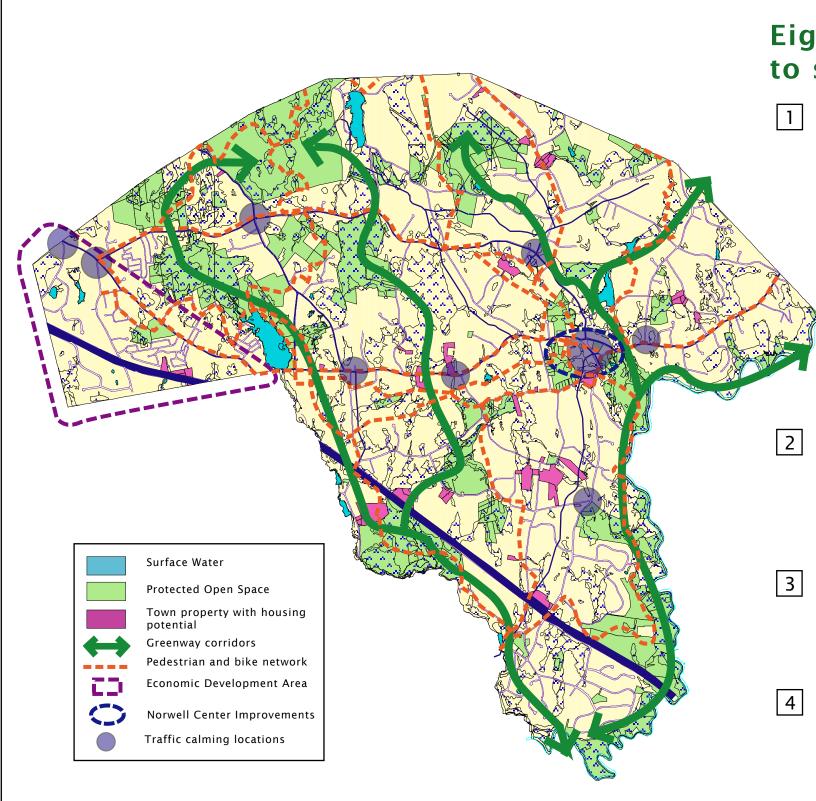
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Executive Summary Map



Eight key Master Plan recommendations to shape Norwell's future:

- Create a Green Network of natural and cultural resources, open space and recreational opportunities:
- Preserve open space to protect water
- Protect continuous open space greenways along water corridors through private stewardship agreements among neighbors, conservation restrictions, and if needed, land purchase.
 - o Third Herring Brook from Church Hill to Wompatuck State Park
 - O North River and Second Herring Brook from Stetson Meadows to Black Pond
- Promote public awareness of historic areas and consider landmark status for key historic sites
- Manage residential development to preserve Norwell's remaining open space character:
- Establish Conservation Subdivision
 Zoning for all residential parcels over
- Establish buffer zones along roads to preserve trees and views
- Support creation of affordable housing compatible with town character:
 - Revive the Norwell Housing Partnership to lead affordable housing planning, including use of town-owned property, mixed-use zoning and other strategies
- Pursue a strategy to increase non-residential tax revenues:
 - Ease zoning constraints and establish performance standards to allow higher density in industrial and commercial areas while preserving environmental health

- Improve the appearance and function of Route 53:
 - Establish common design and development standards with neighboring towns to create more walkable areas and cluster businesses to reduce curb cuts and traffic congestion and improve livability
- 6 Make Norwell Center a more vital focus of community life:
 - Permit small-scale shops by right
 - Create village design guidelines and special permit incentives for a mixture of small-scale shops and apartments
- 7 Implement enforcement and traffic calming strategies on high traffic, cross-town roads
- 8 Create a network of safe pedestrian and bicycle routes throughout town by planning for sidewalks in selected areas, maintaining trails in open space, and providing marked bicycle routes
- Prepare a comprehensive study of town facilities needs and alternative uses of town properties



Conservation Subdivision