

COST & FUNDING

Project Cost: \$15,907,000

- Includes site development, building, equipment and solar arrays.

How will it be paid for?

- This project will be paid entirely from current and future proceeds generated from the existing 1% Local Option Tax (LOT).

What is the LOT?

- The 1% Local Option Tax was approved by voters on Town Meeting Day in 2015.
- LOT proceeds must be used for existing or future voter-approved capital projects.
- Estimated LOT Balance: \$9,468,285

Funding Plans:

- \$9,000,000 in available proceeds from the LOT.
- \$6,907,000 loan that will be repaid from LOT proceeds over a 10-year period.
- \$15,907,000 paid entirely from LOT proceeds.

NO PROPERTY TAXES will be needed for this project.

How will operating costs be paid for once the Recreation Center is open?

- Membership and facility use fees will cover the operating expenses.

NO PROPERTY TAXES will be used for operating costs of the Colchester Recreation Center.

NEXT STEPS

If approved by Colchester voters on the Town Meeting Day ballot, March 7, 2023, construction is anticipated to be completed by spring of 2025.

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COLCHESTER RECREATION CENTER





WHAT IS THE COLCHESTER RECREATION CENTER?

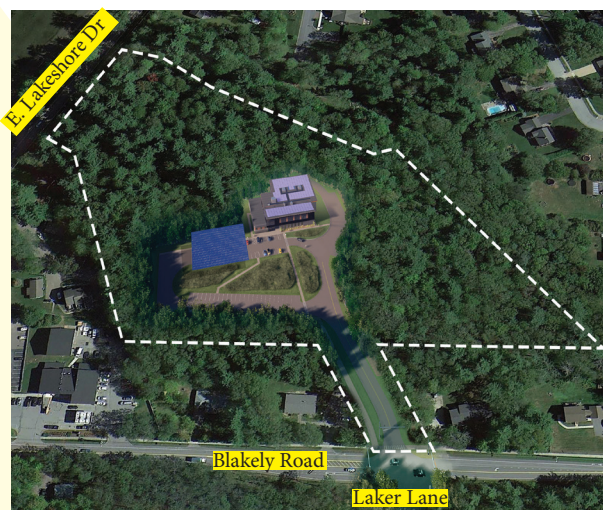
The Colchester Recreation Center will be considered by voters on the Town Meeting Day ballot in March 2023. The construction of the Colchester Recreation Center, a 29,427 square foot multi-generational facility, responds to a community need that has been identified over the past 20 years through multiple surveys, community outreach and engagement.

The Colchester Recreation Center will include:

- Full-size, multi-purpose gymnasium
- Elevated walking/running track
- Locker rooms
- Kitchen
- Classrooms and studio space
- Cardio/weight room

LOCATION

The Colchester Recreation Center will be located on the town-owned 14-acre parcel, known as the Bayside/Hazelett property, with proposed access on Blakely Road, directly across from Laker Lane.



HISTORY

- 2001: Community Survey identified need for a recreation center.
- 2002: Recreation Center Committee was formed.
- 2004: Bayside/Hazelett property purchased by town, with voter approval.
- 2005: The Planning Commission conducted a survey which identified a multi-generational recreation center as the best use for the Bayside/Hazelett property.
- 2016: Conceptual planning took place with focus groups and a survey which again identified the need for a recreation center.
- 2017: Planning continued with public input and identified the desired amenities for a recreation center.
- 2020: The Bayside/Hazelett parcel was determined as the best location for the Colchester Recreation Center and the Selectboard authorized funding for its design.
- 2022: Colchester Recreation Advisory Board recommended the proposed project to the Colchester Selectboard which in turn, approved the project for a public vote.

