

Norwell Open Space and Recreation Sub-Committee Questionnaire

Norwell's Open Space and Recreation Sub-Committee is updating our Open Space and Recreation plan at the request of the state. Massachusetts requires that towns have approved open space plans before they can receive state funds for acquisition of land. Please help us update the plan by completing this questionnaire.

Please print a copy, fill it in and either drop it off or mail it to the Norwell Conservation Commission, Town Offices, 345 Main Street, Norwell, MA. Or you can fax it to 781-659-7795.

How many in your household? _____ adults _____ children
How many years have you lived in Norwell? _____
Was there an ambience about Norwell that made you decide to move here? _____
Have you noticed much physical change since you moved here? _____
Do you approve or disapprove? _____
Do you think that open space in Norwell is in danger from development? _____

What factors are important to your perception of Norwell's character? (1= very important, 5= not important)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Open fields and farmlands | <input type="checkbox"/> Woods | <input type="checkbox"/> Marshes, bogs and other wetlands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Street trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Views across water | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lawns and landscaping | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing styles | |

How do you use town-owned open space? (check any or all):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Walks | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports and games | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature appreciation/education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Power boating | <input type="checkbox"/> Trysts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jogging | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird watching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Skating | <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

Would you use open space more if we had the following? (check any or all):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> More foot and bridle paths | <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Boardwalks along the North River |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marked nature trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle paths | <input type="checkbox"/> More playing fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marked historic trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Should Norwell actively try to acquire more open space? _____

What kinds of open space should Norwell acquire (check any or all):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands | <input type="checkbox"/> Easements across private land |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woods | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt marshes | <input type="checkbox"/> Parcels that connect other Conservation land |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

What factors should determine what open space should be acquired? (1= very important, 5= not important)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of visual quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Resource protection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/historical preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of drinking water quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Are you aware of the different TAX BENEFITS that accompany giving land or granting conservation easements to the town? _____

If you were planning to sell your land, would you consider including conservation restrictions that protect open space as a condition of the sale? __

Is there property in town you would like the town to acquire as open space?

Further comments? We would like to have them: