

GOAL 1: Support and Enhance Pasive and Active Recreation in Balance with Nature

| Objective | # | Action | Responsible Parties and Collaborators | Time Frame | Funding Source |
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| A. Support and Enhance Recreation Opportunities, Including Upgrading Existing Facilities to Comply with ADA Standards | 1 | Improve and maintain existing playgrounds and athletic fields including a long term capital budget and/or bonding plan. | See Key on Page 131 BOS, CBC, PC, SC, RC, AFC, OSRC, SO | - | Capital Budgets, Articles, Bonding, CPA funds, Grants, Donations, Independent Sports Organizations, Nonprofits, Businesses, Individuals |
| | 2 | Foster cooperative relationships with town departments and recreation organizations to enhance facilities, programs, responsibilities and schedules for the maintenance and improvement of recreational areas. Identify gaps or needs. Reactivate a committee to move this action forward. | BOS, SC, RC, AFC, OSRC, SO | On-going | |
| | 3 | Build new (or modify existing) athletic fields to meet the needs demonstrated in the "Norwell Schools 2000-2005" campaign, which identified needing three or four additional athletic fields. In 2012, the need has increased to four or five. | BOS, CBC, CPC, AFC, SC, RC, OSRC, SO | On-going | |
| | 4 | Feasibility plan to investigate developing 6+ acres off of South St (abutting NHS) for athletic fields or facilities that can be utilized by the schools or members of the community. | BOS, SC, CPC, CBC, RC, OSRC, AFC | 2013-2019 | |
| | 5 | Feasibility plan to investigate developing the Recreation's 20+/- acres on Wildcat Lane into athletic fields or facilities. Other ideas include trails, a sledding hill, disc golf (Frisbee), 9-hole golf (short holes or pitch 'n' putt might use 20-25 acres), an ice rink, etc. | RC, CPC, BOS, CBC, AFC, SC, OSRC | 2012-2014 | |
| | 6 | Develop a master plan for recreation and athletic facilities. Determine the needs, priorities, feasibility and funding resources for adding new active recreation facilities. These include, but are not limited to: artificial turf field(s), grass fields (with or without irrigation), an ice rink, and/or a swimming pool. (Requested in the 2012 Open Space and Recreation Survey and Plan) | SC, BOS, RC, OSRC, AFC | 2013-2015 | |
| | 7 | Build new recreational facilities to meet needs determined in the Town studies including one to two artificial turf playing fields, one to four grass fields (with or without irrigation), an ice rink, and/or a swimming pool. | SC, BOS, RC, OSRC, AFC | 2013-2015 | |



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| A. cont. Support and Enhance Recreation Opportunities, Including Upgrading Existing Facilities to Comply with ADA Standards Support and Enhance Recreation Opportunities | 8 | Implement an operational maintenance plan for efficient use of fields and facilities, in order to reduce excessive wear. | SC, RC, AFC | 2013-2019 | Capital Budgets, Articles, Bonding, CPA funds, Grants, Donations: Independent Sports Organizations, Nonprofits, Businesses, Individuals |
| | 9 | Develop a larger, ADA accessible dock/pier at Jacob's Pond for fishing and boating (i.e. canoes and kayaks). | CC, RC, BOS, CBC, OSRC | 2012-2013 | |
| | 10 | Identify a "community recreation area" that can be used for a picnic pavilion and play area. (Jacob's Pond area, Norwell Center, Wildcat or other) | CC, RC, BOS, CBC, SC, OSRC | 2013-2014 | |
| | 11 | If an existing school, town building or facility is being considered for reuse or development, investigate the feasibility of adding a turf or athletic field, community recreation center, ice rink or aquatic facility to that project. | SC, RC, BOS, CBC, AFC, OSRC | 2012-2019 | |
| | 12 | Encourage or require (wherever possible) adequate open space, park or recreation facilities in new residential and commercial developments. Encourage private developers to add amenities such as playgrounds, trails, tennis/basketball courts, softball fields, etc. | PB, BOS, CC, RC | 2012-2019 | |
| | 13 | Enhance the quality and variety of recreational opportunities (both passive and active) for all age groups and abilities in the Town of Norwell; including the growing population of people over the age of fifty. | RC, COA, SC, CC, BOS | On-going | |
| | 14 | Continue efforts to upgrade facilities in order to make recreation programs and facilities accessible and compliant with the ADA. | SC, RC, CC, COA, COD, ADA Coordinator | On-going | |
| B. Preserve, Protect and Acquire Land for Active Recreation, such as Playing Fields | 15 | Investigate the use of retention areas in residential subdivisions for ice-skating in the winter. | CC, PB, BOS, WC | 2012-2013 |  |
| | 16 | Continue to maintain, improve and acquire land for active recreation (i.e. athletic fields). Engage in strategic planning for acquiring, improving and maintaining properties for recreation. | BOS, CBC, CPC, AFC, SC, RC, OSRC, SO | On-going | |

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| C. Improve Public Awareness of and Involvement in Recreation Resources | 17 | Establish community groups to help maintain trails on town-owned conservation lands and to use for planning assistance for playgrounds, athletic fields and trails. | CC, REC, SC, OSRC, BOS, AFC | On-going | Departmental Budgets, Capital Budgets, Articles, Bonding, CPA funds, Grants, Donations, Independent Sports Organizations, Nonprofits, Businesses, Individuals |
| | 18 | Continue the "Pathways Committee" to further the development of a town-wide bicycle and pedestrian path system that links schools, recreation facilities, commercial areas, the commuter rail station and other neighboring towns' trail systems. | PC, PB, CC, RC, CPC, SC | On-going | |
| | 19 | Create and distribute a map highlighting town-owned areas with open public access; such as recreation areas, trails, access points to the North River and other areas of interest. | CC, CPC, PB, PC, RC, OSRC | 22012-2013 On-going Updates | |
| | 20 | Continue management plans for Fogg Forest, Miller Woods, Hatch Lots, Cuffee Hill, Jacob's Pond, Wildcat/Donovan, and Stetson Meadows. | CC | On-going | |
| | 21 | Create, improve and maintain signage to increase awareness of and access to conservation and recreation areas. | CC, RC, OSRC, PC | On-going | |
| | 22 | Develop and implement a communication plan that includes all available media to continue to raise awareness of Town recreation opportunities, facilities and programs. | CC, RC, OSRC, PC | On-going | |
| | 23 | Appropriate or secure funds through grants or donations from public or private entities to publish use aids; such as conservation maps, trail maps and public education guides and publish that information on the town's website: www.townofnorwell.net | CC, RC, OSRC, PC | 2013-2014 | |
| D. Preserve, Protect, and Acquire Land and/or Easements/Restrictions for Recreation and Open Space | 24 | Acquire and preserve lands to be designated and protected for conservation, recreation (active and passive) and open space. | CC, BOS, CPC, PB, OSRC, RC | On-going |  |
| | 25 | Investigate and develop a strategy for the usage of upland tax title properties to develop active recreation areas within neighborhoods to community-wide usage. | Treasurer/Collector; BOS, PB, BOA | 2012-2013 | |

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| E. Enhance North River Access | 26 | Improve public access, parking, and signage along the North River by acquiring land and promoting existing access points. Also, make sure they meet ADA compliance. | CC, OSRC, COD, ADA Coordinator | On-going | Departmental Budgets, Capital Budgets, Articles, Bonding, CPA funds, Grants, Donations: Independent Sports Organizations, Nonprofits, Businesses, Individuals |
| | 27 | Do title search of Scituate and Norwell boundaries to potentially restore clamming, picnicking, swimming and fishing on Scituate beaches, as prior Norwell generations did. | CC, PB, BOA | On-Going | |

GOAL 2: Protect the Quality and Quantity of Norwell's Water Supply

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|--|-----------|---|--|---------------------|---|
| A. Acquire Land and/or Easements/Restrictions to Protect Water Supply Quality, Quantity and Recharge | 28 | Identify areas for future potential well sites, as well as parcels for acquisition that will protect the aquifer or that are contiguous to Zones II and III. | WC, CPC | On-going | Departmental Budgets, Capital Budgets, Articles, Bonding, CPA funds, Grants, Donations: Independent Sports Organizations, Nonprofits, Businesses, Individuals |
| | 29 | Revise and adapt local bylaws to optimize and limit impervious surfaces and nitrogen loading in the Aquifer Protection Overlay District. | WD, PB, ZBA | On-going | |
| | 30 | Determine lawful claim of all municipal properties with uncertain ownership to ascertain which parcels are protected for water supply purposes in perpetuity. | WC, BOA, Town Counsel, CC | 2012-2015 | |
| B. Promote Water Conservation through Public Education, Conservation Plans, and Prevention of Storm water Runoff and Water Diversions | 31 | Create and implement Public Outreach initiatives and educational materials that promote using water conservation measures, such as NSRWA "GreenScapes" Program that teaches homeowners how to create beautiful landscapes while protecting water resources. | WC, NSRWA | 2012, then annually |  |
| | 32 | Analyze possibility of a bylaw limiting the square footage of lawns that can be installed as part of new construction | WC, PB, ZBA | 2012-2014 | |
| | 33 | Evaluate implementing a permitting process for private irrigation wells. | WC, BOH | 2012-2016 | |
| | 34 | Analyze Public Outreach initiatives regarding the road salt problem and develop alternative options. | WC, BOH, BOS, Department of Public Works | 2012 and annually | |

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| C. Protect Drinking Water Quality Through Best Management Practices Available | 35 | Distribute information on Best Management Practices for landowners within water supply areas. | WC; NSRWA | 2012 and annually | Departmental Budgets, Capital Budgets, Articles, Bonding, CPA funds, Grants, Donations: Independent Sports Organizations, Nonprofits, Businesses, Individuals  |
| | 36 | Recommend Integrated Pest Management (IPM) planning tools to farms near well sites and post IPM information on the town website. | WC | 2012 and annually | |
| | 37 | Approach Hanover and Hingham to develop a plan to protect groundwater resources that affect wells located in the town of Norwell. | WC | 2012 then go-ing | |
| | 38 | Amend the Aquifer Protection Overlay District to include the Aaron River Reservoir (Cohasset) and Tack Factory Pond (Scituate) watersheds. | WC, PB, ZBA | 2012-2017 | |
| | 39 | Display information on NPDES Phase II storm water regulations in the Town Hall and the Library, as well as on the Town's website. | Highway Department, WC, Public Library | 2012 and annually | |
| | 40 | Initiate a Town-wide surface water and hydrology/hydrogeology flow direction study. | WD, NSRWA, Regional Land Trusts | 2012-2017 | |

GOAL 3: Protect Norwell's Natural Resources and Promote Biodiversity

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|--|-----------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| A. Preserve 30 % of Norwell as Open Space (continuation of 2005 goal) | 41 | Protect an additional 700 acres to meet this goal (3 out of every 10 acres of developable land) | All Departments; Citizens of Norwell | 2012-2019 | Departmental Budgets, Capital Budgets, Articles, Bonding, CPA funds, Grants, Donations: Independent Sports Organizations, Nonprofits, Businesses, Individuals  |
| | 42 | Promote town awareness for benefits of Open Space and Recreation | All Departments; Citizens of Norwell | 2012-2019 | |
| | 43 | Reach out to residents in order to seek new land acquisition opportunities. | All Departments; Citizens of Norwell | 2012-2019 | |
| | 44 | Reach out to the Town Departments and Boards in order to coordinate and collaborate on new land acquisition opportunities. | All Departments | 2012-2019 | |
| | 45 | Investigate property ownership, tax default, non-buildable space, and questionable land as part of a strategic plan to acquire lands as open space. | All Departments; | 2012-2019 | |

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| A. Preserve 30 % of Norwell as Open Space (continuation of 2005 goal) cont. | 46 | Adopt, modify a parcel ranking system, to identify priority parcels, for land acquisition or conservation purposes. Utilize GIS updated data layer for this process to conserve parcels (e.g.) acquisitions, restrictions, easements or classifications. | All Departments | 2012-2019 | Departmental Budgets, Capital Budgets, Articles, Bonding, CPA funds, Grants, Donations: Independent Sports Organizations, Nonprofits, Businesses, Individuals |
| | 47 | Establish NOSRC acquisition committee to execute strategic outreach to land owners. | All Departments; Citizens of Norwell | 2012-2019 | |
| B. Engage Citizens and Seek to Increase Awareness and Appreciation of the Environment, Land Conservation and Natural Resource Issues | 48 | Create management plans for stream corridors or "Greenways". | CC, OSRC, CPC | 2012-2019 |  |
| C. Improve Education and Outreach Efforts with Better Management of Current Town-Owned Properties | 49 | Explore the possibility of a Film Documentary on Norwell's Trails and Trail Maintenance made by Norwell Citizens. | CC, OSRC, CPC | 2012-2014 | |
| | 50 | Create a recreation trail scorecard with identifiable standards and then initiate and encourage school group projects to grade the trails throughout Norwell. | OSRC, Norwell Schools | 2012-2015 | |
| | 51 | Create a recreation field scorecard and database to assist in maintaining recreation fields throughout town. | OSRC, Norwell Schools | 2012-2015 | |
| | 52 | Explore hiring a facilities/maintenance specialist—whose responsibility is the recreational facilities in town OR organize a committee with decision-making power. Research receiving funding from Friends of Norwell Sports & Recreation. | OSRC, Norwell Schools | 2012-2015 | |
| | 53 | Develop trail maps, marking systems and other public awareness documents to promote and educate residents on the use of lands. | CC, OSRC, CPC | 2012 - On-going | |
| 54 | Complete the construction of the path system in the Black Pond Bog areas, including linking the newly acquired Cuffee's Lane Property. | CC, OSRC, CPC | 2012 - On-going | | |

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| D. Acquire Land and/or Easements/Restrictions to Protect Natural Resources and Biodiversity | 55 | Acquire lands or conservation restrictions on parcels that are contiguous with existing open space, have unique environmental features, will buffer sensitive ecological resources or provide nonfragmented habitat for wildlife. Special priority should be placed on parcels that correspond to the Master Plan designated "Greenways" and parcels that will protect unfragmented wildlife corridors. | CC, OSRC, CPC, WC | On-going | Departmental Budgets, Capital Budgets, Articles, Bonding, CPA funds, Grants, Donations: Independent Sports Organizations, Nonprofits, Businesses, Individuals  |
| | 56 | Determine lawful claim of all municipal properties with uncertain ownership to ascertain which parcels are protected for natural resources purposes in perpetuity. | CC, BOA, Town Counsel | On-going | |
| | 57 | Partner with NSRWA to hold bi-annual informational seminars for private and non-profit landowners on land protection strategies and tools. | OSRC, NSRWA | 2013, then bi-annually | |
| | 58 | Collaborate with Scituate to acquire parcels for habitat protection on First Herring Brook. | CC, WC, OSRC, NSRWA | On-going | |
| | 59 | Collaborate with Norwell property owners to acquire properties for habitat protection on the Second Herring Brook. | OSRC, CC, NSRWA, Private owners, TTOR | 2012-2019 | |
| | 60 | Collaborate with Hanover to acquire parcels for habitat protection on Third Herring Brook | CC, WC, OSRC, NSRWA | On-going | |
| | 61 | Create outreach materials for landowners that will present possible options and benefits of land preservation. | OSRC, CC | 2012-2014 | |
| | 62 | Develop and generate a feasibility study for the Third Herring Brook Trail (w/NSRWA) from South Shore Natural Science Center (SSNSC) to the YMCA. | OSRC, CC, NSRWA, SSNSC | 2012-2019 | |
| | 63 | Work with TTOR in protecting the greenway along the Second Herring Brook and the North River. | OSRC, CC, NSRWA; Private owners, TTOR | 2012-2019 | |

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| E. Protect Unique Habitats and Natural Communities as Open Space to Support Endangered, Threatened and Rare Plant and Animal Species | 64 | Synthesize existing information to prioritize lands for protection based on unique community habitats and species. Overlays should include NHESP BioMap2, living waters, potential vernal pools, priority habitats, the NSRWA North River mapping project and other relevant reports and Open Space and Recreation criteria. | CC, OSRC, NSRWA | On-going | Departmental Budgets, Capital Budgets, Articles, Bonding, CPA funds, Grants, Donations: Independent Sports Organizations, Nonprofits, Businesses, Individuals  |
| | 65 | Develop bio-inventories of unique habitats and species, and create management plans for the following special feature areas: Third Herring Brook, Black Pond, areas abutting Wompatuck State Park, and the North River. | CC, Norwell schools; SSNSC; NSRWA; Norwell Residents | On-going | |
| | 66 | Complete a town-wide survey to certify the reported 55 potential vernal pools with the NHESP's latest data layer. | CC, SSNSC, NHESP | On-going | |
| | 67 | Continue to investigate, promote, educate, and certify other potential vernal pools not on the latest data layer. | All Town Residents, CC, SSNSC, NHESP | On-going | |
| | 68 | Conservation land on River Street needs to be evaluated on its classifications, presumed to be a wet meadow. | CC, SSNSC, NHESP | 2012-2014 | |
| | 69 | Protect natural communities and wetlands through invasive species management program. (i.e., Work with forestry experts to protect the Hemlock Hardwood swamp from the infestation of the Hemlock Woolly Agelid). Same applies to all other invasive species. | CC | | |
| F. Explore and/or Promote a Town Land Conservation Trust and Expanded Regional Land Trust Collaboration | 70 | Ask Maxwell Trust to expand their work into Norwell to investigate the feasibility of developing a Land Trust in Norwell. | OSRC, CC, Maxwell Conservation Trust, Ltd., Other land trusts | 2012-2014 | |
| G. Explore and Investigate Assigning an Area of Critical Concern (ACEC) to Areas in Norwell, Based on BioMap2 and Unique Special Habitat Features | 71 | Initiate additional review thresholds within unique and special habitat areas, such as Important Bird Areas (IBA's) around the North River: Focus on endangered and threatened species, species of concern (i.e., the Eastern Box Turtle), and species of conservation interest in Massachusetts (i.e., the Marsh Wren). | Norwell Citizens OSRC, Town Counsel; MA Department of Conservation and Recreation/ ACEC office; Massachusetts Audubon Society | 2012-2019 | |

GOAL 4: Protect Norwell's Scenic Quality and Historic Resources

| Objective | # | Action | Responsible Parties and Collaborators | Time Frame | Funding Source |
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| A. Identify Scenic and Rural Resources | 72 | Continue to support the Norwell Community Preservation Committee in its identification of scenic and rural sites in Norwell. | All Departments, Citizens of Norwell | On-going | Departmental Budgets, Capital Budgets, Articles, Bonding, CPA funds, Grants, Donations: Independent Sports Organizations, Nonprofits, Businesses, Individuals |
| | 73 | Continue to update Norwell's Survey of Historic Resources. | HH, Historical Society | On-going | |
| | 74 | Identify priority areas for protections that preserve the scenic and rural qualities of Norwell. | HC, CC | 2012-2014 | |
| | 75 | Identify priority areas that preserve the archeological resources of Norwell. | HC, PB | 2012-2014 | |
| B. Acquire Land, Conservation or Historical Restrictions on Identified Properties | 76 | Continue to support the Community Preservation Act for the acquisition of open space, as well as funding recreation, historical resources and affordable housing initiatives. | All Departments, Citizens of Norwell | On-going | |
| | 77 | Protect scenic and historic landscapes and structures by acquiring conservation, agricultural or historical restrictions on identified resources. | HC, CC | 2012-2014 | |
| | 78 | Create outreach materials on how historical preservation benefits Norwell's scenic quality. | HC | On-going | |
| | 79 | Create additional outreach materials related to scenic roads. | HC, PB | 2012-2014 | |
| C. Preserve Other Identified Resources Through Public Education or Legal Restrictions | 80 | Study the appropriateness of Local Historic Districts in Norwell. | Local Historic Districts Study Committee, HC | 2012-2014 | |
| | 81 | Protect and preserve town cemeteries that are identified as priority resources. | HC, Cemetery Committee | 2012-2016 | |
| | 82 | Encourage a Mt. Auburn-like cemetery plan for the new cemetery. | HC, Cemetery Committee | 2012-2013 | |
| D. Promote Historical Knowledge to Norwell Residents | 83 | Improve public awareness of Norwell's historical features. | HC | On-going | |
| | 84 | Create, improve and maintain signage to improve awareness of historical features, specifically Cuffee's Lane on Mt. Blue Street. | HC, Historical Society | On-going | |



GOAL 4: Protect Norwell's Scenic Quality and Historic Resources, cont.

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| D. cont. Promote Historical Knowledge to Norwell Residents | 85 | Create and promote "Donovan to Wildcat Trail"; signage indicating an old Native American trail. (In the Wildcat file with Chris, from Todd, shows an old Indian path). | HC, Historical Society | On-going | Departmental Budgets, Capital Budgets, Articles, Bonding, CPA funds, Grants, Donations: Independent Sports Organizations, Nonprofits, Businesses, Individuals |
| | 86 | Study the zoning of the Town Center to determine architectural guidelines for a zoning overlay. | PB | 2012 | |
| E. Promote an Historically-Appropriate Development That Maintains Norwell's Scenic Qualities | 87 | Support the Conservation and Recreational Residential Design bylaw to promote a new development that fits into Norwell's semi-rural character. | PB | On-going | ↓ |

GOAL 5: Over-Arching: Sustain and Protect the Town's Quality of Life as an Overall Initiative

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| A. Maintain a Standing Open Space & Recreation Committee | 88 | Investigate options, including bylaw, to formally create a standing OSRC to execute a land acquisition and transfer strategy | CC, CPC, NOSRC | 2012 | ↓ |
| | 89 | Provide (at least) annual updates to various town departments and committees | OSRC | 2012, then annually | |
| | 90 | Participate in other Town committees and liaison positions. | BOS, CPC, SC, RC, AFC | On-going | |
| | 91 | Explore creating a Land Trust or Friends of the Open Space Committee, which help fund conservation and recreation projects in conjunction with ongoing new developments, constructions, and maintenance projects. | OSRC | 2012-2019 | |
| B. Update Norwell's Tracking of Land Parcels Designated for Conservation or Recreation Purposes | 92 | Update town's parcel data layer (GIS project), including accurately identifying high priority parcels. | CC, CPC, OSRC, BOA | 2012-2015 | ↓ |
| | 93 | For those land parcels with uncertainty, determine which town department owns, and is responsible for managing, the parcels. | CC, CPC, OSRC, BOA | 2012-2014 | |
| | 94 | Investigate transfer of land parcels between departments where appropriate (i.e., if town owns property for recreation purposes but it cannot be used for recreation due to wetlands) | CC, CPC, OSRC | 2012-2015 | |

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| B. cont. Update Norwell's Tracking of Land Parcels Designated for Conservation or Recreation Purposes | 95 | Analyze, organize and verify Conservation hard copy files and convert to electronic format, including at least the order of conditions and conservation restrictions. | CC, CPC, OSRC | 2012-2019 | Departmental Budgets, Capital Budgets, Articles, Bonding, CPA funds, Grants, Donations, Nonprofits, Businesses, Individuals |
| | 96 | Create a comprehensive conservation restriction and easement list that can be usable by the Town. | CC, BOA | | |
| | 97 | Develop a standard procedure for town-acquired property to properly register, deed and post its information online for general ease of use, including all classifications and restrictions. | Town Departments, CC, BOA | 2012-2013 | |
| | 98 | Coordinate with BOA to ensure that Assessor has up-to-date and accurate information regarding town-owned conservation properties, recreation properties, conservation restrictions, easements and special classifications. | CC, CPC, OSRC, BOA | On-gping | |
| | 99 | Conduct a through title search of Town records, (i.e., Order of Conditions, Town Meeting Records and Deed Records) to settle land ownership questions and to determine management and use status to plan for acquisitions. | CC, CPC, OSRC, BOA | On-gping | |
| C. Engage in Strategic Planning for Acquiring Properties for Recreation, Open Space and Conservation Purposes | 100 | Hold stakeholder meetings prior to (or after) property acquisition to determine best use of property for Norwell. | CC, CPC, OSRC, BOA | On-gping |  |
| | 101 | Develop standard procedure for when town takes Tax and Title property to evaluate property for use as recreation, open space, and conservation land. | CC, CPC, OSRC, BOA | 2012-2013 | |
| | 102 | Analyze and review recent Open Space and Recreation town survey to identify any trends in Norwell citizens' attitudes towards future open space, recreation, or conservation goals. | OSRC | On-gping | |
| | 103 | Establish a OSRC acquisition committee to strategically plan for the transfer of 61, 61a, and 61b properties. Present options when this occurs and execute transfer as directed. (i.e., Whiting Fields on Main Street has been mentioned by Norwell residents specifically). | CC, CPC, OSRC | On-gping | |

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| C. cont. Engage in Strategic Planning for Acquiring Properties for Recreation, Open Space and Conservation Purposes | 104 | Transfer Town lands with unique and rare environmental features and values to the Conservation Commission. | CC, CPC, OSRC, BOA | On-going | Departmental Budgets, Capital Budgets, Articles, Bonding, CPA funds, Grants, Donations, Nonprofits, Businesses, Individuals  |
| | 105 | Strive to make Norwell more accessible for walking and biking (i.e., sidewalks, trails, paths). | CC, CPC, OSRC, BOA | On-gping | |
| D. Increased Accessibility | 106 | Work to increase ADA accessibility of town's open space, recreation, and conservation areas. | COD, ADA Coordinator, OSRC, CC | On-gping | |
| | 107 | Develop a brochure or educational piece regarding the law on chapters 61, 61a and 61b properties. | CC, CPC, OSRC | On-going | |
| E. Promote Community Gardens, Agriculture and Forestry | 108 | Explore the option of hiring a full or part time conservation ranger or forester. | CC, CPC, OSRC | 2013-Ongoing | |
| | 109 | Develop a brochure or educational piece regarding the laws on other available options, particularly article 97, conservation restrictions and easement. | CC, CPC, OSRC | 2012-2013 | |
| F. Develop a Brochure or Educational Piece Regarding Other Available Options, Restrictions and Tax Related Benefits | 110 | Plan and strategize on the best ways to raise money for initiatives, departments and special projects. This includes grant writing (both state and federal), and any other opportunities to move forward on town and school projects. | Town Departments, OSRC | 2013-forever | |
| H. Collaborate with Neighboring Towns' Open Space & Recreation Committees | 111 | Contact neighboring towns' OSRC's to set up meetings to determine if collaboration would be mutually beneficial. | OSRC, Neighboring Towns | 2012-2013 | |
| | 112 | Create South Shore Conservation Network | Town Conservation Agent | 2012-Ongoing | |
| | 113 | Convey conservation restrictions to a third party for all Open Space and Recreation lands acquired with CPA funds. | CPC, CC | 2013-Ongoing | |

Possible Funding Sources - for Any Projects or Grants

PUBLIC FUNDING SOURCES

Federal

1. EPA: Watershed Protection Grants
2. NOAA: Habitat Restoration
3. U.S. Fish & Wildlife: Habitat Preservation

State

1. ACEC: American Council of Engineering
2. Clean Water State Revolving Loan Funds
3. CZM: Coastal Access and Coastal Pollution Remediation (CPR) Grants
4. DCR: Greenway & Trails Demonstration Grants,
5. DCS: Land and Water Conservation Grants and Self Help Grants
6. DEP: Aquifer Land Acquisition Grants, Stormwater Mitigation Grants #319 and Water Quality #604 Grants
7. DFWELE: Riverways Program Grants
8. EOEA: Outdoor Classroom Grants
9. EOEA: Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant
10. Mass DOT: Transportation Enhancements (TE)
11. Mass Wildlife: Upland Habitat Management Program and Ecological Restoration Program
12. MET (Massachusetts Environmental Trust): Biodiversity, Education, Monitoring and Habitat Restoration Grants

Town Funding and Other Resources

1. CPA Funding
2. Other Town Funding
3. Senior Tax Relief Program
4. Tax Relief (tax delinquent or unbuildable properties)

Private Funding, Joint Funding and Other Resources

1. Agricultural Preservation Restriction: MA Department of Agricultural Resources- Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program (Farmers Only)
2. Easements: DCR-The Forest Legacy Program
3. Foundation Grants
4. Fundraising Events
5. Land Donations
6. Land Trust Funds
7. Partnering: USFWS—National Coastal Wetlands Grant Program
8. Volunteers

Resources

1. Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition-"Find the Right Grant for Your Project." <http://www.massland.org/library-39>