

**JUNE 15, 2020
REVISION**



**TOWN OF MEDWAY
OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN
2018-2025**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This plan was developed under the guidance of the Medway Open Space and Recreation Plan Task Force, staff support from the Town of Medway Community and Economic Development Department, Department of Public Works, and professional planning services provided by Conservation Works, LLC. Financial support was provided by Community Preservation Act Funds.

Prepared For:

Town of Medway
155 Village Street
Medway, MA 02053

Prepared By:

Conservation Works, LLC
P.O. Box 705
North Hatfield, MA 01066



Photography By:

Time Rice
Charlie Ross
Jim Wieler
Joanne Williams
And Others!!

DEDICATION to JIM WIELER



This update of Medway's Open Space and Recreation Plan is dedicated to long-time Medway resident Jim Wieler. Jim was an elected member of the Planning Board from the mid-1990's until 2004. The idea to create a pedestrian trail through the Chicken Brook corridor from Choate Pond northerly to Holliston was first developed during the 1999 Medway Master Plan process, a volunteer initiative that Jim co-chaired while serving on the Planning Board. In 2008, Jim co-chaired the Medway Master Plan Update Committee, where the further development of the Medway Link Trail was embraced as a major open space priority. Jim was appointed to the Town's Community Preservation Committee as an at-large member in 2012 and served as its vice-chairman. He was invited to join the Board of the Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust and served as its president for several years.

Throughout his years of dedicated community service, Jim continued his advocacy for expansion of the Medway Link Trail and other open space assets, serving as a staunch proponent for CPA funding for land acquisition and trail development. He chaired the Trails Task Force which, between 2016 and 2019, led to the construction of the Dave Hoag Boardwalk in 2017 and the second, smaller boardwalk near Millstone Village in 2019 as well as advocating for the public access easement that allowed the trail to continue through the Millstone Village property to Winthrop Street.

In 2015, Jim co-founded the Medway Trail Club (MTC) and served as its first president. MTC is a volunteer organization of more than one thousand Facebook members who are Medway-area residents dedicated to caring for, enjoying, sharing information about and expanding Medway's trail network.

Jim and his wife Shelley are relocating soon and will be splitting their time between Maine and New Hampshire. We know Medway will always hold a place in their hearts for them as they will for Medway. The Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Task Force is pleased and honored to dedicate the Medway Open Space and Recreation plan to Jim Wieler and extend to him a very big thank you for his vision, persistence, and dedication to planning, community preservation, open space, and trails in Medway.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Charles D. Baker
GOVERNOR

Karyn E. Polito
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Kathleen A. Theoharides
SECRETARY

Tel: (617) 626-1000
Fax: (617) 626-1181

June 26, 2020

Susan Affleck-Childs
Community and Economic Development
155 Village Street
Medway, MA 02053

Re: Open Space and Recreation Plan

Dear Ms. Affleck-Childs:

Thank you for submitting the Open Space and Recreation Plan for Medway to this office for review and compliance with the current Open Space and Recreation Plan Requirements. I'm pleased to write that the plan has received final approval and the town is eligible to apply for DCS grants through October 2025. Please contact me melissa.cryan@mass.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Melissa Cryan

Melissa Cryan
Grant Programs Supervisor

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
SECTION 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	1
SECTION 2 INTRODUCTION	
A. Statement of Purpose	3
B. Planning Process and Public Participation	6
SECTION 3 COMMUNITY SETTING	
A. Regional Context	7
B. History of Medway	9
C. Population Characteristics	10
D. Growth and Development Patterns	14
SECTION 4 ENVIRONMENTAL INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS	
A. Geology, Soils and Topography	21
B. Landscape Character	22
C. Water Resources	22
D. Natural Communities (Associated Vegetation & Wildlife)	30
E. Fisheries and Wildlife	36
F. Scenic Resources and Unique Environments	37
G. Environmental Challenges	39
SECTION 5 INVENTORY OF EXISTING OPEN SPACE	
A. Private Parcels	43
B. Public and Nonprofit Parcels	46
C. Lands of Conservation and Recreation Interest	52
SECTION 6 COMMUNITY VISION	
A. Description of Process	54
B. Statement of Open Space and Recreation Goals	58
SECTION 7 ANALYSIS OF NEEDS	
A. Summary of Resource Protection Needs	61
B. Summary of Community Needs	64
C. Management Needs, Potential Change of Use	68
SECTION 8 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES	69
SECTION 9 SEVEN-YEAR ACTION PLAN	70
SECTION 10 PUBLIC COMMENTS	77

REFERENCES

APPENDICES

- A. Table 5-5: Lands of Conservation and Recreation Interest
- B. Table 5-8: Privately Owned Lands of Open Space, Conservation or Recreation Interest
- C. Table 9-2: Town of Medway Lands - Recommendations
- D. Public Outreach and Engagement
- E. Medway ADA Self-Evaluation Report

TABLES

Table 2-1: Open Space and Recreation Plan Task Force	6
Table 3-1: Population Growth of Medway, 1970-2016	10
Table 3-2: Medway’s School District Enrollment, 2002-2017	12
Table 3-3: Density (Persons per Square Mile), 1970-2016	12
Table 3-4: Income and Poverty, 2015	13
Table 3-5: Medway Demographic Profile	13
Table 3-6: Labor Force and Unemployment Data, 2016	14
Table 3-7: Single-family New House Construction Building Permits	15
Table 3-8: Six Year Sidewalk Plan	16-17
Table 3-9: Medway 40B Comprehensive Permit Developments	20
Table 3-10: Population Projections 2015-2035	20
Table 4-1: Reptile of Special Concern in Medway	37
Table 4-2: Scenic Roads in Medway	37-38
Table 4-3: Tier Classified Chapter 21E Brownfield Sites in Medway	41
Table 5-1: Regional Overview of Protected and Recreational Open Space	43
Table 5-2: Conservation Restrictions	44
Table 5-3: Chapter 61 Current Use Tax Programs	44
Table 5-4: Chapter Lands in Medway	44-45
Table 5-6: Town Owned Open Space and Recreation Parcels Management Entity	46
Table 5-7: Criteria for Evaluating Privately Owned Lands	52
Table 6-1: Actions People are Willing to Take for Open Space and Recreation	55-56
Table 9-1: OSRP 7-Year Action Plan	72-76

FIGURES

Figure 3-1: Regional Context Map	7
Figure 3-2: Charles River Pollution Control District Collection System	8
Figure 3-3: Population Growth Comparison, 1970-2016	11
Figure 3-4: Age Distribution Comparison, 2015	11
Figure 3-5: Industry Distribution	14
Figure 4-1: BioMap2 Core Habitat and Critical Natural Landscapes	32
Figure 4-2: CAPS Integrated Index of Ecological Integrity Map	34
Figure 4-3: CAPS Index of Ecological Integrity, Top 50% Medway Landscapes	35
Figure 7-1: Medway Link Trail Network	65

MAPS

After the Following Page Numbers

Section 3 – Community Setting

Rights of Way and Sidewalks	16
Zoning Map	19

Section 4 – Environmental Inventory and Analysis

Bedrock Geology	21
Natural Drainage Conditions of Soil Areas Suitable for Development	21
Water Resources	22
Core Habitats and Critical Natural Landscapes	25
FEMA Flood Zones	27
Scenic and Unique Features	39
Regional Environmental Justice Populations, Accessibility to Services	42

Section 5 – Inventory of Existing Open Space

Agricultural Properties and Land with Significant Agriculture Soils	45
Town Owned (Open Space) Land and Level of Protection	51
Lands of Conservation and Recreation Interest by Cluster and Evaluation Criteria	52

Section 9 – Seven Year Action Plan

OSRP 7 Year Action Plan	76
-------------------------	----

SECTION 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Medway’s 2018 Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) was developed over a year-long planning process, with participation from many town departments, boards and committees, and an extensive public outreach and engagement process. Considered an update to the 2010 OSRP, the plan provides a comprehensive assessment of open space and recreation in Medway today. The term “open space” is used broadly throughout this plan and is used to refer to conservation land, forested land, recreation land, agricultural land, parks, and other undeveloped vacant land. Some open space is used for passive activities such as walking, hiking or nature observation, while other open spaces are used for more active recreational activities including athletic fields and courts. Natural resources are the land, water, trees, animals, minerals and other substances found in nature, much of which is useful to humans, in addition to having their own intrinsic value. These natural resources provide so-called ecosystem services; the benefits people obtain from ecosystems. These include provisioning services such as food and water; regulating services such as flood and disease control; cultural services such as spiritual, recreational, and community benefits; and supporting services such as nutrient cycling that maintain the conditions for life on Earth. The Trust for Public Land conducted an economic analysis of the return on the Commonwealth’s investment in land conservation through a variety of state funding programs and found that every \$1 invested in land conservation returned \$4 in natural goods and services to the Massachusetts economy (Trust for Public Land 2013). Therefore, it is prudent for Medway to evaluate open space and recreation within the community and establish a plan to ensure the long-term care and stewardship of these resources.

Pressures on open space from new development remain high. Medway has experienced steady population growth since the end of World War II due to its proximity to Boston, Massachusetts and Providence, Rhode Island, reaching a peak in the 1990s. Although growth slowed in the 2000s, it is estimated to have increased again between 2010 and 2016, consistent with other towns in Norfolk County. The development associated with these new residents has affected the character of the community. Once a small farming town, the construction of I-495 in the 1960s triggered the conversion of rural roadways into suburban collectors, especially Route 109, the main east-west corridor, and Route 126, a north-south artery. The median household income in 2015 was \$110,241, which is 20% higher than the county and 62% higher than the state. Much of the town’s growth is attributed to young families. Although there has been a decline of 19% in school district enrollment since 2002, almost one-third of Medway’s population is under nineteen years old.

“This plan doesn’t belong to any one entity. It belongs to all of us.”

Susan Affleck-Childs, Medway Planning and Economic Development Coordinator at the
June 25, 2018 Public Forum

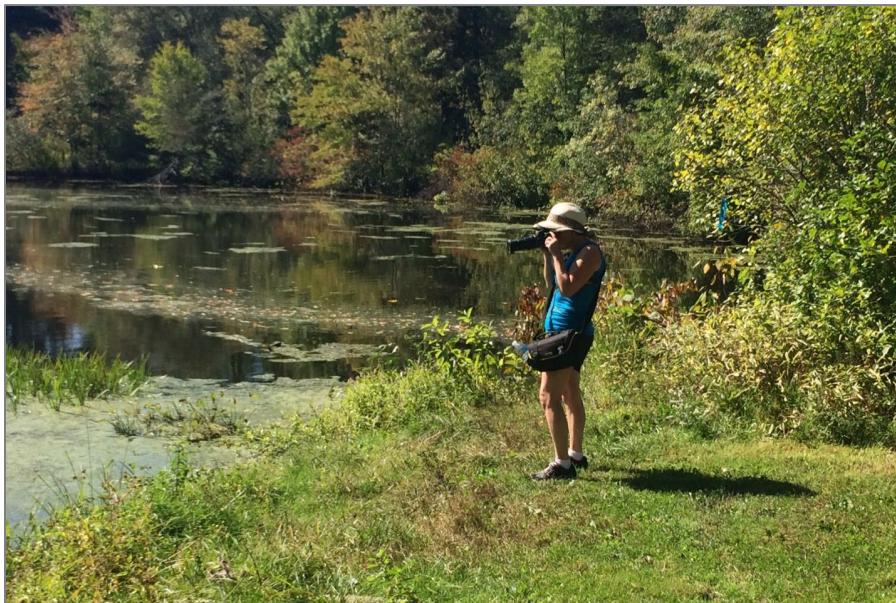
Medway residents are proud of their conservation and recreation areas. 7.3% (538 acres) of the community’s total land area is permanently protected as open space. There are an additional 379 acres of Town-owned land used for recreation and open space without permanent deed restrictions (5.1% of the Medway’s land area) for a total of 12.4% of Medway land currently dedicated to open space and recreation. Consistent with a growing trend nationally, residents are calling for increasing access to these areas for outdoor recreation and, expanding pedestrian and bicycle networks between them for people of all ages and abilities.

The goals and objectives have been updated and refined since the 2010 Open Space and Recreation Plan due to the many action plan accomplishments since 2010. Three new goals have been derived from an extensive public outreach and engagement process, which included three public forums, a community survey, numerous Task Force meetings, and extensive communication between and among Town departments, boards, and committees. The goals for open space and recreation in Medway for the next seven years are as follows:

Goal #1 - Important natural resources are protected and sustainably managed for future generations to use and enjoy.

Goal #2 - A range of recreational opportunities exist on Town lands with adequate resources dedicated to their maintenance.

Goal #3 - A network of well-maintained trails exists across Medway, with a strong stewardship program established.



Resident engaged in nature photography at Choate Pond.

SECTION 2 INTRODUCTION

A. Statement of Purpose

The purpose of an Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) is to provide guidance for the protection and management of the community’s open space and recreation resources, while also directing smart growth to places where the impact on natural resources can be minimized so that the quality of ecosystem services can be optimized. Ecosystem services are the benefits people obtain from ecosystems, including provisioning services such as food and water; regulating services such as regulation of floods, drought, land degradation, and disease; supporting services such as soil formation and nutrient cycling; and cultural services such as recreational, spiritual, religious and other non-material benefits. These services can be translated into economic returns as well. The Trust for Public Land conducted an economic analysis of the return on the Commonwealth’s investment in land conservation through a variety of state funding programs and found that every \$1 in land conservation returned \$4 in natural goods and services to the Massachusetts economy.

Medway’s first OSRP was completed in 1996 and updated sixteen years later in 2010 by a newly appointed Open Space Committee. Recognizing how useful the 2010 OSRP was in directing community development efforts in the areas of land conservation and outdoor recreation, residents sought funding at Town Meeting in 2017 to update the 2010 plan and create a new seven-year action plan, capitalizing on a number of recent accomplishments in these areas.

Development pressure continues to be high. Without thoughtful planning and a vision to guide development, the community character that is cherished by many could easily be lost, as it has been in many other communities. A common vision facilitates decision making for everyone – local, state and regional government, private landowners, developers, local businesses, community organizations, and others. This plan, developed through broad public input, is intended to provide the vision as well as specific strategies for accomplishing Medway’s goals.

Accomplishments - There have been many accomplishments since Medway’s 2010 OSRP was completed. Some of them are ongoing and recognized in the new Seven-Year Action Plan. Others have served as critical steppingstones and have resulted in a network of green spaces throughout Medway. The use of Community Preservation Act Funds has been a significant boost to the Town’s ability to implement elements of the 2010 OSRP action plan. The following is a list of some of these accomplishments:

Open Space Acquired

Over 130 acres of land has been permanently protected for open space.

- 15 acres at 50 Winthrop Street – Supported the establishment of the Medway Community Farm
- 8 acres south of Adams Street – Adams Street meadow
- 57 acres south of Adams Street – Surrounding the High School
- 50 acres north of Adams Street – The “Boardwalk”

Trail Development

A broad range of natural environments can now be experienced including mature and young oak/pine forests, riverfronts, meadows, and stream corridors. Trail projects undertaken since the last OSRP include:

- Establishment of a walking trail along a farmer’s pond at Idylbrook
- Negotiated permission to use the trails between Idylbrook and Wenakeening Woods in Holliston
- Development of a walking trail from Medway High School to Summer Street
- Design and construction of a walking trail off Adams Street including the Dave Hoag boardwalk going through to the Millstone property on Winthrop Street



Recreational Water Access

- Identified two Town-owned riverfront properties that were inaccessible to residents and collaborated with the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game to provide accessibility improvements at Bresnahan’s Landing Canoe Launch and Fishing Platform
- Created a ½ mile loop trail that follows the Charles River and the historic Amphitheatre Bowl including parking with many volunteers including the Open Space Committee, Girl and Boy Scouts and Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Community Preservation Committee, Department of Public Services, Planning and Economic Development Board and others.

Outdoor Recreation and Park Improvements

Over \$4.8 million in park renovations have been completed for passive and active recreational areas, pavilions, new playground equipment, improved parking, and improved accessibility for mobility impaired people.

- Planned, designed, and constructed major renovations at Oakland Park
- Planned, designed, and constructed major renovations at Choate Park
- Planned, designed and constructed replacement of tennis courts at Medway Middle School
- Completed High School athletic field additions (football and soccer fields, baseball diamond)



Community Education and Outreach

- Designed and installed “Medway Open Space” signs
- Produced brochure of comprehensive guide to Medway Open Spaces and posted to web page
- Created online trail maps and tools
- Participated in local events including Medway Pride Day, Clean Sweep and Storyboards
- Established Winterfire cross country ski and hiking festival
- Worked with the Eagle Scouts on projects including development of a walking path around the Community Farm and meadow, canoe launch cleanup and planting, and a trail bridge at the Amphitheatre
- Established the Medway Trail Club
- Town hired created a Parks and Recreation Department and hired a full time Parks and Recreation Director
- Obtained Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds to construct information kiosks for installation at various Town open space properties.



Information Kiosk – Photo by Charlie Ross

Environmental Planning

- Worked with the Conway School of Landscape Design to develop a management plan for the Adams Street Conservation Area.
- Negotiated and secured open space conservation restrictions in several new residential developments including Williamsburg, Millstone, and Salmon Senior Living Community.
- Open Space Committee became a permanent member of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) and the Evaluation of Parks, Fields, and Recreation Areas Committee.

The Value of Open Space - The Trust for Public Land conducted an economic analysis of the return on the Commonwealth’s investment in land conservation through a variety of state funding programs between 1998 and 2009 and found that every \$1 in land conservation returned \$4 in natural goods and services to the Massachusetts economy. For example, watershed protection around the Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs has saved Massachusetts Water Resources Authority ratepayers an estimated \$200 million in filtration plant construction and annual operating costs. The state tax revenue attributed to outdoor recreation spending equals \$739 million annually. Approximately 90,000 jobs in the state are supported by this spending, accounting for \$3.5 billion in wages and salaries. Agriculture, forestry, commercial fishing, and related processing activities are responsible for \$13 billion in output, and 147,000 jobs in Massachusetts. Over \$724 million of property value in Boston is attributable to its park system. Access to parks and open space increases the physical activity and health of residents in Massachusetts, reducing healthcare costs related to obesity by \$2 billion annually in the state. Although these figures are for the entire state, they illustrate the tremendous benefits, economic and otherwise, provided by a vibrant network of open space.

SOURCE: Trust for Public Land

B. Planning Process and Public Participation

Development of Medway’s 2018 Open Space and Recreation Plan was accomplished with broad input from residents and Town departments, boards and committees between May 2017 and June 2018. The process was guided by the Community and Economic Development Department and a seven-member task force appointed by the Planning and Economic Development Board, with technical assistance provided by consultant Anne Capra of Conservation Works, LLC. The Open Space and Recreation Plan Task Force met eleven times during the one-year planning process to share the priorities and initiatives of their respective boards and committees, review and analyze public comments, undertake a detailed parcel level analysis to prioritize open spaces for protection, review and comment on data updates and drafts of plan sections, and develop a seven-year action plan for accomplishing the goals and objectives developed in response to the planning process.

Table 2-1: Open Space and Recreation Plan Task Force

Appointed Task Force Members	
Paul Atwood	Agricultural Committee, Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust, Medway Trails Club
David Blackwell	Conservation Commission
Matt Hayes, Chair	Planning and Economic Development Board
Denise Legee	Open Space Committee
Paul Mahoney and Deb Rossi	Board of Parks Commission and Evaluation of Parks, Fields and Recreation Areas Committee (EFRAC)
Cindy Sullivan	School Committee
Glenn Trindade	Board of Selectmen
Task Force Staff	
Susan Affleck-Childs	Planning and Economic Development Coordinator
Dave D’Amico	Department of Public Works Director
Bridget Graziano	Conservation Agent
Mackenzie Leahy	Community and Economic Development Administrative Assistant
Consultant	
Anne Capra	Conservation Works LLC, Consultant

In addition, a community survey was conducted, and three public forums were held on October 3, 2017, March 12, 2018, and June 25, 2018. Notice of the public forums was advertised as follows:

- Posted info to the Town of Medway Facebook page which is followed by 3680 people.
- News releases were sent to *Milford Daily News*.
- Info was distributed through Medway Public Schools’ electronic newsletter to parents/guardians.
- Flyers were prepared for each forum and posted around the community.

The fliers for the three public forums are included in Appendix D.

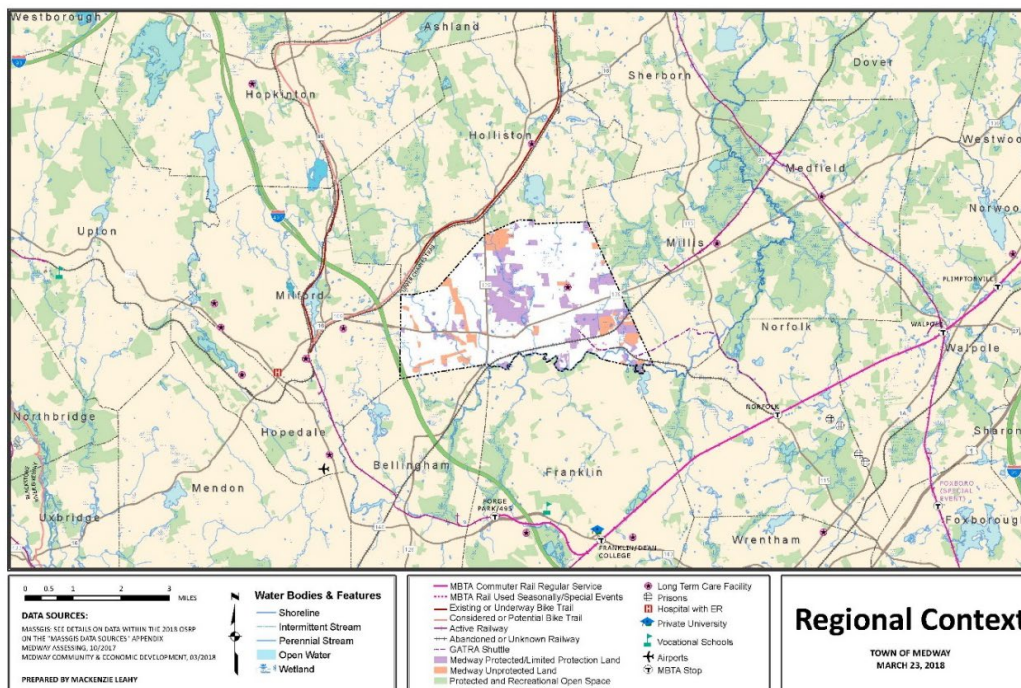
A detailed description of the findings and outcomes from these planning events is provided in Section 6 Community Vision.

SECTION 3 COMMUNITY SETTING

A. Regional Context

Medway is located at the western edge of Norfolk County in southeastern Massachusetts along the I-495 corridor, approximately thirty miles southwest of Boston. It is located within the Charles River watershed, with the Charles River forming the boundary between Medway and Franklin to the south. Two state highways traverse the community. Route 109 is a major east-west commuter route, linking Medway with Milford and I-495 to the west, and connecting Medway to Millis, Medfield, Westwood, Boston, and I-95 to the east. Route 126 is a major north-south route, providing access to Bellingham and Woonsocket, RI to the south, and Holliston, Ashland, and Framingham to the north. Medway is served by the Franklin commuter rail line with three stations located in the abutting communities of Franklin and Norfolk.

Figure 3-1: Regional Context Map



Medway is served by its regional planning commission, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and its Southwest Area Planning (SWAP) sub-region. Medway is also a member of the 495/MetroWest Partnership. Through its involvement in these organizations, Medway has participated in regional efforts addressing water resources, traffic problems, open space, affordable housing, economic development, and town center development, along with a number of other issues. Most recently, Medway joined forces with MAPC and other communities in the SWAP and the nearby TRIC sub-region to undertake research on “Tiny Houses” and “Living Little” as alternative housing types to conventional subdivision development. “Living Little” can provide opportunities for low-impact, smaller scale and infill development which may further encourage open space preservation.

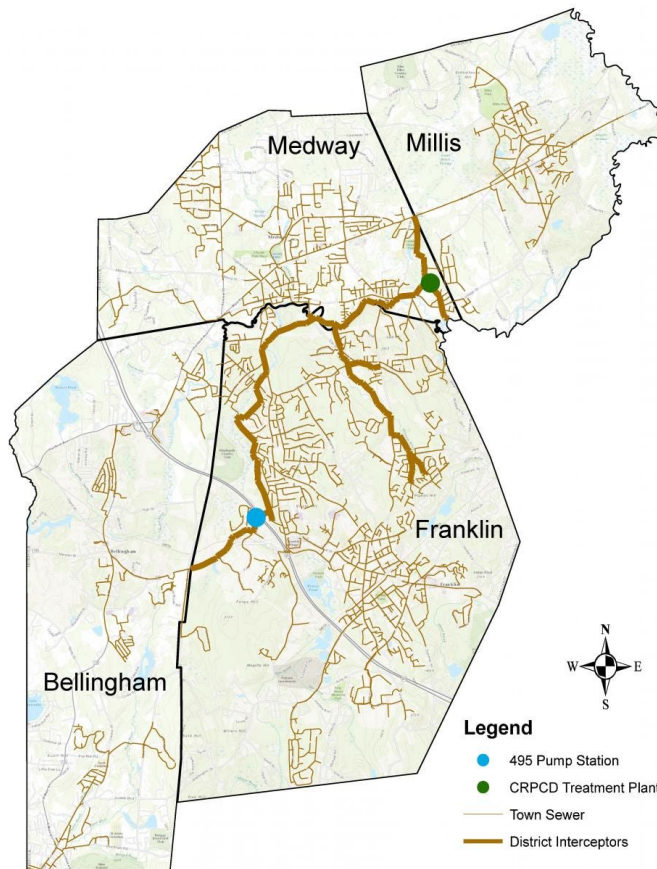
Medway participated in MAPC’s production of “MetroFuture,” the official regional plan for Greater Boston, which was adopted in 2008. This updated Open Space and Recreation Plan is

consistent with MetroFuture, especially in its acknowledgment of regional natural and recreational resources, and in its recommendation for communicating with neighboring communities to identify potential trails which could cross town borders. See attached letter from MAPC in Section 10.

Medway shares a major Zone II aquifer with the towns of Franklin and Norfolk near Populatic Pond in the southeast quadrant of the community. All three towns either have, or are planning, wells in the vicinity. A portion of the Zone II aquifer for the Town of Bellingham’s wells is located in the southwest corner of Medway. The Town has adopted Groundwater Protection Overlay District provisions in its Zoning Bylaw to protect these shared water resources.

The Town also shares a regional wastewater treatment plant with Franklin, Bellingham and Millis, operated by the Charles River Pollution Control District (CRPCD). The plant is located in Medway; it is a tertiary plant which discharges into the Charles River. An expansion of the plant in order to update compliance with National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES permit) was completed in late 2016.

Figure 3-2: Charles River Pollution Control District Collection System



Source: Charles River Pollution Control District <https://www.charlesriverpcd.org/about-us/pages/collection-system>

Notes: The collection system consists of Town and District owned sewer pipes. The system has over 238 miles of sewer pipes and 37 pump stations, including approximately 13 miles of District owned interceptors and one District owned pump station. The District manages a Geographic Information System (GIS) that is used to support the operation and maintenance activities of the Sewer Collection System.

Within a seven miles radius of Medway, there are three high-school level vocational schools located in Franklin, Upton and Ashland and one private university, Dean College, in Franklin. Medway is served by Milford Regional Hospital with an emergency room. The regional agricultural high school is located in Walpole.

The Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services has a statewide open space and recreation plan called the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), which was last updated in 2017. Some of the findings of that plan for the region that includes Medway are discussed in Section 7 Analysis of Needs.

Among the abutting towns, as of December 2017, Franklin, Holliston, and Norfolk have current Open Space and Recreation Plans. The OSRPS for Bellingham, Millis, and Milford have expired.

B. History of Medway

The area that became the Town of Medway was once home to the Mucksquit Indians of the Nipmuc tribe. Unlike some of the nomadic tribes, the Mucksquit were farmers, growing pumpkins, squash, corn and beans in addition to fishing in Medway's waterways. The land containing what is now Medway was acquired by Medfield in 1659 through a "New Grant." In 1713, the Town of Medway was incorporated as a separate town and, began as a small farming community of 230 people.

Located along the Charles River and harnessing the water power of Chicken Brook and Hopping Brook, Medway was the perfect location for mills of all kinds. Medway's bountiful water power provided the basis for large-scale industrial development beginning as early as 1809, when the Medway Cotton Manufacturing Company (the first of its kind in the country) was established on the Charles River. The first carpet mill in New England would be built on Chicken Brook in 1826. Medway became nationally known for its Bell Foundry and canning industries.

Hat factories, boot manufacturers, and other mills sprang up throughout the 1800s, and some remained in operation well into the twentieth century. These were served by canals initially, until a charter for a railroad was granted by the state legislature in 1847. The railroad served all the towns in the area, extending as far west as Blackstone. As the railroad developed, additional mills were attracted to Medway. Population increased, roads were built, facilities were constructed, schools and churches were established, and villages developed at what are now known as Medway Village and West Medway (Medway's two National Register historic districts).

By 1900, Massachusetts's manufacturing industry had concentrated into cities including Lowell, Lawrence, and New Bedford. That shift, along with the additions of major highways in the vicinity, resulted in Medway's transformation into a community that is predominantly residential.

Like many suburban towns, Medway experienced significant population growth following the end of World War II. This growth began to accelerate during the 1960s, following the construction of I-495, when the growth rate exceeded that of the State as a whole, and Medway's population reached 7,938. During this time, a new suburban-style strip commercial center developed along Main Street (Route 109). As indicated in Table 3-1, growth slowed somewhat

during the 1970s (+5.8%) before accelerating again during the 1980s (+17.6%) and 1990s (+25.3%). Growth slowed significantly during the 2000s (+2.4%) but, is estimated to have picked up again between 2010 and 2016 (+4.4%). However, much of Main Street in the central business district has remained the same since the 60's, except the southeastern corner of Main and Holliston Streets which now includes Medway Commons, a shopping center housing a Shaw's Supermarket, CVS Pharmacy, and a number of other chain and local businesses.

During the 1990s, the Town began a series of infrastructure improvements to attract industry to the Medway Business Park at I-495 and Route 109. The park currently hosts a bowling ball manufacturer, a landscape design firm, a supplier and designer of outdoor playground equipment and landscape elements, and several other businesses. Most recently, Spencer Technologies relocated from Northborough to Medway to the former Cybex building in this industrial park.

C. Population Characteristics

This section discusses Medway's change in population characteristics over time, as well as in comparison to Norfolk County, and Massachusetts. Specific indicators include population growth, age distribution, school enrollment, density, income, ethnicity, and labor force.

Population Growth

Population growth in Medway slowed somewhat during the 1970s before accelerating again during the 1980s and 1990s. Growth slowed significantly during the 2000s but, is estimated to have picked up again between 2010 and 2016.

Table 3-1: Population Growth of Medway, 1970-2016

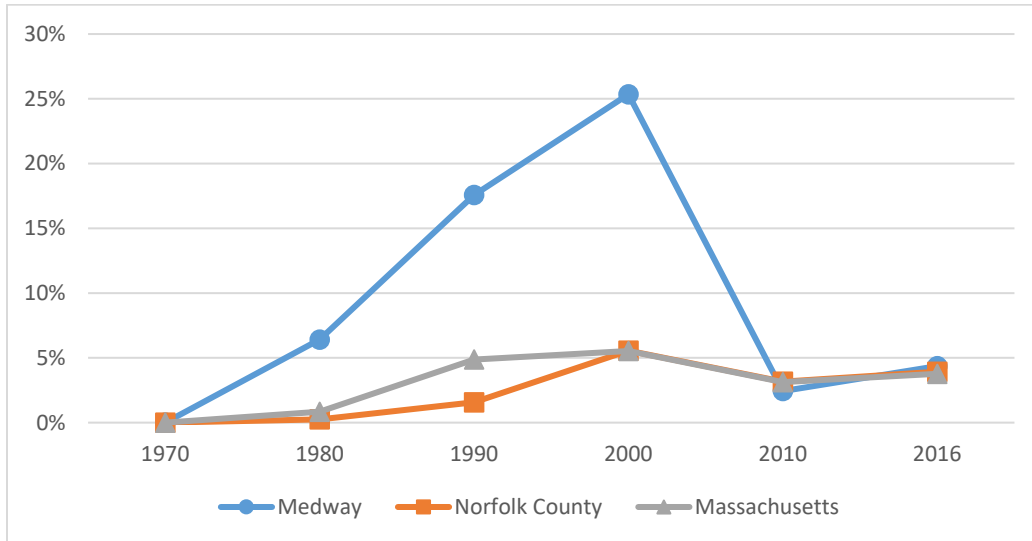
Year	Population	Absolute Change	Percentage Change
1970	7,938	N/A	N/A
1980	8,447	464	+5.8%
1990	9,931	1,484	+17.6%
2000	12,448	2,517	+25.3%
2010	12,752	304	+2.4%
2016	13,308	556	+4.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder <https://factfinder.census.gov>

Notes: 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2010 from U.S. Census; 2016 Estimate from American Community Survey

This most recent growth trend is in line with that of Norfolk County and Massachusetts, as depicted in Figure 3-3.

Figure 3-3: Population Growth Comparison, 1970-2016



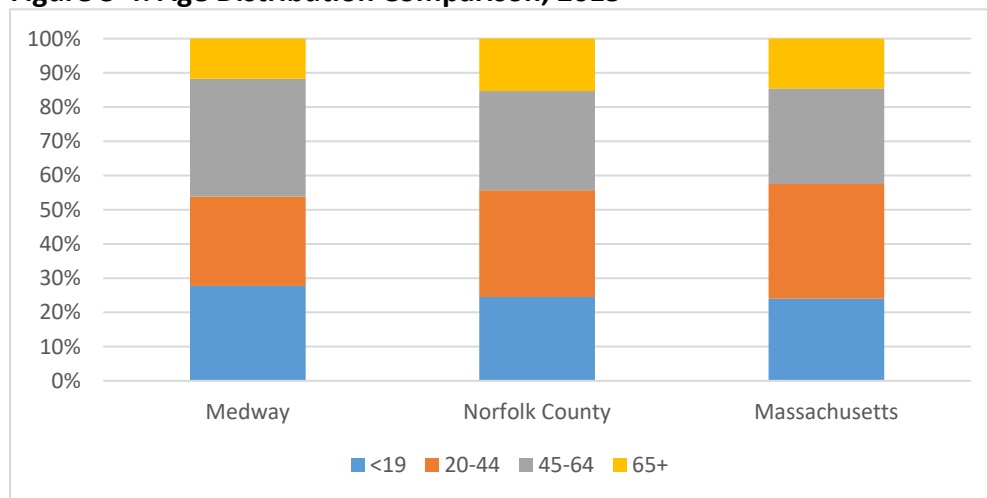
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder <https://factfinder.census.gov>

Notes: 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2010 from U.S. Census; 2016 Estimate from American Community Survey

Age Distribution

In 2015, the largest age group in Medway was between 45 and 64 years (34.4%), followed by 19 years or younger (27.7%), then 20-44 years (26.1%), and over 65 years (11.7%). Figure 2 indicates that in 2015, Medway had a higher percentage of its population under the age of 19 years than the county and state, 27.7% vs. 24.5% (county) and 24.0% (state). Medway had a lower percentage of its population between the ages of 20 and 44 years than the county and state, 26.1% vs. 31.2% and 33.6%. To contrast, Medway had a higher percentage of its population between the ages of 45 and 64 years than the county and state, 34.4% vs. 29% and 27.9%. At the other end of the scale, Medway has a lower percentage of its population age 65 years and older than the county and state, 11.7% vs. 15.3% and 14.6% in 2015.

Figure 3-4: Age Distribution Comparison, 2015



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder <https://factfinder.census.gov>

Notes: 2015 Estimates from American Community Survey

School Enrollment

As shown in Table 3-2, student enrollment in the Medway School District has been in decline since 2002. From 2002 to 2012, the student enrollment dropped by 366, or 12.9% of its population. Since then, the district lost an additional 166 students (6.7%).

Table 3-2: Medway’s School District Enrollment, 2002-2017

School Year	Population	Absolute Change	Percentage Change
2002-2003	2,848	N/A	N/A
2012-2013	2,482	366	-12.9%
2016-2017	2,316	166	-6.7%

Source: MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, <http://www.doe.mass.edu/>

Density

The average density in Medway nearly doubled from 684 persons per square mile in 1970 to an estimated 1,153 per square mile in 2016. Medway’s average density has consistently been lower than the county-wide average density. Since 1990, Medway’s average density has been higher than the average statewide density.

Table 3-3: Density (Persons per Square Mile), 1970-2016

Year	Medway	Norfolk County	Massachusetts
1970	684	1,527	726
1980	728	1,531	732
1990	856	1,555	767
2000	1,073	1,642	810
2010	1,105	1,694	839
2016	1,153	1,760	873

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder <https://factfinder.census.gov>

Notes: 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2010 from U.S. Census; 2016 Estimate from American Community Survey

It is important to note that average density is not necessarily an indicator of either the existence or quality of open space. Two communities with the same average density can have vastly different development patterns. One town could be developed into concentrated centers or villages surrounded by vast areas of open space, while the other could be characterized by low-density sprawl spread throughout its land area. This concept is further illustrated by the reduction in the population of Boston from 1950 to 2000 while the suburbs grew substantially. The City of Boston reached its highest population in 1950 at 801,444. This population was accommodated on about 46 square miles (about 4 times greater than the land area of Medway). In 2010, Boston’s population was 23% less at 617,594. If the 183,850 people who left Boston were resettled in the suburbs at a density of 1,100 per square mile (almost equal to the 2010 density of Medway), it would take 167 square miles, an area about fourteen times larger than Medway, to accommodate them. Clearly, concentrating development in city, town and village centers is a key component of protecting and preserving open space.

Income

Medway’s median household income in 2015 was \$110,241. This is well above the county (\$88,262) and state (\$68,563) figures.

Table 3-4: Income and Poverty, 2015

Geography	Per Capita Income Estimate	Median Household Income Estimate	Percent of Individuals Below Poverty Level*
Medway	\$47,240	\$110,241	3.1%
Norfolk County	\$45,829	\$88,262	6.1%
Massachusetts	\$36,895	\$68,563	10.4%

* For whom poverty status was determined.

Source: American Community Survey 2010-2015 Five Year Estimates. Five-year estimate of income for the past 12 months and reported in 2015 dollars.

In comparing median household income in 2015 for Medway to its abutting towns, Medway has the second highest median household income (\$110,241) to Norfolk (\$141,278). The figures for Holliston (\$108,869), Franklin (\$108,272), Millis (\$92,042), Bellingham (\$88,460), and Milford (\$69,741) are lower. The number of families in Medway below the poverty level in 2015 was 3.1%. This is the second lowest level among the abutting towns which range from 3.0 % (Bellingham) to 11.2% (Milford). It is significantly lower than the Norfolk County (6.1%) and Massachusetts (10.4%) poverty levels.

Ethnicity

The 2010 U.S. Census indicated that Medway's population was 95.0% white. Other races included Blacks or African Americans (1.0%); American Indian and Alaska Native (0.2%); Asian (2.2%); Two or more races (1.3%); and Other (0.5%). Latinos of any race constituted 2.0%.

Table 3-5: Medway Demographic Profile

	2000		2010		2015		Since 2000
	#	%	#	%	#	%	%
Total Population	12,448	100	12,752	100	13,069	100	+5.0
Male	6,032	48.5	6,205	48.7	6,199	47.4	+2.8
Female	6,416	51.5	6,547	51.3	6,870	52.6	+7.1
Race							
White	12,139	97.5	12,109	95.0	12,195	93.3	+0.5
Black or African American	71	0.6	131	1.0	227	1.7	+219.7
American Indian & Alaska Native	12	0.1	30	0.2	0	0	-100.0
Asian	120	1.0	280	2.2	408	3.1	+240.0
Hispanic or Latino	105	0.8	250	2.0	328	2.5	+212.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder <https://factfinder.census.gov>

Notes: 2000 and 2010 from U.S. Census; 2015 from American Community Survey

Labor Force and Industry

In 2016, Medway had a labor force of 7,229 with 7,019 residents employed and 210 unemployed. Medway experienced a 2.9% rate of unemployment, lower than both Norfolk County's overall rate of 3.2% and Massachusetts's rate of 3.7%.

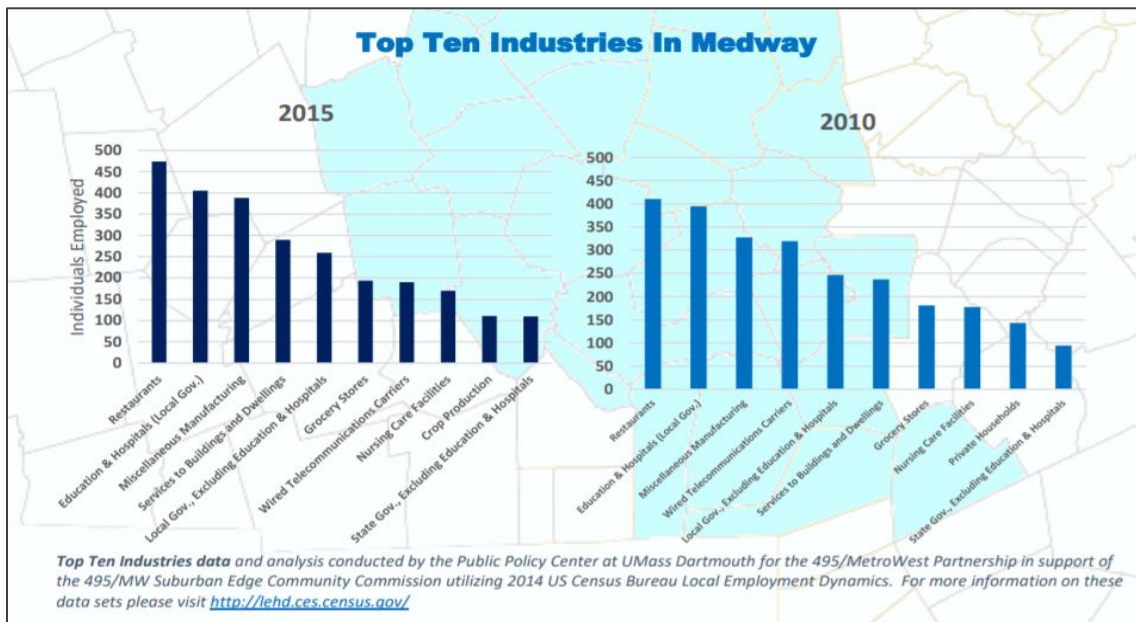
Table 3-6: Labor Force and Unemployment Data, 2016

Geography	Labor Force	Employed Persons	Unemployed Persons	Unemployment Rate
Medway	7,229	7,019	210	2.9%
Norfolk County	370,658	358,675	11,983	3.2%
Massachusetts	3,583,500	3,473,400	110,100	3.7%

Source: MA Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development. http://lmi2.detma.org/lmi/lmi_lur_a.asp

Medway’s industry base is structured in support of the residential community. According to profiles developed by the 495/MetroWest Partnership, the greatest number of jobs are provided by restaurants and eating establishments (470), followed by education and hospitals (413), and miscellaneous manufacturing (362). These were also the same top three industries in 2010. More workers live in Medway and commute elsewhere (6,157) versus workers who work in Medway and live elsewhere (2,749). Approximately 642 residents live and work in Medway. The number of employers in Medway has been increasing at a steady rate. In 2001, there were 287 employers in town, and by Q2 2016 this number had increased to 393. Between 2010 and 2016, the fastest growing industries were crop production (106 jobs added), restaurants and eating places (73 jobs added), building services (43 jobs added), machine shops (34 jobs added), and miscellaneous manufacturing (31 jobs added).

Figure 3-5: Industry Distribution



D. Growth and Development Patterns

Patterns and Trends

As discussed above, Medway began as an agrarian community. Waterpower led to the development of mills during the Industrial Revolution. People settled into villages at Medway Village and West Medway. Much of the remainder of town was agricultural.

In 1971, the “developed” land in Medway (including recreation, residential, commercial, industrial, mining, urban open land, transportation, and waste disposal) totaled 1,732 acres or 23.2% of the total land area in Medway. The “undeveloped” area (including crop land, pasture, forestland, wetland, open land, water and woody perennial) totaled 5,682 acres, or 76.1% of the total. By 1985, the developed land had increased to 2,445 acres, a change of 712 acres. By 1999, the developed land increased further to 3,381 acres – more than 45% of the Town's land area. Thus, developed land almost doubled (an increase of 95%) from 1971 to 1999 while population increased by only 63% (from 7,938 to 12,448) during roughly the same time (1970 to 2000).

Acreage devoted to commercial and industrial uses only increased by 98 acres during this period. Residential land area, however, increased by 1,518 acres, accounting for 92% of the increased developed land. Almost two-thirds of this increase in residential land (986 of the 1,518 acres) was in the category of low density residential (lots larger than 1/2 acre).

The 1970 population of 7,938 occupied a total of 1,478 acres in 1971, or about .19 acres per person. Another way of looking at it is Medway accommodated 7,938 people in 1971 on 1,478 residential acres. To add 4,510 people by 2000, it required an additional 1,518 acres of residential land. This is 0.34 acres per person, almost twice the amount of land per person used in 1971.

The biggest loss of undeveloped land was in the category of forestland, which decreased by 1,040 acres between 1971 and 1999. Pasture land was almost completely eliminated during this period (from 246 acres to 30) and crop land was reduced by 298 acres.

Table 3-7 details the number of single-family new house construction building permits issued in Medway from 1997 to 2014. While the number of permits issued annually dipped below 10 from 2008 to 2012, 2013 and 2014 saw a surge of 34 and 26, respectively.

Table 3-7: Single-family New House Construction Building Permits

Year	# Buildings	Average Cost
1997	78	\$144,100
1998	53	\$170,200
1999	63	\$178,200
2000	57	\$230,400
2001	65	\$198,200
2002	38	\$198,400
2003	22	\$202,500
2004	22	\$257,400
2005	30	\$289,200
2006	11	\$281,000
2007	11	\$336,200
2008	8	\$326,600
2009	6	\$342,200
2010	9	\$338,700
2011	6	\$326,900
2012	5	\$399,000
2013	34	\$211,600
2014	26	\$213,100

Source: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Medway-Massachusetts.html>

Infrastructure

The significant infrastructure elements in Medway are its transportation network, water service, sewer service, and stormwater system. Each of these is discussed briefly below.

Transportation

Medway is home to between 80 and 90 miles of public roads including access to two major roadways, Route 109 and Route 126. Route 109 runs east-west through the center of town and divides Medway in half. With Route 128 and I-495 at either end of it, Route 109 becomes a very convenient way to reach many destinations. Route 126 is a north-south roadway, and is heavily trafficked for its access to Bellingham, Holliston, and I-495. These thoroughfares are supported by smaller roads such as Village Street, which is parallel to Route 109 until it joins Route 109 in Millis. It also provides convenient access into Bellingham and I-495. There are also numerous permanent private roads and unaccepted streets.

MBTA commuter rail service to Boston’s Back Bay and South Stations is available in neighboring Franklin and Norfolk. Rush hour shuttle service through the Greater Attleboro Regional Transit Authority from Medway to the Norfolk rail station was initiated in 2008 and has been very successful.

Sidewalks are an important element of any community’s transportation network. Although sidewalks exist on many Medway roads, residents report that they are not in good condition, and often do not provide critical connections for safe pedestrian routes to popular destinations.

See Medway Rights of Way and Sidewalk Map on the next page.

The Medway Department of Public Works prepared a Six Year Road and Sidewalk Plan 2019-2024, with scheduled improvements and costs noted in the table below. During the next six years, Medway will invest just under \$5 million in sidewalk construction.

Table 3-8: Six Year Sidewalk Plan

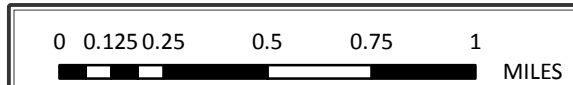
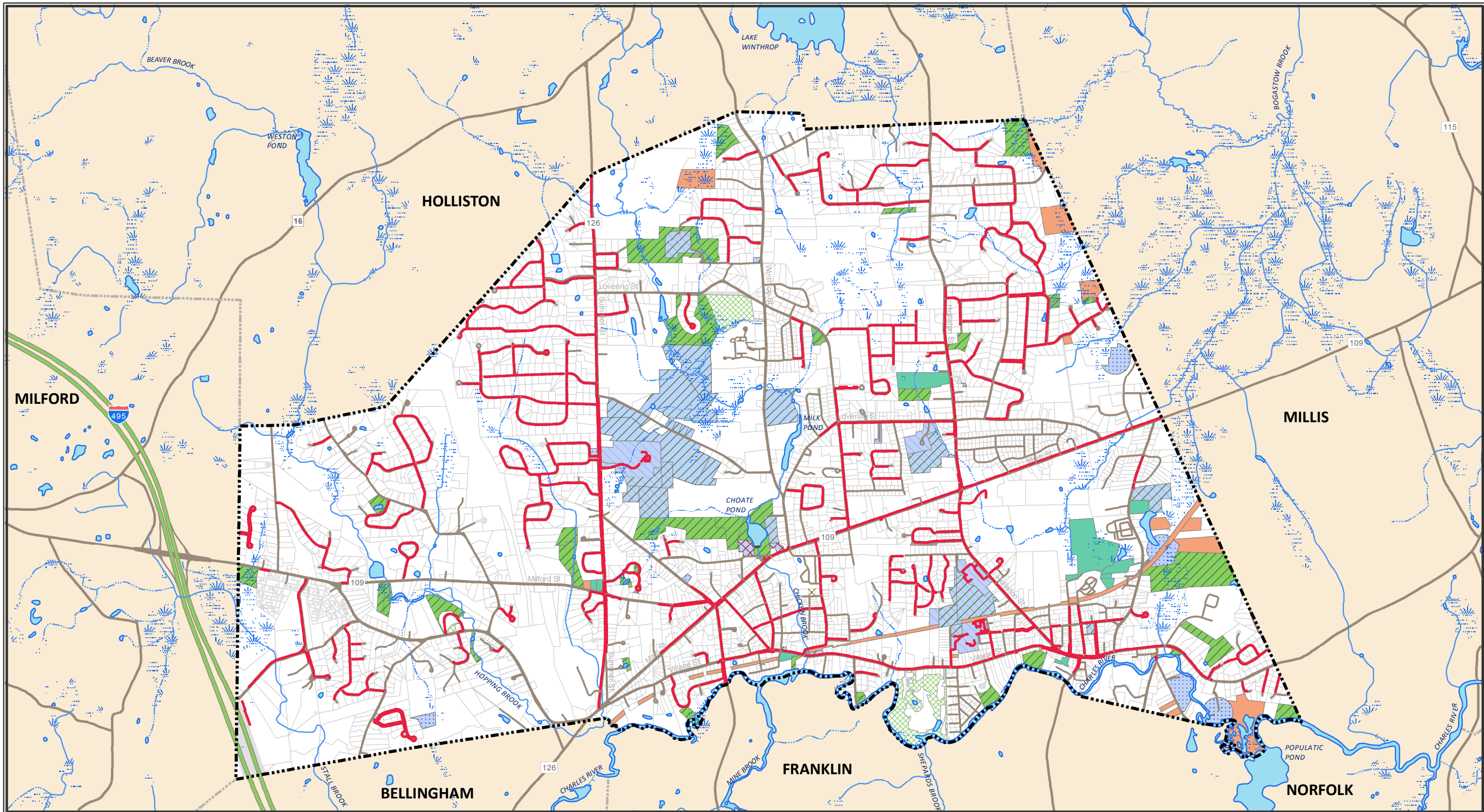
STREET NAME	SIDEWALK COST
YEAR 1 - 2019	
High Street	\$124,537
Wellington Street	\$135,392
Franklin Street	\$115,645
Center Street	\$53,720
Lincoln Street	\$146,206
Awl Street	\$26,459
North Street	\$143,086
Church Street	\$12,920
Barber Street	\$101,945
Main Street (Village Street to Bellingham Line)	\$50,000
YEAR 1 TOTAL	\$909,910
YEAR 2 - 2020	
Holbrook Street	\$110,665
Laurelwood Lane	\$151,691

Main Street (Highland Street to Summer Street)	\$300,000
Daffodil Lane (one side only)	\$46,920
Stall Brook Road	\$85,302
Stoney Ridge Road	\$27,880
YEAR 2 TOTAL	\$722,448
YEAR 3 - 2021	
Alexandria Drive	\$67,874
Birch Bark Road	\$70,417
Maple Leaf Lane	\$47,000
Sun Valley Drive	\$135,000
Woodland Road	\$62,538
YEAR 3 TOTAL	\$382,829
YEAR 4 - 2022	
Cynthia Circle	\$32,721
Broad Street	\$106,222
Village Street (Legion Street to Millis)	\$739,000
YEAR 4 TOTAL	\$877,942
YEAR 5 - 2023	
Dogwood Lane	\$252,862
Wildwood Road	\$60,643
Azalea Drive	\$178,219
Stanley Road	\$213,700
Mallard Drive	\$35,216
Spring Street	\$53,279
Autumn Road	\$157,158
Quail Drive	\$54,785
Milford Street (Summer Street to Highland Street)	\$451,200
YEAR 5 TOTAL	\$1,457,061
YEAR 6 - 2024	
Oakland Street (Main Street to Senior Center)	\$200,000
Main Street (Richard Street to Lee Street)	\$350,000
Village Street (Cottage Street to High Street)	\$67,000
YEAR 6 TOTAL	\$617,000

Although Medway is seeking to improve and expand upon its sidewalk network, options for cycling remain limited due to older, narrow roads with limited shoulders which limit options for adding separate bike lanes or striping lanes within the shoulder. Some interest in developing a multiuse rail trail connecting to neighboring towns was expressed by the public throughout this project. Town officials are reviewing ownership along the abandoned rail corridor right-of-way. The existing off-road trail network is dedicated to hiking, although mountain biking does occur on some trails.

Water Supply

The Town of Medway's water supply (Medway Water Division) is sourced through four groundwater wells, all of which are part of the Charles River Basin. Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the



DATA SOURCES:
 MASSGIS: SEE DETAILS ON DATA WITHIN THE 2018 OSRP ON THE "MASSGIS DATA SOURCES" APPENDIX
 MEDWAY ASSESSING, 10/2017
 MEDWAY COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 03/2018

PREPARED BY MACKENZIE LEAHY



Water Bodies & Features

- Shoreline
- Intermittent Stream
- Perennial Stream
- Open Water
- Wetland

- - - Sidewalks
- Protected Lands**
- ▨ Conservation Restriction
- Conservation
- Municipal
- Unprotected Land**
- Municipal Vacant
- Municipal Buildings & Facilities

- Limited Protection Land**
- ▨ Municipal Schools, Parks, Recreation, Fields
- Type of Municipal Land**
- ▨ Drainage, Well, or Water Tank Parcel
- ▨ Open Space & Recreation
- ▨ Affordable Housing Trust
- ▨ Historic Preservation

Right-of-Ways with Sidewalks in Medway

TOWN OF MEDWAY
 JUNE 20, 2018

town is serviced by the public water supply, and ¼ is on private wells. The Medway water distribution system consists of four groundwater supply sites, two water storage facilities and approximately 75 miles of water mains. The system serves approximately 13,000 residents. The four wells combined produce an average of 300 million gallons of water each year (Medway 2016). Well #1 or Populatic Street well is a gravel-packed well located off Populatic Street. Well #2 or Oakland Street well is a 24-inch well, located off of Oakland Street, and Well #3 or Village Street well is an 8-inch diameter well located off Village Street. Well #4 is at Industrial Park Road. Medway occasionally exceeds the authorized daily withdrawal volumes for its wells and is under order by MassDEP to issue a mandatory water ban annually.

The wells are located in two separate Zone IIs. The Zone II for Well #1 and #3 extends into Franklin, and the Zone II for Well #2 extends into Millis. Each well has a Zone II area around it of 400 feet. The wells are located in an aquifer with a high vulnerability to contamination due to the absence of hydrogeologic barriers (i.e. clay) that can prevent contaminant migration. All three wells have lime and polyphosphate added for corrosion control. Fluoride is also added for dental health. Water is stored in two storage tanks, one located on Lovering Street and the other on Highland Street, with a combined capacity of 2.8 million gallons (Medway 2002). There is a Groundwater Protection Overlay Zoning District that regulates potentially harmful land uses within the Zone II areas.

The Town of Medway is currently addressing the near and long-term integrity of the municipal water supply. The primary focus of the community is the reduced water quality due to elevated iron and manganese levels entering the system from natural sources. The rate and frequency of withdrawal from the sources is managed to the extent practicable to reduce the iron and manganese entering the system. Medway's water service area includes mainly residential demand, which makes up approximately ninety percent (90%) of the system's water use, according to the Town's Annual Statistical report submitted to MassDEP. The remaining demand is commercial and industrial. According to the 2013 Water Integrity Report, the water pumping records for 2015 and 2016 indicate that the Town of Medway water supply capacity (0.947 to 1.140 mgd), may be exceeded by system water use prior to 2023 (WRC-OWR projection). Leak detection and repair is a priority. Additionally, Medway should pursue water supply improvement options that will increase water supply capacity. Recommended options to be investigated included:

- Install iron and manganese removal plant to treat Oakland and Village water supplies to allow longer run times and greater volume per day.
- Populatic replacement well to return capacity back to 600 gpm.
- Install satellite wells at Oakland to extend time between well cleanings resulting in greater volume per day.
- Locate new water supply; one location with potential as a water supply is Chicken Brook.

Wastewater System

The wastewater system is comprised of approximately forty-four miles of gravity sewer that discharges into the sewage treatment facility operated by the Charles River Pollution Control District, and services 75% of the community. Through its recent sewer extension project, the Department of Public Works now operates and maintains a sewer pump station located in the Trotter Drive Industrial Park area. The Department of Public Works continues to make improvements for major sewer trunk line repairs with several inflow and infiltration problems corrected and will continue to do so. Options for recharging the aquifer with treated wastewater

rather than discharging to the Charles River are being explored as part of design solutions to address the water shortages described above.

Stormwater System

Medway is a NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) regulated community. As such, the Town has been implementing the draft 2010 NPDES Phase II permit, despite the continued delay in issuance of a Final Permit by the EPA. Among these efforts are an intense public outreach program to lay the groundwork for creation of a stormwater utility. A Stormwater Task Force has been convened, consisting of representatives from the Board of Selectmen, Department of Public Works, Water and Sewer Commission, Charles River Pollution Control District, Planning and Economic Development Board, Conservation Commission, and Finance Committee, to discuss strategies related to the new MS4 permit and other water related issues. With funding provided by a grant from MassDEP, the Town has developed a draft Stormwater Utility Implementation Plan. Work also continues for stormwater infrastructure identification, mapping and testing. Additionally, the Town has hired an Environmental Compliance Officer who will work with DPW and Conservation Commission personnel to ensure the Town is complying with all required regulations and maintenance of stormwater structures in town, as well as, private stormwater management systems that affect wetlands, waterways and groundwater. All 425 known outfalls in Medway have been located with GPS. About 25% remain to be inspected for dry weather flows. Some illicit connections have been detected; most related to basement sump pump connections.

It should be noted that the Town has contracted with Kleinfelder, Inc. in the development of an Integrated Water Resource Management Plan (IWRMP). This plan looks to treat all of the above systems as integrated and interactive. The resulting planned actions and investments will work in harmony for an overall improvement in water resources for the community.

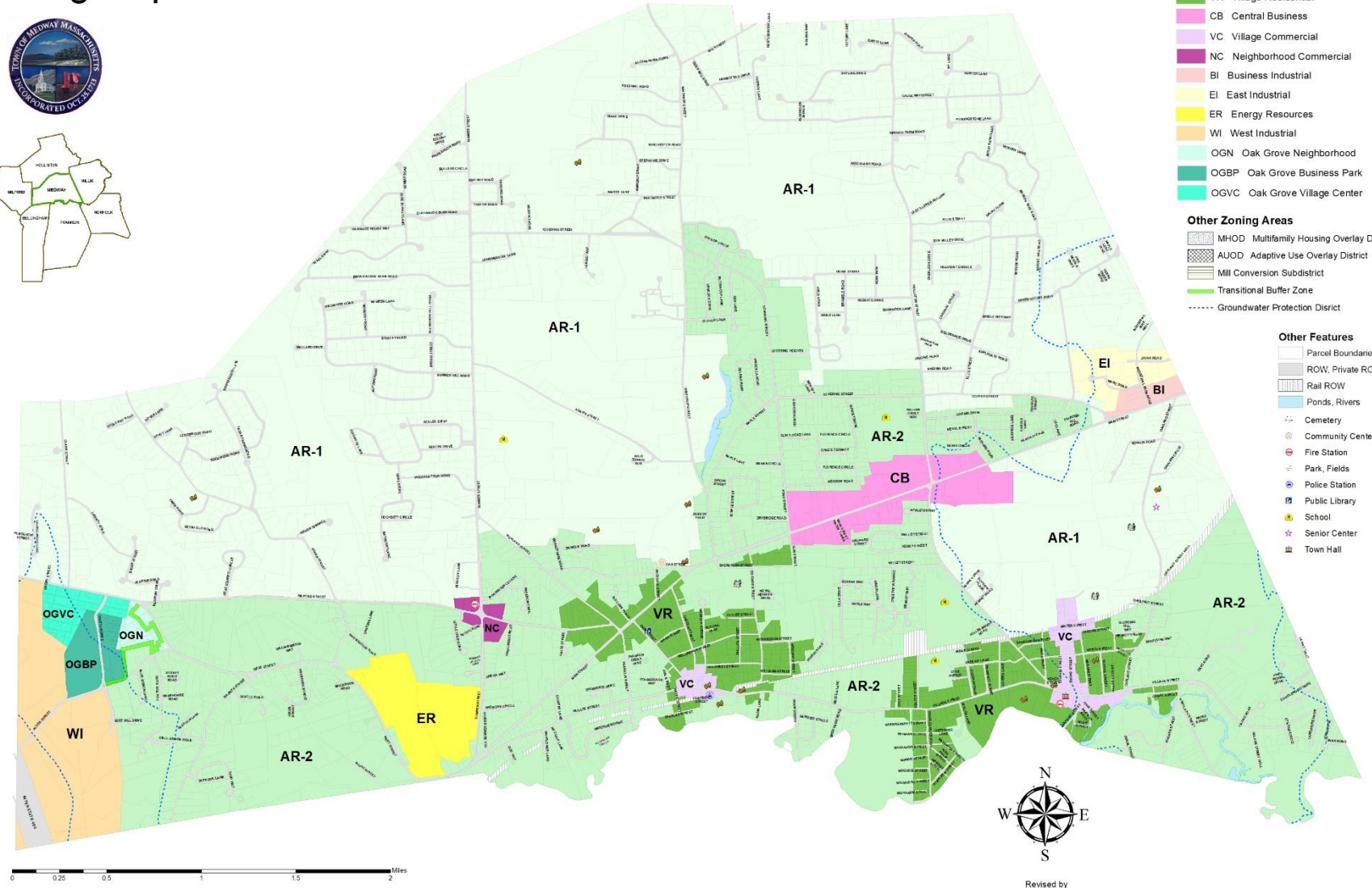
Long-Term Development Patterns

The current *Zoning Bylaw* provides for three residential districts: two agricultural-residential (AR), and one village residential (VR). Zone AR-I requires minimum lot sizes of 44,000 ft² and 180 feet of continuous frontage. Zones AR-II and VR require minimum lot sizes of 22,500 ft² and 150 feet of frontage. There are five designated commercial districts and three industrial districts. Medway's *Zoning Map* is included on the next page.

A major increase in development has occurred since 1991. During that time period, most of Medway's residential development has been in the form of conventional subdivisions. However, the *Zoning Bylaw* also provides special permit options for open space residential developments (OSRD), adult retirement community planned unit developments (ARCPUD), and multi-family housing developments, all of which have been permitted and constructed or are under construction.

Like many of its neighboring communities, Medway has recently approved a series of 40B comprehensive permit residential developments whereby municipalities are required to relax standard zoning requirements for developers who provide at least 25% of the dwellings as affordable housing units. When completed, this will add 418 households to Medway's population.

Town of Medway, MA Zoning Map



- Underlying Zoning Districts**
- AR-1 Agricultural Residential 1
 - AR-2 Agricultural Residential 2
 - VR Village Residential
 - CB Central Business
 - VC Village Commercial
 - NC Neighborhood Commercial
 - BI Business Industrial
 - EI East Industrial
 - ER Energy Resources
 - WI West Industrial
 - OGN Oak Grove Neighborhood
 - OGBP Oak Grove Business Park
 - OGVC Oak Grove Village Center
- Other Zoning Areas**
- MHOD Multifamily Housing Overlay District
 - AUOD Adaptive Use Overlay District
 - Mill Conversion Subdistrict
 - Transitional Buffer Zone
 - Groundwater Protection District

- Other Features**
- Parcel Boundaries
 - ROW, Private ROW
 - Rail ROW
 - Ponds, Rivers
 - Cemetery
 - Community Center
 - Fire Station
 - Park, Fields
 - Police Station
 - Public Library
 - School
 - Senior Center
 - Town Hall



Revised by
Fran V Hutton Lee
GIS Coordinator - Town of Medway, MA
December 27, 2019

This revised Zoning Map reflects changes approved at the November 16, 2019 Town Meeting.

Zoning District	Minimum Lot Size (sq. ft.)	Minimum Frontage (ft.)	Minimum Setbacks (ft.) Front, Side, Rear
AR-1	44,000	180	35, 15, 15
AR-2	22,500	150	35, 15, 15
VR	22,500	150	20, 10, 10
CB	10,000	NA	10, 10, 25
VC	10,000	NA	20, 10, 10
NC	20,000	NA	35, 15, 15
BI	20,000	75	25, 15, 15
EI	20,000	100	30, 20, 30
ER	20,000	150	30, 20, 30
WI	40,000	100	30, 20, 30

Please be advised that not all Dimensional and Density Regulations are included in the table above. Please refer to the Medway Zoning Bylaw, Section 6.1 Dimensional and Density Regulations, and Section 9 Oak Grove Park Districts.

ADAPTIVE USE OVERLAY DISTRICT (AUOD)
To promote economic development and to preserve community character by encouraging conversion of existing residential buildings in certain older neighborhoods to limited business and mixed uses. Special permit use.

MULTIFAMILY HOUSING OVERLAY DISTRICT (MHOD)
To encourage the provision of a diversity of housing types, to promote pedestrian oriented developments, and to increase the number of affordable housing units in a designated area by authorizing multifamily dwelling units and developments in a designated area. Special permit use.

FLOOD PLAIN DISTRICT
To prevent public emergencies resulting from water quality contamination and pollution, to avoid loss of utility services, to eliminate costs of responding to and cleaning up, and to reduce damage to public and private property all resulting from flooding waters.

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION DISTRICT
To protect the MA Department of Environmental Protection designated Zone II recharge areas in order to ensure an adequate quantity and quality of drinking water for Medway residents, institutions and businesses and to preserve and protect existing and potential sources of drinking water supplies.

Please also refer to the Medway Zoning Bylaw, Section 5.6, Overlay Districts, and Section 8, Special Regulations.

Prepared for the
Medway Planning and Economic Development Board
155 Village Street, Medway, MA 02053
508-533-3291, planningboard@townofmedway.org
Data provided by Town of Medway and MassGIS

The information on this map is believed to be correct, but errors in data entry or transmission may occur. The map is not to be used for legal purposes. The information on this map is subject to change or revision at any time.

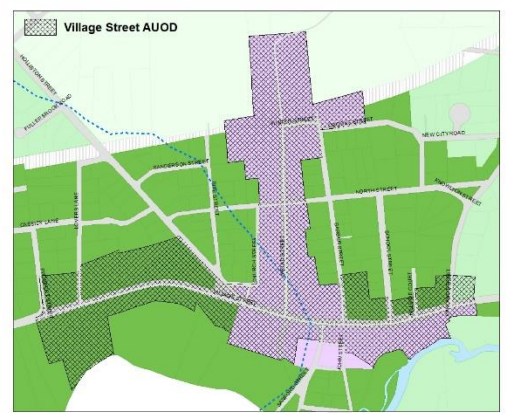


Table 3 -9: Medway 40B Comprehensive Permit Developments

Development Name	Location	Approval Date	Type of Development	Number of Dwelling units
Timber Crest	Entrances from: Holliston Street Winthrop Street Fairway Lane	May 31, 2017	Single-family subdivision	136 single family, detached homes
Glen Brook	Glen Brook Way off West Street	August 16, 2018 (Phase II approval) Original Decision date: August 2, 2017 (Phase I)	Apartments	48 family 44 age restricted 92 total units (100% affordable)
39 Main Street	33-39 Main Street	July 31, 2019	Apartments	190 units

A buildout analysis completed in 2000 by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) projected that there are an additional 2,617 developable acres in Medway. This translates into an estimated 2,057 additional residential units, 5,658 additional residents (for a total buildout population of 18,106), more than 4.1 million square feet of commercial and industrial space, about 1,234 additional school children (for a buildout total of 3,829), an additional demand for water of 735,033 gallons per day (for a buildout total of 1.9 million gallons per day), and an additional 39 miles of roadway.

By agreement with the [Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth](#), the UMass Donahue Institute (UMDI) has produced population projections for all Massachusetts municipalities at 5-year intervals to 2035, using a model developed by [Dr. Henry Renski](#), Associate Professor of Regional Planning at UMass Amherst. For Medway, the 2020 projection of 13,146 is lower than previous forecasts by MAPC and the Massachusetts Institute for Social and Economic Research (MISER) for 2020: 14,491 (MAPC) and 15,080 (MISER). The MAPC 2000 Buildout Analysis provides an even greater estimated population based on 10% annual growth rate, forecasting the Town's buildout capacity at 18,106 people around 2040. The Buildout Analysis forecast is inconsistent with the recent projections from UMDI, and unlikely given the only 2.4% increase between 2000 to 2010, and 4.4% from 2010 to 2016.

Table 3-10: Population Projections 2015-2035

Census 2010	PROJECTIONS				
	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035
12,752	13,153	13,146	13,312	13,502	13,526

Source: <http://pep.donahue-institute.org/>

SECTION 4 ENVIRONMENTAL INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

A. Geology, Soils & Topography

Medway’s geology is largely a result of glacial activity that occurred about 20,000 years ago. The terrain ranges in elevation from 135 to 370 feet above mean sea level.

Most soils in Medway are fine sandy loams (Canton, Merrimack, Paxton, Ridgebury, Scituate, Woodbridge). These soils range from nearly level to steep and very deep. They are well-drained and located on glaciated uplands. Erosion on slopes can be a hazard, but fine sandy loams are well-suited for agriculture, forests, and meadows. They are also suited well for building foundations, making these soil types desirable for development, though slopes can limit their use.

Pockets of sandy loam (Hinckley), loamy sand (Deerfield), and silt loam (Rippowam, Raynham) also run through the town. Hinckley is well-suited for crops, lawns, and pasture and is sometimes found to be wooded. Because of the high permeability of Hinckley soils, there is a danger of septic tank effluent polluting groundwater. Very fine sandy loam and mucky sandy loam (Scarboro, Birdsall) form the substrate for wetland areas in town and support the important wetland ecosystem services of flood protection and the replenishment and filtration of drinking water resources (Conley & Serrill).

Medway is comprised of approximately 75% sewer and 25% individual septic systems, so soil types are extremely important when determining future development options and infrastructure needs. The area identified as the “west side” of Medway is known to have heavy, wet, rocky soils mingled with clay, producing chestnut, oak, maple, and hickory, with surprisingly rapidity. Under cultivation, this is the best grass providing land in the town. (History of Medway). However, these soils are not necessarily conducive or suitable for the installation of septic systems.

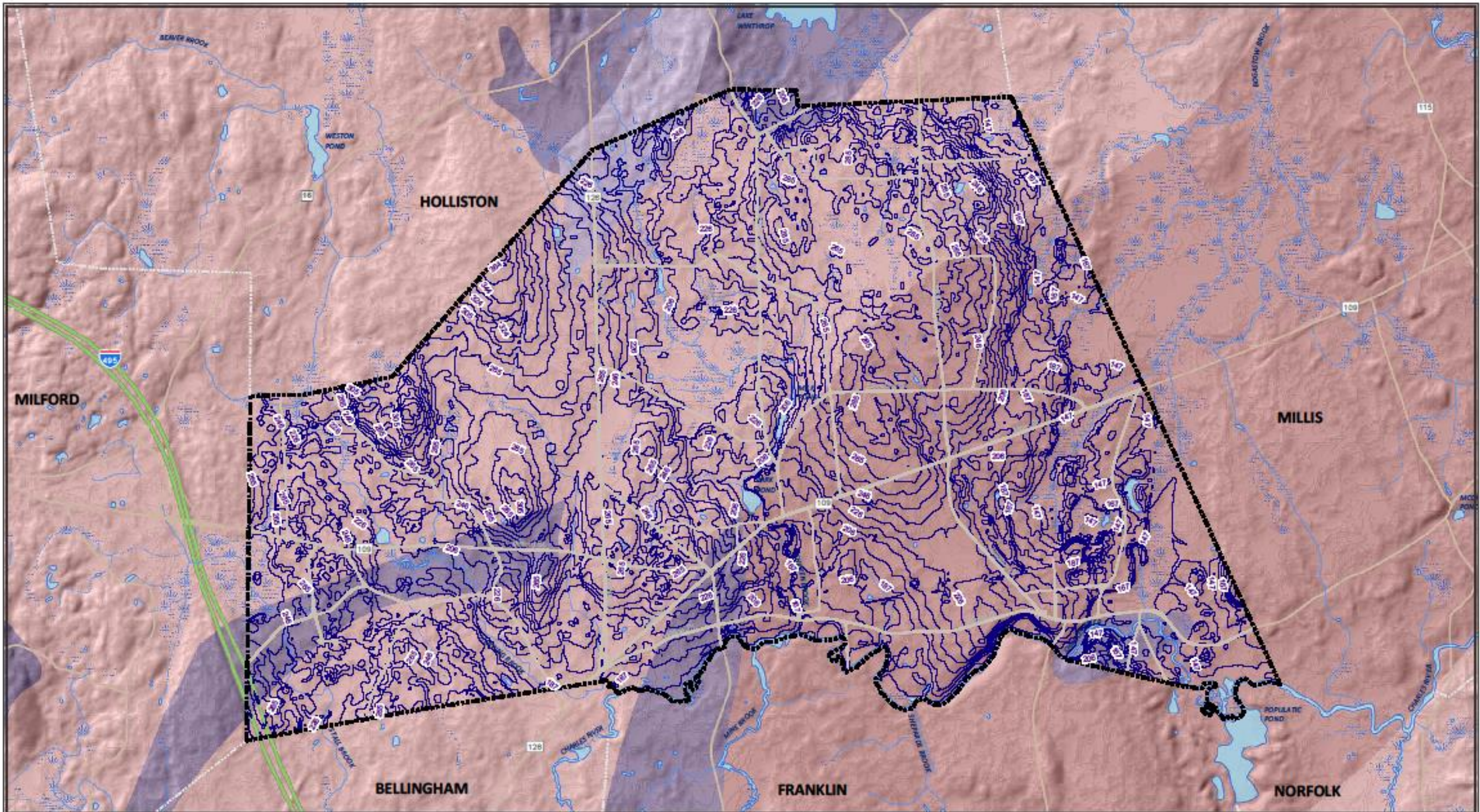
See Bedrock Geology Map and the Map of Natural Drainage Conditions of Soil Areas Suitable for Development on the following pages.

B. Landscape Character

Medway offers a diverse landscape that includes suburban, small town, historic, rural, and agricultural character. The community includes hills, forests, fields, stone walls, ponds, rivers, streams, marshes, and swamps. These elements provide a pleasant and productive environment in which to live and work.

With its location along Route 109, and containing Choate Pond and the Charles River, Medway blends old and new into its existing rural character. By incorporating open spaces, playgrounds and natural trails, Medway maintains its undeveloped feeling; a characteristic that could be lost in the future due to increasing traffic and loss of wildlife habitats.

The corridor between Summer and Winthrop Streets, through which Chicken Brook runs, retains much of the community’s historic, rural character. The historic New England pattern of settlements clustered amid fields and forest remains in areas of Medway. Historic clusters in



0 0.125 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 MILES

DATA SOURCES:
 MASSGIS: SEE DETAILS ON DATA WITHIN THE 2018 OSRP ON THE "MASSGIS DATA SOURCES" APPENDIX
 MEDWAY ASSESSING, 10/2017
 MEDWAY COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 03/2018

PREPARED BY MACKENZIE LEAHY

Water Bodies & Features

- Shoreline
- Intermittent Stream
- Perennial Stream
- Open Water
- Wetland

Bedrock Lithology

- Avalon Granite
- Felsic Volcanics
- Granite, other
- Mafic Rocks

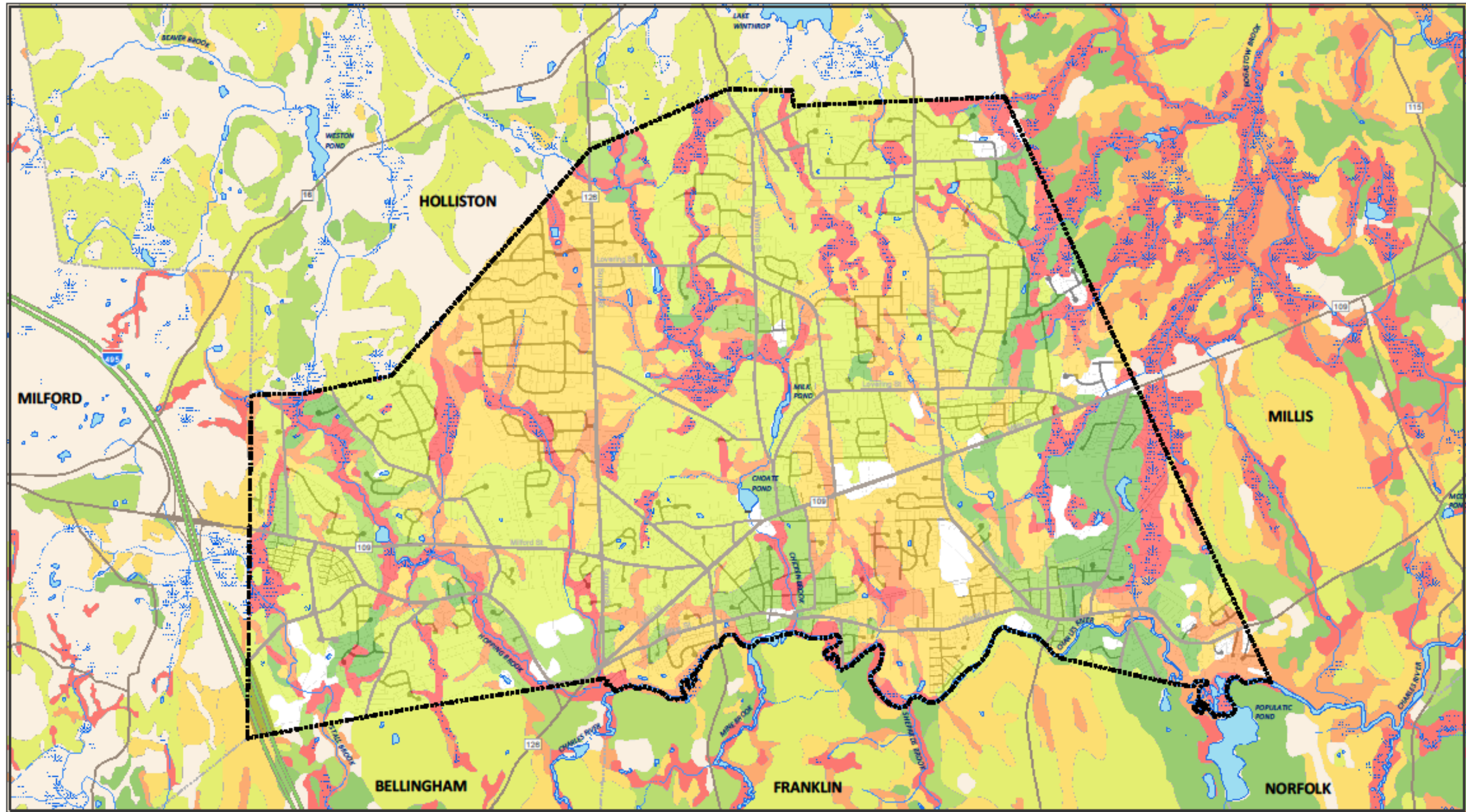
Shaded Relief

- Elevation High
- Elevation Low

— Contours

Bedrock Geology

TOWN OF MEDWAY
 MARCH 23, 2018



0 0.125 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 MILES

DATA SOURCES:
 MASSGIS: SEE DETAILS ON DATA WITHIN THE 2018 OSRP ON THE "MASSGIS DATA SOURCES" APPENDIX
 MEDWAY ASSESSING, 10/2017
 MEDWAY COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 03/2018

PREPARED BY MACKENZIE LEAHY

Water Bodies & Features

- Shoreline
- Intermittent Stream
- Perennial Stream
- Open Water
- Wetland

Soil Conditions

Very Poorly Drained Excessively Drained

Least Suitable Most Suitable

Development Suitability

Natural Drainage Conditions of Soil and Areas Suitable for Development

TOWN OF MEDWAY
 MARCH 23, 2018

Medway Village and West Medway, an emerging modern village at the intersection of Routes 109 and 126, and Village Street, which runs across the southern end of town from Bellingham to Millis, all showcase historic homes and represent a significant part of Medway’s character.

Route 109, also known as Main Street, runs through the middle of Medway in an east-west direction and makes up the commercial core of the community. It is also the site of many historic homes. The commercial area is largely suburban in character, having been developed primarily from the 1960s to the present.

C. Water Resources

Rivers

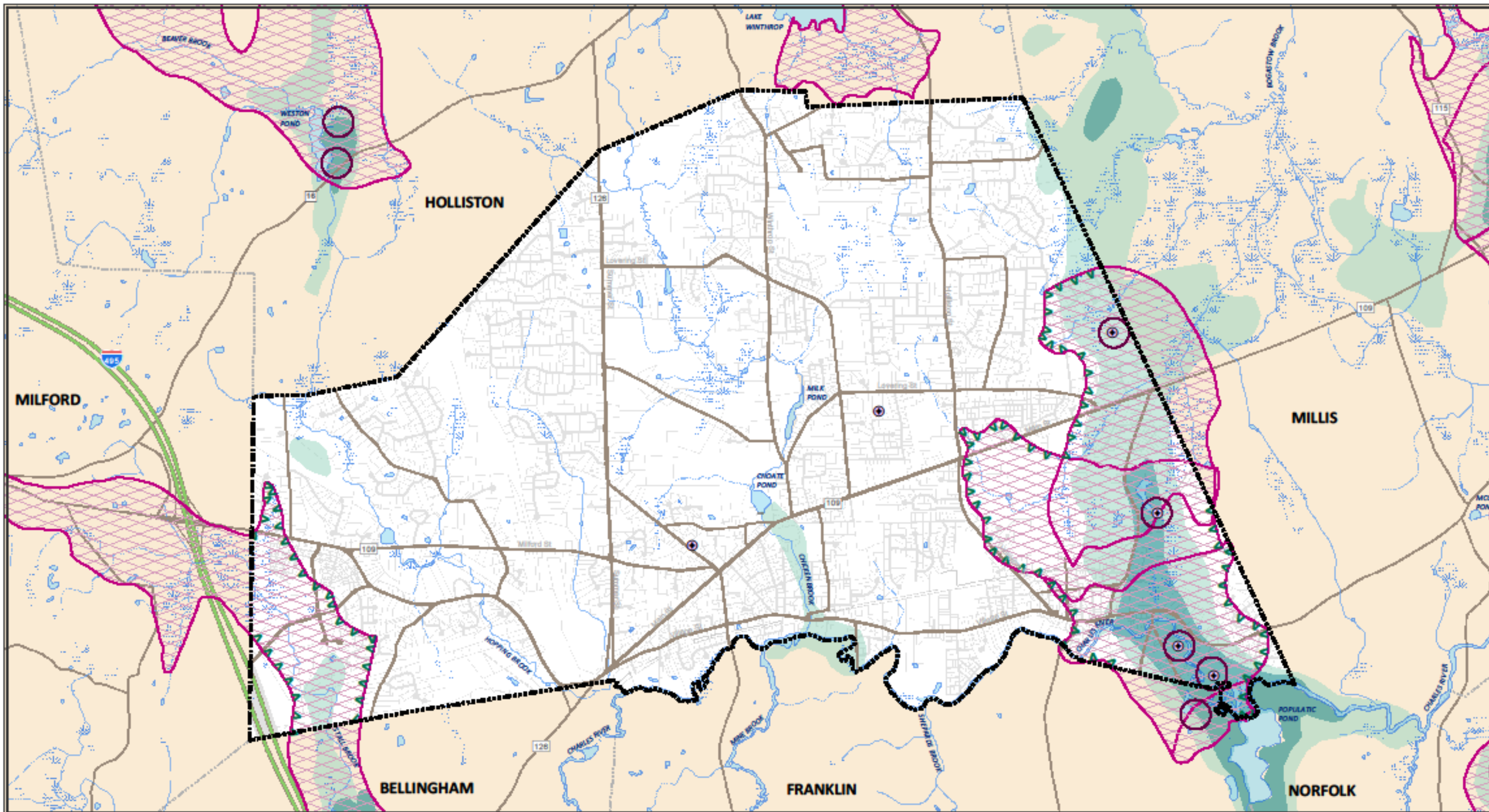


Charles River at Sanford Mill

Medway lies entirely within the Charles River watershed area which includes twenty-three communities and covers a drainage area of 308 square miles. The Charles River is the most significant water body in Medway and forms two-thirds of Medway’s southern border with the Town of Franklin. Surface waters compose about 0.5 percent of Medway’s area. A network of wetlands and streams including Hopping Brook and Stall Brook weave through the western portion of Medway on their way to the Charles River. Additionally, another important water resources within Medway are Chicken Brook, most of which has been protected through successful acquisition of land surrounding the brook, and the Black Swamp, located in the northeastern part of Medway. See Water Resources Map on the following page.

During the Industrial Revolution, the Charles River was widely used as a power source for manufacturing mills, including in Medway. Pollutants discharged from these mills led to significant environmental damage to the river. The Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA) was formed in 1965 in response to the polluted conditions of the river. Ongoing efforts to clean the Charles River have resulted in ninety percent of it being currently swimmable, according to the CRWA.

The community’s brooks and streams are all tributaries of the Charles River and thus contribute to its water quality, streamflow, and temperature. The major tributaries are Chicken Brook, Hopping Brook, and Stall Brook. Chicken Brook flows north to south through the central part of town in a corridor with many opportunities for recreation known as the Chicken Brook Ecological Corridor. This area includes wildlife habitat, agricultural fields, hiking trails, and



0 0.125 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 MILES

DATA SOURCES:
 MASSGIS: SEE DETAILS ON DATA WITHIN THE 2018 OSRP ON THE "MASSGIS DATA SOURCES" APPENDIX
 MEDWAY ASSESSING, 10/2017
 MEDWAY COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 03/2018

PREPARED BY MACKENZIE LEAHY

Water Bodies & Features
 — Shoreline
 — Intermittent Stream
 — Perennial Stream
 — Open Water
 Wetland

⊕ Public Wells & Water Tanks

Wellhead Protection Areas
 ○ DEP Approved Zone I
 ▨ DEP Approved Zone II

▨ Groundwater Protection District

Aquifers
 High Yield
 Medium Yield

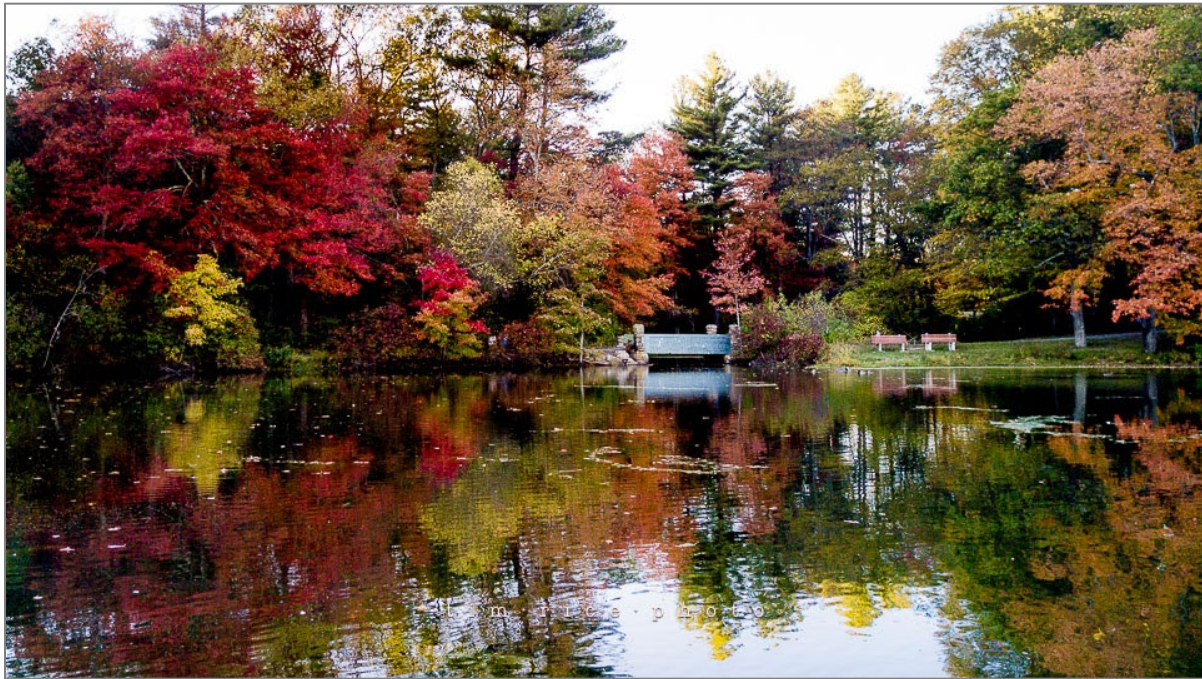
Water Resources

TOWN OF MEDWAY
 MARCH 23, 2018

Choate Park. Chicken Brook’s flow becomes weak in the summer. Hopping Brook originates in Holliston and meanders through Medway from its northwest corner to join the Charles River where it begins to form the border between Medway and Franklin. Hopping Brook is protected, in part, by US Army Corps of Engineers land. Stall Brook runs through the southwestern corner of Medway (Master Plan 2009).

Ponds

Choate Pond, along with Milk Pond, is fed by Chicken Brook, a tributary to the Charles River. Choate Pond is the largest body of water in Medway, formed by the Chicken Brook Dam located in the heart of Choate Park.



Choate Pond – Photo by Tim Rice

Choate Pond was once the main attraction at Choate Park with a swimming beach for residents. More frequent testing, more stringent requirements, and warmer water temperatures led to frequent closers during the swimming season due to high bacteria counts. As a result, Choate Pond has been closed for swimming. In 2004, Town Meeting approved funding to clean up Choate Pond. Two of the three proposed tasks have been completed with minimal improvements in water quality. The last measure had both technical and regulatory challenges that far exceeded the Town's funding appropriation and was unlikely to be successful. In 2018, the Park underwent significant improvements for recreational use. The former beach has been replaced with native woodland vegetation to restore some habitat structure and function around the pond.

Wetlands

Wetlands are scattered throughout town, with heavier concentrations along major waterways. Most of the wetlands are deciduous forested wetlands, predominantly red maple swamps. There was no net loss of wetlands in Medway in the period from 1971 to 1999. The Black Swamp, which straddles the town line between Medway and Millis, is the most prominent wetland in Medway with great wildlife habitat and minimal human access.

The Chicken Brook Wildlife Corridor, first identified in the 2010 OSRP, is currently protecting a considerable amount of wetlands resources through permanent land protection. This corridor provides not only wetland protection, but a scenic walking path and boardwalk open to the public.

During the 1970's, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) acquired hundreds of acres of wetlands and low-lying property along the Charles River and its tributaries for flood control purposes. This assemblage of lands is known in its entirety as the Charles River Natural Valley Storage Area. It is a flood control project initiated as a “passive” means of protecting the environment and reducing downstream flooding by ensuring that existing low-lying areas in the flood plain were not altered in any way that would reduce their capacity to contain, slow, or absorb flooding.



Photo by Alan Earls

The Charles River Natural Valley Storage lands are located in Millis, Medfield, Norfolk, Franklin, Holliston, Needham, Sherborn, Bellingham, Dedham, Dover, Medway, Newton, Wrentham, Walpole, Natick, and Boston. In several instances, these lands have been managed and further developed for conservation and recreation purposes. (The Charles River Meadowlands Plan for Bellingham, Franklin, and Medway).

Wetland resources are protected through regulations administered by the Medway Conservation Commission and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Medway has a local Wetlands Protection Bylaw that provides greater protection than the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. Together they ensure that wetlands continue to perform their valuable functions for water quality and watershed protection, wildlife habitat, flood control, groundwater recharge and pollution control.

Vernal Pools

There are seventeen Certified Vernal Pools and sixty-seven Potential Vernal Pools in Medway. The Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game (MassWildlife) believes that the potential vernal pools are likely to pass certification standards if the certification process was completed. MassWildlife encourages the Town to certify pools on its own property and require developers to certify pools on any property requiring permits from the Town (Harper). Medway does contain a unique area of unprotected private land which currently has five Certified Vernal Pools and three Potential Vernal Pools all of which are clustered and provide specialized habitat for specific species unique to these habitats. It should be noted that DEP recognizes these areas as “cluster vernal pools” and considers these clusters susceptible to decline from development. The Medway Wetlands Protection Bylaw provides 100’ Vernal Pool Habitat protection to vernal pools whether or not they are certified in advance. This is a “No Disturb Zone” which means the Conservation Commission does not allow disturbance of this land.

See Map of Core Habitats and Critical Natural Landscapes on the next page.

Drinking Water

The public water supply system is discussed under infrastructure in Section 3.

Aquifer Recharge Areas

Drinking water for Medway’s residents and businesses originates from four local groundwater supply wells installed in sand and gravel deposits. These wells tap the medium and high yield aquifer of the Charles River basin underlying the eastern and southeastern part of town. The Charles River basin is fed by the Bugastow sub basin and the Chicken Brook-Charles River sub basin. The most productive aquifer is connected with the Charles River in the southeastern corner of town near the borders with Franklin and Norfolk (Conley & Serrill). The Water Resources Map included in Section 3 illustrates the sub-basins, Town wells, aquifers and Zone II water supply protection areas.

Populatic Well – Medway’s largest well, the Populatic well is a gravel packed well installed in 1942. The water supply carries a MassDEP maximum withdrawal rate of 607 gpm, however the present maximum pumping rate is set at 425 gpm due to well water level restriction.

Oakland Well – The Oakland well is a gravel packed well installed in 1965. The water supply carries a MassDEP maximum withdrawal rate of 410 gpm, however the present maximum available rate is 275 gpm due to well water level restriction.

Village Well – The Village well is a gravel packed well rehabilitated in 2007. The water supply carries a MassDEP maximum withdrawal rate of 457 gpm, however present maximum pump rate is set at 350 gpm with a maximum rate of approximately 420 gpm, depending on groundwater level.

Industrial Park Road Well – The Industrial Park well is a gravel packed well installed in 2007. The water supply carries a MassDEP maximum withdrawal rate of 330 gpm, however present maximum available rate is approximately 215 gpm due to well water level restriction.

Regulatory Requirements

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts started the Sustainable Water Management Initiative in 2010 to guide MA DEP’s permitting of water withdrawals under the Water Management Act (WMA) with the goal of providing water for communities while also supporting ecological health and promoting economic development. WMA regulates the sub-basins and requires the Town to minimize impacts to river and stream base flow by limiting water withdrawals to a “safe yield,” the maximum dependable water withdrawal calculated over a series of years. WMA makes conservation and water loss reduction important priorities (Conley & Serrill).

Since 2003, Medway has been designated as “urbanized” and is regulated by the EPA’s NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) permits program as an MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System). An MS4 is a system composed of stormwater drains, pipes, culverts, swales and ditches designed to collect and transfer stormwater from developed areas to the nearest water bodies. An MS4 is not a combined sewer system.

Medway has a Stormwater Management Plan to achieve regulatory compliance and manage stormwater safely and safeguard ecological health by reducing pollution to waters. The Town reports its stormwater activities in a yearly report. The 2016-2017 report describes revisions and improvements that are being incorporated into the stormwater collection system along Route 109 and Choate Pond as part of the Route 109 renovations project. It also lists work completed under the categories of public education, outreach, and participation; illicit discharge detection and elimination; construction site stormwater runoff control; post-construction stormwater management in new development/redevelopment; and pollution prevention in municipal operations. The Town is currently strategizing how to meet the requirements of the new MS4 permit which go into effect July 1, 2018 (NPDES Phase II Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report).

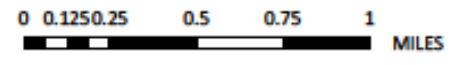
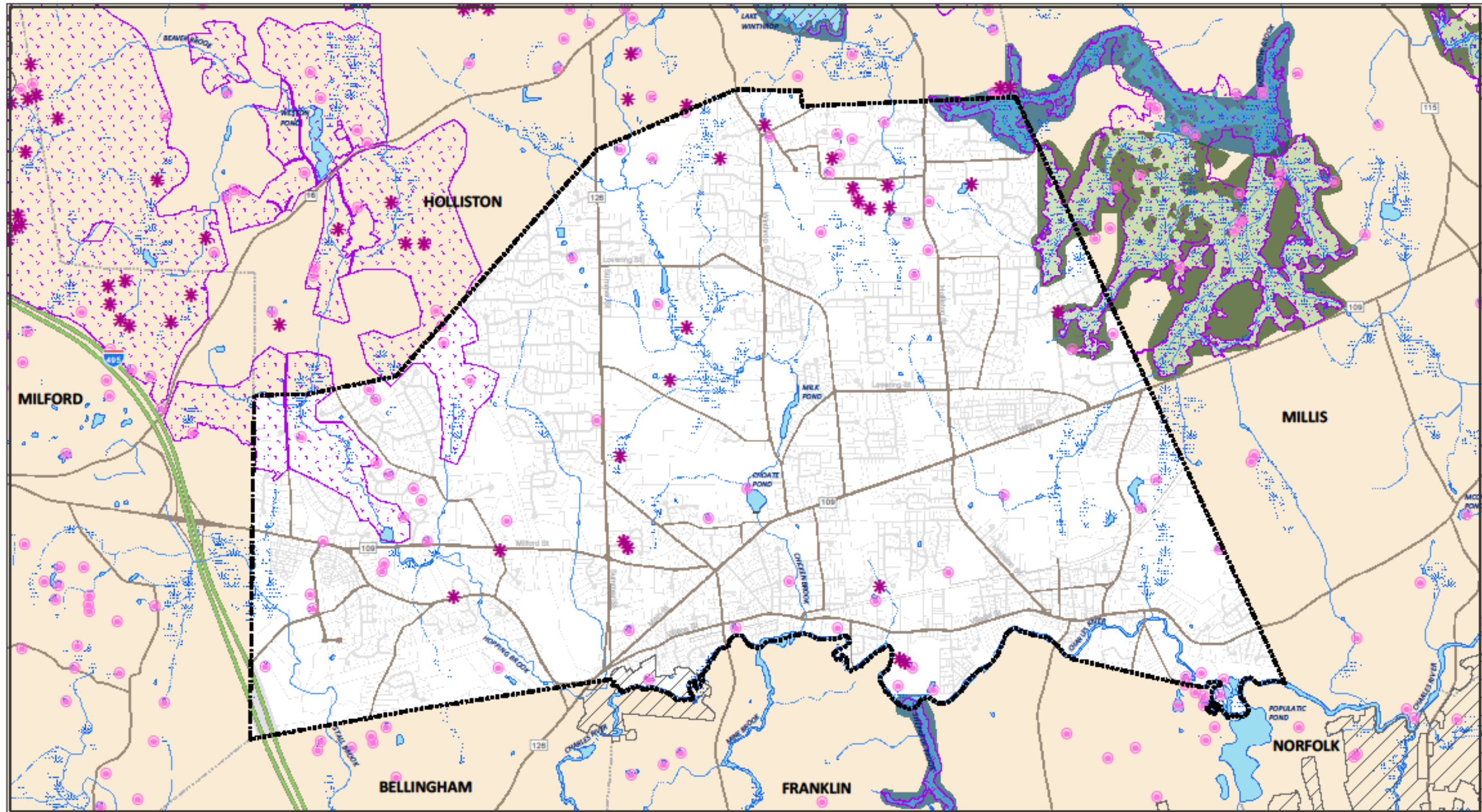
Water Supply and Demand

Medway’s water system has limitations when it comes to meeting the community’s water needs. The Town has enough permitted capacity to meet demand, but its current four wells cannot safely pump enough water to meet future projected water demands (Water Supply & Demand Assessment in Relation to Exelon Power ‘West Medway II’ Project for Town of Medway, MA). Medway is strategizing about how to best improve the water system to increase the quantity of water the system can pull and properly account for water demand.

Water testing in 2016 showed that water quality at all wells was in compliance with State standards with the exception of slightly elevated manganese levels at the Village Street well. During 2016 the Medway Water Division conducted a Level 1 Assessment and was required to complete one Corrective Action (Annual Water Quality Report). Medway is working to return all wells to permitted capacity and substantially lower losses in the distribution system to address this issue, especially as Medway looks to the future and possible constraints on development a limited water supply would pose.

Water Conservation and Protection

Because the drinking water aquifers are shallow and connected, development and other activities, such as agriculture, can affect drinking water quality and quantity downstream. The Town wells can benefit from good management practices including identifying and protecting land that directly effects aquifers and groundwater (Conley & Serrill).



DATA SOURCES:
 MASSGIS: SEE DETAILS ON DATA WITHIN THE 2018 OSRP ON THE "MASSGIS DATA SOURCES" APPENDIX
 MEDWAY ASSESSING, 10/2017
 MEDWAY COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 03/2018
 PREPARED BY MACKENZIE LEAHY

Water Bodies & Features

- Shoreline
- Intermittent Stream
- Perennial Stream
- Open Water
- Wetland

- Least-Disturbed Wetland Complexes
 - Priority Natural Community Wetland
 - Upland Buffer of Wetland Core
 - Aquatic Core
 - Upland Buffer of Aquatic Core
- Certified Vernal Pools
 - Potential Vernal Pools
 - NHESP Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife
 - BioMap2 Core Habitat - Species of Conservation Concern

**Core Habitats and
Critical Natural Landscapes**

TOWN OF MEDWAY
MARCH 23, 2018

The Town encourages water conservation through education and outreach efforts. To sustain local water resources a mandatory water ban is in effect from May 1 to September 30. No outside watering was allowed from 9 am – 5 pm, in-ground sprinkler use is forbidden, and restrictions for watering via a hose are in effect (Water Ban Notice). This restriction has been in place for the past fifteen years as part of the town’s Water Withdrawal Permit. Medway has begun discussions on how to further protect drinking water as part of the Integrated Water Resource Management Plan, with the help of a consultant (Kleinfelder).

Flood Hazard Areas

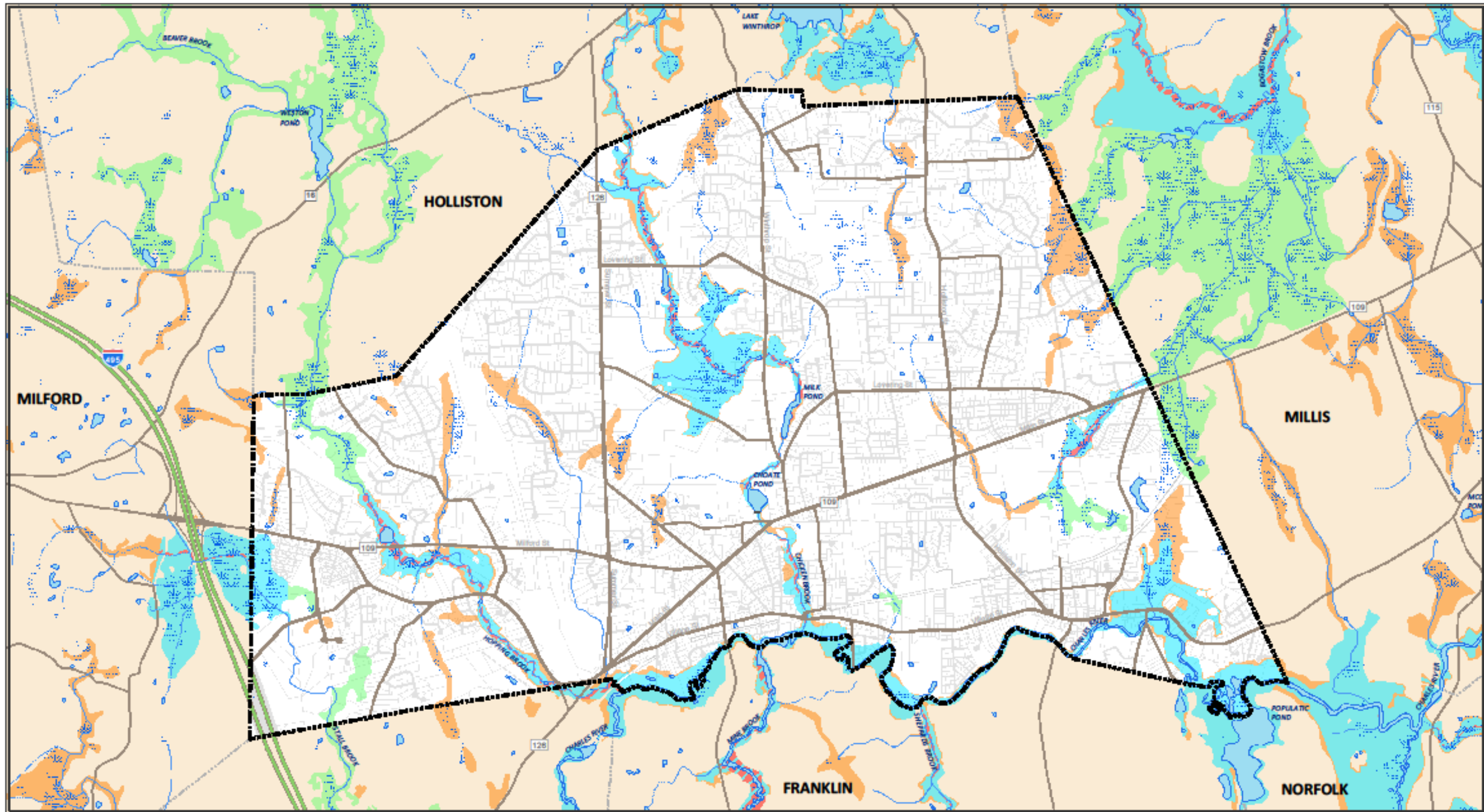
Many of the water resources in Medway are within flood hazard areas. Three major types of flood hazard zones exist in Medway: A, AE and X500. Zone A is an area inundated by 100-year flooding for which no Base Flood Elevations have been determined. There are three small areas of Zone A in Medway as follows: (1) a small area between Village Street and Forest Road, along the abandoned railroad bed; (2) the northern part of Hopping Brook; and the area along the small brook near the intersection of Route 109 and Holliston Street.

Zone AE is an area inundated by 100-year flooding for which Base Flood Elevations have been determined. This zone closely follows most of Hopping Brook, Chicken Brook, the Charles River, and the small brook near the intersection of Route 109 and Holliston Street.

Zone X500 is an area subject to inundation by a 500-year storm; an area inundated by 100-year flooding with average depths of less than one foot or with drainage areas less than one square mile; or an area protected by levees from 100-year flooding. It is the most common zone in Medway. X500 zones abut the AE zones along Hopping Brook, Chicken Brook, the Charles River and the small brook near the Route 109 and Holliston Street intersection. Additionally, there are several patches of wetlands in town that are within Zone X500, including a patch west of Clark Street, two patches near Stall Brook at the Milford and Bellingham borders, the area around Summer Hill Road, the wetlands at the end of the brook near the Highland and Park Streets intersection, four patches of wetlands in the Black Swamp, a patch of wetlands on Route 126 near Pheasant Run Road and two patches of wetlands along the brook that offshoots eastwardly from Milk Pond. There is another X500 zone lining the brook that offshoots northward from Hopping Brook around Route 109. Finally, an X500 zone surrounds the AE zone around both Park Pond and Milk Pond.

See FEMA Flood Zones map on the following page.

Medway has recently updated the 2011 Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which expired in April 2016. The Town has received a FEMA Pre-disaster Mitigation Grant to update the plan with assistance from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Flooding is the most relevant and serious natural hazard identified by local officials. There are eight critical infrastructure sites within FEMA floodplains and five within locally identified flood areas, including: Walker Street Bridge, Milford Street Culvert, Main Street Culvert, and the Town’s Populatic Well. With the assistance of a Hazard Mitigation Grant, the Town has been working on drainage improvements to the Brentwood Subdivision (built in the early 1960’s), an area identified in the recently expired plan which is prone to flooding.



0 0.125 0.25 0.5 0.75 1
MILES

DATA SOURCES:

MASSGIS: SEE DETAILS ON DATA WITHIN THE 2018 OSRP ON THE "MASSGIS DATA SOURCES" APPENDIX
MEDWAY ASSESSING, 10/2017
MEDWAY COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 03/2018

PREPARED BY MACKENZIE LEAHY

- Water Bodies & Features**
- Shoreline
 - Intermittent Stream
 - Perennial Stream
 - Open Water
 - Wetland

FEMA Flood Zone Designations

- A: 1% Annual Chance of Flooding, no BFE
- AE: 1% Annual Chance of Flooding, with BFE
- AE: Regulatory Floodway
- X: 0.2% Annual Chance of Flooding

FEMA Flood Zones

TOWN OF MEDWAY
MARCH 23, 2018

Locally Identified Areas of Flooding

The following areas were identified in the Hazard Mitigation Plan as areas with localized flooding problems:

Brentwood

Brentwood, a subdivision built in the early 1960's, on the north side of Main Street east of Holliston Street, suffers from inadequate drainage systems. Water runoff from a hill located west of the neighborhood is the primary cause of the flooding. In 2016, using funds available from MEMA, the Town installed a major drainage upgrade in the area to address the highest risk areas. There have been no incidents since this work was completed.

Hopping Brook

Each spring Hopping Brook exceeds its banks. Infrequently, the brook floods Route 109, a major roadway and escape route for Medway residents. Every spring and in larger rainstorms, 4-5 five houses south of the brook sustain flood damages. Expanding the culvert under Route 109 could potentially mitigate this problem.

Chicken Brook at Village Street

During large rainstorms and spring events, Chicken Brook exceeds its banks floods Village Street. The Town also indicated that flooding occurs south of Chicken Brook in Bellingham causing the upstream portion in Medway to flood. While this is a frequent problem, there is little damage caused by the flooding. The Town has identified a hydro analytics study of the area and/or building a retaining wall on the northern banks of Chicken Brook as potential mitigation measures.

Main Street by the Mill

During large storms water levels at Chicken Brook raise and threaten to flood the old Medway Mill on the south side of Main Street across from Choate Park. The Brook flows directly under the mill, a site for potential development.

Charles River at Village Street

The Charles River rises every spring and causes or threatens flooding throughout its duration. The Charles River flows through the southern portion of Medway, which has low topography. During large storms, Village Street, a major roadway through Medway, sustains flooding resulting in partial to complete road closure. The town has installed improved drainage in the highest risk areas and continues to work to mitigate flooding at this location.

Choate Dam

The Choate Dam was renovated in 2008. If the dam were to fail, extensive to catastrophic damages southward/downstream would occur. The renovations included improvements to sluiceway operation allowing for emergency lowering of the water levels. This provides additional storm surge storage for very large storm events. With renovation at the park underway, stormwater management will be significantly upgraded, improving the quality of runoff to Chicken Brook.

Sanford Dam

The Town is unsure of the condition of the Sanford Dam located cross the Charles River west of Sanford Street. It is privately owned and is a minor concern for the Town as it does not provide significant storage. However, if the dam were to fail, it would cause some immediate

eastward/downstream damages through flooding but eventually the stream would regulate to its original flow patterns.

Water-Based Recreation and Access

A town-wide survey of 600 residents was administered as a part of the Town's Parks, Open Space and Athletic Fields Master Plan initiative led by the Evaluation of Parks, Fields and Recreations Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen in 2013. The need for more water-based recreation opportunities and increased access to the town's water bodies rose toward the top as the third greatest priority. Due to the water quality challenges of Choate Pond, its use has shifted from active recreation such as swimming and fishing to more passive uses such as relaxing, bird-watching and scenic viewing. Emphasis will be focused on the Charles River as the primary area for increased water-based recreation in town (Parks, Open Space and Athletic Field Master Plan Report 2013). Since the master planning process described above, the Town has acted to increase access by improving infrastructure at identified recreation sites along the Charles River including Breshnahan's Landing, Charles River Amphitheatre, and the Salmon Retirement Community. Access to the Charles River is also available at Ohnemus Picnic Area and Charles View Lane off of Village Street.

Breshnahan's Landing

There is canoe and kayak access to Breshnahan's Landing off of Village Street and at Norfolk Launch at River Road in Norfolk. The 3.3-mile distance between launches brings paddlers along the north edge of Populatic Pond where paddlers can find the pond outflow into the Charles River and resume the journey along the Charles to a takeout at River Road in Norfolk. Obstacles such as downed branches, beaver dams, and high or low flow can impede a paddler's way. Experienced paddlers who can handle fast water could paddle as far as South Natick before having to portage over the next dam on the river (Breshnahan's Landing Paddling Map 2015).

Amphitheatre

The Charles River Amphitheatre, a Town-owned open space, is the best area to view the Charles River in Medway. It is conveniently located off of Village Street near the center of Medway and includes walking trails and a canoe and kayak launch. Directional signage on Village Street would assist people in finding this hidden treasure. Paddlers can head upstream, potentially as far as the West Medway dam. There is no beach for swimming, but the brochure guide to Medway's open spaces features a photo of a rock known as Swimming Rock in the river at the Charles River Amphitheatre (Guide to Medway's Open Spaces 2015). The Town is taking steps to improve the facilities at the Amphitheatre. The Medway Community Preservation Committee allocated funds to install a new fence at the site in May 2017 (Committee Meeting Minutes, May 1, 2017).

Salmon Retirement Community – Conservation Restriction (Charles River)

The Salmon Retirement Community is a 57-acre site that will include 225 residential dwelling units (independent living cottages, independent living apartments, assisted living apartments, and memory care apartments). Thirty-seven acres will be protected open space. The developer has granted a Conservation Restriction to the Town of Medway through its Conservation Commission. The Conservation Restriction allows for the construction of a natural trail system and recreational boat launch in the Charles River available for public access and use.

297 Village Street, Charles River

This private property is the recent recipient of a Chapter 91 Waterways License for a bridge across the Charles River. As required by the Commonwealth, public access for fishing, fowl, and navigation along the Charles River at this location must be allowed as a condition of this permit.

Charles River

The Charles River Meadowlands Initiative is an effort by citizens and officials of the Towns of Bellingham, Franklin, and Medway to enhance the conservation and recreation opportunities of the US Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) lands of the Charles River Natural Valley Storage Area. In 1970 the USACE preserved hundreds of wetlands for flood control purposes and since then has made sure that these flood plain areas are not altered in any way that would diminish their capacity to contain, slow, and absorb floodwaters. Citizens and the local governments of the three towns are in support of this initiative which seeks to improve recreation access to the USACE lands and other nearby lands owned by the towns. In doing so, they have joined together across town borders to promote passive recreation and the positive economic impacts that can accompany it. Citizens and Town governments are the drivers in this initiative. For different reasons, USACE, Mass Fish and Game, and DCR are all supportive, but unwilling to take a leadership role (The Charles River Meadowlands Plan for Bellingham, Franklin, and Medway).

Medway has several public parcels that are contiguous with the Charles River in Franklin and fifty-two acres of US Army Corp of Engineer's lands. Medway could reap social, cultural, economic, and public health benefits from the increased recreation and community activities proposed by the Meadowlands Initiative. Increased connectivity and wildlife habitat, due to additional anticipated land conservation efforts, would benefit Medway's biodiversity and the ecosystem services of its lands.

D. Natural Communities (Associated Vegetation and Wildlife)

Medway is located within the Southern New England Coastal Plains Ecoregion – an area with coastal plains and a few low hills.

Vegetation

Forest

Medway's vegetation is dominated by upland forests in areas previously cleared for pastures and farmland. Central oak-hickory hardwood forests mixed with white pine make up most of the forest cover. The town also contains sugar maple-birch-beech-ash transitional hardwood forests and areas with elm-ash-red maple and white pines (BioMap2).

Highbush blueberries, sweet pepperbush, witch hazel, and spicebush populate the understory communities in moist upland forests while lowbush blueberries, sheep laurel and huckleberry dominate in the drier forests. Spotted wintergreen, princess pine and partridgeberry are also common, as well as lady's slippers, Canada mayflower, trillium and false Solomon's seal.

Medway's Northern swamp forests are a mix of the hardwoods of maple, oak, ash and evergreens, such as white pine in sandy soil and white cedar in clay rich soils. These forests are also home to theighbush blueberries and swamp azaleas also found in upland forests.

Forest land in Medway declined by more than twenty six percent between 1971 and 1999 due to land development and forest succession. More than 1,000 acres were converted to other uses.

Meadow

Meadow, once a common type of ecosystem of Medway’s coastal plains, makes up a smaller proportion of the landscape. Broad meadows historically blanketed the lands along the Charles River. Meadow habitat declined significantly between 1971 and 1999, dropping from 246 acres to just 30 acres. The Chicken Brook corridor has the highest concentration of meadows and pastureland in town (Conley & Serrill). Wildflowers including Queen Anne’s lace, goldenrod, wild asters, milkweed and joe pye weed are prevalent in the drier meadow areas, while bulrush, jewelweed and red cardinal flowers are more common in wetland meadows.

Cultural Grassland

Cultural grasslands are created by humans and are typically maintained by annual mowing. There are three main locations where these types of grasslands are present: Amphitheatre, Millstone Conservation Restriction, and the Adams Street Conservation Area. These areas have historically been open and are typically not suitable for cultivation because of their dry, rocky, sandy, and low-nutrient soils. A plant inventory of the Adams Street Conservation Area was conducted in 2015 by Open Space Committee member Jim Wickis, and the following herbaceous plants were identified there: burdock, *Arctium lappa*; common milkweed, *Asclepias syriaca*; cow vetch, *Vicia cracca*; curly dock, *Rumex crispus*; daisy fleabane, *Erigeron annuus*; Deptford pink, *Dianthus armeria*; English plantain *Plantago lanceolata*, field pennycress *Thlaspi arvense*, field pepperweed *Lepidium campestre*; lambsquarters, *Chenopodium album*; lesser stitchwort, *Stellaria graminea*; mugwort, *Artemisia vulgaris*; oxeye daisy, *Leucanthemum vulgare*; wild madder, *Galium mollugo*; yarrow, *Achillea millefolium*; yellow wood sorrel, *Oxalis stricta*; orchard grass, *Dactylis glomerata*; and, red fescue, *Festuca rubra*.

Public Shade Trees

Public shade trees are under the care and oversight of Medway’s Tree Warden, who works in the Department of Public Works. Many of Medway’s shade trees are being threatened by construction and new development. The Tree Warden determines whether trees in public areas should be removed, planted, or remain as public shade trees, and enforces the rules and regulations associated with trees along scenic roads. Twenty-five roadways in Medway currently have local scenic road status. Any cutting or removal of trees in the right-of-way of a scenic road requires an application and hearing with the Planning and Economic Development Board and the Tree warden for a Scenic Road Work Permit.

Exemplary Habitats

American Chestnut Study Area at Idylbrook Park

In 2004, Medway resident and volunteer Gary Jacobs planted over 600 American chestnut trees in association with the local chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation. The Foundation has been working since 1983 to develop a chestnut resistant to the chestnut blight. If discovered, the American chestnut could continue once again to provide nuts for animals and humans, and its wood could be used for building.

Black Walnut Grove at the Salmon Retirement Community

There is a grove of black walnut trees that are in excellent condition, which will be preserved as part of the Salmon Retirement Community Conservation Restriction, as required under the ARCPUD Permit issued by the Planning and Economic Development Board.

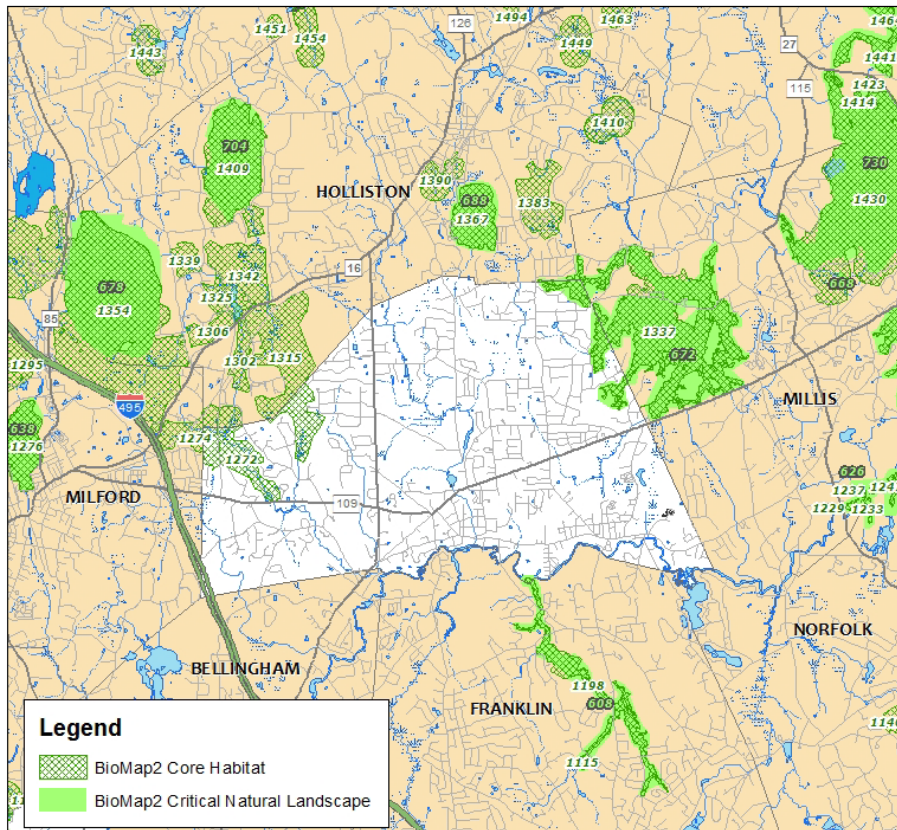
BioMap2

In 2012, the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP), in partnership with The Nature Conservancy (TNC), produced *BioMap2: Conserving the Biodiversity of Massachusetts in a Changing World*. This study combined information about rare species, natural community data, and spatial data identifying wildlife species and habitats. BioMap2 also integrates TNC’s assessment of large, well-connected, and intact ecosystems and landscapes across the Commonwealth, incorporating concepts of ecosystem resilience to address anticipated climate change impacts.

BioMap2 identifies two ecological components, Core Habitats and Critical Natural Landscapes (CNL), used to determine the areas of Massachusetts most in need of protection in order to preserve and promote biodiversity. Core Habitats are the most viable habitat for rare plants and animals or exemplary natural communities. CNL areas serve as supporting buffers around Core Habitats. They can be large undeveloped patches of vegetation, large “road less” areas, and undeveloped watersheds. Protection of CNLs provides habitat for wide-ranging native species, supports intact ecological processes, maintains connectivity among habitat, and enhances ecological resilience to natural and anthropogenic disturbances (BioMap2).

The BioMap 2 for Medway is shown in Figure 4-1 below.

Figure 4-1: BioMap2 Core Habitat and Critical Natural Landscapes



One Wetland Core Habitat, two Aquatic Core Habitats, three Species of Concern Core Habitats, two Aquatic Core Buffer Critical Natural Landscape areas, and one Wetland Core Buffer Critical Natural Landscape area are identified within Medway. The three Species of Concern Core Habitats are located in the northwest area of Hopping Brook and extend into Holliston. These areas provide large un-fragmented open spaces along Hopping Brook’s riparian corridors and are habitat for the rare spotted turtle (*Clemmys guttata*) and four-toed salamander (*Hemidactylum scutatum*). In the northeast, Aquatic and Wetland Core Buffer CNLs overlap the Aquatic and Wetland Core Habitats in the Black Swamp. This habitat supports the Spatterdock darner (*Rhionaescha mutata*), a rare dragonfly species (BioMap2). The second Aquatic Core Habitat and Species of Concern Core Habitat are located predominantly in the Town of Franklin but extend into Medway where Sherman Brook meets the Charles River. This area also provides habitat for the four-toed salamander (BioMap2).

Based on FY17 data from the Medway Assessor’s office, 538 acres of open space are protected in perpetuity, 7.2% of Medway’s total land area. BioMap2 Core Habitat areas make up 352 acres of which 51 acres, or 14.5 %, is presently protected. CNL areas make up 163 acres of which fifteen acres, or nine percent, is protected (BioMap2). As these areas are all at the periphery of town, their conservation would also be beneficial to adjacent communities. Therefore, conservation efforts should be collaborative with neighboring towns.

CAPS

The University of Massachusetts Landscape Ecology Laboratory’s Conservation and Assessment and Prioritization System (CAPS) is “an ecosystem-based (coarse-filter) approach for assessing the ecological integrity of lands and waters and subsequently identifying and prioritizing land for habitat and biodiversity conservation.” CAPS defines ecological integrity as “the ability of an area to support biodiversity and the ecosystem processes necessary to sustain biodiversity over the long term.” This system provides a second way to identify areas for conservation. The Index of Ecological Integrity ranking system of CAPS includes metrics of connectivity, traffic volume, distance from roads, and unimpeded stream flow. This contrasts with BioMap2 which focuses on rare species habitat. CAPS mapping identifies the top fifty percent of lands with the highest ecological integrity (Conley & Serrill).

Figure 4-2 on the next page illustrates the CAPS integrated statewide, watershed and ecoregion assessment of index of ecological integrity for Medway and its immediate environs. The darker the color, the higher the integrity value. In addition to the areas identified by BioMap2, CAPS identified areas within the Chicken Brook corridor as being important for biodiversity and ecosystem health. Kirby Swamp and an area within the Adams Conservation Area utility corridor were identified as having high value for wetland and aquatic habitat (Conley & Serrill).

Figure 4-2: CAPS Integrated Index of Ecological Integrity Map

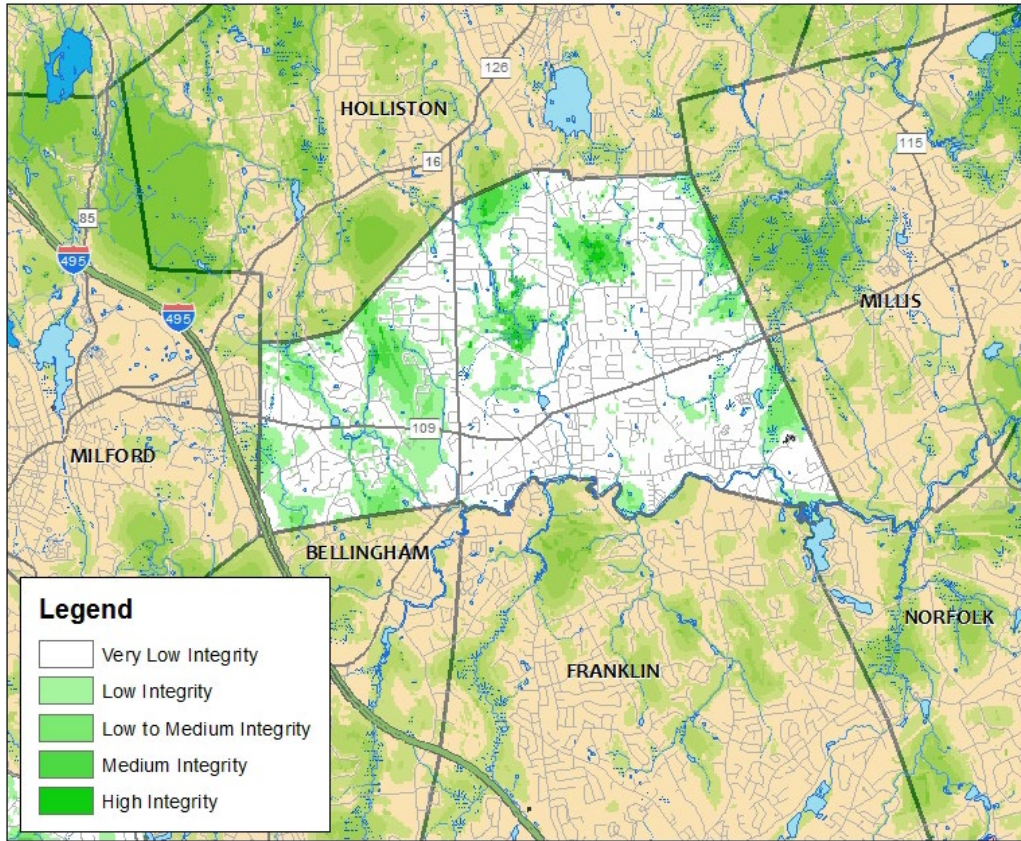
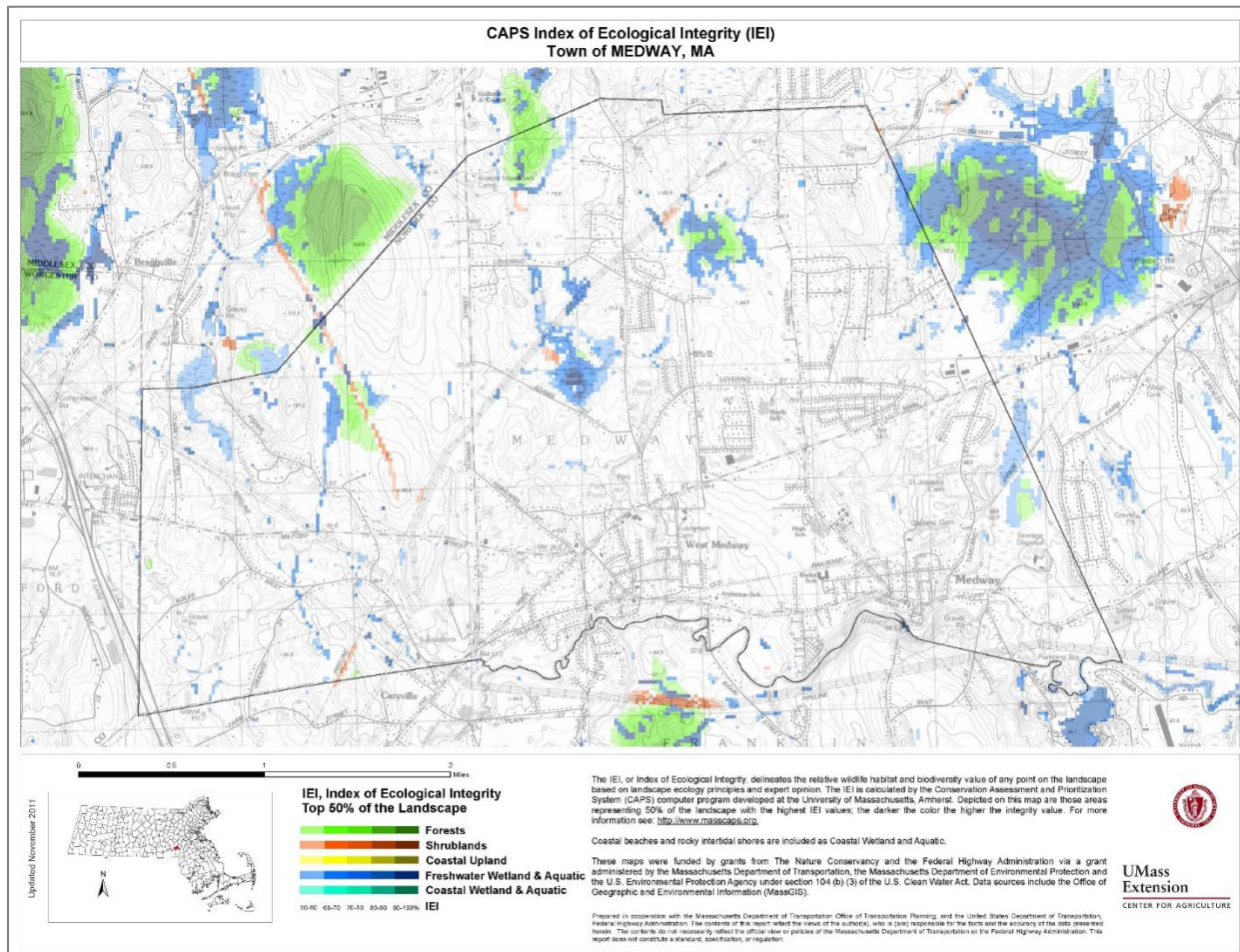


Figure 4-3: CAPS Index of Ecological Integrity, Top 50% of Landscapes in Medway



Rare, Threatened and Endangered Plants

According to Mass Wildlife’s Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program (NHESP), Medway currently has no rare or endangered plant species (Harper). Previously, two vascular plant species, the Rigid flax and the Saline sedge were listed as endangered. However, these species are no longer on the list. There are also no Priority Natural Communities listed by NHESP, but this could be due to lack of survey effort.

Threats to Natural Communities

In addition to BioMap2 Core Habitats, there are areas of Priority Natural Communities distinction just outside the Town’s borders in Holliston. These habitats, home to rare and endangered species, are connected and supported by habitats within Medway. Since wildlife is dependent on natural habitats for food, water, shelter and reproduction and these resources have been fragmented due to the encroaching development, it can be expected that biodiversity will suffer unless these natural habitats are protected.

The Town owns much of the land along Chicken Brook and Kirby Swamp (north of Adams and west of Winthrop Streets). While these areas do not support state-listed rare species, NHESP recognizes these areas as a significant complex of uplands and wetlands. Town-owned and non-

Town-owned lands not yet protected as open space are vulnerable to development. Similarly, NHESP encourages the conservation of another tract of undeveloped wetlands and uplands between Winthrop and Holliston Streets, north of Lovering Street. Conserving these areas would help protect the more common species that contribute to the town's biodiversity and the health of its ecosystems (Harper). In addition, land conservation that increases connectivity of the Core Habitats and Critical Natural Landscapes with other open space parcels can increase biodiversity and ecosystem services in town.

E. Fisheries and Wildlife

The primary wildlife corridors in Medway are generally along the major waterways, including the Charles River, Chicken Brook and Hopping Brook. Both Chicken Brook and Hopping Brook flow into the Charles. Hopping Brook provides a link to Cedar Swamp in Holliston and Chicken Brook flows into the Charles nearly opposite its confluence with Mine Brook flowing in from Franklin, thus forming a link to Franklin.

In addition, electrical transmission rights-of-way also serve as wildlife corridors. They provide links between Hopping Brook and Chicken Brook and also link those corridors with Lake Winthrop in Holliston and Dopping Brook in Holliston and Sherborn.

Mammals

Currently, there is a diversity of mammals in Medway including white tailed deer, gray squirrel, muskrat, beaver, coyote, red fox and, raccoon. No detailed survey of mammals has been conducted to date; however, these species are commonly observed throughout Medway.

Birds

There are no detailed inventories or bird counts for Medway, however, the following observations from local residents and Town staff have been reported to the Conservation Commission. Great blue herons (*Ardea Herodias*) and other marsh species have been observed at freshwater marshes and forested wetlands, including along Chicken Brook. Red-tail hawks have been observed along the utility power lines, hunting mice and other field dwelling species from perches in the tree line bordering the cleared right-of-way ROW). Utility ROWs can be great wildlife habitat for meadow dependent species. The utility companies utilize a combination of herbicides and manual cutting for managing vegetation growth within the ROW. Choate Pond is home to some mute swans (*Cygnus olor*) which were introduced from Europe and are becoming invasive in the vicinity. Recently, at Choate Pond hooded merganser ducks (*Lophodytes cucullatus*) have been seen. These particular birds have been in decline due to the loss of wetlands to development nationally. Efforts to restore habitat including the addition of nesting boxes and wetland restoration have led to slowly increasing populations. The Conservation Commission in cooperation with Eagle Scouts have been building blue bird boxes and installing them across town. Medway has not conducted a Blue Bird Study, but it is something that the Commission would like to undertake in the future.

Reptiles/Amphibians

Medway is home to several species of reptiles and amphibians, wood frog, spring peepers, spotted salamander, green and gray tree frogs, bull frog, snapping turtles, and painted turtles, just to name a few. Along Winthrop Street in close proximity to Chicken Brook (within the Chicken

Brook Wildlife Corridor) there is a sign constructed by residents that is put up every spring to warn drivers of reptile and amphibian crossings.

One species, wood turtle, is listed as of “special concern” in Medway. A species of “special concern” is a native species documented by biological research to have suffered a decline that could threaten the species if allowed to continue unchecked. Or it refers to a species which occurs in such small numbers or with such restricted distribution or specialized habitat requirements that it could easily become threatened within Massachusetts.

Table 4-1: Reptile of Special Concern in Medway

Scientific Name	Common Name	MESA* Status
Glyptemys insulpta	Wood turtle	Special Concern

Source: Harper, Lynn. *MassWildlife Letter*. August 21, 2017.

*MESA – Massachusetts Endangered Species Act

As discussed previously, BioMap2 Core Habitat areas in Medway provide habitat for the spotted turtle (*Clemmys guttata*) and four-toed salamander (*Hemidactylium scutatum*). Reptile and amphibian species such as these rely on both aquatic and nearby terrestrial habitats during their life cycles.

Fish

The lakes, ponds and streams in Medway contain many fish species. There are local perennial streams that are stocked annually with trout at four locations including: south of West Street in Hopping Brook, two locations along the Charles River (west of Kadin Lane and along Walker Street), and south of Milford Street in Stall Brook. Fish species that have been observed in Medway include sunfish (*Enneacanthus obesus*), brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*), chain pickerel (*Esox nige*), and yellow perch (*Perca flavescens*). Medway does not have any Coldwater Fisheries Resource streams.

Insects

Although there is no detailed inventory of insects in Medway, a number of invasive insect species are common to the region including the gypsy moth and hemlock wooly adelgid.

F. Scenic Resources and Unique Environments

Scenic Roads

The Town of Medway has designated twenty-five roads as *scenic roads*, roads that have been maintained for over fifty years and have homes that reflect that heritage with trees and/or stone walls intact. Stone walls and trees within the right of way on designated scenic roads cannot be removed or altered without a hearing before the Planning and Economic Development Board and receipt of a scenic road work permit. See Table 4-2 for a list of designated Medway scenic roads.

Table 4-2: Scenic Roads in Medway

Street	From	To
Adams Street	Winthrop Street	Summer Street
Brigham Lane (now Country Lane)	Main Street	Village Street
Causeway Street	Holliston Street	Millis Town Line

Charles River Road	Village Street	Charles River
Ellis Street	Coffee Street	Holliston Street
Street	From	To
Elm Street	Main Street	Evergreen Street
Evergreen Street	Main Street	Elm Street
Farm Street	Village Street	Millis Town Line
Fisher Street	West Street	Holliston Town Line
Franklin Street	Main Street	Village Street
Granite Street	West Street	End
Guernsey Street	Cottage Street	Lincoln Street
High Street	Main Street	Village Street
Highland Street	Main Street	Summer Street
Hill Street	Winthrop Street	Holliston Town Line
Lincoln Street	Main Street	Village Street
Lovering Street	Winthrop Street	Summer Street
Oakland Street	Main Street	Village Street
Partridge Street	Ward's Lane	Winthrop Street
Pearl Street	Walker Street	End
Populatic Street	Village Street	Franklin Town Line
Village Street	In its entirety	
Walker Street	Populatic Street	Franklin Town Line
Wellington Street	Cottage Street	High Street
Winthrop Street	Main Street	Holliston Town Line

Source: *Town of Medway Scenic Roads Rules and Regulations, July 2002*. * These roads, or in most cases, sections of roads, were designated as scenic roads at the Annual Town Meetings held on December 20, 1975 and May 14, 2001.

Historic Resources

Along many of these roads, historic homes and other buildings can be found, adding to the scenic and cultural value of these neighborhoods. In 1988, the 40-acre Rabbit Hill area of West Medway was officially registered as a National Historic District because of its outstanding collection of historic homes and structures. Most recently, Medway Village was also added to the National Register of Historic Places and the Medway Historical Commission has begun work to nominate the Evergreen Cemetery to the National Register.



Charles River

The Charles River, as it winds through Medway as its primary southern boundary, provides beautiful scenic vistas for all to enjoy.



Sanford Mill and Bridge on the Charles River
Photo by Tim Rice

See the Scenic and Unique Features map on the next page.

G. Environmental Challenges

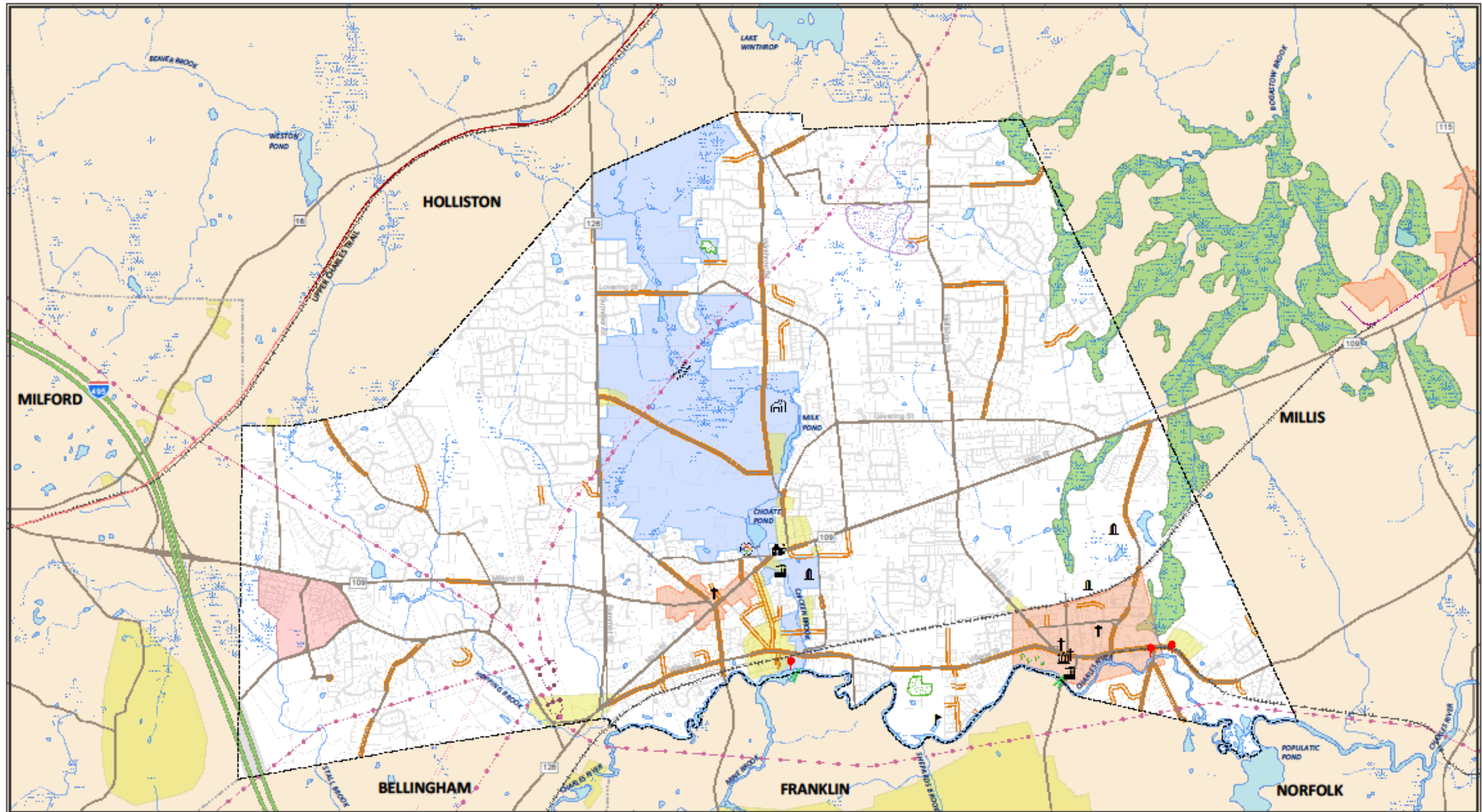
Drinking Water Supply

One serious issue is the adequacy of the domestic water supply. Medway has made significant efforts to solve this problem, but conservation of water supplies and protection of water resources remain a concern. The anticipated increase in development makes this an imperative issue for the future sustainability of the community. The quality of drinking water sources is not a problem at present but conserving land and managing possible water pollutants is important to safeguard resources in the future. Pollution from land use can affect drinking water sources because chemicals can migrate through porous sand and gravel into groundwater. For this reason, it is important to identify and protect undeveloped land within aquifer recharge areas.

Surface Water Quality, Streamflow, and Temperature

Volunteers from the Charles River Watershed Association take water samples monthly at a water quality monitoring site at the Shaw Street bridge over the Charles River. The average 2016 *E. coli* level in the water at this site was 129 colony forming units per 100 milliliters. This is just above the swimming standard of 126 colony forming units per 100 milliliters. A look at the *E. coli* concentration for each of the samples taken monthly in 2016 indicates that six out of the twelve days had unsafe *E. coli* levels for swimming. The *E. coli* standard for boating is 630 colony forming units per 100 milliliters, therefore the Charles River along the border with Medway is safe for boating (Charles River Monthly Monitoring 2016 Year-end Report).

Thirteen percent of Medway's land is covered by impermeable surfaces. It is generally accepted that when the impervious area in a watershed reaches ten percent, stream ecosystems begin to



0 0.125 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 MILES

DATA SOURCES:
 MASSGIS: SEE DETAILS ON DATA WITHIN THE 2018 OSRP ON THE "MASSGIS DATA SOURCES" APPENDIX
 MEDWAY ASSESSING, 10/2017
 MEDWAY COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 03/2018

PREPARED BY MACKENZIE LEAHY

Water Bodies & Features

- Shoreline
- Intermittent Stream
- Perennial Stream
- Open Water
- Wetland

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pipeline Powerline Substation Active Railway Abandoned or Unknown Railway Existing or Underway Bike Trail Considered or Potential Bike Trail Scenic Roads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vernal Pool Cluster Tree Groves Chicken Brook Corridor Black Swamp Oak Grove Urban Renewal Area Natl Register of Historic Places Historic Inventoried Area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charles River Access Points David Hoag Boardwalk Medway Amphitheatre Medway Community Farm Slating Pond Dams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mills Thayer Homestead Jacob Ide House Town Hall Churches Cemeteries
----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Scenic and Unique Features

TOWN OF MEDWAY
MARCH 23, 2018

show evidence of degradation, and impervious coverage of more than thirty percent is associated with severe, practically irreversible degradation. Non-point source pollution from Medway contributes to water quality degradation in the Charles River. Temperatures of the Charles River have been steadily increasing and have been above healthy levels (Charles River Monthly Monitoring 2016 Year-end Report). Waters warmed when passing over impermeable surfaces can contribute to this trend.

As discussed previously, the suburban and rural upper Charles River communities, of which Medway is one, are experiencing one of the fastest development rates in Massachusetts. The demand for water has the potential to cause lower flows of the Charles River. Providing drinking water to citizens and making sure that enough water from the tributaries in Medway reach the Charles River to maintain healthy river flow heights and rate is a challenge (Charles River Issues).

A regional sewer treatment plant is located in Medway. It serves the Towns of Medway, Franklin, Millis and Bellingham. It currently discharges its treated effluent into the Charles River, resulting in an out of basin transfer of water. A major challenge is to find ways to keep that water in the basin so that there is not a net loss of water. Groundwater pumped from the ground and then discharged out of the groundwater recharge area results in a net loss of water within the basin. Given the existing water shortages due to well capacity issues, finding ways to recharge wastewater locally such as through use as irrigation, would be beneficial. Additionally, Medway is reaching its allotted capacity at the wastewater treatment plant which has implications for future development. Once capacity is reached, future developments would not be able to tie into the sewer system, and would need private septic systems, which would have implications for groundwater quality. The Town enacted a moratorium on sewer extensions in 2016.

Flooding

Flooding has been an issue in several areas of town including Walker Street Bridge, Milford Street Culvert, Main Street Culvert, and the Town's Populatic Well. Increased amounts of impervious surface from development can result in the production of more runoff than the storm drainage systems were designed for. Medway adopted a new Stormwater Management and Land Disturbance Bylaw in 2017 to provide standards for stormwater management and treatment to reduce the impact of new development on water resources.

Generally, there has been a substantial rise in beaver activity over the past five years, according to the Conservation Commission. Both the Town and the State have moved to a policy of not disturbing beaver dams and habitat unless public health is threatened, i.e. roads or drinking water wells will be flooded. Ponding created by beaver dams is creating new flood areas and a shift in flooding patterns, the future impact of which is yet to be determined.

Loss of Open Space to Development

Medway lost more than twenty six percent of its forest land between 1971 and 1999. However, it now has an Open Space Residential Development bylaw requiring that fifty percent of a developed parcel remain as open space. This and the Adult Retirement Community Planned Unit Development bylaw, which also requires open space to be provided, are two tools the community has adopted to mitigate the loss of open space from development.

Erosion and Sedimentation

Erosion and sedimentation are problems resulting primarily from new construction or significant redevelopment. The Wetlands Protection Bylaw Article XXI, the Planning and Economic Development Board’s Rules and Regulations, and a Stormwater Management Bylaw Article XXVI seek to address this problem. Recently, in 2017, the Town completed a total overhaul of the Stormwater Management Bylaw Article XXVI making the regulations more stringent to address past issues and meet NPDES Stormwater Phase 2 permit requirements.

Hazardous Waste and Brownfield Areas

Under the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 21E sites are contaminated by oil or other hazardous material and are subject to special restrictions for redevelopment. Such sites are classified by tiers based on their level of contamination and their owner’s compliance with regulations. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has a searchable database that lists forty-six reportable spills of oil and/or hazardous materials in Medway from 1987 through December 2017. Most of those sites, including some former gas station sites, are classified in a status that poses no significant risk, meaning the release has been properly cleaned up (MassDEP Searchable Sites).

There is one Tier II and two Tier 1D Chapter 21E sites in Medway as follows:

Table 4-3: Tier Classified Chapter 21E Brownfield Sites in Medway

Site Name	Address	Zoning	Tier
Main Street Shell	86 Main Street	Central Business	II
Medway Oil Facility	37 Broad Street	Village Commercial	1D
N/A	8 Populatic Street	Agricultural Residential II	1D

Source: MassGIS

One gas station on Main Street is classified as Tier II, meaning that permits from the Mass DEP are not required and response action may be performed under the supervision of a Licensed Site Professional, without prior DEP approval. The gas station is in cleanup phase and is located within the Central Business zoning district. The district is currently being targeted to encourage mixed-use redevelopment.

The Medway Oil Facility and 8 Populatic Street are located in the Village Commercial and AR-II zoning districts respectively and are designated as Tier 1D sites. Tier 1D includes any site where the responsible party fails to provide a required submittal to Mass DEP by a specified deadline. A site is categorically classified as Tier 1D on the date of its applicable transition deadline and is assessed annual compliance fees should the responsible party fail to submit certain paperwork to the department by the applicable deadline. Neither of Medway’s Tier 1D sites are likely to be targeted for housing-related redevelopment in the foreseeable future.

It should be noted that the above list represents those sites on an inventory of sites with reported spills that has been prepared by DEP. It is not meant to suggest that these sites are undevelopable, nor is it intended here to imply that these are the only sites that may be hindered for development due to past spills. That judgment must necessarily be made on a site-by-site basis.

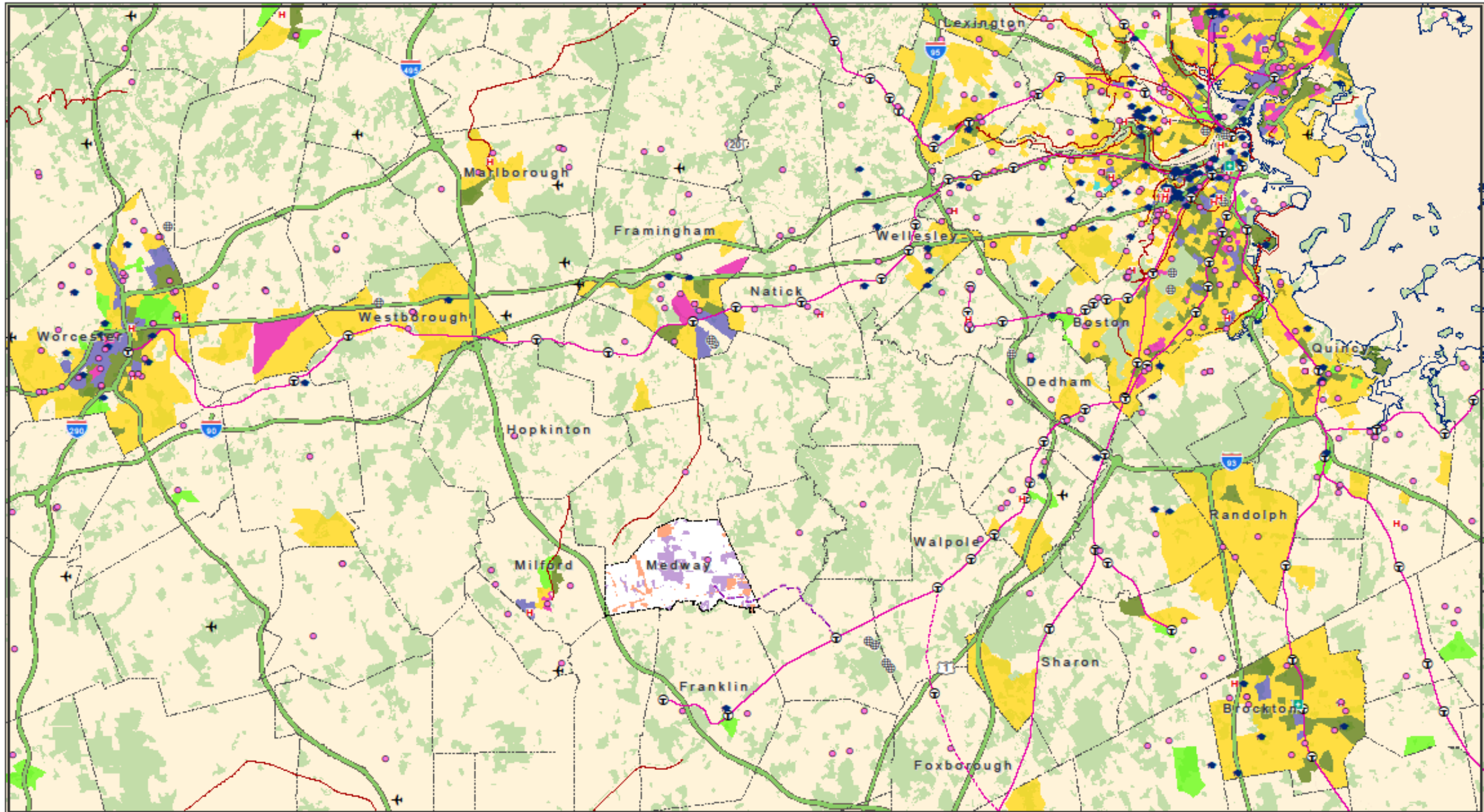
There are also two closed landfills in Medway. One is located off Broad Street and the other off Highland Street. Neither is shown as capped through information available from MassDEP, though both are inactive. The Town's Highway Garage and Recycling Center is adjacent to the capped landfill off Broad Street.

Invasive Species

One unfortunate change in Medway is the spread of non-native, invasive plants. They are establishing themselves on roadside, fields, woods, ponds and waterways - displacing native species. Burning bush, Japanese honeysuckle, Japanese knotweed, glossy buckthorn, and Oriental bittersweet are common invasive species in Medway. Wild Parsnip has been discovered at the Adams Street Conservation Area where volunteers have been successful in working to eradicate it from this location. Garlic mustard has been found at the Amphitheater, Choate Park and the trail leading to the high school. Trail Club, Scouts, and other volunteers have worked over the past few years to remove it.

Environmental Justice Populations

There are no environmental justice populations in Medway. Park and conservation resources are well distributed across town, offering all residents access to these facilities. There are environmental justice populations in the abutting Towns of Milford and Franklin, but these areas are located in the center of both communities and do not have any direct relationship with Medway. See Regional Environmental Justice Populations Map on the next page.



0 0.75 1.5 3 4.5 6 7.5
MILES

DATA SOURCES:
 MASSGIS: SEE DETAILS ON DATA WITHIN THE 2018 OSRP ON THE "MASSGIS DATA SOURCES" APPENDIX
 MEDWAY ASSESSING, 10/2017
 MEDWAY COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 03/2018

PREPARED BY MACKENZIE LEAHY

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Environmental Justice 2010 Populations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minority Income English isolation Minority and Income Minority and English isolation Income and English isolation Minority, Income and English isolation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBTA Commuter Rail Regular Service MBTA Rail Used Seasonally/Special Events Existing or Underway Bike Trail GATRA Shuttle Medway Protected/Limited Protection Land Medway Unprotected Land Protected and Recreational Open Space | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Center, Homeless Shelter Long Term Care Facility Hospitals Colleges & Universities Airports Prisons MBTA Stop |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

Regional Environmental Justice Populations and Accessibility to Services

TOWN OF MEDWAY
 MARCH 23, 2018

SECTION 5 INVENTORY OF EXISTING OPEN SPACE

There are 538 acres of permanently protected land in Medway, or 7.2% of the community's total land area. Permanently protected land is defined as land with a deed restriction in perpetuity such as a conservation restriction, or is owned by a government entity (municipal, state or federal) for conservation purposes. There are an additional 379 acres of Town-owned land used for recreation and open space, but without permanent deed restrictions for that use, and another 501 acres enrolled in one of the Chapter 61 current use tax programs, for a total of 19% of land currently dedicated to open space and recreation. Relative to neighboring towns, Medway has the lowest amount of *protected* recreational and open space in both total acres and as a percent of the town's total land area. Millis has the most protected land at 36.6% of the town, followed by Holliston with 24.6%.

Table 5-1 Regional Overview of Protected and Recreational Open Space

Town	Protected & Recreational Land (Acres)	Total Town Area (Acres)	Total Town Area (Square Miles)	% Land Area Protected & Recreational Land
Millis	2,871	7,848	12.3	36.6
Holliston	3,002	12,193	19.1	24.6
Norfolk	2,161	9,853	15.4	21.9
Franklin	3,077	17,297	27.0	17.8
Bellingham	1,624	12,088	18.9	13.4
Milford	1,138	9,615	15.0	11.8
Medway	538	7,467	11.7	7.2

SOURCE: MassGIS Protected and Recreational Open Space, March 21, 2018; Town of Medway Assessor, FY17.

A. Private Parcels

Many private lands in Medway provide important public benefits such as surface and groundwater resources, wildlife habitat, rural character, wood products, food, and outdoor recreation. There are approximately 68 acres of privately-owned land with conservation restrictions held by the Medway Conservation Commission. See Table 5-2.

Table 5-2 Conservation Restrictions

Map & Parcel	Owner	Street	Acres	Land Use
55-005 portion	Williamsburg Condo Association	Williamsburg Way	1.0	open space/trails
Portions of 69-015, 69-014, 69-015-0001, 69-021, 69-013-0001	Medway Land Venture, LLC (Salmon Senior Living Community)	Village Street	37.4	open space/trails
20-004 portion	Millstone Condo Association	Millstone Village	20.4	open space/trails
To be determined	Timber Crest Estates LLC	Timber Crest	9.66	open space/trails/vernal pool protection

Chapter 61 Agricultural Land - Approximately 500.9 acres of privately-owned land in Medway are enrolled in one of the Commonwealth's Chapter 61 Current Use Tax Programs. See Table 5-4 below. The Chapter 61 programs give Massachusetts landowners an opportunity to reduce their property taxes in exchange for providing the ecosystem services and public benefits noted above and, in return, they commit to keeping some or all of their land undeveloped for a specified period of time. Chapter 61 lands are considered *temporarily protected* because at any time, the landowner can decide to sell or develop their land for another purpose. In those cases, the landowner must pay back the abated taxes, and the Town is given the first right of refusal to acquire the property. The Town can also assign this right to a conservation entity such as a land trust or state conservation agency. There are three different Chapter 61 programs: 61, 61A, and 61B.

Table 5-3 Chapter 61 Current Use Tax Programs

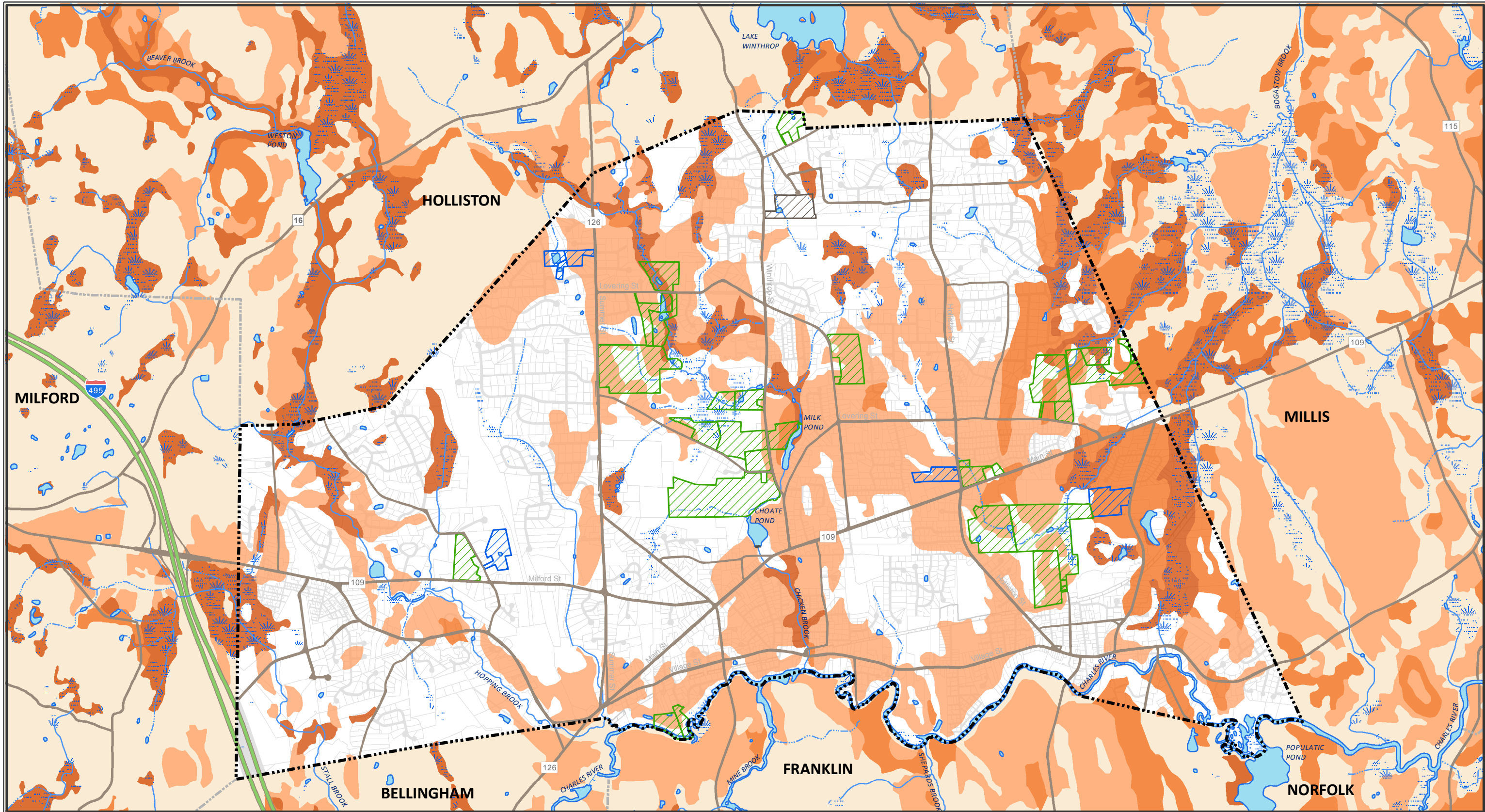
Chapter 61 – Forestry	Intended for landowners interested in long-term, active forest management. Assessment of forestland under Ch. 61 is based on the land's ability to grow timber. Program requirements include ten or more contiguous acres, a state-approved forest management plan developed by a licensed forester or landowner, and periodic forest management as recommended by the forest management plan.
Chapter 61A – Agriculture	Intended for landowners engaged in agricultural or horticultural use. Assessment is based on the land's ability to produce the agricultural or horticultural product being grown. Forestland may be enrolled in this program and is based on your land's ability to grow timber.
Chapter 61B – Recreation	Intended for landowners interested in maintaining the land in a substantially natural, wild or open condition. Assessment of forestland under Ch. 61B is 25% of the current assessed value of the land. Landowners must have at least 5 contiguous acres of land. Forest management under Ch. 61B is not mandated. However, landowners do have the option of managing their forests if they develop a state approved forest management plan.

Table 5-4 Chapter Lands in Medway

Map & Parcel	Owner	Street	Acres	Land Use
Chapter 61 Lands (14.8 acres)				
08-024	Hoag David G., Tr., Hoag Grace G., Tr.	Winthrop St	14.8	Forest
Chapter 61A Lands (438.8 acres)				
13-007	Atwood, Paul and Rebecca	Lovering St	13.4	Field, Vegetable, Orchard
67-046	Briggs Robert A	Waterview Dr	8.0	Pasture
67-061	Briggs Robert A	Waterview Dr	4.4	Pasture
29-011	Briggs Robert A	Adams St	11.4	Pasture
29-012	Briggs Robert A	Winthrop St	5.0	Pasture
29-013	Briggs Robert A	Winthrop St	8.5	Pasture
41-008	Freil Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	Holliston St	8.0	Pasture
50-001-0001	Hidden Acres Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	Holliston St	29.0	Piggery

Map & Parcel	Owner	Street	Acres	Land Use
50-001	Hidden Acres Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	Main St	60.9	Piggery
50-010	Hidden Acres Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	Broad St	21.9	Piggery
50-006	Hidden Acres Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	Broad St	0.8	Piggery
50-007	Hidden Acres Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	Broad St	0.4	Piggery
50-008	Hidden Acres Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	Broad St	0.2	Piggery
20-002	Iarussi, David and Sandra	Lovering St	10.0	Field & Hay
23-061	Lally, John P, Lally Anne J	Coffee St	24.0	Pasture
24-010-0002	Lally, John P, Lally Anne J	Jayar Rd	11.4	Pasture
24-010-0001	Lally, John P, Lally Kathleen	Coffee St	16.5	Pasture
32-025	Lally, John D	Coffee St	5.8	Non-productive
45-005	Lobisser, Michael and Patricia	Milford St	14.0	Pasture
42-028	Lombard Tina J Et Al/Tr, Lombard Farms Realty Trust	Oakland St	14.9	Horseback Riding
19-018	Panachelli, Francis and Janine	Summer St	50.0	Fields & Hay
24-005	Revell Paul P.	Jayar Rd	0.3	Pasture
24-007	Revell Paul P.	Green Valley Rd	1.0	Fields & Hay
24-009	Revell Paul P.	Jayar Rd	0.7	Pasture
38-005	Shady Oaks Rlty.Tr, Briggs Robert A	Winthrop St	32.0	Pasture
38-010	Shady Oaks Rlty.Tr, Briggs Robert A	Winthrop St	47.0	Pasture
39-001	Shady Oaks Rlty.Tr, Briggs Robert A	Winthrop St	8.0	Pasture
20-001	Suttill, William and Jennifer	Lovering St	10.3	Fields & Hay
21-093	Wilson Paul R	Lovering St	20.3	Fields & Hay
21-095	Wilson Paul R	Lovering St	0.7	Fields & Hay
Chapter 61B Lands (47.3 acres)				
40-049	Freil Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	Holliston St	8.7	Golf Range
40-048	Freil Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	Holliston St	0.3	Golf Range
42-028	Lombard Farms Realty Trust	Oakland St	15.0	Horseback Riding
45-025	Robertson Mariann P.	Fisher St	11.6	Nature Study
12-006	RSEC Realty Trust, Walter G. & Marian C. Haas, Trs.	Claybrook Farm Rd	4.5	Horseback Riding
12-014	RSEC Realty Trust, Walter G. & Marian C. Haas, Trs.	Claybrook Farm Rd	2.0	Horseback Riding
12-007	RSEC Realty Trust, Walter G. & Marian C. Haas, Trs.	Summer St	5.2	Horseback Riding
TOTAL			500.9	

See map of Medway's Agricultural Properties and Land with Agricultural Soils on the next page.



0 0.125 0.25 0.5 0.75 1
 MILES

DATA SOURCES:
 MASSGIS: SEE DETAILS ON DATA WITHIN THE 2018 OSRP
 ON THE "MASSGIS DATA SOURCES" APPENDIX
 MEDWAY ASSESSING, 10/2017
 MEDWAY COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 03/2018

PREPARED BY MACKENZIE LEAHY

Water Bodies & Features

- Shoreline
- - - Intermittent Stream
- Perennial Stream
- Open Water
- Wetland

Agricultural Properties

- ▨ Chapter 61 - Forest Lands
- ▨ Chapter 61A - Agricultural Lands
- ▨ Chapter 61B - Open Space & Recreation Lands

Farmland Soils

- All areas are prime farmland
- Farmland of statewide importance
- Farmland of unique importance

**Agricultural Properties
 and Land with Significant
 Agricultural Soils**

TOWN OF MEDWAY
 MARCH 23, 2018

Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) – The Commonwealth’s Agricultural Preservation Restriction program is a voluntary program that offers a non-development alternative to farmland owners, who are faced with a decision regarding future use and disposition of their farms, for their agricultural lands. The program offers farmers a payment up to the difference between the “fair market value” and the “fair market agricultural value” of their farmland in exchange for a permanent deed restriction, which precludes any use of the property that will have a negative impact on its agricultural viability. (MA DAR, 2013). There are no properties in Medway with such agricultural preservation restrictions.

Other privately-owned open space in Medway include 256 acres held by three utility companies (NStar, New England Power Company, and Exelon Corporation). Much of this land is within the utility rights-of-way which are used as unsanctioned trails for all-terrain vehicles (TVs), mountain bikes, and hikers. These areas may provide opportunities for expanded recreational use depending on the receptiveness of the utility companies.

B. Public and Nonprofit Parcels

Medway has many parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, and conservation lands. Of the 815 acres of land owned by the Town of Medway, 97% is maintained for open space or recreation purposes. Of the open space and recreation lands, 436 acres are permanently protected (not including an additional 68 acres held as conservation restrictions on private land), and another 379 acres are unprotected. These lands are inventoried in Table 5-5 (Appendix A). The management of Town owned open space and recreation parcels is assigned to specific Town departments depending on the purpose or use of the land, as noted in Table 5-6 below.

Table 5-6 Town Owned Open Space & Recreation Parcels - Management Entity

Entity	Acres	Acres Protected	Acres Unprotected	Use/Purpose
Conservation Commission	256	251	5	Conservation areas and open space
Board of Parks Commissioners/DPW	138	0	138	Parks
Department of Public Works (DPW)	41	41	0	Water supply, stormwater management
Council on Aging	4	0	4	Senior Center
Board of Selectmen	270	144	126	Community Farm, Thayer Homestead, recreation, historical properties, open space
School Committee	106	0	106	Schools and athletic fields
TOTAL	815	436	379	

The following properties are owned by the Town of Medway and provide opportunities for passive and/or active recreation:

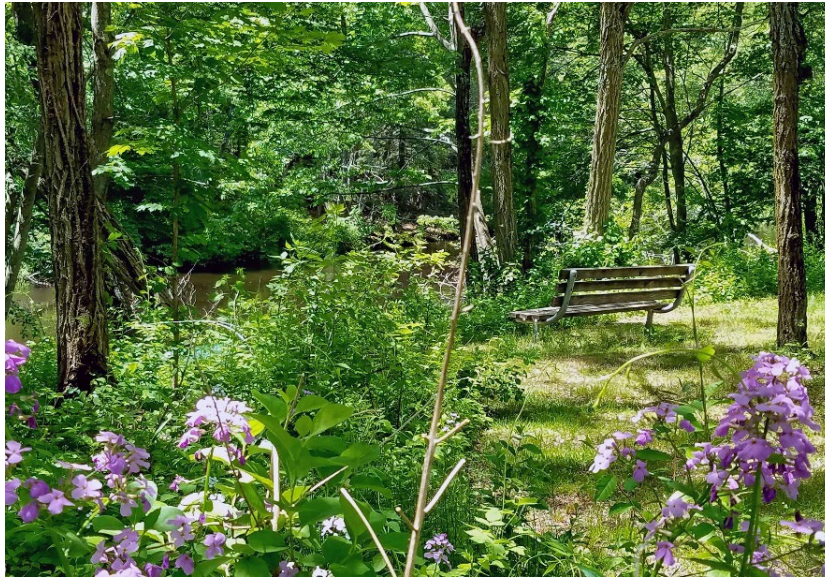
Charles River Access

Bresnahan's Landing, 57 Village Street – This is a canoe and kayak launch and fishing area on the Charles River, on land formerly owned by the Bresnahan family. Paddlers can travel downstream to Populatic Pond and takeout at River Street in Norfolk, or depending on conditions and paddling ability, go as far as South Natick before having to portage over the next dam. This site is not ADA accessible. There is a small gravel parking lot, lawn with a picnic table and kiosk, and grassed boat ramp. A wooden fence and fence posts restrict vehicle access to the boat launch.



Bresnahan's Landing canoe launch at the Charles River

Charles River Amphitheatre, Sanford Street - The Charles River Amphitheatre is located behind the Sanford Mills Condominium parking lot, off of Sanford Street. The site provides canoe and kayak access to the Charles River, unimproved trails through a small field and open forest, and a picnic and sitting area. A gravel parking lot accommodates three cars at the entrance.



Ohnemus Picnic Area, between 311 and 315 Village Street - Ohnemus Picnic Area is a small area with picnic benches on the shore of the Charles River, next door to the Police Station. The park was created as a memorial to Kurt Ohnemus, a Medway Scout leader, by his son as an Eagle Scout project. This sitting area is accessible from a natural surface foot path through the woods, with no on-site parking.

Parks, Playgrounds and Ball Fields

Idylbrook Park, Kimberly Drive and Wards Lane -

Idylbrook Park is a complex of athletic fields for soccer and baseball. A mowed path provides a loop trail around the athletic fields through a natural area. Two parking lots serve the park: at the end of Kimberly Drive and Wards Lane. One signed handicapped parking spot exists in each parking lot. The baseball diamond is at the end of a gated dirt access road from the parking lot off of Kimberly Drive.



Athletic fields at Idylbrook Park

Oakland Street Park, 82 Oakland Street - Oakland Street Park is one of Medway’s primary athletic facilities with soccer fields, basketball courts and a playground. It is also adjacent to and connects to the Medway Senior Center. The parking lots for both facilities serve as overflow for large events. Currently at the park, there are two signed handicapped parking spots next to the playground and between the basketball court and soccer field, however a mobility impaired person would not be able to access the recreation facilities due to the lawn between the pavement and the site. Seasonal port-o-potty stalls serve as bathrooms (non-wheelchair accessible). In 2017, the Town completed a Master Plan for a full renovation of the park, reorganizing the parking, circulation, playground area, and other non-athletic portions of the park to create a more efficient and cohesive core. Construction began in the spring of 2018. Other than an expansion of the field closest to Oakland Street due to the relocation of the playground, the athletic fields and basketball court remain unchanged. The existing small storage building was replaced with a bathroom and office/storage structure. A new pavilion was built for public use. All of these renovations and improvements will meet ADA accessibility standards. The Oakland Park improvement project was completed in September 2018 to positive reviews and community enthusiasm.



Oakland Park Renovations

Choate Park Complex, Oak Street - The Choate Park Complex is the centerpiece of Medway’s public spaces. The park consists of a series of active and passive recreational facilities surrounding Choate Pond including playgrounds for different age groups, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts, and trail around the pond connecting to Cassidy Field. Thayer Homestead, also owned by the Town of Medway, is adjacent to the park and is the location of community gatherings and events.

A park master plan completed in 2017 details a full renovation of the park, including ADA accessibility. Construction was initiated in the spring of 2018 and completed in September 2018. The project concentrated primarily on the “core area” of Choate Park including a new wood pavilion, bathrooms, playgrounds for multiple age groups, a tricycle path, water spray feature, sitting areas, and new trees.



New Choate Park Pavilion – Photo by Tim Rice

The project will improve the pathway around Choate Pond and a branch connection up to Cassidy Fields to provide a firm, stable, slip-resistant surface of stabilized decomposed granite to satisfy accessibility requirements. The renovated pathway will be suitable for maintenance and public safety vehicle access and has an ADA-accessible slope with the exception of the steeply sloped portion to the north of the site between the bridge and Cassidy Field, where regrading for accessibility would create too large a disturbance area. Occasional seating will be provided along this pathway.

Cassidy Field, Cassidy Field road, off Winthrop Street - The Cassidy Field complex is home to Medway Youth baseball. The complex consists of baseball diamonds, a batting cage, a concession stand and sitting area with picnic tables, bathrooms, and a trail connection to Choate Park.

North Street Park and Playground, corner of School and North Street - The North Street Park and Playground has a large playground, sand play lot, and basketball court. There are a few benches and two picnic tables.

Village Street #1, 304 Village Street – A small roadside park with benches and a flagpole. A sidewalk on Village Street offers convenient access for pedestrians.

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Park, across from 315 Village Street - The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial is a small park and memorial set off the sidewalk on Village Street.

Henry Garnsey Canine Recreation Park, 302 Village Street

The Henry Garnsey Canine Recreation Park, also known as the Medway Dog Park, is an off-leash, fenced dog park at the intersection of Village and Cottage Streets. There is a gravel parking lot for six to eight cars, some benches, and a large kiosk/shed with tools for spreading wood chips, and a bulletin board for posted rules and regulations.



Conservation Areas

Many of the acres held as Town conservation lands do not offer public access typically due to site conditions such as extensive wetlands or the parcel is landlocked. The following are two exceptions:

Adams Street Meadow Conservation Area, Adams Street - Adams Street Meadow Conservation Area is one of Medway’s newest passive recreation facilities and includes 63.9 acres. A trailhead on Adams Street follows the edge of the utility right-of-way, old farm roads, a series of new foot bridges, and leads to the Chicken Brook boardwalk. In 2016, the Conservation Commission commissioned the Conway School of Landscape Design to develop the Adams Street Ecological Management Plan.



Deerfield Street Pond, across from 20 Deerfield Street - Deerfield Street Pond is a very small pond located on 3.48 acres across the street from 20 Deerfield Street, with a narrow, natural surface trail around the pond. Access to the pond is along a short natural surface path through a forested area. This conservation area was set aside as part of the residential subdivision that surrounds the pond.

Trails

With hearty souls and strong backs, Medway Trail Club and other community volunteers have worked with Town staff to develop a network of trails within the Chicken Brook Corridor. Financial support has been provided from Community Preservation Act funds and community donations.



Other Town Owned Open Space



Medway Community Farm, 50 Winthrop Street - Medway Community Farm, Inc. is a non-profit organization that has leased fourteen acres and the dwelling at 50 Winthrop Street from the Town of Medway since 2009. The Farm operates a community supported agriculture (CSA) program, farm stand, educational programs with the Medway Public Schools, and holds special community events. The property was purchased by the Town with CPA funds. A trail open to the public runs through the farm property.

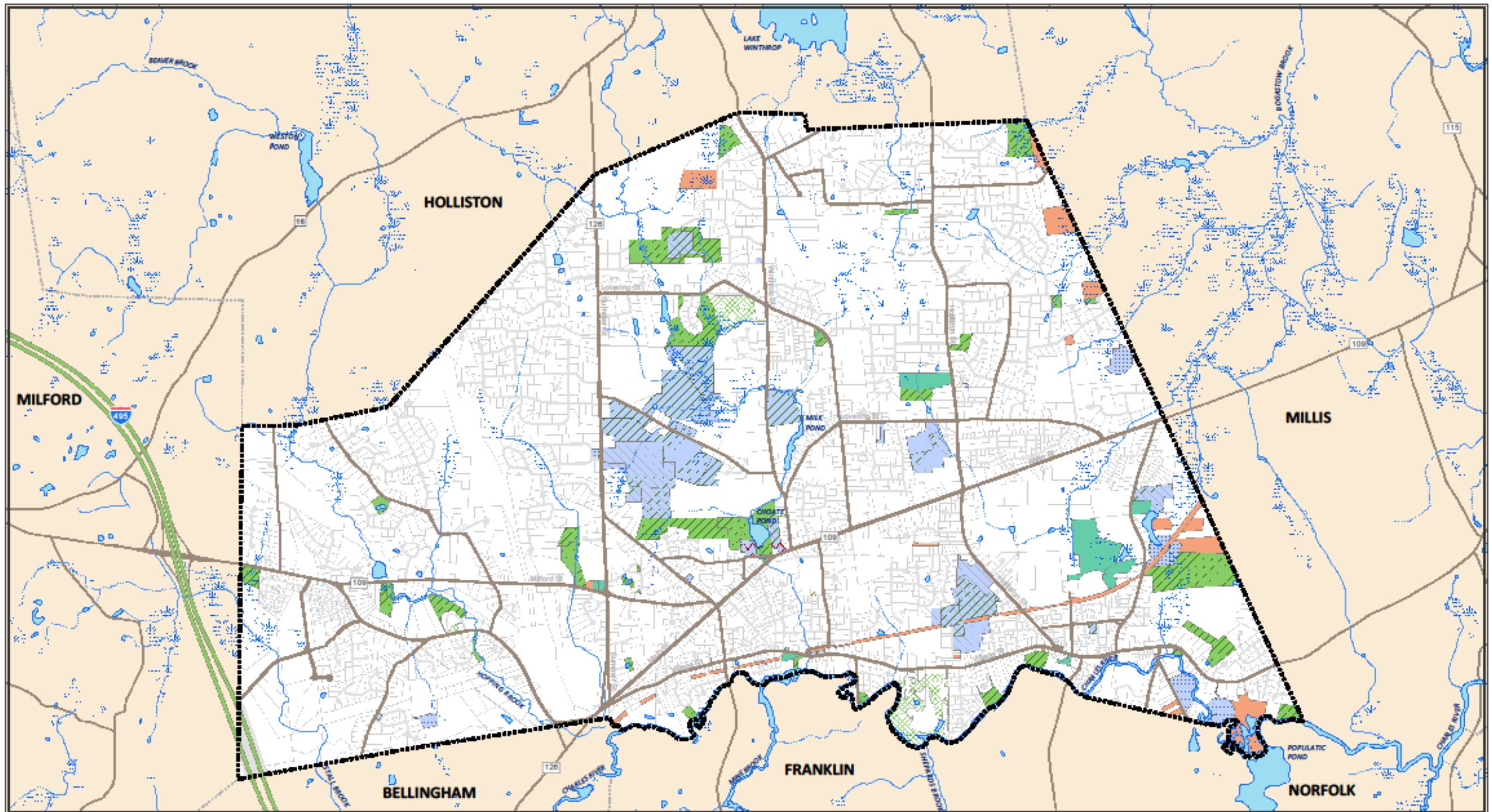
VFW property - In January 2018, the Town acquired the Medway Veterans for Foreign Wars (VFW) property at 123 Holliston Street. The 12.5 acre site includes a function facility built in 1962, athletic fields, parking and open space. Local VFW Post 1526 continues to fulfill its service mission from this location. The property has potential for fuller recreational use.

Jacob Ide House – Using CPA funds, the Town purchased the historic Jacob Ide house and property at 158 Main Street. The 1.41 acre site abuts Medway’s Choate Park and has potential as another community facility for the Choate Park area. Possible use of the building by the Medway Historical Society is under discussion.

See map of Town Owned Land and Level of Protection on the next page.

Other Open Space Property in Medway

Other publicly owned land in Medway includes 43 acres owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as part of the Charles River flood control project. Medway has participated with



0 0.125 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 MILES

DATA SOURCES:
 MASSGIS: SEE DETAILS ON DATA WITHIN THE 2018 OSRP ON THE "MASSGIS DATA SOURCES" APPENDIX
 MEDWAY ASSESSING, 10/2017
 MEDWAY COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 03/2018

PREPARED BY MACKENZIE LEAHY

Water Bodies & Features

- Shoreline
- Intermittent Stream
- Perennial Stream
- Open Water
- Wetland

<p>Protected Lands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Restriction Conservation Municipal <p>Unprotected Land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal Vacant Municipal Buildings & Facilities 	<p>Limited Protection Land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal Schools, Parks, Recreation, Fields <p>Type of Municipal Land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drainage, Well, or Water Tank Parcel Open Space & Recreation Affordable Housing Trust Historic Preservation
---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Town Owned Land and Level of Protection

TOWN OF MEDWAY
MAY 31, 2018

Bellingham and Franklin for the Charles River Meadowlands Initiative to develop strategies to improve public access to and management of this valuable 500-acre natural resource area.

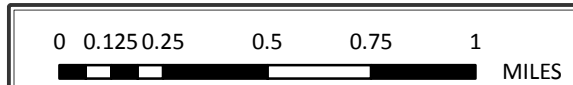
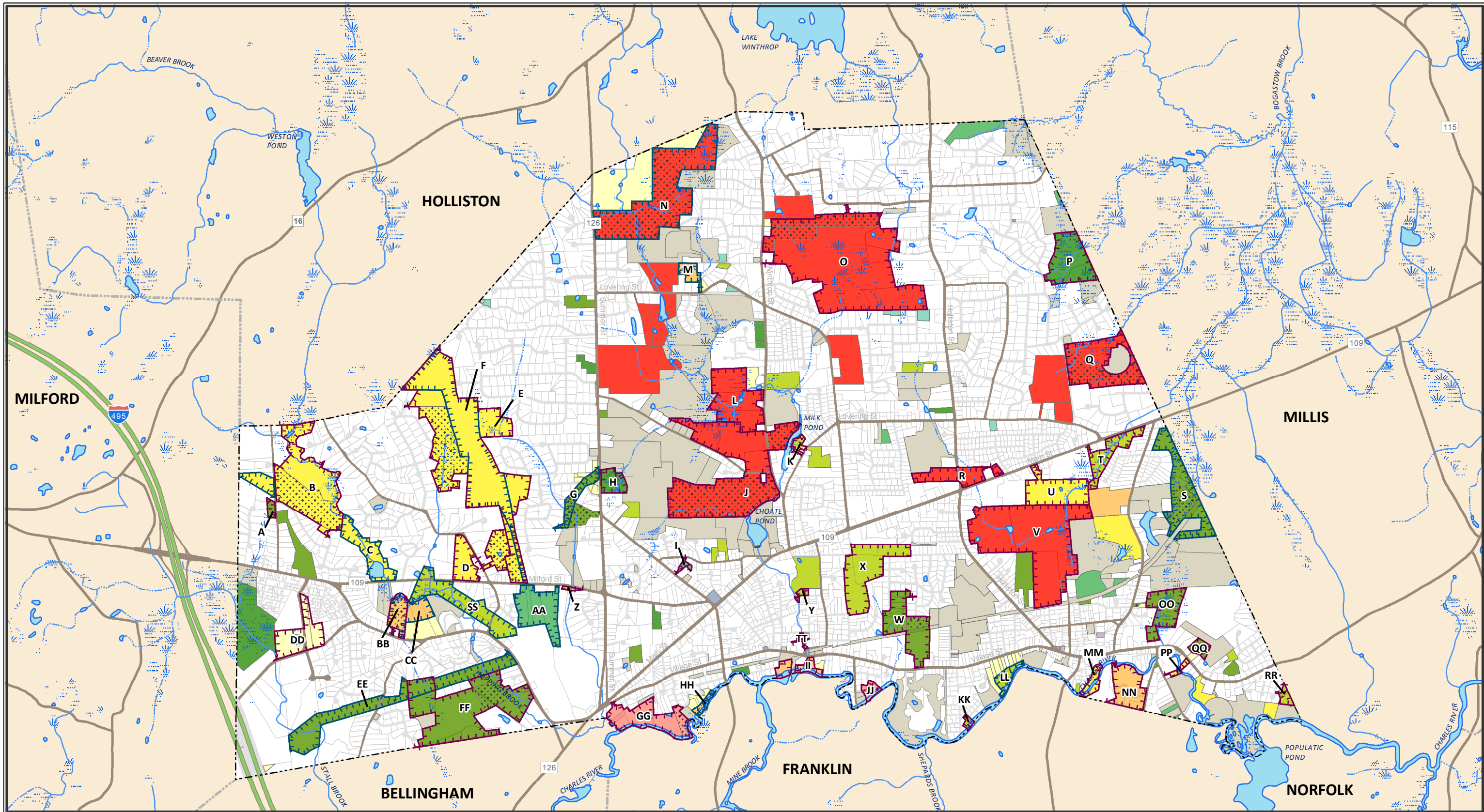
C. Lands of Conservation and Recreation Interest

There are 1,748 acres of privately-owned lands within Medway that are of interest for protection as conservation or recreation land. Nonprofit and religious institutions own 220 acres of land within Medway, some of which is available for passive recreation. The OSRP Task Force identified these lands utilizing an overlay analysis based on an expansion of criteria originally developed a number of years ago by the Open Space Committee to evaluate the value of a parcel for possible acquisition.

The updated criteria used by the Task Force are outlined in Table 5-7 below. Once parcels were identified based on these criteria, they were ranked by the Task Force and, evaluated as to whether individual parcels would be more valuable individually or as part of a cluster. See Appendix B – Table 5-8: Privately Owned Lands of Open Space, Conservation or Recreation Interest and map of Lands of Conservation and Recreation Interest by Cluster and Evaluation Criteria on the next page

Table 5-7 Criteria for Evaluating Privately Owned Lands

a. Preserves land and open space
b. Preserves wildlife habitats and/or corridors
c. Protects wetlands, ponds, vernal pools, waterways, water resources, and/or groundwater/ drinking water
d. Contains important historical, geological, or local landmark features; is a property of unique character; could provide/expand upon existing unique features
e. Is located adjacent to or provides frontage or access to parcels owned by the Town or another government agency or land trust, or which are otherwise protected, thus creating opportunities for connections
f. Abuts or provides access to the Charles River or other waterways
g. Provides a large area of vacant land of two or more acres
h. Is an area of high visual or aesthetic value
i. Could provide, improve or expand recreational uses/facilities/*community parks
j. Could be used for a *pocket park
k. Could be used for trails or to connect to existing trails including properties adjacent to railroad right-of-way
l. Requires limited preparation to achieve intended use
m. Is classified as Chapter 61, 61A, or 61B, or is otherwise used for similar uses and/or promotes agriculture or community gardening
*Community Park – Serves as a social and recreational focal point for residential neighborhoods. It may offer a range of facilities and spaces for passive or active (programmed or un-programmed) recreation in response to demographic and cultural characteristics of surrounding neighborhoods, along with opportunities for interaction with nature. They may include landscaped areas, open space, recreation centers, sports fields and courts, playgrounds, and/or trails and associated parking. Community parks range in size up to thirty acres and can often be accessed by foot or bicycle from nearby neighborhoods.



DATA SOURCES:

MASSGIS: SEE DETAILS ON DATA WITHIN THE 2018 OSRP ON THE "MASSGIS DATA SOURCES" APPENDIX
 MEDWAY ASSESSING, 10/2017
 MEDWAY COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 03/2018

PREPARED BY MACKENZIE LEAHY



Water Bodies & Features

- Shoreline
- Intermittent Stream
- Perennial Stream
- Open Water
- Wetland

- Municipal & Conservation Land
- Land of Conservation or Recreation Interest
- Land of High Interest

- Critical Parcel(s) to Cluster
 - Land for Purchase or Gift
 - Land for Easement(s)
- 1 Land of Interest by Criteria 10**
-

Land of Conservation and Recreation Interest
 by Cluster and Evaluation Criteria
 May 31, 2018

***Pocket Park** (also known as a parkette, mini-park, vest-pocket park or vesty park) - A very small outdoor open space or greenery area, usually no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre, which provides a safe and inviting environment for immediate nearby residents. Pocket parks are frequently created on a single vacant building lot or small, irregular piece of land. Pocket parks usually include benches.

These criteria for protection also correspond with the four priority goals for open space that have been adopted by the Open Space Committee:

- 1) Preservation of a greenway along Chicken Brook;
- 2) Access to the Charles River;
- 3) Farmland preservation; and,
- 4) Creating more and accessible trails including the development of a rail trail.

SECTION 6 COMMUNITY VISION

A. Description of Process

As noted in Section 2 Introduction, the process for developing the 2018 OSRP took place over a twelve-month period between June 2017 through June 2018 and included a community survey, three public forums, stakeholder interviews, and numerous Task Force meetings. This process significantly informed the Task Force’s understanding about community needs and guided the development of the OSRP goals and objectives and the Seven-Year Action Plan.


Community Survey

A community survey was open for a two-month period from September 11 to November 7, 2017; 305 responses were received. The survey was available online at Survey Monkey and in paper version at the Senior Center, Town Hall and Public Library. The following is a summary of the survey results.

Places for outdoor recreation dominated the top five most important values/characteristics of Medway:

- 1) Safe paths or sidewalks for pedestrians and bicycles
- 2) Community parks
- 3) Trails for walking and running
- 4) Active recreation facilities (e.g. sport fields, playgrounds, etc.)
- 5) Rivers, streams and ponds

Your Input is Needed!



Please complete the
Medway Open Space &
Recreation Plan Survey

Go to:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Medway_DRAFT

Questions?
Please contact the Medway
Community and Economic
Development Office
508-533-3291

Of the twenty-four places identified in the survey for outdoor recreation, knowing where a place is located and where to get information about a place correlated with the level of use of the facility. For example, 100% of respondents know where Choate Park is and 98% of respondents stated they use the park. In comparison to the Medway Amphitheatre, only 26% of respondents stated they know where it is, and 89% of respondents stated they have never visited the facility. The places respondents indicated they used the most included Choate Park and playground, Oakland Park and playground, Idylbrook Park, Cassidy Field, and Thayer Homestead. School playgrounds and athletic fields were used on average by 50% of respondents. Only 38% of respondents used the Garnsey Dog Park off Village Street, and 17% used the canoe launch and picnic area on the Charles River at Bresnahan’s Landing. More than 79% of respondents did not know where to get information about Deerfield Road pond, Winthrop Street Park, Medway Amphitheatre, Colonel Matondi Park, the public basketball courts, Bresnahan’s Landing, or the North Street Park and Playground.

Use of trails in Medway also corresponds to knowing where a place is and/or where to get information about the trail. The Choate Pond trail is used the most by respondents (91%) followed by the Choate Park to High School trail (64%), and the Idylbrook Park trail (48%). However, more than 50% of respondents did not know where to obtain information about any of the trails in Medway.

The lack of bathroom facilities was the top major concern (58%) about existing parks and non-trail recreation areas, followed by degraded facilities (54%), inadequate maintenance (43%), lack of seating (30%), and trash (28%). The top major concern about existing trails was inadequate wayfinding or directional signs (53%) followed by vegetation encroaching on trails (37%), personal safety (26%), inadequate maintenance (24%), and lack of bathroom facilities (22%). Last, 43% of respondents felt that all age groups are well served by existing recreation facilities. The age groups respondents felt were not well-served included teens (15%), children ages five to 12 (14%), and seniors ages fifty to seventy (14%).

Although Medway does not have any Environmental Justice populations, concerns about equitable distribution of open space and recreation facilities across Medway and access by all residents was explored in the survey. Fifty-nine percent (59%) of respondents stated they can walk to a park or conservation area within 10 minutes from their home. Of those that were not within a 10-minute walk, 75% felt it is important to be able to walk from home to a park or conservation area.

Overall, the ranked priorities for recreation and open space resources over the next seven years are as follows based on the survey results:

- 1) Protect and maintain existing parks and conservation areas. Expand/renovate current parks and recreation facilities to meet community needs.
- 2) Protect and maintain existing farmland.
- 3) Acquire and protect new land for conservation areas.
- 4) Develop new trails.
- 5) Acquire and protect new land for parks and recreation.
- 6) Acquire and protect new land for agriculture.



Actions people are willing to take to support expanded open space and recreational offerings include voting to approve financial resources at Town Meetings, allowing use of their own property for trails, volunteering their time, and donating money and land.

Table 6-1: Actions People are Willing to Take for Open Space and Recreation

Vote at Town Meeting to appropriate funds to protect new land for parks and recreation	74%
Vote at Town Meeting to appropriate funds to protect land for new conservation areas	69%
Vote at Town Meeting to appropriate funds to protect farmland	59%
Support construction of a sidewalk or roadside path along the road on my property	52%
Volunteer my time as part of a periodic work crew to maintain town parks, open	47%

space/conservation areas or trails	
Volunteer my time to help build new trails	37%
Donate money for the maintenance and management of town-owned conservation land	19%
Donate/sell an easement on my property to establish new trails to create connections to a town-wide trail network	14%

Public Forums

October 3, 2017, 7-9pm, Thayer Homestead

Approximately thirty people attended the first public forum to kick off the plan update and begin to identify community priorities for the coming years. As a warm up exercise and to help attendees become oriented to the many open space and recreation resources in town, the walls of the room were lined with large format maps of Medway’s parks and conservation areas; residents were asked to place sticky notes with comments about these places on the maps. Members of the Open Space Committee, Parks Commission, EPFRAC, and the Medway Trails Club presented the accomplishments achieved since the 2010 OSRP was completed. Attendees broke out into small groups to identify the places and characteristics of the community enjoyed by residents, and any issues or needed improvements that should be addressed. Each of the groups reported their findings back to the full group, and the results were categorized according to type of need or action described.

March 12, 2018, 7-9pm, Thayer Homestead

At the second public forum, approximately forty people attended. Matt Hayes, Chair of the Open Space and Recreation Plan Task Force presented an overview of the planning process thus far and consultant Anne Capra of Conservation Works presented the results of the community survey. Ms. Capra then presented a slide show utilizing a GIS overlay analysis to illustrate some of the existing natural resources in town (e.g. water supplies) and their relationship to priority development and protection zones. Attendees then broke out into small groups and reviewed a map of existing protected and unprotected open space resources in Medway. Each group was provided with a list of criteria for open space protection developed by the Open Space Committee. Each group was asked to review the criteria and identify places to target for protection based on the criteria. Each small group reported back to the full group.

June 25, 2018, 7-9pm, Medway Public Library

Approximately thirty-two people attended the third and final public forum. The Draft 2018 Open Space and Recreation Plan was issued for public comment on June 20, 2018. A summary of the planning process completed over the past year was presented, and information about how to review the draft plan on the Town’s website and submit comments was provided. Attendees broke out into small groups and discussed the goals and objectives and the seven-year action plan. Each group reported back with their comments.



Attendees at June 2018 Community Forum

Stakeholder Interviews

In addition to the outreach described above, planning consultant Anne Capra conducted one on one interviews with a representative from certain Town departments, boards and committees to learn about their current programming, initiatives and priorities for the coming years. These included the Open Space Committee, Conservation Commission, Agricultural Commission, Department of Public Services, Community Preservation Committee, Medway Trail Club, and the Upper Charles River Conservation Land Trust.

Conservation Land Assessment and Management Plan Training Retreat

Conservation Works members Anne Capra, Pete Westover and Molly Hale provided a full day training workshop on Saturday, May 5, 2018 in conservation land assessment techniques and land management plan development for twelve individuals from Town boards, committees, and departments tasked with oversight and care of Town conservation lands. An overview of Baseline Document Report (BDR) guidelines and the tools and resources used for conducting site assessments was presented. The training then moved to the Charles River Amphitheatre property off Sanford Street where attendees broke into three groups and conducted an assessment of the site looking at boundaries, trails and other recreation facilities, and ecological conditions.



Attendees Glenn Trindade, Tina Wright, Mike Francis and Paul Atwood conducting site assessments at the Charles River Amphitheatre training retreat on May 5, 2018.

After the field work, the groups convened back at Town Hall for lunch and each reported their findings about site conditions. Based on these findings the groups brainstormed about management needs and recommendations for the property. Planning consultant Anne Capra then developed a Baseline Document Report and Management Plan for the Amphitheatre site utilizing the information collected at the training retreat. This BDR and management plan will be used as a template for developing BDRs and management plans for other Town-owned conservation lands in the years ahead.

B. Statement of Open Space and Recreation Goals

The community vision outlined in this plan is much the same as it was in 2010. Residents cherish Medway’s parks and conservation areas. Existing trails are heavily used, and residents have expressed a great desire to expand and develop a town-wide network of trails, with opportunities to connect to regional, long-distance trails as well. Parks and other facilities for outdoor recreation have become places for families to gather and people of all ages to get outdoors and participate in community events year-round. With all of this investment in open spaces, some residents realize that planning for sustainable growth in appropriate places is ever more critical as a key strategy for protecting Medway’s rural character.

Medway’s rural character is preserved through the permanent protection of open space, working farms, outdoor recreation, and historic landscapes on which the culture and character of our community are founded.



As a result of the planning process, the OSRP Task Force has established the following overarching goals:

GOAL #1 - Important natural resources are protected and sustainably managed for future generations to use and enjoy.

GOAL #2 - A range of recreational opportunities exist on Town lands with adequate resources dedicated to their maintenance.

GOAL #3 - A network of well-maintained trails exists across Medway, with a strong stewardship program established.

SECTION 7 ANALYSIS OF NEEDS

Medway has always been a pleasant place to live. Because of this, there has been steady population growth since the end of World War II due to Medway's proximity to Boston and Providence, Rhode Island, reaching a peak in the 1990s. Although growth slowed in the 2000s, it is estimated to have picked up again between 2010 and 2016, consistent with other towns in Norfolk County. The development associated with these new residents has affected the character of the community. Once a small farming town, the construction of I-495 in the 1960s triggered the conversion of rural roadways into suburban collectors, especially Route 109, the main east-west corridor, and Route 126, a north-south artery.



Choate Pond at Choate Park

SOURCE: Tim Rice

Community and regional plans for economic growth seek to direct growth to the Route 109 corridor and focus conservation of undeveloped land along the Chicken Brook corridor flowing through the center of town in a north to south direction, and along the Charles River, which forms Medway's southern boundary with Franklin and Norfolk.



Charles River below Sanford Mill Dam viewed from the Sanford Street Bridge
From Bostonkayaker.com

Protecting land in Medway in these areas would not only provide scenic views and potential for additional canoe landings and walking trails but would also help create larger contiguous blocks of open space regionally, creating connections to protected lands in the surrounding towns of

Holliston, Franklin, and Norfolk. Several priority parcels for protection in east Medway would provide additional buffer area for one of the Town’s wells and offer connections to a protected corridor at the Black Swamp in Millis. Within this regional network of open space, the value of conserving additional land in Medway is amplified.

Because of the significant number of utility lines in Medway, protecting parcels following the utility lines north into Holliston from West Street could encourage a wildlife corridor, and provide connections between vernal pools and larger wetland bodies and core habitat areas for species of conservation concern. With proper easements, these could also serve as trail connections. Opportunities for trail development on land or easements owned by the utility companies have been identified. Outreach efforts to the utility companies could be initiated to discuss public access opportunities.



Utility rights-of-way have the potential to be viable trail corridors.

Some of the smaller parcels considered for protection in West Medway could provide land for a West Medway Park that many residents and Task Force members believe is needed and would like to pursue. Several of the high priority parcels within the Chicken Brook corridor provide a unique opportunity for an extensive trail system connecting farming, recreation, protected resources and school landscapes. With thoughtful expansion, the trails within the Chicken Brook Corridor could extend from the northern and southern boundaries of Medway, up into Wenakeening Woods in Holliston, with additional potential to connect to the regional Upper Charles Trail in the future. Other large priority parcels offer potential for cluster or planned unit developments that would encourage land preservation while also providing alternative housing options for young families and the growing over 65 population.

A. Summary of Resource Protection Needs

Stewardship

As the Town continues to increase its focus on stewardship of its conservation lands, it needs to ensure that adequate policies, resources and staff are available to engage in planning and land management practices. A desire for increased maintenance at Town-owned conservation areas has been expressed through the public engagement process. For DPW staff to expand their maintenance activities into conservation areas, there would need to be additional funding allocated for new staff, and possibly new equipment for trail surface maintenance, brush clearing, trimming and removal of fallen trees along narrow path alignments.



Medway Trail Club members gather to forge the new Millstone trail in November 2018.

Development of a robust volunteer stewardship program is of interest to the Open Space Committee and Medway Trail Club, both of whom currently perform a considerable amount of stewardship on Town-owned conservation areas. The Trail Club currently has many followers, indicating a keen interest in new trails, and seeks to increase community participation. Current civic partners in these efforts have included the Boy and Girl Scouts.

Expansion of the stewardship program will require dedicated leadership to manage and coordinate this effort. Potential activities identified for volunteers include trail maintenance, new trail construction, invasive species removal, biological inventories, monitoring conservation restrictions, conducting baseline inventories, and supporting public education and outreach programs. Leadership will be required from the Open Space Committee to provide guidelines for work to be done, to ensure smooth interface among Town and volunteer workers, and to ensure that work is done in accordance with OSRP goals and Conservation Commission regulations.



Trash removed by Medway's "Trail Elves" in preparation for trail blazing.

Baseline Inventory and Monitoring Program

The Open Space Committee and Conservation Commission are seeking to develop a baseline inventory and monitoring program for new and existing Town owned conservation properties. These inventories typically result in the production of a Baseline Document Report (BDR). The primary objective of a BDR is to identify and document the boundaries of a property and the existing conditions of the site at the time of its acquisition. Members of the Open Space Committee, Conservation Commission, Department of Public Services, and OSRP Task Force attended a training session on May 5, 2018 offered by Anne Capra and colleagues from Conservation Works about how to conduct a site inventory (Charles River Amphitheatre site)

and develop the associated report, utilizing the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Baseline Document Report (BDR) Specifications. BDRs are also now a requirement for all conservation restrictions acquired with CPA funds and for any open space/conservation properties acquired in fee. Further, for any Town-owned conservation areas requiring a third-party holder of a conservation restriction, the third party typically requires a BDR to be completed prior to any conveyance of ownership. This has become standard practice in the land conservation community nation-wide due to national accreditation standards that local land trusts are seeking from the national Land Trust Alliance. This accreditation is critical for land trusts to procure insurance and, manage their endowments in relation to legal challenges from issues such as enforcement against encroachments. Table 5-7 in Appendix A provides a list of all Town owned lands and identifies the parcels acquired with CPA funds.

Land Management Plans

Detailed biological inventories and habitat assessments are typically beyond the scope of a standard BDR but may be necessary to develop a land management plan. For example, if the purpose of a particular property is to manage the land for forestry or to provide habitat for a specific rare plant or animal species, it is important to have those conditions assessed by a qualified professional and, recommendations provided that are appropriate to the intended use or purpose of the property. All land management plans should seek to support the goals and objectives of this OSRP.

Lands of Conservation Interest

While Medway has acquired lands of conservation interest in recent years, it must continue to use creative strategies to permanently protect the remaining lands of interest. Land conservation in Medway can generally be grouped into meeting the following objectives:

1. Improving recreational access to the Charles River and maintaining a healthy river corridor.
2. Protection of the Chicken Brook stream corridor and creation of the associated Medway Link Trail, a pedestrian greenway connecting to Holliston.
3. Protection of open space and agriculture within the Zone II aquifer district in the southeast corner of town and, in the center of town along Route 109.
4. Expansion of the trail network onto land and easements owned and managed by the utility companies.
5. Development of a rail trail corridor along the abandoned rail line.

The Land of Conservation and Recreation Interest Map (see Section 5) identifies lands that would support the community's goals and objectives for open space and recreation and, provides a prioritized matrix for their conservation. The Appendix includes a table titled Privately Owned Lands of Open Space, Conservation or Recreational Interest that corresponds to this map and, provides detailed information about parcel ownership, size, current use, potential use, and whether the parcel should be part of a cluster to fulfill its potential use. The table identifies 46 clusters, or potential groupings of land, to achieve the goals and objectives outlined in this plan. Within these clusters, 767 acres on 47 parcels are identified as "land of high interest". Of these high priority lands, 51% (391 acres) are currently enrolled in Chapter 61, 61A or 61B as productive lands. The Town should be prepared, if these parcels come up for sale, to exercise its right of first refusal to acquire them, or assign that right to a qualified conservation entity, such as a land trust. Since it may not be financially feasible for the Town to acquire an additional 767 acres of open space, other strategies for preservation of these open space areas need to be evaluated. Some options include working with landowners to have them permanently protect the land through conservation

restrictions or agricultural preservation restrictions. Some of the parcels may be appropriate for limited development clustered onto the areas of low ecological value, with the corresponding preservation of areas of high-quality natural resources. A review of Medway’s Zoning Bylaw to identify ways to incentivize open space protection and the use of green infrastructure is recommended, for example, by allowing Open Space Residential Developments by right with Site Plan Review rather than as a Special Permit.

Drinking Water Quality and Quantity

As discussed in Sections 3 and 4, Medway’s water supply faces some challenges. There is enough permitted capacity to meet current demand needs, but the existing four wells cannot safely pump enough water to meet future projected water demands. The Town is under water restrictions from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and has established community wide water conservation measures. Demands on Medway’s water supply may only increase in the future with climate change. Integrating the challenges climate change pose to the natural world into our decision-making process is critical.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, climate change forecasts for the northeast United States call for warmer weather and increased occurrences of large storm events with high precipitation rates over short duration events, i.e. more floods, warmer weather, and longer dry spells and drought conditions. Heat waves, heavy downpours, and sea level rise pose growing challenges to many aspects of life in the Northeast. Infrastructure, agriculture, fisheries, and ecosystems will be increasingly compromised, challenging the region’s environmental, social, and economic systems. This will increase the vulnerability of the region’s residents, especially its most disadvantaged populations. The scientific evidence demonstrates that this change is attributable to the surge in greenhouse gas emissions generated by fossil fuel energy sources, such as oil, coal and gas. These emissions trap heat in the earth’s atmosphere, raise world temperatures, increase water vapor in the air, and ultimately create more extreme weather events like Tropical Storm Irene in 2011 and Superstorm Sandy in 2012.

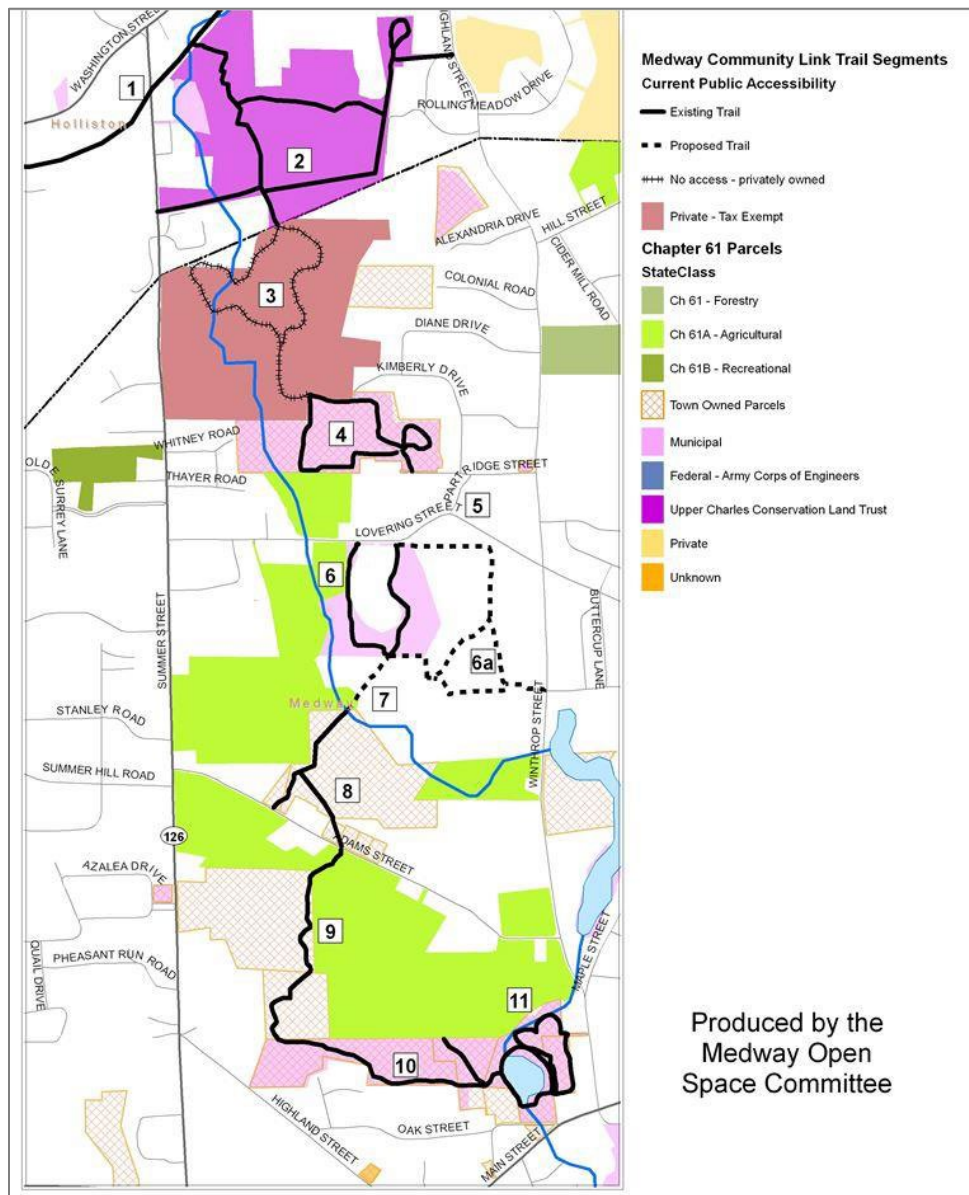
B. Summary of Community’s Needs

Trails and Recreation Facilities

Throughout this planning process, residents have expressed a strong interest in expanding the existing trail network throughout town. The Medway Community Link Trail in the Chicken Brook corridor has seen recent improvements with the Chicken Brook boardwalk and trail connections from Adams Street. There is a trail from Choate Park to the Medway High School, but not yet from the high school to Idylbrook. The Chicken Brook boardwalk and trail will help fill some of this gap, but a trail is still needed through Iarussi Way, an Open Space Residential Development off of Lovering Street.

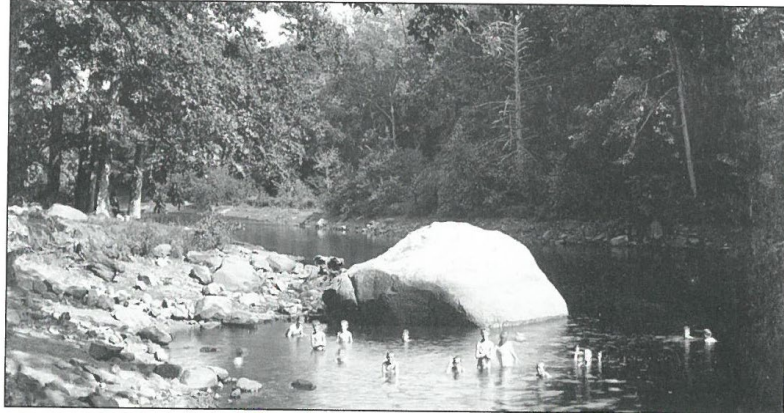
The Medway Community Link Trail was first envisioned close to 20 years ago during the 2000 Master Plan process. The Town and community have worked persistently over those years toward its completion. See Figure 7-1 for a map of showing the concept plan for the Medway Link Trail Network.

Figure 7-1 Medway Link Trail Network



An approved 40B subdivision of 147 detached single-family houses on 150 acres off Holliston Street, Winthrop Street and Fairway Lane has been evaluated for open space and recreation opportunities in conjunction with its development and will include a conservation restriction on wetland resources located within the development area.

Improving recreational access to the Charles River is also of great interest to the community. Public access currently exists at the Amphitheatre off Sanford Street, and at Bresnahan’s Landing and Ohnemus Picnic Area, both on Village Street. The recently approved Salmon senior living community off Village Street will provide public access to the Charles River. The Charles is a popular blue trail, with the potential for adding several more access points along its shores in Medway.



C. 1895 “The Big Rock” in the Charles River, a few hundred feet upriver from the Sanford Mill Dam, was a popular swimming spot.

SOURCE: Haas and Howker. 2004

The Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) was updated in 2017 based on a statewide public outreach process. The four goals of that plan are:

- Access for underserved populations.
- Support the statewide trails initiative.
- Increase the availability of water-based recreation.
- Support the creation and renovation of neighborhood parks.

The needs, goals, and actions addressed in Medway’s 2018 OSRP are consistent with these statewide goals for outdoor recreation. Although Medway is not racially or ethnically diverse with 93% of the population as white (American Community Survey 2015), 11.7% of the population is age 65 or older. Activities for seniors are programmed through the Medway Senior Center, located next door to Oakland Park. Most of the improvements planned or underway at Choate and Oakland Parks are to improve ADA accessibility of the facilities. These improvements will benefit people of low or limited mobility in all age groups.

Beginning in the summer 2019, Camp Sunshine will operate out of a new building at Oakland Park. This 6-week summer program works with children of all age groups with disabilities. Established in 1968, Medway is proud to host this program in conjunction with the many accessibility improvements at the park.

In some communities, youth, specifically teens, are typically underserved. However, Medway has sought to provide ample recreation opportunities for kids of all ages. In Medway, there has been great investment in the improvement of youth athletic fields over the past five years. Athletic field have been added at Medway High School. Playgrounds are or have undergone extensive renovations at Choate and Oakland Parks. Further, the Town has hired a full-time Parks and Recreation Director to develop youth and community programming to address a wide variety of recreational interests. These initiatives have been enthusiastically received by the community.



Choate Park Improvements Under Construction - August 2018

Lands of Agricultural Interest

As development pressures rise and prime agricultural lands diminish, Medway’s remaining private farmland is in jeopardy. Several of the highest priority lands of interest for conservation and recreation are working farms. These include a piggery on Broad Street, pastureland on Winthrop, Adams, Summer Streets, pastureland on Waterview Drive, and pastureland and a golf driving range on Holliston Street. These and other farms in Medway, including the Medway Community Farm on Winthrop Street, a community supported agriculture (CSA) operation, provide both scenic landscapes and a source of locally grown food.



Medway Community Farm

Medway’s newly established Agricultural Commission has begun an inventory of existing farms and farm products with the intention of developing a marketing guide for locally sourced products. As is the case with publicly accessible trails and conservation lands, some local farm products are available, but residents aren’t sure where they are located or where to get information about them. Marketing and promotional materials and events, such as the Medway Community Farm’s educational programs, help the community support the local economy and foster the character of the community desired by residents.

Needs for Persons with Disabilities

Please refer to the Appendices for Medway’s American’s with Disabilities Act (ADA) self-evaluation information for handicap accessibility. The self-evaluation provides an outline of how accessible the Town’s conservation and recreation properties and programs are to people with disabilities. Currently none of Medway’s conservation areas are accessible to mobility impaired people. Some of the active recreation facilities, including Choate and Oakland Parks and Cassidy Fields, do offer handicapped accessible bathrooms and parking. Both Choate and Oakland Parks experienced major renovations in 2018, much of which will significantly improve their accessibility to mobility impaired people.

C. Management Needs, Potential Change of Use

Several parcels identified as lands of conservation and recreation interest are in areas zoned for commercial or industrial use. At the west end of Medway at the boundary with Milford, there is a parcel on the south side of Route 109 that is within the 43D Priority Development zone and identified within the Urban Renewal Plan as having potential for industrial or commercial development. Due to these designations for development, this parcel of open space may be difficult to acquire for such purposes but may be well-suited for clustered development and green infrastructure practices to conserve some of the land closest to the adjacent wetlands to the west.

Another parcel off interest is on Route 109 in the center of town and is currently used as pasture and a golf driving range. This parcel is zoned for commercial use due to its location along the primary east-west transportation route through town. Rezoning this parcel for non-commercial uses would be needed to regulate the type of development here, unless the land was acquired in fee or development rights through a conservation restriction.

Last, several undeveloped parcels in the southeast corner of town have been identified for conservation. This area is part of the Town’s Zone II aquifer. If these properties are not put into conservation, an Open Space Residential Development with a set aside for conservation might be an option to preserve aquifer recharge in this area.

SECTION 8 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The OSRP Task Force has established the following goals and objectives in priority order as follows:

GOAL #1 - Important natural resources are protected and sustainably managed for future generations to use and enjoy.

Objectives:

- 1-1 Smart growth and development are consistent with the character of the community and protects important natural resources.
- 1-2 Surface and groundwater resources are clean and sustainable as a public water supply and ecological system.
- 1-3 Management plans are developed to identify resources and followed for Town-owned conservation areas and recreation facilities.
- 1-4 A broad range of funding sources is identified and pursued for the protection of natural resources.
- 1-5 Protected corridors along Chicken Brook, Hopping Brook and the Charles River exist and are used for passive recreation compatible with habitat protection.
- 1-6 Existing farms are preserved, and farming is supported as part of the local economy.
- 1-7 Educational programming about Medway's natural resources is expanded in the local schools and throughout the community

GOAL #2 - A range of recreational opportunities exist on Town lands with adequate resources dedicated to their maintenance.

Objectives:

- 2-1 Funding is available to support the maintenance of recreation facilities in accordance with land management plans.
- 2-2 Access to the Charles River is available at multiple locations and for a range of uses and is promoted
- 2-3 Existing parks and recreation facilities are updated, and improved access for people of all abilities is provided.
- 2-4 Residents are well-informed about open space and recreational resources in town through a coordinated outreach campaign utilizing a variety of outreach and media outlets.

GOAL #3 - A network of well-maintained trails exists across Medway, with a strong stewardship program established.

Objectives:

- 3-1 Trails are accessible through ample wayfinding and directional signage.
- 3-2 Existing trails are mapped and well-publicized to residents.
- 3-3 Opportunities for developing new trails to improve connectivity across town are identified and projects developed, and connections to regional trail networks are developed.

SECTION 9 SEVEN-YEAR ACTION PLAN

Responsible Party

AC	Agricultural Commission
BOS	Board of Selectmen
CC	Conservation Commission
CED	Department of Community and Economic Development
CPC	Community Preservation Committee
DPW	Department of Public Works
GIS	GIS Coordinator
OSC	Open Space Committee
EPFRAC	Evaluation of Parks, Fields and Recreation Areas Committee
MACC	Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions
MAPC	Metropolitan Area Planning Council
MPS	Medway Public Schools
NHESP	Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program
PC	Board of Parks Commissioners
PEDB	Planning and Economic Development Board
TM	Town Manager
TC	Town Counsel

Timeline

Year 1	2019: July 2018 – June 2019
Year 2	2020: July 2019 – June 2020
Year 3	2021: July 2020 – June 2021
Year 4	2022: July 2021 – June 2022
Year 5	2023: July 2022 – June 2023
Year 6	2024: July 2023 – June 2024
Year 7	2025: July 2024 – June 2025

Possible Funding Sources

DAR	<p>Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources has a program to offer technical assistance to Agriculture Commissions, and other grant programs available to farmers to support agricultural business entrepreneurialism and best management practices. https://www.mass.gov/guides/agricultural-grants-and-financial-assistance-programs</p> <p>APR Program: https://www.mass.gov/service-details/agricultural-preservation-restriction-apr-program-details</p>
DCR	<p>Community Forest Stewardship Grants from Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/or/csfg-implementation-grants.pdf</p>
DLTA	<p>District Local Technical Assistance Grants available through the Regional Planning Agencies (MAPC) https://www.mapc.org/about-mapc/funding-opportunities/</p>
DCS Grants	<p>Massachusetts Department of Conservation Services (DCS) has over ten active grant programs for various aspects of land conservation and environmental stewardship projects. https://www.mass.gov/grant-programs-offered-by-the-division-of-conservation-services/need-to-know</p>
LAND	<p>LAND Grant program (DCS) helps cities and towns acquire land for conservation and passive recreation purposes. The grants reimburse cities and towns for the acquisition of land in fee or for a conservation restriction. https://www.mass.gov/service-details/local-acquisitions-for-natural-diversity-land-grant-program</p>

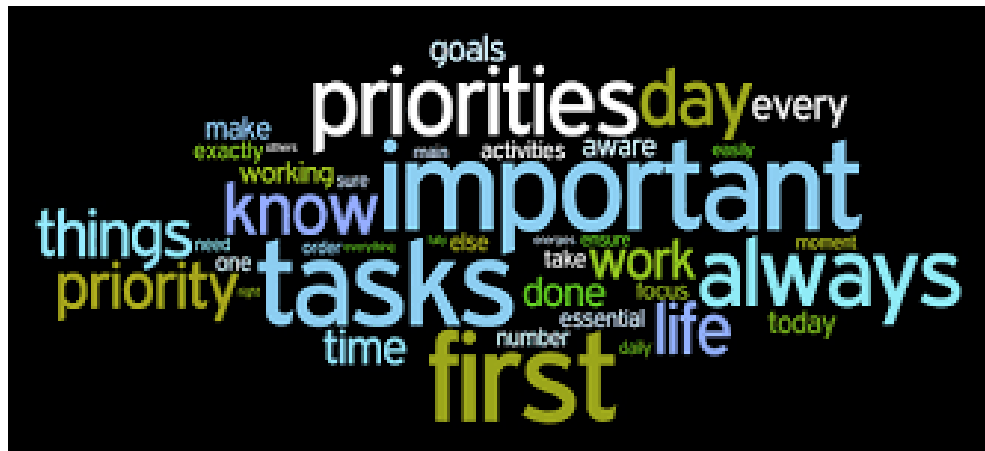


Table 9-1: Medway OSRP Seven-Year Action Plan

ACTIONS		Responsible Party	Timeline	Potential Funding
LAND MANAGEMENT				
1	Complete baseline document reports (BDR) for Town-owned open space/conservation areas; prioritize properties that have been acquired with CPA funds (see Table 5-7)	CC, DPW, OSC	On-going	CPA
2	Complete management plans for Town-owned open space/conservation areas	CC, DPW, OSC, PC	On-going	CPA
3	Mark boundaries on properties with completed BDRs	CC, DPW, OSC	2020-2023	CPA
4	Develop detailed biological inventories (plant and animals) for properties of high ecological value (Chicken Brook corridor, Charles River corridor); report rare species to NHESP for documentation/certification	CC, OSC	On-going	CPA
5	Establish annual monitoring program for properties with BDRs and management plans	CC, DPW, OSC	2019	CPA
6	Secure funding for additional DPW personnel to perform maintenance on Town-owned open space/conservation areas; consider creation of a "land management fund"	BOS, DPW, CC	2019-2020	
7	Seek advice from MACC about appropriate uses of Conservation Commission's Trust Fund to determine if funds can be used to support conservation assessment and planning activities on Town conservation lands	CC	2019	
8	Establish a volunteer stewardship program to assist with maintenance of conservation areas (general maintenance, invasive species control, biological inventories, etc.)	OSC, CC	On-going	
9	Establish guidelines for the use of pesticides and herbicides on all Town-owned lands (conservation areas, parks, recreation facilities, road rights-of-way)	DPW, CC	2020	
10	Establish sound practices for managing invasive species on Town-owned land; implement invasive species control practices	CC, DPW, PC, OSC	2020	
11	Establish rules and regulations for Town-owned properties with public access about dog use, horse riding, trash, ATV use, snowmobiling, etc.	CC, PC, BOS	2019	

12	Review Town bylaws, rules, and regulations and amend to allow dogs and their owners to access trails	CED, OSC, Parks, Animal Control	2020-2021	
13	Establish water management program for Town-owned lands to optimize water conservation	DPW, CC, PC	2019	
14	Establish Memorandum of Understanding with local condo associations responsible for open space maintenance – Millstone, Pine Ridge, Charles River, Williamsburg	CED, CC, TC	2020	
15	Establish a forest stewardship program at the Klein Conservation Area; consider acquisition of abutting properties between Choate and High School for creation of a Town Forest	CC, OSC	2021-2025	DCR
16	Trail benches – identify locations for benches and advocate for funds to purchase benches	OSC	2020-2025	CPA, DCR
17	Evaluate public accessibility and parking at conservation areas and develop and implement plans for improvement	OSC, CC, BOS, DPW	On-going	CPA, DCR
18	Identify subdivisions with drainage parcels and explore opportunities for connections with open space parcels	PEDB, CC, OSC	2022-2025	
19	Implement strategic improvements to management practices on Town-owned land as indicated in Appendix B – Town of Medway Lands - Recommendations	All boards and committees	On-going	CPA
LAND CONSERVATION				
20	Stay informed about grant program land conservation; communicate with grant program administrators about lands of interest and seek their guidance about how to best structure a competitive grant application; submit grant applications for all eligible projects	OSC, CED, CC	On-going	DCS Grants
21	Develop working relationships with landowners and understand the types of opportunities for conservation that may be appropriate for each parcel (easements, conservation restrictions, fee acquisition, etc.)	OSC, BOS, CED	On-going	
22	Strategically pursue lands of conservation and recreation interest (easements, conservation restrictions, fee acquisition, etc.)	OSC, BOS, CED, CPC	On-going	DCS Grants, CPA, DAR
23	Acquire properties adjacent to the Medway Community Farm and other agricultural	BOS, AC, CPC,	On-going	DCS Grants,

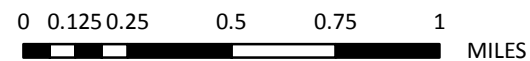
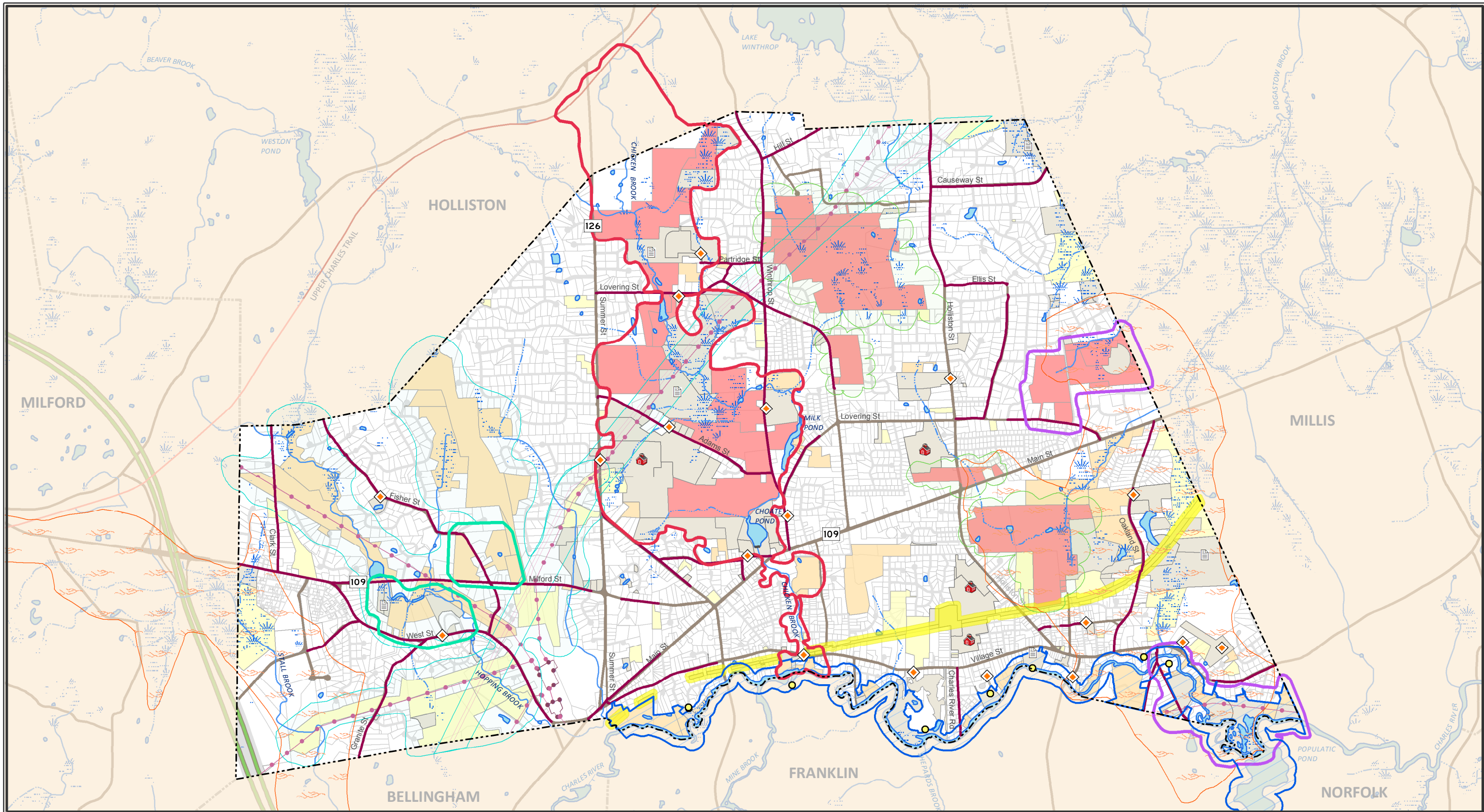
	properties for expansion of farm operations	OSC		CPA, DAR
24	Work with farmers across Medway to seek permanent protection of farmland	BOS, AC, CPC, OSC	On-going	DCS Grants, CPA, DAR
LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING				
25	Develop a rail trail master plan from Holliston Street east to Millis; secure funding	CED, MAPC, OSC	On-going	CPA, DLTA
26	Establish preferred use of Adams Street Conservation Area	BOS, CC, OSC	2019	
27	Work with Medway's GIS Coordinator to upload new open space GIS layers developed through BDRs, management plans, and annual monitoring, for use by Town staff and residents	GIS, CED, CC	2019- 2025	DLTA
28	Continue to promote open space conservation and cluster developments through permitting requirements for new residential development	CED, CC, PEDB	On-going	
29	Open Space Residential Development – Evaluate allowing by right with Site Plan Review rather than through Special Permit, and amend Zoning Bylaw	CED, CC, PEDB	2019- 2020	
30	Conduct a Zoning Bylaw review to assess how opportunities to implement Green Infrastructure and conserve open space are either incentivized or not encouraged; amend Zoning Bylaw to incentivize the implementation of Green Infrastructure and/or conservation of open space	CED, CC, DPW, MAPC	2019- 2020	DLTA
31	Explore options within the Zoning Bylaw to allow farming operations to pursue other commercial enterprises for diversification of farm revenue and enhancement of farm viability (e.g. manufacture, production and sale of goods and services derived from farm products, such as micro-brewed beers)	CED, PEDB, AC	2021- 2023	
32	Revise OSRD and ARCPUD regulations to require boundaries of open space parcels be surveyed and marked prior to conveyance to the Town	CED, PEDB, CC	2019- 2020	
33	Utilize opportunities to develop pocket parks on vacant Town-owned lands, new subdivisions, new commercial/industrial developments/redevelopments; develop program for working with neighborhoods on pocket park design, construction and stewardship	CED, BOS, DPW	On-going	DCS Grants
34	Communicate with neighboring communities to explore opportunities for trail	CED, MAPC, OSC	On-going	DLTA

	connections, particularly in Holliston, Millis and Bellingham, and to create larger blocks of contiguous open space			
35	Work with the local utility companies to allow public access along utility rights-of-way	TC, DPW, TM, BOS, OSC	2019- 2025	
36	Collaborate with Agricultural Commission to identify programs to preserve and support local agriculture, including the use of Agricultural Preservation Restrictions (APR)	AC, BOS, CC, OSC	2019	DAR
37	Inventory existing farms and farm products; develop marketing brochure for local farm products	AC, CED,	2019	DAR
38	Prepare park master plan for former VFW property on Holliston Street, recently acquired by Town	CED, PC, OSC, DPW, TM	2019- 2021	CPA, DLTA
EDUCATION AND OUTREACH				
39	Develop a coordinated marketing campaign that includes all the education and outreach tasks identified here	CC, EPFRAC, PC, OSC, CED,	On-going	
40	Promote and market trail maps available for Town lands	OSC, CC, CED	On-going	
41	Continue to develop directional and wayfinding signs for all publicly accessible parks, conservation areas, open spaces, and recreation facilities.	PC, CC, OSC, EPFRAC	2019- 2025	CPA
42	Educate residents about invasive species control practices through workshops and outreach materials (brochures, etc.) to be developed.	CC, OSC	On-going	
43	Develop programming with Medway Schools to engage kids in the local environment; develop outdoor classroom at a local conservation area or on school grounds	MPS, CC, OSC	2020- 2025	
44	Promote Town website as source of information about recreational resources, trails, and conservation lands; develop instructional video about how to find info on website	CED, OSC, PC, CC	2019- 2021	
45	Design and implement signage for CPA funded projects and properties – “This property was purchased using Community Preservation Act Funds”	CPC	On-going	CPA
46	Sponsor community education events at local parks and conservation areas; develop brochures, fact sheets, lecture series, videos, etc. about topics	PC, OSC, CC	On-going	

47	Develop interpretive signs/displays for place-based learning in conservation areas about plants, animals, natural communities, and historical significance	OSC, CC	2022-2025	CPA
48	Evaluate public accessibility and parking at conservation and open space areas; develop and implement plans to provide or expand access.	OSC, DPW, CC	On-going	
ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY				
49	Encourage community participation with the OSC to support sustained implementation of OSRP	OSC	On-going	
50	Continue communication between and among Town boards and committees; consider holding a regular all Town board meeting	All Boards and Committees	On-going	
51	Coordinate outreach about open space initiatives with School Department; utilize Community Update and school administration newsletters as outlets	SC, OSC, CED	On-going	
52	Dedicate Town resources to grant writing, and developing strategic partnerships with conservation entities (state agencies, land trusts, etc.) to leverage capacity to implement action items	TA, BOS, CED	On-going	

See map depicting the OSRP 7 Year Action Plan on the following page.

In addition to the above, the OSRP Task Force developed a specific list of recommendations for addressing recreation and open space opportunities for existing Town owned open space and recreation lands. See Table 9-2 in Appendix C.



DATA SOURCES:

MASSGIS: SEE DETAILS ON DATA WITHIN THE 2018 OSRP ON THE "MASSGIS DATA SOURCES" APPENDIX
 MEDWAY ASSESSING, 10/2017
 MEDWAY COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 03/2018

PREPARED BY MACKENZIE LEAHY



- Municipal & Conservation Land**
- Private Land of Conservation or Recreation Interest** ⁽¹⁾
 - Land of Interest
 - Land of Moderate Interest
 - Land of High Interest
- Water and Wetland Resources**
 - Shoreline
 - Intermittent Stream
 - Perennial Stream
 - Open Water
 - Wetland

General Action Plan Items and Ideas

- Continue to Enhance and Extend Chicken Brook Corridor
- Develop Charles River Protection and Form Greenway
- Protect Water and Wetland Resources
- Expand Well Protection Zones and Evaluate Trail Options
- Review Conflicting Zoning for Smart Growth & Development ⁽²⁾
- Protect Wildlife Corridor and Evaluate Trail Connection Options ⁽²⁾

⁽¹⁾ Colors of underlying layers (1) may be slightly altered by the transparent shade of overlying layers (2)

- Develop Open Space Educational Programming
- Prepare Land Management Plans
- Create Charles River Access Points
- Develop Wayfinding, Trail Mapping, Parks, and Open Space Information
- Study Options for West Medway Park
- Improve Existing and Construct New Sidewalks for Connectivity
- Study Potential for Rail Trail

7 Year Action Plan*

August 14, 2018

*This Map is intended to be illustrative and does not represent all Action Items outlined in the OSRP Plan, but rather the overarching ideas. Please see Action Plan table in OSRP for more information.

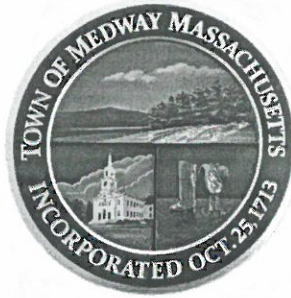
SECTION 10 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Letters are attached from the following:

- Town of Medway Board of Selectmen, August 13, 2018
- Town of Medway Agricultural Commission, July 26, 2018
- Town of Medway Conservation Commission, July 27, 2018
- Town of Medway Open Space Committee, July 31, 2018
- Town of Medway Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, July 16, 2018
- Town of Medway Planning and Economic Development Board, August 2, 2018
- Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust, July 10, 2018
- Metropolitan Area Planning Council, September 10, 2018

Board of Selectmen

Dennis P. Crowley, Chair
John A. Foresto, Vice-Chair
Richard A. D'Innocenzo, Clerk
Glenn D. Trindade
Maryjane White



Medway Town Hall
155 Village Street
Medway, MA 02053
Phone (508) 533-3264
Fax (508) 321-4988

TOWN OF MEDWAY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

August 13, 2018

Ms. Melissa Cryan
Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Division of Conservation Services
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Ms. Cryan,

At its meeting on August 13, 2018, the Board of Selectmen reviewed and discussed the draft of the updated Medway Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) produced by the OSRP Update Task Force.

The Task Force was established just over one year ago by the Planning and Economic Development Board. The Board commends the Task Force's work and the active participation of its members in the planning process along with consultant Anne Capra of Conservation Works and Town staff. We are pleased that the process has brought together representatives of the Town's various land use, planning, open space and parks/recreational boards and has resulted in enhanced communication and cooperation among them. This planning endeavor was supported financially by the use of Medway's CPA funds.

I am pleased to inform you that the Board supports the updated OSRP. We believe it contains suitable goals for Medway and an ambitious 7 Year Action Plan to guide both the Town and the community as we pursue expanded open space and recreational opportunities in the years ahead. The Board looks forward to collaborating and assisting the Task Force with implementing the plan's recommendations.

Sincerely,

Dennis P. Crowley
Chairman

Town of Medway Agricultural Commission

Town Hall, 155 Village Street

Medway, MA 02053

July 26, 2018

Susan Affleck-Childs

Planning and Economic Development Coordinator

Town Hall, 155 Village St.

Medway, MA 02053

Dear Susan Affleck-Childs,

This letter is to inform you that our Commission has reviewed the draft Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) at our July 18, 2018 meeting. We agreed that the Plan was generally a fair and complete appraisal of the Town's Open Space and Recreation resources and needs. The following is our recommendation of additional emphasis for inclusion in the final submittal.

In the section of the Plan entitled Seven Year Action Plan, Education and Outreach, we'd like to see a reference to and continuing support for the program of farm based education; a collaboration between the Medway Public Schools and Medway Community Farm.

Sincerely,



Paul Atwood, Chairman

Town of Medway Agricultural Commission

CC: Town of Medway Agricultural Commission Members



Town of Medway
Conservation Commission

Conservation Office
Town Offices
155 Village Street
Medway, MA 02053
508-533-3292

July 27, 2018

Medway Open Space and Recreation Task Force Committee
c/o Matthew Hayes
155 Village Street
Medway, MA 02053

Dear Mr. Hayes,

The Medway Conservation Commission strongly believes that our open space proposed 2010 -2017 goals and achievements have been driven by our 2010 Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) and the towns volunteers. Although, our Town has only completed two Open Space and Recreation Plan over the past 15 years, the Commission thinks it is a wonderful document that assists the Towns in creatively implementing the creation and care of open space for the public enjoyment. The OSR Task Force Committee is comprised of members from different Boards, Committees and Commission who represent many of Medway's interests. The OSR Task Force Committee has shown great enthusiasm in setting up multiple public forms and most exciting the Land Management exercise at the Amphitheatre. The residents were engaged and there was an increase in attendance and participation throughout the process.

The Medway Conservation Commission is excited about partnering with the Open Space Committee and other stakeholders who will assist in achieving the goals described within the 2017 Open Space and Recreation Plan. This exercise alone helps all staff, residents and volunteers begin to familiarize themselves with the land around Medway and how important it is to our community. Although the Town has progressed in its land management and acquisition there are many more project identified in this new production of the Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Commission is hopeful that our community can bring many of these proposed items within the 7-Year Action Plan to fruition.

Thank you,

David Travalini, Chair
Medway Conservation Commission



**Town Of Medway
Open Space Committee**

155 Village Street
Medway, Massachusetts 02053

Tina Wright, Chair
Denise Legee, Vice-Chair
Charles Ross, Clerk
Brian Cowan
Michael Francis
Bruce Hamblin
James Wickis
JoAnne Williams

July 31, 2018

Susan E. Affleck-Childs
Planning and Economic Development Coordinator
Town of Medway
155 Village Street
Medway, MA 02053

Re: Medway Open Space and Recreation Master Plan – 2018

Dear Susan,

The Medway Open Space Committee would like to note our complete support for the updated Medway Open Space and Recreation Plan.

We appreciate the support of the OSRP Task Force members. The time and effort expended to complete the plan is evident.

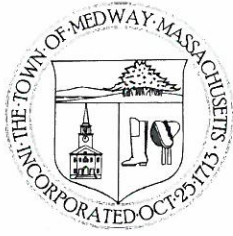
The Plan will provide a useful template for the Open Space Committee and other Town boards and committees to follow over the next several years.

Thank you for facilitating the process.

Sincerely,

Tina Wright

Tina Wright
Chair, Medway Open Space Committee



Town of Medway
Board of Park & Recreation Commissioners
155 Village Street
Medway, Massachusetts 02053
(508) 533-3275 508-321-4985 (Fax)

Mike Tudino Debi Rossi Sean Murphy

July 16, 2018

Ms. Melissa Cryan
Executive Office of Energy and Energy and Environmental Affairs
Division of Conservation Services
100 Cambridge St. Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Ms. Cryan,

Please accept this letter as a formal recommendation of approval and support of Medway's recently updated Open Space and Recreation Plan. On Tuesday, July 10, 2018, Medway's Parks Commission voted 3-0 in favor of the Plan and supporting all elements of the Plan's updates.

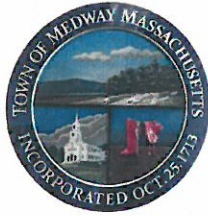
As a Commission we recognize that the Plan is a key element in the stewardship of Medway's open space. The Plan has inventoried existing parks, playgrounds, athletic facilities, and other lands of conservation interest. It has identified community needs and established a prioritized action plan for improving passive and active recreational properties, facilities, programs throughout our Town. The updating of the plan will make Medway eligible for state funding for various open space and recreation project initiatives as well.

Sincerely,

Michael Tudino
Chair, Parks Commission

Debi Rossi
Vice Chair, Parks Commission

Sean Murphy
Member, Parks Commission



TOWN OF MEDWAY
Planning & Economic Development Board
155 Village Street
Medway, Massachusetts 02053

Andy Rodenhiser, Chairman
Robert K. Tucker, Vice-Chairman
Thomas A. Fay, Clerk
Matthew J. Hayes, P.E.
Richard Di Iulio

August 2, 2018

Ms. Melissa Cryan
Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Division of Conservation Services
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Ms. Cryan,

The Medway Planning and Economic Development Board is very pleased to be "on the record" with its enthusiastic support for the recently updated Medway Open Space and Recreation Plan. The plan was prepared under the leadership of the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Task Force with the capable assistance and guidance of Anne Capra of Conservation Works and staff support provided by the Medway Department of Community and Economic Development. Funding for the update was provided by Medway's Community Preservation Act funds with the full support of the Community Preservation Committee and Town Meeting.

The Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Task Force was established by the Planning and Economic Development Board in June 2017. The group was comprised of representatives of the Town's Open Space Committee, Conservation Commission, Board of Parks Commissioners, Agricultural Commission, Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and the Planning and Economic Development Board. Other active participants in the process included the Medway Trail Club, the Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust, and Town staff. Over the course of 12 month planning process, the Task Force held 18 meetings/work sessions, conducted a community opinion survey, sponsored three public community forums, and participated in a land management training workshop conducted by Conservation Works. The planning process has helped forge solid working relationships among the various boards and committees who are and will be involved in carrying forth the OSRP Action plan in the years ahead.

At its July 24, 2018 meeting, the Planning and Economic Development Board voted unanimously to endorse the updated Open Space and Recreation Plan and pledged to work proactively toward its implementation.

We extend our congratulations and appreciation to the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Task Force, to Anne Capra, and Town staff for a job well done. The Open Space and Recreation Plan will serve as an outstanding guide for the community's ongoing and future open space and recreation efforts.

Best regards,

Andy Rodenhiser
Chairman



July 10, 2018

Ms. Melissa Cryan
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Division of Conservation Services
100 Cambridge ST, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Ms Cryan,

I'm writing this letter to support the approval of Medway's update Open Space Recreation Plan. Medway's Open Space Committee's task force, that spearheaded the plans creation, did a fantastic job of outreach to the community, and local organizations. They worked hard at getting input from all and synthesizing it into a comprehensive plan.

In particular Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust is pleased with the plan's stated goals and actions that support conservation of currently owned parcels, and the guidance the document provides for future acquisitions of conservation holdings.

Sincerely,

James Wieler
President
Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust

cc: Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust Board



SMART GROWTH AND REGIONAL COLLABORATION

September 10, 2018

Susan E. Affleck-Childs
Planning and Economic Development Coordinator
Town of Medway
155 Village Street
Medway, MA 02053

Dear Ms. Affleck-Childs:

Thank you for submitting the “Town of Medway Open Space and Recreation Plan 2018-2025” to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) for review.

The Division of Conservation Services (DCS) requires that all open space plans must be submitted to the regional planning agency for review. This review is advisory and only DCS has the power to approve a municipal open space plan. While DCS reviews open space plans for compliance with their guidelines, MAPC reviews these plans for their attention to regional issues generally and more specifically for consistency with *MetroFuture*, the regional policy plan for the Boston metropolitan area.

Consistency with *MetroFuture* - *MetroFuture* is the official regional plan for Greater Boston, adopted consistently with the requirements of Massachusetts General Law. The plan includes 65 goals and objectives as well as 13 detailed implementation strategies for accomplishing these goals. We encourage all communities within the MAPC region to become familiar with the plan by visiting www.mapc.org/get-involved/metrofuture-our-regional-plan.

We are pleased to see that the Medway Open Space and Recreation Plan will actually help to advance several *MetroFuture* goals and implementation strategies that relate specifically to open space, recreation, trails, and the environment generally. In fact, this plan identifies many positive connections with *MetroFuture*, including planning with neighboring communities around shared resources, particularly protection of the Charles River watershed; enhancing recreational access to the Charles River; protection of regional wildlife corridors; and increasing bicycle and pedestrian accessibility, such as through potential additional connections to open spaces in adjacent communities.

Surrounding communities - The plan acknowledges the Town’s efforts to collaborate with other communities with the assistance of MAPC. One recommendation encourages Medway to communicate with neighboring communities to explore opportunities for trail connections, particularly in Holliston, Millis and Bellingham. The plan advocates for the protection of natural resources in Medway, which in turn helps to create larger contiguous blocks of open space regionally, creating connections to protected lands in the surrounding towns of



SMART GROWTH AND REGIONAL COLLABORATION

Holliston, Franklin, and Norfolk. As stated in the plan, “this regional network of open space, the value of conserving additional land in Medway is amplified”.

The Medway Open Space and Recreation Plan should serve the Town well as it continues its efforts to preserve open space and provide for the recreational needs of its residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this plan.

Sincerely,

Marc D. Draisen
Executive Director

cc: Melissa Cryan, Division of Conservation Resources

REFERENCES

- "2010 Open Space and Recreation Plan: Town of Medway." *Townofmedway.org*. PGC Associates, Inc., Sept. 2010.
- "2009 Medway Master Plan." *Townofmedway.org*. Planning and Economic Development Board.
- "Annual Water Quality Report 2016." *Townofmedway.org*. Town of Medway Water Division
- "Bellingham Dam Removal Project Frequently Asked Question Sheet." *Townofmedway.org*
- "BioMap2: Conserving the Biodiversity of Massachusetts in a Changing World, Medway." Massachusetts Department of Fish & Game and the Nature Conservancy, 2012.
- "Bresnahan's Landing Paddling Map." *Townofmedway.org*. Medway Open Space Committee, May 2015.
- "Charles River Monthly Monitoring 2016 Year-end Report." *cwra.org*. Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA)
- "Charles River Issues." *cwra.org*. Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA)
- "Committee Meeting Minutes." *Townofmedway.org*. Medway Community Preservation Committee, May 1, 2017.
- Conley, Lucy and Serrill, Doug. "Adams Street Conservation Area Ecological Management Plan, Prepared for the Town of Medway Conservation Commission." The Conway School, Winter 2016.
- "Guide to Medway's Open Spaces." *Townofmedway.org*. Medway Open Space Committee, May 2015.
- Harper, Lynn C. Habitat Protection Specialist, Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program. Personal communication in the form of *MassWildlife* letter. 21 Aug. 2017.
- Haley and Ward, Inc. *Draft Medway Water Integrity Report*. October 16, 2017.
- Medway, Town of. *Medway Consumer Confidence Report*. 2016.
- Medway, Town of. *Medway Source Water Assessment and Protection Report*. 2002.
- "NPDES Phase II Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report, April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017." *epa.gov*
- "Parks, Open Space and Athletic Field Master Plan Report, Town of Medway, MA." *Townofmedway.org*. Gale Associates, Inc. July 24, 2013.
- "The Charles River Meadowlands Plan for Bellingham, Franklin, and Medway." *Charlesrivermeadowlands.org*. Charles River Meadowlands Initiative, 10 Jan. 2017.
- "Town of Medway Hazard Mitigation Plan." Metropolitan Area Planning Council. May 17, 2010.
- "Water Supply & Demand Assessment in Relation to Exelon Power 'West Medway II' Project for Town of Medway, MA." *Townofmedway.org*. Kleinfelder, 5 Oct. 2015.
- "Water Ban Notice." *Townofmedway.org*. 2017

APPENDIX A - Table 5-5 - Town of Medway Lands of Conservation Interest													
MAP_PAR_ID	Owner	MANAGEMENT AGENCY	Address_No	Address	SITE NAME	ACRES	USE	CONDITION	RECREATION POTENTIAL	DEGREE OF PROTECTION	ACCESS	PUBLIC GRANT/ FUNDING	NOTES
43-084	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	137	Milford ST	Red Maple Swamp	4.00	Conservation	natural swamp	none	Protected	Milford ST	no	west end of Medway; south side of Milford ST; almost all wet;
35-009	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	0	Deerfield DR	Deerfield ST Pond	3.48	Conservation	fair	Trail - short loop	Protected	Deerfield DR	no	walking trail presently exists
44-062	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	93B	Milford ST	Hopping Brook Conservation Area	2.82	Conservation	natural forested wetland	Trails	Protected	Milford ST	no	90% wet
44-063	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	93A	Milford ST	Hopping Brook Conservation Area	3.47	Conservation	natural forested wetland	Trails	Protected	Milford ST	no	90% wet
55-031	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	5R	Holbrook ST	Holbrook Conservation Area	0.69	Conservation	fair	Trails	Protected	Holbrook ST and West ST	no	across the ST from Williamsburg, left over from subdivision; possible encroachment by 5 Holbrook
46-016	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	48	Milford ST	Fire Station Conservation Area	9.69	Conservation	natural forested land wetland	Trails	Protected	Milford ST	no	collaborate with Fire Station for parking
46-010	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	4	Trail DR	Fire Station Conservation Area	4.49	Conservation	natural forested upland	Trails	Protected	Milford ST	no	collaborate with Fire Station for parking
46-043	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	6	Independence LN	Independence Conservation Area	1.33	Vacant Town	fair	Trails - limited	Protected	Independence Lane	no	vernal pools on the property
56-056	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	3	Ardmore CR	Admore Drainage Parcel	1.14	Conservation	forested wetland - excellent condition	Trails	Protected	Ardmore Circle - private way	no	drainage parcel
47-130	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	8	Independence LN	Independence Drainage Parcel	0.36	Conservation	fair	no	Protected	Independence Way	no	drainage parcel; should be reconveyed to DPS if possible
47-123	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	6	Freedom TR	Freedom Open Space Parcel	0.17	Conservation	good	Pocket park potential	Protected	Freedom Trail	no	end of Freedom Trail
07-049-0002	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	4	Wards LN	Idylbrook Park	10.43	Conservation	excellent forested	Trails	Protected	Ward's Lane and Kimberly Drive	yes - TOM	American chestnut grove; Tributary chicken brook runs thru this
07-049	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	8	Wards LN	Idylbrook Park	19.42	Conservation	excellent -forested uplands	Trails	Protected	Ward's Lane and Kimberly Drive	yes - TOM	split ownership with Parks; strawberry fields; includes chicken brook
67-062	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	14	Waterview DR	The Boot	3.19	Conservation	good condition - forested wetlands, in the flood plain	Trails; river access	Protected	Waterview Drive	yes- TOM	abuts Charles River; abuts Briggs property
38-011	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	16R	Oak ST	Klein Conservation Area	30.10	Conservation	Excellent. Forested upland	Trails	Protected	no road frontage - accessible thru Choate Park	yes- TOM	includes trail connecting Choate to High School

13-039	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	151	Lovering ST	Iarussi Conservation Area	25.14	Conservation	fair - emergent wetlands	Trails	Protected	Lovering ST	no	abuts Evergreen subdivision; white pine forest; some open field; neighbor issues
02-002	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	18R	Alexandria DR	Alexandria Conservation Area	8.23	Conservation	good forested wetland	easement from neighbor needed	Protected	no access	no	
47-032	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	0R	Oak ST	Klein Conservation Area	9.15	Conservation	forested upland; good condition	thru Choate/Thayer ; trails	Protected	Oak ST	Yes- TOM	
39-074	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	1	Choate Park RD	Choate Park	10.00	Park	improved park area	Additional park amenities	Protected	Oak ST		Ownership and management need to be changed to TOM Parks
39-074-0001	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	0	Oak ST	Choate Park	0.06	Park	sliver of lawn	Additional park amenities	Protected	Oak ST		
58-108-0001	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	313R	Village ST	Onhemus Picnic Area	0.24	Conservation	good condition. Access provided to Charles river - picnic table	Improved river access	Protected	Village ST		Entry behind Police Station - access to Charles River
58-108	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	313	Village ST	Onhemus Picnic Area	1.01	Conservation		Improved river access	Protected	Village ST		
21-055	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	87	Lovering ST	Redgate Corner	1.87	Conservation	vacant land. Excellent condition. uplands	Neighborhood park	Protected	Lovering ST		good spot for neighborhood park
21-056	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	85	Lovering ST	Redgate Corner	0.79	Conservation			Protected	Lovering ST		
68-016	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	0	Shaw ST	Shaw ST Conservation Area	0.61	Conservation	good condition wetlands and uplands	Trails, river access	Protected	Shaw ST		abuts Charles River
68-015	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	0	Shaw ST	Shaw ST Conservation Area	0.83	Conservation		Trails, river access	Protected	Shaw ST		abuts Charles River
09-049	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	169R	Holliston ST	Fairway Conservation Area	2.46	Conservation	excellent condition.	no because of no access	Protected	no access		vernal pool
22-026	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	132R	Holliston St	Meadows Conservation Area	3.68	Conservation	mostly wetlands; forested too; excellent condition	no	Protected	Holliston ST and end of Overlook Drive		left over from The Meadows subdivision
05-012	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	190R	Holliston ST	Causeway Conservation Area	13.31	Conservation	one big wetlands - fair	no	Protected	access thru 33 Causeway		crazy address?!?!?
60-124	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	203R	Village ST	Charles River Amphitheatre	4.40	Conservation	beautiful site. Needs constant maintenance . Excellent condition	Trails	Protected	from Sanford ST via an easement thru Sanford Mill and 193 Village ST		
16-044	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	0	Saddle Hill Rd	Saddle Hill Conservation Area	1.07	Conservation	very wet. Maybe 1 acre of upland.	no - too wet	Protected	Saddle Hill Road		
16-043	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	0	Saddle Hill Rd	Saddle Hill Conservation Area	1.03	Conservation	Good condition	no - too wet	Protected	Saddle Hill Road		
16-031	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	5	Maple Leaf Ln	Maple Leaf Conservation Area	1.01	Conservation	very wet. Fair condition	no - too wet	Protected	Maple Leaf Lane		

61-048	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	57	Village St	Breshnahan's Landing	0.88	Conservation	Excellent.	yes - existing canoe launch	Protected	Village ST	yes - State \$ for canoe launch	canoe launch and has parking . Charles River access
51-030	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	44	Oakland St	Oakland ST Well Conservation Area	42.00	Conservation	some wetlands. Good condition. Some uplands	Trails, rail trail	Protected	tiny bit on Oakland ST	yes	abuts other town own property; and CRPCD property; rail trail opportunity
72-045	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	0R	Ryan Rd	Ryan Conservation Area	4.40	Conservation	majority of site is cleared for Eversource ROW	Trails - if access can be gained from adjacent property	Protected	no	no	landlocked but abuts Charles river
55-005 Portion	Williamsburg/Paul Yorkis - To be conveyed to the Conservation Commission	Conservation Commission		Williamsburg Way	Williamsburg Conservation Area	7.63	Conservation	includes meadow and trail - excellent	Trails	Protected	Williamsburg Way	no	Forthcoming conveyance to Conservation Commission; shown as Parcel B-1 on Williamsburg OSRD Plan; designated parking area
62-001	Pine Ridge Drive LLC → Medway Town of/Conservation	Conservation Commission	0	Pine Ridge Drive	Pine Ridge Conservation Area	11.60	Conservation	good condition. Forested	Trails	Protected	Pine Ridge DR	no	Forthcoming conveyance to Conservation Commission. Shown as Open Space Parcel C on Pine Ridge OSRD plan. Includes several parking spaces.
70-002-0100	Medway Town of/Conservation	Conservation Commission	0	Charles View Lane	Charles River Village Conservation Area	4.18	Open Space/ Conservation/Trails	forested and riverfront - excellent	Trails, river access	Protected	Charles View Lane	no	Abuts Charles River; adjacent to Massasoit and Riverview ST s where there is the potential for providing a couple of parking spaces
28-045	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	33	Azalea DR	Azalea Conservation Area	1.01	Drainage and Conservation	fair - very wet	no	Protected	Azalea Drive	no	Having this owned by ConCom is a problem for ongoing stormwater management maintenance
16-030	Medway Town of / Conservation	Conservation Commission	4	Maple Leaf Ln	Maple Leaf parcel	4.86	Vacant Town	fair - very wet	no	Unprotected	Maple Leaf Lane	no	Abuts property owned by ConCom. Probably left over from subdivision. Very wet
55-005 Portion	Williamsburg Condo Association	Conservation Commission (CR)		Williamsburg Way	Conservation Restriction - Williamsburg Way	1.00	Open Space/ Conservation/Trails	Excellent condition - Forested uplands	Trails	Protected	Williamsburg Way and West ST	no	Formerly included a vernal pool which is no longer existing.
Portions of 69-015, 69-014, 69-015-0001, 69-021, and 69-013-0001	Medway Land Venture LLC	Conservation Commission (CR)	257, 259, 261, 261R and 263	Village ST	Conservation Restriction - Willows	37.40	Open Space/ Conservation/Trails	abuts Charles River; includes some stormwater areas - good condition overall - forested, late successional fields, canoe launch black walnut grove	Trails, river access	Protected	Village ST	no	

20-004 Portion	Millstone Condo Association	Conservation Commission (CR)		Millstone Village	Conservation Restriction - Millstone	20.40	Open Space/ Conservation/Trails	meadow fields, excellent condition - includes power easement - has parking	Trails	Protected	Lovering ST	no	
???	Timber Crest	Conservation Commission (CR)			Conservation Restriction - Timber Crest	9.66	Open Space/ Conservation/Trails	excellent - has 2 vernal pools, forested uplands and wetlands; however, 143 homes to be constructed	Trails	Protected	Holliston ST to new subdivision roadway	no	40B
47-063	Medway Town of / Municipal	Board of Parks Commissioners/DPW	1	Mechanic ST	Mechanic ST Pocket Park	0.25	Pocket Park	good	no	Protected	Mechanic ST	no	Relatively new. Benches and landscape
07-049-0001	Medway Town of / Municipal	Board of Parks Commissioners/DPW	6	Wards LN	Idylbrook Park	10.00	Park	good	Playground	Protected	Kimberly	yes	future playground!?! Fields are in good condition-soccer and baseball
14-003	Medway Town of / Municipal	Board of Parks Commissioners/DPW	2	Partridge ST	Winthrop ST Playground	0.50	Playground	poor	Playgorund renovation	Protected	Winthrop and Partridge ST		older playground equipment. Needs some love
58-125	Medway Town of / Municipal	Board of Parks Commissioners/DPW	5	Haven ST		0.25	Vacant Town	vacant	Pocket park	Protected	Haven ST		pocket park potential; possible access to future rail trail
39-078	Medway Town of / Municipal	Board of Parks Commissioners/DPW	11R	Winthrop ST	Cassidy Fields	4.40	Athletic fields	excellent fields; parking lot fair	Improved ball fields	Protected	Winthrop ST		Also accessed by pedestrians from within Choate Park; baseball fields and parking
58-205	Medway Town of / Municipal	Board of Parks Commissioners/DPW	318	Village ST	Grand Army of the Republic Memorial	0.27	Memorial Park	good	no	Protected	Village ST		existing veteran's memorial - benches
58-090	Medway Town of / Municipal	Board of Parks Commissioners/DPW	304	Village ST	Medway Dog Park	0.30	Dog Park	good	Rail trail	Protected	Village ST		on railroad ROW
58-089	Medway Town of / Municipal	Board of Parks Commissioners/DPW	302	Village ST	Medway Dog Park	0.41	Dog Park	good	Rail trail	Protected	Village ST		on railroad ROW
60-064	Medway Town of / Municipal	Board of Parks Commissioners/DPW	0	North ST	North ST Playground	1.19	Playground	fair	Playground renovations	Protected	North ST		needs some upgrades
42-058	Medway Town of / Municipal	Board of Parks Commissioners/DPW	82	Oakland ST	Oakland Park	11.10	Park & Fields	excellent fields, playground, parking and gazebo	Park ammenities	Protected	Oakland ST		park and fields, parking; connection to senior center, trail around the field; gazebo and camp sunshine building;
31-099	Medway Town of / Municipal	Board of Parks Commissioners/DPW	9	Lovering ST	part of McGovern School property - park and field area overlay	24.15	Impr Educa	baseball field is fair	Ball fields	Protected	Lovering ST and Holliston ST		School and fields and open space; not used much by non-school groups
49-056	Medway Town of / Municipal	Board of Parks Commissioners/DPW	45	Holliston ST	part of Middle School property - park and field area overlay	35.16	Impr Educa	baseball, football and softball fields in good condition; track is fair	Ball fields	Protected	Holliston ST		School and fields and open space; abuts other Town owned property

38-013, 37-063-001, 37-063004	Medway Town of / Municipal	Board of Parks Commissioners/DPW	88	Summer ST	part of High School property - park and field area overlay	49.65	Impr Educa	baseball field is in good shape; tennis courts are poor; track is fair; turf fields are in good shape 5 years old) pavilion is good	Ball fields	Protected	Adams St		School, fields, open space
64-052	Medway Town of / Municipal	DPW	1	Tulip Way	Drainage Parcel	0.41	Drainage	Not applicable	no	Protected	Tulip Way		Drainage parcel for Granite Estates subdivision
65-012	Medway Town of / Municipal	DPW	13R	Tulip Way	Drainage Parcel	3.53	Drainage		no	Protected	no access		Drainage parcel for Granite Estates subdivision
11-014	Medway Town of / Municipal	DPW	26A	Stable Way	Possible future well	0.18	Vacant		no	Protected	no access		
47-087	Medway Town of / Municipal	DPW	14	Highland St	Water Tank	0.80	Water Tank		no	Protected	Highland ST		
31-128	Medway Town of / Municipal	DPW	35	Lovering St	Water Tank	1.49	Water Tank		no	Protected	Lovering ST		
22-053-0008	Medway Town of / Municipal	DPW	0	Morningside DR	Drainage Parcel	0.21	Drainage		Yes	Protected	Morningside Dr.		Drainage parcel for Fox Run Farm subdivision; pocket park
24-010-0010	Medway Town of / Municipal	DPW	0N	Jayar Rd	Well Parcel	11.16	Well		Yes	Protected	no access		
51-025	Medway Town of / Municipal	DPW	48	Oakland St	Well Parcel	13.52	Well		Yes	Protected	Oakland ST		Abuts railroad ROW
72-048	Medway Town of / Municipal	DPW	41R	Village St	Well Parcel	9.20	Well	Yes	Protected	Village ST		Abuts Charles River	
20-003	Medway / Town of Municipal	BOS	54R	Adams St	Lee Management Area	33.00	CPA uses	Excellent - Chicken Brook; some wetlands and uplands , emergent swamp, some open managed areas, parking	Trails	Protected	Adams ST	CPA	recently installed boardwalk and trail
28-016	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	61	Adams St	Secord Open Space	7.60	CPA uses	forested, good	Trail	Protected	Adams ST	CPA	little trail? No parking, but accessible from high school
29-010	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	40	Adams ST	Medway Community Farm	1.01	Leased to Medway Community Farm	actively farmed; wetland resources on the property	Farm tourism	Protected	Adams ST	CPA	
29-009	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	42	Adams St	Medway Community Farm	1.01	Leased to Medway Community Farm		Farm tourism	Protected	Adams ST	CPA	
29-008	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	44	Adams St	Medway Community Farm	1.01	Leased to Medway Community Farm		Farm tourism	Protected	Adams ST	CPA	
29-007	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	46	Adams St	Medway Community Farm	1.01	Leased to Medway Community Farm		Farm tourism	Protected	Adams ST	CPA	
29-003	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	54	Adams St	Lee Management Area	24.00	CPA uses	Includes Chicken Brook ; has trails; pond; boardwalk	Trails	Protected	Adams ST	CPA	
29-020	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	0	Adams St	Adams ST Field and Recreation Area	47.88	CPA Uses	meadow- good condition has parking - has some invasives -	Ball fields	Protected	Adams ST	CPA	good

30-003	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	50	Winthrop St	Medway Community Farm	14.00	Leased to Medway Community Farm	farmland; Chicken Brook; trails	Trails	Protected	Winthrop ST	CPA	CSA operation with community education programming and special events
38-009	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	25R	Adams ST	Adams ST Field and Recreation Area	8.50	CPA uses	meadow and trails	Trails	Protected	Adams ST	CPA	Meadow
47-033	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS/Thayer Governance Committee	2B	Oak ST	Thayer Homestead	3.29	Community Center and Open Space	abuts choate pond - open lawn area and historic house and meeting facility	Park ammenities	Protected	Oak ST	CPA	parking nearby
21-095	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	74	Lovering ST	Former Wilson property	0.68	vacant lot	small open area, likely for a house lot	Pocket park	Protected	Lovering ST	CPA	Open space/recreational use - November 2019 acquisition - could be used for parking/access
21-093	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	82	Lovering ST	Former Wilson property	20.30	Farmland	excellent condition - small forested pine are great meadow	Trails	Protected	Lovering ST	CPA	Open space/recreational use - November 2019 acquisition
48-002	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	158	Main ST	Jacob Ide House	1.40	Historic single family house. Town is using is for office space.	Good	Park ammenities	Protected	Main ST	CPA ???	Town is considering possible lease to Medway Historical Society
42-057	Medway Town of / Municipal	Council on Aging	76	Oakland ST	Senior Center	3.90	Center Facility with	Good	Civic center	Unprotected	Oakland ST	yes - some state grant \$	Adjacent to and connected with Oakland Park
37-064-0001	Medway Town of / Municipal	School Committee	42N	Highland ST	High School	4.20	Vacant Town			Unprotected	Summer ST		
37-063-0001	Medway Town of / Municipal	School Committee	88	Summer ST	High School	7.10	Impr Educa			Unprotected	Summer ST		
37-063-0004	Medway Town of / Municipal	School Committee	88	Summer ST	High School	1.96	Impr Educa			Unprotected	Summer ST		
38-013	Medway Town of / Municipal	School Committee	88	Summer ST	High School	13.87	Impr Educa			Unprotected	Summer ST		
38-339	Medway Town of / Municipal	School Committee	84R	Summer ST	High School	3.00				Unprotected	Summer ST		
31-099	Medway Town of / Municipal	School Committee	9	Lovering ST	McGovern School	24.15	Impr Educa			Unprotected	Lovering ST		
59-031	Medway Town of / Municipal	School Committee	0R	Center ST	Field area near Burke/ Memorial Schools	2.68	softball field	fair- drainage needs attention		Unprotected	Center ST		west of railroad ROW
49-061	Medway Town of / Municipal	School Committee	13R	Dean ST	Middle School	2.12		????		Unprotected	no direct		left over land from Dean ST subdivision; abuts TOM owned land (51-026)
59-033	Medway Town of / Municipal	School Committee	16	Cassidy LN	Burke Elementary School	11.24	Impr Educa			Unprotected	Cassidy Lane		
49-056	Medway Town of / Municipal	School Committee	45	Holliston ST	Middle School	35.16	Impr Educa			Unprotected	Holliston ST		
50-038	Medway Town of / Municipal	School Committee	37R	Holliston St	Middle School	0.29				Unprotected	Holliston ST		
49-007	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	0	Henry St	Henry ST parcel	0.71	Vacant Town	some wetlands - good condition	mini pocket park	Unprotected	Henry ST		might be good option for public access to Rosenberg properties on Kelley extension ST extension ???- appears to be left over piece from the henry ST subdivision

59-044	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	4A	Center St	Center ST parcel	0.33	Vacant Town	forested; possible encroachment by neighbor	probably not	Unprotected	Center ST		possible AH unit?? Pocket park; sell to neighbor?
05-014	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	33	Causeway St	Causeway ST parcel	5.52	Vacant Town	lawn and forested; considerable wetlands	passive recreation and trail	Unprotected	Causeway ST		adjacent to 190R Holliston ST owned by CC
60-109	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	193	Village ST	Village ST parcel	0.13	Vacant Town	somewhat steep; encroached by neighbor	could have stairs installed to access amphitheatre from ST	Unprotected	Village ST		connects to amphitheatre but is encroached upon by 187 village ST ; possible parking area for amphitheatre
10-018	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	0R	Birch Bark Rd	Birch Bark parcel	13.40	Vacant Town	completely forested; uplands and white pines, wetlands	trail if access could be achieved	Unprotected	no direct access		North of 6 Broken Tree Road. Access thru Millis?? Taken by Town for back taxes
23-041	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	12	Green Valley Rd	Green Valley parcel	1.28	Vacant Town	forested wetland and upland; certified vernal pool	yes - possible connection	Unprotected	Green Valley Road		abuts army corp land; abuts Lally property which abuts town's well property; great location for school educational program
61-061	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	14	Canal St	Canal ST parcel	0.77	Vacant Town	partially cleared; some encroachment from neighbor	pocket park; canoe launch, handicapped fishing	Unprotected	Canal ST and		abuts Charles river - walker ST - uses gauge station is there
42-053	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	66R	Oakland St	Oakland ST parcel	4.40	Vacant Town	forested wetland and emergent wetlands; also includes white pines	Trails	Unprotected	no immediate access		north of the well; no access to Oakland ST; land locked; abuts Army Corp land
71-015	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	28	Populatic St	Populatic parcel	0.99	Vacant Town	nstar right of way	Trail	Unprotected	Populatic ST		under power lines; town owns property across the ST - Populatic well
71-017	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	32	Populatic St	Populatic parcel	1.50	Vacant Town	nstar right of way; some uplands	Trail	Unprotected	Populatic ST		under power lines; town owns property across the ST - Populatic well
42-062	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	0R	Oakland St		3.22	Vacant Town	includes wetland and stream plus uplands	??	Unprotected	no direct access		Land locked; adjacent to railroad row
51-029	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	0R	Oakland St		10.00	Vacant Town	half wetlands, half uplands; cart path and trails	Trail	Unprotected	no direct access		Land locked; adjacent to railroad row; adjacent to TOM (51-030)
72-047	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	2R	Cynthia Cir	Cynthia parcel	38.00	Vacant Town	includes eversource easements	Yes - future Charles River Trail	Unprotected	Cynthia Circle		Abuts Charles River ; connected to town well properties
46-015-0001	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	46	Milford St		1.01	Vacant Town	forested; perennial stream	Trailhead	Unprotected	Milford ST		2 parcels west of the fire station. Potential parking area.
46-015	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	46	Milford St		1.01	Vacant Town		Trailhead	Unprotected	Milford ST		Adjacent to ConCom owned property
02-023	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	17	Colonial Rd	Colonial Swamp	9.80	Vacant Town	primarily wetlands	no	Unprotected	End of Colonial		
57-131	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	2N	Sherwood DR	Sherwood parcel	0.04	Vacant Town		no	Unprotected			tiny sliver; left over from subdivision

64-006	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	18	Trotter DR	Trotter Drive cul de sac	0.09	Vacant Town	road	no	Unprotected	Trotter DR		part of Trotter Drive roadway
22-067	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS /Parks	123	Holliston ST	VFW Building	12.50	VFW Hall and Fields. To be leased back to VFW	field is in poor condition	Ball fields	Unprotected	Holliston ST	Yes	
51-026	Medway Town of / Municipal	BOS	0	Village St	Rail Road ROW	21.33	Vacant Town	mixed	Rail trail	Unprotected	spotty		questionable ownership
42-052	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Army Corp	0R	Oakland St		14.71	Vacant	flood plain or areas for water diversion during major storms	yes	Protected		Yes	
61-030-0001	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Army Corp	0R	Oakland St		5.05	Vacant		yes	Protected		yes	
61-030-0002	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Army Corp	0R	Oakland St		3.85	Vacant		yes	Protected		yes	
61-030-0003	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Army Corp	0R	Oakland St		0.45	Vacant		yes	Protected		yes	
26-001	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Army Corp	48R	Oakland St		2.80	Vacant		yes	Protected		yes	
44-049	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Army Corp	17R	Deerfield RD		0.28	Vacant		yes	Protected		yes	
44-409-0001	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Army Corp	17R	Deerfield RD		0.18	Vacant		yes	Protected		yes	
23-047	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Army Corp	0R	Green Valley RD		2.43	Vacant		yes	Protected		yes	
24-004	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Army Corp	0R	Green Valley RD		0.75	Vacant		yes	Protected		yes	
24-006	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Army Corp	0R	Indian Creek RD		2.03	Vacant		yes	Protected		yes	
24-008	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Army Corp	0R	Indian Creek RD		3.36	Vacant		yes	Protected		yes	
44-043	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Army Corp	96	Milford St		10.73	Vacant		yes	Protected		yes	
33-020	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Army Corp	0	Oakview Circle		1.47	Vacant		yes	Protected		yes	
42-048	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Army Corp	0R	Oakview Circle		0.83	Vacant	yes	Protected		yes		
42-051	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Army Corp	0R	Oakview Circle		3.40	Vacant	yes	Protected		yes		
35-019	Salvation Army	Salvation Army	28	Clark St		28.94	Residential	All in floodplain	yes	Unprotected		no	
34-001	Salvation Army	Salvation Army	33R	Clark St		1.94	Vacant		yes	Unprotected		no	
25-005	Salvation Army	Salvation Army	35	Clark St		1.26	Vacant		yes	Unprotected		no	
44-029	Salvation Army	Salvation Army	11	Short St		1.00	Vacant		yes	Unprotected		no	
NOTE - There are no properties in Medway with agricultural preservation restrictions nor is any property in Medway owned by a land trust.													
Updated - June 4, 2020													

APPENDIX B: TABLE 5-8 PRIVATELY OWNED LANDS OF OPEN SPACE, CONSERVATION OR RECREATIONAL INTEREST

Parcel_ID	Owner	Address Number	Address	LUC	LUD	Assessed Area (Acres)	General Category	Specific Category	Notes	Protected?	Criteria (100 = highest priority / automatic)	Cluster?	Cluster Label	Critical to Cluster?
34-007	Shannon Richard	21	Clark St	130	DEV LAND	1.010				Unprotected	6	Cluster	A	
34-008	Shannon Robert F & Lois A TT, Robert F & Lois A Shannon	19	Clark St	130	DEV LAND	1.010				Unprotected	6	Cluster	A	
56-001	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	65	Milford St	423	Elec-Row	15.500	Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	4	Cluster	AA	
56-002	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	0	Milford St	423	Elec-Row	2.181	Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	4	Cluster	AA	
46-059	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	61	Milford St	423	Elec-Row	0.456	Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	4	Cluster	AA	
56-005	Sithe West Medway LLC, Exelon Corporation	49	Milford St	423	Elec-Row	1.400	Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	4	Cluster	AA	
56-004	New England Power Company Property Tax Dept.	53R	Milford St	423	Elec-Row	9.300	Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	4	Cluster	AA	
56-003	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	61R	Milford St	423	Elec-Row	5.500	Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	4	Cluster	AA	
46-059-0001	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	61A	Milford St	423	Elec-Row	0.161	Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	4	Cluster	AA	
35-019	Binda Albert T	28	Clark St	101	One Family	28.938				Unprotected	8	Cluster	B	Yes
26-001	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	48R	Clark St	900	U.S.GOV	2.800	Federal	U.S. Army Corp of		Protected	8	Cluster	B	
26-002	Johnson Cindy Canha-, Johnson Lyn K, Lennart H Jonson Irrevocable Trust	48	Clark St	101	One Family	1.040				Unprotected	8	Cluster	B	
35-021	F&M Rlty Trust, F. & M. Mainini, Trs.	79R	Fisher st	132	Undev Land	4.000				Unprotected	8	Cluster	B	
44-029	Binda Albert T	11	Short St	130	DEV LAND	1.011				Unprotected	8	Cluster	B	
54-093	Parrella Michael J	86	West St	130	DEV LAND	9.520				Unprotected	9	Cluster	BB	Yes
44-043	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	96	Milford St	900	U.S.GOV	10.730	Federal	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers		Protected	8	Cluster	C	
44-049	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	17R	Deerfield Rd	900	U.S.GOV	0.280	Federal	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers		Protected	8	Cluster	C	
44-049-0001	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	17R	Deerfield Rd	900	U.S.GOV	0.180	Federal	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers		Protected	8	Cluster	C	
34-005	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	27	Clark St	423	Elec-Row	6.960	Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	8	Cluster	C	
44-044	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	0R	Deerfield Rd	423	Elec-Row	4.800	Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	8	Cluster	C	
55-003	Wickis James J & Elizabeth A / Life Estate & Remainder Int	74	West St	101	One Family	4.900				Unprotected	9	Cluster	CC	
55-002	Wheeler Arthur / Wheeler Florence	80	West St	101	One Family	8.410				Unprotected	9	Cluster	CC	
55-001	Parrella Michael J	84	West St	013	RES/COMM	4.680				Unprotected	9	Cluster	CC	
45-025	Robertson Mariann P.	28	Fisher St	803	61B-NATURE	11.640	Chapter 61B	Nature Study		Protected	8	Cluster	D	Yes

45-005	Lobisser Michael L, Lobisser Patricia M	76	Milford St	017	RES/AG	14.000 Chapter 61A	Pasture, Non-Productive	718 - Pasture - 10, 720 - Non-Productive - 3	Protected	8	Cluster	D	
54-005	New England Power Company Property Tax Dept.	16	Alder St	130	DEV LAND	5.550 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	0	Cluster	DD	
54-004	MELE ANTHONY, MELE MARGUERITE	18	Alder St	441	POT-DEV-LAND	5.000			Unprotected	0	Cluster	DD	
54-001	Cybex International, Inc.	26	Alder St	440	Devl-land	10.346			Unprotected	0	Cluster	DD	
45-026	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	60	Milford St	423	Elec-Row	5.500 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	8	Cluster	E	Yes
27-004	Tri Valley Realty Trust	0	Cedar Farms Rd	132	Undev Land	33.806			Unprotected	8	Cluster	E	Yes
36-025	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	4R	Fisher Ter	423	Elec-Row	1.100 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	8	Cluster	E	
45-024	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	0	Fisher St	423	Elec-Row	2.410 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	8	Cluster	E	
27-003	Auler, Michael	4	Winterberry Ln	101	One Family	0.517			Unprotected	8	Cluster	E	
27-049	Boczanowski Construction Inc.	0R	Summer Hill Rd	132	Undev Land	13.430			Unprotected	8	Cluster	E	
37-062	Goggin Edmund Heirs of, C/O Florence McCracken (Adm.)	71R	Summer St	132	Undev Land	15.840			Unprotected	8	Cluster	E	
55-052	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	45	West St	423	Elec-Row	5.950 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	6	Cluster	EE	
55-049	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	43	West St	423	Elec-Row	0.340 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	6	Cluster	EE	
55-047	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	45	West St	423	Elec-Row	0.090 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	6	Cluster	EE	
55-050	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	41	West St	423	Elec-Row	2.580 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	6	Cluster	EE	
65-018	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	0R	Castle Rd	423	Elec-Row	6.300 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	6	Cluster	EE	
65-013	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Property Tax Dept	0R	Castle Rd	423	Elec-Row	14.620 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	6	Cluster	EE	
64-066	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	0	Granite St	423	Elec-Row	11.540 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	6	Cluster	EE	
64-005	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	5R	Trotter Dr	423	Elec-Row	0.071 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	6	Cluster	EE	
64-004	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	7R	Trotter Dr	423	Elec-Row	13.020 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	6	Cluster	EE	
55-048	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	45	West St	423	Elec-Row	0.240 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	6	Cluster	EE	
65-001	Yorkis Laura G., Mullen Ronald	17	Granite St	101	One Family	4.742			Unprotected	6	Cluster	EE	
36-021	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	0R	Fisher St	423	Elec-Row	90.000 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	8	Cluster	F	
65-027	New England Power Company Property Tax Dept.	29	West St	423	Elec-Row	12.970 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector		Unprotected	6	Cluster	FF	Yes
65-033	Unknown Owner	0R	Granite St	132	Undev Land	3.000 Owner Unknown	Potential for Purchase, Gift, or Acquisition		Unprotected	6	Cluster	FF	
65-034	Unknown Owner	0R	Granite St	132	Undev Land	0.750 Owner Unknown	Potential for Purchase, Gift, or Acquisition		Unprotected	6	Cluster	FF	

75-003	Unknown Owner	OR	Granite St	132	Undev Land	0.100	Owner Unknown	Potential for Purchase, Gift, or Acquisition	Unprotected	6	Cluster	FF		
66-004	New England Power Company Property Tax Dept.	27	West St	423	Elec-Row	0.370	Utilities	Potential Trail Connector	Unprotected	6	Cluster	FF		
65-028	New England Power Company Property Tax Dept.	23	West St	423	Elec-Row	8.520	Utilities	Potential Trail Connector	Unprotected	6	Cluster	FF		
65-023	Roche's Building Co., Inc.	41R	West St	132	Undev Land	4.830			Unprotected	6	Cluster	FF		
65-036	Spear, Jr. William A., Spear Rosemary	OR	Granite St	132	Undev Land	5.000			Unprotected	6	Cluster	FF		
65-035	Spear, Jr. William A., Spear Rosemary	23R	Tulip Way	132	Undev Land	27.000			Unprotected	6	Cluster	FF		
37-026	Rabbit Brook Realty Trust, Linda A. Lindsey, Trs.	7	Pheasant Run Rd	132	Undev Land	2.570			Unprotected	6	Cluster	G	Yes	
37-036	Lindsey Linda A	69	Summer St	101	One Family	9.770			Unprotected	6	Cluster	G	Yes	
37-011	Kaplan Dev. Of Medway Inc.	87	Summer st	132	Undev Land	1.150			Unprotected	6	Cluster	G		
37-012	Lieberman Stacey A / Lieberman Matthew W	4	Pheasant Run	101	One Family	1.640			Unprotected	6	Cluster	G		
37-013	Ritter John / Cataldo Carla	8	Pheasant Run	101	One Family	1.410			Unprotected	6	Cluster	G		
37-015	Metelus Martine V / Romelus Medina	6	Pheasant Run	101	One Family	1.610			Unprotected	6	Cluster	G		
37-014	Mason Patrick J / Mason Denise M	2	Pheasant Run	101	One Family	1.070			Unprotected	6	Cluster	G		
67-061	Briggs Robert A	12	Waterview Dr	718	PASTURE	4.420	Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture	Protected	9	Cluster	GG	Yes	
67-046	Briggs Robert A	OR	Waterview Dr	718	PASTURE	8.000	Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture	Protected	9	Cluster	GG		
66-051	Unknown Owner	403R	Village St	132	Undev Land	3.000	Owner Unknown	Potential for Purchase, Gift, or Acquisition	Unprotected	9	Cluster	GG		
66-049	codman John C., Codman Anne W.	405R	Village St	130	DEV LAND	2.700			Unprotected	9	Cluster	GG		
67-039	David & Wilma Newton	5	Rob Way	101	One Family	10.000			Unprotected	9	Cluster	GG		
37-071	Seven R's Realty Trust, Steven & Kerri Richardson, Trs.	70	Summer st	132	Undev Land	6.980			Unprotected	5	Cluster	H		
37-072	Bedi Katherine L	82	Summer St	101	One Family	1.310			Unprotected	5	Cluster	H		
67-063	Peter & Gail Hachenburg Family Revocable Trust	16	Waterview Dr	101	One Family	1.950			Unprotected	9	Cluster	HH	Yes	
67-068	Caunt George / Caunt Christine A	32	Waterview Cir	101	One Family	1.130			Unprotected	9	Cluster	HH		
67-067	Viswanathan Murali / Nagarajan Kavitha	26	Waterview Cir	101	One Family	1.830			Unprotected	9	Cluster	HH		
67-064	Malcom & Alison Hill	18	Waterview Dr	101	One Family	0.946			Unprotected	9	Cluster	HH		
47-049	Johnson Walter J./Carolyn E.	19R	Oak St	132	Undev Land	0.933			Unprotected	4	Cluster	I		
47-048	Johnson Walter J./Carolyn E.	21R	Oak St	132	Undev Land	0.317			Unprotected	4	Cluster	I		
47-089	Hall Heather A, Hall Jeffrey L	18R	Highland St	132	Undev Land	0.144			Unprotected	4	Cluster	I		
58-110	Medway Power and Electric	309	Village St	132	Undev Land	1.159			Unprotected	8	Cluster	II		
68-008	Pitman Norma Phillips	0	Charles St	132	Undev Land	0.252			Unprotected	8	Cluster	II		
58-107	Guarino Matthew / Guarino Hillary	7	Charles St	101	One Family	2.270			Unprotected	8	Cluster	II		
58-116	Morris Guy A	2	Kadin Ln	101	One Family	1.480			Unprotected	8	Cluster	II		
58-112	Julians Inc	305	Village St	316	Comm Whs	1.589			Unprotected	8	Cluster	II		
30-005	SHADY OAKS RLTY.TR. / ROBERT BRIGGS ET AL. TRS.	38	Winthrop St	017	RES/AG	32.000	Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture	718 - Pasture - 31	Protected	100	Cluster	J	Yes
38-010	Shady Oaks Rlty.Tr, Briggs Robert A	25	Winthrop St	718	PASTURE	47.000	Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture		Protected	100	Cluster	J	Yes
29-011	Briggs Robert A	0	Adams St	718	PASTURE	11.372	Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture		Protected	100	Cluster	J	

39-001	Shady Oaks Rlty.Tr, Briggs Robert A	33	Winthrop St	718	PASTURE	8.000	Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture	Protected	100	Cluster	J		
69-005	Generazio Bennet L.	0	Samoset Cir	132	Undev Land	0.780			Unprotected	10	Cluster	JJ		
68-022	Generazio Bennett L.	0	Samoset Cir	132	Undev Land	0.536			Unprotected	10	Cluster	JJ		
69-006	Generazio Bennet L.	0	Samoset Cir	132	Undev Land	1.102			Unprotected	10	Cluster	JJ		
69-007	Generazio Bennet L.	0	Samoset Cir	132	Undev Land	0.643			Unprotected	10	Cluster	JJ		
30-008	Gay Thomas A, Gay Kathleen A.	23	Maple st	132	Undev Land	0.735			Unprotected	7	Cluster	K	Yes	
30-010	Briggs Robert A	0R	Maple St	132	Undev Land	0.500			Unprotected	7	Cluster	K		
69-086	Thomson David	3	Riverview St	101	One Family	0.471			Unprotected	8	Cluster	KK		
69-091	Eisnor Barbara A	0	Riverview St	132	Undev Land	0.240			Unprotected	8	Cluster	KK		
69-090	Wasserman Mark	0	Riverview St	132	Undev Land	0.090			Unprotected	8	Cluster	KK		
29-013	Briggs Robert A	51	Winthrop St	017	RES/AG	8.500	Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture	718 - Pasture - 7.5	Protected	100	Cluster	L	
29-012	Briggs Robert A	53R	Winthrop St	718	PASTURE	5.000	Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture		Protected	100	Cluster	L	
20-005	David & Naritha Philbrick	59	Winthrop St	101	One Family	18.300			Unprotected	100	Cluster	L		
29-014	Paul A & Doris M Sefarian Life Estate / Kandie AuClair	47	Winthrop St	101	One Family	10.000			Unprotected	100	Cluster	L		
60-103	Flaherty Mark F / Flaherty Joan Moquin	205	Village St	101	One Family	0.590			Unprotected	7	Cluster	LL	Yes	
70-004	Toivonen Bradley J / Sanderson Noelle Sanderson	9	Neelon Ln	101	One Family	1.830			Unprotected	7	Cluster	LL	Yes	
60-102	Spillane Michael J. / Spillane Jeanette	207	Village St	101	One Family	0.910			Unprotected	7	Cluster	LL		
60-101	Mill John A / Mill Madeline C	209	Village St	101	One Family	0.890			Unprotected	7	Cluster	LL		
60-100	Lawrence & Patricia Spector Life Estate / Lindsey Spector	211	Village St	101	One Family	0.000			Unprotected	7	Cluster	LL		
60-098	Multiple Owners	215	Village St	102	CONDO	0.000			Unprotected	7	Cluster	LL		
70-007	Multiple Owners	215	Village St	102	CONDO	0.000			Unprotected	7	Cluster	LL		
70-006	Dunton Lauren M / Verissimo Fulvio V	217	Village St	104	TWO FAMILY	2.620			Unprotected	7	Cluster	LL		
70-005	Avellino Emma M	219	Village St	101	One Family	1.630			Unprotected	7	Cluster	LL		
13-013	Vernaglia Trustee Betty Mccall, Betty Mccall Vernaglia Revocable Trust	9	Wards Ln	130	DEV LAND	3.607			Unprotected	9	Cluster	M	Yes	
13-023	First Financial Tr NA	138	Lovering St	101	One Family	1.260			Unprotected	9	Cluster	M	Yes	
13-012-0001	Masterson Bernadette	138R	Lovering St	132	Undev Land	2.030			Unprotected	9	Cluster	M		
70-024	Mandino Nancy	12R	River St	132	Undev Land	2.200			Unprotected	7	Cluster	MM		
70-026	Mandino Nancy	12R	River St	132	Undev Land	1.500			Unprotected	7	Cluster	MM		
06-030	MARIAN COMMUNITY INC	154	Summer St	961	REL - RECTOR	105.150	Non-Profit	Spiritual Center	Unprotected	100	Cluster	N	Yes	
07-020	MARIAN COMMUNITY INC	0R	Diane Dr	962	REL - OTHER	3.600	Non-Profit	Spiritual Center	Unprotected	100	Cluster	N		
02-001	Carr James L. Jr. 7 Mary Anne Wood	137R	Winthrop St	132	Undev Land	21.080			Unprotected	100	Cluster	N		
71-003	Koshivas Bessie G, Koshivas Joyce G	49	Pearl St	101	One Family	13.900			Unprotected	8	Cluster	NN		
71-006	Daniel Trust, George Pavlik, Tr., James Pavilk, Administrator	12	Walker St	130	DEV LAND	0.689			Unprotected	8	Cluster	NN		
71-007-0001	PJK Realty LLC	16	Walker St	130	DEV LAND	1.445			Unprotected	8	Cluster	NN		
71-007-0002	PJK Realty LLC	49	Pearl St	132	Undev Land	3.010			Unprotected	8	Cluster	NN		
71-003	Koshivas Bessie G, Koshivas Joyce G	49	Pearl St	101	One Family	13.900			Unprotected	8	Cluster	NN		
08-016	Wickett Development Co	21R	Fairway Ln	132	Undev Land	0.308			Unprotected	100	Cluster	O	Yes	
08-019	Wickett Henry L.	0R	Woodland Rd	132	Undev Land	12.500			Unprotected	100	Cluster	O	Yes	
08-020	Wickett Henry	102	Winthrop St	101	One Family	10.800			Unprotected	100	Cluster	O	Yes	

08-023	Robert & Glorai Walsh Family Funding Trust	114	Winthrop St	101	One Family	6.220			Unprotected	100	Cluster	O	Yes
14-005	Wickett Henry L. & Henry L. Jr.	0R	Woodland Rd	132	Undev Land	115.100			Unprotected	100	Cluster	O	
09-058	Wickett Development Inc	11	Woodland Rd	130	DEV LAND	9.550			Unprotected	100	Cluster	O	
15-001	Timber Crest LLC	153A	Holliston St	132	Undev Land	4.928			Unprotected	100	Cluster	O	
15-019	Pavlik Dorothy/Susan/James & Nancy Russel & Thomas Pavlik	143	Holliston St	132	Undev Land	19.000			Unprotected	100	Cluster	O	
51-037	Wasnewski Trust	26	Oakland St	101	One Family	0.616			Unprotected	6	Cluster	OO	Yes
61-010	Picard Regina L Trustee, Picard-Calnan Realty Trust	24	Oakland St	101	One Family	11.480			Unprotected	6	Cluster	OO	
61-023-0001	Emero Thomas D	70R	Village St	132	Undev Land	2.530			Unprotected	6	Cluster	OO	
16-029	Newton Katie Estate Heirs	6	Maple Leaf Ln	130	DEV LAND	8.100			Unprotected	5	Cluster	P	
16-028	Pine Tree Realty Trust, Thomas E. Murray Jr., Trust	6	Broken Tree Rd	130	DEV LAND	19.300			Unprotected	5	Cluster	P	
61-050	Tri Valley realty Trust, C/O Joseph W. Griffiths, Tr.	53	Village St	130	DEV LAND	0.786			Unprotected	8	Cluster	PP	
71-026	D'Alessandro Jay & Richard, D'Alessandro Helen (Life Estate)	15R	Populatic St	132	Undev Land	0.490			Unprotected	8	Cluster	PP	
71-025	D'Alessandro Jay & Richard, D'Alessandro Helen (Life Estate)	15R	Populatic St	132	Undev Land	0.340			Unprotected	8	Cluster	PP	
24-010-0001	Lally John P, Lally Kathleen	35R	Coffee St	718	PASTURE	16.500	Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture	Protected	100	Cluster	Q	Yes
24-005	Revell Paul P.	0R	Jayar Rd	718	PASTURE	0.250	Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture	Protected	100	Cluster	Q	
24-007	Revell Paul P.	26R	Green Valley Rd	713	FIELD/HAY	1.019	Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Field/Hay	Protected	100	Cluster	Q	
24-009	Revell Paul P.	0N	Jayar Rd	718	PASTURE	0.670	Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture	Protected	100	Cluster	Q	
24-010-0002	Lally John P, Lally Anne J	31	Jayar Rd	718	PASTURE	11.410	Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture	Protected	100	Cluster	Q	
24-004	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	0R	Green Valley Rd	900	U.S.GOV	0.750	Federal	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Protected	100	Cluster	Q	
24-006	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	0R	Indian Creek Rd	900	U.S.GOV	2.030	Federal	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Protected	100	Cluster	Q	
24-008	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	0R	Indian Creek Rd	900	U.S.GOV	3.360	Federal	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Protected	100	Cluster	Q	
23-047	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	0R	Green Valley Rd	900	U.S.GOV	2.430	Federal	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Protected	100	Cluster	Q	
24-016	Ellen Realty Trust, Ellen Rosenfeld, Tr.	19	Jayar Rd	132	Undev Land	1.800			Unprotected	100	Cluster	Q	
61-014	Wasnewski Mitchell S	50A	Village St	132	Undev Land	0.901			Unprotected	6	Cluster	QQ	
61-017	Uminsky Neal, Uminski Meredith	54R	Village St	130	DEV LAND	1.546			Unprotected	6	Cluster	QQ	
61-019	Kilty John J Jr	52	Village St	101	One Family	2.160			Unprotected	6	Cluster	QQ	
41-008	Freil Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	86	Holliston St	017	RES/AG	8.037	Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture	718 - Pasture - 7.027	Protected	100	Cluster	R
40-048	Freil Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	89	Holliston St	805	61B-GOLF	0.250	Chapter 61B	Golf Range	Driving Range	Protected	100	Cluster	R
40-049	Freil Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	87	Holliston St	805	61B-GOLF	8.650	Chapter 61B	Golf Range	Driving Range	Protected	100	Cluster	R
72-041	Lewis Bernard S	14	Ryan Rd	132	Undev Land	0.713			Unprotected	7	Cluster	RR	
72-040	Veiner Trs Martin I, Winkler Trs Doris	13	Ryan Rd	132	Undev Land	1.919			Unprotected	7	Cluster	RR	

42-052	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	OR	Oakland St	900	U.S.GOV	14.710 Federal	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Protected	6	Cluster	S	Yes
33-020	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	0	Oakview Cir	900	U.S.GOV	1.470 Federal	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Protected	6	Cluster	S	
42-051	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	OR	Oakview Cir	900	U.S.GOV	3.400 Federal	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Protected	6	Cluster	S	
42-048	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	OR	Oakview Cir	900	U.S.GOV	0.830 Federal	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Protected	6	Cluster	S	
42-060	Unknown Owner	OR	Oakland St	132	Undev Land	1.000 Owner Unknown	Potential for Purchase, Gift, or Acquisition	Unprotected	6	Cluster	S	
51-028	Unknown Owner	OR	Oakland St	132	Undev Land	2.000 Owner Unknown	Potential for Purchase, Gift, or Acquisition	Unprotected	6	Cluster	S	
33-019	North Ave Incorporated	102R	Oakland St	132	Undev Land	5.500		Unprotected	6	Cluster	S	
42-061	Knight Gordon B. & Loretta M.	OR	Oakland St	132	Undev Land	1.580		Unprotected	6	Cluster	S	
45-012	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	88	Milford St	132	Undev Land	1.500 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector	Unprotected	7	Cluster	SS	
45-051	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	87	Milford St	423	Elec-Row	0.890 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector	Unprotected	7	Cluster	SS	
45-050	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	85	Milford St	423	Elec-Row	0.870 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector	Unprotected	7	Cluster	SS	
45-048	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	83	Milford St	423	Elec-Row	5.000 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector	Unprotected	7	Cluster	SS	
55-013	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	9	Fisher St	423	Elec-Row	6.750 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector	Unprotected	7	Cluster	SS	
55-012	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	66R	West St	423	Elec-Row	3.940 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector	Unprotected	7	Cluster	SS	
55-026	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	0	West St	423	Elec-Row	6.690 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector	Unprotected	7	Cluster	SS	
55-011	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	0	Fisher St	423	Elec-Row	0.700 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector	Unprotected	7	Cluster	SS	
33-038	Fasolino Matthew	5	Main St	130	DEV LAND	1.500		Unprotected	7	Cluster	T	
33-037	Powderly Kent G	11	Main St	101	One Family	3.000		Unprotected	7	Cluster	T	
33-036	Cerel Stanley J, Cerel Ruth Q	15	Main St	130	DEV LAND	2.600		Unprotected	7	Cluster	T	
32-033-0002	Red Wing Properties	27	Main St	132	Undev Land	5.390		Unprotected	7	Cluster	T	
42-001	Sia Silvio Charles	18R	Vernon Rd	132	Undev Land	3.000		Unprotected	7	Cluster	T	
58-191	Unknown Owner	15	Guernsey St	132	Undev Land	0.500 Owner Unknown	Potential for Purchase, Gift, or Acquisition	Unprotected	4	Cluster	TT	
58-201	Unknown Owner	50	Cottage St	132	Undev Land	0.400 Owner Unknown	Potential for Purchase, Gift, or Acquisition	Unprotected	4	Cluster	TT	
41-030	Boczanowski Harriet L.E., C/O Joanne/Deborah Boczanowski	43	Main St	130	DEV LAND	1.600		Unprotected	8	Cluster	U	Yes
41-037	Boczanowski Joanne	43	Main St	101	One Family	24.200		Unprotected	8	Cluster	U	
50-007	Hidden Acres Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	45	Broad St	718	PASTURE	0.380 Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture Piggery	Protected	100	Cluster	V	Yes
50-008	Hidden Acres Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	43	Broad St	718	PASTURE	0.192 Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture Piggery	Protected	100	Cluster	V	Yes

50-006	Hidden Acres Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	47	Broad St	718	PASTURE	0.770 Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture	Piggery	Protected	100	Cluster	V	Yes
50-001	Hidden Acres Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	65	Main St	718	PASTURE	60.860 Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture	Piggery	Protected	100	Cluster	V	
50-010	Hidden Acres Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	41	Broad St	718	PASTURE	21.900 Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture	Piggery	Protected	100	Cluster	V	
50-001-0001	Hidden Acres Realty II, LLC, Cassidy David L	64R	Holliston St	718	PASTURE	29.000 Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture	Piggery	Protected	100	Cluster	V	
59-021	Farley Frank J	256R	Village St	130	DEV LAND	4.000			Unprotected	6	Cluster	W	Yes
49-094	Kings Lane Realty Trust, Thomas Cimeno & Greg Coras, Tr.	13	Villa Dr	130	DEV LAND	1.400			Unprotected	6	Cluster	W	
49-095	Levy Robert C	15	Villa Dr	130	DEV LAND	1.384			Unprotected	6	Cluster	W	
59-017	Levy Robert C	17	Villa Dr	130	DEV LAND	1.408			Unprotected	6	Cluster	W	
59-013	Levy Robert C	25	Villa Dr	130	DEV LAND	2.209			Unprotected	6	Cluster	W	
59-016	Levy Robert C	19	Villa Dr	130	DEV LAND	0.620			Unprotected	6	Cluster	W	
59-015	Levy Robert C	21	Villa Dr	130	DEV LAND	0.620			Unprotected	6	Cluster	W	
59-014	Levy Robert C	23	Villa Dr	130	DEV LAND	0.539			Unprotected	6	Cluster	W	
59-011	Levy Robert C	22	Villa Dr	130	DEV LAND	1.605			Unprotected	6	Cluster	W	
59-012	Levy Robert C	24	Villa Dr	130	DEV LAND	1.822			Unprotected	6	Cluster	W	
59-060	Ozella Anthony M. Jr., Ozella Kathleen A, K.A.O. Realty Trust	256	Village St	132	Undev Land	11.140			Unprotected	6	Cluster	W	
49-093	500 Medfield Colonial Trust, Gregory Coras/Thomas Cimeno, Tr	7R	Kings Ln	132	Undev Land	0.575			Unprotected	6	Cluster	W	
59-010	Levy Robert C	20	Villa Dr	130	DEV LAND	0.717			Unprotected	6	Cluster	W	
48-048	Elmwood Realty Trust, Paul J. Watson, Tr.	5	Elm St	130	DEV LAND	5.080			Unprotected	8	Cluster	X	
49-032	Rosenberg Cheryl	26	Kelley St	130	DEV LAND	6.000			Unprotected	8	Cluster	X	
49-098	Coakley Family Funding Trust	9	Elm St	101	One Family	11.240			Unprotected	8	Cluster	X	
48-049	Brookside Realty Trust, J. Chilson & Germagian, Trs.	28	Evergreen St	130	DEV LAND	1.420			Unprotected	8	Cluster	X	
48-067	Snyder Gary G	15	Richardson St	101	One Family	12.600			Unprotected	8	Cluster	X	
48-069	Evergreen Cemetery Assoc., C/O Alan Smith	10	Cutler St	953	CHAR - CEMEN	1.120 Non-Profit	Cemetery	Evergreen Cemetery	Unprotected	7	Cluster	Y	
48-078	Unknown Owner, N/F Walter Welch	0R	Cutler St	132	Undev Land	0.182 Owner Unknown	Potential for Purchase, Gift, or Acquisition		Unprotected	7	Cluster	Y	
46-054	Unknown Owner	47A	Milford St	132	Undev Land	0.466 Owner Unknown	Potential for Purchase, Gift, or Acquisition		Unprotected	7	Cluster	Z	
46-055	Chaffee Alan H.	49	Milford St	106	OUT BLDG	0.400			Unprotected	7	Cluster	Z	
08-024	Hoag David G., Tr., Hoag Grace G., Tr.	116	Winthrop St	601	C61 10 YEAR	14.810 Chapter 61	10 Year Restriction		Protected	100	No Cluster		
13-007	Atwood Paul, Atwood Rebecca	148	Lovering St	017	RES/AG	13.400 Chapter 61A	Field/Hay, Vegetable, Orchard, Non-Productive	713 - Field/Hay - 3, 712 - Vegetable - 2.25, 714 - Orchard - 0.28, 720 - Non-Productive - 5.5	Protected	100	No Cluster		
20-001	Suttill William S, Suttill Jennifer K	155	Lovering St	017	RES/AG	10.300 Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Field/Hay	713 - Field/Hay - 7	Protected	100	No Cluster		
20-002	Iarussi David M, Iarussi Sandra	157	Lovering St	017	RES/AG	10.000 Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Field/Hay	713 - Field/Hay - 5	Protected	100	No Cluster		

21-093	Wilson Paul R	82	Lovering St	713	FIELD/HAY	20.300 Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Field/Hay	Protected	100	No Cluster	
19-018	Panechelli Francis M, Panechelli Janine M	116	Summer St	017	RES/AG	50.000 Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Field/Hay, Pasture	713 - Field/Hay - 15, 718 - Pasture - 34	Protected	100	No Cluster
23-061	Lally John P, Lally Anne J	0	Coffee St	718	PASTURE	24.000 Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Pasture	Protected	100	No Cluster	
21-095	Wilson Paul	74	Lovering St	713	FIELD/HAY	0.683 Chapter 61A	Productive Lands - Field/Hay	Protected	100	No Cluster	
32-025	Lally John D	35	Coffee St	017	RES/AG	5.790 Chapter 61A	Non-Productive	720 - Non- Productive Lands - 4.79	Protected	100	No Cluster
42-028	Lombard Tina J Et Al/Tr, Lombard Farms Realty Trust	73R	Oakland St	806	61B-HORSEBCK	14.937 Chapter 61B	Horseback Riding	Saddle Row Oakland Street	Protected	9	No Cluster
51-001	Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston	59	Oakland St	953	CHAR - CEMEN	22.100 Non-Profit	Cemetery	Cemetery	Unprotected	8	No Cluster
47-080	Second Congregational Church	196	Main St	960	REL - CHURCH	1.860 Non-Profit	Church	Unprotected	2	No Cluster	
48-068	Evergreen Cemetery Assoc., C/O Alan Smith	0	Cottage St	953	CHAR - CEMEN	9.120 Non-Profit	Cemetery	Evergreen Cemetery	Unprotected	7	No Cluster
50-003	Evangelical Cong. Society, C/O Bruce Gregory (Cemetery)	0R	Crooks St	960	REL - CHURCH	9.830 Non-Profit	Cemetery	To be purchased for Transfer Station	Unprotected	4	No Cluster
60-200	Evangelical Cong. Society Village Church	0	Crooks St	960	REL - CHURCH	0.100 Non-Profit	Church	Unprotected	2	No Cluster	
60-122	St. Josephs Mens Club	155A	Village St	316	Comm Whs	0.047 Non-Profit	St. Josephs Men's Club	Unprotected	1	No Cluster	
61-094	Christ Church	14	School St	960	REL - CHURCH	0.600 Non-Profit	Church	Unprotected	1	No Cluster	
60-215	Evangelical Cong	170	Village St	960	REL - CHURCH	0.350 Non-Profit	Church	Unprotected	1	No Cluster	
59-045	Unknown Owner	6N	Center St	132	Undev Land	0.150 Owner Unknown	Potential for Purchase, Gift, or Acquisition	Unprotected	4	No Cluster	
72-046	non-existent?	0				0.000 Owner Unknown	Potential for Purchase, Gift, or Acquisition	Research	Unprotected	8	No Cluster
44-009	C&C Realty Trust, C/O Bell Atlantic Nynex Mobile	116	Milford St	423	Elec-Row	8.000 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector	Unprotected	6	No Cluster	
71-016	Boston Edison Co, Nstar Services Co/Prop Tax Dep	30	Populatic St	423	Elec-Row	1.000 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector	Unprotected	4	No Cluster	
73-002	Boston Edison Co, C/O Nstar	0R	Alder St	423	Elec-Row	0.510 Utilities	Potential Trail Connector	Unprotected	0	No Cluster	
13-025	Dunnebier Enterprises Inc.	1	Kimberly Dr	130	DEV LAND	1.008		Unprotected	3	No Cluster	
21-062	Zampa Nicholas	60	Winthrop St	101	One Family	10.000		Unprotected	7	No Cluster	
31-007	Johnson Trustee Joshua A, Harry T Johnson Jr Family Irrevocable Trust, Jeanne E Johnson Family Irrevocable Trust	107A	Holliston St	132	Undev Land	1.978		Unprotected	5	No Cluster	
32-145	Fasolino Matthew, Fasolini Stacy D	12	Coffee St	130	DEV LAND	1.130		Unprotected	3	No Cluster	
31-129	Lennon Ray A./Nancy S. Trs., Lennon Family Trust	33R	Lovering St	130	DEV LAND	1.500		Unprotected	4	No Cluster	
30-093	Skog Dorothy G	28	Maple St	101	One Family	5.850		Unprotected	7	No Cluster	
47-027	Klein David R.	10R	Oak St	130	DEV LAND	2.170		Unprotected	7	No Cluster	
51-005	Casey Thomas	0R	Chestnut St	132	Undev Land	1.000		Unprotected	4	No Cluster	
53-001	Bemis Harold W.	36R	Alder St	442	Undev Land	12.500		Unprotected	5	No Cluster	

51-019	Reardon James M, Reardon Kathleen J	4R	New City Rd	130	DEV LAND	1.250	Unprotected	4	No Cluster
60-048	Medway Oil Co., Inc.	26	Barber St	390	DEV-LAND	0.670	Unprotected	6	No Cluster
53-002	Waters Technologies Corp	0R	Alder St	442	Undev Land	0.505	Unprotected	5	No Cluster
58-111	Julians Inc	305	Village St	310	Oil Storage	0.100	Unprotected	7	No Cluster
61-054	Jones Robert	8	Populatic St	316	Comm Whs	0.100	Unprotected	5	No Cluster
71-035	Ward Timothy M	37	Village St	132	Undev Land	8.500	Unprotected	8	No Cluster
70-021	Comras Joel L, Hartwell Stacey H	8R	River St	132	Undev Land	0.500	Unprotected	7	No Cluster
71-018	Burns Maureen E	34R	Populatic St	132	Undev Land	0.100	Unprotected	4	No Cluster
62-027	Pine Ridge Drive LLC	10N	Candlewood Dr	132	Undev Land	1.374	Unprotected	7	No Cluster
04-030	Morgenstern Joel D / Morgenstern Rachel S	19	Juniper Rd	101	One Family	10.370	Unprotected	4	No Cluster
50-012	Knowlton William R / Knowlton Joanne	26	Holliston St	101	One Family	11.900	Unprotected	6	No Cluster
67-075	Novopashin Anton / Suprun Olga V	27	Charles St	101	One Family	0.500	Unprotected	5	No Cluster
10-016	Burbank, Jr. Theodore P., Burbank Luella E.	30R	Causeway St	132	Undev Land	0.959	Unprotected	4	No Cluster
10-027	Pine Tree Realty Trust, Thomas E. Murray Jr., Tr.	22	Hickory Dr	132	Undev Land	0.107	Unprotected	1	No Cluster
13-018	Vernaglia Trustee Betty Mccall, Betty Mccall Vernaglia Revocable Trust	1	Wards Ln	130	DEV LAND	0.887	Unprotected	7	No Cluster
13-036	Vernaglia Trustee Betty Mccall, Betty Mccall Vernaglia Revocable Trust	125	Lovering st	130	DEV LAND	1.013	Unprotected	3	No Cluster
12-057	Delgenio Michael, Delgenio Pauline	135A	Summer St	130	DEV LAND	5.800	Unprotected	6	No Cluster
11-013	Guerrero & Associates Inc	24	Stable Way	130	DEV LAND	0.860	Unprotected	3	No Cluster
15-010	Narducci Corp Inc	6	Fern Path	132	Undev Land	2.090	Unprotected	3	No Cluster
15-015	Narducci Corp Inc	23R	Howe St	132	Undev Land	1.358	Unprotected	3	No Cluster
19-046	Boczanowski Construction Inc.	0	Summer St	132	Undev Land	3.009	Unprotected	5	No Cluster
22-064	Mill James A & Dede K	127R	Holliston St	132	Undev Land	4.049	Unprotected	7	No Cluster
37-064	Dunton Lovell H & Kristina M	42N	Highland St	130	DEV LAND	4.050	Unprotected	7	No Cluster
47-023	SIBLEY FREDERIC FRANCIS	14	Oak St	130	DEV-LAND	1.300	Unprotected	7	No Cluster
57-009	WD Jaguar LLC	25A	Milford St	132	Undev Land	2.771	Unprotected	5	No Cluster
58-192	Dibona Mario N.	11	Guernsey St	132	Undev Land	0.500	Unprotected	4	No Cluster
57-003	Burke II Richard H, Burke Mary C	242R	Main St	132	Undev Land	2.770	Unprotected	6	No Cluster
58-138	Currivan Estate of Jon W	1	High St	390	DEV-LAND	0.500	Unprotected	2	No Cluster
62-031	Lewis Bernard S	26R	Village St	132	Undev Land	2.800	Unprotected	6	No Cluster
28-016-0001	Clafco Builders Corp	98	Summer St	130	DEV LAND	1.011	Unprotected	6	No Cluster
20-004-0002	Mccall-Vernaglia Betty Ann	79	Winthrop St	130	DEV LAND	2.850	Unprotected	5	No Cluster
20-004-0001	Mccall-Vernaglia Betty Ann	75	Winthrop St	130	DEV LAND	1.010	Unprotected	5	No Cluster
#####									

6-1-18 ml

APPENDIX C: Table 9-2 Town of Medway Lands - Recommendations

MAP_PAR_ID	MANAGEMENT AGENCY	STREET	SITE NAME	ACRES	USE/CONDITION	RECOMMENDATIONS	ADA RECOMMENDATIONS
43-084	Conservation Commission	137 Milford ST	Red Maple Swamp	4	Conservation	Change name of site to "Atlantic Cedar Swamp" due to dominance of wetland on site.	
35-009	Conservation Commission	0 Deerfield DR	Deerfield Street Pond	3.48	Conservation	Work with neighbors to maintain a walking path around the pond, used as a detention pond for the subdivision. This site may not be suitable for improvements as an ADA accessible facility due to the small size of the pond and limited recreational value it offers.	This site may not be suitable for improvements as an ADA accessible facility due to the small size of the pond and limited recreational value it offers.
44-062	Conservation Commission	93B Milford ST	Hopping Brook Conservation Area	2.82	Conservation	Consider connections to Williamsburg open space on other side of the stream, and as possible trail connection to abutting gas pipeline easement at rear of parcel. Property is mostly wetland, may be best maintained as open space for wildlife habitat and Atlantic White Cedar.	
44-063	Conservation Commission	93A Milford ST	Hopping Brook Conservation Area	3.47	Conservation		
55-031	Conservation Commission	5R Holbrook ST	Holbrook Conservation Area	0.69	Conservation	Site has limited use due to small size. Protects a section of Hopping Brook from development. Add a sign on Holbrook Street recognizing conservation area.	
46-016	Conservation Commission	48 Milford ST	Fire Station Conservation Area	9.69	Conservation	Work with Fire Station to determine if a small parking area could be established, and walking path. Could offer trail connections to utility easements.	
46-010	Conservation Commission	4 Trail DR	Fire Station Conservation Area	4.49	Conservation		
46-043	Conservation Commission	6 Independence LN	Independence Conservation Area	1.33	Vacant Town	Maintain as open space to protect vernal pools on property.	
56-056	Conservation Commission	3 Ardmore CR	Admore Drainage Parcel	1.14	Conservation	Maintenance of detention ponds needs to be improved by property owner.	
47-130	Conservation Commission	8 Independence LN	Independence Drainage Parcel	0.36	Conservation	Maintenance of detention ponds needs to be improved by property owner. Should be conveyed to DPS, if possible.	
47-123	Conservation Commission	6 Freedom TR	Freedom Open Space Parcel	0.17	Conservation	Possible pocket park site due to small size. Explore whether neighbors are interested.	
07-049	Conservation Commission	8 Wards LN	Idylbrook Park	19.42	Conservation	Add a small playground for young children. Consider use of the Chestnut Tree plot as informal dog park. Continue to use and maintain playing fields. Implement parking improvements from master plan, and add storage facility/shed.	1. Upgrade the gated access road from dirt and grass to a crushed aggregate (3/8 minus) path. 2. Install benches next to the parking lot so that people who cannot walk far can get out of their cars and sit at the edge of the playing fields.
67-062	Conservation Commission	14 Waterview DR	The Boot	3.19	Conservation	Improve river access as stop on blue trail from Bellinham to Millis. Add a sign to recognize it as town owned land. Abuts high priority parcels for conservation.	

APPENDIX C: Town of Medway Lands - Recommendations

MAP_PAR_ID	MANAGEMENT AGENCY	STREET	SITE NAME	ACRES	USE/CONDITION	RECOMMENDATIONS	ADA RECOMMENDATIONS
38-011	Conservation Commission	16R Oak ST	Klein Conservation Area	30.1	Conservation	Continue to develop trail system on property. Develop another trail to create a loop to Choate Park and back, if acquiring Briggs land in the next three to four years is not possible. Manage invasive species, and possibly restore open meadow.	
07-049-0002	Conservation Commission	4 Wards LN	Idylbrook Park	10.43	Conservation	Continue to maintain and develop a trail system on property.	1. Upgrade the gated access road from dirt and grass to a crushed aggregate (3/8 minus) path. 2. Install benches next to the parking lot so that people who cannot walk far can get out of their cars and sit at the edge of the playing fields.
13-039	Conservation Commission	151 Lovering ST	Iarussi Conservation Area	25.14	Conservation	Continue to maintain and develop a trail system on property, away from residential areas. Explore potential for new trails with abutting residential properties.	
02-002	Conservation Commission	18 Alexandria DR	Alexandria Conservation Area	8.23	Conservation	Maintain as open space for wetland habitat. Public access not feasible on site. Would need connections through 137R Winthrop Street.	
47-032	Conservation Commission	OR Oak ST	Klein Conservation Area	9.15	Conservation	Continue to develop trail system on property.	
39-074	Conservation Commission	1 Choate Park RD	Choate Park	10	Park	Continue to maintain and develop trail system and recreation facilities from park master plan.	Implement master plan.
39-074-0001	Conservation Commission	0 Oak ST	Choate Park	0.06	Park		
58-108-0001	Conservation Commission	313R Village ST	Ohnemus Picnic Area	0.24	Conservation	Explore creation of two-car parking lot, add signage at road, and promote access to Charles River for canoe/kayak launch, fishing and picnicking.	1. Create an accessible path from the Police Station parking lot to the sitting area. The benches would need to be re-located onto a level surface with suitable turning radius for a wheelchair. 2. A handicapped parking space would need to be established in the parking lot next to the trail entrance.
58-108	Conservation Commission	313 Village ST	Ohnemus Picnic Area	1.01	Conservation		
21-055	Conservation Commission	87 Lovering ST	Redgate Corner	1.87	Conservation	Potential spot for a neighborhood park, but some wetland on site. Develop several parking spaces. Manage invasive species. Potential to restore part as farm land, which would incentivize acquiring adjacent farmland.	
21-056	Conservation Commission	85 Lovering ST	Redgate Corner	0.79	Conservation		
68-016	Conservation Commission	0 Shaw ST	Shaw ST Conservation Area	0.61	Conservation	Potential stop along a Charles River blue trail for picnicking or fishing. Consider acquisition of abutting parcels, and develop several parking spots.	
68-015	Conservation Commission	0 Shaw ST	Shaw ST Conservation Area	0.83	Conservation		
09-049	Conservation Commission	169R Holliston ST	Fairway Conservation Area	2.46	Conservation	Landlocked parcel; maintain for vernal pool and other habitat.	

APPENDIX C: Town of Medway Lands - Recommendations

MAP_PAR_ID	MANAGEMENT AGENCY	STREET	SITE NAME	ACRES	USE/CONDITION	RECOMMENDATIONS	ADA RECOMMENDATIONS
22-026	Conservation Commission	132R Holliston St	Meadows Conservation Area	3.68	Conservation	Small parcel associated with subdivision. Maintain for wildlife. Add sign at end of Overlook recognizing conservation land. Potential for trail from Overlook to Holliston Street.	
05-012	Conservation Commission	190 Holliston ST	Causeway Conservation Area	13.31	Conservation	Potential for trails on this parcel and abutting 33 Causeway Street. Manage for wildlife habitat.	
60-124	Conservation Commission	203R Village ST	Charles River Amphitheatre	4.4	Conservation	Provide directional signage on Sanford Street. Maintain trails and canoe/kayak access on Charles River. Explore design options for access from Village Street to connect to Medway Village Historic District.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide directional signage from Sanford Street to the parking lot. 2. Consider constructing an ADA accessible path from the parking lot to the picnic area overlooking the Charles River. 3. If an accessible path to the picnic area is constructed, create one (1) signed handicapped parking spot in the parking lot closest to the trailhead.
16-044	Conservation Commission	0 Saddle Hill Rd	Saddle Hill Conservation Area	1.07	Conservation	Maintain for wildlife. Add small sign to identify as conservation area.	
16-043	Conservation Commission	0 Saddle Hill Rd	Saddle Hill Conservation Area	1.03	Conservation		
16-031	Conservation Commission	Maple Leaf Ln	Maple Leaf Conservation Area	1.01	Conservation	Maintain for wildlife. Add small sign to identify as conservation area, to avoid brush dumping in cul-de-sac. Possible trail into adjacent 16-030.	
61-048	Conservation Commission	57 Village St	Breshnahan's Landing	0.88	Conservation	Maintain existing canoe/kayak launch. Manage invasive species.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide an accessible path from the parking lot to an accessible picnic area overlooking the river. 2. Dedicate a handicapped parking spot with a sign closest to the proposed accessible path and picnic area.
51-030	Conservation Commission	44 Oakland St	Oakland ST Well Conservation Area	42	Conservation	Potential rail trail parcel. 51-031 & 51-025 & 51-030 & 51-029 & 51-028 & 42-062 & 42-060 & 42-053 & 51-026 & 61-011 along with Army Corps of Eng parcels: 42-048 & 42-052 & 42-051 & 51-026(rail bed). Adjacent parcels north of Village St and east of Oakland St. Because of its size, multiple walking paths could be developed while maintaining habitat integrity.	
72-045	Conservation Commission	OR Ryan Rd	Ryan Conservation Area	4.4	Conservation	72-045 & 72-047: No apparent access to valuable site along river. However, if combined with adjacent parcel--with unknown owner and no parcel ID, and town parcel--72-047---next to water wells, there could be access to a large stretch of river, becoming a most important habitat and recreational site.	
55-005 Portion	Conservation Commission	Williamsburg Way	Williamsburg Conservation Area	7.63	Conservation	Forthcoming conveyance to town with Condo Association maintenance. Potential for access from Williamsburg Way with parking (2 cars); meadow with perimeter path is being maintained; mixed habitats of uplands and wetlands, with canoe access to Hopping Brook thru friendly neighbor's adjacent parcel.	

APPENDIX C: Town of Medway Lands - Recommendations

MAP_PAR_I D	MANAGEMENT AGENCY	STREET	SITE NAME	ACRES	USE/ CONDITION	RECOMMENDATIONS	ADA RECOMMENDATIONS
62-001	Conservation Commission	0 Pine Ridge Drive	Pine Ridge Conservation Area	11.6	Conservation	Forthcoming conveyance to Conservation Commission in March 2018 (Open Space Parcel C on Pine Ridge OSRD plan). Includes several parking spaces. Assess for potential trail development, and manage for wildlife.	
70-002-0100	Conservation Commission	0 Charles View Lane	Charles River Village Conservation Area	4.18	Open Space/ Conservation/ Trails	Abuts Charles River, good spot for stop along blue trail. Adjacent to Massasoit and Riverview Streets where there is the potential for providing a couple of parking spaces. Much of this parcel is level along the river, with views to Franklin conservation area, can provide pleasant area for day visits, picnics, fishing, canoes. Problems: most town residents must park half mile away to walk to access point; invasive plants rapidly dominating, leading to impassable jungle in just a few years.	
28-045	Conservation Commission	33 Azalea DR	Azalea Conservation Area	1.01	Drainage and Conservation	Develop maintenance plan for stormwater facility.	
16-030	Conservation Commission	4 Maple Leaf Ln	Maple Leaf parcel	4.86	Vacant Town	Assess whether public access is feasible, in conjunction with 16-031.	
55-005 Portion	Conservation Commission (CR)	Williamsburg Way	Conservation Restriction - Williamsburg Way	1	Open Space/ Conservation/ Trails	Forthcoming CR on 1.0 acres; shown as Parcel A on Williamsburg OSRD Plan. Trail potential to connect to boardwalk and Larussi Way.	
Portions of 69-015, 69-014, 69-015-0001, 69-021, and 69-013-0001	Conservation Commission (CR)	257, 259, 261, 261R, 263 Village ST	Conservation Restriction - Willows	37.4	Open Space/ Conservation/ Trails	Forthcoming CR on 37.4 acres; CR submitted to EOEEA and is under review. Property abuts Charles River; developer to build canoe launch.	
20-004 Portion	Conservation Commission (CR)	Millstone Village	Conservation Restriction - Millstone	20.4	Open Space/ Conservation/ Trails	Existing CR on 20.4 acres shown as Open Space Parcel B on Millstone ARCPUD plan. Trail potential to connect to boardwalk and Larussi Way.	
47-063	Board of Parks Commissioners/DPS	1 Mechanic ST	Mechanic Street Pocket Park	0.25	Pocket Park		
07-049-0001	Board of Parks Commissioners/DPS	6 Wards LN	Idylbrook Park	10	Park	Implement parking and playground improvements, and storage facility/shed. Not great for a baseball field. They would rather have multiple diamonds, batting cage and a storage area. If it is ever not needed as ball field, we should keep it as a farming field.	1. Upgrade the gated access road from dirt and grass to a crushed aggregate (3/8 minus) path. 2. Install benches next to the parking lot so that people who cannot walk far can get out of their cars and sit at the edge of the playing fields.
14-003	Board of Parks Commissioners/DPS	2 Partridge ST	Winthrop ST Playground	0.5	Playground	Protected as a public park.	

APPENDIX C: Town of Medway Lands - Recommendations

MAP_PAR_I D	MANAGEMENT AGENCY	STREET	SITE NAME	ACRES	USE/ CONDITION	RECOMMENDATIONS	ADA RECOMMENDATIONS
58-125	Board of Parks Commissioners/D PS	5 Haven ST		0.25	Vacant Town	Pocket park potential; possible access to future rail trail.	
39-078	Board of Parks Commissioners/D PS	11R Winthrop ST	Cassidy Fields	4.4	Fields	Protected as a public park. Accessed by pedestrians from within Choate Park. Potential for playing fields.	1. Locate a sitting area on a paved surface contiguous with the paved area around the concession stand and bathrooms.
58-205	Board of Parks Commissioners/D PS	318 Village ST	Grand Army of the Republic Memorial	0.27	Memorial Park	Needs signage. It is a nice little memorial park but the screening into the neighborhood is getting overgrown-needs cleaning up. Colonel Matondi would like this to be more of a war memorial park. Could be fenced and made into a dog park.	1. Relocate the benches onto the level brick walkway.
58-090	Board of Parks Commissioners/D PS	304 Village ST	Medway Dog Park	0.3	Dog Park	On railroad ROW. 58-090 goes with 58-089 Keep as a dog park.	1. Created an accessible path the sitting area with benches.
58-089	Board of Parks Commissioners/D PS	302 Village ST	Medway Dog Park	0.41	Dog Park		This site may not be suitable for improved accessibility due to off-leash dogs.
60-064	Board of Parks Commissioners/D PS	0 North ST	North Street Playground	1.19	Playground	Protected as school property. Create cohesive playground/neighborhood park - landscape plan, playground, picnic area, etc.	1. Create an accessible path from the sidewalk to a sitting area inside the park at the edge of the playground. 2. Identify if there is room to create one handicapped parking space on the site (off-road), next to the proposed accessible path and sitting area. If not feasible, consider a curb cut to the sidewalk close to the park entrance.
42-058	Board of Parks Commissioners/D PS	Oakland ST	Oakland Park	11.1	Park & Fields	Protected as public park. Implement master plan recommendations.	Implement Oakland Street Park Master Plan.
31-099	Board of Parks Commissioners/D PS	9 Lovering ST	part of McGovern School property - park and field area overlay	24.15	Impr Educa	Protected as school property. Mark trail from Holliston Street.	
49-056	Board of Parks Commissioners/D PS	45 Holliston ST	part of Middle School property - park and field area overlay	35.16	Impr Educa	Protected as school property. Tennis court improvements underway. Potential connection to other trails.	
38-013, 37- 063-001, 37- 063004	Board of Parks Commissioners/D PS	88 Summer ST	part of High School property - park and field area overlay	49.65	Impr Educa	Protected as school property. Develop trail maintenance plan for this property and adjoining Choate Park and Adams Street properties.	
64-052	DPS	1 Tulip Way	Drainage Parcel	0.41	Drainage	Drainage parcel for Granite Estates subdivision. Develop maintenance plan.	
65-012	DPS	13R Tulip Way	Drainage Parcel	3.53	Drainage		
11-014	DPS	26A Stable Way	Possible future well	0.18	Vacant		
47-087	DPS	14 Highland St	Water Tank	0.8	Water Tank		
31-128	DPS	35 Lovering St	Water Tank	1.49	Water Tank	Assess public access for short trail.	

APPENDIX C: Town of Medway Lands - Recommendations

MAP_PAR_I D	MANAGEMENT AGENCY	STREET	SITE NAME	ACRES	USE/ CONDITION	RECOMMENDATIONS	ADA RECOMMENDATIONS
22-053-0008	DPS	0 Morningside DR	Drainage Parcel	0.21	Drainage	Drainage parcel for Fox Run Farm subdivision. Potential pocket park.	
24-010-0010	DPS	ON Jayar Rd	Well Parcel	11.16	Well	Assess trail options and public access from 23-041.	
51-025	DPS	48 Oakland St	Well Parcel	13.52	Well	Abuts railroad ROW. Existing trail connection across eastern portion between rail bed and Oakland Park.	
72-048	DPS	41R Village St	Well Parcel	9.2	Well	Abuts Charles River. Assess public access and trails on this and adjoining town land/owner unknown land. Explore possible access to 72-047.	
20-003	BOS	54R Adams St	Lee Management Area	33	CPA uses	Keep as is for trails and wildlife. Perhaps rename Chicken Brook Conservation Area (or Corridor). Would be good to develop a land management plan. Applies to 28-016 and 29-003. Include up to 38-009.	
28-016	BOS	61 Adams St	Secord Open Space	7.6	CPA uses	Maintain for trails and wildlife.	
29-010	BOS	40 Adams ST	Medway Community Farm	1.01	Leased to Medway Community Farm	Maintain for farming Consider merging 29-010, 009, 008, 007.	The farm stand is located in a small shed approximately 50' from the gravel parking lot. To make the shed ADA accessible, an accessible path from the parking lot to the shed would be needed, and a ramped entrance into the shed. One handicapped parking spot next to the accessible path would also be needed.
29-009	BOS	42 Adams St	Medway Community Farm	1.01	Leased to Medway Community Farm	Maintain for farming.	
29-008	BOS	44 Adams St	Medway Community Farm	1.01	Leased to Medway Community Farm	Maintain for farming.	
29-007	BOS	46 Adams St	Medway Community Farm	1.01	Leased to Medway Community Farm	Maintain for farming.	
29-003	BOS	54 Adams St	Lee Management Area	24	CPA uses	Keep as is for trails and wildlife. Perhaps rename Chicken Brook Conservation Area (or Corridor).	
29-020	BOS	0 Adams St	Adams Street Field and Recreation Area	47.88	CPA Uses	Keep as is for trails and wildlife. Perhaps name Adams Street Meadow and Recreation Area (to define meadow as apart from North "Field" turf field).	
30-003	BOS	50 Winthrop St	Medway Community Farm	14	Leased to Medway Community Farm	Maintain for farming and trails.	

APPENDIX C: Town of Medway Lands - Recommendations

MAP_PAR_I D	MANAGEMENT AGENCY	STREET	SITE NAME	ACRES	USE/ CONDITION	RECOMMENDATIONS	ADA RECOMMENDATIONS
38-009	BOS	25R Adams ST	Adams Street Field and Recreation Area	8.5	CPA uses	Keep as is for trails and wildlife. Perhaps name Adams Street Meadow and Recreation Area (to define meadow as apart from North "Field" turf field).	
47-033	BOS/Thayer Governance Committee	2B Oak ST	Thayer Homestead	3.29	Community Center and Open Space	Maintain as historic resource and community event space.	
48-002	BOS	158 Main ST	Jacob Ide House	1.4	Private residence. To be leased to Medway Historical Society	Forthcoming conveyance to TOM. Approved at November 2017 town meeting. Abuts Choate Park. Historic house. Likely new home for Medway Historical Society.	
42-057	Council on Aging	76 Oakland ST	Senior Center	3.9	Improved Town	Maintain as Senior Center. Important trail connection exists in southeast corner to rail ROW.	
57-106	Medway Historical Society	223 Main ST	Historical Society Building	0.09	Improved Town		
37-064-0001	School Committee	42N Highland ST	High School	4.2	Vacant Town	Protected as school property.	
37-063-0001	School Committee	88 Summer ST	High School	7.1	Impr Educa	Protected as school property.	
37-063-0004	School Committee	88 Summer ST	High School	1.96	Impr Educa	Protected as school property.	
38-013	School Committee	88 Summer ST	High School	13.87	Impr Educa	Protected as school property.	
38-339	School Committee	84R Summer ST	High School	3		Protected as school property.	
31-099	School Committee	9 Lovering ST	McGovern School	24.15	Impr Educa	Protected as school property.	
59-031	School Committee	OR Center ST	Field area near Burke/ Memorial Schools	2.68		Protected as school property; west of railroad ROW.	
49-061	School Committee	13R Dean ST	Middle School	2.12		Part from Dean Street subdivision; abuts town-owned land (51-026). Protected as school property.	
59-033	School Committee	16 Cassidy LN	Burke Elementary School	11.24	Impr Educa	Protected as school property	
49-056	School Committee	45 Holliston ST	Middle School	35.16	Impr Educa	Protected as school property.	
50-038	School Committee	37R Holliston St	Middle School	0.29		Protected as school property.	
49-007	BOS	0 Henry St	Henry Street parcel	0.71	Vacant Town	Potential for public access to Rosenberg properties on Kelly Street extension; mini pocket park.	

APPENDIX C: Town of Medway Lands - Recommendations

MAP_PAR_ID	MANAGEMENT AGENCY	STREET	SITE NAME	ACRES	USE/CONDITION	RECOMMENDATIONS	ADA RECOMMENDATIONS
59-044	BOS	4A Center St	Center Street parcel	0.33	Vacant Town	Possible affordable housing or pocket park. Combine with adjacent owner unknown 59-045 for affordable housing.	
05-014	BOS	33 Causeway St	Causeway Street parcel	5.52	Vacant Town	Adjacent to 190R Holliston Street which is owned by the Conservation Commission. Passive recreation and trail. Install small signage and assess for trail along edge of meadow for access to 05-012.	
60-109	BOS	193 Village ST	Village Street parcel	0.13	Vacant Town	Potential access to Amphitheatre and parking on Village Street. Encroachment by 187 Village Street.	
10-018	BOS	0R Birch Bark Rd	Birch Bark parcel	13.4	Vacant Town		
23-041	BOS	12 Green Valley Rd	Green Valley parcel	1.28	Vacant Town	23-041(town) & Corps of Engineers: 23-047 & 24-008 & 24-006 -- These four adjacent parcels total significant acreage, but may be too wet for public access. Install small town marker sign and assess trail access to other adjoining open space parcels.	
61-061	BOS	14 Canal St	Canal Street parcel	0.77	Vacant Town	Potential pocket park, canoe launch, handicapped fishing access.	
42-053	BOS	66R Oakland St	Oakland Street parcel	4.4	Vacant Town	Part of existing trail between rail bed and Oakland Park. Important to seek access through two private land parcels via an agreement, easement, or purchase of portion of abutting land.	
71-015	BOS	28 Populatic St	Populatic parcel	0.99	Vacant Town	Under power lines; town owns property across the street - Populatic well	
71-017	BOS	32 Populatic St	Populatic parcel	1.5	Vacant Town		
42-062	BOS	0R Oakland St		3.22	Vacant Town	Possibly land locked; adjacent to railroad row and TOM 42-062	
51-029	BOS	0R Oakland St		10	Vacant Town		
72-047	BOS	2R Cynthia Cir	Cynthia parcel	38	Vacant Town	72-045 & 72-047: No apparent access to valuable site along Charles River. However, if combined with adjacent parcel--with unknown owner and no parcel ID, and town parcel--72-047---next to water wells, there could be access to a large stretch of river, becoming a most important habitat and recreational site. Combine with Ryan Road Conservation Area.	
46-015-0001	BOS	46 Milford St		1.01	Vacant Town	Potential parking area for trail access to 46-016 and 46-010.	
46-015	BOS	46 Milford St		1.01	Vacant Town		
02-023	BOS	17 Colonial Rd	Colonial Swamp	9.8	Vacant Town	Appears to be mostly wetland. Maintain as habitat.	
57-131	BOS	2N Sherwood DR	Sherwood parcel	0.04	Vacant Town	Parcel from subdivision.	
64-006	BOS	Trotter DR	Trotter drive cul de sac	0.09	Vacant Town	Part of Trotter Drive road ROW.	

APPENDIX D: PUBLIC OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Open Space and Recreation Plan Task Force Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2017
June 26, 2017
August 14, 2017
November 21, 2017
January 18, 2018
February 12, 2018
February 26, 2018
March 26, 2018
April 5, 2018
April 17, 2018
May 15, 2018
June 5, 2018

Community Forum Fliers

October 3, 2017
March 12, 2018
June 25, 2018

Community Forum Minutes

October 3, 2017
March 12, 2018
June 25, 2018

Community Survey Results Summary

Press Articles

Milford News, August 21, 2017
Milford News, September 23, 2017

Medway Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Task Force
Tuesday, May 30, 2017 Meeting
Town Administrator’s Conference Room, Medway Town Hall, 155 Village Street

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Paul Atwood, David Blackwell, Matt Hayes, Denise Legee, Paul Mahoney, and Glenn Trindade (arrived at 8:20 pm after a BOS meeting)

Member Absent: Rich Eustis

Staff Present: Susy Affleck-Childs, David D’Amico, Bridget Graziano and Stephanie Mercandetti

Susy Affleck-Childs opened the meeting at 7:05 pm and thanked everyone for attending the first meeting of the Task Force. Participants introduced themselves all around and identified the various committee/board/department/organization they were associated with. A list of Task Force members with email addresses was distributed. **(See Attached)**. Members were informed that paper copies of all six consultant proposals were available for their use during the meeting.

Susy provided a brief overview of the history of Medway’s Open Space and Recreation Plan going back to 1996 through its most recent iteration in 2009. She noted that this project will be the first time that representatives of all the key committees/boards and departments will come together to develop Medway’s OSRP.

Susy referred members to the 2009 Medway OSRP to become familiar with the general scope of municipal open space and recreation plans. Copies of the 2009 OSRP were made available to all who wanted. She explained that OSRPs are under the jurisdiction of the Division of Conservation Services (DCS) within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA). There is a very prescriptive format for these plans, what items have to be addressed and what information has to be included.

Susy reviewed expectations for Task Force members – Monthly meetings, compliance with Open Meeting Law with published agendas and minutes, 9 – 12 month timeframe.

Susy noted that the primary tasks for tonight’s meeting are:

1. Review the six consultant proposals and decide which firms to interview.
2. Decide how to conduct the interview process.
3. Select a chairman for the group.

Review of Consultant Proposals

Susy Affleck-Childs explained the RFP process and gave an overview of the comparative evaluation criteria which were included in the RFP. She reported that the RFP had been directly emailed to approximately 25 planning firms and circulated statewide through the massplanners listserv.

Task Force members discussed the merits of the six proposals submitted in response to the RFP. Approximately ten minutes was devoted to discussing each proposal. Each member scored the various proposals using a score sheet. **(See Attached)**.

A summary of the discussion is provided below. Thanks to Stephanie Mercandetti for these notes.

Conservation Works:

- Provided a listing of OSRP plans done by one individual – Anne Capra. It seems the work would be primarily done by one person as opposed to a team of individuals. A drawback is the number of qualified personnel associated with the project.
- Prior projects were mainly located in Western Massachusetts though the two latest projects were in Eastern Massachusetts. Would like to have seen more experience in Eastern Massachusetts or with nearby towns. It was noted that Lincoln and Weston are comparable to Medway.
- Distinctly clear and well thought out process on the aspects of the plan. Provided specific details on what is to be included. Sets clear expectation.
- Thorough explanation on approach to outreach for community forums and ADA Transition Plan. Suggestion on having the public forum be interactive was interesting.
- A clear project schedule was not provided.
- Connection to the Conway School was noted; Conway School assisted in a prior project in Town.

PGC Associates & JM Goldson:

- PGC Associates has a long standing relationship with the Town. Presently, they have a contract with the Town providing planning consulting services. PGC also did the prior OSRP for the Town in 2009. So the firm is knowledgeable about the Town which could be an advantage. The firm has also worked in nearby towns and therefore would be able to draw any connections for trails or facilities in adjacent towns.
- It was noted that this is also a small firm and what happens if conflicts arise and there is an issue with personnel.
- The proposal lacked details in their approach to public participation.
- The proposal included having a photograph of each site as part of the ADA Transition Plan which members found creative.
- The proposal's text regarding the land management portion was thorough.
- An inquiry was made as to whether the two firms collaborating have worked together on prior projects. It was noted that this should be a question to ask during interviews.
- The proposal outlined a clear delineation of responsibilities assigned to each firm on the various aspects of the plan.
- The firms are definitely capable of completing the project.
- Provided a short list of past OSRP plans completed.

Horsley Witten:

- It is a larger firm providing an array of services but primarily services relating to the environment and natural resources.
- The firm provided a well thought out list of methods for public engagement such as e-blasts and local media but the proposal lacked detail in what they would actually do for us for public outreach. The proposal specified that, if selected, they would meet with the task force to give their expertise on the various methods and select those options that would work for the Town.
- The third public forum seemed late in the project schedule.
- It was noted that the one-on-one interviews could be very time consuming and therefore costly.

- Provided some experience in Massachusetts (in Eastern MA and with coastal towns) but also included a lot of experience in Rhode Island.
- The proposal included which personnel would be assigned to the different aspects of the project.
- Interesting aspects of the proposal were on land management and habitat protection

Beals & Thomas:

- Well thought out proposal; noted some familiarity with the Town.
- The firm is working on the design and engineering for the Chicken Brook trail.
- The firm has prior experience in developing OSRPs until 2010 then nothing until recent OSRP projects still underway in 2017.
- Project approach was thorough and precise
- Public outreach included hosting meetings in central locations throughout the Town; approach was comprehensive but not creative. Task Force member suggested that public outreach sessions should be scheduled earlier in the project schedule; don't want it to be "too late" for feedback or changes if needed.
- Referenced keeping the character of the Town several times in their proposal
- Some of the personnel in the project team have certification from the National Charrette Institute
- The proposal lacked details on the ADA Transition Plan

MAPC:

- MAPC has performed a lot of master plan work but didn't seem to have much OSRP work.
- The proposal was a lot more generic; they didn't try to customize it.
- Offered two public forums and not three. The third instead would be a focus group. Would rather see the focus group first and then the public forums. Public forums seemed out of order for project schedule.
- Included in the proposed outreach to other organizations was outreach to youth and seniors which was an interesting aspect to the proposal.
- It was noted that the project manager has a long history of planning work in the greater Boston area and was one of the authors of the OSRP workbook for DCS but that the rest of the staff is new to MAPC.
- Concern that the ADA component would be completed in one day. Is that realistic?
- The firm is presently working on three OSRPs. Would the Medway project be able to get the attention it needs?
- The proposal didn't outline the roles of the each of the project team.

Community Opportunities Group:

- The firm provided experience but didn't include a cohesive list. Provided a lot of master planning experience but not so much on the development of OSRPs. It was unclear how much experience they have in creating OSRPs.
- Public outreach and public forums were late in the project schedule.
- Only firm to ask for financial data to make sure the plan is realistic.
- Noted collaboration with Land Development Design Inc.

- The proposal lacked details. It was noted that they would customize the specifics with the task force rather than lay out the approach to the development of the plan.
- The ADA work seemed to be based on questionnaires rather than other methods such as site visits. The firm did provide a clear list of what was needed from the Town.
- It was not clear on assignment of responsibilities of project personnel.

The proposal evaluation score sheets were compiled and tallied by Stephanie Mercandetti.

While the scoring sheets were being tallied, Susy Affleck-Childs asked the Task Force to select a chairman.

Matt Hayes offered to serve as chair. He was affirmed unanimously. Thanks, Matt.

Stephanie announced that the top three firms, based on weighted scores, were Beals & Thomas, Conservation Works and Horsley Witten Group.

A motion was made by Glenn Trindade, seconded by Paul Mahoney to bring in these three firms for interviews. The motion was approved unanimously.

Susy Affleck-Childs asked the Task Force how they would like to conduct interviews. Would the entire Task Force want to do so? Another option is to have a sub-committee conduct interviews. The group decided to have everyone involved.

The next steps include checking everyone's availability for a meeting date for interviews and drafting a list of interview questions. Susy Affleck-Childs will send out a Doodle poll via email with some potential meeting dates. Stephanie Mercandetti has some sample interview questions and will provide those to Susy who will email them to members to ask for additions/edits.

Susy thanked everyone for their good work.

A motion was made by Glenn Trindade, seconded by Denise Legee, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Mercandetti and Susy Affleck-Childs

OSRP Update Task Force Members		
Paul Atwood	Citizen at Large - Member of Medway Agricultural Committee; member of Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust Board of Directors; member of Medway Trails Club	atwood.paul@gmail.com
David Blackwell	Member of Medway Conservation Commission	djbtomedway@verizon.net
Rich Eustis	Member of the Medway School Committee	eustislaw@yahoo.com
Matt Hayes	Member of the Medway Planning and Economic Development Board	hayes7000@msn.com
Denise Legee	Member of Medway Open Space Committee	glegee@comcast.net
Paul Mahoney	Member of the Medway Board of Parks Commissioners; member of the Evaluation of Parks, Fields and Recreation Areas Committee (EPFRAC)	psmahoney2015@gmail.com
Glenn Trindade	Member of the Board of Selectmen	glenstrindade@verizon.net
Staff Support		
Susy Affleck-Childs	Planning and Economic Development Coordinator	sachilds@townofmedway.org
Dave D'Amico	Director, Department of Public Services	ddamico@townofmedway.org
Bridget Graziano	Conservation Agent	bgraziano@townofmedway.org
Stephanie Mercandetti	Director, Community & Economic Development	smercandetti@townofmedway.org
5/30/2017		

Reviewer's Name: _____

Date: _____

**Town of Medway
Community and Economic Development Office
Request for Proposals - Open Space and Recreation Plan Update**

PROPOSAL EVALUATION WORKSHEET

Proposer: _____

Ratings Categories (Numerical Value): <i>Highly Advantageous (5), Advantageous (4), Acceptable (3), Not Advantageous (2), Not Acceptable (1), Did not provide information (0)</i>		
Comparative Evaluation Criteria	Comments	Rating
A. Familiarity and experience in preparing OSRP plans in accordance with the Mass Division of Conservation Services OSRP Guidelines	Notes/Comments:	
B. Qualifications of key personnel to be assigned to the project	Notes/Comments:	
C. Thoughtfulness & thoroughness of proposal including the consultant's planned methodology/approach to the project.	Notes/Comments:	
D. Creativity of the plan for citizen participation/community engagement	Notes/Comments:	

Total Score: _____

What was interesting or distinctive about this proposal? _____

Additional notes/comments about this proposal: _____

Would you like to interview this consultant? _____

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

Monday, June 26, 2017 Meeting
Medway Senior Center, 76 Oakland Street, Medway MA

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Matt Hayes, Chairman, Paul Mahoney, Paul Atwood, Denise Legee, David Blackwell (arrived at 7:15 pm)

Members Absent: Glenn Trindade, Rich Eustis

Staff Present: Bridget Graziano, Stephanie Mercandetti

1. Welcome Tracy Rozak

Matt Hayes opened the meeting at 7:01 pm and welcomed Tracy Rozak, OSRP Task Force Recording Secretary to the meeting.

2. Interview of Consultants

Participants introduced themselves to the candidates and identified the various committee/board/department/organization they were associated with.

Each consultant had ten minutes to highlight their firm's knowledge, skills and experience. Then each consultant was asked 11 standardized interview questions. Brief summaries and the questions / answers are listed below followed by the Task Force's discussion of pros and cons of each consultant.

Consultant # 1 Conservation Works:

Anne Capra represented Conservation Works which is a small firm with four partners, founded in 2005 and specializing in conservation planning services and management. In the past five years, Anne has completed full updates, including public outreach and engagement, for eight municipal open space and recreation plans in Massachusetts and all have been approved by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Department of Conservation Services (DCS). Most recently she worked for the Lincoln Conservation Department and the Chicopee Planning Departments on their plan updates and performed the public outreach component for the Town of Weston's Conservation Department.

Anne would be the primary contact and would work closely with Richard O'Brien, Partner Conservation Works. Richard will assist Anne in conducting the site assessments. Richard leads CW's trail design and construction division and has extensive experience with ADA compliance for outdoor and indoor recreation facilities. Anne and Dick conducted the 29-facility ADA assessment for the City of Chicopee's Parks and Recreation Department in 2015,

and the 13-facility evaluation for the Town of Lincoln in 2016. The firms two other partners- Molly Hale, Wild Life Biologist and Pete Westover, Founder, are available to support the team if needed.

Anne noted that she has experience with a full range of community outreach and engagement activities such as:

- Community forums and visioning sessions
- Public survey design and analysis
- Online mapping tools for gathering public comment
- Targeted stakeholder focus groups
- Stakeholder interviews
- Social media outreach
- Design of interpretive signs, displays and maps

Anne also stated that she likes to attend the “other town” specific meetings so she can understand their priorities and see how they relate to the OSRP. It also keeps everyone informed and engages them from the start.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

- 1. In our Request for Proposals, we asked for proposers to describe the qualifications and experience of staff expected to work on the project. Tell us why the composition of the proposed team is appropriate for what Medway needs to accomplish with this project.**

Anne stated that you will actually be working with Anne unlike some other companies that list a key partner in the proposal but that is not who actually ends up doing the writing/analysis/planning. Anne has experience with research, analysis, GIS mapping and analysis and feels these are the skills needed for the project. Anne also noted that she teaches at the Conway School which is challenging as the students must complete an OSRP in 3 months.

- 2. What do you feel is your firm’s strongest area of professional expertise? How will that help you in this project?**

Anne stated that she is a Land Conservation Specialist. All of her work is about ecological, natural resource assessment and planning for its management and protection. Anne is very familiar with the available resources and really enjoys working with the land owners and user groups.

- 3. Tell us about your familiarity with Medway’s open space, recreational and natural resources.**

Anne stated she has looked at the towns past OSRP and saw rapid growth within the town and there is a lot of very valuable open space. Anne stated she would consider our recreational needs and how to accommodate them if there are any water bans in place.

4. Does your project team have experience in a public meeting setting describing what they are doing in layman's terms (as compared to presenting at technical conferences)?

Anne responded that she is very mindful of technical jargon. Anne tailors her workshops to the audience and likes to create smaller groups within the larger group to find out where they live, work and play and what works and what doesn't work for them. Anne feels it is important to really listen to what people are saying.

5. The community engagement/citizen participation component of this project is important to the Town and its residents. Please provide some examples of how you have engaged the public in other communities working on an OSRP. What do you find is most successful?

Anne stated that social media can be a really big driver. Anne thinks you need to identify what networks are available for promoting and networking. Anne suggested getting the information out to large target areas like schools or at a public event such as a fall festival. Anne finds the grass roots approach of getting out to local events and talking with people a very effective way to generate excitement, ask questions and drive people to the website or surveys.

6. Does the project team have experience in preparing fact sheets, public notices and other materials that may be necessary as part of your outreach, etc.? Did the public come out?

Anne stated she has used a wide range of strategies in the past. Anne envisions a forum early in the process followed by a 2nd forum to distribute fact sheets and present survey results and have a meaningful discussion of how it relates to the project. Anne also found that using graphic images is a great way to illustrate mixed land use.

*** Matt Hayes skipped question 7 and 8 as Anne clearly answered these questions in her opening summary.**

9. Are you presently working on OSRPs in other communities? Do you feel you can provide Medway adequate attention while working on those other OSRPs? Will this affect your flexibility for being available for all the necessary meetings?

Anne reported that she just finished an OSRP 6 months ago. Currently, Anne is doing some fieldwork such as trail/wetland permitting and boundary marking.

10. **Throughout the project, you will be meeting with the OSRP Taskforce, Town staff, interested stakeholders, residents, etc. How will input and insight be gathered through these meetings? How will you bring folks to consensus?**

Anne stated she would make the meeting notes from every forum and the survey results available to all interested parties. Anne noted that bringing folks to a consensus is challenging but feels that it is important to let people say what they want to say and ensure that this information is documented. Not everyone is going to agree but it is good to try to get consensus on the most important criteria.

11. **Provide a brief summary on your ADA work on other OSRPs and the time it took to complete that task.**

Anne reported that she and her firm did the ADA work on 27 parks and recreation facilities in Chicopee MA and 13 in Lincoln, RI. Anne stated that it usually takes a day two in field to do an assessment, write the report and complete forms and create a Transition plan for the facilities that are not ADA compliant. Anne noted that every single park does not have to be 100% ADA compliant but you do need to make reasonable accommodations. Anne stated that there is grant money available to bring restroom facilities into compliance

Discussion - Pros/ Cons

- + The Lincoln and Weston projects seem comparable to Medway.
- + Distinctly clear and well thought out process on the aspects of the plan.
- + Provided specific details on what is to be included. Sets clear expectations.
- + Thorough explanation on approach to outreach for community forums and ADA Transition Plan
- + Anne teaches at the Conway School which assisted in a prior town project.
- + Has the lowest budget.
- + Has the time to devote to the project - not working on any other OSRPs.
- Most of the work would be primarily done by Anne as opposed to a team of individuals. A drawback is the number of qualified personnel associated with the project.
- A clear project schedule was not provided.
- Some felt that Anne's presentation skills were not as polished as the other consultants.

Consultant # 2 Horsley Witten:

The Horsley Witten Group was represented by Nathan Kelly, Principal in Charge and Krista Moravec, Project manager. Nathan stated that Horsley Witten brings decades of experience and qualifications in land use planning, infrastructure planning, economic

development, housing production, open space preservation, community design, natural resource protection, smart growth, low impact development, and renewable energy.

Nathan also noted they have established long term relationships with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), the American Planning Association (APA), and numerous state and local governments. Nathan stated that their firm is uniquely qualified to provide practical and comprehensive planning services because they have an interdisciplinary staff of planners, scientists, and engineers.

Krista stated that public engagement is big part of what they do every day. They have experience with community paper and online surveys. They also like to do “pop up visits” – where they go out to the parks and meet and talk with the people who use the park.

Questions /Answers

- 1. In our Request for Proposals, we asked for proposers to describe the qualifications and experience of staff expected to work on the project. Tell us why the composition of the proposed team is appropriate for what Medway needs to accomplish with this project.**

Nathan responded that the staffs listed on the proposal are pretty much guaranteed to be the ones working on the project. They also have many other experts to consult with in the company if needed

- 2. What do you feel is your firm’s strongest area of professional expertise? How will that help you in this project?**

Nathan reported that they can get very creative with public participation. They try to come up with unique ways to get people involved in the project.

- 3. Tell us about your familiarity with Medway’s open space, recreational and natural resources.**

Nathan stated he has not actually done any projects in Medway but has reviewed the Medway map and the proposal. He feels he has a good sense of the different landscapes in town. Nathan noticed that Medway has the same 7 goals now as in the original OSRP. Nathan stated there is a healthy focus on trail development.

- 4. Does your project team have experience in a public meeting setting describing what they are doing in layman’s terms (as compared to presenting at technical conferences)?**

Nathan stated they try really hard to use layman’s terms so that people understand. Krista stated that they often critique each other’s work to make sure they aren’t using too much industry jargon.

- 5. The community engagement/citizen participation component of this project is important to the Town and its residents. Please provide some examples of how you have engaged the public in other communities working on an OSRP. What do you find is most successful?**

Nathan stated that they see themselves as people who bring a big toolbox to you and can use many different tools in different situations. They will use whatever technique works for your town. We may go to a farmers market and use a short questionnaire to gather some quick information. Some towns like to come to meetings. The design approach is important but so is seeing the finish line and how you record the feedback. Nathan stated that a good example of good communication is when you transcribe a flipchart you should record it just like they say it rather than paraphrase. Use the “raw comments” from people so they can see that their comments are included and important.

- 6. Does the project team have experience in preparing fact sheets, public notices and other materials that may be necessary as part of your outreach, etc.? Did the public come out?**

Nathan stated they have used many different venues in the past such as social media and mass mailings. They have also contacted the schools and sent flyers home with the kids to the parents. Nathan reported they also have graphic designers on staff to help with posters and flyers etc. Nathan feels it is important to get input from the younger generations –usually get great feedback- might want to visit with the YMCA or contact the girl/boy scout leaders etc.

- 7. You’ve listed similar projects in your proposal as references. Why do you feel that these are the best, related examples of your work?**

Nathan stated they have done lot of work in coastal towns but Stoughton and Billerica were more urban towns. The work they did in Dedham was more robust, created the recreation masterplan as well as the OSRP.

- 8. Who will be our primary contact? Who will be the staff member present at meetings and forums?**

Both Nathan and Christa will be the primary contacts but Jeff Davis and other staff are available as needed.

- 9. Are you presently working on OSRPs in other communities? Do you feel you can provide Medway adequate attention while working on those other OSRPs? Will this affect your flexibility for being available for all the necessary meetings?**

Nathan stated they are currently finalizing the details in Marshfield and Bourne. Billerica and Stoughton are almost finished and they are still early in the process with Dedham.

10. Throughout the project, you will be meeting with the OSRP Taskforce, Town staff, interested stakeholders, residents, etc. How will input and insight be gathered through these meetings? How will you bring folks to consensus?

Nathan stated they have done a lot of public conflict management. It's important to identify who is really driving the issues and how deep is the divide and that will determine the interventions that are needed. Nathan stated its best to have a public community session for some of the more volatile issues like the selling of conservation land. Nathan stated you need to make sure all your facts are correct so you don't get tripped up on small details at the meetings. Nathan stated they had a lot of conflict of land uses in Stoughton and Marshfield struggled with how to staff, maintain and involve community partnerships etc.

11. Provide a brief summary on your ADA work on other OSRPs and the time it took to complete that task.

Nathan reported they have done ADA Assessments in Bourne and Marshfield. They are close to completion in Bourne; it has taken about 3 weeks with site visits. They are just starting with Marshfield but they anticipate it should take about 3 weeks.

Discussion - Pros /Cons

- + It is a larger firm providing an array of services and experts.
- + They presented the information very well.
- + They have some experience in Massachusetts (in Eastern MA and with coastal towns) but a lot in Rhode Island.
- Did not have much ADA experience and this is crucial.
- Did not have much experience with Conservation restrictions.
- Stated it would take about 3 weeks for ADA assessments. The other 2 consultants stated 3 days.

Consultant # 3 Beals and Thomas (B & L)

Beals and Thomas were represented by David LaPointe, Principal, John Gelcich, Senior Planner and Mary Kay Scheeweis, Environmental Specialist.

John stated that their office is located about 20 minutes from Medway so that they are able to get to Medway quickly anytime during the day or night. John stated that Stacy Minihane will be the Project Director but is on maternity leave and is expected back in 3 weeks.

John stated that Beals and Thomas have provided professional services that support the development and conservation of land and water resources throughout New England. They specialize in planning, permitting, environmental services, landscape architecture, wetlands consulting, civil engineering, and land surveying. All of the B & L staff have their professional certifications. They put a strong focus on community involvement which they feel allows people to own the plan and want it to work.

They have extensive experience with OSRPS and have worked in Medway on the Affordable Housing Round Table and projects in many of the surrounding towns such as Brookfield, Ayer and Hanover. They are currently working on OSRPs for the town of Northbridge and Cohasset.

- 1. In our Request for Proposals, we asked for proposers to describe the qualifications and experience of staff expected to work on the project. Tell us why the composition of the proposed team is appropriate for what Medway needs to accomplish with this project.**

John stated that B & L have a full spectrum of architects, civil engineers, urban planners, wetland scientists and conservation specialists on staff. In addition to the immediate team, they have many other staff in house to consult with if needed and they do not have to contract out any of the work.

- 2. What do you feel is your firm's strongest area of professional expertise? How will that help you in this project?**

John stated the firm has expertise in planning and everything that goes into the plan-analysis of data, public involvement, eye for design etc. We are experts in numerous disciplines as mentioned in question # 1.

- 3. Tell us about your familiarity with Medway's open space, recreational and natural resources.**

John stated that David lives close by in Norfolk and another principal in the firm lives in Medway. They are familiar with Choate Park, Chicken Brook and many of the trails. John praised Medway's website for doing a great job at showcasing all of their recreational facilities.

- 4. Does your project team have experience in a public meeting setting describing what they are doing in layman's terms (as compared to presenting at technical conferences)?**

David stated that OSRP's involve individuals and it is important to get their input and opinions. They worked on many parks in Worcester MA including Elm Park, University Park, Betty Place playground, Short Park and Morgan Landing. They had numerous Public Input secessions and the neighbors were notified of the meetings so they could

come and give their input. The public meetings were well attended by the residents.

- 5. The community engagement/citizen participation component of this project is important to the Town and its residents. Please provide some examples of how you have engaged the public in other communities working on an OSRP. What do you find is most successful?**

John stated they try and use any and all strategies to get people to show up to the meetings. One successful strategy that they have used in the past was to break people up into smaller groups and give each group a task such as a questionnaire or a dot matrix. This gets the attendees involved right from the start. They would also have the smaller groups present their information to the other small groups. This technique really gives them ownership of the project.

- 6. Does the project team have experience in preparing fact sheets, public notices and other materials that may be necessary as part of your outreach, etc.? Did the public come out?**

David stated they have used social media such as Face Book and posted information on websites. They have also sent email blasts out to schools and senior centers, distributed flyers at school baseball & football games. They have posted signs put up a small booth where large groups of people gather such as a 4th of July festival.

- 7. You've listed similar projects in your proposal as references. Why do you feel that these are the best, related examples of your work?**

John stated they have worked on many parks and trails similar to Medway. We have extensive knowledge experience connecting local trails systems to regional trails. One of the principals at the company is on the Upper Charles Trail committee in Milford.

- 8. Who will be our primary contact? Who will be the staff member present at meetings and forums?**

John stated that Stacy Minihane will be Project Director that will oversee the entire project. Stacy is currently on maternity leave but is expected to be back in 3 weeks.

- 9. Are you presently working on OSRPs in other communities? Do you feel you can provide Medway adequate attention while working on those other OSRPs? Will this affect your flexibility for being available for all the necessary meetings?**

David stated they are currently working on the OSRP for Northbridge but are towards the end of project. They have not submitted the draft to the state yet. David stated they are in the middle of Cohasset's OSRP plan right now but this will not interfere with Medway.

10. Throughout the project, you will be meeting with the OSRP Taskforce, Town staff, interested stakeholders, residents, etc. How will input and insight be gathered through these meetings? How will you bring folks to consensus?

John stated that they have found that small group discussions work best. It is important to ask the right questions to get the right answers and results for the plan. John stated that reaching a consensus can be difficult but you should try to narrow it down to what people value the most- ball fields, trails, play grounds etc.

11. Provide a brief summary on your ADA work on other OSRPs and the time it took to complete.

David reported that he just completed the evaluations for the Cohasset OSRP. David explained that you go out and do a site visit and look at access to parking lots, snack bar, restrooms etc. They use a standard form and check off which aspects conform or not. They often take pictures and measurements. Then they create the report and create goals. David stated that existing trails don't have to be overhauled to become compliant but new trails should be ADA compliant.

Discussion - Pros /Cons

- + Well thought out proposal; noted some familiarity with the Town.
- + The firm is working on the design and engineering for the Chicken Brook trail.
- + Project approach was thorough and precise.
- Their presentation seemed very stiff.
- The proposal lacked details on the ADA Transition Plan.
- The firm is presently working on two other OSRPs. There was some concern that the Medway project would not get the attention it needs.
- The firm is currently working on the Exelon project - this could be a perception of conflict of interest.

3. Review of Candidates /Review of Price Quotes/Selection of Finalist

The committee had a lengthy discussion about each consultant, reviewed the price quotes and weighed the pros and cons of each firm. The price quotes per firm are as follows:

Beals and Thomas -\$29,000
Conservation Works – \$21,056
Horsley Witten – \$33,650

It was determined that Conservation Works had the best knowledge and experience to meet the needs of Medway. It was noted that they did not have reference checks on file for Anne Capra of Conservation Works. Stephanie will call and check her references. Contingent upon a positive reference check, Conservation Works will be contracted to do the Medway's OSRP.

VOTE: Paul Mahoney motioned to vote for Anne Capra of Conservation Works contingent upon a positive reference check. Denise Legee seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4. Review of Meeting minutes of May 30, 2017.

It was noted that the 4th sentence on the 4th page should be amended to read “He was unanimously affirmed.” instead of “He was unanimously acclaimed!”

VOTE: Matt Hayes motioned to approve the amended Meeting Minutes of May 30, 2017. Paul Mahoney seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

6. Adjourn

A motion was made by Matt Hayes at 10:11 pm to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Denise Legee. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary

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

Monday, August 14, 2017

Medway Town Hall, 155 Village Street, Medway MA 02053

MEETING MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Rich Eustis

Staff Present: Susan Affleck-Childs, Dave D’Amico, Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary

Staff Absent: Bridget Graziano, Stephanie Mercandetti

Mr. Hayes, the Committee Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

1. Welcome to Anne Capra, Conservation Works, LLC.

The committee welcomed Ms. Capra to the meeting. Ms. Capra spent a few minutes telling the committee a little about herself.

2. Discussion of Project Schedule

Ms. Capra stated that she spoke with Ms. Graziano, Ms. Mercandetti and Ms. Affleck-Childs about two weeks ago by phone and they came up with a schedule. She reviewed it with the committee. Ms. Capra will draft a public survey tonight at this meeting and have it finalized after Labor Day. The first public forum will be held in September and she will start promoting it. The survey will remain open for about 65 days and be closed in mid-October. The second public forum will be held in mid-November before Thanksgiving. This forum will be more of a focus group. The third public forum will be held at the end of January/ beginning of February.

During this time, Ms. Capra will be gathering data, taking environmental and land inventories (*using draft maps from the Town*) and she will weave all this into the narrative and the report. By mid-March, Anne will work on a draft action plan and submit it to the state in the beginning of April. Ms. Capra recommends sending the draft plan to Melissa Cryan at the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services (DCS) for review as well and not waiting until it is finalized. Ms. Capra also recommends that the final plan be reviewed at a public forum where people can ask questions. Ms. Capra stated that it is required to get letter of approval from the Chief elected official, the Planning Board and the Regional Planning Commission. Ms. Capra recommends that the Conservation Commission review and comment on it as well.

Ms. Capra stated that once the draft plan has been submitted to DCS for approval, the Town can then apply for any grant funding through the state. If you receive approval from DCS, the plan must be finalized before they will send you the grant funds.

Ms. Capra stated she plans to do the ADA assessment in September and have a draft ready by mid-October.

Ms. Capra will send an email to all the various board chairs and committees asking if they have any specific priorities they would like to discuss. If any of the boards have any priorities, she will then look over their action plans for the next several years.

Ms. Affleck-Childs asked the committee if there were any particular officials that Anne should target. Mr. Blackwell stated she should definitely meet with the Conservation Commission. Ms. Capra stated that she currently has plans to meet/talk with Tina Wright and Denise Legee of the Open Space Committee; David Travalini and David Blackwell of the Conservation Commission; Courtney Riley, Director of the Senior Center; Jim Wieler, Paul Atwood, and Dave D'Amico. Mr. Trindade suggested Ms. Capra get in touch with some of the youth groups like the Boy Scouts. Ms. Capra stated that she will and will also send out the survey to the schools if the school administrator will allow it. Mr. D'Amico suggested that Ms. Capra also send the survey to Shirley Bliss, Fields Permitting Coordinator.

Mr. Trindade suggested that we need to get moving on the plan if the first forum is going to be in September. Ms. Capra agreed and suggested we choose a date tonight and suggested September 19, 2017. Mr. Trindade stated it might be better to wait until the first week of October after Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Mr. Trindade also suggested getting in touch with the following people to get their input - Cathy Campbell from the Middle School PTO, Julie Denehey from the Medway Business Council, and someone from the Medway Community Farm. Mr. Trindade will provide a list of contacts to Ms. Capra.

Ms. Capra stated that getting the survey out to people and doing outreach at existing events will be very valuable. Ms. Affleck- Childs suggested October 3, 2017 as the first forum date instead of September 19th. Mr. Hayes asked Ms. Capra to give Ms. Affleck- Childs a copy of her schedule. Ms. Affleck- Childs stated that the Medway Business Council has a cookout scheduled at the VFW for September 13, 2017 and thought this might be a good venue to distribute the survey.

3. Synopsis of Research to Date

Ms. Capra noted that there seems to be a lot of public interest in walking/nature trails. She suggested that we delve into this topic a bit more. Ms. Capra also suggested asking people specific questions like would you allow a trail to be built in this area; would you be willing to donate time and money to maintain the trail; would you vote yes to use Town money to fund such a trail etc.

Ms. Capra also noted that a lot of communities are concerned with the management and maintenance of open spaces. She suggested asking people about their specific concerns - ticks, people littering on the trails? etc. Ms. Capra stated there is also a lot of interest in food safety right now so we might want to ask people how often they buy local fruits and vegetables.

Mr. D'Amico asked if there are strict guidelines they must follow for the survey. Ms. Capra stated there are strict guidelines for the ADA assessments but not for the opinion survey. Mr. D'Amico asked how detailed the plan has to be. Ms. Capra stated it can be as general or detailed as you want. Ms. Capra stated that it is not a land management plan so there will not be a schedule for field mowing but the plan can look at the current mowing schedule to see if it is working or not. She stated it might be a good idea to ask about fields at the public forum. Ms. Legee asked how we can ensure that the maintenance gets done on the Town's open spaces. Ms. Capra asked if we have management plans in place for our fields and open space. Ms. Affleck-Childs stated that we do not and Ms. Capra stated it is really critical to have these plans in place

4. Discussion on Community Outreach

- **Survey**

Ms. Capra distributed a draft survey dated August 10, 2017 which they can use to find out what the top priorities are for people. **(See Attached)** The survey can be edited as needed. The committee reviewed the draft survey and had a lengthy discussion about it as follows:

Page 1 of the survey is trying to assess what people value in town. It was suggested that it might be good to create a "report card" type of form with our current inventory. Ms. Capra stated we might want to ask people to pick their top 3 priorities and then ask more questions about each such as assessing its condition, its use, and what are the issues and needs for each place. Ms. Capra stated we should ask specific questions - do we want to reuse a current space for something else or buy a new space? Mr. Hayes felt that we should not limit the 1st page to 3 places. Some members thought 3 locations were good as they didn't want to overwhelm people with too many. Other members suggested stating "check up to five" or ask them to fill out as many as they want.

Ms. Capra suggested getting rid of technical jargon like "wetland resources" and just say "wetlands". Ms. Legee asked about the wording of "Access to Charles River". We don't ask about "access" to any other of the spaces listed. Ms. Affleck-Childs suggested just saying "Charles River". Ms. Capra suggested we could ask "can you walk to a water resource from your residence?" This way we could see what neighborhoods have access and which ones don't.

Page 2 of the survey lists many of the open recreation spaces in town. It was noted that it is not a complete list and we could add more places to the list. Some committee members felt that some people in town are not even aware of all the recreational spaces that are listed on the survey. Ms. Capra suggested asking questions like do you know where this place is or how often do you use this space? Mr. Hayes suggested that we have maps available for those places at the public forums. We might also want to ask do you know where to go to get more information on these places?

Page 3 of the survey is a broad list of outdoor recreational activities that are available in town. The Committee thought about removing page 3 because we have already asked the town about their recreation needs and wants in the past. Ms. Capra suggested adding a sentence that states . . . In the past year there has been a lot of assessments about recreation facilities – this survey does not include them.

Page 4 of the survey. Ms. Capra suggested we keep the age groups listed and whether there are certain groups that are underserved. We should also ask what they need. Ms. Capra also suggested keeping the Major Concerns section.

Page 5 of the survey. Ms. Capra suggested changing “intrusion of invasive species” to intrusion of plants and animals and suggested changing “getting lost” to getting lost/finding way.

Ms. Capra asked if the Priorities of the Future section corresponds with the goals of the old Town OSRP. Some members though it would be best to leave this area pretty general.

In the Select up to 8 section, Ms. Capra stated that we might want to remove some things from the list like outdoor public swimming, children’s playgrounds, and projects that the Town is currently working on.

Page 6 - How important is it for the Town to use public funds to acquire or access additional land for open space/conservation and recreational purposes. Ms. Capra suggested asking people what they would be willing to do such as would you grant an easement on your property, would you volunteer to come out and cut brush etc....

Page 7 asks questions about the demographics of those taking the survey.

Mr. Hayes asked what a good length for a survey is. Ms. Capra suggested no more than 10 minutes and it should be formatted to be completed on your mobile phone. Mr. Trindade suggested asking people if they want to be added to an email list to receive updates about this project.

Ms. Capra will revise the survey based on everyone’s suggestions and send it to the committee members through Survey Monkey so they can see how long it takes to complete. Ms. Capra will send out the survey by August 18th and review it when she returns from vacation and they should be able to launch the survey the first week of September and keep it open for a few weeks. Some members thought it would be good to attach a map and pictures of the recreation areas with the survey.

- **Community Events**

Ms. Affleck-Childs asked about bringing the survey to some upcoming local events to get input. Committee members though it would be a good idea to bring the survey to a Taste of Medway

but not to the Town Wide Yard Sale or the Pumpkin Walk. It was also suggested that the survey be advertised at the school parent nights in September.

- **Public Forum**

The committee will decide this week on a date for the first public forum.

5. Review of the June 26, 2017 OSRP Task Force meeting minutes

Mr. Trindade made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the June 26, 2017 meeting. All were in favor.

The amendments included the following:

- Page 4, paragraph 2, change Lincoln, RI to Lincoln, MA.
- Page 9, paragraph 2, remove the “s” in the last sentence.
- Page 10, Under Pros/Cons, delete the words “they have the highest budget”
- Page 10, Under Price Quotes, the quote listed for Conservation Works should be \$21,056 and the quote for Horsley Witten should be \$ 33,650.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Adjourn

Mr. Hayes, Committee Chairman, made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Atwood. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary

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



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**

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

January 18, 2018

Medway Town Hall, 155 Village Street, Medway MA 02053

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Matt Hayes, Chairman, Paul Mahoney, David Blackwell and Tina Wright

Members Absent: Glenn Trindade, Denise Legee, Paul Atwood and Rich Eustis

Staff Present:

- Susan Affleck-Childs , Planning & Economic Development Coordinator
- Bridget Graziano , Conservation Agent
- Anne Capra, OSRP Consultant
- Mackenzie Leahy, Administrative Assistant
- Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary

Staff Absent: Dave D'Amico, Director of the Department of Public Services

Matt Hayes, the Task Force Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm.

Susan reported that Tina Wright is here tonight on behalf of Denise Legee who was not able to attend the meeting. Susan reported that Cindy Sullivan is the new School Committee member of the Task Force. She will replace Rich Eustis who recently resigned from the School Committee.

1. Review Draft of Section 3 of OSRP- Community Setting – See Attached

Anne asked the task force for their comments and feedback on each of the sections. She stated she is working with Mackenzie on the maps now and some of the sections have placeholders in them where the maps will be inserted. Anne noted that the formatting is different in sections 3 and 4 and that is because they were working out of the 2010 OSRP and some of the information was carried over into the updated plan. She asked the task force if they would prefer footnotes at the end of each page or have them all at the end of the report. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the footnotes should go at the end of each page for easier reading and to be consistent with the format of Medway's Urban Renewal Plan.

Paul asked if we can put hyperlinks in the new OSRP that will be posted on the Town's website. Matt stated this might not be right for this type of report as the links often break or people can change them.

Tina asked about the section regarding stormwater systems and the brownfields. She stated they are noted and asked if we are supposed to do anything about them. Anne stated section 7 will be an analysis of needs with action plans and such items will be identified there. In addition, most of the brownfield sites are on private properties and are listed with DEP. Susan asked if Anne was brought up to date by Dave D'Amico about the Town's water master plan.

Anne stated she that she was. Susan noted on page 13 under the Stormwater Systems paragraph, that the DPS has actually hired a MS4 compliance officer so the report should be updated to reflect that. Matt stated that sentence 2 under the same paragraph where it states “Among these efforts” the wording should be changed to “Medway has a stormwater task force that will evaluate the stormwater system.” Matt also stated that whenever a percentage less than one are referred to, they should have a zero and a decimal point before it. Matt also stated that the Norfolk airport is closed and Anne stated she will remove that. Susan noted that Medway is now affiliated with GATRA- Greater Attleborough Transportation Authority which runs the rush hour shuttle service to the Norfolk commuter rail station. This should be added to page 9 under the Infrastructure paragraph. David stated that some of the tables are broken (carry over to multiple pages). Anne replied that this is a draft and all formatting and typos will be fixed before the final plan.

David asked why some of the sections are highlighted. Anne stated these include questions she has for the task force. Is this information in the highlighted areas still accurate? Are you still planning new wells? Bridget stated the reference should be to a redundant well and not a replacement well. Bridget will find out about the one in Medway and talk to Dave D’Amico about the other towns. Anne stated she received the Town’s latest Water Integrity Report form Dave D’Amico. Bridget stated she will review it with Dave and they will offer comments. Susan stated that Medway worked with the 495 MetroWest Development Compact Plan which was adopted by the state to identify priority development and preservation areas. Susan thought this information should be added to the Regional Context section and will send this information to Anne. Matt stated that some of the commercial district names have changed and Susan will send that information to Anne as well. Anne mentioned they might want to include a zoning map in the regional section.

2. Review Draft of Section 4 of OSRP- Environmental Inventory and Analysis – See Attached

Matt stated there is no longer a public beach at Choate Park. Susan asked if we need a figure or a map on page 2 where it is highlighted. Anne stated she is working with Mackenzie on that and just highlighted that to remind her. Anne will reword all “figures” to say “Map”.

Susan asked Bridget to check with Dave D’Amico about section 4 regarding Choate Park clean up and the dam renovation. Bridget will ask Dave and send the information to Anne. Also on page 6 under Ponds, it states two of the 3 tasks have been completed. What was the third task? Bridget will check with Dave D’Amico on that as well.

Matt asked about Page 5 under the section Chicken Brook. He asked if we have a drainage pump station. This info came from the 2010 mitigation plan. Bridget will ask Dave D’Amico about this. Cindy stated we now have a municipal sewer pump station at Trotter Drive. Susan asked Ann to capitalize the “ t” in the word town when referring to the town of Medway.

Mackenzie would like to see something in the history of Medway section about the impact of the open spaces and agriculture and the way the land is used and ownership of some of the larger pieces of land in town. Ann stated she could add a narrative about specific parcels in this section. Tina mentioned Medway was once a big farming town. Tina could talk to Buzz Johnson and find out more information. Anne stated if they can point her to a resource that she will check it out. Susan mentioned there is a History of Medway book and she will review it and send any important information to Anne. Anne stated that if you use the names of property owners in the OSRP, it can open up a can of worms. Susan stated if there is a public record that documents the ownership then it is fine to put it in. Anne stated she will draft a history section and then the task force can censor it as they see fit.

Anne stated she spoke to Paul Atwood about the agricultural section but the Ag Commission does not have an inventory of all agricultural land. She does not see much info about this in the 2010 plan and thinks there should be more info about it. Bridget stated she can put some information together for her.

Anne stated that there is not much information in the Fisheries and Wildlife section on pages 14 and 15. Bridget stated she can put this information together and will send it to Anne. Anne stated they can include any information they have from other sources. Susan will talk to the animal control officer to see if she has any information about the number of farm animals. Bridget asked if they should include the proposed conservation restriction at the Salmon ARCPUD site which will include a boat launch to the Charles River. Anne stated yes and stated they might also want to include any maps of scenic roads.

3. Review Draft ADA Self Evaluation Report – See Attached

Anne stated you do not have to bring every facility up to ADA standards. The rules state if they do an ADA evaluation then they need to make recommendations but the Town doesn't have to implement them all. Anne stated if you're building a new facility, park or structure then you need to make it ADA compliant. Only some of the existing places need to be ADA accessible. Anne stated the task force must decide which areas they want to focus on. Anne suggested making at least one path to the water accessible or one playground accessible. This would include providing a handicap parking space, a handicap picnic table and a smooth surface accessing the area (not grassy/rocky/uneven) that does not pool up with water. Ann stated since they are already renovating Choate Park, that this might be a good place to make ADA accessible. The Amphitheater area was suggested as one the easier places to renovate as it is one of the flattest and easiest places to get to. Anne noted that some terrains are just not practical to renovate for ADA accessibility such as areas in a flood plain or if the alterations would fundamentally alter the function of the setting or endanger wildlife species. Bridget brought up trails that flood. A trail may meet the standard but if it floods it will be closed and would be inaccessible to everyone.

Anne asked who is in charge of/oversees the following areas:

- Charles River Amphitheater – Conservation Commission
- Bresnahan’s Landing - Conservation Commission
- Oakland Park - Parks Commission
- North Street Park and Playground- Parks Commission
- Dog Park - Parks Commission. Ann states this area is not really appropriate for making ADA accessible as they have wood chips/ grass for dogs etc. Dave stated you could add a small cement path and landing. We would not have to do the whole park.
- Ohnemus Picnic Area - Conservation Commission
- Village Street 1 - Parks Commission
- Deerfield Street Pond –Conservation Commission. Anne didn’t think this was a good choice to make ADA accessible due to the small size and would probably be hard to get funding for.
- Adams Street Meadow - Board of Selectman. Anne felt this was not a good choice to make ADA accessible. Tina stated they would like to have handicap parking spot and a path to the boardwalk with a turn round. Bridget said there is quite a slope from the parking area to the pond and that would require a resting spot along the way. Bridget thinks this might change the whole environment of the site.
- Medway Community Farm- Board of Selectman. Anne felt this was not a good choice to make ADA accessible but maybe they could make it accessible from the parking lot to the shed.
- Idylbrook Park- Conservation and Parks Commission
- Cassidy Field - Parks Commission
- Choate Park - Parks Commission

4. Develop Agenda for Community Forum #2, scheduled for Monday 3/12/18 at 7pm

Susan stated she will reserve Thayer House for the 2nd Community Forum. Anne stated they should open the forum with the survey results. They might also want to run through the overlay analysis and engage participants with questions. They could also ask the community to help identify farms. They would then present the goals and objectives and ask for comments and discussion.

5. Next Meeting- Monday 2/12 at 7pm - Develop Agenda

Anne stated she will have a draft of section 5 - an Inventory of lands with all the maps from Mackenzie and also a draft of section 7- Analysis of Needs. Anne will also put together a list of all land parcels that the task force can look at and prioritize. Tina stated they have a land inventory that she can send to Anne. Anne stated the task force should finalize the agenda for the March Community Forum.

Anne stated April 7th is reserved for the land management training and asked if this has been approved yet. Susan stated she has not brought this to the selectman yet. April 14th was the rain date for the training but Anne cannot keep this date. She can do April 28th. Bridget stated

that the Amphitheater would be a good spot for the land management training because it has such diversity- trails, meadows and access to Charles River etc. The Task force decided to select the site at the next meeting.

May 3rd is the date for another Task Force meeting. Anne will submit a final draft plan with the action plan. Susan stated the School Committee meets on the first and third Thursdays so that date is not good for new member Cindy Sullivan. Maybe Wednesday May 2nd or May 9th. Anne will check her calendar to see if those work... May 29th is the date for the 3rd community forum - she would like to have a final draft for the public. We should discuss how we want to present this. Tina stated it would be great to have a five page executive summary available to hand out at the May town meeting.

6. Review minutes of November 21, 2017 OSRP Task Force meeting

Paul Mahoney made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2017 meeting. Cindy Wright seconded. All were in favor 4-0-0. David Blackwell abstained.

7. Other Business as may come before the task force

None.

8. Adjourn

David Blackwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. Paul Mahoney seconded. All were in favor. 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary

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

Medway Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Update Task Force
Medway Town Hall, 155 Village Street, Medway MA 02053

MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2018 – 7:00 PM

Members present: Matthew Hayes, Chairman, Paul Atwood, Denise Legee, David Blackwell, and Cindy Sullivan

Absent: Glenn Trindade, Paul Mahoney

Staff present: Susy Affleck-Childs, Mackenzie Leahy, David D’Amico and Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary

Also present: Anne Capra, consultant from Conservation Works
Jim Wickis, Open Space Committee

Matt Hayes, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

1. Discuss revisions on drafts of Sections 3 & 4

Susy stated that Mackenzie Leahy had found the Medway history book and it was provided to Anne Capra today. Susy also sent Anne some information about farm animals from Medway’s Animal Control Officer. There is a permitting process for having backyard chickens that is tied to the size of the property and varies per zoning district. Anne stated she made the changes that they talked about at the last meeting and will review the information that was just given to her and she will create a draft of the whole plan together as it is easier than doing it piece by piece.

2. Review first draft Section 5 - Inventory of Lands of Conservation and Recreation Interest

Anne stated she received some great data from Mackenzie and is just processing it now. She would like feedback from the Task Force tonight before she does a draft of Section 5.

Susy stated the Task Force is also meeting with Town Counsel on February 26th about the railroad right of way. March 12th is the community forum and then there will be another task force meeting after that. Anne would like to synthesize everything at the community forum and draft an action plan based on the community input and then dig into it at the task meeting.

Anne stated she has been working with Mackenzie on the draft maps and we can look at those with the final draft. Anne stated she needs more information on agriculture as she would like to write a narrative about agricultural in Medway. Anne will send what she has to Paul Atwood, a member of the Agricultural Commission, so he can review it. Paul only has information on the Chapter 61 properties right now. Susy stated that the Assessors have a Land Use Code book from the state and every piece of property is categorized using a uniform code from town to town - commercial, industrial, residential, agricultural etc.

3. Review first draft Section 7 –Analysis of Needs

Anne stated that in preparation of the analysis of needs section and the community forum she needed to process all of the data together. She created a map called the Lands of Conservation and Recreation Interest. (**See Attached Map**). This map shows all Town of Medway parcels in dark green, the Army Corp of Engineer parcels in light green, nonprofit and religious parcels in orange, utility companies in pink, and private lands of conservation & recreation interest in yellow. She noted there are 5 parcels with conservation restrictions of which two will be owned by the Conservation Commission. The Chapter 61 lands are all grouped together and shown in purple. The CPA funded properties are incorporated into the green town of Medway properties. Chapter 61 are working agricultural lands and 61B are open to the public for recreation and are taxed by the use of the land. In addition to the map, the MA DCR requires that the OSRP include a table that shows all Town owned properties, the site name & address, the type of use, condition and the funding used to acquire it. (See Table).

Anne stated that in order to assess properties for future land use we need to know where growth can occur. Anne displayed another map on the projector and stated that in 2012, the 495 MetroWest Development Compact identified priority development sites. Medway also has several 43D expedited permitting sites. (**See Attached Map**) The purple section (495 MetroWest Development Compact) is for major developments. Chicken Brook and the Marion parcel in the north central part of town are identified as priorities for protection. Anne noted there is a conflict between some of the parcels - are they priority protected or priority development? Anne stated that some of the orange parts are wetlands so they won't ever get developed. Anne created another map which shows the natural resources in town including streams, certified vernal pools, aquifers, DEP delineated "zone 2" for the wells. (**See Attached Map**). She stated there are many reasons why you would want protect open space but an important one is for a property's ecological importance. Anne stated we need to ensure our ecosystem is working properly because we cannot live without it. It is important to know where groundwater resources are located especially in a water shortage town such as Medway. Of these, which parts are protected? Of the zone 2 aquifers - only a small portion are protected. We don't allow anything that generates hazardous waste in the Zone 2 areas but we allow other uses. Anne stated that some of the priority development sites are in zone 2 and that is a conflict.

Anne stated that she understands farmland protection is one of the priorities of the community. They are important for growing food as well as an important part of Medway's history. Anne showed a map of farmlands within the community – they are shown as the green areas on the map. (**See Attached Map**). There are 3 categories of farmland according to the USDA - prime farmland, statewide farmland and unique farmland soils. One of the purple areas on the map is a chapter 61 parcel and the others are 61B. The target farm land in Medway is not on prime soil but it is historic and culturally relevant to the community. The red sections are private lands of conservation and recreation interest and there is some overlap. The Town of Medway protected lands are shown in red hatching. The Medway Community Farm is located on prime soil.

Anne asked if the prime parcels in Zone 2 areas should be our number #1 parcels. We need to be sure our priorities are correct and to understand the reasons why we want to protect them. Anne asked if we want to have drinking water in the future or preserve historical farmland. Anne also showed a map of the wildlife habitats of Medway that includes the wetlands bio map, critical natural landscapes and endangered species. **(See Attached)** Natural Heritage produces the bio map. The bio map shows core habitats where rare species and/or certain types of natural communities live. It is their primary habitat and they cannot live without it. The area around it shows the upland habitats. Some of the priority habitats are also a priority for conservation so there is some overlap. Anne would like to go over these maps at the upcoming Community Forum.

Susy stated that Medway hasn't really discussed acquiring land just for the sake of protecting it. Mackenzie explained that the CAPS (Conservation Assessment Planning System) map is a program developed by UMASS Amherst. CAPS is an index of ecological integrity and it shows the top 50 % of the landscape. The Wicket property is listed as a priority. Susy stated we might want to revisit the Open Space Committee's land evaluation scoring criteria because a lot has changed since the last OSRP was prepared in 2009/2010. Anne asked the group if any of the information in the narrative of natural resources (section 3, 4 and 5 and in 7) is inaccurate.

4. Planning for Community Forum # 2 Monday, March 12, 2018

- **Trial run of GIS overlay analysis to identify priority parcels for protection/development**

Anne would like to present the map information and ask the community what their priorities are. She thinks we should show them the goals and objectives from 2010 and see if they are still valid. Anne thinks the existing 7 OSRP goals from the 2010 plan are too many and we should narrow it down to 3-5 goals. Some of the goals can be consolidated as there is some redundancy among them. Anne stated that the draft plan has to go to the state and include comment letters from the chief elected official, the planning board and the regional planning agency. You have to document that there was a public process. It would be nice to have the plan be endorsed by the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen, but it is not required by the state.

- **Discuss draft agenda**

Anne distributed a draft agenda for the forum. **(See Attached)**. Susy asked if we should revise the wording. Anne suggested dropping the goals and objectives section and stated the time for the survey results could be shorter. The small group activity sections will be similar to the first forum. They will have a big base map that they can review. We could ask what are your top 3 areas for protection based on the existing evaluation criteria. We also want community input about where farms are located in the community so we can develop a complete inventory. Anne will use a flipchart to keep track of ideas and strategies suggested during the forum. The Task Force also reviewed the draft flier **(See Attached)** and decided to remove the section on action plans. There was a brief discussion on ways to get more people to the next forum. They will put the information in the newspaper and on the website. Matt mentioned the Shamrock Shuffle, a very popular 5K race (March 10th). Maybe someone could pass out fliers to people at the finish line or at a refreshment table. Some suggestions were passing out fliers

at Starbucks, The Muffin House, the Senior Center and Police/Fire Departments. Another suggestion was to post it on The Friends of Medway Facebook page and Town of Medway Facebook page. Cindy stated she will talk to the School Committee about sending out the flier through the schools. She also mentioned that each school has their own Facebook page and maybe the forum could be noted there. It was also suggested to bring fliers to the election on March 6th and any school events coming up.

5. Finalize Date and Location for Land Management Workshop -Saturday 4/28/18, 9- 3pm at Charles River Amphitheatre and Medway Town Hall.

It was decided to change the workshop date to Saturday, 5/5/18 as April 28th is the Town's Clean Sweep event. Anne will check with her partners on their availability. If the May date does not work for them, we should keep it as 4/28/18. Anne mentioned if it rains, they could go into the Town Hall with a power point presentation. If it clears they could assess one small area. They should plan on going into the Town Hall or another building for lunch and restroom facilities.

Susy stated that we talked about the Amphitheater as the possible location for the workshop but we have to decide tonight. Jim Wickis stated he has a baseline plan that he could provide. Dave D'Amico suggested we would need to notify the owners at the Medway Mill and be clear about parking. All agreed that the amphitheatre is a good site for the workshop.

6. Review and approval of Minutes of the January 18, 2018 OSRP Task Force Meeting. It was noted that under the members' present section, Denise Legee's name is misspelled and should be corrected. Also, under section # 2 the word "damn" needs to be corrected to "dam".

Matt Hayes made a motion to accept the amended January 18, 2018 meeting minutes. David Blackwell seconded. All were in favor. * NOTE - Cindy Sullivan and Paul Atwood abstained from the vote as they were not present at that meeting.

7. Other Business

None

8. Adjourn

Cindy Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denise Legee seconded. All were in favor.

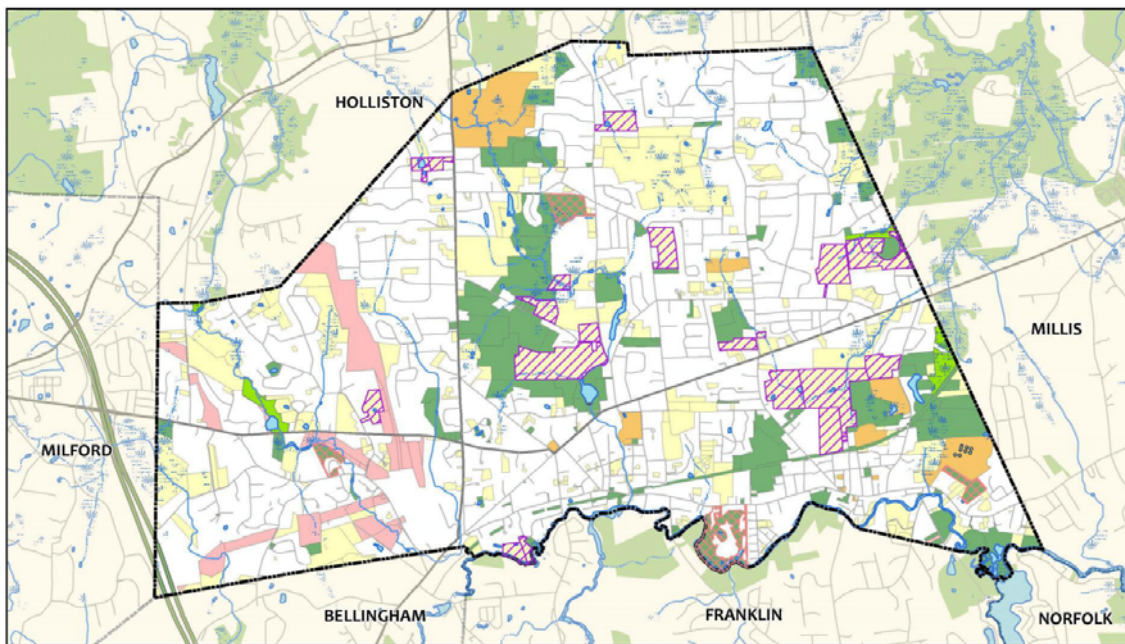
The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Rozak
Recording Secretary

Reviewed and edited by,
Susy E. Affleck-Childs
Planning and Economic Development Coordinator

Open Space Working Maps

February 12, 2018



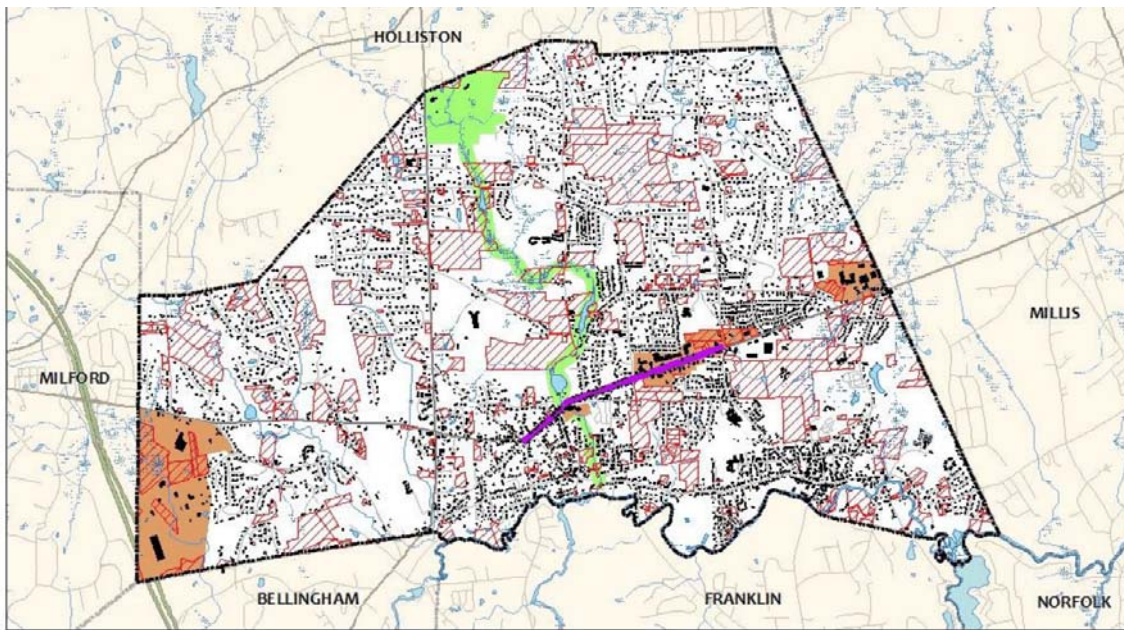
- Legend**
-  Conservation Restriction
 -  Chapter Lands
 -  Town of Medway
 -  Army Core of Engineers
 -  Nonprofit & Religious Institutions
 -  Utility Companies
 -  Private Lands of Conservation & Recreation Interest
 -  Regional Protected Recreational & Open Space

LANDS OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION INTEREST Town of Medway

Conservation Works, LLC
February 7, 2018



Data Sources:
Medway Assessor, Office of Planning and Economic Development
MassGIS - Regional Protected Recreational and Open Space, December 2017



Legend

- Buildings
- Priority Development Corridor
- 43D Priority Development Sites
- Priority Preservation Sites
- Private Lands of Conservation & Recreation Interest

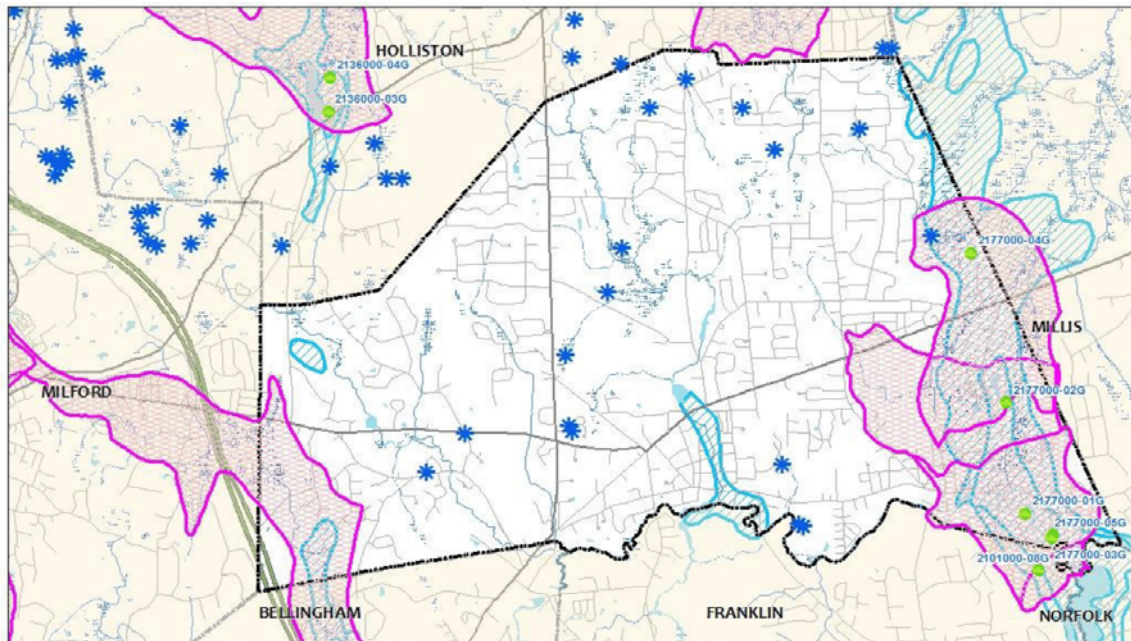
**Priority Preservation and Development Sites
Town of Medway**

Conservation Works, LLC
February 10, 2018



Data Sources:
Medway Community and Economic Development Department
495/MetroWest Development Compact Plan, 2012

Water Resources



Legend

- Community Groundwater Source
- Certified Vernal Pools
- DEP Approved Zone IIs
- Perennial Stream
- Intermittent Stream
- Pond, Lake, Ocean
- Reservoir
- Wetland
- Aquifers

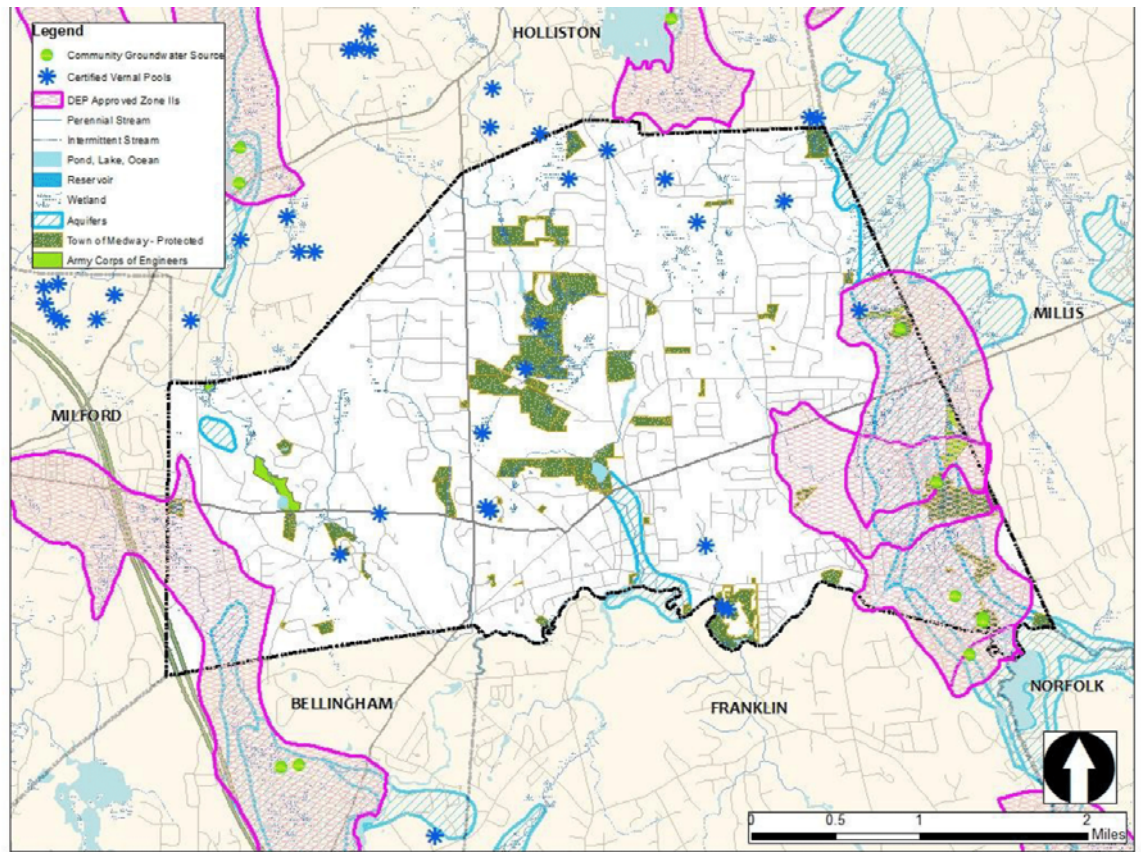
**Natural Resources
Town of Medway**

Conservation Works, LLC
February 10, 2018

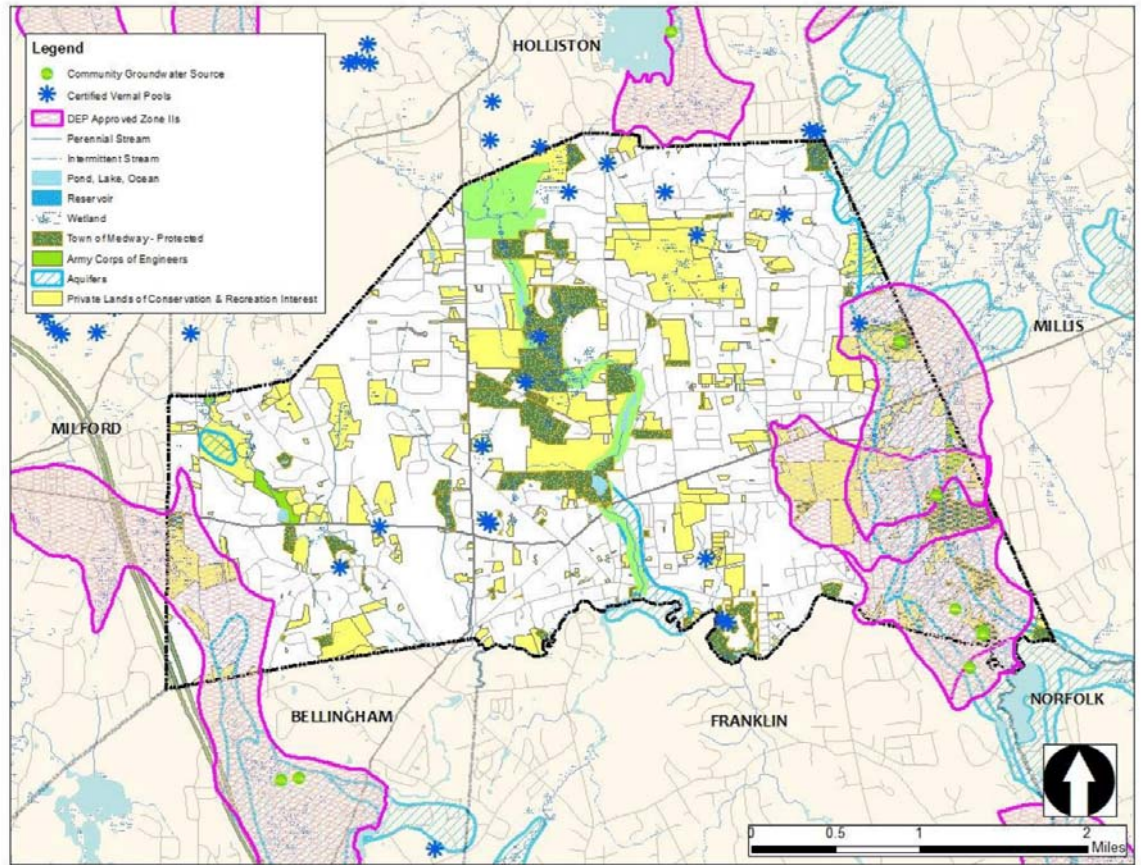


Data Sources:
Medway Community and Economic Development Department
495/MetroWest Development Compact Plan, 2012

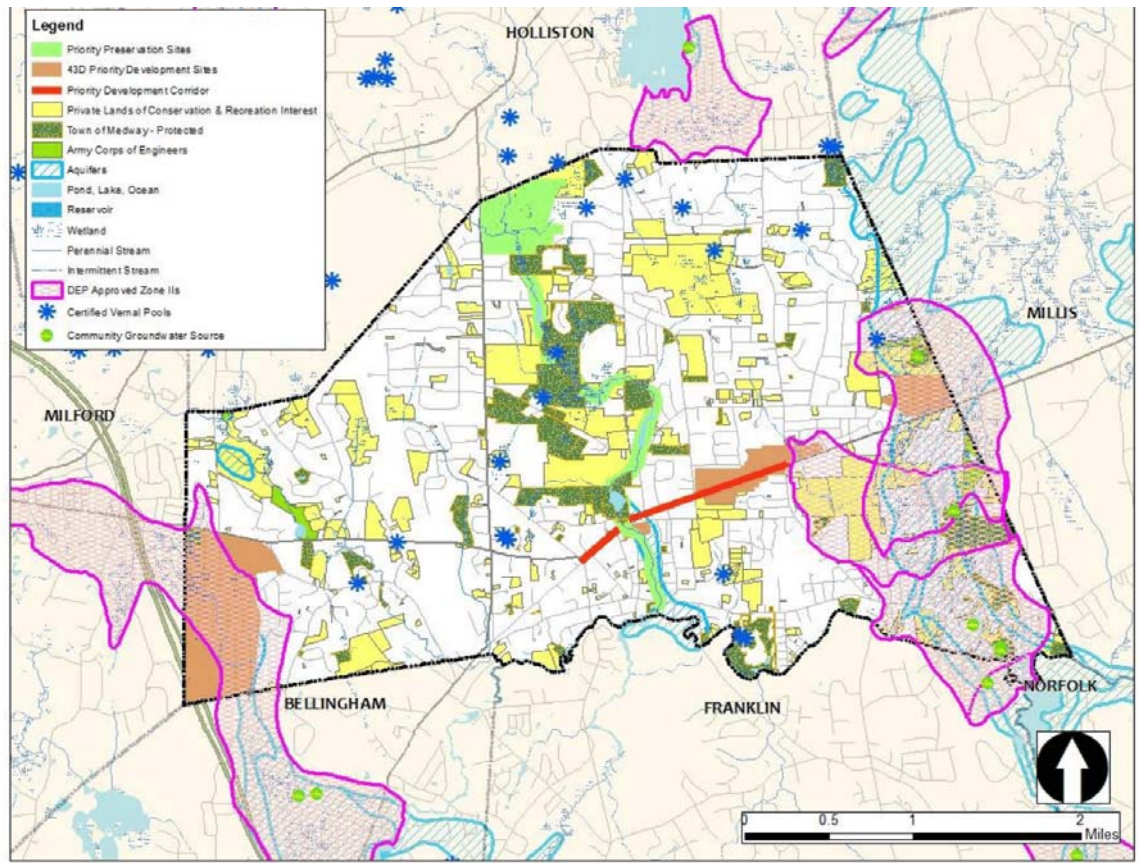
Water Resources and Protected Land



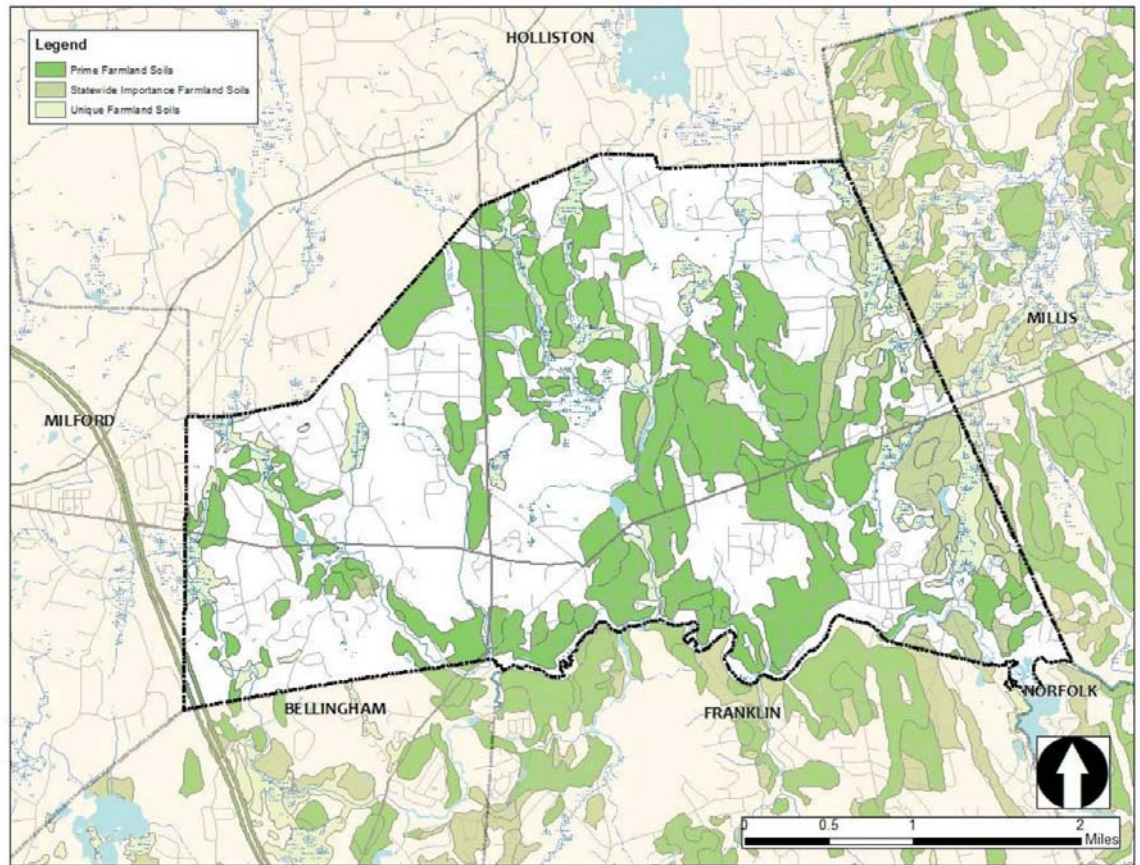
Water Resources, Protected Land, Private Lands of Conservation Interest



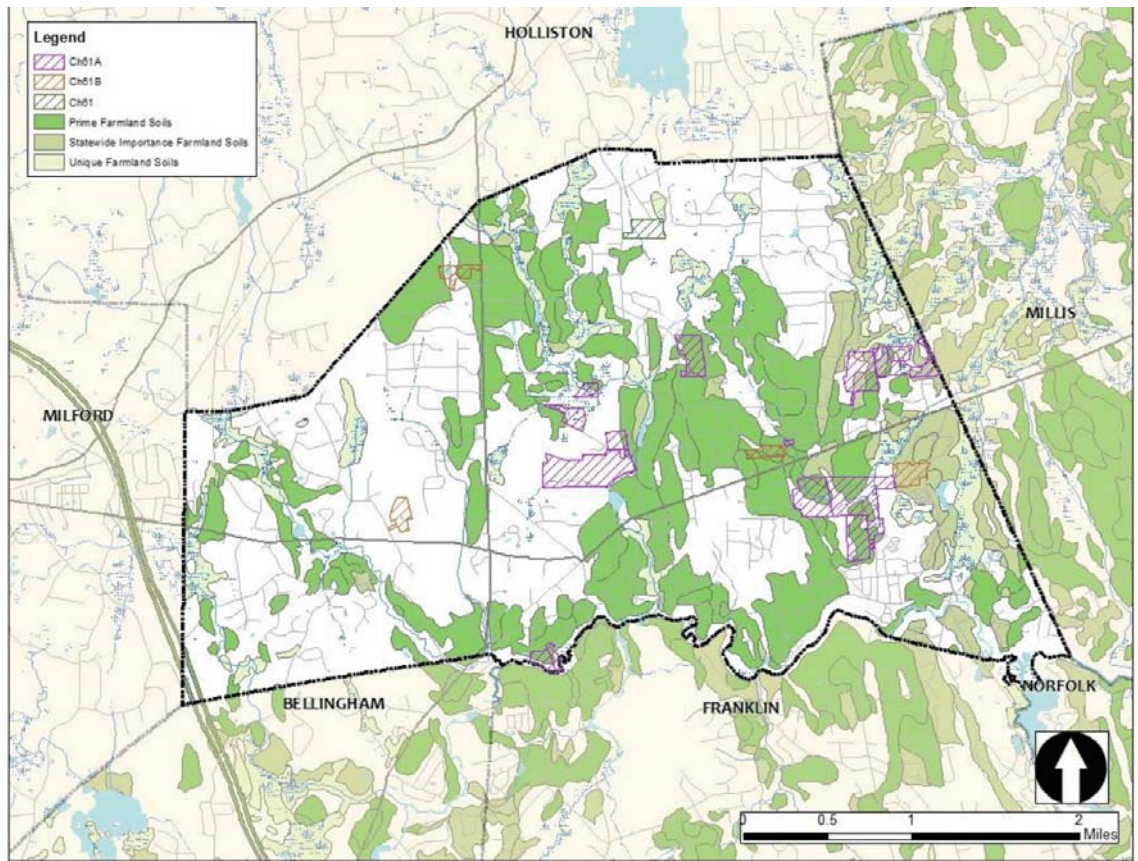
Water Resources and Priority Development Sites



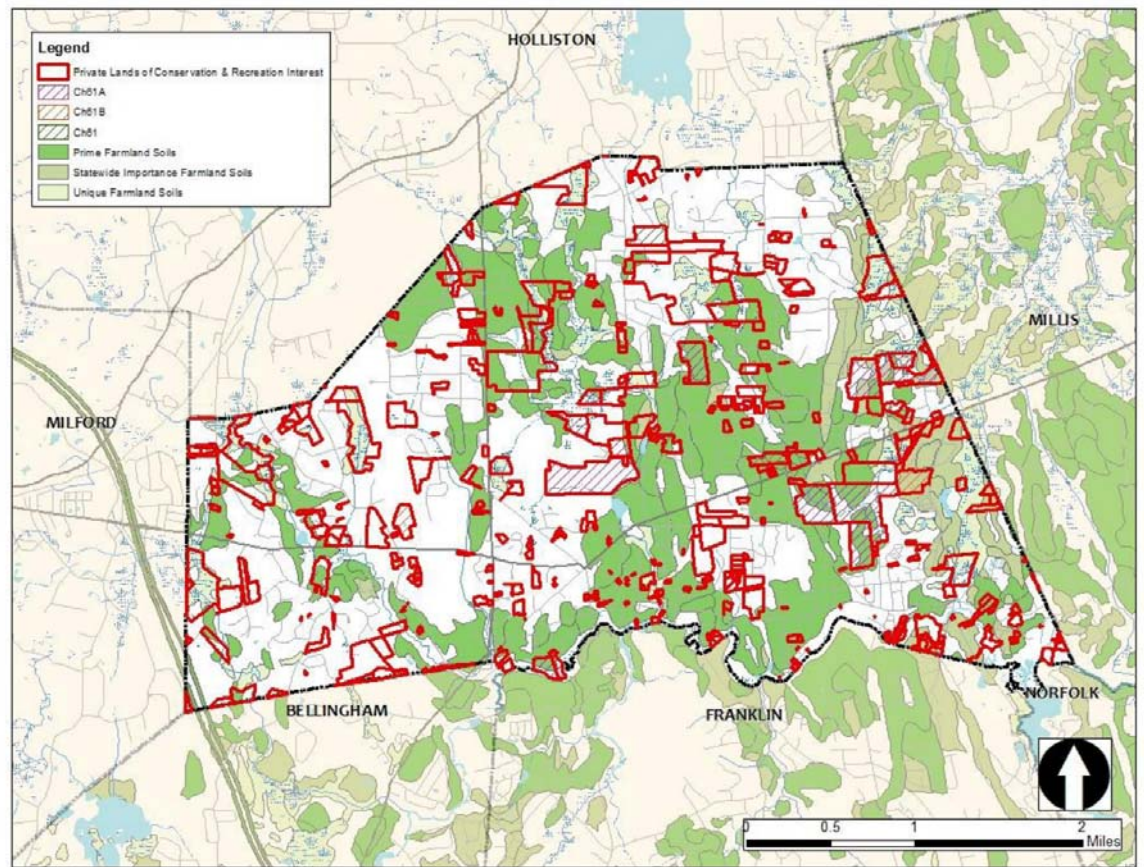
Farmland Soils



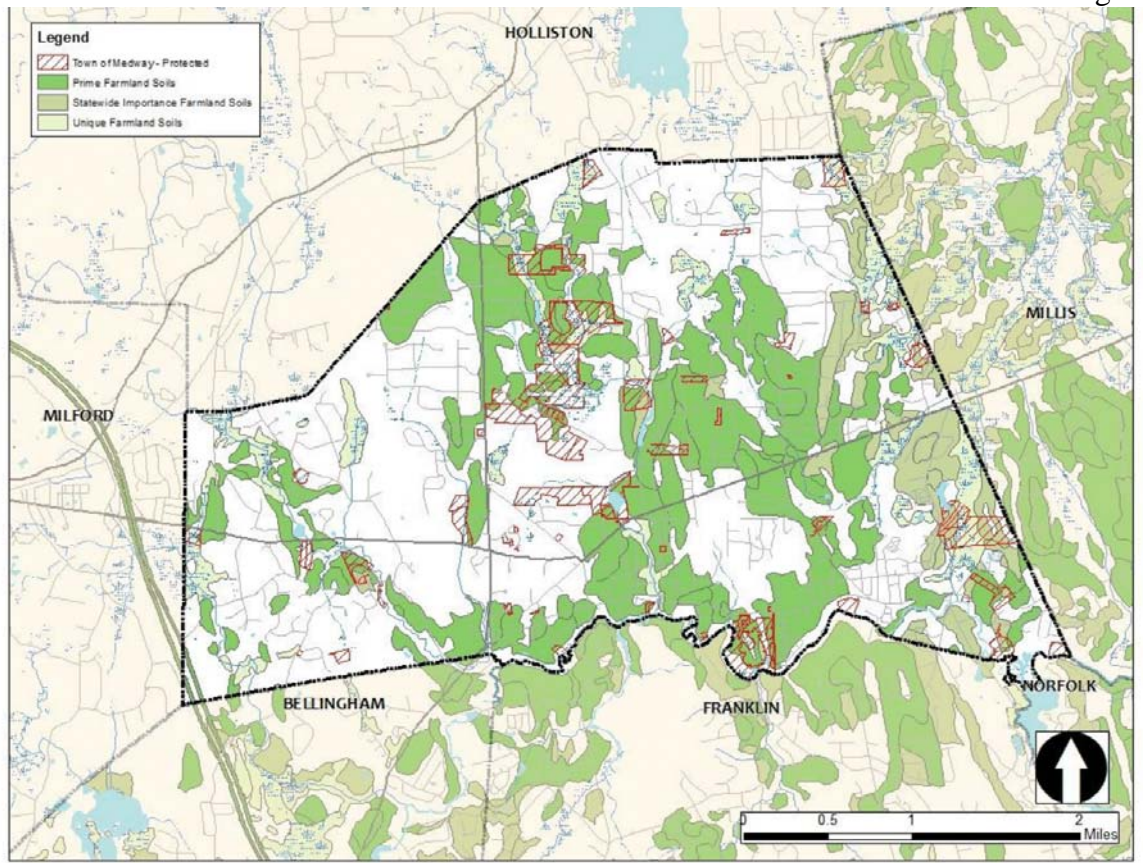
Farmland Soils and Chapter Lands



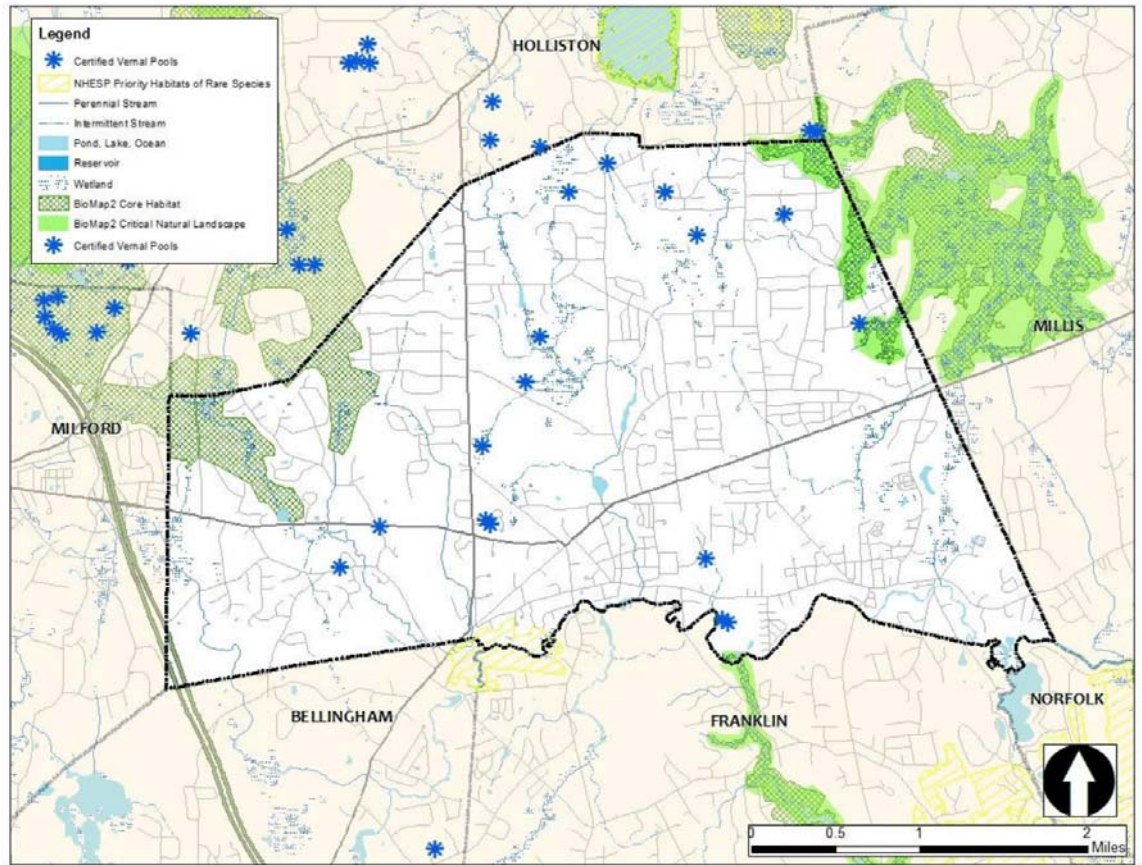
Farmland Soils and Conservation



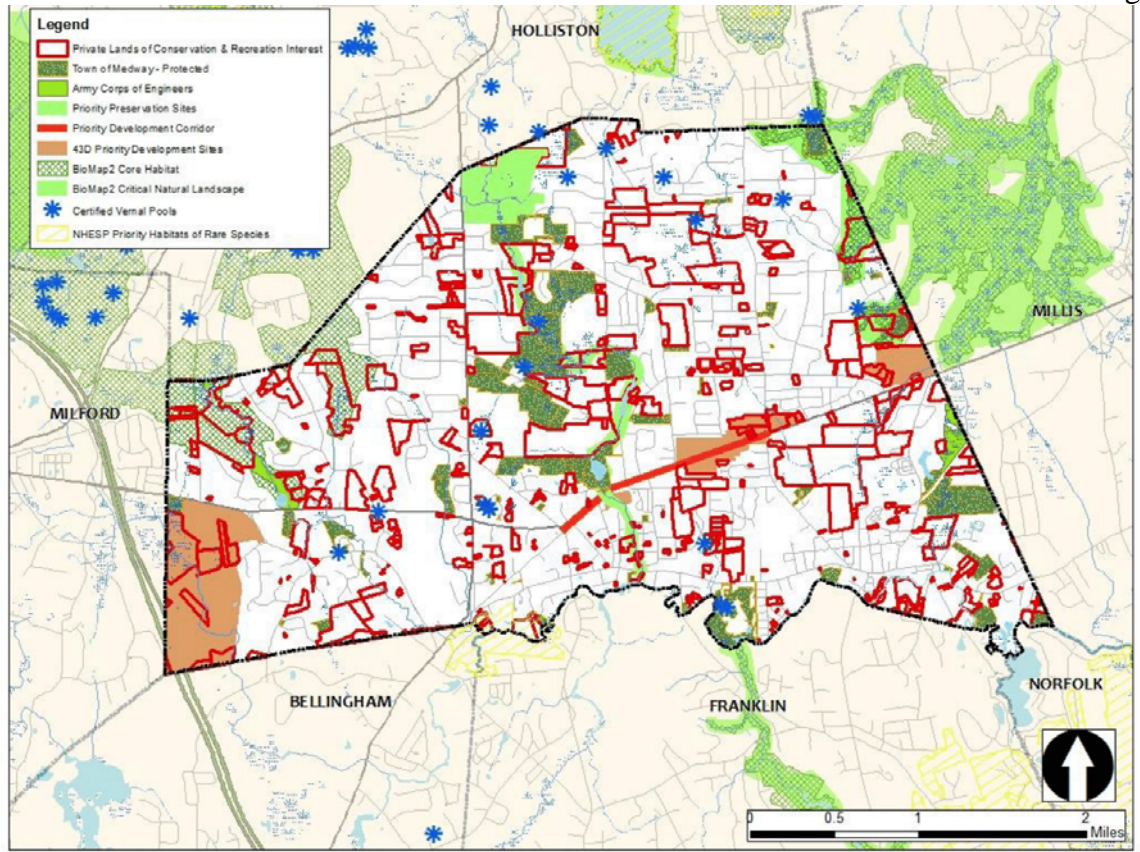
Farmland Soils and Conservation – Town of Medway Protected



Wildlife Habitat



Wildlife Habitat and Protection Status



**Medway Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Update Task Force
Monday, February 26, 2018
7:00 p.m. at Sanford Hall**

MEETING MINUTES

Members present: Matthew Hayes, Chairman, Paul Atwood, Denise Legee, David Blackwell, Cindy Sullivan, and Glenn Trindade

Members absent: Paul Mahoney

Also present: Bridget Graziano, Conservation Agent; David D'Amico, DPS Director; Mackenzie Leahy, CED Administrative Assistant; Susy Affleck-Childs, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator; Jim Wickis, Tina Wright and Mike Francis of the Open Space Committee; Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary; Barbara Saint Andre, of KP Law, Town Counsel

Chairman Matt Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Discuss possibilities for rail/trail project in Medway

Susy explained that a lot of people in town are interested in having a trail using the old railroad right-of-way. Barbara Saint Andre from KP Law, Town Council was present for the meeting and explained the possibilities and challenges.

Barbara brought an old railway map with her to show the group. (See Attached) Barbara explained that railways are difficult as far as titles go. At some point, this rail line was abandoned through a process through the federal government. Then the railroad company that owned the railroad sold the company to the Town with a release deed which basically means we don't know exactly what we own but here it is and you are on your own as far as details. No one has ever done a title search on these parcels to see how many of the parcels the Town actually owns. Some of them have easements, some are owned but it will take a lot of money to research the titles more closely. There are a lot of uncertainties, the Town may own some parts but may need to be acquire other parts. Because this railway was abandoned it makes it more difficult and we don't know if the land goes back to the abutters. If the abutters own up to the center line, they probably have claimed it as their property. Denise asked if the railway was abandoned in the connecting towns and were they able to use the railways for trails. Barbara is not sure and could look into it.

An in-depth title search would need to be done which could cost tens of thousands of dollars. Barbara asked if certain areas are higher priorities for the Task Force. Matt stated we would need to know what the Town owns before we could plan anything. Susy stated after the title work, they would need to look into

appraisals of the properties as well. Dave D'Amico suggested that we talk with Milford or Millis to see if we could connect to their parcels. Barbara stated she could start with a parcel and get an estimate of how much an appraisal would cost. Glenn suggested we look into the cost of a title search from the Burke School to the Millis town line. Susan and Barbara will get a quote and bring it to the town for review.

The group discussed what they would like to do with the area if we could - biking, walking trails, etc. Matt stated there are grants available from the state for this type of improvement.

2. **Review DRAFT Maps for OSRP (See Attached)**

Mackenzie presented several maps to the group for review. The group reviewed each map to see what is on each map and if there is anything missing. She asked if there are any other maps that people would like to see. Susy stated there are 8 maps that are required for Open Space and other maps can be added for enrichment. The 8 required maps are: The Regional map, Population / Characteristics map, Zoning map, Soil & Geology map, Scenic & Unique Features map, Water Resources/Wetlands map, Conservation & Recreational Map and an Action Plan map.

Mackenzie stated that the Soil map is required but they also did a Farmlands map. The agricultural map shows where the agricultural properties are located and where the best soils are for farming. The Agricultural Properties and Forrest Land map shows the best forest land. The group mentioned that they would like to see Town owned open space added to this map. The Bedrock Geology Map shows shaded relief and elevations. Matt would like to see contours on the map rather than the shaded relief areas. Mackenzie will look into how that would look. The FEMA flood zone map also shows the certified vernal pools. The Ecological Integrity Map shows high priority areas such as important wetlands and shrubs.

Susy made a comment that we might want to show where the power lines crisscross the town and maybe add that to the Scenic & Unique Features Map. The zoning map shows the current existing zoning. Mackenzie reported that the Scenic and Unique Features map shows sidewalks, scenic roads, National register of historic places/homes, inventoried properties and historic places in our historic districts and inventoried historic places outside of the historic district. Rail services and the Chicken Brook corridor are also on the map. Mackenzie recommends adding Sanford Mill, all the dams & vernal pools, the Medway Mill, the Amphitheater, Thayer House and the Community Farm. Glenn suggested the Briggs property, the Panachelli property, and the Atwood property. Mackenzie suggested adding the memorial and North Street Park. Bridget suggested adding the two existing access points along the Charles River and the old skating pond be added. The group decided that utility lines, the town hall, the historical society, cemeteries and historic churches should also be added to this map. Mackenzie stated the Regional map shows major highways & Interstates, airports, the Regional Vocational Technical School, MBTA & GATRA stops and railway stops. Bridget suggested maybe showing a separate trail map.

3. Review and approval of Minutes of the February 12, 2018 OSRP Task Force Meeting.

Matt made a motion to approve the February 12, 2018 meeting minutes as corrected. Denise seconded the motion and all were in favor.

4. Other Business

Susy stated the promotional information has gone out to the public regarding the next OSRP community forum to be held on March 12th.

5. Action Items:

- Susy and Barbara will look into the cost of conducting title research for the railroad right of way properties from Burke School to the Millis town line.
- Mackenzie will add Town owned open spaces to the Agricultural Properties & Forest land map.
- Mackenzie will look into adding contours to the Bedrock Geology map.

6. Adjourn

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm and Glenn seconded the motion and all were in favor.

* Next OSRP Update Community Forum - Monday, March 12, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
Thayer House, 2B Oak Street, Medway MA.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Rozak
OSRP Task Force Recording Secretary

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

APPROVED – April 5, 2018

Town of Medway
Community and Economic Development Department
Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP)
Medway Town Hall, 155 Village Street, Medway MA 02053

Monday March 26, 2018 OSRP Update Task Force Meeting Minutes
Senior Center, 76 Oakland Street Medway, MA 02053
7- 9 p.m.

Members present: Matthew Hayes, Chairman, Paul Mahoney, David Blackwell, Cindy Sullivan, Denise Legee, and Paul Atwood

Members absent: Glenn Trindade

Also present: Tina Wright, Mike Francis and Bruce Hamblin

Staff present - Mackenzie Leahy, Susan Affleck-Childs, Dave D'Amico, and Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary

- ***Matt Hayes, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.***

1. Discuss lands of interest for future acquisition/protection for open space and recreation purposes.

Susy passed out several maps and spreadsheets for the Task Force to review and thanked Mackenzie for her great work on preparing the maps. The maps were designated by size of the properties: ¼ acre or less, ¼ acre to 1 acre, 1-2 acres and 2+ acres. The lists and maps show properties for possible future acquisition and protection for open space and recreation. Susy stated the goal of tonight's meeting is to review all the properties and narrow down the lists to smaller lists of parcels that are worthy of subsequent further evaluation. Each member was instructed to circle the properties they feel are important and beneficial for open space and recreational purposes. The group will start with the over 2 acres properties.

It was noted that #185 is not listed on the map but it is a vacant parcel located behind Shaw's.

Over 2 acre properties: (See Attached list and map)

Denise Legee stated the following properties: #136 and #171 which abut Army Corp's land which is a wildlife corridor, #82 which is farmland off Lovering Street that has great character, #357 near the schools might be a connection to the other properties

Matt Hayes stated the following properties: #357 (repeat), #414, #445 on the other side of the Charles River chosen for Charles River frontage and Walker Street access, #221 abuts railroad

property and is not owned by Medway, #176 is the driving range and #186 is 73 Main Street which is part of the shopping area, #99 north of the farm is good for expansion, #157 on Maple abutting the Medway Housing Authority property which could be used for possible expansion.

Paul Atwood stated the following properties: #99 , #471 and #477 (repeats), #7 near the town line mostly wetlands, good for trails, #120 and #16 adjacent to power lines that are large open spaces, #180 is similar and adjacent to the power lines and a large open space

Tina Wright stated the following properties: #414 Charles River, #136 and #171, # 99 (repeat), 157 (repeat), #185 because it is contiguous to the Cassidy property, #291 is wet but contiguous, #414 (repeat), # 82 (repeat), #179 has wetlands but has potential for a boardwalk trail, #51 a small lot near #50 which could be useful to go from Choate to Idylbrook, # 303 abuts Colonial Estates.

Paul Mahoney stated the following properties: #157 (repeat), #477, #414, #244 for possible parks, #99 (repeat)

David Blackwell stated the following properties: #430 down near the well would be more buffering for the well. #414 and #445 are along the riverfront which would be nice, #471 and #477 (repeat) #466 and #482 would be more riverfront protection, #230 is near the Choate Park complex and buffers the pond, #59 and #62 up near Larussi Way, (they are Chapter lands) but have merit because they are near conservation land.

Mike Francis stated the following properties: # 50, #51 (repeat) #59, #62 for their connectivity to the corridor, # 82 (repeat), #105 and #107 near Holliston Street abutting #116 (repeat) and #120 near Holliston Street, # 107 and #171 – connected to #136, #187- connected to #136 and #171, #185 (repeat), #197 a small parcel near the ball park which could expand Oakland Park playing fields, #218 and #201 are nice undeveloped areas (this is a commercial site) #236, #245, #261 for general open space or trails, #357 (repeat) #321 contiguous open space, #430 (repeat), #433 and #451 provide access into open space.

Cindy Sullivan stated the following properties: #136,(repeat), # 184, #171 and #187, #120 and #116 (repeat), #179 (repeat), #50 and #51 (repeat- Atwood property), #414 and #430 (repeats), #99 and #185 (repeats).

Bruce Hamblin suggested the following properties: #419 and #414 (repeats) good for river frontage, #270 and #208 near cemetery - fronts onto the street but has a sloping back section down to a pond, preserve the wet areas and would make a nice natural park, #482 where Hopping Brook ties into the Charles River would be good for open space.

David D'Amico suggested the following properties: # 278 because it abuts the bottle cap property and might be good for trails or habitat.

Bridget Graziano was not present for the meeting but had provided notes to Susy. Bridget suggested the following properties: # 7 (repeat), #50 (repeat), #59 (repeat), #62 (repeat), # 82 (repeat), #23 (repeat), #224 (repeat), #303 (repeat), #357 (repeat), #414 and #419 (repeat), #467

1-2 acre properties: (See Attached list and map)

Some suggestions were: #213, #515, #517, #457, #213, #149, #514, #44, #156, and #152.

Tina Wright suggested it might be better to identify all the big parcels first and then look at the smaller ones adjacent to them.

Denise Legee suggested the following property: #152 close to Choate.

David Blackwell suggested the following properties: #547 is a church property, #293, #250 cemetery nonprofit land, #44 and 514 (repeat).

Matt Hayes suggested the following properties: #335, #345 adjacent to the rail bed, # 457 (repeat), #213, #152, #156, and #149 (repeats).

Mike Francis suggested the following properties: #198, #168, #514 (repeat), #248 abuts a cluster off of Evergreen Street.

Bruce Hamblin suggested the following property: #446 as it has good frontage

Bridget Graziano suggested the following properties: #44 (in tax title), #119, #144, #437, #446, #371 as possible pocket parks and #213 adjacent to town owned land

Dave D'Amico suggested the following properties, #167 across from the high school, #525 abuts Deer Pond #533 abuts a pond, #135 on Coffee Street, #173 on Main Street is centrally located.

It was agreed that the group would continue this work at the next meeting and focus on properties less than 1 acre in size.

Susy asked the group to review the Categories for Land of Interest that was developed from the previous OSRP Discussion plus the Open Space Committee's property evaluation criteria to see if there is anything missing. Susy noted that she added criteria to reflect the additional task to evaluate property for possible park/recreation use. (See Attached).

After a quick review, no other criteria were added.

2. Review first draft of Section 5 of the OSRP – Inventory of Lands of Conservation and Recreational Interest

Due to limited time, Susy asked if everyone would send their comments to her by email.

3. Review and approval of the minutes of the March 12, 2018 OSRP Task Force and Community Forum

Denise Legee made a motion to approve and Paul Mahoney seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4. Other Business

None

5. Adjourn

David Blackwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. and Paul Atwood seconded the motion. All were in favor.

* Next OSRP Meeting is Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm, 76 Oakland Street, Senior Center, Medway, MA, 02053

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Rozak
Recording Secretary

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

Categories for Evaluating Privately Owned Lands of Conservation/Open Space and Recreational Interest

- a. Preserves land and open space
- b. Preserves wildlife habitats and/or migration corridors
- c. Protects wetlands, ponds, vernal pools, waterways, water resources, and/or groundwater/ drinking water
- d. Contains important historical, geological, or local landmark features; or could provide/expand upon existing unique features
- e. Provides frontage or access, or is located next to Town owned/protected parcels
- f. Provides access to Charles River/other waterways
- g. Provides a large contiguous area of land
- h. Is in an area of high visual or aesthetic value
- i. Could provide/improve recreational uses/facilities
- j. Could provide pocket park
- k. Could provide trails/trail connectors
- l. Requires limited preparation to achieve intended use
- m. Categorized as Chapter 61, 61A, and/or 61B or is otherwise used for similar uses

March 26, 2018

**Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Task Force
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 5, 2018 7- 9 pm
Medway Senior Center, 76 Oakland Street
Medway, MA 02053**

Members present - Paul Atwood, David Blackwell, Denise Legee and Paul Mahoney

Also Present - Susan Affleck-Childs, McKenzie Leahy, David D'Amico, Tina Wright, Mike Francis, Jim Wickis, Jim Wieler, Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary

Members Absent – Matt Hayes, Cindy Sullivan, Glenn Trindade

Susy Affleck Childs called the meeting order to order at 7:10 p.m. in the absence of chair Matt Hayes.

1. Continue discussion of lands of interest for future acquisition/protection for open space and recreation purposes

Susy stated that the goal for tonight is to review the maps and spreadsheets of the lands of interest that are ¼ acre to an acre and ¼ acre and less in size. (**See Attachments**). The parcels in red are parcels that were previously identified as having little to no value by the OSRP Task Force. Susy asked everyone to circle the parcels that they felt were worthy of subsequent further evaluation based on the criteria for evaluating lands (**See Attachment**). The group took some time to review the map and spreadsheet before sharing their recommendations.

Jim Wieler stated the following properties - #453 next to a well, #323, #324 and #327 along the railroad tracks (these are wet), #4 surrounded by conservation land (unknown land owners)

Tina Wright stated the following properties - #262, #251 and #253 near Choate Park

Paul Atwood stated the following properties -#56, #71, #101 and #86

Jim Wickis stated the following properties - #363, #362, #369 north of Village Street because it is near Chicken Brook (unknown land owner)

Paul Mahoney stated the following property - #372

Denise Legee stated the following properties - #511 (not available), #328, #334, #339 in between the utility poles (these are house lots), #52, #56 and #71 near Idylbrook (not available), #101 near the farm, #80, #86, #509 because they are located next to the Army Corp of Engineers lands

Dave D'Amico stated the following properties - #372 (unknown land owner), #302, #29, #33, #52, #58 (might be left over land)

David Blackwell stated the following properties- #132, #80 and #509 make room for the park (chapter land), #52, #56 and #71 near the high school (vacant house lots), #262, #251 and #253 near Choate Park

Mike Francis stated the following properties- #453, #86 near the well, #32 possible pocket park, and #43 in the northwest corner good for a pocket park, #66 (possible water tank location), #372, #265 off Mechanic Street (special permit for multi-family housing), #447 near the tennis club (owned by the tennis club)

Review of Owner Unknown Lands – (See Attached)

The following properties were suggested - #140 - 6 acres for a possible park, #272, #494, #467, #308, #312 if they are near the cemetery they might be useful, #340, #393 is in between municipal properties

Town Owned Properties – (See Attached). Susy asked all to review the lists and identify ways they would want the properties to be used.

- The old town dump, the Oakland Street well conservation area as it there could be a trail system following the railroad bed, maybe there is some back land we could purchase to connect with Oakland Park
- 137 Milford Street is on the Milford town line - is a flooded wetland
- Deerfield Pond area - used to have a walking trail but it is extremely overgrown
- the Hopping Brook Conservation Area is near Williamsburg Way – it is mostly wet and protected, has access to parking spaces, also near the Wickis property
- the area near the fire station at corner of Route 109 and Route 126 - this is partly wet and was an old trail system that was not maintained
- 2 parcels on Independence Lane - these are conservation parcels with vernal pools
- Ardmore Circle
- Idylbrook – Susy suggested a playground. Paul Mahoney stated it would need to be refurbished, laser graded and crowned. Tina Wright suggested a milkweed field for a butterfly area.
- Waterview Drive (the boot) has access to the Charles River and could create a water view trail with canoe access. Some of this land was leased for agricultural farm land in the past.
- The Klein Conservation area could possibly connect to another walking trail or a bike trail.
- Jim Wieler noted that the Lee Management Area (26 acres) was purchased by the Town as a watershed protection area.
- The Larussi area is unused conservation land and the Conservation Agent would like the town to utilize it. Maybe could make a trail around it.

- It was mentioned that the land locked parcels around wells might be able to have trails.
- It was noted that in some of the neighborhood areas that you could organize neighborhood clean-up groups to maintain a small pocket park area if there was enough interest.

It was suggested that everyone go out and look at the properties in person and come up with reasonable visions for each property within the next seven years or beyond. We might want to keep some properties as is for watershed or habitats but this information should be documented. We should try to identify the purpose of every open space and recreational property.

Susy will add a column on the spreadsheets for everyone's comments. She asked that people send their comments to her before the next meeting to save a little time at the next meeting.

2. Review and approval of minutes of the March 26, OSRP Task Force Meeting

Dave Blackwell made a motion to approve the March 26, 2018 meeting minutes as submitted. Paul Mahoney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

3. Other Business as May Come Before the Task Force

None

4. Adjourn

Susy Affleck- Childs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. David Blackwell seconded the motion and all were in favor.

*** Reminder-** Next OSRP meeting is April 17, 2018 at the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Rozak
Recording Secretary

**Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Task Force
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 17, 2018 7- 9 pm
Medway Senior Center, 76 Oakland Street
Medway, MA 02053**

Members present - Matt Hayes, Paul Atwood, David Blackwell, Denise Legee, and Paul Mahoney

Members Absent with Notice – Cindy Sullivan, Glenn Trindade

Also present - Susan Affleck-Childs, Jim Wickis, Mike Francis, Tina Wright, and Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary

Matt Hayes, Chairman called the meeting order to order at 7:07 p.m.

- 1. Continue discussion of privately owned lands of interest for possible future acquisition/ protection for open space and recreation purposes and discuss possible uses of Town owned open space/ recreation properties.**

Susy stated that the goal for tonight is to continue reviewing the spreadsheet of Town owned properties and the map showing Town owned properties along with privately owned properties which have been identified as being of conservation or recreation interest (**See Attached Map dated 4-13-18**). She noted that anyone who did not have a chance to enter their comments on the spreadsheet before the meeting can provide their comments tonight and they will be added to the spreadsheet. This will allow us to have a comprehensive list that captures everyone’s ideas. The spreadsheet lists each property and its location. The OSRP Task Force members reviewed each Town owned property and provided their comments for possible open space and recreational uses of the various properties. (**See Attachment with notes/ comments added during the discussion**).

2. Susy indicated that the second planned activity for tonight’s meeting is to identify which Town owned properties and their corresponding improvements are the most compelling for the Town to focus on over the next seven years. The members were instructed to do this as homework as the first exercise took considerable time and the meeting ran late.

- 3. Review and approval of minutes of the April 5, 2018 OSRP Task Force Meeting**

Paul Mahoney made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Paul Atwood seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- 4. Other Business as May Come Before the Task Force**

None

- 5. Adjourn**

Denise Legee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m. Paul Atwood seconded the motion and all were in favor.

* **Reminder** - Land Management Workshop - Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary

Reviewed and edited by,
Susan Affleck-Childs
Planning and Economic Development Coordinator

**Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Task Force
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 15, 2018
Sanford Hall at Medway Town Hall
155 Village Street
Medway MA 02053**

Members present - Matt Hayes, Paul Atwood, David Blackwell, Glenn Trindade and Denise Legee

Members Absent with notice – Cindy Sullivan and Paul Mahoney

Also present - Susan Affleck-Childs, Bridget Graziano, and Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary

Matt Hayes, Chairman, called the meeting order to order at 7:09 p.m.

Debrief Land Management Workshop

Susy asked the group for their feedback on the recent land management workshop held on May 5th. Matt thought it gave everyone a good idea of what goes into a land management plan. Paul thought it showed the importance of boundaries as far as encroachment. Paul was impressed that Chris, the caretaker of Thayer House, attended and wants to get involved. Glenn stated it's important to budget for this type of work. Denise was very surprised by the diverse wildlife that was present. Susy stated that Anne emphasized the importance of having good baseline documentation such as site plans and plot plans. Anne will have the summary report for the group to review soon.

Susy stated that for the rest of tonight's meeting she would like to focus on programs and activities for the new OSRP. She would also like to decide on the best format for the action plan, the schedule for completion, and the cost estimate for the Railroad Right of Way.

OSRP Action Plan - Brainstorming/Discussion on OSRP Action Plan Ideas/Strategies

Susy introduced this topic and asked members to offer their ideas for what programs and activities should be included in the OSRP Action Plan

Paul stated they learned a lot at the baseline document report training and could pass that information along to the public as a resource. Maybe conduct guided trail walks with a list of all the flowers and wildlife on the property. Maybe establish a yearly trail walk program.

Matt stated the importance of publicizing all the open space parcels that the Town owns that are open to the public. Maybe find better ways to distribute the information to the public.

Glenn stated that maybe the cable studio students could do a video series with Jim Wickis or a conservation member and have them do a trail walk and upload the video to the cable access channel, YouTube, Facebook, or Snapchat. It's important to get the middle school

kids to the open space sites because their parents have to drive them. Maybe best to coordinate with the school and have a contest like a scavenger hunt that lets them go out and find things. Maybe hide objects and form teams to find them. The idea is to make it fun and get them out to the open parcels. This could be an annual event to get new kids each year.

Bridget suggested something similar to geocaching or the Weetamoo Woods in Tiverton. She also suggested something like painting Medway rocks that kids could keep or take a picture and post and put back for someone else to find. Maybe could get the Girl/ Boy Scouts involved. Bridget suggested putting a laminated list of plants in a kiosk with pictures and the kids could try to go identify them. The kids could learn about native and invasive plants.

David suggested boating classes or kayak/canoe rentals at Bresnahan's Landing on the Charles River.

Susy stated the importance of signage to direct people to the open space in addition to the signage to get around the place. Denise stated the Open Space signs with the blue heron are very noticeable. We should look into consistent signage. Glenn stated people go to the CIPC for budgeting but there might be other sources available. Need someone to design, create and make the signs. Need to figure out the cost and put it into the budget.

David mentioned having a special event like a dog social. Do an activity and socialize. Might want to take a closer look at the dog parks and the people that use them. Matt suggested that if we allow dogs on the trails then we should also provide dog poop bags.

Paul asked if Bresnahan's Landing is ADA accessible. Susy stated that according to Anne Capra it is not completely ADA accessible. It was suggested that it would be nice to have an ADA accessible fishing area for people. Need to think about flood zones and where the water goes. Maybe a town wide fishing derby or contest at the Amphitheater would be a good way to get people out to the area.

Matt mentioned there is a Medway Fishing Club Facebook page and maybe we could get them involved. Bridget stated there are 4 locations in Medway that are stocked with trout.

Susy asked Paul what is on the horizon for the Agricultural Commission that might be appropriate to include in the OSRP. Paul reported working to build up the farmers market and get more vendors involved. Also looking into the "right to farm" bylaw which is a statewide standard that allows anyone with 5 acres or more to farm in a normal manner.

Susy asked Denise what the Open Space Committee's priorities are. Denise stated they are working on management plans for the different properties, trail markings and signage and community outreach to get people aware of the different properties. Glenn stated they are also working on completing the HOAG trail and making the connection to Millstone.

Susy stated it might be a good idea to talk with the utility companies to get permission to use some of the area near/under the utility lines for trails. These areas could help us to connect to other open space areas. Glenn stated we could also talk with the gas company to see about walking trails along the gas lines as well.

Susy would like us to get back into monitoring the various grants available through the State and mobilize a team to work on grant applications.

Bridget stated she would like to establish a Volunteer Stewardship Program. This involves getting a cache of volunteers who are available on Saturday mornings to go out and take care of small issues like removing small branches/brush or modest cleaning up of a trail etc. Conservation might be able to keep track of the areas that need attention and a list of volunteers. The group discussed the best way to get volunteers. Bridget stated Sherborn sent a mailing to every household asking if they would like to donate or volunteer. We could promote it through open space events, trail walks, OSRP meetings, or Facebook, Twitter etc. People would have to sign a waiver and their name would go onto a list. Another way is to focus on social media, have people adopt a parcel – have stewards of properties that are near their house or that they use often. Maybe insert something about volunteering in the next water /sewer bill that gets mailed out. The Town just hired a new communications director, Sandy Johnston, and it might be a good idea to get her involved.

Susy asked what the Conservation Committee would like to see in the OSRP plan. Maybe they could add an agenda item to the next meeting to discuss. Dave stated he will mention it to them.

Susy stated that there are a few open spaces owned by the Town but are connected to a condo association like Pine Ridge and Williamsburg for some basic maintenance. We might want to craft a memorandum of understanding with them. Maybe they could pay a fee to the Town and have the Town do the work or they could do it and we could monitor them. This could become a legal issue if they don't do enough to comply. We should really educate these condo associations up front so they are very clear about what they need to do to comply. Maybe have them sign a form stating they have received and understand it.

Discussion on preferred format to show Action Plan

(See Attachment) Everyone liked the format that Ann proposed which consists of Action/ Responsible Entity /Timeframe / Funding

Discuss revised schedule for plan completion

Next Task Force Meeting with Consultant Anne Capra (proposed 6/19/18), then a final community forum and submittal to State.

Susy would like to schedule one more Task Force meeting. Susy stated that she, Bridget and McKenzie scored all the Town owned properties from the spreadsheet and would like to present this to the group.

The next meeting will be on June 5th at 7:00 or 7:30 pm. Susy noted that if we would like to apply for some grants for next year, we would have to submit a draft plan to the State by July 12th.

The Task Force will meet with Anne Capra on June 19th to review the draft plan. They still need one more community forum. This does not have to place before they submit the draft to the state. Possible meeting dates are Monday, June 25th or Wednesday June 27th. Susy will check with Anne about her schedule, find a location, and get back to the group.

Discuss price quote on title research for railroad right of way properties

(See attachment) The estimate that Barbara Saint Andre sent to Susy from a Boston title research firm is a ballpark figure of \$3,500 for researching the railroad corridor from Holliston Street to the Millis town line. Susy stated if everyone is ok with that estimate then she could approach the Community Preservation Community for funds. Matt Hayes will ask another title attorney if that seems like a reasonable price before proceeding.

Review and approval of minutes of the April 17, 2018 OSRP Task Force Meeting

Denise Legee made a motion to approve the April 17, 2018 meeting minutes as submitted. David Blackwell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Other Business as May Come Before the Task Force

Matt mentioned he looked at a few other OSRP plans from other towns and thought they looked pretty similar. He noted that Lincoln, MA had a nice plan/layout.

Susy stated she still needs pictures to include in the plan. Bridget stated she may have some good ones.

Adjourn

David Blackwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Atwood seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

*** Next OSRP Task Force meeting will be on June 5, 2018, at 7:00 or 7:30 pm (TBD).
Next Task Force meeting with consultant Anne Capra will be on June 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by
Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary

Reviewed and 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. Weiler 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. Weiler 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 people 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 Idylebrook, 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.

Prepared by Tracy Rozak
OSRP Recording Secretary

Edited by Susy Affleck-Childs
Planning and Economic Development Coordinator

**Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Task Force
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 5, 2018
Sanford Hall at Medway Town Hall
155 Village Street
Medway MA 02053**

Members present - Matt Hayes, David Blackwell, Glenn Trindade, Paul Mahoney, and Cindy Sullivan

Also present - Susan Affleck-Childs, Bridget Graziano, Jim Wieler, and Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary

Members Absent with Notice – Denise Legee and Paul Atwood

Matt Hayes, Chairman called the meeting order to order at 7:41 p.m.

1. OSRP Action Plan

- **Review and establish priorities for recommended improvements of Town owned open space and recreational areas**

The Task Force reviewed all of the properties on the spreadsheet (**See attachment**) to see if there were any additional comments or questions about the various properties.

Bresnahan's Landing - Paul stated he was up there recently and a fisherman was there and asked about the sign that stated invasive plants were removed. Will the poison ivy also be removed? Bridget stated she would have to identify it first. There are also two dead trees that look like they might fall. Bridget will go down and look at the area.

Susy stated that EPFRAC is meeting next week and she will ask them what their next priorities will be and she can put that information into the OSRP.

Millstone Trail Extension - Jim Wieler stated he has more information on the Millstone Extension and the completion out to Lovering. He will send it to Susy. He walked the area with Paul Atwood and Bridget.

Cassidy Fields – Paul reported there is nothing in the works right now. Glenn stated he was up there recently with Mike Boynton and they think more needs to be done with the parking lots and more picnic tables are needed. They might also want to pave the parking area at some point.

Idylbrook - Bridget thought Gary Jacobs is still working in the Chestnut Tree area. Bridget will check in with him about it. Glenn stated the trails are a mess. It is a

beautiful spot that nobody uses. Glenn noted that people are very good with keeping their dogs off the field and picking up the dog poop. He thinks maybe a dog park could go in there. Bridget stated that might not be an option under Chapter 48C which governs the use of property under the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction

Chestnut Tree Area - Bridget would like to promote the Chestnut Tree area to make people more aware of it. She would like to do an educational class. Glenn suggested contacting a biology teacher who might like to take on that project and get the kids involved.

Klein Conservation Area - Bridget thought this might be a good area for a forestry project. Sherborn did something similar and thinned out a forested area. Or maybe some wood could be fabricated into a table for a farm to table event and then donated to the Medway Community Farm afterwards.

Glenn stated there is a potential 40B on the property behind the high school - 42 Highland Street.

North Street Playground - Matt stated he thinks the area is clean and well maintained but more could be done with this area. Maybe replace the equipment or give it a makeover. The big grass field is underutilized. The basketball court could be improved but we would need to check with the neighbors on that. Might need to create more parking.

Cindy stated she spoke with Superintendent Armand Pires but nothing is on the horizon at the moment for school property except for the two playground projects at McGovern and Brick Memorial. Glenn suggested adding picnic tables to these two areas.

Someone suggested a comprehensive bench program - (standardized benches). They could look into specialized funding or sponsor a bench program. The Holliston program was mentioned

- **Review and establish priorities for future acquisition/use of privately owned lands of conservation interest**

The Task Force reviewed all of the properties on the privately owned lands of conservation spreadsheet (**See attachment**) to see if there were any additional comments or questions about the various properties. This list was developed from the discussions at the March 26 and April 5 OSRP Task Force meetings.

Susy, McKenzie and Bridget applied the evaluation criteria to evaluate each property and ascertain a score. The areas with a score of 100 (also marked as red areas) are those which have consistently been noted as top priorities going back to the first public forum in October. The red, orange and yellow areas scored high, green areas scored in the middle and the blue and purple areas scored lower.

Jim stated the Hoag property will eventually be under a conservation restriction as soon as the paperwork is filed. It was suggested to label these areas on the maps as "future protected lands". The Town has access through the end of Colonial Road. We should research the tax title for the property. Glenn stated the value of the land is listed at \$114K. Some of this land is actually in Holliston. It may be a good idea to contact the owner to see if he would sell the Medway portion of his land to the Town.

Glenn mentioned the land next to the fire station. There is also land that belongs to Rich Dunn and they might want to talk to him about deeding over a portion of his property to reduce his tax burden.

Jim asked about the "P" property (Katie Newton Estate). Bridget stated that could be an access area to get to Town owned land. The land is wet and not buildable.

Glenn asked about the "GG" property. A huge portion of it is owned by Briggs and the other portion is owned by the Codman's. 2.7 acres of the land is developable. Bridget stated most of the land is located in a flood plain but that it might be good for walking trails. Bridget suggested talking to the owners. Glenn stated if the Town could get a piece of that property, then they could get access to Lovering Street.

- **Continue Brainstorming/discussion on OSRP Action Plan Ideas/Strategies**

The group reviewed the action plan which includes a spreadsheet of ideas for programs, activities, studies, plans, etc. (**See attachment**) It was noted that # 37 is a great idea but will require funding for boundary markers. The CPC could be a source of funding for # 37 especially the parcels acquired with CPA funding. Glenn asked about #13. Is there something written in the site plan that states they are committed to maintaining it? Susy stated they might have to visit people in their homes or speak with the condo boards.

49 - There was a suggestion about creating an outdoor classroom at one of the middle schools. Cindy will talk to Superintendent Pires about that.

Susy stated she would send the Action Plan spreadsheet to the group as a WORD document so they could put their comments right into the document. Susy also mentioned that eventually they will have to look at the various groups and committees to see who would implement these activities and/or programs. They will also need to look at timetables within the 7 year plan.

2. Review and approval of minutes of the May 15, 2018 OSRP Task Force Meeting

Glenn Trindade made a motion to approve the May 15, 2018 meeting minutes as corrected. David Blackwell seconded the motion. All were in favor. Cindy Sullivan abstained from the vote. * Page 2, paragraph 5 should be corrected to state that Matt, not David stated if we allow dogs on the trails then we should also provide dog poop bags.

3. Other Business as May Come Before the Task Force

Susy asked the group to review the flyer for the June 25, 2018 OSRP Community Forum. She asked the members to help get the word out about the forum. Cindy offered to ask to distribute it through the school network. Susy asked Jim if he could help promote it with the Trails Club.

4. Adjourn

Matt Hayes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Glenn Trindade seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

OSRP Task Force - Tuesday, June 19, 2018 with Consultant Anne Capra to review draft OSRP 7:00 pm at Town Hall

OSRP Community Forum - Monday, June 25, 2018 6:30 pm at Medway Public Library

Respectfully submitted by
Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary

Reviewed and edited by
Susan E. Affleck-Childs
Planning and Economic Development Coordinator



Medway Community Forum

Open Space and Recreation Plan

Tuesday, October 3, 2017
7-9 PM

Thayer House
2B Oak Street, Medway

Come share your thoughts and ideas about land, open space, natural resources, and recreation in Medway, and learn about the Town's initiatives to update the 2010 Open Space and Recreation Plan.

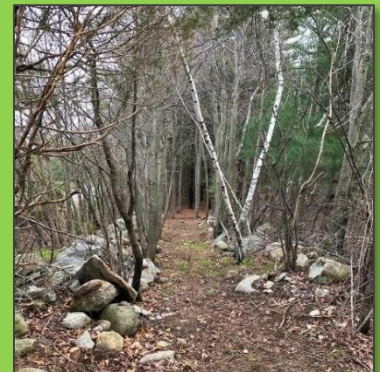
TAKE OUR SURVEY!

Tell us what's important to you and your family:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/Medway_OSRP_Survey

Sponsored by
Town of Medway
Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Task Force
508-533-3291
osrp@townofmedway.org

What is an Open Space and Recreation Plan?

An Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) is a tool to help communities inventory, maintain and enhance all the benefits of open space that contribute significantly to the character of the community. Open space includes water supplies, land, working farms and forests, wildlife habitat, parks, recreation areas, trails, and greenways. Protecting this so called "green infrastructure" is as important to the economic future of a community as planning for schools, roads, water, and wastewater infrastructure.





Medway Community Forum

Open Space & Recreation Plan

Monday, March 12, 2018
7-9 PM (refreshments & socializing at 6:30 pm)

Thayer Homestead

2B Oak Street, Medway

(Please use parking lot; no on-street parking allowed.)

- Share your thoughts and ideas about land, open space, natural resources, and recreation in Medway
- Learn about the results of the Open Space survey conducted in October 2017
- Help prioritize lands for future protection
- Discuss goals for the 2018 Open Space and Recreation Plan

What is an Open Space & Recreation Plan?

An Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) is a tool to help communities inventory, maintain and enhance all the benefits of open space that contribute significantly to the character of the community. Open space includes water supplies, land, working farms and forests, wildlife habitat, parks, recreation areas, trails, and greenways. Protecting this “green infrastructure” is as important to the economic future of a community as planning for schools, roads, water, and wastewater infrastructure.



Sponsored by:
Town of Medway

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Task Force
Community & Economic Development Department

508-533-3291

osrp@townofmedway.org



Medway Community Forum

Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP)

Monday, June 25, 2018
7-9 PM (refreshments & socializing at 6:30 pm)

MEDWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Cole Room (Lower level meeting room)
26 High Street - Medway

You are invited to:

- Share your thoughts and ideas about land, open spaces, natural resources, and recreational facilities in Medway
- Discuss goals and priorities for Medway's new Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP)
- Review and provide comments on the Draft of the 7 Year OSRP Action Plan

What is an Open Space & Recreation Plan?

An Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) is a tool to help communities inventory, maintain and enhance all the benefits of open space that contribute significantly to the character of the community. Open space includes water supplies, land, working farms and forests, wildlife habitat, parks, recreation areas, trails, greenways and conservation areas.



Sponsored by:
Town of Medway

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Task Force
Community & Economic Development Department

508-533-3291
osrp@townofmedway.org



Medway Open Space Committee

7 years of progress . . .

Medway Open Space and Recreation Plan
Community Forum
October 3, 2017

Medway Open Space Committee

Resurrected in 2010 – Developed the 2010 Open Space and Recreation Plan

Key Goals

Open Space

Purchase when appropriate

Protect what we have

Uses:

Passive – Trail, Hiking, Natural/Conservation

Recreation – Athletic Fields, Parks

Rural Character of Medway

Agricultural, Historic

Preserve

Rivers, Wetland, Fields and Forests

Facilitate

Interdependencies – work with a lot of folks:

Planning and Economic Development; Conservation; Parks;
Dept. of Public Services; Board Of Selectmen; Community
Preservation Committee (CPC)

So what does
7
years do?

Open Space Acquired

15 acres at 50 Winthrop Street as open space - Supported the development of the Medway Community Farm

8 acres South of Adams Street

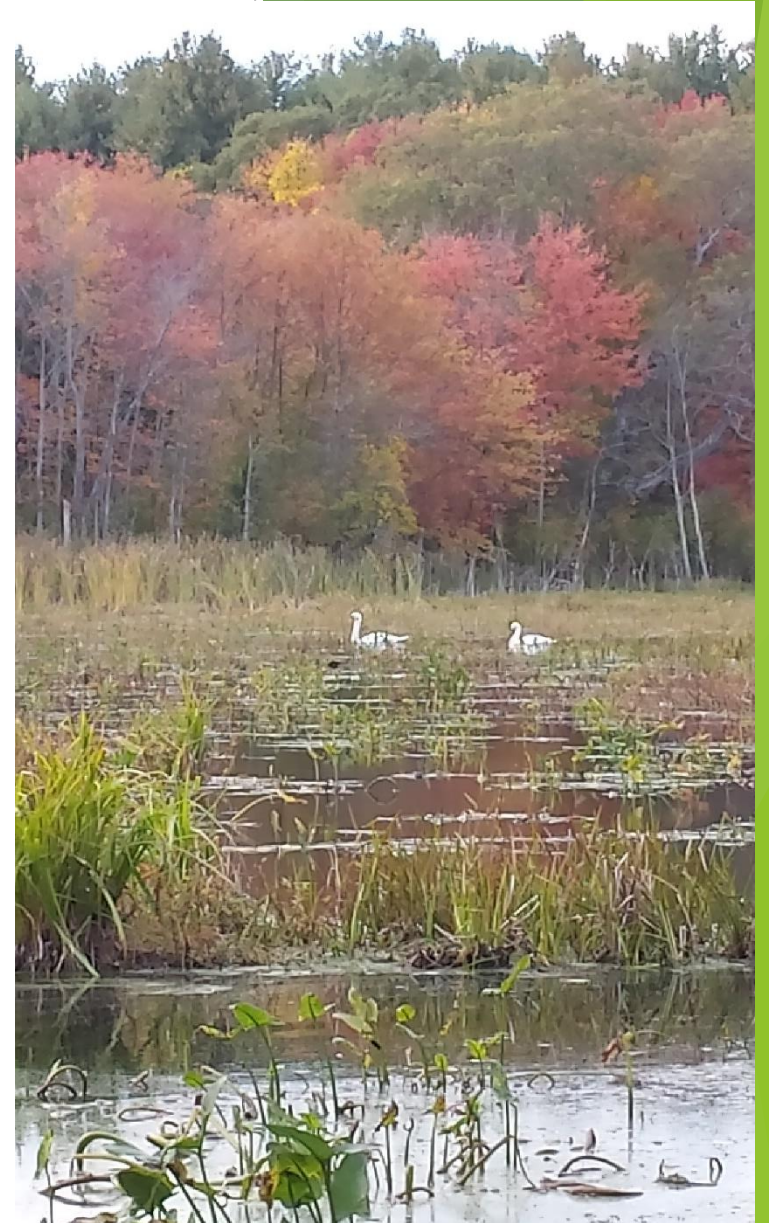
57 acres South of Adams Street – surrounding the High School

50 acres North of Adams Street – “the Boardwalk”

Trails

- Walking trail along farmers pond at Idlybrook →
- Negotiated permission to use the trails between Idylbrook and Weenakeening Woods
- Developed a walking trail from the High School to Summer Street
- Helped facilitate a walking trail off Adams St. including a boardwalk over Chicken Brook

We can now experience a broad range of natural environments, including mature and young pine and oak forests, riverfronts, meadows, wetlands and brooks.



Water Access

- Identified two Town-owned riverfront properties that were inaccessible to residents:
 - Bresnahan's Landing Canoe Launch and Fishing Platform (57 Village ST) - Coordinated with State Fish and Game
 - Historic amphitheater area by Sanford Mills - Coordinated with many volunteers (including Girl and Boy Scouts) and with the support of BOS, ConCom, CPC, DPS, PEDB, to provide access to the River, create a walking path, add parking and install fencing.





Eagle Scout projects

- Walking path around the farm and meadow
- Canoe launch planting/clean up
- Walking bridge at the Amphitheater

Signage

- Worked with CPC to obtain funding for information kiosks
- Coordinated with DPS to install those kiosks

Education and Outreach

- Produced brochure of a comprehensive guide to Medway Open Spaces
- On-line Trail Maps and Tools
- Medway Pride Day/Cross Country Ski Day/Storyboards

Environmental Planning

- Open Space and ConCom with the Conway School developed and are implementing an environmental management plan for the forest and meadow area off Adams Street
- Assisted Planning and Economic Development Board in reviewing open space requirements for several major developments:
 - Williamsburg
 - Charles River Village
 - Millstone
 - Salmon senior living community.
- The Open Space Committee now has permanent membership on two Town committees - EPFRAC and CPC

SO... What Does 7 Years do?

A LOT!

**Town of Medway
Evaluation of Parks, Fields and
Recreation Areas**

**OSRP Community Forum
October 3, 2017**



High School Field Additions

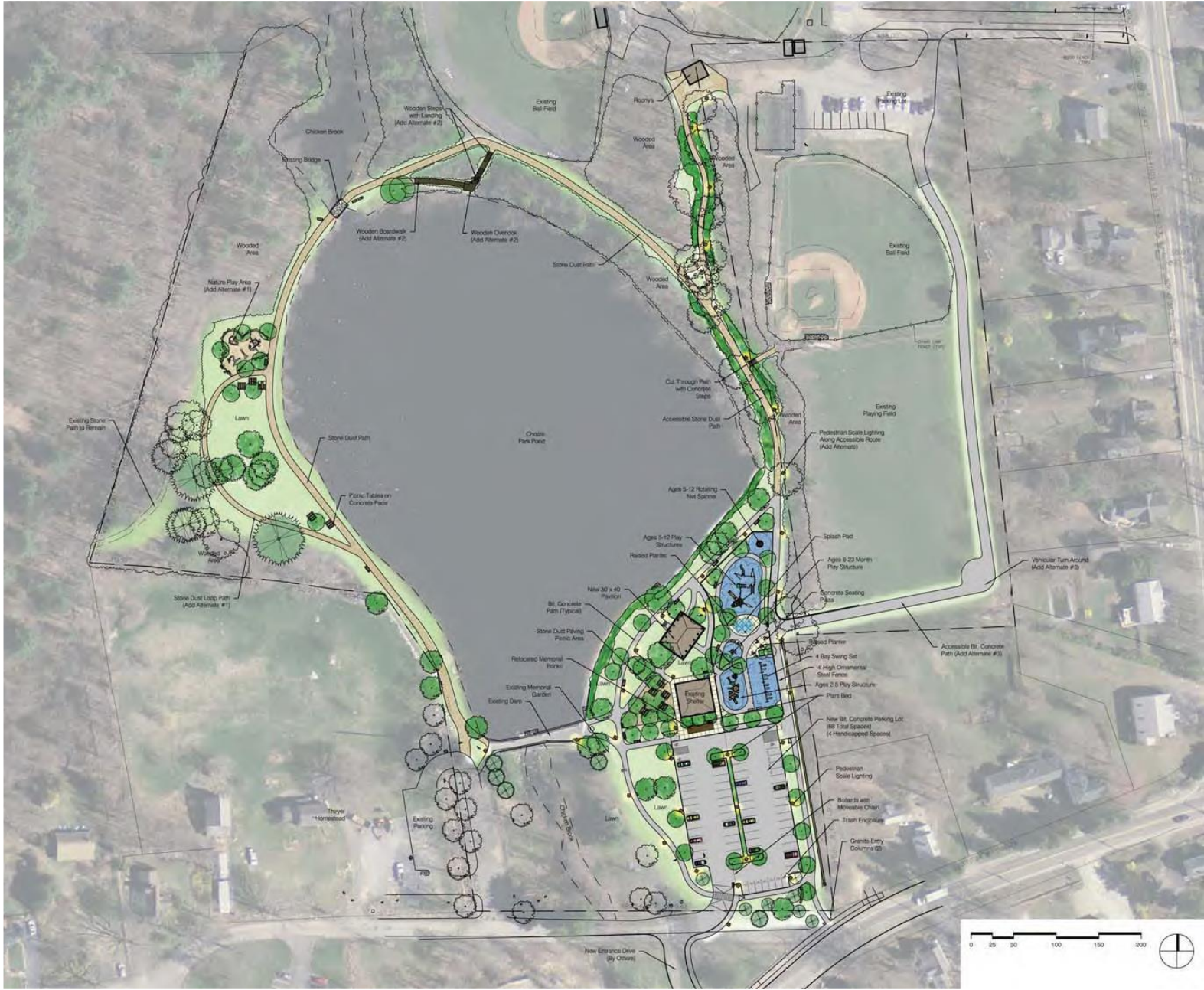


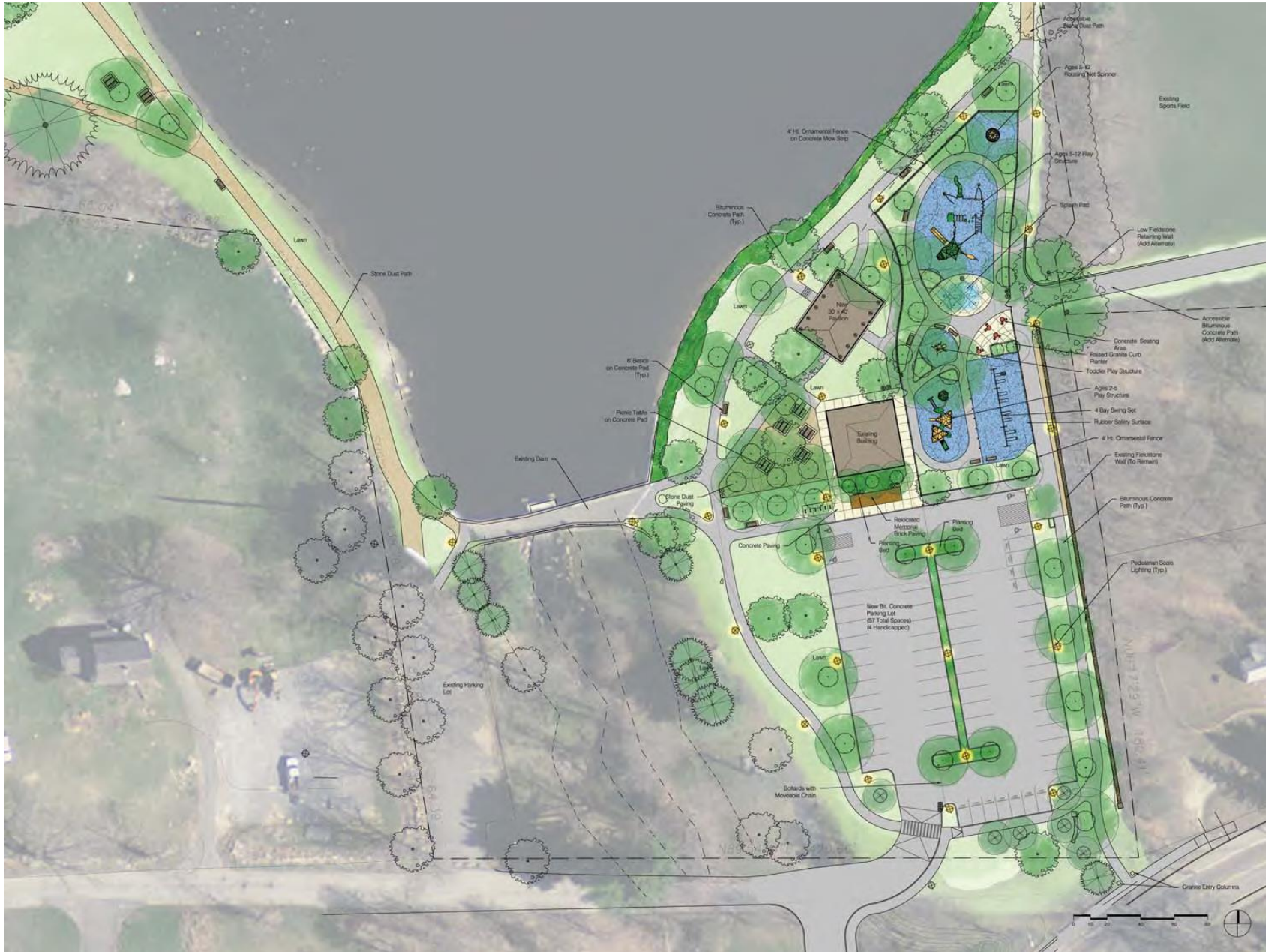
**High
School
Field
Additions**



**Choate
Park
Aerial
View**

Proposed Choate Park Site Improvements





Proposed Choate Park Site Improvements



**Oakland
Park and
Senior
Center
Aerial
View**



Proposed Oakland Park Site Improvements

Medway's Trail System

Status Report

Medway Trail Task Force
September, 2017

For more information follow Medway Trail Club
on Facebook or go to Medway's Open Space web site
<https://www.townofmedway.org/open-space-committee>



Collaborators

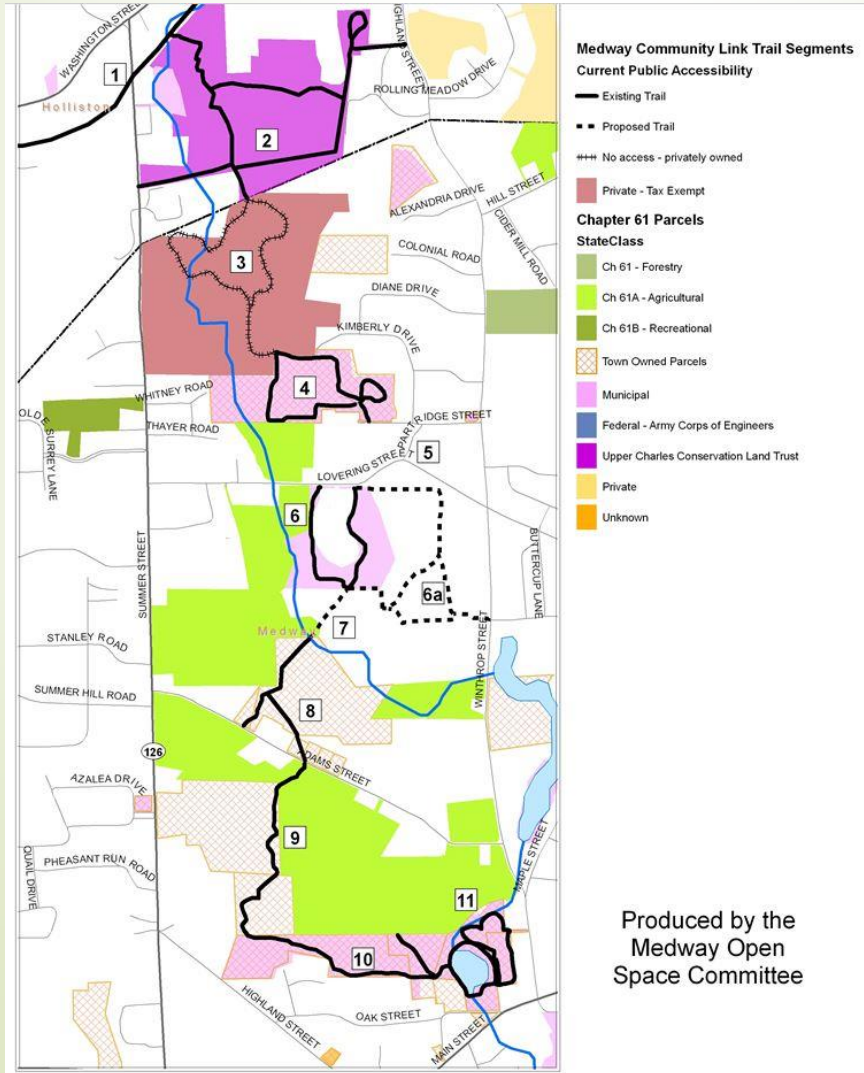
- Open Space Committee, Conservation Commission
- Board of Selectmen, Community Preservation Committee
- Planning and Economic Development Board
- Parks Department/Department of Public Services
- Medway Trail Club
- Medway Community Farm
- Friends of Choate
- Other Medway groups
 - (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts)

Trail Design Engineering



A multidisciplinary consulting firm providing civil engineering, planning, landscape architecture, environmental permitting, and land surveying.

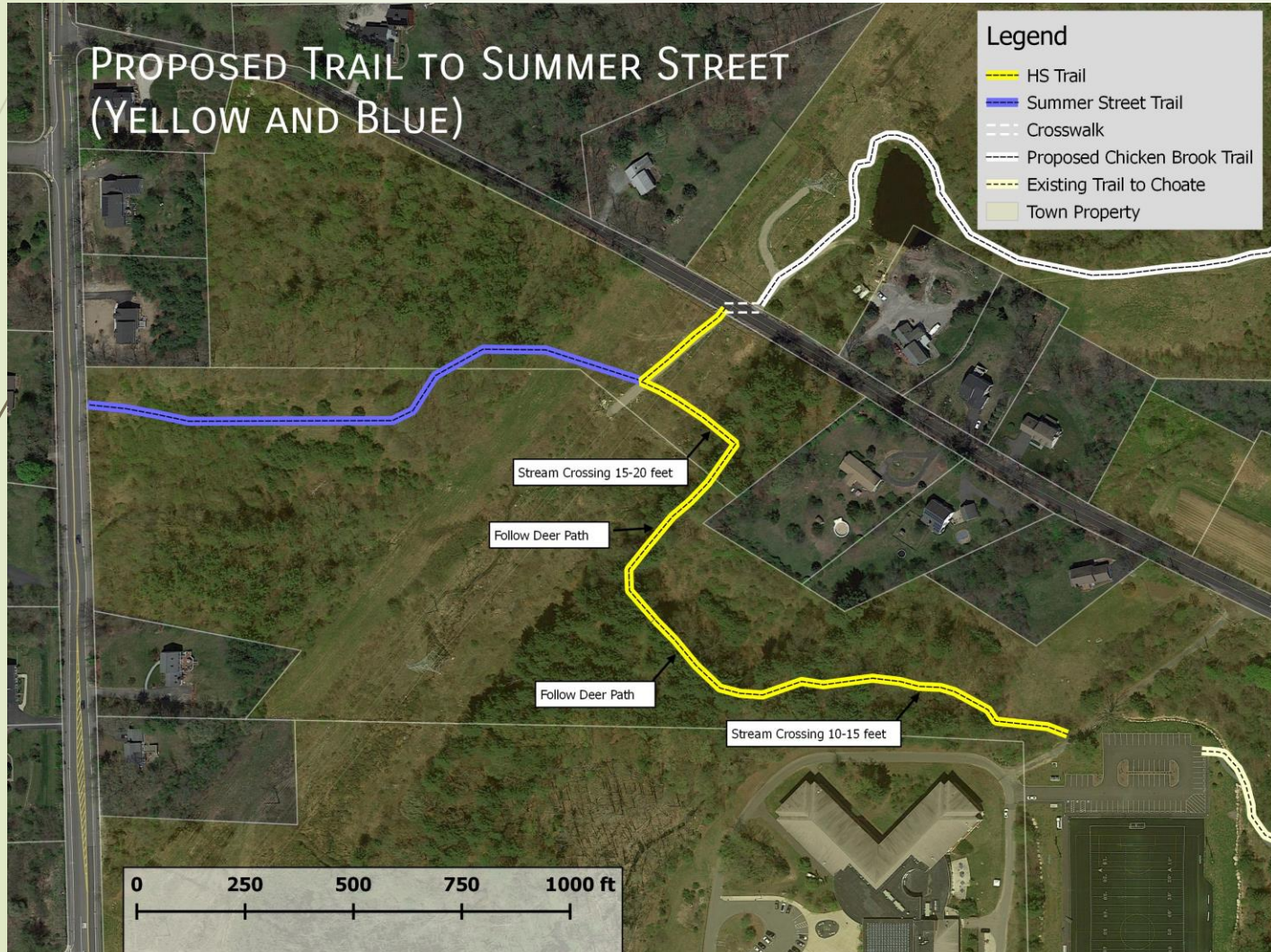
2009 Master Plan Map



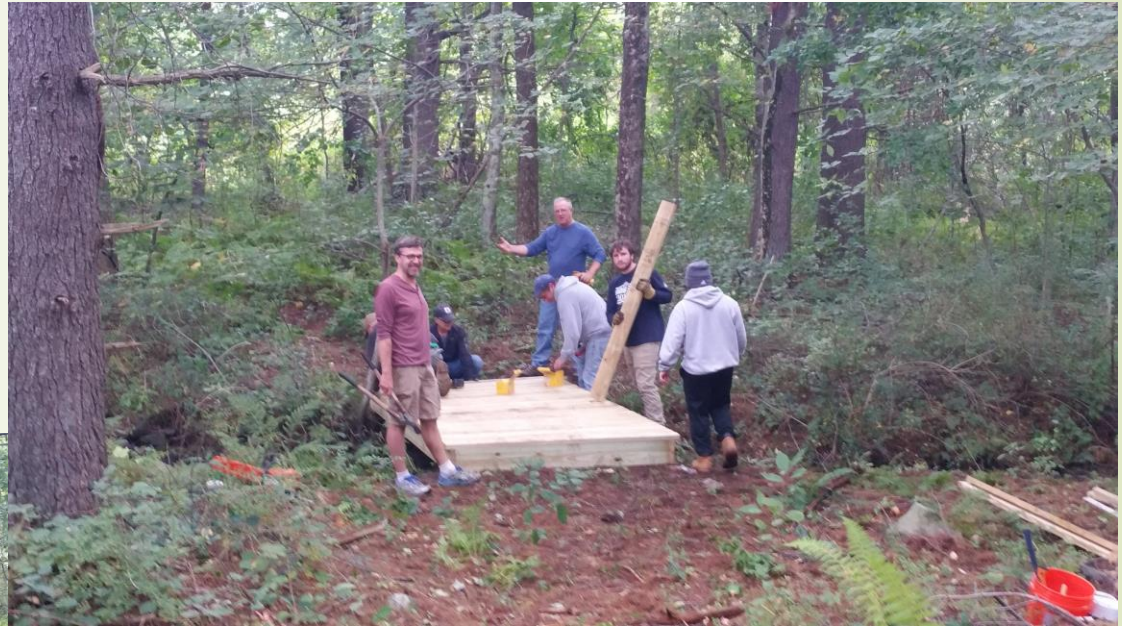
Area of Current Trail Project



Trails North of the High School



Trail Club Foot Bridge



7/10/
16

Trail to Chicken Brook Boardwalk



Millstone Plans, Trails, Parking



Medway Link Trail Timeline

1997 Initial discussions – turning Medway’s old farm paths into usable walkways

1999 Medway Master Plan approved; plan includes the following:

“Maintaining Medway’s rural character is important to Medway residents. We must establish funding mechanisms to purchase open space as it becomes available. Open space should be linked by hiking/biking trails to provide recreation for the community.... Furthermore, Medway’s trail network should be planned to link with those proposed in the region, such as the Upper Charles River Trail.”

2000-2012 Town acquires property north and south of Adams Street, including new High School property

2001-2005 Town Meeting passes zoning by-laws encouraging preservation of open space (ARCPUD, OSRD)

2004 Community Preservation Committee forms ad-hoc Trail Committee with a mandate to join Medway’s open spaces

2006 0.5-mile trail from Choate Park to High School is completed

2009 Updated Medway Master Plan shows proposed map for Link Trail

2015 0.5-mile trail from HS lower fields to Adams Street is completed

2015 33 acres along Chicken Brook purchased; trail design study funded

2017 (Proposed): 1-mile trail from Adams Street to Lovering Street designed and constructed

Chicken Brook Boardwalk



North end of Boardwalk



7/10/
16

This Project has opened 75 acres of
Medway's Open space



7/10/
16

Thanks to our many volunteers and dedicated Town employees!



7/10/
16

Town of Medway
Community and Economic Development Department
155 Village Street, Medway, MA 02053508-533-3291

**Medway Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Task Force
Community Forum # 2
Monday, March 12, 2018
6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Thayer Homestead- 2 B Oak Street**

Members present: Matthew Hayes, Chairman, Paul Atwood, Denise Legee, David Blackwell, and Glenn Trindade

Members Absent: Cindy Sullivan and Paul Mahoney

Staff Present: Bridget Graziano, Consultant Anne Capra, David D'Amico, Mackenzie Leahy, Susy Affleck-Childs and Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary

Matt Hayes, Chairman called the meeting and Community Forum to order at 7:06 p.m.

Community Forum

Matt thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and introduced Anne Capra, Consultant from Conservation Works, LLC.

Anne thanked everyone for coming out and gave a brief presentation about what the OSRP Task Force has been doing and stated they held their first public forum in October and a third is planned for this spring. Anne explained that the Task Force distributed a public survey back in Sept/Nov and 305 people responded to the survey. In addition, the Task Force held its first public forum in October and there will be a third forum when the final draft plan is ready for public comment.

Anne reviewed some of the highlights from the survey. **(See Attached)**. The highest number of respondents were in the middle age group with children ages 6-12. The survey asked if people knew where the open spaces for recreation were located. A large number of respondents did not know where some of the spaces were located and stated they did not use them. Some respondents also didn't know where to go to get information about them. The survey asked respondents what their top concerns were about recreational spaces and the top concerns were: lack of restroom facilities, lack of maintenance and insufficient parking. People were also concerned about having a place to walk their dogs and about people who don't pick up after their dogs. Some people were concerned about swimming at Choate Park, more lightning needed at some of the schools, the need for more sidewalks and sports fields.

When asked about the trails in Medway, most knew where Choate Park, Idylbrook and the Community Farm were located but did not know where the Medway Amphitheater

was located. People had concerns about vegetation encroaching on trails, lack of facilities and inadequate signage. People were asked if they had an open space or park within 10 minutes walking distance from their house and fifty nine percent said they did. The ones who did not have anything within 10 minutes stated that having one within walking distance was very important to them.

When asked about open space in the next seven years, people were concerned about protecting and maintaining parks, existing farmland, acquiring new land and developing new trails. Most respondents stated they would attend a town meeting to vote for preserving open spaces/ parks. About half of the respondents said they would allow a sidewalk to be installed on their property and would volunteer to help maintain or build new trails. People felt that the most underserved group was teenagers.

Anne reviewed some of the maps that the Task Force has been working on. (**See Attached**) One of the draft maps was developed by the Community and Economic Development department. These maps show protected areas and areas that can be developed. The Chicken Brook Corridor was identified as an important area that the community would like to keep protected and continue to develop a trail. The maps also identified undeveloped places in town that would help us meet some of our strategic goals. Anne stated that the Task Force looked at major criteria such as natural resources, preserving buffers around natural habitats, wetlands and ponds. Some parcels have a high visual aesthetic value or provide recreational access to water. Medway has experienced water shortages and water bans so the water supply is very important. Anne stated we need to take a closer look at where our groundwater resources are located and if there is protected land near them for water recharge. Some of those areas overlap with prime farm land or potential development areas. Wildlife habitats are also important natural resources and those are indicated on the map as well. There are undeveloped parcels and also prime development parcels shown on the map. The land along Route 109 is mostly zoned for commercial and industrial developments. There are also some non-profit and religious owned parcels of land shown on the map.

Anne stated it is important to look at the goals from the last OSRP in 2010 to see if the community's goals have remained the same or changed. Some of the main goals from the 2010 OSRP were to preserve Medway's character, historic sites, agricultural land, recreational land and wetlands.

Anne had the group break out into four small groups to look at the maps and criteria provided at each table. (**See Attached**) She asked each group to identify their top 3 properties to be protected and explain why. Each group took about 15 minutes for discussion.

Group # 1 listed the Briggs property, Chicken Brook corridor and improving access to the Charles River. Some other spots to consider were the area behind Julian's Oil on Village Street, Shaw Street, Water View and a few others. It was noted that there are 24 unknown owned properties in Medway that should be researched. People also had some concerns about the limited access to the Amphitheater.

Group # 2 stated the land behind Shaw's would be a good area for recreational space. They also suggested that the farmland off Summer Street could be tied into the Chicken Brook Corridor.

Group # 3 suggested the Briggs property, the Panachelli property, the Cassidy property and the area on Summer Street.

Group # 4 suggested the property along the Charles River for recreation, the Cassidy property and Timber Crest.

Susy stated a new OSRP goal might be to try to shape a management system within the town for our open spaces and get everyone on the same page as far as care and upkeep. Susy asked what brought the new people to the forum tonight. Most people stated they heard about it from the Town's Facebook page. One person stated they were interested in exploring some of the Army Corp of Engineer areas and could not find any maps of them. Another person stated she worked for the New England Wildflower Society and was interested to find out what was going on in Medway.

Anne thanked everyone for coming and the forum concluded at 8:30 pm. The OSRP Task Force then briefly discussed how the forum went. They would have liked more people to attend and were interested to find that most people had heard about the forum through Facebook.

Review of Meeting Minutes from the 2/26/18 OSRP Task Force meeting

Matt made a motion to accept the amended minutes and Denise seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Susy reminded the Task Force that the land management workshop will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Adjourn

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm and Glenn seconded the motion. All were in favor.

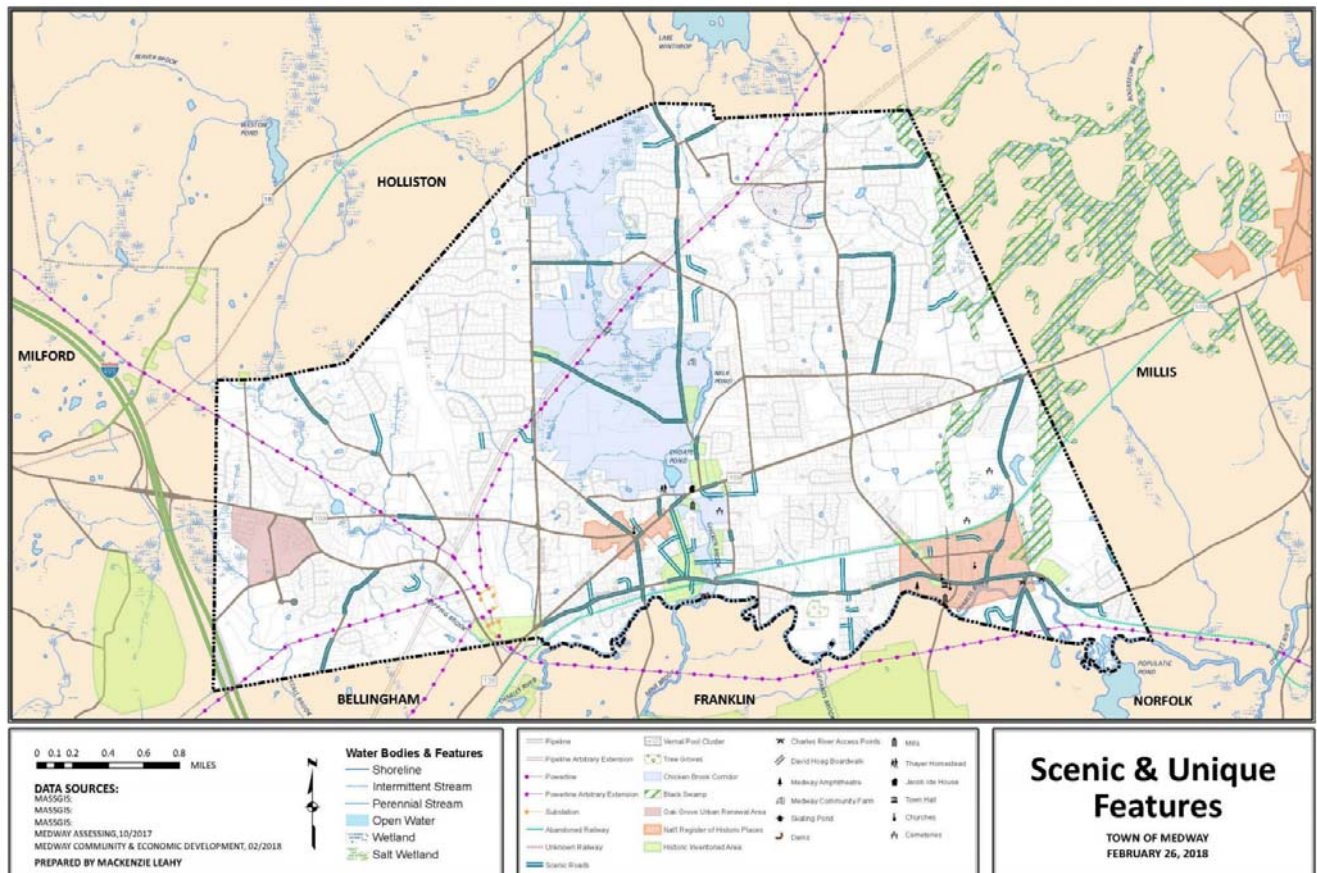
* Next OSRP Update Task Force meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Location to be determined

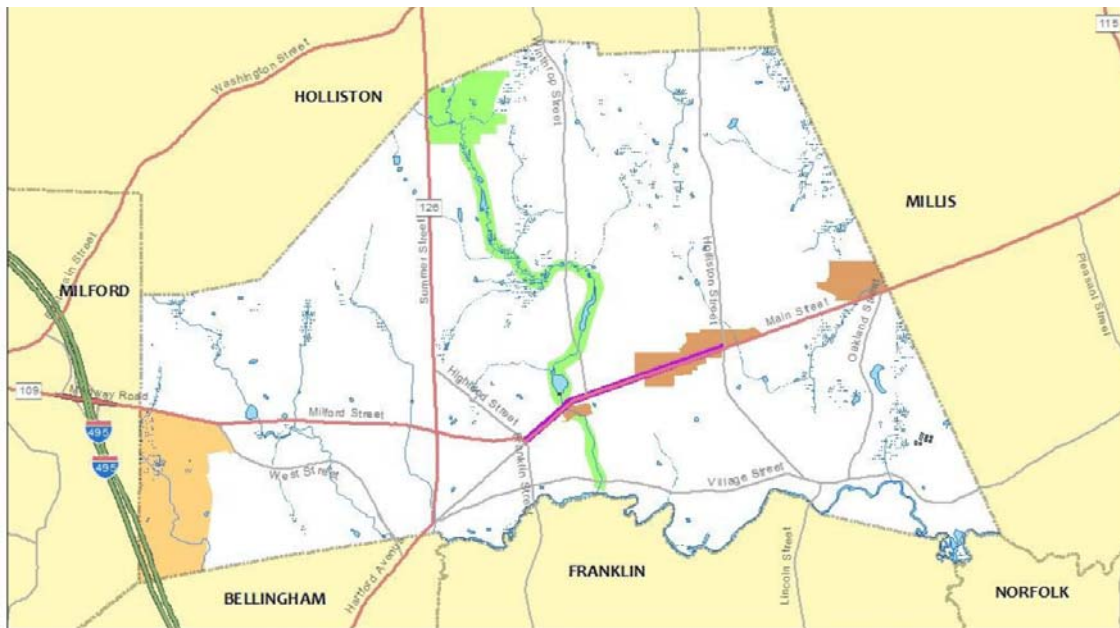
Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Rozak
Recording Secretary

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

Open Space Working Maps

March 12, 2018





Legend

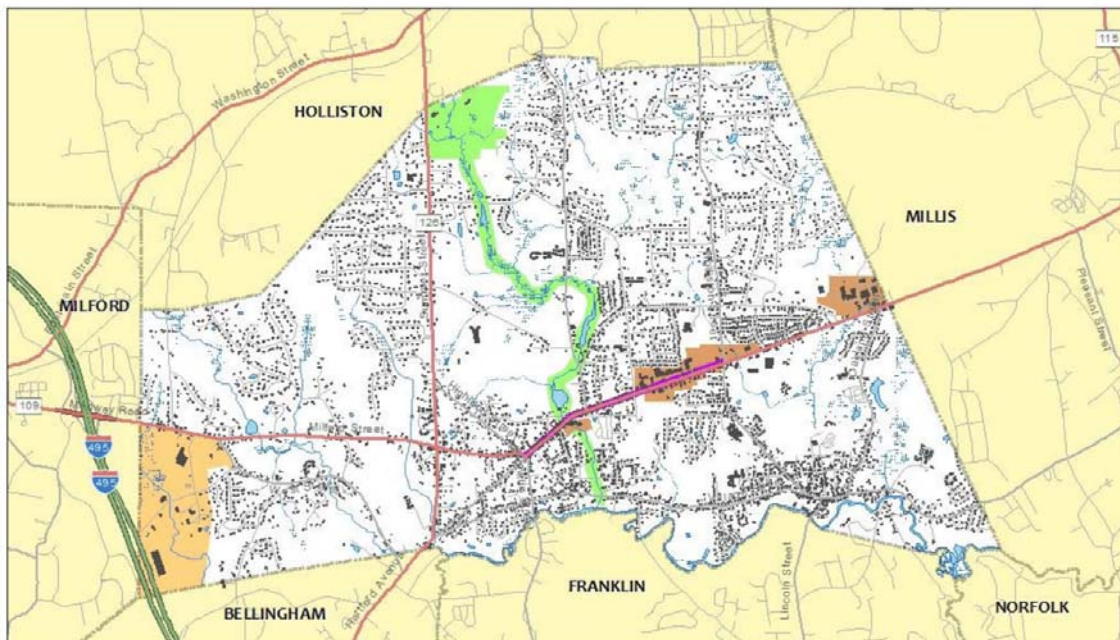
- Priority Development Corridor
- West Industrial Zone / 43D Site
- Commercial Zoning Districts
- Priority Preservation Sites

**Priority Preservation and Development Sites
Town of Medway**

Conservation Works, LLC
February 10, 2018



Data Sources:
Medway Community and Economic Development Department
495/MetroWest Development Compact Plan, 2012



Legend

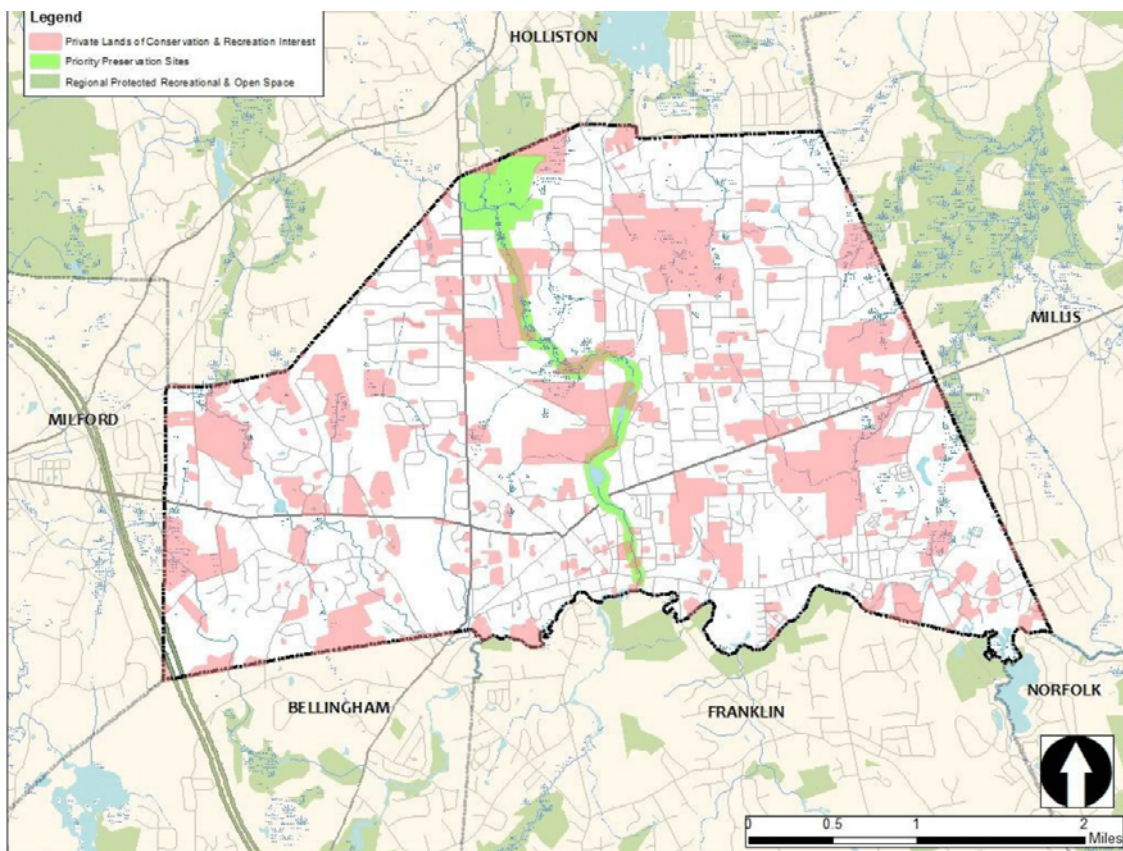
- Buildings
- Priority Development Corridor
- West Industrial Zone / 43D Site
- Commercial Zoning Districts
- Priority Preservation Sites

**Priority Preservation and Development Sites
Town of Medway**

Conservation Works, LLC
February 10, 2018



Data Sources:
Medway Community and Economic Development Department
495/MetroWest Development Compact Plan, 2012



Open Space Committee Criteria for Open Space Protection

Natural Resources

- Preserves or buffers natural areas containing diverse wildlife habitat and/or migration corridors
- Provides protection for wetlands, ponds, vernal pools, and/or waterways

Strategic Open Space

- Is large
- Is contiguous to protected areas
- Can support multiple uses

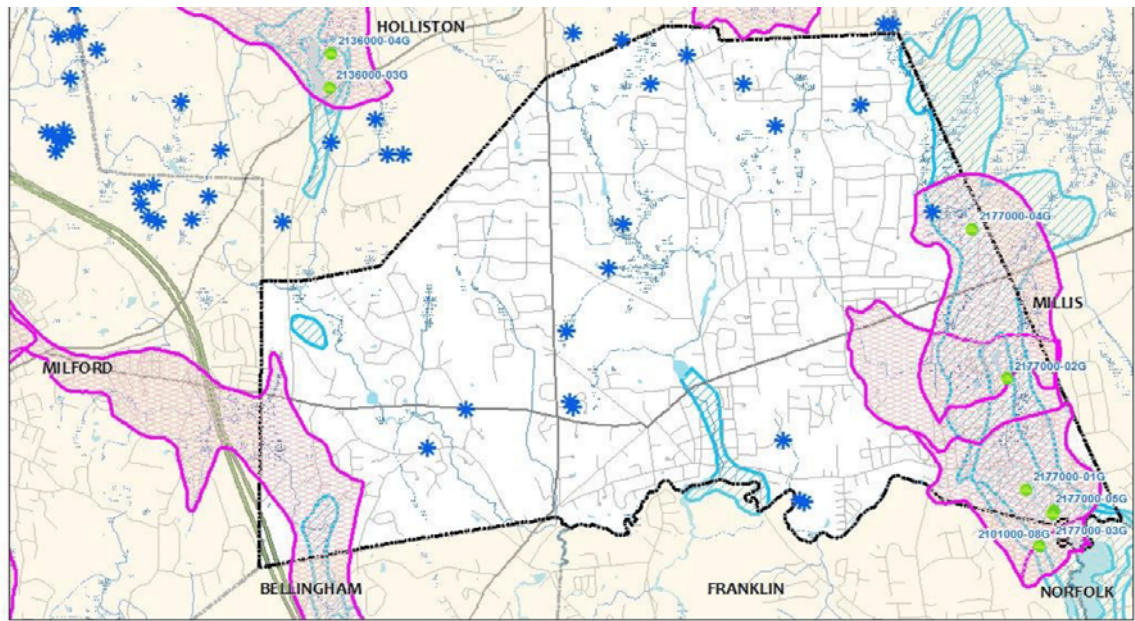
Public Use

- Is an area of high visual or aesthetic value
- Provides/improves recreational access and/or lake, stream, or trail access
- Contains important historical, geological, or local landmark features
- Requires limited preparation to achieve intended use

Agriculture

- Categorized as Chapter 61 or otherwise used recently for agriculture

Water Resources



- Legend**
- Community Groundwater Source
 - ★ Certified Vernal Pools
 - DEP Approved Zone IIs
 - Perennial Stream
 - Intermittent Stream
 - Pond, Lake, Ocean
 - Reservoir
 - Wetland
 - Aquifers

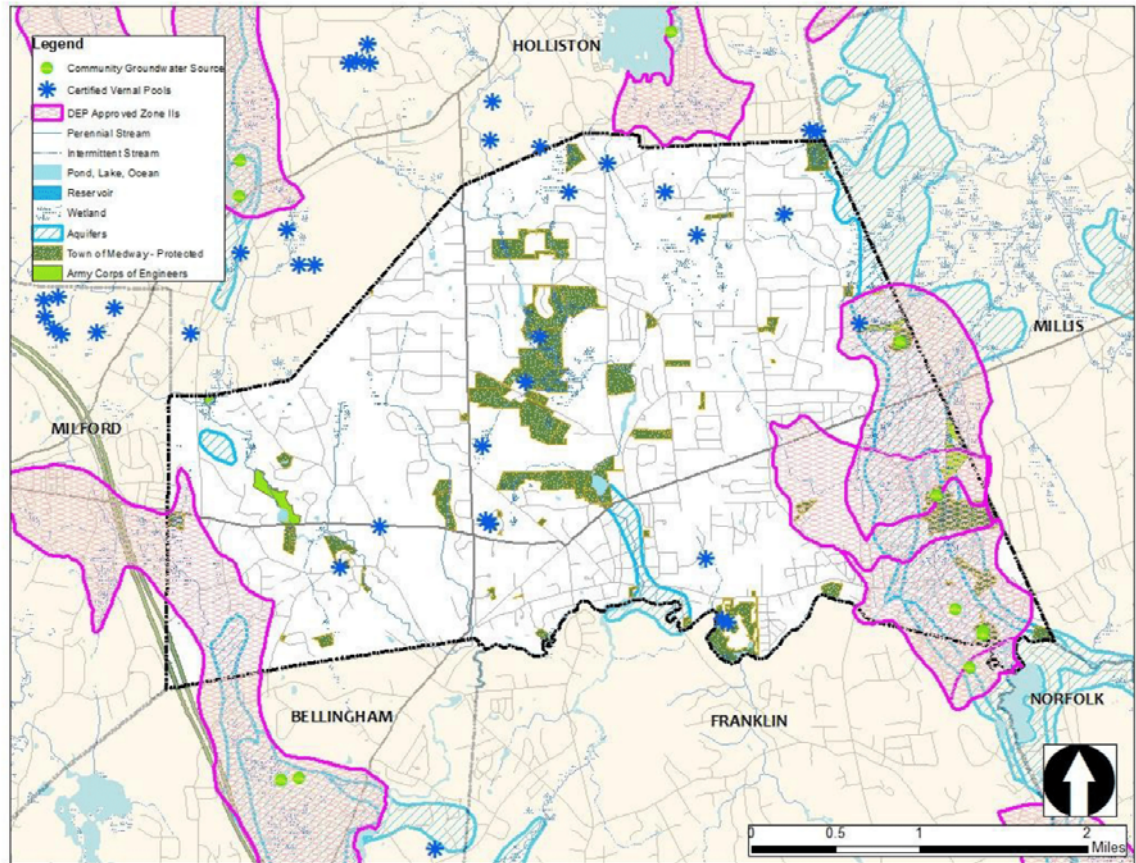
Natural Resources Town of Medway

Conservation Works, LLC
February 10, 2018

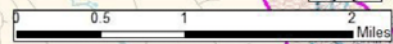


Data Sources:
Medway Community and Economic Development Department
495/MetroWest Development Compact Plan, 2012

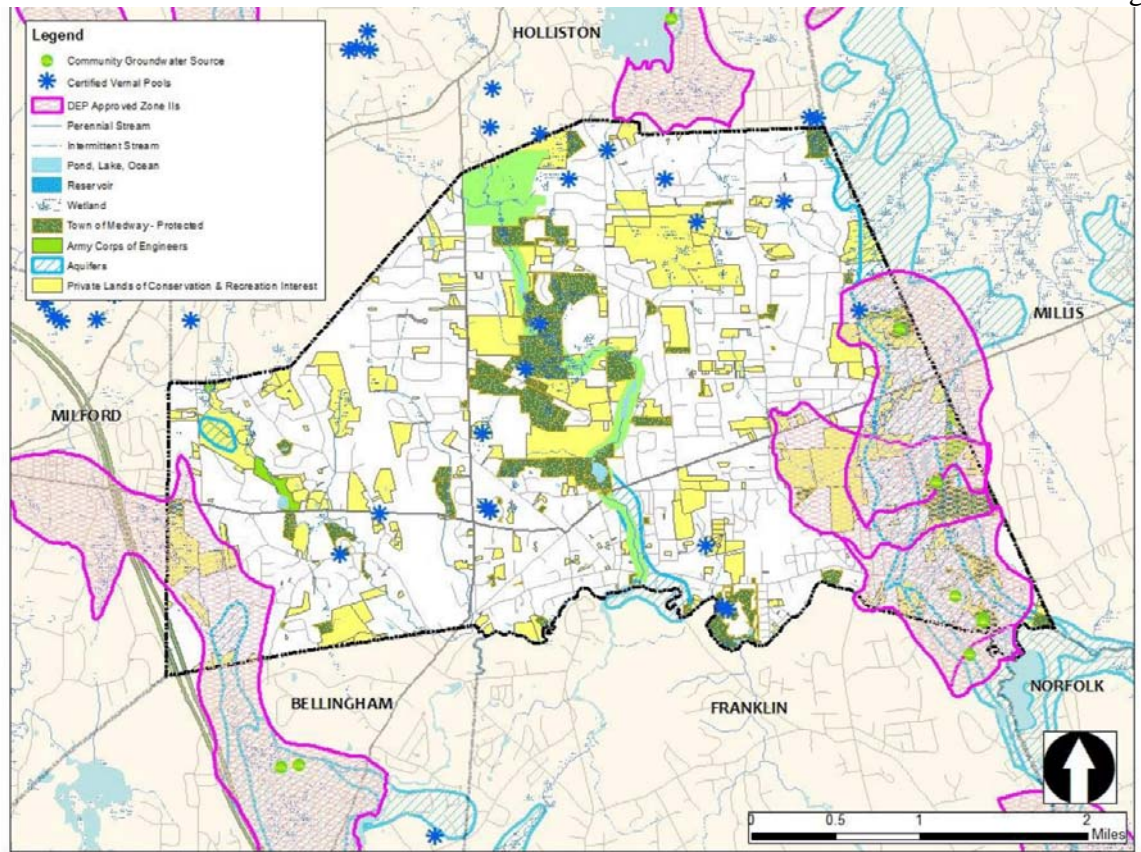
Water Resources and Protected Land



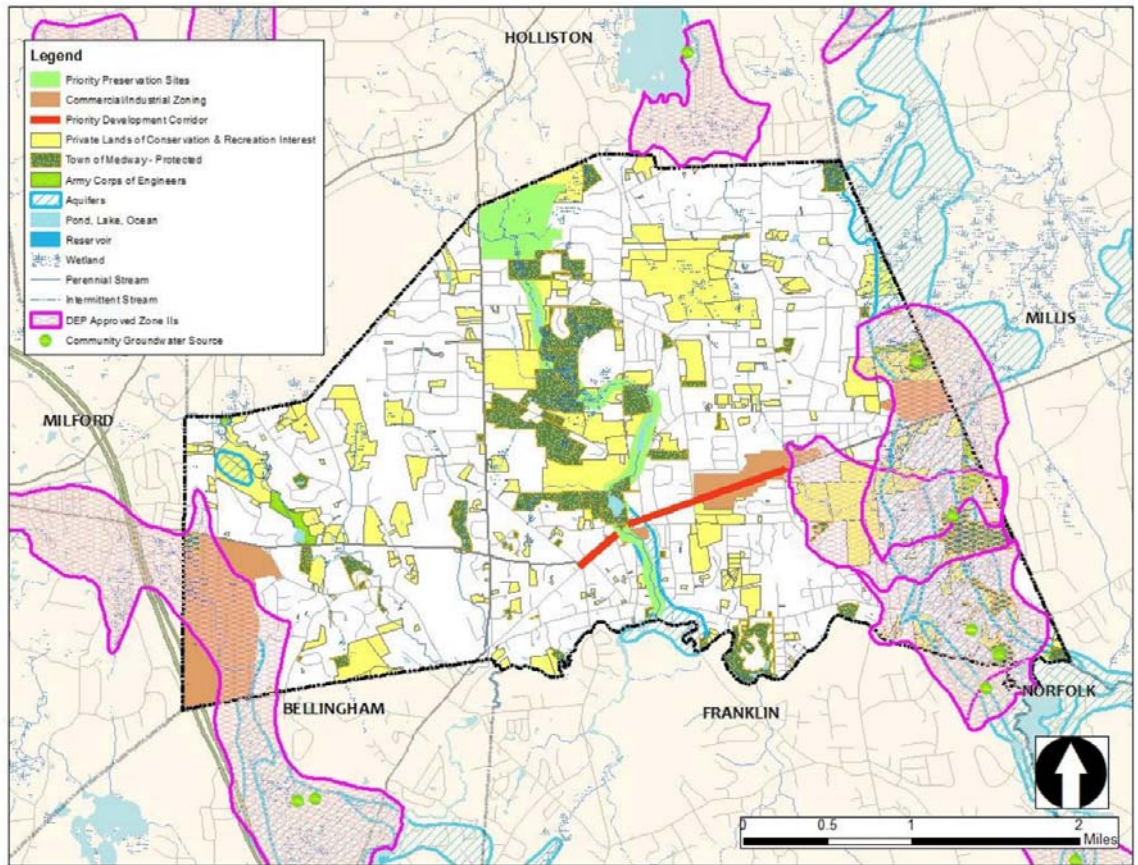
- Legend**
- Community Groundwater Source
 - ★ Certified Vernal Pools
 - DEP Approved Zone IIs
 - Perennial Stream
 - Intermittent Stream
 - Pond, Lake, Ocean
 - Reservoir
 - Wetland
 - Aquifers
 - Town of Medway - Protected
 - Army Corps of Engineers



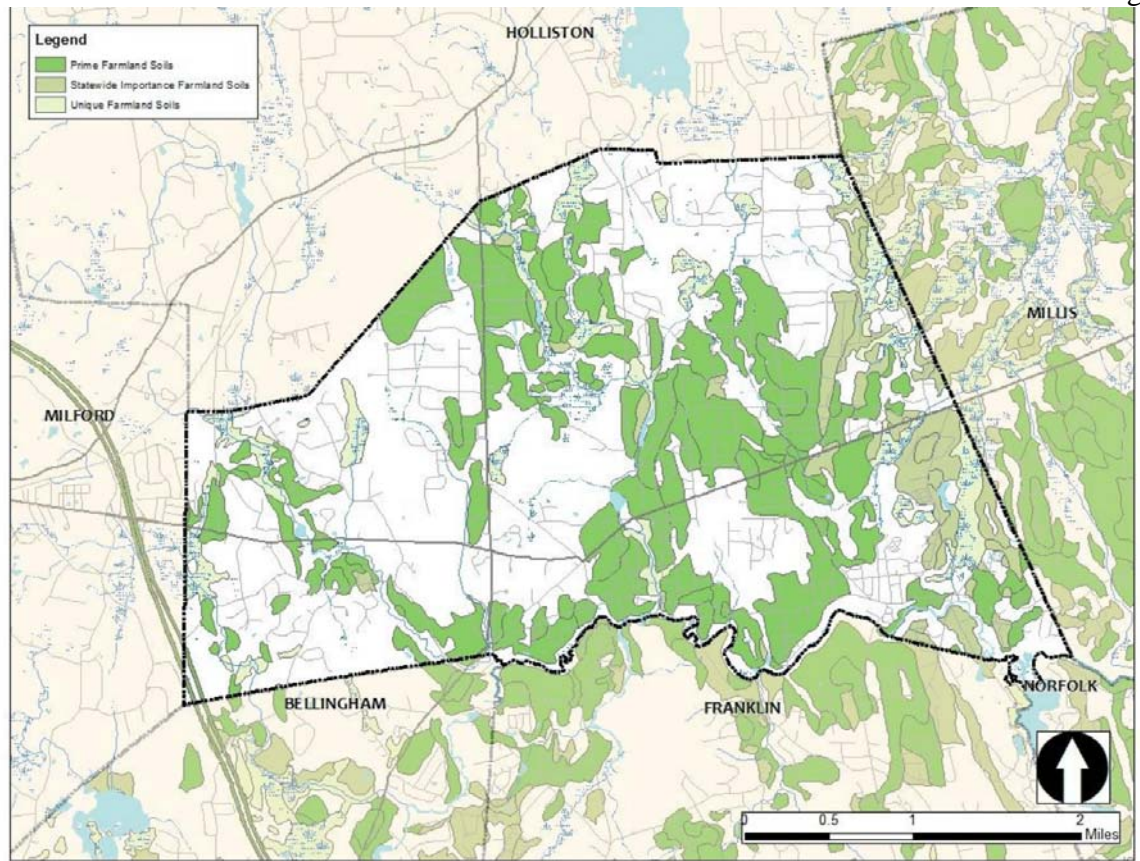
Water Resources, Protected Land, Private Lands of Conservation Interest



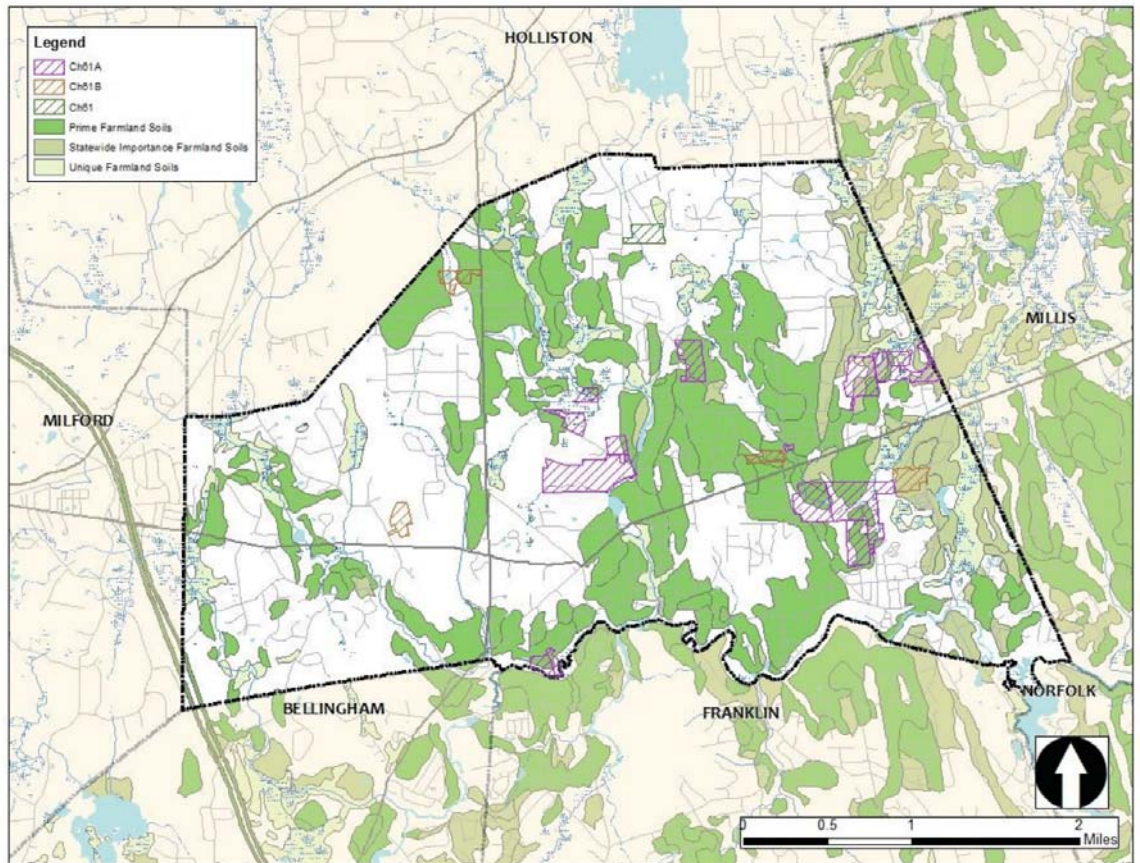
Water Resources and Priority Development Sites



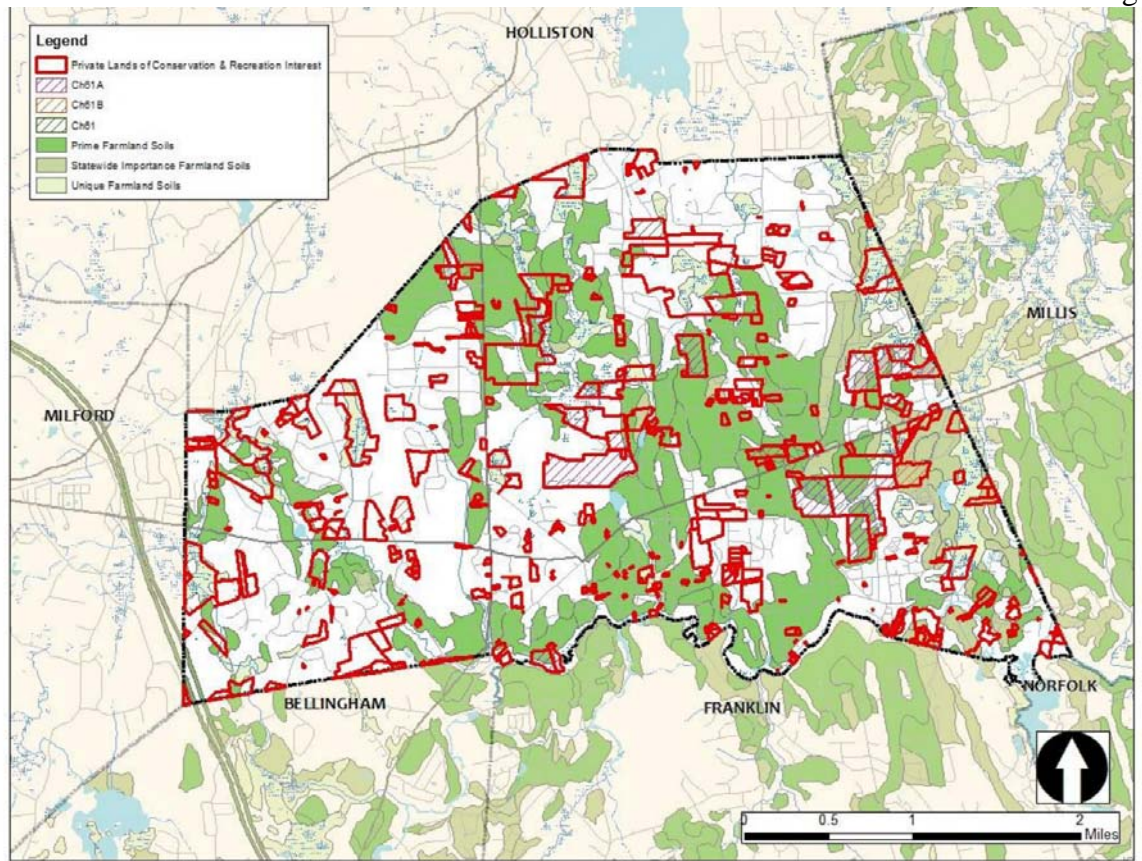
Farmland Soils



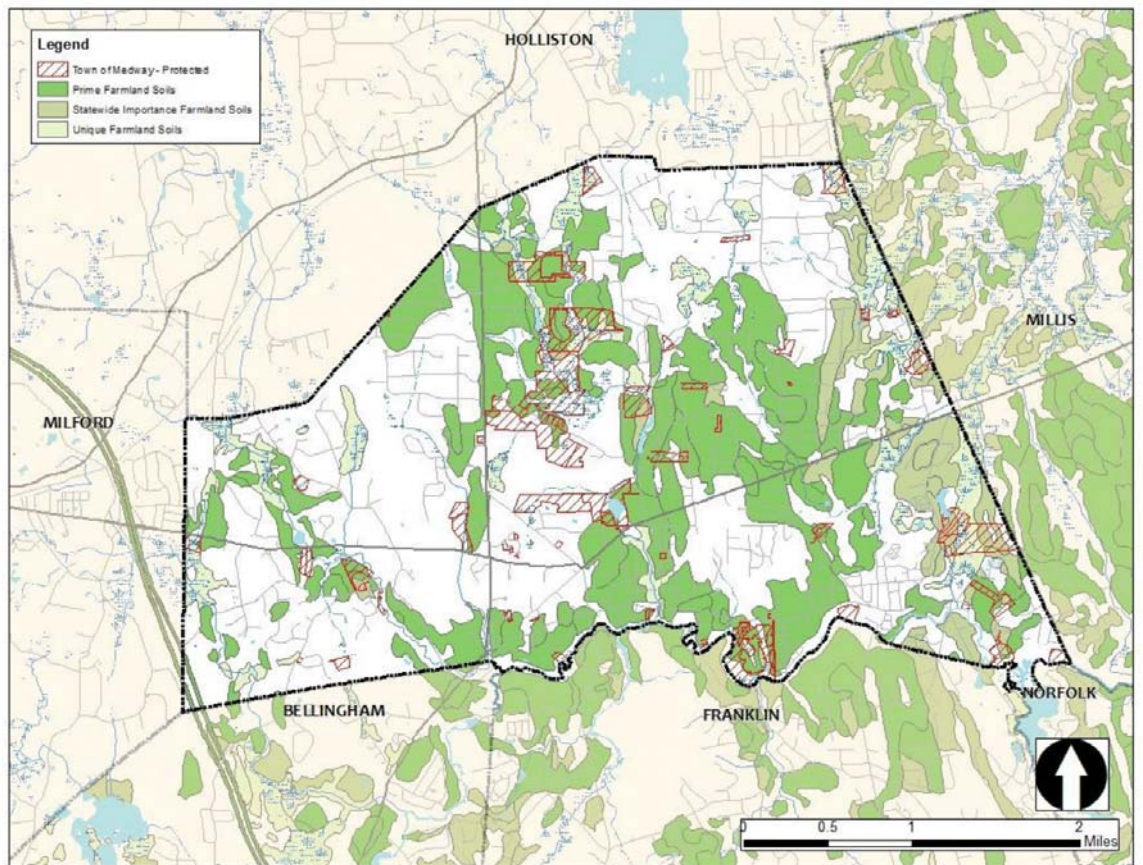
Farmland Soils and Chapter Lands



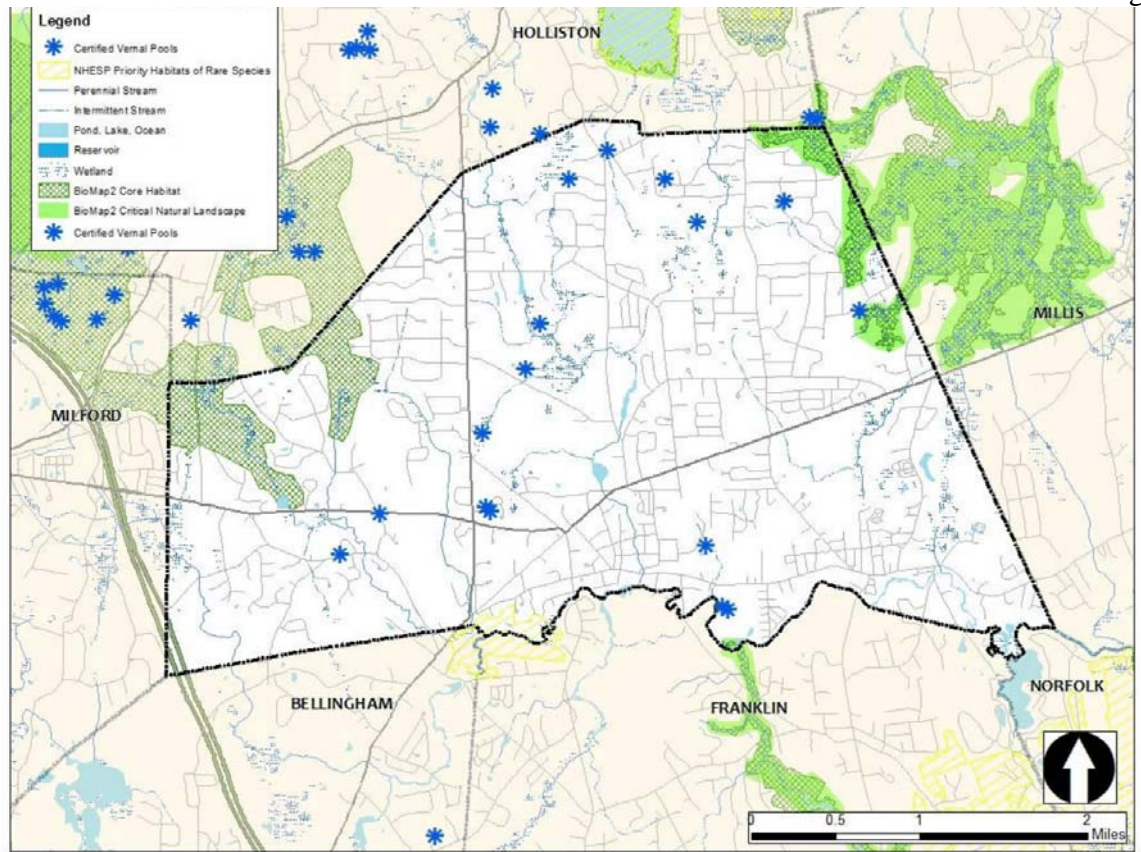
Farmland Soils and Conservation



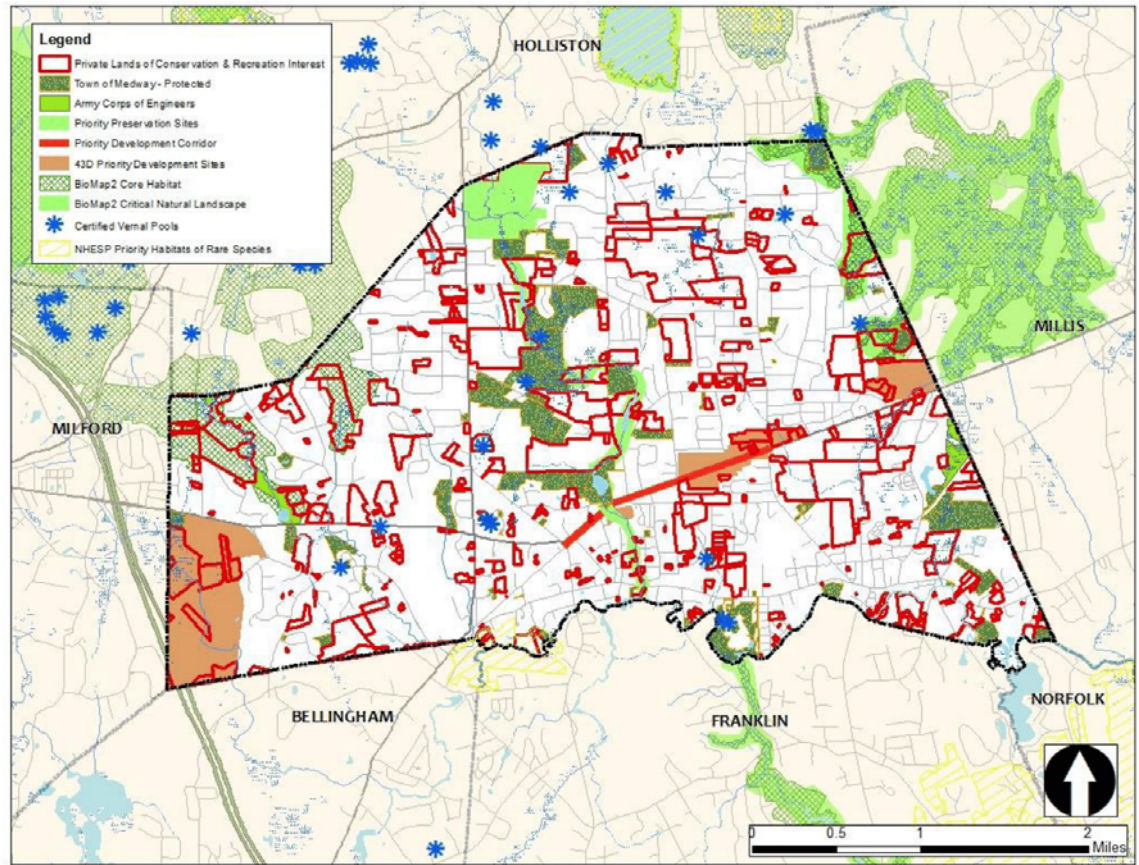
Farmland Soils and Conservation – Town of Medway Protected

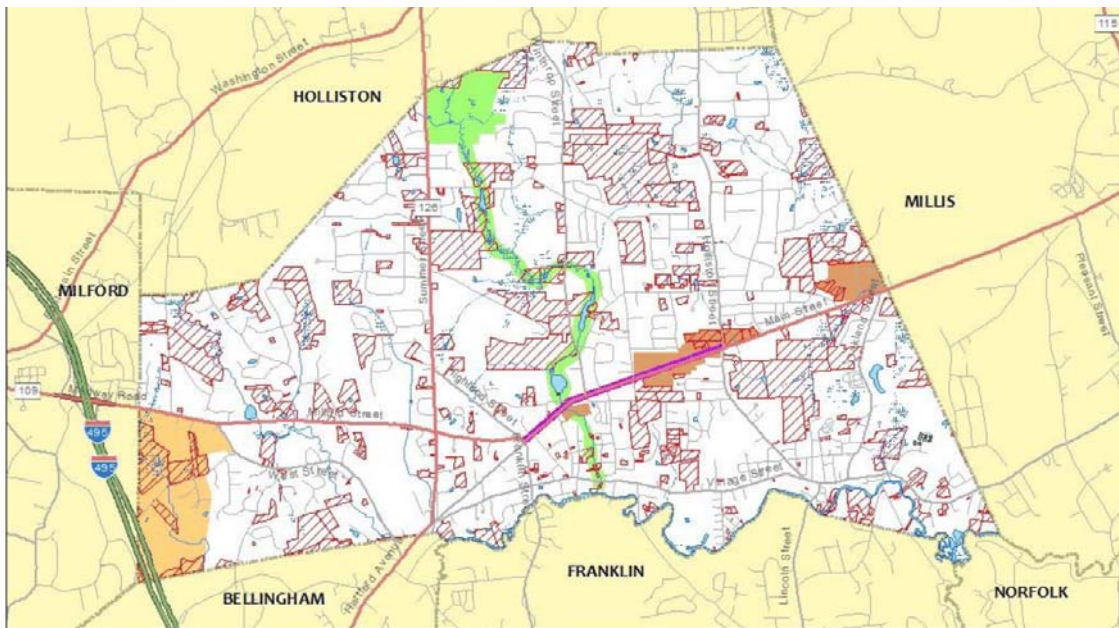


Wildlife Habitat



Wildlife Habitat and Protection Status





Legend

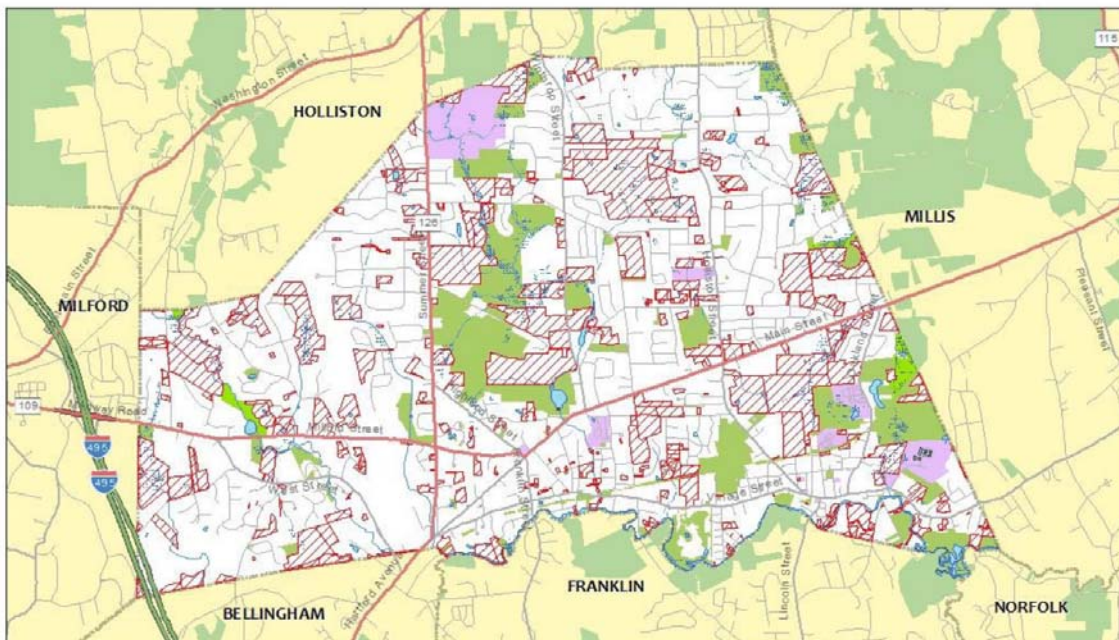
- Priority Development Corridor
- West Industrial Zone / 43D Site
- Commercial Zoning Districts
- Priority Preservation Sites
- Private Lands of Conservation & Recreation Interest

**Priority Preservation and Development Sites
Town of Medway**

Conservation Works, LLC
February 10, 2018



Data Sources:
Medway Community and Economic Development Department
495/MetroWest Development Compact Plan, 2012



Legend

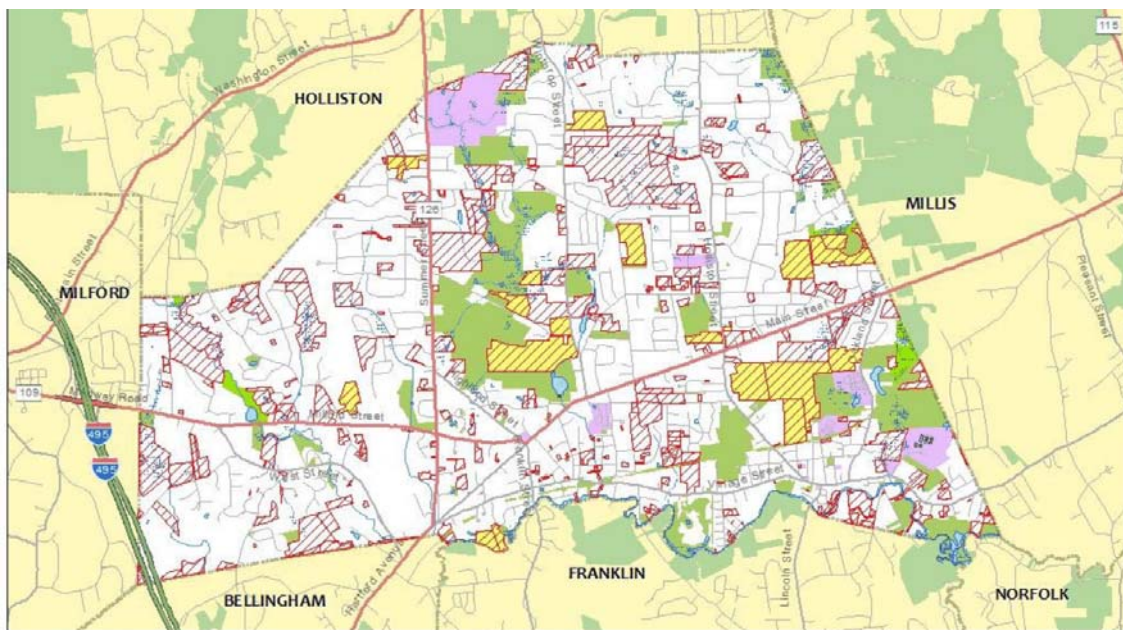
- Private Lands of Conservation & Recreation Interest
- Town of Medway
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Nonprofit & Religious Institutions

**Priority Preservation and Development Sites
Town of Medway**

Conservation Works, LLC
February 10, 2018



Data Sources:
Medway Community and Economic Development Department
495/MetroWest Development Compact Plan, 2012



Legend

- Town of Medway
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Nonprofit & Religious Institutions
- Chapter Lands
- Private Lands of Conservation & Recreation Interest

Priority Preservation and Development Sites Town of Medway

Conservation Works, LLC
February 10, 2018



0 0.5 1 2
Miles

Data Sources:
Medway Community and Economic Development Department
495/MetroWest Development Compact Plan, 2012

2010 Vision Statement

To preserve Medway's rural character through the permanent protection of undeveloped land, wetlands and surface water bodies, agricultural lands and uses, scenic views, historic sites and recreation land.

Goals

2010 Open Space and Recreation Plan

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

Open Space Committee Criteria for Open Space Protection

Natural Resources

- Preserves or buffers natural areas containing diverse wildlife habitat and/or migration corridors
- Provides protection for wetlands, ponds, vernal pools, and/or waterways

Strategic Open Space

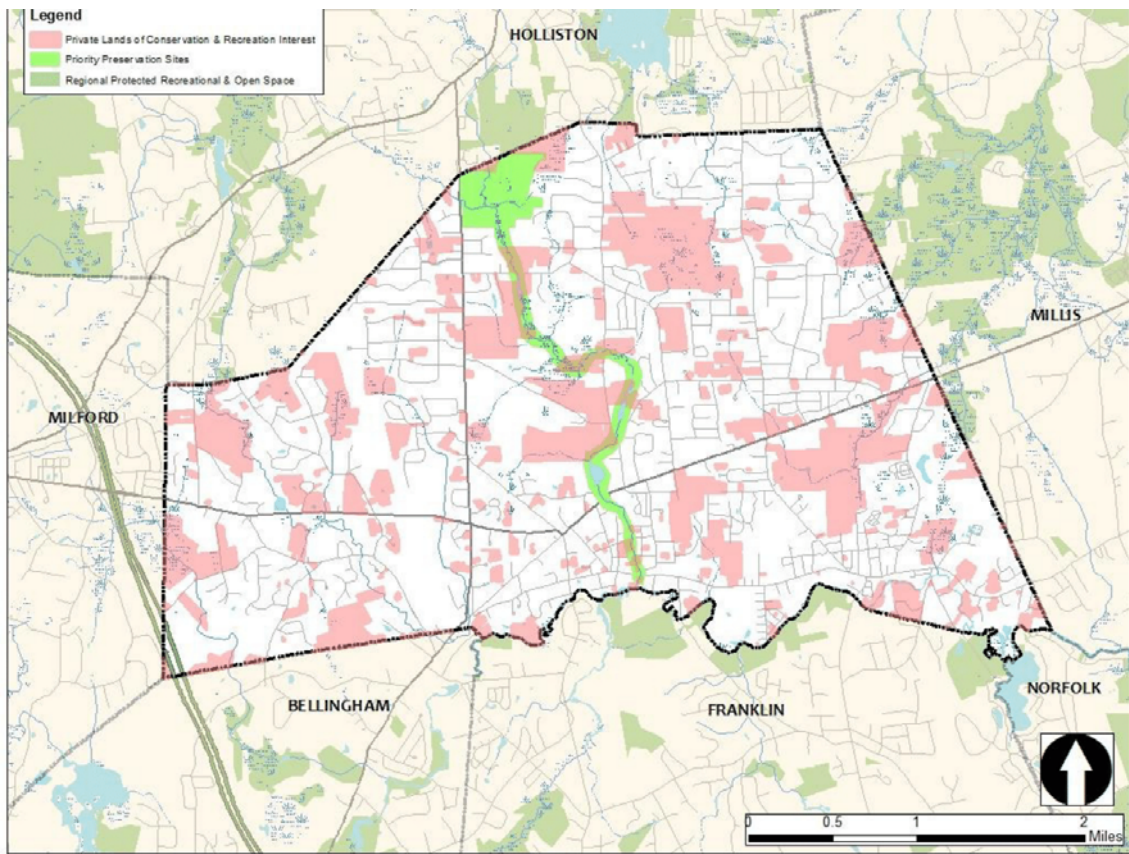
- Is large
- Is contiguous to protected areas
- Can support multiple uses

Public Use

- Is an area of high visual or aesthetic value
- Provides/improves recreational access and/or lake, stream, or trail access
- Contains important historical, geological, or local landmark features
- Requires limited preparation to achieve intended use

Agriculture

- Categorized as Chapter 61 or otherwise used recently for agriculture



Medway Open Space Criteria for Open Space Protection

Natural Resources

- Preserves or buffers natural areas containing diverse wildlife habitat and/or migration corridors
- Provides protection for wetlands, ponds, vernal pools, and/or waterways

Strategic Open Space

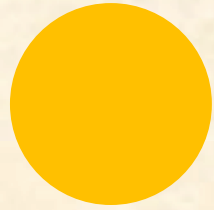
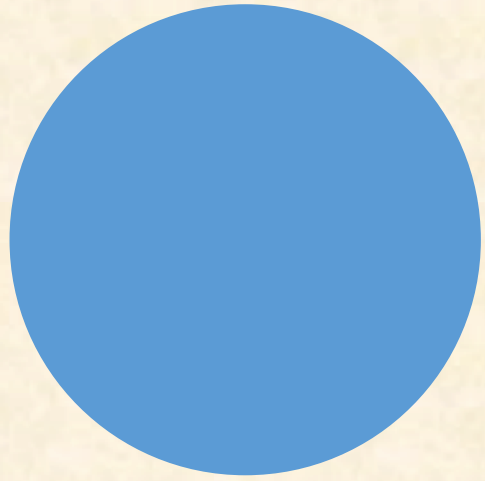
- Is large
- Is contiguous to protected areas
- Can support multiple uses

Public Use

- Is an area of high visual or aesthetic value
- Provides/improves recreational access and/or lake, stream, or trail access
- Contains important historical, geological, or local landmark features
- Requires limited preparation to achieve intended use

Agriculture

- Categorized as Chapter 61 or otherwise used recently for agriculture



Medway Open Space and Recreation Survey

September 11 –
November 7, 2017
305 responses

Top 5 Most Important Values/Characteristics:

1. Safe paths or sidewalks for pedestrians and bicycles
2. Community parks
3. Trails for walking and running
4. Active recreation facilities (e.g. sport fields, playgrounds, etc.)
5. Rivers, streams and ponds

SOURCE: Q1 How important is the following to you?

Q1 How important is the following to you?

	<i>Weighted Rank</i>
Safe paths or sidewalks for pedestrians and bicycles	4.74
Community parks	4.69
Trails for walking and running	4.53
Active recreation facilities (e.g. sport fields, playgrounds, etc.)	4.51
Rivers, streams and ponds	4.47
Healthy wildlife populations	4.43
Forests	4.43
Native plant and wildlife habitat	4.36
Local farms	4.24
Open meadows	4.2
Neighborhood parks	4.08
Permanently protected farmland	4.06
Scenic roads with trees and stone walls	3.94
Local farmer's market	3.89
Public spaces of cultural or historical significance	3.79
Views of scenic landscapes from roads	3.77
Wetlands	3.74
Places to canoe and kayak	3.63

50% or less of respondents know where this place is:

Deerfield Road Pond

Colonel Matondi Park

Medway Amphitheater, off Sanford Street

Bresnahan's Landing /canoe launch, Village Street/Charles River

North Street Park and Playgorund, School Street

Winthrop Street Park, Partridge Street

Public Basketball Courts

SOURCE: Q2 Do you know where this place is?

Q2 Tell us about your experience with these places: Do you know where this is? YES

Choate Park	100.00%
Choate Playground	98.31%
High School Fields	97.63%
Oakland Park	92.59%
Cassidy Field	91.89%
Thayer Homestead	91.89%
Oakland Playground	91.78%
McGovern School Playground	90.78%
Middle School Tennis Courts	90.27%
High School Tennis Courts	89.90%
McGovern Field	89.76%
Garnsey Dog Park, off Village Street	89.26%
Middle School/Charland Field	86.82%
Burke School Playground	85.42%
Idylbrook Park	84.80%
Memorial School Playground	84.69%
Memorial School/Center Street Field	81.48%
<hr/>	
Public Basketball Courts	53.56%
Winthrop Street Park, Partridge Street	52.04%
North Street Park/Playground, School Street	50.84%
Bresnahan's Landing / canoe launch - Village Street/Charles River	34.01%
Medway Amphitheater, off Sanford Street	26.01%
Colonel Matondi Park	24.16%
Deerfield Road Pond	12.79%

71% or more of respondents *have not used facilities* at:

Deerfield Road Pond

Medway Amphitheater, off Sanford Street

Colonel Matondi Park

Winthrop Street Park, Partridge Street

Bresnahan's Landing /canoe launch, Village Street/Charles River

North Street Park and Playgorund, School Street

SOURCE: Q2 Have you used facilities here?

Q2 Tell us about your experience with these places: Have you used facilities here? NO

Deerfield Road Pond	94.66%
Medway Amphitheater, off Sanford Street	89.01%
Colonel Matondi Park	88.53%
Winthrop Street Park, Partridge Street	87.59%
Bresnahan's Landing / canoe launch - Village Street/Charles River	83.57%
North Street Park/Playground, School Street	71.33%
Public Basketball Courts	66.90%
Middle School Tennis Courts	65.53%
High School Tennis Courts	64.95%
Garnsey Dog Park, off Village Street	62.63%
Memorial School/Center Street Field	40.69%
Burke School Playground	39.93%
Memorial School Playground	36.93%
High School Fields	34.71%
McGovern Field	34.14%
Middle School/Charland Field	33.56%
McGovern School Playground	29.72%
Thayer Homestead	29.27%
Cassidy Field	28.37%
Idylbrook Park	26.21%
Oakland Playground	18.62%
Oakland Park	14.38%
Choate Playground	13.70%
Choate Park	2.31%

79% or more of respondents do not know
where to get information about:

Deerfield Road Pond

Winthrop Street Park, Partridge Street

Medway Amphitheater, off Sanford Street

Colonel Matondi Park

Public Basketball Courts

Bresnahan's Landing /canoe launch, Village Street/Charles River

North Street Park and Playgorund, School Street

SOURCE: Q2 Do you know where to get info about this place?

Q2 Tell us about your experience with these places: Do you know where to get info about this place? NO

Deerfield Road Pond	85.43%
Winthrop Street Park, Partridge Street	80.65%
Medway Amphitheater, off Sanford Street	80.63%
Colonel Matondi Park	80.38%
Public Basketball Courts	79.45%
Bresnahan's Landing / canoe launch - Village Street/Charles River	78.82%
North Street Park/Playground, School Street	78.66%
<hr/>	
Middle School Tennis Courts	63.77%
Memorial School/Center Street Field	62.84%
Garnsey Dog Park, off Village Street	62.79%
Memorial School Playground	62.06%
High School Tennis Courts	61.89%
Middle School/Charland Field	61.24%
Burke School Playground	61.18%
McGovern School Playground	59.06%
McGovern Field	57.14%
Oakland Playground	57.03%
Cassidy Field	53.56%
High School Fields	52.06%
Idylbrook Park	50.36%
Oakland Park	47.60%
Choate Playground	46.36%
Thayer Homestead	31.15%
Choate Park	31.71%

Q3 What are your major concerns about existing parks and recreation areas (not trails)?:

Lack of bathroom facilities	57.56%
Degraded facility	53.51%
Inadequate maintenance	42.80%
Lack of seating/benches	29.89%
Trash	28.41%
Insufficient parking	23.25%
Limited unstructured play areas	20.30%
Vandalism	17.34%
Condition of sports fields and equipment in decline	17.34%
Not enough small neighborhood parks	17.34%
Insufficient quantity of sports fields	15.87%
Inadequate wayfinding or directional signs	15.87%
Limited access for disabled/mobility impaired	12.55%
Missing game lines/field markings	7.01%
Personal safety	5.54%

Q3 What are your major concerns about existing parks and recreation areas (not trails)?

Other responses:

DOGS - Places to walk dogs, pick up after them

Chaote Park – concerns about poor condition, play area for toddlers, want swimming there, playground equipment only for little kids, safety (drug dealers)

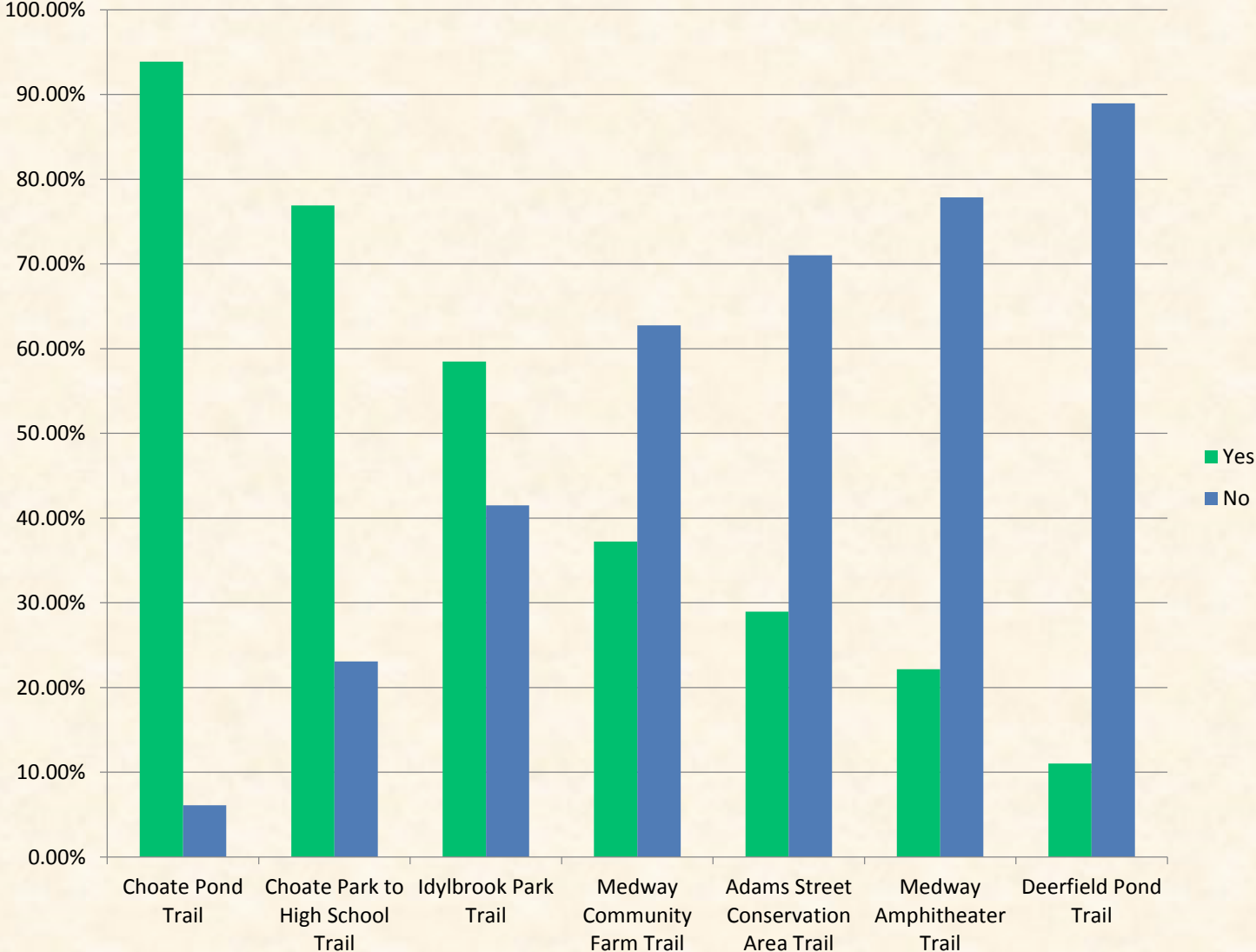
Athletic fields – limited access to turf fields need more lighted fields, softball field ‘disgrace’

SIDEWALKS – needed on Oakland Street; as connections to parks; condition of existing sidewalks a concern

OTHER NEEDS – more neighborhood parks, activities for tweens, parks for adults, more sports fields

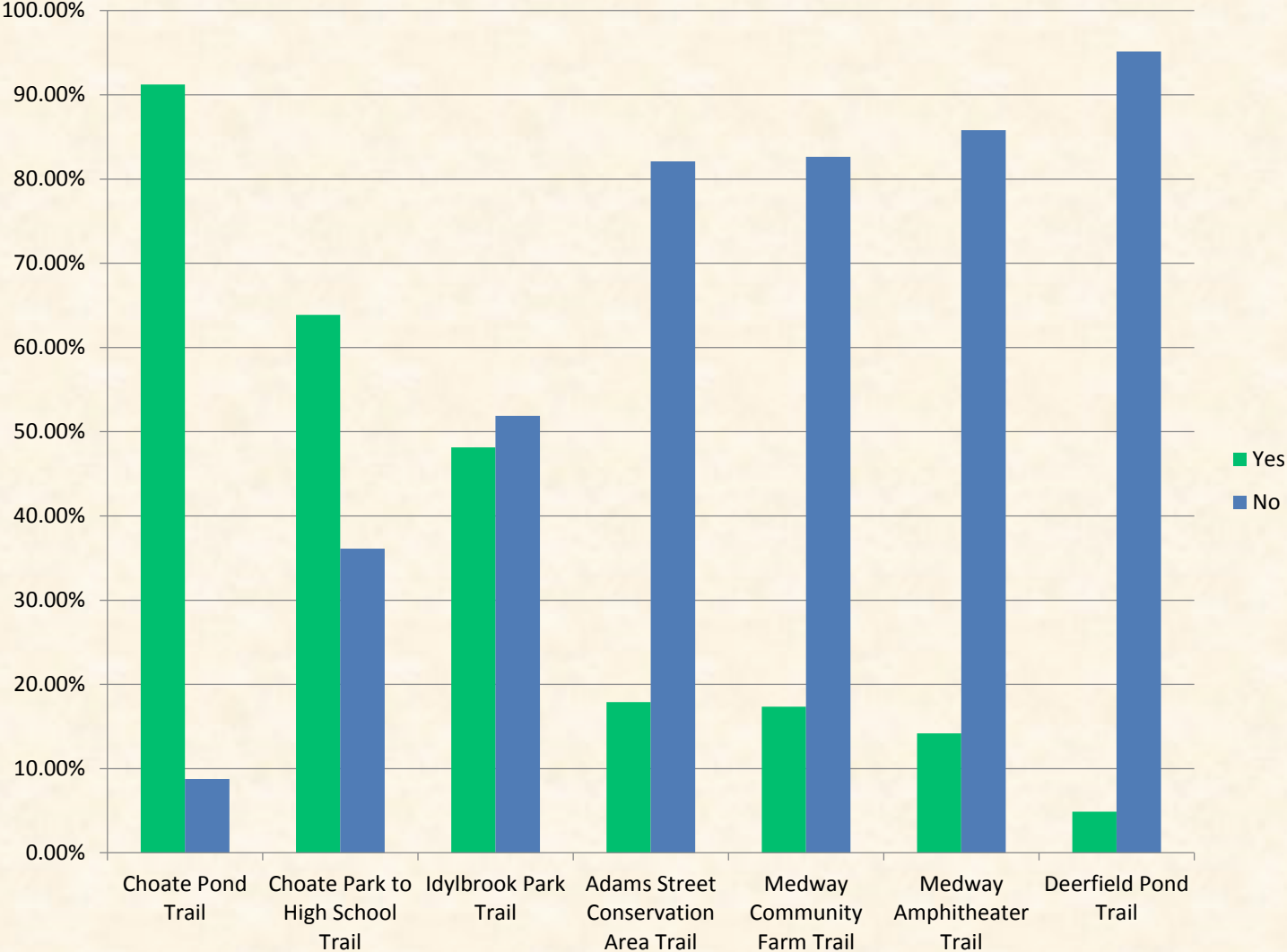
Q4 Tell us about your experience with *trails* in Medway

Do you know where this is?



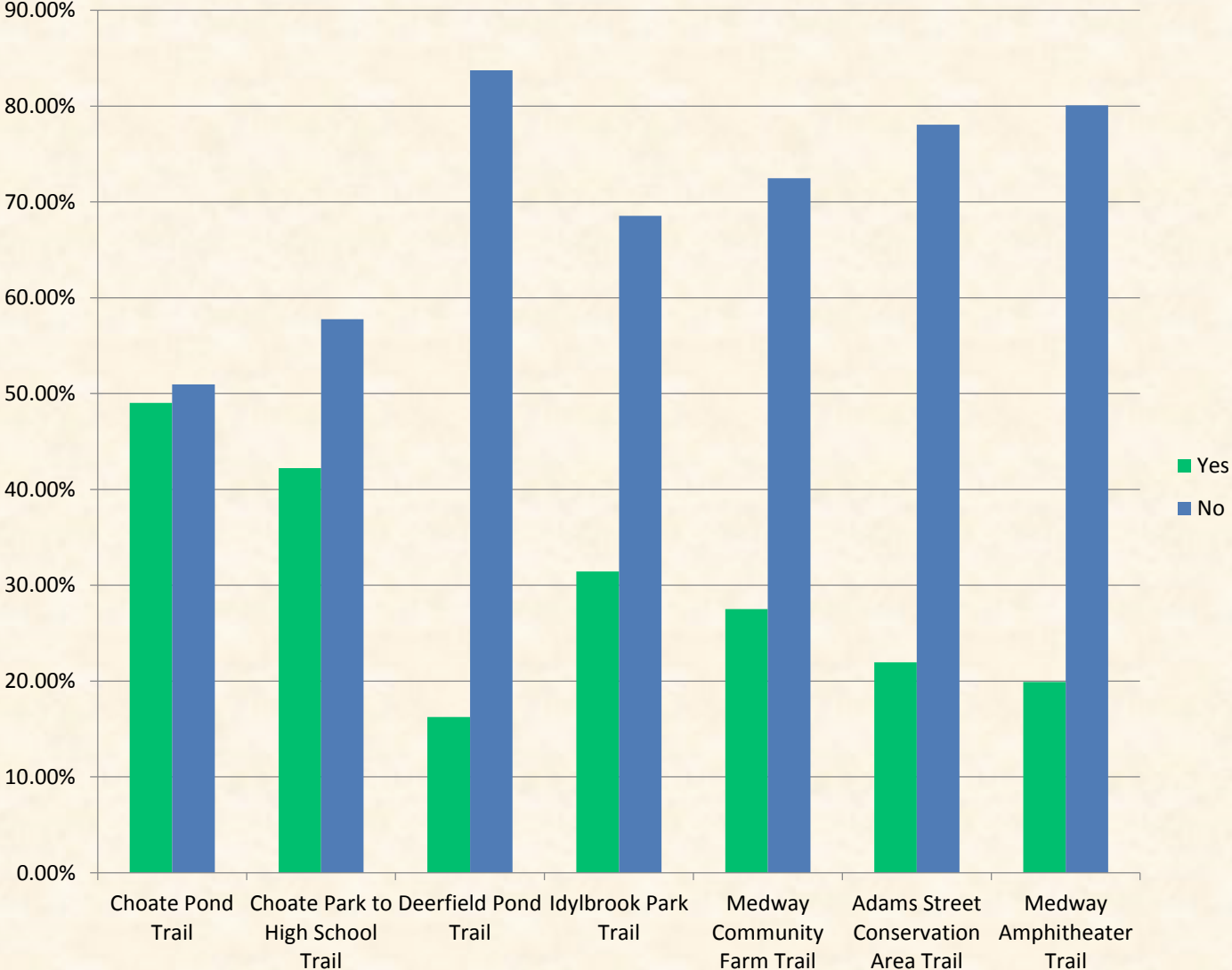
Q4 Tell us about your experience with *trails* in Medway

Have you been there?



Q4 Tell us about your experience with *trails* in Medway

Do you know where to get info about this trail?

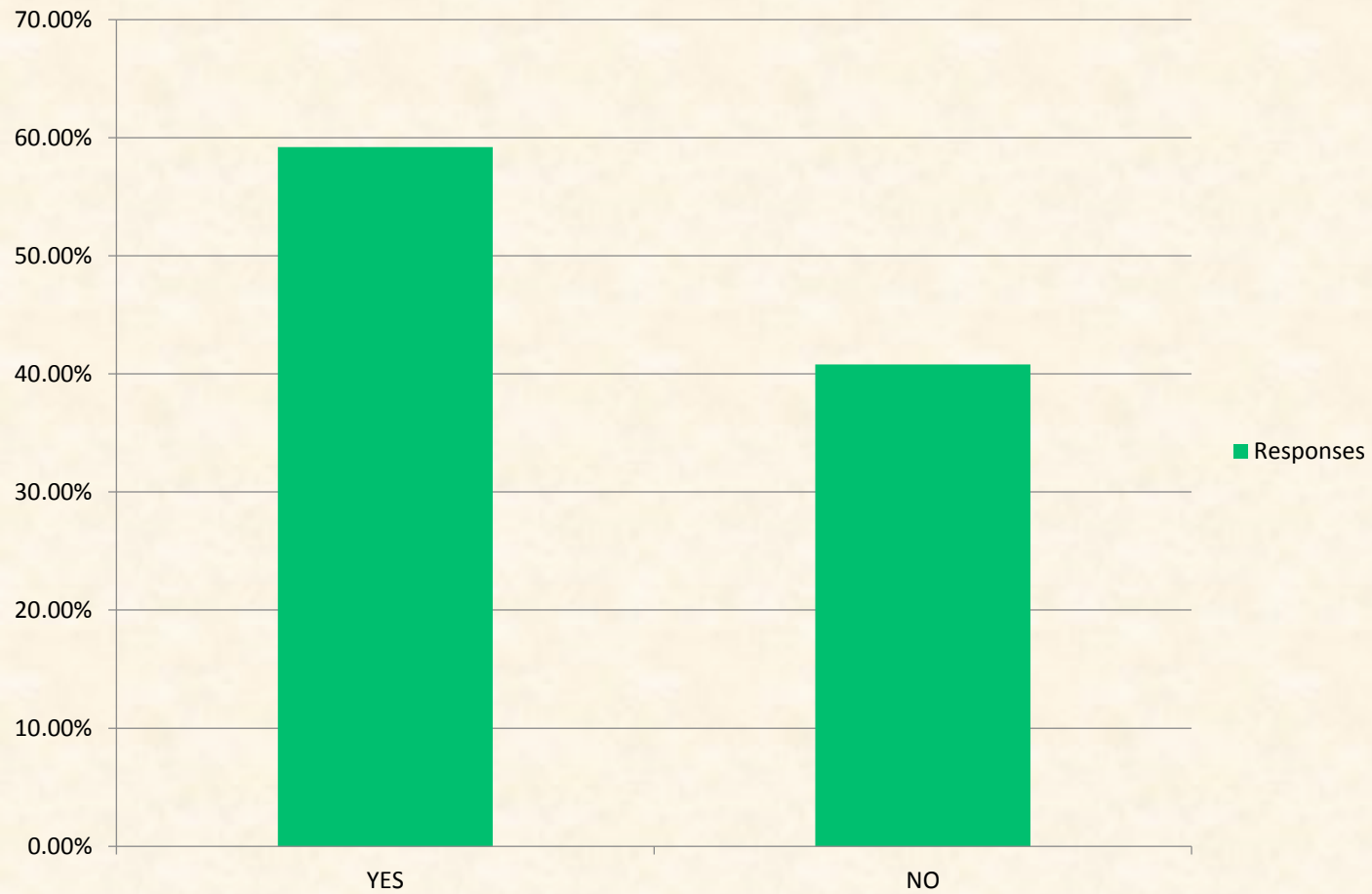


Major Concerns about Existing Trails

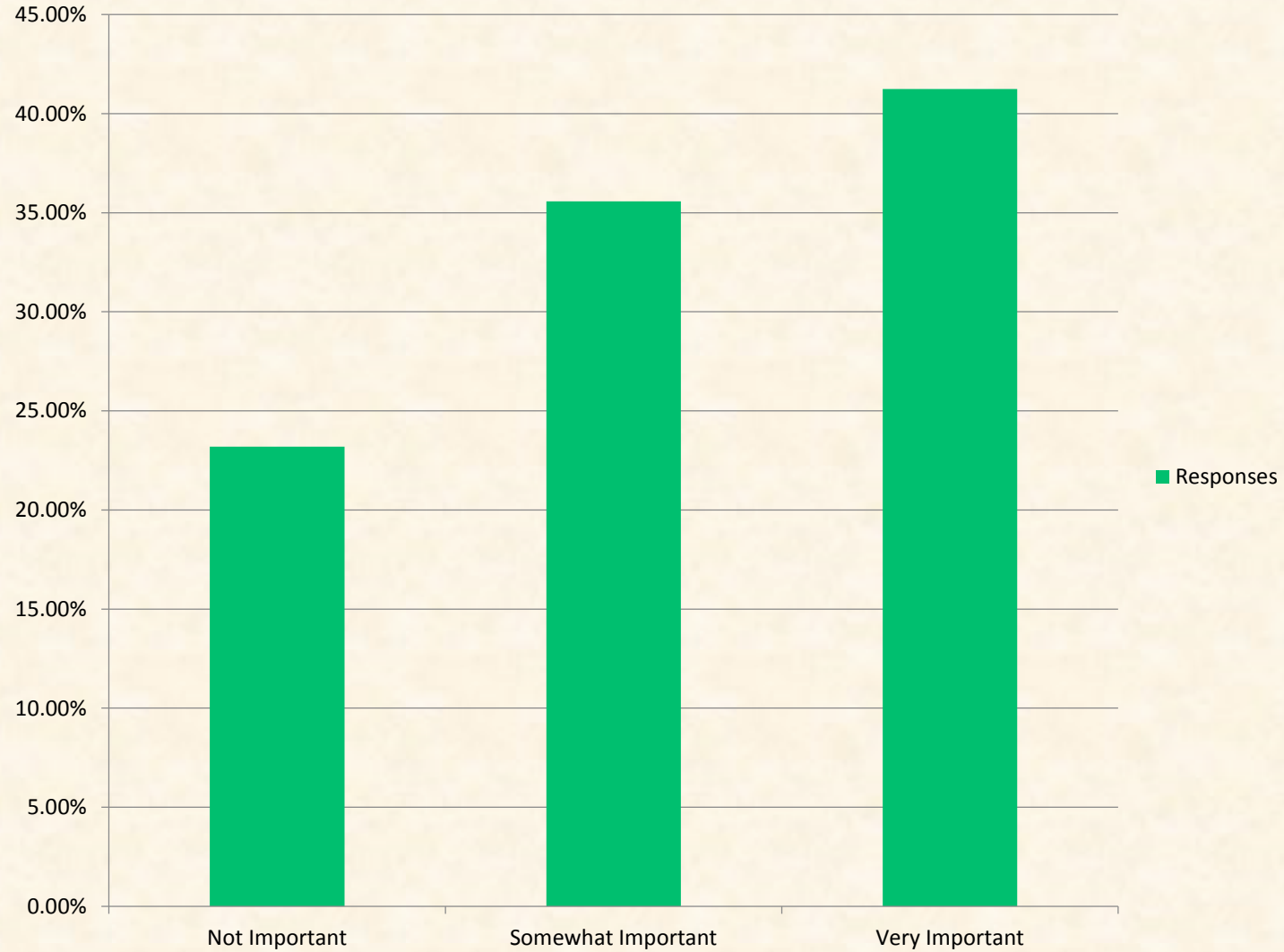
Inadequate wayfinding or directional signs	53.28%
Vegetation encroaching on trail	36.68%
Personal safety	26.20%
Inadequate maintenance	24.02%
Lack of bathroom facilities	22.27%
Insufficient parking	20.96%
Poor condition	18.78%
Trash	17.90%
Conflicts between users (e.g. mountain bikes & walkers)	14.41%
Lack of seating/benches	10.48%
Limited access for disabled/mobility impaired	7.42%
Vandalism	5.68%

SOURCE: Q5 What are your *major concerns* about existing trails?

Q6 Can you walk to a park or open space/conservation area within 10 minutes (or ¼ mile) of your house?



Q7 If answered NO on #6, how important is it to you to be able to walk to a park within 10 minutes (or ¼ mile) of your house?



Priorities for Recreation and Open Space Resources over the next 7 years

	<i>Weighted Rank</i>
Protect and maintain existing parks and conservation areas	4.7
Expand/renovate current parks and recreation facilities to meet community needs	4.16
Protect and maintain existing farm land	4.04
Acquire and protect new land for conservation areas	3.65
Develop new trails	3.57
Acquire and protect new land for parks and recreation	3.48
Acquire and protect new land for agriculture	3.13

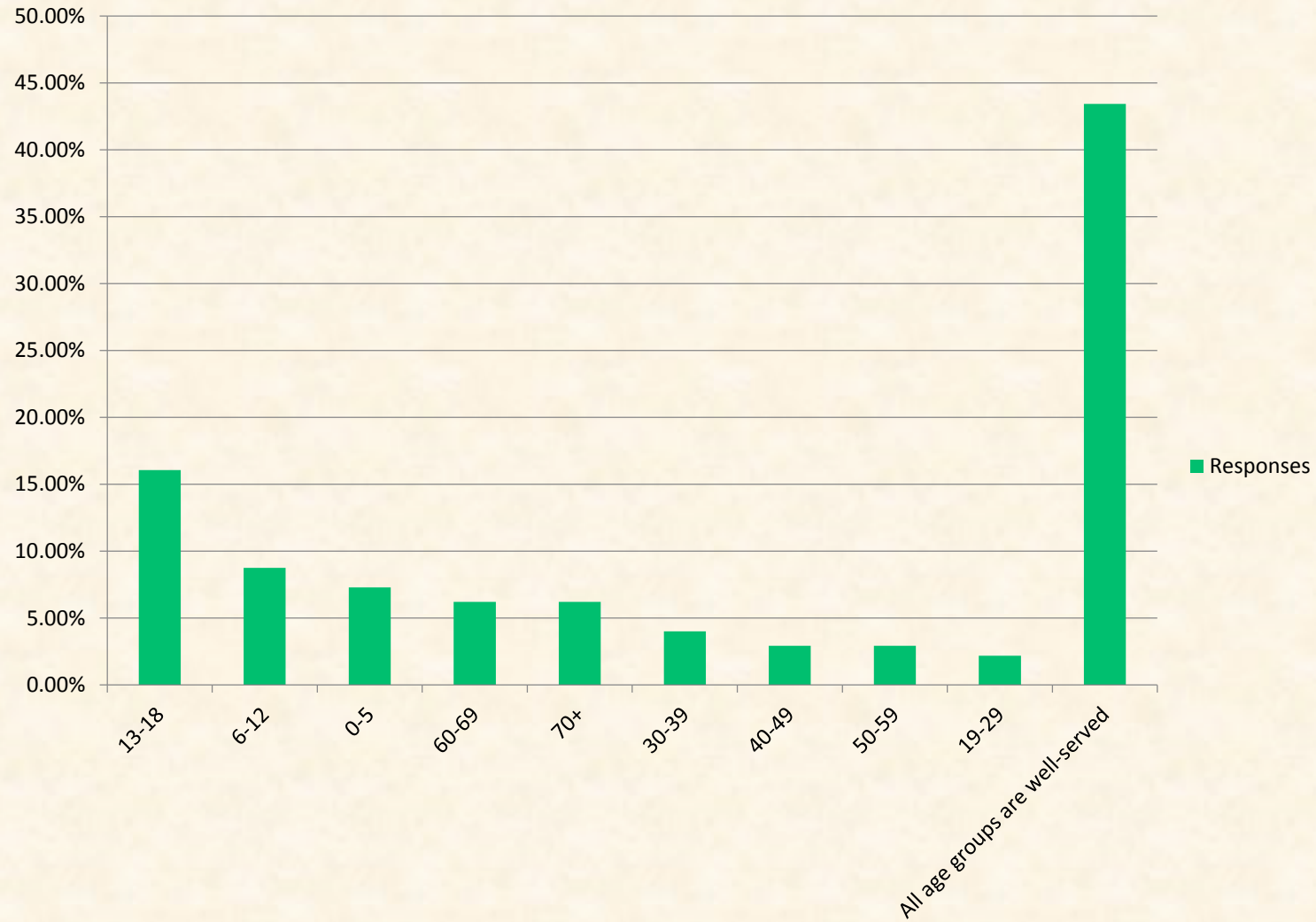
SOURCE: Q8 Rate the following priorities for Medway’s recreation and open space resources over the next 7 years

Actions People are Willing to Take

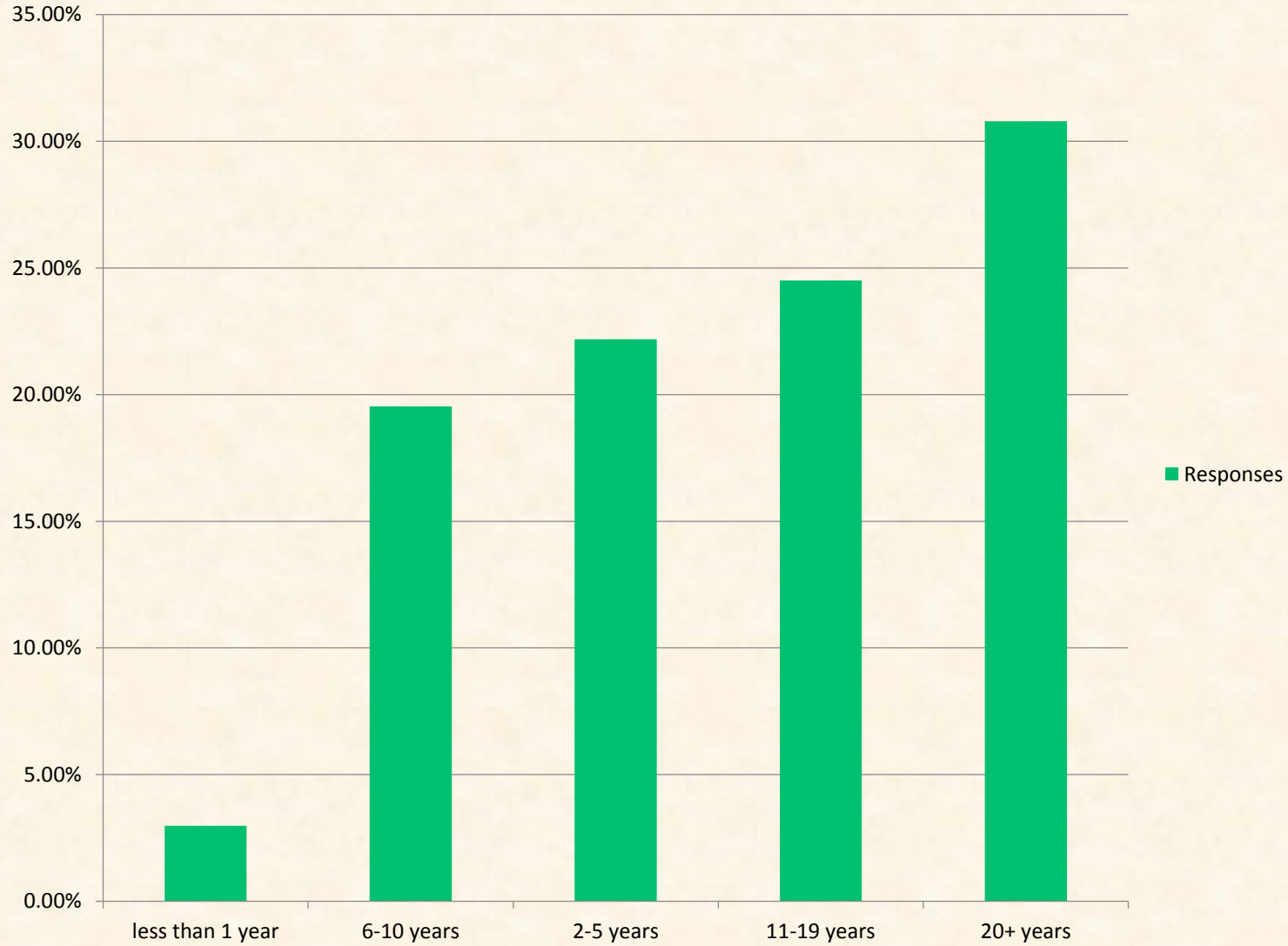
Vote at Town Meeting to appropriate funds to protect new land for parks and recreation	74.19%
Vote at Town Meeting to appropriate funds to protect land for new conservation areas	69.18%
Vote at Town Meeting to appropriate funds to protect farmland	59.14%
Support construction of a sidewalk or roadside path along the road on my property	52.33%
Volunteer my time as part of a periodic work crew to maintain town parks, open space/conservation areas or trails	46.95%
Volunteer my time to help build new trails	36.56%
Donate money for the maintenance and management of town-owned conservation land	18.64%
Donate/sell an easement on my property to establish new trails to create connections to a town-wide trail network	13.98%

SOURCE: Q9 What would you be willing to do?

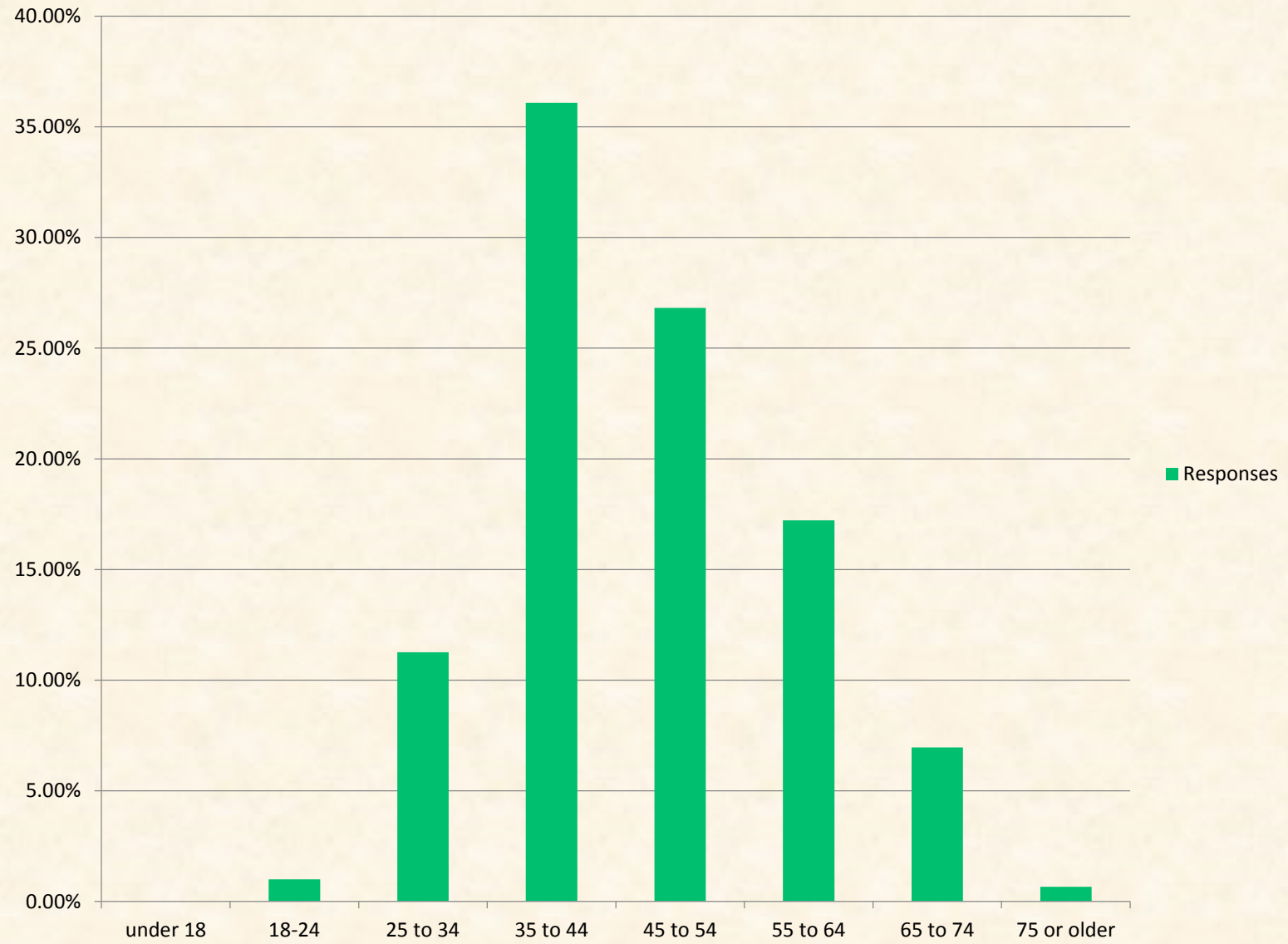
Q10 What age group, if any, do you feel is under-served by Town of Medway's recreation facilities?



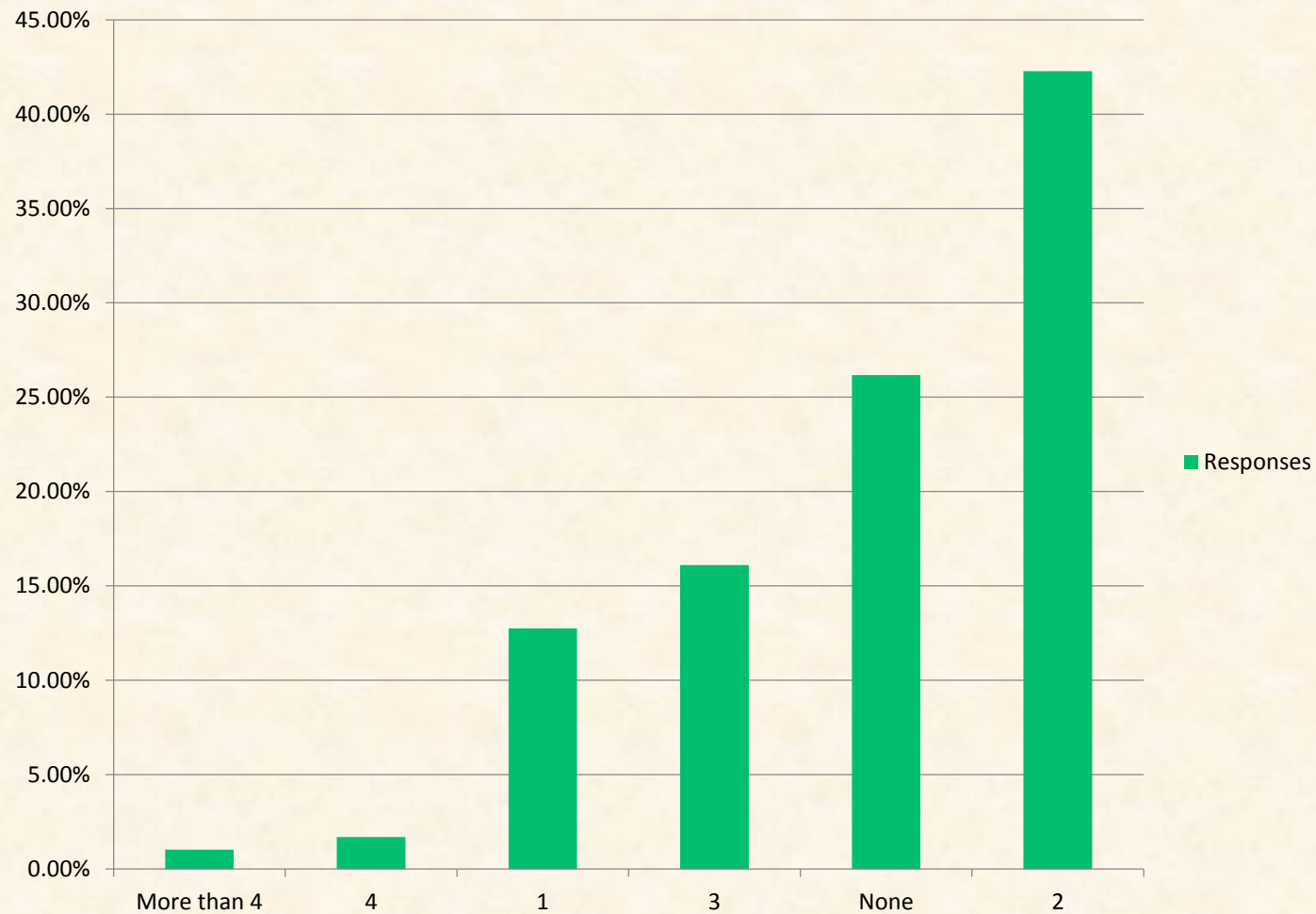
How long have you been using the Town of Medway's parks, recreation facilities, and/or open spaces/conservation areas?



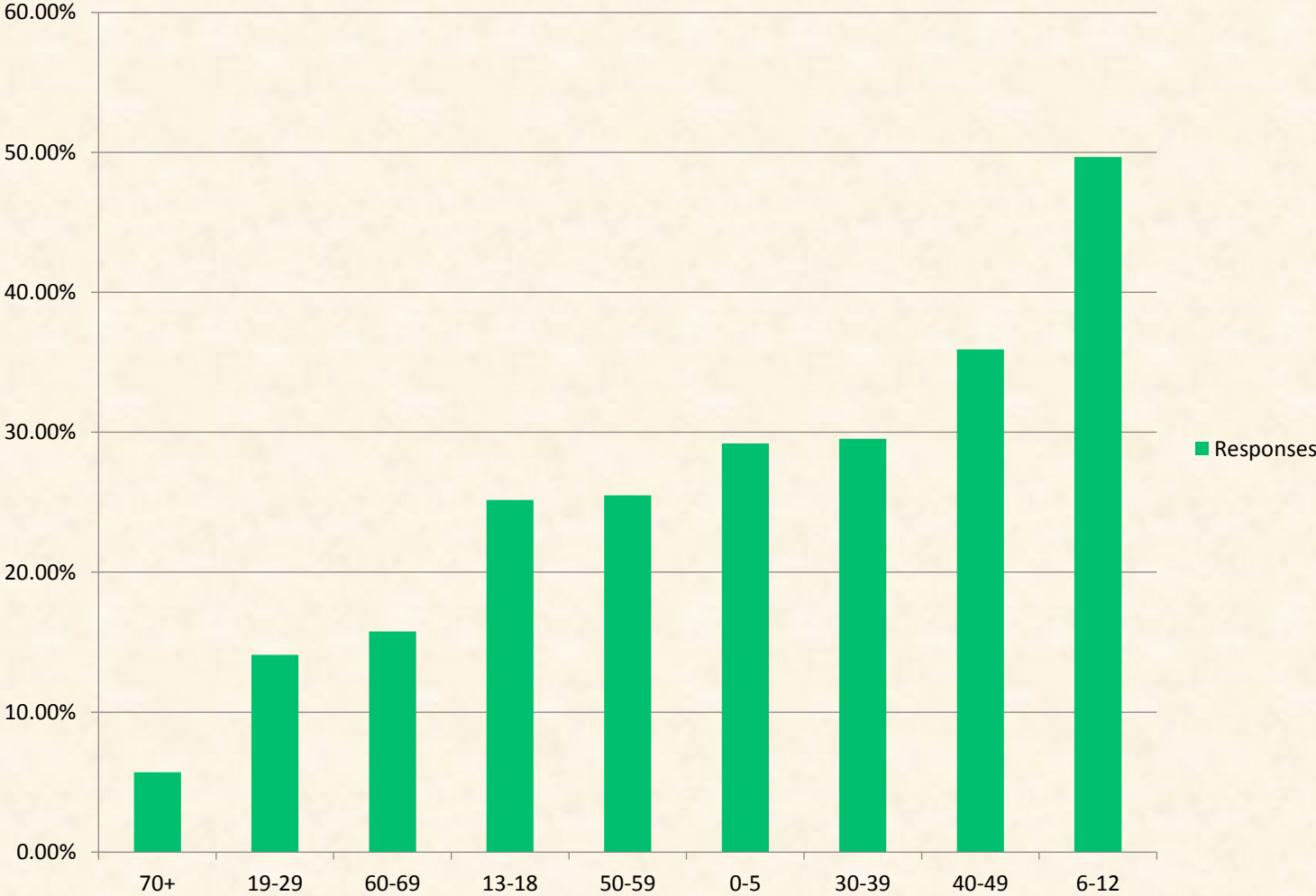
What is your age?



How many children are you parent or guardian for and live in your household (aged 17 or younger only)?



**What are the ages of people in your household?
Check all that apply.**



The MILFORD DAILY NEWS

Medway moves on open space plan

By Mike Gleason

Daily News Staff

Posted Aug 18, 2017 at 6:23 PM

Updated Aug 18, 2017 at 6:23 PM

MEDWAY - A local group charged with updating the town's open space plan has progressed in its efforts and hopes to complete the project in about a year.

The Open Space and Recreation Plan Task Force met Monday night, holding its first work session with the consultant it hired to help it complete the job.

Susan Affleck-Childs, the town's planning and economic development coordinator and member of the task force, said having a plan makes Medway eligible for a number of state and federal funding programs. As the town hopes to receive such money, she said, completing the revision is a high priority.

"Medway had (a plan), but it technically expired," she said. "We're in the process of putting together an update."

The plan considers the overall state of open space, and evaluates the needs for the future. The document requires a seven-year plan, detailing how the town would fill open space and recreation needs. Affleck-Childs noted that, when considering future moves, the task force must keep the cost in mind.

The Planning and Economic Development Board, said Affleck-Childs, established the task force, which features representatives from that board, the Open Space Committee, the Conservation Commission and the Parks Commission.

The task force then sought up to \$25,000 at the May Town Meeting, according to Affleck-Childs. She said, with that successful vote, the group held a request for proposals for consultants, eventually hiring Anne Capra of Conservation Works.

With Monday representing the first working meeting between the group and Capra, Affleck-Childs said the town was hoping to complete the update in around 12 months.

Affleck-Childs said the town will be considering two parks projects in the near future, involving Choate Park and Oakland Park. The Planning and Economic Development Board recently scheduled its hearings regarding that work, which will - among other things - improve handicapped access.

Mike Gleason can be reached at 508-634-7546 or

*..... . For news throughout the day, follow him on
Twitter .*

Medway hosts survey, forum on future of open space

By Mike Gleason
Daily News Staff

Posted Sep 23, 2017 at 4:17 PM

MEDWAY - The town has launched an online survey and will host a community forum next month as it looks to determine the focus of its recreational and open space for years to come.

A local task force is spearheading the efforts, as it is charged with updating Medway's open space and recreation plan. Susan Affleck-Childs, the town's planning and economic development coordinator and member of the group, said the town needs a plan to remain eligible for several state and federal funding programs.

Affleck-Childs said a survey, devised by the task force, has already gone live. It can be found at

"We're encouraging people to do that, but we also have paper copies available at the senior center, library and town hall," she said.

The town, said Affleck-Childs, has already done a considerable outreach on its parks while planning renovation projects at Choate Park and Oakland Park. As such, the task force's survey focuses on open and conservation spaces, while incorporating already-gathered feedback.

"The fact that there has been so much good work over the years (about the parks) is a plus," she said.

The survey will look to determine which spaces local residents are familiar with, what they liked about them and features they would like to see in the future.

"We're trying to get a read on the community," Affleck-Childs said.

According to the town, the survey will close on Oct. 30.

There will also be a community forum on the topic at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3 at the Thayer House, Affleck-Childs said, as a way to get input in a different form.

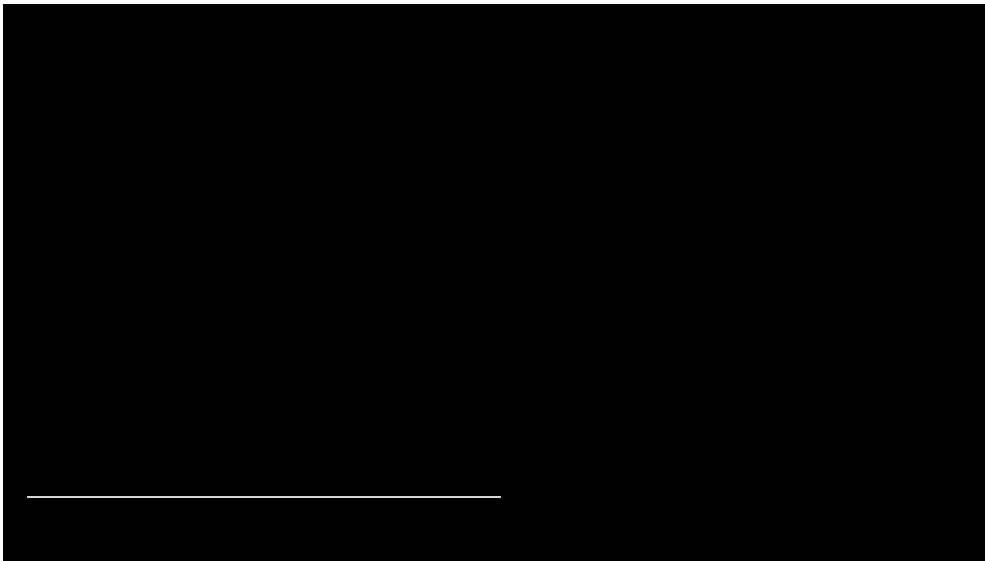
“We’re inviting people to come... we’re hoping to engage folks, including those who haven’t been involved in prior outreach,” she said. “We’ll be talking a little about what we’ve accomplished - the things we’ve done - as well as brainstorming what people would like to see.”

“It should be a fun event,” she added.

The Open Space and Recreation Plan Task Force - featuring representatives from the Planning and Economic Development Board, the Open Space Committee, the Conservation Commission and the Parks Commission - hopes to complete work on the plan by the end of next summer.

Mike Gleason can be reached at 508-634-7546 or For news throughout the day, follow him on Twitter

MOST POPULAR STORIES



APPENDIX E

ADA Self-Evaluation Report Town of Medway - Open Space and Recreation Plan September 27, 2017

Table of Contents

Section 1 Transition Plan and Facility Inventories Section 2 Administrative Policies

Section 1: Transition Plan

On September 27, 2017, Anne Capra (consultant) and Jack Mee (Building Inspector, Disability Coordinator) assessed town-owned parks and recreation facilities for Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliance. In addition to the facilities inventoried in this plan, other private or publicly owned recreation facilities exist in town that are not included in this survey because they are not under the care and control of the Town of Medway.

The following plan provides a summary of each of the town-owned recreation and conservation areas, recommended actions for improving accessibility, and a Facility Inventory Worksheet with a detailed assessment of each of the features present and comments regarding the accessibility of the feature.

Recommendations for Improved Accessibility

State and Local government facilities are called Title II facilities. For-profit and non-profit establishments are called Title III facilities, and are required to meet accessibility standards. Funding sources may also have certain accessibility standards attached to them. *A public entity may not deny the benefits of its programs, activities, and services to individuals with disabilities because its facilities are inaccessible. A public entity's services, programs, or activities, when viewed in their entirety, must be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. This standard, known as "program accessibility," applies to all existing facilities of a public entity. Public entities, however, are not necessarily required to make each of their existing facilities accessible.*

All facilities designed, constructed, or altered by, on behalf of, or for the use of a public entity must be readily accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities, if the construction or alteration is begun after January 26, 1992. There are no standards specific to outdoor recreation facilities. The United States Access Board (the Board) has developed standards for Federal outdoor developed areas. Achieving accessibility in outdoor environments has long been challenging due to constraints posed by terrain, the degree of development, construction practices and materials, and other factors. The Board has issued requirements that are now part of the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) Accessibility Standards and apply to national parks and other outdoor areas developed by the federal government. The new provisions address access to trails, picnic and camping areas, viewing areas, beach access routes and other components of outdoor developed areas on federal sites when newly built or altered. They also provide exceptions for situations where terrain and other factors make compliance impracticable, known as "conditions for exceptions". These criteria can be applied at the municipal level when making decisions about design and modification of new or existing facilities.

Table 1 Conditions for Exceptions

Condition 1	Compliance is not practicable due to terrain. The phrase “not practicable” means not reasonable doable.
Condition 2	Compliance cannot be accomplished with the prevailing construction practices. This condition does not require the use of construction equipment or methods other than those typically used in a particular setting. Prevailing construction practices are those used by most contractors or designers faces with the same or similar projects in the area.
Condition 3	Compliance would fundamentally alter the function or purpose of the facility or the setting. This condition recognizes that public lands provide a wide variety of recreational experiences, from highly developed areas to wilderness areas that appear unchanged from primeval times and provide opportunities for people to experience primitive and challenging conditions. The condition applies where compliance with specific provisions in the technical requirements would fundamentally alter the function or purpose of the facility or the setting.
Condition 4	Compliance is limited or precluded by any of the following laws, or by decisions or opinions issued or agreements executed pursuant to any of the following laws: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Endangered Species Act• National Environmental Policy Act• National Historic Preservation Act• Wilderness Act• Other Federal, State, or local law, the purpose of which is to preserve threatened or endangered species; the environment; or archaeological, cultural, historical, or other significant natural features.

Source: United States Access Board. *A summary of Accessibility Standards for Outdoor Developed Areas*, May 2014.

The removal of accessibility barriers can often be achieved by making simple changes to the physical environment. When and how to create accessibility must be made on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration such factors as the size, type, and overall financial resources available, and the nature and cost of the access improvements needed. The process of determining what changes are readily achievable is not a one-time effort; access should be re-evaluated annually. Barrier removal that might be difficult to carry out now may be readily achievable later.

Resources:

Title II Requirements for State and Local Governments <https://www.ada.gov/taman2.html>

United States Access Board, *A Summary of Accessibility Standards for Federal Outdoor Developed Areas*, May 2014 <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/recreation-facilities>

Charles River Amphitheatre

Sanford Street

Existing Conditions: The Charles River Amphitheatre is located behind the Sanford Mills Condominium Association parking lot, off of Sanford Street. The site provides canoe and kayak access to the Charles River, unimproved trails through a small field and open forest, and a picnic and sitting area. A gravel parking lot accommodates three cars at the entrance. This site is not ADA Accessible.



Parking lot and trailhead kiosk at end of Sanford Street.

Recommendations for Improved Accessibility:

1. Provide directional signage from Sanford Street to the parking lot.
2. Consider constructing an ADA accessible path from the parking lot to the picnic area overlooking the Charles River, and place the picnic table on an accessible surface with adequate clearance around the table.
3. If an accessible path to the picnic area is constructed, create one (1) signed handicapped parking spot in the parking lot closest to the trailhead.

Schedule: 2018-2024

Responsible Entity: Conservation Commission



Picnic table and bench at grassy area overlooking Charles River.



Wooden steps at canoe access at Charles River.

Bresnahan's Landing

57 Village Street

Existing Conditions:

Bresnahan's Landing is a canoe and kayak launch and fishing area on the Charles River, on land formerly owned by the Bresnahan family. Paddlers can paddle downstream to Populatic Pond and takeout at River Street in Norfolk, or depending on conditions and paddling ability, as far as South Natick before having to portage over the next dam. This site is not ADA accessible. There is a small gravel parking lot, lawn with a picnic table and kiosk, and grassed boat ramp. A wooden fence and fence posts restrict vehicle access to the boat launch.



Path to picnic table from parking lot, and site kiosk.

Recommendations for Improved Accessibility:

1. Provide an accessible path from the parking lot to an accessible picnic area overlooking the river.
2. Dedicate a handicapped parking spot with a sign closest to the proposed accessible path and picnic area.

Schedule: 2018-2024

Responsible Entity: Conservation Commission



Canoe and kayak launch on Charles River.



Gravel parking lot.

Oakland Street Park

82 Oakland Street

Existing Conditions:

Oakland Street Park is one of Medway's primary athletic facilities with soccer fields, basketball courts and a playground. It is also adjacent to the Medway Senior Center. The parking lots for both facilities serve as overflow for large events. Currently at the park, there are two signed handicapped parking spots next to the playground and between the basketball court and soccer field, however a mobility impaired person would not be able to access the recreation facilities due to the lawn between the pavement and the site. Seasonal port-o-potty stalls serve as bathrooms (non-wheelchair accessible). With the exception of the two handicapped parking spots, this site is not currently accessible.



Existing parking lot next to basketball court.

In 2017, the Town completed a Master Plan for a full renovation of the park, reorganizing the parking, circulation, playground area, and other non-athletic portions of the park to create a more efficient and cohesive core. Other than an expansion to the field closest to Oakland Street due to the relocation of the playground, the athletic fields and basketball court remain unchanged. The existing small storage building will be replaced with a bathroom and office/storage structure. A new pavilion will be built for public use. All of these renovations and improvements will meet ADA accessibility standards and greatly improve the user experience. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2018.

Recommendations for Improved Accessibility: Implement Oakland Street Park Master Plan.

Schedule: 2018

Responsible Entity: Parks Commission



Handicapped parking spot in front of playground entrance.

North Street Park and Playground

North Street, at corner of School Street

Existing Conditions:

The North Street Park and Playground has a playground and basketball court. This park is not accessible. Access to the playground and basketball court are from the sidewalk which is raised above the road without a curb cut. All parking is on the street. A sloped lawn further separates the parking lot from the fenced entrances. The playground is a mulched woodchip surface. There are a few benches and two picnic tables, each offering a comfortable resting spot, however, there is no accessible route to them.



Lawn and woodchips in playground area.

Recommendations for Improved Accessibility:

1. Create an accessible path from the sidewalk to a sitting area inside the park at the edge of the playground.
2. Identify if there is room to create one handicapped parking space on the site (off-road), next to the proposed accessible path and sitting area. If not feasible, consider a curb cut to the sidewalk close to the park entrance.

Schedule: 2018-2024

Responsible Entity: Parks Commission



Entrance to playground from street and sidewalk.



Basketball court, bike rack, and lawn.

Henry Garnsey Canine Recreation Park
302 Village Street

Existing Conditions:

The Henry Garnsey Canine Recreation Park is an off-leash fenced dog park at the intersection of Village and Cottage Streets. There is a gravel parking lot for six to eight cars, some benches, and a large kiosk/shed with tools for spreading wood chips, and posted rules and regulations. This site is not accessible.

Recommendations for Improved Accessibility:

1. Provide an accessible path from the parking lot to the entrance gates, and a dog walking loop. Install a bench next to the path inside the park.
2. Dedicate a handicapped parking spot with a sign closest to the proposed accessible entrance path.

Schedule: 2018-2024

Responsible Entity: Parks Commission



Dog and owner playing in park.



Double gate at entrance to prevent unleashed dogs from escaping to parking lot.



Kiosk and shed with tools and posted information.

Ohnemus Picnic Area

Between 311 and 315 Village Street

Existing Conditions:

Ohnemus Picnic Area is a small area with picnic benches on the shore of the Charles River, next door to the Police Station. The park was created in memorial to Kurt Ohnemus, a Medway Scout leader, by his son as an Eagle Scout project. This sitting area is accessible from a natural surface foot path through the woods, with no on-site parking. This site is not accessible.



Scenic sitting area with stone benches overlooking the Charles River.

Recommendations for Improved Accessibility:

1. Create an accessible path from the Police Station parking lot to the sitting area. The benches would need to be re-located onto a level surface with suitable turning radius for a wheelchair.
2. A handicapped parking space would need to be established in the parking lot next to the trail entrance.
3. Create trailhead sign and trail markers along accessible path.

Schedule: 2018-2024

Responsible Entity: Conservation Commission



The shore of the Charles River below the sitting area.



Memorial inscription on a stone bench, with Boy Scouts of America insignia.

Village Street #1

304 Village Street – next door to Henry Garnsey Canine Recreation Park, at Cottage Street

Existing Conditions:

Small road side park with benches and a flagpole. A sidewalk on Village Street offers convenient access for pedestrians however, this park is not accessible due to the lawn in between the sidewalk and benches.

Recommendations for Improved Accessibility:

1. Created an accessible path the sitting area with benches.

Schedule: 2018-2024

Responsible Entity: Parks Commission



Sitting area with benches next to flagpole.



Shady bench under a tree.

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial

Across from 315 Village Street

Existing Conditions:

The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial is a small park and memorial. Access to this site is from a sidewalk on Village Street onto a level brick walkway around the memorials. The benches are not accessible however due to their location on the lawn just off of the level brick area.

Recommendations for Improved Accessibility:

1. Relocate the benches onto the level brick walkway.

Schedule: 2018-2024

Responsible Entity: Parks Commission



Deerfield Street Pond

Across from 20 Deerfield Street

Existing Conditions:

Deerfield Street Pond is a very small pond located across the street from 20 Deerfield Street, with a narrow, natural surface trail around the pond. Access to the pond is along a short natural surface path through a forested area. This site is not accessible, and parking is on the road. A curb and lawn separate the road from the trailhead.

Recommendations for Improved Accessibility:

This site may not be suitable for improvements as an ADA accessible facility due to the small size of the pond and limited recreational value it offers.

Schedule: N/A

Responsible Entity: Conservation Commission



Approach to pond from trailhead.



Trailhead on Deerfield Street.

Adams Street Meadow Conservation Area

Adams Street

Existing Conditions:

Adams Street Meadow Conservation Area is one of Medway's newest passive recreation facilities. A trailhead on Adams Street follows the edge of the utility right-of-way, old farm roads, a series of new foot bridges, and the Chicken Brook boardwalk. This site is not accessible

Recommendations for Improved Accessibility:

1. Establish one or two handicapped accessible parking spaces at trailhead.
2. Establish accessible path around pond, to boardwalk, and create accessible turnaround.

Schedule: 2018-2024

Responsible Entity: Board of Selectmen



Trailhead at utility ROW on Adams Street.



Recently installed foot bridge along trail.



Trail along farm road.



View of pond from trail.

Medway Community Farm

50 Winthrop Street

Existing Conditions:

Medway Community Farm, Inc. is a non-profit organization that leases seven acres and the dwellings at 50 Winthrop Street from the Town of Medway since 2009. The Farm operates a CSA, farm stand, and educational programs on the site. This site is not accessible.

Recommendations for Improved Accessibility:

The farm stand is located in a small shed approximately 50' from the gravel parking lot. To make the shed ADA accessible, an accessible path from the parking lot to the shed would be needed, and a ramped entrance into the shed. One handicapped parking spot next to the accessible path would also be needed.

Schedule: 2018-2024

Responsible Entity: Board of Selectmen



Gravel driveway and road to hoop house and farm field.



Kiosk and farm stand, next to parking lot.



Rear entrance to farm stand.

Idylbrook Park

Kimberly Drive and Wards Lane

Existing Conditions:

Idylbrook Park is a complex of athletic fields for soccer and baseball. A mowed path provides a loop trail around the athletic fields through a natural area. Two parking lots serve the park: at the end of Kimberly Drive and Wards Lane. One signed handicapped parking spot exists in each parking lot. The baseball diamond is at the end of a gated dirt access road from the parking lot off of Kimberly Drive. Although a signed parking spot exists in each parking lot, none of the fields are accessible.



Parking lot and kiosk at edge of soccer fields.

Recommendations for Improved Accessibility:

1. Upgrade the gated access road from dirt and grass to a crushed aggregate (3/8 minus) path.
2. Install benches next to the parking lot so that people who cannot walk far can get out of their cars and site at the edge of the playing fields.

Schedule: 2018-2024

Responsible Entity: Parks Commission, Conservation Commission



Handicapped parking spot next to soccer fields.



Gated access road to baseball diamond.

Cassidy Field

Cassidy Field Road, off Winthrop Street

Existing Conditions:

The Cassidy Field complex is home to Medway Youth baseball. The complex consists of baseball diamonds, a batting cage, a concession stand and sitting area with picnic tables, bathrooms, and a trail connection to Choate Park. The parking lot, concession area, and bathrooms are handicapped accessible. The picnic area is not accessible due to the uneven grass and dirt area.



Handicapped parking spot and entrance to complex.

Recommendations for Improved Accessibility:

1. Locate a sitting area on a paved surface contiguous with the paved area around the concession stand and bathrooms.

Schedule: 2018-2024

Responsible Entity: Parks Commission



Picnic area on patchy lawn.



Handicapped accessible bathrooms. Bathrooms were locked at the time of site visit and are assumed to meet ADA standards because of the signs on the doors.

Choate Park Complex

Oak Street

Existing Conditions:

The Choate Park Complex is the centerpiece of Medway's public spaces. The park consists of a series of active and passive recreational facilities surrounding Choate Pond including playgrounds for different age groups, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts, and trail around the pond connecting to Cassidy Field. Thayer Homestead, also owned by the Town of Medway, is adjacent to the park and is the location of community gatherings and events.



Existing walkway and playground at park.

In 2017, a park master plan was completed detailing a full renovation of the park, including ADA accessibility.

Construction will begin in 2018. The proposed project concentrates primarily on the "core area" of Choate Park including a new wood pavilion, bathrooms, playgrounds for multiple age groups, a tricycle path, water spray feature, sitting areas, and new trees. The project will improve the pathway around Choate Pond and a branch connection up to Cassidy Fields to provide a firm, stable, slip-resistant surface of stabilized decomposed granite to satisfy accessibility requirements. The renovated pathway will be suitable for maintenance and public safety vehicle access, and will be at an ADA-accessible slope with the exception of the steeply sloped portion to the north of the site between the bridge and Cassidy Field, where regrading for accessibility would create too large a disturbance area. Occasional seating is provided along this pathway.

Recommendations for Improved Accessibility:

Implement master plan.

Schedule: 2018

Responsible Entity: Parks Commission



Existing picnic area next to Choate Pond.



Paved walkway across dam at Choate Pond.