

SOUTH HADLEY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX Open Space Committeerev4-13

Open Space Committee - Recommended Action - 5/1/2013	Chapter-Goal	Goal or Land Use Objective	Priority Action	Timeframe					
				Immediate	Near Term (1-3 years)	Mid Term (3-6 years)	Long Term (6-10 yrs)	Ongoing	
Utilizing the Heritage Landscape Inventory Report as a basis, identify historic landscapes and important scenic vistas. No	CHR-1	1-2-1			✓				
Research, document, and map the current status of easements, public and private ownership of parcels and use of special tax assessment programs (such as Chapter 61 and 61A) within the Mount Holyoke Range. Identified, not mapped	NR-2	21-1		✓					
Create a dedicated funding source, including adoption of the Community Preservation Act, to provide assistance for enhancement and preservation of our natural resources. Discussions begun	NR-2	2-2-3			✓			✓	
Inventory the ownership and structure of the community's forest lands to determine where fragmentation is occurring, and where there are opportunities to reduce fragmentation through conservation investments, participation in forest management programs, or changes in regulations and bylaws. No analysis; plan has identified ownership	NR-3	3-1-1							
Identify and work with owners of forest lands to increase enrollment in the Massachusetts Chapter 61 program for forest management. No action	NR-3	3-1-2		✓					
Conduct a follow-up assessment on implementation of the wetland bylaw to evaluate how the bylaw is working, what issues need to be addressed, and how the bylaw's requirements are playing out in new development approvals. No action	NR-3	3-2-2		✓					
Provide online access to the databases on South Hadley's natural resources and their conditions with linkage through the Town's website. In process	NR-5	5-1-1							
To the extent appropriate, map information on South Hadley's natural resources and recreational opportunities. Some on website. Needs integration	NR-5	5-1-2							
Provide easy intuitive access for site users to information and maps regarding South Hadley's natural resources and recreational opportunities. In process	NR-5	5-1-3							
Provide an on-line or other interactive program for residents to submit updated information and observations regarding the natural resources (such as mapping of wildlife and bird sightings). No action	NR-5	5-1-4							
Establish partnerships and aggressively pursue funding opportunities which support natural resource goals and objectives. See CPA	NR-5	5-2-1							
Create an interactive structure for sharing information among agencies and organizations regarding the natural resources and their condition. No action. Refer to TA?	NR-5	5-2-2							
Develop a coordinated vision for the management of South Hadley's open space and recreation lands that is consistent with the plan principles of sustainability, communications, and leading by example. Done in updated plan	OSR-1	1-1-2		✓					

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Utilize coordinated private and public efforts in pursuit of open space conservation projects, natural resource protection, and recreation development initiatives. Ongoing	OSR-1	1-1-4		✓				
Inventory vacant and under-utilized spaces, especially publicly owned spaces, for their potential to be used as parks or gardens. In progress	OSR-1	1-5-1			✓			
Develop a technical assistance relationship with UMass and others regarding community supported agriculture and/or community gardening to expand neighborhood use of park and open spaces. Expand yes, UMass no	OSR-1	1-5-2			✓			
Evaluate lands acquired through Tax Title foreclosure for their conservation and recreation benefit. CEDC, Selectboard	OSR-1	1-6-1			✓			✓
Create a dedicated funding source for implementation of Open Space and Recreation priorities, including adoption of the Community Preservation Act. Discussions begun	OSR-1	1-6-2		✓				✓
Create a GIS-based inventory of neighborhood parks or under-utilized lands and their proximity to residential areas and pathways, to identify potential areas for small parks and sidewalk or path linkages. No action	OSR-2	2-2-1			✓			
Utilize grants and partnerships to continue to accomplish open space conservation goals. Ongoing	OSR-3	3-1-1		✓				✓
Identify parcels and property owners located in valuable landscapes. No action	OSR-3	3-1-2			✓			
Identify priority areas for preservation and priority conservation funding. Open Space Plan	OSR-4	4-1-3		✓				✓
Develop a comprehensive catalogue of open space resources, and make the information available on line in a user-friendly format; however, any such resource must clearly state access limitations (such as which facilities are open to public use, which have provisions for public trails and access, and which are private and/or have sensitive habitat considerations). No action	OSR-7	7-1-1						
Identify potential linkage opportunities with other communities and share this information with neighboring communities. No action	OSR-8	8-2-1						