

Medway Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Update Task Force

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Medway Town Hall, 155 Village Street, Medway MA 02053

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Matt Hayes, Chairman, Paul Atwood, Paul Mahoney, Glenn Trindade, Denise Legee

Members Absent: Rich Eustis, David Blackwell

Staff Present: Susan Affleck-Childs, Bridget Graziano, Tracy Rozak

Staff Absent: Dave D'Amico

Also Present: Anne Capra, OSRP Consultant

Mr. Matt Hayes, the Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

1. Debrief 10/3/17 OSRP Community Forum- What did we Learn?

The Task Force reviewed the notes from the Open Forum. (**See Attached**) Anne stated she thought the first open forum went great and they really got a lot of information from people about their concerns. Ann stated it is important to look at trends from all the forums. She asked the Task Force for their thoughts. Bridget stated she really liked the group exercise and thought that people felt comfortable stating their opinions in this format. She felt we obtained a lot of information in a timely manner. Anne stated that the next forum will be in March and will be more of a brainstorming type of meeting. At the forum, Anne will present the results of the survey and the open forum and lay out the goals and objectives. She will outline the recreational areas that people would like to see protected and they can focus their action plan on that.

2. Discuss results from Community Opinion Survey

The opinion survey was open from September 11th through November 7th and 305 people responded. Anne distributed the raw data of question and responses to the task force. (**See Attached**) She cleaned the data up a bit to see any trends. A brief summary of raw data follows:

The top 5 important things to the respondents were safe path/ sidewalks, community parks, walking trails, active recreational facilities (sports fields, playgrounds) river streams/ponds.

50% or less reported that they know where the following places are located: Deerfield Road Pond, Colonel Makonde Park, Medway Amphitheater, Bresnahan's landing canoe launch, North Street Park and Playground, Winthrop Street Park, and the Public basketball courts.

Matt asked if the VFW space on Holliston Street should be added to the towns' inventory. Anne stated yes and she will add it to the inventory list.

100% responded that they know where the following are located: Choate Park, High School fields, Oakland Park, and Cassidy Field.

71% responded that they have not used Deerfield Road Pond, Medway Amphitheater, Colonel Matondi Park, Bresnahan's Landing and the North Street Park & Playground.

79% responded that they don't know where to get information on the available recreational areas.

Some of the top major concerns were: lack of bathrooms, degraded facilities, inadequate maintenance and lack of seating/benches.

Other concerns were places to walk dogs/ pick up after them. Limited access to athletic turf fields. Sidewalks needed on Oakland Street. Concerns about Choate Park: the poor conditions of the play area, the lack of swimming there, the playground is only for little kids and safety (drug dealers).

When asked about their experience with trails in Medway, most responded that they know where Idylbrook and Choate Park are but didn't know where the Amphitheater or the Deerfield Park Trail are located.

The major concerns about the trails were: inadequate ways of finding/ directional signals, vegetation encroaching trail, personal safety, inadequate maintenance, lack of bathroom facilities, insufficient parking and poor conditions.

When asked if they can walk to an open area within 10 minutes or ¼ mile from their house, a lot of people responded they would like to have access closer to them.

Respondents stated their main priorities for recreation were to maintain their current parks and conservation areas and expand or renovate them to meet the needs of the community.

Respondents stated they would vote at town meetings to appropriate funds to protect new land for parks/recreation. They would also vote to appropriate funds to protect farmland and conservation areas. They would also support the construction of a sidewalk or roadside path along the road on their properties.

Respondents stated that donating money to preserve conservation land and donating/selling an easement on their property to establish new trails or to create connection to a town wide trail network were lower on the priority list.

When asked what age group, if any, do you feel is underserved by the town of Medway's recreation facilities. The majority felt all age groups were well served but teens were the most underserved. Older folks wanted more trails that connect to each other and paved/ safe

walkways. Parents are more concerned about sidewalks for kids to safely get to the parks and hang out.

The majority of the respondents stated they have used Medway's open space facilities for 20+ years. The majority of the respondents were age 35-44 and most had 2-3 kids living in their household. Almost 50 % had kids age 6-12 living in their household.

Questions and Answers for the "write in" section of the survey are listed below:

Are there any other parcels of land that should be permanently protected? The old railroad bed, areas close to the rivers and Hopping brook, Briggs Farm and Bottle Cap Lots etc.

Where are new sidewalks needed? Holliston Village, Oakland Street, Winthrop Street, Route 109 and Main Street. Where are new trails needed? Along the Charles River, power lines and the old railroad bed.

Anne asked the Task Force if they had any comments about the results. Bridget stated she feels the town is aware of all the issues mentioned and there were no surprises. She also stated there seems to be a real need for people to know where the parks are and how to better get the information out to them. Bridget stated this might be an opportunity to get people thinking more about the rail trail. Susan stated we might want to talk with the lawyer about what it would take to see if this could be a goal. Is it reasonable, what factors are in the way?

Glenn stated the town looked into rail trails many years ago and found that the rail trail would need to go behind a large number of houses. The likelihood of getting all these people to agree is unlikely. Some of the Streets like Maple and Lowering Streets are heavily tree lined and very scenic. Sidewalks are very expensive and not easy to put them in (require tree removal or rebuilding of roads).

3. Review results of OSRP Consultant's conversations with key officials

Anne stated she has already spoken to Denise Legee, Tina Wright, Jim Wheeler, David Blackwell and Bridget Graziano. Anne did not have anything to report from specific individuals but felt these meetings were more informative for her to orient her to the town and the committees. Anne will speak to Dave D'Amico and Michael Boynton in the next few weeks.

Susan met with the COA last week and felt they weren't all that that engaged. She will write up her notes from that meeting next week. Glenn stated the COA really wants flat and dry walking trails. Glenn also mentioned that the Chicken Brook Boardwalk and Trail Facebook page has generated a lot of interest and he noticed a lot of people on the trail the other day. Anne stated it might be a good idea to put a link to the other open spaces on that Facebook page.

4. Review Results of ADA evaluation of Medway's Parks and open space facilities

Anne stated she did all the site visits and is building the assessment about the properties but does not have a draft plan to share yet. Anne reported that other than Choate Park, none of the facilities are ADA accessible. For example, if you were in a wheelchair, you could park at Oakland Park but you cannot get to a field. Her plan will list if ADA facilities were present and recommendations for improving accessibility. Anne took photos of each recreational area.

Anne will have recommendations for each specific location. For example, Anne stated the amphitheater is not accessible but they could consider adding a path from the parking lot to the picnic area near the river which would significantly improve the accessibility. At Breshnahan's Landing (Village Street), they could create a paved or crushed stone path to the sitting area near the water which would make it a lot more accessible.

Anne stated a municipality does not have to make all of its programs and facilities ADA accessible. Not every area has to be accessible just parts of it. You have to ensure that some of the areas are accessible- a playground, water area, paved trail etc. Anne stated that National Parks built with federal dollars need to be accessible but there are reasons for exceptions and you can apply these to Medway's plan. You need to look at what is reasonably feasible such as the terrain of the area- is it affordable, is there enough room to build a ramp, safety etc.

Matt stated we should mention some of the ADA issues when they meet with the Town Counsel.

Anne stated we need to look at what we already have. Do we have an accessible swimming area or an accessible playground etc.? Susy stated she thought if you built a new recreational facility it has to be ADA compliant. Anne stated if you are constructing a new building it has to be but this does not apply to outdoor recreation sport facilities. However, if you are using federal funding then you would have to meet the ADA standards. Susy asked about state funds. Anne stated if you are using state funds they will ask you to make it accessible and will require you to provide reasons why you cannot do so.

5. Discuss emerging directions/priorities

Anne stated the things that we discussed tonight – nothing new to add.

6. Discuss the Open Space Committees review of progress on the 2010 OSRP action plan

Anne stated we should show what has been accomplished so far and what has not been accomplished and why. Some are ongoing responsibilities. Denise reviewed the Open Space Committee notes on progress on the 2010 plan. (**See Attached**). She stated they don't like the format of the action plan and asked Anne if she could come up with a better layout that is not as cumbersome. Denise also stated that Goal 4 has to do with outreach and Goal 6 has to do with the Planning Board and not the OSRP and asked if they could be eliminated from the table. Anne stated she would like to see a copy of the master plan and she would like all the boards to

look at the table/goals before the February meeting and decide what is relevant or not. Then Anne will be able to revise the plan.

7. Review OSRP Calendar /next steps. Discuss proposal from Conservation Works for land management retreat for April 2018.

Susan reviewed key dates for the next steps- community forum, open house etc. (**See Attached**) The proposed retreat in April is new and not part of the original plan. Anne reviewed her proposal for the April retreat. (**See Attached**) Anne stated it would be held on April 7, 2018 and she would invite town staff members and committee members. The goal of the retreat would be to focus on a town owned property that needs a management plan and provide training to people who would do this type of work in the future. Ann and two of her colleagues would be there and break out into three groups- boundary identification, natural habitat and community assessment, trail mapping and assessment. They would start the day with site assessments, convene, break for lunch then from 1-3 pm each group would report back what they did, how it worked and what their recommendations would be. Anne would take all the information and put it into a formal plan that the town could use for future properties. A draft management plan/template could be made from this.

There was a brief discussion about whether they could find 15 people who would be interested in partaking in this retreat. They discussed the VFW space as being a possible location for the retreat.

- ***Matt Hayes made a motion to approve the April Retreat with funding not to exceed \$2600 and add it the OSRP Task Force schedule. Paul Atwood seconded. All were in favor.***

Matt asked about the open house at Town Hall/Sanford Hall in December. Susy is concerned about scheduling this due to other staff responsibilities. It was suggested that staff might want to consider a different format to gain information. One suggestion was to ask foot traffic at the town hall a brief question or something similar. The 3rd Task Force meeting is scheduled for January 4th and the 4th Task Force meeting is scheduled for February 12th. The 2nd Community Forum is scheduled for March 12th and the 3rd Community Forum will be on May 29th. The retreat is scheduled for April 7th.

8. Review Minutes of August 14, 2017 OSRP Task Force Meeting and October 3, 2017 Forum.

- ***Matt Hayes made a motion to approve the August 14, 2017 OSRP meeting minutes as submitted. Glenn Trindade seconded. All were in favor.***

9. Other Business as May Come Before the Task Force
None

10. Adjourn

- **Matt Hayes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8: 58 pm. Glenn Trindade seconded. All were in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary

Edited by,
Susan E. Affleck-Childs
Planning and Economic Development Coordinator

Medway Open Space and Recreation Plan Update
Community Forum # 1
Tuesday October 3, 2017, 7-9pm – Thayer Homestead

Welcome and Overview of OSRP Process

Matt Hayes, Chairman of the OSRP Task Force, opened the meeting at 7:40 pm. Mr. Hayes thanked everyone for coming to the forum. We will go over the history of Medway's OSRP, review where we stand today, and discuss what exactly is an open space and recreation plan. We will break out into small discussion groups and then answer any questions. The finalized plan will be ready by June of next year. Mr. Hayes introduced Denise Legee, David Blackwell, Glenn Trinidad, Paul Mahoney, Paul Atwood, Bridget Graziano, and Susan Affleck –Childs as members of the OSRP Task Force.

Mr. Hayes gave an update of the OSRP Task Force's recent activities. He explained they have created and sent out an Opinion Survey online as well as a paper survey that is available at the senior center, the town hall and the library. The survey is open through October 31, 2017. There will be a total of three community forums - the next one will be held in December and the third one will be held in February or March.

Mr. Hayes introduced Tina Wright, Chair of the Open Space Committee. Ms. Wright stated that the OSRP was resurrected in 2010. One key goal is to purchase available space when it is appropriate. The Town have purchased several areas including 15 acres on Winthrop Street, 8 acres south of Adams Street, 57 acres south of Adams Street surrounding the high school and 50 acres north of Adams Street. Another key goal is open space preservation. They have identified two riverfront town-owned properties that were inaccessible to residents: Bresnahan's Landing Canoe Launch and Fishing Platform and the Amphitheater historic area by Sanford Mills. They coordinated with many volunteers (including Girl and Boy Scouts) and with the support of the BOS, ConCom, CPC, DPS, PEDB, provided access to the River, created a walking path, added a parking area and fencing. Ms. Wright stated we have made great progress in 7 years and would like to see this progress continue over the next 7 years. (*See Attached slide show.*)

Mr. Hayes introduced Paul Mahoney, chairman of the Board of Parks Commissioners and a member of the EPFRAC team. Mr. Mahoney stated that back in 2012, there was quite a shortage of fields in town. The Board of Selectman formed a committee to look into this. The committee is called EPFRAC and it stands for Evaluation of Parks, Fields, and Recreational Committee. The EPFRAC is made up of representatives of several groups - Parks Commission, Open Space, ConCom and Selectmen. EPFRAC decided to put in 2 lighted turf fields at the high school. In addition, they came up with a plan to refurbish Choate Park and Oakland which includes removing old equipment, revising the parking lot, adding a water feature and a new entrance. Mr. Mahoney stated that when it is completed this should be a nice show piece for the town. (*See Attached slide show.*)

Matt Hayes introduced Jim Wieler, Chairman of the Trails Task Force. Mr. Wieler stated the Trails Task Force has been very busy and showed slides of the 2009 Master Plan and the Trail along Chicken Brook. The Task Force has completed a footbridge across a small stream near the high school as well as the Chicken Brook Boardwalk. There is still more work to do as far as marking the trails and the parking areas. This was a collaborative effort with several other groups and many of them are in this room tonight. Mr. Wieler thanked the many volunteers and town employees that helped complete these projects. (*See Attached slide show.*)

Mr. Hayes stated that an Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP) was first developed in 1996 and updated in 2010. In May of 2017, Town Meeting approved the use of up to \$25,000 in Community Preservation Act funds to update the OSRP. The OSRP Task Force met with several land consulting companies and chose Anne Capra from Conservation Works to spearhead this project.

Mr. Hayes introduced Anne Capra. Ms. Capra thanked everyone for coming and stated it is great to hear how much the community has accomplished and we should be celebrating. Ms. Capra stated she toured all of the properties last week and was very impressed with how clean and well maintained they were. Ms. Capra stated that she would like to engage everyone in a discussion to identify Medway's assets and challenges and then move into a discussion of our open space and recreation needs.

Ms. Capra asked everyone to write down on a piece of paper what open space means to them. Some of the responses were: undeveloped land, wildlife corridor, natural vistas, accessible natural areas, accessible to residents of all ages, dog friendly corridors, land for conservation and recreation. Someone said open space should have an educational component to it. Ms. Capra also added that agricultural land, land managed for forestry, ball fields, tennis courts, and public gathering spaces like Thayer Homestead are also open space.

Ms. Capra then gave instructions for each table to break into groups to identify the places and characteristics of the community that residents enjoy and any issues they felt needed to be addressed. Each group was asked the questions below and to summarize their answers.

1. Where do you live, work and play in Medway?
2. What are some of your favorite places in Medway to recreate?
3. What do you do there?
4. How often do you go there?
5. What makes Medway special/ and or unique to you?
6. Of your favorite open space and recreation spots and /or special places you recognized above, are there any problems, conflicts or issues you experience when you go there? Describe them.
7. Is there one "thing" you wish Medway had to offer that it currently does not?
8. What are some key opportunity areas to pursue for additional open space, conservation, and/or recreation areas in the future?

Summary of Responses

Group 1 - Most of this group were from the west part of Medway - West Street, behind the middle school and Choate Park. They really enjoyed walking on the trails near the high school. They feel the wildlife is an important asset and interesting to most- birds- coyotes, foxes, cotton tails, black squirrels etc. What is special? We like that there is a lot of open space and the town is interested in protecting the spaces. They felt Medway still has a very rural character and a historical component to it. Old mills and such are part of the history.

Medway is a convenient location between Worcester, Boston and Providence. Favorite spots were the fields at the middle school but felt they were only accessible from Holliston Street and they would like to see more access. They would also like spaces for 40 years old and up and felt a bit marginalized. An area for Tai Chi & Yoga would be nice and would like to see more access to the Amphitheater area. There are only 3 spaces for parking near Sanford

Street. They liked that there are many beautiful birds and fauna but not very good signage. They also felt the number of private property signs make them feel unwelcome. There is no signage of where to put your canoe in the water. Emergency kiosks would be nice if they need help or have cameras. Ms. Capra asked is it because people feel unsafe? They responded that they were more concerned about it being a remote area and they could trip and fall and nobody would be around to help. They also would like to have more family bicycle trails.

Group 2 - Most of this group stated they work from home and enjoyed the sports fields, Choate Park and playgrounds when their children were little. Now that they are older, they like the walking trails and concerts on the common. Some members of the group were not aware of all the available areas. They would like places to walk dogs maybe a trail along the water somewhere. Some of the group would like to see nice vistas, stone walls, greenery and a sense of community and habitat for wildlife. They felt that there was not enough places to take your dog off leash and a lot of the trails and parks are not connected. They also didn't like that large trees seem to be disappearing large and replaced with smaller trees. They would like to see more shady area to sit. They would like a golf course, and a field that is high and flat for flying kites. A skating pond with benches, trails connected to major corridors, more shade in parking areas, benches along trails and a bocce ball court. Their number one priority would be a connection to Idylbrook, Cassidy field and Wilson farm on Lovering Street. They asked if the Idylbrook piece of land that was once used for a tree study is available. Also they feel there are inconsistent dog on leash policies- some of the areas say dogs allowed but others say no dogs allowed.

Group 3 - Most of this groups members lived towards the borders of Millis, Milford and Holliston. Their favorite place was Choate Park & trails. They felt there were a lot of special and unique places and athletics fields for kids. Most of their kids are grown and did not get to experience these places. This group thought Medway was wonderful and did not see many issues. They do wish there was more information sharing across generations. They thought Choate Park could use some cleaning up – too many weeds - not enough water flow- get sludge- asked if it could be made into a swimming pond again. They would like to see trails around Broad Street and the Old Mill part of town. They would like trails that connect to Milford and Millis. They would also like to help maintain farms and the agriculture and asked how they could help the owners.

Group 4 - Most of this group was from the east side of Medway. They felt that walking trails and a canoe launch on the Charles is important. They really liked the special amphitheater and conservation land behind the police station. They felt there was a lack of signage and information about the areas - are they good for walking dogs etc. They are concerned about the litter at Choate Park. They would really like to see more bike paths (rails trails) and more sidewalks on some of the main roads.

There was a brief discussion about some of the areas that might be available in town. The land on the Charles that starts in Bellingham has 4 acres. The land east of the amphitheater behind John Street is very nice. McGovern School has some land behind it that might be a useful area. Paul Mahoney stated this area has been refurbished through an Eagle Scout project. Someone asked about the area near the senior center. There was also a discussion about the need for places where a dog can run free and catch a ball. Also signs at the high school need to be better. Are dogs allowed or not? Someone suggested maybe allowing “dog times” at certain parks – like 3-5 pm or 7-9 am, etc. Someone suggested they create a dog park.

Ms. Capra stated we need to come up with a seven year action plan. This is just the first forum and she will tailor the next forums based on issues brought up tonight. She will also be looking at the survey data. Someone asked if there will be a synopsis of tonight available on the town's website or Facebook? Ms. Capra stated she will write up a summary of tonight and also a summary of the survey results. We need to look at everything and put it into an analysis and an action plan. The draft plan will also be available for public comment. In addition, Ms. Capra will be talking to the various board and committee members to get their input. Ms. Capra thanked everyone for coming out tonight and is looking forward to the next forum.

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Medway Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Survey

Do you have any additional feedback about open space and recreation in Medway?

Answered 140

Skipped 165

Respondents	Response Date	Responses	Categories
1	Nov 07 2017	0	First, main what we have. Cut back trails. Clean parks and playgrou
2	Oct 29 2017	0	The town needs to use the eminent domain process to reclaim the fc
3	Oct 27 2017	0	Not at this time
4	Oct 27 2017	0	More conservation land, more walking trails allowing responsible pet
5	Oct 27 2017	0	CPC is the best thing we've done
6	Oct 26 2017	0	Medway is far too focused on development and not concerned enou
7	Oct 26 2017	0	Consider a rail trail
8	Oct 26 2017	0	The addition and proper maintenance of sidewalks along main roads
9	Oct 24 2017	0	I am a member of the Y in Franklin, using the pool for swimming yea
10	Oct 23 2017	1	Thank you
11	Oct 23 2017	0	The facilities at the Middle School track are atrocious. It's embarrass
12	Oct 13 2017	0	The high school fields need to be maintained better and priority neec
13	Oct 13 2017	1	No
14	Oct 13 2017	0	Better what we have before attempting to expand. If we can't mainta
15	Oct 13 2017	0	I think we spend too much money on sporting facilities. Medway's ap
16	Oct 09 2017	0	Would love to see swimming available.
17	Oct 07 2017	0	The Middle School track needs to be redone for the walkers here in t
18	Oct 06 2017	0	Indoor school basketball courts should be available for use during hc
19	Oct 06 2017	0	Indoor school basketball courts should be available for use during hc
20	Oct 03 2017	0	In recent years, Medway has made significant gains in new walking j
21	Oct 02 2017	0	Buy what is left and keep it "open space"
22	Oct 02 2017	0	Dog friendly corridors to trails atChoate park
23	Oct 02 2017	1	Like what you have accomplished
24	Oct 02 2017	0	I like what's happening with new trails. I love the Friends of Medway
25	Oct 02 2017	0	None
26	Oct 01 2017	1	Would love bike trails like Holliston and Milford.
27	Oct 01 2017	0	I now have grandkids that I like to take to the park. Would like to see
28	Oct 01 2017	1	We used the parks when our kids were young and they were awesom
29	Oct 01 2017	0	I answered yes to being able to find information on parks, etc. I woul
30	Sep 29 2017	0	I thinkWe should purchase any available open space left in town. Th
31	Sep 29 2017	0	We need to bring our parks and open spaces up to par with other tov
32	Sep 28 2017	0	Yes when I have gone to use courts at choate park I couldn't becaus
33	Sep 28 2017	0	Only to please look at the neighbors of any development they want t
34	Sep 28 2017	0	Would love to see Choate park have a splash pad, stop allowing pec
35	Sep 28 2017	0	no
36	Sep 28 2017	0	Open dog park to all dogs. Unneutered well behaved dogs should b
37	Sep 28 2017	0	Maintain what we have now before embarking on new projects.

38 Sep 28 2017 0 Great progress in the last couple years on the trails. Quantity of park
39 Sep 28 2017 0 No
40 Sep 28 2017 0 Thank you for all that you do for the community
41 Sep 28 2017 0 No
42 Sep 28 2017 1 I feel the town and open space so far has totally failed in regards to
43 Sep 28 2017 1 I think the town is moving in the right direction. I would like to see ba
44 Sep 28 2017 0 Appreciate all of the effort put forth by the town/community. A few up
45 Sep 28 2017 0 Great work you are doing!
46 Sep 28 2017 0 Control new development housing units ...Limit it. Protect our water
47 Sep 28 2017 0 Medway's fields are impressive, especially at the high school. Our f
48 Sep 28 2017 0 Choate Park needs updated! Splash pad, newer playground
49 Sep 27 2017 1 There are lots of recreational space already. Conserve the farm land
50 Sep 27 2017 1 Maps for the new/ existing trails
51 Sep 27 2017 0 None
52 Sep 26 2017 0 It's a good thing. Thanks for working on it.
53 Sep 26 2017 0 I found a map with different trail locations laid out on the town websit
54 Sep 26 2017 0 There are not enough little league / softball diamonds in town anymc
55 Sep 25 2017 1 Most important to me is getting more sidewalks in the town, it does r
56 Sep 25 2017 1 Oakland Park renovation would be a great opportunity for the town
57 Sep 25 2017 1 Would spearhead a movement & fundraising to add an outdoor bask
58 Sep 24 2017 1 Idylbrook and Oakland need permanent bathroom facilities. Oakland
59 Sep 24 2017 1 It was in retirement that we discovered the trails and use them for wa
60 Sep 24 2017 0 No
61 Sep 23 2017 0 I would love to see some new updated parks and playgrounds for kic
62 Sep 22 2017 0 Consider a Disc Golf Course through our woods. Dacey Field in Frar
63 Sep 22 2017 0 For many years I have been advocating for a gazebo to be built on tl
64 Sep 22 2017 0 Great job! Always more to be done! Open space and managed fores
65 Sep 22 2017 0 Please allow dogs on the trails you're constructing. Not everyone ha
66 Sep 21 2017 0 I think it is very short sighted for the town to allow multi-unit developr
67 Sep 21 2017 0 Thanks
68 Sep 20 2017 1 I am excited to know the efforts to maintain, expand, and preserve o
69 Sep 20 2017 0 No
70 Sep 19 2017 0 A splash pad please!!
71 Sep 18 2017 0 Need more volunteers to help with trails.
72 Sep 18 2017 0 in filling out this form I realized that I do not know the appropriate pla
73 Sep 18 2017 0 please have more spaces that allow dogs. We use holliston trails m
74 Sep 17 2017 0 I wish the I knew about the trails sooner. Maybe more signs or some
75 Sep 17 2017 0 There have been some nice improvements to trails, but they can use
76 Sep 17 2017 1 I love the trail from Choate to the high school and the trails around th
77 Sep 17 2017 0 Trail from HS to Idylbrook is not necessary and a waste of open spa
78 Sep 17 2017 0 No
79 Sep 16 2017 0 I usually park on Highland St in Holliston and walk the trails in there
80 Sep 15 2017 0 I love that we, as a town, are looking to have outdoor recreation spa
81 Sep 15 2017 0 Parking at Cassidy, Oakland, and Idylbrook fields is disorganized an
82 Sep 15 2017 1 I am concerned about the zoning regulations for the small amount of

83 Sep 15 2017 C No new Sports Fields. Renovate the ones we have to make sure the
84 Sep 14 2017 1 Priority should be Playground renovation Purchase/lease agreement
85 Sep 14 2017 1 Small park off of Route 109. Once 109 is completed there will be sic
86 Sep 14 2017 C I would love to see a community pool with indoor and outdoor pools
87 Sep 14 2017 C Trails could be more conducive to biking similar to Milford and Holliston
88 Sep 14 2017 C Keep up the good work!
89 Sep 14 2017 C No
90 Sep 14 2017 1 The per participant fee charged to local sports organizations is too high
91 Sep 14 2017 1 Use only really grass fields instead of crumb rubber turf fields!!!
92 Sep 14 2017 1 Do not build the affordable housing development off Winthrop St.
93 Sep 14 2017 C Farmland and agriculture should be priority #1.
94 Sep 14 2017 C No, thank you
95 Sep 14 2017 C N/A
96 Sep 14 2017 C Dismayed that plans for Choate Park include demolishing the tennis
97 Sep 14 2017 C Nope
98 Sep 14 2017 C n/a
99 Sep 14 2017 C Be sure to consider and mitigate potential drainage impacts to neighbors
100 Sep 13 2017 1 Would love to see some trails accessible to disabled.
101 Sep 13 2017 C Update parks already in existence
102 Sep 13 2017 C I am thankful for this survey. We are in much need of some town recreation
103 Sep 13 2017 C Adding lights to either idylbrook or Oakland would be helpful to allow
104 Sep 13 2017 C no
105 Sep 13 2017 C I use the Holliston rail trail a lot since it is walking distance from our home
106 Sep 13 2017 C I would support a parking decal that would preclude out of towners from
107 Sep 13 2017 C North Reading has an outdoor hockey rink that is also used for street
108 Sep 13 2017 C For the love of all that is holy stop cutting down trees to build tire storage
109 Sep 13 2017 C Don't dare put in more turf!
110 Sep 13 2017 C A path from Lovering to the high school would be nice near Iarusso's
111 Sep 13 2017 C N/A
112 Sep 13 2017 C A community swimming pool or other place to swim and host swimming
113 Sep 13 2017 C reorganize the elected Parks Board, it is a disaster.
114 Sep 13 2017 C We would love to see updated playgrounds and safe places for our kids
115 Sep 13 2017 C Road/sidewalk safety around recreation areas should be a priority.
116 Sep 13 2017 1 Open space has always seemed so disjointed in town primarily because
117 Sep 13 2017 1 Medway is a very sport specific community. Provide spaces and fun
118 Sep 13 2017 1 The town, in general, does an excellent job maintaining its athletic facilities
119 Sep 13 2017 1 I understand the need for adding tax revenue to the town, I also understand
120 Sep 13 2017 1 We enjoy using recreation facilities in Medway. We love that there are
121 Sep 13 2017 1 No
122 Sep 13 2017 C Medway is a difficult town to bike in safely even for recreational cycling
123 Sep 13 2017 C I think an open space "ninja warrior" type park would be a great place
124 Sep 13 2017 C Thank for this! It is a great start! Feel free to let me know if I can help
125 Sep 12 2017 C Park areas need to be better maintained such as weeding brick paths
126 Sep 12 2017 C Don't raise my taxes for recreation parks, you just spent 5 million on
127 Sep 12 2017 C Please do not acquire further farm land. The food cost is too high for

128 Sep 12 2017 0 Middle School track and tennis courts in desperate need of repair
129 Sep 12 2017 0 Wish we could enjoy the open spaces with our dog
130 Sep 12 2017 0 I see town has been using the old Julians Oil building at 305 Village
131 Sep 12 2017 0 Neighborhood Parks should be considered with every new, large dev
132 Sep 12 2017 0 We strongly support the efforts Medway has made over the years to
133 Sep 12 2017 0 No
134 Sep 12 2017 0 Feedback on survey -- TOO TIME CONSUMING. Are you able to ga
135 Sep 12 2017 0 Old growth trees need to be protected
136 Sep 12 2017 0 Town sports should have priority on fields & should not be charged a
137 Sep 12 2017 0 The youth sports organizations have been meeting and each program
138 Sep 12 2017 1 More areas open and geared toward middle school/high school kids
139 Sep 12 2017 0 Connect downtown with residential areas. Add a bike path
140 Sep 12 2017 0 The Middle School tennis courts, and track are a disgrace. Not enou

that you would like to share with us?

nds.

ormer railroad right of way as a linear trail from Millis to Bellingham

owners, please!

gh with protecting the open space we used to have. The town has gone from a beautiful rural area with

s, sufficient street lighting, and clearly marked crosswalks would make this town a lot more walkable/bikar round. Would LOVE to see a YMCA here, or even a year-round swimming/aquatics center. The Fran

sing that we have to move home meets to away as other towns have better facilities. Apparently, the Mds to be given to town teams over club teams.

in the existing, expansion will only make it more difficult.

appeal is its open space. I'd rather we keep our countrified atmosphere than add more lacrosse or socce

town

ours that the schools are open. Currently kids are told they cannotbuse them. These are high school agours that the schools are open. Currently kids are told they cannotbuse them. These are high school agpaths, and should continue that momentum

and all they have done. I am a CSA shareholder and farm supporter - love all of this. I have two kids in

more for toddlers at playground.

me

d look online for any information.

ere issue little left. It is so sad toDrive around and dodo much devastation of natural resources and opwns like Holliston. Medway falls way short in terms of quality and accessibility of these spaces and as aie non Medway residents were using. Medway residents should have first access, free of charge.

o do. It seems that everything is for a chosen few.

ople to dump their toys there. Love the younger play lot and older play lot there. Oakland park playgrou

be allowed some of the time. You have basically closed resource to some residents even though there

isn't as important as quality

the Wickett property and Timber Crest estates. We have a lot of issue coming up because of this project
balance between facilities for young kids, with facilities for older kids and adults
upgrades and all can enjoy the facilities for years to come!

resources Our wellsJust revamp existing parks..we don't need new onesControl spending! Been here
family tends to use the Holliston Rail Trail more frequently than the Medway trails, partly due to proximity

and countryside atmosphere of medway.

re - I think maybe a little more "advertising" of the existence of that page would be helpful in getting more
re. There are remnants of one at the Burke School, and two at Oakland Park, that have not been kept
not feel safe walking on the side of the road and it discourages my neighbors and myself from being more

netball court to the high school open area.
and Cassidy field needs more parking. Finish graveling the high school trails
walking and snowshoeing. It was a great discovery!

is in the town, in addition to updated and beautifying existing parks.
park is fantastic.

the GAR park on Village St. I feel that this is a section of Medway that has been overlooked far too long
its...also a splash pad!

is children. Thank you

ment(s) on our open spaces. Our open spaces should be protected in order to protect our quality of life

open space and recreational areas in Medway are happening. I wish we could be more helpful, but with

ice to find out information regarding our parks and recreation areas.

ore because they allow dogs. I would like to be able to use the trails in my own town. otherwise I see
thing.

more, plus parking, signage and seating.

the high school. It would be great to have more like these, rather than more home building.

ce. It's disregard for wetland and wildlife is disappointing.

with my dog. It's beautiful! If I go with just the kids, we go to Idylbrook.

ce and ways to get there without using a car.

d challenging, especially from the perspective of a senior citizen that is trying to come and enjoy their green
open space available in Medway. I do support development but it needs to be appropriate for the area

at they are used by ALL citizens. Don't sell the fields to the highest outside bidder.
t for conservation landRenovation of sports area
fewaks on both sides. Would like to develop the sense of a downtown area.
available for residents.
on

igh.

courts to add more parking for the ball fields. With two teens in my house, that's the one thing they en

bors during design of improvements at recreation areas.

: updates Thank you for your consideration.
r for nighttime practices of various sports mainly soccer

house. It is such a great trail. I would love to see it connect to Medway's trails.
om utilizing medway sites
t and roller hockey in the summer. They also have a paved path that goes around the circumfrance of :
res

ine.

ing lessons would be great. I completed the survey earlier and forgot to mention swimming. That's wr

kids to ride their bikes. Lighted streets and sudewalks

use the only way to get there is by car. Sidewalks are poor. Progress is being made with trails near Ch
ding towards arts, sculptures, natural settings equally.
elds. I would like for this to continue to be a focus for the town.
erstand the need to over plan our parks to be something we don't need. We need a healthy balance of
re sidewalks in many areas that allow us to safely share the road with vehicles. We have onlyLived in

sts (e.g. kids, families). The lack of sidewalks on all major roads makes it difficult to get from one neigh
e for older kids to go as they all love that now and many adults would use it as fitness training as well.

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ways and garden areas.

the high school fields enough!!!

r the senior citizens on fixed budgets. The farm does not serve many of the folks that have lived in tow

street, which backs up to Charles. That would make a great canoe launch area, as it is just downstream development. Requiring a developer to include a small park within a new neighborhood is something that acquire and preserve open space, and the efforts to improve passive and active recreation areas. We

other data on how many people aborted because they needed to get on with their lives?

as much, especially since the leagues often maintain the fields free of charge to town.

m is great dissatisfied with the field management and the inability of the selectmen to better manage P;

- there is nothing for them to do here in Medway; many fields/courts close at sunset. This is sorely nee

gh field maintenance for girl's sports, unless it's soccer. Soccer seems to reign in Medway with little re

from farms to a concrete wonderland full of auto stores that make money for politicians and businessmen beyond measure. As it is now, it is not safe to navigate most of the town by foot or bike. The only Y is the senior center and other local Ys are quite a distance away. Doctors LOVE to hear that older adults prefer the senior center. Middle School isn't able to utilize the MHS facilities due to scheduling.

for facilities.

needed kids. Middle school tennis courts need to be fixed so that they can actually be usable. Middle school needed kids. Middle school tennis courts need to be fixed so that they can actually be usable. Middle school

at high school, need to keep providing access to fields, tennis and basketball courts, trails, track, etc.

open space. I believe that there are places where this should have never happened. As a result my family often uses parks and facilities in other nearby towns. We'd love it if we had nicer parks

and is a hidden jewel and we love it so much.

is no justification. I supported and raised money for park but can not go. Surely on day a week could

ect and I don't think the town is pushing back hard enough. Open Space should have been working to s

a long time but taxes have increased very much and are too high. Living on fixed income very hard. I
y, but also because they are more well known. The new boardwalk and the clearing projects that have

re people using the trails. We are very happy to see all the progress that has been made with the trail
up, in lieu of soccer fields that are rarely used, except for Sundays. The fields at Cassidy, and the sof
re active.

. Structure would not only serve the neighborhood but it would also offer respite to those passing by.

here in Medway.

two young children and a two-career household, our time is so very limited. Hopefully someday we ca

no point in funding them.

and children in sports. (Consistent compliant by our relative.) Communication about open spaces is ve
i(s) under consideration.

joy doing consistently and it's an easy walk from the house. If I drive to the middle school to play tenni

a huge park. i would love to see this happen in Medway. Hockey is not thought of because tri-valley ho

ny most of this survey is blank.

ioate, highschool Adams St.

both. We live in a fast-paced society, everyone is in a hurry to get somewhere. Being able to live in a t
town for 2+ years. Sometimes it is difficult to find all info on parks or to find clear markings for trails etc

neighborhood to another. I've heard rumors of a bike trail that would meet up with the one in Holliston??

rn for years. Survey monkey the farm share buyers and the household incomes would be quite high. C

m from West Medway Dam. Also, the area just above the dam, next to police station where there are s
is done in other parts of the country with success. They build it and are responsible for maintenance fo
hope that it continues and we can be counted on to support these efforts at Town Meeting.

ark and Rec committee. Do not expect support from the youth sports organizations until changes are m
ded.

gard to other sports. Stop renting our fields to outside groups creating shortage for the children of tax |

ut do little to enhance the town's beauty or environmental footprint. We are very sad to see the change

articipate in the low-impact sport of swimming and water exercise, in addition to walking and biking. A

l track needs to be fixed so that someone doesn't break an ankle trying to run on it. Memorial school b
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s and facilities to use in Medway. Most are run down and not very inviting.

be opened for excluded dogs.

secure that property as one of the last large parcels in Medway long before it hit the market.

Do support any trail system for walking hiking biking.

It has been completed will go a long way towards improving access and encouraging usage.

trail system - and are looking forward to exploring them!

Soccer fields around the Middle School are constantly in use by team games or practice through most of the year.

and give back in volunteer efforts for the town! Thanks again!

very lacking, as I didn't even know about several of the spaces and many of them I know our family would

s, and the courts are busy, there's nothing else to do. If we walk to Choate Park and they're busy, we c

ockey was disbanded but there are plenty of hockey players and coaches in this area that would support a

own where we can safely walk our children to school, or to ride bikes to the park or ball fields would m:
s. Not sure if in the future there might be a trail/ park (other than the current dog park) that dogs are al

Our household can not afford to buy our produce there.

some benches to honor a scout leader (Kurt Ohnemus is the name, I believe) is basically hidden from u
r x number of years. Then the town takes it over.

ade to the Park and Rec board.

payers.

is that have happened here in the last 20 years. The only positive change lately is the trail system around

All ages would benefit from such a facility and the high school could support a swim team and practice in

basketball courts need to be fixed so that someone doesn't break an ankle on them. Choate park basketball courts need to be fixed so that someone doesn't break an ankle on them. Choate park basketball

the Spring and Summer. There is no good place to play with your own children.

I like to know more about. Let's stop turning our "green" spaces into fake green spaces with artificial tu

can do laps around the pond til one of the courts opens up.

an outdoor rink. this would be an added bonus to the physical and mental health of our youth. the middle

ake for an energetic healthy town. I also would love to see the town, attract young innovative/exciting businesses
lowered within.

use and is decaying. Can we get some parking there, either at police station, or in grassy area off Villa

nd the high school, which gives some semblance of forested areas and peaceful places to walk.

r town.

tbball court needs wall so that the balls don't go into the woods. Sidewalks please! I won't let my kids wa
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urf and actually create real green spaces and not toxic, heat challenging spaces that actually can't ever

le school tennis courts are hardly used and since there are other courts at the high school and choate,

usinesses downtown, so we can have a thriving downtown area.

ge, or At least signage so people know it's there. Feels like you're walking in the backyard of the large

ilk or bike around town on their own because of safety risk. Unacceptable!
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can be used by the public because of all the regulations and because of the amount of usage by paying e

why not give another alternative to the kids of our town.

house at 311 Village. Nice to have all legs of river accessible for a "Blue Trail"

ntities to account for the RIDICULOUS price tag to install them in the first place.

ACTION PLAN SUMMARY

GOALS/OBJECTIVES	LEAD AGENCY	OTHER AGENCIES	IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS	SCHEDULE	POSSIBLE FUNDING
GOAL 1: Identify and protect undeveloped land that directly affects aquifers and groundwater, wildlife habitats, ponds and waterways.					
Identify key parcels most important for protecting natural resources and wildlife corridors	Open Space Committee	Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Selectmen, Community Preservation Committee	Appoint special committee; Develop ranking system <i>Complete</i>	2010-2011	NA
Identify key parcels of land which are most important for protecting historic landscapes and/or community character	Open Space Committee	Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Selectmen, Historical Commission, Community Preservation Committee	Develop ranking system Flexible zoning <i>nla</i>	2010-2011	NA
Develop/implement a system of prioritizing parcels for potential acquisition/protection	Open Space Committee	Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Selectmen,	Use models from other towns Use survey results, develop evaluation guidelines <i>complete</i>	2010-2011	NA
Encourage/promote the incorporation of open space into new development plans, especially by the use of OSRD and ARCPUD to establish eco-corridors or greenbelts	Open Space Committee	Planning Board	Flexibility in Rules and Regulations Consider density bonus	2010-2017	NA
Acquire additional conservation and open space lands. Encourage donations of open space by landowners	Open Space Committee	Community Preservation Committee	Provide information about tax benefits	2010-2017	CPA LAND

(Continued) NA= Not applicable CPA= Community Preservation Act LAND= Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (State grant)

ACTION PLAN SUMMARY (Continued)

RECOMMENDATION	LEAD AGENCY	OTHER AGENCIES	IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS	SCHEDULE	POSSIBLE FUNDING
GOAL 1: Identify and protect undeveloped land that directly affects aquifers and groundwater, wildlife habitats, ponds and waterways. (Continued)					
Support Open Space Committee to coordinate among Town Boards and Commissions, and contact land owners	Selectmen	Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Community Preservation Committee	Boards/Commissions Appoint Representatives	2010-2017	NA
Increase public awareness of the value of open space, and encourage citizen input	Open Space Committee		Survey, Web site Slide show/video, Maps, Cable TV, Brochure, Signage, Special events	2010-2017	General Fund Cable Access
GOAL 2: Provide and maintain a diversity of conservation and recreation land uses, with opportunities for both passive and active recreation.					
Acquire/protect additional water resources for recreation and protection of municipal water supply sources	Open Space Committee	Community Preservation Committee Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Water/Sewer Commission, Parks Commissioners	Groundwater Protection Districts, Phase II Stormwater rules, Purchase, Open Space Subdivisions, Transfer of Development Rights	2010-2017	CPA LAND
Help develop management plans for each conservation and recreation parcel	Open Space Committee	Selectmen, Community Preservation Committee, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Park and Recreation Commission	Use models from elsewhere, Adopt guidelines/policies/bylaws as needed	2011	CPA Donations

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FIVE-YEAR ACTION PLAN SUMMARY (Continued)

RECOMMENDATION	LEAD AGENCY	OTHER AGENCIES	IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS	SCHEDULE	POSSIBLE FUNDING
GOAL 2: Provide and maintain a diversity of conservation and recreation land uses, with opportunities for both passive and active recreation. (Continued)					
Increase visibility and public access to conservation lands as appropriate	Open Space Committee	Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Parks Commissioners, Community Preservation Committee	Signage, parking	2010-2014	General Fund, Donations
Establish/expand greenbelts along the Charles River and other water bodies as well as other corridors as appropriate.	Open Space Committee	Conservation Commission, Planning Board	Open Space Residential Development bylaw, ARCPUD	2011-2013	CPA
GOAL 3: Promote the development and maintenance of trails and trail linkages					
Identify potential trail networks and pursue development of them	Open Space Committee	Open Space Committee, Community Preservation Committee	Open Space Residential Development bylaw, Create Trail Committee	2010-2014	CPA
Establish/expand greenbelts along the Charles River and other water bodies as well as other corridors as appropriate	Open Space Committee	Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Community Preservation Committee	Open Space Residential Development bylaw, ARCPUD	2011-2017	CPA

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CPA= Community Preservation Act

ACTION PLAN SUMMARY (Continued)

RECOMMENDATION	LEAD AGENCY	OTHER AGENCIES	IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS	SCHEDULE	POSSIBLE FUNDING
GOAL 3: Promote the development and maintenance of trails and trail linkages (Continued)					
Develop and maintain communication with neighboring towns to identify potential trails which could cross town borders	Open Space Committee	Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Selectmen	Open Space Residential Development bylaw, ARCPUD,	2010-2013	CPA DCR Recreation Trail Grants
Increase visibility and public access to conservation lands as appropriate	Open Space Committee	Selectmen, Conservation Commission	Signage, other communication tools	2010-2012	General Fund, Donations
GOAL 4: Provide outreach to increase awareness among residents of the range of Medway's open space and recreational assets.					
Increase public awareness of important habitat areas	Open Space Committee	Conservation Commission	Survey, Web site Slide show/video, Maps, Cable TV, Brochure, Signage	2010-2017	Cable access, Donations
Encourage environmental education for all ages on Town-owned lands	Open Space Committee	Conservation Commission	Survey, Web site Slide show/video, Maps, Cable TV, Brochure, Signage	2010-2014	Cable access, Donations
Increase visibility and public access to conservation lands as appropriate through signage	Open Space Committee	Conservation Commission	Signage for land identification and parking areas, web site information, other communication tools	2010-2014	General Fund, Donations
Develop a communications plan to increase public awareness of open space and recreation facilities, issues and potential actions	Open Space Committee	Recreation Commission Conservation Commission, Parks Commissioners	Web site Slide show/video, Maps, Cable TV, Brochure, newsletter	2010-2014	General Fund, Donations
Use surveys, public meetings and other means to encourage input from residents	Open Space Committee	Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission	Survey, Web site Slide show/video, Maps, Cable TV, Brochure, Signage, Public Meetings	2010-2017	General Fund, Donations

(Continued) CPA= Community Preservation Act

DCR= Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

Franklin
Bellingham
495
Initiative

Kiosks

Signs @
Medway
Kiosks

see above
see above

FACEBOOK
on line maps
website

n/a

ACTION PLAN SUMMARY (Continued)

RECOMMENDATION	LEAD AGENCY	OTHER AGENCIES	IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS	SCHEDULE	POSSIBLE FUNDING
GOAL 5: Develop and maintain an active community culture of open space acquisition and habitat preservation.					
Encourage environmental education for all ages on Town-owned lands	Open Space Committee		Survey, Web site Slide show/video, Maps, Cable TV, Brochure, Signage	2010-2014	General Fund, Donations
Increase public awareness of important habitat areas	Open Space Committee	Conservation Commission	Survey, Web site Slide show/video, Maps, Cable TV, Brochure, Signage	2010-2014	General Fund, Donations
Increase visibility and public access to conservation lands as appropriate	Open Space Committee	Conservation Commission	General Fund, donations, other communications tools	2010-2012	General Fund, Donations
Encourage donations of open space by landowners	Open Space Committee	Conservation Commission, Planning Board		2010-2014	Donations, Tax benefits
Encourage and strengthen, where necessary, protective measures for wetlands and floodplains and other water resources	Open Space Committee	Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Planning Board	Low Impact Development Measures	2010-2011	General Fund

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ACTION PLAN SUMMARY (Continued)

RECOMMENDATION	LEAD AGENCY	OTHER AGENCIES	IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS	SCHEDULE	POSSIBLE FUNDING
Goal 6: Encourage compact development to reduce sprawl					
Review land use controls to identify and discourage sprawl	Planning Board	Open Space Committee,	Evaluate impacts of regulations	2010-2011	General Fund, State grants
Formulate and adopt revisions that encourage compact development	Planning Board		Zoning Bylaw amendments, Town Center and mixed use zoning, Transfer of development rights	2010-2013	General Fund, State grants
Target infrastructure improvements to promote compact development	Selectmen	Department of Public Services, Water/Sewer Commission, Planning Board	Establish evaluation criteria for capital projects that include sprawl impacts	2010-2014	Capital budget
Goal 7: Facilitate the stewardship of open spaces					
Develop management plans for conservation and recreation parcels	Open Space Committee	Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Park and Recreation Commission	Use models from elsewhere, Adopt guidelines/policies/bylaws as needed	2010-2011	General Fund, State grants
Inventory and evaluate available conservation and recreation funding programs and apply as appropriate	Open Space Committee	Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Park and Recreation Commission	State funding sources, especially LAND and PARK programs (formerly Self-help and Urban Self-help)	2010-2013	NA
Investigate further use of Town property for passive and/or active recreation	Open Space Committee	Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Park and Recreation Commission		2009-2013	NA

(Continued) NA= Not applicable

n/a
n/a
n/a

Goal 2

CPC grant apps.

EFRAC
Bdwalk
new trails
canoe
launch

ACTION PLAN SUMMARY (Continued)

RECOMMENDATION	LEAD AGENCY	OTHER AGENCIES	IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS	SCHEDULE	POSSIBLE FUNDING
Goal 7: Facilitate the stewardship of open spaces.					
Provide all neighborhoods with appropriate recreation, park and/or playground facilities, including incorporating recreation areas in new subdivisions	Park Commission	Planning Board	Community Preservation Funds	2010-2017	CPA PARC
Establish a cost-effective maintenance schedule for municipal recreation and conservation facilities	Park Commission	Department of Public Works	Annual budget and work plan	2010-2013	NA
Use reliable and durable equipment when developing or redeveloping parks and playgrounds.	Park Commission	Department of Public Works		2010-2017	Capital budget, CPA

NA= Not applicable CPA= Community Preservation Act PARC= Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (State)

DS&DS
Canoe launch
Asphalt
Adams meadow

n/a

n/g

Medway OSRP Update - Next Steps

SAC to meet with Council on Aging – *Tuesday, November 14th*

Task Force Meeting #2 - *Tuesday, November 21st – 7 pm*

- What did we learn from the first public forum?
- Results of community opinion survey
- Results of Anne's interviews with key officials
- Results of the ADA evaluation of Medway's parks/open space facilities
- What directions/priorities are emerging?

Open House at Town Hall/Sanford Hall – When to do this with enough lead time to promote to make it worthwhile? *December 5 or 6th*? What do we want to accomplish?

- Weekday
- Solicit further input from the community
- Several stations

Task Force Meeting #3 – *Thursday, January 4th*

- Present the various maps showing all the important resources.
- Review Anne's drafts of Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the OSRP
- Anne to facilitate an exercise for an overlay analysis to identify land with important natural resource/open space values to prioritize for future protection. Mackenzie will need to send Anne the GIS layers and associated tables to go with the maps. ML to provide all maps and data to Anne by December 15th. AC would prefer to get those incrementally . . . Encourage Mackenzie to call her with any questions . . .

Task Force Meeting #4 – *Monday, February 12th*

- Review/discuss draft plan with analysis of needs, goals and objectives and 7 year action plan.

Community Forum #2 – *Monday, March 12th*

- Present draft plan with analysis of needs, goals and objectives and 7 year action plan and solicit community feedback – some sort of exercise for public input.
- OPTIONS - Break out into small groups – each one takes a goal and works to focus on that particular goal or/ Revisit the overlay analysis done at TF Mtg #3. Did we miss anything . . .

OSRP Task Force, OSC and CC "Retreat" - Land Management Exercise - *Saturday, April 7, with rain date of April 14*

- Also invite Board of Parks Commissioners, BOS members, DPS staff, PEDB, Trail Club
- All day – 9 to 3 pm. With group breakouts in the morning in the field. Convene for lunch. Report outs after lunch.

Task Force Meeting #5 – *Thursday, May 3rd*

- Review and discuss feedback from Community Forum #2
- Debrief and review Land Management Exercise;
- Review and refine revised draft plan

Community Forum #3 – *Tuesday, May 29th*.

- Present almost final plan



Conservation Land Assessment and Management Plan Training Retreat
Saturday, April 7, 2018 9am-3pm
PROPOSAL

CONCEPT:

Anne Capra, Molly Hale and Pete Westover from Conservation Works, LLC (CW) would provide a full day training workshop in conservation land assessment techniques and land management plan development for board members, committee members, and town staff. The final product would be a Baseline Document Report with a land management plan component. This deliverable could be used as a template for other town-owned conservation lands, and could be developed by people who have attended this training session.

WHO: Approximately 15-25 people from various boards, committees, and town staff would attend the training.

LOCATION: TBD but would be one of the town's conservation areas, less than 50 acres. CW would need to identify the location in advance so we could prepare the site specific resources necessary for the training exercises.

METHOD: Split into three groups, each lead by a CW person: 1)boundaries, 2)trails and other facilities, and 3) ecology.

AGENDA:

9-9:30 Introduction

Basic introduction to the work we will be doing, the tools/ resources, and the BDR guidebook and management plan template.

9:30-12:30 Site Assessments

Anne – Boundary identification and mapping: This group will walk the boundaries of the property and learn how to identify them from a deed and other resources, document them using the BDR template format using GPS and photo-documentation, and assess the conditions for management plan recommendations.

Molly – Habitat and natural community assessment and documentation – Using the BDR report questions as a guide, the group will walk the property and document using GPS and photos the different natural communities, habitats, interesting features, hydrology, etc. Based on the conditions observed, discuss recommendations for a management plan.

Pete – Trail mapping and assessment – This group will walk all of the trails (or major trails), mapping them with GPS, and collecting waypoints at locations that need maintenance/management and document these needs. Findings from this assessment will be put forth into a management plan.

12:30-1 Lunch

Box lunches to be provided by Town of Medway. People could keep eating while we do the small group presentations.

1-3 Small Group Presentations

Each group reports back about their assessments, needs identified, and possible recommendations for a management plan.

PLAN DEVELOPMENT: Anne will collect all of the information gathered and insert into a final Baseline Document Plan with management plan component for the property. This plan will serve as a template for other properties.

RATE: \$50/hour

TOTAL: \$2,450 (includes \$250 allowance for lunch (25 people x \$10/person)

Existing contract has \$500 allowance for Forum #3 direct costs and \$300 labor. Therefore, additional costs to hold this event would be: **\$1,650**