



Welcome to the
TOWN OF MEDWAY

Open Space News

Inaugural Edition

October 2008

What is the Open Space Committee?

The May Town Meeting approved the establishment of the Open Space Committee. The committee reports to the Planning Board. The committee will act in an advisory role to Boarding reviewing and assessing available open space and in helping to encourage and promote incorporating open space into subdivision proposals.

Why focus on Open Space?

The most recent Town survey residents ranked protected open space, passive recreation – walking trails, picnic areas and protecting the environment as very important. Yet, only 5% of Medway's land is protected. Of other area towns only one has less protected space.

Protecting open space and waterways provides habitat for wildlife; flora and fauna and passive/active recreational opportunities for the town's citizens.

The Committee's Goals:

1. Identify and protect undeveloped land that directly affects aquifers and groundwater, wildlife habitats, ponds and waterways.



David Wickis

Great Blue Heron enjoying an early breakfast at Hopping Brook, (Photo by David Wickis, May 2008).

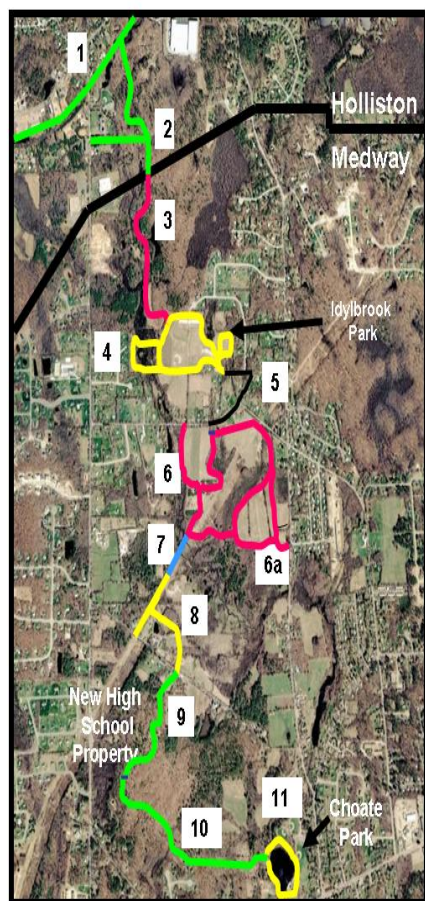
Goals Cont.

2. Provide and maintain a diversity of conservation and recreation land uses, with opportunities for both passive and active recreation.
3. Promote the development and maintenance of trails and trail linkages.
4. Provide outreach to increase awareness among residents of the range of Medway's open space and recreational assets.
5. Develop and maintain an active community culture of open space acquisition and habitat preservation.
6. Encourage compact development to reduce sprawl.
7. Facilitate the stewardship of open spaces.

What are some of the goals being worked on now?

Development of a ranking system for open space
Cataloguing potential open space parcels
Developing and maintaining relationships with neighboring towns and conservation organizations

Trail Map of Open and Public Space in Medway



Medway Community Link Trail (October 2006)

Key

- Existing Trail
- Development trail
- Ch 61 land
- Easement required
- Scenic Road
- Proposed grant projects

- 1 Upper Charles Trail
- 2 Wenakeening Woods
- 3 Marion ARCPUD (PB Public hearing phase)
- 4 Idylbrook Park
- 5 Scenic Road
- 6 Evergreen Woods OSRD Trail (existing/improved)
- 6a Daniels Woods (PB Public hearing phase)
- 7 Easement – CH 61
- 8 Town Owned
- 9 High School field Trail
- 10 Choate to HS Trail
- 11 Choate Pond Trail

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Open Space Committee

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Photo Gallery

To view wildlife and fauna pictures in and around Medway or to add a picture of your own, visit the open space committee at:

TownofMedway.org – Boards and Committees – Open Space

Committee Members

John Schroeder – Chairman

Jim Wickis – Vice Chair/Secretary

Bruce Hamblin

Patrick McHallam

Glenn Murphy

Dawn Rice- Norton

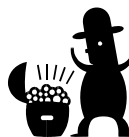
Tina Wright

Contact the committee: www.townofmedway.org
– boards and committees – other committees

Meetings

The committee meets monthly – the last Tuesday of the Month. Town Hall Room

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Treasure Hunt –Family Hike

Explore Choate Park and surrounding trails
Search for Natural Treasures and some Man Made ones too!

Spring 2009 – Stay Tuned!