

APPENDIX D - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MATERIALS

Holliston Open Space and Recreation Plan

Holliston Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey

The Town is in the process of updating its 2007 - 2011 Open Space and Recreation Plan. An update is necessary to qualify for State reimbursement programs for acquisition and protection of important open space. This survey is being conducted as part of the update in order to understand the needs and concerns of the citizens of Holliston regarding open space and recreational facilities.

"Open Space" in this survey is defined as "public and privately owned undeveloped lands which are important for a variety of reasons, including recreation, agriculture, forestry or simply because of their scenic qualities and their contribution to the overall character of the town." Faced with significant growth now and in the future, open space planning will help us preserve open space while allowing development to occur that maintains the character of the town.

Please take a few moments to complete this survey. Thank you.

1. Do you feel there is a need to preserve open space and natural areas in Holliston?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. How important is it to you to preserve:

	Very important	Important	Neutral	Less important	Not important
Places of historic value	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Farmlands	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Open space to meet our water and conservation needs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Open space to meet our active recreational needs (sports, for example)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Open space to meet our passive recreational needs (hiking or walking, for example)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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3. What TOWN actions do you favor to preserve open space?

- ☐ Town purchase of land
- ☐ Accepting conservation restrictions to protect private land from future development
- ☐ Purchasing conservation restrictions to protect private land from future development
- ☐ Zoning for open space conservation
- ☐ Development incentives for open space conservation
- ☐ Combination of public and private action

Other (please specify)

4. What STATE actions do you favor to preserve open space?

- ☐ Outright purchase of land
- ☐ Assist town with the purchase of private land with public grants
- ☐ Purchase of conservation restrictions to protect private land from future development
- ☐ Property tax reduction programs for farm, forest and recreation land

Other (please specify)

5. Are you satisfied with the places available in town for active recreation?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

If no, please comment

6. Are you satisfied with the places available in town for passive recreation?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

If no, please comment

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7. Are you satisfied with the general condition of the town's recreational areas?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

If no, please comment

8. Of the following choices, which five do you think are the most important for recreation?

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| ☐ Bike trails | ☐ Local neighborhood parks |
| ☐ Children's play areas | ☐ Outdoor amphitheater |
| ☐ Picnic areas | ☐ Public access to water bodies |
| ☐ Ball fields | ☐ Recreation center building |
| ☐ Basketball courts | ☐ Swimming pool |
| ☐ Skate park | ☐ Dog park |
| ☐ Hiking and skiing trails | ☐ Tennis courts |
| ☐ Ice skating rink | |

Other (please specify)

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9. How many times a year do you visit the following for recreation:

	more than 15 times	10 - 15 times	5 - 9 times	1 - 4 times	never
Adams Street/Town	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Forest/Fairbanks property	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Weston Pond	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Brentwood Conservation Area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pinecrest Golf Course	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Miller Hill (near golf course)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mission Springs Recreation Area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Wenakeening Woods	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Stoddard/Patoma Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pleasure Point	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Goodwill Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Poitras/Daniels/Mellen Street Conservation Land	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Town Forest (Highland Street)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Waseeka Wildlife Sanctuary	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
School athletic fields	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
High School running track	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

10. Please feel free to offer any additional comments below.

THANK YOU!

Please join us on May 24 at 7:30 p.m in the Room 105 in the Town Hall for an open forum to discuss the town's open space and recreational needs.

Please return the completed survey to:

Open Space Committee
Town of Holliston
703 Washington Street
Holliston, MA 01746

HOLLISTON OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN SURVEY MONKEY RESULTS

RESPONSE PERCENT

1. Do you feel there is a need to preserve open space and natural areas in Holliston?
96.6% Yes
3.4% No
2. How important is it to you to preserve:
3. Are you satisfied with the places available in Town for passive recreation?
48.6% Yes
31.7% No
4. What Town actions do you favor to preserve open space?
 - Town purchase of land 65.1%
 - Accepting conservation restrictions to protect private land from future development 68.5%
 - Purchasing conservation restrictions to protect private land from future development 48.8%
 - Zoning for open space conservation 61.9%
 - Development incentives for open space conservation 55.0%
 - Combination of public and private action 68.9%
5. Of the following choices, which five do you think are the most important for recreation?
 - Bike Trails 76.7%
 - Children's play areas 64.7%
 - Picnic areas 27.7%
 - Ball fields 47.3%
 - Basketball Courts 16.8%
 - Hiking and skiing trails 57.5%
 - Ice skating rink 13.4%
 - Local neighborhood parks 46.2%
 - Outdoor ampitheater 7.2%
 - Public access to water bodies 56.5%
 - Recreation center building 17.5%
 - Swimming pool 16.8%
 - Dog park 18.2%
 - Tennis courts 22.3%
6. Are you satisfied with the general condition of the Town's recreational areas?
51.7% Yes

29.9% No

7. Are you satisfied with the places available in Town for active recreation?

51.6% Yes

32.2% No

8. What State actions do you favor to preserve open space?

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| - Outright purchase of land | 41.8% |
| - Assist town with the purchase of private land with public grants | 83.3% |
| - Purchase of conservation restrictions to protect private land from future development | 53.5% |
| - Property tax reduction programs for farm, forest and recreation land | 62.8% |

Please feel free to offer any additional comments

RESPONSE
COUNT

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1. Do you feel there is a need to preserve open space and natural areas in Holliston?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		96.6%	253
No		3.4%	9
answered question			262
skipped question			33

2. How important is it to you to preserve:

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Less Important	Not Important	Rating Average	Response Count
Places of historic value	64.3% (189)	25.2% (74)	7.5% (22)	2.7% (8)	0.3% (1)	4.50	294
Farmlands	53.1% (156)	35.7% (105)	7.5% (22)	2.0% (6)	1.7% (5)	4.36	294
Open space to meet our water and conservation needs	76.8% (225)	19.5% (57)	2.0% (6)	1.7% (5)	0.0% (0)	4.71	293
Open space to meet our active recreational needs (sports, for example)	49.7% (146)	36.1% (106)	9.9% (29)	3.1% (9)	1.4% (4)	4.30	294
Open space to meet our passive recreational needs (hiking or walking, for example)	68.3% (200)	24.6% (72)	3.8% (11)	1.7% (5)	1.7% (5)	4.56	293
answered question							294
skipped question							1

9. How many times a year do you visit the following for recreation:

	more than 15 times	10 - 15 times	5 - 9 times	1 - 4 times	never	Rating Average	Response Count
Adams Street/Town Forest/Fairbanks property	6.5% (17)	4.2% (11)	6.1% (16)	34.5% (90)	48.7% (127)	1.85	261
Weston Pond	5.0% (13)	8.1% (21)	8.1% (21)	28.7% (74)	50.0% (129)	1.90	258
Brentwood Conservation Area	2.0% (5)	2.4% (6)	8.2% (20)	25.3% (62)	62.0% (152)	1.57	245
Pinecrest Golf Course	6.1% (16)	6.4% (17)	10.6% (28)	36.0% (95)	40.9% (108)	2.01	264
Miller Hill (near golf course)	1.2% (3)	2.9% (7)	2.0% (5)	13.5% (33)	80.4% (197)	1.31	245
Mission Springs Recreation Area	2.0% (5)	4.0% (10)	6.9% (17)	23.1% (57)	64.0% (158)	1.57	247
Wenakeening Woods	6.3% (15)	5.4% (13)	6.7% (16)	28.9% (69)	52.7% (126)	1.84	239
Stoddard/Patoma Park	17.4% (47)	17.4% (47)	21.1% (57)	32.6% (88)	11.5% (31)	2.97	270
Pleasure Point	22.6% (60)	12.8% (34)	15.5% (41)	27.9% (74)	21.1% (56)	2.88	265
Goodwill Park	15.4% (41)	16.5% (44)	21.7% (58)	30.0% (80)	16.5% (44)	2.84	267
Poitras/Daniels/Mellen Street Conservation Land	4.9% (12)	6.1% (15)	7.8% (19)	25.3% (62)	55.9% (137)	1.79	245
Town Forest (Highland Street)	3.1% (8)	5.1% (13)	5.5% (14)	22.4% (57)	63.9% (163)	1.61	255
Waseeka Wildlife Sanctuary	1.7% (4)	3.3% (8)	8.4% (20)	20.5% (49)	66.1% (158)	1.54	239
School athletic fields	19.9% (53)	14.3% (38)	15.8% (42)	19.9% (53)	30.1% (80)	2.74	266
High School running track	16.9% (44)	11.1% (29)	10.3% (27)	23.0% (60)	38.7% (101)	2.44	261

3. What TOWN actions do you favor to preserve open space?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Town purchase of land		65.1%	188
Accepting conservation restrictions to protect private land from future development		68.5%	198
Purchasing conservation restrictions to protect private land from future development		48.8%	141
Zoning for open space conservation		61.9%	179
Development incentives for open space conservation		55.0%	159
Combination of public and private action		68.9%	199
Other (please specify)			15
		answered question	289
		skipped question	6

answered question	289
skipped question	6

10. Please feel free to offer any additional comments below.	
	Response Count

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answered question	77
skipped question	218

4. What STATE actions do you favor to preserve open space?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Outright purchase of land		41.8%	118
Assist town with the purchase of private land with public grants		83.3%	235
Purchase of conservation restrictions to protect private land from future development		53.5%	151
Property tax reduction programs for farm, forest and recreation land		62.8%	177
Other (please specify)			4
		answered question	282
		skipped question	13

5. Are you satisfied with the places available in town for active recreation?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		51.6%	149
No		32.2%	93
Not sure		16.3%	47
If no, please comment			88
		answered question	289
		skipped question	6

6. Are you satisfied with the places available in town for passive recreation?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		48.6%	141
No		31.7%	92
Not sure		19.7%	57

If no, please comment 86

answered question 290

skipped question 5

7. Are you satisfied with the general condition of the town's recreational areas?

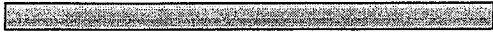
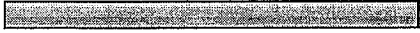
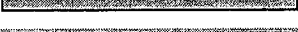
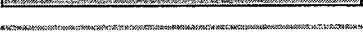
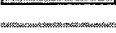
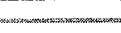
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		51.7%	149
No		29.9%	86
Not sure		18.4%	53

If no, please comment 73

answered question 288

skipped question 7

8. Of the following choices, which five do you think are the most important for recreation?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Bike trails		76.7%	224
Children's play areas		64.7%	189
Picnic areas		27.7%	81
Ball fields		47.3%	138
Basketball courts		16.8%	49
Skate park		10.3%	30
Hiking and skiing trails		57.5%	168
Ice skating rink		13.4%	39
Local neighborhood parks		46.2%	135
Outdoor amphitheater		7.2%	21
Public access to water bodies		56.5%	165
Recreation center building		17.5%	51
Swimming pool		16.8%	49
Dog park		18.2%	53
Tennis courts		22.3%	65
Other (please specify)			23
answered question			292
skipped question			3

Please feel free to offer any additional comments below.

		Response Count
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3	answered question	77
2	skipped question	218

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- 1 A golf club/practice range in East Holliston that is not built on muddy ground. Strong attention given to this part of town before more land is designated "industrial". Historical buildings and artifacts are being ignored in this area like the destruction of the small but historical train station and house on the hill next to it on route 16. All to accommodate a Rossini business, and etc., thus forcing more industry on the neighborhoods that have no SAFE side walks or safe streets. Jun 7, 2012 11:54 AM
- 2 as stated in a previous answer, I think holliston fails in making these places safely accessible by non-motorized transportation. increase access by putting safety first. Jun 4, 2012 10:57 AM
- 3 Information needs to be provided to residents on the resources mentioned above. I would enjoy using them if I knew more about them. Providing maps and information would greatly improve the usage of these resources. May 31, 2012 6:17 AM
- 4 At this point in time, with 25% of the town as open space, we must address town resources to improvement of ammenities for the growing population. Traffic, parking, shopping. In the 21st century we need to figure out a way to provide the necessities of life without making people get into a car. we waste gas in traffic every day, Wouldn't it be easier to walk, bike, or take convenient public transportation. May 30, 2012 7:28 PM
- 5 I'm not familiar with many of these places, nor do I know where to access them. May 30, 2012 4:06 AM
- 6 The Rails to Trails initiative is a great one, which could change the culture and feel of Holliston for the better. A well maintained Goodwill Park is a wonderful gathering place for parents with young children. It was neglected for too long. Circular walking paths, whether around a lake, a recreational park, or a town forest, become wonderful meeting places that combine exercise with building community. Although I myself rarely skate, the number of children and adults involved in skating is huge and a skating rink would be a huge positive draw for the town. May 26, 2012 5:26 AM
- 7 My usage of some of these areas has changed over the years due to the ages of my children (such as Goodwill Park - I used to practically live there). I would use the town forests more if the trails were better marked, but often make the decision not to hike if I think I may get lost. Perhaps this would be a good Eagle Scout project? May 23, 2012 3:44 AM
- 8 I had no idea of the existence of many of these "recreation" areas. May 22, 2012 1:20 PM
- 9 I didn't know these places even existed. We don't golf but we've used it for sledding. May 22, 2012 5:41 AM
- 10 Thank you for offering us this opportunity! We all need open space and wild areas to keep our community healthy attractive, and viable. May 22, 2012 4:40 AM
- 11 Holliston needs to take action to preserve the area along Highland adjacent to the Warren Woods property in Ashland. This is an important wildlife corridor and nature area; allowing development of any kind would be highly detrimental. Public & private solutions to preserve that area are necessary and action must be taken. May 21, 2012 5:21 PM

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12	Lake should be a priority al four seasons	May 21, 2012 3:52 PM
13	My vision for Holliston would be to encourage more businesses to come to Holliston balanced with open space. I would prefer to see more businesses than more homes being built.	May 21, 2012 2:12 PM
14	The rail trail is another area that I use more than 15 times per year.	May 21, 2012 2:05 PM
15	Keep up the good work! We just need to add a few more facilities to play ball and some bike trails, please.	May 21, 2012 5:29 AM
16	Thank you for asking. Good luck and keep on keeping on with preservation of green spaces.	May 18, 2012 4:44 PM
17	I've never heard of some of the places listed above, or didn't know about public access to these places. Could the town provide more information about these places, and about parking and public access?	May 18, 2012 5:05 AM
18	i wasn't aware that all of these conservation areas existed until I saw them on this survey. I would love easy access to information about them, where to park etc	May 17, 2012 1:50 PM
19	I use the Upper Charles Trail more about 2-3 times a month. I'd use it more except for the poison ivy in the growing season.	May 17, 2012 1:24 PM
20	Rail to Trails not mentioned here	May 17, 2012 7:39 AM
21	Please support the bike trail funding	May 16, 2012 6:13 PM
22	We use the bike trail frequently as a walking trail and are looking forward to its improvement in the hopes of using it more for biking.	May 16, 2012 5:49 PM
23	Upper Charles Bike Trail in Holliston -- daily.	May 16, 2012 5:40 PM
24	We frequently (several times per month) use the rail trail from Lowland st down to Arch st	May 16, 2012 12:40 PM
25	I think more information is needed about this entire process.	May 16, 2012 11:50 AM
26	We are using the existing rail trail frequently (at least once a week) in summer and winter. Please close the Wenakeening Woods and Rail Trail to ATVs, they mess up the trails, and stink up the place. A metal barrier should be erected.	May 16, 2012 11:08 AM
27	I think it is completely unexceptable that the town does not allow traditional activities such as Hunting in Town areas. It is also sad not to see Hunting/Fishing as a choice for activities that are important for recreation.	May 16, 2012 9:33 AM
28	why isn't the rail trail on the list? I use more than 15 times a year.	May 16, 2012 9:21 AM
29	We have 2 small children and as a result I expect to visit these parks more often as they get more mobile.	May 16, 2012 7:59 AM
30	the rail trail should be added as a direct "place" to visit	May 16, 2012 7:38 AM

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| 31 | I use the rail trail every week. This is a great resource for the Town because it connects a lot of our recreational areas. Access to Pleasure Point from the trail would be great. | May 16, 2012 7:33 AM |
| 32 | Bike trail should be included in list of how many times its used - even in current condition it gets heavy use - many times forcing us to drive to milford to use it. | May 16, 2012 7:02 AM |
| 33 | My family uses the current bike trail at least 2 times a week for walking and running. | May 16, 2012 6:28 AM |
| 34 | Question #9 should include the multi-purpose rail trail because sections of it are already usable. | May 16, 2012 6:17 AM |
| 35 | Please include an opportunity to note how many often you use the walking trails. | May 16, 2012 6:14 AM |
| 36 | Open space, trails, parks, safe places to bike and skate, community gardens, and so on make for a beautiful and valuable community. Together with our great schools, that makes for higher property values and a healthier, happier population...and a cleaner, healthier environment. | May 16, 2012 6:08 AM |
| 37 | Some of these areas I've never heard of. Website listing all the sites, rules, maps etc. would be very helpful. | May 16, 2012 5:57 AM |
| 38 | I have been enjoying the new walking trail between HBP and South Street. We walk there every day, wice a day! Thank you so much for all your efforts ... I know itt has been huge. | May 16, 2012 5:56 AM |
| 39 | area ice rinks 15-20 times | May 14, 2012 7:13 PM |
| 40 | When my kids were young I used many of these facilities with them and girl/boy scout troops. | May 14, 2012 10:29 AM |
| 41 | I used the latter2 when I had kids at home and feel they are very important to the town | May 13, 2012 7:38 PM |
| 42 | The lake is nice but during the summer it is filthy and not safe to swim in. The grills are nice but they are over taken by non Holliston residents that are not always family friendly. We have tried to enjoy family picnics but were forced to go home early. | May 13, 2012 5:34 PM |
| 43 | This is an impressive list of resources. I wonder how many people know where some of these are. Some of those that we use regularly lack proper maintenance to encourage use. | May 12, 2012 8:09 AM |
| 44 | Lake Winthrop is in need of major weed control. Resources are needed to overcome current protective regulations preventing action on this matter. | May 12, 2012 7:21 AM |
| 45 | Rail Trail should be on this list, even though it is not complete. | May 12, 2012 6:27 AM |
| 46 | I visit the Warren Woods trails everyday in Ashland to walk our dogs. | May 12, 2012 6:14 AM |
| 47 | No parks for kids, have to go to other towns to use their parks. | May 11, 2012 2:57 PM |
| 48 | Having lived in Holliston for over a decade, I have no idea where some of these | May 11, 2012 2:46 PM |

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are or what they have to offer.

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| 49 | We have a great town. Lets keep it up. | May 11, 2012 2:01 PM |
| 50 | Clean Lake Winthrop Dump Zeamer | May 11, 2012 1:04 PM |
| 51 | Most of our recreation in town is via the rail trail, by walking and biking; my wife doesn't like to ride on roads much anymore -- too unsafe! We'd like to see the trail improved -- the Bruce Freeman Trail in Chelmsford is a good example: a dry, level surface, nothing too over-the-top or squeaky-clean about it. | May 11, 2012 12:41 PM |
| 52 | You neglected to mention the soccer fields at Marshall Street, which I visit several times a week. | May 11, 2012 12:29 PM |
| 53 | The rail trail is such a fantastic opportunity for the town. Would love to see it cleaned up even more. Right now there's a lot of trash and debris on the trail. It'd be great to have it paved, possibly, or at least leveled out a bit more (there are sections still covered with old railway ballast and it's tough to walk on -- I badly twisted my ankle on it the other day). Trashcans or other things to help encourage people not to litter and to clean up after their dogs would also be great. | May 11, 2012 9:54 AM |
| 54 | I need to take more advantage of the resources we have! | May 11, 2012 5:50 AM |
| 55 | I use the rail trail by railroad st daily | May 11, 2012 5:42 AM |
| 56 | We drive to the milford bike path a couple time a month. Would use it more if we could just ride to a trail in holliston, instead of attaching a bike rack, loading bikes, etc. | May 11, 2012 5:20 AM |
| 57 | I run/hike through the Mellen street conservation land 40+ times per year; I use the others less as they require commute by car or bike. | May 11, 2012 4:48 AM |
| 58 | The town could make money on a good skate park (in the DPW field?) accessed with a pass, or a natural ice rink, which would be simple to lay on the tennis courts. | May 11, 2012 4:33 AM |
| 59 | The Poitras/Daniels/Mellen Street Conservation Land is a gem of Holliston | May 11, 2012 4:23 AM |
| 60 | I greatly enjoy bicycling around the wooded areas in holliston. now that i know about all of the extra places in town outside of the lake and the daniels trails area i will most definitely be going there. | May 11, 2012 4:12 AM |
| 61 | I would like to see continued progress on the Rail Trail | May 11, 2012 4:08 AM |
| 62 | I am basing this out of when I lived in H-town, from 1994-2007, but to be frank, when I would go somewhere, the goal would be to get OUT of holliston, not stay in it! | May 10, 2012 8:54 PM |
| 63 | we need to improve our sports fields and recreational areas for the kids to keep them active and not indoors playing games or getting in trouble hanging out at the parks or the MOBIL station.... | May 10, 2012 3:10 PM |
| 64 | Very delighted that the town is putting into place a plan for addressing the huge | May 10, 2012 10:22 AM |

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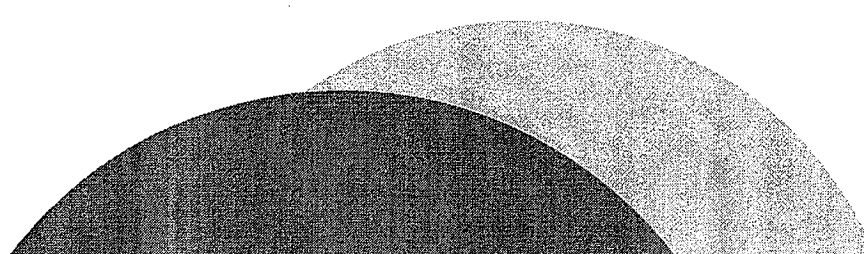
weed problem at Lake Winthrop.

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| 65 | My family uses the rail trail in its existing condition more than three times per week. The town should prioritize the rail trail that has the potential to serve many more people of all ages and abilities than any of the listed parks could serve. The rail trail also connects between many parks, conservation, and recreation areas. | May 9, 2012 7:16 PM |
| 66 | Important to put resources to keep all bodies of water in town healthy and think about their future. | May 9, 2012 7:11 PM |
| 67 | I moved to Holliston because of the rural scape. I do not need highly manicured trails and parks - but do hope for clean and safe areas (particularly for kids and water). I would rather pay higher taxes if I knew it would go to open space vs. the proposed developments that consume open space, threaten the general feel of Holliston and/or cannot be sustained (water is already a problem - what will new apartment complexes do to the water supplies? What about the roads? Etc.). | May 9, 2012 6:38 PM |
| 68 | Access to the NSAR/Boston Edison power cable right of way would be good for hiking. | May 9, 2012 4:00 PM |
| 69 | We already have enough open space. Stop wasting money on it. | May 9, 2012 2:34 PM |
| 70 | As an adult, I love the hiking trails that can be used with our dogs. However, for our teens, there is absolutely nothing for them to do unless they are in organized sports. There are lots of kids who are not athletic, but deserve the opportunity to have something to do, such as skateboard, ice skate, play hockey for fun, ping pong, basketball pick up games, etc. Otherwise, they just end up hanging out at Goodwill Park smoking pot. I think our town can do better than that. You forgot to list the Rail Trail as an area that is used for recreation. I use it every day. Three Cheers to the Rail Trail Committee for all of their hard work!!!! | May 9, 2012 1:08 PM |
| 71 | There needs to be more money to maintain the fields & parks we have and we should look to develop more recreational areas for the town. | May 9, 2012 7:56 AM |
| 72 | Walking trails are important as all age groups can partake | May 9, 2012 6:33 AM |
| 73 | Just because I (or others) may visit something more does not mean we necessarily care about it more. So, while I may end up at athletic fields and parks more - that is just the circumstance of my life at the moment and does not reflect my general value of the open space. | May 9, 2012 6:16 AM |
| 74 | I strongly encourage the town to support the development of the rail trail as a bicycle/multi-use path. It has the potential to open great new recreational opportunities as well as enhance use of existing facilities. | May 8, 2012 5:05 PM |
| 75 | I have two small children under age 3 & tend to spend time at EMC park, Hopkinton State Park & Milford walking trails. Would love to stay in town for these activities. Looking forward to new Goodwill Park playground but wonder what parking will be like as I live on the other side of town & cannot walk there. | May 8, 2012 4:14 PM |
| 76 | The most crucial issue now is the health of the lake. Learn about it, & educate about how our actions affect the water table (lawn fertilizer run-off for example). | May 8, 2012 8:33 AM |

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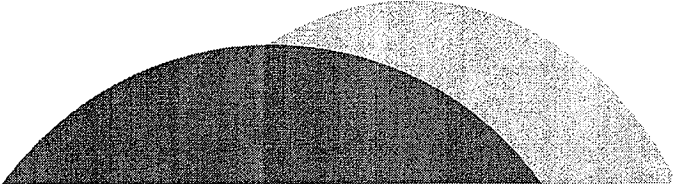
77 I do not know where Waseeka WL Sanctuary was public land or wenekeening
woods is located

May 7, 2012 5:54 PM



Town of Holliston Open Space and Recreation Area Plan Update 2012-2017

Public Forum
May 24, 2012



Agenda

- Plan Update Requirements and Process
- Since Our Last Plan...
 - Key Accomplishments
 - Community Profile
- Community Goals
- Community Needs
 - Preliminary Survey Results
- Goals, Objectives and Action Plan

5/24/12 PUBLIC FORUM

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37 Green St

208 Northrop St

114 Green St

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Open Space

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Recreation

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Park

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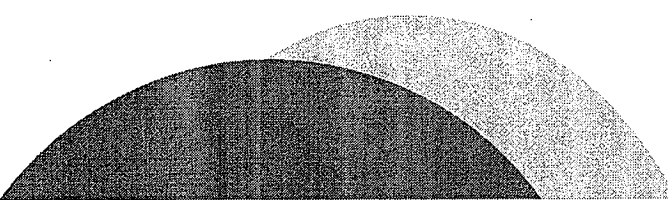
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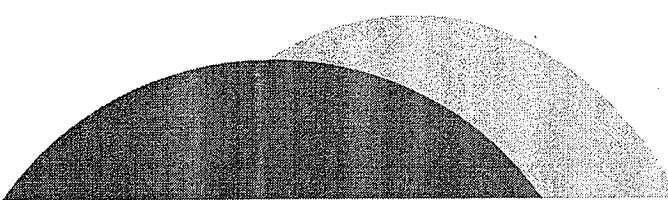
Trails, Lakes, Open Space

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Community Vision Statement

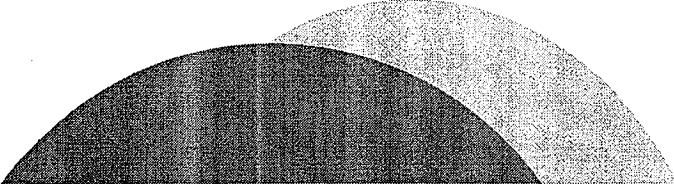
- The Town of Holliston envisions itself as a progressive, yet traditional New England community with....
- Neighborly citizens from diverse socio-economic backgrounds who care about Holliston and whose active involvement in Town ensures that Holliston will always be a highly desirable place to live and work;
- A historic downtown with viable shops and public buildings, services and parks within comfortable walking distances;
- Plentiful open spaces, wooded areas, and recreational areas linked with easily accessible walking and biking trails;



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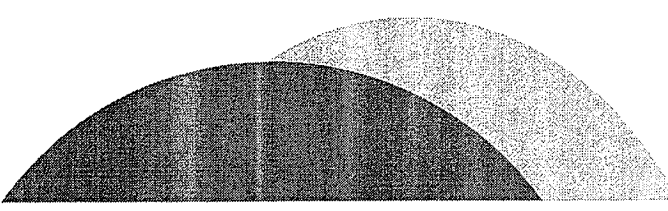
- The Town of Holliston pro-actively manages its growth through a continuous and comprehensive planning approach which is supported by the actions of public officials, volunteer organizations, and citizens who demonstrate their commitment to the planning process on a regular basis;
- The Town of Holliston proudly supports its public school system that provides a superior education in state of the art facilities and that is recognized nationwide for its excellence;

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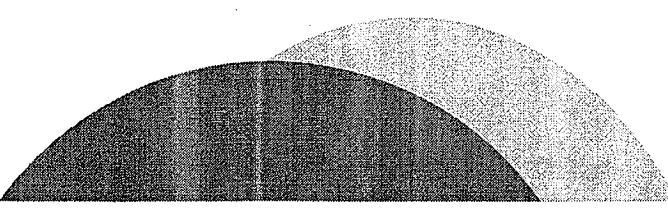
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- The Town of Holliston offers residents and businesses a high level of cost effective services; operating from well-maintained public facilities; Town employees, who want to live in Town can afford to do so;
- The Town of Holliston treasures its natural environment, and is especially proud of the degree to which it has protected its high quality water resources;
- The Town of Holliston provides a safe and healthy environment where families spanning many generations continue to choose to live and raise their children;



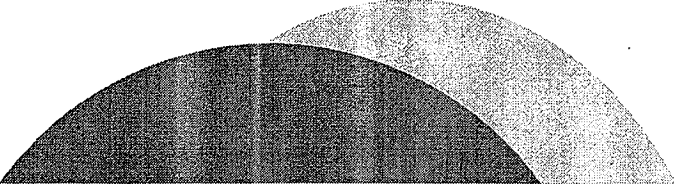
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- The Town of Holliston's tree-lined country roads can be traversed in safety to the greatest extent possible by pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles;
- The Town of Holliston entices sustainable businesses in tune with Holliston's community character to relocate and remain in Holliston and to contribute tax revenues to create and maintain a balanced tax base;
- The Town of Holliston is managed by fiscally responsible government comprised of decision-makers who are responsive to the needs of Holliston's residents.



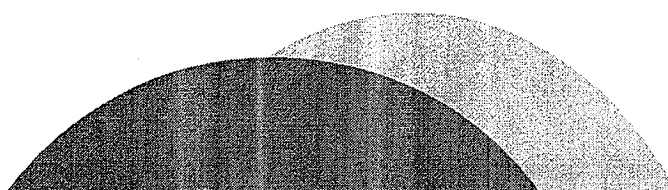
Community Goals

- Increase and improve active and passive recreational opportunities to meet the diverse needs of all citizens.
- Increase environmental awareness and promote appreciation of natural features and resources among all sectors of the Holliston community.
- Provide and maintain conservation land that protects Holliston's natural resources.
- Provide a system of trails that addresses the demand and opportunity for walking, biking, and skiing.



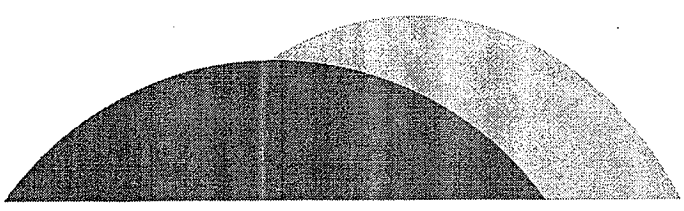
Community Goals

- Promote and enhance long-term viability of local farms and their land resources
- Protect and enhance the quality of Holliston's surface and groundwater.
- Protect the historic aspect of Holliston's character by promoting the restoration and adaptive reuse of historic structures and by maintaining the historic appearance of downtown.



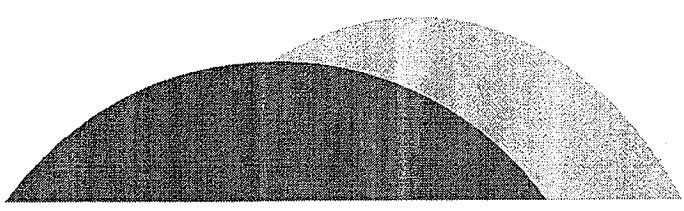
Community Needs

- Preliminary Survey Results
- Facility Needs
- Partnerships
- Funding Sources



Transforming Goals to Actions

- Goals are broadly worded statements about enduring desires toward which actions by the town and its residents are directed.
- Objectives are concretely worded statements about course of action that lead to the attainment of goals.
- Actions are defined for the 5-year planning window with priorities, partners and funding sources identified.



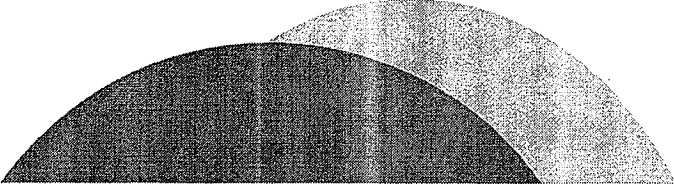
Goal: Increase and improve active and passive recreational opportunities to meet the diverse needs of all citizens.

Objective.

Provide recreational opportunities for all Holliston citizens.

Objective.

Maintain existing and develop additional Town recreational facilities and programs.



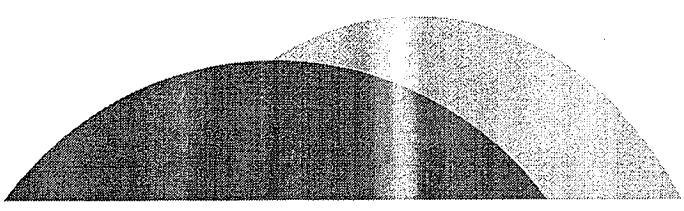
Goal: Increase environmental awareness and promote appreciation of natural features and resources among all sectors of the Holliston community.

Objective. Promote public awareness of conservation lands.

Objective. Educate citizens on the importance and fiscal advantages of land conservation.

Objectives. Utilize conservation lands for educational purposes.

Objective. Participate in regional environmental planning issues.



Goal. Provide and maintain conservation land that protects Holliston's natural resources.

Objective. Create greenbelts/wildlife corridors through Holliston.

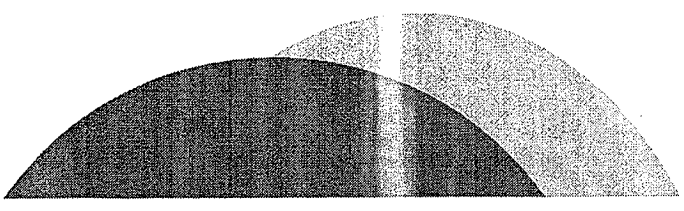
Objective. Increase the amount of permanently protected open space to achieve a minimum of 30% protected land.

Objective. Seek funding for purchase of open space lands.

Objective. Promote bylaw revisions to increase utility of open space provided under cluster subdivision and protect natural resources for effects of construction activities.

Objective. Maintain conservation lands.

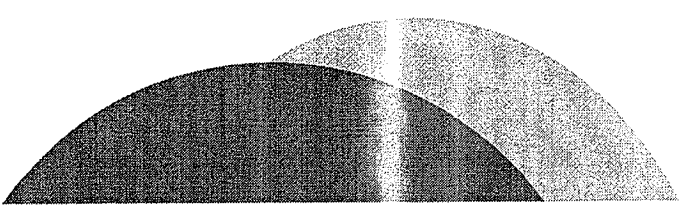
Objective. Identify and preserve natural and scenic areas.



Goal. Provide a system of trails that addresses the demand and opportunity for walking, biking, and skiing.

Objective. Develop a comprehensive Trail Plan.

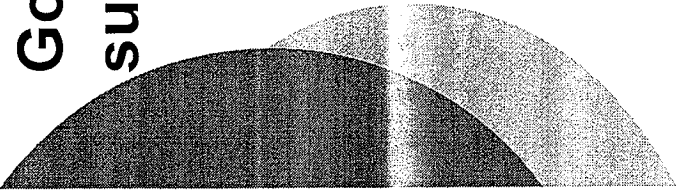
Objective. Promote coordination with private organizations, neighboring towns, and regional agencies to provide recreation links.



Goal. Promote and enhance long-term viability of local farms and their land resources

Objective. Maintain and increase the number of farms and farmland

Objective. Expand and improve efforts to promote local agriculture.

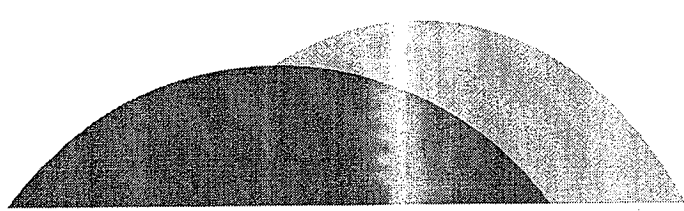


Goal. Protect and enhance the quality of Holliston's surface and groundwater.

Objective. Protect the quality of the drinking water supply.

Objectives. Protect the quantity of the drinking water supply.

Objective. Protect the quality of the town's surface water resources.



Goal: Protect the historic aspects of Holliston's character, especially the appearance of downtown.

Objective. Maintain the historic character of downtown Holliston.

Objective. Preserve and protect historic, natural and man-made features (e.g. outdoor artwork, arch bridges, and Winthrop canal).

Objective. Encourage the preservation and reuse of historic buildings.