Prime Farmland Soils

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Priority Habitat of Rare Species
BioMap Core Habitat
BioMap Critical Natural Landscape
Certified Vernal Pool
1830 & 2005 Forested Land Use*

Woods Road
Wetland

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Open Space & Recreation Plan 2020

January, 2020
Access to Off-Road Recreation

Warwick, MA

Recreation Type
- Hiking
- Swimming
- Fishing
- Camping
- Canoeing
- Picnicking
- Trailhead

Franklin County Bikeway
New England Scenic Trail
Permanently Protected Open Space
Warwick Town Forest

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note: please see reverse side for more information and maps
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- Inventory sections of woods roads and trails where damage is occurring.
- Request enforcement from DCR on State land.
- Post Town Land and, where appropriate, block ATV access.
- Organize volunteer work crews to repair damaged areas.

Ensure that Town-owned open space is used for recreation, open space, sustainable forest management, and other community uses supported by residents.

- Develop management plans for Town-owned open space with community input.
- Seek funding to implement management goals, such as wildlife habitat, sustainable forestry, trail development, etc.
- Explore amending the town's bylaws with a provision that supports the use of Town-owned land for commercial development that is compatible with community goals.

Prioritize town sponsored land conservation projects and consider zoning changes that conserve open fields, farmland, forest land, streams, ponds, wetland, woods roads and trails, scenic vistas, and the town center.

- Identify parcels of land important to conserve or that are at risk of losing conservation values.
- Develop a large scale solar PV bylaw to limit impacts on natural resources and direct this type of development to appropriate areas of town.
- Work with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to identify and adopt innovative zoning techniques to achieve the town's goals for land conservation.

Encourage cottage industries and locally based economic activities.

- Explore zoning revisions or adoption of measures that would encourage small business development without detracting from Warwick's rural character.
- Promote the use of the community kitchen at the Warwick Town Hall for small-batch processing of value-added products.

Plan a trail system and trail map for Warwick to link recreation and community resources.

- Establish a Trail Committee. Encourage youth to participate in the Trail Committee.
- Map trails using GPS and GIS techniques; engage youth and others in mapping trails.
- Access Town Forest parcels for trail development, including a possible loop trail on the Hockanum Hill Conservation Area parcel, and on the newly acquired Victoria Shaw parcel. Apply for funding for trail design and development.
- Identify parcels needing trail easements and seek assistance in acquiring them.
- Establish a hiking club at the Community School
- Coordinate efforts with equestrian interests and snowmobilers.

Minimize the impacts of invasive species.

- Inventory and prioritize species threats and develop control options; Organize volunteer crews to implement control options.
- Educate the public about the species and their threats; initiate a town-wide invasive species awareness day.

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