

2024 POSSIBLE DREAMS

Community Visioning Event

SUMMARY REPORT

March 11, 2024



team HAVERHILL

POSSIBLE DREAMS 2024

This year's community conversation was attended by 102 guests, including many who had never been to a Possible Dreams event before. It was held at the Hartleb Technology Center at Northern Essex Community College on the evening of Monday March 11, 2024 for a lively and energetic discussion of the goals and needs of thirteen "Possible Dreams".

The thirteen ideas were selected in advance and all idea submitters were in attendance to discuss their idea with the support of a table host volunteer. In two rounds of discussion, one seated 30 minute discussion and one 25 minute open session, idea submitters connected with participants in the room (e.g. helpful residents, potential volunteers, philanthropic citizens, non-profit leaders, elected officials, and city employees) to gather useful information and make connections that could help move their idea forward.

In addition to connecting with other attendees and idea submitters, during the second-round open session conversation, participants were encouraged to use stickers to vote for the ideas that they felt were the "Most Doable", "Most Creative" and the project they thought would make the "Biggest Impact" on the community. The project idea with the most votes in each category was given a gift certificate prize.

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Two major themes at Possible Dreams 2024 were activities centered around youth recreation and the environment.

The focus on recreation included building a Haverhill Boathouse, the Bark in the Park event, creating an outdoor workout space at Haverhill Downtown Boxing, Activating Alleyways 2.0, Skatepark Closer to Downtown and a Bike Pump Track). These great recreation-centric project ideas coincided with the kickoff of the Open Space & Recreation Plan survey from the City's Conservation Department. In addition, the overall idea of providing more "Youth Pop-Up Entertainment" earned the night's "Biggest Impact" Award.

Moreover, environmental ideas included storm drain stencils, an organic farm and community wellness center (Late Bloom Farm) and connecting and expanding hiking trails at Whittier Birthplace were discussed. Whittier Birthplace's idea of expanding hiking trails was awarded the "Most Doable" award. In addition, the idea of more downtown murals by Beyond Walls 2.0 was awarded the "Most Creative" award.

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IDEAS

Storm Drain Stencils

Help keep pollution out of the Merrimack River by creating stenciled messages explaining storm drains empty to river.

Contact: Devan Ferreira – devanmferreira@gmail.com

Haverhill Boathouse

Build a boathouse for the city to offer boating, rowing programs to the public and provide space for the HHS crew team.

Contact: Ryann Abrams – ryann.abrams@gmail.com

Late Bloom Farm - CSA & Wellness

New Haverhill farm and wellness center with CSA (*Community Supported Agriculture*).

Contact: Anna Kelchlin – latebloomfarmma@gmail.com

Bark in the Park

Create a family-friendly community event for dogs, dog owners and dog lovers.

Contact: Cynthia Morgan – eidnyc10@yahoo.com

Pop-Up Bookstore

New pop-up bookstore aiming to promote literacy by providing affordable books for the Haverhill community.

Contact: Meghan O'Brien – goodandgoldenbookstore@gmail.com

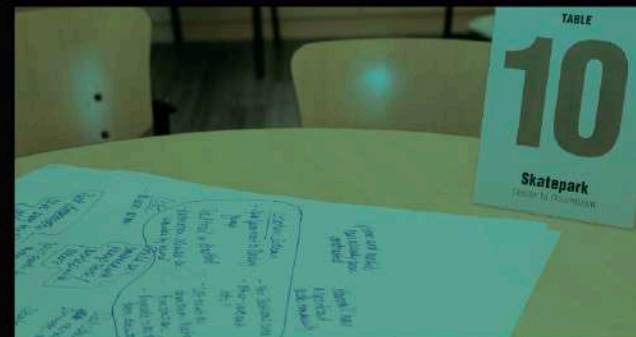
Downtown Boxing Outdoor Space

Help Downtown Boxing renovate outdoor space for boot camp style workouts in the fresh air.

Contact: Domenica Giordano – domenicag@msn.com

GET INVOLVED! If you are interested in contributing, supporting or helping to move any of these ideas forward, please email the listed contact. If you know of any resource, individual or organization, funding source or sponsor, volunteers or any other connection that might be able help, please take that extra step and connect them with the listed contact, too! Dreams only become a reality when action is taken.

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IDEAS

CONTINUED

Pop-Up Youth Entertainment

Explore ways to bring back low cost youth entertainment options that have been lost to development.

Contact: Jenny Arndt – jmsarndt@gmail.com

Activating Alleyways 2.0

Bring more permanent resources to downtown alleyways for our creative community.

Contact: Hailey Moschella – haverhillartwalk@gmail.com

Connect Trails at Whittier Birthplace

Connect trails on Whittier Land in East Haverhill.

Contact: Jimmy Carbone – jimmypotsandpans@gmail.com

Skatepark Closer to Downtown

Build a quality skatepark closer to downtown.

Contact: Lincoln Gilbert – bobgil485@gmail.com

Beyond Walls 2.0

Add new large-scale, public art murals to Haverhill.

Contact: Philip Fagan – philip@beyond-walls.org

City Open Space & Recreation Input

Community input on City Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Contact: Rob Moore – rmoore@cityofhaverhill.com

Bike Pump Track

Build and maintain a bike pump track within the city.

Contact: Michael Cattanach – mjcattanach@gmail.com

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During the second-round open session conversation, participants were encouraged to use stickers to vote for the ideas that they felt were the “Most Doable”, “Most Creative” and the project they thought would make the “Biggest Impact” on the community. The top three in each category were:



**MOST
CREATIVE**

Beyond Walls 2.0
Bark in the Park
Downtown Boxing Outdoor Space



**MOST
DOABLE**

Connect Trails at Whittier Birthplace
Storm Drain Stencils
Activating Alleyways 2.0



**MOST
IMPACT**

Pop-Up Youth Entertainment
City Open Space & Recreation Input
Haverhill Boathouse

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2024 THANK YOU

Team Haverhill thanks all of the attendees that brought their ideas and energy to Possible Dreams 2024!

Special thanks to those participants that presented their ideas as table projects, and led group conversations.

Thank you to all of the Table Hosts that helped to keep the conversations positive and productive.

Special thanks to Kimberly Jackle of Chirp Photo Studio for the great event photography.

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Thank you to all of the Team Haverhill volunteers and friends that helped with greeting attendees, registration and tallying the sticker counts.

We would also like to thank the Greater Haverhill Foundation for their continued support.

THANKS HAVERHILL! We hope to see you at Possible Dreams 2025!

Team Haverhill's Possible Dreams Planning Committee:

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