

8 SECTION EIGHT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

In Section 6, the community goals and guiding principles pertaining to the provision and protection of open space and recreation areas and opportunities were stated and amplified. The following list of succinct objectives relating to those broad goals is based on past Open Space & Recreation Plans (1979 and 1988) and draft updates (1996 and 2003) as well as input from Town boards and residents gathered at a series of subcommittee meetings and public hearings. *It should be noted that order of the following goals and objectives is not intended to reflect any prioritization.*

Goal I: Acquire / Protect Additional Open Space

Objectives

- I-A. Acquire/Protect Open Space with Multiple Conservation Values
- I-B. Acquire/Protect Open Space in the More Developed Areas of Town
- I-C. Explore All Approaches to Protecting Open Space
- I-D. Preserve Unique Features

Goal II: Enhance and Expand Recreational Facilities

Objectives

- II-A. Preserve and Improve Existing Athletic Fields and Facilities
- II-B. Expand “Active” Recreational Resources to Meet Residents’ Needs
- II-C. Improve Handicap Accessibility

Goal III: Expand Access, Promote Awareness and Support Responsible Stewardship of Needham’s Natural Resources

Objectives

- III-A. Expand Access To and Along the Charles River
- III-B. Provide Linkages To and Between Open Space and Recreation Areas and with Points of Interest such as Schools, Town Center, etc.
- III-C. Improve and Expand “Passive” Recreational Opportunities
- III-D. Educate and Inform the Public About Existing Open Space and Natural Resources
- III-E. Understand and Appropriately Manage Large Tracts of Open Space

Goal IV: Protect Water Resources

Objectives

- IV-A. Minimize Contamination of Ground and Surface Waters
- IV-B. Discourage Excessive Use of Fertilizers and Pesticides
- IV-C. Encourage Water Conservation