## North Becket Village Park

## **Maple Street**

## 42° 19'57.63"N 73° 04'57.04"W elevation 1194 feet

For years the property on Maple Street stood vacant but eventually the Parks and Recreation Committee and volunteers were able to clean up the area and remove invasive plants. A four-foot wide walking/running track was installed with a distance measuring 1/7 of a mile. School children began to run their physical fitness mile there, as well as, do large motor skills such as soccer and t-ball during their Physical Education classes. However, the park itself was somewhat hidden from view so fitness trail exercise structures were added for the public to use. In 2018, the house at 21 Maple Street, <u>Baptist Parsonage Site</u>, was demolished and the property become part of the park. In 2021, a pavilion will be erected to provide a place for entertainment venues and as an outdoor classroom for the school. The park is now clearly visible from the street; across from the Becket Washington School.

The Historical Commission used some of the saved bluestone pieces from the demolished structure to build benches next to the Yokum Brook. They also added a commemorative brass plaque to a stone there to acknowledge that the demolished house had been an important historical building, the Baptist Parsonage. The two-town Becket Washington Community Partnership committee, who plans and runs the annual Brouhaha, will use this site every other year. The park is available to the public but consideration should be made if the school children are using it.







Come enjoy a picnic, read a book, workout and watch the trains.

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