



OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE BOARD/ GROUP	START DATE
<p><i>B1. Focus conservation efforts on areas that abut protected lands to create larger areas of contiguous farm and forested land.</i></p>	Collaborate with neighboring towns, local and regional non-profit groups, and other entities involved in resource protection to identify and protect parcels that provide linkages to regional or shared resources (e.g., contiguous forestland and farmland, aquifers, and watersheds).	Open Space Advisory Committee	2006
	Encourage the purchase of conservation restrictions by interested agencies and land trusts for properties abutting the Connecticut and Mill Rivers.	Open Space Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission	2006
<p><i>B2. Protect the quality of the drinking water supplied by the Whately Water Department, the Whately Water District and individual private wells.</i></p>	Support the ongoing efforts of the Whately Aquifer Protection Committee and collaborate with the Whately Water Department and Whately Water District to implement the recommendations of the Whately Wellhead Protection Plan.	Whately Water Department and Water District, Aquifer Protection Committee, Open Space Advisory Committee	2006
<p><i>B3. Protect the quality and quantity of the groundwater and surface waters in Whately.</i></p>	Encourage the use of agricultural Best Management Practices, such as Integrated Pest Management (IPM), and lawn care practices that reduce the use of pesticides and fertilizers.	Agricultural Commission, Conservation Commission	2007
	Obtain copies of the permits for the two water supply reservoirs to see if there are requirements for maintaining flows in West Brook and Roaring Brook. The state Water Resources Commission is currently in the process of setting streamflow standards and useful information may come from this work. The Town should initiate and maintain an ongoing dialogue with the state Department of Environmental Protection, which issues permits for drinking water supplies, the City of Northampton, and the Town of Deerfield to ensure that Whately's concerns about adequate streamflow are considered during permitting and operation of the water supply reservoirs.	Whately Water Department, Select Board, Conservation Commission	2006
	Evaluate the effectiveness of the current floodplain bylaw.	Planning Board	2008
<p><i>B4. Build a comprehensive biological inventory in Whately using community volunteers. Consider how to improve upon existing information provided by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program's BioMap and Living Waters map showing core habitat areas and supporting natural landscapes.</i></p>	Work with the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MAACC) to coordinate annual spring walks to inventory animals, insects, fish, plants, and trees.	Conservation Commission, Open Space Advisory Committee and MAACC	2006
<p><i>B5. Support the training of local volunteers in vernal pool certification.</i></p>	Encourage Town residents to participate in an annual training program in vernal pool certification.	Conservation Commission, Open Space Advisory Committee	2006
<p><i>B6. Support the efforts of the Whately Conservation Commission to protect the wetland resources in town.</i></p>	Consider adopting a local wetlands bylaw to better protect against pollution to streams, wetlands, and other water bodies.	Conservation Commission	2006
	Seek funding to continue the investigation of the impact of road salting practices on the Great Swamp.	Open Space Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission	2008
<p><i>C1. Identify the best prospects for future roadside biking, walking and jogging paths in town and work to develop those facilities.</i></p>	Convene a Trails working group to collaborate with residents and other interested groups	Open Space Advisory Committee, Recreation Committee	2007
	Facilitate the establishment, maintenance, and mapping of trail systems and access points.	Trails Working Group	2007
	Convene a Public Forum with stakeholders (landowners, residents, ATV riders, ATV clubs, snowmobile clubs, Northampton DPW, the State's Environmental Police, and the Whately Police Department to discuss the problem and brainstorm solutions.	Trails Working Group, Open Space Advisory Committee, Recreation Committee	2008
<p><i>C2. Identify potential recreational access point(s) for the Connecticut River.</i></p>	Evaluate the potential for an access point to the Connecticut River via Herlihy Park.	Recreation Committee, Open Space Advisory Committee, state Public Access Board	2007
<p><i>C3. Collaborate with other entities that provide recreational facilities used by local residents. These include Massachusetts Audubon, private sporting clubs, private landowners, the Department of Fish and Game, Franklin Land Trust, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and other interested stakeholders. Good communication will help to ensure that these properties are managed in a way that suits the needs of all parties involved.</i></p>	Invite representatives of each stakeholder group to attend a special meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee to discuss issues and needs related to the use of these facilities. Include stakeholders on Open Space Advisory Committee mailing lists/email lists.	Open Space Advisory Committee	2007
<p><i>C4. Promote existing and future recreational facilities and services by developing a guide to facilities, programs, and trail systems in town.</i></p>	Develop a one-page, easily reproduced flyer that shows the locations of different recreational facilities in and around Whately. Mail to all residents each year as part of a regular Open Space & Recreation Newsletter mailing.	Recreation Committee and Open Space Advisory Committee	2007
<p><i>C6. Explore opportunities for partnering with the open space committees of surrounding towns on land conservation projects that protect landscape-scale resources like contiguous forests, aquifers, core habitat areas, and trail systems.</i></p>	Invite Open Space Committee representatives from surrounding towns to a quarterly meeting to discuss open space and recreation projects.	Open Space Advisory Committee	2006