



Shrewsbury Comprehensive Master Plan

Summary of Map Challenge - 24 Hours in Shrewsbury

This information was collected during the first Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting on September 16, 2026. The activity asked each person to imagine that a close friend is visiting our town for the first time. You have exactly 24 hours to show them the best of it. Use a piece of paper to write down 3–5 stops you’d include in your ideal itinerary. A large map was also on display for MPSC members to place small dot stickers to show the places they would want to highlight on a visit to Shrewsbury.

Location	# of Times Listed	Why It’s Special
Dean Park/Glavin Fields	9	Peaceful, nature; dog loves it; great place to meet people; green space where families all over town can gather; recreational activities, great for dog walks, green space; open space to enjoy; exercise; lake, trails, playing fields, pavillions; from sports to playgrounds or just a friendly dog community, it is the best of Shrewsbury
Prospect Park/ Carlston Forest trail	6	Peaceful, tranquil, easy to access; its hidden history and old structures give a sense of mystery; garden of sweet remembrance, quiet peaceful trails, wetlands, wildlife; historic/pretty; garden of sweet remembrance; it's an oasis, preserved land, natural beauty
Herbert Candy Mansion	4	Indulgence into the world of chocolate; historic building, events, ice cream, candy; great place to wreck your diet; who doesn't love chocolate?
Lake Quinsigamond and its islands/Burns Bridge over Lake Quinsig	4	(drive by bc no where to stop and no boardwalk) been a crew rowing site for ages and is green space; unique public space, outdoors and nature; catch a crew regatta or see the lights at night
Public Library, Beal School	4	All ages are welcome, free, historic; new facility with great resources; reader; children’s courtyard with whimsical touches by local philanthropist
Town Center	4	Historic preservation; great place to walk, meet up with friends, benches; historic markers, gathering place, peaceful shady sitting areas, library;
Ward Hill	4	Not that special, but I’m running out of ideas and at least it’s green space; NE ski hills are ...?; what a unique gift to have this hill so many people wan to ski, tub, or just look(?)



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Lake Street Park and trail walk	3	Meadows, wetlands, birds, wildlife, trails, storywalk; paved path with storywalk and also trails through woods and meadow; excellent spot for birdwatching and a fun storywalk for kids
Mountain View Cemetery at sunset	3	Peaceful, historic graves; memorial day parade, those who have come before us
Shrewsbury High School	3	2 girls graduated/musicals, symbol of town's commitment to educate
Camp Wunnegan	2	Relatively unknown walking paths
Donahue Rowing Center	2	Beautiful facility built through the generosity of a local family
Ground Round	2	It's a staple!
Historical Society	2	Town history
Jordan Pond Park and Trail	2	Pond, walking trails; a place where people can be active, fish, ice skate
Lakeway Commons/Lakeway Business District	2	Good mixed use project; restaurants, services, banks, medical, cosmetic, etc. grocery, shopping, outdoor seating, nice landscaping
Middle School paths	2	Community connectivity
MOTW Coffee and Pastries	2	Cardamom lattes are amazing; I love that it's open late on weekends but isn't a bar
My neighborhood and neighbors/my home	2	Truly great spot in town
SAC Park	2	Good recreation area but could be improved
St Mary Church	2	family
St. Johns HS	2	Son graduated
White City	2	Dinner & shopping; good food; shopping/food destination; good selection of shops and restaurants
Whole Foods Shopping Plaza	2	Grocery shopping, coffee/workout class, spags memorabilia; spag's memorabilia and photos that show local history
Big Apple	1	Perfect spot for lunch or all day breakfast
Broken Creek	1	
Edgemere/Quinsig	1	Unique neighborhood amidst impressive Lake Quisig



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Flint Pond	1	nature/fishing
Flynn's Truck Stop	1	Oldest continually operating business in Town
Freya Rd Playground	1	
Haunted Hillando @ Herberts	1	
Indian Heritage Foundation	1	Cultural diversity
Lakeside	1	Cheap drinks
Nick's Golden Pizza	1	Open late, consistent product
Old Mill Pond	1	
One of the schools to see a concert or play	1	
Path off municipal	1	Hidden quality and res.
Selco Office	1	Because they're incredible
South Street Tech Park	1	Digital used to be there
Spring Street School	1	Where my children attend, playground for kids
The Foundation Building paths behind fields	1	
Town Hall	1	Where things get done, beautiful building/community center
Walnut St	1	For all wildlife and trees
Willy's	1	Distinct and communal

