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### Vote on Your Favorite Design for New Playground in Bristol

Bristol, CT – [November 10, 2021] – The City of Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department (BPRYCS) is asking Bristol residents to vote for the new playscape they want to see at Stocks Playground. The new playscape is one of many improvements, including accessibility enhancements, court lighting, and field improvements, coming to Stocks Playground and Casey Field in the next year as part of site improvements designated in the 2020 City-Wide Parks Master Plan.

“The residents of Bristol had the opportunity to contribute to the City-Wide Master Plan in 2020, which called for improvements at Stocks Playground,” said Sarah Larson, Deputy Superintendent of BPRYCS, “We are excited to continue that engagement with the community by asking residents who use the park to contribute to its new features.”

There are four design options for residents to choose from that meet the size, scope, and budget for the project. All of the designs are wheelchair accessible and sensory -friendly playgrounds as part of the department’s accessibility initiative. Bristol residents are encouraged to vote for their favorite playground design by visiting the department’s website at [www.bristolrec.com](http://www.bristolrec.com). Additionally, voters can use the QR code on the signs located at Stocks Playground to select their choice.

“As a department, we get the opportunity to hear feedback from adults in the community fairly often, but we don’t always get the opportunity to hear from Bristol’s youth on how we can best serve them,” explained Erica Benoit, Community Engagement Coordinator for BPRYCS, “Our goal with this survey is to engage as many kids as possible to discover their favorite way to play.”

Voting for the playscapes will close at 5pm on Friday, November 26, 2021 and the winning playscape design will be installed at Stocks Playground in 2022.

For updates on the winning design or for more information, please visit [www.BristolRec.com](http://www.BristolRec.com)

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It is the mission of the City of Bristol Department of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services (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.



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