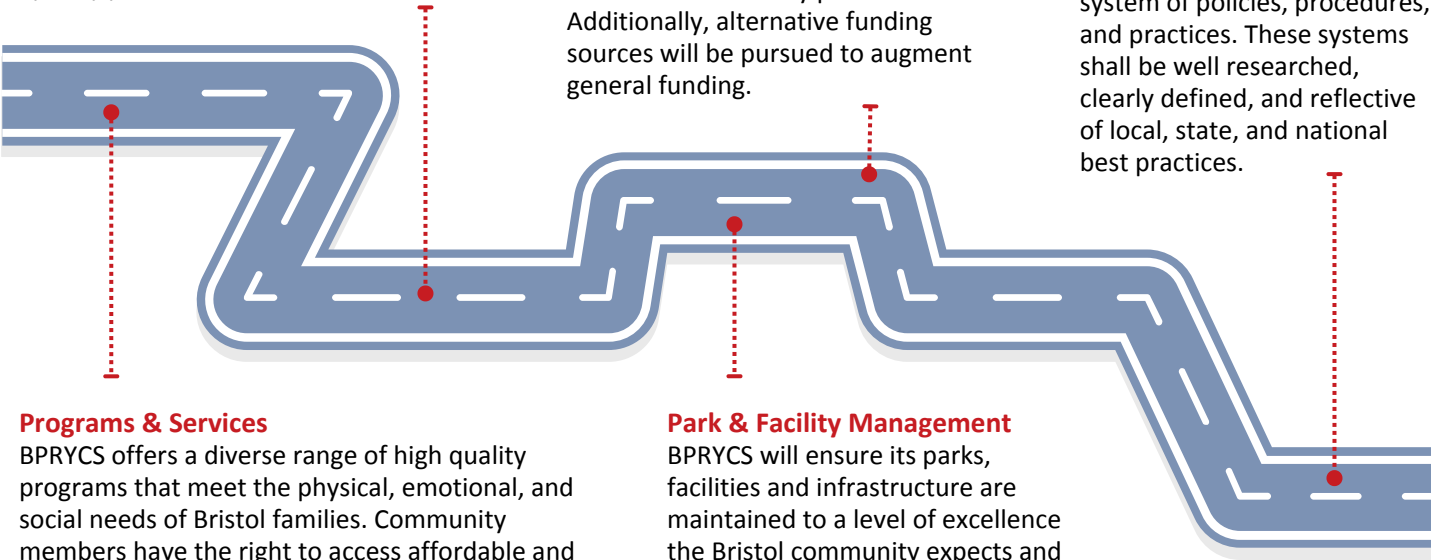
### Financial & Budgetary Development

In order to meet the parks, recreation, youth and community service needs of Bristol residents, while maintaining fiscal responsibility, the department will implement transparent and accountable fiduciary processes. Additionally, alternative funding sources will be pursued to augment general funding.



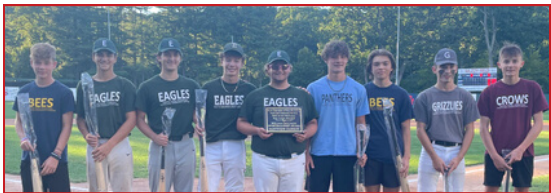
### Policies & Practices

In order to achieve best practices and clear expectations for the staff and public, BPRYCS needs a strong system of policies, procedures, and practices. These systems shall be well researched, clearly defined, and reflective of local, state, and national best practices.



### Programs & Services

BPRYCS offers a diverse range of high quality programs that meet the physical, emotional, and social needs of Bristol families. Community members have the right to access affordable and equitable services that meets their needs and interests. Program measures will be implemented to establish benchmarks for success, determine priority and future programming that meets resident’s needs in a financially responsible way.



### Park & Facility Management

BPRYCS will ensure its parks, facilities and infrastructure are maintained to a level of excellence the Bristol community expects and deserves. Objectives will define priorities for maintenance standards and best practices that improve efficiencies and effectiveness of park and facility management.



# 2022 Impact by the Numbers



  
Two ball field  
renovations

  
**15,000**  
dollars raised

"Nothing but the best to say!! We are so lucky to have such amazing programs for our kiddos here in Bristol!!"

  
**27**  
of JRB  
cases

  
**462**  
reservations

9 out of 10 of survey respondents say



they would enroll in their program again

  
**72**  
bird  
houses  
painted  
and displayed in  
the park

  
Coordinated  
**Eight**  
Relocations

  
Over **825** of  
hours of  
counseling

  
**1,989** campers

"Thank you for all you do!  
**The fees are so reasonable**  
for swimming lessons and all  
**the instructors are great."**

  
**4**  
memorial  
benches installed

**7,942** attendees  
visited Page Park Pool

  
**5,392** attendees  
visited Rockwell  
Park Pool

  
**12**  
Projects  
Broken  
Ground

**57** community events  
43 of the 57 were  
completely free  
to the public

  
**One**  
Mural  
created

  
**13,900**  
visits to the  
Dennis Malone  
Aquatics Center

  
**582**  
Youth Service  
Program  
Participants

  
**12**  
Sports  
Leagues  
Offered

  
**1,300**  
free meals  
provided to  
campers

  
**75%**

  
**1,712**  
ducks  
sold

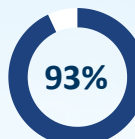
  
**4,238**  
concert attendees

**2,539**  
Learn to Swim  
Participants

  
**1,365**  
Water Exercise  
participants

  
**30**  
trees  
planted

  
**597**  
Pool  
Memberships

  
**93%**  
of survey respondents  
say the programs met  
or exceed expectations

"We are very impressed with the organization,  
quality of instructors, and results from every program  
for which we've enrolled. Well done and we appreciate you."

  
**65,567**  
Hours of rentals

  
**92**  
Community  
Services Case  
Management  
clients

  
**47**  
Evictions  
facilitated

  
**18**  
clients  
referred  
to Youth Services

**39** residents  
assisted with  
foreclosures





# Your Dollars at Work

Financial accountability has long been the standard for the BPRYCS Department. In conjunction with our Boards, the City financial policies, we have worked proactively in 2022 to contain costs while increasing service offerings, participation and facility use to meet resident needs. We continue to maintain low cost user fees in order to ensure all residents have access to high quality programs. Over \$1 million revenues generated offset the subsidy levels for the department expenditures.

The BPRYCS Department is responsible for the administration of a variety of general fund, special revenue funds, revolving accounts, donation and grant accounts in order to administer high quality programs, facilities and services for Bristol residents.

## General Fund

Funds received from tax payers through the annual city budget process

## Donation Accounts

Funds received from donors and sponsors on a rolling basis

## Grants

Funds received from local, state or national sources appropriated at varying times depending on the grant cycle

## Revolving Accounts

Funds received from user fees meant to cover the cost of non-general funded programs. Funds are received and expended on a rolling basis.

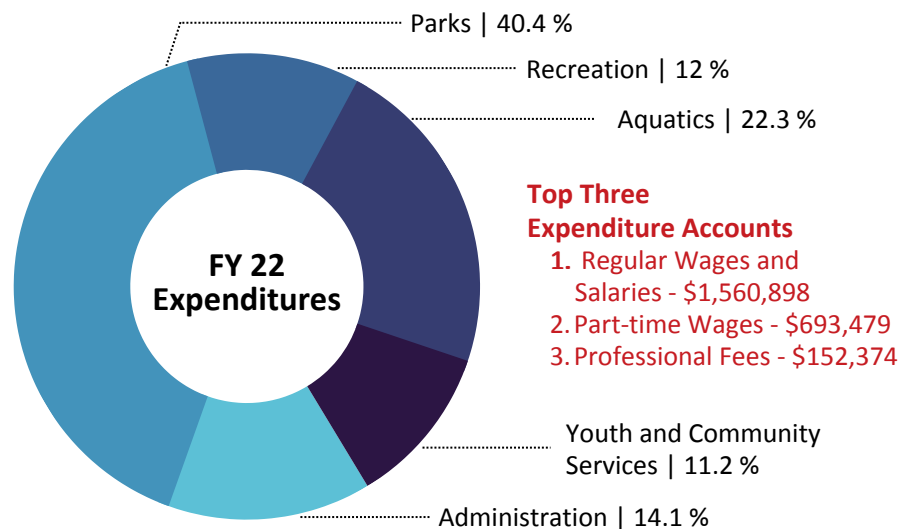
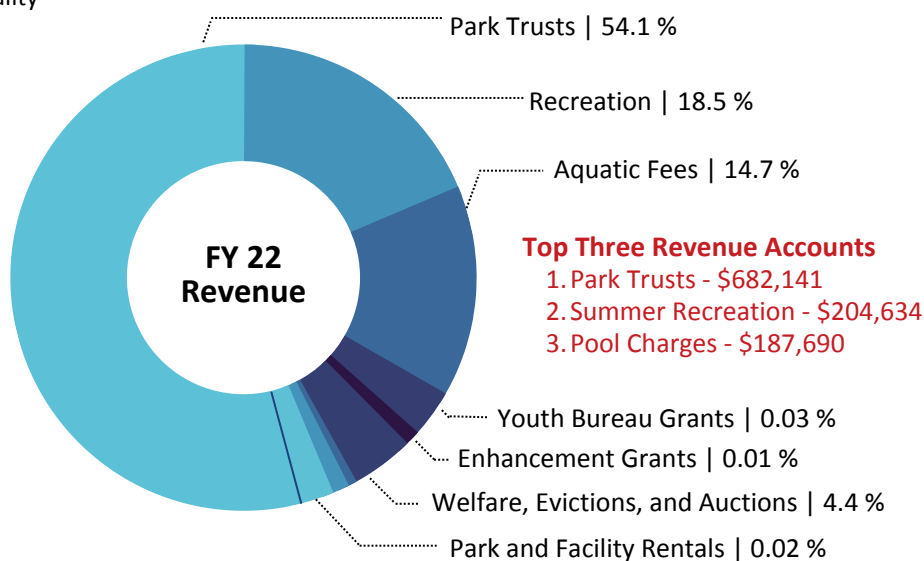
## Special Revenue Fund

Funds are generated and maintained in a dedicated account tied to a special program operated as a business. SRF are formally budgeted through the annual city budget process.

## Friends of Bristol Parks and Recreation Fund

The Main Street Community Foundation (MSCF) is the fiduciary of the Friends of Bristol Parks and Recreation Fund (FBPRF). FBPRF was established in 2014 by the Board of Park Commissioners to support donations for the 100th anniversary of Muzzy Field event. The fund is now the primary account for departmental fundraisers. The FBPRF requires Board of Park Commissioner authorization prior to funds being disbursed from the MSCF. Funds can be used to benefit any parks and recreation project or initiative.

The BPRYCS Department remains fiscally strong closing out the fiscal year 2021 - 2022 with an overall surplus of \$479,167. The Board of Finance/City Council approved carry-over of \$282,142 of trust fund overages into next fiscal year for a final FY22 close out surplus of \$197,025. Expenditures were managed well over the year with all divisions seeing a surplus with the exception of aquatics due to changes in staffing schedules to make up postponed swim lessons during the pandemic and increased training for summer outdoor pools. Trust funds did incredibly well this year accounting for a \$278,427 surplus. While park rentals, recreation and aquatics revenues did not meet goal, all revenues have improved from last fiscal year with revenues slowly reaching post-Covid numbers.



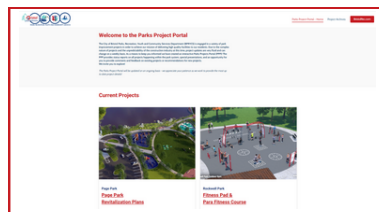
# Park Projects

## Building Community through People and Places

BPRYCS oversees the maintenance and care of one of New England's premier park systems. Nearly 800 acres of public parks are available to residents and visitors of the City of Bristol. During 2022, BPRYCS completed 12 projects. Ongoing projects include the Page Park Revitalization, Stocks Playground upgrades, the Rockwell Park parafitness course, Pine Lake Adventure Park, Kern Park Master Plan, court replacements at Wilson Field and Seymour Park, and an Urban Garden at Memorial Boulevard.

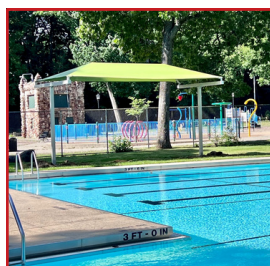
## Parks Project Portal Interact Today!

In October of 2022, the BPRYCS Department launched an interactive Parks Project Portal (PPP) to increase transparency and community engagement efforts on projects. The PPP provides status reports on all projects happening within the park system, special presentations, and an opportunity for residents to provide comments and feedback on existing projects or recommendations for new projects. Explore our PPP today at [www.bristolrec.com](http://www.bristolrec.com).



## Increasing Visibility and User Experience

Increased public access to recreation and parks opportunities is central to our mission and values. In 2022, the department added brand new signs at the Dennis Malone Aquatics Center, and Pine Lake Adventure Park (scheduled to re-open in 2023) in order to increase awareness. Part of the user experience is providing comfortable facilities such as the new shade structures at the pools which mitigate dangerous health conditions that can arise from extended UV exposure. We built an expansion to the Mrs. Rockwell Pavilion that allows for two new outdoor bathroom facilities so guests can stay at the parks longer. Having relevant play structures is essential to creating positive user experiences for kids and families. This year we added new swings to Federal Hill Green and installed a brand new playground at Stocks, voted on by the residents. Finally, thanks to our partners at the Public Works Department we repaved the roads and added bike lanes on the Veterans Memorial Boulevard and are working towards a grand re-opening of the bridge, gateway to our city which increases access whether you are walking, riding a bike or traveling by car.





## Park Projects



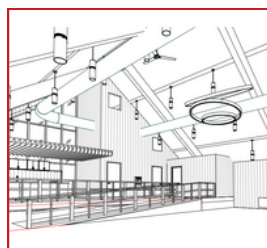
### Court Repairs and Replacements:

BPRYCS has over a dozen athletic courts under its jurisdiction and many of them had extensive crack damage which presented major safety hazards to users. This year we resurfaced basketball courts at Brackett Park, and Rockwell Park, and converted Peck Park courts into tennis/pickleball hybrids. Construction is currently underway for new post tension concrete courts at Wilson's Field (1 basketball) and Seymour Park (1 basketball, 4 pickleball). When completed in spring 2023, the pickleball courts will become the City's first fully dedicated pickleball court facility. New courts are also being planned as part of the Page Park Revitalization project. Additionally, the basketball court at Stocks Playground will be resurfaced in the spring and will feature the addition of lights. Finally, the old tennis courts at the Veterans Memorial Boulevard have been removed and an urban garden is being constructed in its place. The urban garden blends into the rest of the boulevard and creates a sustainable space for passive enjoyment.

### Page Park Revitalization and Future Planning

Public projects take months and even years to plan and prepare for, prior to construction. In 2022, we were engaged in many planning and design processes including phase 2 renovations to the Perry J. Spinelli Pavilion; which provides affordable rental space for parties and gatherings. Renovation design for Stocks Playground include an upgraded splash park, resurfaced basketball court with lights, upgraded LED light system for the volleyball courts and ADA sidewalk enhancements. We also launched planning efforts for the design and renovation of Kern Park, with community engagement beginning in the first quarter of 2023.

BPRYCS major renovation project is the wholesale revitalization of Page Park. In alignment with the Master Plan, the project will include major active recreation upgrades including a new splash park, playground, trails, and pickleball courts. Major safety upgrades will also include nearly 300 additional parking spaces. Full design concepts and presentations are available at [www.bristolrec.com](http://www.bristolrec.com).



### American Rescue Plan Projects

Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, BPRYCS installed a new fitness park at Rockwell that allows users to work on their health and wellness in a free outdoor setting. The pad will be accompanied by additional para fitness equipment to further increase exercise opportunities in the New Year. Planning for additional ARPA funded projects will begin in 2023.

### 2023 Projects

Kern Park design and improvements, Stocks renovations, additional para fitness and trail improvements at Rockwell Park, completion of Seymour Park pickleball and basketball courts, Wilson Field basketball courts, Page Park Revitalization, Perry J. Spinelli phase 2, Pine Lake enhancements including a new climbing tower, Veterans Memorial Boulevard bathroom and urban garden completion.



## Awards and Accomplishments

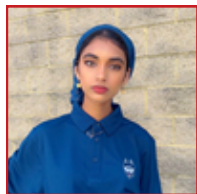
### Gold Medal Finalist, Top 4 in the Country!

The BPRYCS Department was selected as a 2022 Gold Medal Finalist for the National Gold Medal Award Program administered by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association. The program honors public park and recreation and state park systems throughout the United States that demonstrate excellence in long-range planning, resource management, and innovative approaches to delivering superb park and recreation services with fiscally sound business practices.



### CYSA 2022 Youth Leadership Award Winner

Congratulations to Sidratul Muntaha for winning the Connecticut Youth Services Association (CYSA) 2022 Youth Leadership Award. Muntaha was recognized earlier this month at the 50th Annual Connecticut Youth Service Association Conference at the Hartford Marriott. Youth and Community Services Supervisor, Stephen Bynum, Youth and Family Coordinator, Alyson Phelan and Superintendent Medeiros had the pleasure of honoring Muntaha on stage in front of the CYSA community. The youth leadership award is given to a young person who has made an outstanding contribution to his or her peers or community. Muntaha was selected from youth across over 140 towns in Connecticut. Congratulations Sidratul!



### BPRYCS Staff Present at National Conference

BPRYCS staff continued to represent the department throughout the week at two educational sessions open to over 6,500 parks and recreation professionals across the nation. Aquatics Supervisor Jaimie Clout, presented "Keeping Afloat", an aquatics facility management workshop and Deputy Superintendent Sarah Larson participated in "Inspiring Insights from Leaders in the Field", a panel discussion amongst trailblazing females in the profession.

### State Recognition of Arts & Culture in Bristol

With the creation of a new position, arts and culture was elevated in 2022. This included a fundraising campaign, raising \$15,000 to establish a breathtaking MLK39 Mural on Riverside Avenue. The State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development officially designated a portion of downtown Bristol as the 5th official Cultural District in the state. This allows the city to market the district as an attractive venue for new businesses and tourists alike. BPRYCS also took over coordination of the popular Annual Duck Race event which raised nearly \$4,000 for the City's Arts and Culture Commission.



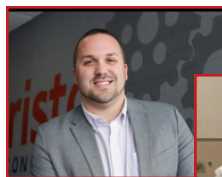
### Increased access to Open Space with the Pigeon Hill Preserve

Through a partnership with the Environmental Learning Centers of CT, the BPRYCS Department will be expanding access to over 60 acres of open space for passive recreation. While the grand opening of the park is not slated until spring of 2023, an extensive amount of work developing the site and creating the management memorandum of understanding was accomplished in 2022.

### Superintendent Outstanding Professional of the Year

Superintendent Josh Medeiros was named Outstanding Professional of the Year by the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association (CRPA). The Outstanding Professional award is one of the state association's top awards honoring professionals that have made outstanding contributions, over a period of 10 years or more, to the recreation and parks field. Josh was selected as a result of his local accomplishments directing the Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department, as well as his work with the National Recreation and Parks Association. Medeiros' most recent achievements include leading his team to Gold Medal finalist status with the American Academy of Parks and Recreation Professionals, fostering the development of award-winning programs like the Annual Community Conversation and oversight of major park capital projects including a city wide Parks Master Plan, Muzzy Field improvements, and the award-winning Page Park Pool renovation. During his tenure as Bristol Superintendent, Medeiros championed for change to improve health and wellness of Bristol residents through new programs, policy change including prohibition of smoking in public parks, and the development of new park amenities including a fitness park, 5-mile bike trail and bike pump track.

Medeiros received the award at the Annual Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association Conference on Tuesday November 22, 2022.





## Sponsors and Donors

Thank you to the many sponsors and donors that have played a pivotal role in elevating the work of BPRYCS in 2022:

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Alyssa Jasunas  
Amanda Columbo  
American Clock & Watch Museum  
American Legion Post 2  
AMP Radio  
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Bristol Fire Association  
Bristol Police Department  
Bristol Police Union  
Bristol Sports Hall of Fame  
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Kristine Stratton  
Kyana Anderson  
Laforge Family  
Lake Compounce  
Lance Washington  
Laura Minor  
Lauren Imholte  
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Max's Pizza  
Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano  
Mela Veltri Case  
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Moe Vahid  
Molly Goodine  
Morgan Urgo  
New England Carousel Museum  
Nicole Kufa  
Nigel Wynter  
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United Way of West Central CT  
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Vollono & Donovan, LLC.  
Walking Man Media  
Walter Lewandoski  
Wendi Connolly  
William A Petit Jr  
Zach Ibanez's State Farm

# Community Connections

Every year, BPRYCS partners with hundreds of community organizations to enhance community services and opportunities.

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## Community Groups

Alzheimer Association  
American Legion Post #2  
American Legion Post 209  
American School for the Deaf  
BCHS Central Stage  
BCHS Maroon & White  
Bristol Arts and Culture Fund  
Bike Bristol  
Bristol Early Childhood Alliance  
Bristol Exchange Club  
Bristol Garden Club  
Bristol Historical Society  
Bristol Housing Authority  
Bristol Lions Club  
Boys & Girls Club of Bristol  
Bridge Community Church  
Bristol Chrysanthemum Festival  
Bristol Health  
Central CT Chamber of Commerce  
Community Emergency Response Team  
Chispare  
BE Clean Club  
Bristol Recovery Club  
Bristol Veterans Council  
Connecticut River Council  
Ct Appalachian Mountain Club  
Easter Seals Foundation  
Entrepreneur Connect Inc. / Community Navigators Inc.  
Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut, Inc.  
Eric Otero  
ESPN  
Fischer Elementary School  
Friends of Hoppers Nature Preserve and Birge Pond  
First Congregational Church  
Food Explorers  
Greater Bristol Disc Golf Association  
Greene-Hills School PTA  
Higher Ground Church  
Hillside Community Church  
Hubbell School PTA  
Imagine Nation: A Museum Early Learning Center  
Ivy Drive School PTA  
Kern Park Association  
Lewis S Mills High School  
Liberty Baptist Church  
Ministrio Misionero Colabadores De Jescucristo  
Movimiento Internacional Shaddai Elohim Principe de Paz  
New England Carousel Museum  
Pack 1425  
Pequabuck River Watershed Association  
Region 5 Dive Team  
RiseUp CT  
Shamrock Run  
Silk City Steampunk  
St Paul Catholic High School  
St. Joseph Parish  
St. Joseph School  
Taylor Vision Production  
The Salvation Army  
Tinkergarten  
Town of Plymouth  
Troop 425  
West End Association

## Departments and Commissions

American Rescue Plan Task Force  
Bristol Board of Finance  
Bristol Building Department  
Bristol-Burlington Health District  
Bristol Early Childhood Alliance  
Bristol Economic and Community Development  
Bristol Department of Aging  
Bristol Diversity Council  
Bristol Public Library  
Bristol Public Works  
Bristol Police Department  
Bristol Public Schools  
Bristol Water and Sewer Department  
City Arts & Culture Commission  
City Council  
Code Enforcement Committee  
Inland Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission  
Mayor's Task Force on HIV/AIDS  
Mayor's Opioid Task Force  
Ordinance Committee  
Commission for Persons with Disabilities  
Real Estate Committee  
School Readiness Council  
Youth Commission

## Athletic Organizations

American Legion Baseball  
Bell City Barnstormers Baseball Organization  
Bristol Blues Baseball  
Bristol Co-Ed Softball League  
Bristol Girls Little League Softball  
Bristol Greeners Baseball Club  
Bristol Knights  
Bristol Little League  
Bristol Mustangs  
Bristol Nitro Softball  
Bristol Youth Football and Cheer  
Bristol Youth Lacrosse  
Connecticut Baseball Club of Hartford  
Connecticut Collegiate Baseball League  
Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference  
CT Bandits  
Diamond Kings U14  
Little League Eastern Regional Headquarters  
Northeast Bulls  
Northwest Little League  
Premier Cricket Academy  
Sheriden Woods Softball Team  
Skyhawks Sports Academy  
USSSA Softball  
USTA New England  
Vintage Baseball Association

## Professional Organizations

ADA Coalition of CT  
American Academy for Park & Recreation Administration  
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America  
Connecticut Parks Association  
Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association  
Connecticut Youth Services Association  
National Recreation and Parks Association  
New England Parks Association



# 2022 Highlights

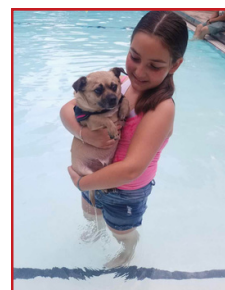
BPRYCS hosted new programs, broke ground on new projects, and tried new ways to engage in 2022



**Stocks Playground Gets a Makeover** - Community members were able to vote on which playscape design they wanted to see in their neighborhood.



Volunteers joined BPRYCS on Veterans Memorial Boulevard for **A Community Planting Day** to benefit the new Urban Garden



**Longstanding Community events**, like the Pooch Plunge, delighted patrons.

**Fitness Pad Brings Life to Rockwell**  
Opened in December, the multi-element fitness pad will be joined by a larger cross-park para fitness course.



2022 brought an increase in **Bristol Green Team** participation



**Page Park Pool** was lit up during the summer AND winter months as it hosted swim lessons and the community tree lighting



Over 75 youth walked the stage at the **Youth Recognition Awards**



Superintendent Josh Medeiros was named **Outstanding Professional of the Year** by the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association



**"Stuff-A-Cruiser"** with the Bristol Police Dept. kicked off the Holiday Gift Giving Program



The Bristol Police Department and Boys and Girls Club helped with another successful **Basketball League at Brackett Park**



Bristol youth, Sidratul Muntaha, wins 2022 **CYSA Youth Leadership Award**

A Department Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) session was led by Beth Regan "Morning Deer" from the Mohegan Tribe on the experiences of indigenous people and our role as stewards of public land.



BPRYCS held the **first Dinner on the Diamond Fundraiser** to benefit the Friends of Bristol Parks and Recreation Fund through the Main Street Community Foundation

The new BPRYCS Main Office, located at 51 High Street, served as the pickup location for the Annual Community Clean Up Supplies



BPRYCS worked with The City Arts and Culture Commission to host the **Pequabuck River Duck Race** (transitioned from the Chamber of Commerce)







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