

The Griswold Airport Opportunity

Common Features of All Proposals (any final proposal will be developed and the site will be managed by Madison's Beach and Recreation Department, and subject to review by all appropriate Town of Madison Land Use Department Boards and Commissions):

1. Removal of all existing buildings and applied surfaces and bringing back all affected areas to a naturalized state.
2. Active Use/Recreation: Creating athletic fields, field houses, and parking for recreational use involving soccer fields, baseball and softball fields and a playscape for children and possibly a kayak/canoe launch in the area of the present seaplane launch. All maintenance to be executed with organic/natural materials and techniques.
3. Renovation and development of all areas beyond the Active Use portion of the site, limiting vehicle access to the north of the site and promoting universal and pedestrian access to a series of naturally developed areas promoting the celebration of indigenous features (e.g. salt marsh forest, sand barren) and new applied features (e.g. butterfly gardens, wild flower meadow, and sunflower plantings).
4. Limit development to available funds (\$500k +/-) any additional features will not be funded by the Town of Madison.



Proposal 1 – Griswold Salt Pasture

Active use 30%, passive use 70%. The dedication of enough area for three athletic fields and a small field house plus extensive trails and development of various viewing platforms for wildlife birds, etc. Investigate the potential for connection to the existing salt pond to the west of the site in connection to Hammonasset State Park.



Proposal 2 – Griswold Park

Active use 40%, passive use 60%. Dedication of enough area for four athletic fields and two field houses. Creation of a barbeque area and laying out of area for a covered dining pavilion funded by a modest development of one field house for rental to a private concern to provide concessions and other services for the park.



Proposal 3 – The Hangar Center at Griswold Park

Active use 35%, passive use 65%. Dedication of enough area for three athletic fields plus the private development of a 40,000 square foot (footprint) structure to the north edge of the site that would allow for 8,000 – 12,000 square foot regional open space arts facility and fund the additional parking and facilities needed for the development as well as the public bathrooms and field house space.

LAND USE KEY FOR GRISWOLD SITE OPTION PLANS

1. Youth soccer/football field
2. Softball/baseball field
3. Little league baseball field
4. Field house
5. Field house plus commercial development
6. Bird viewing platform
7. Parking
8. Canoe/kayak launch

9. Wild flower meadow
10. Sunflower patch
11. Butterfly garden
12. Coastal prairie
13. Wildlife viewing platform
14. Star gazing platform
15. Barbeque
16. Future pavilion site

17. Playscape
18. Gate
19. Oyster hatchery
20. Sand barren
21. Salt meadow
22. Salt pond walkway
23. Hanger Arts Center
24. Salt marsh forest