

## **IX Five Year Action Program Based on Preceding Goals and Objectives**

**Year 2009**

**Revised 2/2010**

### **Studies**

	<b>Responsible Party/Funds</b>
<b>S-1.</b> Design the proposed Pedestrian Bridge to the Stiles and Hart Conservation Area from the Town River Landing Goal 2C	NRTB, Cons/ CPC, FH
<b>S-2.</b> Identify and rank Ch. 61, 61A and 61B parcels for recommendation to Community Preservation Committee for potential acquisition if offered or through town initiatives. Goals 2A, 2B	OSC/ Volunteers

### **Actions**

<b>A-1.</b> Make the Open Space Committee a permanent standing committee Goal 7A	BS/ Volunteers
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**Year 2010**

### **Studies**

<b>S-1.</b> Define a potential greenway system along Bridgewater's portions of the Town River and Taunton River as part of a joint effort with West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Middleboro, and Raynham. Goal 2C	OSC,CC/ CPC
<b>S-2.</b> Study the possible acquisition of selected private lands around the north end of Carver's Pond to complete the proposed trail system and protect shoreline, and determine the feasible configuration of such acquisitions Goals 2A,2B	OSC, CC, RC/ Volunteers.
<b>S-3.</b> Identify upstream wastewater treatment plant discharges and other activities affecting water quality and flows in the Matfield, Satucket, and Taunton Rivers, and participate in the ongoing Upper Taunton Basin Wastewater Evaluation study aimed at improving such conditions. Goals 3A,5A	BOH, Consultant/ BOH,DEP

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| <b>S-4.</b> Work with the Planning Board to study the effects of present zoning on agricultural preservation and the protection of key landscapes<br>Goals 1A,4A  | OSC, PB/<br>Volunteers                           |
| <b>S-5.</b> Participate in the review of the Ch. 40R residential project on Plymouth St. for opportunities to integrate the required preserved open space with adjacent town holdings at the Town River Landing and along the Town River at Hayward and Whitman Street<br>Goals 2C, 4A ,  | CC, ZBA.PB/<br>Volunteers/CPC                    |
| <b>S-6</b> Examine possible future uses of the Cumberland Farms land between Curve Street and the Taunton River. Identify alternate strategies and resources (CPC, APR, Mixed Development...) to preserve a maximum of the site's agricultural and streamside open space values. Develop an action plan for a subsequent year. Goals 1A, 2A | OSC,CC,PB, and<br>(future )AG/<br>CPC, DAR (APR) |
| <b>S-7 .</b> Examine options for creating a Parks and Recreation Department including expanding the role of the Parkland<br>Goal 6C   | BS, Stewards, OSC/<br>Volunteers, Stewards       |

## **Actions**

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| <b>A-1.</b> Improve, unify signage at the Tuckerwood, Wyman Meadow, and Wildlands Trust sites and all other Parklands Goals 2A,2D          | NRTB,ST<br>FH,WTSEM/<br>CPC,WTSEM |
| <b>A-2.</b> Produce and distribute mapped descriptions of all sites<br>Goals 2A, 2D  | OCS,CC,RC/<br>CPC                 |
| <b>A-3.</b> Add descriptive material to the town web page Goals 2A, 2D   | RC,NRTB<br>OCS,CC/<br>RC, NRTB    |
| <b>A-4.</b> Restore Jenny Leonard Park and improved accessibility via the sloping driveway and level paths between facilities Goals 6A, 2B | RC,BS/<br>CPC, DCS                |
| <b>A-5.</b> Acquisition of development rights on selected properties through negotiation apart from Ch. 61 offerings Goals 1A, 2A, 2B      | CC, AC/<br>CPC, DCS               |

## **Year 2011**

### **Studies**

- S-1.** Identification and ranking of key holdings near or behind existing and prospective development for acquisition to provide nearby open space for present and future neighborhoods    Goal 2A, 2B    OSC, CC, RC/ Volunteers
- S-2.** Design town-wide recreational /functional bicycle and pedestrian system with connections to adjacent communities    Goals 2B, 6B    PB, RC,FH/ Volunteers,
- S-3.** Study possible acquisition of land/CRs on a swath of riverside farmland and woodland from the Halifax line to west of Bedford St. for open space and leased farm use, draw on Ch .61 inventory/analysis Goals 1A, 2C    OSC,CC,AC NRTB,WTSEM/ Volunteers

### **Actions**

- A-1.** Begin acquisitions establishing a greenway along Bridgewater's portions of the Town River and Taunton River as part of a joint effort with West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Middleboro, and Raynham.    Goals 2A, 2C    CC, WTSEM/ CPC
- A-2.** Add neighboring Bridgewater Water Department land to the Titicut Conservation Area    Goals 2A, 2C, 6C    CC, WC, BS./ Volunteers
- A-3.** Add capacity for swimming lessons by installing a U-shaped float system where lessons are feasible    Goal 6A    RC/ DCS
- A-4** Build Town River Landing Pedestrian Bridge    Goal 2C    BS, Consultant./ CPC, FH
- A-5.** Acquire selected private lands around north end of Carver's Pond to complete proposed trail system and protect the shoreline and a potential Zone II area    Goals 2B, 3A    CC, WC/ CPC,WC
- A-6.** Revision of the Subdivision Rules and Regulations to require bicycle/pedestrian easements and paths to adjacent property, located so as to tie into a binding adopted town-wide bicycle/ pedestrian system    Goals 4A, 6B    PB/ Volunteers
- A-7.** With Planning Board, propose Town Meeting articles to modify any zoning negatively affecting agricultural preservation and the protection of key landscapes    Goals 1A,4A    OSC,PB/ Volunteers



Carver's Pond

Photo by Leslie Dorr

## Year 2012

### Studies

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| <p><b>S-1.</b> Study potential addition of Middleboro land along Vernon St. across the Taunton River to an expanded multi-town Bridgewater/Raynham /Middleboro Titicut Conservation Area</p>   | <p>Goals 2A, 2C</p> | <p>OSC, CC, towns/<br/>CPC, DCS</p> |
| <p><b>S-2.</b> Study possible acquisition of land from the town-owned Emerald Lane to the northwestern corner of Sturdevant's Pond to allow a trail from just south of the Vernon Land to the Pond and on by a short walk along Vernon Street or Green Street to the Titicut Conservation Area</p> | <p>Goals 2A,2B</p>  | <p>OSC, CC, RC/<br/>Volunteers</p>  |
| <p><b>S-3.</b> Study acquisition of Ch. 61A " beautiful green fields" on the Taunton River near proposed expanded Titicut Conservation Area</p>  |                     | <p>OSC,CC,NRTB/<br/>CPC, DCS</p>    |

## **Actions**

- A-1.** Encourage State expansion of State Forest north along both sides of South Brook to where it crosses Water Street, and east to Walnut Street, or seek transfer to the town for Conservation Commission management      OSC,CC/  
Volunteers  
Goals 2A,2B
- A-2.** Develop a streamside trail along South Brook from Water St. to the town's riverside holdings east of Hayward and Whitman Streets or a greater trail from Walnut St. through the State Forest and along South Brook to Hayward and Whitman Streets and along local streets and possible easements to the Tuckerwood Conservation Park land then potentially to the High Street Water Department lands.      RC,CC, Stewards/  
CPC,DCS,DCR  
Goals 2B, 2C, 6A
- A-3.** Begin acquisition of a riverside swath of open land on Ch. 61A streamside open fields and other agricultural lands for open space and leased agricultural use, including town-initiated purchases      CC, AC/  
CPC,DCS,APR  
Goals 1A, 2B,
- A-4.** Begin signing bike routes, marking separate lanes where feasible and building separate off-road paths consistent with other plans      HF Dept.,/  
DCS,CPC  
Goal 6B

## **Year 2013**

### **Studies**

- S-1.** Examine possible State (Department of Conservation and Recreation) expansion of the State Forest or town acquisition of it for management by the Conservation Commission. Goals 2A, 2B,      OSC, CC/  
Volunteers
- S-2.** Study designation of Scenic Roads recommended in past reports, check past Town Meeting Actions. Goal 2A      PB,CC/  
Volunteers

## **Actions**

**A-1.** Acquisition of streamside backlands (next to and behind an electric company substation) south of the High Street Water Dept. lands where the Taunton River starts at the junction of the Town and Matfield Rivers and creation of pedestrian access possibly through a boardwalk and/or along the powerline      CC/  
CPC/DCS  
Donation?      Goals 2A,2B,2C

**A-2.** Acquisition of land from town-owned Emerald Lane to northwestern corner of Sturtevant's Pond to allow a trail from just south of the Vernon Land to the pond and on by a short walk along Vernon Street or Green Streets to the Titicut Conservation Area      CC/  
CPC, DCS  
Goals 2A,2B

## **Year 2014**

### **Studies**

**S-1.** Study development of a streamside trail along South Brook from Water St. to the town's riverside holdings east of Hayward and Whitman Streets or a greater trail from Walnut St. through the State Forest and along South Brook to Hayward and Whitman Streets and along local streets and possible easements to the Tuckerwood Reservation and potentially on to the High Street Water Department lands.      OSC, CC, RC/  
Volunteers  
Goals 2B, 2C, 6A

**S-2.** Investigate possibility of acquiring streamside backland (next to and behind an electric company substation) at the junction of the Town, Matfield and Taunton Rivers and creating pedestrian access, possibly through a boardwalk and/or along the power line.      OSC, CC,  
Stewards/  
DCS,CPC  
Goals 2A,2B,2C

**S-3.** Work with West Bridgewater Open Space Committee to examine acquisition of Ch. 61 land on south bank of Town River at West Bridgewater and a possible streamside trail to the Iron Works Park.      OSC, NRT,  
Stewards/  
Volunteers  
Goal 2B, 2C

**S-4.** Work with owner to examine means to permanently protect private land at Skeeter Mill Pond ("Flynn's Pond") – only if its future status is uncertain      CC, RC/  
Volunteers  
Goals 2B,6A

**S-5.** Study feasibility of the Aldrich Street to North Street/Hockomock Swamp Wildlife Corridor, especially the North Street crossing, and modify as needed.      CC, NRT, DF&W/  
Volunteers and  
state staff  
Goals 5A,5B

## **Year 2015**

### **Studies**

**S-1.** Study/organize the addition of a small boat (canoe, kayak or sailboat) lending or rental program at Lake Nippenicket or Carver's Pond. RC/  
Volunteers  
Goals 6A

**S-2.** Study the feasibility of acquiring the intervening Ch. 61A land and private parcels to the south to create a corridor from the O'Toole Land north of Rte. 104 to the Olde Scotland Links. CC, OSC/  
Volunteers  
Goals 2B, 6B

### **Actions**

**A-1.** Restore/create of sailing/kayaking/canoeing programs at the Lake or Carver's Pond RC/  
RC  
Goal 6A

**A-2.** If feasible, acquire the intervening Ch. 61A land and private parcels to complete a corridor partly along the powerline from the O'Toole Land to the Olde Scotland Links. CC,RC/  
CPC, DCS  
Goals 2B,6B

**A-3.** Acquire two woodlands parcels west of the Aldrich Street to make a wildlife corridor across North St. to the Hockomock Swamp Wildlife Management Area through a small intervening parcel CC,NRT,  
WTSEM/  
CPC,DCS,  
DF&G  
Goals 5A,5B

**A-4.** Submit Scenic Roads designations to Town Meeting PB/  
Volunteers  
Goal 2A

**A-5.** Continue the Open Space Committee as a permanent Town Committee to complement the Conservation Commission and Master Plan Implementation Committee in implementing (and later updating) this plan and in developing proposals BS/  
Volunteers  
implementation

The first listed is the lead agency.

**Initials Used:**

AG	Agricultural Commission
BOH	Board of Health
BS	Board of Selectmen
CC	Conservation Commission
Cons	Consultant
CPC	Community Preservation Committee
DAR	Department of Agricultural Resources
DCR	Dept. of Conservation and Recreation - Source of Recreational Trails Grants
DCS	Division of Conservation Services - Source of LAND (ex Self Help) and PARC (ex Urban Self Help) and related Federal funds. .
DEP	State Department of Environmental Protection
FH	Forestry and Highway Department
MTC	Massachusetts Technology Collaborative - Source of alternative energy funds
NRTB	The Natural Resources Trust of Greater Bridgewater
OSC	Open Space Committee
PB	Planning Board
RC	Recreation Commission
ST	The Parklands Stewards
WTSEM	The Wildlands Trust of SE Massachusetts
ZBA	Zoning Board of Appeals





Paddling down the Taunton River; Titicut Conservation Area to starboard; Middleboro's Taylor Farm to port



