

SECTION 8 – GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals are formally and broadly worded statements about what Foxborough desires to achieve in the long run. Objectives are more focused and concretely worded statements about courses of action that lead to the attainment of goals.

The following general goals are those identified in “Community Goals” (Section 6B). The goals are followed by objectives that drive the development of more specific recommendations, action items, which are listed under the respective objectives.

The parties responsible for accomplishing the action items have been identified in the Seven Year Action Plan (Section 9), which sorts the action items by responsible parties and the year(s) in which they should be accomplished.

Goal 1. Develop OPEN SPACE STRATEGIES for protecting, preserving and utilizing natural resources.

Objectives:

- 1A. Establish an Open Space & Recreation Committee (OSRC) to implement OSRP.
- 1B. Implement the Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP).
- 1C. Reconvene the Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee (OSRPC) annually (in September) to review OSRP goals and progress.

Goal 2. Protect WATER RESOURCES and the lands which affect them in order to preserve Foxborough’s water quality and quantity.

Objectives:

- 2A. Protect the quality and quantity of the drinking water supply.
- 2B. Protect the quality of the town’s surface water resources.
- 2C. Provide education and outreach about water-related issues.

Goal 3. Preserve, enhance and connect Foxborough’s conservation areas to protect the Town’s NATURAL RESOURCES, rural character and scenic vistas.

Objectives:

- 3A. Increase the amount of permanently protected Town owned open space land (Article 97) to achieve a minimum of 25% protected Town land in Foxborough.
- 3B. Seek funding for the purchase of conservation and recreation lands.
- 3C. Identify and preserve areas with natural and/or scenic value.
- 3D. Manage and maintain conservation properties.
- 3E. Encourage and preserve farms and agricultural lands.
- 3F. Education and Outreach.

Goal 4: Provide, maintain and improve active and passive recreational opportunities to meet the diverse RECREATION needs of the entire community.

Objectives:

- 4A. Provide recreational opportunities for all Foxborough citizens.
- 4B. Maintain existing and develop new recreational facilities and programs.

Goal 5: Balance OPEN SPACE NEEDS with Development Demand

Objectives:

- 5A. Promote bylaw revisions that protect natural resources from the adverse impacts of land alterations.
- 5B. Create and protect greenbelts/wildlife corridors.

Goal 6: Increase environmental awareness and provide ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION to promote appreciation of Foxborough's natural assets among all sectors of the community.

Objectives:

- 6A. Continue to provide education and outreach to residents about Foxborough's open space and recreational assets.
- 6B. Utilize conservation lands for educational purposes.
- 6C. Educate citizens about both the importance and fiscal advantages of conserving land.
- 6D. Build a strong constituency of open space and recreation advocates through education and collaborative partnerships.

Goal 7: Preserve, protect, and enhance a Town-wide networked TRAIL SYSTEM for passive uses including, but not limited to, walking, biking, and skiing.

Objectives:

- 7A. Develop comprehensive plan to map conservation land trails.
- 7B. Promote coordination with private organizations, neighboring Towns, and regional agencies to provide recreation links.

Goal 8: Preserve and protect Foxborough's HISTORY and cultural heritage.

Objective 8A. Preserve and protect lands that have archaeological or historical significance.

Goal 9: Protect and enhance the quality of Foxborough's AIR SPACE.

Objective 9A. Protect residents and wildlife from noise, light pollution and odors.



New Memorial at Sallie Conservation Property, Rt. 140