

Section 9 - Five Year Action Plan

NOTE: Dates may change as need arises or funds allow.

Fiscal Year 2008-2013	
Action:	Follow through with purchase of the Marshall Joyce Wildlife Sanctuary, and develop plan for access improvements
Who:	Open Space Committee Conservation Commission
Funds:	Self-Help, CPA
Action:	Initiate management and maintenance plan for all town conservation, parks and recreation areas, including recommended annual and capital costs.
Who:	Open Space Committee Recreation Commission Conservation Commission Finance Committee Highway Department Town Planner
Action:	Act as liaison with the Planning Board in subdivision review and implementation of open space goals in land use planning.
Who:	Town Planner Planning Board Open Space Committee Conservation Commission
Action:	Maintain and update signage on Bay Circuit Trail.
Who:	Conservation Commission Open Space Committee Scouts and Civic teams
Funds:	Sampson Fund
Action:	Create a Department of Land Management to maintain town-owned parks and open space land.
Who:	Town Meeting
Action:	Define sensitive areas at Camp Nekon, and initiate development and management plan for Smelt Pond.
Who:	Conservation Commission Open Space Committee Board of Selectmen Recreation Committee
Action:	Review and update by-laws for use and protection of town conservation and recreation land. Deal with motorcycle and dirt bike usage
Who:	Open space Committee Conservation Commission Recreation, Environmental Police, Kingston Police Board of Selectmen, Natural Heritage Program Town Meeting

Fiscal Year 2008-2013	
Action:	Continue to Survey Jones River Corridor/Trail and contact landowners regarding easements.
Who:	Jones River Watershed Association Conservation Commission Open Space Committee
Funds:	Donations/In-kind services Municipal Funds Sampson Fund CPA funds
Action:	Inventory Cranberry Bogs in Kingston and evaluate the importance of each for natural resources protection in keeping with the goals of the Open Space Plan. Evaluate the threat for conversion to incompatible use; develop and prioritize protection strategy. Develop water use management plan
Who:	Open Space Committee Cranberry Growers Conservation Commission Water Department Jones River Watershed Association NRCS, Cape Cod Cranberry Growers
Funds:	Grants
Action:	Update and distribute brochure about open spaces and put up signs identifying town-owned conservation and recreation sites.
Who:	Conservation Commission Open Space Committee Recreation Commission
Funds:	Municipal Funds Sampson Fund State Grants Recreation Commission
Action:	Work with Planning board to acquire Indian Pond land for public access.
Who:	Open Space Committee Town Planner Conservation Commission CPA funds
Action:	Pursue acquisition of coastal waterfront property in vicinity of Boundary Lane.
Who:	Open Space Committee Conservation Commission Waterfront Committee Town Planner
Funds:	Self-Help Conservation Funds Grants, and Gifts CPA funds

Fiscal Year 2008-2013	
Action:	Identify and protect critical habitat areas through acquisition of conservation restrictions
Who:	Open Space Committee Conservation Commission Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program
Funds:	Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Grants (E.O.E.A.)
Action:	Develop a program with assessors to encourage eligible landowners to participate in Chapter 61, Chapter 61A, Chapter 61B and the Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program.
Who:	Agricultural Commission Open Space Committee Board of Assessors
Funds:	Sampson Fund
Action:	Establish a procedure to assess the conservation and natural resource value of land taken for tax title or subject to chapter 61 A & B prior to selectmen vote and final disposition of the properties.
Who:	Open Space Committee Board of Assessors Town Administrator
Action:	Initiate acquisition and protection strategy for cranberry bogs according to inventory and evaluation.
Who:	Open Space Committee Cranberry Growers Association Private Non-Profit NRCS
Funds:	Self-Help State, Federal, & Private Grants
Action:	Plan and Install a network of pedestrian ways and bike paths throughout town.
Who:	Open Space Committee Highway Department Planning Board MPIC
Funds:	DEM Grants Ch. 91 Funds TEA 2
Action:	Continue acquisition of land and easements along Jones River, including at Silver Lake Commons, to establish the Bay Circuit linkage as a continuous corridor between Bay Farm and Silver Lake Sanctuary
Who:	Jones River Watershed Association [JRSA] Town Planner Open Space Committee Town Meeting

Fiscal Year 2008-2013	
Funds:	Land Trusts Municipal Funds Donations E.O.E.A. Grants Self-Help CPA Private Grants
Action:	Acquire or otherwise preserve the conservation and historic value of old mill sites
Who:	Open Space Committee Historic Commission Conservation Commission
Funds:	Conservation Funds CPA JRWA State and Private Grants
Action:	Improve day use at Camp Nekon.
Who:	Recreation Commission Board of Selectmen Conservation Commission Town Planner Open Space Committee
Funds:	Municipal Funds Sampson Fund Grants
Action:	Seek to acquire Pratts Pond parcel.
Who:	Conservation Commission Town Planner Open Space Committee
Funds:	CPA State and Private
Action:	Continue work with Historical Commission to identify and register historic sites and develop protection strategy
Who:	Open Space Committee Historical Commission Private non-profit organizations
Action:	Lease Pawtuxet Park for community gardens and agricultural programs.
Who:	Conservation Commission Open Space Committee Town Planner Private non-profit
Funds:	Private Non-Profit Grants

Fiscal Year 2008-2013	
Action:	Investigate Indian Pond road bog acquisition strategy
Who:	Open Space Committee Cranberry Growers Private Non-profit CPA
Funds:	Town, State and Federal Grants
Action:	Update Open Space Brochure.
Who:	Open Space Committee
Funds:	Municipal Funds
Action:	Acquire designated unprotected sensitive habitat areas.
Who:	Town Meeting Conservation Commission Open Space Committee
Funds:	Private Land Trusts Municipal Funds, CPA E.O.E.E.A. Private Foundations
Action:	Define and acquire remaining land necessary to create Stony Brook Park.
Who:	Conservation Commission Board of Selectmen Historical Commission Open Space Committee Town Planner MPIC
Funds:	Private funds, CPA
Action:	Obtain easements, rights of way, and land to connect Sampson Park with Camp Nekon.
Who:	Conservation Commission Open Space Committee Town Meeting Town Planner
Funds:	E.O.E.A. CPA
Action:	Develop forest management program for town-owned land.
Who:	Conservation Commission Open Space Committee DEM, Division of Forests & Parks
Funds:	Grants: DEM/Coverts Revenues to Conservation Fund
Action:	Construct trail and bridge between Silver Lake Commons and Silver Lake Sanctuary.

Fiscal Year 2008-2013	
Who:	Open Space Committee Conservation Commission Highway Department JRWA Wingate
Funds:	Conservation Fund Grants, CPA Self Help Funds

Fiscal Year 2008-2013	
Action:	Make improvements to Jones River Corridor/Trail.
Who:	Conservation Commission JRWA Open Space Committee Volunteers Boy Scouts Girl Scouts
Funds:	Donations Municipal Funds Sampson Fund Grants
Action:	Create ball field and/or recreation park at site of closed offal pits.
Who:	Recreation Commission Open Space Committee Selectmen Board of Health Highway Dept.
Funds:	Municipal Funds
Action:	Update Open Space Plan.
Who:	Open Space Committee Recreation Commission Conservation Commission MPIC Town Planner General Public
Funds:	Municipal Funds Grants

Fiscal Year 2008-2013	
Action:	Acquire land-locked areas in Faunce Memorial Forest.
Who:	Conservation Commission Open Space Committee Town Meeting
Funds:	Conservation Fund, Grants, CPA

NOTE: If properties proposed for purchase in this Five Year Action Plan do not become available in this time frame, but other properties discussed for the year 2008 Open Space Plan do become available, their purchase should be pursued as current planning, needs, funds and wisdom dictates.

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