

Why Bare Cove Park Drive?

One of the most common questions we hear from residents is simple and important:

Why was Bare Cove Park Drive selected as the location for the new Center for Active Living?

Choosing a site for a building that will serve the community for decades is not a quick decision. Over the course of the planning process, the Town looked at multiple locations, weighed community input, and evaluated what would work best both now and in the future.

A Location That Supports How the Center Will Be Used

The Bare Cove Park Drive site offers something unique: space, accessibility, and a peaceful setting that supports health, wellness, and social connection.

Unlike many sites in town, this location provides enough room for:

- A building designed specifically for modern programming
- Safe access for vehicles, shuttles, and emergency services
- Adequate parking for daily use and special events
- Outdoor gathering areas and opportunities to connect with nature

The Center for Active Living is not just a building, it is a place where residents will exercise, learn, socialize, volunteer, and access services. The site needed to be able to support all those activities comfortably.

The adjacent parkland provides a natural setting that encourages walking, fresh air, and outdoor programming, **all key components of an active, healthy lifestyle.**

Why Not Town Hall or Other Locations?

During earlier planning, the Town evaluated several potential sites, including options closer to Town Hall and other municipal properties. Many of those locations presented significant challenges, such as:

- Limited available space for a properly sized facility
- Parking constraints
- Traffic and safety concerns
- Conflicts with existing uses
- Higher costs or site limitations

While other locations explored by Committee were appealing, they lack the room needed for a modern facility designed to serve the community for decades to come.

Designed for Today — and Tomorrow

Bare Cove Park Drive allows the Town to construct a facility that meets today's needs while being designed with flexible spaces that can adapt as programming evolves in the future. The Bare Cove Park Drive location supports the core mission of the project: creating a welcoming, accessible place where residents can stay **active, connected, and engaged.**

A Community Investment

The Center for Active Living is intended to serve as a hub for residents, a place where friendships are built, programs are offered, resources are shared, and residents can remain active and independent.

Selecting the site is one of the most important decisions in making that vision a reality. Bare Cove Park Drive offers the combination of space, accessibility, safety, and natural surroundings needed to support the Center for decades to come.

Please Join the Conversation

The CAL project is the product of thoughtful community conversations and shared goals. As we move forward, your voice matters. We will be engaging you throughout the process and look forward to your questions and feedback. Visit the project website for up-to-date information—and sign up below to get these newsletters sent to your inbox.

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