

**Appendix C: Priority Parcel List**

Merrill Farm
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**Appendix C West Newbury Priority Parcel List.**

In 2000, at the request of the Board of Selectman, the OSC created a "priority parcel list," or "watch list," of lands which, for a number of reasons, are of special conservation or recreational interest.

The parcels included on the "Priority Parcel List" (Table C-2) range widely in size, location, and potential use. The list does not attempt to assign more or less importance to one set of criteria over another; nor does it place more value on one potential municipal use over another.

As parcels of open land become available, we hope the list will serve as a guide for the Town in deciding whether to purchase the land, the development rights, or an easement -- or to take some other action -- that will help meet our present and future needs.

The priority parcel list was created over the course of several public meetings, with input from a wide variety of townspeople, including real estate agents; farmers; Conservation Commission, Parks & Recreation Department, and Water Department members; and others with interest in land preservation issues. The list has been regularly updated since then, as parcel status has changed. Recently, several parcels have been removed from the list, because they have now been permanently protected through conservation restrictions

To be included on the list, a parcel of land has to meet one or more of the twelve criteria listed in Table C-1 below:

**Table C-1: Land Preservation Criteria**

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| 1. Environmentally sensitive area            | 7. Agricultural lands                                  |
| 2. Scenic views, especially roadside         | 8. Active (A) and/or Passive (P) recreation            |
| 3. Hilltops                                  | 9. Large contiguous open space parcels                 |
| 4. Watershed or wellfield protection         | 10. Possible school site                               |
| 5. Greenbelt, wildlife corridor, trailways   | 11. Possible site for affordable housing               |
| 6. Merrimack riverside open space and access | 12. Town center; package treatment plant; civic center |

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**Table C-2: Open Space Priority Parcel List**

Town Area	Acres	Land Preservation Criteria												Annotation
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Pipestave	56.0				+	+		+	A,P	+	?	+		Interior land fronting on Main, Chase, Middle Streets
	18.6		+	+		+	+	+	A,P	+	+	+	+	Farm east of Page School, adjoins Riverbend
	16.0	+	+			+	+		P	+				Island off River Road, west of new bridge
Lower	28.0	+	+			+	+		A,P	+				Large tract along Merrimack river, west of St. John
Artichoke	131.0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A,P	+	+	+	+	Large tract along Merrimack + Artichoke Rivers
Upper Artichoke	157.0	+	+	+	+	+		+	P	+				Only existing dairy farm
	47.8		+		+	+		+	A,P	+	+			Fields west of Garden at Rogers Street
	18.0								P					Heights above Artichoke Dam 2
	83.0					+		+						Connects Archaelaus to the East
Cherry Hill	48.0		+	+	+	+		+	P	+				Middle crossing Archaelaus Hill; greenbelt route
	20.6		+	+		+		+	P	+				Victorian house, greenway connector
	15.6			+	+	+		+	A,P	+				Fields between Indian Hill and Archaelaus
	43.0		+	+	+	+			P	+				Bachelor St east of Middle, greenbelt to Archaelaus
Indian Hill	36.7	+	+	+	+	+		+	P	+				Adjacent to reservoir, paths, walls, views
	35.0	+	+		+	+		+	P	+				Indian Hill Street outlet from reservoir, greenway
	35.1	+	+		+	+		+	P	+				Large fields south of reservoir, greenway
Kimball/ Illsley Hill	64.5	+	+			+		+	A,P	?	+			Middle Street, large fields across from Kimball Road
	38.0			+		+			P	+				Illsley Hill, hilltop, greenbelt from reservoir west
	56.5		+	+		+		+	A,P	+	+			South side of Kimball Hill, across Ash Street
	36.0	+	+	+		+		+	A,P	+				Ash St Christmas tree farm with long views

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**Table C-2: Open Space Priority Parcel List, continued**

Town Area	Acres	Land Preservation Criteria												Annotation
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Crane	70.0	+	+	+		+		+	P	+	+			Views from above

<b>Neck</b>	16.0																			Viewscape, trails, possible development
	28.0																			Viewscape, trails, possible development
<b>Brake Hill/ West End</b>	18.3																			Riverside fields off Farm Lane, beside high school
	4.0																			Connects high school property with riverside property
	19.0																			Large tract off Main Street, 1/2 acre zoning
	12.0																			Hillside view from Main, access to top of Brake Hill
<b>Long Hill/ River Rd</b>	80.0																			Large interior tract at Coffin Street with frontage on Main
	63.0																			Large sheep fold on River Road
<b>Civic Center</b>	12.0																			Off Main, possibly contiguous with others to Cammet Park
	8.5																			Fields behind Carr Memorial and beside Town recreation lands
	13.7																			Interior of above property with access to Meetinghouse Hill
	3.3																			Off Main, possibly contiguous with others to Cammet Park
	14.8																			Large field including hill behind Citgo Service Station
	13.0																			
<b>Elwell Square Area</b>	1.1																			Little brown house in Town center, next to St. Anns
	1.0																			Behind the Citgo Service Station, office building
	0.8																			Behind the Post Office
	9.0																			Fields between Maple Street and Greenbelt lands, viewcape
	34.0																			Large interior space near Town center
37.5																				Large field west of Whetstone Street