

SECTION 14C. PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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A. Purpose and Intent

The Parks, Recreation, and Conservation district is intended to encompass land devoted to parks, recreation, and conservation uses, and closely related uses.

B. Use Regulations

Within the Parks, Recreation, and Conservation district, no land and/or structure shall be used for any purpose except as follows. Any use not specifically designated as a permitted use or as a use allowed by a special permit or with Town Meeting approval, shall be prohibited:

1. Permitted Uses

- a. Conservation of soil, water, plants and wildlife, including wildlife management shelters;
- b. Outdoor passive and active recreation, including play and sporting areas, nature study, boating, fishing, foot bridges, plank walks, foot paths and bicycle paths. Play areas may include playgrounds and play structures; sporting areas may include goals, fences, dugouts, and other similar structures commonly associated with outdoor sports;
- c. Dams and other water control devices, including temporary alteration of the water level for agricultural, emergency or maintenance purposes, or for the propagation of fish;
- d. Forestry, grazing, farming, nurseries, truck gardening and harvesting of crops, and non-residential buildings or structures used only in conjunction with harvesting or storage of crops raised on the premises; and
- e. Lawns, flower or vegetable gardens.

2. Uses Requiring a Special Permit

The following additional uses may be allowed if a special permit is obtained as hereinafter provided in Section 25:

- a. Driveways and parking areas, as defined by Section 21;
- b. Dams, excavations, or changes in watercourses to create ponds, pools for swimming, fishing, wildlife or other recreational or agricultural uses, scenic features, or for drainage improvements; and
- c. Municipal and public uses other than permitted park, recreation, and conservation uses.

C. Project Approval

The provisions of Section XVIA, Project Approval, shall apply to properties and uses in the Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Districts.

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