

Addendum to the Strategic Plan: MCI-Concord

After this Plan was completed and finalized, on January 24, 2024 the Town became aware of the Governor’s plan to close the prison in West Concord known as MCI-Concord. The prison is adjacent to several important recreational assets – Warner’s Pond, Gerow Park, and the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. The 51-acre facility and adjacent lands represent extraordinary potential opportunities for the Town to fulfill many of its needs, including new recreation facilities and playing fields. As of this writing, the future ownership and repurposing of the property have not yet been determined. It will take time for all issues to be resolved in order to plan and begin any reuse of the property. However, the MCI-Concord property, along with the Peabody School, and possibly the 2229 Main Street property may provide land and space to fulfill some of the Plan’s Overall Recommendations regarding **“Develop New Recreation Facilities”** (see **“Future Conditions”**).



An aerial view of MCI Concord, a medium-security prison. The facility opened in 1878. (David L. Ryan/The Boston Globe via Getty Images)