



Dedham Open Space and Recreation Plan Goals/Objectives/Actions

Land Acquisition, Funding and Management

(2010 Open Space and Recreation Plan...EXISTING)

Goals/Objectives:

- 1. Support Town efforts to protect and manage open space.**
 - a. Identify, prioritize, and (where necessary) acquire private lands of conservation and recreation interest.
 - b. Provide funding for open space acquisition and management.
 - c. Reduce resource abuse or vandalism.
 - d. Implement Best Management Practices.
- 2. Coordinate and support protection and management of private open space areas.**
 - a. Encourage private land conservation measures.
 - b. Develop partnerships with private landowners, non-profit organizations, and recreation organizations.
 - c. Educate landowners about land stewardship.
 - d. Integrate historic and scenic resource protection into open space and recreation planning

Actions:

- 1 Maintain OSRP database/quick reference guide and private lands of interest for conservation and recreation. Include photo, type of open space, size, protection status, manager, location, and precinct. **2**
- 2 Identify parcels that may become available for acquisition or protection by other means. **10**
- 3 Prioritize lands based on ownership, likelihood for development, size, and connection to existing open space. **6**
- 4 Adopt the Community Preservation Act. **9**
- 5 Undertake annual review of Town owned properties and evaluate for sustainability for recreation, conservation or other OSRP goals. Develop a list of criteria for determining the highest and best use of unassigned properties. **14**
- 6 Establish an open space land management and acquisition fund for the OSRC. **7**
- 7 Schedule regular meetings of OSRC and develop task forces/sub-committees to oversee specific elements of the plan.
- 8 Create a permanent OSRP web page: post volunteer needs, meetings and updates. **11**
- 9 Coordinate historic resource protection with open space and recreation planning: involve Historic District Commission and Dedham Historical Society on OSRC, develop informational signs about historical properties that include natural history (e.g. Village cemetery), design a natural and historical self-guided tour of Dedham, identifying significant, natural and historical features in the Town. Pursue funding for an historic landscape preservation and management plan for the Powder House site, support preservation and restoration of Village cemetery, inventory archeologically significant sites and add to criteria for open space protection priorities. **11**
- 10 Support neighborhood/friends groups to preserve and enhance open spaces in their neighborhoods. **6**
- 11 Continue and expand efforts to promote seasonal clean-up days at neighborhood and Town-wide levels. **17**
- 12 Create a Maintenance Task Force to oversee coordination of maintenance responsibilities on Town lands and facilities. **6**
- 13 Consider adoption of Open Space Design subdivision regulations. **1**
- 14 Work with land owners to set aside portions of their properties as permanent open space. **3**
- 15 Work to educate private property owners about conservation easements/restrictions. **5**
- 16 Develop notification procedure for Town consideration of Chapter 61/61B properties should the property owner decide to remove the land from the program.
- 17 Support and help efforts of the Dedham Land Trust. **5**
- 18 Provide public education/information about groups and organizations that help protect private land. **2**
- 19 Add institutional partner to OSRC.
- 20 Establish agreements with institutional land owners to give the Town right of first refusal on any open space properties up for sale or change of use. **15**
- 21 Consider adoption of demolition delay by-law for historic properties. **5**
- 22 Create Scenic Road By-law and designate a network of Scenic Roads in Town as allowed by State legislation.



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Goals/Objectives:

Actions:

1. Meet with neighboring towns to coordinate open space acquisition and management along town borders and waterways. (Open Space and Recreation Committee) **9**
2. Seek funding support from private foundations within town. (Open Space and Recreation Committee) **5**
3. Create a grant schedule so the Town is better prepared to apply for funds as they become available. (Open Space and Recreation Committee) **15**
4. Ask Town Meeting for funds to hire an intern or consultant to assist with grant writing. (Open Space and Recreation Committee) **9**
5. Establish a revolving schedule of Dedham open space and recreation facilities 'profile sheets' in coordination with area newspapers that serve the Town to highlight a different park, playground, recreation area or open space each week. Include photos, location, how to get there and who to contact for more information. This should be coordinated with a new communication plan for programs/services/facilities by the municipality to residents. (HW) **6**
6. Propose projects to the annual Capital Improvement Program for facilities upkeep and maintenance. (HW) **7**
7. Report on the status of responsible action items completed to the Open Space and Recreation Committee annually. (HW) **6**
8. Establish a 'Dedham PROS (Parks, Recreation, Open Space)' working collaborative to include municipal departments (Parks and Recreation, Environmental, Council on Aging, etc.) in addition to various community groups/organizations (Dedham Community House, Endicott Estate, and various neighborhood associations) to better understand what each group offers, future plans for expansion, and how each can complement each other to efficiently provide services to Dedham residents. (Stakeholder Interviews) **3**
9. Develop a plan to provide Universal Access to recreation facilities, parks, and trails. (Master Plan 2017 update) **15**
10. Town Forest: Expand trails, create trail map, figure out parking. (Steering Committee, Public Workshop #1, Online Survey) **18**
11. Improve communication between and among volunteer Boards and Committees and coordinate efforts with professionals in associated Town Departments. Increase civic engagement by improving technology and communications processes for Town Departments, Boards and Committees. (Master Plan 2017 Update) **15**
12. Review implications of changing demographics on Town services and Departments including Housing, Transportation, Health, Parks and Recreation. (Master Plan 2017 Update) **1**
13. Look for opportunities to link neighborhoods, shopping areas, and open spaces. (Master Plan 2017 Update) **26**
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16. Encourage the formation of a trails stewards group. (Master Plan 2017 Update) **2**
17. Complete a comprehensive Historic Resources Inventory. Master Plan 2017 Update) **1**
18. Confirm that all commissions, committees, boards, and pertinent town staff mentioned in this plan receive a copy of it and understand their role in its implementation. Investigate if software/app can be purchased to tag people associated with different actions and connect people who may not know each other (SR) **3**
19. Work with municipal departments to identify/ and prioritize marginal, sensitive vacant parcels as a priority for open space. (Stakeholder Interviews) **5**
20. Encourage the implementation of recommendations identified in the Dedham Legacy Place Technical Advisory Panel Report, October 13, 2016 including: a Complete Streets and Wayfinding Feasibility Study; a Boardwalk Accessibility over Wetlands Feasibility Study; and, developing a Complete Streets Policy. (Stakeholder Interviews) **14**
21. Work with municipal departments and community organizations to develop a Public Art Policy. (Steering Committee) **4**



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(2017 Open Space and Recreation Plan...WHAT'S MISSING?)

Goals/Objectives:

Actions:

Roll Town parks & Rec. into Highway Dept. (get rid of Parks and Rec.) **1**

No Community Preservation Act **3**

Look for opportunities to provide safe, stimulating spaces for seniors **1**

Develop and Maintain the Rail Trail **17**

Visibility of improvement plans...Where are they located? What is proposed? **1**

Memorial Park access improvement...parking and traffic **1**

Respect abutters concerns **2**

Activate underutilized spaces with a weekend market **1**

Skateboard park under Route 1 underpass **1**

More pocket parks **1**

Database/outreach on historic sites/buildings **1**

More tennis courts **3**