



The *goals* included in this 2005 Open Space and Recreation Plan are the long-range aspirations of the Town of Wellfleet for the protection of natural resources and the provision of recreational opportunities for its citizens and visitors. The *objectives* are conceptual steps to be undertaken to achieve these goals. Specific, tangible *actions* to implement the objectives are found in Section 9.

The goals and objectives listed below were developed by the Open Space Committee and/or borrowed from the Town's Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP). They respond directly to the public opinion survey and workshops conducted during preparation of this Plan and the 1995 Local Comprehensive Plan, supplemented by the results of other planning efforts, including the Wellfleet Harbor Management Plan and the Outer Cape Capacity Study as well as such relevant reports as the Master Plan and its Summary and the Model Towns Program dealing with the Eastham/Wellfleet Route 6 Corridor Management Study. The goals and objectives listed are intended to be consistent with the LCP, the Cape Cod Commission Regional Policy Plan and the 2000 Massachusetts Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

The **principal goal of the open space and recreations efforts of the Town is the preservation and enhancement of open space in order to protect the natural resources, scenery and character of the Town and to provide wildlife and recreational opportunities.** The latter should encompass both active and passive recreation to meet the needs of residents and visitors alike. The resource protection and community needs should be addressed as noted in the section of this Plan referring to them. More specifically, they would include the following:

<u>GOAL 1:</u>	Acquire, retain, preserve and protect a maximum of open space for the community and its natural and wildlife habitats. Balance the above with the practical needs of the town such as, but not limited to: recreation, affordable housing, future water needs.
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OBJECTIVE 1: Enhance existing protected open space (Open Space Committee in cooperation with WCT, Massachusetts Audubon, etc.)

OBJECTIVE 2: Continue developing criteria for future land acquisition (See Appendix G)

OBJECTIVE 3: Consider formulating changes to a bylaw or subdivision regulation requiring a minimum open space set aside percentage in new developments

OBJECTIVE 4: Actively Pursue and Work on Individual Land Acquisition Projects

- OBJECTIVE 5:** Continue education of population regarding the relationship between excessive growth and ground water quality, waste disposal, harbor health, natural resources, and town character
- OBJECTIVE 6:** Work to preserve the rural, historic, and scenic character of the town
- OBJECTIVE 7:** Continue policy to acquire and keep for open space tax title lands except where such community priorities such as affordable housing or municipal services may arise and listen to any comments from these boards and committees
- OBJECTIVE 8:** Establish procedures for approval and assessment of conservation restrictions
- OBJECTIVE 9:** Facilitate and/or encourage private investment to facilitate the efforts of private land conservation groups such as Mass Audubon, WCT.

<u>GOAL 2:</u>	Protect Wellfleet Harbor and Estuary
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- OBJECTIVE 1:** A better Management Plan needs to be developed. Shellfish industry needs to have clean water space and facilities and these needs to be balanced with the recreational demands of seasonal traffic.
- OBJECTIVE 2:** Continue efforts to restore Herring River and other tide-restricted estuaries and wetlands

<u>GOAL 3:</u>	Protect the town's present and future water supply.
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- OBJECTIVE 1:** Continue to identify and protect present and future well field areas through zoning, land management strategies/plans or acquisition

<u>GOAL 4:</u>	Improve waste disposal systems
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- OBJECTIVE 1:** On site septic systems are a threat to ground water in some areas. Special consideration needs to be given to the Central District and areas in close proximity to ponds and coastal areas.

OBJECTIVE 2: Eliminate roadside and beach litter and illegal dumping

<u>GOAL 5:</u>	Protect ponds, rivers, and streams
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OBJECTIVE 1: Strengthen protective regulations in A.C.E.C.

<u>GOAL 6:</u>	Protect beach areas
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OBJECTIVE 1: Explore opportunities to minimize development of new residences or expansion of existing ones in or adjacent to buffer zones to avoid endangering our coastal banks and barrier beaches

<u>GOAL 7:</u>	Coordinate recreation needs with open space priorities to benefit each
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OBJECTIVE 1: Develop and improve recreational areas and facilities

<u>GOAL 8:</u>	Accomplish the goals and objectives above expeditiously and at minimum expense. This will involve determination of the most effective organizational and administrative arrangements for their achievement, importantly including the cooperation and coordination among town boards, commissions, committees and executive agencies
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OBJECTIVE 1: Coordinate cooperative meetings among various groups involved in Wellfleet's land use planning including new CPA Committee to establish needs and assign tasks