

Open Space and Greenbelt Management Plan

Working Outline (subject to change)

I. Purpose/Vision statement

- A. Town Council charge
- B. Greenbelt Plan Vision Statement
- C. Vision may change/be added to as town changes
- D. Stewardship

II. Management Plan Components

- A. Town owned Open space land
 - 1. Dominant use open space
 - 2. Subordinate use open space
- B. Town owned easements/fee ownership by others
- C. Linkages to town owned land/easements

III. Inventory and Description of Properties by Use Category

- A. Use category (open space with/without trails, wildlife habitat (unimproved), paper streets or pedestrian connectors, other) location, size, topography, natural features
- B. Use restrictions
 - 1. Deed restrictions
 - 2. Existing ordinances/ state law and regulations
 - 3. Town policies

IV. Role of Responsible Parties

- A. Town Council
- B. Town Manager
- C. Conservation Commission
- D. Town Planner
- E. Public Works Department
- F. Code Enforcement Officer
- G. Private Property Owners
- H. Other stakeholders

V. Property Management and Maintenance Policies

- A. Town-wide property management policies
 - 1. Existing ordinances, State laws and regulations
 - 2. Trail conditions
 - 3. Signage
 - 4. Hours of operation
 - 5. Encroachments
 - 6. Invasive species
 - 7. Animal refuse
 - 8. Flora and fauna damage or removal
 - 9. New work
 - a. new bridges
 - b. new trails
 - c. new signage boxes
 - d. new structures, etc.
 - 10. Hunting
 - 11. Trapping
 - 12. Camping
 - 13. Horses
 - 14. Pets
 - 15. Fishing (include state mandated access to great ponds)
 - 15. Other
- B. Property management policies for specific parcels.

VI. Maintenance Policies and Policies for specific properties

- A. Town wide policies
 - 1. Establish base condition goal
 - 2. Ongoing/Annual maintenance
 - 3. Short-term maintenance needs
 - 4. Long Term maintenance needs
 - 5. Temporary trail closures
 - a. repair
 - b. rest
- B. Parcel Specific

VII. Public Information and Safety

- A. Town website
 - 1. Publicize trail or space closure, repair status, etc
 - 2. Special events
- B. Local media
- C. Maps
- D. New Media presence
- E. Signage

VIII. Additional Recommendations

- A. Policies, including model conservation easement deed
- B. Funding
- C. Coordination with Land Trust
- D. Volunteer development