

SUTTON WILL BE A COMMUNITY THAT UNDERSTANDS, APPRECIATES, PRESERVES, AND GROWS ITS OPEN SPACE RESOURCES

GOAL 1: Improve understanding of open space resources

1. Update list and map of open space owned by the Town, State and private owners and identify if public access is allowed.

GOAL 2: Improve appreciation of open space resources

1. Create program of visits to/activities at open space properties.
2. Explore whether school science departments at all levels of education can create programs that utilize open space sites.
3. Create education materials about the economic and other benefits of open space.

GOAL 3: Improve preservation of open space sites

1. Evaluate condition of properties and seek quotes for necessary maintenance.
2. Evaluate means to permanently preserve sites where appropriate.
3. Establish program and outreach to private land owners with information about means to preserve their land.
4. Explore public education about and possible enactment of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in partnership with the State and successful CPA towns.
5. Ensure adequate all season parking exists and is maintained at open space sites.
6. Identify and pursue all available sources of funding for preservation, maintenance, and acquisition efforts, including utilizing open space sites to generate revenue.

GOAL 4: Acquire additional open space where appropriate

1. Create list of priority open space parcels that might be beneficial for the Town to own.
2. Reach out to priority land owners to let them know the town may be interested in their land if they are selling.
3. Ensure the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, and Select Board are aware of the priority open space parcels in advance of c. 61 releases.

SUTTON WILL BE A COMMUNITY THAT UNDERSTANDS, APPRECIATES, AND PRESERVES ITS HISTORIC/CULTURAL RESOURCES.

GOAL 1: Improve understanding of historic/cultural resources

1. Update list and map of historic/cultural sites owned by the Town, Historic Society and privately parties.
2. Create listing of historic/cultural artifacts owned by the Town, Historic Society and other notable privately held artifacts.

GOAL 2: Improve appreciation of historic resources

1. Create program of community talks that tie to a property and/or artifacts.
2. Create program of visits to and/or events at historic properties.
3. Partner with school history departments at all levels of education to create local history appreciation programs.
4. Install historic place markers in the Village of Manchaug and Sutton Center Village.
5. Update Historic Commission webpage including links to the Historic Society and other historic organizations.

6. Include extensive history content and context in Mumford River Trail extension.
7. Nominate the Village of Wilkinsonville to the National Register of Historic Places.

GOAL 3: Improve preservation of historic resources

1. Evaluate condition of properties and seek quotes for necessary repairs and/or improvements.
2. Evaluate condition of artifacts and seek quotes for preservation efforts.
3. Identify and pursue all available sources of funding for maintenance and preservation efforts, including utilizing historic sites and artifacts to generate revenue.
4. Work with Historic Society to renovate Rufus Putnam building.
5. Work with Water's Farm group on initiatives at the Farm.

SUTTON WILL BE A COMMUNITY THAT PROVIDES RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

GOAL 1: Improve understanding of resources

1. Update list and map of Suttons public access recreational locations including town owned, state owned, and others.
2. Create detailed listing of available recreational programs offered by Sutton and other groups IE: scouting, swim lessons, baseball . . .
3. Create detailed listing of land, facilities, equipment, staff, supplies, capital needs, and ongoing maintenance needed for each existing recreational location and/or programs with cost estimates.

GOAL 2: Improve understanding of recreational needs/desires

1. Establish regular schedule of town-wide surveys.
2. Provide permanent and intuitive means for input on town website.
3. Create and update, no less than every 7 years, a list of needed/desired resources with a detailed list of land, structures, equipment, staff, supplies, and ongoing maintenance needed for each needed/desired facility and/or program with cost estimates

GOAL 3: Improve and/or maintain existing programs and/or facilities.

1. Identify and pursue all available sources of funding for facilities and programming including using facilities and programming to generate revenue.
2. Establish maintenance accounts for existing sites and programs.
3. Rehab American Legion Park (aka Veteran's Field) in the Village of Manchaug.
4. Ensure adequate all season parking exists and is maintained at recreational sites.

GOAL 4: Develop more programs and facilities

1. Identify and pursue all available sources of funding for facilities and programming including using facilities and programming to generate revenue.
2. Ensure funds for on-going maintenance are established with every new facility.
3. Build extension of Mumford River Trail in the Village of Manchaug.
4. Complete remaining elements of the Marion's Camp Master Plan including playground, summer rec programming, restoration of Winter House, 8volleyball court, water source, wastewater provisions.

5. Pursue construction of track and field facility.
6. Work with State and Federal entities to complete the one-mile section of Blackstone River Bikeway in Sutton and attach to other towns.
7. Increase the amount of sidewalks in Sutton whenever possible.
8. Encourage private developers to include recreation within their sites where appropriate.
9. Encourage private developers to consider developing and outdoor music/performance venue.

SUTTON WILL BE A COMMUNITY WHERE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO EASILY ACCESS INFORMATION ABOUT SUTTONS OPEN SPACE & RECREATION OFFERINGS

GOAL 1: Improve ease of access to information about open space and recreational offerings

1. Update recreation webpage including links to other recreational organizations.
2. Add information about public access open space sites to appropriate web pages.
3. Add recreation activities calendar to Town website homepage and cable channel.
4. Provide information about open space and recreational offering through other social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram.
5. Create or update brochures about open space and recreational resources as appropriate.
6. Provide information about programs and sites to local newspaper, Senior Center, local churches, local civic organizations, local public and private schools.

GOAL 2: Maintain up to date information

1. Implement yearly update of websites with interim updates as necessary for events and programming.
2. Continue to update brochures and other hard copy information every other year

SUTTON WILL BE A COMMUNITY THAT ACKNOWLEDGES CLIMATE CHANGE AND INCORPORATES CLIMATE RESILIENCE INTO ITS OPEN SPACE, RECREATIONAL, AND HISTORIC/CULTURAL INITIATIVES

GOAL 1: Understand the impact of climate on Suttons Recreational, Open Space and Historic/Cultural Resources

1. Create listing of climate related issues and incidents experienced over the last ten years.
2. Work with State or CMRPC to conduct educational program for town officials and the public about climate change and its effects on local governments and communities.

GOAL 2: Harden recreational, open space and historic/cultural resources against the effects of climate change.

1. Compile list of ways each recreational, open space, and historic/cultural site has been or could be effected by climate change.
2. Remove hazard trees, prune non-hazard trees, and plant additional shade trees at Suttons recreational, open space, and historic/cultural sites.

3. Resurface stone dust trails at Tri-Centennial Park with stable pervious surface and renovate rain garden and other plantings.
4. Seek all available sources of funding and pursue repairs and or retrofits to better mitigate the effects of climate change at these sites.

GOAL 3: Incorporate features and protections into future recreational, open spaces, and historic/cultural initiatives

1. Preserve and/or incorporate additional shade trees into future projects.
2. Utilize pervious surfaces whenever possible.
3. Utilize thoughtful site design and stormwater management measures to avoid flooding risks.