

## **Section 6 - Community Goals**

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The community goals of Kingston Open Space Plan were determined using a compilation of three studies:

- Public Hearing on the Open Space Plan Update in March 2007
- 2006-7 Survey get of the Master Plan Implementation Committee
- an open space questionnaire in the summer of 1993
- the Kingston 20/20 survey in the fall of 1993
- the 1998 Kingston Master Plan which was published in October 1998,
- and the bicycle/multi-trail questionnaire in 1999.

In this update the following community goals were identified:

- A. Preservation of Undeveloped Land, Natural Resources and Natural Ecosystems.
- B. Provide opportunities for active and passive formal and informal participation in recreational activities for all residents.

It was determined that to reach these goals several strategies would need to be implemented as outlined in the Master Plan. These include:

- A. Development of an interconnected system of permanently protected open spaces;
- B. Incorporate open space planning into all development plans;
- C. Identify and expand additional recreational opportunities to keep up with growth, development and need;
- D. Establish Town Parks & Conservation Lands Department with paid administrator to promote and develop activities and facilities.

Beyond protecting open space, where appropriate and necessary, evaluate and assess current open space and establish maintenance and stewardship programs. Complete conservation restrictions, repair pedestrian bridges, and complete implementation of management plans. High priority issues continue to include acquisition and protection of wildlife habitat and scenic areas, development and expansion of handicapped access, and development and expansion of trail corridors. Generally, interest is also growing in biking trails and designated bike paths on existing roadways.

The following implementation schedule has been compiled to meet the aforementioned goals.

<b>Open Space and Recreation Action</b>	<b>Implementing Party</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>
Complete dock and water access plan for Mulliken's Landing and signage at Marshall Joyce Wildlife Sanctuary	Cons Com & Open Space	2008-9
Complete the Southwestern Neighborhood Trail: a System of bike paths & Walking trails	CC, OSC, PB, Water Department	2008-13

Adopt and Implement a management plan for Camp Nekon that includes public access to Smelt Pond, pedestrian trails, and protection for rare species habitats	BOS, OSC, CC, GC,	2008-2013
Continue to fund and purchase open space aggressively in order to provide for present & future needs	BOS, TM, OSC, CC, NGOs	2008-2013
Develop guidelines & enforcement procedures to prevent damage to open space & Resource areas.	BOS,CC, OSC, REC	2008-2013
Develop management manual for the care and maintenance of Town parks and conservation areas	BOS, REC, CC, OSC	2008-2013
Provide & Update Conservation Lands and trail guide	CC, OSC,	2008 & as necessary
Educate the public about local Open space and recreation areas	CC, OSC, REC	2008-2013
Develop programs & build facilities for recreation and community use by residents of all age groups	REC, COA	2008-2013
Perform Feasibility Study to coordinate existing departments, combining resources to implement effective Open Space and Conservation Lands management	TM, PB,CC, BOS, OSC, TP, REC	2008-2013
Incorporate aquaculture and shell fishing on leased town mudflats into Open Space Planning	BOS, WFC, SFW, CC, OSC, stakeholders	

**Key to Implementing Party:**

BOS=Board of Selectmen; CC= Conservation Commission; COA=Council on Aging; OSC=Open Space Committee; PB= Planning Board; REC= Recreation Committee; SFW= Shellfish Warden; TM= Town Meeting; TP= Town Planner; WFC= Waterfront Committee

***Table revised from Kingston Master Plan, Open Space and Recreation Action Table***

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