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SECTION ONE PLAN SUMMARY



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In an effort to improve the open space and recreation opportunities in the Town of Douglas, the Open Space Committee initiated an update of their previous Open Space and Recreation Plan.

This Open Space and Recreation Plan was prepared for the Town of Douglas by the Open Space Committee with the endorsement of the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, and the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, Douglas's Regional Planning Organization. This Plan is an update that evolved from the considerable work conducted over the past year through a series of fifteen public meetings, a Community Survey, a public forum, and interviews with key stakeholders and Town staff. Additionally, this Plan considers the ideas and concerns described in previous planning efforts, including the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Summary of Findings Report, the most recent Master Plan, the Heritage Landscape Inventory Program, and the Massachusetts Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

In addition, with the acceleration of housing development projected for the town during the next several years, residents and stakeholders are aware of the pressing need for developing coordinated recreational facilities as well as the development and expansion of linkages between open spaces.

This Plan touches upon some of the priorities that the Town and the Open Space Committee have identified as well as timetables and techniques to reach these goals. An example of some of these priorities are: increasing or updating existing recreation fields, hiking, biking and horseback trails for a greater variety of recreational activities, as well as passive open space and conservation area acquisitions in areas needing special protection of connecting greenways. Historical and agricultural preservation strategies are also targeted. The five priorities as determined in this Plan are as follows:

1. Preserve the Rural Character of the Town
2. Protect the Town's Natural Resources
3. Build the Climate Resiliency of the Town
4. Improve the Town's Recreation Opportunities
5. Increase Public Engagement, Knowledge, and Utilization of the Town's Resources

The Committee hopes that this document presents a comprehensive plan that will help residents and stakeholders make the best use of the Town's Open Space and Recreation resources and to plan with the future in mind.

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SECTION TWO INTRODUCTION



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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Town of Douglas's Open Space and Recreation Plan intends to outline the goals, policies, and strategies for the use, management, and conservation of open spaces and recreation resources in the community. The Plan is designed to help the community make informed decisions about how to best use its open spaces and recreational resources to meet the needs and interests of its residents, and to ensure that these resources are protected and maintained for current and future generations. Without careful planning for the future, Douglas cannot possibly protect its most valuable natural resources and address the community's multiple public service needs as well.

The Town of Douglas's Open Space and Recreation Plan was originally drafted from 1988 through 1998. An update of that Plan was completed in 2007. This Plan serves as an update to the 2007 OSRP. The Plan's purpose is to protect the town's natural, scenic, and historic resources; to be a guide for public land acquisition, recreational facilities development and maintenance plans for the future; and to increase recreational and open space opportunities in order to improve the quality of life for the residents of Douglas. Its abundant water resources uniquely affect Douglas' open space interests. The town has extensive underground aquifers as well as surface waters used extensively for recreational purposes. Douglas also is unique in that it has over 6,000 acres of state forest property within its bounds.

PLANNING PROCESS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Town of Douglas is unique to the region in that it consists of a standing Open Space Committee dedicated to working on land preservation projects to conserve open space and important habitats throughout the Town. In addition, they help to educate the public on the benefits of open space and how it enhances daily life. The Open Space Committee was tasked with updating the 2007 Open Space and Recreation Plan to better fit the current and future open space and recreation needs in the Town.

With the assistance of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), the Town of Douglas applied for and received funding from the FY22 Land Use Planning Assistance Grant Program provided by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to complete this update. Following the completion of contracting for this grant program, the Town and CMRPC kicked off the planning process.

The first OSRP planning meeting kicked off on February 22, 2022, as part of a regularly scheduled Open Space Committee meeting. At this meeting, CMRPC and the Town reviewed the OSRP planning process, discussed roles and responsibilities, and began organizing public outreach strategies. In total, the Open Space Committee and CMRPC met a total of fifteen (15) times to thoroughly complete this update. Aside from the kickoff in February, the Open Space Committee also met on March 15, 2022, April 5,

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2022, April 27, 2022, May 17, 2022, June 7, 2022, June 27, 2022, July 19, 2022, August 9, 2022, September 20, 2022, October 11, 2022, October 25, 2022, November 22, 2022, December 20, 2022, and January 10, 2023. At these meetings, the Open Space Committee collected data on open space and recreation needs of the Town, reviewed and edited maps, drafted a set of goals and objectives to promote the findings of this Plan, and organized public outreach opportunities. All meetings were properly posted and were recorded and broadcast by Douglas Cable TV.

One such public outreach opportunity that the Open Space Committee organized included publishing and promoting a Community Input Survey. The Committee began planning the survey in February and March, and officially launched the survey on April 14, 2022. The survey was published on the Survey Monkey platform and was available to take online or via a paper copy. Posters and flyers advertising the survey were posted at public properties throughout Douglas including at the Simon Fairfield Public Library, Town Hall, Douglas Elementary School, Douglas Middle School, Douglas High School, Adult Social Center, Post Office, and at trailheads throughout Town. Flyers were also posted in privately owned establishments including E. N. Jenckes Store Museum, Webster Credit Union, Uni Bank, Z-Mart, Family Convenience Center, Little Coffee Bean, Douglas House of Pizza, Goodness Store, Harry's Pizza, Mane Place, Douglas Flea Market, UXLocale, Grille on Main, Douglas Farm and Orchard, and Gregory's Pizza. The Committee also posted flyers and links to the survey online at the Town of Douglas Website, the We are Dynamic Douglas Facebook page, the Douglas Blackstone Valley Facebook page, and the Bay State Trail Riders Facebook page. The Committee further announced the survey at the Douglas Democrats Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting, and advertised the survey in print in the Yankee Xpress, New Uxbridge Times, and Blackstone Valley Tribune. And to gather feedback with an additional push, the Committee emailed information about the survey to the Bay State Trail Riders Association and to all students in the Douglas Public School system. Paper copies of the survey were available at the Town Hall, Douglas Middle School, Douglas High School, Simon Fairfield Public Library, Adult Social Center, and at the Annual Town Meeting. After much effort, the Committee closed the survey on June 15, 2022. In total, 316 responses were collected.

Following the conclusion of the Community Input Survey, the Committee began planning a public forum to gather additional feedback from residents and other stakeholders on the open space and recreation needs of the Town. The forum was thoroughly advertised using multiple methods, including posting flyers at the school, library, local businesses and restaurants, trailheads, and other municipal buildings. Additionally, advertisements were released in local newspapers as well as posted on the town of Douglas website and social media pages. The forum was held over two days, Wednesday, August 24, 2022, and Saturday, August 27, 2022. On August 24, the Committee invited residents and stakeholders to view a presentation regarding the OSRP planning process and preliminary findings. The presentation was held from 7:00 - 8:00 pm and could be viewed in-person at the Town Hall or could be viewed remotely via Zoom. The presentation was also recorded and broadcast by Douglas Cable TV. On August 27, the Committee invited residents to meet them for a workshop outside at

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the Old Douglas Town Common. Participants were able to arrive any time between 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, to interact with maps and vision boards, and to share their suggestions for open space and recreation improvements.

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SECTION THREE

COMMUNITY SETTING

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REGIONAL CONTEXT

The Town of Douglas is comprised of 24,468 acres located in southernmost Worcester County bordering both the states of Rhode Island and Connecticut to the south. It lies 18 miles south of Worcester, 40 miles southwest of Boston and 35 miles northwest of Providence, Rhode Island. With 36.4 square miles of land and 3.57 square miles of water, it is one of the largest towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To the east its neighbor is Uxbridge, to the north Sutton, and to the west Oxford and Webster. The southern boundary meets Burrillville, Rhode Island and Thompson, Connecticut. The major east-west artery bisecting the town is Route 16 which is a two laned, tree lined, winding road from the Webster town line into the Douglas business district and past the Douglas High School on to the Uxbridge town line. Numbered Route 96 branches off of Route 16 and provides access to Rhode Island.

To the west access north to Worcester (formerly the county seat) is via Route 16 to Interstate Route 395. To the east the town is also served by the north/south conduit of Interstate Route 146. Heavy growth and its subsequent impacts are now happening with the completion of the Route 146/Massachusetts Turnpike Interchange in Millbury. Residents access north-south Routes 146 and 395 for regional employment, entertainment, service, and shopping needs.

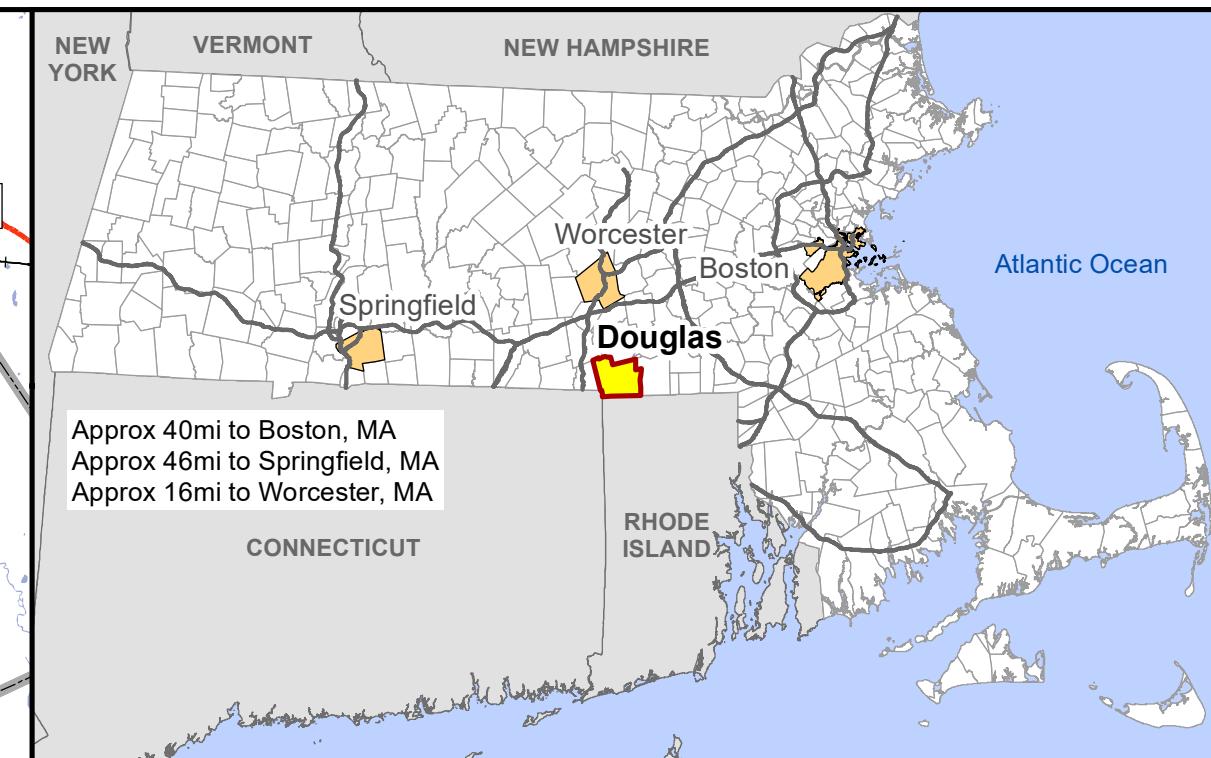
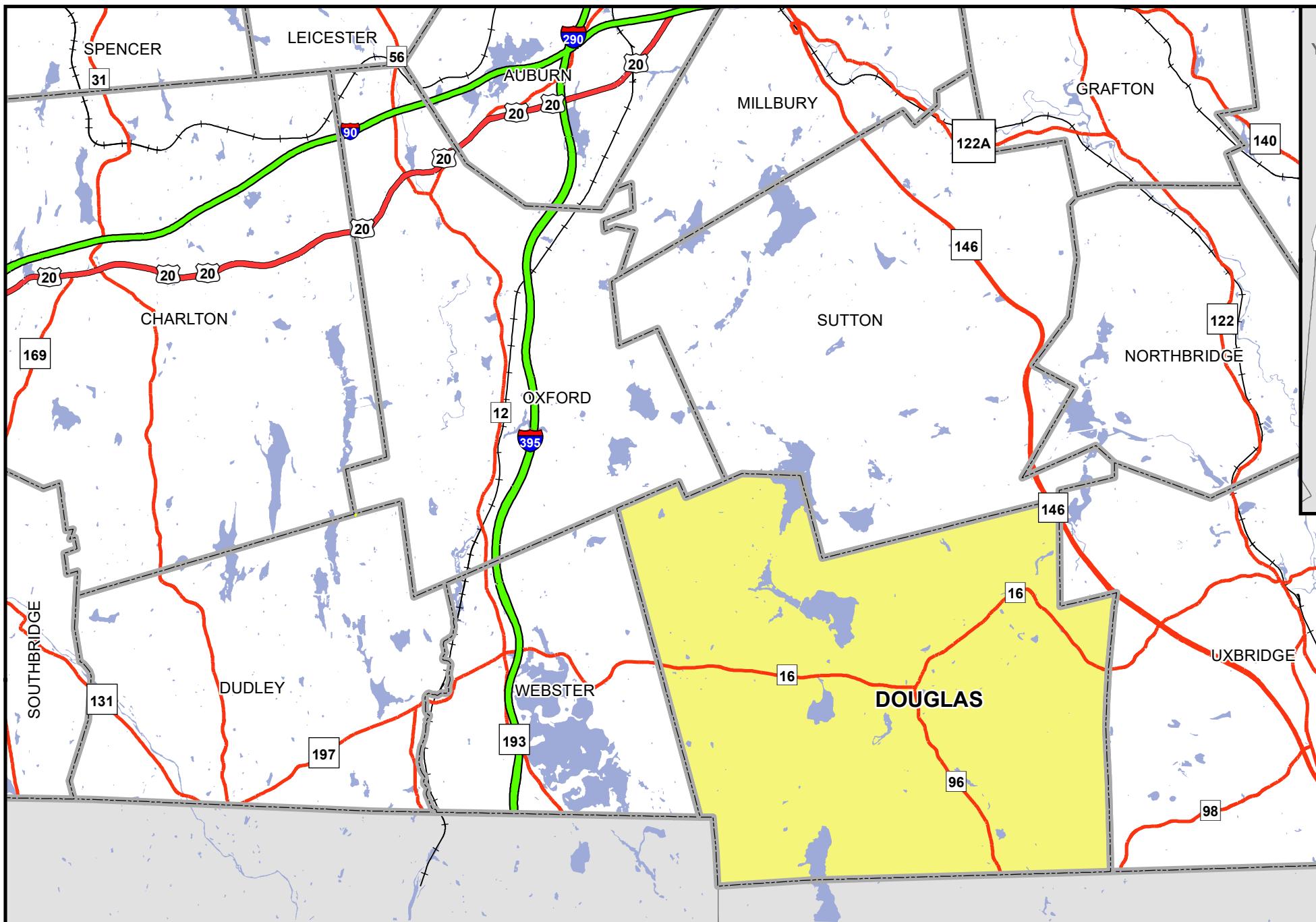
There exists good working relationships between Douglas and surrounding towns and they have mutual aid agreements in place in case of major events. This was identified as a strength in their municipal vulnerability preparedness plan along with the large areas of forest in town acting as a buffer to increasing heat and the local surface water bodies, seen as valuable areas to cool off. Around 91.0% of workers in Douglas work within the state while 9.0% commute outside of Massachusetts for work. About 73.1% of Douglas's residents work within the country, while 17.9% work outside the country.

In 1986 Congress created a second National Heritage Corridor by designating the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (BRVNHC) and Douglas, with the Whitin Reservoir watershed that contributes significantly to the Blackstone River, became part of the interstate corridor. President Clinton gave the Blackstone River "Heritage River" status qualifying it for further protection and this status was renewed in 2006 and has been further developed.

All of the towns in the Blackstone Valley in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island are experiencing increased housing development due to the availability of suitable property as well as the excellent location the Valley offers. The subsequent strains that development puts on small towns in the areas of growth, traffic, resources, etc. are also being widely felt. In Connecticut, the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor is also seeing an increase in development similar to the Blackstone River Heritage Corridor. The completion of the 146/Massachusetts Turnpike connector has greatly

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increased the benefits and burdens growing populations can bring to rural areas, resulting in more land developed and less open space and recreational areas available to enjoy.

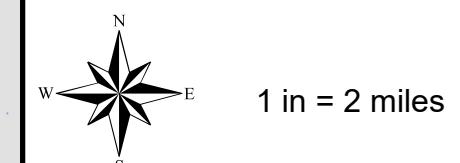


REGIONAL CONTEXT MAP

Town of Douglas,
Massachusetts

Legend

- Town Boundary
- Active Railroad
- Interstate
- U.S. Route
- State Route



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HISTORY OF COMMUNITY

The area that is now Douglas lays between two precontact-era native peoples' base camps which later became sites of Christian "praying" towns, Waentug in the east and Chaubunagungamaug on the west. Between these two settlements, Nipmuc bands were likely to have had seasonal hunting and fishing camps, with probable sites on the pond shores and along the Mumford River. A rock shelter has been identified in Douglas State Forest.

Douglas was originally called New Sherborn after the land was purchased from the Nipmuck Indians in 1682. In 1746 it was renamed Douglas after Dr. William Douglass who gave the town 30 acres of land, a dwelling and a barn. At the time of the first U.S. census in 1790 there were 201 families living in Douglas.

As part of the Blackstone River Valley, Douglas evolved into a classic example of a mill town dominated by family-owned firms that fueled the local economy and eventually the industrial revolution. The first successful mill in Douglas was the Hunt Axe Works. The town was also home to numerous farming operations that supplied the area with dairy products as well as meat and vegetables.

In the center of the town the E.N. Jenckes General Store was established and offered a place to secure all the necessary items to maintain a household in the mid-1800's. The store operated into the 1970's and is today the home of the Douglas Historical Society that operates a general store museum on the premises.

Many of the subsequent mills, however, were textile operations that were hard hit through the Great Depression of the 1930's and the subsequent migration of the industry to the South. Douglas was no exception, but Hayward Schuster Woolen Mills continued to operate into the 1970's and until 2006 Guilford Industries of Maine had part of its operation at the Gilboa Street mill. The North Street mill was converted to residential use (Haywood Landing). Several other mill buildings continue to be in use today and the village center continues to be the economic, civic, and social center of the town.

The 20th century also saw Douglas's agricultural base decline and many of its open fields revert to woodland. At the height of the Great Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was organized to provide work. The Massachusetts Department of Conservation took steps to create recreation areas that were compatible with the fire hazard reduction and water control projects of the CCC. When it became apparent that more land would be needed to keep CCC men employed, the purchase of land for state forests was greatly accelerated. In 1934, the Douglas State Forest was established with the acquisition of approximately 1,245 acres.

In 1986 as a result of its history and its location, Douglas became one of twelve Massachusetts towns to be designated within the federally funded John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. These towns are: Leicester, Worcester, Auburn, Millbury, Grafton, Upton, Sutton, Douglas, Uxbridge, Mendon,

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Millville and Blackstone, and then the corridor continues into Rhode Island to Providence. The Corridor's creation focuses on the birth of the Industrial Revolution and the damming and harnessing of the Blackstone River for waterpower. The promotion of the Corridor has brought increased tourism and cultural opportunities as it highlights the importance of the Blackstone River Valley in the development of the nation's economic strength.

Population Characteristics

According to the 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, the population of the Town of Douglas is 8,975. It is estimated that there are 4,311 males and 4,664 females. There are approximately 246.4 people per square mile, according to the 2020 United States Census.

According to the United States Census (2021), the total median household income in Douglas is \$135,250. The per capita income is roughly \$51,373 and the poverty rate is 4%. The 2021 Median Family income in Douglas is \$147,692.

The table and graph below depict the age distribution for the Town according to the 2021 ACS 5-Year estimates. In Douglas, approximately 23.8% of the population is under the age of 18. This percentage is slightly higher than in the rest of Worcester County or across the State of Massachusetts, which are at 20.7% and 19.5% respectively. The population over the age of 65 in Douglas is estimated at 11.1%. In Worcester County, the population over 65 years is 16.5%, and in Massachusetts it is 17.4%. These statistics suggest that the Town of Douglas is slightly younger compared to the region and State.

Table 1. Age Distribution in Douglas, MA

Age Range	Estimate	Percent
Under 5 years	277	3.10%
5 to 9 years	491	5.50%
10 to 14 years	590	6.60%
15 to 19 years	883	9.80%
20 to 24 years	673	7.50%
25 to 34 years	864	9.60%
35 to 44 years	987	11.00%
45 to 54 years	1,650	18.40%
55 to 59 years	920	10.30%
60 to 64 years	643	7.20%
65 to 74 years	622	6.90%
75 to 84 years	257	2.90%
85 years and over	118	1.30%

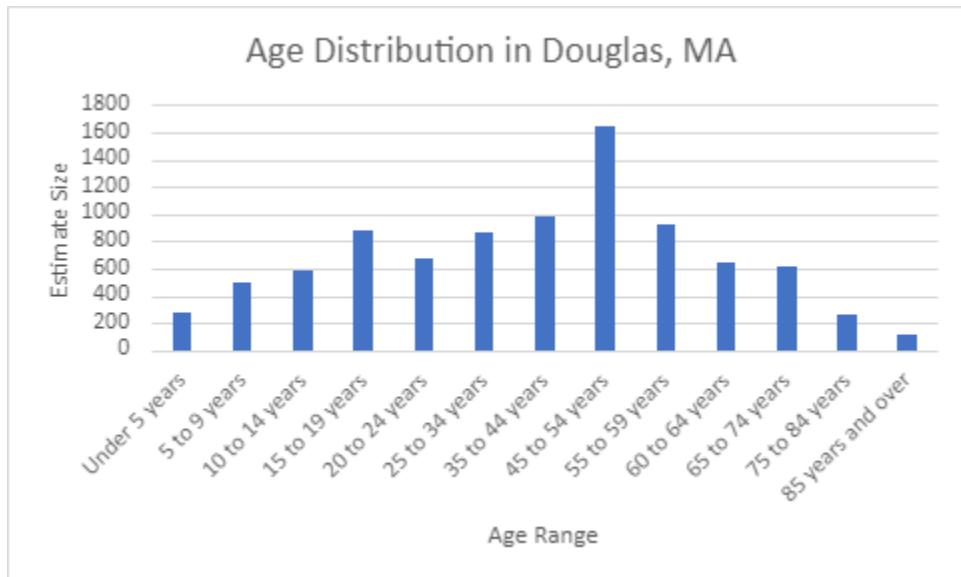


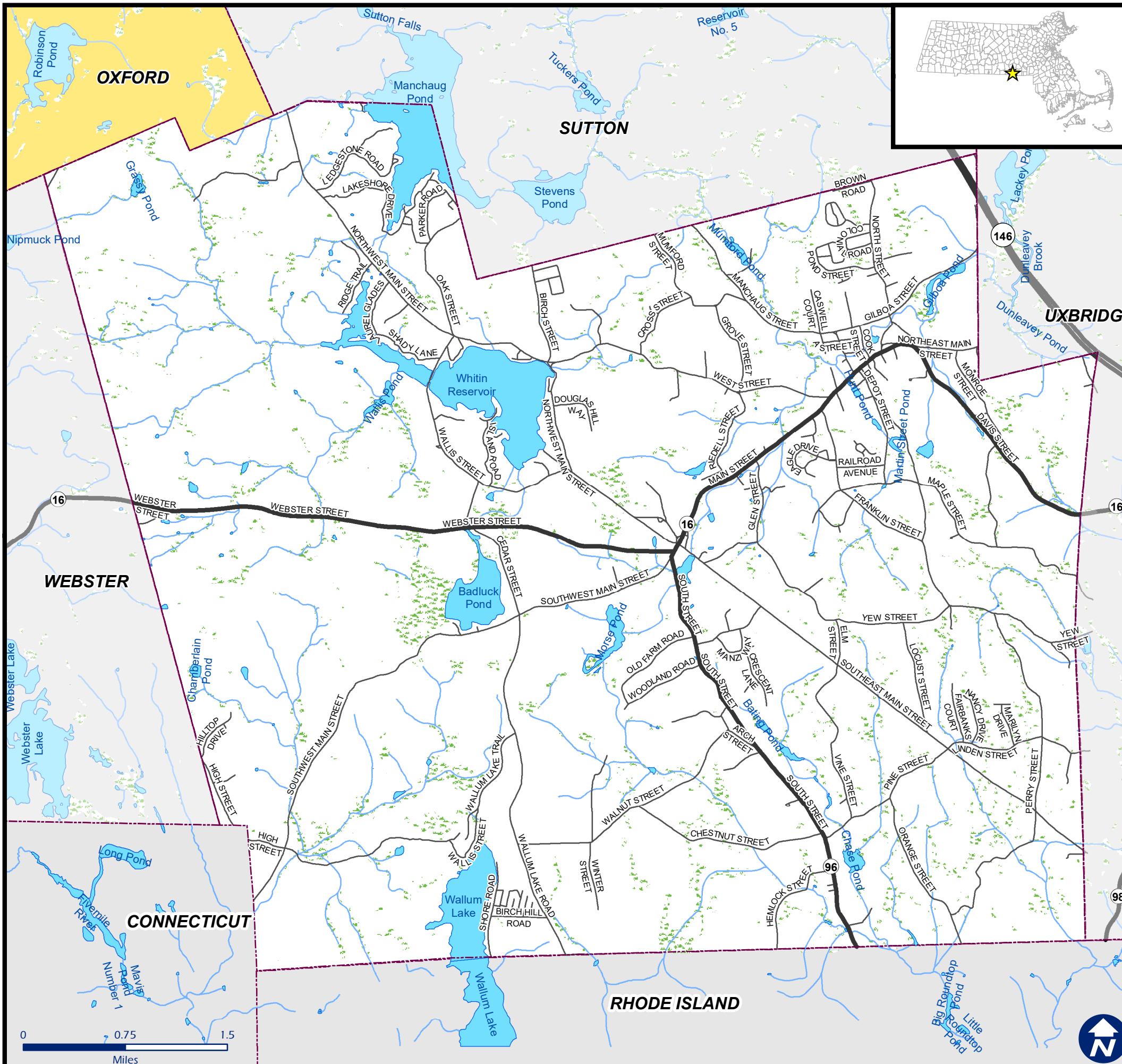
Figure 1. Age Distribution in Douglas, MA

Race and Ethnicity

The Town of Douglas is predominantly white, with an estimated 94.9% of the population identifying as white alone. Approximately 2.6% of the population identifies as two or more races combined, 1.3% identifies as some other race, 0.9% as Asian alone, and 0.3% as Black or African American. According to the 2021 ACS 5-Year estimates, 8,607 residents are native, while 308 residents were foreign born.

Table 2. Race Distribution in Douglas, MA

Race	Estimate	Percent
White	8,517	94.90%
Black or African American	28	0.30%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0	0.00%
Asian	79	0.90%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
Some other race	118	1.30%
Two or more races	233	2.60%



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Employment

According to the United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey estimates for 2019, the employed population of Douglas, Massachusetts was 3,944, with an overall employment rate of 96.2%. The top employment industries in Douglas, Massachusetts were:

- Education, health care, and social assistance, which employed 34.8% of the workforce;
- Manufacturing, which employed 13.7% of the workforce;
- Retail trade, which employed 10.4% of the workforce;
- Construction, which employed 9.0% of the workforce; and
- Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services, which employed 6.2% of the workforce.

In terms of occupations, the most common jobs in Douglas, Massachusetts were:

- Management, business, science, and arts occupations, which employed 37.3% of the workforce;
- Service occupations, which employed 20.9% of the workforce;
- Sales and office occupations, which employed 19.1% of the workforce;
- Production, transportation, and material moving occupations, which employed 15.2% of the workforce; and
- Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations, which employed 7.5% of the workforce.

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS

Douglas is currently experiencing a high growth, high build-out phase as the town continues to offer considerable buildable open space while maintaining a highly desirable small New England town character with significant recreation opportunities.

Zoning Build-Out

A complete build-out analysis of Douglas was done for the 1998 Master Plan. Based on existing zoning, the analysis concluded that a total of 4,786 new dwelling units could be developed. At build-out, based on 1997 existing units and the number of building permits issued between 1990 and 1996, the total number of housing units in Douglas was projected to be between 7,500 and 7,700. At 100 new units per year (the rate from 1994 - 1996) the build-out would be reached in 2045. At the rate of 53 units per year (the rate from 1885 - 1995) build-out would not be reached until 2070. These estimates are based on the U.S. Census 1990 average household size of 2.87 persons per household. Maximum projected build-out could give Douglas a population of approximately 22,000. According to the research done by the Community Preservation Act in 1998 a possible build-out of 22,500 was confirmed.

The property zoned as rural/agricultural would absorb the majority of this build-out.

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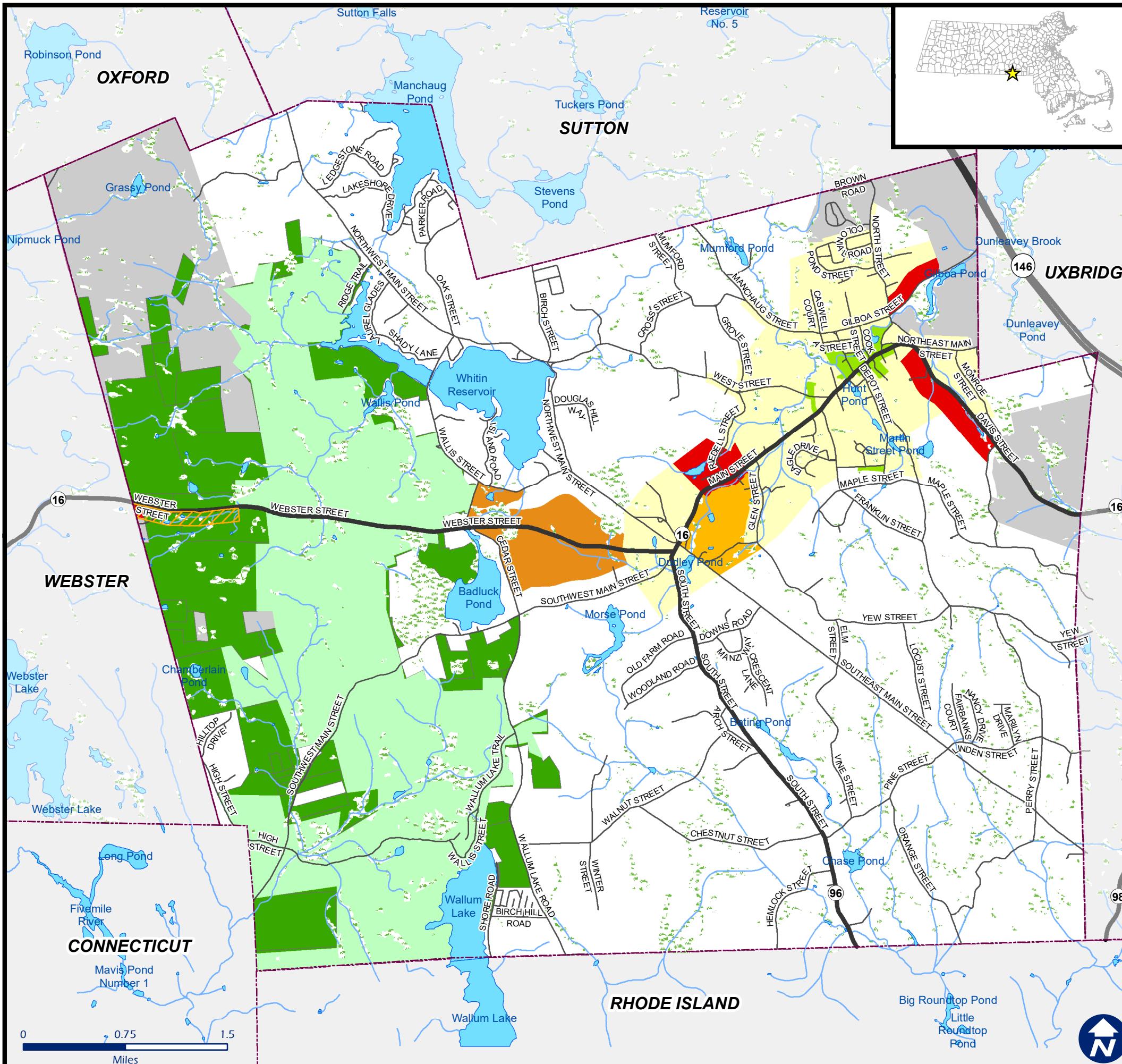
This zone also currently contains the majority of the town's open space. The Master Plan's build-out projections clearly demonstrate that the town has a great need to plan for open space and recreational development before constrictions make it impractical to do so.

As of 2020, there were 8,983 people living in town, this was a slight reduction from the past year and the first dip in population seen since 2007. The 2020 Massachusetts Future of Work report places Douglas into the category of suburban non-Boston communities, suggesting it will see a period of subdued growth as less workers will be attracted in sectors experiencing high growth.

MAP 3

ZONING DISTRICTS

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Legend

	Town Boundary		Zoning Districts
	River, Stream		Commercial
	Lake, Pond		Industrial
	MassDEP Wetlands		Rural
	Active Rail Service		Residential
	Major Road		Commercial - One
	Local Road		Residential
	Commonwealth Open Space (4/2022)		Commercial - Two
	Adult Entertainment Overlay District		State Forest Open Space
			Village Residential
			Village Business

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Patterns and Trends

As stated in the 1998 Master Plan, "The large amount of open space in Douglas is primarily made up of vacant parcels that could potentially be developed." At that time 7171 acres of land was undeveloped residential land, and 2231 acres was in Chapter 61, 61A, and 61B lands. In October 2006 these numbers had decreased to 5603 acres of undeveloped residential land and 1336 in Chapter land. In 8 years, the amount of open residential land, whether in Chapter 61 or not, has gone from 38% to 28% of the total town land. At this rate in another 24 years all residential land will be developed! The State, Federal and Local Government owns 6758.8 acres, 1403 acres more than in 1998, as well as undeveloped commercial and industrial land presently at 796 acres. It is these 7000+ acres of unprotected and undeveloped residential and Chapter lands, presently open space, that are important in creating an open space planning, acquisition and management program.

Warehouses

Construction of a large warehouse facility is being carried out at the border with Uxbridge, off the Rt. 146 exit. However, there are currently no tenants proposed or signed for this space. The progress of this and any potential future warehouse developments should be closely monitored with careful planning and consideration of the capacity of local traffic infrastructure and the measures that can be taken to avoid or mitigate negative environmental impacts.

Employment

The Town of Douglas and its school system is the largest employer followed by several small businesses. In 2004 there were 138 businesses in town with 682 employees: an average of 5 employees per business. This does not account for any increase in small, home-based businesses. Extensions of water and sewer lines to areas zoned commercial and industrial were built with the intent of making development of these areas more enticing. In 2002 the Economic Development Committee recruited the firm Carter and Burgess to study our available commercial/industrial land, categorize which sites are best suited for commercial and industrial development, as well as make suggestions for future growth.

Most of the industrially zoned areas are without water and sewer extensions and as a result of the 1998 Master Plan suggestions, Douglas zoning and by-laws have been amended and presently the lines have been partially extended.

Employment growth is expected to decline in suburban non-Boston communities despite increasing manufacturing demand. This is due to the lack of workers in other high growth sectors in these communities. As stated previously, maximum build-out offers the possibility that Douglas' population will be over 20,000 shortly after the turn of the century.

Infrastructure

Transportation

Road conditions throughout Douglas are generally good. New developments, however, are impacting existing roadways and maintenance needs are increasing with drainage impacts. Million-dollar utility and roadway infrastructure improvements were completed in 2010. Pedestrian and biking infrastructure within the Town of Douglas exists along sidewalks and trails in town. Biking opportunities are accessible along the Southern New England Trunkline Trail, the Midstate Trail, and in the Douglas State Forest. There are no protected bike lanes in Town.

Town Water

The Douglas Water Department obtains its water from four wells. Two wells are located off of Main Street, and the other two wells are located northeast of Glen Street. All four wells are located in an aquifer with a high vulnerability to contamination due to the absence of hydrogeologic barriers that can prevent contaminant migration. Town water service is provided mainly in the village of East Douglas. Lines proceed westward along Main St. to SW Main St., almost to Cedar St., while covering cross streets along the way, including Sunset Dr., Franklin St. to Eagle View, Depot St. to Railroad Av., including Brookside Dr. and part way up Martin Rd. and West St. Eastward it extends up Davis St. to the High School. To the north it extends up North St. to Colonial Estates and extends to the Sutton line with the Compass Point Condos. Lines extend along the entire length of Gilboa St. stopping just after 163 Manchaug Rd. at one end and all the way into Uxbridge at the other end. In 1996 a new water pump station was built on Glen St., and it went from a 250,000-gallon tank to a 750,000 gallon tank. These lines are 12" pipes to Uxbridge along Gilboa St. and to the High School along Davis St., both of which extend into areas hoping for commercial/industrial development. Lines through the center of town were updated with a 16" pipe and the well pump station upgraded their turbine in 2002.

Sewer

The Town's wastewater collection system update was completed in 2006 and serves the same area as the town water except for the last 1700' to the Uxbridge line along Gilboa St., which is just water. An infrastructure grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) allowed the town to extend sewer service from an endpoint on Gilboa Street to a large warehouse development on Lackey Dam Road in Uxbridge. The town also created a sewer service connection for a warehouse between Gilboa and Northeast Main Streets in Douglas and upgraded an old pump station to handle all the additional flows. The treatment facility originally built in the mid 1970's, is located on North St. and had only 0.18 mgd, but now the updated facility has 0.60 mgd and four lift stations located nearby on Gilboa St. across from Supreme X.

Long-Term Development Patterns

The Town's rural/agricultural character exemplified by a working mill or two has evolved into a town with a commercial business district that hosts numerous housing developments and many homes placed on two acre lots where required by zoning. As described in the build-out section, this development trend is expected to last for several years. The town actively seeks, through the Economic Development Committee, commercial and industrial development to augment its tax base.

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Town of Douglas

SECTION FOUR

ENVIRONMENTAL INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

SECTION FOUR: ENVIRONMENTAL INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

TOPOGRAPHY, GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Topography

The landscape of Douglas is characterized by many rounded hills, small ponds, some steep slopes and exposed ledges, and large amounts of glacial debris in the form of boulders, gravel, and sand. In the western part of town, the highest elevation is approximately 900 ft. In the east the lowest point is approximately 320 ft.

Geology and Soils

About 43 percent of the town is composed of soils in the Canton association. This association of soils is characterized by deep, well-drained soils developed in loose, very stony glacial fill. Specifically, the Canton soils are fine sandy loams, 20 to 36 inches high over loose, gravelly loamy sand till. Most of these soils are found in a band extending east-west across the south-central section of town from Bald Hill to the Webster line. The soils have moderate limitations for home sites, septic tank sewage disposal and the installation of water and sewer pipes due to stoniness and/or steep slopes.

The Hollis soil association comprises approximately 13 percent of the town primarily in its northwestern section. This association is characterized by fine sandy loams in thin deposits of extremely stony glacial till underlain by bedrock within a depth of 18 inches. Bedrock outcrops are common in these areas and this condition severely limits development of any kind. Approximately 12 percent of the town is composed of Hinckley-Merrimac-Sudbury soils located primarily in the Mumford River and Centerville Brook valleys with lesser amounts in an area south of the Whitin Reservoir and around Tasseltop. These soils are excessively drained, loamy, sandy soils underlain by thick, stratified deposits of sand and gravel at a depth of 15 inches or less. Soils in this association are excellent sources of sand and gravel and have only slight or moderate limitations for home sites, sewer and water pipes, road construction and commercial and industrial development. Because of their permeability, they absorb water rapidly, which could result in the pollution of wells located near septic systems.

The Scituate-Woodbridge-Millis-Paxton association comprises about 26 percent of the Town and is characterized by soils that are moderately well drained with hardpans at a depth of 1.5 to 3.0 feet from the surface. The water table is within this depth from the surface for 5 months of the year. For these reasons these soils have severe limitations for commercial and industrial uses and high-density residential development with on-site sewage disposal systems.

The Whitman-Muck-Ridgebury association occupies only 6 percent of the town and is

found primarily in level drainage channels and depressions throughout the town. Soils in this association are fine, sandy loams and have a very hard layer at a depth of 1.5 to 2.5 feet from the surface. Many of the soils are poorly drained with a water table at or near the surface during most of the year. They have severe limitations for development but are suitable for wetland wildlife.

Landscape Character

The Town of Douglas is characterized by a landscape that basically drains from west to east in the Blackstone River Valley Watershed. In Douglas, the primary tributary to the Blackstone is the Mumford River. As a result, the western area of the town is higher in elevation and characterized by tiers of ledges, high swamps and thin soils with characteristic glacial moraines and gravel deposits. The eastern sector of the town is characterized by more significant river basin lowlands with floodplains and swamps.

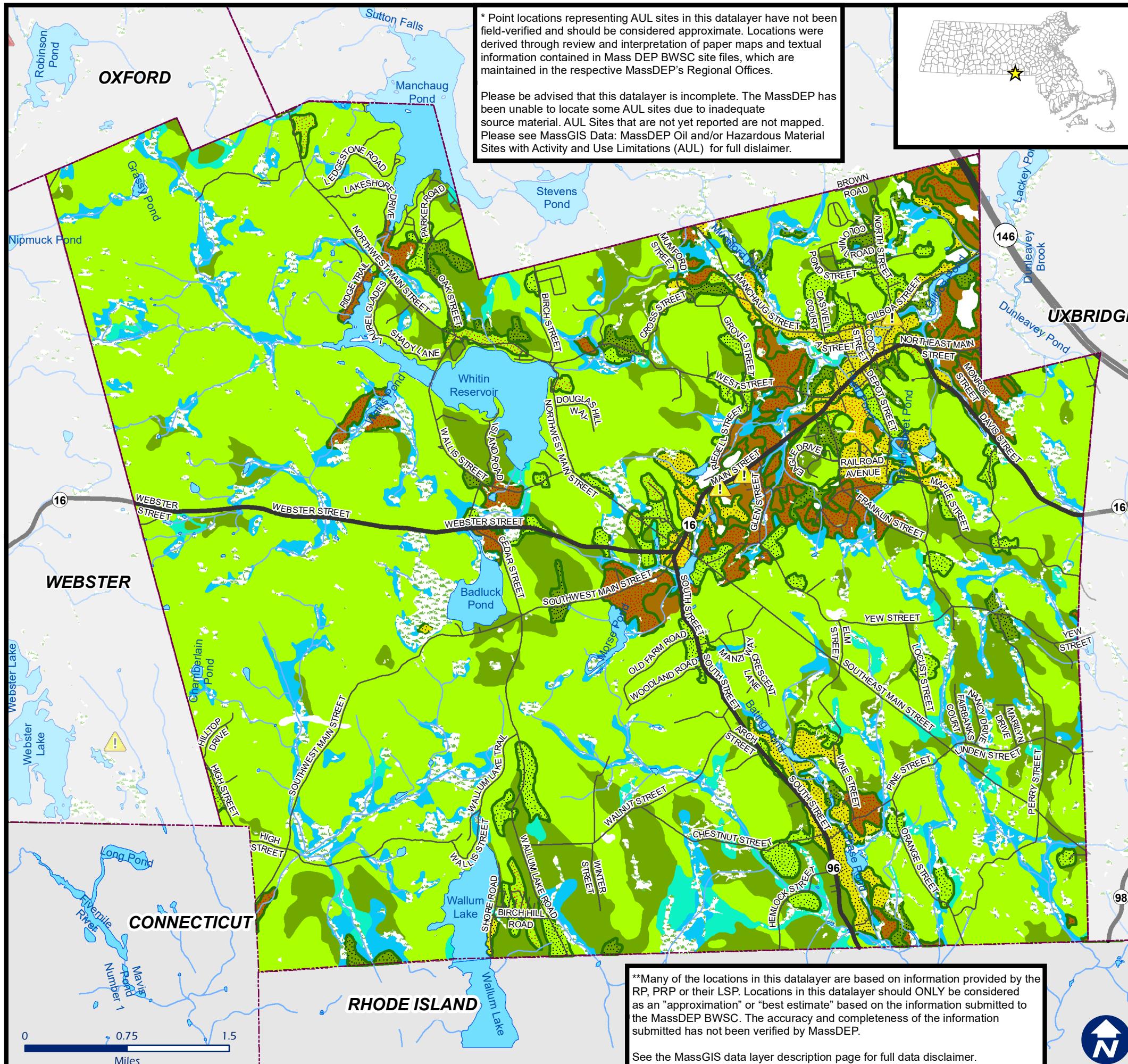
The Town's plentiful water resources offer some of the most significant landscapes as well and the majority of lakes remain tree lined. The Mumford River, while playing a major role in the environmental make-up of the eastern sector of the town, is currently underutilized and is being analyzed for its future visual and recreational potential.

In addition, it should be noted here that the Natural Resources Assessment conducted by the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission identified the Whitin Reservoir Watershed (including the Mumford River, etc.) as one of the Corridor's most significant cultural and natural assets.

MAP 4

SOILS & GEOLOGIC FEATURES

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WATER RESOURCES

Hydrology

About 62 percent of Douglas drains into the Blackstone River via the Mumford River and its various tributaries in the central and northerly sections of the town. The remaining 38 percent of town in its southerly section drains to the French River in Webster. In addition to 6.4 percent of the town being covered by wetlands, there are an additional 858 acres which are actual bodies of water. Most of the larger impoundments are located along almost a straight-line running north-south through the west-central section of town.

There are three main watersheds that fall within Douglas's Town boundaries: the Blackstone River Watershed, the Quinebaug River Watershed, and the French River Watershed, with the Blackstone River Watershed taking up the largest amount of space. The Quinebaug is located in the southwestern part of Town, while the French is located in the northwest corner.

The Blackstone River Watershed Association is one non-profit group that has been working to improve water quality of the Blackstone River Watershed since 1969. The quality of the water in the watershed has improved over the past few decades, given its history as being an industrial river, but the river and its tributaries still face threats from land development, land use practices, and contaminated stormwater runoff.

Surface Water

There are approximately 900 acres of land in Douglas (3.7% of the town's land area) that contain ponds and streams. The major water bodies include Wallum Lake, Manchaug Pond, Whitin Reservoir and Badluck Pond (also known as Crystal Lake). In addition to surface water, Douglas also contains approximately 74 miles of streams, 47 miles of which are headwaters. In 1996 the Rivers Protection Act defined "riverfront area" as the buffer of 200 feet on each side of perennial rivers and streams throughout Massachusetts. Because of its abundant water resources, this Act has significant impact on Douglas' development and natural resources.

The Mumford River originates in the watershed of Badluck Pond and Whitin Reservoir, flows through East Douglas and is a tributary of the Blackstone River. The watersheds of Badluck Pond and Whitin Reservoir include significant acreage within the Douglas State Forest. Fishing is the major recreational use of the river.

Nearly all of Douglas' ponds and lakes are used for recreation and the town does recognize Whitin Reservoir as an emergency water supply. The town, however, does not have any public swimming or beach access although swimming is available in the Douglas State Forest at Wallum Lake. Douglas residents receive no special dispensation.

Wallum Lake

Wallum Lake is located in the southern part of Douglas within the State Forest, at the Burrillville/Douglas town line. The lake is approximately 322 acres in size, with about half of the acreage in Rhode Island. Wallum Lake is used extensively for recreational purposes such as swimming, fishing, boating, kayaking, and canoeing.

Whitin Reservoir

Whitin Reservoir is a warm-water reservoir located in the northwest quadrant of town and has some shoreline along the western edge within the Douglas State Forest. Two streams cross the Douglas State Forest to enter the Whitin Reservoir from the west and south. Private camps and full year residences line the shores of the reservoir. It is used for all recreational water sports and has a private water slide facility open to the public on a fee basis. There is presently no public access to this body of water except via the Douglas State Forest wooded areas. The reservoir is roughly 216 acres in size. In 2009 the Whitin Reservoir Association bought the reservoir from Interface Fabrics Group Finishing, Inc. to help control water flow.

Manchaug Pond

One half of the lake is in Douglas. The shoreline is privately owned and lined with camps and full-time residences. The pond supports Lake Manchaug Camping as well as three additional campgrounds and a state boat ramp in Sutton. It is also used for fishing, swimming, and boating. In 2008, an unsuccessful attempt was made to create a lake organization that would buy the pond from Interface Global. A year later, the Manchaug Pond Foundation was formed and continues to provide stewardship of the pond and watershed, as well as advocacy and education for its proper use and preservation as a part of the Blackstone River system. In 2012, ownership of the dam was transferred to the Town of Sutton from Interface Global due to the negotiation efforts of the Manchaug Pond Foundation.

Wallis Pond

Located south of Whitin Reservoir, Wallis Pond is a man-made body of water. A dam and significant shoreline were acquired when the Department of Environmental Management obtained the 120 acres known as the Wallis property. The pond is unstratified and has a high algae level and is not used for swimming or boating. Hiking and fishing are popular activities at Wallis Pond.

Coopertown Brook

This brook is the major tributary to Whitin Reservoir and much of it is within the Douglas State Forest. It has become part of the Adopt-A-Stream program by the Douglas Conservation Commission.

Floodplains

Approximately 3,515 acres or 14.3% of the town is designated as floodplain. The most significant area with the densest population lies along the Mumford River in the commercial center of town. It is important to monitor floodplain development in the context of the ability for the area to flood.

Wetlands

By definition, wetlands include bogs, marshes and swamps and often lie within a floodplain. The town of Douglas has approximately 1,109 acres of wetlands within its bounds representing 4.6% of the total land area. Accordingly, most of the wetlands are associated with the Mumford River, Whitin Reservoir and Wallum Lake. The wetland type that mostly dominates Douglas's landscape is Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland and is mostly found in the western portion of Douglas, with smaller land areas scattered around the eastern part of Town. Freshwater Emergent Wetlands are also present in much smaller amounts throughout the landscape.

The Douglas Conservation Commission upholds the Wetlands Protection Act and has a Wetlands Bylaw. Specifically, the purpose of the Wetlands Bylaw is to "protect the floodplains and wetlands of the Town of Douglas by controlling activities deemed to have a significant effect upon wetland values, including but not limited to the following: Public or Private water supply, groundwater, flood control, erosion control, storm damage prevention, water pollution control, wildlife, recreation, aesthetics and fisheries (collectively, the "interests protected by this Bylaw").

Watershed Recharge Areas/Aquifer Recharge Areas

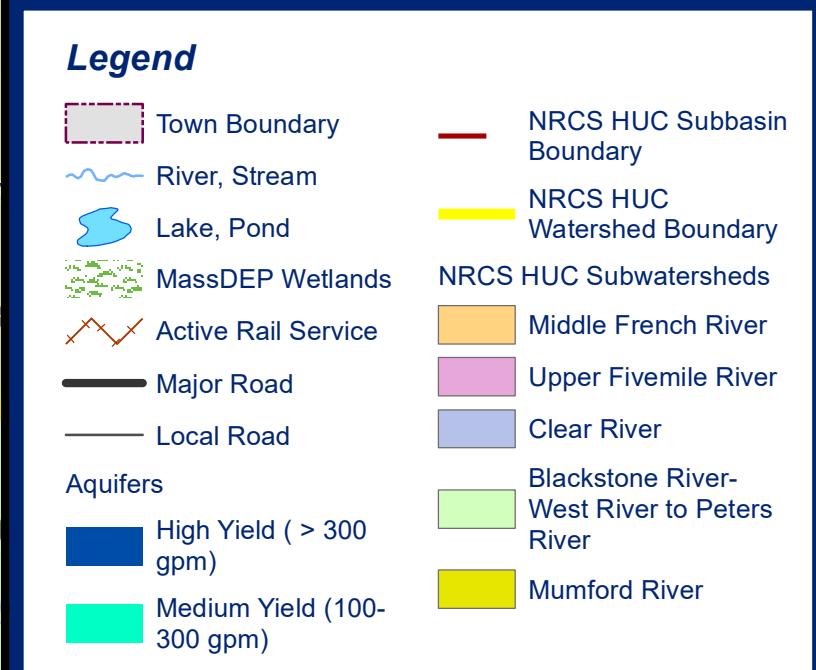
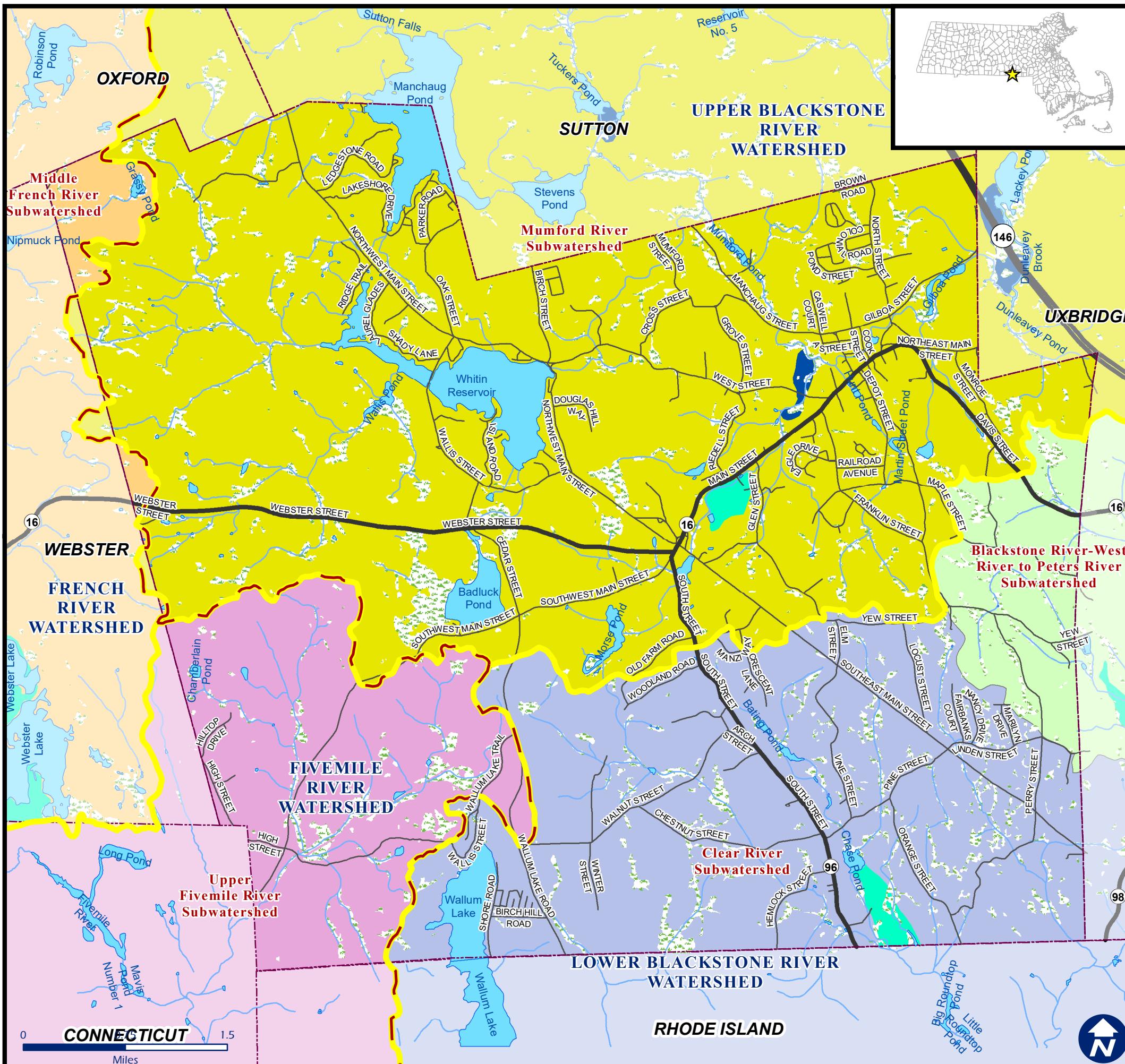
An aquifer is a geologic formation that can easily yield a significant amount of ground water. As water is withdrawn from an aquifer, it is replenished by water that is carried from the surface through permeable materials. The Aquifer's "recharge area" is an area on the surface of the land below which groundwater moves to replenish the aquifer. These areas must be protected from actions that might reduce the downward flow of water or contaminate groundwater supplies.

Douglas is located in an area containing 12 aquifers, one of which is a high yield aquifer (defined as yielding more than 300 gallons per day without the threat of depletion). Approximately 27% (190 acres) of the primary aquifer recharge areas are covered by residential land uses, 2 acres contain waste disposal sites, and 10 acres contain commercial development. The most significant watershed areas are located in the western half of town and the lower southeast section of town near Greene Brook. It is important to monitor these areas as Douglas depends on groundwater for the town's water supply.

MAP 5

WATER RESOURCES MAP 1

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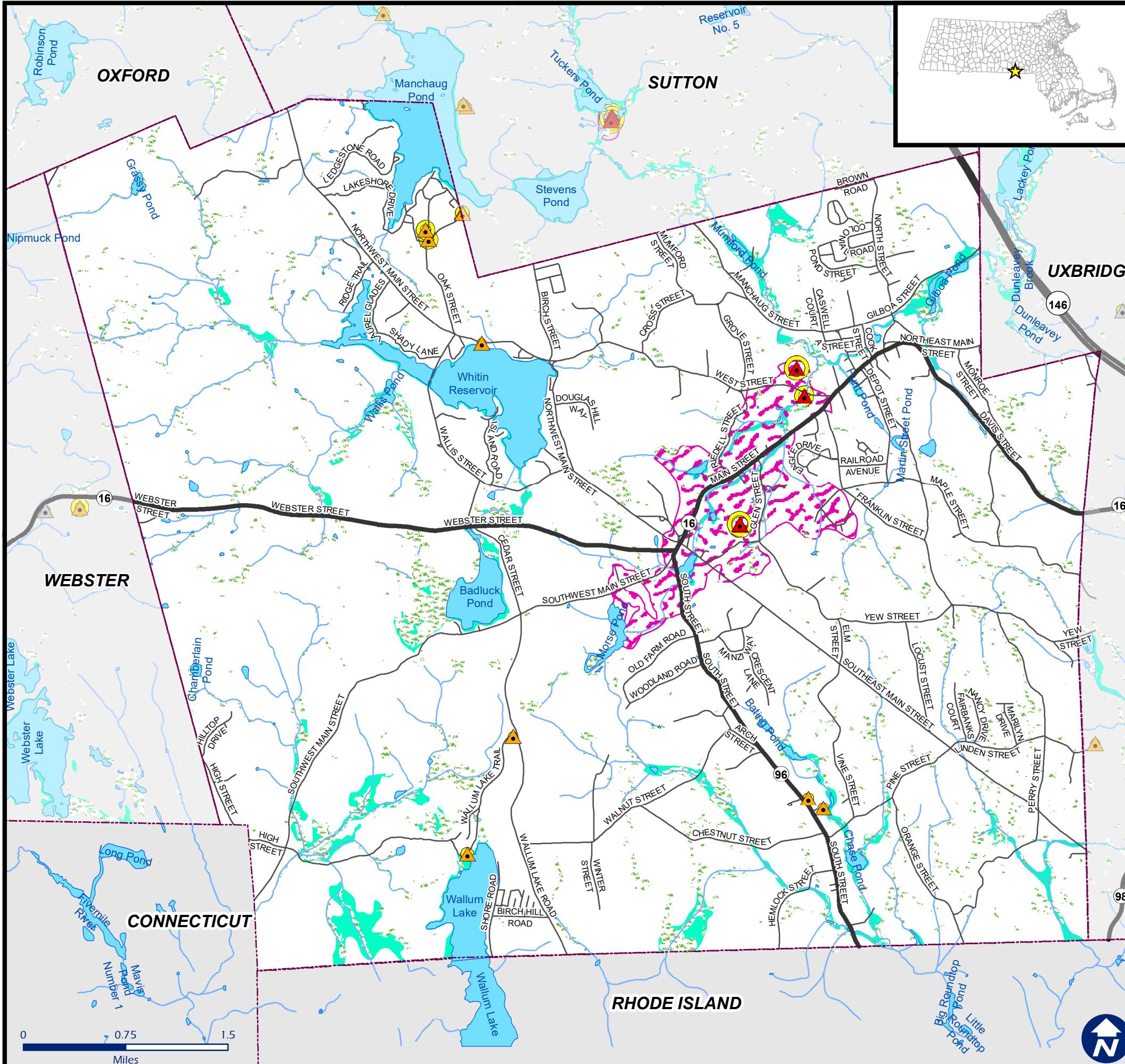
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- DEP Approved Zone I (Nov. 2022)
- River, Stream
- Lake, Pond
- MassDEP Wetlands
- Active Rail Service
- Major Road
- Local Road
- Public Water Supplies (Nov. 2022)
- Community Groundwater Well
- Non-Transient Non-community
- Transient Non-Community
- Approved Wellhead Protection Areas- Zone II (Nov. 2022)
- FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer
- 100-year Flood Area (FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer, DFIRM)

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VEGETATION

Douglas is mostly covered by forests that have been harvested several times. The species found in the forests are oaks, maples, beeches, and birches. Only 1.4 percent of the forested regions of the town is predominately conifers. These species are red and white pines, spruces, and hemlock. Maple, hickory, and ash trees can also be found in other non-forested areas of Douglas.

The forests and ledges along Route 16 support vigorous Mountain Laurel groves which bloom in the late spring. Wet forests also support Swamp Pinks, a wild azalea. The Douglas State Forest is contiguous forest land that offers abundant outdoor recreation. In the wetlands, the shrub swamps contain alder, buttonbush, dogwood, and willow. Sedges are present in tussocks. In the marshes grow numerous wetland plants including cattails, bullrushes, burred, pickerelweed and arrowhead. The deeper marshes contain water plants such as waterlilies and duckweed. Open fields contain wildflowers and grasses, low bush blueberries, and other fruit bearing species that entice song and game birds alike.

Public Shade Trees

Within the Town of Douglas, the Tree Warden is responsible for overseeing the maintenance and/ or removal of public shade street trees, as well as for shielding other trees and the public from any hazardous trees. As of 2020, the Tree Warden approved 284 town-owned trees to be removed by National Grid and 14 for pruning. The majority of the trees that were approved for removal exist(ed) in and/or around Douglas's Town Center on Main Street, NW Main Street and SE Main Street, as well as on Gilboa Street and West Street. Several characteristics of the approved trees include severe crown decline and/or death, heavy leaning, general decay, and close proximity to utility lines. Tree damage increased due to severe spongy moth infestations and is likely to increase as wind, snow and ice storms grow more intense due to the effects of climate change.

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

In Douglas, Wallum Lake and the Mumford River are stocked with trout, while Wallum Lake is also stocked with salmon. Bass, pickerel, perch, hornpout, bluegill, and sunfish comprise the lake species to be found throughout the town's bodies of water.

The white tail deer population is thriving in the Douglas State Forest and in many areas of town where food continues to be plentiful. Turkeys were re-introduced to the area and are thriving with flocks regularly sighted with over 20 birds. Ruffed grouse are native and present. Many beavers are also found in bodies of water in Douglas. Coyotes are making a comeback in forests and where they have access to open fields. Rabbits and woodchuck appear to be declining with the destruction of their habitat but raccoon, fisher cat and fox seem able to thrive amid the evolving environment.

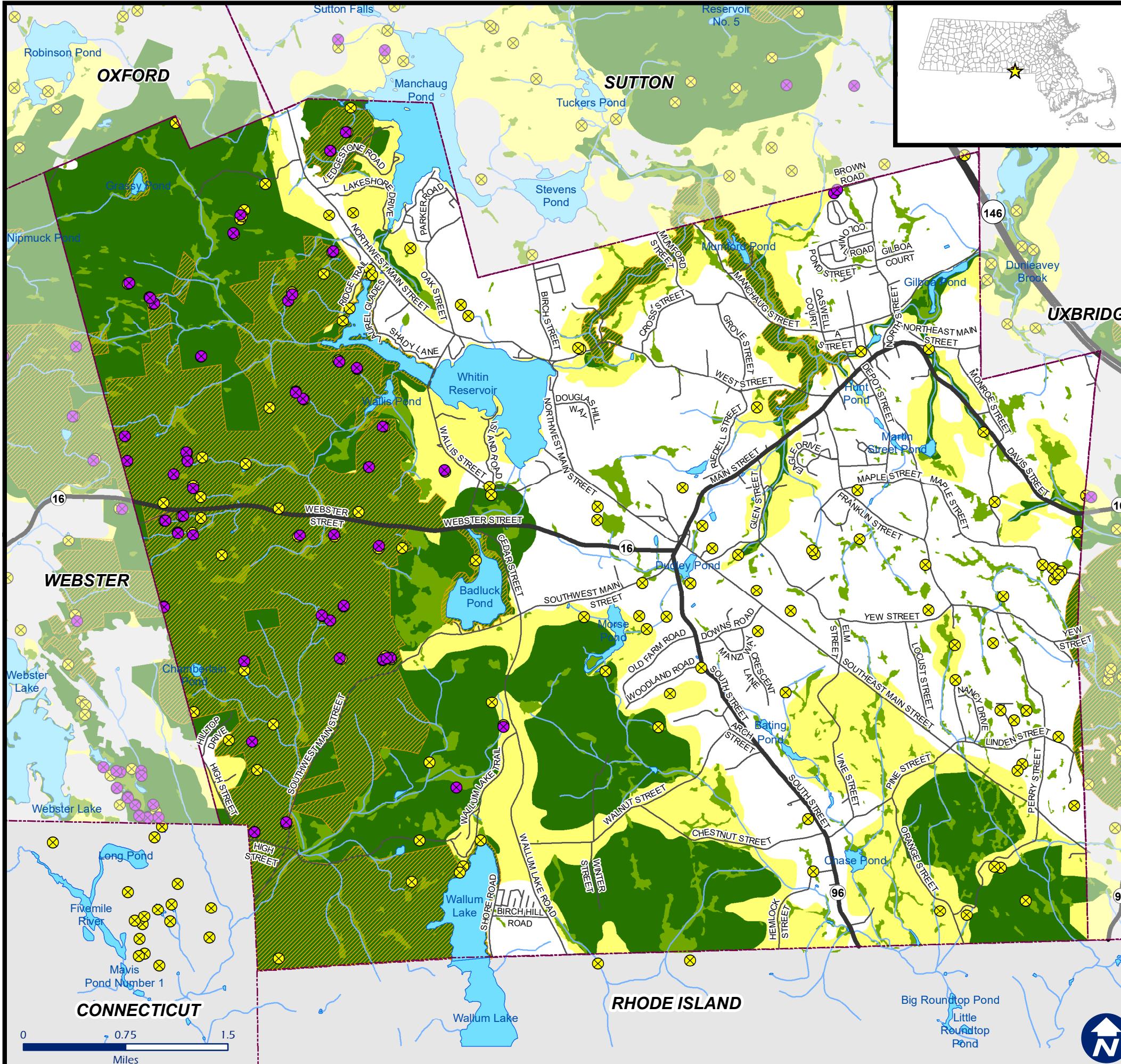
Wildlife Corridors

A wildlife corridor is an area of habitat that connects wildlife populations that are separated by human activities. Movement is a vital part of an animal's lifecycle, so ensuring the presence of large swaths of undeveloped land between various major habitats is crucial to the longevity of all species. The Douglas State Forest serves as a wildlife corridor for many relevant species and is identified as both core habitat and critical natural landscape on BioMap. The land on either side of the Tasseltop neighborhood of southern Douglas also serves as a wildlife corridor, including land around Hemlock Brook on the western side and Greene Brook on the eastern side. Additionally, in Northern Douglas, the land around and including Mumford River, Caswell Brook, Centerville Brook and West to Whitin Reservoir serves as a wildlife corridor including large sections of BioMap Critical Natural Landscape as identified on Map 7. In Northeastern Douglas, Dunleavy Brook area in Uxbridge serves as a wildlife corridor into the Gilboa Pond area, eventually connecting to the Mumford River area in the West and Wellman Brook area to the South.

Rare and Endangered Species

Douglas is host to several species of threatened and rare species. Among them, the Wood Turtle a "species of special concern," which have been found several times in the northern part of the forest near Whitin Reservoir and Wallis Pond. The Eastern Box Turtle is also a "species of special concern" and has been found in the northern part of the Douglas State Forest along Route 16. *Sclerolepis uniflora* is listed as an "endangered" plant species and is found along the western shore of Wallum Lake. There is also a small grove of Tulip Poplar south of the Southern New England Trunkline Trail. Tulip Poplar is being tracked by the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) and is at the northern limit of its range in Douglas. Three more "threatened" plant species are Slender Cottongrass Algae-like Pondweed, or '*Potamogeton Conferoides*,' as well as the Pondshore Smartweed, a "species of special concern," and the Long-Leaved Panic-Grass, or '*Coleataenia longifolia*'. In addition, Sandplain Gerardia, or '*Agalinis acuta*,' is an endangered plant species that has been endangered since 1944.

Documented Marbled Salamander habitat is found in the northern part of the Douglas State Forest as well as on the western side of the town along Route 16 near the Webster town line. It is a 'threatened' species and breeds in vernal pools in the fall. At the Douglas Camp Meeting Grounds, an area with vernal pools, the threatened Pine Barren Bluet damselfly species was sighted, as well as a Spotted Turtle and a Four Toed Salamander. The Hessel's Hairstreak and Oak Hairstreak butterflies, both species of "special concern", are present in town.



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SCENIC, HISTORIC, GEOLOGIC, AND UNIQUE RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTS

Scenic Landscapes

Douglas State Forest (DSF) is 5,907 acres totally within the boundaries of the town and comprises 24.48% or nearly one-fourth of the town's total land area of 24,134 acres. The DSF is the largest continuous tract of public open space in south-central Massachusetts and is abutted by the 1,777-acre Buck Hill Wildlife Management Area in Rhode Island. Among others, views south from the public beach and boat ramp reach into Rhode Island.

Views from the causeway as well as the dam on Whitin Reservoir are included in the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission's inventory of areas that are culturally and naturally valuable to the preservation of the valley. The Douglas Town Common offers the white church steeple of the First Congregational Church on one side and historic Revolutionary War grave markers on the other. The maples that ring the area offer spectacular fall foliage.

In the springtime the characteristic ledges and vernal pools that line Route 16 on the western side of Douglas abound with Mountain Laurel making the drive one of the most scenic in the town. In addition, abandoned stone quarries in both the State Forest and off of SW Main Street provide unique views.

The western part of Douglas is also composed of hilly terrain, primarily in the Douglas Rocky Woods area. Another scenic and unique characteristic of Douglas is the boardwalk trail which winds through the Douglas State Forest's Atlantic White Cedar swamp. This type of swampland is extremely rare and is only found in a handful of places on Earth. The swamp area is roughly 5 acres in size and is a protected area.

Designated Scenic Roads of Douglas

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Location</u>
Orange Street	Rhode Island border
Common Street	Old Douglas Common
Church Street	North from the Old Common
Northwest Main Street	North from the Old Common
Oak Street	North Douglas

Major Characteristics or Unusual Geologic Features

Vernal Pools

Vernal Pools are in abundance in Douglas. One verified vernal pool is located south of the Southern New England Trunkline Trail. It is a habitat for rare and endangered salamander and frog species as well as for Fairy Shrimp, an invertebrate food source species which only occurs in vernal pools. The NHESP has also identified 140 other potential vernal pools that may exist in the Town, with the majority of these water bodies being located in the western and central parts of the Town.

Fens

Of particular interest to the NHESP is a plant community known as the Southern New England Basin Fen, one located near Wallis Pond and another near Wallum Lake. A fen is defined as having peat and a peat or bog-like environment, while a marsh does not include peat.

Representative Natural Areas (RNA's)

Douglas is also host to two Representative Natural Areas (RNA's) that were designated by the Department of Environmental Management in its Wildlands Program in 1989. The Atlantic White Cedar Swamp just outside of Badluck Pond is inventoried and tracked by the NHESP. The canopy of the swamp supports the rare Hessel's Hairstreak butterfly.

A Southern New England Basin Marsh is found south of the Southern New England Trunkline Trail and within the Douglas State Forest. It is also a designated RNA and supports Blackgum Tupelo trees and a shrub called Leatherleaf. Torrey's Bullrush (a 'watch list' species) thrives in the marsh.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern

As of July 2022, there are no ACEC designations in the Town of Douglas.

Natural Heritage BioMap

Through the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP), The Massachusetts Department of Fish & Game and The Nature Conservancy's Massachusetts Program both collaborated to develop BioMap with the main goal of protecting Massachusetts biodiversity, ecosystem resilience and natural landscapes within the context of climate change. BioMap uses previously documented rare species data, natural community data and spatial data about wildlife species and habitats from the NHESP, as well as assessments from the Nature Conservancy about intact ecosystems and landscapes across the state to convey potential impacts of climate change in each Massachusetts town.

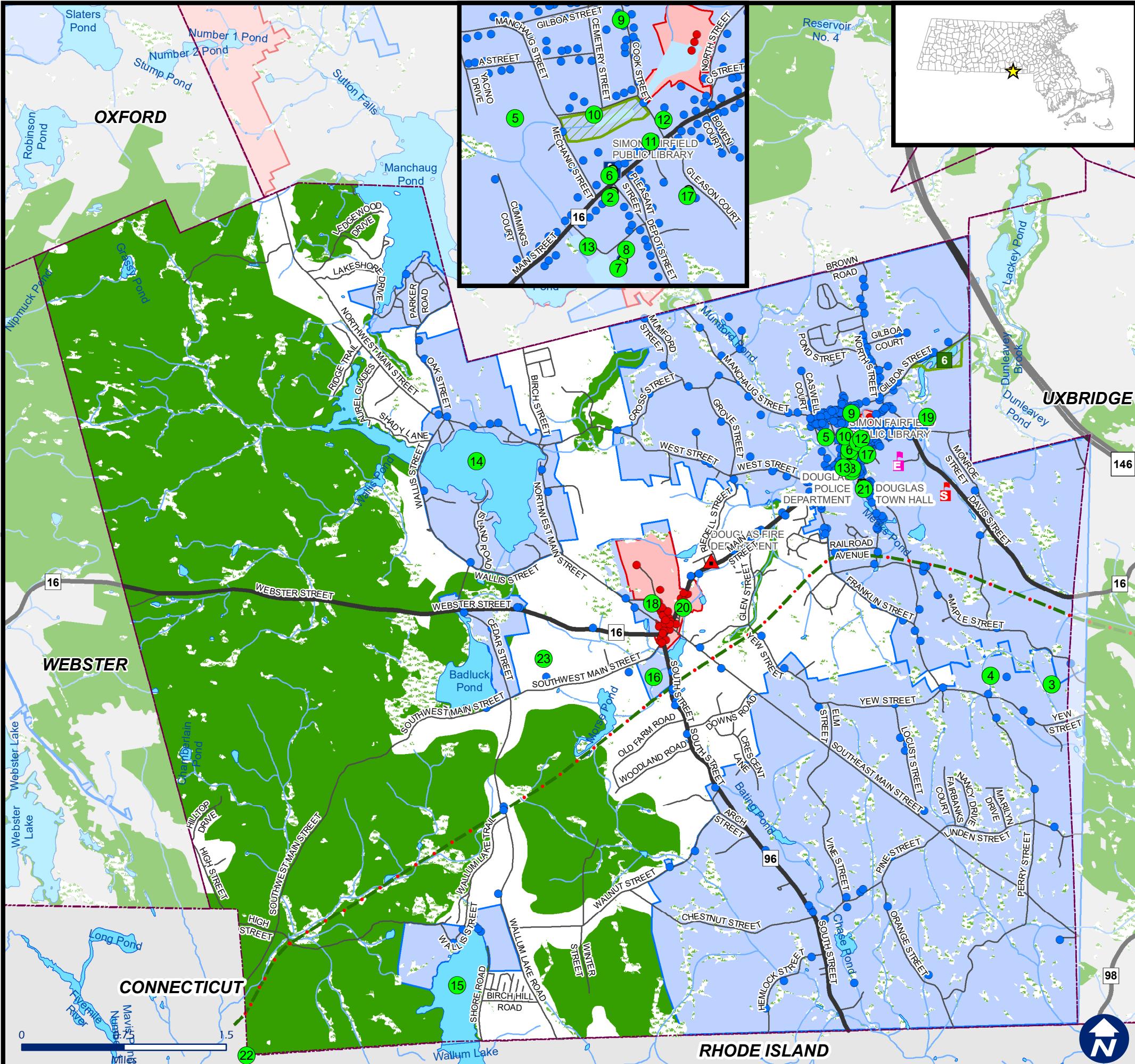
The two main spatial layers of BioMap are Core Habitat and Critical Natural Landscape.

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Core Habitat refers to essential special areas that are crucial for the long-term endurance of rare species, other species of special concern, natural communities, and other ecosystems. Critical Natural Landscape refers to blocks of landscape that are not largely impacted by development.

These landscape blocks, if they are protected, will ensure habitat for native species, assist intact ecological processes, maintain habitat connectivity, and improve ecological resilience to natural and anthropogenic disruptions.

Within the Town of Douglas, there are roughly 11,050.29 acres of Core Habitat and 15,21.81 acres of Critical Natural Landscape. Most of the Core Habitat and Critical Natural Landscapes are located in the southern and western parts of the Town. Douglas's Core Habitat includes 8 priority natural community cores (184.04 acres), 17 aquatic cores (1,061.91 acres), 59 wetland cores (591.31 acres), 4 vernal pool cores (1,028.71 acres), 3 forest cores (9,085.91 acres), and 6 rare species core (7,732.13 acres). And Douglas's Critical Natural Landscapes include 4 landscape blocks (13,562.53 acres), 9 aquatic core buffers (1,755.03 acres), and 31 wetland core buffers (1,342.07).



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- Active Rail Service
- Major Road
- Local Road
- Southern New England Trunkline Trail
- Local Unique Features
- Priority Preservation Area
- Town Hall (07/2017)
- Public Library
- Police
- Fire Dept. (12/2015)
- Schools (PK-12)(05/2022)
- Public Elementary
- Public Middle
- Public Secondary
- MHC Historic Inventory (04/2022)
- Nat'l Register of Historic Places
- Preservation Restriction
- Inventoried Property
- Nat'l Register of Historic Places
- Inventoried Area
- NHESP/TNC BioMap - Core Habitat

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Table 3. Scenic, Unique, Historic, & Geologic Features in Douglas, MA

Map #	Feature	Location	Type	Description
1	E.N. Jenckes Store and Barn	283 Main Street	Historic	A Greek Revival two-story wood-frame structure was built in 1833; it features a side-gable configuration in which the roof overhangs a two-story porch. The building is now a museum operated by the Douglas Historical Society.
2	Old Rawson Farm Site	Yew Street	Historic	A 53-acre property that was once the location of a farm, with the farmhouse built in the early 19 th century. The farmhouse burned in 1938 and there are no buildings left on the site. The site still features the fieldstone lined cellar hole of the house and remnants of the house's terrace and a large stone lintel over the entrance to the cellar, as well as grape vines bordering the terrace area. There are foundations of the large barn that existed on the property as well as the foundation of a carriage house/pig sty. A walled lane that served as a "herd walk" for cattle leads southwest down to a stone "slab" bridge at Laurel Brook.
3	Hiram Walker Farm	Yew Street	Historic	A c. 1758 farmhouse and farm with barn fields.
4	Soldiers Field	2 Manchaug Street	Historic	Sports fields, first started in 1930, that are still in use today.
5	Simon Fairfield Public Library	290 Main Street	Historic	A 1904 Classical Revival building in East Douglas, gifted by Simon Fairfield as a lasting memorial to his parents.
6	Hunt Houses	9 and 13 Cottage Street	Historic	Mid-19 th century Gothic/Greek revival properties owned by the Hunt Family.
7	Jussaume Quartz Garage	22 Cook Street		A garage in E. Douglas made by the owner totally of quartz
8	Mumford Riverfront	B Street	Scenic	A 4-acre wooded site on both sides of the Mumford, with banks sloping down to the river. The nearby stone arch bridge at Mechanic Street was built around 1854 to connect the 2 factories.
9	Castle Caves	Brown Road, 118-2 Caswell Court	Geologic	A steep 100' cliff, south-facing Native American rock shelter used as camp site for hunting parties to stay out of rain and

				wind. It could have been a long-term site, but probably not. The site is near the Sutton-Douglas Line.
10	Southern New England Trunkline Trail	Thompson, CT to Uxbridge, MA	Scenic	This trail runs 22 miles from Douglas State Forest to Franklin State Forest. The trail is one of the longest trails in Massachusetts, running through 6 towns.
11	Goodness Store	322 Main Street	Unique	Found in East Douglas and named for an early Douglas family.
12	Picket Fence Restaurant	388 Main Street	Unique/Historic	First erected in 1860, this building served as the former site of the Elmwood Club and before that, an office for the Douglas Axe Manufacturing Company.
13	Old Fire Station	5 Cottage Street	Historic	A ca. 1882-1884 station and the former site of the town hall building that was adjacent to fire station. Was used as the school and the first public library in Town.
14	Whitin Reservoir	NW Main Street	Scenic	A warmwater reservoir and the largest body of water in Douglas. The reservoir is popular for fishing.
15	Wallum Lake	Wallum Lake Road	Scenic	A 322-acre lake bisected by the Rhode Island- Massachusetts boundary. The western shore is undeveloped, while the eastern shore is lined with summer cottages and several year-round homes. Fishing, boating and swimming are popular at this picturesque lake.
16	Douglas Camp Meeting Grounds	25 South Street	Historic	An interdenominational Christian religious space started in 1880.
17	Old Elementary School	11 Gleason Court	Historic	An 1890s building that formerly served as an elementary school. The town is now looking into disposition/reuse.
18	Pastimes Club	22 Church Street	Historic	The Pastimes Club is a gathering place located off Old Douglas Town Common. It was started in 1909 and is currently owned by the Boy Scouts.
19	Bosma Flea Market	436 NE Main Street	Unique	Flea market situated in a historic hoop barn.
20	Granite Quarries	SW Main Street	Geologic	Found behind Koslak Farm, these former quarries were established in 1918.
21	VFW	21 Main Street	Unique/ Historic	Colonial revival building, originally built as an elementary school in 1921. Used by the Veterans of Foreign Wars as their meeting hall starting in 1983. The building is currently unused.

22	George Washington Spring	near 346 SW Main Street	Scenic	Local lore says that George Washington watered his horse here on his way through the area the year he was elected president.
23	Municipal Center	29 Depot Street	Historic	A two-story brick building with colonial style doorways, four granite pilasters and a parapet with balusters. Served as high school for the town from 1926 until 1988.
24	Tri-State Marker	SW Main Street (in woods on border of CT, MA, RI)	Unique/Scenic	A 4ft tall boundary monument built in October or November 1883, marking the point where the border lines for Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island meet.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

Brownfields

As of February 2022, the Town of Douglas currently has no sites that are listed in the State of Massachusetts Brownfields inventory.

Hazardous Waste Sites

As of February 2022, the Town of Douglas has 43 reportable releases listed in the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) database.

Table 4. MA DEP Reportable Releases in Douglas, MA

Site Name Location Aid	Reporting Category	Notification Date	Compliance Status	Date	Phase	RAO Class	Chemical Type
MODF RELEASE	TWO HR	05/18/2022	PSNC	07/19/2022		PN	
DOUGLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	TWO HR	11/22/2021	PSNC	01/23/2022		PN	
DOUGLAS LANDFILL	TWO HR	09/21/2021	PSNC	10/30/2021		PN	
DIESEL FUEL RELEASE	TWO HR	04/29/2021	PSNC	08/16/2021		PN	
DOUGLAS TOWN HALL	TWO HR	01/22/2021	TIER 2	10/24/2022	PHASE II		
FAMILY CONVENIENCE GAS	TWO HR	01/25/2020	TIERI	01/25/2021			
GAS STATION	72 HR	07/18/2019	PSNC	07/01/2020		PN	
PYNE SAND AND GRAVEL	TWO HR	07/10/2019	PSNC	09/09/2019		PN	
DOUGLAS HS	TWO HR	03/20/2019	PSNC	05/06/2019		PN	

HAYWARD LANDING APARTMENTS	TWO HR	11/29/2018	PSNC	09/03/2021		PN
IRONS RESIDENCE	TWO HR	04/17/2018	PSNC	02/22/2019		PN
RESIDENTIAL OIL SPILL	TWO HR	01/13/2018	PSNC	11/10/2018		PN
US POST OFFICE	TWO HR	03/24/2017	PSNC	07/18/2017		PN
BUCKEYE PIPELINE	72 HR	11/13/2015	PSNC	11/13/2019	PHASE II	PN
BRANAGAN PROPERTY	TWO HR	03/15/2015	PSNC	01/16/2019		PN
VEHICLE ACCIDENT	TWO HR	04/10/2014	TIER1D	04/17/2015		Oil
RESIDENCE	TWO HR	01/14/2013	RAO	05/13/2013		A2
OIL LINE VANDALISM	TWO HR	01/29/2012	RAO	06/04/2012		Oil
RESIDENCE	TWO HR	12/10/2011	RAO	02/06/2012		A2
SMALL TANKER RELEASE AT RESIDENCE	TWO HR	12/16/2009	RAO	02/11/2010		A2
MASS ELECTRIC TRANSFORMER REL	TWO HR	07/11/2006	RAO	06/07/2007		A2
HOPKINSON PRIVATE WELL	72 HR	12/06/2005	RTN CLOSED	11/20/2006		Hazardous Material
DOUGLAS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL	72 HR	05/02/2005	RAO	06/29/2005		A1
MASSACHUSTTS ELECTRIC CO	TWO HR	04/12/2005	RAO	06/08/2005		A1
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT	TWO HR	01/02/2005	RAO	01/09/2006		A2
HOPKINSON RESIDENCE	TWO HR	08/04/2004	RAO	08/02/2007	PHASE II	A2
MASS ELECTRIC POLE 27	TWO HR	04/22/2004	RAO	06/21/2004		

DOUGLAS X-TRA MART KENYON OIL CO	72 HR	10/15/2003	RAO	10/22/2004	B1	Oil
HAYWOOD LANDING PARKING AREA	TWO HR	09/03/2003	RAO	10/22/2003		
MASS ELECTRIC CO	TWO HR	07/01/2002	RAO	08/28/2002	A1	Oil
DOUGLAS STATE FOREST	120 DY	03/01/2002	RAO	06/25/2002	A2	Oil
TRAILER PARK	TWO HR	02/05/2002	RAO	05/10/2002	A2	Oil
AT NORTH ST	TWO HR	02/22/2000	TIER1D	07/07/2008		Oil
CAMPBELL RESIDENCE	TWO HR	10/29/1999	RAO	03/01/2000	A2	Oil
BELL ATLANTIC	TWO HR	09/10/1998	RAO	10/14/1998	A1	
SOCHIAS OIL CORP	TWO HR	11/21/1997	RAO	01/26/1998	A2	Oil
TRUCK ACCIDENT	TWO HR	09/26/1997	RAO	11/19/1997	A1	Oil
FAMILY CONVENIENCE CTR	120 DY	09/27/1996	RTN CLOSED	01/22/1997		Hazardous Material
RTE 16	TWO HR	09/04/1996	RAO	11/06/1996	A1	Oil
GUILFORD OF MAINE	TWO HR	02/09/1996	RAO	03/26/1996	A1	Oil
GILFORD OF MAINE	NONE	04/15/1989	WCSPRM	03/20/1997		Hazardous Material
MR CHRISTMAS INC FMR	NONE	10/15/1988	RAO	08/02/2012	PHASE V	A2
FAMILY CONVENIENCE CTR	NONE	01/15/1989	RAO	11/23/2009		A2

Landfills

Douglas permanently capped its local landfill facility in 1988. The 13-acre site is located on Riedell Road and is presently used as a transfer station. This capped area offers a possible location for recreation or other town use.

In 1987 the development company of Douglas Environmental Associates (DBA) obtained a site assignment from the Douglas Board of Health and pursued permits to construct and operate a 1,500 ton-per-day mega-landfill on the Douglas-Webster town line and on a watershed divide. After a long and protracted eleven-year battle by citizens from the entire region, the state legislature voted to take the site by eminent domain and to add the acreage to the Douglas State Forest at the end of the 1998 legislative session.

Erosion

Erosion occurs where earthen material is moved due to weather events such as extreme wind or rain, especially in excessively drained areas. These processes cause constant weathering and continual movement of sediment. In Douglas, erosion is a major problem in the excessively drained area in the northeastern section of the town and the Mumford River sub-watershed. Erosion is also an issue here due to the town's eastward elevation decrease and the presence of floodplains.

Erosion continues to be a serious problem throughout Douglas. It occurs due to a number of unnatural factors including steep, unanchored slopes and gravel removal operations. A Storm Water Management Bylaw was previously adopted by the Town to regulate this, and as of 2019 the Town was planning on constructing a stormwater runoff control program to minimize erosion and regulate sediment onsite so that nothing transports into stormwater or is discharged into other U.S. waters. Erosion control is also considered throughout the Wetlands Protection Bylaw. The Town's Zoning bylaws, particularly the Earth Removal section, mandate specific erosion control measures.

Douglas has faced more erosion issues this year than in the past. With the large increase in rainfall during each rain event, the Town has seen a significant increase in washouts on the edges of the roadways and sediment on the roadways throughout town. After each event, several days are spent adding large stone called riprap to the washed-out areas to prevent further erosion. The Town has added a few silt socks during these events to prevent sediment from running into the waterways. With the increases in events and rainfall, storm water runoff should be addressed during the plan and construction phase to prevent these issues.

Specific erosion control practices should be implemented, such as using erosion-resistant materials for construction, such as permeable pavements, gravel, and erosion control blankets and mats. Trees, shrubs, and grasses help stabilize soil with their foliage and root systems, reducing erosion. Vegetated strips, known as riparian buffers, along waterways can also help filter runoff, stabilize banks, and reduce erosion. Stormwater management practices such as retention ponds, bio-swales, and

infiltration trenches can slow down and filter runoff. On sloped terrain, terracing or grading can minimize the potential for erosion and create level areas that can capture runoff. Silt fences on construction sites can also prevent sediment from washing into nearby water bodies.

All these practices and more can be developed into a Douglas-specific set of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for erosion control. Educating the public about these measures can further ensure responsible land management and waste disposal practices.

Chronic Flooding

According to the Town of Douglas' Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan from 2020, Douglas currently is experiencing roadway flooding and frequent water main breaks primarily along Route 16 near the fire station. Flooding is expected to increase as disturbance, temperatures and intense rain events are predicted to increase within the town.

Sedimentation

Sedimentation occurs where eroded materials are deposited, or settled, often at lower elevations. The excess debris can end up polluting water bodies, causing environmental and infrastructure issues.

Increased sedimentation of streams and ponds due to erosion and development is a parallel concern of the Douglas Conservation Commission which hopefully will be an improved situation now that there is a Storm Water Management Bylaw. Nonetheless, the deposition of unnatural sediments from activities such as construction and maintenance pose a risk to Douglas' natural resources and wildlife species.

The erosion control practices above additionally apply to sedimentation control. Sediment basins and traps can also capture sediment from construction sites and areas where soil disturbance occurs. Wetlands also act as natural filters to trap and remove sediment. Large volumes of sediment can also be removed through dredging using dredgers or excavators, to scoop up sediment from the bottom of the water body. Vacuum trucks or pumps can be used to suck up and remove smaller amounts of sediment. Sediment socks or tubes, containment devices filled with materials like straw or wood chips, are often used to filter sediment-laden water and can be removed and replaced once they are full. These and other strategies can often be used to reduce sedimentation in water bodies.

Water bodies and sediment levels should be regularly monitored to identify potential problem areas and track the effectiveness of implemented measures. Collaborating with neighboring towns can help address sedimentation concerns more comprehensively, especially where water bodies extend into neighboring towns.

Development Impact

The impact of development on the town of Douglas at the maximum buildout scenarios will be visually significant and very stressful on services without adequate planning. The April 1998 Master Plan addresses the impacts of development on Douglas in detail.

Contributing significantly to potential buildout impact is the completed Massachusetts Turnpike/Route 146 Interchange and increasing traffic between Providence, Rhode Island, Worcester and Boston. While Douglas has relatively little acreage along the highway, the "gateway" into town is directly served by an exit and development is ongoing. The three other towns with abutting commercial/industrial zoned land are working together to make it easier to join large properties over town lines and plan the area's development as a whole to reduce fragmented roadways into the interior.

Ground and Surface Water Pollution

Groundwater pollution occurs when there is the presence of harmful substances in the groundwater. These substances contaminate the water source and can negatively impact human health and the environment. This contamination can occur from leaks of underground storage tanks holding hazardous chemicals, runoff from agricultural activities and lawn maintenance, and leaching of improperly maintained septic systems. Similarly, surface water pollution is the presence of harmful substances in bodies of water such as rivers, lakes, ponds, and streams. This contamination can also negatively impact human health, the environment, and aquatic plants and animals. Runoff from agricultural activities, urban areas, wastewater treatment plants, and sewage can cause this contamination. In the Town of Douglas, there are thirteen regulated facilities and one underground storage tank within the water supply protection area that could threaten ground and/or surface water pollution.

Gravel Removal

Sand and gravel deposits left by glaciers retreating northward can be found in nearly 4,300 acres of Douglas and most is commercially mineable. Left un-reclaimed, the mined pits pose a serious environmental hazard to the town. Erosion from steep slopes, unanchored sections and surface water contamination are all associated problems that the 1998 Master Plan addressed. A zoning bylaw update at the October 2004 Town Meeting required restoration of any area being excavated since this by-law was adopted and modifications to the bylaw continue to be made. A revision of this bylaw is currently in front of the Planning Board.

Forestry

As a Town with large swaths of intact forest, sustainable forest management is a high priority. The combination of open and wooded land adds to the rural beauty of the town. Many acres of woodlands are managed by private owners under the Chapter 61 program. The Conservation Commission has an opportunity to enhance conservation of town resources using these managed lands as examples of the benefits of good forestry practices. The Commission can also institute programs to promote sound forestry practices on all lands. Consultation is available from state foresters with the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and Town departments can obtain this help to enhance management of Douglas' Forest resources.

Forestry permits are state-issued and the Town has several active forestry permits. Many of the large privately-owned parcels in Town have been commercially forested and complaints are either handled locally or funneled back to the state. The Town has also had some issues with increased incidents of tree damage to power lines, especially with more disease and pests in recent years.

Environmental Equity

Open space and recreational opportunities are found all across Douglas, however the center, eastern, and northwestern areas have higher frequencies of recreation "dead zones". Pine Needle Park (VFW Field) is a recreation area that has been permanently protected located in the center of Douglas, close to the intersection of Routes 16 and 96. Beyond this, there aren't many possibilities for open space and recreation access. Chapter 61, 61 A, and 61 B properties are the nearest tracts of open space. However, they are not all publicly accessible and might be lost to development if they are sold instead of being purchased by the Town. The eastern and northwestern regions of the Town. show comparable tendencies. Around Southeast Main Street, Franklin Street, and Depot Street, there are a few conservation and recreation properties, but most open space sites are also Chapter 61, 61 A, and 61 B lands. Residents located in these recreation dead zones need to rely on transportation to be able to access these parks, fields, and hiking trails. There are many undeveloped parcels in these dead zones that the Town should consider acquiring for additional open space and recreational opportunities.

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SECTION FIVE

INVENTORY OF LANDS OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION INTEREST



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PROTECTED OPEN SPACE

The term “Protected Open Space” refers to undeveloped land that is protected in perpetuity. Should a private landowner desire to preserve their land in perpetuity they can do it through a conservation restriction or similar means. This usually involves adding an adjunct to their deeds that specifies how the land is to be used and setting up a trust for the property’s maintenance. This process is often aided by local land trusts. Nonprofit organizations, including land trusts, may also directly acquire land and protect it via conservation restrictions. There are currently no properties owned by a land trust in Douglas. Finally, Article 97 of the state Constitution also provides permanent protection for certain lands acquired by public entities for conservation or recreation purposes.

Conservation Restrictions

A conservation restriction is a legal agreement between a landowner and a qualified organization, such as a land trust, that permanently protects the conservation values of a piece of property. Conservation restrictions in Massachusetts are typically used to protect natural resources such as wetlands, forests, and wildlife habitat, as well as recreational, historical, and cultural resources, agricultural land, and scenic vistas.

In Massachusetts, conservation restrictions are typically established through a voluntary process in which the landowner donates or sells the conservation restriction to a qualified organization. The organization then holds the restriction and is responsible for enforcing it and ensuring that the conservation values of the property are protected in perpetuity.

Conservation restrictions can take many forms, depending on the specific conservation values of the property, the goals of the landowner, and the requirements of the organization holding the restriction. Some common types of restrictions include:

- Open Space Restrictions: which restrict development on the land, ensuring it remains undeveloped and could be available for public recreational use.
- Agriculture Restrictions: which protect land used for farming and forestry.
- Scenic Restrictions: which protect views and vistas for public enjoyment.
- Wildlife Habitat Restrictions: which protect land that supports wildlife.
- Historical Restrictions: which protect land and buildings that has significant historical or cultural value.

Conservation restrictions can also come with certain obligations, such as trail

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maintenance, invasive species control, and public access. The Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) provides guidance, technical assistance and administers the state program for conservation restrictions, including tax incentives for landowners who donate such restrictions. Below is a listing of the Conservation Restrictions located in the Town of Douglas:

Table 5. Agricultural Preservation Restrictions and Conservation Restrictions in Douglas, MA

APR/CR Type	GIS Acres	%
Hilltop Estates-CR	11.67	51.67%
McCann - CR	10.91	48.33%
Grand Total	22.58	100.00%

Publicly Owned Lands

Publicly owned open space and recreational resources provide numerous benefits to communities. These areas can serve as important habitats for native plants and animals. Often those areas can be lost to development and urbanization. By preserving these lands, communities can also preserve the quality of air, water, soil, and provide a range of ecosystem services. Further, these open space and recreation resources can provide a diverse range of opportunities for residents to enjoy hiking, biking, fishing, and other outdoor recreation experiences. Outdoor recreation can promote physical and mental well-being and are an important source of leisure for communities. These resources can also provide a sense of community and pride, and serve as a gathering place for residents. They can also attract stakeholders and visitors beyond the town's boundaries. The ecotourism provided by outdoor recreation opportunities can have a positive impact on local economies while also preserving these resources for future generations. The Town of Douglas is fortunate to have a number of public open spaces owned by the town and the Commonwealth.

Table 6. Municipally owned Open Space and Recreation Lands in Douglas, MA

Site Name	Alternate Site Name	Street	Manager	Primary Purpose	Public Access	Zoning	Level of Protection	Grant Funding	GIS Acres	Current Use	Recreation Potential	Condition
Mumford Street Conservation Area	Leon H. Mosczynski Conservation Area	Mumford Street	Town of Douglas Conservation Commission	Conservation	Yes	Rural	Perpetuity	-	44.49	Bridge, trails, nature viewing, fishing	Same	Good
Tinkerville Brook Conservation Area	Gosselin	Chestnut Street	Town of Douglas Conservation Commission	Conservation	Yes	Rural	Perpetuity	-	28.65	Hunting, fishing.	Trail along Tinkerville Brook from Walnut St. to Chestnut St. for recreational use.	Fair
Conservation Area	French	Makowski Drive	Town of Douglas Conservation Commission	Conservation	Yes	Rural	Perpetuity	-	20.93	None	Fishing, nature viewing, trails, bridge, & boardwalk.	Fair
South East Main Street Conservation Area	Keevan	South East Main Street	Town of Douglas Conservation Commission	Conservation	Yes	Rural	Perpetuity	-	59.80	Hiking, horseback riding, & hunting.	Formal trail system for recreational use.	Good
Martin Road Recreational Park	-	Martin Road	Town of Douglas	Recreation	Yes	Rural	Perpetuity	-	18.85	Playground, events.	Softball & baseball field. ADA access. Establish recreational trail/open access from Franklin St.	Fair
VFW Fields	Pine Needle Park	Main Street	Town of Douglas Conservation Commission	Conservation	Yes	Residential Commercial – Two	Perpetuity	-	57.62	Soccer	Soccer, Possible trail loop.	Good
Soldiers Field	Veterans Field	Mechanic Street	Town of Douglas	Recreation	Yes	Village Residential	Perpetuity	-	9.94	Baseball	Baseball. ADA Access.	Good

Site Name	Alternate Site Name	Street	Manager	Primary Purpose	Public Access	Zoning	Level of Protection	Grant Funding	GIS Acres	Current Use	Recreation Potential	Condition
Water Tank	-	Franklin Street	Town of Douglas	Water Supply	No	Rural	Limited	-	2.33	Water Supply	N/A	Good
Aquifer Protection Land	-	Main Street	Town of Douglas Water Department	Aquifer Protection	No	Village Residential	Perpetuity	ALA	10.83	Aquifer Protection	N/A	Good
Aquifer Protection Land	-	West Street	Town of Douglas Water Department	Aquifer Protection	No	Village Residential	Perpetuity	ALA	8.02	Aquifer Protection.	N/A	Good
Yew Street Conservation Area	-	Yew Street	Town of Douglas Conservation Commission	Conservation	Yes	Rural	Perpetuity	-	5.80	Passive recreation	Same	Good
Douglas Water Supply Land	Pump House	West Street	Town of Douglas Water Department	Water Supply	No	Rural	Perpetuity	-	13.15	Water Supply	N/A	Good
Douglas Water Supply Land	-	West Street	Town of Douglas Water Department	Water Supply	No	Rural	Perpetuity	-	2.84	Water Supply	N/A	Good
Mary Lynn Dube Conservation Area	-	Manchaug Street	Town of Douglas Conservation Commission	Conservation	Yes	Rural	Perpetuity	-	9.32	Walking / Hiking	Fishing, hiking, community garden, nature viewing.	Fair
Douglas Center Common	-	Common Street	Town of Douglas	Conservation	Yes	Residential Commercial-One	Perpetuity	-	0.65	Passive recreation	Small events, pollinator area	Good

Table 7. State-owned Open Space and Recreation Lands in Douglas, MA

Site Name	Alternate Site Name	Owner	Manager	Primary Purpose	Public Access	Level of Protection	Grant Funding	GIS Acres
Douglas State Forest	-	DCR - Division of State Parks and Recreation	-	Conservation and Recreation	Yes	Perpetuity	-	5724.85
Mine Brook WMA	-	Department of Fish and Game	-	Conservation	Yes	Perpetuity	-	346.693355

UNPROTECTED OPEN SPACE

The term "open space" often refers only to conservation land, land used for recreation, agricultural land and parks that are owned or operated by an agency dedicated to conservation. However, "open space" can also refer to any undeveloped land with conservation or recreational interest.

Chapter 61 Lands

In Massachusetts, Chapter 61, 61A, and 61B lands are important because they are designated as "forest and agricultural" lands and are intended for the production of timber and other forest products, as well as for the protection of agricultural land and the promotion of agricultural and horticultural activities.

Chapter 61, 61A, and 61B lands are defined by the Massachusetts General Laws and are managed by the state's Department of Agricultural Resources. Chapter 61 lands are forested lands of 10+ acres that are managed with forest plans and are subject to special property tax rates as an incentive for landowners to keep their land in forestry or agricultural use. Chapter 61A lands are agricultural lands and meet certain other requirements and are also subject to special property tax rates. And Chapter 61B lands are land used for recreation (archery, hiking, hunting, nature study, etc.), or for the condition of the land (landscaped, pasture, or forest, and what natural resources are preserved) and are also eligible for special tax rates.

These lands are important for many reasons, such as:

- Maintaining the state's working landscapes and preserving its agricultural and horticultural heritage
- Conserving biodiversity and natural resources like water, soil and wildlife.
- Supporting local economies by providing wood products and fresh produce and by maintaining a unique landscape that attracts tourists.
- Offering opportunities for outdoor recreation and education about the state's natural resources and agricultural heritage.
- Helping to mitigate the effects of climate change by sequestering carbon, reducing erosion and protecting water resources.

Chapter 61, 61A, and 61B lands play an important role in protecting the natural and cultural heritage of Massachusetts, promoting economic growth, and providing a wide range of recreational and educational opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

While important for temporary protections, parcels taxed under the Chapter 61 (Forestry), Chapter 61A (agriculture) and Chapter 61B (Recreation) tax classifications are in private ownership and are not permanently protected open space areas. The tax classification enables the lands to be taxed at their use value rather than the full fair market value. The Town has the right of first refusal if the parcels are sold prior to the

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expiration of the tax-abated status. This allows the Town to protect individual open space parcels as they enter the market or become threatened by development.

Table 8. Chapter 61 Lands in Douglas, MA

Chapter 61 - Forest Property		
Chapter Land Type	Acres	%
0 NORTHWEST MAIN ST	683.32	35.13%
0 WEBSTER ST	79.47	4.09%
455 NORTHWEST MAIN ST	80.98	4.16%
0 OAK ST	20.52	1.05%
6 LEDGEWOOD DR	4.67	0.24%
0 LEDGEWOOD DR	10.06	0.52%
74 ISLAND RD	17.26	0.89%
0 DAVIS ST	0.86	0.04%
11 WALLIS COVE RD	51.14	2.63%
67 ISLAND RD	19.33	0.99%
49 ISLAND RD	9.33	0.48%
109 MAIN ST	27.17	1.40%
0 YEW ST	54.53	2.80%
188 YEW ST	32.23	1.66%
247 YEW ST	13.84	0.71%
305 YEW ST	7.66	0.39%
319 YEW ST	2.05	0.11%
322 YEW ST	32.38	1.66%
0 CLIFF ST	38.54	1.98%
22 ORANGE ST	19.36	1.00%
0 ORANGE ST	40.11	2.06%
33 PARKER RD	5.13	0.26%
0 ORANGE ST	206.03	10.59%
0 PERRY ST	131.51	6.76%
12 WHITE CT	1.78	0.09%
60 PERRY ST	6.07	0.31%
0 WHITE CT	20.45	1.05%
0 LEDGESTONE RD	0.74	0.04%
0 NORTHWEST MAIN ST	18.24	0.94%
74 CHESTNUT ST	54.10	2.78%
293 SOUTHEAST MAIN ST	176.20	9.06%
195 PERRY ST	9.13	0.47%

203 PERRY ST	13.46	0.69%
68 CHESTNUT ST	4.16	0.21%
120 ORANGE ST	53.34	2.74%
Grand Total	1,945.15	100.00%

Table 9. Chapter 61 A Lands in Douglas, MA

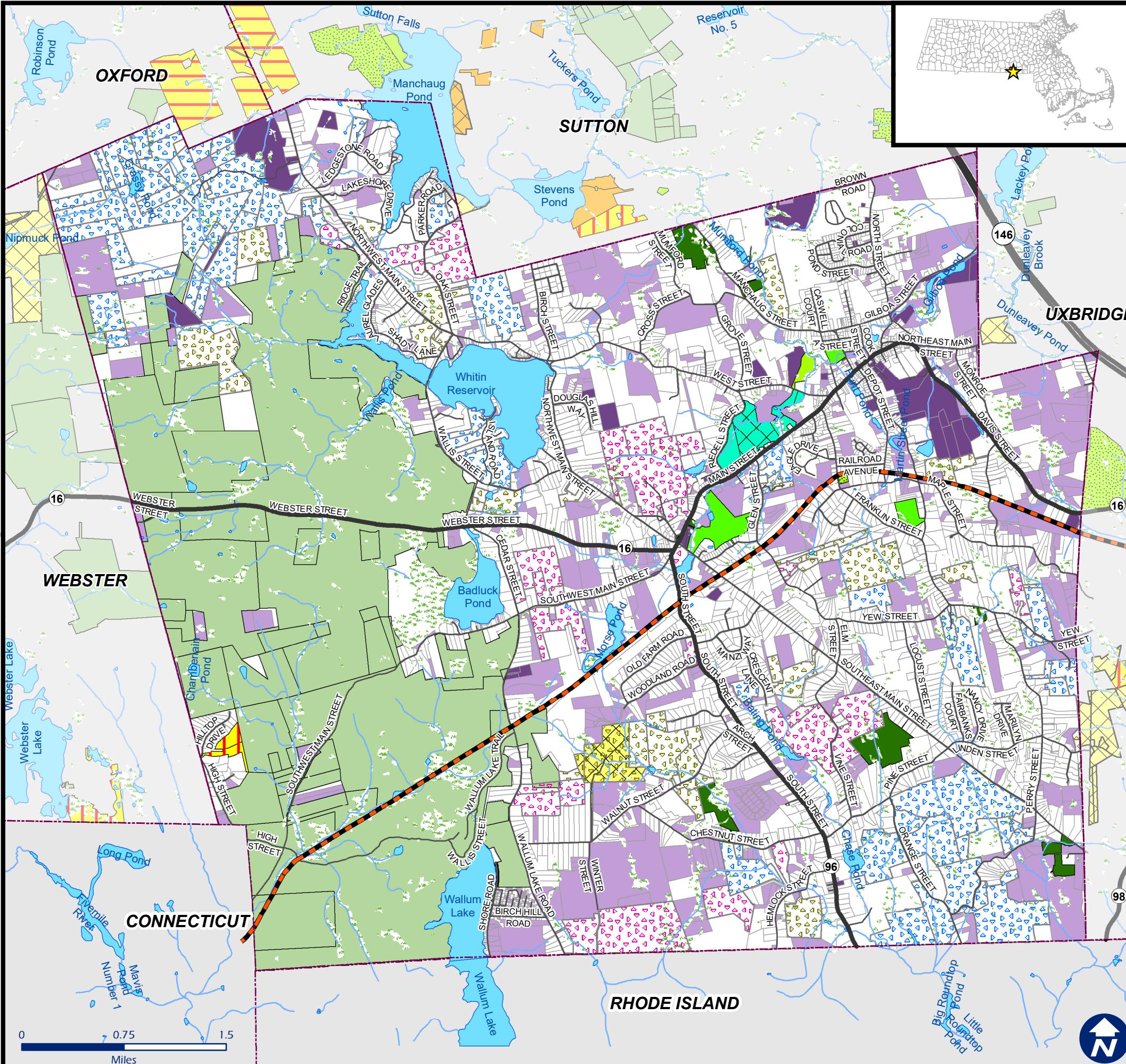
Chapter 61A - Agricultural/Horticultural Property		
Chapter Land Type	Acres	%
0 NORTHWEST MAIN ST	14.89	1.45%
714 NORTHWEST MAIN ST	0.29	0.03%
70 OAK ST	37.87	3.69%
60 OAK ST	5.63	0.55%
45 OAK ST	40.96	3.99%
79 OAK ST	28.26	2.75%
0 CHURCH ST	72.80	7.10%
29 CHURCH ST	129.17	12.59%
17 CHURCH ST	10.03	0.98%
0 RIEDELL RD	18.48	1.80%
0 SOUTHWEST MAIN ST	61.88	6.03%
0 WALLUM LAKE RD	138.41	13.49%
11 CEDAR ST	8.42	0.82%
96 SOUTHWEST MAIN ST	45.82	4.47%
93 SOUTHWEST MAIN ST	8.69	0.85%
1 MAIN ST	8.42	0.82%
0 YEW ST	23.18	2.26%
74 YEW ST	4.69	0.46%
75 SOUTH ST	12.56	1.22%
0 VINE ST	10.31	1.00%
164 WALLUM LAKE RD	34.76	3.39%
96 VINE ST	79.32	7.73%
77 VINE ST	88.02	8.58%
38 CHESTNUT ST	15.22	1.48%
55 HEMLOCK ST	46.55	4.54%
97 SOUTHWEST MAIN ST	9.93	0.97%
0 WALNUT ST	22.36	2.18%
312 WALLUM LAKE RD	35.26	3.44%
154 WALLUM LAKE RD	13.81	1.35%
Grand Total	1025.99	100.00%

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Table 10. Chapter 61 B Lands in Douglas, MA

Chapter 61B - Recreational Property		
Chapter Land Type	Acres	%
0 MAPLE ST	17.76	1.98%
0 SOUTH ST	9.80	1.09%
0 NORTHWEST MAIN ST	36.73	4.09%
0 WEBSTER ST	101.80	11.34%
76 OAK ST	72.35	8.06%
29 OAK ST	6.65	0.74%
33 OAK ST	1.81	0.20%
0 MANCHAUG ST	41.70	4.64%
9 SHADY LN	25.66	2.86%
624 NORTHWEST MAIN ST	2.12	0.24%
618 NORTHWEST MAIN ST	5.07	0.56%
107 CEDAR ST	5.29	0.59%
0 CEDAR ST	5.12	0.57%
0 WALLIS ST	8.44	0.94%
22 GLEN ST	6.15	0.68%
24 GLEN ST	7.11	0.79%
95 MONROE ST	9.97	1.11%
0 SOUTHEAST MAIN ST	9.69	1.08%
0 YEW ST	33.75	3.76%
0 BALD HILL RD	30.75	3.42%
24 BALD HILL RD	82.20	9.15%
156 MARTIN RD	18.00	2.00%
59 WALNUT ST	54.72	6.09%
0 WOODLAND RD	28.40	3.16%
135 SOUTHEAST MAIN ST	34.60	3.85%
66 WALNUT ST	17.18	1.91%
40 WALLIS ST	28.32	3.15%
0 BIGELOW RD	2.12	0.24%
0 WALNUT ST	80.52	8.97%
0 LINDEN ST	2.82	0.31%
731 NORTHWEST MAIN ST	14.15	1.58%
135 WALNUT ST	91.30	10.17%
124 LINDEN ST	1.63	0.18%

122 LINDEN ST	4.26	0.47%
Grand Total	897.94	100.00%



Legend

- Town Boundary
- River, Stream
- Lake, Pond
- MassDEP Wetlands
- Active Rail Service
- Agricultural Preservation Restriction (04/2022)
- Major Road
- Local Road
- Southern New England Trunkline Trail
- Town Owned Land (FY2021)
- Undeveloped Land (FY2021)
- Chapter Land (FY2021)
- Chapter 61
- Chapter 61A
- Chapter 61B

Open Space Ownership (04/2022)

- Federal
- State
- Municipal - Conservation
- Municipal - Recreation
- Municipal - Water Supply Protection
- Private
- Non-Profit

Open Space Level of Protection (04/2022)

- Perpetuity*
- Limited
- None

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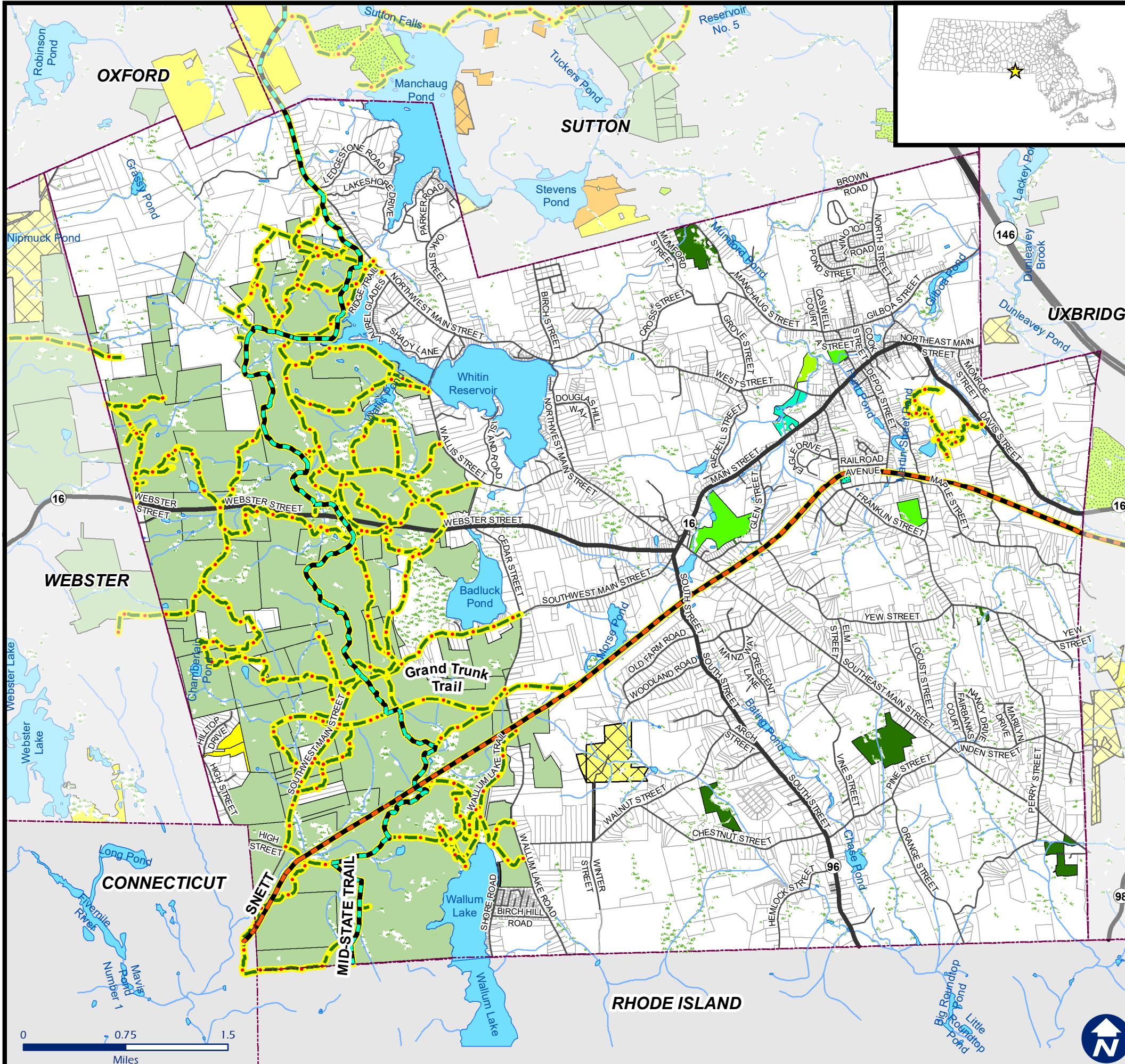
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MAP 10

TRAIL SYSTEM



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SECTION SIX

COMMUNITY VISION



SECTION SIX: COMMUNITY VISION

DESCRIPTION OF PROCESS

The first OSRP planning meeting kicked off on February 22, 2022, as part of a regularly scheduled Open Space Committee meeting. At this meeting, CMRPC and the Town reviewed the OSRP planning process, discussed roles and responsibilities, and began organizing public outreach strategies. In total, the Open Space Committee and CMRPC met a total of fifteen (15) times to thoroughly complete this update. Aside from the kickoff in February, the Open Space Committee also met on March 15, 2022, April 5, 2022, April 27, 2022, May 17, 2022, June 7, 2022, June 27, 2022, July 19, 2022, August 9, 2022, September 20, 2022, October 11, 2022, October 25, 2022, November 22, 2022, December 20, 2022, and January 10, 2023. At these meetings, the Open Space Committee collected data on open space and recreation needs of the Town, reviewed and edited maps, drafted a set of goals and objectives to promote the findings of this Plan, and organized public outreach opportunities. All meetings were properly posted and were recorded and broadcasted by Douglas Cable TV.

One such public outreach opportunity that the Open Space Committee organized included publishing and promoting a Community Input Survey. The Committee began planning the survey in February and March, and officially launched the survey on April 14, 2022. The survey was published on the Survey Monkey platform and was available to take online or via a paper copy. Posters and flyers advertising the survey were posted at public properties throughout Douglas including at the Simon Fairfield Public Library, Town Hall, Douglas Elementary School, Douglas Middle School, Douglas High School, Adult Social Center, Post Office, and at trailheads throughout Town. Flyers were also posted in privately owned establishments including E. N. Jenckes Store, Webster Credit Union, Uni Bank, Z-Mart, Family Convenience Center, Little Coffee Bean, Douglas House of Pizza, Goodness Store, Harry's Pizza, Mane Place, Douglas Flea Market, UXLocale, Grille on Main, Douglas Farm and Orchard, and Gregory's Pizza. The Committee also posted flyers and links to the survey online at the Town of Douglas Website, the We are Dynamic Douglas Facebook page, the Douglas Blackstone Valley Facebook page, and the Bay State Trail Riders Facebook page. The Committee further announced the survey at the Douglas Democrats Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting, and advertised the survey in print in the Yankee Xpress, New Uxbridge Times, and Blackstone Valley Tribune. And to gather feedback with an additional push, the Committee emailed information about the survey to the Bay State Trail Riders Association and to all students in the Douglas Public School system. Paper copies of the survey were available at the Town Hall, Douglas Middle School, Douglas High School, Simon Fairfield Public Library, Adult Social Center, and at the Annual Town Meeting. After much effort, the Committee closed the survey on June 15, 2022. In total, 316 responses were collected.

Following the conclusion of the Community Input Survey, the Committee began planning a public forum to gather additional feedback from residents and other

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stakeholders on the open space and recreation needs of the Town. The forum was held over two days, Wednesday, August 24, 2022, and Saturday, August 27, 2022. On August 24, the Committee invited residents and stakeholders to view a presentation regarding the OSRP planning process and preliminary findings. The presentation was held from 7:00 - 8:00 pm and could be viewed in-person at the Town Hall or could be viewed remotely via Zoom. The presentation was also recorded and broadcasted by Douglas Cable TV. On August 27, the Committee invited residents to meet them for a workshop outside at the Old Douglas Town Common. Participants were able to arrive any time between 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, to interact with maps and vision boards, and to share their suggestions for open space and recreation improvements.

STATEMENT OF OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION GOALS

The final Plan presented herein represents a culmination of town-wide efforts to bring all these stakeholders who have a vested interest in the future of Douglas into the planning process. The results of the Community Survey and the discussions from the public workshop were utilized to assess the needs of the Town and to develop the Seven-Year Action Plan. The goals, objectives, and actions contained in the next few sections of the plan provide a framework for the citizens of Douglas to guide the destiny of the Town through future open space and recreation acquisition, projects, initiatives, and plans. To work most effectively, the Committee focused the Douglas Open Space and Recreation Plan's action strategies on five goals:

1. Preserve the Rural Character of the Town
2. Protect the Town's Natural Resources
3. Build the Climate Resiliency of the Town
4. Improve the Town's Recreation Opportunities
5. Increase Public Engagement, Knowledge, and Utilization of the Town's Resources

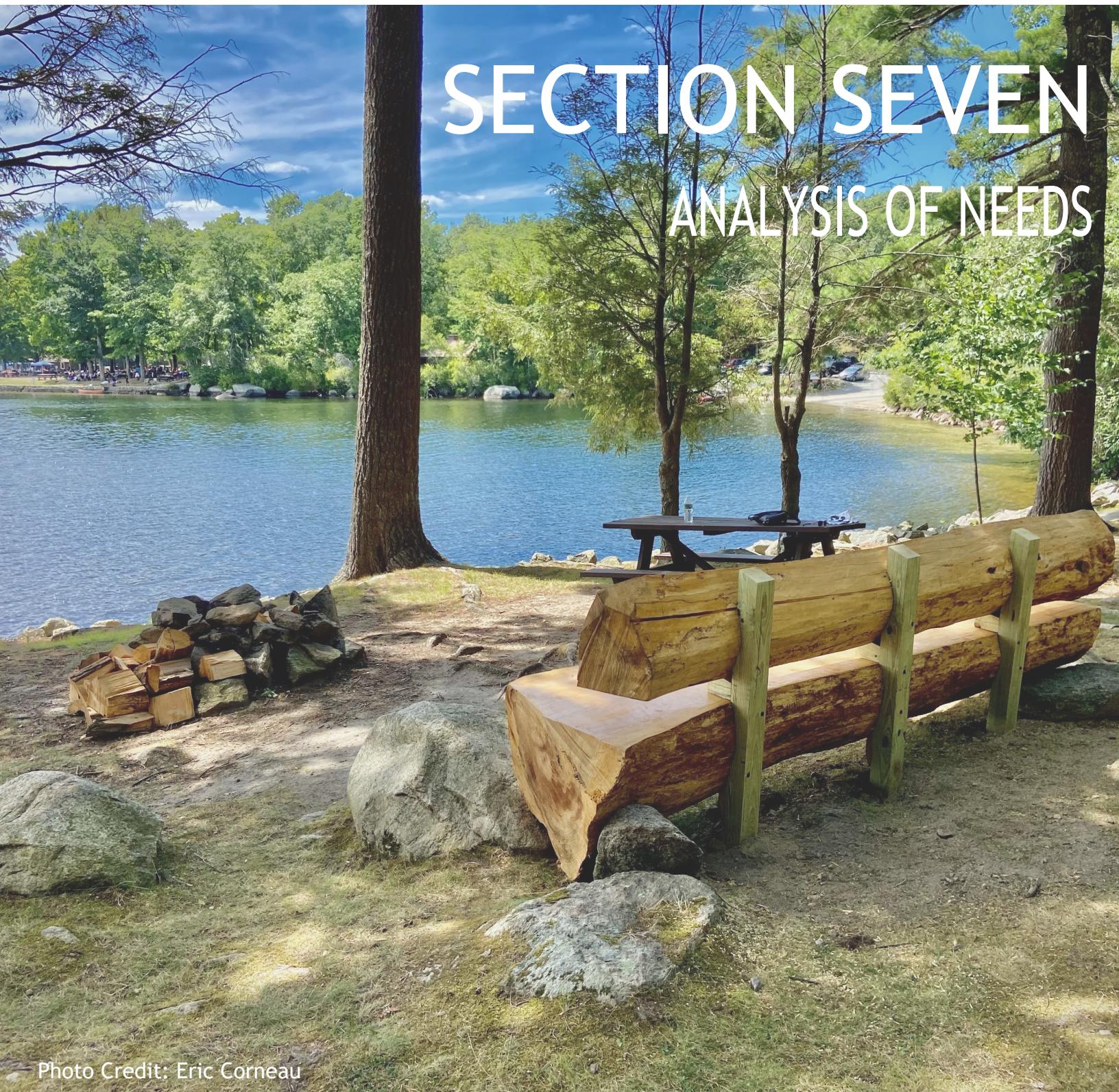
The Town of Douglas' OS&R Committee envisions a future where rural characteristics and natural resources are protected, while opportunities for enhanced climate resilience, recreation, and public engagement and education are leveraged.

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SECTION SEVEN

ANALYSIS OF NEEDS



SECTION SEVEN: ANALYSIS OF NEEDS

RESOURCE PROTECTION NEEDS

Protecting natural resources, open spaces, and recreational areas is essential for maintaining the health and biodiversity of the environment, as well as for providing opportunities for people to enjoy the outdoors and connect with nature. There are several ways to protect these resources, including:

- **Land acquisition and conservation:** One of the most effective ways to protect natural resources and open spaces is to acquire the land and set it aside as a protected area. This can include national parks, wildlife refuges, wilderness areas, and other types of conservation lands.
- **Regulations and zoning:** The Town can also protect natural resources and open spaces through regulations and zoning laws. For example, zoning laws can be used to limit or prohibit certain types of development in certain areas, such as wetlands, floodplains, or other ecologically sensitive areas.
- **Education and outreach:** Raising awareness about the importance of natural resources, open spaces, and recreational areas can help build support for conservation efforts and encourage people to take a more active role in protecting these resources.
- **Volunteer and stewardship programs:** involving the Douglas Community and volunteers in stewardship, monitoring and maintenance programs can help protect these areas and also help to educate them on the importance of these resources.
- **Working with private landowners:** Many natural resources and open spaces are located on private land. Programs that provide technical assistance and financial incentives to private landowners can help them manage these resources in ways that are consistent with conservation goals.

It is important to note that these are not mutually exclusive and often a combination of approaches is necessary to ensure proper protection and management of the resources.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

A foremost concern noted in the survey and public forum was the lack of available recreational opportunities. Existing facilities also needed maintenance and additional bathroom facilities. Adequate locations need to be identified and selected for the many opportunities proposed, including a Town Beach, a splash pad, a mountain biking skills park, and exercise/workout circuit, a disc golf course, and tennis/pickleball courts, and additional multi-use trails for people of all ages and ability. Additional parking for these activities was also mentioned several times, including the need for designated spaces for

horse trailers at trails allowing equestrian use.

Despite the concern of a lack of recreational resources in Town, it was also noted that many resources are currently underutilized or could be better publicized. The effective marketing of these resources can help in elevating the Town's visibility as an appealing destination for both visitors and potential residents. Additional tourism, through better promotion, can contribute to the growth of local businesses, create job opportunities, and generate revenue for the town. Thus, along with increasing maintenance of recreational facilities in town, existing locations should be further promoted to increase their usage. Signage and wayfinding could be improved across town for both conservation and recreation lands. The Town Website, social media, and local newspapers should be consistently updated with information on existing opportunities. Coordination with land trusts and other passive recreation landowners can ensure publicly available data on trails is posted on the same platforms and in the same formats to make the information more easily accessible.

Teens

The recreation needs of teenagers in Douglas was considered by the Open Space Committee. These needs are influenced by a variety of factors, including physical, social, and emotional development, as well as cultural and economic factors. Some key considerations for meeting the recreation needs of teenagers include:

- Physical Activity: Adolescents have a natural inclination towards physical activity and need regular opportunities to engage in physical activity, such as sports, fitness classes, or outdoor adventures like hiking, biking, or rock climbing.
- Socialization: Teenagers have a strong desire to connect with their peers and to belong to a group. Recreational opportunities that provide opportunities for socialization, such as team sports, clubs, or youth groups, can help teenagers to form friendships and develop a sense of community.
- Adventure and Risk-Taking: Teens are at a stage in their development where they are looking to push the boundaries and test their limits. Recreational opportunities that offer a sense of adventure and risk-taking, such as hiking, rock climbing, or team sports, can be particularly appealing to teenagers.
- Creative Expression: Adolescents are going through a stage in which they are trying to find their own identity, and many are looking for opportunities to express themselves creatively, whether that be through music, art, or other creative outlets.
- Self-Discovery: Teenagers are often searching for their place in the world and their purpose in life. Recreational opportunities that provide opportunities for self-discovery and personal growth, such as wilderness trips, leadership programs, or volunteer work can be beneficial.

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It's important to keep in mind that teenagers have different interests and abilities than other age groups, so it's important to consider their unique needs when planning recreational opportunities. Additionally, recreational opportunities should consider accessibility, availability of transportation and affordable fee structures, as well as hours of operation, as many teenagers may have work or school obligations.

In the Community Input Survey, 63 (34.62%) respondents were under 18 years old. Many of the responses vocalized issues related to youth interests. These include a desire for more recreation options, increases in trail maintenance, safer streets for cycling, and more sidewalks. Soldiers field was referred to several times with various improvements suggested, such as more lights, fencing, and additional recreation options. The skatepark could also be upgraded and better maintained as there are many skateboarders in the community that it could serve.

Regarding additional recreation options for teens, the suggestion to add an indoor recreational facility/ sports center was frequently cited in the survey as a desirable opportunity. Similarly, the idea of a bike park was also mentioned on multiple occasions along with the possibility of collaborating on such a project with the New England Mountain Biking Association. It was also suggested that the Town could use more rock climbing opportunities and that the boulders and cliffs available in the forest are hard to reach and overgrown.

Aging Adults

The Open Space Committee also considered the recreation needs of aging adults in the community. Recreation needs of aging adults can vary widely depending on the individual, but in general, they tend to have certain physical, social, and psychological needs that must be addressed. Some key considerations for meeting the recreation needs of aging adults include:

- **Accessibility:** As people age, they may experience physical limitations that make it difficult to participate in certain activities. Therefore, it is important to ensure that recreational opportunities are designed to be accessible to older adults, with features such as ramps, wide paths, and handrails.
- **Socialization:** Many older adults may experience feelings of isolation and loneliness. Recreational opportunities that provide opportunities for socialization, such as group fitness classes or organized outings, can help to combat these feelings and promote a sense of community.
- **Physical Activity:** Regular physical activity is important for maintaining good health and well-being, particularly as people age. Recreational opportunities that provide opportunities for physical activity, such as walking trails, golf, swimming, or fitness classes, can be beneficial for older adults.
- **Cognitive Stimulation:** Recreational activities that challenge the brain, such as puzzles, games, or learning new skills, can be beneficial for aging adults.
- **Life Enrichment:** Many older adults are looking for opportunities to learn, grow,

and feel fulfilled. Programs that offer educational and cultural opportunities or that encourage self-expression through arts or creative writing can be beneficial.

- Nature Connections: Many aging adults enjoy the tranquility and beauty of nature. They may benefit from outdoor recreational activities such as gardening, bird watching, or hiking, as well as indoor activities that incorporate nature elements, such as tai chi or yoga in a park.

It's important to keep in mind that older adults may have different interests and abilities than younger adults, so it's important to consider their unique needs when planning recreational opportunities. Additionally, it's important to keep in mind that older adults may have access to different resources such as transportation, time, and finances, so the recreational programs and spaces must be designed with this in mind.

In the Community Input Survey, 60 (32.97%) respondents were 55+ years old. Many of the responses vocalized issues related to aging adults. There was a strong desire for more recreation options suitable for an ageing population, including having an indoor recreation center, which could include a public swimming pool. Additional fishing locations, pickleball courts, and safe and accessible hiking and biking locations with increased maintenance were also desired.

Massachusetts Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

In this Open Space and Recreation Plan, the evaluation of the Town of Douglas's recreation needs goes beyond only the neighborhood and local level. The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, updated the Massachusetts Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) in 2017. (EEA), examining open space and recreation from a regional perspective. The SCORP aims to protect and improve recreational resources in the State by guiding the investment of funds and efforts toward this vision. The four main goals of the SCORP are as follows:

1. Provide access for underserved populations.
2. Support the Statewide Trails Initiative.
3. Increase the availability of water-based recreation.
4. Support the creation and renovation of neighborhood parks.

As Douglas is a part of the Central Massachusetts region, and is located in the Blackstone Valley, it was important to consider the Town's opportunities on a regional scale and how they measure up against the SCORP goals. Residents and stakeholders from surrounding towns in the region are drawn to Douglas for its vast preserved open space and forested lands. However, with a growing and developing region, the Town will need to expand and upgrade its recreational amenities in order to meet this increased demand. The goals, objectives, and action identified in the following sections of this plan fall in line with the SCORP goals listed above.

MANAGEMENT NEEDS, POTENTIAL CHANGE OF USE

A review of the Town of Douglas's open space and recreational facilities and their options revealed several management solutions that, when implemented, could make significant contributions to the efficiency of the town's facilities management.

- **Proper Planning:** Open spaces and recreational resources should be planned in a way that is sustainable and meets the needs of the community. This often involves conducting assessments of existing resources, identifying gaps in recreational opportunities, and creating a plan for managing and developing new resources.
- **Maintenance and Infrastructure:** Open spaces and recreational resources require regular maintenance, such as cleaning, mowing, and repairing infrastructure. This can ensure that they are safe and accessible for visitors.
- **Environmental Protection:** Open spaces and recreational resources should be managed in a way that protects the natural environment. This can involve implementing best management practices for controlling invasive species, preventing soil erosion, and preserving biodiversity.
- **Accessibility and Inclusion:** Accessible design should be integrated in the open spaces and recreational resources design and management. This means providing access to people of all ages and abilities, including those with mobility, sensory, and cognitive disabilities.
- **Education and Outreach:** Open spaces and recreational resources can be more valued and better used if people know more about them. Educational programs and public outreach can help people understand the importance of these resources, how to use them responsibly, and how to become involved in their management.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Management of open spaces and recreational resources should include ongoing monitoring and evaluation to assess their condition, use, and effectiveness. This data can be used to make decisions about how to maintain and improve these resources.
- **Funding and Partnerships:** Open spaces and recreational resources often require significant funding to plan, develop, and maintain. Partnerships with local organizations and businesses can help to secure funding and support, and can also bring additional resources and expertise to the management of these spaces.
- **Security and Emergency Preparedness:** providing the right security measures in the open spaces and recreational resources can increase the residents' and visitors' sense of safety. Creating emergency plans for responses to any emergency situation that may happen in the area could be implemented.

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SECTION EIGHT

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

SECTION EIGHT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

To aid in the achievement of the goals that the Open Space Committee developed during this planning process, the Committee also established a set of objectives unique to each goal.

Those objectives are as follows:

GOAL 1: PRESERVE THE RURAL CHARACTER OF THE TOWN

- A. Protect and Promote Local Agriculture
- B. Retain Private Forests and Trees
- C. Maintain Historic Character and Scenic Resources
- D. Prioritize Open Space Preservation

GOAL 2: PROTECT THE TOWN'S NATURAL RESOURCES

- A. Fortify Surface and Groundwater Resources from Adverse Impacts
- B. Maintain and Increase Wildlife Habitats and Corridors
- C. Retain the Native Ecosystem and Reduce Urban Pollution

GOAL 3: BUILD THE CLIMATE RESILIENCY OF THE TOWN

- A. Reduce Flooding and Stormwater Concerns
- B. Strengthen the Awareness of Extreme Temperatures and Drought Impacts
- C. Reduce Impacts Caused by Winter Storms and Severe Storms

GOAL 4: IMPROVE THE TOWN'S RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

- A. Maintain and Expand Active Recreation Facilities and Programs
- B. Promote and Expand Passive Recreation Opportunities
- C. Provide Recreation Opportunities to a Diverse Range of Interests and Abilities

GOAL 5: INCREASE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, KNOWLEDGE, AND UTILIZATION OF THE TOWN'S RESOURCES

- A. Expand and Promote Cultural and Arts Opportunities
- B. Increase the Utilization and Awareness of the Town's Resources
- C. Develop Local and Regional Partnerships

In the next section, the Open Space Committee details a seven-year action plan to help build towards these goals and objectives.

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SECTION NINE

SEVEN-YEAR ACTION PLAN

SECTION NINE: SEVEN-YEAR ACTION PLAN

In order to better meet the resource protection, community, and management needs, the Open Space Committee has recommended a series of actions to accompany the previously stated goals and objectives. These actions are estimated to take place over the next seven years, and offer recommendations for responsible parties, priority, timing, and potential funding sources.

Table 11. Seven-Year Action Plan

Douglas 2023 Open Space and Recreation Plan, Seven-Year Action Plan

GOAL 1: Preserve the Rural Character of the Town						
Objective	Action	Responsible Party	Priority	Timing	Funding Source	
Protect and Promote Local Agriculture	Construct a community garden space and identify a location nearby for composting.	Highway Department, Open Space Committee, & Community Group	Low	3 - 4 Years	PARC Grant, MVP Action Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation	
	Designate the Town as a Right-to-Farm community.	Open Space Committee & Future Agricultural Commission	Medium	2 - 3 Years	ACRE Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA Hours	
	Work with Conservation Commission and others to determine the need for Agricultural Preservation Restrictions and encourage use as necessary.	Conservation Commission, Metacomet Land Trust, & Open Space Committee	Medium	2 - 3 Years, Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA	
	Identify and promote access to local agricultural products.	Open Space Committee & Future Agricultural Commission	Medium	2 - 3 Years, Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA	
Retain Private Forests and Trees	Develop forest management best practices on Town lands and promote with private landowners.	Conservation Commission, Planning Board, State Forester	Low	Ongoing	MVP Action Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation	
	Develop and implement a Tree Protection Bylaw, or something similar, to prevent clear cutting of residential, commercial, and industrial parcels.	Planning Board, Open Space Committee, Conservation Commission, & Board of Selectmen	High	1 - 2 Years	MVP Action Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation	
	Develop an outreach program to educate the public on the benefits of the Community Preservation Act.	Open Space Committee, Historical Commission, Historical Society, Metacomet Land Trust, & Planning Board	High	2 Years	MVP Action Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA Hours	
Maintain Historic Character and Scenic Resources	Adopt the Community Preservation Act.	Open Space Committee, Historic Commission, Historical Society, Metacomet Land Trust, Planning Board, & Board of Selectmen	High	2 or 6 Years	MVP Action Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA Hours	

	Encourage the Historic Commission, or other group, to update and promote the existing inventory of the Town's historic & archaeological resources. Archaeological inventories cannot be released to the public but can prove to be a valuable tool to aid in future planning and development efforts.	Historic Commission & Historical Society	Medium	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA
	Develop preservation strategies for the Heritage Landscapes so that more are not lost to deterioration or development pressures.	Historic Commission & Planning Board	Medium	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA, MVP Action Grant
	Adopt a Noise Control Bylaw	Planning Board, Board of Health, & Board of Selectmen	High	1 - 2 Years	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA, MVP Action Grant
	Adopt a Lighting Control/Lighting Pollution Bylaw.	Planning Board, Board of Health, & Board of Selectmen	High	1 - 2 Years	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA, MVP Action Grant
	Strengthen open space preservation and tree protection in Zoning Bylaw and Regulations.	Open Space Committee, Planning Board, & Board of Selectmen	High	Ongoing	DLTA, LPA Hours, MVP Action Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation
Prioritize Open Space Preservation	Establish a land bank for future land acquisitions.	Open Space Committee & Board of Selectmen	High	1 - 2 Years	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA, MVP Action Grant
	Work with the town planner and assessor to identify parcels that may provide access to recreational resources and/or that are contiguous with other open space parcels through the disposition of tax title properties meeting localized recreational needs.	Town Planner, Planning Board, Town Assessor, & Open Space Committee	Medium	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA
	Prioritize parcels under Chapter 61 for future acquisition.	Open Space Committee & Board of Selectmen	High	1 Year, Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA
	Contact landowners on conservation/recreation valuable land to acquire land or easement for potential greenways.	Open Space Committee	Medium	2 - 3 Years, Ongoing	Town Staff, Volunteers

GOAL 2: Protect the Town's Natural Resources

Objective	Action	Responsible Party	Priority	Timing	Funding Source
Fortify Surface and Groundwater Resources from Adverse Impacts	Identify priority preservation areas around the town water supply wells & within groundwater protection districts.	Water Department	Medium	1 - 2 Years	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA, MVP Action Grant, Drinking Water Supply Fund

	Identify priority protection areas critical to preserving private water supply wells in areas of high risk due to adjacent land use or development threats	Water Department, Planning Board, & Conservation Commission	High	2 Years	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA, MVP Action Grant, Drinking Water Supply Fund
Maintain and Increase Wildlife Habitats and Corridors	Identify habitats to protect/preserve and create a prioritization list.	Open Space Committee & MassWildlife	High	1 - 2 Years	MVP Action Grant, Town Staff, DLTA, Town Allocation, LPA Hours
	Utilize funding to acquire and preserve lands to increase wildlife corridors.	Open Space Committee & Metacomet Land Trust	High	Ongoing	LAND Grant, Conservation Partnership Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant
Retain the Native Ecosystem and Reduce Urban Pollution	Identify and keep track of changes in insect, deer, and plant/tree populations.	Open Space Committee & DCR	Low	Ongoing	Town Staff, DLTA, Volunteers
	Install more electric car charging stations.	Board of Selectmen	High	Ongoing	MassEVIP Public Access Charging Program, MVP Action Grant, BRIC Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation
	Identify roadways to promote as bike route options.	Highway Department, Board of Selectmen	Medium	2 - 3 Years, Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, MassTrails Grant, Shared Streets and Spaces Grant

GOAL 3: Build the Climate Resiliency of the Town

Objective	Action	Responsible Party	Priority	Timing	Funding Source
Reduce Flooding and Stormwater Concerns	Install bioswales at sidewalks in new constructions/developments.	Highway Department, Planning Board, & Developers	Low	Ongoing	MVP Action Grant, BRIC Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA
	Assess the culverts near the Town's open space and recreation facilities, and upgrade as necessary using stormwater best management practices.	Open Space Committee & Highway Department	Low	Ongoing	MVP Action Grant, BRIC Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation, Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant
	Educate the public on building within flood hazard areas.	Conservation Commission	Low	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA, MVP Action Grant, BRIC Grant
	Educate the public on impacts of fertilizer runoff from properties within a certain distance of water resources.	Board of Health	Medium	1 - 2 Years	MVP Action Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA Hours

Strengthen the Awareness of Extreme Temperatures and Drought Impacts	Develop a public education campaign about insect-borne diseases and prevention.	Board of Health, Economic Development Commission, & Tree Warden	Medium	Ongoing	Town Staff, Volunteers, MVP Action Grant
	Develop a public education campaign about drought and wildfire awareness.	Fire Department & Board of Health	Medium	Ongoing	Town Staff, Volunteers, MVP Action Grant
	Install a local weather station to monitor temperature and precipitation changes.	School Committee	Medium	2 - 3 Years	MVP Action Grant, BRIC Grant, HMGP, Town Staff, Town Allocation
	Develop best management practices for treating roads during ice and snowstorms with organic matter.	Highway Department, Board of Selectmen, & Board of Health	Medium	Ongoing	MVP Action Grant, BRIC Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation
Reduce Impacts Caused by Winter Storms and Severe Storms					

GOAL 4: Improve the Town's Recreation Opportunities

Objective	Action	Responsible Party	Priority	Timing	Funding Source
Maintain and Expand Active Recreation Facilities and Programs	Install bathroom facilities/porta potties/compost toilets in high traffic recreation facilities around Town, particularly at Martin Road Recreation Area.	Recreation Commission, Highway Department, Board of Health	Medium (as needed)	Ongoing	PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, MVP Action Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation, ADA Grant
	Identify a location for and construct tennis/pickleball courts.	Recreation Commission	Medium	2 - 3 Years	Town Staff, Town Allocation, PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund
	Identify a location for and install a disc golf course.	Recreation Commission, Open Space Committee, Conservation Commission	Medium	1 - 2 Years	Town Staff, Town Allocation, PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund
	Identify locations for and construct an exercise/workout circuit.	Recreation Commission, Open Space Committee, Eagle Scouts	Low	5 - 6 Years	Town Staff, Town Allocation, PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund, MassTrails Grant
	Design and construct a multi-use path around the Martin Road Recreation property, connecting the playground, the upper field, and the lower field together.	Recreation Commission, Open Space Committee	Medium	2 - 4 Years	Town Staff, Town Allocation, PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund, MassTrails Grant

<p>Promote and Expand Passive Recreation Opportunities</p>	Identify a location and construct a mountain biking skills park. Partner with the New England Mountain Biking Association to accomplish this.	Recreation Commission, Open Space Committee, New England Mountain Biking Association	Low	6 - 7 Years	Town Staff, Town Allocation, PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund, MassTrails Grant
	Partner with the school to upgrade and maintain the skatepark.	Recreation Commission, School Committee	Low	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund
	Partner with the Baystate Trail Riders and DCR to upgrade signage along the Trunkline Trail.	Open Space Committee, Baystate Trail Riders, DCR	Medium	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, MassTrails Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund
	Develop a Trail Stewardship program and/or Trails Committee. Start stewardship program within the Open Space Committee and expand as needed.	Board of Selectmen, Open Space Committee, Conservation Commission	Medium	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, MassTrails Grant
	Explore the feasibility of marking bike lanes on appropriate roads across Town.	Highway Department, Recreation Commission, Board of Selectmen	Medium	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, MassTrails Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Shared Streets and Spaces Grant
	Install signage along the trail at Manchaug Road Conservation Area to indicate direction to follow.	Open Space Committee, Conservation Commission	Medium	1 - 2 Years	Town Staff, Town Allocation, MassTrails Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund
	Partner with the Adult Social Center in providing activities and recreational opportunities for this growing segment of our population.	Council on Aging, Adult Social Center, Open Space Committee, Recreation Commission	Medium	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA, APA Grant
	Identify a location to acquire and install a public Town Beach.	Open Space Committee, Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, Board of Selectmen	High	2 - 4 Years	Town Staff, Town Allocation, LAND Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund
	Identify and acquire open space lands as properties become available.	Open Space Committee, Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, Board of Selectmen	High	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, LAND Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund, PARC Grant, MVP Action Grant

Provide Recreation Opportunities to a Diverse Range of Interests and Abilities	Partner with conservation commission/land trusts or any other agencies and support land acquisition and easements that help advance trail construction and connectivity	Conservation Committee, DCR, Metacomet Land Trust	High	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA, MassTrails Grant
	Identify locations to expand trails or provide connections to new trails in Town. Improve accessibility and/or provide ADA access where feasible along these trails.	Open Space Committee, Conservation Commission, Future Trail Stewardship Group, Assessor's Office, Planning Board	High	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, MassTrails Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund, ADA Grant
	Identify a location and construct a splash pad with handicap accessible features.	Recreation Commission	Medium	2 - 4 Years	Town Staff, Town Allocation, PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund, ADA Grant
	Install a cutout in the curb at Douglas Common (next to future accessible spaces), ensuring the cutout is at least 3 ft. wide.	Highway Department	High	1 Year	PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, ADA Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation
	Install at least two accessible parking spaces with signage, at Douglas Common and Pine Needle Park. Ensure one space is large enough for a van.	Highway Department	High	1 Year	PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, ADA Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation
	Install three to four accessible parking spaces with signage at Soldier's Field and Martin Road Conservation Recreation property. Ensure one space is large enough for a van at each property.	Highway Department, Conservation Commission	High	1 Year	PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, ADA Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation
	Repair the gazebo at Douglas Common to fix the roof, level the stairs, and install handrails on the stairs.	Douglas Common Committee, Board of Selectmen	High	1 - 2 Years	PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, ADA Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation
	Resurface the parking area at Manchaug Road Conservation Area. (Grade, reconfigure, resurface)	Highway Department, Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee	Medium	1 - 2 Years	PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, ADA Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation
	Install three ADA accessible picnic tables with cutouts for wheelchairs at Soldier's Field.	Highway Department, Building Inspector, Recreation Commission, Eagle Scouts	Medium	2 - 3 Years	PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, ADA Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation

	Improve the bathroom at Soldier's Field by extending the ramp to make it ADA compliant, installing grab bars near the toilet, and installing faucets that are operable with closed fists.	Highway Department, Building Inspector, Recreation Commission	High	2 - 3 Years	PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, ADA Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation
	Construct a covered picnic area at Martin Road Recreation area with at least one ADA accessible picnic table.	Recreation Commission, Building Inspector, Highway Department	High	2 - 3 Years	PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, ADA Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation
	Relocate the bleachers at Martin Road Recreation area's upper field to a flat area with room to safely park a wheelchair on both sides of the bleachers.	Recreation Commission, Building Inspector, Highway Department, Board of Selectmen	High	1 - 2 Years	PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, ADA Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation
	Repave/resurface the ramp at the Martin Road Recreation area playground to allow access to the playground by wheelchair.	Recreation Commission, Building Inspector, Highway Department, Board of Selectmen	High	1 - 2 Years	PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, ADA Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation
	Install an additional cutout in the berm around the playground at the Martin Road Recreation area.	Recreation Commission, Building Inspector, Highway Department, Board of Selectmen	High	1 - 2 Years	PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, ADA Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation
	Continue to identify locations that can be used for recreational opportunities and work to develop and promote those locations and activities.	Recreation Commission, Open Space Committee, Planning Board	High	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA
	Install a ramp to provide better access to the porta potty at the upper field at the Martin Road Recreation area. Ensure the ramp has a maximum slope of 1:12 and handrails, with a width of 4 ft.	Recreation Commission, Building Inspector, Highway Department, Board of Selectmen	High	1 - 2 Years	PARC Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, ADA Grant, Town Staff, Town Allocation

GOAL 5: Increase Public Engagement, Knowledge, and Utilization of the Town's Resources

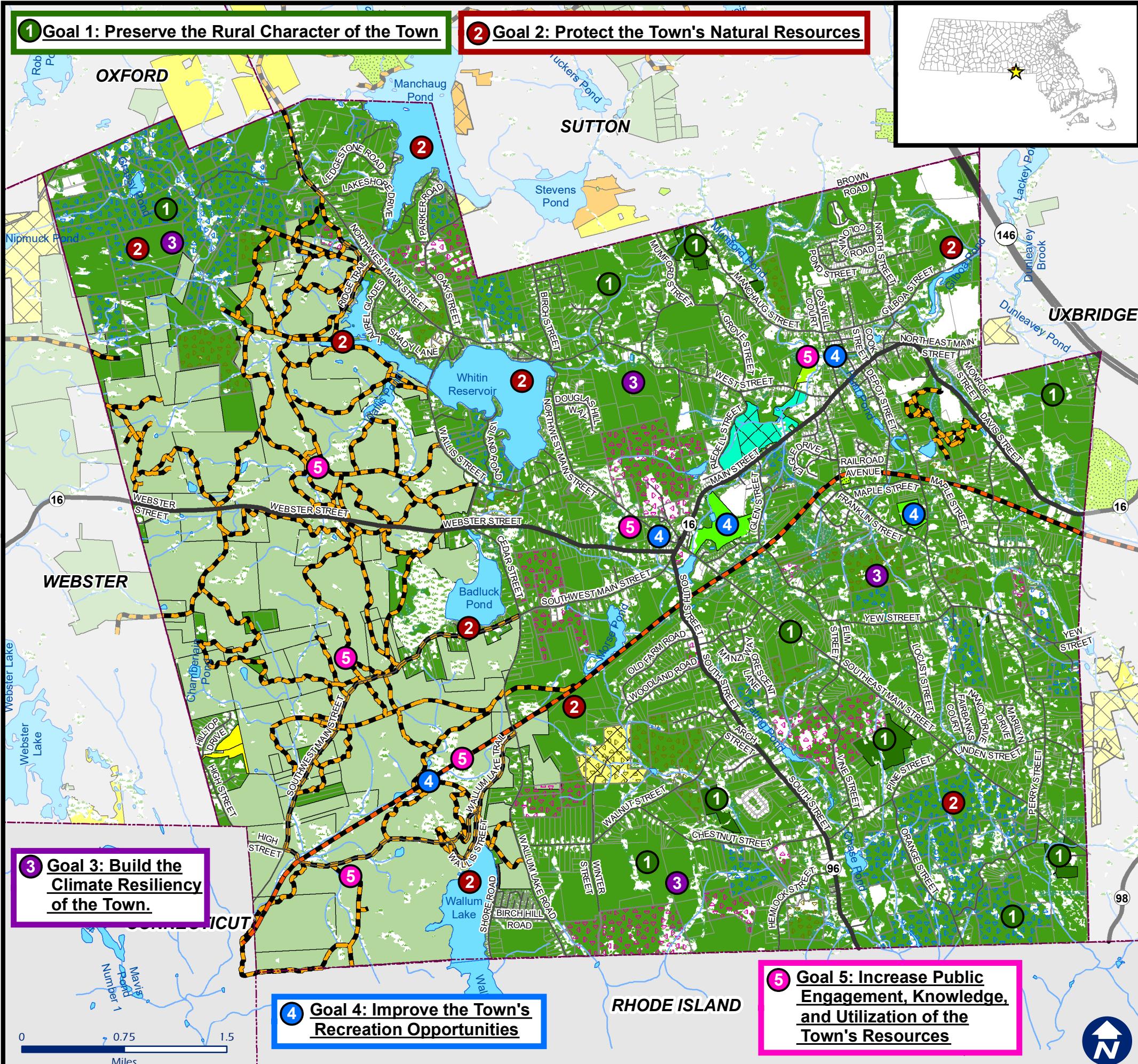
Objective	Action	Responsible Party	Priority	Timing	Funding Source
Expand and Promote Cultural and Arts Opportunities	Host free concerts and movie nights at Douglas Common.	Recreation Commission, Library, Historical Society, Local Non-Profits	Medium	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, Volunteers, Cultural Council
	Working with appropriate parties, promote outdoor events and activities.	Recreation Commission, Local Non-Profits	Low	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA
	Host an annual craft fair/flea market at Soldiers Field.	Local Non-Profits	Medium	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, Volunteers, Cultural Council

Increase the Utilization and Awareness of the Town's Resources	Expand/improve parking at trailheads at town-owned properties.	Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee, Community Development Department, Highway Department	Medium	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, Volunteers, MassTrails Grant
	Work with MA GIS to have consistency with signage and names of properties in Town and in their database.	MA GIS, Community Development Department, Planning Board, Open Space Committee, Assessor's Office, Board of Selectmen	High	1 Year	Town Staff, Town Allocation, Volunteers
	Explore the feasibility of expanding or installing sidewalks to recreational destinations in Town.	Community Development Department, Highway Department	Low	2 - 4 Years	Town Staff, Town Allocation, Shared Streets and Open Spaces Grant,
	Create a page on the Town's website that lists recreation destinations in Town and their amenities/attractions. Develop trail maps highlighting destinations and attractions around Town.	Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee, Recreation Commission, Community Development Department, CMRPC, DCR	High	1 - 2 Years, Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, Volunteers, DLTA, LPA Hours, MassTrails Grant
	Host trail events at various conservation areas.	Recreation Commission, Open Space Committee, DCR, Bay State Trails Riders, Metacomet	Medium	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, Volunteers
	Create an outdoor activities page on the Town's website and keep up to date with existing and future outdoor opportunities and events.	Community Development Department	High	1 Year, Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation
	Add educational/interpretive signage of unique features on town-owned conservation/recreation lands.	Historical Society, Recreation Commission, Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee	Low	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA
	Partner with DCR to keep the SNETT unpaved.	DCR, Board of Selectmen, Bay State Trail Riders, Metacomet Land Trust	High	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, Volunteers
	Partner with the Blackstone Valley Beagle Club to host youth shooting or youth archery programs.	Blackstone Valley Beagle Club, Recreation Commission	Medium	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, Volunteers
	Send outdoor activities page to other local, regional, and state organizations to promote outdoor tourism in Douglas.	Community Development Department	High	1 Year, Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA
Develop Local and Regional Partnerships	Build partnerships with state, federal, conservation groups, and non-profits for stewardship of open space and recreation lands in Town.	Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee, Recreation Commission	Medium	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, DLTA, LPA
	Partner with the Scouts for assistance with conservation and recreation projects.	Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, Open Space Committee, Scouts	Medium	Ongoing	Town Staff, Town Allocation, Volunteers

MAP 11

ACTION PLAN

Town of Douglas 2022 Open Space & Recreation Plan



Legend

Town Boundary	2016 Land Use/Land Cover
River, Stream	Forest (1)
Lake, Pond	Forested Wetland (1)
MassDEP Wetlands	
Active Rail Service	Chapter Land (FY2021)
Major Road	Chapter 61 (1)
Local Road	Chapter 61A (1)
Southern New England Trunkline Trail	Chapter 61B (1)
Other Trails	

Open Space Ownership (1)

Federal	Municipal - Water Supply Protection
State	Municipal
Municipal - Conservation	Private
Municipal - Recreation	Non-Profit

Level of Protection (1)

Perpetuity*
Limited
None

(1) Open Space data from MassGIS. Current as of 04/2022.

Information depicted on this map is for planning purposes only. This information is not adequate for legal boundary definition, regulatory interpretation, or parcel-level analysis. Use caution interpreting positional accuracy.

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Source: Data provided by the Town of Douglas, CMRPC and the Office of Geographic Information (MassGIS), Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Information Technology Division.

Open Space & Recreation Plan

Town of Douglas

SECTION TEN PUBLIC COMMENT



SECTION TEN: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Multiple draft versions of this update of the Open Space and Recreation Plan were distributed to the Planning Board, Select Board, and the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC). Section 2B. Planning Process and Public Participation discusses the public participation process that was followed to gain municipal and public input.

The following required letters of support are attached:

- Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC)
- Douglas Select Board
- Douglas Planning Board



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March 18, 2023

RE: Town of Douglas 2023 Open Space and Recreation Plan

Dear Ms. Cryan;

The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) is writing this letter in support of the Town of Douglas and its recently completed 2023 Open Space & Recreation Plan. The Town and its volunteer boards and committees to be commended for their hard work putting this Plan together.

The Town and its consultant, the CMRPC, have done a very thorough job and the final document appears compliant with the standards for such plans as promulgated by your office. This plan highlights how Douglas continues to be a desirable place to live and examines the demand and pressures associated with residential development. Douglas has recognized the need to balance new development with the need to protect open space and enhance recreation opportunities.

Douglas's Open Space and Recreation Plan will provide the Town with the specific guidance and action steps needed to accomplish its goals and objectives. These goals and objectives, which have been informed by significant community input, are clearly laid out in this plan. This Plan also recognizes the need for partnerships with public and private entities to make its goals and objectives a reality. To this end, several local groups, such as land trusts and private land owners, are included in the plan and referenced in several objectives. The Town of Douglas will be well-served by having a State-approved Open Space and Recreation Plan in order to plan for its recreation facilities and programs, as well as to preserve and protect its valuable open spaces and natural resources.

Please consider this letter to be a demonstration of CMRPC's support for the Plan and the process used to develop it.

Sincerely,

Dani Marini, Environmental Planner
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission



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RE: Town of Douglas Open Space and Recreation Plan 2023

Ms. Cryan,

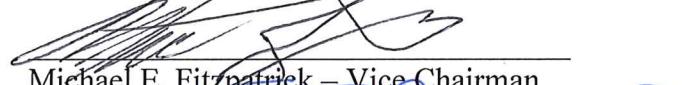
Please accept this letter of support from the Town of Douglas Select Board for the 2023 Open Space & Recreation Plan that the town, along with its dedicated boards and committees have been working on diligently to compile and complete.

We would like to thank all involved for their commitment and hard work to put this plan into motion, and again have our full support.

Respectfully,

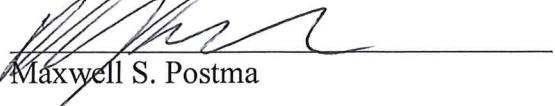
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May 4, 2023

Melissa Cryan
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Re: Letter of Support – 2023 Open Space and Recreation Plan

Ms. Cryan,

At its meeting of April 27, 2023, the Douglas Planning Board voted unanimously to support the Draft 2023 Open Space and Recreation Plan for the Town of Douglas. The Douglas Planning Board acknowledges the hard work and efforts by the volunteers of our Open Space Committee, as well as the assistance provided by the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission to produce a well-detailed plan for our beloved community. The Planning Board aims to build off these efforts when it begins to overhaul its Master Plan and is grateful for the Open Space Committee's work on its OSRP.

Respectfully,



Tracy Sharkey
Chairperson

Open Space & Recreation Plan

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OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN

Town of Douglas

APPENDIX



Open Space Committee

Tuesday, March 15, 2022



Date: March 15, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Resource Room

Address: 29 Depot Street
Douglas, MA 01516

Agenda for Open Space Committee Meeting
March 15, 2022, 1PM
Municipal Center, Douglas, MA 01516

1. We are being videoed
2. Review last meeting minutes
3. Open Space Plan progress
4. Town clean-up plan with Conservation Commission
5. Duval Road subdivision discussion
6. Future subdivision review in early stages
7. Review Oak St. 61A property going solar
8. New Business
9. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 1PM

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Open Space Committee

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Agenda for the Open Space Committee, April 5, 2022, 1PM

Municipal Center, 29 Depot Street,
Douglas, MA 01516

1. Call meeting to order and mention we are being videoed
2. Review Minutes from March 15, 2002 meeting
3. Open Space and Recreation Plan update
 - a. Survey Draft review
 - b. Survey promotion, advertisement and distribution
 - c. Goals of Plan review
 - d. Outreach to committees and agencies letter
 - e. Upcoming action and meeting date
4. Duval Road's 55 acres for O.S. and trails

Date:	April 5, 2022
Time:	1:00 PM
Location:	Resource Room
Address:	29 Depot Street Douglas, MA 01516

5. Oak Street's 61A removal and solar development
6. Conservation Commission's town clean up on April 23, 2022
7. New business
8. Next meeting date April 26, 2022?



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Open Space Committee

**Wednesday, April 27,
2022**

Agenda for the Open Space
Committee Meeting, April 27,
2022, 1PM

Date: April 27, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Community Meeting Room

Address: 29 Depot Street
Douglas, MA 01516

Municipal Center ~ Community

Meeting Room, 29 Depot St., Douglas, MA 01516

1. Call the meeting to order and mention we are being videoed

2. Review Minutes from April 5, 2022 meeting

3. Open Space and Recreation Plan update

Survey outreach; poster distribution and paper copies

- a. Letter to boards concerning ‘protection’
- b. Maps considering habitats and unique features
- c. ADA self assessment
- d. Next steps

4. Walk Duval Rd. property

5. New Business

6. Next meeting May 18, 2022

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Open Space Committee

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Agenda for May 17th 2022 1PM
Open Space Comm. Meeting /
Douglas, MA
Community Meeting Room

Date: May 17, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Community Meeting Room

Address: 29 Depot Street
Douglas, MA 01516

1. Call meeting to order and mention we are being videoed
2. Review minutes from April 5th and 27th 2022 meetings
3. Open Space and Recreation Plan update
 - a. influx of surveys
 - b. ADA property walk
 - c. Responses from boards on 'protection'
 - d. Scenic/historic spots for maps
 - e. Review 'municipal vulnerability preparedness'
4. Duval Rd. property
5. Inclusion in Planning Board projects
6. Updating Open Space Committee website
7. New Business
8. Next meeting June 7, 2022, 1PM

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Open Space Committee

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Agenda for June 7, 2022,
1PM Open Space Committee
Meeting / Douglas, MA

Date: June 7, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Resource Room

Address: Douglas Municipal Center
29 Depot St.
Douglas, MA 01516

1. Call meeting to order and
mention we are being videoed
2. Review minutes from May 17, 2022 meeting
3. Open Space and Recreation Plan update
 - a. Survey to date; posters, school
 - b. Other board's questionnaire
 - c. Action Plan / MVP / Other planning documents
 - d. ADA list
 - e. Maps
4. Duval Road update
5. New Business
6. Next Meeting June 28, 2022, 1PM

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Open Space Committee

Monday, June 27, 2022

Agenda for the Open Space Committee Meeting

June 27, 2022, 1PM,
Douglas Municipal Center,
Douglas, MA

Date: June 27, 2022
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Resource Room
Address: 29 Depot Street
Douglas, MA 01516

1. Call meeting to order and mention we are being videoed
2. Review minutes from June 7, 2022 meeting
3. Open Space and Recreation Plan update
 - a. Completed survey results
 - b. Other boards input
 - c. Maps
 - d. Locations of Points of Interest and low income areas
 - e. Comments on Analysis of Needs and Resource Questions
 - f. ADA site walk
4. New member: Kathy Sugrue-Richards

5. Renew Gordon Larrivee's membership

6. Zap the Blackstone

7. New Business

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Open Space Committee

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Agenda for the Open Space Committee Meeting

July 19, 2022, 1PM,
Douglas Municipal Center, Douglas,
MA

Date: July 19, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: RESOURCE ROOM

Address: Douglas Municipal Center
29 Depot St
Douglas, MA 01516

1. Call meeting to order and mention we are being videoed
2. Review minutes from June 27, 2022 meeting
3. Open Space and Recreation Plan update
 - a. Other boards input
 - b. Maps and features
 - c. Site walks
 - d. Analysis of needs and resources
4. Public forums
5. Zap the Blackstone – 38 street and flowing water crossings

6. New business

7. Next meeting August 11, 2022, 7PM – Public Forum



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Open Space

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

ADA assessments on various town properties

Date: August 9, 2022

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Soldier's Field

Address: Mechanic Street
Douglas, MA 01516

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Open Space Committee

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Agenda for the Open Space Committee Meeting

September 20, 2022, 1PM, Douglas Municipal Center

Douglas, Massachusetts 01516

1. Being videoed
2. Review minutes from 7/19/22 meeting
3. Open Space and Recreation Plan update review
 - a. August 24th Public Forum
 - b. August 27th Walkshop
 - c. ADA walks
 - d. Next steps
4. New Business
5. Next Meeting 10/11/22, 1PM or 10/18/22, 1PM

Date: September 20, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Community Meeting Room

Address: Douglas Municipal Center
29 Depot St.
Douglas, MA 01516

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Open Space Committee

**Tuesday, October 25,
2022**

Open Space
Committee Meeting Agenda

October 25, 2022,
1PM, Douglas Municipal Center

Douglas, Massachusetts

- 1, We are being videoed
2. Review minutes from September 20,2022 meeting
3. September 19, 2022 ADA walk recap
4. Open Space and Recreation Plan update review
 - a. Goals and objectives
 - b. MVP Actions
 - c. Complete Action Plan and prioritize and time
 - d. Funding sources
 - e. Planning Board and Board of Selectmen support letters
 - f. Next steps
5. Next meeting; Tuesday November 22, 2022, 1PM?

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Open Space Committee

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Open Space Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 22, 2022, 1PM

Douglas Municipal Center, Douglas, MA

1. We are being videoed

2. Review minutes from October 25, 2022 meeting

3. Open Space and Recreation Plan update review

- a. Action Plan review
- b. Prioritize plan
- c. Funding sources review
- d. Planning Board and Board of Selectman support letters

Date: November 22, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Open Space Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 22, 2022, 1PM

Douglas Municipal Center, Douglas, MA

1. We are being videoed

2. Review minutes from October 25, 2022 meeting

3. Open Space and Recreation Plan update review

- a. Action Plan review
- b. Prioritize plan
- c. Funding sources review
- d. Planning Board and Board of Selectman support letters
- e. ADA wrap up
- f. Next steps

e. ADA wrap up

f. Next steps

4. Other business

4. Other business

5. Next meeting dates: December 13 or 20?

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December 13 or 20?

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Open Space Committee

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Open Space
Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, December
20, 2022, 1PM

Douglas Municipal Center, Douglas, MA

1. We are being videoed
2. Review minutes from October 25, 2022 and November 22, 2022 meetings
3. Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Review
 - a. Action Plan continuation
 - b. ADA letters
 - c. Board of Selectmen and Planning Board review of plan
 - d. Next steps
4. Next meeting date: January 10 or 17, 2023?
5. Review 61b removal

Date: December 20, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Community Meeting Room

Address: Douglas Municipal Center
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6. Other business

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Open Space Committee

**Tuesday, January 10,
2023**

Open Space
Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday,
January 10, 2023, 1PM

Douglas Municipal Center, Douglas, MA

1. We are being videoed
2. Review minutes from December 20, 2022 meeting
3. Open Space and Recreation Plan review
 - a. Action Plan
 - b. ADA letters
 - c. BOS and Planning Board contacts
4. Next meeting January 31, 2023 or February 7, 2023?
5. 61b property on Walnut St.
6. New Business

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Open Space Committee

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Open Space Committee Meeting
Agenda

Tuesday, January 31, 2023, 2PM

Douglas Municipal Center, Douglas, MA

1. We are being videoed
2. Review minutes from January 10, 2023 meeting
3. Open Space and Recreation Plan review
 - a. Maps
 - b. Text of plan
 - c. Action Plan
 - d. Other / next

Date: January 31, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Resource Room

Address: Douglas Municipal Center
29 Depot St.
Douglas, MA 01516

4. Next Meeting

5. Walnut St. Chapter 61

6. Annual Report review

7. New Business



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OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

The Town of Douglas is in the process of updating their Open Space and Recreation Plan! An **Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP)** will allow Douglas to **protect, maintain, and improve** open spaces throughout your community. It will also help assess what recreation opportunities may be missing in Town. Please consider completing our community survey to **share your suggestions and vision** for the future of open space and recreation in Douglas!

SCAN ME!

Please scan the QR Code to the right or visit the URL listed below to participate in the Town's Open Space and Recreation Survey.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DouglasOSRP>

Douglas 2022 Open Space and Recreation Plan

Douglas 2022 Open Space and Recreation Plan

Dear residents, visitors, and business owners,

Please help the Town of Douglas update our Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) by participating in this important survey. This survey is being conducted to understand the needs and concerns of Douglas residents, visitors, and business owners regarding the Town's open space and recreation facilities. Your input will directly impact how the Town of Douglas will manage open space and recreation resources, and will inform future projects that the Town hopes to pursue.

If you are interested in open space and recreation opportunities in Douglas, please take a few minutes to answer the following survey questions. Responses for this survey will be anonymous and not attributed to individuals. Surveys must be completed by DATE. A public forum will be held DATE to discuss potential open space and recreation improvements for the Town.

Sincerely,
The Douglas Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee

With staff support from The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC)

For more information please contact:

Dani Marini, CMRPC
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Douglas 2022 Open Space and Recreation Plan

Open Space and Recreation

1. How strongly do you support Douglas protecting, acquiring, and/or improving Town-owned land for the following reasons:

	Extremely Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Neutral	Somewhat Unsupportive	Not at all supportive
To help preserve the Town's rural character and sense of place?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To protect habitat for Douglas's wide diversity of flora and fauna (mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To preserve the water resources in Town (groundwater, wetlands, surface waters)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Extremely Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Neutral	Somewhat Unsupportive	Not at all supportive
To reduce the effects of climate change?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To absorb storm water and reduce the effects of flooding from extreme weather?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To provide facilities and programs for active recreation (sports, fields, courts, hunting and fishing programs, etc.)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To provide areas for passive recreation (bird watching, walking, hiking, biking, etc.)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To preserve unique scenic areas and vistas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To preserve historic sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To control residential growth?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To link existing conservation land together to increase landscape connectivity, habitat space, and the ecological value of our open space?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To link existing trails together to increase and improve the walkability of the Town?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. How strongly do you support Douglas protecting, acquiring, and/or improving Town-owned water resources for the following reasons:

	Extremely Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Neutral	Somewhat Unsupportive	Not at all supportive
To protect habitat for Douglas's wide diversity of flora and fauna (mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To remove invasive species to improve water quality and habitat?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To remove invasive species to improve aesthetics?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To absorb storm water and reduce the effects of flooding from extreme weather?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To provide areas for non-motorized boating (kayaking, canoeing, etc.)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To provide areas for motorized boating?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To provide areas for a public beach and/or swimming?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To provide areas for fishing and/or wildlife viewing?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. In order to preserve open spaces in Douglas, would you be willing to:

	Yes	No	No opinion or would need more information
Vote to allocate town funds to acquire or otherwise conserve open space?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support a requirement for all new residential developments to include conservation/open space areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Favor zoning that provides for increases in density in existing developed areas in exchange for open space in less developed or environmentally sensitive areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Consider allowing an easement (i.e. public access or development restriction) on a portion of your property in order to add to existing open spaces or connect to open spaces (e.g. to access a hiking trail or extend a bike path)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Would you be supportive of enacting the Community Preservation Act (CPA) that adds an annual 1-3% surcharge (as decided by Douglas voters) to your taxes based on the value of your home in excess of \$150,000.

Funds are placed into a revolving fund which can only be used for open space/recreation, historic preservation, and community housing projects as decided by Douglas voters at Town Meeting. A minimum of 10% of CPA funds must be dedicated to each of these categories. Currently the State provides matching funds annually, the FY22 match is a minimum of 32.3%.

Yes

No

Need More Information

5. Do you have any interest in volunteering to participate on a Town Board or assist a Town project that promotes the preservation of open space and/or recreation?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide your name and email address if you would like to be contacted.

6. What should Douglas's priorities be for open space and recreation expenditures? Please rank how important each of the following are from most important (1) to least important (10):

☰

Acquiring land for new public athletic fields.

☰

Improving existing athletic fields.

☰

Acquiring conservation lands for new passive recreation use (e.g. trails).

☰

Improving passive recreation opportunities (e.g. trails) on existing conservation land.

☰

Improving/expanding wildlife habitat and corridors.

☰

Expanding/creating available parking at open space destinations.

☰

Expanding/creating available parking at recreational destinations.

☰

Expanding connections for walking or hiking (e.g. sidewalks, connecting trails).



Expanding connections for biking (e.g. off-road paths, on-road lanes, and rail trails).



Removing invasive species from existing conservation or recreation lands.



Removing invasive species from water resources (e.g. ponds, streams, rivers).

7. What do you consider to be the biggest unmet open space needs in Douglas? Please rank the following from most needed (1) to least needed (10):



Additional protected woodlands, meadows, or stream corridors to protect the diversity of flora and fauna



Conservation areas that serve as educational and research areas



Protection of agricultural land



Water supply protection



Town common improvement



Large park with many facilities



Dog park



Performance area



Community garden



Public access areas to water bodies

8. Are there any other unmet open space needs in Douglas that were not mentioned?

9. What do you consider to be the biggest unmet recreation needs in Douglas? Please rank the following from most needed (1) to least needed (16):



Multi-use recreational trails



Bike lanes within the roadway



Hiking and cross-country skiing trails



Skate park



Hunting, fishing, and boating opportunities



Children's playgrounds



Athletic fields (e.g. soccer, baseball, football)



Tennis courts



Lighted artificial turf field



Basketball courts



Pickleball courts



Lacrosse fields



Frisbee golf course



Motocross/ATV paths



Walking track



Kayaks and/or canoes available for use



Upkeep of parklands

10. Are there any other unmet recreation needs in Douglas that were not mentioned?

11. What are your favorite open spaces or recreational facilities in Douglas? Do you have any suggestions for how these open spaces or recreational facilities can be improved?

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Access and Utilization

12. How often do you go to a park or other open space in Douglas to...

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Rarely	Never
Participate in or watch formal youth sports leagues?	<input type="radio"/>				
Participate in or watch formal adult sports leagues?	<input type="radio"/>				
Participate in an informal playgroup or pick up game?	<input type="radio"/>				
Attend a special event at a park?	<input type="radio"/>				
Utilize public play area/playground?	<input type="radio"/>				
Utilize hiking, biking, horse-back riding, or cross country ski trails?	<input type="radio"/>				
Visit a park or other open space?	<input type="radio"/>				
Walk or jog on a sidewalk or public way?	<input type="radio"/>				
Bike on public streets or roadways?	<input type="radio"/>				
Scooter or skateboard on public streets or roadways?	<input type="radio"/>				
Boat or fish along a river, stream, pond, or other water resource area?	<input type="radio"/>				

13. How important is it to be able to travel to open space and recreational destinations in Douglas by:

	Extremely Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Somewhat Unimportant	Not at all important
Walking	<input type="radio"/>				
Biking	<input type="radio"/>				
Automobiles	<input type="radio"/>				
Public Transportation	<input type="radio"/>				

14. Do you have difficulty with:

	No	Some	A lot	Unable	Prefer not to answer
Seeing even if wearing glasses?	<input type="radio"/>				
Hearing even if using hearing aid/s?	<input type="radio"/>				
Walking or climbing stairs?	<input type="radio"/>				
Remembering or concentrating?	<input type="radio"/>				
Communicating (for example, understanding or being understood by others)?	<input type="radio"/>				

15. How satisfied are you with:

	Extremely Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Unsatisfied	Not at all satisfied
The variety of existing recreational programs/opportunities for adults?	<input type="radio"/>				
The variety of existing recreational programs/opportunities for children?	<input type="radio"/>				
The variety of existing recreational programs/opportunities for the aging adults?	<input type="radio"/>				
The variety of and/or condition of existing indoor recreational facilities?	<input type="radio"/>				
The variety and/or condition of existing outdoor recreational facilities?	<input type="radio"/>				
The amount and condition of existing trails/other passive recreation opportunities?	<input type="radio"/>				
The amount and condition of existing sidewalks?	<input type="radio"/>				
The amount and condition of existing parking facilities at Douglas's open spaces?	<input type="radio"/>				
The amount, condition, and/or safety of bike paths?	<input type="radio"/>				
The amount, condition, and/or safety of bike lanes within roadways?	<input type="radio"/>				

16. Do you regularly travel to any nearby communities for open space and/or recreational opportunities?

Please list community and the activity for which you travel there for.

17. How would you prefer to get information about open spaces and/or recreational opportunities and events in Douglas?

- School Community Bulletin or Listserve
- Email
- Public Bulletin Boards
- Town website
- Facebook
- Other social media (Twitter, Instagram, etc.)
- CodeRED
- Information from community groups or athletic leagues
- Flyers or signs around Town
- Word-of-mouth
- Local newspapers

Would you like to be added to an Open Space and Recreation Plan listserve? If yes, please provide your name and email address.

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Demographics

18. What is your age?

<input type="radio"/> Under 18	<input type="radio"/> 55-64
<input type="radio"/> 18-24	<input type="radio"/> 65-74
<input type="radio"/> 25-34	<input type="radio"/> 75-84
<input type="radio"/> 35-44	<input type="radio"/> 85+
<input type="radio"/> 45-54	

19. Do you have children under the age of 18 living with you?

<input type="radio"/> Yes
<input type="radio"/> No

20. What is your household size?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 or more

21. Do you currently reside in Douglas?

- Yes
- No

If no, please specify what town/city you live in:

22. If you currently live in Douglas, how long have you lived here?

- Less than 1 year
- 1 - 3 years
- 4 - 6 years
- 7 - 9 years
- 10 - 20 years
- More than 20 years
- I do not live in Douglas and I have never lived there
- I used to live in Douglas, but I no longer live there

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Thank you for your input! We greatly appreciate your involvement!

Sincerely,

The Douglas Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee

With staff support from The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC).

If you have further comments or questions, or if you are interested in volunteering on matters related to open space and recreation please contact Dani Marini, Associate Environmental Planner for CMRPC, at dmarini@cmrpc.org.

DOUGLAS OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

Survey
Results
2022

Survey Overview

- Open Space Committee began planning the Public Input Survey in March and April
- The survey officially launched on April 14, 2022, and closed June 15, 2022
- 316 Responses were collected in total
- 56% Completion Rate
- Typical time spent was 13m:57s

How often do you go to a park or other open space in Douglas to...

Boat or fish along a river, stream, pond, or other water resource area?



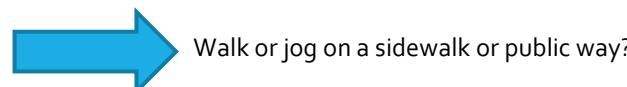
Scooter or skateboard on public streets or roadways?



Bike on public streets or roadways?



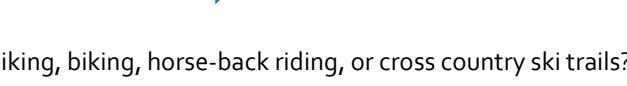
Walk or jog on a sidewalk or public way?



Visit a park or other open space?



Utilize hiking, biking, horse-back riding, or cross country ski trails?



Utilize public play area/playground?



Attend a special event at a park?



Participate in an informal playgroup or pick up game?



Participate in or watch formal adult sports leagues?

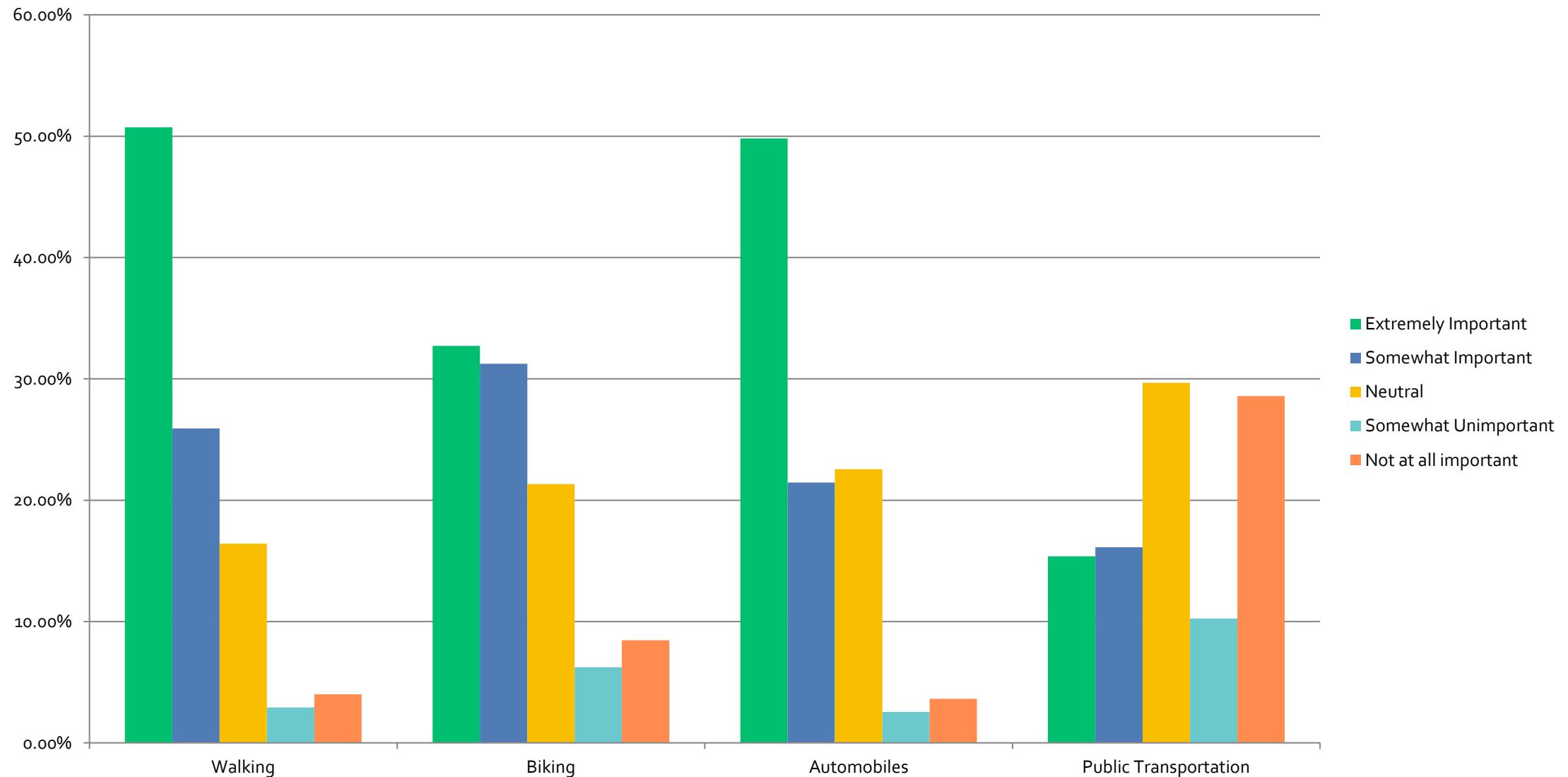


Participate in or watch formal youth sports leagues?

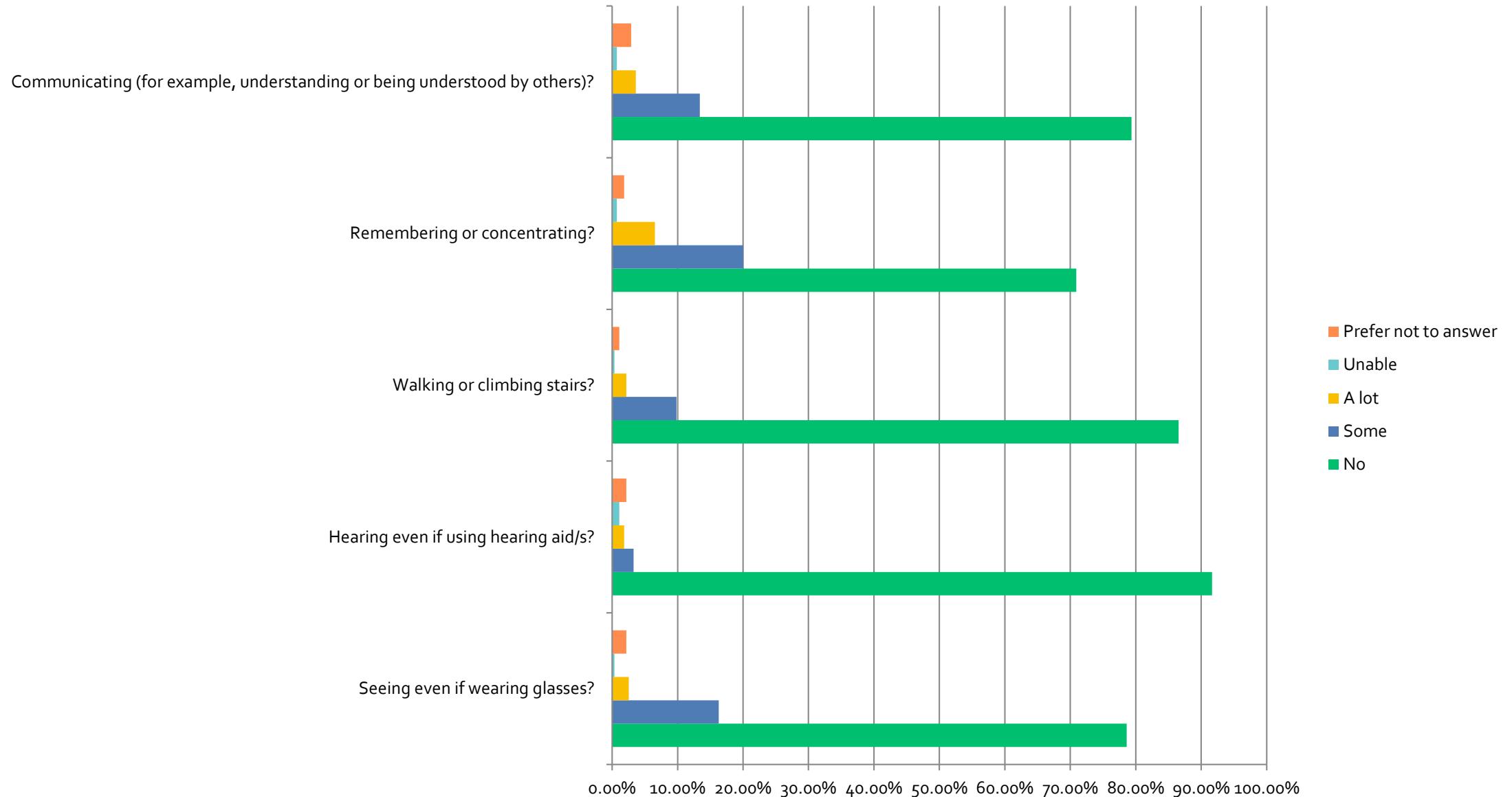


Never
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Monthly
Weekly
Daily

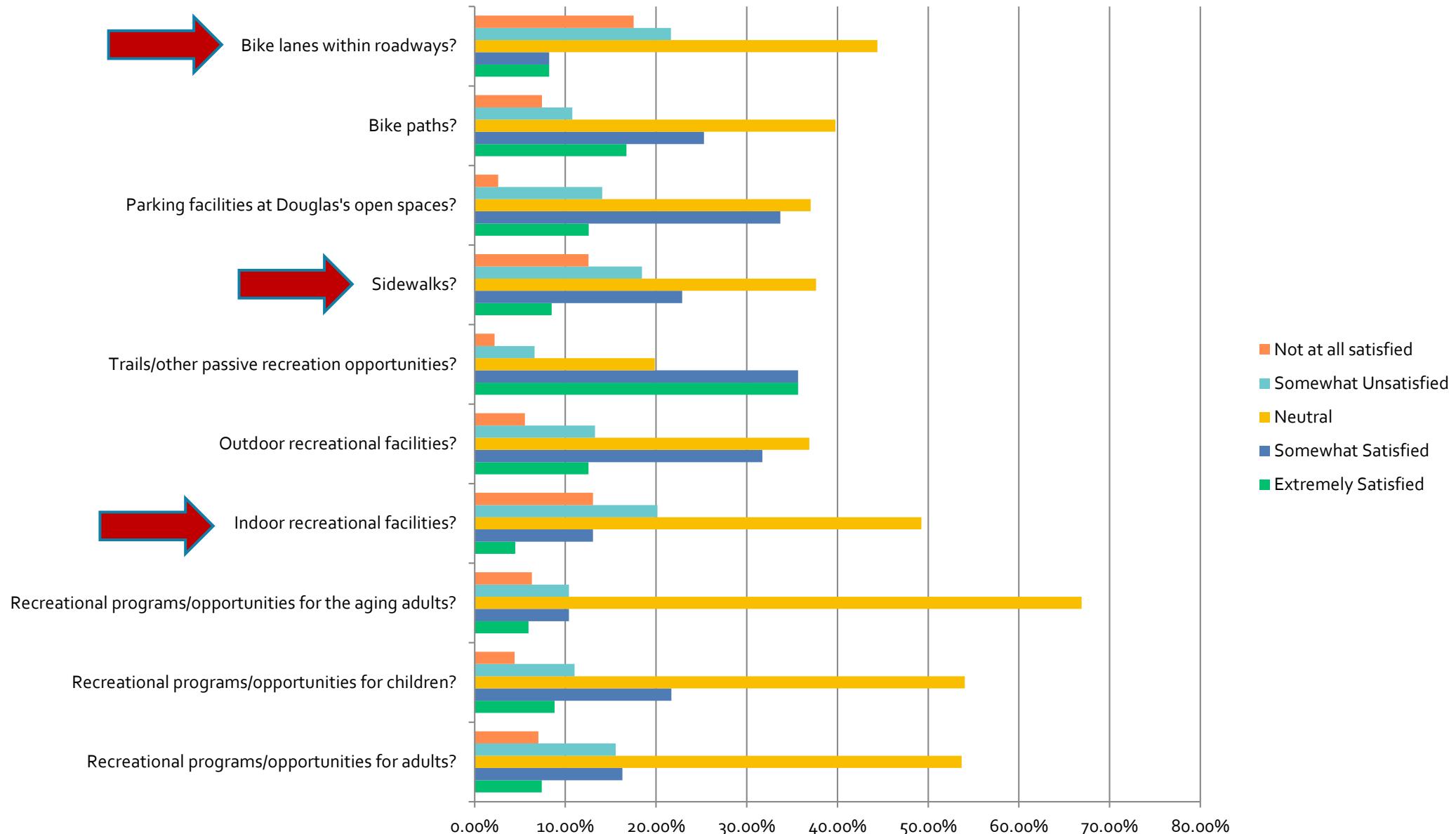
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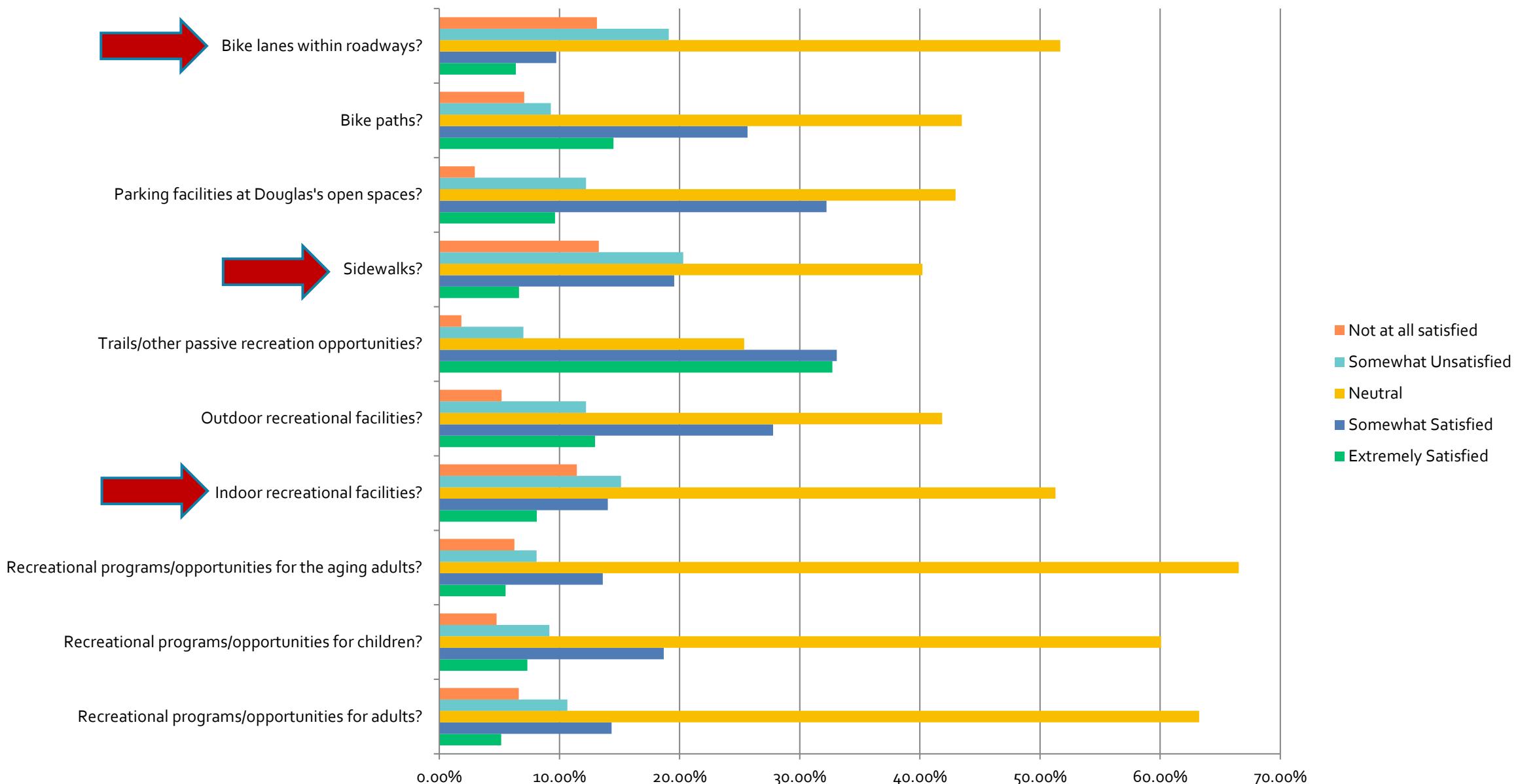
Do you have difficulty with:



How satisfied are you with the variety or amount of:



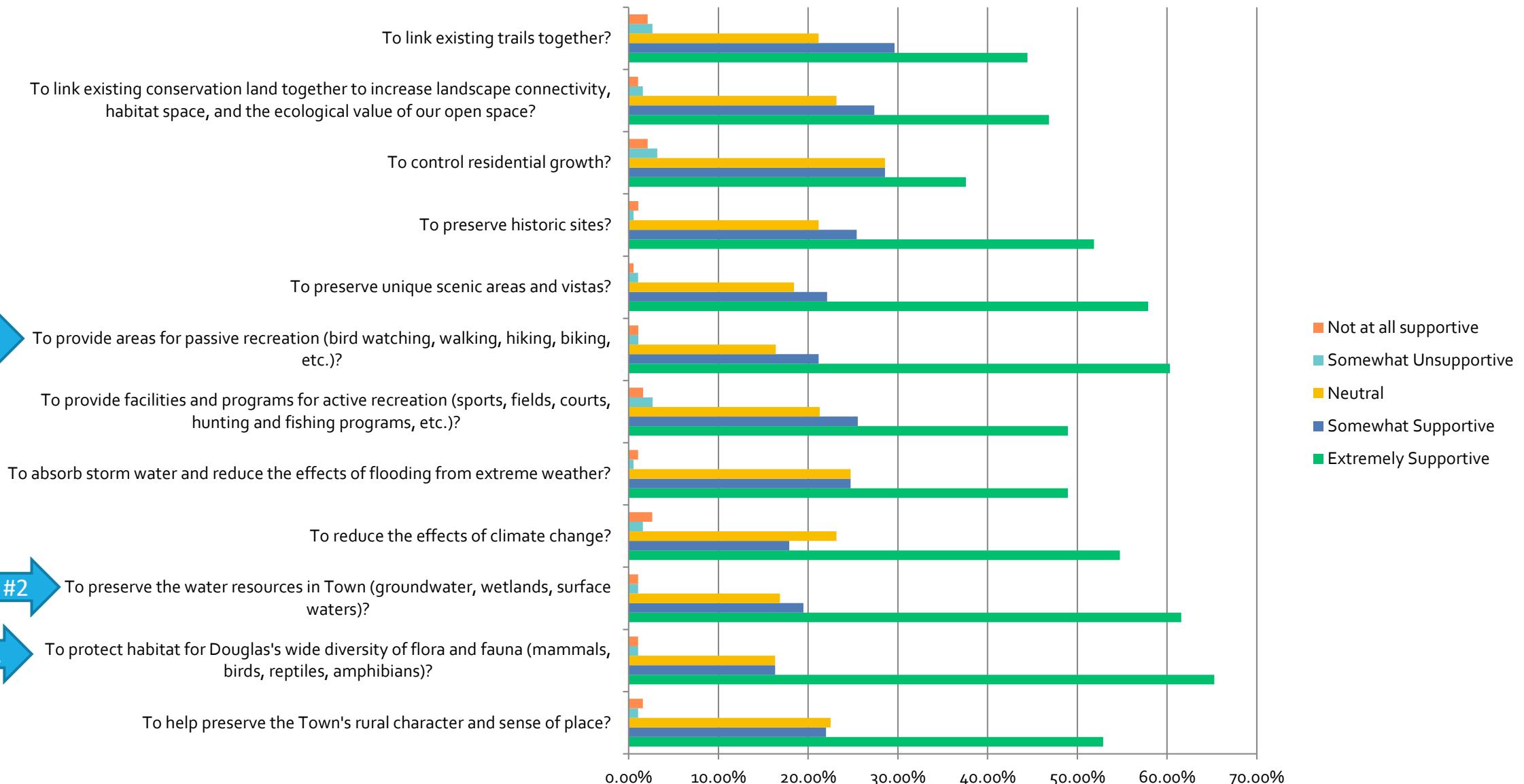
How satisfied are you with the condition or quality of:



Do you regularly travel to any nearby communities for open space and/or recreational opportunities? Please list community and the activity for which you travel there for.

Bikin' ^{Blackstone River} Soccer
Parks and Playgrounds Boating
Uxbridge ^{Milford} Sutton and Hiking ^{Millbury}
Rhode Island
Trails and State Forests and Parks ^{Webster Lake} Connecticut
Horseback Riding
Upton ^{Sutton Shaw Farm} Northbridge ^{Webster Lake} Mendon ^{Blackstone Valley}
Dog Parks and Dog Walking
Walking and Running
Webster Oxford Mountain Biking

How strongly do you support Douglas protecting, acquiring, and/or improving Town-owned land for the following reasons:



How strongly do you support Douglas protecting, acquiring, and/or improving Town-owned water resources for the following reasons:

#3 →

To provide areas for non-motorized boating (kayaking, canoeing, etc.)?

- Not at all supportive
- Somewhat Unsupportive
- Neutral
- Somewhat Supportive
- Extremely Supportive

To absorb storm water and reduce the effects of flooding from extreme weather?

#2 →
#1 →

To remove invasive species to improve aesthetics?

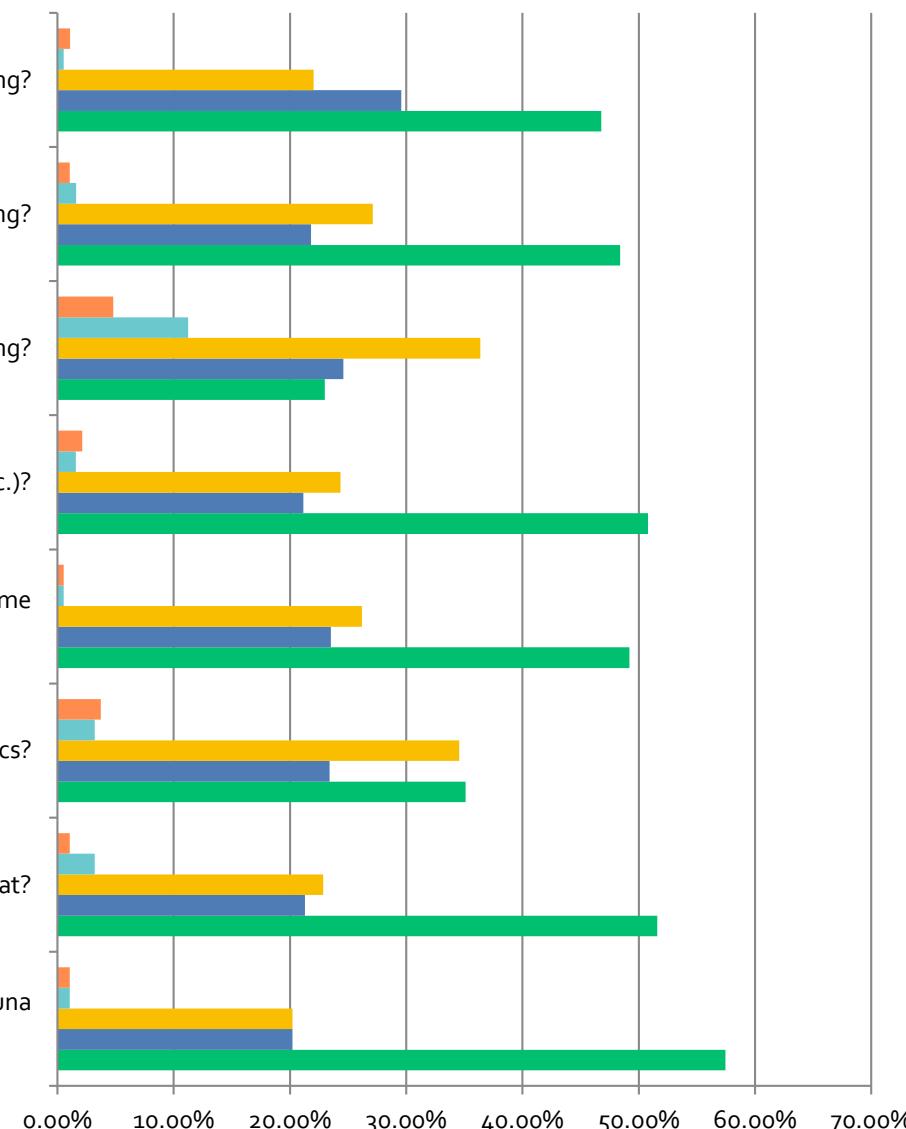
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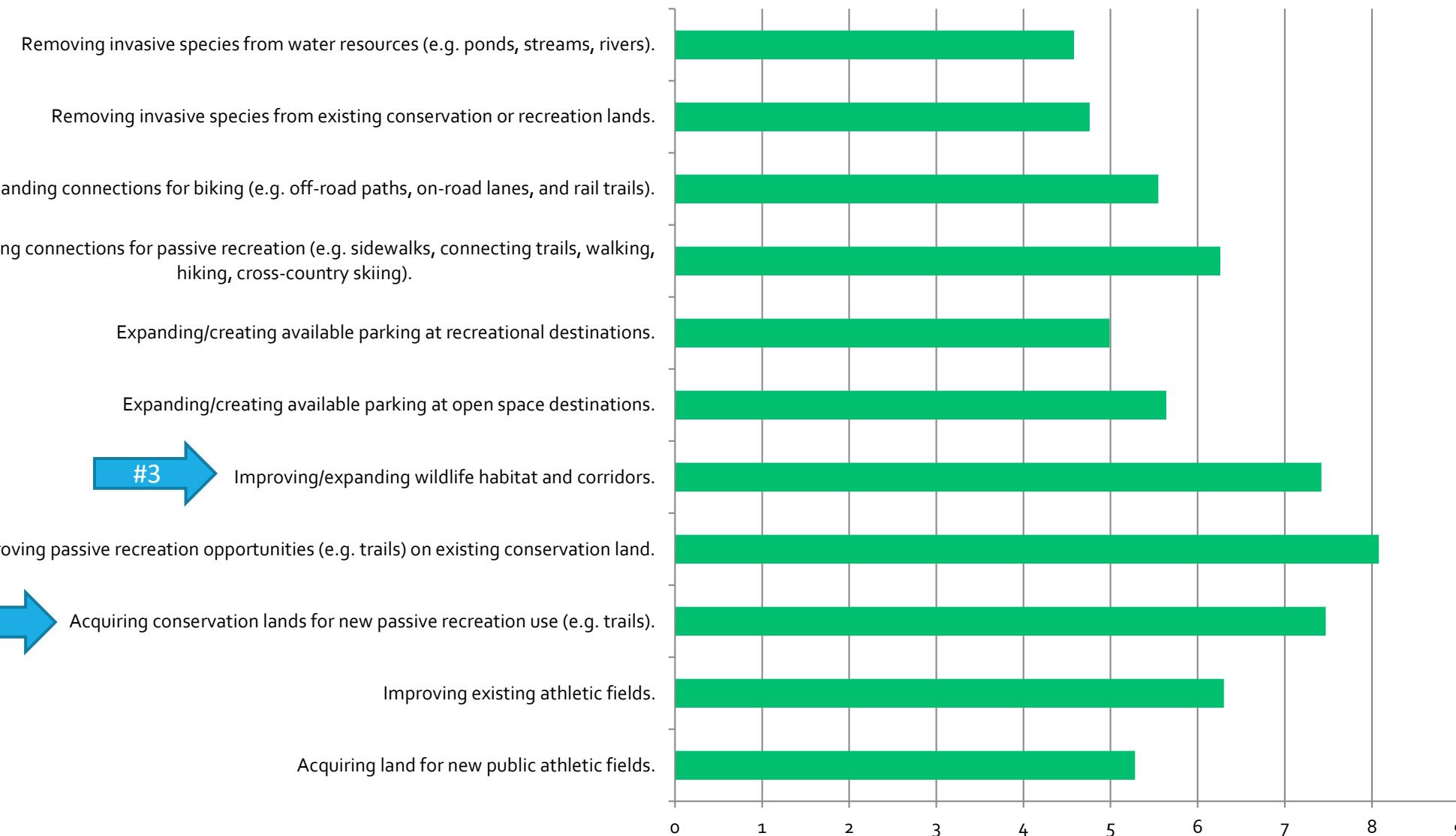
To provide areas for fishing and/or wildlife viewing?

To provide areas for a public beach and/or swimming?

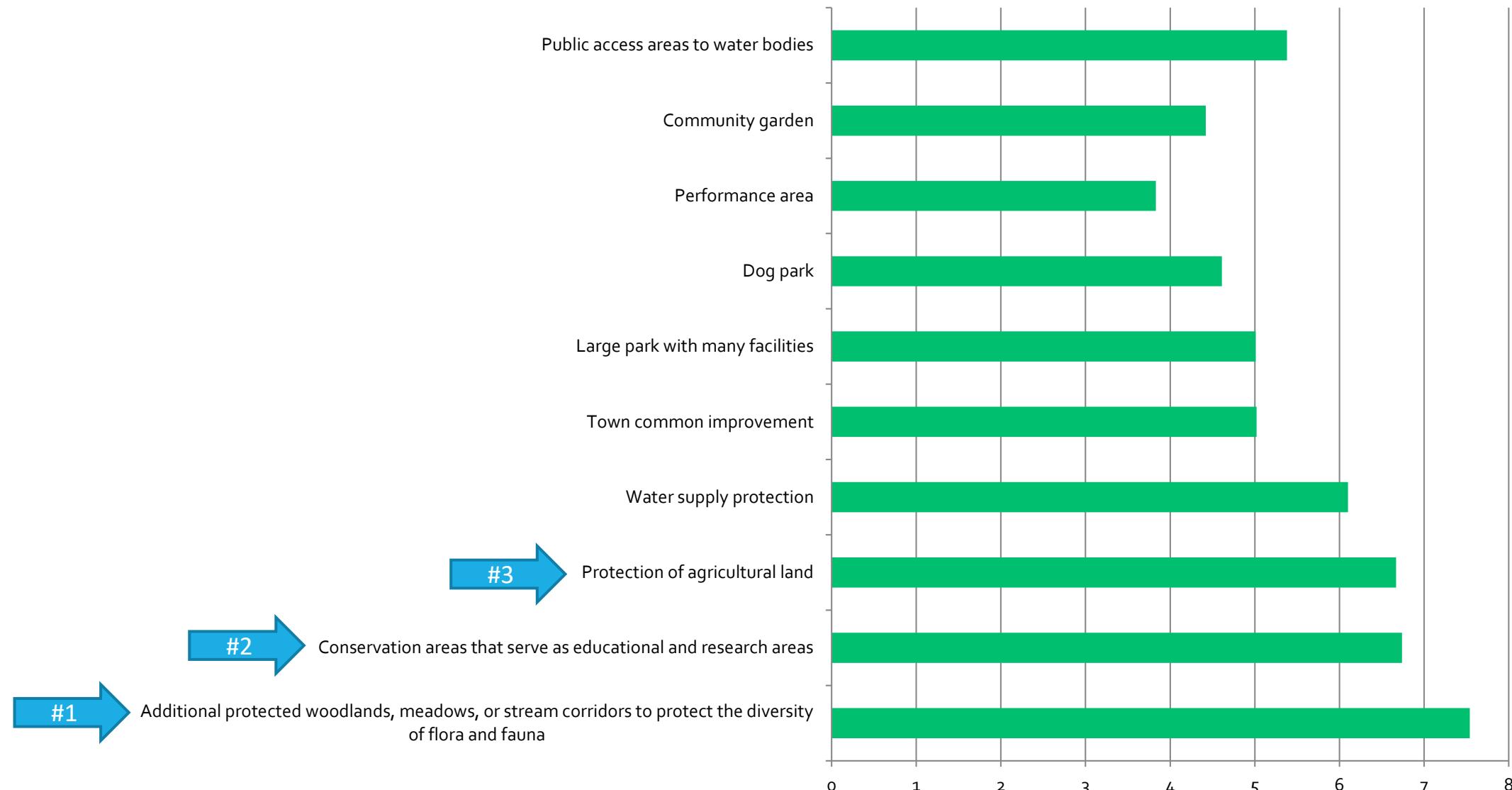
To provide areas for motorized boating?



What should Douglas's priorities be for open space and recreation expenditures? Please rank how important each of the following are from most important (1) to least important (11):



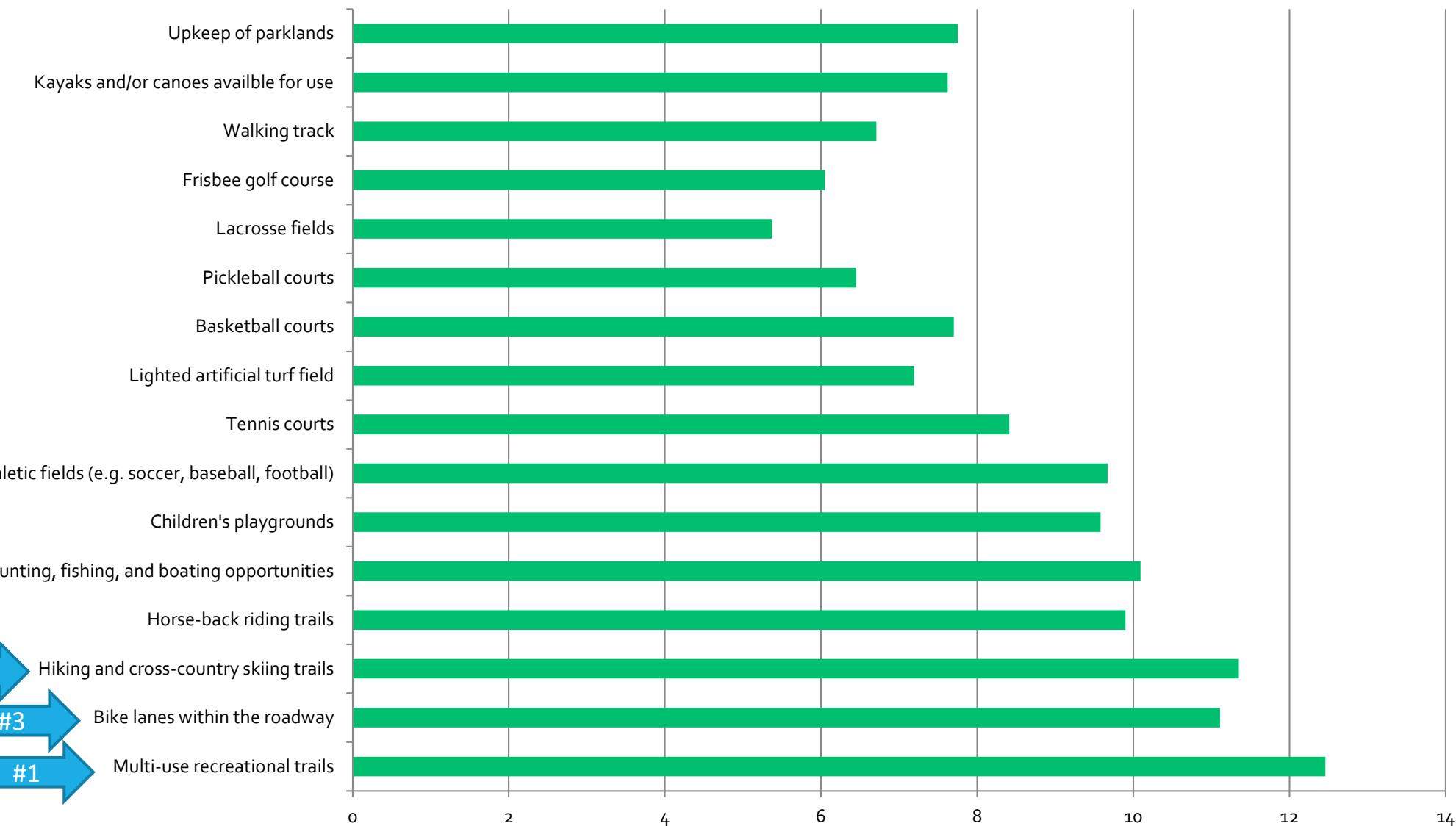
What do you consider to be the biggest unmet open space needs in Douglas? Please rank the following from most needed (1) to least needed (10):



Are there any other unmet open space needs in Douglas that were not mentioned?

- Indoor Recreation/Sport Center
- Right-to-Farm community
- Splash Pad
- Tennis Court
- Better Soccer Fields
- More Little League Baseball Fields
- Better Skatepark
- Football Field
- Better Basketball Court
- More Parking in Central Part of Town
- Bike Path
- Horseback Riding Trails/Areas for Trailer Parking
- More Camping/Shelters on Trail
- Restrooms at Open Space Locations
- Pickleball Court
- ATV/Snowmobile Trails
- Outdoor Physical Fitness Circuit
- More Sidewalks
- Bett Softball Fields

What do you consider to be the biggest unmet recreation needs in Douglas?
Please rank the following from most needed (1) to least needed (16):



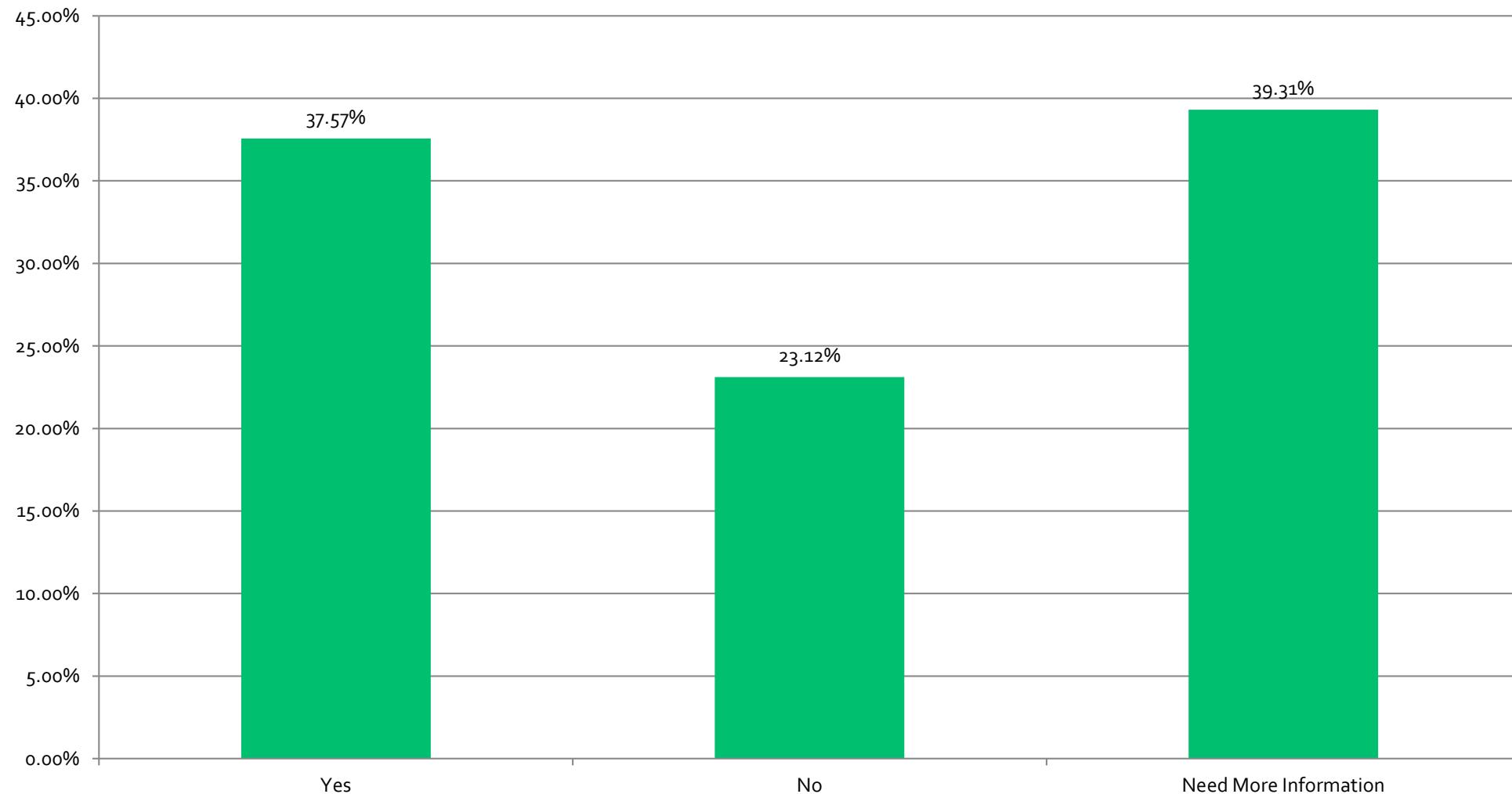
Are there any other unmet recreation needs in Douglas that were not mentioned?

- Indoor Recreational/Sports Center
- Better Maintenance of Playgrounds
- More Sidewalks
- Swimming Area (Town Pool or Splash Pad)
- Volleyball Courts
- Turf Fields
- More Fishing/Boating Areas
- Bike Path
- Disc Golf
- ATV/Dirt Bike/Snowmobile Trail
- Rock Climbing Areas
- Improve Skatepark
- More Parking

What are your favorite open spaces or recreational facilities in Douglas?

- Morse Pond
- Wallis Street
- Depot Street
- SNETT
- Wallum Lake
- School Playgrounds
- Soldiers Field
- Douglas State Forest
- The Common
- Basketball Courts
- Municipal Center
- Softball Fields
- Soccer Fields
- Gregory's
- Conservation Land on Mumford Road

Would you be supportive of enacting the Community Preservation Act (CPA) that adds an annual 1-3% surcharge (as decided by Douglas voters) to your taxes based on the value of your home in excess of \$150,000. Funds are placed into a revolving fund which can

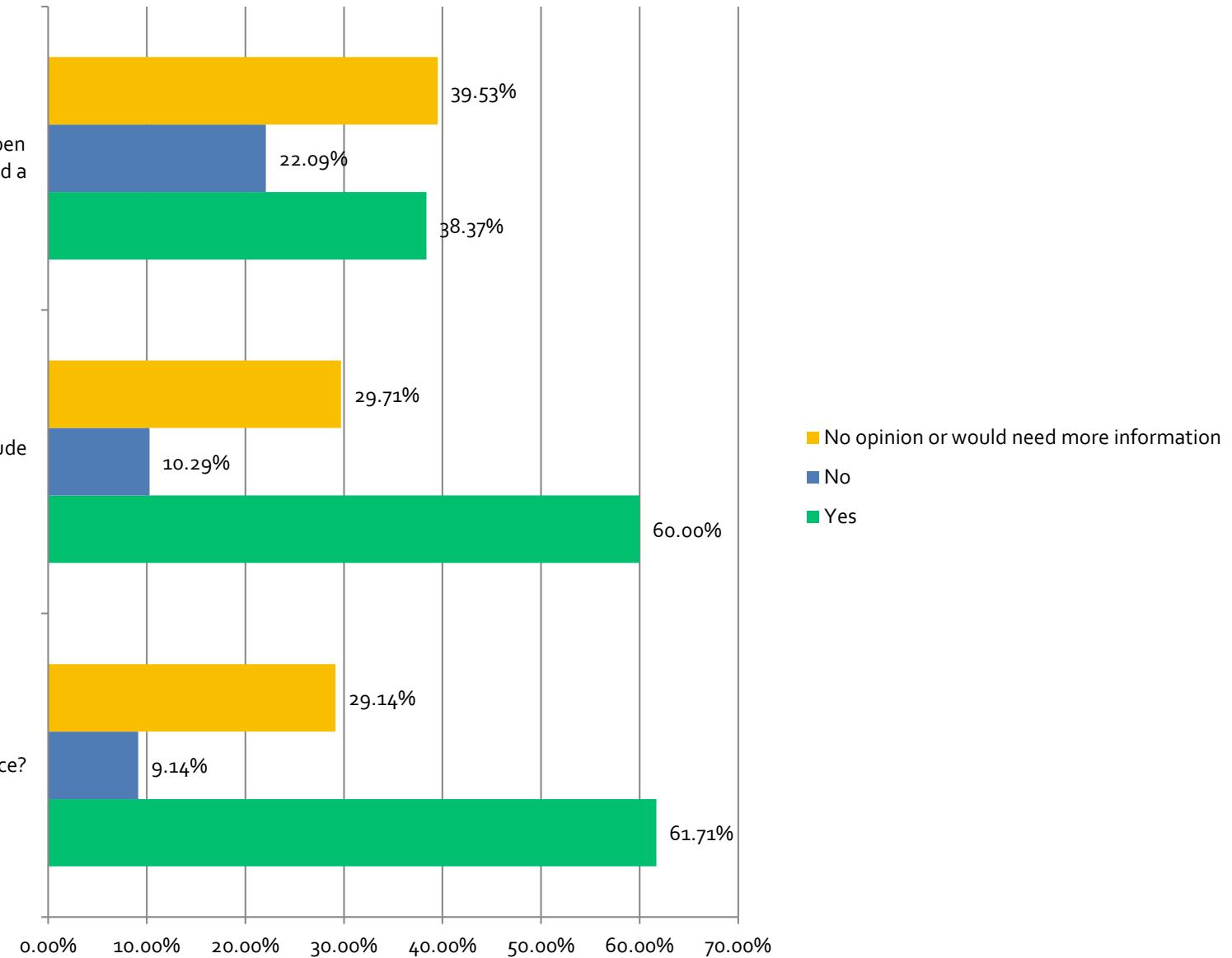


In order to preserve open spaces in Douglas, would you be willing to:

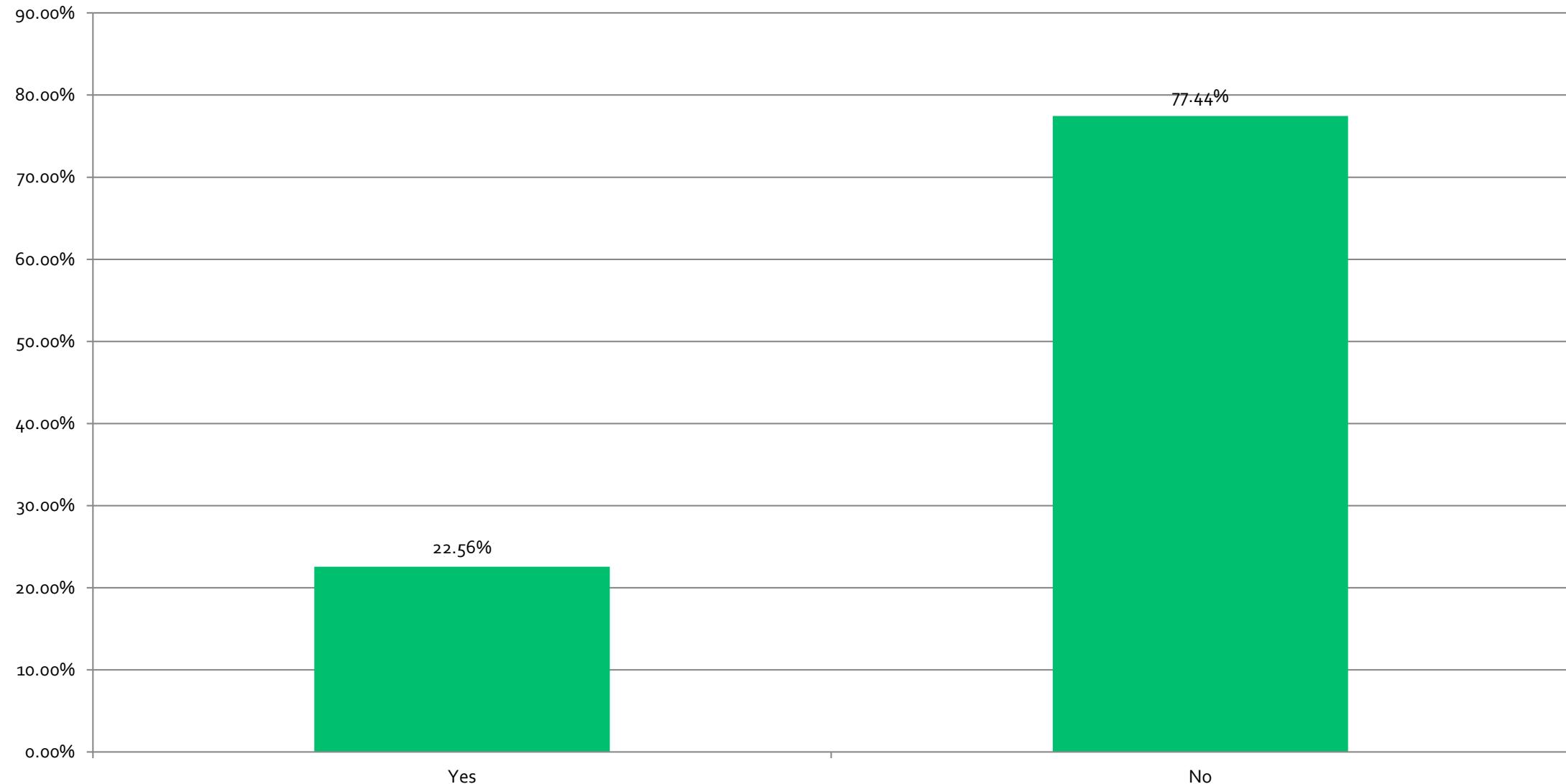
Consider allowing an easement (i.e. public access or development restriction) on a portion of your property in order to add to existing open spaces or connect to open spaces (e.g. to access a hiking trail or extend a bike path)?

Support a requirement for all new residential developments to include conservation/open space areas?

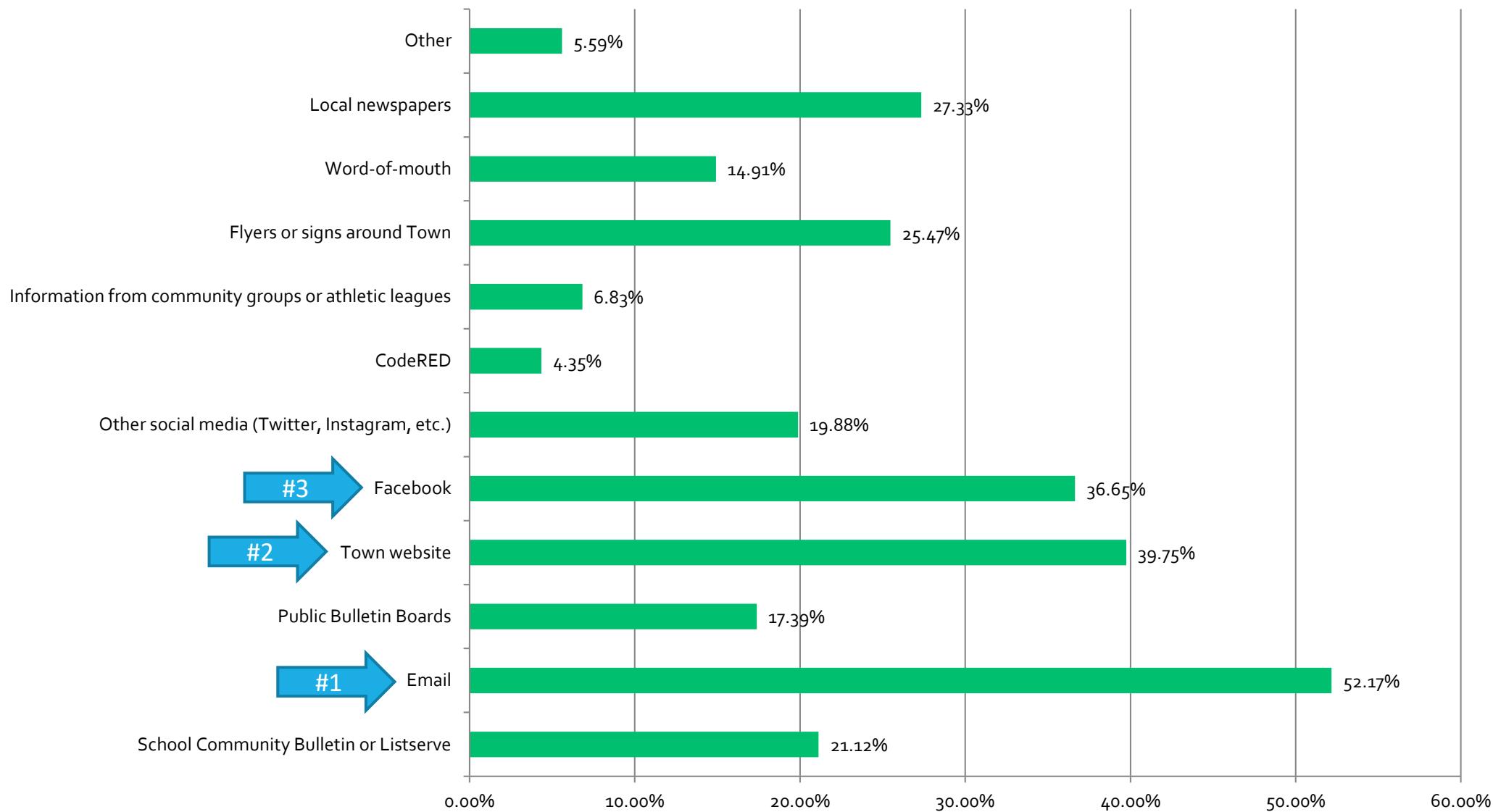
Vote to allocate town funds to acquire or otherwise conserve open space?



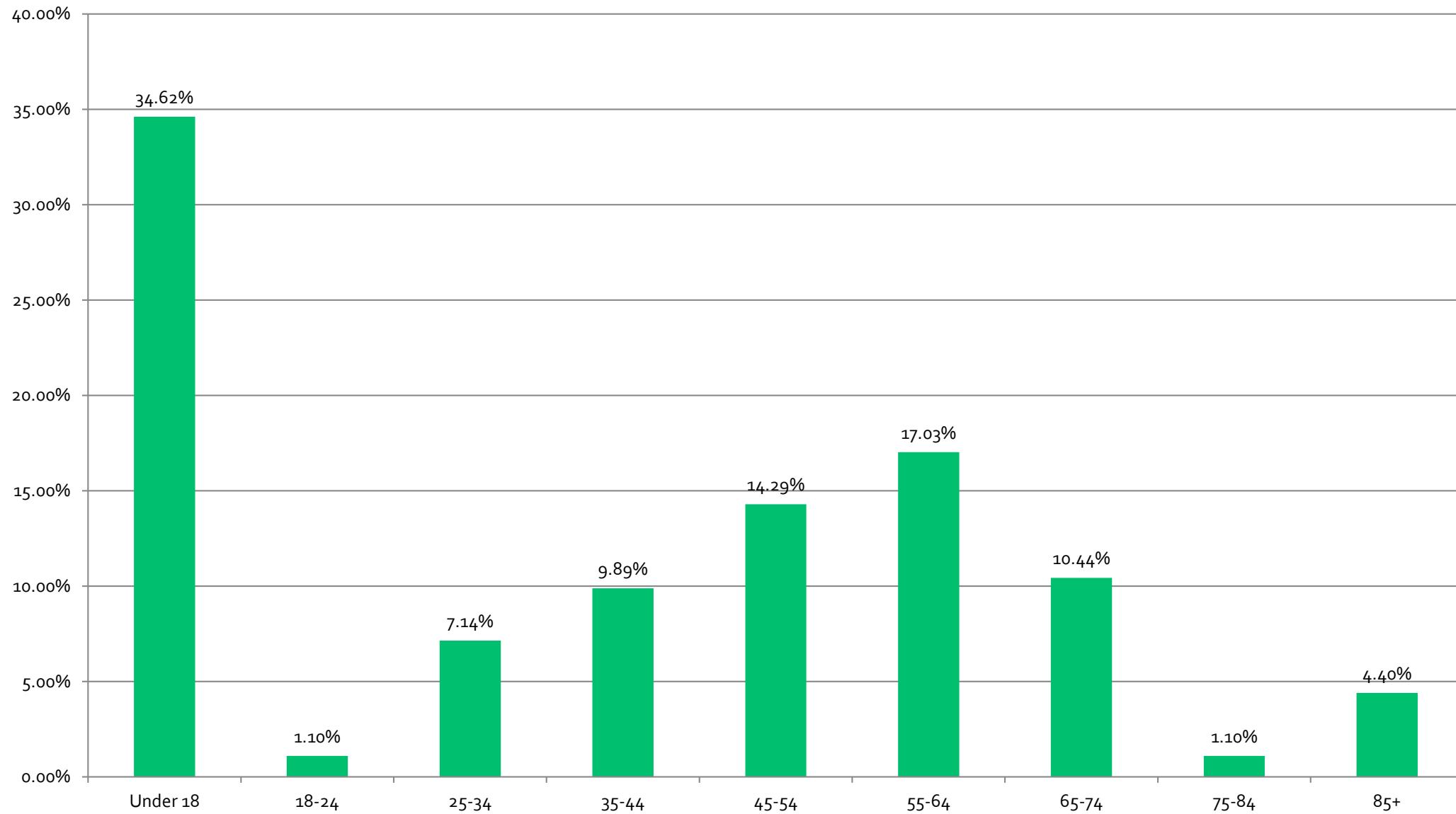
Do you have any interest in volunteering to participate on a Town Board or assist a Town project that promotes the preservation of open space and/or recreation?



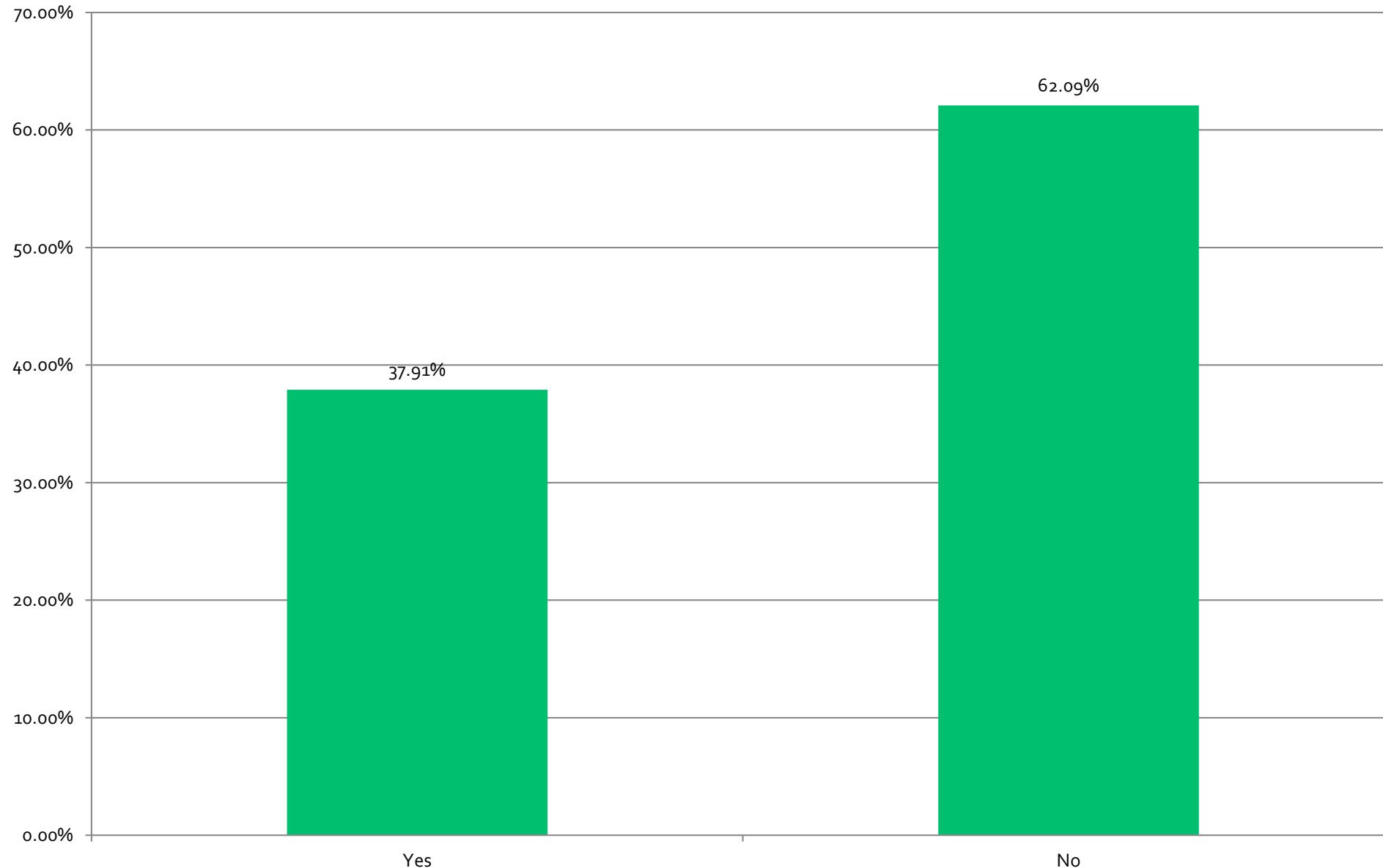
How would you prefer to get information about open spaces and/or recreational opportunities and events in Douglas?



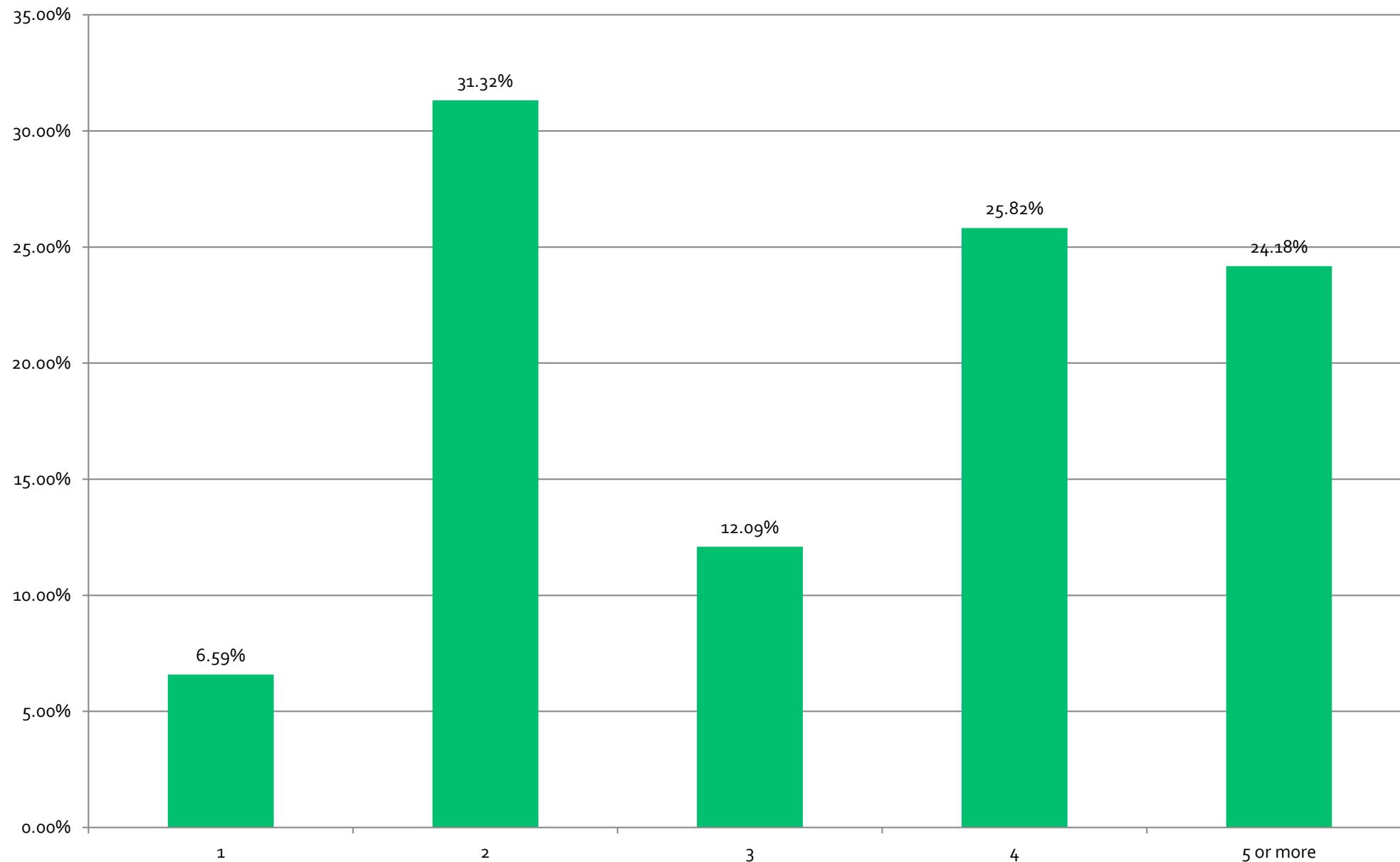
What is your age?



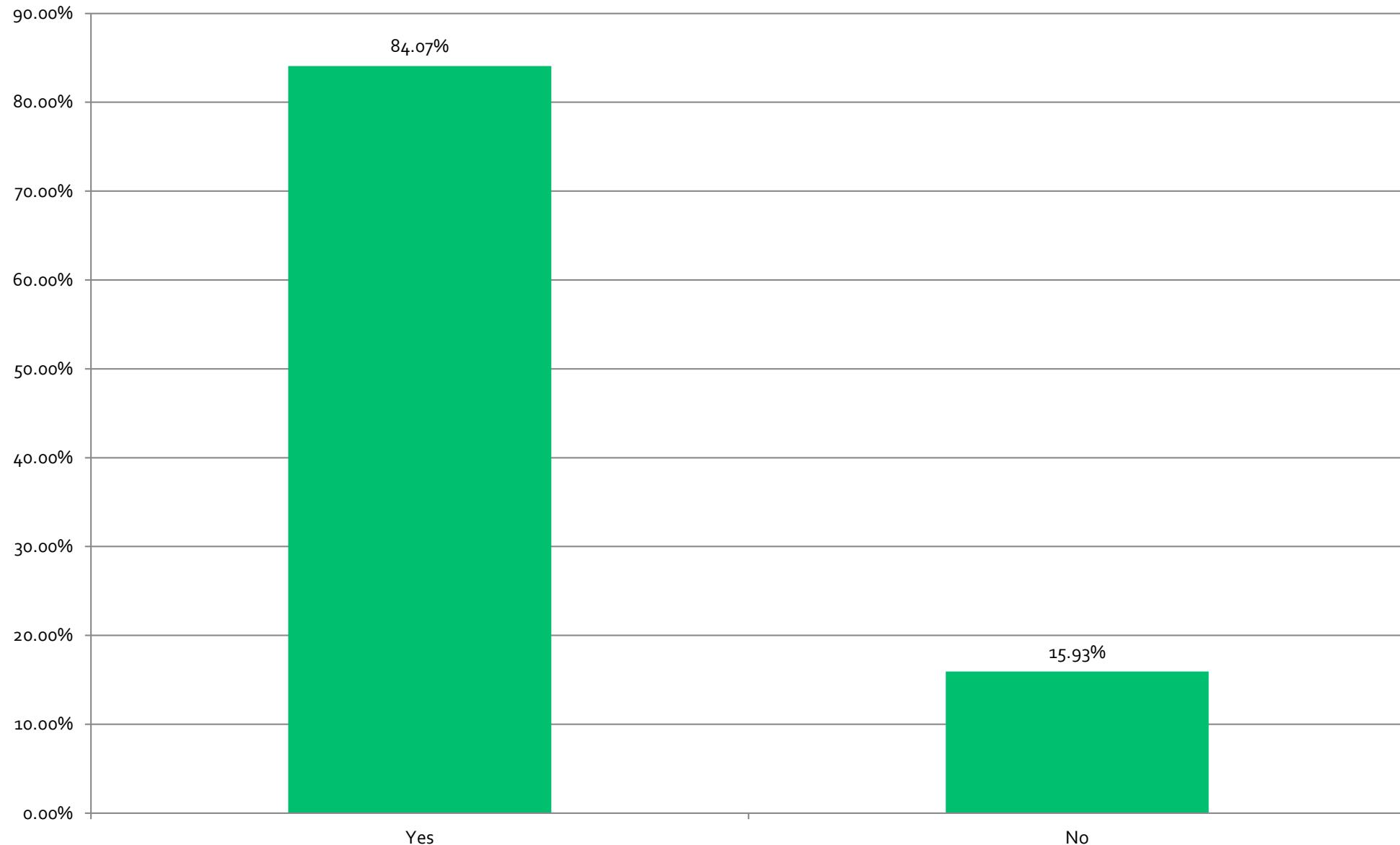
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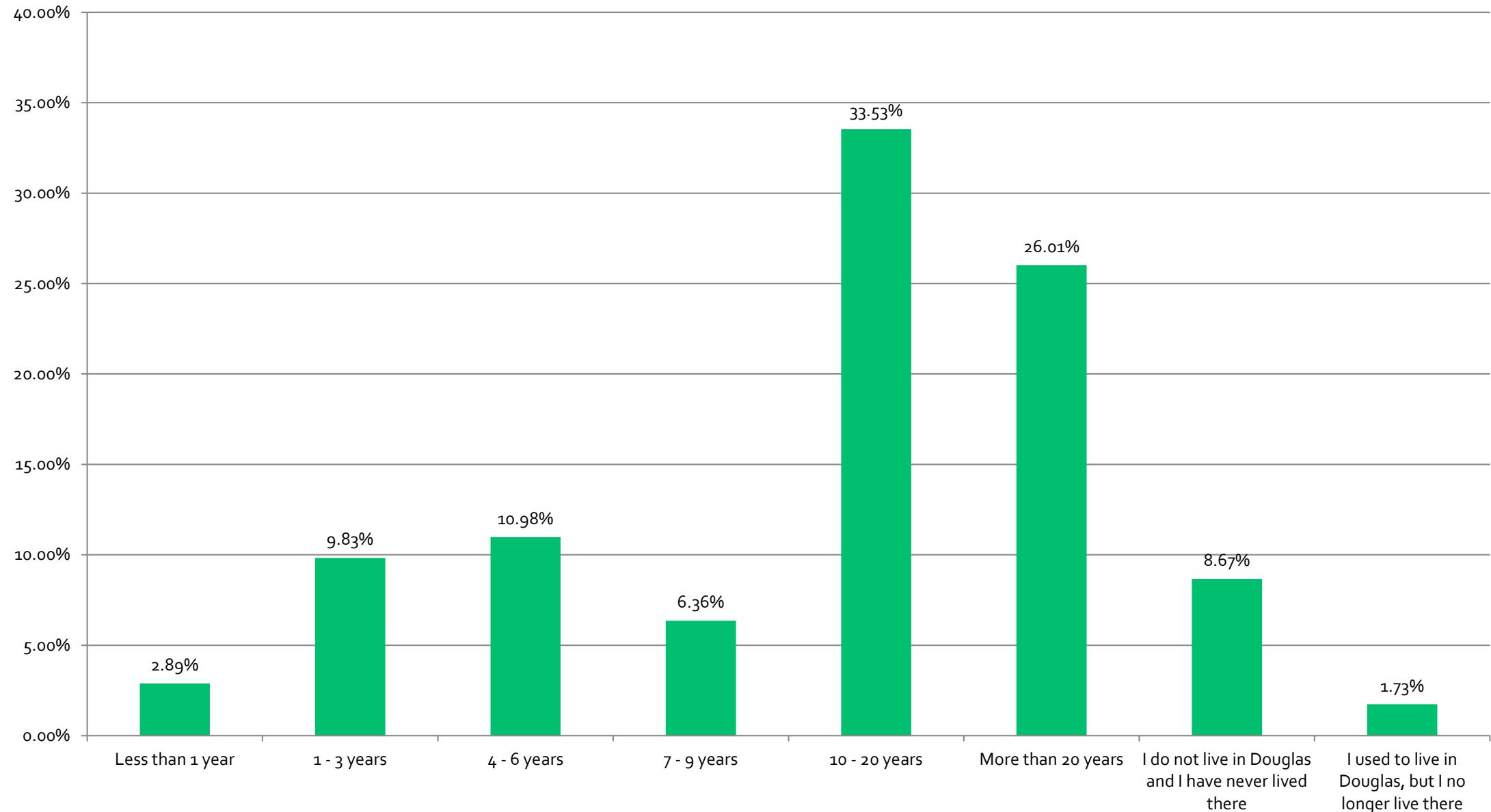
What is your household size?



Do you currently reside in Douglas?



If you currently live in Douglas, how long have you lived here?





Join us for a Two-Part OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN WORKSHOP



PART 1: August 24 @ 7:00 PM

Join us on Wednesday, August 24th at 7:00 PM in-person at the Town Hall or virtually to ***listen to an overview of the Open Space and Recreation Plan*** (OSRP), the ***survey results***, and the ***draft goals***!

IN-PERSON OPTION

Douglas Municipal Center
29 Depot Street
Douglas, MA 01516

VIRTUAL OPTION

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85718859392>
Meeting ID: 857 1885 9392
Dial-In #: 1-646-876-9923

PART 2: August 27 @ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Swing by the **Old Douglas Town Common** on Saturday, August 27th anytime between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM to ***share your suggestions and vision*** for the ***future of open space and recreation*** in Douglas. ***Refreshments provided!*** In the event of rain, part two of the workshop will be held on Sunday, August 28th from 2:00 - 4:00 PM.

PHOTO CONTEST!

Submit photos of your favorite Douglas open space and recreation images to dmarini@cmrpc.org. All submitted photos will be included in the Open Space and Recreation Plan. At the workshop attendees will vote for favorite photos, and the winner will be selected for the cover of the plan! To be considered in the contest, please submit all photos by **Wednesday, August 17th**. If possible, please provide high-resolution photos.

Douglas OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION Forum

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Gordon Luttrell	open space com	
Sue Perkins	Open Space Comm.	
Kathy Richards	open space comm	
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MIKE FITZPATRICK		
MIKE TONRY	BUNEMBA	
Jim Doucette - Douglas resident	- jnedoucette @	gmail.com



Meeting Name: WALK SHOP

Date: AUGUST 27

Community: DOUGLAS

Meeting Time: 10 - 12

Location: OLD TOWN COMMON

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Town of Douglas

Open Space and Recreation Plan

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

7:00 – 8:00 PM



AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Purpose
- II. OSRP Highlights
- III. Survey Results Overview
- IV. Goals and Objectives Overview
- V. Next Steps and Closing Remarks

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Sue Perkins, Chair

Lisa Mosczynski, Vice Chair

Becky Kalagher

Gordon Larrivee

Kathy Richards

Dani Marini, Environmental Planner
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

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PLANNING PROCESS

Community Organization

- Collaboration with CMRPC
- Planning Assistance Grant

Data Collection

- Community profile: demographic, housing, other data from US Census
- Environmental issues and concerns
- Water quality
- Inventory of open spaces
- ADA Evaluation

Community Input

- Survey
- Public Forum



Document Preparation and Review

- Presentation to Planning Board
- Presentation to BOS
- Public Comment

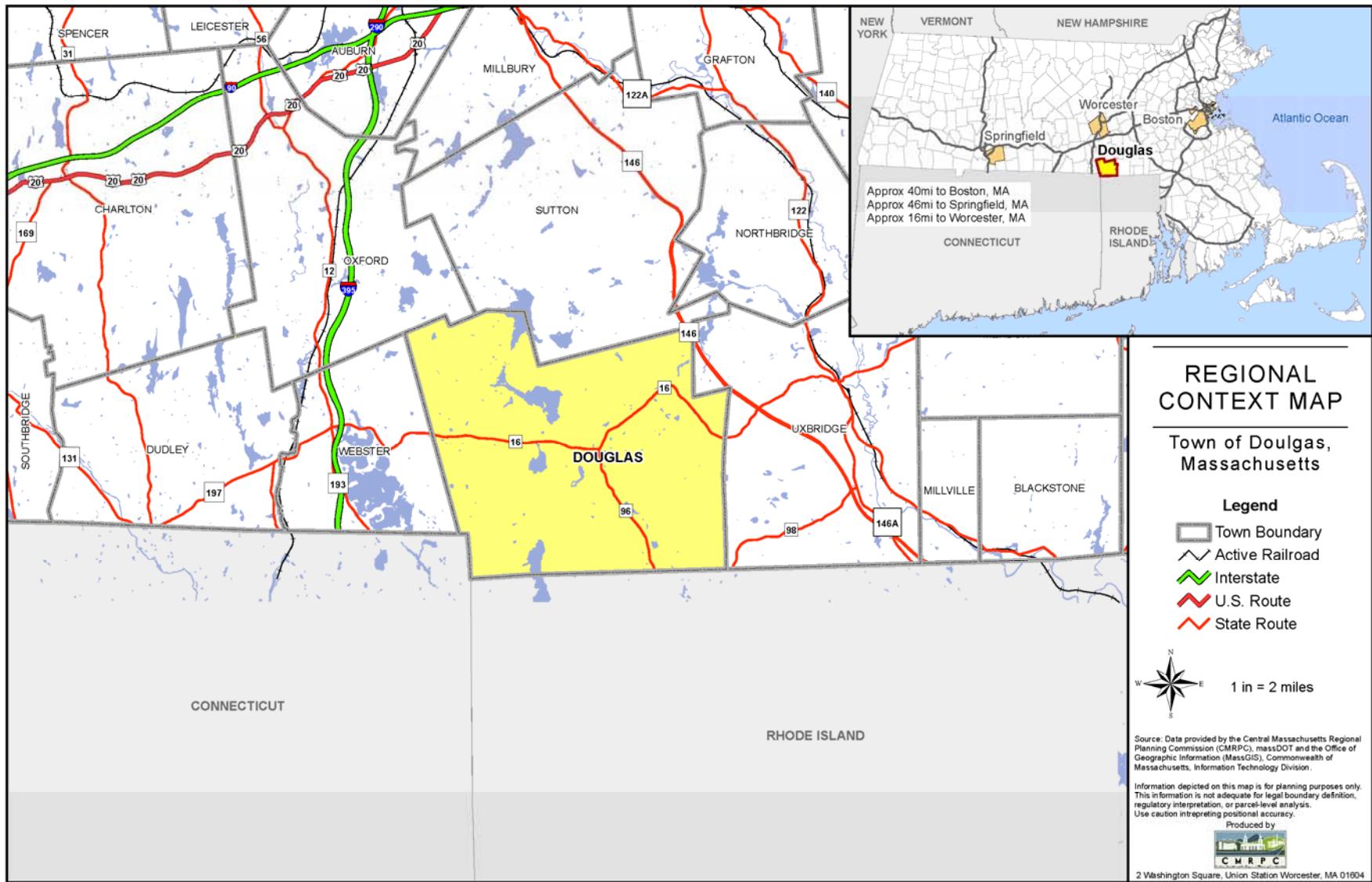
Submit Plan to the State

Review and Acceptance

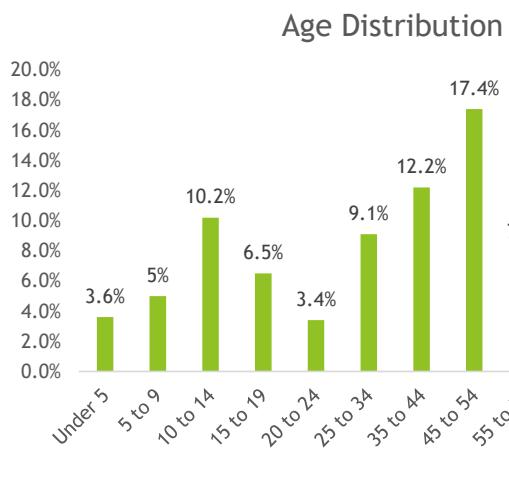
PURPOSE OF AN OSRP

- Open space is important to the economic future of a community
- Open Space and Recreation Plans can obtain the benefits of development while protecting environmental assets
- Aid in preventing communities from overwhelming available resources
- Communities with approved OSRPs are eligible to apply for:
 - Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant
 - Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) grant
 - Other state grant programs

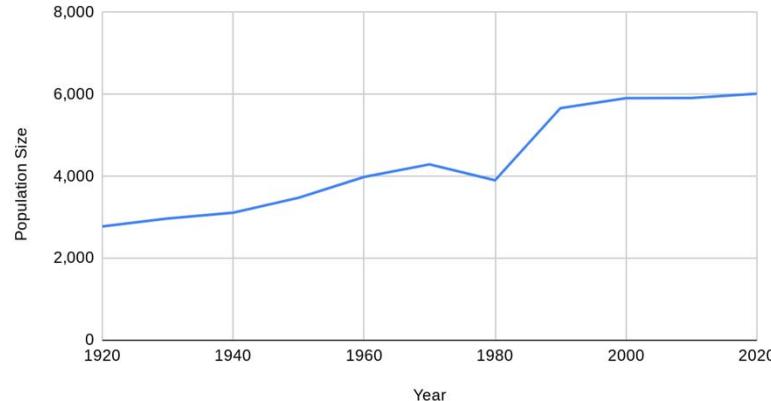
PLAN HIGHLIGHTS



POPULATION AND AGE



Population Size vs. Year

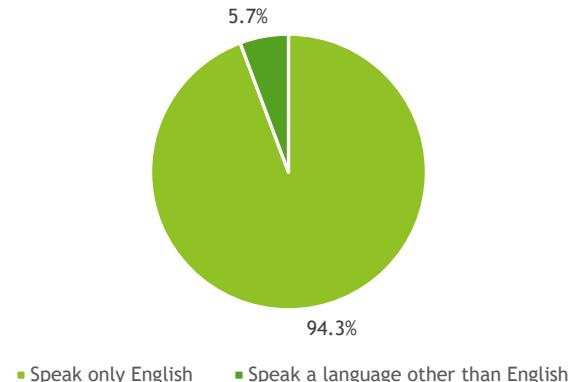


Year	Population Size
1920	2,777
1930	2,973
1940	3,113
1950	3,479
1960	3,987
1970	4,292
1980	3,905
1990	5,666
2000	5,907
2010	5,911
2020	6,017

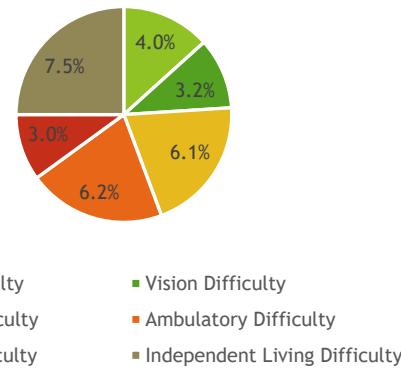
RACE, LANGUAGE, DISABILITY

Race	Population Size
White alone	5342
Black or African American alone	51
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	13
Asian alone	106
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0
Some Other Race alone	139
Population of two or more races	366

English Speaking Population in Hopedale



Disabled Persons in Hopedale

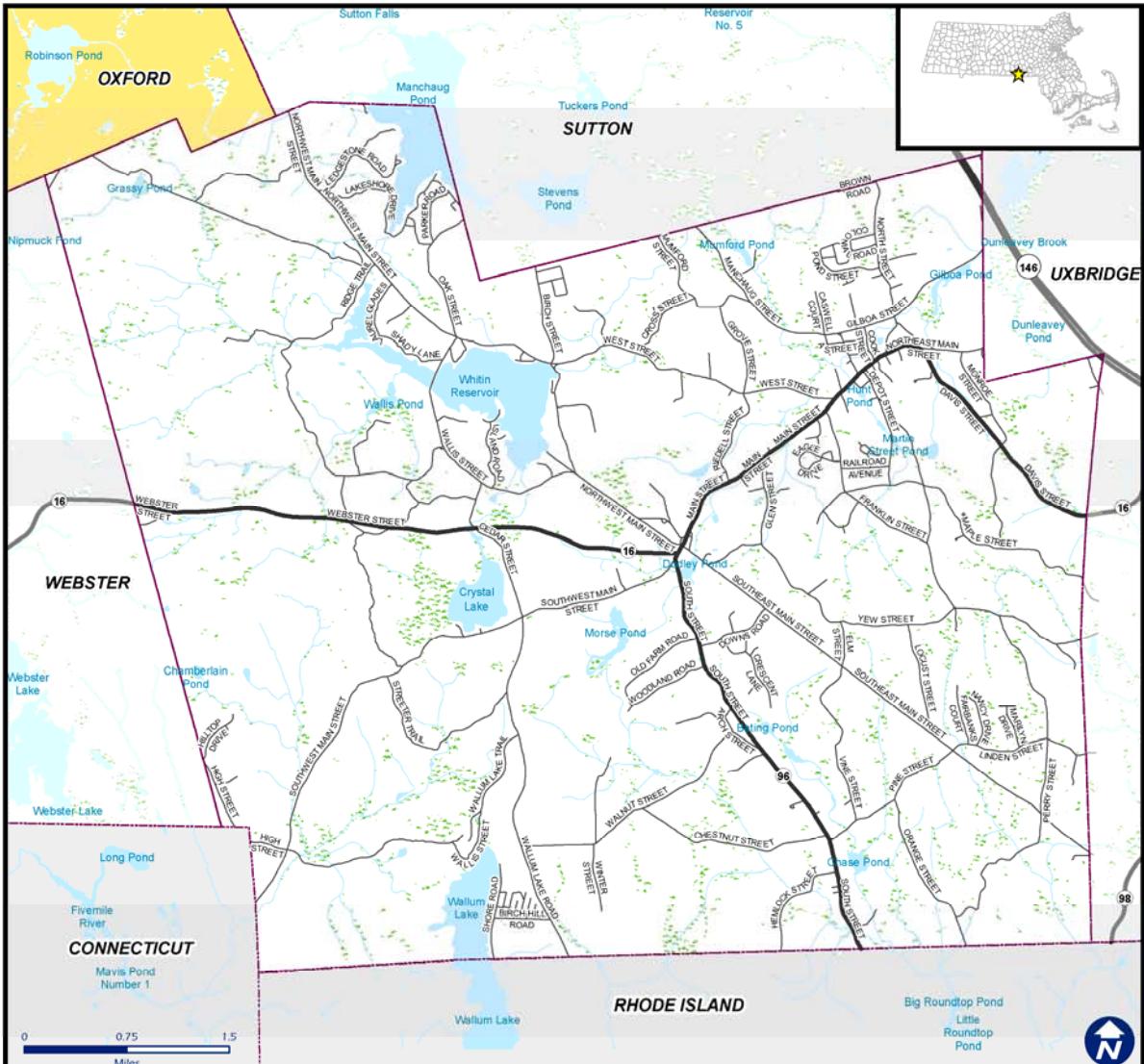


Language	Percentage
Spanish	1.7%
Other Indo-European languages	3.3%
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	0.5%
Other languages	0.2%

MAP 2

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Town of Douglas 2022 Open Space & Recreation Plan



Legend

Town Boundary	Environmental Justice 2020 Populations
River, Stream	EJ Criteria, by Black Group
Lake, Pond	Minority
MassDEP	
Active Rail Service	
Major Road	
Local Road	

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MAP 3

ZONING DISTRICTS

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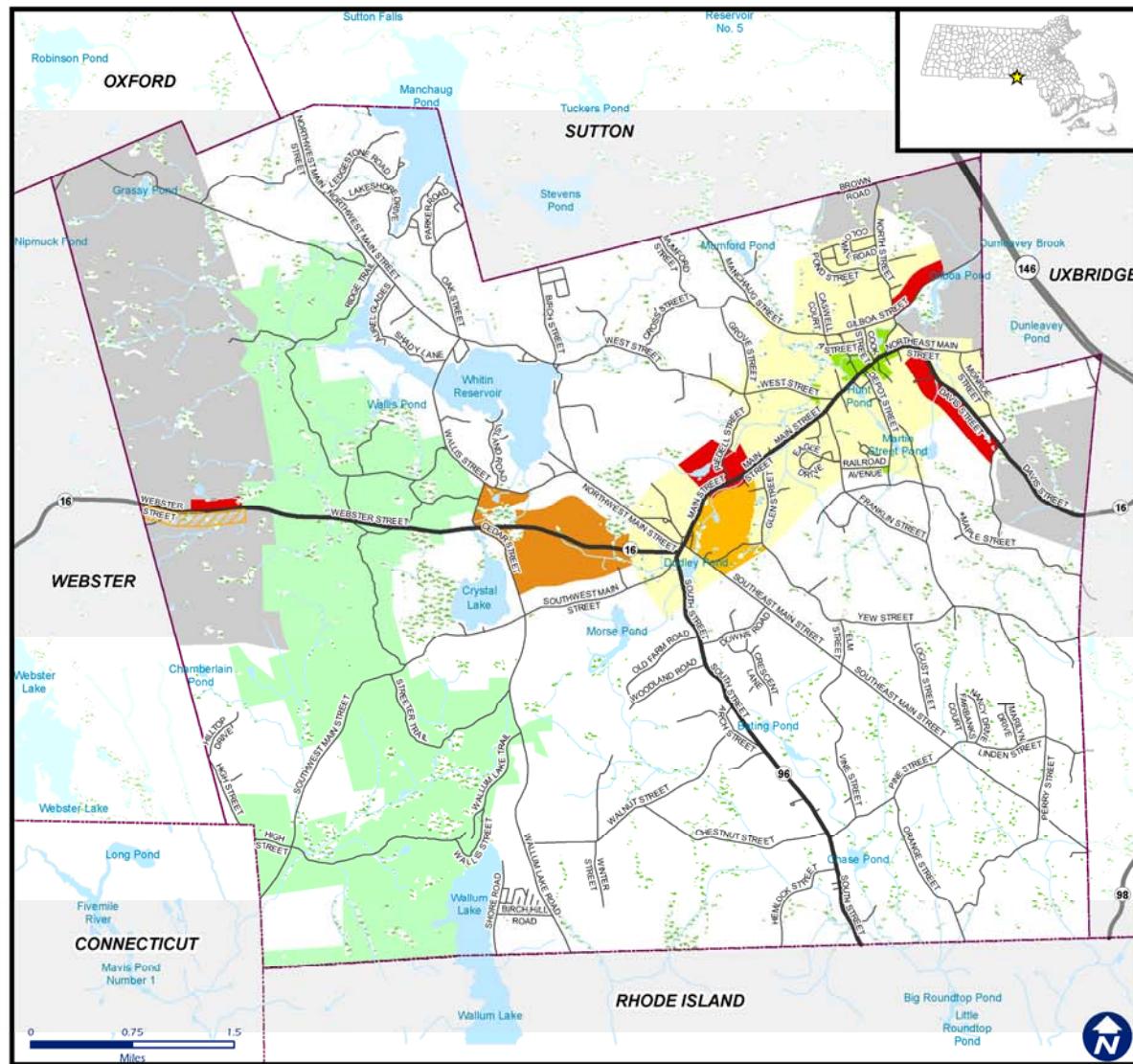
	Zoning Districts
River, Stream	Commercial
Lake, Pond	Industrial
MassDEP Wetlands	Rural Agricultural
Active Rail Service	Residential Commercial - One
Major Road	Residential Commercial - Two
Local Road	State Forest Open Space
Adult Entertainment Overlay District	Village Residential
	Village Business

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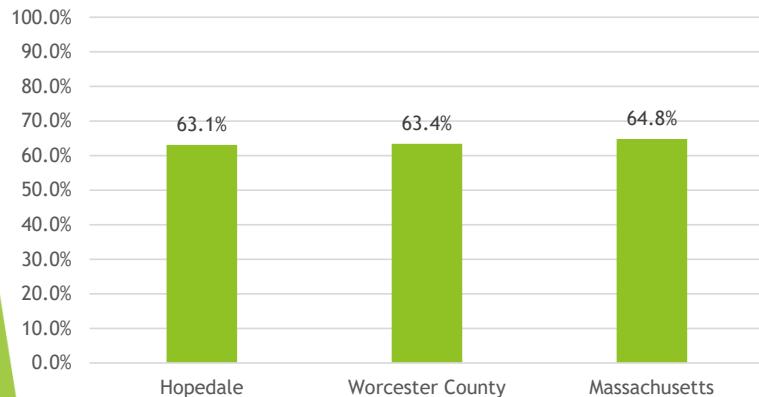
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INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT

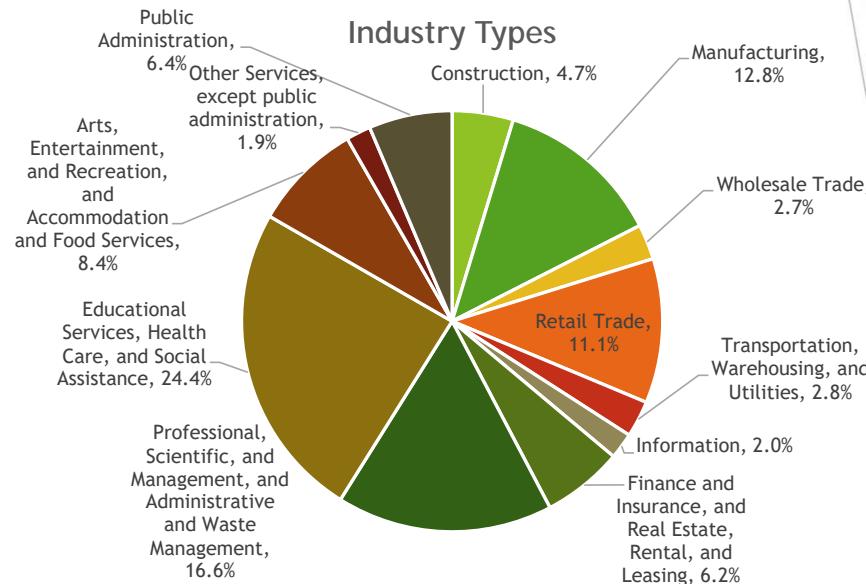
Median Household Income



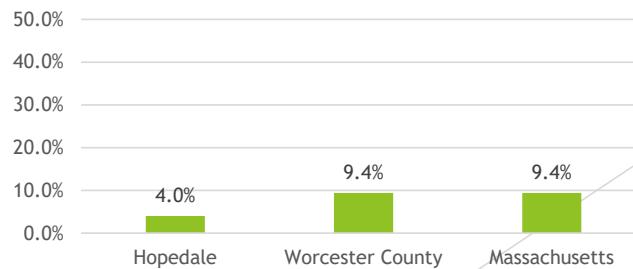
Employment Rate



Industry Types



Poverty Rate



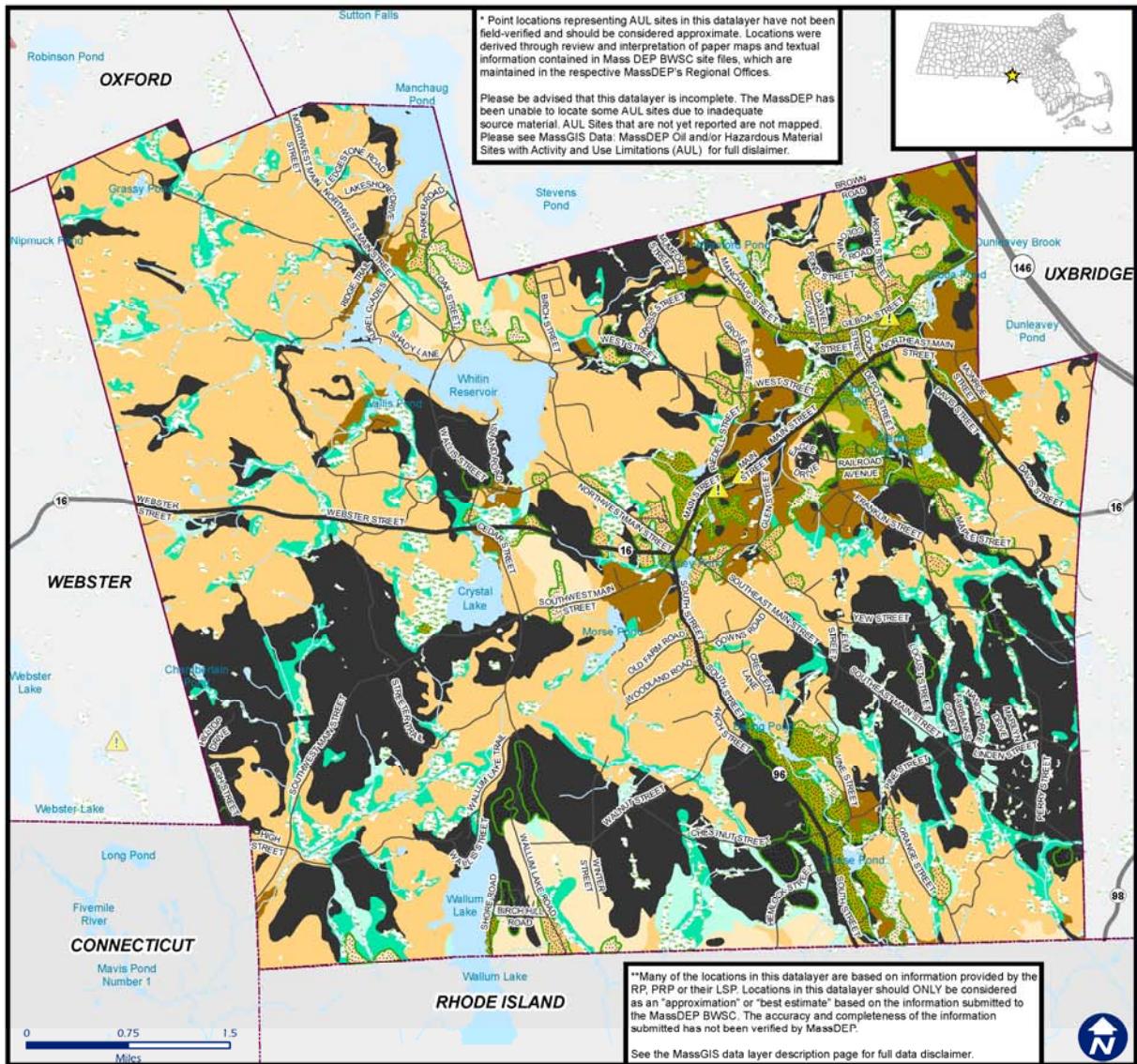
GEOLOGY, SOILS, AND TOPOGRAPHY

- USGS elevations range from:
 - High of 555 feet above sea level at "The Lookout" in the northwest corner of Town
 - Low of 272 feet above sea level on land adjacent to Hopedale Pond
- Soils Include:
 - Chatfield-Hollis Rock Outcrop Complex
 - Northwestern part of town: stony Montauk fine sandy loam (Parklands)
 - Southwestern part of town: Canton fine sandy loams
- Not much variation in topography, though there are small drumlins around Route 140, Mill Street, and Green Street

MAP 4

SOILS & GEOLOGIC FEATURES

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WATER RESOURCES

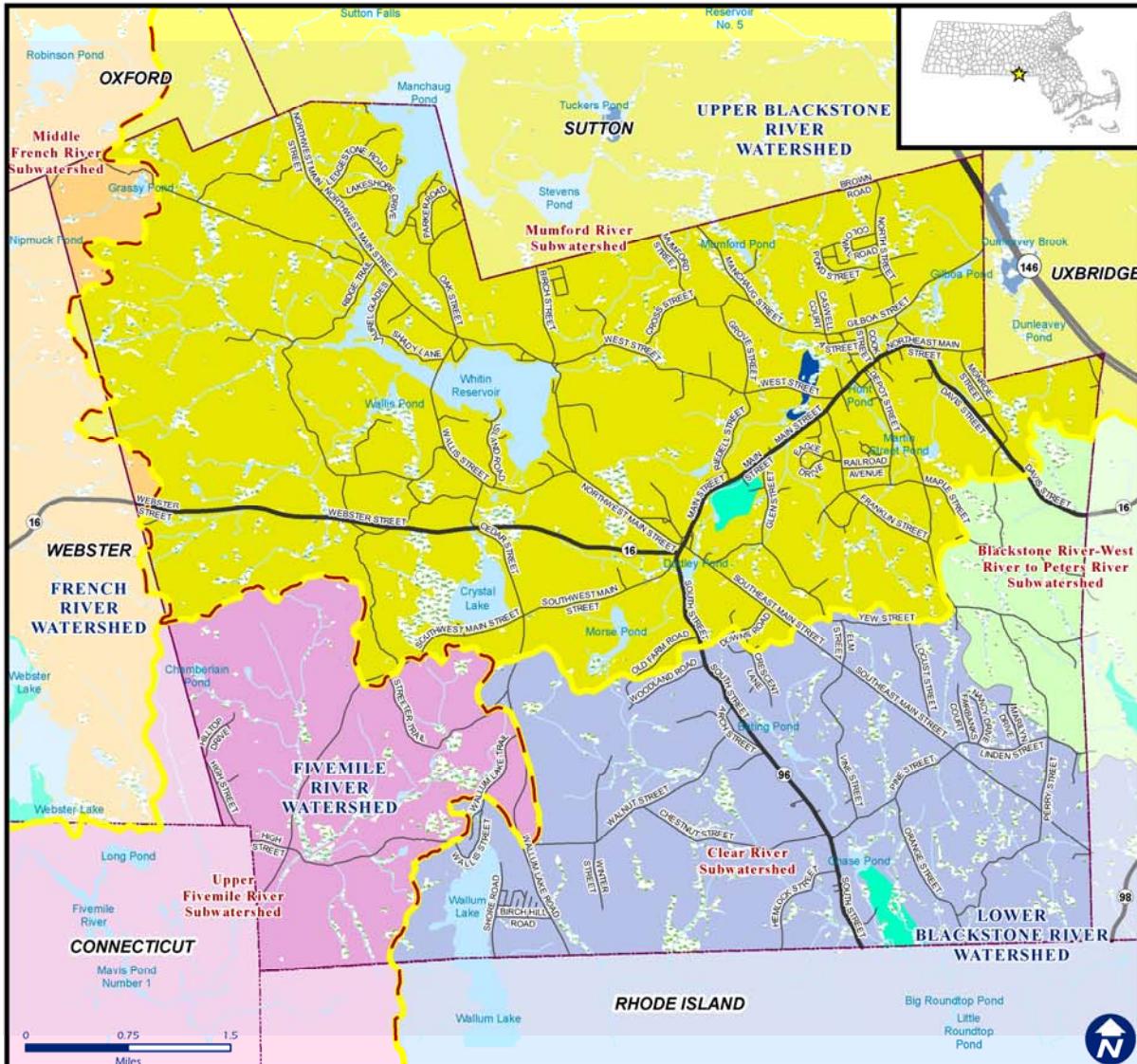
- ▶ Watersheds
 - ▶ Blackstone River Watershed
 - ▶ Charles River Watershed
 - ▶ Mill River Watershed
- ▶ Notable Surface Waters
 - ▶ Mill River
 - ▶ Charles River
 - ▶ Hopedale Pond
 - ▶ Spindleville Pond
- ▶ Have public water and sewer systems
 - ▶ All but the southern part of town are on the public water supply



MAP 6

WATER RESOURCES MAP 1

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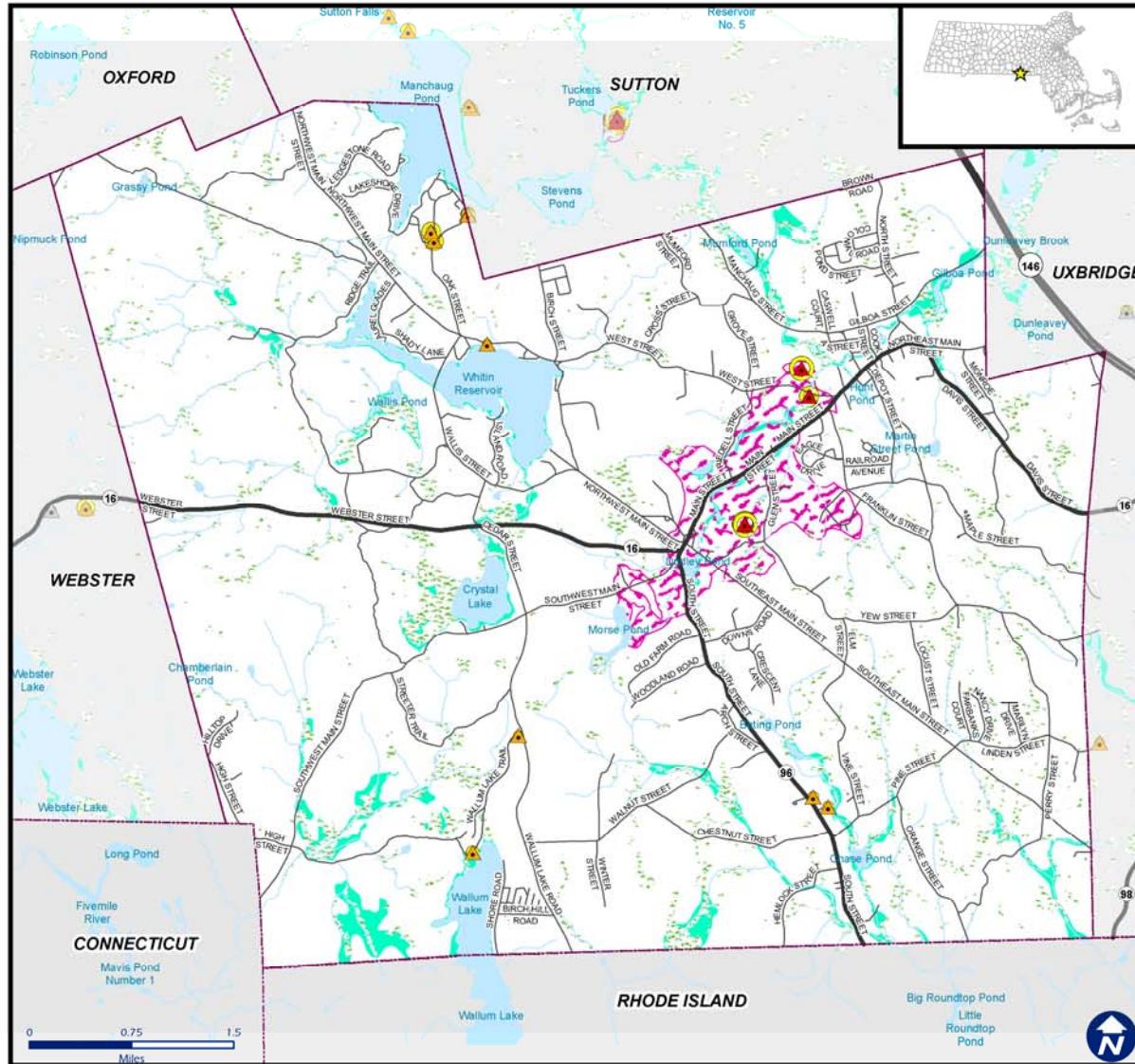
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MAP 7

WATER RESOURCES MAP 2

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VEGETATION, WILDLIFE, AND VERNAL POOLS

Vegetation	Wildlife	Vernal Pools
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common Tree Stands: Oak, Maple, Birch, Hickory• Common Flowering Plants: Lady Slippers, Bluets, Canada Mayflowers, White Violets• Marsh/Swamp Areas: Jack-in-the-pulpit, Pickerelweed, Arrowhead flowers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common Birds: Bluejay, Chickadee, Downy Woodpecker, White-breasted Nuthatch, Great Blue Heron, Wood Duck• Common Mammals: Grey Squirrel, Red Squirrel, Eastern Chipmunk, Striped Skunk, Eastern Cottontail Rabbit• Larger Mammals: Mink, Porcupine, Coyote, Fisher Cat, White-tailed Deer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0 Certified Vernal Pools• 23 Potential Vernal Pools

Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species

Common Name	Scientific Name	Taxonomic Group	MESA Status	Most Recent Obs.
Bridle Shiner	<i>Notropis bifrenatus</i>	Fish	Special Concern	1956
Brook Snaketail	<i>Ophiogomphus aspersus</i>	Dragonfly/Damselfly	Special Concern	2007

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION LANDS

All Chapter 61 Lands

Owner Type	Assessor Size (Ac)	%
CH61	155.24	82.18%
CH61B	33.66	17.82%
Grand Total	188.90	100.00%

Lands by Ownership

Owner Type	GIS Acres	%
Municipal	652.86	93.49%
Private	18.35	2.63%
State	3.61	0.52%
Private Non-Profit	23.48	3.36%
Grand Total	698.29	100.00%

Lands by Protection Level

Owner Type	GIS Acres	%
Perpetuity	659.78	94.48%
Municipal	637.83	91.34%
Private	18.35	2.63%
State	3.61	0.52%
Limited	38.51	5.52%
Municipal	15.03	2.15%
Private Non-Profit	23.48	3.36%
Grand Total	698.29	100.00%

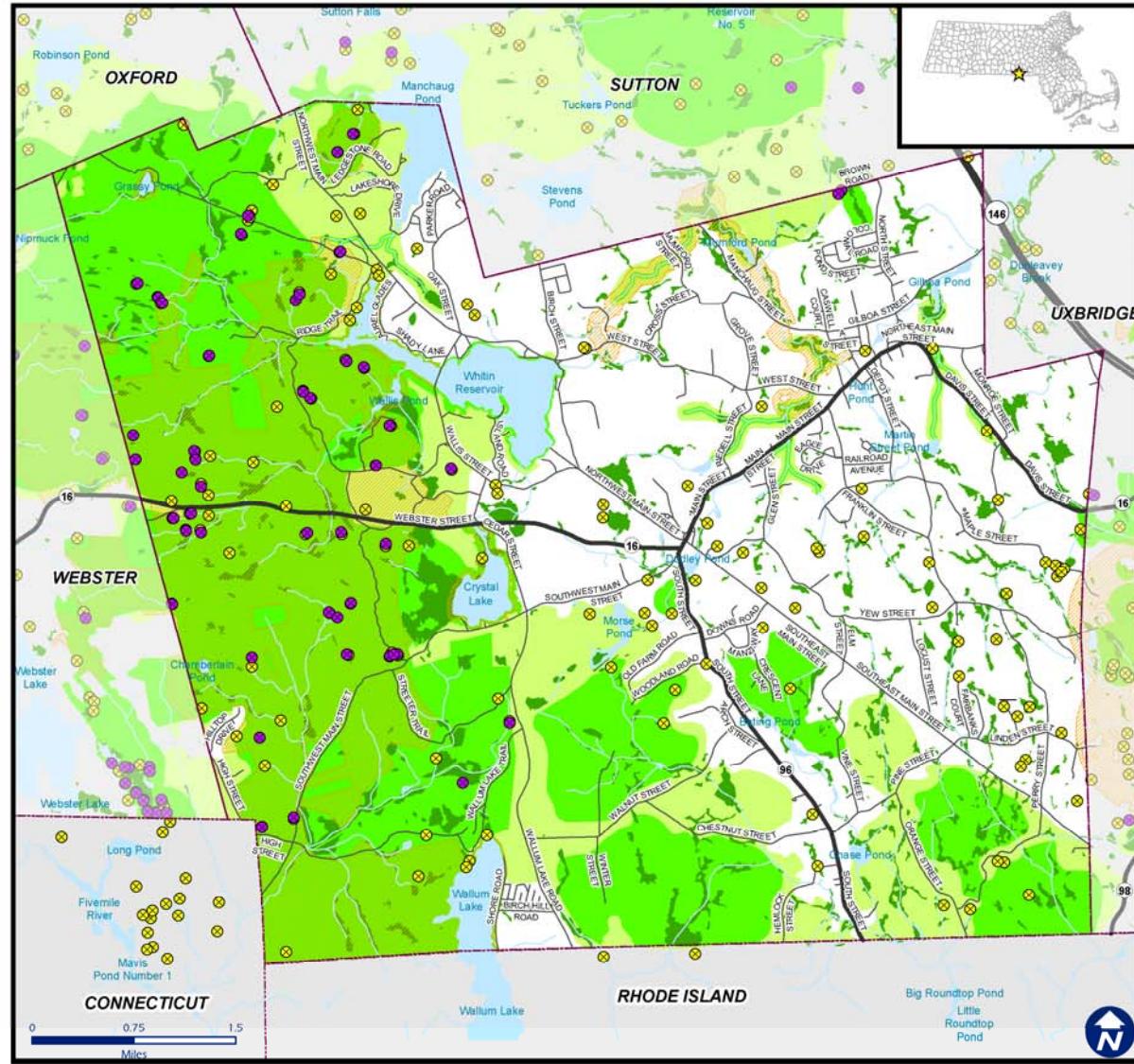
Lands with Conservation Restrictions

Owner Type	GIS Acres	%
Conservation Restriction (CR)	18.35	100.00%
Private	18.35	100.00%
Grand Total	18.35	100.00%

MAP 9

HABITAT FEATURES

Town of Douglas 2022 Open Space & Recreation Plan



Legend

- Town Boundary
- River, Stream
- Lake, Pond
- MassDEP Wetlands
- Active Rail Service
- Major Road
- Local Road
- NHESP Certified Vernal Pools (05/2022)
- NHESP Potential Vernal Pools (1)
- NHESP Priority Habitats of Rare (2017)
- NHESP/TNC BioMap2 Core Habitat
- NHESP/TNC BioMap2 Critical Natural Landscape

(1) NHESP Potential Vernal Pools:
NOT equivalent to Certified Vernal Pools

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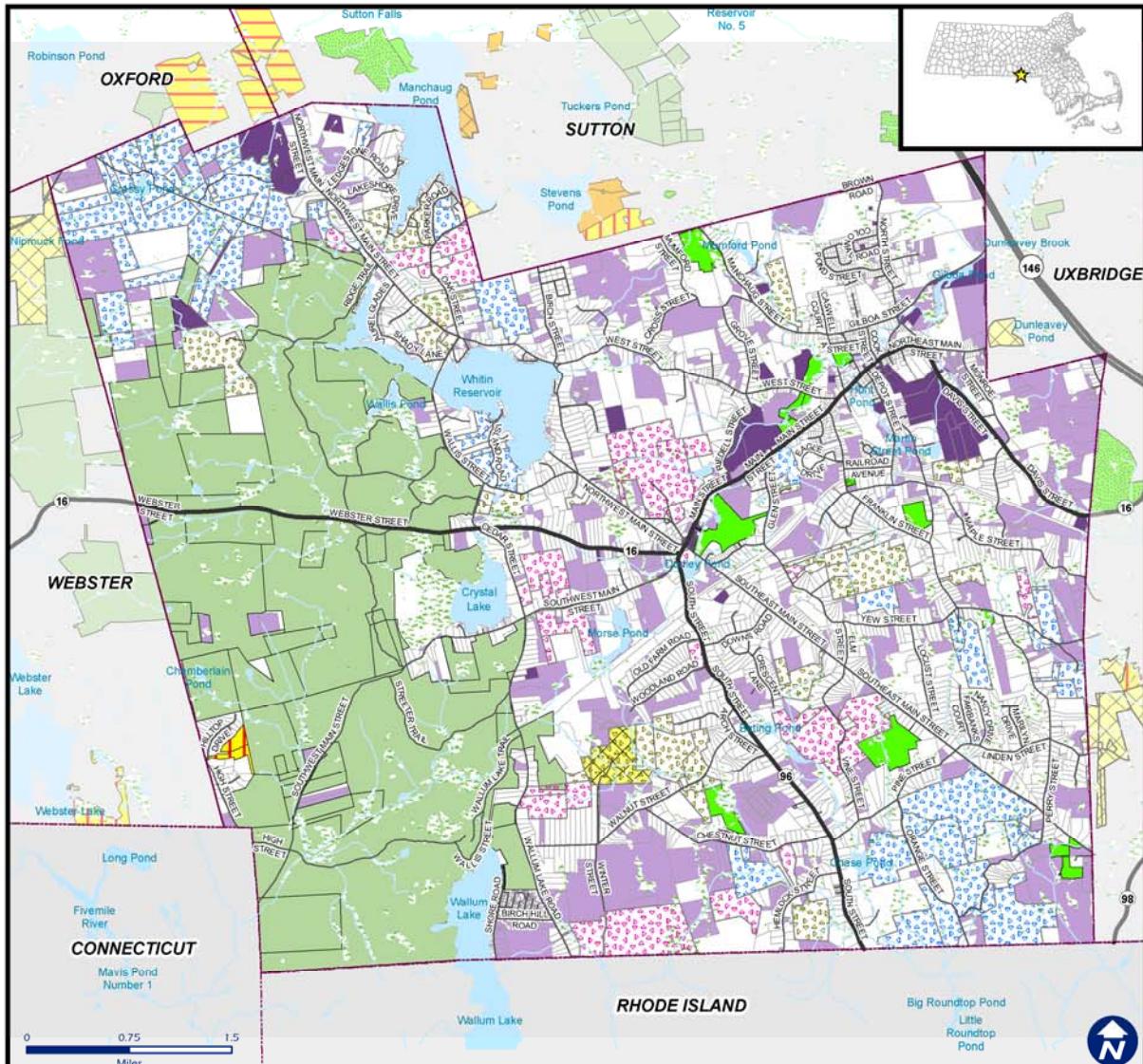


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MAP 8

OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

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SURVEY RESULTS

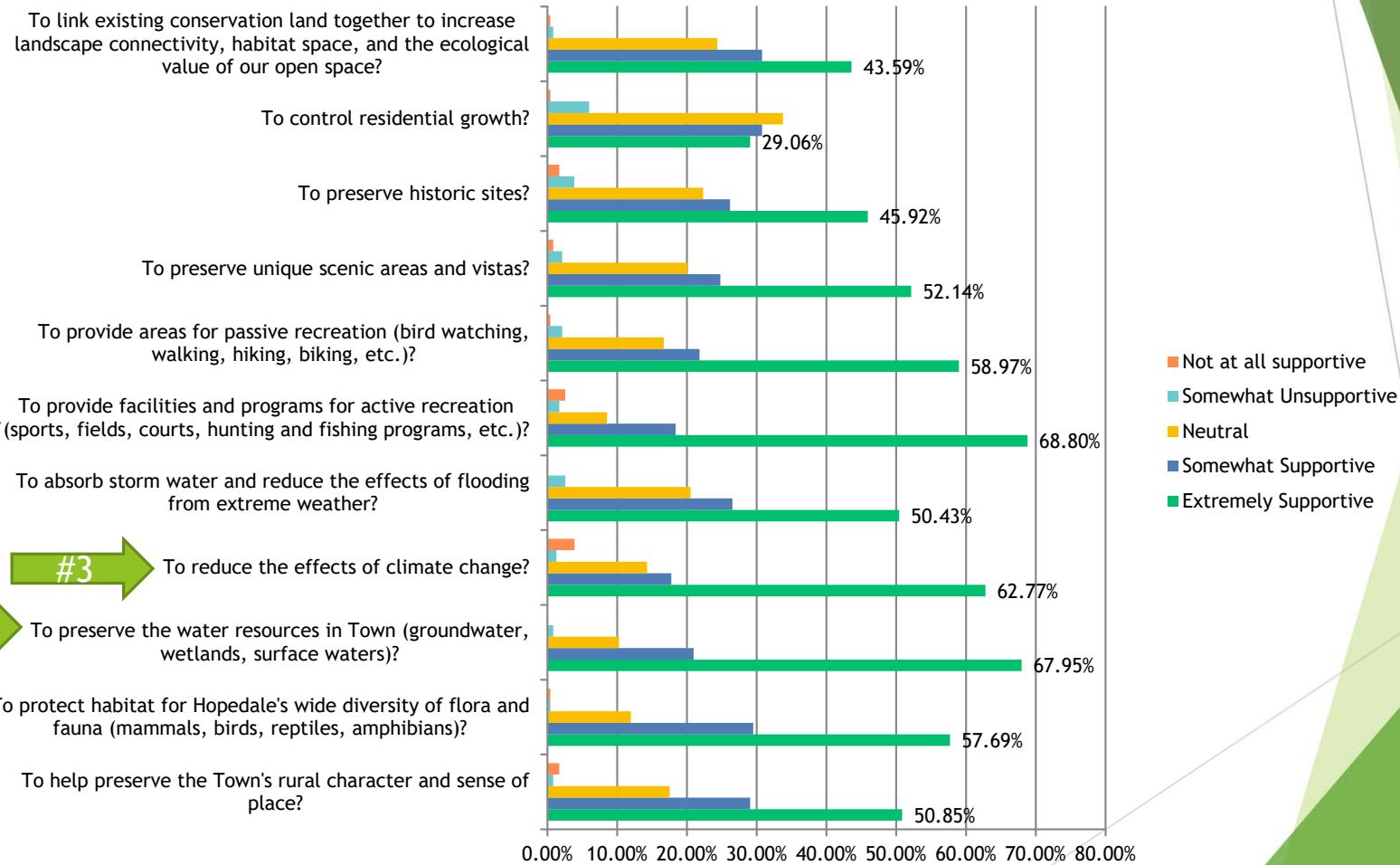


COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY

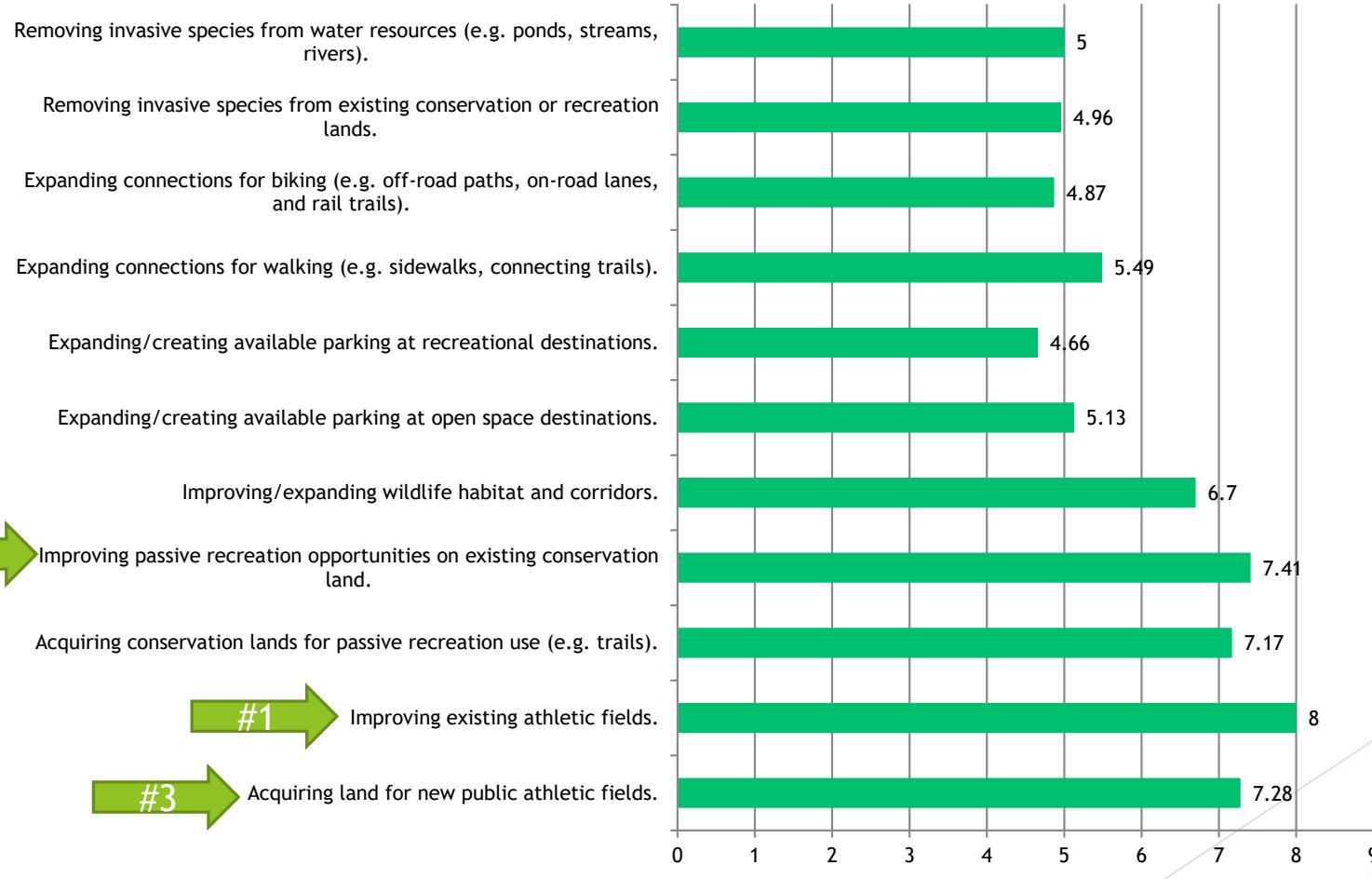
METHODOLOGY

- Survey were available to take online via Survey Monkey
- Survey launched on September 1, 2021, and is still open collecting responses
- The survey was advertised online via the Town Website, Facebook pages, email blasts, virtual newsletters, and at the Day in the Park event
- A total of 238 responses have been received to date
- 42.59% of respondents were under the age of 18

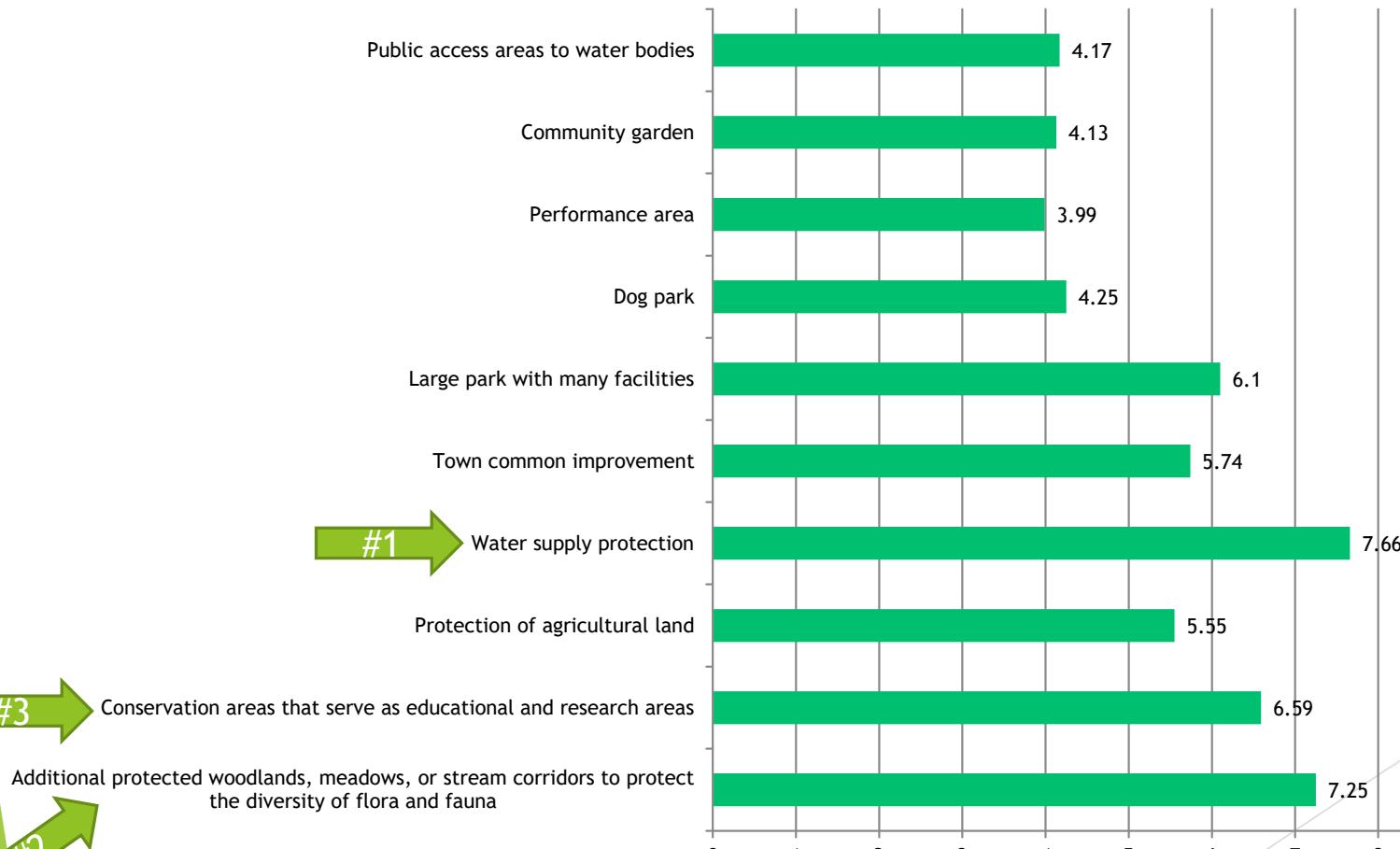
How strongly do you support Hopedale protecting, acquiring, and/or improving Town-owned land for the following reasons:



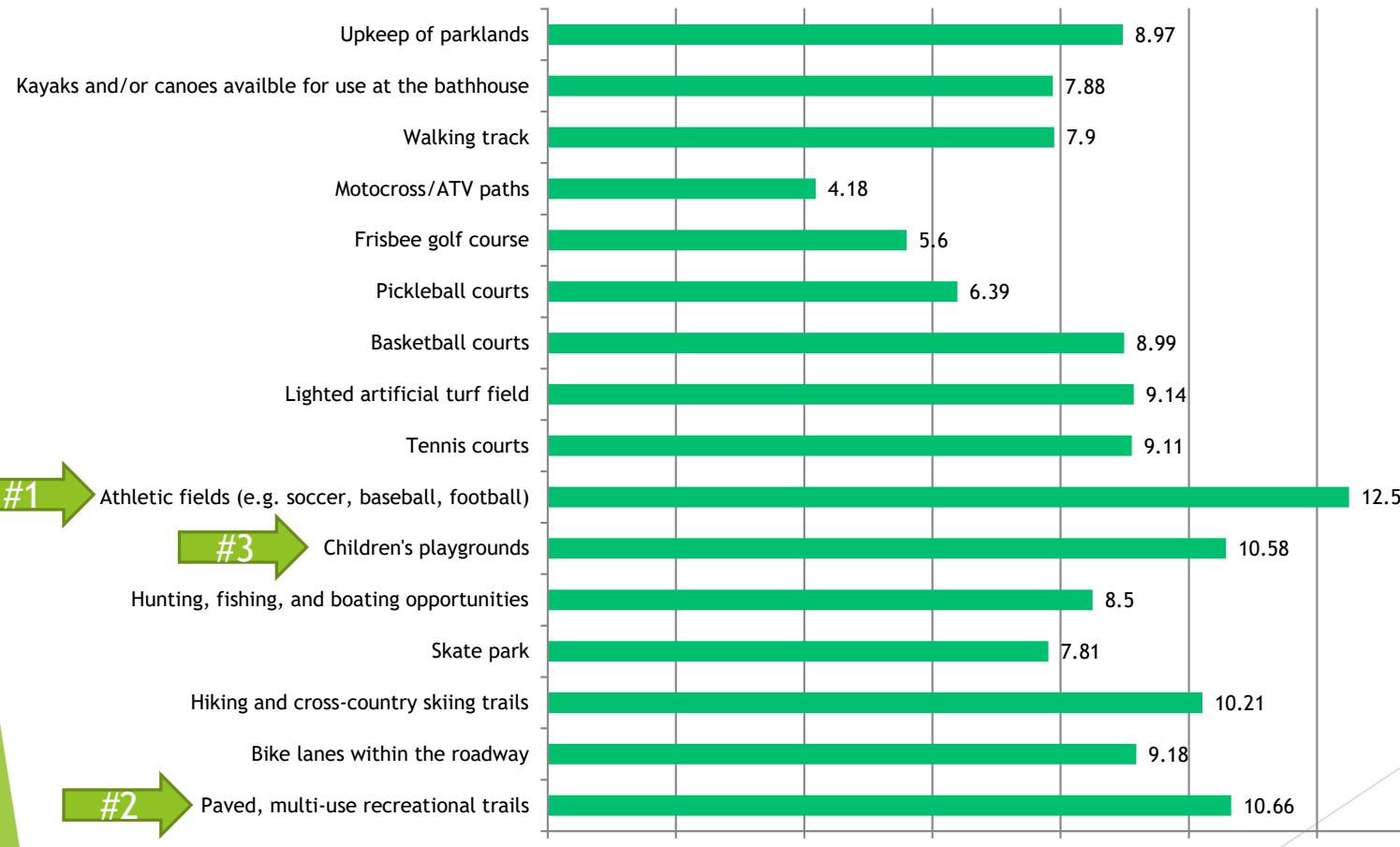
What should Hopedale's priorities be for open space and recreation expenditures?



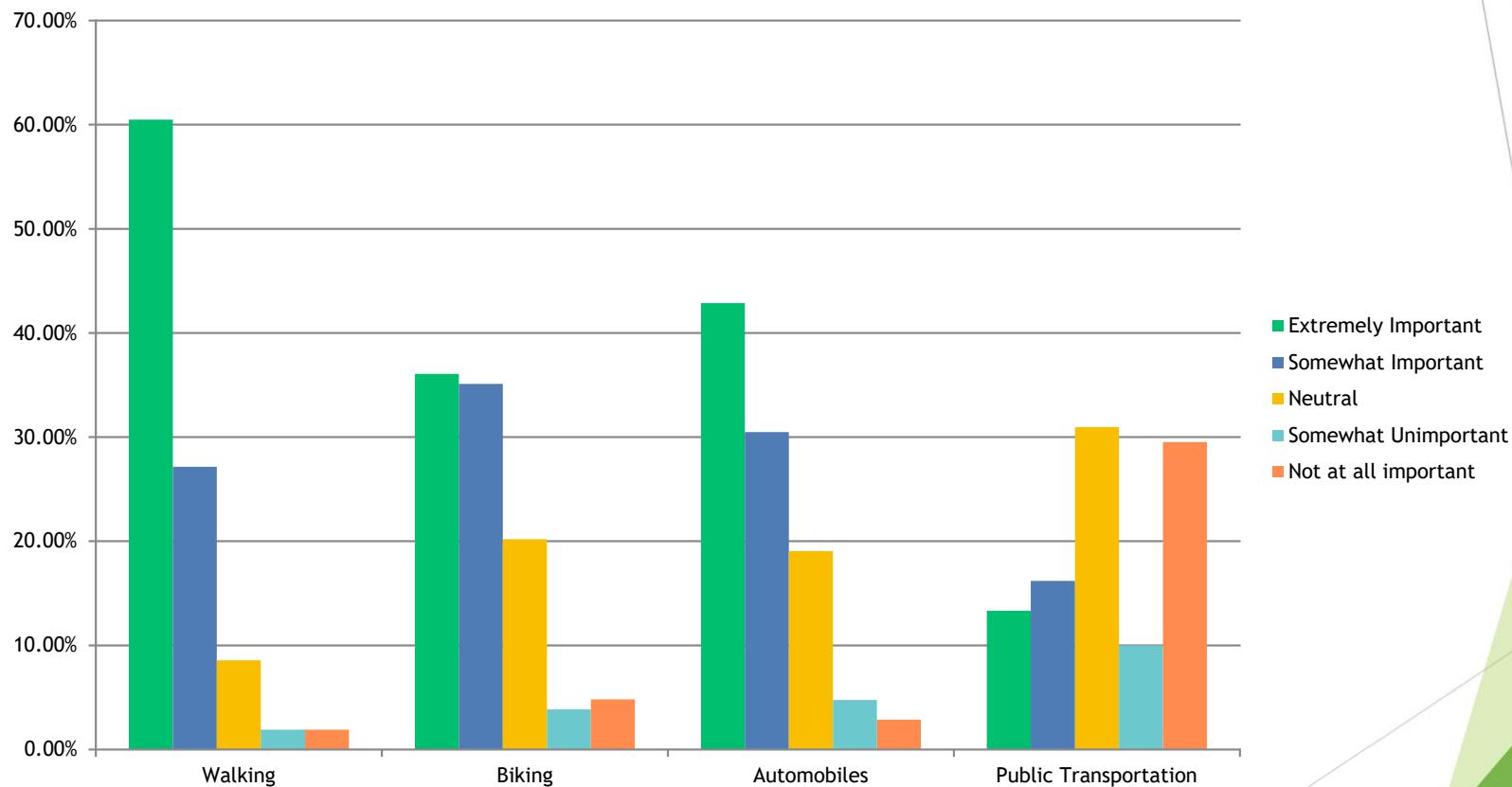
What do you consider to be the biggest unmet open space needs in Hopedale?



What do you consider to be the biggest unmet recreation needs in Hopedale?



How important is it to be able to travel to open space and recreational destinations in Hopedale by:



A photograph of a basketball hoop and backboard set against a vibrant sunset sky. The sky is filled with orange, yellow, and red clouds. The basketball hoop is in the foreground on the left, and the backboard is partially visible. The entire image is overlaid with a dark green geometric pattern of overlapping triangles and lines.

DRAFT GOALS

GOALS



- I. Improve Accessibility of Open Space Areas for People of All Capabilities
- II. Improve and Ensure Maintenance of Existing Fields, Parks, Trails, Facilities, and Other Open Spaces
- III. Create New Athletic Fields, Courts, and Other Recreation Opportunities
- IV. Increase Preservation and Resilience of Natural Resources
- V. Continuous Program Review and Improvement



Next Steps

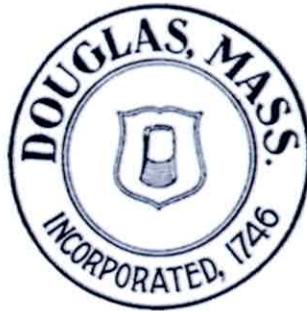
NEXT STEPS FOR APPROVAL

- ▶ Part II of Workshop this Saturday, August 27 anytime between 10 am - 12 pm
- ▶ Review the Draft OSRP - Late September/Early October
- ▶ Attend a Presentation of the Draft OSRP
 - Planning Board
 - Selectboard
- ▶ Submittal to Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)
- ▶ Review, Re-Submit, Approval



QUESTIONS?

Dani Marini, CMRPC
dmarini@cmrpc.org



Town of Douglas
29 Depot Street, Douglas, MA, 01516

November 3rd, 2023

Purpose:

The Grievance Procedure was established to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. It may be used by anyone wishing to file a complaint alleging that they have been subject to discrimination on the basis of disability in employment practices and policies or the provisions of services, activities, programs, or benefits by the Town of Douglas.

Policy:

The complaint should be in writing and contain information about the alleged discrimination such as name, address, phone number, and complainant and location, date, and description of the problem. Alternative means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint, will be made available for persons with disabilities upon request.

The complaint should be submitted by the grievant and/or his/her designee as soon as possible but no later than 60 calendar days after the alleged violation to the Town of Douglas ADA Coordinator:

- Ken Frasier, Town of Douglas ADA Coordinator and Building Commissioner; 508-476-4000, ext. 208

Complaint Procedure:

Within 15 calendar days after the receipt of the complaint, the ADA coordinator or his designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days of the meeting, Ken Frasier or his designee will respond in writing, and where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, such as large print, Braille, or audio tape. The response will explain the position of the Town of Douglas and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.

Appeal Process:

If the response by Ken Frasier or his designee does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant and/or his/her designee may appeal the decision within 15 calendar days after the receipt of the response to the Town Administrator or his/her designee.

Consideration and Retention:

Within 15 calendar days after the receipt of an appeal, Ken Frasier will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days of the meeting, the Town Administrator or his/her designee will respond in writing, and, where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, with a final resolution of the complaint.

All written complaints receive by Ken Frasier and/or his designee, appeals to the Town Administrator and/or his/her designee, and responses from these two offices will be retained by the Town Administrator's Office for at least three years.



Town of Douglas
29 Depot Street, Douglas, MA, 01516

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Town of Douglas will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs or activities.

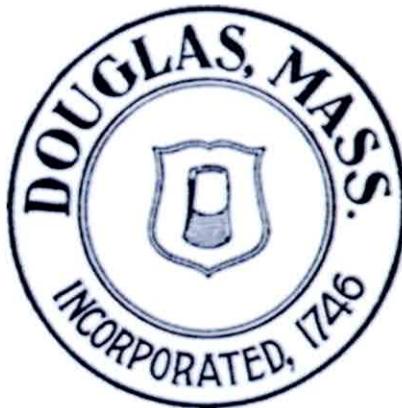
Employment: The Town of Douglas does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title 11 of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Town of Douglas will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in Town of Douglas programs, services, and activities.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Town of Douglas will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a Town sponsored program, service, or activity, should contact the ADA Coordinator as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

- Ken Frasier, Town of Douglas ADA Coordinator and Building Commissioner; 508-476-4000, ext. 208

The ADA does not require the Town to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services or impose an undue financial or administrative burden. Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Town is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to the ADA Coordinator. The Town of Douglas will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy.



Town of Douglas
29 Depot Street, Douglas, MA, 01516

November 3rd, 2023

To:

Melissa Cryan
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Division of Conservation Services
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA, 02114

Dear Ms. Cryan,

This letter hereby certifies that the Town of Douglas is an equal opportunity Employer and meets all requirements as an Equal Opportunity Employer. This letter may also be used to attest that the Town of Douglas' employment practices, including the recruitment, personnel actions, leave administration, training, tests, medical exams/questionnaires, social and recreational programs, fringe benefits, collective bargaining agreements, and wage and salary administration are in complete compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Sincerely,

Signature
Ken Frasier
ADA Coordinator/Building Commissioner
Town of Douglas



Town of Douglas
29 Depot Street, Douglas, MA, 01516

November 3rd, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

This correspondence confirms that the ADA Coordinator for the Town of Douglas is: Ken Frasier, Building Commissioner; 508-476-4000, ext. 208; kfrasier@douglas-ma.gov.

Thank you,

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Frasier".

Ken Frasier

Town of Douglas, MA, Building Commissioner

MANCHAUG RD (Marylynne)
CONSERVATION AREA

LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM

Activity	Equipment	Notes	Yes	No	Comment
Picnic Facilities	Tables & Benches	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
		Access to Open Spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Back and Arm Rests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Adequate number	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Grills	Height of Cooking Surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Trash Cans	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Picnic Shelters	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Located near accessible water fountains, trash can, restroom, parking, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Trails		Surface material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural
		Dimensions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3-5 ft wide
		Rails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no
		Signage (for visually impaired)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no
Swimming Facilities	Pools	Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
		Location from accessible parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Safety features i.e. warning for visually impaired	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Beaches	Location from accessible path into water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Location from accessible parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Shade provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Play Areas (tot lots)	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, slides	Same experience provided to all	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Enough space between equipment for wheelchair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Game Areas: *ballfield; *basketball; *tennis	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Berm cuts onto courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Equipment	Height	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Dimensions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Spectator Seating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Boat Docks	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fishing Facilities	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Equipment	Arm Rests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Bait Shelves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Fish Cleaning Tables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Programming	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Guided Hikes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Interpretive Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Services and Technical Assistance	Information available in alternative formats i.e. for visually impaired		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Process to request interpretive services (i.e. sign language interpreter) for meetings		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓

MAMC 1

LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM

PARKING

Total Space	Required Accessible Spaces	grass/dirt for 8 cars	Yes	No	Comment/Transition Notes
Up to 25	1 space		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No Accessible Parking
26-50	2 spaces		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	W/A
51-75	3 spaces		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
76-100	4 spaces		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
101-150	5 spaces		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
151-200	6 spaces		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
201-300	7 spaces		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
301-400	8 spaces		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
401-500	9 spaces		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Specification for Accessible Spaces

Specification for Accessible Spaces	Yes	No	Comment/Transition Notes
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Van space – minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

RAMPS

Specifications

Specifications	Yes	No	Comment/Transition Notes
Slope Maximum 1:12	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Minimum width 4 ft between handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails on both sides if ramp is longer than 6 ft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails at 34" and 19" from ramp surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails extend 12" beyond top and bottom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip oval or round	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip smooth surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip diameter between 1 1/4" and 2"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Clearance of 1 1/2" between wall and wall rail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Level platforms (4ft x 4 ft) at every 30 ft, at top, at bottom, at change of direction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Notes

No Ramps, no accessible parking

LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM

SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES

Specifications

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Site Access

Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	stairs leading to area
Disembarking area at accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	grass/dirt lot
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	gravel, grass
No ponding of water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Path of Travel

Path does not require the use of stairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3 ft wide minimum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than 1/2 inch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a cane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Curb on the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Entrances

Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door mats less than 1/2" thick are securely fastened	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door mats more than 1/2" thick are recessed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grates in path of travel have openings of 1/2" maximum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Emergency egress – alarms with flashing lights and audible signals, sufficiently lighted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓

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LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM

STAIRS and DOORS

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Specifications

Stairs

No open risers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Nosings not projecting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Treads no less than 11" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails on both sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails 34"-38" above tread	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrail extends a minimum of 1 ft beyond top and bottom riser (if no safety hazard and space permits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip oval or round	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip has a smooth surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip diameter between 1¼" and 1½"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1½" clearance between wall and handrail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓

Doors

Minimum 32" clear opening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
At least 18" clear floor space on pull side of door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Closing speed minimum 3 seconds to within 3" of the latch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Maximum pressure 5 pounds interior doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Threshold maximum ½" high, beveled on both sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hardware operable with a closed fist (no conventional door knobs or thumb latch devices)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hardware minimum 36", maximum 48" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clear, level floor space extends out 5 ft from both sides of the door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door adjacent to revolving door is accessible and unlocked	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Doors opening into hazardous area have hardware that is knurled or roughened	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

NOTES

Stairs outside only

No doors

LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM
RESTROOMS – also see Doors and Vestibules
Specifications
Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

5 ft turning space measured 12" from the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
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At least one Sink:

Clear floor space of 30" by 48" to allow a forward approach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mounted without pedestal or legs, height 34" to top of rim	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Extends at least 22" from the wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Open knee space a minimum 19" deep, 30" width, and 27" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cover exposed pipes with insulation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Faucets operable with closed fist (lever or spring activated handle)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

At least one Stall:

Accessible to person using wheelchair at 60" wide by 72" deep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door is 36" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door swings out	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door is self closing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door has a pull latch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lock on stall door is operable with a closed fist, and 32" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Coat hook is 54" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Toilet

18" from center to nearest side wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
42" minimum clear space from center to farthest wall or fixture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Top of seat 17"-19" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Grab Bars

On back and side wall closest to toilet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " clearance to wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Located 30" above and parallel to the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Acid-etched or roughened surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
42" long	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Fixtures

Toilet paper dispenser is 24" above floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
One mirror set a maximum 38" to bottom (if tilted, 42")	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dispensers (towel, soap, etc) at least one of each a maximum 42" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

NOTES

No bathrooms

LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM**FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES**

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

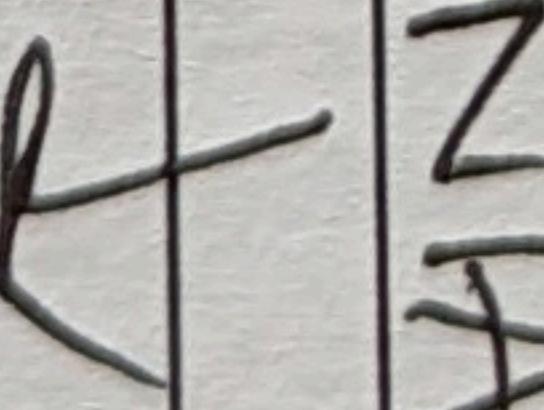
Specifications

Floors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Carpeting is high-density, low pile, non-absorbent, stretched taut, securely anchored	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Corridor width minimum is 3 ft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Objects (signs, ceiling lights, fixtures) can only protrude 4" into the path of travel from a height of 27" to 80" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

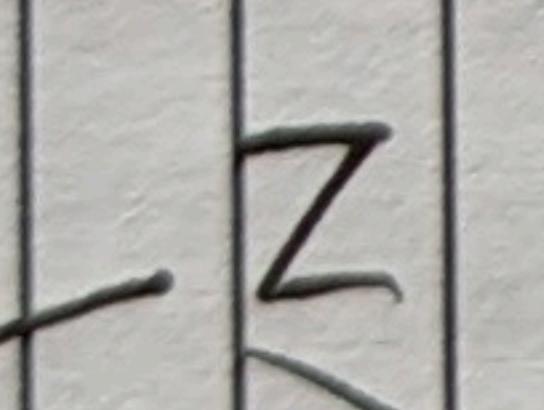
Drinking Fountains

Spouts no higher than 36" from floor to outlet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Hand operated push button or level controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Spouts located near front with stream of water as parallel to front as possible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If recessed, recess a minimum 30" width, and no deeper than depth of fountain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If no clear knee space underneath, clear floor space 30" x 48" to allow parallel approach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

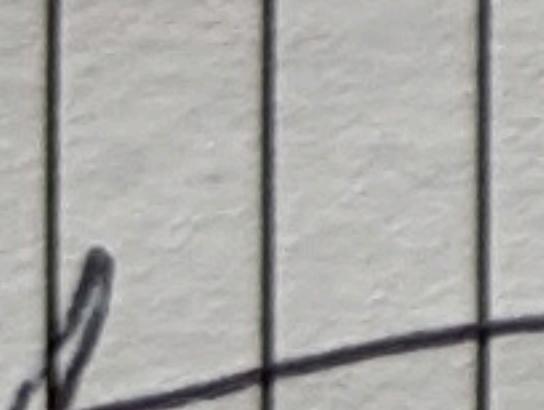
Telephones

Highest operating part a maximum 54" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Access within 12" of phone, 30" high by 30" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adjustable volume control on headset so identified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES**Switches, Controls and Signs**

Switches and controls for light, heat, ventilation, windows, fire alarms, thermo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Electrical outlets centered no lower than 18" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Warning signals must be visual as well as audible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Signs

Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Letters and numbers at least 1 1/4" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Letters and numbers raised .03"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM

SWIMMING POOLS, SHOWER ROOMS & PICNIC FACILITIES

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Specifications

SWIMMING POOLS - accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area		
Ramp at least 34" wide with a non-slip surface extending into the shallow end, slope not exceeding 1:6 with handrails on both sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifting device	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transfer area 18" above the path of travel and a minimum of 18" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unobstructed path of travel not less than 48" wide around pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use

Stalls 36" by 60" minimum, with a 36" door opening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Floors are pitched to drain the stall at the corner farthest from entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Floors are non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Controls operate by a single lever with a pressure balance mixing valve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Controls are located on the center wall adjacent to the hinged seat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shower heads attached to a flexible metal hose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shower heads attached to wall mounting adjustable from 42" to 72" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Seat is hinged and padded and at least 16" deep, folds upward, securely attached to side wall, height is 18" to the top of the seat, and at least 24" long	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soap trays without handhold features unless they can support 250 pounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2 grab bars are provided, one 30" and one 48" long, or one continuous L shaped bar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grab bars are placed horizontally at 36" above the floor line	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PICNICKING

A minimum of 5% of the total tables must be accessible with clear space under the table top not less than 30" wide and 19" deep per seating space and not less than 27" clear from the ground to the underside of the table. An additional 29" clear space (totaling 48") must extend beyond the 19" clear space under the table to provide access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firm and slip-resistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓

Stairs to trail. Trail natural, well maintained.

But uneven and steep slopes at point. Leads to an open field. No signs for my finding. No alternative access to field

LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM MARTIN ROAD REC

Activity	Equipment	Notes	Yes	No	Comment
Picnic Facilities	Tables & Benches	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Access to Open Spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Back and Arm Rests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Adequate number	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Grills	Height of Cooking Surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Trash Cans	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tight square
		Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Picnic Shelters	Located near accessible water fountains, trash can, restroom, parking, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
		Surface material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trails	N/A	Dimensions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Rails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Signage (for visually impaired)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Swimming Facilities	Pools	Location from accessible parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Safety features i.e. warning for visually impaired	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Location from accessible path into water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Beaches	Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Location from accessible parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Shade provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Play Areas (tot lots)	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, slides	Same experience provided to all	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Access Routes	Enough space between equipment for wheelchair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Game Areas: *ballfield; *basketball; *tennis	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	both fields not accessible
		Berm cuts onto courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A N/A
	Equipment	Height	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Dimensions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Spectator Seating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	on one side
Boat Docks	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fishing Facilities	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Equipment	Arm Rests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Bait Shelves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Fish Cleaning Tables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Programming	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Guided Hikes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Interpretive Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Services and Technical Assistance	Information available in alternative formats i.e. for visually impaired				
	Process to request interpretive services (i.e. sign language interpreter) for meetings				

LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM

PARKING

Total Space Required Accessible Spaces

		Yes	No	Comment/Transition Notes
Up to 25	1 space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
26-50	2 spaces	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
51-75	3 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
76-100	4 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
101-150	5 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
151-200	6 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
201-300	7 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
301-400	8 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
401-500	9 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Specification for Accessible Spaces

	Yes	No	Comment/Transition Notes
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	dropped off entrance
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Van space – minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	gravel surface
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	n/a no curb
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	n/a no curb

RAMPS

Specifications *No Ramp*

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Slope Maximum 1:12	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Minimum width 4 ft between handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails on both sides if ramp is longer than 6 ft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails at 34" and 19" from ramp surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails extend 12" beyond top and bottom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip oval or round	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip smooth surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip diameter between 1 1/4" and 2"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clearance of 1 1/2" between wall and wall rail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Level platforms (4ft x 4 ft) at every 30 ft, at top, at bottom, at change of direction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM

SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Specifications

Site Access

Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Disembarking area at accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	grass
No ponding of water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Path of Travel

Path does not require the use of stairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	grass path
3 ft wide minimum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	grass
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a cane	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Curb on the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Entrances

Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door mats less than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are securely fastened	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door mats more than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are recessed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grates in path of travel have openings of $\frac{1}{2}$ " maximum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Emergency egress – alarms with flashing lights and audible signals, sufficiently lighted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

NOTES

Playground → steep gravel ramp, ~~no~~ wheelchair access (black rubber curb on perimeter, but large cutout), also stone ramp but not maintained

LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM
STAIRS and DOORS
Specifications
Yes No Comment/Transition Notes
Stairs

	Yes	No	
No open risers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Nosings not projecting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Treads no less than 11" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails on both sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails 34"-38" above tread	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrail extends a minimum of 1 ft beyond top and bottom riser (if no safety hazard and space permits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip oval or round	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip has a smooth surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip diameter between 1¼" and 1½"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1½" clearance between wall and handrail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓

Doors

	Yes	No	
Minimum 32" clear opening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
At least 18" clear floor space on pull side of door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Closing speed minimum 3 seconds to within 3" of the latch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Maximum pressure 5 pounds interior doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Threshold maximum ½" high, beveled on both sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hardware operable with a closed fist (no conventional door knobs or thumb latch devices)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hardware minimum 36", maximum 48" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clear, level floor space extends out 5 ft from both sides of the door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door adjacent to revolving door is accessible and unlocked	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Doors opening into hazardous area have hardware that is knurled or roughened	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓

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LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM
RESTROOMS – also see Doors and Vestibules
Yes **No** **Comment/Transition Notes**
Specifications

5 ft turning space measured 12" from the floor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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At least one Sink:

Clear floor space of 30" by 48" to allow a forward approach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mounted without pedestal or legs, height 34" to top of rim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extends at least 22" from the wall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open knee space a minimum 19" deep, 30" width, and 27" high	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cover exposed pipes with insulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Faucets operable with closed fist (lever or spring activated handle)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

At least one Stall:

Accessible to person using wheelchair at 60" wide by 72" deep	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stall door is 36" wide	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stall door swings out	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stall door is self closing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stall door has a pull latch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lock on stall door is operable with a closed fist, and 32" above the floor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coat hook is 54" high	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Toilet

18" from center to nearest side wall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
42" minimum clear space from center to farthest wall or fixture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Top of seat 17"-19" above the floor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Grab Bars

On back and side wall closest to toilet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " clearance to wall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Located 30" above and parallel to the floor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acid-etched or roughened surface	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
42" long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fixtures

Toilet paper dispenser is 24" above floor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
One mirror set a maximum 38" to bottom (if tilted, 42")	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dispensers (towel, soap, etc) at least one of each a maximum 42" above the floor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Specifications

Floors	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Non-slip surface		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Carpeting is high-density, low pile, non-absorbent, stretched taut, securely anchored		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Corridor width minimum is 3 ft		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Objects (signs, ceiling lights, fixtures) can only protrude 4" into the path of travel from a height of 27" to 80" above the floor		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Drinking Fountains N/A

Spouts no higher than 36" from floor to outlet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hand operated push button or level controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Spouts located near front with stream of water as parallel to front as possible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If recessed, recess a minimum 30" width, and no deeper than depth of fountain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If no clear knee space underneath, clear floor space 30" x 48" to allow parallel approach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Telephones N/A

Highest operating part a maximum 54" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Access within 12" of phone, 30" high by 30" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adjustable volume control on headset so identified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES

Switches, Controls and Signs N/A

Switches and controls for light, heat, ventilation, windows, fire alarms, thermostats, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Electrical outlets centered no lower than 18" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Warning signals must be visual as well as audible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Signs N/A

Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Letters and numbers at least 1 1/4" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Letters and numbers raised .03"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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SWIMMING POOLS, SHOWER ROOMS & PICNIC FACILITIES

Specifications

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

N/A
SWIMMING POOLS - accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area

Ramp at least 34" wide with a non-slip surface extending into the shallow end, slope not exceeding 1:6 with handrails on both sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lifting device	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Transfer area 18" above the path of travel and a minimum of 18" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unobstructed path of travel not less than 48" wide around pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

N/A
SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use

Stalls 36" by 60" minimum, with a 36" door opening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Floors are pitched to drain the stall at the corner farthest from entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Floors are non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Controls operate by a single lever with a pressure balance mixing valve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Controls are located on the center wall adjacent to the hinged seat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shower heads attached to a flexible metal hose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shower heads attached to wall mounting adjustable from 42" to 72" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Seat is hinged and padded and at least 16" deep, folds upward, securely attached to side wall, height is 18" to the top of the seat, and at least 24" long	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soap trays without handheld features unless they can support 250 pounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2 grab bars are provided, one 30" and one 48" long, or one continuous L shaped bar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grab bars are placed horizontally at 36" above the floor line	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PICNICKING

A minimum of 5% of the total tables must be accessible with clear space under the table top not less than 30" wide and 19" deep per seating space and not less than 27" clear from the ground to the underside of the table. An additional 29" clear space (totaling 48") must extend beyond the 19" clear space under the table to provide access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	one of two accessible
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firm and slip-resistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	on one
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Field 1 → roped off and inclined access,
1 bathroom, room next to bleacher but not flat

Field 2 → roped off, no bathroom
flat bleachers with room for wheel chair
MR 7 but gravel to grass

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Activity	Equipment	Notes	Yes	No	Comment
Picnic Facilities	Tables & Benches	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
		Access to Open Spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Back and Arm Rests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Adequate number	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Grills	Height of Cooking Surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Trash Cans	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Picnic Shelters	Located near accessible water fountains, trash can, restroom, parking, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Trails		Surface material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	natural
		Dimensions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2-5 ft
		Rails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	no
		Signage (for visually impaired)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Signs but no info
Swimming Facilities	Pools	Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
		Location from accessible parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Safety features i.e. warning for visually impaired	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Beaches	Location from accessible path into water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Location from accessible parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Shade provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Play Areas (tot lots)	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, slides				
		Same experience provided to all	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Enough space between equipment for wheelchair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Game Areas: *ballfield; *basketball; *tennis	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Berm cuts onto courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Equipment	Height	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Dimensions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Spectator Seating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Boat Docks	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fishing Facilities	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Equipment	Arm Rests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Bait Shelves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Fish Cleaning Tables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Programming	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Guided Hikes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Interpretive Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Services and Technical Assistance	Information available in alternative formats i.e. for visually impaired				
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Process to request interpretive services (i.e. sign language interpreter) for meetings				✓
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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PARKING

Total Space	Required Accessible Spaces	Yes	No	Comment/Transition Notes
Up to 25	1 space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
26-50	2 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
51-75	3 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
76-100	4 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
101-150	5 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
151-200	6 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
201-300	7 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
301-400	8 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
401-500	9 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Specification for Accessible Spaces

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Van space – minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

RAMPS

Specifications

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Slope Maximum 1:12	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Minimum width 4 ft between handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails on both sides if ramp is longer than 6 ft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails at 34" and 19" from ramp surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails extend 12" beyond top and bottom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip oval or round	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip smooth surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip diameter between 1¼" and 2"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clearance of 1½" between wall and wall rail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Level platforms (4ft x 4 ft) at every 30 ft, at top, at bottom, at change of direction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Notes

Streetside parking only
No accessible parking

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SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES

Specifications

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Site Access

Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Disembarking area at accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
No ponding of water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Path of Travel

Path does not require the use of stairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural trail
3 ft wide minimum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than 1/2 inch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a cane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Curb on the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Entrances

Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door mats less than 1/2" thick are securely fastened	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door mats more than 1/2" thick are recessed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grates in path of travel have openings of 1/2" maximum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Emergency egress – alarms with flashing lights and audible signals, sufficiently lighted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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outdoor property
trail → natural path

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STAIRS and DOORS

Specifications	Yes	No	Comment/Transition Notes
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Stairs

No open risers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	W/A
Nosings not projecting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Treads no less than 11" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails on both sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails 34"-38" above tread	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrail extends a minimum of 1 ft beyond top and bottom riser (if no safety hazard and space permits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip oval or round	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip has a smooth surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip diameter between 1¼" and 1½"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1½" clearance between wall and handrail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Doors

Minimum 32" clear opening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
At least 18" clear floor space on pull side of door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Closing speed minimum 3 seconds to within 3" of the latch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Maximum pressure 5 pounds interior doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Threshold maximum ½" high, beveled on both sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hardware operable with a closed fist (no conventional door knobs or thumb latch devices)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hardware minimum 36", maximum 48" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clear, level floor space extends out 5 ft from both sides of the door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door adjacent to revolving door is accessible and unlocked	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Doors opening into hazardous area have hardware that is knurled or roughened	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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RESTROOMS – also see Doors and Vestibules
Specifications
Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

5 ft turning space measured 12" from the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
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At least one Sink:

Clear floor space of 30" by 48" to allow a forward approach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mounted without pedestal or legs, height 34" to top of rim	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Extends at least 22" from the wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Open knee space a minimum 19" deep, 30" width, and 27" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cover exposed pipes with insulation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Faucets operable with closed fist (lever or spring activated handle)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

At least one Stall:

Accessible to person using wheelchair at 60" wide by 72" deep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door is 36" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door swings out	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door is self closing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door has a pull latch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lock on stall door is operable with a closed fist, and 32" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Coat hook is 54" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Toilet

18" from center to nearest side wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
42" minimum clear space from center to farthest wall or fixture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Top of seat 17"-19" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Grab Bars

On back and side wall closest to toilet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " clearance to wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Located 30" above and parallel to the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Acid-etched or roughened surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
42" long	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Fixtures

Toilet paper dispenser is 24" above floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
One mirror set a maximum 38" to bottom (if tilted, 42")	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dispensers (towel, soap, etc) at least one of each a maximum 42" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓

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FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES

Specifications

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Floors		Yes	No	N/A	
Non-slip surface		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	
Carpeting is high-density, low pile, non-absorbent, stretched taut, securely anchored		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Corridor width minimum is 3 ft		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Objects (signs, ceiling lights, fixtures) can only protrude 4" into the path of travel from a height of 27" to 80" above the floor		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Drinking Fountains

Spouts no higher than 36" from floor to outlet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	
Hand operated push button or level controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Spouts located near front with stream of water as parallel to front as possible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
If recessed, recess a minimum 30" width, and no deeper than depth of fountain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
If no clear knee space underneath, clear floor space 30" x 48" to allow parallel approach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Telephones

Highest operating part a maximum 54" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	
Access within 12" of phone, 30" high by 30" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Adjustable volume control on headset so identified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES

Switches, Controls and Signs

Switches and controls for light, heat, ventilation, windows, fire alarms, thermostats, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	
Electrical outlets centered no lower than 18" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Warning signals must be visual as well as audible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Signs

Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Letters and numbers at least 1 1/4" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Letters and numbers raised .03"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM

SWIMMING POOLS, SHOWER ROOMS & PICNIC FACILITIES

Specifications

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

SWIMMING POOLS – accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area

Ramp at least 34" wide with a non-slip surface extending into the shallow end, slope not exceeding 1:6 with handrails on both sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Lifting device	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Transfer area 18" above the path of travel and a minimum of 18" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unobstructed path of travel not less than 48" wide around pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use

Stalls 36" by 60" minimum, with a 36" door opening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Floors are pitched to drain the stall at the corner farthest from entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Floors are non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Controls operate by a single lever with a pressure balance mixing valve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Controls are located on the center wall adjacent to the hinged seat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shower heads attached to a flexible metal hose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shower heads attached to wall mounting adjustable from 42" to 72" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Seat is hinged and padded and at least 16" deep, folds upward, securely attached to side wall, height is 18" to the top of the seat, and at least 24" long	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soap trays without handheld features unless they can support 250 pounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2 grab bars are provided, one 30" and one 48" long, or one continuous L shaped bar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grab bars are placed horizontally at 36" above the floor line	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PICNICKING

A minimum of 5% of the total tables must be accessible with clear space under the table top not less than 30" wide and 19" deep per seating space and not less than 27" clear from the ground to the underside of the table. An additional 29" clear space (totaling 48") must extend beyond the 19" clear space under the table to provide access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firm and slip-resistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Conservation area with trails. Natural path ranging between 2 - 5 ft wide at times. Mostly 2 ft. Protruding tree roots along path and tree limbs to climb over or walk under. Board walk crosses brook. It's 3 ft. wide. Has a drop between pieces (see pic)

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PINE & NEEDLE PARK

Activity	Equipment	Notes	Yes	No	Comment
Picnic Facilities	Tables & Benches	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
		Access to Open Spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Back and Arm Rests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Adequate number	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Grills	Height of Cooking Surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Trash Cans	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Picnic Shelters	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Located near accessible water fountains, trash can, restroom, parking, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trails		Surface material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Dimensions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Rails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Signage (for visually impaired)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Swimming Facilities	Pools	Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Location from accessible parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Safety features i.e. warning for visually impaired	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Beaches	Location from accessible path into water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Location from accessible parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Shade provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Play Areas (tot lots)	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, slides	Same experience provided to all	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Access Routes	Enough space between equipment for wheelchair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Game Areas: *ballfield; *basketball; *tennis	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Berm cuts onto courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Equipment	Height	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Dimensions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Spectator Seating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Boat Docks	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fishing Facilities	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Equipment	Arm Rests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Bait Shelves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Fish Cleaning Tables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Programming	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Guided Hikes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Interpretive Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Services and Technical Assistance	Information available in alternative formats i.e. for visually impaired				
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Process to request interpretive services (i.e. sign language interpreter) for meetings		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓

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PARKING

Total Space	Required Accessible Spaces	Yes	No	Comment/Transition Notes
Up to 25	1 space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
26-50	2 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
51-75	3 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
76-100	4 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
101-150	5 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
151-200	6 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
201-300	7 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
301-400	8 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
401-500	9 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Specification for Accessible Spaces

Specification for Accessible Spaces	Yes	No	Comment/Transition Notes
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Van space – minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

RAMPS

Specifications

Specifications	Yes	No	Comment/Transition Notes
Slope Maximum 1:12	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Minimum width 4 ft between handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails on both sides if ramp is longer than 6 ft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails at 34" and 19" from ramp surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails extend 12" beyond top and bottom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip oval or round	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip smooth surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip diameter between 1 1/4" and 2"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clearance of 1 1/2" between wall and wall rail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Level platforms (4ft x 4 ft) at every 30 ft, at top, at bottom, at change of direction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES

Specifications

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Site Access

Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not accessible
Disembarking area at accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mostly but grass transition
No ponding of water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Path of Travel

Path does not require the use of stairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3 ft wide minimum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than 1/2 inch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	stone, grass, dirt
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a cane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Curb on the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Entrances

Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door mats less than 1/2" thick are securely fastened	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door mats more than 1/2" thick are recessed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grates in path of travel have openings of 1/2" maximum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Emergency egress - alarms with flashing lights and audible signals, sufficiently lighted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	no special access

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STAIRS and DOORS

Specifications

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Stairs		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	WIA
No open risers		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nosings not projecting		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Treads no less than 11" wide		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails on both sides		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails 34"-38" above tread		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrail extends a minimum of 1 ft beyond top and bottom riser (if no safety hazard and space permits)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip oval or round		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip has a smooth surface		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip diameter between 1¼" and 1½"		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1½" clearance between wall and handrail		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Doors

Minimum 32" clear opening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
At least 18" clear floor space on pull side of door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Closing speed minimum 3 seconds to within 3" of the latch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Maximum pressure 5 pounds interior doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Threshold maximum ½" high, beveled on both sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hardware operable with a closed fist (no conventional door knobs or thumb latch devices)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hardware minimum 36", maximum 48" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clear, level floor space extends out 5 ft from both sides of the door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door adjacent to revolving door is accessible and unlocked	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Doors opening into hazardous area have hardware that is knurled or roughened	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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RESTROOMS – also see Doors and Vestibules

Specifications

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

5 ft turning space measured 12" from the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	WV
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At least one Sink:

Clear floor space of 30" by 48" to allow a forward approach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mounted without pedestal or legs, height 34" to top of rim	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Extends at least 22" from the wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Open knee space a minimum 19" deep, 30" width, and 27" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cover exposed pipes with insulation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Faucets operable with closed fist (lever or spring activated handle)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

At least one Stall:

Accessible to person using wheelchair at 60" wide by 72" deep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door is 36" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door swings out	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door is self closing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door has a pull latch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lock on stall door is operable with a closed fist, and 32" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Coat hook is 54" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Toilet

18" from center to nearest side wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
42" minimum clear space from center to farthest wall or fixture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Top of seat 17"-19" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Grab Bars

On back and side wall closest to toilet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1 1/4" diameter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1 1/2" clearance to wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Located 30" above and parallel to the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Acid-etched or roughened surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
42" long	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Fixtures

Toilet paper dispenser is 24" above floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
One mirror set a maximum 38" to bottom (if tilted, 42")	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dispensers (towel, soap, etc) at least one of each a maximum 42" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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One polar pony → not handicap accessible

LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM**FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES****Specifications****Yes No Comment/Transition Notes**

Floors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Carpeting is high-density, low pile, non-absorbent, stretched taut, securely anchored	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Corridor width minimum is 3 ft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Objects (signs, ceiling lights, fixtures) can only protrude 4" into the path of travel from a height of 27" to 80" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Drinking Fountains

Spouts no higher than 36" from floor to outlet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hand operated push button or level controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Spouts located near front with stream of water as parallel to front as possible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If recessed, recess a minimum 30" width, and no deeper than depth of fountain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If no clear knee space underneath, clear floor space 30" x 48" to allow parallel approach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Telephones

Highest operating part a maximum 54" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Access within 12" of phone, 30" high by 30" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adjustable volume control on headset so identified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES**Switches, Controls and Signs**

Switches and controls for light, heat, ventilation, windows, fire alarms, thermostats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Electrical outlets centered no lower than 18" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Warning signals must be visual as well as audible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Signs

Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Letters and numbers at least 1 1/4" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Letters and numbers raised .03"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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SWIMMING POOLS, SHOWER ROOMS & PICNIC FACILITIES

Specifications

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

SWIMMING POOLS – accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area

Ramp at least 34" wide with a non-slip surface extending into the shallow end, slope not exceeding 1:6 with handrails on both sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Lifting device	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Transfer area 18" above the path of travel and a minimum of 18" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unobstructed path of travel not less than 48" wide around pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use

Stalls 36" by 60" minimum, with a 36" door opening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Floors are pitched to drain the stall at the corner farthest from entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Floors are non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Controls operate by a single lever with a pressure balance mixing valve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Controls are located on the center wall adjacent to the hinged seat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shower heads attached to a flexible metal hose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shower heads attached to wall mounting adjustable from 42" to 72" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Seat is hinged and padded and at least 16" deep, folds upward, securely attached to side wall, height is 18" to the top of the seat, and at least 24" long	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soap trays without handheld features unless they can support 250 pounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2 grab bars are provided, one 30" and one 48" long, or one continuous L shaped bar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grab bars are placed horizontally at 36" above the floor line	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PICNICKING

A minimum of 5% of the total tables must be accessible with clear space under the table top not less than 30" wide and 19" deep per seating space and not less than 27" clear from the ground to the underside of the table. An additional 29" clear space (totaling 48") must extend beyond the 19" clear space under the table to provide access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firm and slip-resistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Soccer Field. Gravel crushed paving. Mostly even, no designated accessible spots. No seating / tables.

LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM SOLDIERS FIELD (VETERANS)

Activity	Equipment	Notes	Yes	No	Comment
Picnic Facilities	Tables & Benches	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	only 1
		Access to Open Spaces	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Back and Arm Rests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	back/no arms
		Adequate number	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Grills N/A	Height of Cooking Surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Trash Cans	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Picnic Shelters	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		Located near accessible water fountains, trash can, restroom, parking, etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trails N/A	N/A	Surface material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Dimensions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Rails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Signage (for visually impaired)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Swimming Facilities N/A	Pools	Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Location from accessible parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Safety features i.e. warning for visually impaired	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Beaches	Location from accessible path into water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Location from accessible parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Shade provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Play Areas (tot lots) N/A	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, slides	Same experience provided to all	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Enough space between equipment for wheelchair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Game Areas: *ballfield; *basketball; *tennis	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Berm cuts onto courts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
	Equipment	Height	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		Dimensions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		Spectator Seating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N = specified for ADA viewing
Boat Docks N/A	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fishing Facilities N/A	Equipment	Arm Rests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Bait Shelves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Fish Cleaning Tables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Program-ming N/A	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Guided Hikes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Interpretive Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Services and Technical Assistance	Information available in alternative formats i.e. for visually impaired			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Process to request interpretive services (i.e. sign language interpreter) for meetings			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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PARKING

Total Space	Required Accessible Spaces	Yes	No	Comment/Transition Notes
Up to 25	1 space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Add 3-4 spots
26-50	2 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
51-75	3 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
76-100	4 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
101-150	5 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
151-200	6 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
201-300	7 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
301-400	8 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
401-500	9 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Specification for Accessible Spaces No Spots

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Van space – minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

RAMPS

Specifications

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Part
compliant

Specifications	Yes	No	Comment/Transition Notes
Slope Maximum 1:12	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Need to extend
Minimum width 4 ft between handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails on both sides if ramp is longer than 6 ft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails at 34" and 19" from ramp surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails extend 12" beyond top and bottom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip oval or round	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip smooth surface	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip diameter between 1 1/4" and 2"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clearance of 1 1/2" between wall and wall rail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No wall rail
Non-slip surface	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Level platforms (4ft x 4 ft) at every 30 ft, at top, at bottom, at change of direction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM

FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES

Specifications

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Floors

N/A

Non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Carpeting is high-density, low pile, non-absorbent, stretched taut, securely anchored	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Corridor width minimum is 3 ft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Objects (signs, ceiling lights, fixtures) can only protrude 4" into the path of travel from a height of 27" to 80" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Drinking Fountains

N/A

Spouts no higher than 36" from floor to outlet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Hand operated push button or level controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Spouts located near front with stream of water as parallel to front as possible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If recessed, recess a minimum 30" width, and no deeper than depth of fountain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If no clear knee space underneath, clear floor space 30" x 48" to allow parallel approach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Telephones

N/A

Highest operating part a maximum 54" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Access within 12" of phone, 30" high by 30" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adjustable volume control on headset so identified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES

Switches, Controls and Signs

N/A

Switches and controls for light, heat, ventilation, windows, fire alarms, thermostats, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Electrical outlets centered no lower than 18" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Warning signals must be visual as well as audible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Signs

N/A

Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Letters and numbers at least 1 1/4" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Letters and numbers raised .03"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM

RESTROOMS – also see Doors and Vestibules

Specifications

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

5 ft turning space measured 12" from the floor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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At least one Sink:

Clear floor space of 30" by 48" to allow a forward approach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mounted without pedestal or legs, height 34" to top of rim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Extends at least 22" from the wall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Open knee space a minimum 19" deep, 30" width, and 27" high	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cover exposed pipes with insulation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Faucets operable with closed fist (lever or spring activated handle)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	one missing

At least one Stall:

Accessible to person using wheelchair at 60" wide by 72" deep	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door is 36" wide	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Stall door swings out	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door is self closing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Stall door has a pull latch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Lock on stall door is operable with a closed fist, and 32" above the floor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Coat hook is 54" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Toilet

18" from center to nearest side wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
42" minimum clear space from center to farthest wall or fixture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Top of seat 17"-19" above the floor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Grab Bars

NO GRAB

On back and side wall closest to toilet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
1 1/4" diameter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
1 1/2" clearance to wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Located 30" above and parallel to the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Acid-etched or roughened surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
42" long	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Fixtures

Toilet paper dispenser is 24" above floor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
One mirror set a maximum 38" to bottom (if tilted, 42")	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No mirror
Dispensers (towel, soap, etc) at least one of each a maximum 42" above the floor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM

SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES

Specifications

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Site Access

Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Disembarking area at accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	level gravel ^{small stones} may be ^{harm} back of parking lot
No ponding of water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Path of Travel

Path does not require the use of stairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3 ft wide minimum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a cane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Curb on the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A no curb

Entrances

Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	not signed not exclusive
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door mats less than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are securely fastened	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door mats more than $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick are recessed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grates in path of travel have openings of $\frac{1}{2}$ " maximum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Emergency egress – alarms with flashing lights and audible signals, sufficiently lighted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓

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LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM**STAIRS and DOORS****Specifications****Yes No Comment/Transition Notes****Stairs**

No open risers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Nosings not projecting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Treads no less than 11" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails on both sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails 34"-38" above tread	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrail extends a minimum of 1 ft beyond top and bottom riser (if no safety hazard and space permits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip oval or round	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip has a smooth surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip diameter between 1¼" and 1½"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1½" clearance between wall and handrail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	↓

Doors

Minimum 32" clear opening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
At least 18" clear floor space on pull side of door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Closing speed minimum 3 seconds to within 3" of the latch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Maximum pressure 5 pounds interior doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Threshold maximum ½" high, beveled on both sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hardware operable with a closed fist (no conventional door knobs or thumb latch devices)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hardware minimum 36", maximum 48" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clear, level floor space extends out 5 ft from both sides of the door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door adjacent to revolving door is accessible and unlocked	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Doors opening into hazardous area have hardware that is knurled or roughened	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	↓

NOTES

LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM

SWIMMING POOLS, SHOWER ROOMS & PICNIC FACILITIES

Specifications

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

SWIMMING POOLS – accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area

Ramp at least 34" wide with a non-slip surface extending into the shallow end, slope not exceeding 1:6 with handrails on both sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Lifting device	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Transfer area 18" above the path of travel and a minimum of 18" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unobstructed path of travel not less than 48" wide around pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓

SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use

Stalls 36" by 60" minimum, with a 36" door opening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Floors are pitched to drain the stall at the corner farthest from entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Floors are non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Controls operate by a single lever with a pressure balance mixing valve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Controls are located on the center wall adjacent to the hinged seat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shower heads attached to a flexible metal hose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shower heads attached to wall mounting adjustable from 42" to 72" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Seat is hinged and padded and at least 16" deep, folds upward, securely attached to side wall, height is 18" to the top of the seat, and at least 24" long	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soap trays without handheld features unless they can support 250 pounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2 grab bars are provided, one 30" and one 48" long, or one continuous L shaped bar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Grab bars are placed horizontally at 36" above the floor line	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PICNICKING

A minimum of 5% of the total tables must be accessible with clear space under the table top not less than 30" wide and 19" deep per seating space and not less than 27" clear from the ground to the underside of the table. An additional 29" clear space (totaling 48") must extend beyond the 19" clear space under the table to provide access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firm and slip-resistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- Pull up #11

- Table → not clear space to
non accessible → 4

DOUGLAS COMMON CENTER

LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM			Yes	No	Comment
Activity	Equipment	Notes			
Picnic Facilities	Tables & Benches	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		Access to Open Spaces	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Back and Arm Rests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	backs no arms
		Adequate number	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Grills	Height of Cooking Surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
		Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Trash Cans	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Picnic Shelters	Located near accessible water fountains, trash can, restroom, parking, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Surface material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trails		Dimensions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Rails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Signage (for visually impaired)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Swimming Facilities	Pools	Location from accessible parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Safety features i.e. warning for visually impaired	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Location from accessible path into water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Beaches	Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Location from accessible parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Shade provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Play Areas (tot lots)	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, slides	Same experience provided to all	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Access Routes	Enough space between equipment for wheelchair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Game Areas: *ballfield; *basketball; *tennis	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Berm cuts onto courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Equipment	Height	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Dimensions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Spectator Seating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Boat Docks	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fishing Facilities	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Equipment	Arm Rests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Bait Shelves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Fish Cleaning Tables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Programming	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Guided Hikes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Interpretive Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Services and Technical Assistance	Information available in alternative formats i.e. for visually impaired				
Services and Technical Assistance	Process to request interpretive services (i.e. sign language interpreter) for meetings				

LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM

PARKING

Total Space	Required Accessible Spaces	Yes	No	Comment/Transition Notes
Up to 25	1 space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no handiup
26-50	2 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
51-75	3 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
76-100	4 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
101-150	5 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
151-200	6 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
201-300	7 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
301-400	8 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
401-500	9 spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Specification for Accessible Spaces

Specification for Accessible Spaces	Yes	No	Comment/Transition Notes
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Van space – minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓

RAMPS

Specifications

Specifications	Yes	No	Comment/Transition Notes
Slope Maximum 1:12	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Minimum width 4 ft between handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails on both sides if ramp is longer than 6 ft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails at 34" and 19" from ramp surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails extend 12" beyond top and bottom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip oval or round	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip smooth surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip diameter between 1 1/4" and 2"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clearance of 1 1/2" between wall and wall rail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Level platforms (4ft x 4 ft) at every 30 ft, at top, at bottom, at change of direction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓

Notes

Street parking, no designated spots, no curb cuts, no path

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SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Specifications

Site Access

	Yes	No	
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Disembarking area at accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
No ponding of water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Path of Travel

No Path

	Yes	No	
Path does not require the use of stairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3 ft wide minimum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than 1/2 inch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a cane	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Curb on the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Entrances

	Yes	No	
Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door mats less than 1/2" thick are securely fastened	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door mats more than 1/2" thick are recessed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grates in path of travel have openings of 1/2" maximum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Emergency egress – alarms with flashing lights and audible signals, sufficiently lighted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓

NOTES

outdoor prompt

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LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM

STAIRS and DOORS

Specifications

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Stairs

No open risers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nosings not projecting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Treads no less than 11" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails on both sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrails 34"-38" above tread	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handrail extends a minimum of 1 ft beyond top and bottom riser (if no safety hazard and space permits)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip oval or round	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip has a smooth surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handgrip diameter between 1¼" and 1½"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1½" clearance between wall and handrail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Doors

Minimum 32" clear opening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
At least 18" clear floor space on pull side of door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Closing speed minimum 3 seconds to within 3" of the latch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Maximum pressure 5 pounds interior doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Threshold maximum ½" high, beveled on both sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hardware operable with a closed fist (no conventional door knobs or thumb latch devices)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hardware minimum 36", maximum 48" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clear, level floor space extends out 5 ft from both sides of the door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Door adjacent to revolving door is accessible and unlocked	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Doors opening into hazardous area have hardware that is knurled or roughened	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓

NOTES

Stairs to Gazebo → no rails,
uneven, sloping off

LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM

RESTROOMS – also see Doors and Vestibules

Specifications

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

5 ft turning space measured 12" from the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
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At least one Sink:

Clear floor space of 30" by 48" to allow a forward approach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mounted without pedestal or legs, height 34" to top of rim	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Extends at least 22" from the wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Open knee space a minimum 19" deep, 30" width, and 27" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cover exposed pipes with insulation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Faucets operable with closed fist (lever or spring activated handle)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

At least one Stall:

Accessible to person using wheelchair at 60" wide by 72" deep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door is 36" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door swings out	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door is self closing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stall door has a pull latch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lock on stall door is operable with a closed fist, and 32" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Coat hook is 54" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Toilet

18" from center to nearest side wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
42" minimum clear space from center to farthest wall or fixture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Top of seat 17"-19" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Grab Bars

On back and side wall closest to toilet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1 1/4" diameter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1 1/2" clearance to wall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Located 30" above and parallel to the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Acid-etched or roughened surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
42" long	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Fixtures

Toilet paper dispenser is 24" above floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
One mirror set a maximum 38" to bottom (if tilted, 42")	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dispensers (towel, soap, etc) at least one of each a maximum 42" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓

NOTES

No bathroom

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LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM**FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES**

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

Specifications**Floors**

Non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Carpeting is high-density, low pile, non-absorbent, stretched taut, securely anchored	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Corridor width minimum is 3 ft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Objects (signs, ceiling lights, fixtures) can only protrude 4" into the path of travel from a height of 27" to 80" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Drinking Fountains

Spouts no higher than 36" from floor to outlet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hand operated push button or level controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Spouts located near front with stream of water as parallel to front as possible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If recessed, recess a minimum 30" width, and no deeper than depth of fountain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If no clear knee space underneath, clear floor space 30" x 48" to allow parallel approach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Telephones

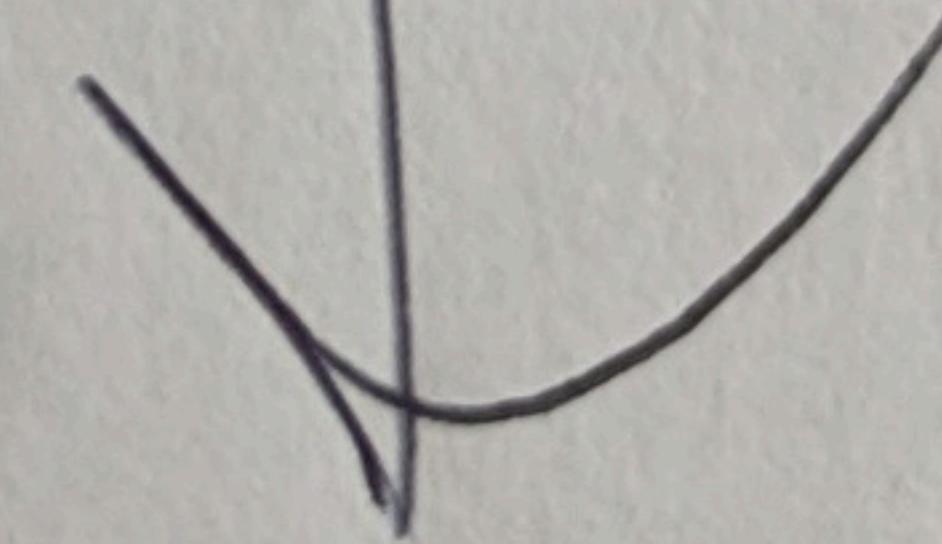
Highest operating part a maximum 54" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Access within 12" of phone, 30" high by 30" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adjustable volume control on headset so identified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES**Switches, Controls and Signs**

Switches and controls for light, heat, ventilation, windows, fire alarms, thermo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Electrical outlets centered no lower than 18" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Warning signals must be visual as well as audible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Signs

Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Letters and numbers at least 1 1/4" high	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Letters and numbers raised .03"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

NOTES


LOCATION/FACILITY/PROGRAM

SWIMMING POOLS, SHOWER ROOMS & PICNIC FACILITIES

Specifications

Yes No Comment/Transition Notes

SWIMMING POOLS – accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area

Ramp at least 34" wide with a non-slip surface extending into the shallow end, slope not exceeding 1:6 with handrails on both sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Lifting device	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Transfer area 18" above the path of travel and a minimum of 18" wide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unobstructed path of travel not less than 48" wide around pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Non-slip surface

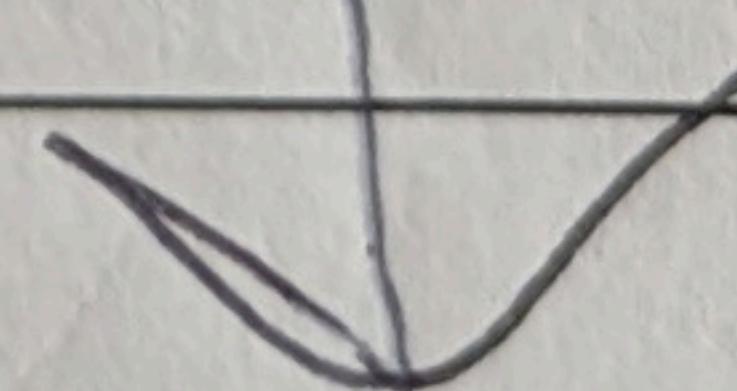
SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use

Stalls 36" by 60" minimum, with a 36" door opening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Floors are pitched to drain the stall at the corner farthest from entrance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Floors are non-slip surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Controls operate by a single lever with a pressure balance mixing valve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Controls are located on the center wall adjacent to the hinged seat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shower heads attached to a flexible metal hose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shower heads attached to wall mounting adjustable from 42" to 72" above the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Seat is hinged and padded and at least 16" deep, folds upward, securely attached to side wall, height is 18" to the top of the seat, and at least 24" long	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soap trays without handheld features unless they can support 250 pounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2 grab bars are provided, one 30" and one 48" long, or one continuous L shaped bar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grab bars are placed horizontally at 36" above the floor line	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

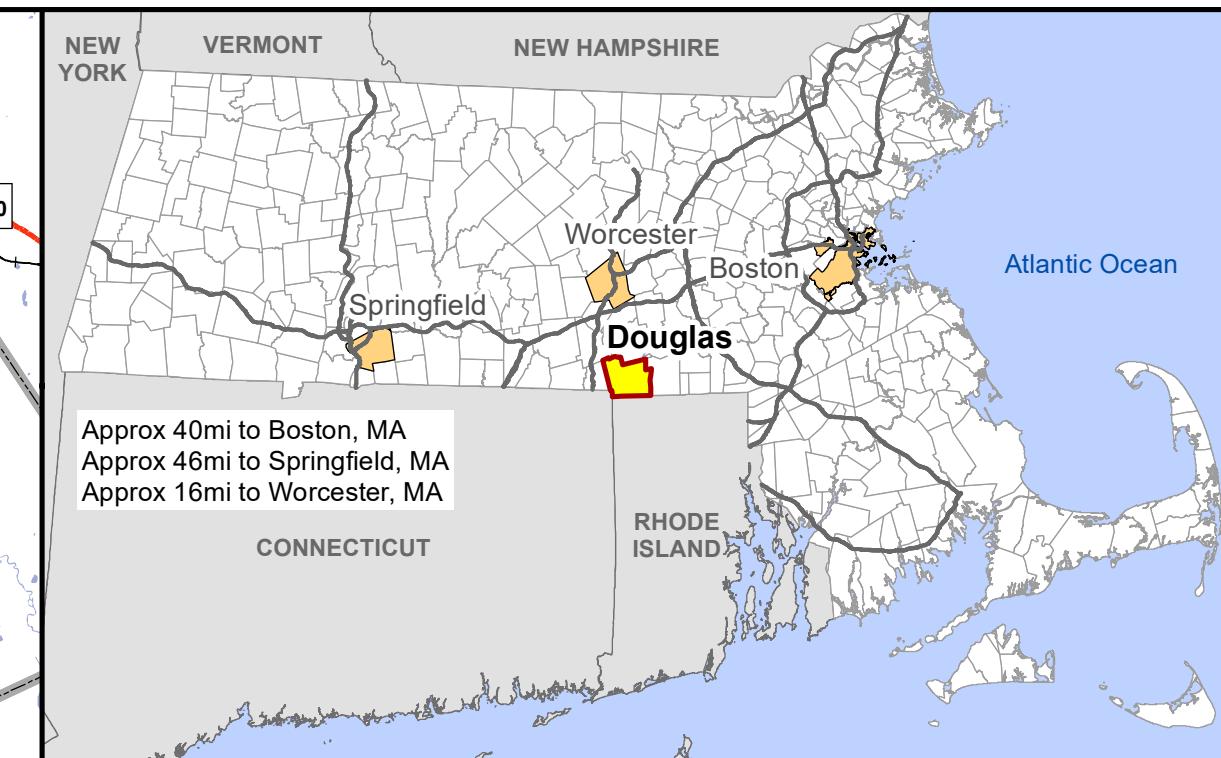
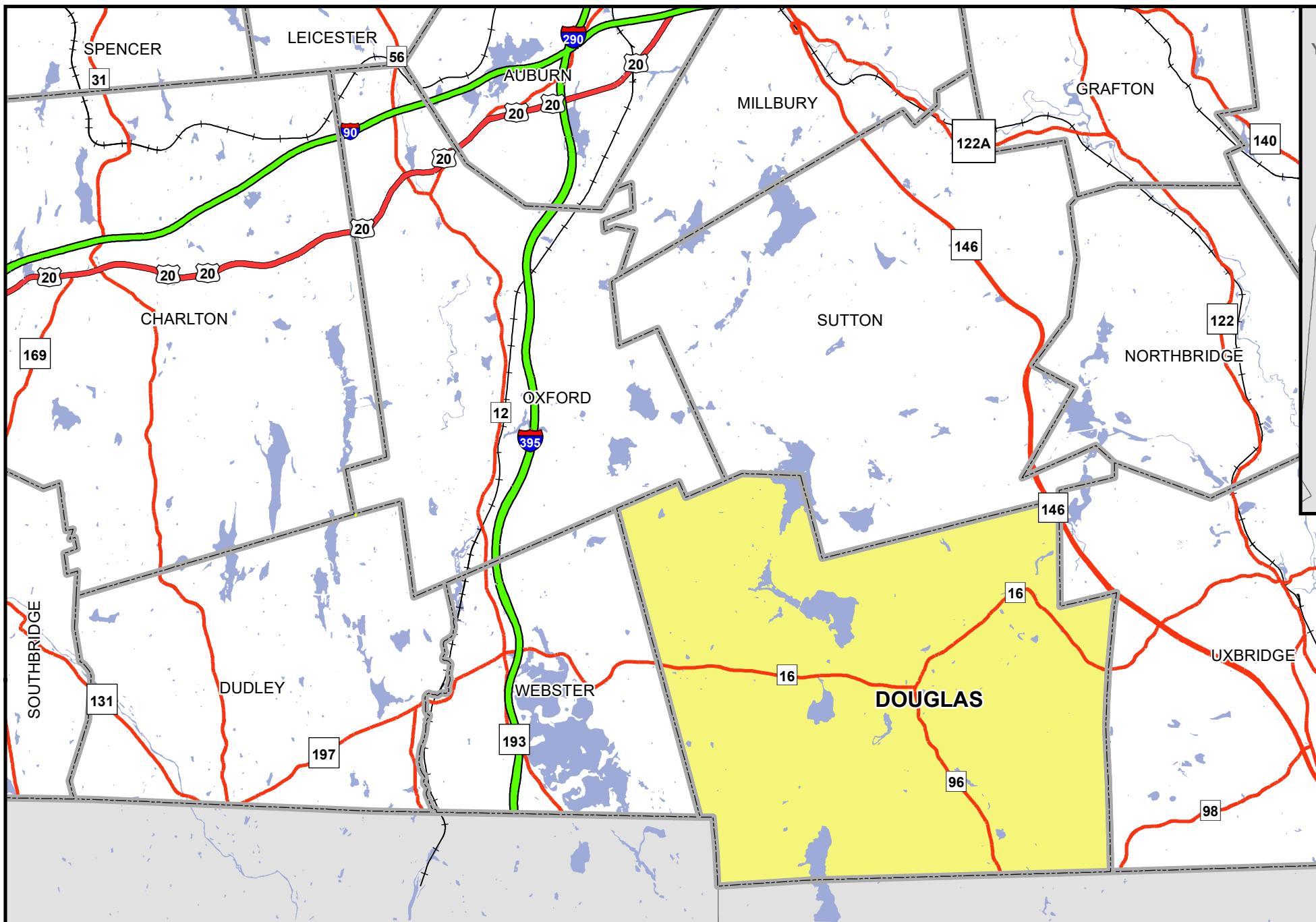
PICNICKING

A minimum of 5% of the total tables must be accessible with clear space under the table top not less than 30" wide and 19" deep per seating space and not less than 27" clear from the ground to the underside of the table. An additional 29" clear space (totaling 48") must extend beyond the 19" clear space under the table to provide access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firm and slip-resistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space of at least 36" around the perimeter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

no tables
benches, etc



one curb cut, poor shape, not wheel
chair accessible

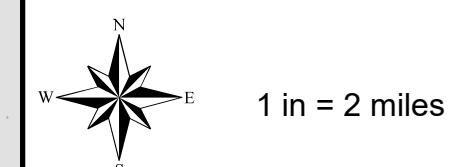


REGIONAL CONTEXT MAP

Town of Douglas,
Massachusetts

Legend

- Town Boundary
- Active Railroad
- Interstate
- U.S. Route
- State Route



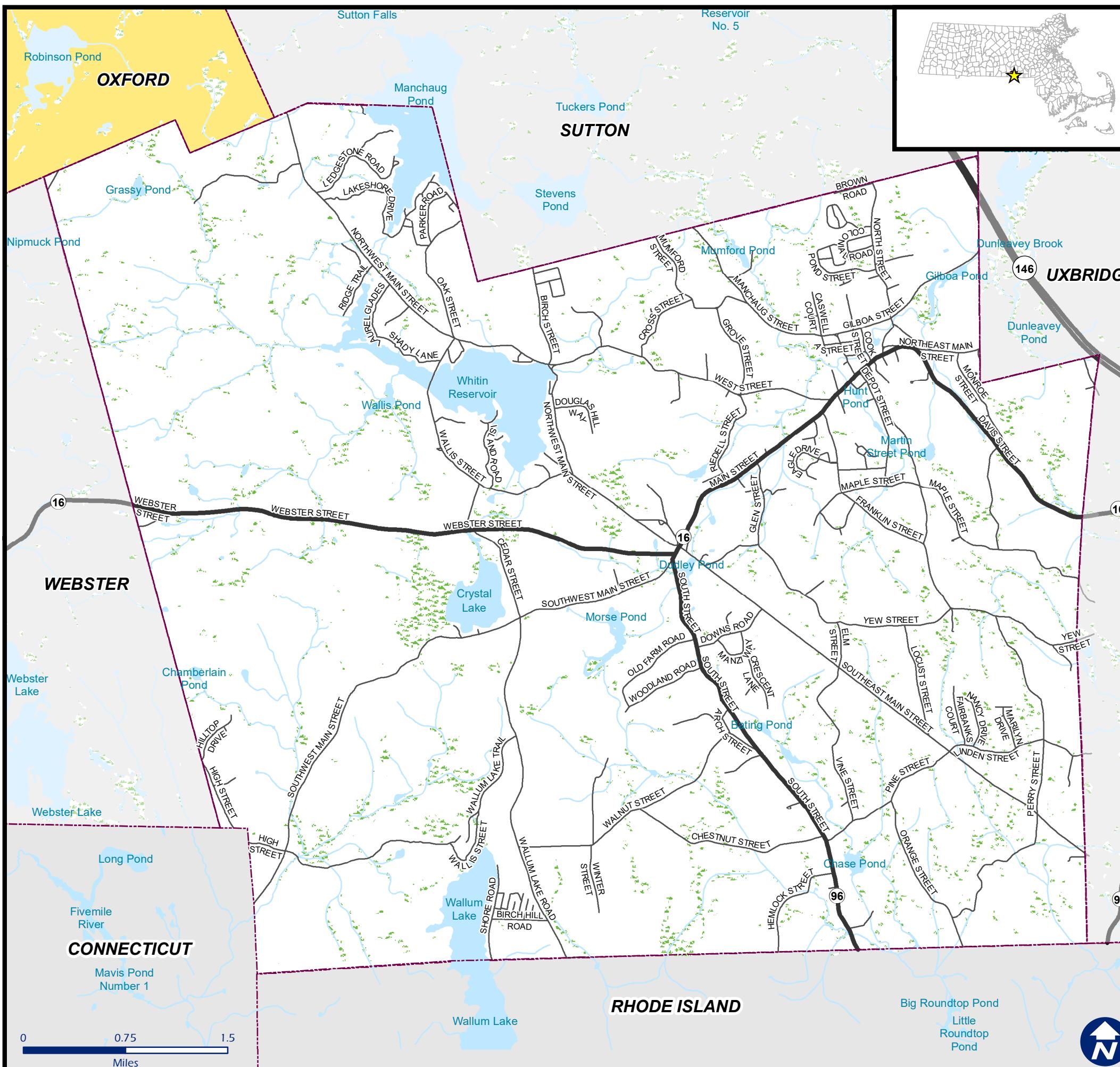
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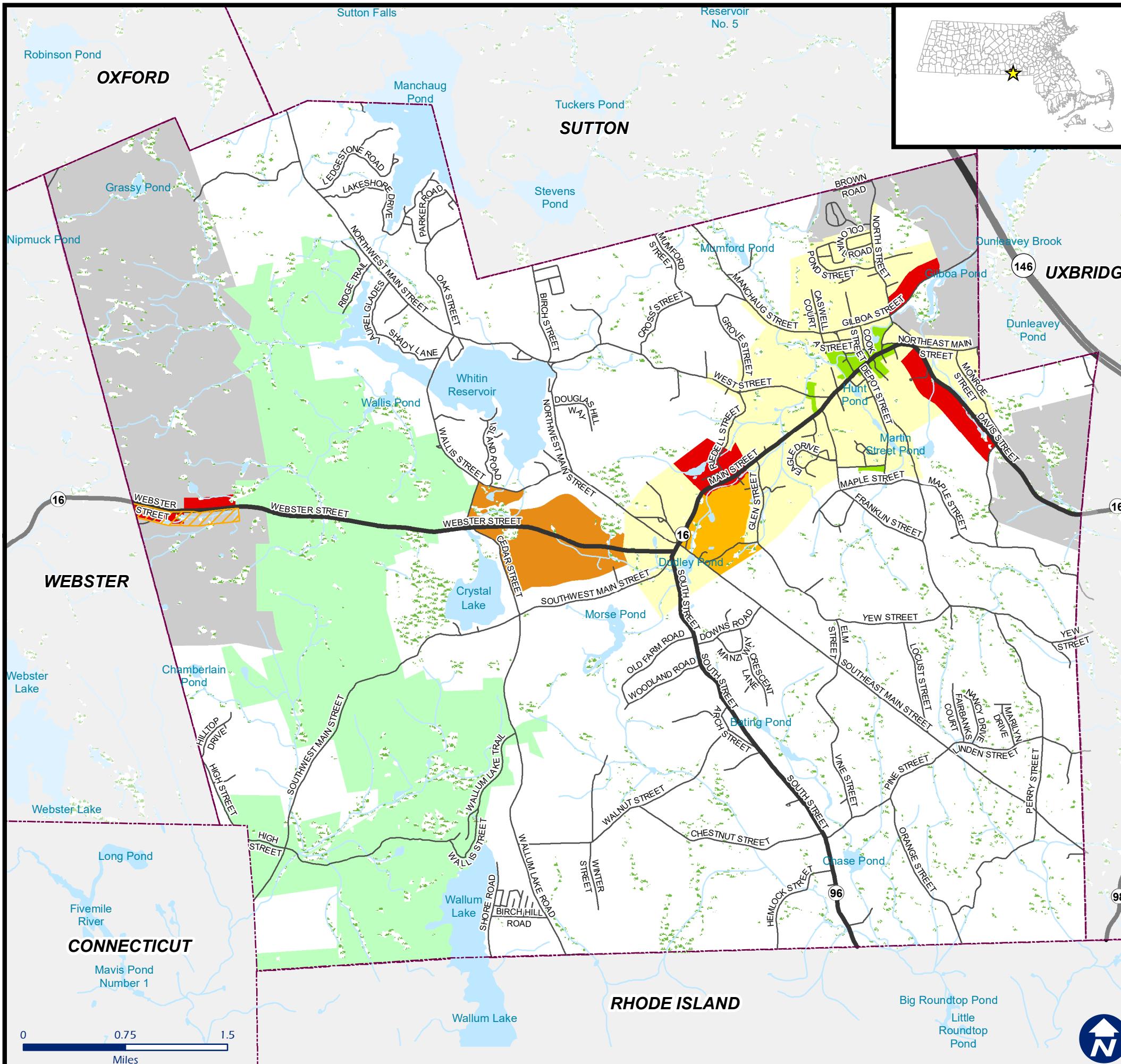


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MAP 3

ZONING DISTRICTS

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Legend

Zoning Districts	
	Commercial
	Industrial
	Rural Agricultural
	Residential
	Commercial - One
	Residential Commercial - Two
	State Forest Open Space
	Village Residential
	Village Business
	Adult Entertainment Overlay District

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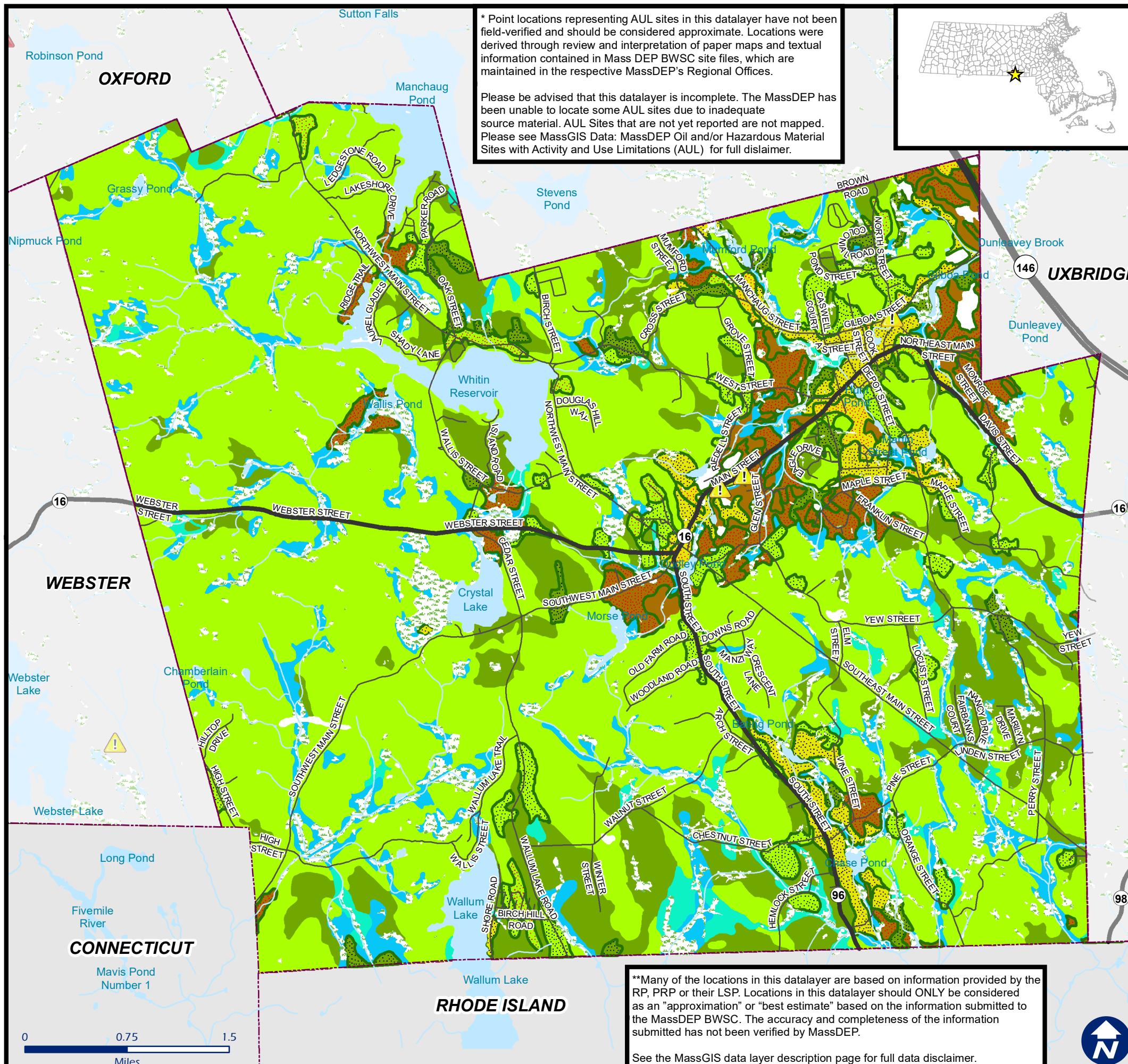


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MAP 4

SOILS & GEOLOGIC FEATURES

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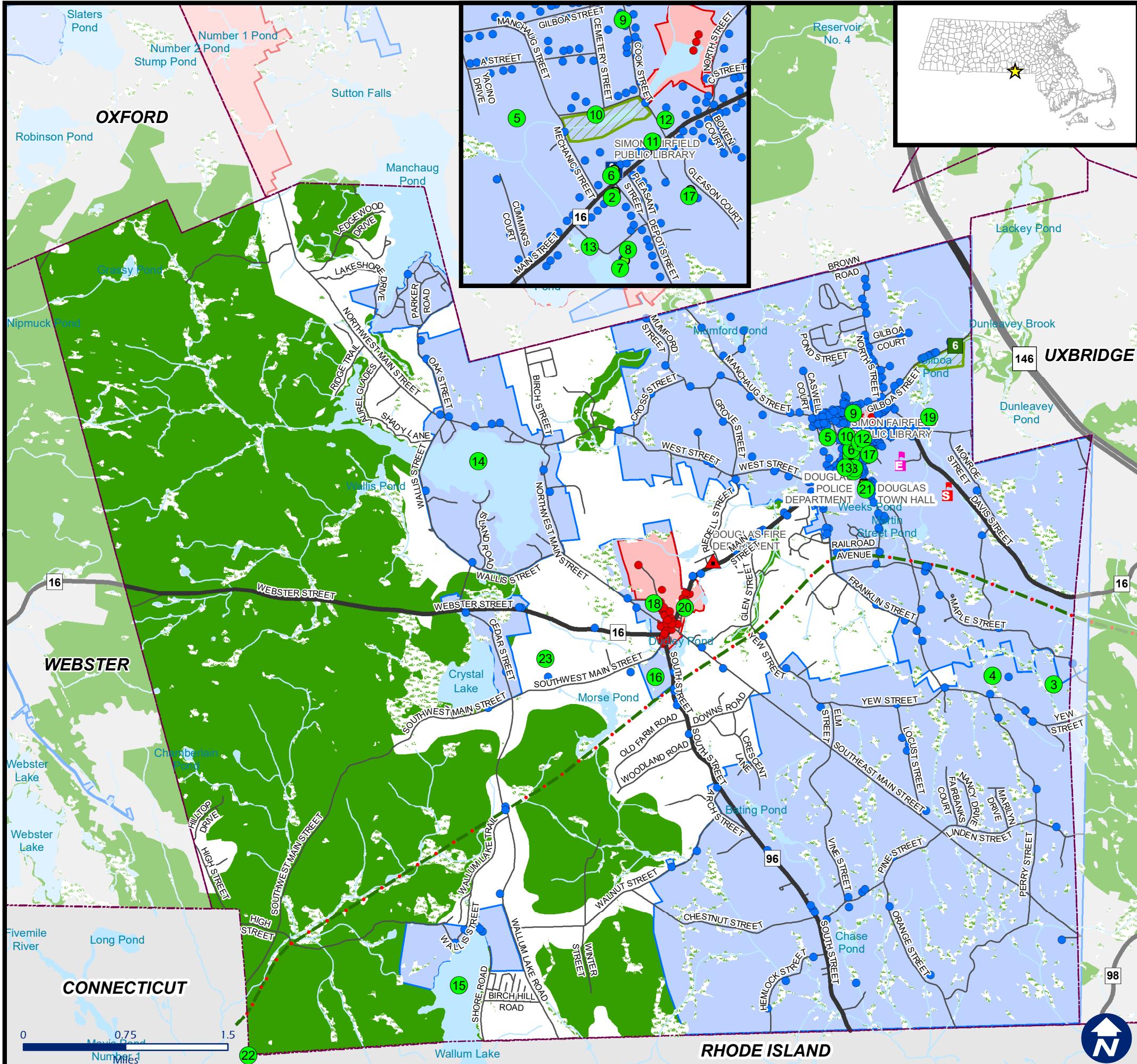


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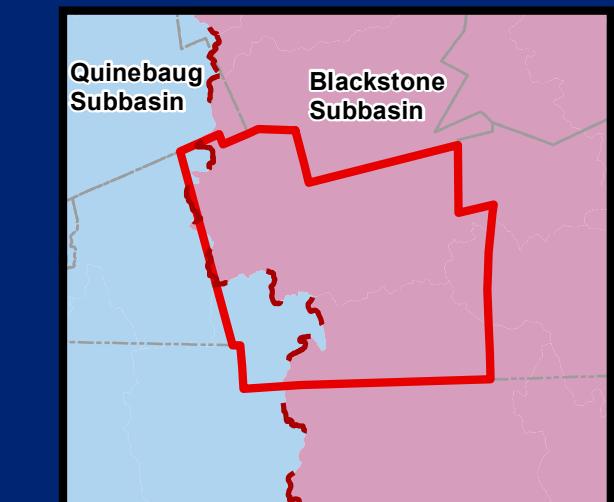
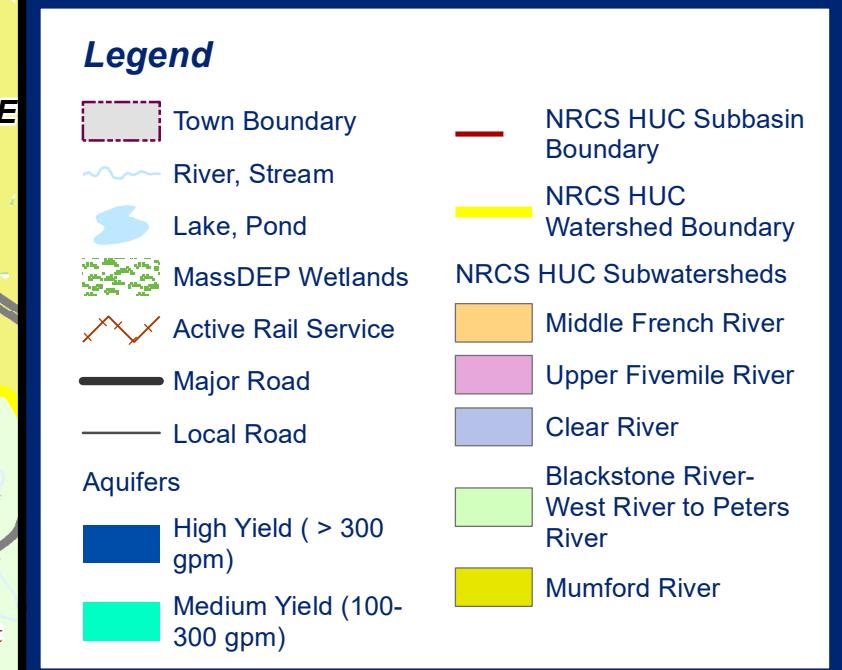
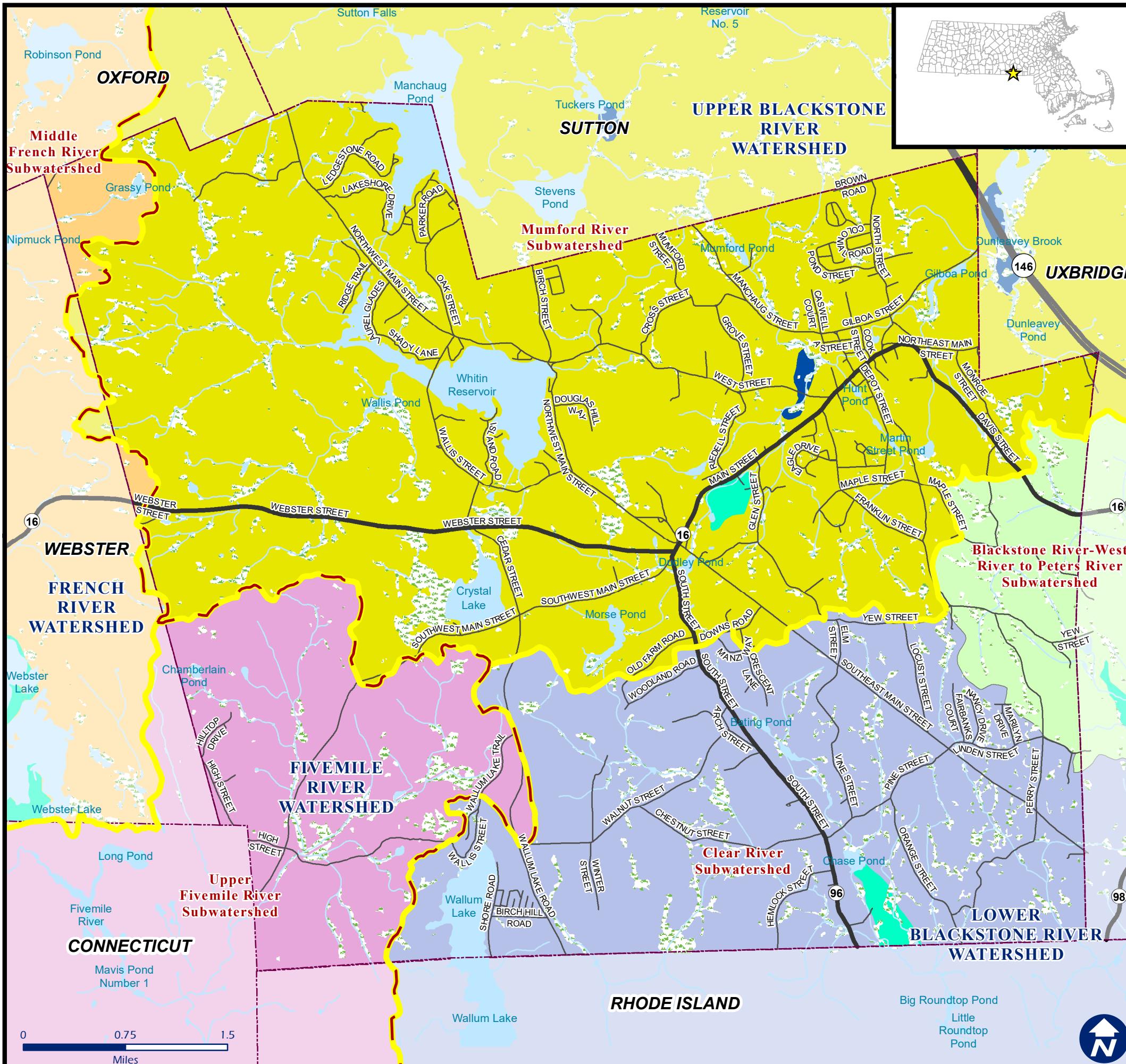
Town Boundary	Schools (PK-12)(05/2022)
River, Stream	Public Elementary
Lake, Pond	Public Middle
MassDEP Wetlands	Public Secondary
Active Rail Service	MHC Historic Inventory (04/2022)
Major Road	Nat'l Register of Historic Places
Local Road	Preservation Restriction
Southern New England Trunkline Trail	Inventoried Property
Local Unique Features	Nat'l Register of Historic Places
Priority Preservation Area	Inventoried Area
Town Hall (07/2017)	NHESP/TNC BioMap - Core Habitat
Public Library	
Police	
Fire Dept. (12/2015)	

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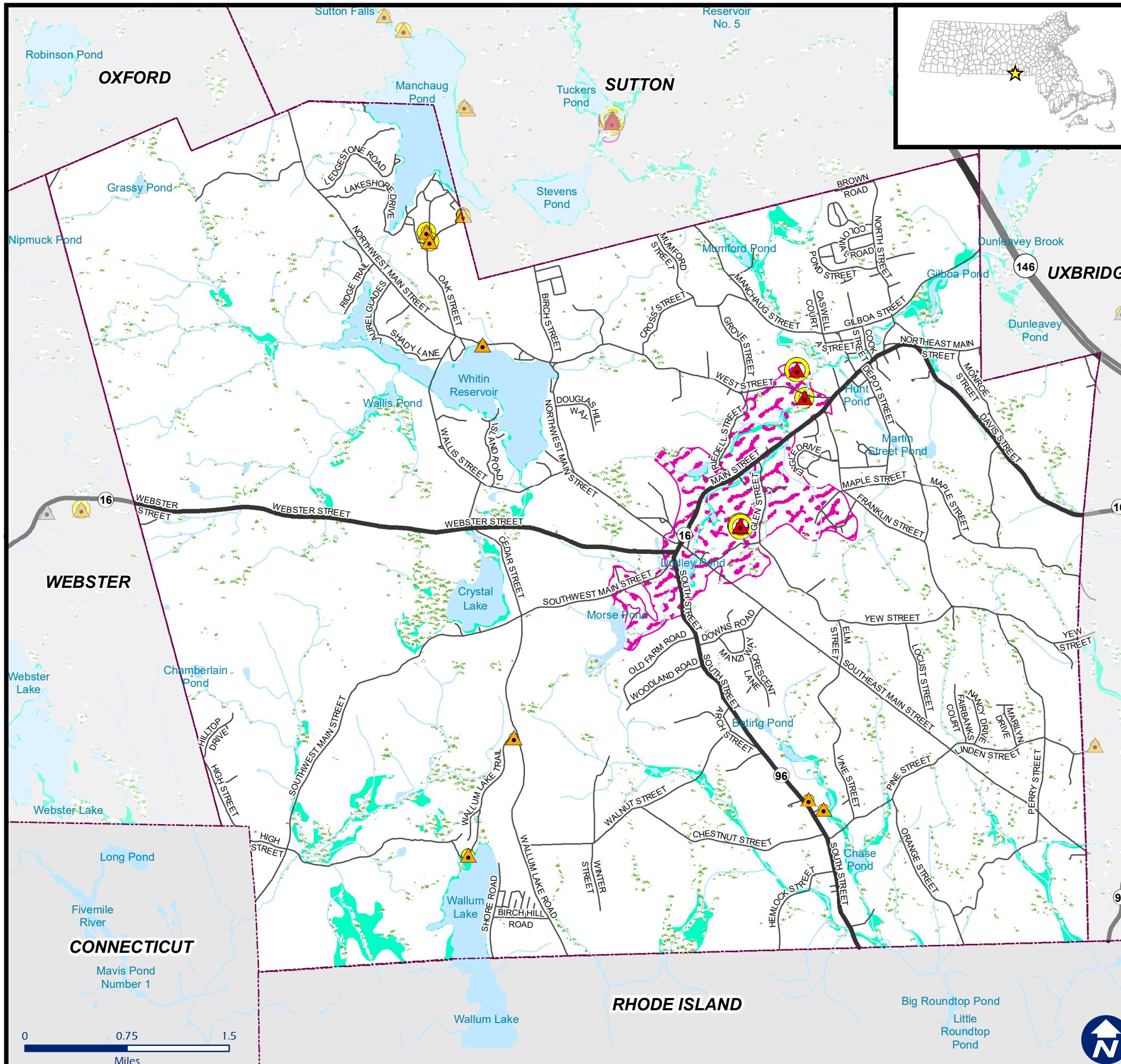
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MAP 7

WATER RESOURCES MAP 2

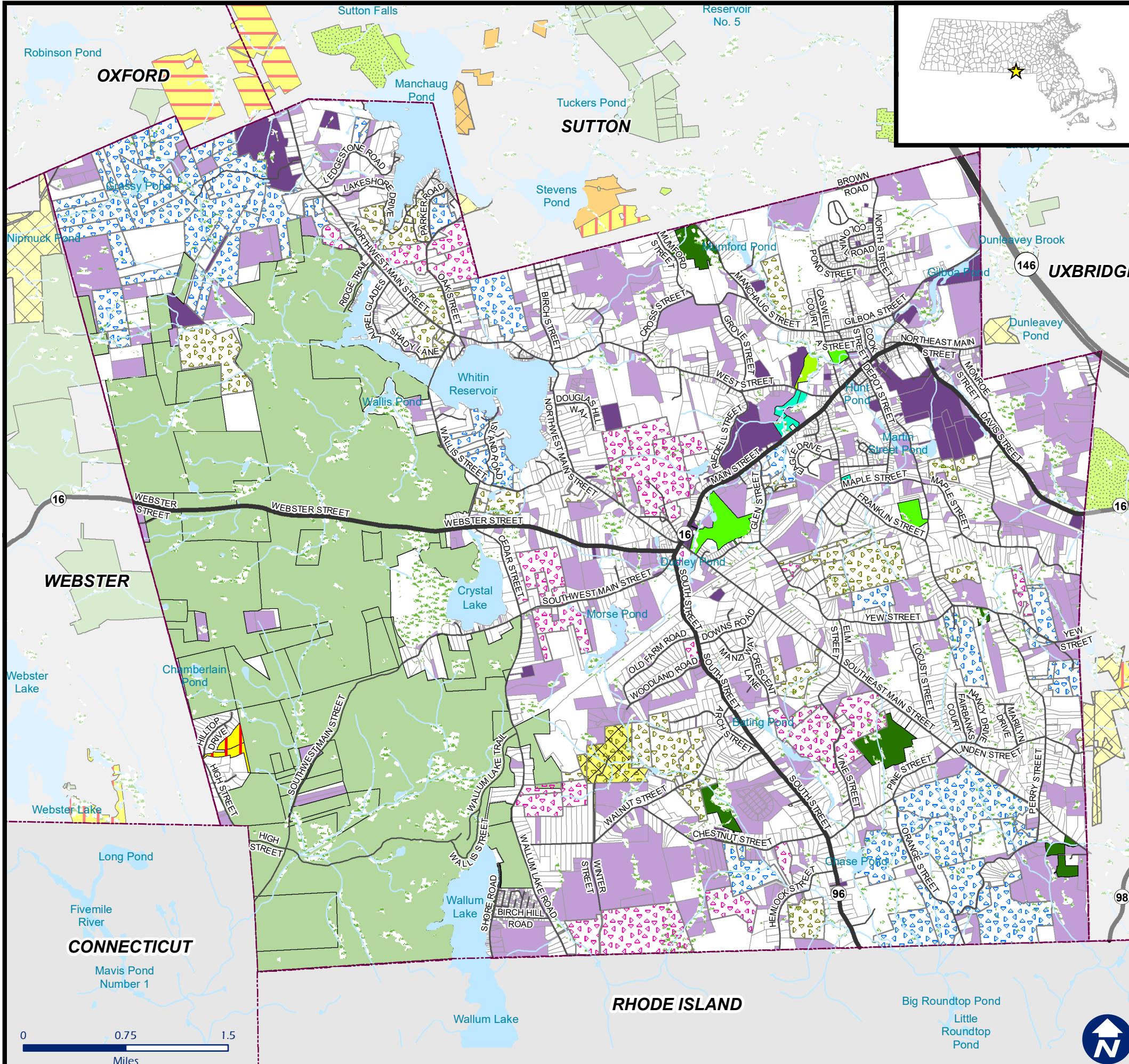
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MAP 8

OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

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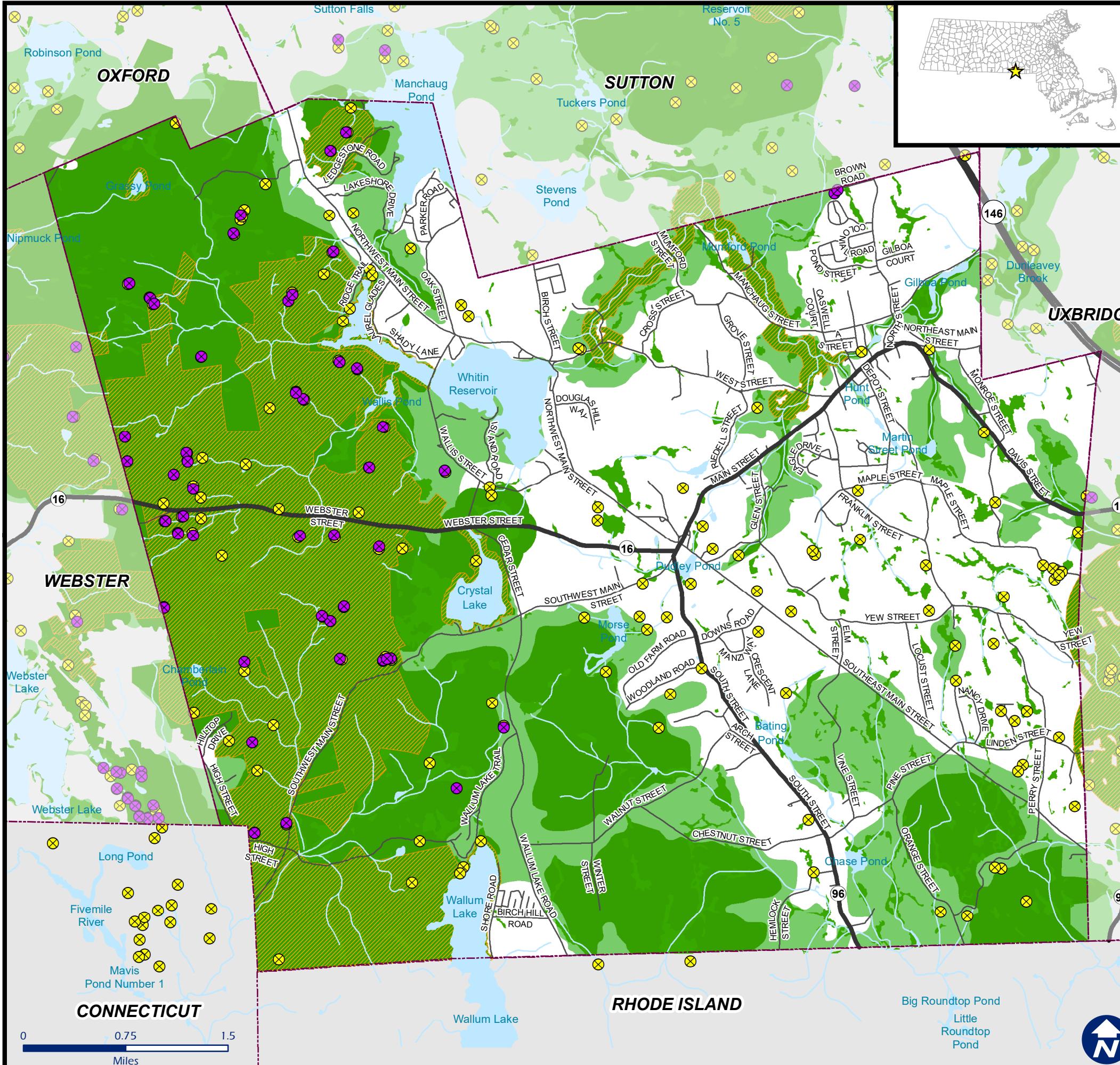
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MAP 9

HABITAT FEATURES



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Legend

- Town Boundary
- River, Stream
- Lake, Pond
- MassDEP Wetlands
- Active Rail Service
- Major Road
- Local Road
- NHESP Certified Vernal Pools (12/2022)
- NHESP Potential Vernal Pools (1)
- NHESP Priority Habitats of Rare (2017)
- BioMap Core Habitat
- BioMap Critical Natural Landscape

(1) NHESP Potential Vernal Pools: NOT equivalent to Certified Vernal Pools

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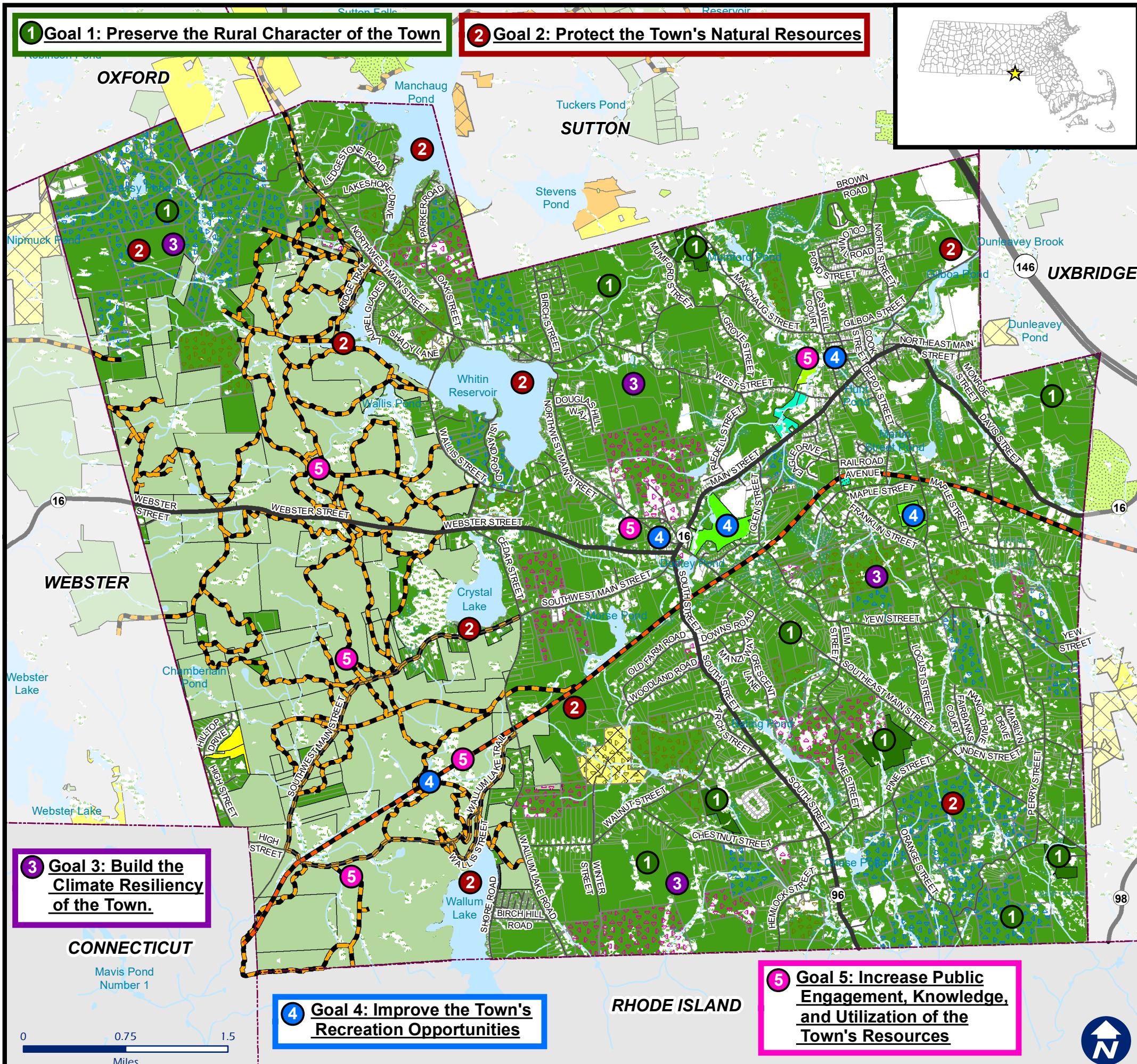


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MAP 10

ACTION PLAN

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Town Boundary	2016 Land Use/Land Cover
River, Stream	Forest (1)
Lake, Pond	Forested Wetland (1)
MassDEP Wetlands	
Active Rail Service	
Major Road	Chapter Land (FY2021)
Local Road	Chapter 61 (1)
Southern New England Trunkline Trail	Chapter 61A (1)
Other Trails	Chapter 61B (1)

Open Space Ownership (1)

Federal	Municipal - Water Supply Protection
State	Municipal
Municipal - Conservation	Private
Municipal - Recreation	Non-Profit

Level of Protection (1)

Perpetuity*
Limited
None

(1) Open Space data from MassGIS. Current as of 04/2022.

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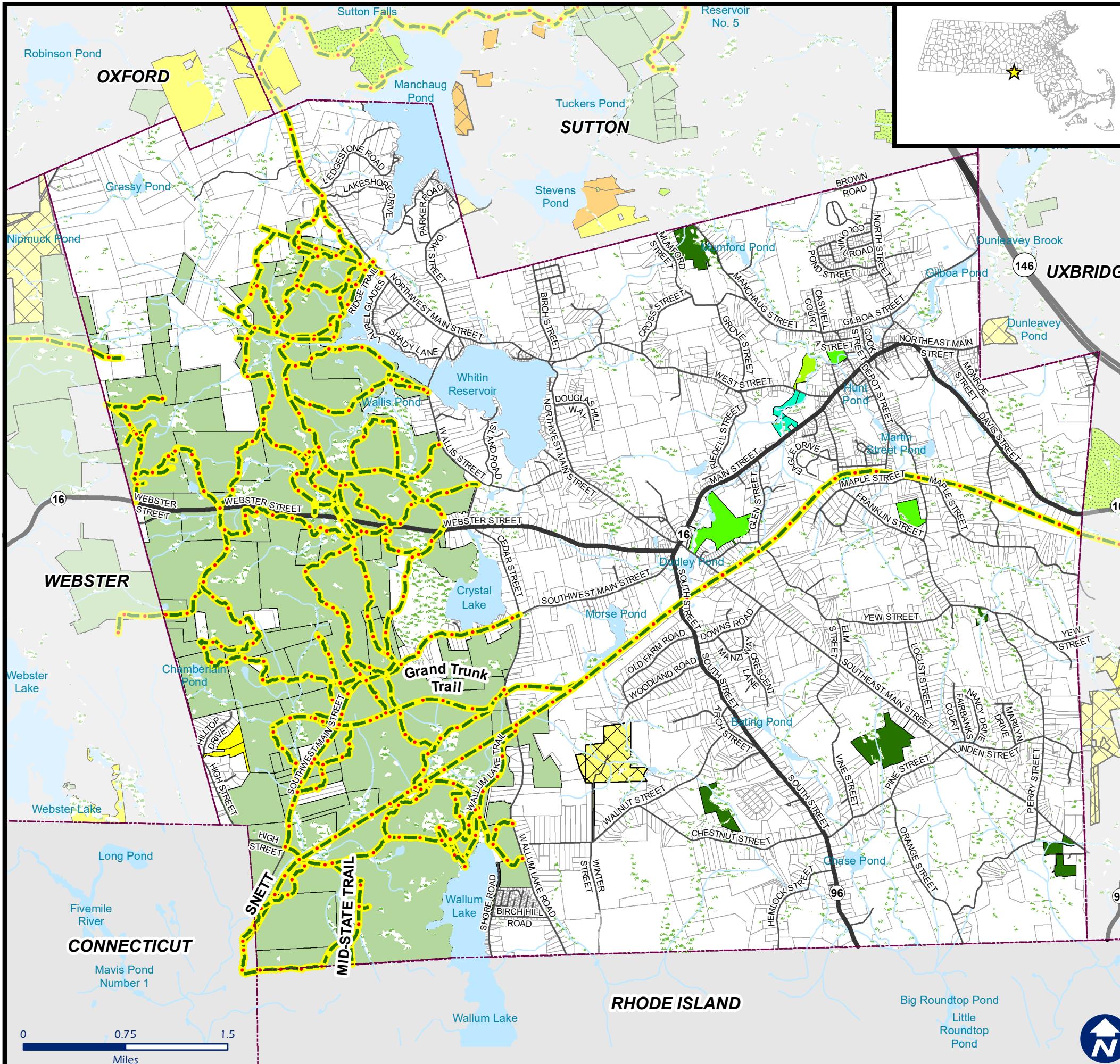


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MAP 11

TRAIL SYSTEM

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