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SECTION 1: PLAN SUMMARY

This 2016 Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) is an update of the Town of Franklin's 2001 and 2008 Open Space and Recreation Plans. The 2001 Plan was prepared for Franklin as well as two other communities, Bellingham and Blackstone, and addressed the region as well as each community. The 2008 OSRP document addressed only the open space and recreation issues and resources relevant to the Town of Franklin. The 2016 OSRP continues with a detailed and practical approach to preservation of public and privately owned open space through growth management techniques, public awareness, management of existing Town owned open space, enhancement of existing and development of new recreation resources and the continued protection of natural resources.

In fall 2015, the Franklin Conservation Commission assumed the task of overseeing and preparing the update of the OSRP. Assisted by Franklin's Department of Planning and Community Development, Park and Recreation Department and Public Works Department, the Commission assessed the Town's open space preservation and recreation needs; gathered input from residents regarding personal priorities, desires, and perceived needs; developed the OSRP's goals, objectives, and five year action plan; and reviewed and edited draft versions of the OSRP. In addition, a re-evaluation of the accessibility of the Town's open space and recreation facilities was conducted (see Appendix C), an inventory of the Town's open space, recreation, and conservation properties (see Appendix B) was updated, and descriptions of the Town's substantial resources were compiled, updated and included in the OSRP.

Since the 2008 Plan was approved, progress has been made on the Goals and Objectives included in that Plan. Among them are:

- Through a student project working with the Conservation and Engineering Departments, installed informational signage at the DelCarte Recreation Area (Goal 1, objective 1.1)
- Created a map of the entire Town's recreation and park areas. (Goal 1 objective 1.2) (Also objective 4.4a in the 2013 Master Plan)
- A butterfly park was constructed in the King Street Memorial Park in 2014 as a school project and it has been well received and highly successful. (Goal 1, objective 1.2)
- DCR and the Franklin Conservation Commission have permitted improvements to the SNETT trail from Prospect Street in Franklin into Bellingham. (Goal 3, objectives 3.4 & 3.5)
- A major dam renovation project, canoe launches, a boardwalk over portions of a pond and a 5-12 age appropriate playground were completed in the DelCarte Recreation area all of which increase access to all sections of the area. (Goal 2, objective 2.1, Goal 3, objectives 3.1 and 3.2)

- Developed a 2-12 age appropriate playground at Fletcher Field (Goal 3, objectives 3.1 and 3.2)
- Developed an ADA compliant sculpture park, with walking areas and benches adjacent to the Franklin Police station (Goal 3, objectives 3.1 and 3.2)
- Erected a bridge via an Eagle Scout Project in conjunction with the Town Conservation and Engineering Departments over a stream crossing in the Town's disk golf course. (Goal 2, objective 2.1, Goal 3, objectives 3.1 and 3.2)
- Developed a dog park at the Dacey Recreation Area. (Goal 3, objective 3.2)

The 2016 OSRP includes numerous goals, objectives and proposed actions that were the result of input from a large number of Town residents. This input was provided at two public hearings, during regular committee meetings, in letters and emails, during meetings with Town personnel and non-profit organizations, and through two citizen participation questionnaires (see Appendix A). Based on this input, it was determined that there is a desire to develop additional passive recreation areas within the Town and to improve existing recreational facilities. Specifically, Franklin's residents' wish for the Town to provide new bike trails, obtain and increase management of conservation lands, and provide community based areas such as bike trails, hiking trails, a youth center and swimming pools.

The open space and recreation planning process resulted in five main goals and related objectives and a seven-year action plan that outlines specific tasks to meet the Town's open space and recreation goals. The goals within the updated 2016 OSRP were developed based on public input and the Conservation Commission believes these goals reflect the priorities of the Town's residents. In general, the goals of the community should be to obtain (as needed), improve, and make fully accessible, the proper balance of active and passive recreational and conservation resources, while maintaining the community as a suburban center with a rural quality. The Town's primary open space and recreation goals are as follows:

GOAL 1: Increase public awareness of open space and recreation opportunities in Franklin

GOAL 2: Preserve and enhance existing Town open space resources.

GOAL 3: Maximize recreational opportunities to meet the community's evolving needs by maintaining current inventory of facilities and programs and by providing new facilities and programs for both active and passive recreation.

GOAL 4: Protect natural, historical and cultural resources and maintain Franklin's New England character.

GOAL 5: Preserve and protect the Town's water resources.

The OSRP's implementation, and achievement of the above goals, will require the commitment of a broad variety of organizations and individuals, including non-profit organizations, state agencies, resident volunteers, and Town departments, boards, commissions, and committees. Through the combined efforts of all parties mentioned above the Town feels confident that the OSRP can be implemented to meet the prescribed goals over the seven-year planning period.

SECTION 2: INTRODUCTION

2.A. Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this plan is to help ensure that the open space and recreation resources of Franklin are protected as the Town continues to face rapid development pressures and the impacts of sprawl. Previous open space plans were completed for Franklin in 1985, 1986, and 1987 and a Regional Plan including Bellingham and Blackstone was completed in 1995 and updated in 2001 (see Section 11 for list of cited documents). Franklin completed an OSRP in 2008 for the Town only. In 2010, the Town's Expanded Action Plan was approved by EOEEA adding an additional two years to the 2008 plan's life. This approval allowed Franklin to participate in DCS grant rounds through February 2016. Many of the recommendations from the Town's previous plans have been implemented (i.e. acquisition of open spaces, designation of scenic roads, development of new parks, etc.).

Franklin has experienced substantial development since the 2008 Open Space and Recreation Plans was completed, there still exists significant areas of open space, rural character, relatively compact development (at least in the older developed areas), and a historic Town Center. Unless there is thoughtful planning and a vision to guide development, these desirable features are in danger of being lost, as they have been in many other towns.

A stated common vision facilitates decision-making for everyone, Town and State officials as well as developers and private landowners. This update of the 2016 plan is intended to help provide that vision. The 2016 Open Space and Recreation Plan will act as a policy guide for the decision and policy makers of Franklin, resulting in coordination and coordination in planning between town departments and improved management and enhancement of recreational opportunities and preservation of much of the Town's significant open space.

Prior Open Space Protection Efforts

Significant efforts to manage, acquire, plan for, or otherwise protect open space have been undertaken in Franklin. Past efforts include the preparation of a Tri-Town OSRP in 2001 as well as previous OSRP in 1985, 1986, 1987 and 2008. In addition to completing an Open Space and Recreation Plan, Franklin has prepared an affordable housing plan, has implemented the adoption of zoning bylaws and prepared a master plan to encourage open space preservation.

Preparation of Open Space and Recreation Plans: As mentioned above, Franklin prepared an individual Open Space and Recreation Plan during the 1980's; the first of which was completed in 1985 and was overseen by the Franklin Conservation Commission. The Plan indicated that protection of groundwater and open space were high priority policy issues, and development of additional parks and park land as well as acquisition of conservation land were cited as important capital projects.

Formation of Tri-Town Open Space Committee: In October 1986, representatives of Bellingham, Blackstone, and Franklin organized the Tri-Town Open Space Committee. The group was an outgrowth of a meeting organized by State Representative Daniel J.

Ranieri, whose district at the time was composed of the three towns. The purpose of the meeting was to determine what interests the three towns had in common. Open space advocates in all three towns quickly realized that the old Southern New England Trunk line Trail (SNETT) rail bed, an abandoned rail line now owned by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, formed an important link from the vicinity of the Franklin State Forest through Bellingham to the Blackstone River in Blackstone and beyond to the Douglas State Forest.

The group's mission was to advocate for the expansion and linkage of open space resources in the three towns. In addition, as the rapid development of the mid-1980's threatened both open space and affordable housing in the area, the group recognized that linking the two issues could potentially result in more financially and politically feasible methods to preserve open space while also serving the public need of increasing affordable housing. The group also sought to formalize its organization by incorporating itself as a private non-profit community land trust.

Preparation of an Open Space/Affordable Housing Plan: In 1987, the Tri-Town Open Space Committee received a Strategic Planning Grant from what was then known as the Executive Office of Communities and Development (EOCD, now known as the Department of Housing and Community Development or DHCD). The Committee used the grant to accomplish two objectives. The first was to inventory the major undeveloped parcels in each town, identify sites suitable for an open space/affordable housing project; prepare concept development plans for each of the sites selected; and prepare a detailed pro forma analysis for one site in each town. The second major objective was to research existing community land trusts and draft a set of bylaws for a regional land trust to serve the three towns; and develop an implementation strategy/action plan to promote open space and affordable housing. This project, completed in June 1988, led to the establishment of the Metacomet Land Trust shortly thereafter.

Adoption of Zoning Bylaws/Master Plans To Encourage Open Space Preservation: Franklin adopted its "Open Space Development" bylaw in 1987, Franklin Zoning Chapter 185-43. It applies to parcels in the Rural Residential I and II, and Residential VI zoning districts. It allows such parcels to be developed with the same number of lots as would be allowed with a conventional plan, but with one half the area, frontage, and yard requirements mandated by the underlying district. At least 25% of the parcel area must be preserved as open space and either conveyed to the Town or have recorded a restriction enforceable by the Town providing that the land remain as open space. To date, 18 open space subdivisions have been approved for development in this manner resulting in the preservation of 236.57 acres of open space.

Franklin adopted a master plan in 1997 plan that promoted strong open space and recreation efforts, including creative zoning bylaws such as transfer of development rights and density bonuses for providing open space.

Beginning in 2010 the Town of Franklin undertook an extensive comprehensive planning and public input process aimed at updating the 1997 Master Plan. The resulting Town of Franklin 2013 Master Plan includes the following Elements: Goals & Policies; Land Use; Natural, Cultural & Historic Resources; Open Space & Recreation;

Circulation; Housing; Economic Development; and Community Services & Facilities. The goals, objectives, and actions outlined in the 2013 Master Plan are ambitious and comprehensive, and were created to address the desires, needs, and concerns of the residents of Franklin. The Implementation Element of the 2013 Master Plan acts as a guideline for the Town's policy makers and implementers to follow when creating key long- and short-term planning and policy decisions for Franklin's citizens.

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The general goals of the 2013 Master Plan's Open Space and Recreation Element listed below have many similarities to the Goals of the Town's 2008 OSRP.

- Document the Town's open space and recreational resources, and improve public awareness of these resources through increased education, signage, publicity, and events;
- Preserve existing unprotected natural and open space resources in Franklin;
- Provide opportunities for passive and active recreation to meet the community's evolving needs;
- Implement sustainable practices in the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of Franklin's public parks and playgrounds; and
- Investigate grant programs and other revenue sources available to provide funding for the goals and objectives of this chapter.

495/MetroWest Development Compact Plan

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The Town of Franklin regularly works with State agencies, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, SWAP, local and regional organizations and adjacent communities on development and implementation of regional plans. One such plan is the 495/MetroWest Development Compact Plan, which identified local, regional and state Priority Development Areas (PDA) and Priority Preservation Areas (PPA) in each community. The Town identified seven portions of the community as PDAs; two of these PDAs, Forge Industrial Park, North Grove Street are considered State Priority Development Areas.

The Town identified 21 PPAs. Ten of Franklin's PPAs, the SNETT, Mount St. Mary's Abbey, Camp Haiastan and seven Chapter 61 properties, are State Priority Preservation Areas. The 495/MetroWest Development Compact Plan highlighted the importance of protecting Franklin's significant unprotected open spaces, all of which are listed in this Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). The Town's locally significant

PDA's are all previously developed commercial or industrial areas requiring private and or public investment, including the Town's four largest industrially zoned areas, a former sewer treatment facility, a business zoned area that includes two brownfields, and the Downtown core. Focused redevelopment in these areas will increase local tax revenues, preserve open space and enhance Town resident's quality of life.

MetroFuture

MetroFuture is a long-term plan for a more prosperous, equitable and sustainable region, and the official regional plan for Greater Boston. The Plan supports smart growth and regional collaboration through the promotion of efficient transportation systems, conservation of land and natural resources, improvement of the health and education of residents, and an increase in equitable economic development opportunities for prosperity. Several of the Plan's thirteen Implementation strategies relate directly to protection of open space resources, and recreation. The general goals of the Town of Franklin's 2013 Master Plan, the Town's 2008 OSRP Goals, and the goals of this OSRP and consistent with the goals and related implementation strategies of MetroFuture.

2.B. Planning Process and Public Participation

In 2015, the Franklin Conservation Commission assumed the task of overseeing and preparing the update of the OSRP and was assisted by Franklin's Department of Planning and Community Development, the Park and Recreation Department and Public Works Department. Input was solicited from a large number of Franklin residents via two public hearings (November 21 and December 3, 2015) a questionnaire, as well as from Town personnel and non-profit organizations. The public hearing in front of the Conservation Commission was advertised in the Milford Daily News and posted in the Franklin Town Clerk's office. The public hearing in the Franklin Public Library was advertised via a memo to numerous town officials, boards and commissions and community groups. A copy of the memo and the groups directly contacted can be found in Appendix D.

Feedback from the general public and Town officials was a critical component of this Open Space and Recreation Plan. Town officials and residents have first-hand knowledge of Town needs, problems and opportunities that need to be addressed. Knowledge of their desires is also necessary to establish goals and objectives, and to ensure that any recommendations are feasible and will draw sufficient support to warrant a reasonable chance for implementation. Therefore, input from Town officials and the general public was an essential feature of the process of preparing this Plan.

As part of the Town of Franklin's 2016 Open Space and Recreation Planning Study, the Conservation Commission and Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) developed two Citizen Participation Questionnaires, a 2 page comprehensive questionnaire and a shorter online questionnaire. The questionnaires were conducted in order to understand the desires, needs and concerns of the

residents of Franklin in the areas of open space preservation and recreation. The questionnaire was distributed, completed, and collected in November and December 2015. The initial, comprehensive questionnaire was done by distributing the questionnaire in public places such as the Town's library, Town Hall and Senior Center; this questionnaire generated 76 responses. It should be noted that the 2008 & 2015 questionnaires contained the same questions so as to allow comparisons in the responses to those same issues over a seven year time span. The first questions collected demographic information. Subsequent questions solicited thoughts on residential growth policy and support for town acquisition of open space, improvement of conservation land and recreational facilities. The current use of existing recreational activities was queried followed by types of facilities needed in Franklin, with room allowed for comments. Residents were asked to denote satisfaction of types of recreational facilities, and opinions solicited for various open space preservation options and how they should be prioritized. The initial questionnaire did not generate enough responses, so, a second shorter questionnaire online was added which resulted in 606 responses. Results from the 682 questionnaires were combined; the results have been entered into a database and analyzed by the DPCD development staff. Results of the questionnaires are summarized below.

In summary, Franklin residents like the Town because of the community and the relationships that they have formed with other Franklin residents, the quality school system and the access to Boston, Worcester and Providence, R.I.

The least liked aspect of Franklin was the condition of the downtown area, with specific symptoms mentioned such as traffic congestion, lack of parking and the quality of establishments available. Town Management is well aware of this concern and has begun addressing the issue. Currently the town is under-going a \$6.25 million dollar roadway project that will result in better access, improved parking and hopefully increase the number, quality and diversity of the stores and restaurants available. The one aspect that the Town cannot address is the conditions of the buildings. The Town believes that as the ownership of the properties change hands, the new owners will seek to improve the properties by improving or replacing the existing buildings. Belief is that the Town's investment into the roadways and parking will provide motivation for private investment.

Beyond the Downtown issue and the related symptoms, the most critical concerns expressed were growth/development and the Town's budget. Most of the responses that stated growth did not specify the type of growth, but those that did focused on the growing number of residential units. The responses that referenced the budget believed that income was not keeping pace with expenses. Most of the responses did not indicate favoring a revenue increase or expense cuts but those that expressed an opinion mentioned the need for additional revenue. It should be noted that those that mentioned the budget but did not suggest a solution seem to imply additional revenue is needed.

All of the respondent's households participating in the questionnaire did participate in some type of recreational activity with utilizing existing bike trails and hiking being the most popular by a significant margin for all age groups. For those households with a resident over 60 years of age, the next two most popular activities were visiting state parks and swimming. For those households with residents less than 18 years, the next three most popular activities involved a ball field, playground and swimming.

Less than 75 people responded to what they would do to preserve open space for the Town. Of those that did respond, 96% favored the Town acquiring land if it could be done without raising taxes. If taxes are needed to support the land acquisition, then the support retreated to 68%. Although this group supports land acquisition, they also supported smart development with 88% willing to change zoning bylaws to support smart growth. Detailed survey results are provided in Appendix A.

Two public hearings that included mapping activities were held at the Franklin Public Library on November 21, 2015 and Franklin Town Hall on December 3, 2015. Although no requests were made, translation services and assistance to disabled populations would have been provided to ensure all populations could participate in the OSRP planning process. See Appendix D for minutes of these Public Hearings.

Among the thoughts expressed by the public hearing attendees were:

- A desire to provide a buffer on the north edge of the Town Owned Pond Street property as a requirement for any development proposals for the land that could be developed;
- Adding duck and bird boxes at the Del Carte Dam property;
- Adding a tunnel under Prospect Street to allow the SNETT in Franklin to easily access the Bellingham and Blackstone portions of the trail;
- Using town-owned land for alternative uses such as low income housing;
- Educating the public on the CPA prior to presenting it on a future ballot; and
- Increase the number of bike paths and trails in town.

The input from the above sources was then used to produce a "public draft" Open Space and Recreation Plan that was distributed to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, Board of Health, Town Council, MAPC and DCR. In addition, the document was made available for review on the Town's website, at the Department of Planning and Community Development, the Public Library and the Recreation Department. A list of comments received is included in Section 10. In addition to distribution of the public draft as mentioned above, an advertised and posted public hearing was held during the May 26, 2016 Conservation Commission Meeting where the Commission accepted public comment pertaining to the OSRP as well as a presentation by the Conservation Agent. Copies of the minutes from this meeting can be found in Appendix D. Accommodations were made at the public hearing to assist persons with disabilities and those in need of an interpreter to ensure all residents were given the opportunity to provide comments.

SECTION 3: COMMUNITY SETTING

3.A. Regional Context

The Town of Franklin is a suburban industrial community located 35 miles southwest of Boston and 20 miles north of Providence Rhode Island in Southeastern Massachusetts. The Town is on the watershed between the Charles and the Blackstone Rivers. Franklin is bordered by Norfolk (east), Medway (north), Wrentham (south), and Bellingham (west) (see Map 1, Regional Context).

Franklin is a member of the Southwest Advisory Planning Committee (SWAP), one of eight of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's sub-regions. SWAP meets monthly to discuss a wide variety of topics, including regional open space topics. In addition to being a member of SWAP, the Town of Franklin remains active in keeping up-to-date on the open space and recreation planning initiatives of surrounding communities. Through local communications, the Town is able to find ways in which the Town can partner with other communities to provide even greater recreation opportunities to its residents

The Town of Franklin enjoys good transportation networks with Route 140, two exits off Interstate-495, convenient access to other major routes such as the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90), Route 126, Route 1 and I-95. In addition to this well integrated roadway system, Franklin is host to two MBTA commuter rail stations. This accessibility has attracted increasing levels of residential, commercial, and industrial development. The Town's industrial parks house a variety of businesses from research and development to manufacturing and distribution companies. This growth results in a decrease in open space, changes in the character of the area, and strains on the capacities of recreational (and other) facilities. Despite this growth and changes in the community, Franklin is still the home to many regional resources and is able to offer many recreational opportunities to its residents. Franklin has managed to maintain the quintessential New England small-town feel with its old fashioned downtown of locally owned small businesses. Franklin is a large family-oriented community currently with approximately 32,581 residents in 2013. (Note: unless otherwise noted, all population related statistics are taken from the 2010-2014 American Community Survey or the 2010 U.S. Census.)

One of the Town's regional resources is the SNETT trail, a 22-mile trail that originates in Franklin near the Franklin State Forest and passes through Bellingham, Millville, Uxbridge, Blackstone, to the Douglas State Forest. The Franklin Conservation Commission has recently permitted improvements to the section of the trail from the Bellingham/Franklin line to Prospect Street in Franklin. Local hikers can also enjoy the Franklin Town Forest, Indian Rock, and Dacey Farm.

The Charles River is another resource of regional importance and it should be noted that much of the Franklin side of the Charles is protected open space. Area residents are able to enjoy kayaking, canoeing, hiking, and passive recreation.

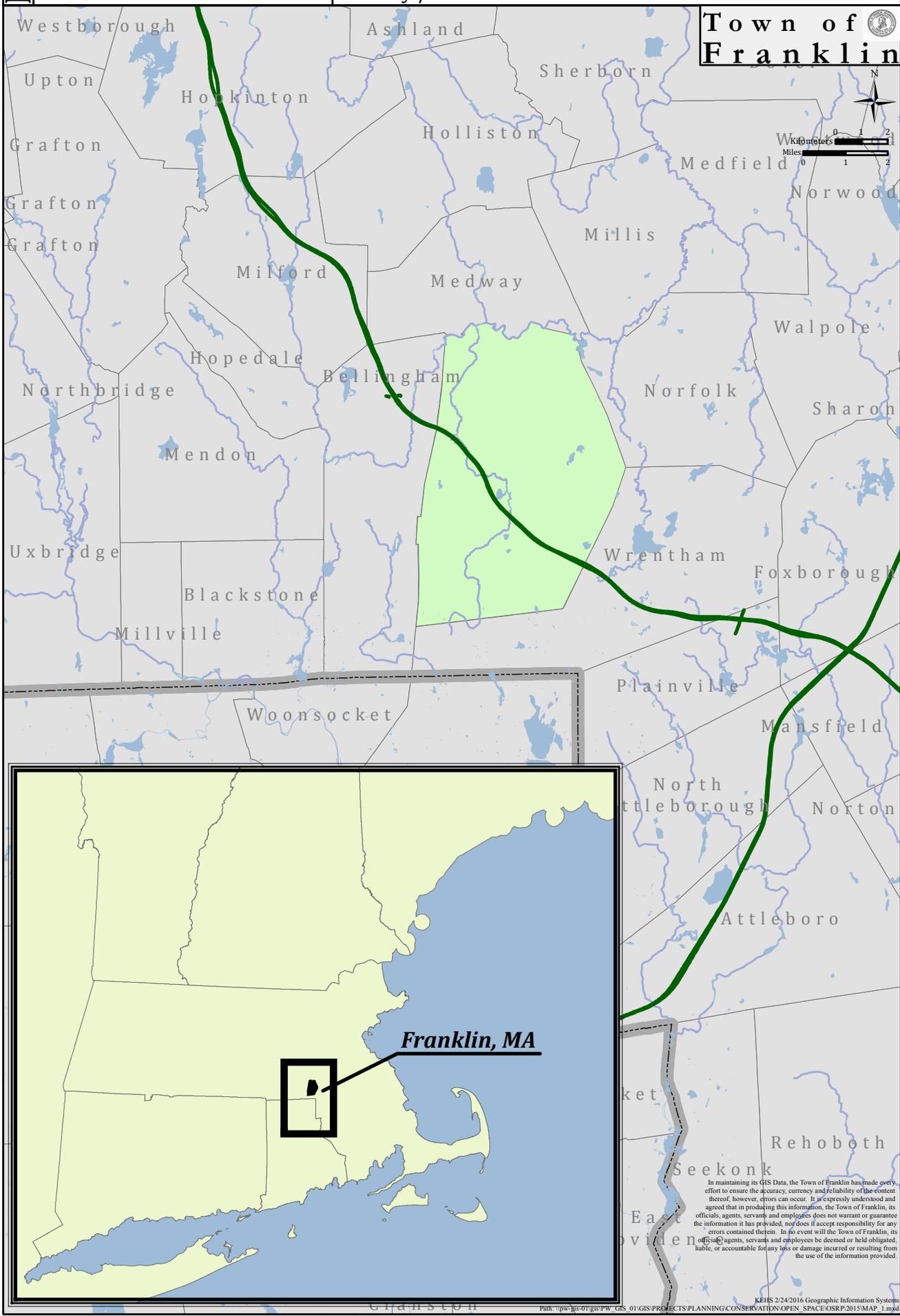
Two golf courses in Franklin also have regional impacts. In addition to servicing a regional clientele, the Franklin Country Club's entrance is from Route 140 in Wrentham

MAP 1

OPEN SPACE REGIONAL CONTEXT

-  Town of Franklin
-  Interstate Highway
-  City / Town

 State Boundary



Town of Franklin



In maintaining its GIS Data, the Town of Franklin has made every effort to ensure the accuracy, currency and reliability of the content thereof; however, errors can occur. It is expressly understood and agreed that in producing this information, the Town of Franklin, its officials, agents, servants and employees does not warrant or guarantee the information it has provided, nor does it accept responsibility for any errors contained therein. In no event will the Town of Franklin, its officials, agents, servants and employees be deemed or held obligated, liable, or accountable for any loss or damage incurred or resulting from the use of the information provided.

although most of the golf course is in Franklin. Similarly, Maplegate Country Club is in Franklin but is accessible only from Maple Street in Bellingham.

The above discussion is certainly not a complete picture of all the issues with regional impacts with the Town and surrounding area. Rather, it provides some examples to illustrate the point that many issues, particularly environmental ones, have impacts beyond municipal borders and must therefore be addressed in a regional context.

3.B. History of the Community

The Town of Franklin was first settled in the early 1600's, as part of the Puritan Town of Dedham. Like most early Massachusetts towns, religion played a significant part in the Town's formation. Changes in religious beliefs and the establishment of the Congregational Church soon prompted the separation of Franklin and Wrentham from Dedham in the late 1600's. As political beliefs were formed and new religious ideologies were followed, Franklin outgrew its connection to Wrentham and seceded, incorporating as an independent town in March of 1778.¹

Franklin was originally designated as the Town of Exeter until the Town's founding fathers decided they would ask Benjamin Franklin to donate a bell to the Town and in turn, honor Mr. Franklin by naming the town after him. When asked to donate a bell, Franklin responded with an offer of books for the town's residents, acknowledging that "sense" was preferable to "sound".² In 1786 Ambassador Franklin sent the town 116 books that were overseen by the Congregational Church minister. These volumes are currently housed in the Town's Public Library for all to view, as the Town's first selectmen wished, thus forming the nucleus of "America's First Public Library", known today as the Ray Memorial Library.

Franklin's past is full of events that span many eras and form the rich history of not only the Town but also of the Region. One major event was the Battle of Indian Rock that occurred during King Philip's War. During this war, Franklin was abandoned until King Philip and his followers were defeated. In 1823, Franklin held its 4th of July celebration at the site of the battle at Indian Rock, located on Jordan Road.³

While there have been several important figures born in Franklin, the most notable person in American history to be born in Franklin was Horace Mann, the father of American public education. Today the middle school honors Mr. Mann with his name.

The Franklin Historical Museum, under direction of the Franklin Historical Commission, houses artifacts of town history, including the Brick School scrapbooks. The Brick School, a National Historic Landmark, was built in 1833. The school was once recognized as the oldest one-room schoolhouse in continuous operation in the United States. In August of 2008, the Red Brick Schoolhouse, which was operating as a kindergarten, was closed and declared surplus as a result of School Department budget

¹ James C. Johnston, Jr., Images of America, Franklin (Dover, Arcadia Publishing, 1996), p. 7.

² Ibid.

³ James C. Johnston, Jr., Images of America, Franklin (Dover, Arcadia Publishing, 1996), p. 10-11.

cuts and turned over to the Town. It is hoped that one day, the Red Brick Schoolhouse will again be operational and open to educate Franklin's children once again.⁴

The Town's earliest settlers were involved in small scale farming and grazing. Early on Franklin's industrial development was limited to a forge, four saw mills, and two grist mills at the time of its separation from neighboring Wrentham in 1778, but the town's abundant waterpower and railroad access ensured substantial industrial development. With the exception of one grist mill located on Mill Brook, all eighteenth-century industrial enterprises were concentrated along Mine Brook in order to take advantage of the stream's descent north towards the Charles River.

Hat making, specifically the manufacture of straw bonnets, was very important to the Town's industrial history. This industry was prominent from the late 1700's and Franklin remained a dominant presence in straw hat manufacturing through the 1960's. The first major factory to be built in Franklin was erected in 1812 to manufacture straw braid and bonnets. This was quickly followed by another straw manufacturer. In 1837 there were 93,173 straw bonnets manufactured in Franklin, the value of which was \$160,186. In comparison, during the same year there were five small cotton mills that manufactured 323,000 yards of cotton goods, valued at \$31,140. Another important industry in Franklin during the 18th and 19th centuries was boot and shoe manufacturing. Straw bonnets remained a staple of Franklin's manufacturing economy throughout the nineteenth century, but it was textile production that spurred local industrial growth from mid-19th century through World War I and beyond. The Mine Brook Falls area on the southern edge of Unionville saw continuous change over the second half of the 19th century. At the time of the 1875 State Census "there were 21 manufacturing establishments in Franklin where goods were made, many of which were along Mine Brook

Many Franklin residents established textile related businesses in Franklin in the mid nineteenth century, including Joseph W. Clark, who established a factory in 1841 for the manufacture of carding and shredding machines used in the textile industry throughout the country. But the Ray family was by far the most dominant textile manufacturer in the region. Colonel Joseph Ray moved his family to the Unionville section of Town in the 1830s. Colonel Ray was a partner of Paine and Ray, builders of textile mills in Woonsocket and throughout the Blackstone River Valley, and by some accounts the first to produce cloth in Franklin. Over the next several decades the Rays built numerous mills along Mine Brook and in neighboring communities, establishing a virtual monopoly on textile production in the region of Blackstone, Unionville, and Franklin. The Rays continued to expand the family's holdings in textile production, operating some fourteen mills in Franklin alone by the late 1880s.

Franklin's population increased substantially with the steady increases in the number of manufacturing businesses. In 1837 the Town had a population of 1,696 residents. The Town's population increased to 1,810 by 1850, and 4,051 by 1880. A substantial

⁴ Krista Perry, *Town Takes Control of Red Brick School*, <http://www.wickedlocal.com/franklin/news/x996441828/Town-takes-control-of-Red-Brick-School>, accessed, October 22, 2008.

number of new Franklin residents were Irish, Italian and Russian immigrants coming to the United States for work in the mills. By 1900 the Town's population was at 5,017.

The Ray family's impact on local history and development was not limited to its mill buildings; the Rays constructed one of the first business blocks in Franklin at the corner of Main and Depot Streets. In 1885 James and Joseph Ray constructed imposing identical Empire mansions on Dean Avenue. Joseph Gordon Ray's daughters (Mrs. Arthur Peirce and Mrs. Adelbert Thayer) donated both the Ray Memorial School and the Ray Memorial Library in memory of their father. The Ray family also donated the Joseph Gordon Ray Fire Station in Franklin in recognition of the Ray Brothers' long-standing commitment to fire safety and of Joseph's particular passion for equipping the town with the most up-to-date firefighting technology. Joseph Ray founded a model farm and dairy business in Franklin, importing one of the first herds of Holstein cattle in the state. The Ray family business held an important role in New England Commerce well into the late twentieth century.

Few examples of Franklin's extensive mill history remain, but one good example is the so-called "Brookdale Mill", which was erected in 1883 and originally home of the former Franklin Cotton Manufacturing Company. Although it changed ownership several times during its history, the building continued to be used for textile production for 120 years. During its first 35 years the mill produced fancy cotton goods, cotton twine, bags, and wipers, plain and fancy toweling, and wool blankets and other war material during World War I. After the war the major product line was bedspreads made of a mixture of silk, rayon, and cotton, which were woven, cut, and finished on site. The mill employed up to 150 hands on a twenty-four-hour schedule. By 1944 new owners were producing braided and hooked rugs; the braiding business continued until 2004, at which time it was renovated for use as a restaurant.

Dr. Oliver Dean, a native of Franklin, established Dean Academy in 1865 as a residential school educating boys and girls from New England and beyond. During World War II, Dean transformed significantly by adding a Junior College, which ran alongside the Academy until 1957, when the Academy was phased out. During the 1950s and 1960s the college expanded substantially with four new dormitories, gymnasium, library, science center, and campus center. In the 1990s the institution evolved again becoming Dean College, and soon began offering bachelor's as well as associate degrees. Recent expansion included a new dormitory on West Central Street, new dining and performance facilities, and purchase of a mixed use building on East Central Street where students are housed in the upper floors. The College's 150+ years in Franklin has heavily influenced the development and character of Franklin center.

Between 1900 and 1950 the Town's growth was relatively slow but steady, with no ten-year period having a population increase of 1,000 residents. During this period manufacturing continued and began to diversify. After World War II the development patterns began to change; a greater percent of residents owned cars, and single family homes were being constructed farther from the Downtown core. Between 1950 and 1960 the Town's population increased by 31 percent to 10,530. With construction of Interstate 495 and its two Franklin exits development patterns continued to change.

Substantial areas of undeveloped land were turned into residential subdivisions; between 1960 and 1970 the Town's population increased by 69.3 percent to 17,830.

Interstate 495 positioned Franklin as a major regional distribution center for goods and as a regional employment center. In the 1980's, the Town rezoned former farmlands lying immediately outside Interstate 495 for industrial uses. Since that time the Town has rezoned additional residential property to industrial several times. In the late 1980's, the Town established itself as a regional transportation hub by lobbying successfully for an extension of commuter rail to an Interstate 495 terminus in Franklin and for major improvements to State Route 140 connecting the Town's extensive commercial areas.

Franklin has had a steady increase in commercial and industrial development since 1980. Approximately three million square feet of commercial and industrial space was constructed between 1982 and 1992. By 2001 there was approximately 7,200,000 square feet of commercial and industrial space, and currently there is over 10,400,000 square feet of commercial and industrial space in use or available and more under construction.

The Town's industrial parks house a substantial number and variety of businesses, including research and development and manufacturing companies. The Town's current manufacturing sector includes food processing, measurement devices, fiber optics, nanotechnology, data storage equipment, electronic equipment, metal fabricators, specialty materials and life sciences. In recent years Franklin has been attracting companies within the medical device and biotechnology industries

By the 1980s Downtown Franklin was no longer the focus of the community's economic activity and had become run down and undesirable to the business community. Starting around 2001 the Town of Franklin made revitalization of Downtown a major priority. The *Franklin Center Plan* was developed in 2002 and 2003 to provide Town officials with a vision and basic strategy for revitalization of Downtown Franklin.

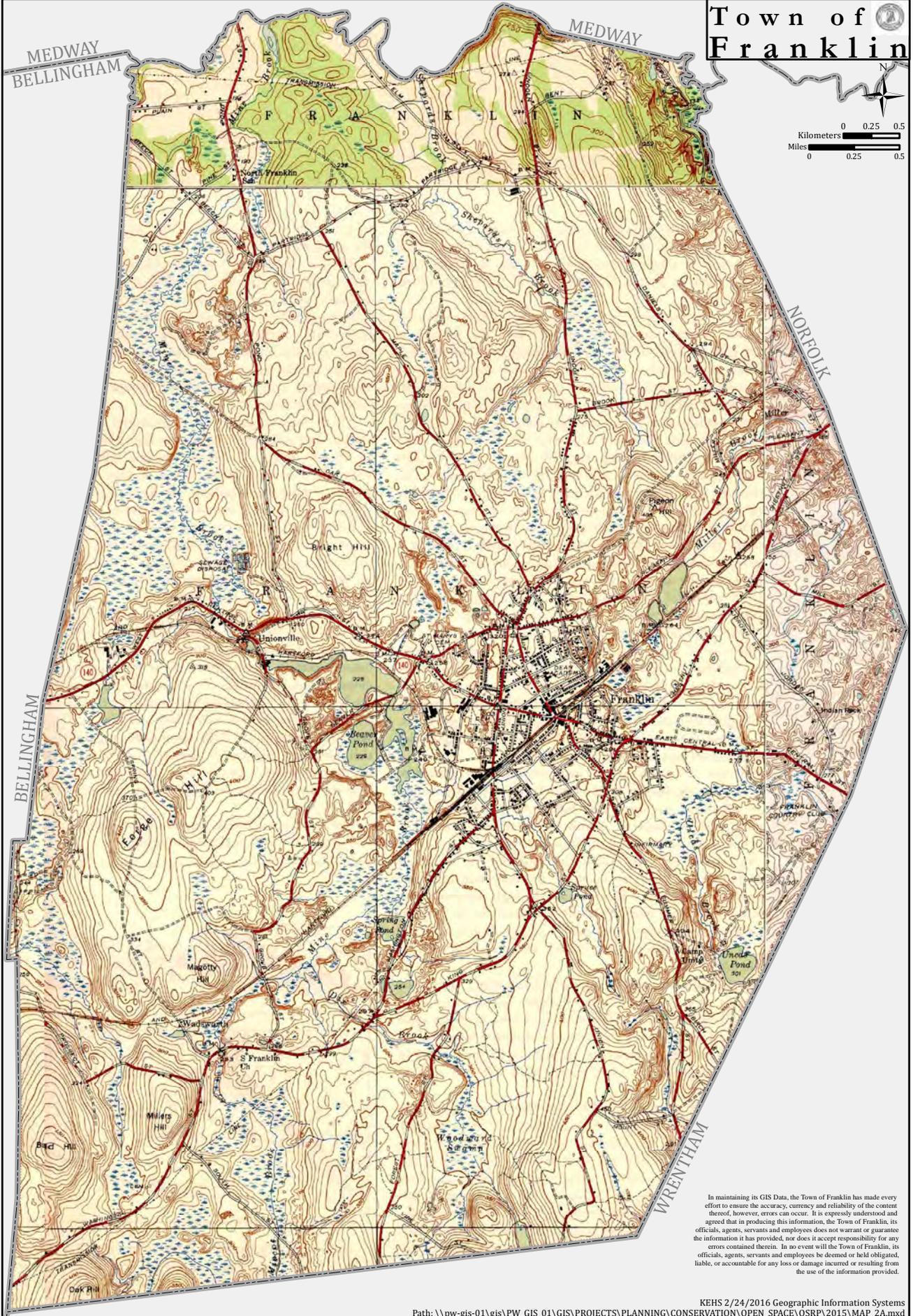
An additional residential building boom occurred in the 1990s; between 1990 and 2000, Franklin's total population increased by 33.8%. The Town currently has over 200 residential subdivisions. Commuting into Boston and other employment centers became more and more common. Additional details of the Town's growth and history is included in Section 3.D. Growth and Development Patterns.

Today many of the buildings and areas that are significant sites in Franklin's historic background remain intact. Some areas of historic significance have been placed on the Massachusetts Register of Historic Places well as the National Register, these places include the Dean College Historic District (10 properties), the Franklin Common Historic District (95 properties) and the Red Brick Schoolhouse. In addition, the Ray Memorial Library is on the State Register and the Aldis Homestead located on Brook Street has been given a Preservation Restriction.

Combined, all the events and places mentioned above paint a picture of historic Franklin. Today, Franklin is home to over 32,500 residents who enjoy and treasure the colorful history of the Town. (See Map 2A and 2B, Historic Community Maps)

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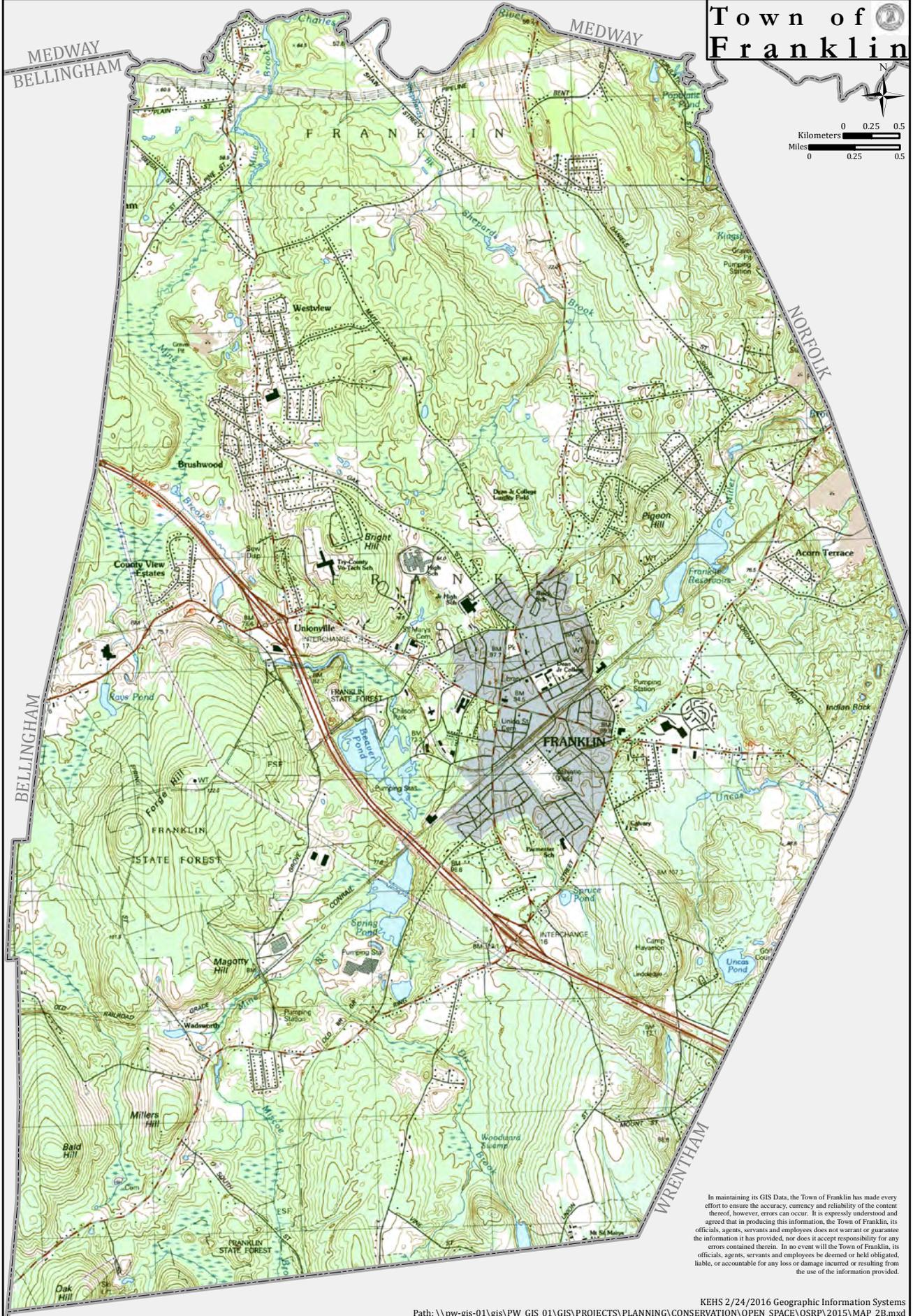
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3.C. Population Characteristics

The Town of Franklin is 26 square miles and has a population density of 1,206 persons per square mile;⁵ According to the US Census Bureau, Franklin has seen continual growth in its population between 1980 and 1990 when the population was 22,095. The population began to grow steadily, increasing from 29,560 in 2000 to 30,778 persons in 2005. Growth continued through 2007 to a population of 31,381 persons and to an estimated population of 32,581 in 2013⁶, a 47% change increase in population between the years of 1990 to 2013.

There are a significant number of residents under 18 years old living in Franklin; in 2010, the number of residents under 18 was 28.5% or 9,016 persons. It is important for the Town to provide and maintain areas where children can exercise or participate in an organized sporting team such as youth soccer or baseball or simply play on a playground. The considerable number of young children in Franklin is a clear indication that the Town should continue to maintain and provide open space and recreation areas and opportunities for the children and young adult populations of Franklin.

The youth of Franklin not only access Town owned recreation areas, but they also utilize Franklin Public School playgrounds and facilities on a regular basis. According to the Massachusetts Department of Education and individual school webpage information, the total Tri-County Region School enrollment in 2014-15 was just under 1,000 students, the Benjamin Franklin Charter School had a K-8 enrollment of 450 students and Franklin's 2014-15 public schools pre K-12 enrollment was 5,633 students. This latter figure represents a decrease of 519 students from 2006-07.⁷ In 2014-15, nearly 875 students enrolled in the Franklin Public Schools had a disability, of which, nearly 7% had physical disabilities.⁸ Franklin recognized the need to provide accessible areas to individuals of all ability levels and over the past several years, has been successful in upgrading all the Public School playgrounds to meet ADA compliancy requirements. In addition, over the past five years, the Town has renovated its park and recreation areas (described in Section 5) making them ADA compliant.

Another population of interest in Franklin is its elderly residents. The 2010 Census indicates 9.4% of Franklins 2010 population, or 2,794 persons are age 65 years or older. According to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), Franklin is projected to increase in the number of residents 65+ years of age by just under 5,000 persons by 2030⁹. As Franklin's population ages, it is important for the Town to ensure the needs of priority populations are met. In 2008 the Town opened the newly constructed Senior Center. The Center provides Franklin's seniors with a location to gather and programs geared towards this population's recreation needs. In 2015, the

⁵ Bureau of the Census, State and County Quick Facts, Franklin City, Norfolk County, Massachusetts.2013 <http://www.census.gov/>

⁶ Bureau of the Census, Population Estimates 2013, Data set GCT-T1, Massachusetts Place and County Subdivision, Population Estimates. <<http://www.census.gov/>>

⁷ Massachusetts Department of Education, Enrollment by District/Grade School Year 2006-2007. <<http://www.doe.mass.edu/>>

⁸ Massachusetts Department of Education, Enrollment of Students with Disabilities, School Year 2006-2007. <http://www.doe.mass.edu/> and Franklin School Department

⁹ Population and Housing Demand Projections for Metro Boston, MAPC, January 2014, Appendix A, p. 8.

town began construction on an expansion of this facility to better serve this segment of the population. Please see maps 3 and 4 which highlight the distribution of population and the projections to 2020.

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2015 POPULATION PERCENT AGE 65+ (by block group)

2015 Age 65+ (%) by Block Groups*

- 14.00% to 16.37%
- 11.00% to 13.99%
- 8.00% to 10.99%
- 5.66% to 7.99%

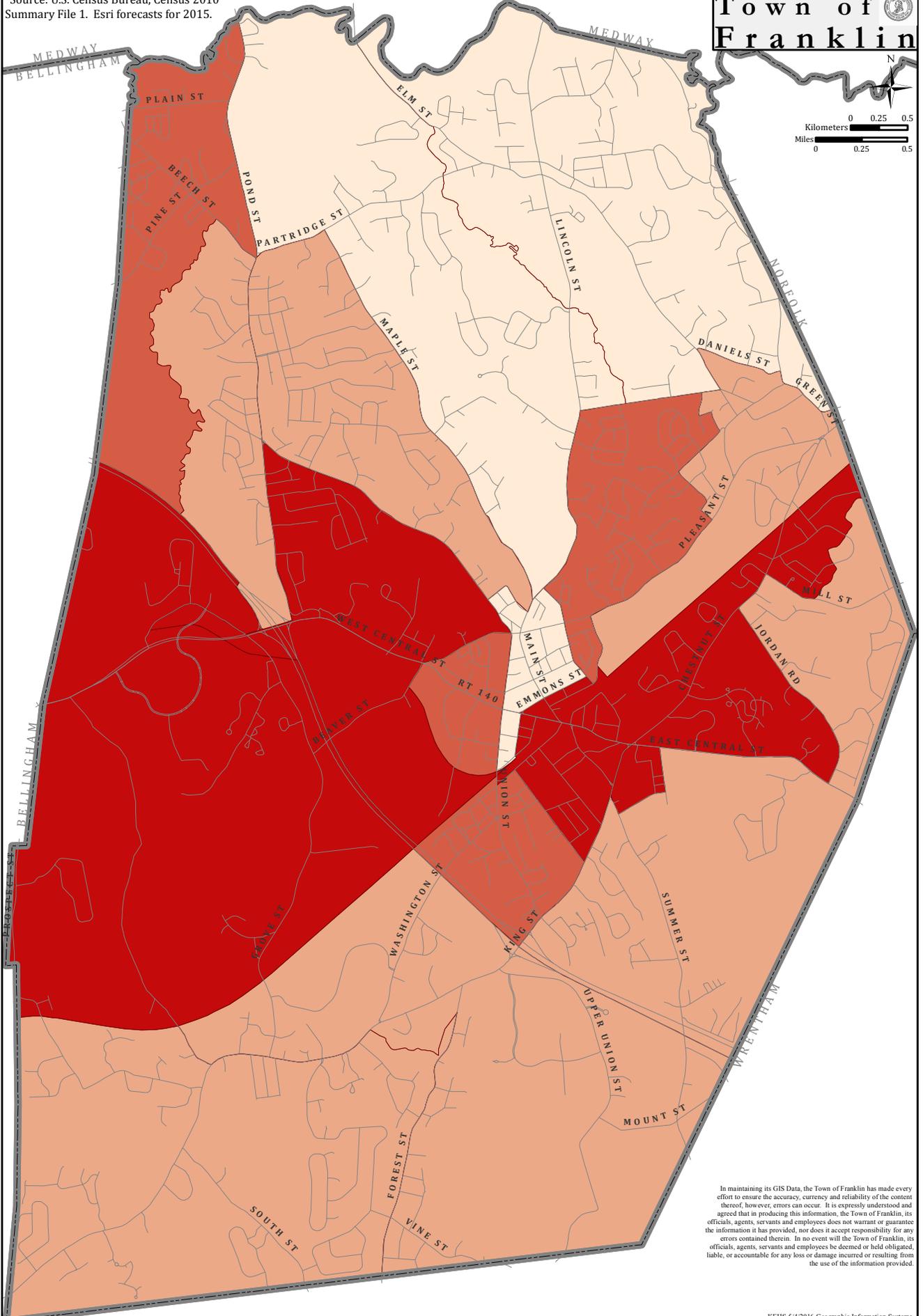
- Street
- Municipal Boundary

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2015.

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2020 POPULATION PERCENT AGE 65+ (by block group)

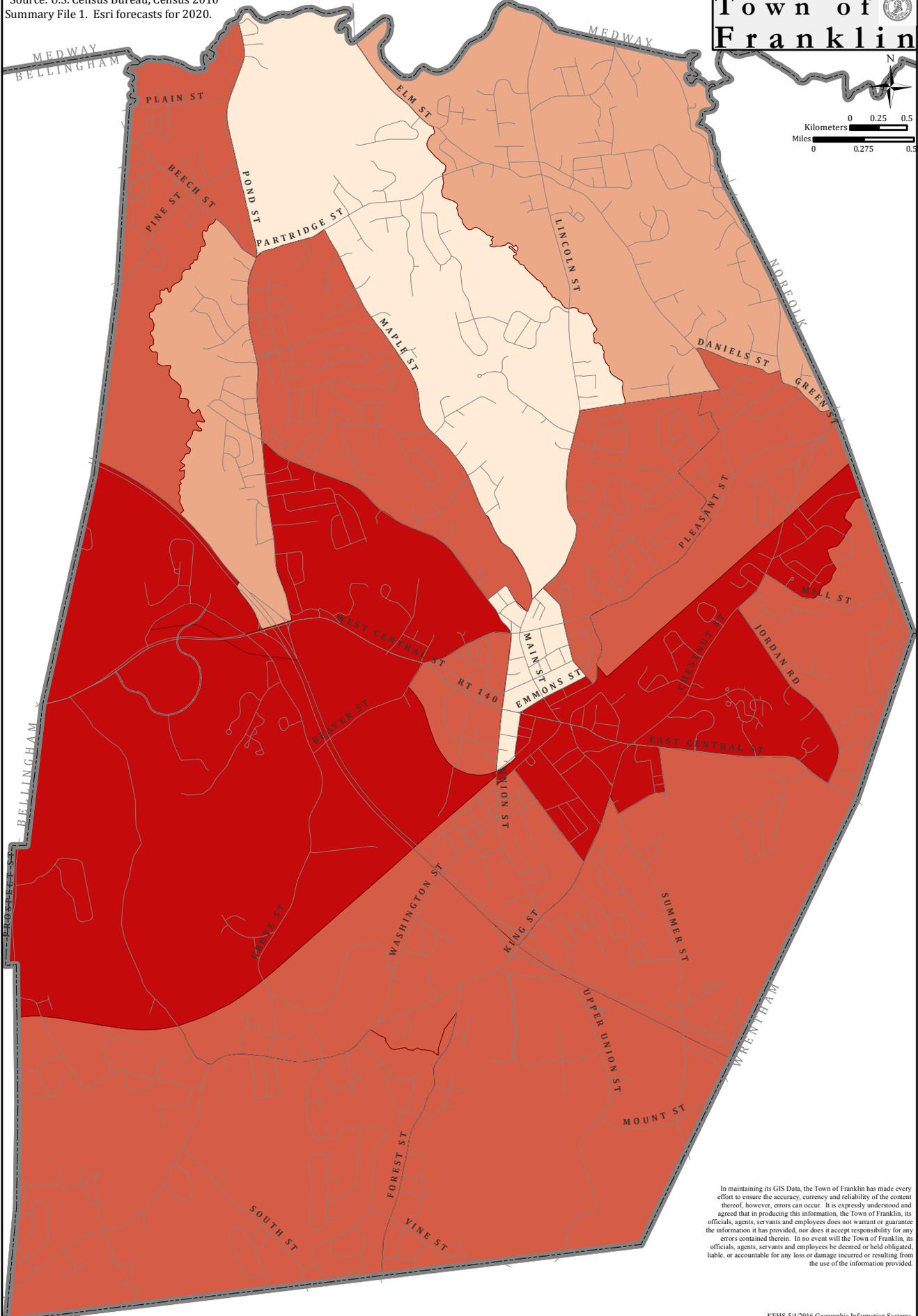
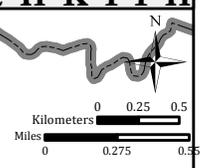
2020 Age 65+ (%) by Block Groups*

Dark Red	16.00% to 18.21%
Red	13.00% to 15.99%
Light Red	10.0% to 12.99%
Orange	6.83% to 9.99%

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*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2020.

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According to the latest data from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, Franklin's labor force is 17,942, of which 17,198 are employed (June, 2015). As of June 2015, the Town's 4.1% unemployment rate is lower than the State (4.9%)¹⁰ and National (5.3%)¹¹ averages. Census 2010 reports that a majority of male workers in Franklin are employed in the manufacturing, retail trade and professional services industries while females tend to be employed in the retail trade, finance and insurance, educational, health and social services industries.¹² Between 2010 and 2014 median household income in Franklin was \$101, 980, significantly higher than the statewide median household income, which was \$66,866. Open spaces such as the Town Common or Town Forest are important areas for residents to have continued access to, especially for those employed in high stress or physically demanding jobs. Accessibility to open space and recreation areas in Franklin gives residents an opportunity to relax and reflect at one of the many open areas in Town after a long day at work.

Just over 80% of Franklin's household's own a home. Many of these homes are in one of Franklin's over 250 subdivisions. As development of subdivisions increased in Franklin during the 1980's the Town realized the significance of preserving open space areas for the health and well-being of its growing population and in 1987 enacted the Open Space Development Bylaw. This Bylaw encourages development, which is designed to accommodate a site's physical characteristics and provide land for active and passive recreation while promoting a variety of single-family residential housing patterns.¹³ To date, there have been 18 open space subdivisions constructed, preserving, although not necessarily permanently, hundreds of acres of significant wetlands, wooded areas and open space in Town.

While the Town of Franklin does not have any designated Environmental Justice populations or neighborhoods, it does take pride in the fact that it offers a significant amount of open space and recreation areas evenly throughout the Town to all of its residents. A review of Maps 10 and 11 indicate that the town's open space and recreation facilities are not concentrated in any one area of the community, but are spread out throughout the community. Over the course of many years, Franklin has been proactive in providing open space and recreation opportunities to residents. The Town will continue to work to maintain and establish new open space and recreation opportunities to its residents to ensure a better quality of life for those of all levels of ability and economic attainment.

3.D. Growth and Development Patterns

Patterns and Trends: As discussed in the History section above, Franklin began as an agrarian community. The access to waterpower initially, and to railroads later, led to the

¹⁰ Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, August 2015 Labor Force and Unemployment Data. <<http://lmi2.detma.org/Lmi/LMIDataProg.asp>>

¹¹ U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistic, Unemployment Rate as of June 2015 <<http://www.bls.gov/>>

¹² U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2010 http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en>

¹³ Chapter 185-43. Open Space Development from the Zoning Code of the Town of Franklin.

development of mills and other industry in town. In recent years, the location of industrial and commercial development has been influenced primarily by highways, particularly by I-495, but also by Route 140. Residential growth initially occurred adjacent to the industrial and commercial growth, but now occurs in all parts of town. (See Map 5, Zoning)

Franklin's center developed at the intersections of Route 140 and Union Street with the railroad tracks in proximity to mills located on Mine Brook. Today, Downtown Franklin is home to many small businesses and restaurants. On-going development plans include the reconstruction of roadways to improve circulation and pedestrian ways through the Downtown. It is hoped that this redevelopment will help to revitalize the Downtown and turn the area into a vibrant commercial district.

In addition to the Downtown commercial area, almost the entire Route 140 corridor serves as a commercial center, and there are major industrial parks at each of the two interchanges with Interstate-495. Grove Street, which parallels I-495, is the other major center of industrial growth.

Residential Development in Franklin began to boom in the 1960s and continued through the 1990s resulting in the development of over 200 subdivisions. The construction of the subdivisions encroached on many of the scenic areas of Franklin, leaving residents to be fearful of over development. In response to this growing concern, the Town enacted an Open Space Development Bylaw to promote preservation of open space in subdivision development. In addition, in 1997, Franklin Town Council voted to implement a Growth Management Bylaw. The Growth Management Bylaw was implemented to ensure the Town's infrastructure and services, i.e., police, fire and schools could keep pace with the rapid growth of the Town.¹⁴ During the past few decade, Franklin has seen a substantial reduction in the number of large subdivisions being constructed due in part to a poor economic climate and fewer large parcels of undeveloped land.

Infrastructure: Three infrastructure elements will be discussed briefly in this section: transportation, water supply, and sewer service development.

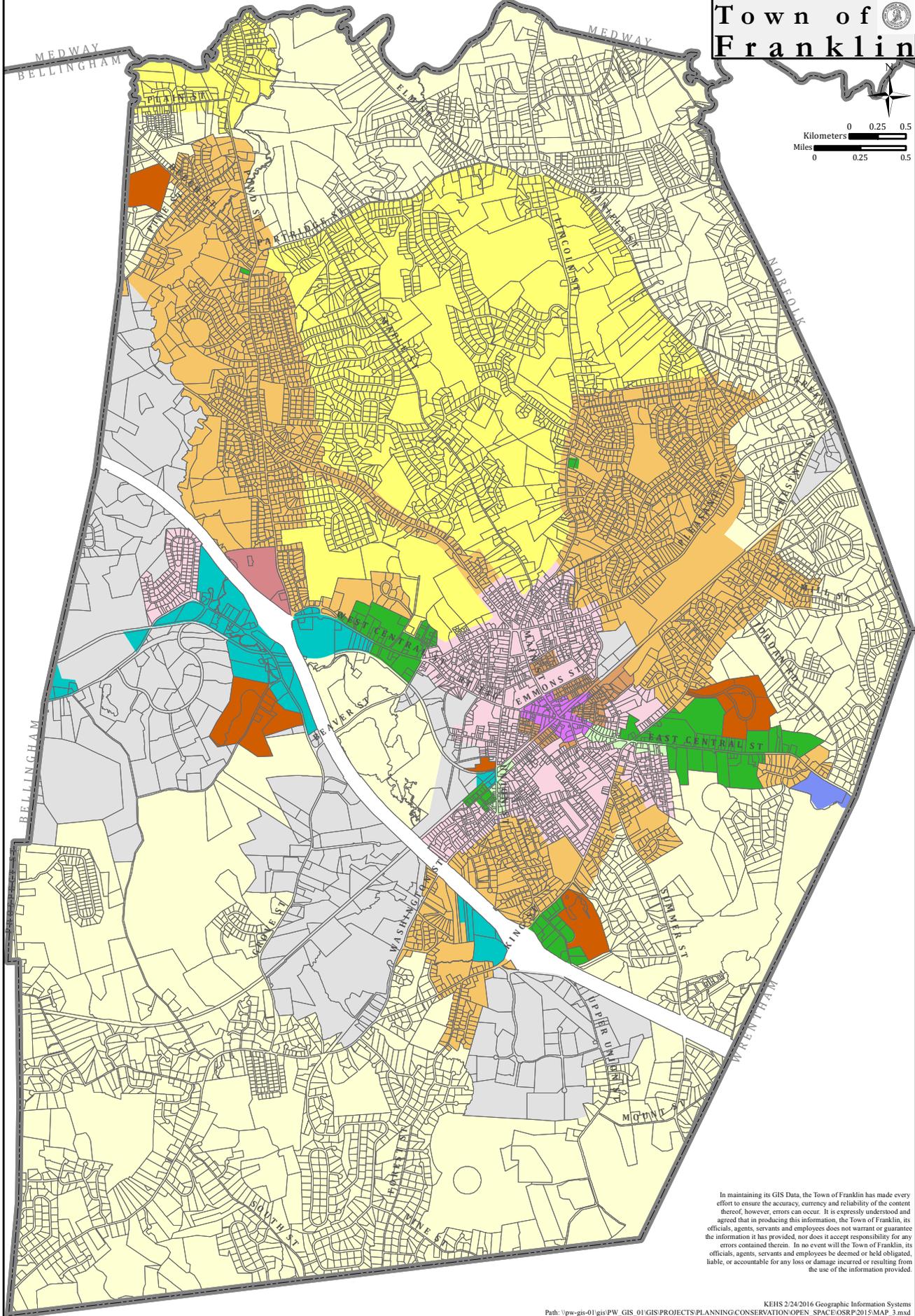
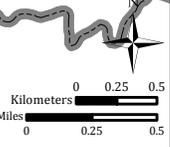
Transportation: The most significant component of the transportation infrastructure is I-495. Its two interchanges in Franklin have become major centers of commercial and industrial growth. In addition, I-495 has facilitated access to jobs, goods and services, and recreational opportunities for residents of the town, thus attracting ever-increasing numbers of new residents. Intensive growth may continue in town due to Franklin's easy access to Boston, Providence, Worcester, and Cape Cod.

¹⁴ Chapter 185-46. Growth Management from the Zoning Code of the Town of Franklin.

OPEN SPACE ZONING DISTRICTS

- Business
- Commercial I
- Commercial II
- Downtown Commercial District
- General Residential V
- Industrial
- Office
- Residential VI
- Residential VII
- Rural Residential I
- Rural Residential II
- Single-Family III
- Single-Family IV
- Parcel Line

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In terms of non-vehicular transportation, the town is currently considering the “Complete Streets” program for potential implementation. In addition, the issue was extensively covered in the 2013 Master Plan. The Plan states the following:

Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements in Six Urban Centers

In February of 2010, the Central Transportation Planning Staff (CTPC) of the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization issued the report titled “Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements in Six Urban Centers. The report identified six communities, including Franklin, and detailed opportunities to improve pedestrian and bicycle access and safety and recommended measures that would both improve the condition of urban centers and highlight opportunities that could serve as a model for other communities.

The study area for Franklin included the “Downtown Triangle” or Emmons Street, West Central Street and Main Street, all of which are one-way going counterclockwise. The report details each intersection of the Downtown Triangle and makes recommendations such as crosswalk and sidewalk improvements as well as sidewalk updates that could improve pedestrian circulation. In addition, recommendations are made to develop bike lanes and bike parking areas to encourage bicycle use throughout the Downtown.

MAPC Bike Parking Program



Fletcher Field, 2007

In November of 2008, Franklin was provided with up to \$7,770 in funds towards the reimbursement of the purchase cost of qualifying bike racks. This program was provided by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) through funding from the Boston Region MPO, the Executive Office of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. Over \$6,100 worth of bike racks were purchased and placed at various municipal locations including, Downtown Franklin, many of Franklin

recreation areas and playing fields, Franklin Public Schools and the Library. It was the goal of the Town to install these bike racks at highly utilized locations in order to encourage the use of bicycles and provide a safe and secure location for the parking of bicycles for those who choose to utilize bicycles as a method of transportation.

Pedestrian Friendly Routes

Sidewalks

According to the Boston Region's Pedestrian Transportation Plan, published in 2010 by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, only about half of the region's roadways and street networks have walkways, and few commuters walk to work.¹⁵ These statements are true in Franklin as well. While the Town has completed numerous updates to sidewalks, there is still more to be done.

Plans for the redevelopment of Franklin's Downtown include numerous pedestrian walkway improvements aimed at making the downtown more accessible and pedestrian friendly. The Boston Region's Pedestrian Transportation Plan indicates that streets should include facilities for exclusive use by pedestrians, i.e. sidewalks, pathways etc. to separate pedestrians from the roadway, in addition to crosswalks at intersections, traffic calming devices, audible pedestrian signals, curb extensions, bike lanes, and the reduction in the number and width of driveways when possible. Wherever possible, these concepts have been included in the Town's Downtown Redevelopment initiative which will help close gaps in pedestrian accessibility in the Downtown.

Currently, many sidewalks in the Downtown are narrow and in many areas not handicap accessible; many sidewalks are deteriorating while others are non-existent. Some sidewalks do not extend to the intersection and crosswalks are not present in appropriate locations. All of these issues make pedestrian access unsafe and discourage a walk-able downtown. It is anticipated that improvement to sidewalk conditions within Downtown Franklin will create a pedestrian friendly area, bringing more pedestrians into the Downtown.

Walking should also be encouraged for school aged children. Schools should be easily accessible to children's walking, which includes sidewalks that provide clear designation between the roadway and walkway as well as crosswalks that are clearly marked and signalized. Improvements are being planned along Lincoln Street to improve access to the school as the current roadway conditions are not conducive to walking.

According to the Department of Public Work's Snowplowing and Snow Removal Procedures, it's the Town's policy to plow sidewalks along central routes that are heavily traveled upon by children on their way to school.¹⁶ This is done to ensure that safe pedestrian walkways are available to those who walk and utilize sidewalks as a means of traveling throughout major areas in Town. It is also Franklin's policy to remove snow in areas of the Downtown when areas become hazardous to ensure safe passages for pedestrians.

WalkBoston: In November of 2008, the Town of Franklin held a Walkable Community Workshop sponsored by the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning

¹⁵The Boston Region's Pedestrian Transportation Plan. Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization. Metropolitan Area Planning Council was the principle author. January 2010.

¹⁶ Department of Public Works, Town of Franklin, Snowplowing and Snow Removal Procedures.

Organization. The workshop consisted of: a presentation on ways to improve walkability; a walk-through of the Downtown; and a follow-up discussion on ways to help make the area safer and more inviting for pedestrians.

The walk resulted in identification of areas that were missing sidewalks or areas that had significantly deteriorated sidewalks; locations where bike lanes would improve circulation for bike riders were marked on a map as well. Areas where bike lockers could be placed were noted. The information from this workshop was then used to help aid in the planning process for the Downtown Improvements project.

Industry: The 2013 Franklin Master Plan, in the section on Economic Development, outlines in great detail the industrial base of the community. Quoting from that document:

In the 1980's, the Town rezoned former farmlands lying adjacent to I-495 for industrial uses. Since that time, the Town has rezoned additional residential property to industrial several times, including approximately 110 acres in 2007.

Currently, approximately 2,334± acres of land in Franklin are industrially zoned. In addition, the Town contains over 630-acres of commercially zoned land (Commercial I, Commercial II, Business, and Office). 660± acres of the Town's industrially zoned land are located within the Town's two largest industrial parks; Franklin Industrial Park and Forge Park. Other areas in Franklin that contain large amounts of industrially zoned land are along the Grove Street Business Corridor, where there are numerous established manufacturing industries, as well as the Town owned Nu-Style property, which is a Brownfield site.

Most of Franklin's commercial and industrial stock is post-1980 construction. Approximately three million square feet of commercial and industrial space was added between 1982 and 1992. Franklin has had a steady increase in commercial and industrial development. As of 2001 there was approximately 7,200,000 square feet of industrial and commercial space in use or available. Between 2002 and 2005 another 2,700,000 square feet of industrial and commercial space was added, including seven buildings in Franklin Industrial Park during 2004. The continued annual increase in commercial and industrial construction has assured that Franklin's tax rate stays at a reasonable level, and that the Town will continue to be attractive to developers. During the last five years, commercial and industrial development has slowed, but even with the downturn in the economy and lessening in available industrially-zoned property, Franklin's commercial and industrial stock increases each year. Currently (FY2013) the Town has approximately 2,575,900 square feet of Commercial space and 7,870,500 square feet of Industrial.

Franklin's industrial and office parks house a substantial number and variety of businesses representing many industry sectors, including metal fabrication, food processing, data storage equipment, software development, fiber optics,

electronic equipment, measurement devices, bio-storage, metalized paper, and distribution. In recent years Franklin has attracted new innovative technology companies performing research and development and manufacturing in a variety of areas, including nanotechnology, robotics, specialty materials, life science, medical devices, biotechnology, and pharmaceuticals. Many of these industries are located in one of the areas which are detailed below:

Franklin Industrial Park

Franklin Industrial Park is a 300-acre master-planned industrial and office park located approximately 0.2 mile from Interstate 495's Exit 16. Twenty-two of the Parks parcels are within the Franklin Industrial Park Economic Opportunity Areas (EOA), twenty of which are within the Franklin Industrial Park Priority Development Site (PDS); 11 parcels are within the Town's Biotechnology Uses Overlay District. The park includes a substantial number of distribution and manufacturing companies, including EMC, Franklin's largest employer. While all but one parcel within Franklin Industrial Park are built out, several properties are frequently available for lease.

Forge Park

Forge Park is a 360-acre master planned office and Industrial Park on Route 140, one mile from Interstate 495's Exit 17. Thirty-three of the parcels are within the Forge Park EOA, thirty of which are within the Forge Park PDS; 28 parcels are within the Town's Biotechnology Uses Overlay District. The park contains a wide range of office, research and development, and manufacturing companies. In addition, Forge Park is the site of Forge Park Commuter Rail Station, Marriott Residence Inn, and a YMCA fitness center.

Route 140 is also a major roadway in the area. In addition to serving as a commercial corridor, it serves as a link to Milford and Bellingham in the north and Wrentham, Foxboro, and Mansfield to the southeast.

As the town has grown, the need for maintaining the infrastructure of roads, facilities, and utilities has increased. In an effort to protect the Town's investment in its infrastructure, they have enacted a ban on road cuts in newly reconstructed roadways for a period of 5-year years unless Town Council votes to allow a hardship and grants a road cut. This process has been implemented to ensure residents have the best infrastructure available to them for a longer period of time.

Railroads also are an important transportation mode in the area. The two commuter rail stations in Franklin serve commuters and others from adjoining towns in travel to Boston. Those riding the train from Franklin can utilize one of the MBTA commuter parking lots for the day for a fee of \$4.00. The MBTA stations have contributed to attracting residents to the area. In addition, freight rail also serves the town and local industry.

The community can also choose to use Franklin's GATRA bus service for a fee of \$1.00 with reduced rates for students and senior citizens. The route runs from the Franklin Municipal Building to various points throughout Franklin including the Library, Franklin

Senior Center and Downtown. Weekday service begins at 6:40 AM and runs until its last scheduled pick-up at 5:36 PM.¹⁷

Franklin does not have a municipal airport, but there are two regional airports close by: the Hopedale and Mansfield Airports. Franklin is fortunate to be within a reasonable distance to several major airports, including, TF Green International Airport in Warwick, Rhode Island, Logan International Airport in Boston, Massachusetts and the Worcester Regional Airport in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Water Supply System: Franklin has its own water system. A large portion of the town is served by town water. In those areas not served, individual private wells are used to supply homes and other uses. Gravel-packed wells are used for municipal water. No surface water is used to service the town. The water system will be discussed further in the Water Resources section of the Environmental Inventory and Analysis chapter of this report.

Sewer Service: Franklin also has its own sewer system and is a member of the Charles River Pollution Control District. Most of the area in town northeast of Interstate-495 is served by municipal sewer. Notable exceptions include portions of Lincoln and Daniels Streets, most of Maple, Elm, Summer, Pleasant, and Chestnut Streets, and the far eastern edge of town. Additionally, southeast of I-495 is mostly not served by town sewer. However, the two major industrial parks, most of Grove Street, and a portion of Washington Street up to (and including) Dianna Estates are served.

Long-Term Development Patterns: The primary land use control for the Town of Franklin is its Zoning Bylaw. Map 5 is a diagram showing the location of the zoning districts. The Zoning Bylaw is supplemented by the enforcement of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Local Wetlands By-law by the Conservation Commission; in addition, Franklin has implemented a Water Resource District Bylaw¹⁸. These are overlay districts that help protect the water supply through measures such as limiting the percentage of the lot that can be rendered impervious, prohibiting the underground storage of hazardous materials and strictly regulating above ground storage, limiting the use of septic tanks, etc.

Franklin also has "Cluster" or "Open Space" Development Bylaws.¹⁹ These retain the same density as existing zoning would permit, but allow the lots to be reduced in size and located on only a portion of a developable parcel in order that the remainder of the parcel can be dedicated as conservation land. This policy has resulted in the preservation of hundreds of acres of conservation lands in Franklin.

According to data from the US Census Bureau, Franklin's population continues to increase at a steady rate. In order to accommodate continued growth, the town will need to continue to utilize the above-mentioned growth management bylaws and implement new growth management techniques that are broad enough to maintain the Town's development initiatives and New England landscape.

¹⁷ Franklin Area Bus, Bus Schedule, Effective January 23, 2012, available online at: www.gatra.org

¹⁸ Zoning Chapter 185-40. Water Resource District From the Code of the Town of Franklin (Added 5-12-1986 and amended 3-3-1994)

¹⁹ Zoning Chapter 185-43. Open Space Development From the Code of the Town of Franklin (Added 11-4-1987 and amended 7-5-1995)

3. E. Environmental Justice

Franklin has one area that meets the income standards from the 2010 U.S. Census to “qualify” as an Environmental Justice area. No other standards are met. This area comprises one census block group, out of 17 in the community and contains 4.6% of Franklin’s population, or 1,467 persons.

Immediately adjacent to this area, are a number of outdoor recreation areas and these are shown on map 13. The Environmental Justices areas are shown on map 14 to illustrate this proximity and also show that any environmental equity issues associated with this EJ area are being satisfied.

A 40 B project application has been submitted to the Town for a comprehensive permit and this project is within the identified EJ area.

SECTION 4: ENVIRONMENTAL INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

4.A. Geology, Soils and Topography

The Franklin area is situated on bedrock, underlain principally by Dedham and Quincy granite. The Town has a small band of diorite (a dark, granite-textured rock) and diabase (dark, fine igneous rock, often used for crushed stone) dikes and sills at its eastern point and a strip of Wamsutta Formation (red to pink conglomerates of sandstone shale and rholite) along its southern border with Wrentham. The Bellingham-Franklin line is straddled with a strip of the Blackstone Group (quartzite, schist, phyllite, marble and metavolcanic rocks) on its northern half and of Mattapan Volcanic Complex to the south of the Blackstone Group. (See Map 6, Soils and Geologic Features)

Repeated advances of glacial ice are primarily responsible for the current topography of the area, which is characterized by low, rounded hills and open valleys. The bedrock throughout the area is generally covered by stratified glacial deposits of sand and gravel (Hickley, Merrimac and Windsor soils) at lower elevations, while the hills have a veneer of glacial till (mostly Charlton, Paxton and Montauk soils). As the glacier retreated to the north, glacial lakes drained and river systems developed on the new land surface. Alluvium (consisting mostly of organic matter, fine sand and silt, but including fine gravel in some areas) was deposited along rivers and streams.¹

Map 6 is a soil and geologic features map for the Town of Franklin. It indicates the soil types in the southwest and northwest portion of Town as consisting of the Woodbridge-Paxton-Montauk type, which is classified as Prime Farmland.

Overall, the topography of Franklin ranges from 250-350 foot range, dropping to about 200 feet in the north and near Mine Brook and the Charles River and to less than 150 feet near Populatic Pond. The point in Town with the highest elevation is the southern portion of town with elevations reaching 470 feet above sea level. There are also portions of northern Franklin that reach elevations over 400 feet.

As development has occurred, most of the “easily developable” land has been in fact developed. Some of the remaining land that has more environmental constraints are being developed but with greater costs and constraints. In fact, some Chapter 61B land is currently going through the permitting stage for potential residential subdivisions. As stated below, the greatest constraints to development are sewer and water in terms of availability of public connections. However, there have been almost no instances in the last seven years where soil conditions have prevented the use of on-site septic systems.

The development of recreation areas has not been adversely impacted by soils or topography in the last seven years.

¹ United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Services, Web Soil Survey <<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>>

4.B. Landscape Characteristics

Franklin offers a rich diversity of landscape character including urban, suburban, small town and rural/agricultural areas. The Town has hills, farm lands, pastures, scenic roadways lined with large trees and stone walls, lakes, rivers, streams, marshes and swamps, all of the unique features for a picturesque landscape that serves a variety of lifestyles and creates a pleasant environment for Franklin's residents to live and work. Franklin's Downtown commercial district and outlying business and industrial districts create pocket urban areas that connect to rural feeling residential neighborhoods and agricultural lands and forests. The mixed-use commercial area and business districts include retail, single and multi-family residential mixes, schools, parks and recreation

MAP 6 OPEN SPACE SOILS & GEOLOGIC FEATURES

Slope of Landscape

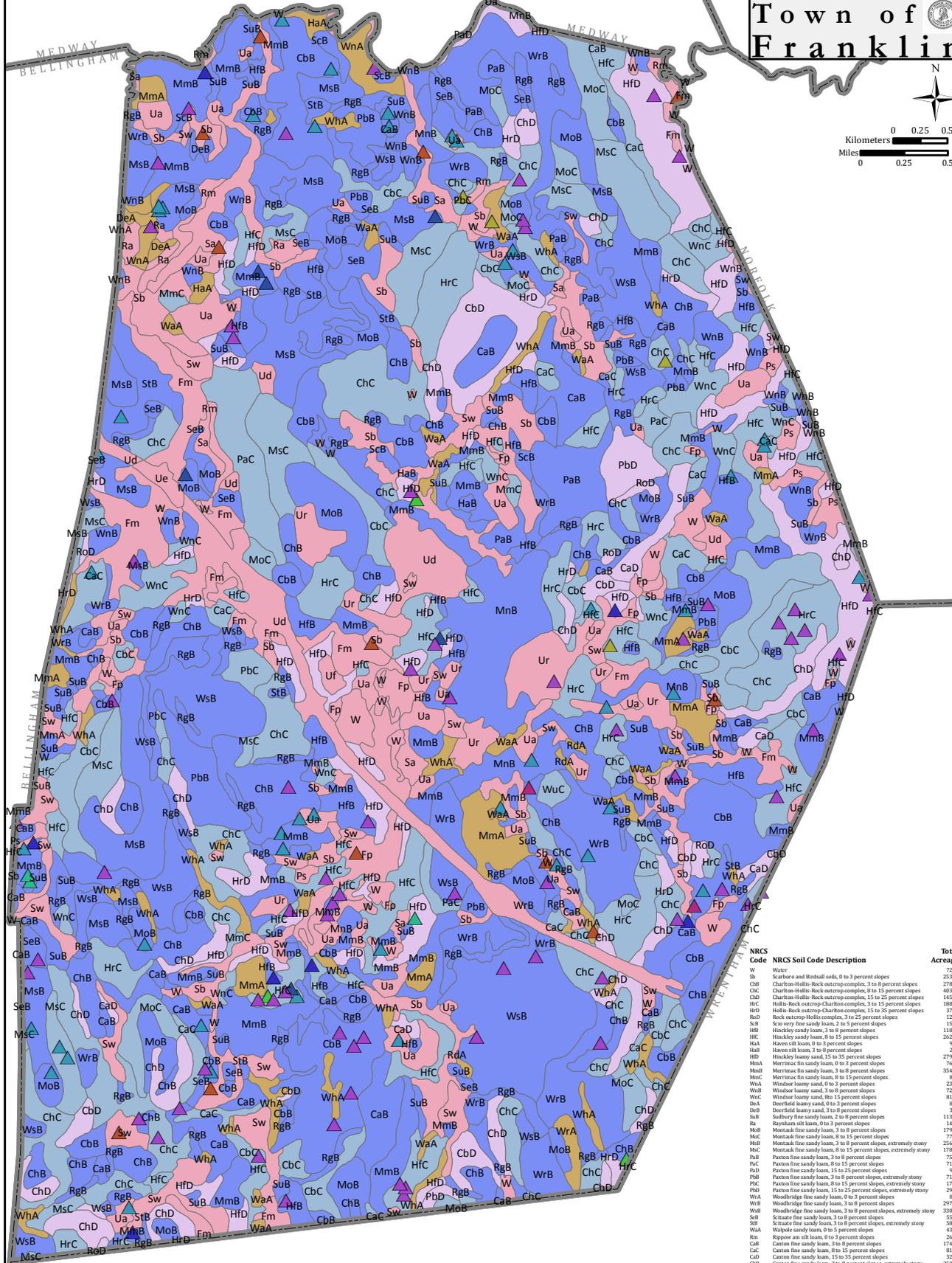
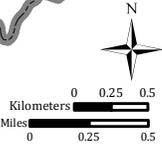
- Water or No Slope
- 0-3%
- 3-8%
- 8-15%
- 15-25%

Other Features

- Dry Spot
- Gravel Pit
- Marsh or Swamp
- Rock Outcrop
- Sandy Spot
- Spoil Area
- Stony Spot
- Very Stony Spot
- Wet Spot

Municipal Boundary

Town of Franklin



NRCS Code	NRCS Soil Code Description	Total Acreage
W	Water	7245
Sb	Scarboro and Hillsall soils, 0 to 3 percent slopes	25353
CB	Charlton-Holts Rock outcrop complex, 3 to 8 percent slopes	27810
CB	Charlton-Holts Rock outcrop complex, 8 to 15 percent slopes	40356
CD	Charlton-Holts Rock outcrop complex, 15 to 25 percent slopes	14514
HRC	Holts Rock outcrop-Charlton complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes	18960
HRB	Holts Rock outcrop-Holts complex, 15 to 25 percent slopes	3796
RSB	Rock outcrop-Holts complex, 3 to 25 percent slopes	1204
Sb	Sco very fine sandy loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	1547
HFB	Hickley sandy loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes	11996
HR	Hickley sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	26258
Hb	Haven silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	592
Hb	Haven silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	2743
HFD	Hickley loamy sand, 15 to 35 percent slopes	2697
Mm	Merrimack fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	7625
Mm	Merrimack fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	35479
Mm	Merrimack fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	1918
Wb	Windsor loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	2344
Wb	Windsor loamy sand, 3 to 8 percent slopes	8121
Wb	Windsor loamy sand, 8 to 15 percent slopes	8119
Ds	Deerfield loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	316
Sb	Sulbury fine sandy loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes	11344
Sb	Sulbury fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	1462
Mb	Moostuk fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	17981
Mb	Moostuk fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	7765
Mb	Moostuk fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, extremely stony	25650
Mac	Mac fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	17874
Pb	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	2552
Pb	Paxton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	7183
Pb	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes	1705
Pb	Paxton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, extremely stony	2902
Pb	Paxton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, extremely stony	1996
Pb	Paxton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, extremely stony	2092
Wb	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	858
Wb	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	29799
Wb	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	33085
Sb	Scurate fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	5553
Sb	Scurate fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, extremely stony	5848
Wb	Walden fine sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes	4305
Rn	Rippon an silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	9031
Ca	Canton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	17492
Ca	Canton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes	8151
Ca	Canton fine sandy loam, 15 to 35 percent slopes	3229
Ca	Canton fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, extremely stony	35002
Ca	Canton fine sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, extremely stony	16410
Ca	Canton fine sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, extremely stony	5281
Sa	Saco silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	9031
Sw	Swansea silt loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	17087
Sw	Swansea silt loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes	16275
Fr	Freeborn muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	7078
Fr	Freeborn muck, ponded, 0 to 1 percent slopes	2649
Ur	Urban land, 0 to 15 percent slopes	10233
Wb	Woodbridge-Urban land complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes	2223
Mm	Merrimack-Urban land complex, 0 to 8 percent slopes	15690
U	Urban land, 15 to 25 percent slopes	192
U	Urban land, 25 to 35 percent slopes	15277
U	Urban land, 35 to 45 percent slopes	1911
Rd	Ridgely fine sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes	492
Rd	Ridgely fine sandy loam, 5 to 8 percent slopes, extremely stony	2533
Wb	Whitman fine sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes, extremely stony	8424

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areas, a college campus and two train stations. The industrial areas in Franklin include industrial, manufacturing, warehousing and distribution, research and development facilities and office space. Many of Franklin's new houses are located within large subdivisions but there are still many older homes located on rural scenic roadways that have views of pastures and agricultural lands still in production.

A majority of development in Franklin since World War II has been suburban in character. Most residential development has been in subdivisions containing lots of 20,000 to 80,000 square feet and located off of major streets. Commercial development is in the form of strip malls and shopping complexes while industrial areas contain large manufacturing and industrial buildings. This type of development has infringed upon much of Franklin's rural landscape turning many of the streets from rural to suburban; there are however, still areas of undeveloped farmlands and forests throughout the Town. Residential subdivisions prove to be the greatest agent of change to the character of Franklin's landscape.

Route 140 is a major commercial corridor in Franklin. During the last two decades, significant roadway improvements have occurred. All of these improvements have fostered significant commercial and business expansion and development in the area, further changing the landscape character into that of a sprawling sometimes traffic-choked suburb.

Despite significant increases in Franklin's residential areas the Town has been able to maintain many of its rural scenic roads. Narrow, winding, large tree and stonewall-lined streets pass by farms and woodlands providing access to newly developed residential subdivisions. Franklin's Scenic Road Bylaw (Town Code 170-50-56) was enacted to ensure roads remain scenic despite development. Developers are required to maintain the character of the roads by replacing any disturbed stone walls and planting new street trees to replace any that were removed during development.

Throughout the years, increased development has impacted the characteristics of Franklin's once rural farming community. While many of the Town's picturesque farmlands have been developed into sprawling residential subdivisions, the Town has been able to maintain its traditional New England character while growing as a prominent business, commercial and industrial area along the I-495/MetroWest Corridor.

4.C. Water Resources

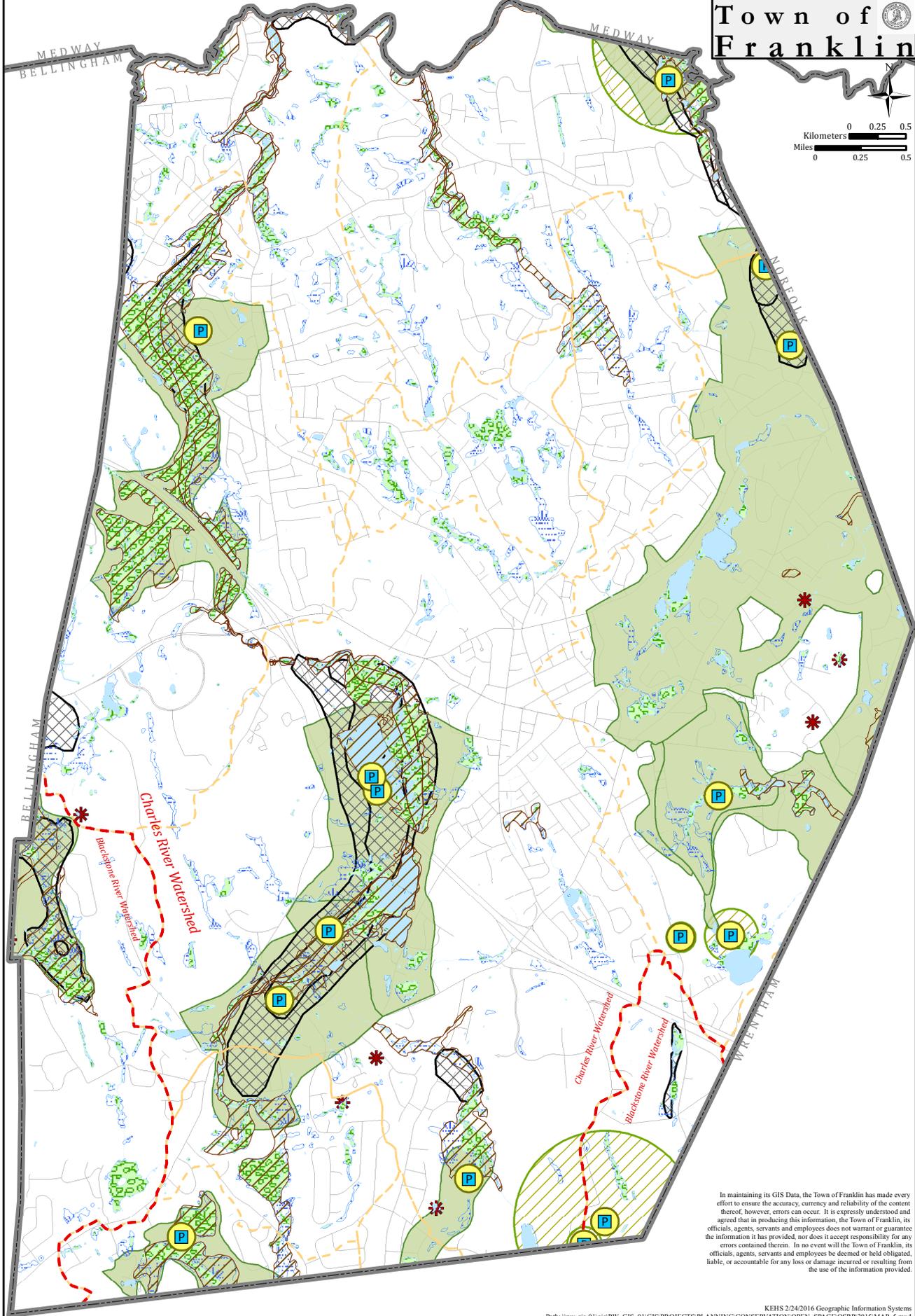
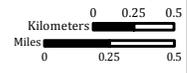
As shown on Map 7 Water Resources, portions of Franklin lie within the Blackstone and Charles River Watershed areas, it should be noted however; only a small portion of Franklin is within the Blackstone Watershed area. Map 7 also shows MassDEP approved Zone I and II Wellhead Protection Areas as well as MassDEP Interim Wellhead Protection Areas. As the map illustrates, most of the aquifers are associated with and are in close proximity to surface water bodies. There are several surface water resources located within Franklin, none of which serve as a source for

OPEN SPACE WATER RESOURCES

-  Public Water Supply Wellhead Location
-  DEP Approved Zone I Wellhead Protection Area
-  Major Watershed Basin
-  Minor Watershed Basin
-  FEMA Flood Zones A & AE
-  Rivers, Streams, Lakes & Ponds
-  Marsh

-  DEP Wetlands
-  Certified Vernal Pools
-  Aquifer
-  DEP Approved Zone II Wellhead Protection Area
-  DEP Approved Interim Wellhead Protection Area (IWPA)
-  Street
-  Municipal Boundary

Town of Franklin



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drinking water. Franklin draws its public water supply from wells that tap aquifers associated with these water bodies. It is critical that these watershed and wellhead areas are protected because the aquifers provide the municipal water supply. Significant surface water bodies located in Franklin are as follows:

Beaver Pond (Great Pond)
Uncas Pond (Great Pond)
Populatic Pond-western shore (Great Pond)
Uncas Brook
Charles River
Shephard's Brook
Spruce Pond
Ray's Pond
Joachim Pond
Green Pond
Mine Brook
DeLCarte Recreation Area
Dix Brook
Miscoe Brook
Miller Brook

(DEP defines a great pond as any pond or lake that contained more than 10 acres in its natural state. Ponds that once measured 10 or more acres in their natural state, but which are now smaller, are still considered great ponds.)

There are two major types of aquifers in the area. The most important type are sand and gravel aquifers, which were formed by melting glaciers at the end of the last ice age. The other type is found in the bedrock formations that underlie the area. The bedrock has cracks and crevices through which water travels. It is only the sand and gravel aquifers, which are not very deep and are located near surface water bodies, that are capable of producing the hundreds of gallons of water per minute that are expected from municipal wells. Such wells range in diameter from 10 to 24 inches and in depth from 20 to 80 feet with an average depth of about 50 feet. The wells capacity averages approximately 500 gallons per minute.

The wetlands located in Franklin provide habitat for wildlife, floodwater storage and assist in filtering and cleaning water that passes through them, a characteristic that is particularly important when located on or near an aquifer. Wetlands are protected by the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Local Wetlands Bylaw that is enforced by the Conservation Commission. Aquifers are afforded protection by the Water Resource District bylaw enacted in Franklin and wellheads are provided with at least a 400-foot radius wellhead protection zone.

Map 8 shows the DEP wetlands and FEMA approved flood hazard zones in the town. Whenever a development is proposed in town, these resources are consulted and if indicated, wetlands delineation is required to accurately ascertain if permitting under the Wetlands protection Act is required. It should be noted that most of the flood plain is

located with land owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers or is adjacent to Mine Brook, Shepard's Brook and Uncas Brook.

4.D. Vegetation

The Town of Franklin consists of a variety of soil types and hydrologic conditions which support a wide variety of vegetation. The native forests of the area are mixed coniferous and hardwood trees, consisting primarily oak, red maple and white pine. Canton and Charlton soils, which are common in the area, are well suited to oak and pine growth making the forests in Franklin abundant with oaks, white pines as well as red maples, which grow well in Woodbrige and Walpole soils, also found within Franklin.

Black choke cherry and witch hazel shrubs, swamp azalea and highbush blueberry (especially in wetter soils), and dewberry, cinnamon fern, sphagnum and skunk cabbage are some common examples of the vegetation found in the upland and wetland areas of Franklin. Other wild herbaceous plants and fruit-producing shrubs include bluestem, goldenrod, beggartick, quackgrass, ragweed, gray dogwood, autumn olive and crabapple. Some additional wetland plants found in the area are smartweed, arrowhead, burrweed, pickerelweed, cordgrass, rushes, sedges and reeds.²

Chapter 300.13.E.(2), Plantings of the Subdivision Regulations and Chapter 185-30, Tree Plantings of the Zoning Code discuss the planting of trees in subdivisions and commercial developments. The Town requires shade trees, as detailed in the Town's Best Development Practices Guidebook, be planted to provide coverage and beautify the area. Trees recommended in the Best Development Practices Guidebook are species that will provide shade for residents that will be drought resistant and are native to the area. Both the Zoning Code and the Subdivision Regulations indicate that trees must be replanted by the owner if they do not survive the first year of seasons.

Map 9 indicates where there are shade trees existing within the public right-of-way.

The Conservation Commission is very active in maintaining the Town's forested areas. Franklin has a Forest Stewardship Plan in place that recommends tree thinning occur at regular intervals. The Commission hired a certified forester to mark trees within the Town Forest for removal; removal that occurred in 2009. In addition to maintaining the Town's forest areas, the Conservation Commission is also working on maintenance and tree health issues, most significantly the recent scare of Asian Longhorn Beetles in Massachusetts.

4.E. Fisheries and Wildlife

The Charles River, plus the numerous other streams, lakes and ponds in Franklin provide habitat for fisheries. Among the species found in the area are brown, brook and rainbow trout, pickerel, perch, pumpkinseed (also known as sunfish, kibbie and sun

² United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Services. Plants Data Base. <http://plants.usda.gov/>.

bass), redbreast sunfish, smallmouth bass, white sucker, carp, golden shiner, fallfish, creek chub, yellow bullhead and brown bullhead.³

Franklin is home to a variety of wildlife because of the numerous types of habitats available for species to live. Since there is not a list of species specific to Franklin, it is easier to discuss the types of wildlife that may be found in areas of Franklin as described by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MDFW). The kind and abundance of wildlife depends to a large extent on the amount and distribution of food, cover and water. The large variety of wildlife habitats ranging from open fields to dense wooded areas and abundant water supplies make Franklin attractive to a wide variety of wildlife.

Open areas such as croplands, pastures, meadows and areas of grasses, herbs, shrubs and vines tend to attract kestrel, meadow vole, mice, bats, cottontail, red fox and woodchucks. Woodland areas provide habitat for nuthatches, ruffed grouse (pheasant), woodcock, thrushes, woodpeckers, gray and red squirrels, chipmunks, gray fox, raccoon and deer. Wetlands attract many varieties of water fowl including ducks, geese and herons, and also provide a home to muskrats, turtles and frogs. Like forested and open areas, even urbanized areas of Franklin can support raccoon, opossum, skunk, nighthawks, and bats.

The variety of available habitats is attractive to the various species of birds found in Franklin including, hawks, kestrel, screech and great horned owls, grouse, pheasant, woodcock, numerous varieties of songbirds including meadowlark, field sparrow, English sparrow, wrens and warblers.

Common reptiles found in Franklin include the garter and milk snake as well as snapping and painted turtles. Red-backed salamanders are commonly found under rotting logs, however, the number of spotted salamanders found in Franklin are declining due to the impact of acid precipitation.

The Town of Franklin has four National Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP) delineated priority habitats of rare species and also estimated habitats of rare wild life. The locations are described as follows:

1. The area around Beaver Pond and Mine Brook from the railroad tracks just south of Route 140 across Interstate 495 to and including, Spring Pond on Washington Street.
2. The area located primarily within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Charles River Natural Valley Storage area.
3. The area encompassing Wampanoag Drive up to Concetta Way located eastern part of Franklin on the border of Norfolk and Wrentham.
4. The area surrounding Miscoe Brook on the southwestern portion of town within proximity of Washington and South Street.

³ Hartel, K.E., D.B. Halliwell, and A.E. Launer, An Annotated Working List of the Inland Fishes of Massachusetts. Harvard Museum of Contemporary Zoology, 1996.

According to National Heritage and Endangered Species (NHES), in 2015, Franklin provides a habitat for several endangered, threatened and species of special concern. Table 4-1 details the one bird, two reptiles and two plants that are on the NHES list.

Table 4-1: Endangered, Threatened or Species of Special Concern in Franklin

Taxonomic Group	Scientific Name	Common Name	State Listed Status	Most Recent Observation
Bird	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Least Bittern	Endangered	1992
Reptile	<i>Glyptemys insculpta</i>	Wood Turtle	Special Concern	1982
Reptile	<i>Terrapene carolina</i>	Eastern Box Turtle	Special Concern	1997
Vascular Plant	<i>Linum medium var. texanum</i>	Rigid Flax	Threatened	1886
Vascular Plant	<i>Ranunculus micranthus</i>	Tiny-flowered Buttercup	Endangered	1910

According to NHES, a vernal pool, also known as an ephemeral pool, is a small area that fills with water in the autumn or winter as a result of rising ground water and rainfall and remains through the spring and into summer. Vernal pools are important areas to protect as they provide habitat for invertebrates and amphibians during breeding season. These pools provide a safe place for species to lay eggs that are free from fish. The Town of Franklin has six (6) NHES certified Vernal pools; three are located in the northeast side of town near Chestnut Street and Jordan Road and three located in the southern portion of Town in the vicinity of Jefferson Road. The NHES also had also identified approximately 40 potential vernal pools throughout the community.

4.F. Wildlife Corridors:

There are two potential wildlife corridors in Franklin and both are within the right of way for National Grids transmission lines. One of these runs close to the Charles River primarily from Medway to Norfolk in the NE area of town and the other from Bellingham to Wrentham in the central to SW area of town.

4.G. Scenic Resources and Unique Features

There are many scenic and unique features within Franklin, as shown on Map 10. Scenic vistas are found throughout the town from the major water bodies such as the Charles River to the quaint, winding, stonewall and old growth lined scenic roads, active farmlands, including farms on Daniels Street, Lincoln Street and Koshivas Drive. Residents, as well as those from around the region are able to enjoy many of the Town’s unique features such as, access to forest lands, including the Franklin State Forest, Franklin Town Forest, nearly 55 acres of conservation land owned by the Metacomet Land Trust and the southern New England Telephone Trail (SNETT), which

runs 22 miles through six nearby communities. A portion of this trail, running from the Bellingham town line to Prospect Street, received Conservation Commission approval in 2015 for upgrades to make the trail more accessible and useable. Historic areas, including the Town's two historic districts, Franklin Town Common and Dean College Campus and Indian Rock, a battle site during King Philip's War, provide a place for people to learn about Franklin's unique past. Some areas of interest also include the Union Street cemetery where many old graves dating back to the 1700's remain intact. In addition to the many historical sites visitors can enjoy in Franklin, there is opportunity to enjoy the scenic vistas at Chilson Beach and Beaver Pond both of which have swimming access. The Town also has several recreation areas including Fletcher Field, King Street Memorial Park, the DelCorte Recreation Area, and Dacey Field all of which have handicap accessible playing fields, parking areas and playground equipment.

All these scenic resources and unique features combine to provide the community with the quintessential New England landscape, that so many of Franklin's residents enjoy.

4.H. Environmental Challenges

A major environmental concern in Franklin is both the quality and quantity of its water supply. Franklin is completely dependent upon wells for its water supply; therefore, it is imperative that both the quality and quantity of the water sources be maintained. Franklin has implemented a Water Resource District to protect, preserve and maintain the existing and potential ground and surface water resources that provide water supply to Franklin. The State's efforts to encourage keeping wastewater local and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Phase II stormwater management regulations also ensure that more water is returned to the ground to recharge aquifers in a way that maintains quality. Preservation of open space and education efforts regarding the use of fertilizers and pesticides are a key component in addressing water quality in Franklin. Utilizing funds from a 2014 Sustainable Water Management grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, in 2015, the town modified three existing detention basins to allow for greater ground water recharge. These redesigned basins have been shown to be working as intended.

Another issue of concern is the challenges presented at the DelCorte property on Pleasant Street. There were 6 dams located at this property that were constructed in the 1940s. These dams are an environmental concern as they are leaking water and are structurally unstable. The Town has studied the feasibility of partial or full removal or repairs at this site to improve the deteriorating conditions. Since 2012, the Town of Franklin has spent more than 1.4 million dollars on projects in the DelCorte Conservation Area including the complete reconstruction of the largest and most vulnerable dam. This project was approved by and has been closed out by the Mass Office of Dam Safety.

In addition to problems with the dams, the beaver population at the DelCorte property is significantly impacting the waterways at this location. A maintenance plan is being developed to manage the beaver population at this site.

A further environmental challenge that faces Franklin is the cleanup and reuse of brownfields. In 2014, DEP listed over 100 sites on its searchable data base as 21e sites. Included in this listing are three tier 1 sites and one tier 2. Franklin is currently seeking funds to complete site assessment and remediation at one of its most significant brownfields sites within the Town. Completing remediation at this site will help to remove the threat to the areas groundwater (and surface water) supply. In addition, redevelopment of brownfields sites not only returns the site to productive use but also reduces the need to expand infrastructure and develop greenfield sites. It is important to note, that the Superfund Site on Fisher Street is currently going through the wetlands permitting process for delineation of the wetlands and demolition of the existing structure.

There have been no significant erosion or sediment deposition issues in Franklin. All of the land use commissions are very stringent in controlling erosion from sites undergoing development.

There is a former, but now capped landfill in Franklin on Beaver Street. Part of this site is now used as the Town's transfer station. Some of the former landfill has encroached onto state owned land and this issue is currently being resolved.

Franklin has a large area of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charles River Natural Valley Storage Area within its borders. This system provides a passive means of avoiding flooding within Franklin and the towns upstream along the Charles River watershed by allowing flood waters to be stored on low lands that have been kept free of development rather than constructing a large system of floodwalls, pipes, dams and other such measures. In addition to flood protection, it has the added benefits of maintaining open space and recreation lands, scenic views, wildlife habitats and more. This philosophy serves as an example that should be followed as development continues in the area. As mentioned above, stormwater can be recharged into the ground to avoid concentrations of runoff that result in flooding and more closely mimic natural processes.

Franklin has been experiencing rapid growth for many years now. The Town needs to be conscious of the potential for over development of the Town. As development occurs, land will become scarcer and encroach upon remaining farmlands in the more rural areas of Town. Franklin needs to enact development measures that will ensure growth management to protect the New England character of the community in to the future.

4.I. Environmental Equity

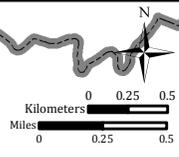
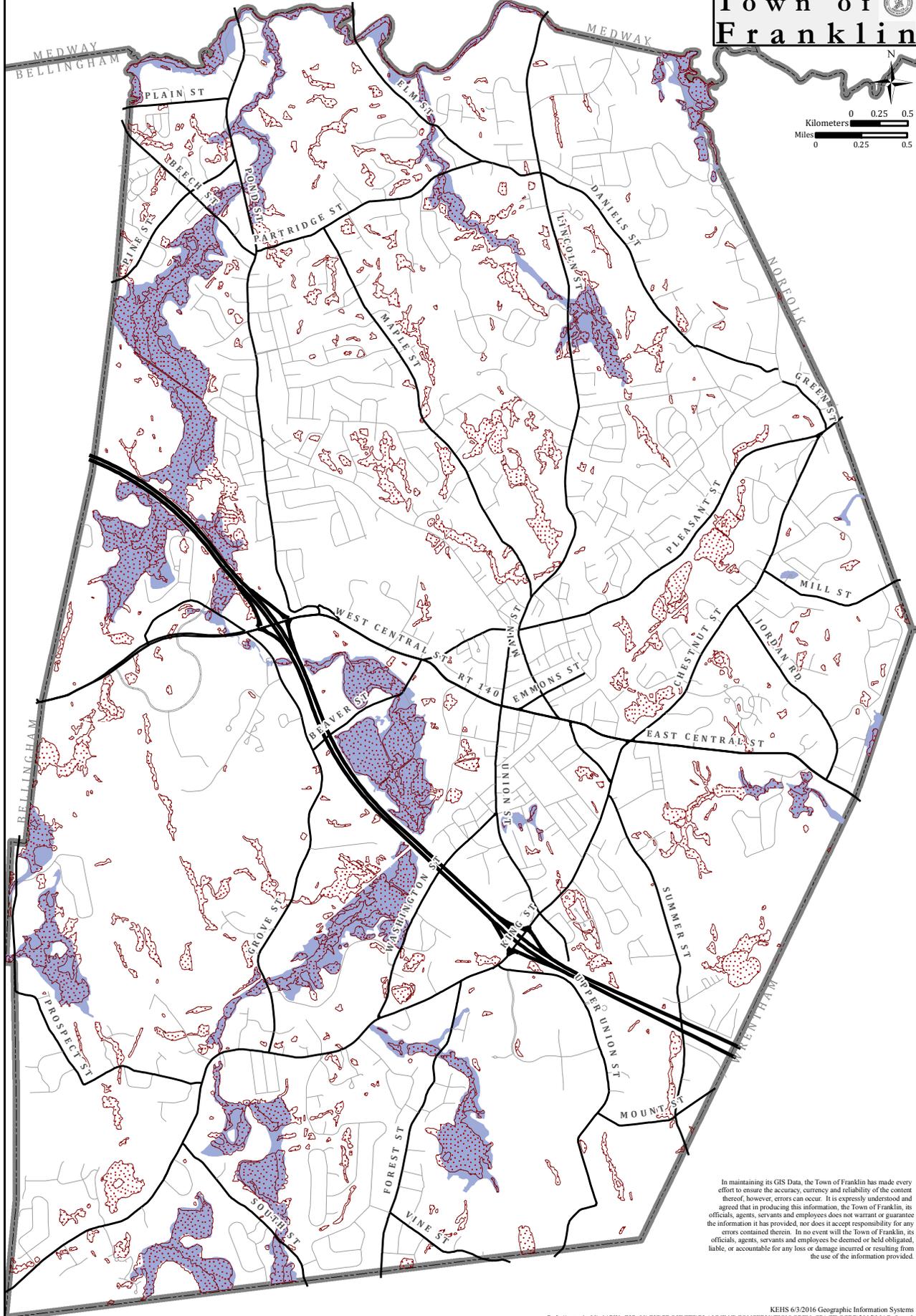
A review of Maps 11, 12, 13 & 14 would indicate that the open space and recreation facilities of the Town are distributed throughout the community and not concentrated on any one area. There are no Environmental Justice designated areas in Franklin.

MAP8 OPEN SPACE FEMA FLOOD ZONES & DEP WETLANDS

-  FEMA Flood Zones (A & AE)
-  Wetlands
-  Municipal Boundary

-  Interstate
-  Main Road
-  Secondary Road

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MAP9 OPEN SPACE
SHADE TREES WITHIN
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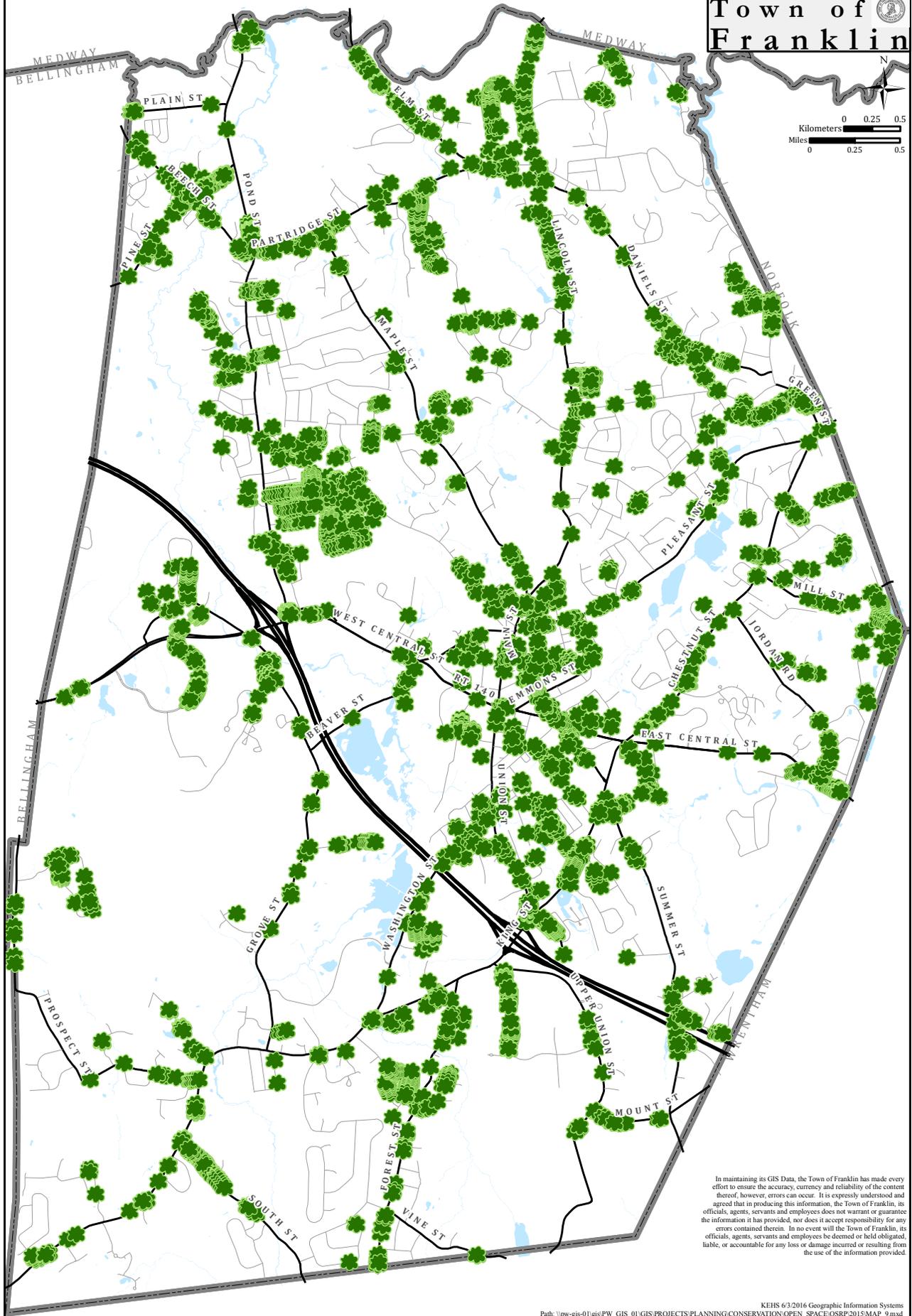
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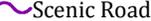


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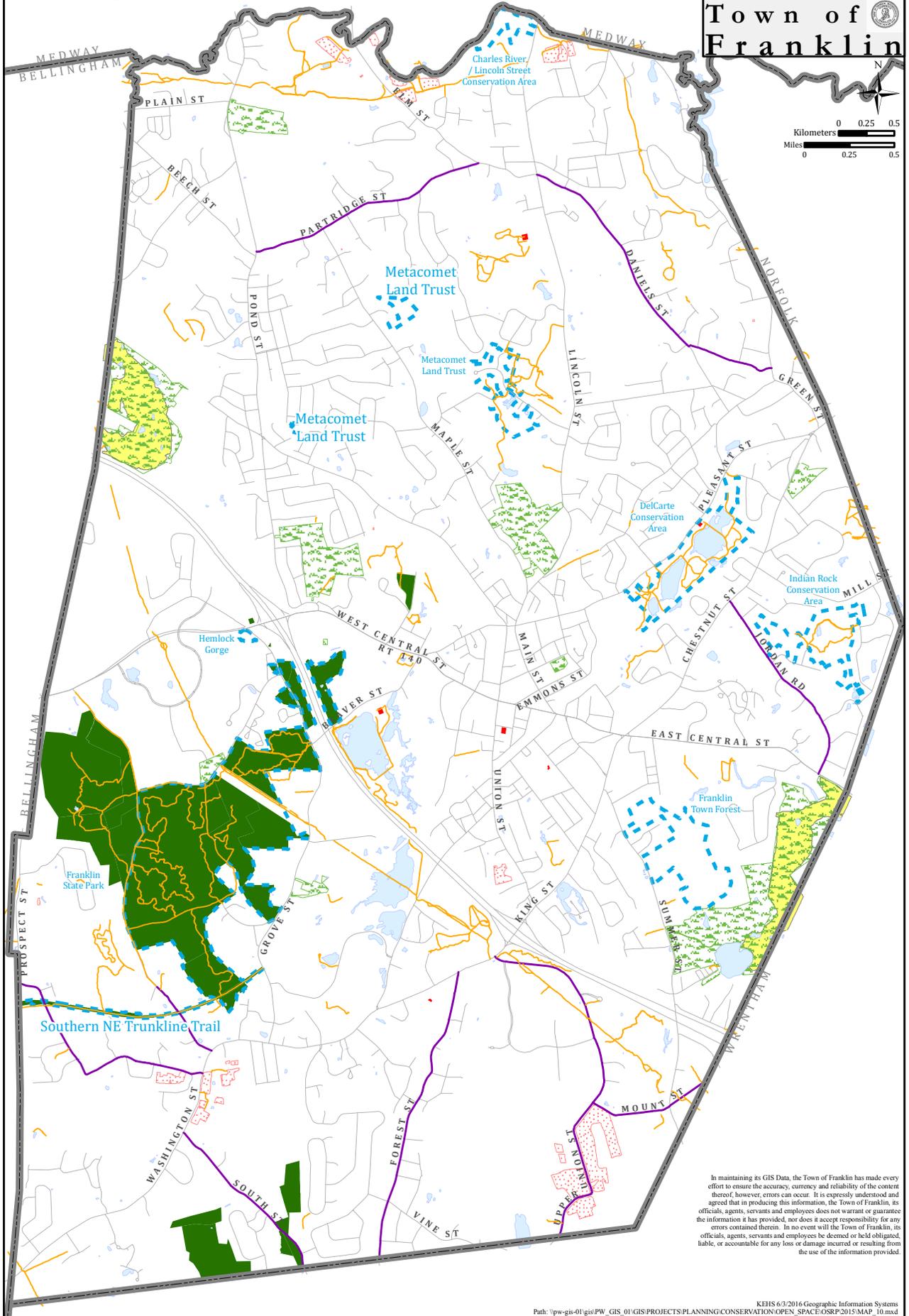


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OPEN SPACE UNIQUE FEATURES

-  Trails
-  Scenic Road
-  Street
-  Franklin State Forest
-  Town Park
-  Private Recreation Area
-  Unique & Open Space
-  Golf Course
-  Playground
-  Cropland
-  Water
-  Municipal Boundary

Town of Franklin



Scale: 0 0.25 0.5 Kilometers
0 0.25 0.5 Miles

North Arrow

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SECTION 5: INVENTORY OF LANDS OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION INTEREST

Open Space is a term that describes public and private conservation, recreation, forest and agricultural lands, parks and greenways and lands owned by groups with a conservation interest. Some recreation lands, with active recreational uses such as playing fields, tennis and basketball courts or passive recreation uses like hiking or walking and nature study areas are also classified as open space.¹

Open space and recreation properties are categorized in Franklin as either publicly or privately owned, protected or unprotected areas. The Town of Franklin contains over 5,000 acres of public and private open space and recreation areas, a substantial amount of which is open to the public. No lands within the town are permanently protected by a conservation restriction, but some, such as those that were created as part of an open space subdivision, are deed restricted. The Town has over 747 acres of Town owned, protected conservation lands. As used in this Plan, the term “protected” is defined as lands that are not developable given the ownership and management status of the land. In addition to protected conservation lands, the Town owns and operates eight recreation areas, which are all handicap accessible.

Both the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Federal Government own permanently protected public open space within the community. Franklin State Forest is permanently protected public open space owned and operated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Federal Government owns 478 acres of permanently protected public open space that is primarily for water conservation and flood plain control. This land, while publicly owned by the Federal Government, is not open to the public to utilize.

There are several non-profit organizations that have ownership in open space and recreation areas in Franklin. The YMCA, a private, non-profit organization owns several areas used for playing fields. While this organization is a public entity, the lands owned by this organization are not available for public use without a membership to the YMCA. (See table 5-1.) However, unlike the YMCA, the Metacomet Land Trust, a non-profit organization that owns several acres of forestland, allows the public to use their lands for hiking and non-motorized biking.

There are many acres of privately owned recreation and open space lands. Several private recreation areas, including the Adirondack Club and land at the non-profit Franklin Rod and Gun Club are active recreation areas but not open to the public without a membership.

Some lands such as Chapter 61, 61A and 61B lands, which are private lands currently used for private recreation or agricultural uses, have a semi-protected status. These lands are described in greater detail in the next section.

¹Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Division of Conservation Services. [2008 Open Space Planner's Workbook](#).

The following section provides a detailed description of the lands of conservation and recreation interest in the Town of Franklin. The inventory of the Town's recreation land includes public, non-profit and private properties. The three maps at the end of this section provide additional geographic information:

Some of these parcels are already protected open space, with some restrictions, or are recreation properties. Other parcels identified are sites that may be favorable for the Town to consider for future acquisition or protection. Parcels included in this section have been divided into two types of open space and recreation lands as follows:

Private Lands:

1. Private recreation areas;
2. Lands under special taxation programs, Chapter 61 (forestry), 61A (agriculture), or 61B (recreation); and
3. Other non-protected, private parcels.

Public Lands:

1. Town owned conservation and recreation resources;
2. Non-profit lands; and
3. Federal and State owned lands.

It is important to protect the existing open space in the Town for many reasons. Protecting open space helps maintain a town's character and provides residents with opportunities to utilize recreation areas and land in its natural state for passive and active recreation. Protecting open space is a way for the town to ensure despite residential, commercial and industrial growth, that natural landscapes and recreational areas will be preserved for future generations to utilize.

5.A. Private Parcels

Private Recreation Areas: There are well over 600 acres of private recreation area in Franklin, some of which are detailed in Table 5-1. This list includes private recreation areas in Franklin that require a membership, dues or enrollment in a program for use and are not free for use by the public. A complete list is found in Appendix B.

Table 5-1: Private Recreation Areas²

Property Name	Street Address	Parcel Size Acres	Current Use(s)
Franklin Country Club	672 East Central Street	120.71	Golf Course, clubhouse, pool
Maplegate Country Club	Maple Gate	137.00	Golf Course, clubhouse
Camp Haiastan	Summer Street	98.05	Armenian family camping, cabins
Franklin Rod & Gun Club	Florence Street	2.39	Beach, picnic area, fishing area, shooting range, horseshoe pits
Adirondack Club	800 Chestnut Street	9.90	Tennis courts, ADA compliant playground, 3 indoor/outdoor pools, weight room
Franklin YMCA	4 Forge Hill Road	7.80	Private, non-profit uses: Indoor pool, outdoor pool, in/outdoor basketball, tennis courts, playground, weight room, indoor track, skateboard facility, summer camp programs
Franklin Country Day Camp	Pond Street	182.64	Day camp, pool, fields
Longley Field, Dean College Playing Fields	169Maple Street & 119Main St.	80.29	Private non-profit educational uses: football field, soccer fields, baseball field, softball field, concession facility (The College converted some land on the main campus on Main St to an artificial turf, multi-use field in 2015. The field is estimated to be 3.4 acres.)

Chapter 61, Chapter 61A & Chapter 61B Lands: Parcels taxed under the Chapter 61 (Forestry), Chapter 61A (Agriculture), and Chapter 61B (Recreation) tax classification are in private ownership and are not 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 expiration of the tax-abated status. Owners of land classified under Chapters 61, 61A, and 61B must notify the Town before selling or converting the land to another use. The Town has 120 days to decide whether to exercise the option to purchase the land. This allows the Town to protect individual open space parcels as they enter the market or become threatened by development.

As of December 2015, approximately 1,109 acres of land (a total of 57 parcels) in Franklin are under this tax classification. Parcels taxed under Chapter 61/61A/61B are listed in Appendix B. Some of the larger parcels in Town include over 182 acres of land at the Franklin Country Day Camp and nearly 115 acres of land at the Schmidt Farm, which are currently agricultural lands. These lands and several other large

² Public and Private Recreation Sites in Franklin. Provided by Ryan Jette, Director, Franklin Recreation Department.

parcels currently classified as Chapter 61, 61A and 61B lands would be of interest for future protection, should they become available for sale. It should be noted that there has been an overall decrease in the total number of parcels (97 v 57) as well as the total acreage (1,292 v 1,109) from 2008 until 2016. This is shown on table 5-2. (Note the total figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.) These lands are shown on Map 12.

Table 5-2: Chapter 61, Chapter 61A & Chapter 61B Lands

Type	Acres of Chapter Lands	
	2008	2016
Total Acres Chapter 61 Land	92	13
Total Acres Chapter 61A Land	670	556
Total Acres Chapter 61B Land	530	540
Total Chapter 61, 61A & 61B lands	1,292	1,109

It should be noted that three parcels totaling 71.6 acres are classified under land use code 076 and are both Chapter 61 and Chapter 61A. These are included in the totals for chapter 61A in table 5.2.

Other Private Parcels:

In addition to the private lands classified above, there are a significant amount of lands that are privately owned, but not classified in any of the categories discussed above: these parcels are privately owned, non-protected parcels. Parcels that fall into this category are lands that are 10-acres or more containing no structures. The impact of development is potentially detrimental to the visual character of the landscape should these large parcels be sold for a purpose other than conservation. Parcels such as these are of potential interest to the Town for future acquisition to ensure they remain in their current state.

5.B. Public and Non-Profit Parcels

The Town of Franklin owns and operates numerous open space and recreation parcels. These parcels are essential to the vitality of the Town as they offer residents, a variety of recreational opportunities ranging from swimming areas and playgrounds to forest lands for hiking and passive recreation. In addition, Franklin contains hundreds of acres of tax-exempt property. These parcels include non-profit organizations, private recreation land and major institutional holdings. Tax-exempt parcels are privately owned, and in most cases, not protected open spaces. Some of these lands are publicly owned, but not publicly accessible, such as the 487 acres of protected public lands owned by the Federal government, of which nearly 100% are used for water resource protection and flood plain control. Below is a summary of these resources; a complete list is found in Appendix B.

Town Owned Park and Recreation Areas: The Town of Franklin owns and manages several quality park and recreation areas. All of the Town playgrounds were built as or updated to be handicapped accessible and present challenges to children 2-12 years old. The ADA Compliance inventory is included in Appendix C. It should be noted that all land that is managed by the Franklin Conservation Commission and used for recreation is included in this compliance inventory, with one exception and that is the Indian Rock Area which is used for hiking throughout wooded areas and is not strictly handicapped accessible. Below is a summary of the playgrounds and fields in Franklin:

King Street Memorial Park: The 25± acre park at King and Forest Streets has a baseball field, soccer field, football field, and basketball courts, as well as exercise stations, 2 bocce courts, a bathroom and concession facility, and an ADA compliant playground. The playground was renovated in 2005 and has two new structures and a glide board. One structure is designed for 5-12 year olds and a smaller one for 2-5 year olds.

Dacey Community Field: At 95.65 acres, Dacey Community Field is the largest Town of Franklin park property. It has one disk golf course, a dog park, one large soccer field, two small soccer fields, baseball field, softball field, playground, as well as a large multi-purpose (football, lacrosse, soccer) field. At the lower section of the field is access to some nature trails that are very good for hiking. Dacey Community Field's playground was updated and made handicap accessible in 2007 and was designed with children (2 to 12 years old) with special needs in mind. It is 77' X 92', making it the largest ADA accessible playground in the State of Massachusetts.

Fletcher Field: The 13+ acre park area a couple blocks south of Downtown Franklin near Peck and Wachusett Streets offers the neighborhood and community in general substantial recreational facilities. Fletcher Field has two small baseball fields, one senior baseball field, basketball courts, bathroom, concession facility, and an ADA compliant playground. There are some benches and picnic areas adjacent to the playground. Fletcher Field's playground was renovated in 2004 and features separate areas designed to meet the challenges of two separate age groups (2-5 and 5-12 year olds). A tot lot was constructed in 2015.

Faenza Park (Nason Street Tot Lot): Faenza Park, previously known as the Nason Street Tot Lot, was renovated in 2003 into a new ADA compliant Tot Lot for 2 to 5 years old. There is a small picnic area adjacent to the playground.

Beaver Pond Recreation Area: The 28.9 acre recreation area is on Beaver Street at Beaver Pond adjacent to over 60 acres of Franklin Water Department property. It contains an artificial grass turf field used for soccer, football, and lacrosse. Within the recreation area is Chilson Beach, which contains the Joseph and Mary Vendetti Playground, a public beach, picnic tables, hibachis, boat launch area, swim dock, and soccer fields. Vendetti Playground, updated in 2005, is an ADA compliant tot lot for children ages 2-5 years old.

DelCarte Recreation Area: The 94± acre DelCarte Recreation area is a series of interconnected water bodies that is a prime fishing area in the town. There is also a

children’s playground, constructed in 2014, which is age appropriate of 5-12 years olds, canoe launch facilities and hiking trails throughout the area. The Town has completed a study of these waterbodies to determine the ecological make-up so as to better manage the overall area and maintain the high quality amenities currently available. The Town has appropriate funds to implement recommendations from this study.

Table 5-3: Town Owned Park and Recreation Areas³

Property Name	Street Address	Parcel Size Acres	Current Use(s)
King Street Memorial Park	740 King Street (Forest Street)	25.87	Baseball field, soccer field, football field, basketball courts, ADA compliant playground, exercise stations, 2 bocce courts, bathroom and concession facility. A butterfly park was constructed in the Park in 2014 as a school project.
Fletcher Field	Peck Street	13.20	2 small baseball fields, senior baseball field, basketball courts, ADA compliant playground, bathrooms, concession facility
DelCarte Receration Area	Pleasant Street	94.00	Playground, hiking trains, fishing, canoeing
Dacey Community Field	Lincoln Street	95.65	ADA compliant playground equipment 2-12 years old, baseball field, softball field, 1 large soccer field, 2 small soccer fields, walking trails, disk gold, dog park
Faenza Park (Nason Street Playground)	Nason Street	0.54	ADA compliant playground (2-5 years), picnic area
Franklin Town Common	Main/Union/High Street	4.10	Gazebo, memorials, benches
Beaver Pond Recreation Area	Beaver Street	28.91	Concession facility, bathrooms, artificial grass turf field soccer/football/lacrosse, bleachers.
Chilson Beach	At Beaver Pond Recreation Area		Beach, picnic tables, hibachis, boat launch area, swim dock, soccer fields,
Vendetti Playground	At Chilson Beach		ADA compliant playground (2-5 years)
Pisani Field	Peck Street	3.65	Small lighted softball field, senior lighted softball field
Meadowlark Lane Complex	Meadowlark Lane	2.50	Small baseball field, soccer fields, concession facility
Old Town Pool Site	Panther Way	3.50	Sculpture Park; ADA compliant
Veteran's Memorial Park*	Panther Way	3.03	Indoor ice skating/hockey

*Veteran’s Memorial Park Skating rink is State owned; however the Town of Franklin has a small park at this site.

³ Ibid.

Franklin Public School Recreation Areas: The Town has 9 school properties that contain playgrounds and fields for public use. All School playgrounds are ADA compliant. In addition to the Town owned and operated school properties, the Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School is located in Franklin and is situated on nearly 60 acres of land that includes playing fields. Table 5-4 summarizes Franklin Public Schools and their associated playing fields and recreation areas, School fields and playgrounds are not permanently protected areas.

Table 5-4: Town of Franklin Owned Public Schools Recreation Areas

Property Name	Street Address	Parcel Size Acres
The Brick School*	Lincoln/Maple Street	0.26
Parmenter School	235 Wachusett	20.49
Davis Thayer School	137 West Central street	3.48
JFK Elementary School	551 Pond Street	15.30
Horace Mann School	224 Oak Street	35.03
Franklin High School	218 Oak Street	71.90
Keller-Sullivan Middle/Elementary School	500 Lincoln Street	14.56
Remington/Jefferson School	628 Washington Street	47.03

**The Brick School is leased to the Benjamin Franklin Charter School.*

Protected/Partially Protected Public Open Space: Within Franklin there are nearly 2,000 acres of land reserved for uses such as hiking, biking, passive recreation, cemeteries, and areas for water resource protection and flood control. The Town of Franklin has 747 acres of protected conservation and open space lands. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts owns 776.73 acres of protected land, of which just over 758 acres are the State Forest. Metacomet Land Trust, a non-profit conservation organization that is dedicated to the protection of open space and natural resources, owns approximately 48 acres of protected public open space. It is notable that since the 2008 OSRP was approved, the State transferred ownership of a small parcel (0.2 AC) of the State Forest on Grove Street to private ownership. This land was believed to be permanently protected. Table 5-5 details some of the more significant protected public open space parcels, a complete list is found in Appendix B.

Table 5-5: Protected/Partially Protected Public Open Space

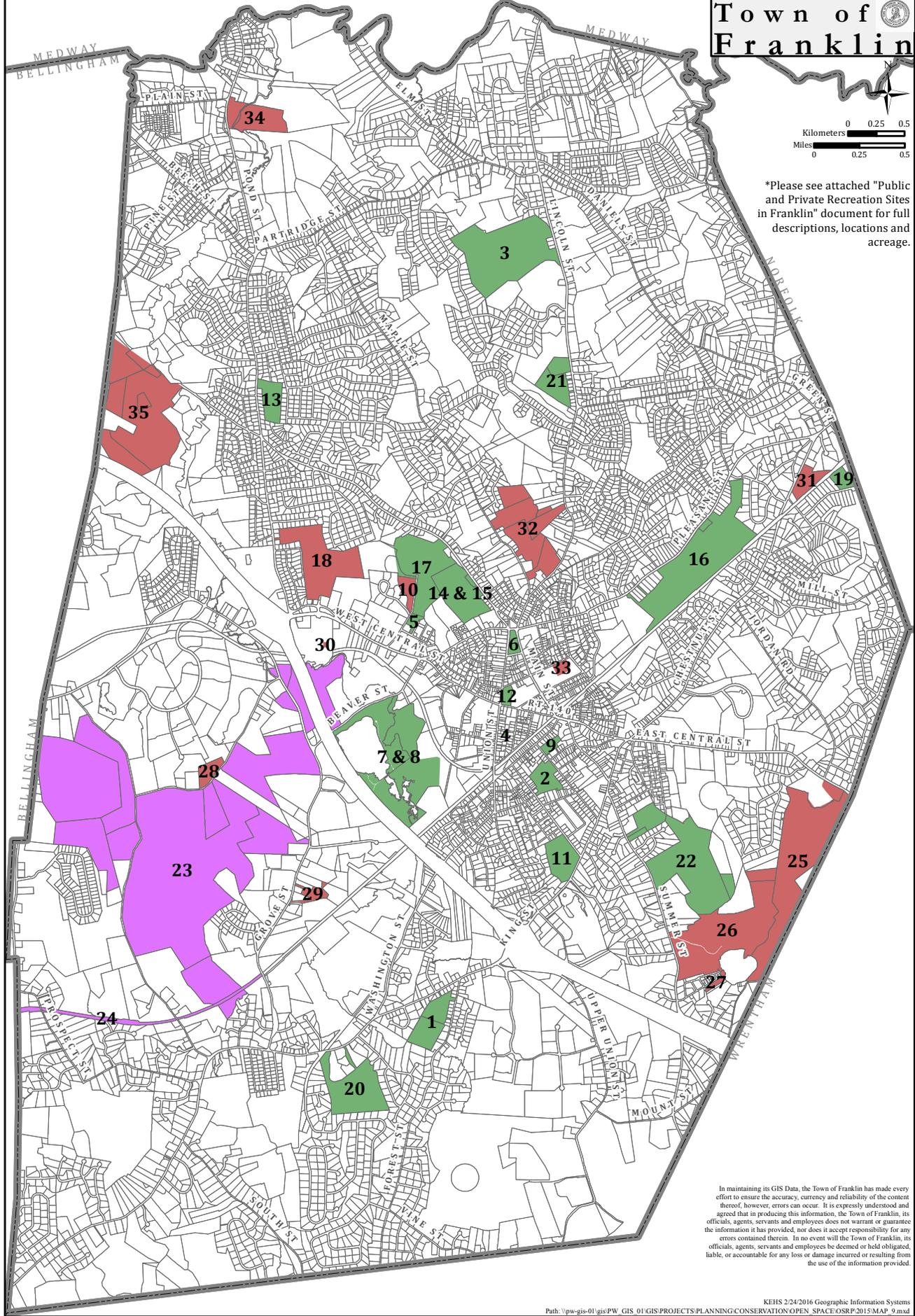
Property Name	Street Address	Property Owner	Parcel Size Acres	Current Use(s)
Town Forest	Summer Street	Town of Franklin	98.37	Hiking trails
DelCarte Property	Pleasant Street	Town of Franklin	94.00	Hiking, Passive Recreation fishing
State Forest	Beaver, Grove, South Street	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	720.00	Hiking, biking trails
Flood Plain and Water Resource Protection	Various	United States of America	478.09	Flood Plain Control and Water Resource Conservation.
Southern New England Trunkline Trail	West Central Street	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	13.60	Hiking/ biking trails
Bridle Path	Bridle Path	Metacomet Land Trust	35.69	Hiking Trails
Nature Classroom	Coronation Drive	Metacomet Land Trust	1.76	Outdoor Nature Classroom
Trails	Maple Street	Metacomet Land Trust	10.50	Hiking Trails

MAP11 OPEN SPACE

RECREATION FACILITIES within THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN

- Town Owned Recreation Area*
- Other Public Recreation*
- Private/Other Recreation Area*

- Municipal Boundary
- Parcel Line



Town of Franklin

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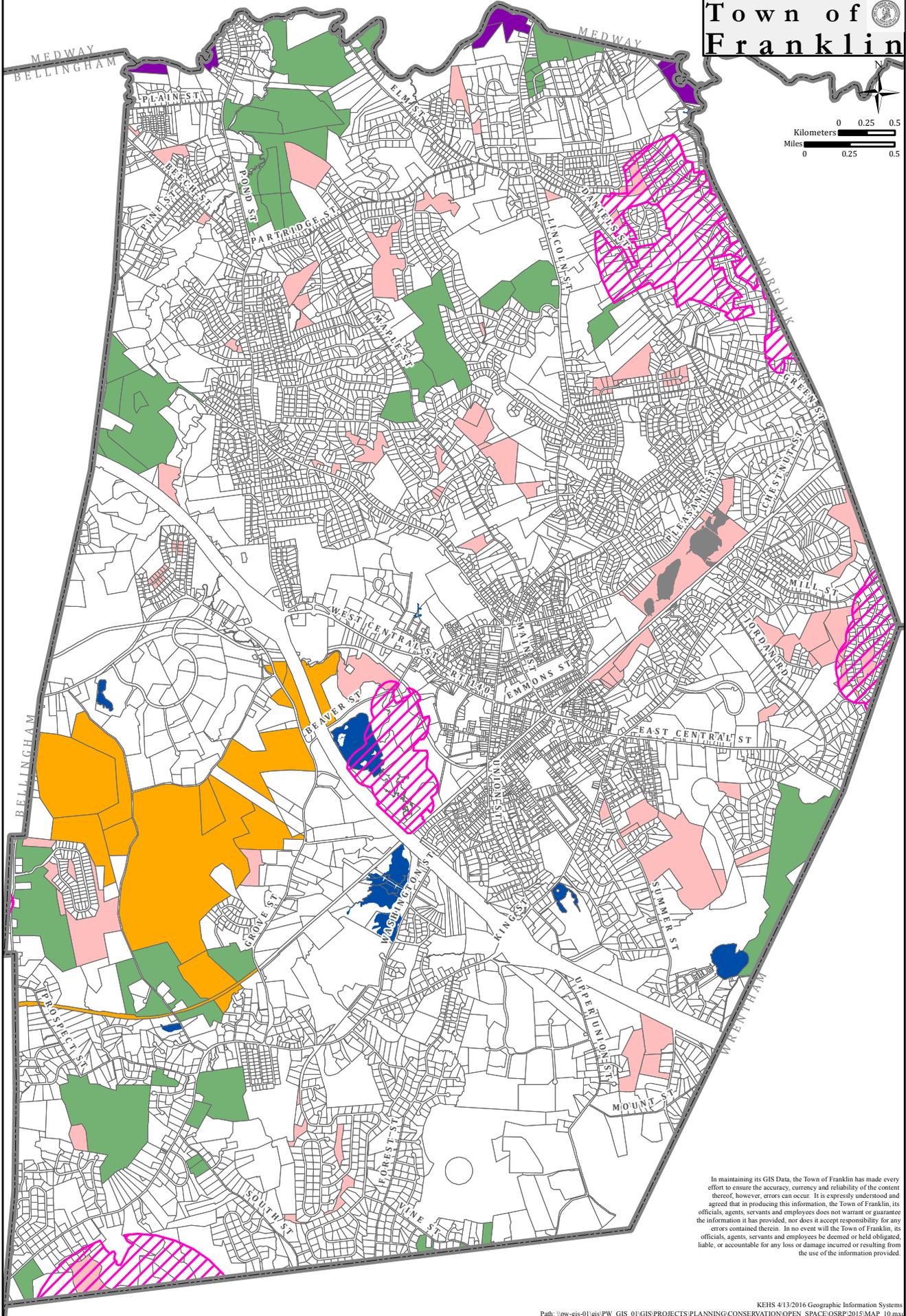
OPEN SPACE OBJECTIVES

- Objective 2.2
- Objective 2.3
- Objective 3.3
- Objective 3.5

- ▨ Objective 4.1
- Objective 5.1
- Objective 5.2

- Parcel Line
- Municipal Boundary

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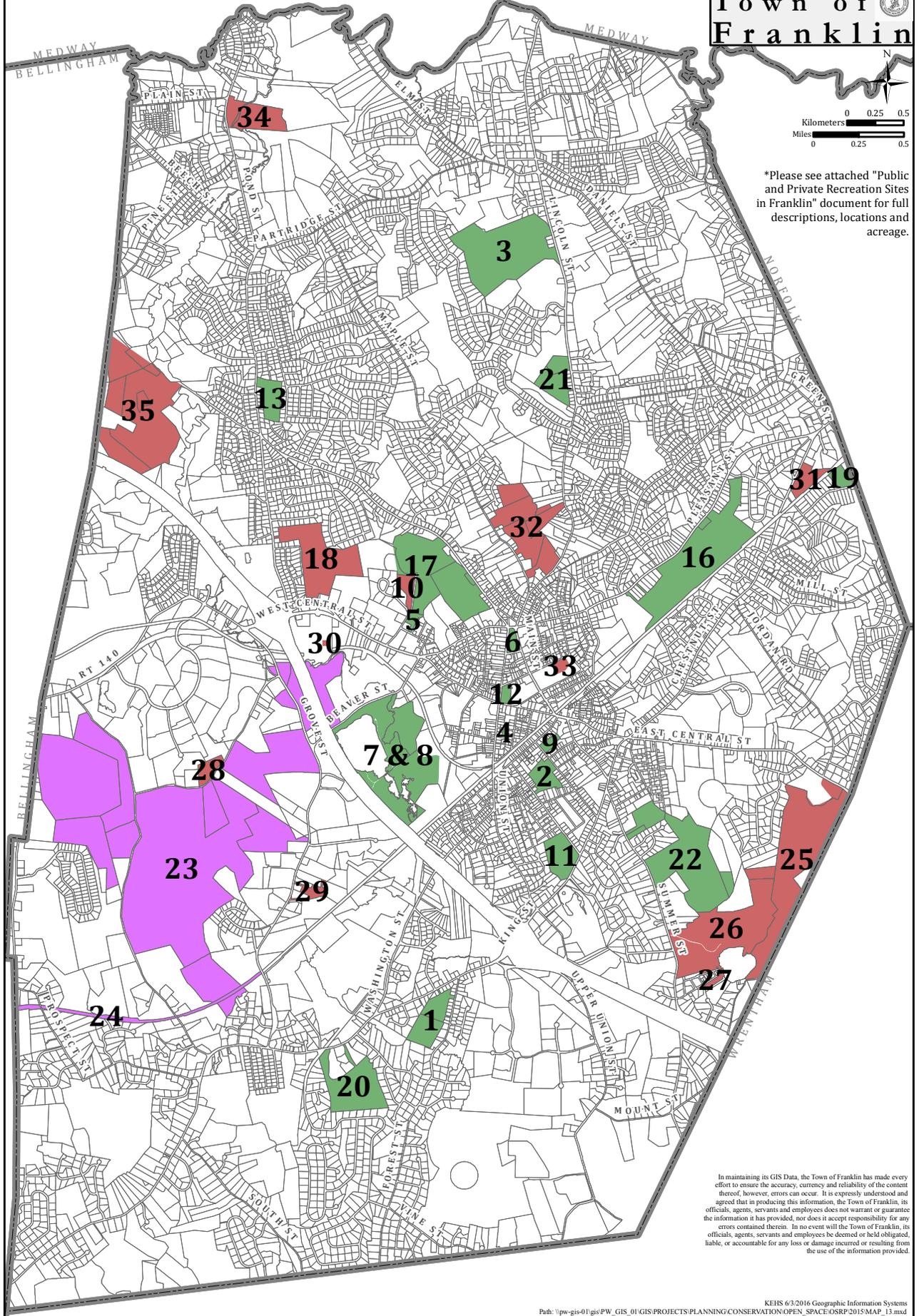
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OPEN SPACE RECREATION FACILITIES within THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN

- Town Owned Recreation Area*
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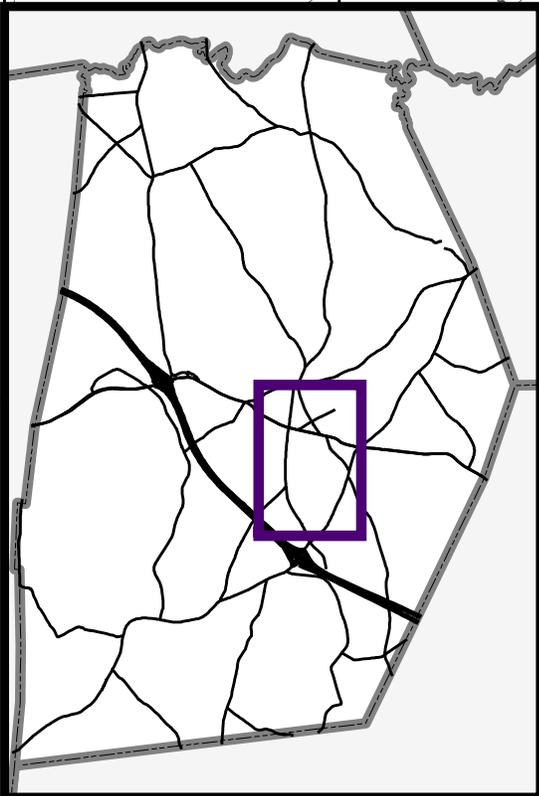
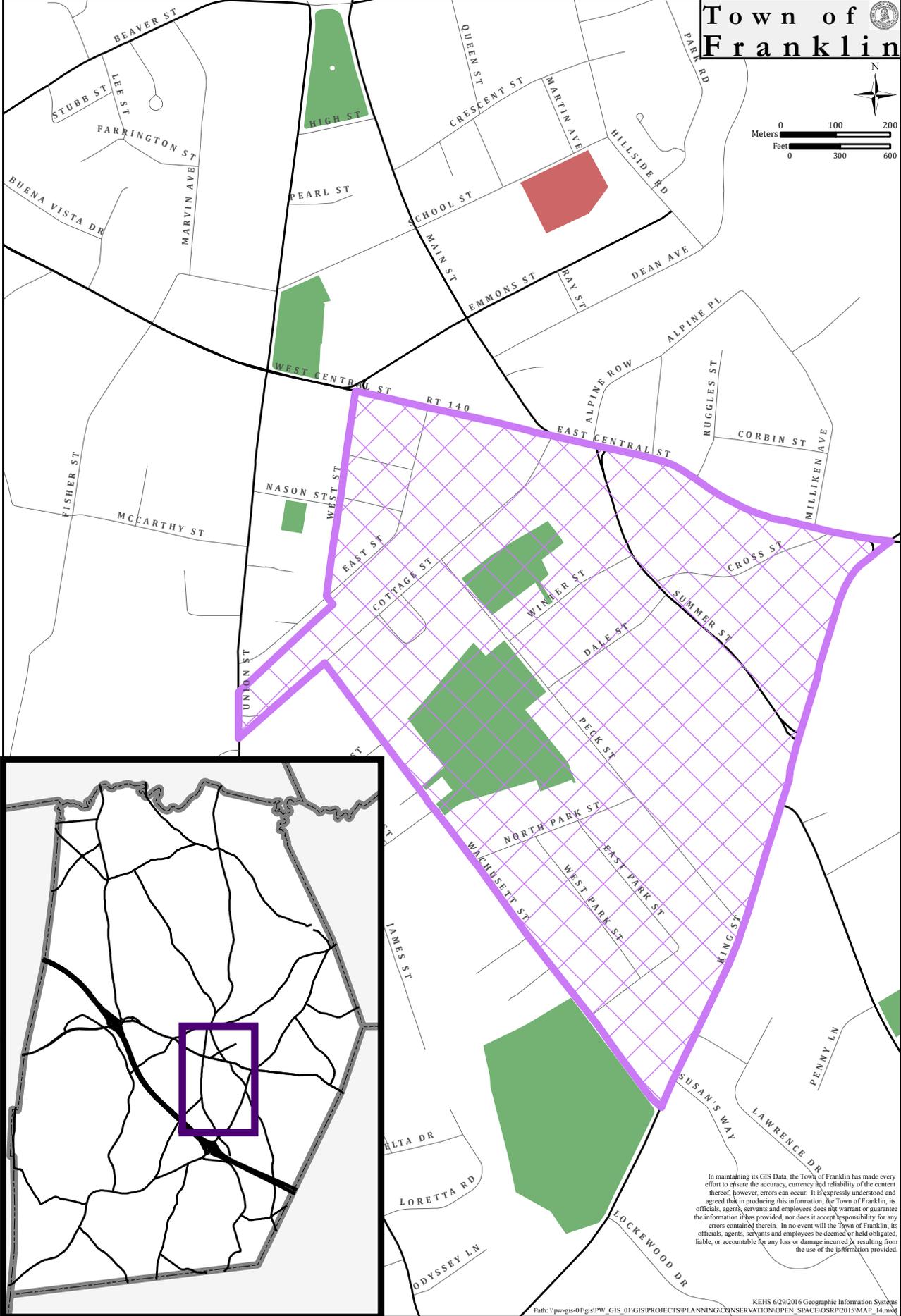
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OPEN SPACE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AREAS

-  Environmental Justics Area
-  Town Owned Recreation Area
-  Private/Other Recreation Area

 Municipal Boundary

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SECTION 6: COMMUNITY VISION

6.A. Description of Process

Input from Town officials, community groups and Franklin's residents was a critical component of this Open Space and Recreation Plan. Several methods were used as part of the Town of Franklin's 2016 Open Space and Recreation Planning Study. The Franklin Conservation Commission agreed to be the lead agency in the Plan update and in conjunction with the Department of Planning and Community Development created a Citizens' Participation Questionnaire. The questionnaire was conducted in order to understand the desires, needs, and concerns of the residents of Franklin in the area of open space preservation and recreation. In October 2015, the questionnaire was made available on the Town's website and at Town Hall, the Recreation Department and the Town's library. The initial, comprehensive questionnaire was done by distributing the questionnaire in public places such as the Town's library, Town Hall and Senior Center; this questionnaire generated 76 responses. The initial questionnaire did not generate enough responses, so, a second shorter questionnaire online was added which resulted in 606 responses. Results from the 682 questionnaires were combined and the results have been entered into a database and analyzed by the DPCD development staff. A copy of the Questionnaire, survey results and summary are provided in Appendix A.

The Conservation Commission also used data collected from two Public Hearings that were held in December 2015. Residents were asked to present their opinions, desires, and needs regarding open space and recreation opportunities and also to take part in activities that would help the Commission form goals and objectives for the 2016 Open Space and Recreation Plan. Information was also gathered from meetings and communications with several community groups and Town Departments. Public Comments are outlined in Appendix D.

Attention was given to the goals of the 2008 Open Space Plan as well as the Town's Master Plan. The goals, objectives, and action items were reviewed to determine which ones had been accomplished, which ones had not, and which ones were no longer germane.

6.B. Statement of Open Space and Recreation Goals

The overall open space and recreation vision for the Town of Franklin was developed through public input and guidance from Town officials and community groups. Achieving the vision includes:

Culture and Recreation—Increase public awareness regarding recreation opportunities, maintain and improve recreation areas and provide new recreation opportunities, and protect historical and cultural resources that help maintain the Town's community character.

Environment—Increase public awareness regarding open space opportunities, preserve, protect, and enhance Town's open space, and protect natural resources.

We envision a Town that meets the needs of its residents by providing a safe and healthy environment in which to enjoy the Town's open space and recreational opportunities. We also hope to maintain the community character that makes Franklin a desirable town to live in and also to visit.

SECTION 7: ANALYSIS OF NEEDS

The Town of Franklin's Open Space and Recreation needs was developed based on input gathered from two public hearings, letters and emails received by Town staff, during meetings with Town personnel and non-profit organizations, and through a citizen participation questionnaire that was completed by many of the Town's residents. In addition, the 2012 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) was reviewed for details related to supply and demand of recreation facilities in the Franklin region. The following are the needs that resulted from the input gathered during the development processes of the 2016 Open Space and Recreation Plan.

7.A. Summary of Resource Protection Need

Franklin's landscape contains many valuable natural resources in need of continued protection. Landscapes such as waterways, watersheds, fields, pastures and forestlands should be Franklin's priority for protection. These areas provide habitats for many varieties of flora and fauna and protect the Town's watershed areas. There are many significant waterways and bodies of water in Franklin that need protection. Waterways include the Charles Rivers and the Mine Brook in addition to several large bodies of water including, Beaver Pond and Uncas Pond. These areas require special attention because they include Franklin's watershed and recharge areas and are also home to priority habitats for endangered species.

While the need to protect aquifer and recharge areas is important, educational and regulatory measures are needed to help preserve the Town's natural resources and to encourage conservation not only for resource protection of land for wildlife habitat but also to prevent over growth. The community, through the citizen survey and public hearings identified protection of these important resources as priorities.

7.B. Summary of Community's Needs

Discussions with public and private landowners, public hearings and a citizen survey provided the basis for the formulation of goals and objectives for the 2016 Open Space and Recreation Plan. It is clear that Franklin's residents want continued protection of the Town's natural resources and desire the implementation of growth management techniques to maintain Franklin's New England character.

According to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) the Southeastern Region of Massachusetts desired an increase in golf courses, neighborhood parks, playgrounds and tot lots, agricultural lands and rivers and streams. This need differs slightly from that of Franklin Residents who are overall satisfied with the number of playgrounds in Town. However, rivers and streams, specifically access to, were a concern of Franklin Residents just as it was a concern to Southeastern Massachusetts residents. SCORP also indicated that Southeastern Massachusetts like residents of Franklin were in favor of maintaining existing facilities and restoring existing facilities rather than building new.

Education was a key concept that was discussed by residents in the citizen survey as well as at the public hearings. The community felt there was a need to educate citizens

not only about the need for protection of natural resources but also the location of habitats within the community. Many felt educating residents about the Community Preservation Fund and how it can help achieve the goals and objectives of the 2016 OSRP was a key factor in promoting implementation of growth management regulations and preservation of Franklin's natural resources. In addition, residents wanted to see a greater availability of materials that described open space, conservation and recreation areas in Franklin and the uses allowed at the areas. Specifically the survey resulted in the following expression of needs:

- Splash Pool / Town Pool – Y and Adirondack too expensive for some people to join, looking for a public place to swim
- Youth Center for teens to go after school. Looking for a central area for a place that is safe and provides activities for the youth/teen age groups – not enough program offered by the Recreation Department for this age group
- More public Basketball courts inside and outside
- Restroom facilities at all athletics fields – currently only Beaver Street and King Street Memorial Park have permanent restrooms. All athletic fields use port-a-restrooms
- Beaver Street Turf Field – many indicated the field needs replacing and more parking needed during Flag Football season
- Residents also mentioned more sidewalks, walking and bike trails all around town, especially close to the playgrounds

Results of the Citizen Participation Questionnaire were very helpful in identifying what Franklin residents believe to be the Town's biggest recreation and open space needs. When asked what recreation and open space facilities the Town needed most, Bike Trails, Conservation Areas, and Hiking Trails were the three most popular responses. The survey data shows there appears to be a desire for additional passive recreation facilities. Franklin residents' desire for improvement and expansion of passive recreation activities and facilities is consistent with regional and national trends.

Analysis of survey data show that a respondent's opinion of which facilities the Town needs may be directly related to the age of individuals in their households. For example: the most popular activities from respondents with individuals 60 years and over in their households were visiting state parks and swimming. For those households with residents less than 18 years, the next three most popular activities involved a ball field, playground and swimming.

A complete breakdown of the survey results can be found in Appendix A.

7.C. Management Needs, Potential Change of Use

Currently, the Department of Public Works is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of all town parks, recreation areas and School grounds. The Recreation Department is responsible for scheduling the use of the Town of Franklin athletic fields and facilities. Recreation Department Director, Ryan Jette indicated that it is a difficult

challenge to maintain all the open space and recreation areas in Town and there is not adequate staffing for the upkeep.

The Conservation Department maintains a list of open space and conservation sites in Franklin. The current level of staffing for the management and maintenance of open space is not satisfactory; there is insufficient staff and resources to complete routine property inspections and maintenance. Issues such as hiring a forester to oversee the cutting of the Town Forest have proven challenging for the Conservation Commission due to a lack of funding.

If the Town continues to obtain additional open space and recreation areas, there will likely be issues providing sufficient upkeep due to a lack of funds and staffing available.

SECTION 8: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives for Franklin's 2016 Open Space and Recreation Plan were created through an extensive public input process, a careful assessment of Town residents' needs, input from recreation and other town departments and much hard work.

Survey results were analyzed, providing the Conservation Commission with specific opinions on issues such as availability, accessibility and condition of passive and active recreation areas and open space. In addition, information gathered from the survey as well as the public hearings helped the Commission formulate goals and objectives that incorporated the public's desire for bike trails, a youth center, hiking trails and a swimming pool in Franklin.

Town personnel and non-profit organizations informed the Conservation Commission of areas in Town that may be lacking in ADA accessibility, i.e., recreation areas and some conservation areas in Town. The Commission used this information to develop goals to further assess open space and recreation areas in Franklin and make them more accessible. Various individuals provided information to the Commission regarding the need for further protection of current open space as well as the need to obtain land for future protection.

All the information gathered from the various sources discussed above was assessed and used to formulate the Town's goals and objectives through a series of public meetings. The goals and objectives, shown below, are meant to be cohesive and complementary of each other and created to address the desires, needs and concerns of the residents of the Town of Franklin regarding open space and recreation.

The goals and objectives of this Plan are not designed to operate in a vacuum, but rather to be pursued in conjunction with the goals and objectives of other land use documents especially the Town's 2013 Master Plan. Where the goals and objectives of the two plans are the same, or very similar, there is a note indicating this in the Goals and Objectives below

Goal 6 in the 2013 Master Plan was to "Continue to implement the Goals, Objectives and Action Items of the Town of Franklin 2008 Open Space and Recreation Plan." Some of the goals listed in the Master Plan that were in the 2008 Open space and Recreation Plan, have been completed and are noted in section 1 of this Plan.

The following goals and objectives are identified to improve the quality of life for residents at neighborhood, town and regional level:

GOAL 1: Increase public awareness of open space and recreation opportunities in Franklin. (Also listed as objective 4.1d in the 2013 Master Plan.)

Objective 1.1: Install signage at those open space and recreation areas that have not yet been addressed, including but not limited to signage identifying unique flora and fauna, both native and invasive, walking/hiking trails, bike paths and bike lanes.

Objective 1.2: Create educational and/or outdoor programs to educate citizens about the environment and natural habitats in Franklin. (Also listed as objective 4.2a in the 2013 Master Plan.)

Objective 1.3: Assist schools and other organizations with environmental science, conservation and sustainability education.

Objective 1.4: Encourage volunteer efforts to steward natural resources and sponsor town events to promote appreciation, awareness and utilization of open space to foster a community sense of identification with the land and resources.

GOAL 2: Preserve and enhance existing Town open space resources. (Also listed as objective 1.3 in the 2013 Master Plan.)

Objective 2.1: Provide access to open space and conservation areas throughout town for residents of all ages and levels of ability.

Objective 2.2: Create a plan for prioritization and acquisition of Chapter 61, 61A, and 61B properties.

Objective 2.3: Prioritize land owned by the Town and managed by the Conservation Commission for development and approval of conservation restrictions to ensure the land will be permanently protected.

Objective 2.4: Increase permanent funding to preserve, maintain and increase open space resources.

GOAL 3: Maximize recreational opportunities to meet the community's evolving needs by maintaining current inventory of facilities and programs and by providing new facilities and programs for both active and passive recreation.

Objective 3.1: Maintain and improve current recreation areas and provide new recreation opportunities for residents of all ages and levels of ability.

Objective 3.2: Increase usage of existing recreational space and modify existing recreational space as the needs of the Town require and evolve.

Objective 3.3: Develop access points for proponents of canoes, kayaks and boats to utilize the Charles River and Mine Brook and work with the Charles River Meadowlands to interconnect these access points.

Objective 3.4: Increase connectivity to and between Franklin's recreation areas, conservation areas, and open space including safe walking and bicycle linkages.

Objective 3.5: Work with DCR and others to continue to increase access to and improvements of the SNETT and State Forest Trail.

Objective 3.6: Seek out a site and develop a youth center to provide a meeting place for teens to congregate and participate in indoor sports, gaming and conversation.

GOAL 4: Protect natural, historical and cultural resources and maintain Franklin's New England character. (Also listed as Goal 3, and objective 3.1 in the 2013 Water Plan.)

Objective 4.1: Preserve natural resources for the protection of priority habitats so as to enhance biodiversity which will help sustain native plant and wildlife species and improve the quality and health of natural infrastructure.

Objective 4.2: Seek Adoption of Community Preservation Act.

Objective 4.3: Implement growth management techniques that will help to preserve the Town's natural, historic and cultural resources

GOAL 5: Preserve and Protect the Town's Water Resources.

Objective 5.1: Prioritize water bodies in Town for ecological studies to determine overall health of the water body and long term management strategies and programs.

Objective 5.2: Implement recommendations in DelCarte Ecological Study.

Objective 5.3: Minimize the use of pesticides and salt to maintain the health of the Town's surface and ground water resource areas.

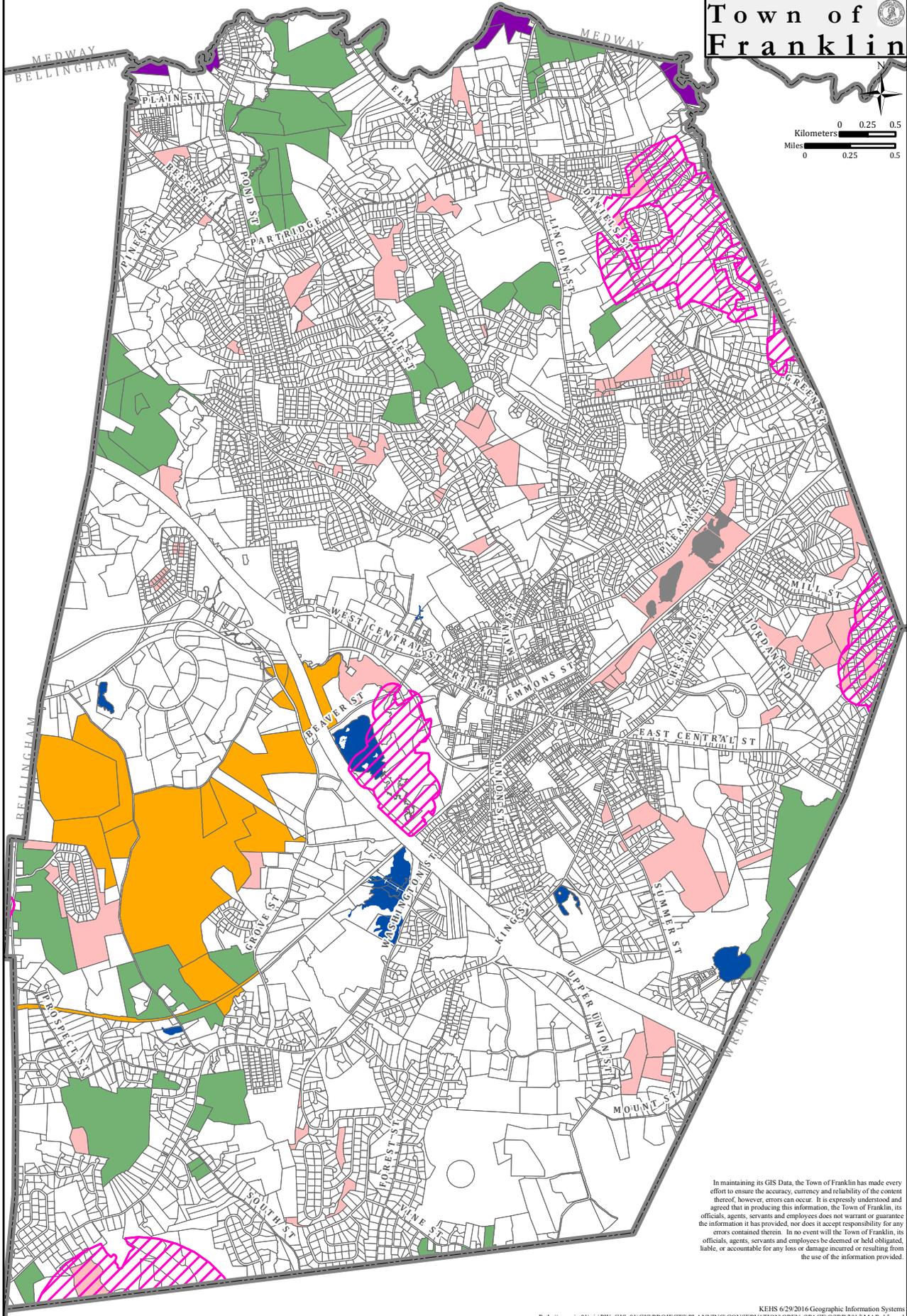
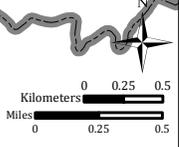
OPEN SPACE OBJECTIVES

- Objective 2.2
- Objective 2.3
- Objective 3.3
- Objective 3.5

- ▨ Objective 4.1
- Objective 5.1
- Objective 5.2

-  Parcel Line
-  Municipal Boundary

Town of Franklin



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SECTION 9: 7-YEAR ACTION PLAN

The Goals and Objectives are not listed in a descending priority order, but were listed to allow continuity with the 2008 OSRP; e.g. Goal 1 is the same in both plans, with new goals and objectives listed “at the end”. The Action plans do have some priority attached however in that the items that are “on-going” are anticipated to be potentially acted upon during the life of the Plan. The items with specific years attached to them will be acted upon in the years indicated and thus an item with an anticipated completion in the first year of the plan is of a higher priority than one from the last year of the plan.

FRD Franklin Recreation Department
 DPCD: Franklin Department of Planning and Community Development
 DPW: Franklin Department of Public Works
 DCR: Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
 FBRTC: Franklin Bellingham Rail Trail Committee
 CC: Franklin Conservation Commission
 FSD Franklin School Department

GOAL 1: Increase public awareness of open space and recreation opportunities in Franklin.

Objective 1.1: Install signage at those open space and recreation areas that have not yet been addressed, including but not limited to signage identifying unique flora and fauna, both native and invasive, walking/hiking trails, bike paths and bike lanes.		
ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE
1.1a Identify open space and recreation areas where signage is needed. Determine verbiage, design & materials for each sign (wooden plaque, metal, plastic) and placement for each designated open space & recreation area Approve signs Create signs- Funding: General Fund/ Gift Account Install signs- Funding: General Fund/Gift Account	CC Franklin Design Review Committee DPCD; Contract private sign-maker make signs. DPW, CC, DPCD; Contractor.	On-going On-going On-going On-going
Objective 1.2: Create educational and/or outdoor programs to educate citizens about the environment and natural habitats in Franklin		
ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE
1.2a Complete flora and fauna inventory of recreation areas in town, and examine history of the areas development and create program based on this information.	DPCD,FRD, CC	2016-2017
Objective 1.3: Assist schools and other organizations with environmental science, conservation and sustainability education.		
ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE
1.3a Compile list of open space habitats, and classifying the areas (i.e. wetlands, elm bank, etc.) that would provide good educational opportunities.	CC in conjunction with DPCD	2016-2017
1.3b Find a knowledgeable instructor to develop an overview description summary of each type of habitat example. Funding: Conservation Fund	Science instructor in FSD; knowledgeable Franklin resident, consultant	On-going

1.3c	Set up Wilderness class through Lifelong Learning,FRD.	DPCD, FSD, FSD	On-going
1.3d	Apply for grant money to develop environmental/natural habitat educational program.	DPCD, FSD	On-going
1.3e	Develop environmental/natural habitat educational program for citizens; include community garden, food grown locally.	FSD, FRD	On-going
1.3f	Schedule educational programs – monthly, quarterly.	FSD,FRD	On-going
Objective 1.4: Encourage volunteer efforts to steward natural resources and sponsor town events to promote appreciation, awareness and utilization of open space to foster a community sense of identification with the land and resources.			
ACTIONS		RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE
1.4a	Formalize partnerships with local public schools to secure student interns for general help and outreach coordination	FSD, CC,FRD	On-going
1.4b	Develop a volunteer program to undertake activities such as coordinated clean-ups and reporting the condition of trails and walks in open space areas.	CC,FRD	On-going

GOAL 2: Preserve and enhance existing Town open space resources.

Objective 2.1: Provide access to open space and conservation areas throughout town for residents of all ages and levels of ability.			
ACTIONS		RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE
2.1a	Prioritize list of non-compliant land.	CC	On-going
2.1b	Prepare a parking study assessing existing parking capacity at open space and recreation areas throughout the town.	FRD, Building Department	2017-2018
2.1c	Plan and design access improvements at priority properties. Construct handicap accessibility at conservation and open space areas that are not ADA compliant. Funding: Conservation Fund	CC Town Contractor	On-going 2018
Objective 2.2: Create a plan for prioritization and acquisition of Chapter 61, 61A, and 61B properties.			
ACTIONS		RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE
2.2a	Catalog, evaluate, and prioritize Chapter 61, 61A, and 61B lands in order of priority for acquisition by Town for preservation	CC; DPCD	On-going
2.2b	Contact and work with relevant organizations regarding acquisition of available Chapter 61 properties.	CC; DPCD	On-going
2.2c	Contact owners of Chapter 61, 61A and 61B properties to ascertain future plans for properties.	CC; DPCD	On-going
2.2d	Purchase priority Chapter 61, 61A and 61B properties	CC; DPCD; Metacomet Land Trust	On-going

2.2e	Increase the Open Space Fund to at least 2 million dollars to ensure money is available for the purchase of priority open space properties.	Town Council	On-going
Objective 2.3: Prioritize land owned by the Town and managed by the Conservation Commission for development and approval of conservation restrictions to ensure the land will be permanently protected.			
ACTIONS		RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE
2.3a	Create a list of significant land parcels that may be lost as open space if not permanently protected	CC; DPCD	On-going
2.3b	Establish procedures and guidelines to use to prioritize protection of significant land parcels.	DPCD; CC	2016-2017
2.3c	Transfer Town owned tax title and unresolved parcels to CC for designation as conservation lands and permanent protection	Town Administration, DPCD, CC	On-going
Objective 2.4: Increase permanent funding to preserve, maintain and increase open space resources.			
ACTIONS		RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE
2.3a	Investigate grant funding	CC; DPCD	On-going
2.3b	Evaluate local fee and tax structures to create a permanent revenue stream	Town Administration	On-going

GOAL 3: Maximize recreational opportunities to meet the community's evolving needs by maintaining current inventory of facilities and programs and by providing new facilities and programs for both active and passive recreation.

Objective 3.1: Maintain and improve current recreation areas and provide new recreation opportunities for residents of all ages and levels of ability.			
ACTIONS		RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE
3.1a	Increase handicap accessibility at recreation areas that are currently not handicap accessible or ADA compliant	ADA Commission CC,FRD	On-going
3.1b	Provide recycling receptacles at all recreation areas to encourage green initiatives.	DPW;FRD	On-going
3.1c	Developed new acquired open space at 864 Lincoln Street for access to Charles River	DPW;FRD	2017
Objective 3.2: Increase usage of existing recreational space and modify existing recreational space as the needs of the Town require and evolve.			
ACTIONS		RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE
3.2a	Create shaded areas at existing playgrounds	FRD DPW CC	On-going
	Add flower gardens, fountains, sitting and picnic areas at existing playgrounds	FRD DPW	On-going
3.2b	Create passive recreation area out of a portion of the Town-owned Pond Street Property (former sewer beds), including a portion of its wooded area along Pond Street.	DPCD, CC, DPW,	2016-2017
3.2c	Construct bathroom and concession facilities at Dacey Field Recreation Area.	DPW,FRD	2018-2019
Objective 3.3: Develop access points for canoes, kayaks and boats to utilize the Charles River and Mine Brook and work with proponents of the Charles River Meadowlands to interconnect these access points.			

ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE
3.3a Post signage along roads where waterways can be accessed.	Franklin Design Review Committee, DPW CC	On-going
3.3b Develop canoe and boat launches along the Charles River in the northern portion of the Town	FRD DPW, CC	On-going
3.3c Coordinate with the Towns of Bellingham & Medway for access improvements to the Charles River Meadowlands including but not limited to signage, purchase and development of parking areas, trail development and low impact site amenities.	DPCD, CC, Charles River Watershed Association	On-going
Objective 3.4: Increase connectivity to and between Franklin's recreation areas, conservation areas, and open space including safe walking and bicycle linkages		
ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE
3.4a Identify major roadways, recreation and conservation areas where bike lanes would be appropriate.	DPCD; FRD	On-going
3.4b Construct bike lanes at major roadways, recreation and conservation areas.	DPCD; DPW	On-going
3.4c Host fundraising events at recreation areas to provide area residents a chance to socialize and improve the recreation area closest to their neighborhood.	CC FRD	On-going
3.4d Assess properties to determine suitability for future conservation land or additional recreation area.	CC, DPCD, CC	On-going
3.4e Prioritize lands that have been determined as suitable for future use as conservation land or additional recreation land.	CC, DPCD, CC	On-going
3.4f Acquire land adjacent to existing recreation areas that may be suitable for future conservation land or additional recreational area.	Town Council; CC; DPCD;FRD	On-going
3.4g Inventory town sidewalks for area when they are needed for connectivity with open space and recreational facilities especially between the Beaver Pond Recreation Area and the State Forest	DPW	On-going
3.4h Investigate opportunities to purchase railroad Rights-of-Way as they become available	Town Administration	On-going
3.4i Utilize the Spring Street Right of Way to create a walking/bike trail between Rt. 140 and the SNETT	DPW	On-going
3.4j Increase access a=to the town property along Mine Brook on Grove Steet	DPW	On-going
Objective 3.5: Work with DCR and others to continue to increase access to and implement improvements of the SNETT and State Forest Trail system .		
ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE
3.5a Limit/restrict use of motorbikes.	Franklin Police, DCR	Ongoing
3.5b Advocate for and obtain resources including public and private funding, materials, and volunteer hours required to plan, design and engineer, and construct the SNETT, Franklin State Forest trails, and related recreational and alternative transportation resources.	CC; FRD; DPW; DPCD, FBRTC	Ongoing
3.5c Advocate for and obtain support for the SNETT from Town residents, agencies and officials, community organizations, State and Federal agencies, and	FBRTC, DPCD. DCR	Ongoing

	others to assure incremental development of the SNETT and related recreational resources.		
3.5d	Develop a phased approach to plan, design and engineer, permit and construct the SNETT, Franklin State Forest trails, and related recreational and alternative transportation resources.	DCR, DPCD, CC	Ongoing
3.5e	Prepare preliminary cross section of trail, and other presentation materials for marketing and information purposes.	FBRTC, DPCD, DCR	Ongoing
3.5f	Design and install safety and informational signage and additional safety elements at crossing on Grove Street near entrance to SNETT.	DPW	2017
3.5g	Develop plans for Phase I improvements, including creating a smooth gravel/stone dust path within SNETT right of way and on adjacent Franklin State Forest trails, and install bollards and or gates, and signage.	DCRE, FBRTC	2017-2018
3.5h	Identify points of historical interest along SNETT and adjacent trails (e.g., Wadsworth Farm, Wadsworth diaries), and create and install signage and interpretive markers and displays to highlight.	FBRTC, DCR	2017-2018
3.5i	Plan and implement on-road and off-road bike route(s) to connect SNETT with the Upper Charles Rail Trail and other regional and local trails.	CC, DPW, PD, DPCD	Ongoing
3.5j	Develop preliminary plans for the acquisition and use of adjacent properties in order to expand the regional trail network and connect the SNETT to downtown Franklin. These properties include, but are not limited to the CSXT property between the Downtown area and the entrance to the SNETT at Grove Street.	DPCD, FBRTC	Ongoing
3.5.j	Advocate funding approval for Prospect Street Tunnel included in Environmental Bond Bill 4375	DCR, FBRTC, DPCD	2016-2017
3.5	Develop and implement plans to install interpretative and wayfaring signage for the SNETT	DCR, FBRTC, DPCD	2016-2017
Objective 3.6: Seek out a site and develop a youth center to provide a meeting place for teens to congregate and participate in indoor sports, gaming and conversation. .			
ACTIONS		RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE
3.5a	Determine ways to raise alternative funds to utilize for the development and operational functions for a youth center.	FRD	On-going
3.5b	Develop indoor programs for youth and teens to be implemented at the youth center	FRD	On-going

GOAL 4: Protect natural, historical, and cultural resources and maintain Franklin's New England character.

Objective 4.1: Preserve natural resources for the protection of priority habitats so as to enhance biodiversity which will help sustain native plant and wildlife species and improve the quality and health of natural infrastructure.			
ACTIONS		RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE
4.1a	Work with the Division of Wildlife and Fisheries regarding priority habitats in Franklin.	CC	On-going

4.1b	Plan list of actions needed to protect priority/unique habitat areas in Franklin.	CC, DCR	On-going
	Implement actions needed to protect priority/unique habitat, including installing barriers/fences if warranted.	CC, DCR	On-going

Objective 4.2: Seek Adoption of Community Preservation Act			
ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE	
4.2a	Educate community regarding Community Preservation Act (CPA) via public meetings, press releases, CPA related fact sheets, public access station, and the Town's website.	Town Administration	On-going
4.2b	Work to have CPA on Town ballot.	Town Administration	On-going

Objective 4.3: Implement growth management techniques that will help to preserve the Town's natural, historic and cultural resources.			
ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE	
4.3a	Update zoning regulations to incorporate growth management techniques into the town bylaws.	DPCD	On-going
4.3b	Incorporate the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Smart Growth/Smart Energy and Sustainable Development Principles as part of Franklin's Best Development Practices.	DPCD, all Town entities	On-going
4.3c	Promote mixed-use development in commercial and Downtown areas to ensure best use of properties.	DPCD	On-going
4.3d	Revise and adopt the Franklin Best Practices Manual	DPCD, Planning Board, CC	2016-12017

GOAL 5: Preserve and Protect the Town's Water Resources.

Objective 5.1: Prioritize water bodies in Town for ecological studies to determine overall health of the water body and long term management strategies and programs.			
ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE	
5.1a	Identify water bodies and secure owner's permission for study	CC	2017
5.2b	Secure capital funding	Town Administration	2016-2019
5.2c	Develop and solicit RFQ/RFP for necessary work	CC	2017
5.3d	Conduct studies	CC	2017-2019
Objective 5.2: Implement recommendations in DelCarte Ecological Study.			
ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE	
5.2a	Secure capital funding	Town Administration	2016-2019
5.2b	Develop and solicit RFQ/RFP for necessary work	CC	2017
5.2c	Obtain necessary permits	CC	2017
5.3d.	Implement permitted activities	CC	2017-2019
Objective 5.3: Minimize the use of pesticides and salt to maintain the health of the Town's surface and ground water resource areas.			

ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	SCHEDULE
5.3a Work with land use boards and commissions to promote the use of salt alternatives on paved areas	DPCD	On-going
5.3b Work with land use boards and commissions to decrease the use of pesticides within private developments	DPCD	On-going

SECTION 10: PUBLIC COMMENTS

While developing Franklin's 2016 OSRP, the Conservation Commission received comments in a wide variety of ways. For the purposes of this Section, comments are divided into two categories:

1. Public comments regarding the Draft OSRP; and
2. Required review letters.

1. Public Comment on Draft Plan

The Draft OSRP was distributed during the week of May 12, 2016. A public comment period officially began on May 17, 2016 through June 17, 2016. In order to obtain input on the draft plan, the Conservation Commission held a Public Hearing on May 26, 2016 at the regularly scheduled Conservation Commission meeting. The following comments were received as a result of the Public Hearing Comment Period and can be found in Appendix D:

- "The open space report is much too detailed to read, would it be possible to put in an executive summary".

2. Required Review Letters

The Conservation Commission has requested required review letters from the Franklin Town Council, Franklin Planning Board and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

Letters of review are included:

- *Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Melissa Cryan, Grants Manager.*
- *Conservation Commission, William Batchelor, Chairman.*
- *Franklin Town Council, Town Resolution 16-51, Town Council Endorsement of the 2016 Open Space and Recreation Plan.*
- *Planning Board, Anthony Padula, Chairman.*
- *Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Marc Draisen, Executive Director.(draft letter only)*



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May 24, 2016

George Russell
Conservation Commission
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Re: Open Space and Recreation Plan

Dear Mr. Russell:

Thank you for submitting the draft Open Space and Recreation Plan for Franklin to this office for review and compliance with the current Open Space and Recreation Plan Requirements. This plan has been conditionally approved through May 2023. Conditional approval will allow the town to participate in DCS grant rounds through May 2023, and a grant award may be offered to the town. However, no final grant payments will be made until the plan is completed.

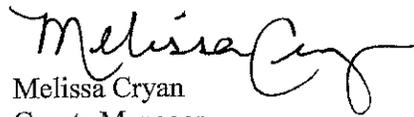
1. Introduction – the Planning Process and Public Participation section should discuss how the public meetings and surveys were advertised. Also, the Enhanced Outreach in Environmental Justice neighborhoods section was missing. Please add it.
2. History of the Community – more information in the history of the 20th century should be added.
3. Population Characteristics – information on the town's Environmental Justice populations must be added, as well as a section on the town's industries.
4. Growth and Development Patterns – the Transportation Systems section must include a section on non-vehicular transportation, such as walking and cycling.
5. Geology, Soils, and Topography – this section is missing a discussion on the effect of these items on development and recreation.
6. Water Resources – a section on flood hazard areas, as well as information on where the town's wetlands are located, is missing.
7. Vegetation – a discussion of the town's public shade trees is required.
8. Fisheries and Wildlife – any wildlife corridors must be included here.
9. Environmental Challenges – please include information on landfills, erosion, sedimentation, forestry issues, and environmental equity issues. Environmental equity involves looking at the distribution of open spaces in the community and identifying any areas that are lacking in them.
10. Section 5 – a definition of the word "protected" should be added to the beginning of this section. Appendix B that lists all the town-owned conservation and recreation land must have the management agency column filled in, the condition column filled in, the recreation

potential column filled in, the type of grant (if any) received to renovate or purchase the property filled in, a column on public access, and the degree of protection column filled in. You should also have the column headers of this section repeated on each page. Any APRs in the town should be listed.

11. Analysis of Needs – did you use the 2012 SCORP in the Community’s Needs section? If you didn’t, it can be found online at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/eea/dcs/scorp-2012-final.pdf>.
12. Seven-Year Action Plan – the goals and objectives should be listed in some sort of priority order. The funding source should have its own separate column.
13. Letters of Review – letters from the chief municipal office, regional planning agency, and planning board are needed.
14. ADA – the ADA section is missing two of the required sections. Also, a facility inventory form must be completed for all town-owned conservation properties as well. Information on this section can be found in Appendix G of the Open Space and Recreation Planner’s Workbook online at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/eea/dcs/osrp-workbook08.pdf>.
15. Maps – the Environmental Justice map is missing. Please include it.

Please contact me at (617) 626-1171 or melissa.cryan@state.ma.us if you have any questions or concerns, and I look forward to reviewing your final plan.

Sincerely,



Melissa Cryan
Grants Manager

Town of Franklin

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Conservation Commission

355 East Central Street • Franklin, Massachusetts 02038-1352

July 26, 2016

Ms. Melissa Cryan,
Grants Manager
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street
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Boston, MA 02114

Dear Ms. Cryan:

At their July 21, 2106 meeting, the Franklin Conservation Commission voted unanimously to approve the 2016 Franklin Open Space Plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

William Batchelor,
Chairman, Franklin Conservation Commission



SPONSOR: Department of Planning & Community Development

TOWN OF FRANKLIN

RESOLUTION: 16-51

ENDORSEMENT OF 2016 OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Franklin's Open Space and Recreation Plan needs to be updated regularly in order to qualify for certain State and Federal grant programs; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Conservation Commission, with assistance from Town staff, has conducted a formal open space and recreation planning process and prepared an update to the Town's 2008 Open Space and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Draft 2016 Open Space and Recreation Plan was conditionally approved by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Division of Conservation Services, and has been edited based on comments received from the State, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Conservation Commission members, Franklin residents and others; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the 2016 Open Space and Recreation Plan were developed based on substantial public input and reflect the priorities of the Town's residents; and

WHEREAS, the Final 2016 Open Space and Recreation Plan must have formal letters of review and/or endorsement included for it to be sent to the State for final approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of the Town of Franklin hereby endorses the Town of Franklin's "2016 Open Space and Recreation Plan" and authorizes the submission of the Plan to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Division of Conservation Services.

This Resolution shall become effective according to the rules and regulations of the Town of Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: August 10, 2016

VOTED: Passed
UNANIMOUS _____
YES: 8 NO: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

A True Record Attest:

Teresa M. Burr
Town Clerk

Judith Pond Pfeffer, Clerk
Franklin Town Council



SMART GROWTH AND REGIONAL COLLABORATION

July 5, 2016

George Russell, AICP
Conservation Agent
Municipal Building
355 E. Central Street
Franklin, MA 02038

Dear Mr. Russell:

Thank you for submitting the "Town of Franklin 2016 Open Space and Recreation Plan" to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) for review.

The Division of Conservation Services (DCS) requires that all open space plans must be submitted to the regional planning agency for review. This review is advisory and only DCS has the power to approve a municipal open space plan. While DCS reviews open space plans for compliance with their guidelines, MAPC reviews these plans for their attention to regional issues generally and more specifically for consistency with *MetroFuture*, the regional policy plan for the Boston metropolitan area.

Consistency with *MetroFuture* - *MetroFuture* is the official regional plan for Greater Boston, adopted consistently with the requirements of Massachusetts General Law. The plan includes goals and objectives as well as 13 detailed implementation strategies for accomplishing these goals. We encourage all communities to become familiar with the plan by visiting the web site at <http://www.mapc.org/metrofuture> and scrolling down to the PDF of the implementation strategies. MAPC asks that the plan highlight the goals, objectives and actions that are consistent with those of *MetroFuture*.

Although the Franklin Open Space and Recreation Plan addresses a number of issues that indicate consistency with *MetroFuture*, it does not specifically reference the document. We encourage communities to include a brief paragraph about *MetroFuture* in Section 3 under Regional Context. Ideally this paragraph should explain ways in which the Franklin Open Space and Recreation Plan will help to advance some of the goals and implementation strategies that relate specifically to open space, recreation, transportation (bicycle), and the environment generally.

Surrounding communities - The plan does acknowledge the Town's efforts to collaborate with other communities in the SouthWest Advisory Planning Committee (SWAP) subregion of MAPC (although it is misnamed in the plan). It also addresses the importance of the SNETT trail and the protected open space along the Charles River in Franklin and their significance as regional resources. Several action plan items further address regional collaboration and coordination.

However, the plan does not refer to other regional planning efforts such as the *495/MetroWest Development Concept Plan* (see <http://www.mass.gov/hed/economic/eohed/pro/planning/metrowest/495metrowestdevelopmentcompactplan.pdf>) and the identified Priority Development Areas as well as the Priority Preservation Areas. The Town is encouraged to include relevant information from this document in its plan.

Community Preservation Act - Adoption of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) is a key strategy recommended by *MetroFuture*. We note that Franklin has not adopted the CPA but we are encouraged to see that Objective 4.2 is "Seek Adoption of Community Preservation Act".

Reforms to the program were passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in 2012 (changes made since the previous attempt to adopt the CPA in Franklin). These reforms include broadened eligibility of recreational facilities, the option to exempt up to the first \$100,000 of commercial property value from the CPA surcharge, and the ability to use additional municipal revenue to qualify for state matching funds. Additionally, distributions to municipalities from the statewide CPA Trust Fund were almost \$55 million in the fall of 2013; \$36 million in the fall of 2014; and \$36 million in the fall of 2015. The current state CPA match is approximately 30%. More detailed information on all of these changes can be found at <http://www.communitypreservation.org> or by contacting MAPC's Government Affairs staff.

The Franklin Open Space and Recreation Plan should serve the Town well as it continues its efforts to preserve open space and provide for the recreational needs of its residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this plan.

Sincerely,

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Re: Open Space and Recreation Plan

Dear Mrs. Burr:

Please be advised that at its meeting on July 26, 2016 the Planning Board, upon motion duly made and seconded, voted (5-0-0) to *recommend* the adoption of the 2016 Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Sincerely,

Anthony Padula ^{kl}

Anthony Padula,
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Add a Message

The open space report is much too detailed to read, would it be possible to put out an executive summary.

Most Franklin residents know a lot of the boilerplate (as an example the transportation section, the government section, etc.

I am interested in the topic but don't want to read 180 pages

thanks

From:  **Jamie Hellen**
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To:  **pfpeakmedia@gmail.com**
Cc:  **George Russell**

Friday, May 20, 2016 9:09:34 AM 

Hi Peter:

Thank you for your questions and suggestions on the Open Space Plan. I have copied George Russell, who is leading this effort on behalf of the town.

While it is not titled "Executive Summary", the plan does have a "Plan Summary" which is pretty much the same thing. I'll see if George can change that section to "Executive Summary." I agree that is probably the term many people would look for. The summary is on page 9 of the PDF. Its about 2-3 pages long and gives an overview from 2008 to the board, present goals.

I would then point you to Sections 8 and 9, which is real meat of the proposed plan and strategy moving forward. It shows the Town's strategy and action items over the coming years. You can see a status of those action items, too.

I feel your pain this is a long document and most people will not want to read the whole thing. My suggestion would be to look at the table of contents and cherry pick what are your main interests. Most of the first 6 sections are pretty repetetive. On the other hand, the state also requires us to have this outline to allow the Town to be eligible for future land protection grants and studies. So we kind of have to use this boilerplate whether we like it or not.

Thanks again for your feedback. If you have any other thoughts, please forward them to George at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

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SECTION 12: APPENDIXES

Appendix A: Citizen Survey Results and Summary

Appendix B: Inventory of Lands of Conservation and Recreation Interest

Appendix C: ADA Access Self-Evaluation

Appendix D: Public Hearing- Meeting Materials, Minutes & Attendance Sheet

APPENDIX A

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION QUESTIONNAIRE

As part of the Town of Franklin's 2016 Open Space and Recreation Planning Study, the Conservation Commission and Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) developed two Citizen Participation Questionnaires, a 2 page comprehensive questionnaire and a shorter online questionnaire. The questionnaires were conducted in order to understand the desires, needs and concerns of the residents of Franklin in the areas of open space preservation and recreation. The questionnaire was distributed, completed, and collected in November and December 2015. The initial, comprehensive questionnaire was done by distributing the questionnaire in public places such as the Town's library, Town Hall and Senior Center; this questionnaire generated 76 responses. The initial questionnaire did not generate enough responses, so, a second shorter questionnaire online was added which resulted in 606 responses. Results from the 682 questionnaires were combined, the results have been entered into a database and analyzed by the DPCD development staff. Results of the questionnaires are summarized below.

In summary, Franklin residents like the Town because of the community and the relationships that they have formed with other Franklin residents, the quality school system and the access to Boston, Worcester and Providence, R.I.

The least liked aspect of Franklin was the condition of the downtown area, with specific symptoms mentioned such as traffic congestion, lack of parking and the quality of establishments available. Town Management is well aware of this concern and has begun addressing the issue to the best of their ability. Currently the town is under-going a \$6.25 million dollar roadway project that will result in better access, improved parking and hopefully, increase the number, quality and diversity of the stores and restaurants available. The one aspect that the Town cannot address is the conditions of the buildings. The Town believes that as the ownership of the properties change hands, the new owners will seek to improve the properties by improving or replacing the existing buildings. Belief is that the Town's investment into the roadways and parking will provide motivation.

Beyond the Downtown issue and the related symptoms, the most critical concerns expressed were growth/development and the Town's budget. Most of the responses that stated growth did not specify the type of growth, but those that did, focused on the growing number of residential units. The responses that referenced the budget believed that income was not keeping pace with expenses. Most of the responses did not indicate favoring a revenue increase or expense cuts but those that expressed an opinion mentioned the need for additional revenue. It should be noted that those that mentioned the budget but did not suggest a solution seem to imply additional revenue is needed.

All of the respondent's households participated did some type of recreational activity with utilizing existing bike trails and hiking being the most popular by a significant margin for all age groups. For those with a resident over 60 years of age, the next two most popular activities were visiting state parks and swimming. For those households with residents less than 18 years, the next three most popular activities involved a ball field, playground and swimming.

Less than 75 people responded to what they would do to preserve open space for the Town. Of those that did respond, 96% favored the Town acquiring land if it could be done without raising taxes. If taxes are needed to support the land acquisition, then the support retreated to 68%. Although this group supports land acquisition, they also supported smart development with 88% willing to change zoning bylaws to support smart growth.

QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Question 1. “In which precinct do you live?”

Information obtained from Question 1 is useful in identifying issues or concerns especially important to specific precincts. 622 respondents answered the question.

60 respondents did not answer the question; in the some of these cases Department of Planning and Community Development staff were able to provide accurate precinct information knowing on what street the respondent lives.

A summary of precinct data is provided below in Table A.

Table A: Precincts

Precinct	Questionnaires Returned
1	109
2	55
3	60
4	81
5	68
6	69
7	80
8	100
Unknown	60
Total	682

Question 2. “On what street do you live (optional)?”

Responses to Question 2 were used by Department of Planning and Community Development staff to check the accuracy of Question 1 responses. This question was not on the short survey.

Question 3. “Does anyone in your household own real estate in Town (other than your home)?”

Of the 74 respondents that answered Question 3, 19 (25.6%) responded “Yes”, while the remaining 55 answered ‘No’.

Question 4. “Number of people in your household?”

669 respondents answered Question 4; a summary is provided in Table B.

Table B: Number of Individuals in Households

Number in Household	Number and Percent of Households	
	Number	Percent
1	8	1.19%
2	58	8.66%
3	77	11.50%
4	332	49.62%
5	147	21.97%
6	35	5.23%
7	10	1.49%
8	2	0.34%
Total	669	100%

Question 5. “Number in Household under the age of 18”:

Of the 682 surveys returned, 612 respondents answered Question 5; indicating that they have 1 or more members in the household under 18.

Question 6. “Number of people in your household over the age of 60?”

87 respondents answered Question 6; indicating they have 1 or more member in the household over age 60

Question 7. “Number in household with Access problems due to mobility?”

18 respondents claim to have one or more individuals in their household with access problems due to mobility impairments.

Question 8. “Which of the following best describes your living situation?”

Of the 76 respondents that answered Question 8, the respondents were concentrated in Family with older children at 26%, or Senior couple or family also with 26%, and young family with children at 21%. A summary is provided in Table C.

Table C: Age of Individuals in your Household

Living Situation	Number	Percent
Single Adult living alone	4	5.3%
Single Adult sharing living quarters	5	6.5%
Single Parent-Children at home	0	0.0%
Young couple – no children	4	5.3%
Young family with young children	16	21.0%
Family with older children	20	26.3%
Family, children out of the home	5	6.6%
Senior couple or family	20	26.3%
Senior living alone	1	1.3%
Other	1	1.3%
Total	76	100%

Question 9. How long have you lived in Franklin? Less than 5 years; 5 to 10 years; 11 to 20 years; More than 20 years.

Of the 76 respondents that answered Question 9, 46 (60%) have lived in Franklin more than 20 years, and another 20 (26.3%), have lived in Franklin for more than 10 years. Only 4 (5.26%) respondents have lived in Franklin for less than five years. Table E provides a summary.

Table E: How Long In Franklin?

Number of Years Living In Franklin	Number and Percent of Households	
	Number	Percent
Less than 5 years	4	5.3%
5 to 10 years	6	7.9%
11 to 20 years	20	26.3%
More than 20 years	46	60.5%
Total	76	100%

Question 10. “What do you like most about living in Franklin?”

61 respondents answered Question 10. The most common response with 30 responses (49%) referenced Franklin’s sense of community with some residents referencing the different activities available for Town residents, the neighborhoods, the “small town feel” and relationships that were formed as a result.

This was followed by 14 responses (23%) referencing the quality of Franklin’s schools. The surveys did not offer specifics but Franklin built a new state of the art high school in 2015 and does well with student achievement tests.

The third most frequently mentioned what residents like most about living in Franklin was location with 13 responses (21%). Specifics mentioned were the commuter rail with access to Boston and highway access to Boston, Worcester and Providence, RI.

Detailed answers to Question 8 are provided in Table F.

Question 11. “What do you like least about living in Franklin?”

57 respondents answered Question 11. The most common answer with 18 responses (32%) referenced traffic / traffic congestion with some specifically referencing road construction. Franklin is currently restructuring the traffic flow in the Downtown area, which has caused traffic back-up.

The second most common response was that of too much growth. Ten responses (17%) ranged from concern over the increase in the population size, “destruction of the natural character”, and destruction of the environment.

The third most common response referenced the quality of the downtown. Many felt that the number of stores, shops and restaurants need to increase and the quality needs to improve with some specifically using the word “upscale”. They also referenced a need for improved parking..

Detailed answers to Question 9 are provided in Table F.

Question 12. “What is the most critical problem facing our Town?”

64 respondents answered Question 12. Approximately 33% (21 respondents) felt the most critical concern facing the Town was development. Some felt it was too quickly while others felt it was growing in an unplanned fashion, specifically mentioning that the town is over developed. The over development concept is also referenced as part of concerns mentioned by the residents.

This was followed by 13 responding (20%) that traffic was a critical problem facing the Town. The same ideas mentioned in what do you like least about Franklin were repeated again.

Third on the list was concerns over the Town’s budget need keeping pace with the increase in expenses. Many specifically felt that the Town needs to increase taxes to meet the Town’s needs, with some referencing prop 2 ½

Tied with six responses each or at 11% were the need to improve the downtown and the opioid situation. Pertaining to downtown the respondents were seeking more and higher end stores, shops and restaurants. One response was “Franklin is a convenient place to live, but not a fun place to be. ...We go elsewhere on weekends because there’s nothing to do here.”

Detailed answers to Question 10 are provided in Table

Table F: Answers to Questions 10, 11 and 12

Ref #	Precinct	Question 10	Question 11	Question 12
		Like most about Franklin	Like least about Franklin	Most critical Problem in Franklin
1	7	Takes care of its residents		not enough taxes to pay for all of what franklin need and supports
2	1			roads
3	3			roads
	6	Family, many activities	changes, road construction	roads
5	2			Too much traffic, building. Losing it's small town charm
6	3	The Rome	Chinese Restaurants	Immigrants
7	8	location, community	over growth causing traffic congestion	over building
8	6	Community & Schools	resistance to change	money
9	1	small town feel / community events	downtown needs updated store	too many low-end store, too many repeat stores
10	1	Always lived here, love it	too much commercial development	expenses are exceeding revenues
11			the environment is being overlooked	too much environmental destruction
12	4	schools	lack of funds & no rec. facilities	changing community - diversity higher poverty, no social services
13	7		lousy roads	road conditions, making downtown 2 ways, heroin
14	1	schools	awful restaurants, no bike trails	we need to attract high income businesses
15	5	its ok	politics, not enough transparency	lack of notifications when development happens, via mail
16	1	Everything	Rapid Commercial Growth	
17	7	schools	Traffic Paterns not enforced	Over development
18	4	Location and Friends	Increasing Traffic	Over development
19	4			Rapid Development of residential properties and growing population in undeveloped areas
20		Library, Safety	Not good grocery stores	Schools, distance to stores
21	4	A lot of activities	Traffic	Getting too large
22	7	Convenient to many things	Increased traffic/Congestion	Building too many Condo/Apartments
23	8	Schools & Recreation	None	Budget Money & Roads
24	2		Town growth	Budget Costs
25	5		Traffic and building	No more green space, was nice small town feel, not now
26	5	Government, Schools, Senior Center, Community Involvement	Limited parking in downtown area	Drugs, staying affordable for all residents
27	3	Taxes, Safety – Convenience	Train horn in town	Parking downtown, Attractive downtown businesses

Table F: Answers to Questions 10, 11 and 12 (Continued)

Ref #	Precinct	Question 10	Question 11	Question 12
		Like most about Franklin	Like least about Franklin	Most critical Problem in Franklin
28	5	location		
29	1	Well run & managed		Funding
30	2	Great community		
32	5	Community		Opiod Crisis, besides organized sports it would be nice to have more opportunity for teens that are free of charge
33	8	Community, diversity of uses		
34	5	Community character	The continuous distruction of historic character	Bad development practices
35	8	Open Space, farms, rural	No more space, traffic	Growth, traffic, taxes
36	8		Our elected Town officials	
37	5	Safety, convenience	Need for shops & non-chain restaurants	Affordability, lack of safe walking in many neighborhoods
38	1	Knowing so many people	Residential Growth	Money
39	6	Location to Boston & Cape, schools, small town feel	Outdated non-thriving downtown & Parking challenge	Over Development, housing and commercial land (2)
40	7	Community	Traffic	Long Term Planning
41	1	Community	Getting to Big	20/20 vision – a rush to do things right away but not done the right way
42	2	Family atmosphere		Long Term focus
43	2	Sense of Community	Construction – amount of traffic lights	Construction, drug use
44	6	Access to highway/location	Lack of downtown experience	The more rental property there is the more run down this town looks
45	2	Good schools, proximity to cities, low taxes	Traffic (Saturday)	Town budget & structured deficit. Not enough revenue to meet regular increases
46	3	Living in Franklin	Traffic, lack of civility	Getting from one side of town to the other, roads, money sources
47	4	Community, Schools, Location		Magnet areas of town/downtown, shopping district are failing. They are unattractive – literally do not attract people
48	8		Community	
49	1	I'm a townie	Taxes	Taxes, No open space
50	3	Services	Needing car in spite of Gatra	Drug addiction and population growth
51	1	Friendly/good services	Taxes	Water supply

Table F: Answers to Questions 10, 11 and 12 (Continued)

Ref #	Precinct	Question 10	Question 11	Question 12
		Like most about Franklin	Like least about Franklin	Most critical Problem in Franklin
52	6	The people	Oak St, Center	Money shortages
53	8	It is a safe place to raise a family	Please don't vote	The most critical problem is a chronic budget shortfall
54	1	The Community atmosphere		Limited funds for roads, sidewalks, restriction of prop 2 ½, lack of reasonable 1 floor living for older folks
55	6	Schools	Town Center Disorganized	Chilson Beach
56	1	Location, Community	Townie attitude	Opioid, increasing revenues, voter apathy
57	4	Schools	Traffic	
58	6	Rails & Highways		Road Maintenance
59	4	Having the Franklin forest	Traffic, Lack of community feel, not enough interesting things to do	Water. We have a well but there's always a water ban
60	2	A health community	Senior activities outside the Senior Center	Water shortage and downtown parking
61	4	Easy access to 495 and proximity to Boston &	Caters to business. Turns quiet roads like ours into major thru	Water & Open Space
62	2		Lack of walking & bike trails	Controlling growth of business and the "look" of the town with neon signs
63	2	The train station – easy access to Boston	Lack of parts	Roads, lack of sidewalks or should on Chestnut, Jordan
64	3	The beauty of the Town	Nothing	Traffic
65	4	Small town feel	Traffic	Road repair
66	7	Schools & friends	Lack of outdoor rec. facilities	This is a convenient place to live, but not a fun place to be. Not too charming and not very pretty. We go elsewhere on weekends because there's nothing to do here.
67	3	Kids school, Beaver Pond, YMCA, Del Carte	Winter weather	
68	6	Community		Downtown Revitalization
69	2		Traffic	
70	4	Community feeling	Lack of good restaurants	Drugs
71	1	Wonderful community, with amenities		Infrastructure maintenance
72	6	Location & safeness	Too much building	Getting too big
73	6		Location, Peaceful	Lack of water, traffic

Table F: Answers to Questions 10, 11 and 12 (Continued)

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65	4	Small town feel	Traffic	Road repair
66	7	Schools & friends	Lack of outdoor rec. facilities	This is a convenient place to live, but not a fun place to be. Not too charming and not very pretty. We go elsewhere on weekends because there's nothing to do here.
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69	2		Traffic	
70	4	Community feeling	Lack of good restaurants	Drugs
71	1	Wonderful community, with amenities		Infrastructure maintenance
72	6	Location & safeness	Too much building	Getting too big
73	6		Location, Peaceful	Lack of water, traffic
74	4	Schools, small town atmosphere	Poor dining/shopping options	Drugs
75	8	Close to Highways	Downtown – one way streets	Lack of planning
76	8		Poor downtown access	Over population due to unplanned expansion

Question 13. “Has anyone in your household ever participated in a Town of Franklin sponsored recreational activity?”

Of the 672 respondents that answered Question 13, 634 (94.3%) answered “Yes” (see Table G).

Table G: Participation in Town Sponsored Activities

Ever participated in a Town sponsored activity?	Number and Percent of Households	
	Number	Percent
Yes	634	94.3%
No	40	5.7%

A simple analysis showing the relationship between Questions 13 and 5 reflect that of the 612 respondents claiming to have children in their household, 554 (90.5%) claim to have participated in Town sponsored recreational activities. Of the 87 households with individuals over 60 years of age, 75 (86.2%) claim to have participated in Town sponsored recreational activities.

Question 14. “Are there sufficient sidewalks or walkways in your neighborhood?”

Of the 75 respondents that answered Question 14, 51 (68%) answered “Yes” (see Table H).

Table H: Sufficient Sidewalks?

Sufficient sidewalks in your neighborhood?	Number and Percent of Households	
	Number	Percent
Yes	51	68%
No	24	32%

Of the 30 respondents that answered Question 14 that claim to have children in their household, 21 (70%) stated there are sufficient sidewalks in their neighborhood.

Analysis showing the relationship between Question 14 and Question 6 reveals that of the 3 households with individuals with access problems due to mobility impairments, all 3 stated there are sufficient sidewalks in their neighborhood.

Of the 40 respondents that answered Question 14 that claim to have with individuals over 60 years of age in their household, 26 (65%) state there are sufficient sidewalks in their neighborhood.

Question 15. “Should major roads in Franklin be striped for bike lanes?”

Of the 69 respondents that answered Question 15, 43 (62.3%) answered “Yes”. Table I provides a summary.

Table I: Striping For Bike Lanes

Major roads be striped for bike lanes?	Number and Percent of Households	
	Number	Percent
Yes	43	62.3%
No	26	37.7%

Analysis of the relationship between Question 15 and households with children (Question 5) show that of the 30 respondents that answered Question 15 claiming to have children in their household, 13 (43.3%) believe major roads should be striped for bike lanes.

Question 16. “What do you consider to be our Town’s most attractive landscape or natural features?” (Name up to three in order of preference)

73 people listed up to three sites that they considered the most attractive sites in Franklin. There were a total of 186 suggestions. Thirty-four people (40%) listed Del Carte. This is a 94 acre full-fledged recreational park with trails, and a nature-themed playground. The Town Common has the second most responses with 33 (38%). The State Forest had the third most responses with 19 (22%). Other common responses were Dean College, Beaver Pond, and recreational fields. Detailed answers to Question 16 can be found in Table J.

Table J: Most Attractive Landscapes

Survey #	Precinct	First Priority	Second Priority	Third Priority
1	7	Franklin Forest	Del Carte Recreation Area	Trunkline Trails
2	1	commons		
3	3	Town Common	State Park	
4	6	Library, Dean College	Sculpture Park	St. Mary's Church
5	2			
6	8	commons		
7	6	Town Forest	Trails	Common
8	3	Del Carte	Town common	King St Park
9	1	town	Parks	downtown
10	1	Del Carte	Recreational Fields	Farmland
11		Mount St Abby	Beaver St	State Forest
12	4	sculpture park		
13	7	Town Common		
14	1	Del Carte	Beaver pond	forest
15	5	the pond off pleasant	Town common	walking area near police station
16	1	Del Carte	Town common	Lincoln Street Property
17	7	Library	Town common	
18	4	Del Carte	Sculpture Park	Dacey Fields
19	4	Del Carte		
20				
21	4	commons	Beaver Pond	
22	7	commons		
23	8			
24	2	commons	Del Carte	
25	5	Del Carte	Commons	
26	5	Del Carte	Beaver pond	Parks
27	3	Dean College	Pleasant St Park	
28	5	commons	Chilson Beach Area	Senior Center
29	1	Town Common	Del Carte	
30	2	Del Carte	Dacey Field	Beaver
31	8			
32	5	Beaver Pond	Del Carte open Space	Sculpture Park
33	8	Mount Street	Upper Union	
34	5	Scenic Roads	Forests	
35	8	There all gone		
36	8			
37	5	Town Common	Del Carte	Dacey Fields
38	1	Del Carte	Franklin State Forest	Back side of Beaver Pond

Table J: Most Attractive Landscapes (Continued)

Survey #	Precinct	First Priority	Second Priority	Third Priority
39	6	Town Common	Del Carte Space	Town Rec Fields
40	7	Town Common	Recreational Fields	State Forest
41	1	Town Common	Pleasant St Park	Library
42	2	Pleasant street	Fletchers Field	Beaver Pond
43	2	Del Carte	Town common	
44	6	State forest	Trunkline	Del Carts
45	2	Indian Rock Conservation	Del Carte	Dacey Fields
46	3	Del Carte	Fletchers Field	Dacey Fields
47	4	Del Carte	Town common	State Forest
48	8	Town Common	Del Carte	
49	1	Main St		
50	3	Downtown Partnership	Dean College Campus	Town common, town trees
51	1	Jordan Rd/King Philip Rock	Prospect St view	
52	6	Town Common	High School	Town Center
53	8	Del Carte	Dacey area including disc golf	
54	1	Del Carte	SNETT	Sculpture Park
55	6	Dacey Field	State Park	
56	1	Del Carte	Beaver Pond	State Forest
57	4	Del Carte	Beaver pond	King St Park
58	6	Del Carte	State Park	Charles River
59	4	Franklin Major Problem - no natural attractions, it's boring		
60	2	State forest	open Space areas	
61	4	the Farms		
62	2	Del Carte	Southern New England Trail	
63	2	The Common	Franklin Library	Dean College
64	3	Dean college	High School	Beaver Field
65	4	Beaver Pond	Forests	
66	7	Del Carte	Beaver pond	Franklin Forests
67	3	Beaver Pond	Del Carte	The Common
68	6	commons	Del Carte	SNETT
69	2	State forest	Dacey Park	
70	4	Town Common		
71	1	Town Common	Church Square	Museum
72	6	Town Common	Del Carte	
73	6	Town Forest	Beaver pond	Pleasant Street park
74	4	Town Common		
75	8	State Park		
76	8	Franklin State Park	Beaver Pond	

Question 17. “What residential growth policy do you favor for the Town?”

- a. no growth, b. growth evenly spread, c. additional residential units in existing developed areas. d. concentrate new residential development in undeveloped areas. e. other.

69 respondents answered Question 17. 28 (40.5%) respondents chose ‘a. No growth’. Table K provides a summary.

Table K: Preferred Residential Growth Policy

Residential Growth Policy favored for the Town.	Number and Percent of Households	
	Number	Percent
a. No growth	28	40.6%
b. Growth evenly spread.	26	37.7%
c. Additional residential units in existing developed areas.	10	14.5%
d. Concentrate new residential development in undeveloped areas.	2	3%
e. Other	3	4.2%
Total	69	100%

Question 18 “Is there privately owned open space in Town in need of permanent protection?”

Of the 67 respondents that answered Question 18, 10 (14.9%) answered “Yes”, there was privately owned open space in Town in need of permanent protection. 54 (80.6%) respondents answered ‘Not Sure’. Table L provides a summary.

Table L. Is There Property Needing Protection?

Privately owned open space in need of	Number and Percent of Households	
	Number	Percent
Yes	10	14.9%
No	3	4.5%
Not Sure	54	80.6%
Total	58	100

Of the 67 respondents that stated there is privately owned open space in Town in need of protection, 9 provided at least one example (see Table M).

Table M: Privately Owned Open Space in Need of Permanent Protection

Ref #	Precinct	Property
2	7	Schmidt Farm
11	1	Mount St. Abby amazing wild life and species Habitat
17	1	Pond street
29	5	The land off Pond St near Medway
34	8	All of the limbo property
50	1	Akin Bak Farm
57	1	Washington St Parcel (Padula?)
61	2	The few farms that are left
74	6	Washington St – Padula’s Stand

Question 19. “Would you support Town appropriations for acquisition or construction of additional recreational facilities?”

Of the 68 respondents that answered Question 19, 58 (85.3%) answered “Yes”. Table N provides a summary.

Table N: Support Appropriations For Recreational Facilities

Would You Support Appropriations for Additional Recreational Facilities?	Number and Percent of Households	
	Number	Percent
Yes	58	85.3%
No	10	14.7%
<u>Total</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>100%</u>

Of the 30 respondents that answered both Questions 19 and Question 5 that have children under 18 in their household, 28 (93.3%) claim they would support Town appropriations for acquisition or construction of additional recreational facilities. Of the 40 respondents that answered both Questions 19 and Question 6 that have individuals 60 years of age or older in their household, 24 (60%) claim they would support Town appropriations for acquisition or construction of additional recreational facilities.

Question 20. “Would you support seasonal or annual user fees to support specific recreational facilities or conservation areas?”

Of the 71 Franklin respondents that answered Question 20, 52 (73.2%) answered “Yes”, they would support seasonal or annual user fees to support specific recreational facilities or conservation areas. A summary of responses is provided in Table O.

Of the 30 respondents that answered Question 20 also claiming to have children in their household, 22 (73.3%) claim they would support seasonal or annual user fees to support specific recreational facilities or conservation areas.

Of the 40 respondents that answered both Questions 18 and Question 6 that have individuals of 60 or older in their household, 25 (62.5%) claim they would support seasonal or

annual user fees to support specific recreational facilities or conservation areas.

Of the 52 respondents that stated they would support seasonal or annual user fees that also answered Question 19, 46 (88.4%) claimed they would support appropriations for acquisition or construction of additional recreational facilities

Table O: Support User Fees?

Would you Support User Fees for Specific Facilities or Areas?	Number and percent of Households	
	Number	Percent
Yes	52	73.3%
No	19	26.7%
<u>Total</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>100%</u>

Question 21. “Would you support Town appropriations for open space acquisition?”

Of the 68 respondents that answered Question 21, 62 (91.7%) answered “Yes”. A summary of responses is provided in Table P.

Table P: Support Town Appropriations for Open Space

Would You Support Town Appropriations for Acquisition of Open Space	Number and Percent of Households	
	Number	Percent
Yes	60	88.2%
No	8	11.8%
<u>Total</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>100%</u>

Of the 30 respondents that answered Question 21 also claiming to have children in their household, 28 (93.3%) stated they would support Town appropriations for open space acquisition. Of the 46 respondents that answered Question 21 and Question 9 that claim to have lived in Franklin over 20 years, 36 (78.3%) stated they would support Town appropriations for open space acquisition.

A simple analysis of the relationship between Question 21 and Question 1 (Precincts) is shown in Table Q.

Table Q: Support Town Appropriations for Open Space
Respondents' Answers by Precincts

Precinct	Total Respondents	Yes		No	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Precinct 1	14	13	92.9%	1	7.1%
Precinct 2	10	10	100%	0	0%
Precinct 3	6	6	100%	0	0%
Precinct 4	9	8	88.9%	1	11.1%
Precinct 5	6	4	66.7%	2	33.3%
Precinct 6	9	8	88.9%	1	11.1%
Precinct 7	4	4	100%	0	0%
Precinct 8	10	7	70%	3	30%
Totals/ Average	68	60	100%	8	100%

Question 22. “What should be the Town's priority?

- a. Improve existing recreational facilities; b. Acquire and/or build additional recreational facilities; c. Acquire conservation lands for passive recreation.

Of the 664 Franklin residents that answered Question 22, 242 (36.5%) stated “Improve existing recreational facilities” should be the Town's priority. “Acquire and/or build additional recreational facilities” came in a fairly close second, preferred by 35.2 percent of respondents. Table R provides short summary of answers.

Table R: Town's Priority

What Should Be the Town's priority?	Number and percent of Households	
	Number	Percent
a. Improve existing recreational facilities	242	36.5%
b. Acquire and/or build additional recreational facilities	234	35.2%
c. Acquire conservation lands for passive recreation	188	28.3%
All Respondents	664	100%

Although more respondents support improving existing recreational facilities, per the answers to Questions 19 and 21, than other categories, a substantial number of respondents are also supportive of

appropriations for acquisition of open space, and acquisition or construction of additional recreational facilities.

However, a simple analysis between Question 22 and Question 1 shows that a respondent's priority may be directly related to which section of Town he or she lives. Table S provides a summary of responses by precincts.

Table S: Most Important Priority by Precinct

Precinct	Number of Respondents		
	22a	22b	22c
Precinct 1	40	33	37
Precinct 2	21	16	18
Precinct 3	29	23	7
Precinct 4	37	22	22
Precinct 5	19	34	17
Precinct 6	19	21	26
Precinct 7	29	33	18
Precinct 8	35	37	29
Unknown	13	15	14
Total Respondents	242	234	188

Question 23. “Indicate approximately the number of times you or a family member participate in each recreational activity during an average year.”

Respondents were asked to choose which recreational activities they participated in and how often by entering the corresponding letter: A - Few times a year (1 - 3), B - 4 - 10 times a year. C - Many times (over 10). If zero times leave blank.

Raw scores were developed by weighting an activity as a 1 if the respondent answered A, a 2 if the respondent answered B, and a 3 if the respondent answered C. A summary of responses including raw scores of all activities are provided in Table U.

Table U: Recreational Activity Participation by Weighted Scores of Respondents

Recreational Activity	Participating Households	A. 1-3 times/yr	B. 4-10 times/year	C. 10+ times/yr	Weighted Scores
Walking	639	26	117	496	1748
Use of Ball field	510	77	89	344	1287
Run/Jog	502	66	94	342	1280
Nature Walk	572	131	207	234	1247
Swimming - Pool	472	59	124	289	1174
Hiking	514	126	176	212	1114
Use of Playground	524	143	134	247	1152
Bike - On Road	487	111	153	223	1086
Swimming - Beach	465	98	177	190	1022
Basketball	413	72	74	267	1021
Sightseeing	458	104	196	158	970
Visit State Park	553	241	239	73	938
Bike - Bike Path	474	163	180	131	916
Soccer	358	51	56	251	916
Baseball	323	72	55	196	770
Ice Skating - Rink	418	195	119	104	745
Football	320	76	64	180	744
Picnicking	420	195	151	74	719
Outdoor Concert	502	334	145	23	693
Golf	341	122	107	112	672
Visit Historic Site	472	302	160	10	652
Fishing	321	142	109	70	570
Kayaking	321	171	102	48	519
Skiing – Downhill	281	130	101	50	482
Lacrosse	208	51	42	115	480
Tennis	271	134	75	62	470
Camping	274	172	63	39	415
Softball	192	73	23	96	407
Ice Hockey	176	54	35	87	385
Canoeing	218	131	54	33	338
Bird Watching	202	114	46	42	332
Mountain Bicycling	182	80	55	47	331
Street Hockey	176	101	32	43	294
Rollerblading	188	114	51	23	285
Frisbee Golf	186	117	41	28	283
Volleyball	158	89	41	28	255

Table U: Recreational Activity Participation by Respondents (Continued)

Recreational Activity	Participating Households	A. 1-3 times/yr	B. 4-10 times/year	C. 10+ times/yr	Weighted Scores
Field Hockey	117	43	22	52	243
Bocce	172	119	38	15	240
Archery	145	100	28	17	207
Skateboarding	135	83	36	16	203
Boating – Motorized	130	80	29	21	201
Sailing	128	94	20	14	176
Paint Ball	133	108	19	6	164
X Country Skiing	122	93	23	6	157
Horseback Riding	101	76	11	14	140
ATV/Motorcycling	83	52	13	18	132
Snowmobiling	82	61	13	18	111
Hunting	61	44	7	10	88
Handball	59	46	11	2	74
Other					

Table V. Activities Participated in by the Most Households

680 respondents answered Question 23. By far the most common activity was “Walking” with 639 (93.4%) respondents claiming they or a family member walk as a recreational activity. Walking had a weighted score of 1748, which was almost 25% higher by weighted score than the activity with the second highest weighted score (Use of Ball Field weighted score of 1287). Of the 639 respondents that claim they or someone in their family walk as a recreational activity, 496 (77.7%) indicated they participated in the recreational activity more than ten times a year.

Assessment of the 15 activities with the highest weighted scores shows that 7 of these activities are considered passive recreation: Walking, Nature Walk, Visit State Park, Hiking, Swimming - Pool, and Sightseeing. 2 others (Bike - On Road, and Run/Jog) are activities not requiring specific recreational facilities.

Three of these activities are participated in by many households (510 or more), with a majority of these households participating in the activities 10+ times each year (Use of Playground [247 of 524 participating households], Nature Walk [234 of 572 participating households], and Use of Ball Fields [344 of 510 participating households]). See Table V.

Recreational Activity	Participating Households	A. 1-3 times/yr	C. 10+ times/yr
Walking	639	26	496
Use of Ball Fields	510	77	344
Run/Jog	502	131	342
Nature Walk	572	131	234
Hiking	514	126	212
Use of Playground	524	143	247

Analysis showing the relationship between Question 23 and Question 6 show that of the households with individuals over 60 years of age that answered Question 23, the most common recreational activities were similar to those in Table V, with the three most popular activities being Walking, Nature Walk, and Visit State Park. A summary of the 10 most popular recreational activities for individuals over 60 is in Table W.

Analysis showing the relationship between Question 23 and Question 5 shows that Walking is the most popular recreational activity in households containing children less than 18 years of age, with 552 respondents claiming they or someone in their household walk as a recreational activity.

Table X summarizes the twelve most popular recreational activities of households containing children less than 18 years of age. In general, the 584 households that have children and

also answered Question 23 tend to participate in more passive recreational activities, with 7 out of 12 most popular activities.

Table W: Recreational Activity Participation by Households with Individuals 60 Years of Age or Over

Recreational Activity	Participating Households	A. 1-3 times/yr	B. 4-10 times/year	C. 10+ times/yr	Weighted Scores
Walking	80	34	11	35	161
Nature Walk	68	17	23	28	147
Visit State Park	62	27	23	12	109
Swimming –Pool	40	1	11	28	107
Hiking	47	14	11	22	102
Playground	47	15	11	21	100
Visit Historical sites	60	31	20	9	98
Sight Seeing	40	6	12	22	96
Ball Field	38	7	7	24	93
Run/Jog	36	5	5	26	93

Table X: Recreational Activity Participation in Households with Children Under 18 Years Old

Recreational Activity	Participating Households	A. 1-3 times/yr	B. 4-10 times/year	C. 10+ times/yr	Weighted Scores
Walking	552	24	103	425	1505
Ball Field	471	70	80	321	1193
Swimming – pool	433	54	113	266	1078
Nature Walk	494	112	186	196	1072
Playground	470	128	120	222	1034
Swimming – Beach	426	85	163	178	945
Sight Seeing	417	96	185	136	874
Bike Path	443	151	171	121	856
Visit State Park	485	219	209	57	808
Ice skating	388	181	112	95	690
Pinicking	386	181	140	65	656
Visit Historical Sites	428	272	133	23	607

Of the 34 respondents that answered both Questions 23 and Question 15 that chose Bike-on road as an activity that they or someone in their family participate, 20 (58%) stated major roads should be striped for bike lanes, compared to 42 percent of all respondents answering Question 15.

Question 24. Which of the following does Franklin need more?

Respondents were asked to choose the top four (4) facilities they felt were needed. In several cases respondents chose more than four facilities; in these cases only the first four facilities were entered into the results database.

Table Y contains a summary of Question 24 responses.

Table Y: Which of the following does the Town need more?

Facility Needed	Number of Responses
Bike Trails	325
Youth Center	252
Hiking Trails	251
Swimming Pool	224
"Community Barn"	139
Picnic Areas	109
Conservation Area	109
Tennis Court	108
Basketball Court	108
Amphitheater	101
Ice Skating	75
Track	68
"Parcourse"	65
Canoe Launch	65
X Country Trail	64
Skateboard Park	56
Soccer Field	51
Golf Course	51
Environmental Education	49
Baseball Field	47
Playground	38
Town Beach	38
Camp Ground	32
Boat Launches	22
Bocce Court	19
Softball Field	18
Pocket Park	16
Areas for Hunting	12
Community Gardening	8
Handball Court	7
Bridle Paths	6
Other (Please Specify)	49

49 respondents answered Question 24. The most popular responses were Bike Trails (48.1% of respondents), Youth Center (37.3%), Hiking Trails (37.2%), and Swimming Pool (33.2% of respondents). The most popular responses are shown in Table Z.

Table Z: Facilities Needed. Most Popular Responses

Facility Needed	Respondents	
	Number	Percent
Bike Trails	325	48.1%
Youth Center	252	37.3%
Hiking Trails	251	37.2%
Swimming Pools	224	33.2%
"Parcourse"/ outdoor exercise	173	25.6%
Community Barn	139	20.6%
Picnic Area	109	16.1%
Conservation Area	109	16.1%
Tennis court	108	16%
Basketball Court	108	16%
Amphitheater	101	15%
Ice Skating	75	11.1%

The residents also added many new ideas and comments under the 'other section. Some of most common responses were for a splash park, Lacrosse Fields, and Volleyball. Also, there was a few comments recommending a sports complex in town, something that other towns have seen. Although most of the sports complexes are privately run, the recommendations for the town to be able to have use of one, and allow indoor sport activities.

A simple analysis looking at the multiple choice answers versus those recommended by the responders, show that there are more active recreational needs that the Town residents would like to see and utilize. Although, in Question 23, it shows more respondents are using passive recreation, but the respondents then determine there is need for more active recreation. Comments from "Other" are listed in Table AA.

Table AA: Which does the Town need more?
 "Other Responses"

<i>Baseball Field - dedicated to non-organize Leagues, a place where pick-up games can occur. Duck and Bird boxes at Del Carte Dam</i>
<i>Would love to see a sports complex /Youth Center built like the one in Hyannis</i>
<i>Would love sidewalks on all main roads so walking would be less dangerous</i>
<i>Sidewalks or pathways so people walk for short trips and kids walk to school</i>
<i>Definitely need something like a skate park and arcade for the mid trend splash pad</i>
<i>Recreational Area for teenagers events other than organized sports</i>
<i>Franklin Indoor Sports Complex</i>
<i>Indoor multi-sport complex</i>
<i>sidewalks or pathways so people walk for short trips and kids walk to school</i>
<i>Children's Park w/spongy flooring</i>
<i>Concrete Lacrosse Wall</i>
<i>legit street hockey court</i>

Questions 25 through 28

Respondents were asked to rate their satisfaction with recreational facilities by entering a number corresponding to their choice: 5 = Very Satisfied; 4 = Satisfied; 3 = Neutral; 2 = Dissatisfied; 1 = Very Dissatisfied. The numbers entered were used to weight satisfaction and weighted scores for each category were developed.

Question 25. How satisfied are you with the places available in Franklin for recreational use by adults?

670 respondents answered Question 25; Table AB provides a summary of responses. 372 (55.5%) respondents stated they were either satisfied or very satisfied with places available in Franklin for recreational use by adults; 84 (12.5%) respondents were either dissatisfied or very dissatisfied. 31.9 percent of respondents chose '3 – neutral'.

Of the 87 respondents that answered both Question 25 and Question 6 that do not have individuals in their household 18 years of under, 33 (37.9%) were either satisfied or very satisfied

with places available in Franklin for recreational use by adults, and 19 (21.8%) were either dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

Table AB: Satisfied with Places For Recreational Use By Adults

Responses	Number
1-very dissatisfied	21
2-dissatisfied	63
3-neutral	214
4-satisfied	288
5-very satisfied	84
Total Responses	670
WeightedScore	3.55

Question 26. How satisfied are you with the places available in Franklin for recreational use by children?

Of the 669 respondents that answered Question 25, 520 (77.7%) stated they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the places available for recreational use by children; 46

(6.8%) respondents were either dissatisfied or very dissatisfied. Table AC provides a summary of responses.

Of the 585 respondents that answered Question 26 that have children in their household under 18 years old (Question 5), 469 (80.1%) stated they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the places available for recreational use by children; 40 (6.8%) stated they were either dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

Table AC: Satisfied with Places For Recreational Use By Children

Responses	Number
1-very dissatisfied	12
2-dissatisfied	34
3-neutral	103
4-satisfied	363
5-very satisfied	157
Total Responses	669
Weighted Score	3.92

Of the 85 respondents that answered Question 26 and Question 6 that do not have children in their household, 53 (62.3%) stated they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the places available for recreational use by children.

Of the 567 respondents that answered Question 26 and Question 5 that have individuals in their household 18 years of under, and have individuals in their household that have participated in Town of Franklin recreational activities (Question 13), 81.4 percent were either satisfied or very satisfied with the places available for recreational use by children.

Of the respondents claiming to have individuals 60 years or older in their households that answered Question 26, 63.5 percent stated they were satisfied or very satisfied with places available in Town for recreational use by children.

Question 27. How satisfied are you with the places available in Franklin for recreational use by seniors?

Of the 607 respondents that answered Question 27, 183 (30.1%) stated they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the places available in Town for recreational use by seniors; 51 (8.4%) respondents were either dissatisfied or very dissatisfied. 61.4 percent of respondents chose

'3 – neutral'. Table AD provides a summary of responses.

Of the 82 respondents claiming to have seniors in their household that answered Question 27, 29 (35.4%) were either satisfied or very satisfied with places available in Town for recreational use by seniors, and 27 (32.9%) were either dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

Table AD: Satisfied with Places For Recreational Use By Seniors

Responses	Number
1-very dissatisfied	15
2-dissatisfied	36
3-neutral	373
4-satisfied	105
5-very satisfied	78
Total Responses	607
Weighted Score	3.32

Question 28. How satisfied are you with the places available in Franklin for recreational use by people with disabilities?

Of the 462 respondents that answered Question 28, 108 (23.3%) stated they were either satisfied or very satisfied, and 66 (14.3%) were either dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with places available for recreation use by people with disabilities. 89.8 percent of respondents chose '3 – neutral'. Table AE provides a summary of responses.

Table AE: Satisfied with Places For Recreational Use By People With Disabilities

Responses	Number
1-very dissatisfied	18
2-dissatisfied	48
3-neutral	415
4-satisfied	72
5-very satisfied	36
Total Responses	462
Weighted Score	2.40

Of the 18 respondents claiming to have individuals in their households with access problems due to mobility impairments (see question 7), 7 (38.8%) stated they were either

very dissatisfied or dissatisfied with places available in Town for recreational use by people with disabilities; compared to 14.3 percent of respondents who choose '3 – neutral' and only 4 were satisfied or very satisfied.

Questions 29 through 37

In Questions 29 through 37 respondents were asked what they would do to preserve open space in Town.

In general, it appears the majority of respondents support preservation of open space if it can be accomplished without cost to themselves or to the Town. Table AH on Page 31 provides a summary of answers to Questions 29 through 37.

Question 30. To preserve open space in Franklin, would you donate money to buy land?

67 respondents answered Question 30, with 5 respondents answering not applicable. Of those that did find this question applicable, 26 (41.9%) answered "Yes", they would donate money to buy land; 36 others answered No. Table AF provides a summary of responses by precinct. All 67 respondents that answered Question 30 also answered question 1.

An analysis of the relationship between Question 30 and Question 6 show that of the 35 respondents that answered Question 30 that have individuals over 60 years of age in their household, 4 (11.4%) stated they would donate money to buy land.

Table AF: Would You Donate Money to Buy Land? By Precinct

Precinct	Total Responses	NA		Yes		No	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Precinct 1	12	0	0%	5	41.6%	7	58.4%
Precinct 2	7	0	0%	3	42.8%	4	57.2%
Precinct 3	7	2	28.5%	2	28.5%	3	43%
Precinct 4	10	1	10%	5	50%	4	40%
Precinct 5	7	0	0%	4	57.2%	3	42.8%
Precinct 6	10	1	10%	4	40%	5	50%
Precinct 7	4	1	25%	0	0%	3	75%
Precinct 8	10	0	0%	3	30%	7	70%
Totals	67	5	7.5%	26	38.8%	36	53.7%

Question 29. To preserve open space in Franklin, would you contribute land to the Town or other organization?

68 respondents answered Question 29; of these, 38 stated the question was not applicable. Of the remaining 30 respondents that answered the question, 15 (50%) answered "Yes", they would contribute land to the Town or other organization.

An analysis showing the relationship between Question 29 and Question 6 showed that of the 35 households that answered Question 29 and have individuals over 60 years of age, 9 (60%) stated they would contribute land to the Town or other organization.

Question 31. To preserve open space in Franklin, would you rewrite your deed to limit future development of your land?

67 respondents answered Question 31; of these, 35 stated the question was not applicable. Of the remaining 32 respondents that answered the question, 10 (31.3%) answered "Yes", they would rewrite their deed to limit future development of their land.

Of the 10 individuals answering Question 31 that also claim to own real estate in Town other than their home (Question 3), 3 answered 'yes', they would rewrite their deed to limit future development of their land.

Question 32. To preserve open space in Franklin, would you sell land to the Town at a bargain price?

68 respondents answered Question 32; of these, 42 stated the question was not applicable. Of the remaining 26 respondents that answered the question, 4 (15.4%) answered "Yes", they would sell land to the Town at a bargain price and 22 respondents (84.6%) answered No.

Question 33. To preserve open space in Franklin, would you sell land to the Town at fair market price?

69 respondents answered Question 33; of these, 41 stated the question was not applicable. Of the remaining 28 respondents that answered the question, 17 (60.7%) answered "Yes", they would sell land to the Town at fair market price and 11 respondents (39.3%) answered No.

Of the 17 individuals answering Question 33 that also claim to own real estate in Town other than their home (Question 3), 7 answered 'yes', they would you sell land to the Town at fair market price.

Question 34. To preserve open space in Franklin, would you sell or contribute conservation restrictions to protect your land from future development?

70 respondents answered Question 34; of these, 40 stated the question was not applicable. Of the remaining 30 respondents that answered the question, 22 (73.3%) answered "Yes", they would sell or contribute conservation restrictions to protect their land from future development and 8 respondents (26.7%) answered No.

An analysis of the relationship between Question 34 and Question 6 show that of the 36 households that answered Question 34 with individuals over 60 years of age, 14 stated they would sell or contribute conservation restrictions to protect their land from future development.

Of the 19 individuals answering Question 34 that also claim to own real estate in Town other than their home (Question 3), 11 answered 'yes', they would sell or contribute conservation restrictions to protect their land from future development.

Question 35. To preserve open space in Franklin, would you vote for Town supported land acquisition if it can be done without raising taxes?

72 respondents answered Question 35. 69 (95.8%) answered "Yes", they would vote for Town supported land acquisition if it could be done without raising taxes; 3 respondents (4.2%) answered No.

Question 36. To preserve open space in Franklin, would you vote for Town supported land acquisition if it meant an increase of 25 to 50 cents on the present assessed value of real estate per \$1,000?

66 respondents answered Question 36. 45 respondents (68.2%) answered "Yes", they would vote for Town supported land acquisition if it meant an increase of 25 to 50 cents on the present assessed value of real estate per \$1,000. 21 respondents (31.8%) answered No.

Question 37. To preserve open space in Franklin, would you approve the use of zoning bylaws to guide growth in areas that can support increased development (e.g., areas with municipal water and sewer), and discourage development in areas that are less suitable for development?

69 respondents answered Question 37. 61 respondents (88.4%) answered "Yes", they would approve the use of zoning bylaws to guide growth in areas that can support increased development, and discourage development in areas that are less suitable for development.

On the following page, Table AH provides a summary of all responses for Questions 29 through 37.

Table AH: What Would You Do To Preserve Open Space?

To preserve open space in Town, would you:	Total Responses	Not Applicable	Yes		No	
			Number	Percent ⁽¹⁾	Number	Percent ⁽¹⁾
Question 29. Contribute land to the Town or other organization?	68	38	15	50%	15	50%
Question 30. Donate money to buy land?	67	5	26	41.9%	36	58.1%
Question 31. Rewrite your deed to limit future development of your land?	67	35	10	31.3%	22	68.7%
Question 32. Sell land to the Town at a bargain price?	68	42	4	15.4%	22	84.6%
Question 33. Sell land to the Town at fair market price?	69	41	17	60.7%	11	39.3%
Question 34. Sell or contribute conservation restrictions to protect your land from future development?	70	40	22	73.3%	8	26.7%
Question 35. Vote for Town supported land acquisition if it can be done without raising taxes?	72	-	69	95.8%	3	4.2%
Question 36. Vote for Town supported land acquisition if it meant an increase of 25 to 50 cents on the present assessed value of real estate per \$1,000?	66	-	45	68.2%	21	31.8%
Question 37. Approve the use of zoning bylaws to guide growth in areas that can support increased development, and discourage development in areas that are less suitable for development?	69	-	61	88.4%	8	11.6%

⁽¹⁾ Percent of respondents considering the Question applicable.

Questions 38 through 47.

In Questions 37 through 47 respondents were asked how important it is to preserve different categories of resources in Franklin. Respondents were asked to answer by entering a number corresponding to their choice: 5 = Very Important; 4 = Important; 3 = Neutral; 2 = Less important; 1 = Not at all important.

Table AI on Page 33 provides a summary of answers for Questions 38 through 47.

In general it appears Franklin residents believe resource preservation is important. All ten resource preservation categories received an average score of 3.92 or above.

The resource preservation category with the highest average score (4.49) was "Open Space for Protection of water resources"; the category with the lowest average score was "Land containing archaeological resources;" (3.92). The average response for all ten resource categories was 4.14.

Question 38. How important is it to you to preserve historic buildings?

71 respondents answered Question 38 with an average score of 4.08. 80.3 percent of respondents stated it is either 'important or 'very important' to preserve historic buildings.

Question 39. How important is it to you to preserve historic or scenic landscapes?

72 respondents answered Question 39 with an average score of 4.26. 87.5 percent of respondents stated it is either 'important or 'very important' to preserve historic or scenic landscapes.

Question 40. How important is it to you to preserve land containing archaeological resources?

72 respondents answered Question 40 with an average score of 3.92. 69.4 percent of respondents stated it is either 'important or 'very important' to preserve land containing archaeological resources. This category received the lowest average score of the ten resource preservation categories and the least amount of respondents stating it was 'very important' to preserve.

Question 41. How important is it to you to preserve farmlands?

73 respondents answered Question 41 with an average score of 4.05. 76.7 percent of respondents stated it is either 'important or 'very important' to preserve farmlands.

Question 42. How important is it to you to preserve wetland areas?

72 respondents answered Question 42 with an average score of 4.01. 69.4 percent of respondents stated it is either 'important or 'very important' to preserve wetland areas.

Of the 38 respondents that answered Question 42 that claim to have with individuals over 60 years of age in their household, 29 (76.3%) stated it is either 'important or 'very important' to preserve wetland areas.

Question 43. How important is it to you to preserve woodland areas?

71 respondents answered Question 43 with an average score of 4.30. The woodland area category received the second highest average score. 62 respondents (87.3%) stated it is either 'important or 'very important' to preserve woodland areas. 40 respondents (56.3%) stated it is 'very important'; and only 6 respondents (8.5%) stated it was either 'Less important' or 'Not at all important' to preserve woodland areas.

Question 44. How important is it to you to preserve undeveloped land for future generations?

74 respondents answered Question 44 with an average score of 3.93. 71.6 percent of respondents stated it is either 'important or 'very important' to preserve undeveloped land for future generations.

Question 45. How important is it to you to preserve undeveloped land for future recreational needs?

73 respondents answered Question 45 with an average score of 4.03. 73.6 percent of respondents stated it is either 'important or 'very important' to preserve undeveloped land for future recreational needs.

A simple analysis of Question 45 and Question 9 shows that of the 45 respondent claiming to have lived in Franklin more than 20 years that answered Question 45, 31 (68.9%) stated it is either 'important or 'very important' to preserve undeveloped land for future recreational needs. Of this same group 2 (4.4%) stated it was 'Not at all important' to preserve undeveloped land for future recreational needs.

Of this same group of 45 respondent claiming to have lived in Franklin more than 20 years that answered Question 45, there appears to be a difference in the responses depending upon what precinct respondents live. Of the 6 respondents from Precinct 6, all 6 stated it was 'important or 'very important' to preserve undeveloped land for future recreational needs. Also in Precinct 1, all responses agreed that it was 'important' or 'very important' to preserve undeveloped land for future recreational needs. Precinct 4 had the most responses with 9, however, 3 respondents (33.3) stated it was either 'Less important' or 'Not at all important' to preserve undeveloped land for future recreational needs.

Question 46. How important is it to you to preserve open space for protection of water resources?

73 respondents answered Question 46 with an average score of 4.49; this resource preservation category had the highest average score. 89 percent of respondents stated it is either 'important or 'very important' to preserve open space for protection of water resources. 48 respondents (65.6%) stated it is 'very important'; and only 2 respondents (2.7%) stated it was either 'Less important' or 'Not at all important' to preserve open space for protection of water resources.

Question 47. How important is it to you to preserve open space for protection of wildlife habitat?

72 residents answered Question 47 with an average score of 4.29. 59 respondents (81.9%) stated it was either important or 'very important'; and only 6 respondents (8.3%) stated it was either 'Less important' or 'Not at all important' to preserve open space for protection of wildlife habitat.

Table A1: How Important Is Preservation?

How important is it to you to preserve:	Number of Responses	Raw Scores	Average Response	Not At All Important 1	Less Important 2	Neutral 3	Important 4	Very Important 5
38. Historic Buildings?	71	290	4.08	5	2	7	25	32
39. Historic or scenic landscapes?	72	307	4.26	4	2	3	25	38
40. Land containing archaeological resources?	72	282	3.92	6	4	12	18	32
41. Farmlands?	73	296	4.05	4	4	9	23	33
42. Wetland areas?	72	289	4.01	6	2	14	13	37
43. Woodland areas?	71	305	4.30	4	2	3	22	40
44. Undeveloped land for future generations?	74	291	3.93	6	1	12	18	35
45. Undeveloped land for future recreational needs?	73	294	4.03	4	1	15	22	31
46. Open Space for protection of water resources?	73	328	4.49	2	0	6	17	48
47. Open Space for protection of wildlife habitat?	72	309	4.29	3	3	7	16	43

The following pages shows all the comments that were provided at the end of the survey. The majority of the respondents stated that they are most interested in seeing more Bike Trails, a Youth Center and Town Pool and/or Splash Park. There is also mention of Bathrooms at the athletic fields, instead of the port-a-johns. Additionally the respondents would to see more Basketball courts and soccer fields in Town. Over 100 respondents provided comments and opinions.

Table AJ: Comments

Survey #	Precinct	Comments
56	6	Thanks for doing this
58	4	Signage for open Space & Conservation Land
59	6	Franklin is not a fun town. Needs more activities. Downtown is boring. We have enough playing fields. Let's have a beautiful place to walk & enjoy nature that is well maintained without dirt bikes.
60	4	There aren't enough activities/accessibility for senior at the library, schools, etc.
61	2	No sidewalks. We can no longer walk safely on our street that my kids use to play on. Stop putting double yellow lines on the street in the dark of the night.
63	2	We need trails that have not been destroyed by dirt bikes.
64	2	I think a partner practice bubble would be great. Dean College/tri-county/ Franklin schools - Like they have at Harvard
66	4	A town pool would be a huge perk & something we would use often as would bike trails.
73	6	Public access to Charles river on border of Medway
77	8	Franklin is a great town and has many great recreational areas. I would love to see a parcourse that adults could use for outdoor workouts and maybe a running/biking path added to one of our playground areas at Dacey Field maybe? Thanks for all the hard work you do currently to make our town a great place to live!
78	8	There seem to be too few soccer fields with lights and we end up having to go across town every fall for practices.
79	8	Town would extremely benefit with some type of youth center with multi-indoor sports including hockey rink. Set up similar to Barnstable youth center on the cape.
80	7	We would like the existing recreational facilities be maintained if there isn't enough money for maintaining & creating new.
81	7	Great job with everything. Not sure if this falls under the the purpose of your survey but the High School field is in desperate need of a restroom facility. Perhaps a food stand/restroom all-in-one. The porta johns are disgusting and an embarrassment. A building between the bleachers and the new high school along the track would be a perfect location. Please consider proposing this to whoever can get it done.
82	1	love Franklin! you guys are doing a great job!
83		There isn't enough court or field space for all the kids wanting to play sports. Basketball in particular is ridiculously short.
84	1	Love the DelCarte reservation. Always looking for good dog friendly light hiking options.
85	8	There isn't any place for the young teenagers to hang out. The Y is too far out of the way.
86	4	Unable to comment with useful knowledge on senior and people with disability experience.
87	6	Franklin offers so much as it is right now, good job!
88		There are a great variety of playgrounds in Franklin, and the Delcarte open space is great for a walk.

Table AJ: Comments (Continued)

Survey #	Precinct	Comments
89	3	Would love the splash pad every one was discussing at one point.
90	5	Maybe exercise classes on the Common or at a field ...like boot camp or running for beginners ..,for adults and children too.
91	5	Would love a rec space for teens to be able to hang out, be safe and not get into trouble on half days or weekends instead of village plaza.
92	5	Nature trail that is bigger than sculpture park, with picnic tables and paved trail.
93	6	<p>The lighted turf fields are under high demand - lacrosse, flag football, soccer, high school sports. It would be good to have other lighted fields (Dacey? King Street? New FHS fields?)</p> <p>The rail trail is a good idea; it needs some help with grading and a bridge or two. It would be good for the town to support that project.</p> <p>Milford has a long walk/bike path cutting through its town, around a lake, to Hopkinton/Holliston. Can Franklin have something similar? Perhaps the rail trail is it. Could it be extended?</p>
94	1	Additional activities for elementary & middle schoolers. Also party halls & events for kids at all seasons. Introducing musical concerts by children at all seasons. Extra season of basketball would be great help.
95	7	New turf needed at Beaver Pond. Better rotation of fields to minimize wear and tear.
96	1	I can't speak to satisfaction of seniors or people with disabilities because they are not currently in my family. My "neutral" answer for those is really meant to be "don't know."
97	5	Franklin should enable safer travel for pedestrians and bikers by prioritizing a network of biking/walking trails, along with adding sidewalks on roads that currently don't have them. I would love to have my children be able to ride their bikes safely to school or around town, but I feel the roads aren't suitable for that. For one example, it would be great if you could walk or ride on a sidewalk or path along Beaver Street (from either Central or Grove Streets) to reach the athletic fields. Currently, you have to walk on the street or in the weeds. Having a path circling Beaver Pond would be afford a nice walk or ride (the wooden pathways at Mass Audubon's Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary in Norfolk could serve as a good example). Also, acquiring and extending the Trunkline Trail from Grove into the center of town near Union Street would be a great recreational resource. I enjoy the paved bike paths on the Cape, along the Blackstone River, and in Milford, and I would like an equivalent recreational opportunity in Franklin. Thanks for asking!
98	1	Thanks for everything!
99	6	We love Franklin and we love being outdoors. The more activities outdoors the better. A town pool with indoor outdoor swimming would be a big hit. Or even a much better beach than beaver (gets too gross by mid-season)
100	8	Flag football -too large of a program involving two towns. Young children having to play later games due to lack of space, keeping them up later on school nights due to drive home, bath afterwards, etc.
101	3	The trees at parks are damaged by equipment during maintenance, trash shredded by mowers and difficult to then pick up by residents. Many nice areas available but sad to see dpw staff not care enough to do better and notice broken fences etc. I wouldn't want more to be purchased as we haven't figured out simple tree maintenance yet on the many parks and open spaces we have. DelCarte's should be the beginning of a well maintained area as we have another beautiful property come under public control and use. The gem is one that should be used with Leave No Trace, but also with careful maintenance and oversight. Thanks for asking.

Table AJ: Comments (Continued)

Survey #	Precinct	Comments
102	5	We desperately need a youth center where kids can safely hang out and have fun (without the expensive membership of the ymca or Adirondack) We also need public tennis courts and the new playground at Fletcher is great but the one at Nason Street needs some sprucing up. Also, neighboring towns offer some great trips to NYC and Boston where for a fee you take a bus and see a show....we need more non-sports options in our recreation dept.....not all kids like sports.
103	8	I think the town sorely needs more gym space for basketball. For kids who want to play above what the rec department offers, there are few options due to limited gym space.
104	4	New playground is great but impossible for parents with multiple little children due to it not being fenced in. We loved it but don't go often because I can't chase one child and watch the other simultaneously.
105	1	We really need a youth center where young people can go to play basketball, foosball, exercise and "hang out" after school and on weekends, free of charge or a very nominal fee. Everyone says "go to the Y" but not everyone can afford going to the Y. It is not inexpensive or free like it was years and years ago. Thank you
106	4	please put restrooms at the football field thanks
107	8	would love to see a pool or splash park, track, tennis courts, basketball hoops, paved bike trails, canoe/kayak launch with parking on the Charles, archery targets would be nice, a skate park for the older kids. Real public bathrooms would be a huge plus also.
108	4	With a larger than normal youth hockey program that has just expanded with all-girl teams,
109	4	A Nason Street Playground update would be great! It's wonderful that its fenced in for small children! I'm also excited to see the new rec center. My kids both take lots of classes through the rec dept and we love it. Definitely needed updating though!
110	3	Great resources through our rec programs. Thank you!!!
111	2	Medway has had great success with the Thayer House. Franklin should explore building/maintaining/renting a similar space.
112	4	One of the problems with Franklin parks and playgrounds is that there are no sidewalks to get to them. The King Street park has 1 sidewalk to the park via King Street but no sidewalk on Forest Street. Lots of houses on Forest Street but no way to get to King Street park or Jefferson school because there is no sidewalk on Forest Street. If you walk on Forest Street one is put in jeopardy. Same thing on Pleasant Street. The same problem at the new recreation area (Delcarte) on Pleasant Street. No sidewalk even though there are huge residential neighborhoods across the street. No cross walks either. At the Franklin town forest no sidewalks and no place to park. It is pointless to have recreation areas or school playing fields if the only way to get to them is by car. It demonstrates a lack of planning by the town. The Francis Bird Park in Walpole Is surrounded by sidewalks and a great place to walk because you can get to it either by car or foot. Forest Street is a scenic road but it needs a sidewalk for the park to be useful.
113	7	The Delcarte open space is generally very nice but has one hill that makes it very difficult for seniors to use.
114	1	Skating rink needs to be updated and better and more locker rooms. Need bathrooms at all fields where sports are played
115	5	I have no senior citizens nor citizen with disability living in my household.
116	4	Personally, I think Franklin has enough ball fields, etc. I am a huge proponent of
117	4	Have found several needles at parks throughout the town, including one that a 3 yr old boy picked up and was stuck with. While the rec department can't enforce and monitor fields at night, it would be helpful to implement a daily inspection.

Table AJ: Comments (Continued)

Survey #	Precinct	Comments
118	2	Fields are often in poor condition with inadequate tools to tend to diamonds. Umpire equipment is worn and only available in one size. Lack of baseball equipment for left handed players.
119	1	I would love to see a walking/bike trail. A safe place with an easy route so everyone could use it!
120	4	Given our long season of inclement weather and the volume of families with children who stay active, we should invest in building a Forekicks in Franklin.
121	8	We've always enjoyed all of the programs we've been a part of as a family---art class, science class, organized sports. We recently discovered the disc golf area (though haven't played golf, just used the area for nature hikes). On an unrelated note, when the Beaver turf field is due for renovation, please consider going back to grass. Between the little black pellets that embed themselves in every crevice of my car and home, the health concerns are a big issue for me. Thank you!
122	1	This town is in severe need of a youth center!!! There are too many teens who have no where appropriate to 'hang out' with their peers thus creating an extremely high drug usage amongst this part of the community.
123	6	There are already parcels of land the town owns that have conservation land and room for bike trails, birdwatching, hiking and walking/jogging paths. There is no need to acquire more land.
124	3	We don't have a need for disabled facilities, so I am not aware of needs. My FIL is an active senior in the community and seems to enjoy living here. He just move in the last couple years and was able to get involved already.
125	4	A partially or fully paved bike/jogging path would be an asset to Franklin and surrounding communities. Not enough sidewalks or wide enough roads for individuals or families to enjoy these activities. SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING-ie; crosswalks repainted, flashing lights. More "clean-up" days for volunteers and their families. The litter at some parks (never mind on the streets) is horrible and should not be left to the DPW.
126	8	Franklin playgrounds are great! Also love the town rec leagues. Would love a spray park! Also maybe an indoor play space for younger kids
127	5	Franklin recreation has done an excellent job for all sports. The amount of fields is more than adequate. Hockey could use a good outdoor option in the winter. It's popular enough that outdoor rinks would get tons of use.
128		It would be great to see more walking paths and sidewalks to Get people moving. Thanks
129	7	Some of the playgrounds could use a spruce up, especially Nason St. We were sad to see the splash pad plans to go away. Also, it would be great to have a system of bike paths, away from roads, especially if they connected the recreational spaces, parks, hiking paths, etc. Would be great for young riders and family bike rides. A summer playground program (like in Norfolk and Medway) would be great! Annual mailing to residents with maps and all available recreational spaces (by district or alphabetical) would also be helpful. Also wanted to say we love the programs already in place, especially art and field hockey, keep up the good work!
130	7	Would absolutely love a rec center similar to Whitten in Whitinsville. They have weekly roller skating in the gym, fantastic family-friendly activities & get togethers, swimming... It's an amazing place that we travel out of town to go to because doesn't have anything similar.
131	8	You're doing a great job on the town Ryan! Keep up the good work :)

Table AJ: Comments (Continued)

Survey #	Precinct	Comments
132	3	The organized sports are fantastic for keeping the children active but it doesn't allow for social time which seems to be missing with the town programs. Most times they are getting in trouble for being social instead of paying attention to the sport in front of them! I also think the flag football times are way too late. The 8:00 games get over at 9 but with the traffic, you realistically don't get home until after 9:30 which is too late for 10-12 year olds in my opinion. I know the fields are limited and unfortunately I don't really know what the solution should be but maybe parents can choose at sign-up whether they want their child to play on a 6:45 team versus an 8 pm team instead of it being by age only.
133	8	Thank you for allowing our input!
134	4	The Recreation Dept has done a great job over the past 16 years let's get them more land so they can put it to good use for our town.
135	2	A youth center would be great or more trails like Del Carte for hiking, dogs, etc.
136	1	More or updated outdoor basketball courts and Pond hockey
137	3	we need to be able to use the facilities at the High school more often...these are not Sidwells fields or courts
138	4	This is a wonderfully active and vibrant community. The rec dept does a great job offering programs. Open Space has been a great addition to the community. More spaces like it would be beneficial.
139	8	Town pool would be great!
140	1	Sidewalks and walking paths would help encourage more walking in town, reducing travel by car (to concerts on the common, farmers market, commuter rail stations, festivals, downtown, churches, playgrounds and schools). This provides recreation and helps conserve land because not as many parking spaces are needed in some recreation areas and local attractions. There is an opportunity for a pathway along the unpaved sections of Longhill Road, that could tie into the new sidewalks on Lincoln Street and Main St, better connecting the Downtown/Town Common to the north side of Franklin.
141	7	A bike path similar to Milford would be nice-- available for biking, rollerblading, etc.. Also, need an area for teenagers to hang out and be teenagers-- they get kicked out of everywhere. Skateboard park, etc-- then shopping centers wouldn't have to worry about skateboarders. It seems most of the fields are tightly scheduled-- so it would be nice to have places to go (walking, biking, rollerblading, strollers)-- that weren't scheduled. The state park hiking paths are great-- but difficult for seniors, strollers, and small children-- and many times have a lot of dirt-bikers, making them feel less serene and safe.
142	5	The town has been talking about extending the bike trail to Franklin for over 10 years and nothing has happened yet. We hope to see this come to fruition while we still live here.
143	3	It cost to much to go to Chilson beach.The town definately needs more baseball (Big Diamond) with lights
144	1	Love the new playground and hiking at DelCarte! We (and so many other people) use this a lot! I've never liked Dacey Playground - there are not any trees around the playground for shade. My kids practically get heat stroke there in the summer...we never go there because of this. Also the smell of the dog park now blows right past the playground - yuck.
145	8	Love living in Franklin:) Only thing is maybe a basketball court at Dacey field.
146	5	Unfortunately I'm not exactly sure what is and isn't available in Franklin for recreational use.
147	1	I know of a few parks and playgrounds. In general, I love the options for our family in franklin

Table AJ: Comments (Continued)

Survey #	Precinct	Comments
148	7	Bike trails needed, Toddler specific playground with splash pad for summer Other beach than beaver pond
149	2	Parking for NFL flag football was extremely difficult this year. Could the Tues./Thursday sessions be expanded to another session on Mon./Weds.? Too many people. Thanks.
151	4	Downtown parking....maybe a garage??
152	2	I'm concerned with Franklin's town agenda. Although I appreciate this survey, it's clear that Franklin's town council has little appreciation for the concerns of it's residents..with the power plant in Medway, gas lines, FHA breaking ground on Plain Street despite the fact they don't have a legal permit...I regret moving here. I don't feel that my children are safe here any longer...but thanks for pretending to care.
153	3	I'd like to see an indoor soccer complex or a more affordable gym for the whole family.
154	7	It's great that the town is seeking resident input on this topic. We are new to Franklin and enjoy living here so far. One thing I do feel strongly about is the issue of crumb rubber turf infill. We have two daughters, ages 4 and 1, who will begin to play sports in the next few years. Until these fields are replaced with materials that are proven safe, we will not be comfortable enrolling them in activities or sports that take place on these fields. I know many other families who feel the same way about this. It is an issue of increasing concern for many. We truly hope the town will prioritize the health and safety of our children above all other considerations and adopt a precautionary mindset as new spaces are built and existing spaces improved. Thank you.
155	3	I would love to have a skateboard park and a community pool.
156	5	More lighted sports playing fields are needed in Franklin. Specially for baseball and softball.
157	8	We live in the town but often use the recreational areas in surrounding towns.
158	1	I like the new playground at Fletcher Field. It has a lot of fun and different features. However, I was disappointed that the splash pad plan got nixed. I wonder if you considered another site for it, if Fletcher wasn't going to work out. Did you investigate how other towns do it? I am still hoping a spray feature will be considered!
159		Wish we have a nice bike-walk-skate path in town. We need more places for youth kids.
160	8	Basketball is too "structured". There should be an indoor court (like the YMCA) where kids can just go on a Fri or Sat night and play pickup games in the winter. So many young teens are "bored" and end up going to the movies or just hang around Franklin Village Mall. A facility where they can go and play hoops/foosball/ping pong/exercise etc would be great.
161	8	We love all of the activities Franklin has to offer. Dicey field is right down the street and is amazing. Del Carte is another fabulous option. I would be in favor of more spaces like that.
162	4	I'd prefer a lower tax rate over new facilities.
163	1	I love the 5 areas that Franklin offers for walking outside (i.e Del Carte, Trunkline, Franklin State Forest, Beaver Pond, and Dacey. I would like to see the Franklin Rec department expand on those areas, add more value where kids and families can all come and everyone can have a great experience. Keeping them well maintained and up to date.
164	7	I think the town does a good job with recreation, and the spaces are well laid out and maintained. My chief concern is that the town is being over-built. If we develop every open parcel, then We have a city, not the town that most people came here for in the first place. Money spent toward preserving open space would have a number of benefits that, while not as visible as a new playing field, will benefit all In perpetuity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - less traffic (be able to get to recreation facilities without undue delay) - less congestion / density to preserve the small town/country feel - lower maintenance costs -> lower taxes - space for wildlife & carbon reducing flora - more space for public enjoyment of open space, appreciation of nature. Thank you.

Table AJ: Comments (Continued)

Survey #	Precinct	Comments
165	4	We could do without the hunting so we feel safe walking in the woods all year. We seem to have lots of nice fields for sports. We have access to nice hiking trails but we didn't know about them for years.
166	7	More open space that preserves the town and allows for outdoor use. The continued expansion of trails is wonderful and a fantastic asset to the town! We would utilize more rec. options but found that there is a lack of information about signing up. Sometimes you have to sign up months in advance and often we didn't know until after. Thank you!
168	6	With one of the largest SPED programs around and HMEA in our town more ADL inside/outdoor activities /facilities for broader integration in our community Thank you
169	7	I would love to see a youth/teen center so, the middle/high schoolers have a safe and fun place to hang out after school, or on Friday and Saturday nights. The town could also benefit from having a similiar indoor free space so kids and families can play together during the long cold winter. I picture Carpe Diem turf for open play, maybe a basketball court, some cozy couches and a large TV where the townsfolk could "hang out" and watch the Pat's play. ect.
170	1	It would be nice to have access to indoor gym spaces for basketball, etc. The gyms in the schools are not generally accessible, and are extremely difficult and expensive to rent.
171	6	Would love paved bike trails to connect to others.. We would really love this! Also, indoor basketball courts... Currently, only metro basketball teams get practice time... All other kids in rec dog ram don't get any practice gym time... It is hard to teach and learn the sport without practices! Thanks.
172	6	I think Franklin does a great job! We really enjoy all of the activities.... looking forward to fireworks coming back at some time.
173	2	I think the recreational facilities we have are great. Playgrounds are great. The new DelCarte property is great. I would probably make our ball fields better (big diamonds?) instead of spending money to build new ones. Would be nice to have town swimming pool, bike trails, tennis courts or basketball courts...
174	1	I think walking, and biking paths would be a great thing to have in town.
175	8	Love living in franklin:) Only thing is maybe a basketball court at Dacey field.
176	7	Definitely need a multi-rink for hockey/skating in order to hold more larger events/tournaments. To make Franklin a GO TO place that will bring in more revenue to the hotels, restaurants, and shops, a more updated and larger rink is necessary.
177	5	A multi purpose Youth Center would be ideal for our town. There's few places (The Plaza, movies) for teens to go meet up with friends.
178		Would love to see Franklin have an indoor basketball facility so that we could host basketball tournaments (\$\$). Would also love to see Franklin have host baseball tournaments.
179	1	I would love to see a bike/walking trail similar to what is in Milford and Hopkinton
180	8	To maximize the use of space and minimize expenses. Perhaps using public/private partnerships where the fybo or soccer or football take responsibility for design and construction of the facility with town help that way everybody wins.
181	1	The town desperately needs to support cultural initiatives in the Downtown Area in terms of a facility location to house Art and provide for increased public meeting / performance / culinary arts space.
182	2	I would like to see continued increase in musical and cultural event spaces.

Table AJ: Comments (Continued)

Survey #	Precinct	Comments
183	6	Delcarte and Franklin State forest are lovely places to walk but if you walk every day (as we do) it would be nice to have more variety. Also Franklin State Forest has too many paths for ATVs- only a very small area is reserved for walking only- and the ATV trails are muddy/dusty and uneven- difficult to walk on- and you obviously have to deal with the noise and disruption of the ATVs. Also both of these areas are essentially unavailable during winter months- the parking lots do not get plowed enough so you can't even get in to enjoy cross-country skiing or snow shoeing when the conditions are at their best. We definitely need more opportunities for 'down time' and options for people to get out into nature.
184	7	After living in Franklin for 30+ years, I'm still not aware of all the activities available for middle aged adults in this town. I'm sure I could do some internet research, but I'd like to see better advertisement of the current recreational facilities geared towards those in my demographic. Maybe more public events in these areas? Any thoughts about making the DelCarte Conservation Area more accessible to fishermen and winter ice sports? A boat ramp maybe? Would love to see a public Bocce court.
185	1	Franklin is Blessed to have all of the facilities we have available to us, and even more so for the wonderful people at Rec. Dept to utilize them.
186	2	the town is definitely going in the right direction with having wonderful spaces available - DelCartes is pretty fabulous (if we could get people to stop littering - and maybe a rest room?) and we're looking forward to the bike path being finished. Keep up the good work!
187	3	thanks for putting online, this made it so much easier to respond to
188	5	Let's develop the Pon St land to something the local community actually wants, such as a nice park with a playground. It's ridiculous that after several failed RFP's that the town council continues to push for a hotel, low income housing, and other terrible ideas. Let's preserve the land and if it must be developed, let's put it to use that will benefit the people of Franklin!!
189	6	Most importantly, the Town should continue to add conservation land areas and not overdevelop. Specifically, the land off of Pond Street should be kept as an undeveloped area and even turned into hiking trails, etc. I think an outdoor ice skating rink would be a fantastic addition to the Town.
190	8	The teens in town could really use a fun safe place to go and hang out/socialize. A youth/teen center would be perfect.
191	4	The new children's playground at Fletcher Field is great but there is a little barrier between the play area and the parking lot. A better fence would be good for safety.
192		Well organized and easy access to programs. Wish we still had a town pool !
193	1	Keep up the great work! This is a wonderful town
194		It would be nice to have a sidewalk/bike path along Maple St. Many people including High School teams, run/jog/bike on this street. There is no shoulder and it is a windy dangerous road for running/biking. Franklin could use a public tennis court or 2 at a park so that when school courts are in use, there is a place to play.
195	1	A splash pad open to all residents, not just members of one of the clubs would be appreciated. A youth center in an easily accessible part of town is essential.

APPENDIX B

Class	Parcel Size (Acres)	Parcel ID	Property Name	Address	Property Owner	Manager	Current Use	Condition	Public Access	Accessible	Recreation Potential	Zoning	Level of Protection	Grant Source	Deed Restriction	Land Use Code
Chapter 61, 61A & 61B Lands- Private																
Total Acres=	20.02036	204-005-000		LINCOLN ST	KOSHIVOS JOHN / KOSHIVOS CATHERINE		Orchard			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			714
1109.203456	3.201342	206-020-000		LINCOLN ST	KOSHIVOS CHARLES J / KOSHIVOS ELIZABETH		Pasture			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			712
	1.046971	206-032-000		6 KOSHIVAS DR	KOSHIVAS CHARLES J / KOSHIVAS ELIZABETH		Pasture			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			718
	1.011275	206-033-000		10 KOSHIVAS DR	KOSHIVAS CHARLES J / KOSHIVAS ELIZABETH		Pasture			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			718
	1.729487	206-034-000		14 KOSHIVAS DR	KOSHIVAS CHARLES J / KOSHIVAS ELIZABETH		Pasture			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			718
	1.216953	206-035-000		18 KOSHIVAS DR	KOSHIVAS CHARLES J / KOSHIVAS ELIZABETH		Pasture			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			718
	1.005848	206-052-000		17 KOSHIVAS DR	KOSHIVAS CHARLES J / KOSHIVAS ELIZABETH		Orchard			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			714
	0.950972	206-053-000		9 KOSHIVAS DR	KOSHIVAS CHARLES J / KOSHIVAS ELIZABETH		Pasture			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			718
	0.920734	206-054-000		5 KOSHIVAS DR	KOSHIVAS CHARLES J / KOSHIVAS ELIZABETH		Pasture			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			718
	10.275346	206-076-000		BENT ST	LYON REALTY LLC					No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			715
	70.85677	208-009-000		ELM ST	DELLEA ANDREW J		Forest Land/ Orchard			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			712
	0.627269	208-009-000		ELM ST	DELLEA ANDREW J		Forest Land/ Orchard			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			712
	0.146383	208-009-000		ELM ST	DELLEA ANDREW J		Forest Land/ Orchard			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			712
	9.999466	208-012-000		ELM ST	DELLEA ANDREW J		Truck Crops- Vegetables			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			712
	6.351763	212-025-000	Franklin Country Day Camp	1221 POND ST	LEMBO GAIL V /		Nature Study			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Chapter 61B			803
	21.368241	212-025-000	Franklin Country Day Camp	1221 POND ST	LEMBO GAIL V /		Nature Study			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61B			803
	47.51599	212-026-000	Franklin Country Day Camp	POND ST	LEMBO GAIL V /		Nature Study			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61B			803
	9.611054	213-045-000	Franklin Country Day Camp	POND ST	LEMBO GAIL V /		Nature Study			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61B			803
	36.24525	222-046-000	Franklin Country Day Camp	POND ST	LEMBO GAIL V /		Nature Study			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61B			803
	5.397107	222-046-000	Franklin Country Day Camp	POND ST	LEMBO GAIL V /		Nature Study			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61B			803
	6.448238	222-046-000	Franklin Country Day Camp	POND ST	LEMBO GAIL V /		Nature Study			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61B			803
	15.634522	222-047-000	Franklin Country Day Camp	POND ST	LEMBO GAIL V /		Nature Study			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61B			803
	5.831303	222-049-000	Franklin Country Day Camp	POND ST	LEMBO GAIL V /		Nature Study			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61B			803
	2.80374	222-050-000	Franklin Country Day Camp	POND ST	LEMBO GAIL V /		Nature Study			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Chapter 61B			803
	11.4347	222-054-000	Franklin Country Day Camp	POND ST	LEMBO GAIL V /		Nature Study			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61B			803
	13.999046	222-063-000	Franklin Country Day Camp	PARTRIDGE ST	LEMBO GAIL V /		Nature Study			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61B			803
	12.739972	227-015-000		LINCOLN ST	CALNAN JOHN W JR / C/O CALNAN JASON		Field Crops- hay, wheat, etc.			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Chapter 61A			720
	34.613347	228-002-000		LINCOLN ST	CALNAN JOHN W JR / HOFFMAN NICHOLAS F / HOFFMAN JEANNINE M		Pasture			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Chapter 61A			718
	15.510639	229-003-002		HOFFMANN FARM RD	LABASTIE STEVEN H / THE FRANKLIN LABASTIE FAMILY		Nature Study			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Chapter 61A			712
	68.4598	234-012-000		MAPLE ST	LABASTIE STEVEN H / LABASTIE KATHLEEN A		Nature Study			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Chapter 61B			803
	14.860117	235-142-000		469 MAPLE ST	LABASTIE STEVEN H / LABASTIE KATHLEEN A		Pasture			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Chapter 61A			718
	19.484397	237-036-000		160 MAPLE ST	SMITH ROBERT E TR / MAPLE GATE COUNTRY CLUB		Golfing			No		INDUSTRIAL	Chapter 61B			805
	3.316784	239-009-000		MAPLE GATE	CARLUCCI ROBYN M TRUSTEE		Golfing			No		INDUSTRIAL	Chapter 61B			805
	83.266668	239-010-000		MAPLE GATE	SMITH ROBERT E TRUSTEE / MAPLE GATE REALTY TRUST		Golfing			No		INDUSTRIAL	Chapter 61B			805
	0.039953	239-010-000		MAPLE GATE	SMITH ROBERT E TRUSTEE / MAPLE GATE REALTY TRUST		Golfing			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Chapter 61B			805
	10.587873	239-012-000		MINE BROOK	SMITH ROBERT E TR / MAPLE GATE REALTY TRUST					No		INDUSTRIAL	Chapter 61B			805
	16.384925	242-012-000		MAPLE ST	LABASTIE STEVEN H / THE FRANKLIN LABASTIE FAMILY		Pasture			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Chapter 61B			803
	16.75419	254-009-000		MAPLE GATE	SMITH ROBERT E TR / MAPLE GATE COUNTRY CLUB		Golfing			No		INDUSTRIAL	Chapter 61B			805
	2.342753	255-001-000		MAPLE GATE	SMITH R TR MAPLE GATE & K FULL / MAPLE GATE COUNTRY CLUB		Golfing			No		INDUSTRIAL	Chapter 61B			805
	13.759912	282-006-000		PROSPECT ST	HENO FLOYD /		Productive Woodland			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			803
	115.30857	300-002-000		672 EAST CENTRAL ST	FRANKLIN COUNTRY CLUB INC		Golf course			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61B			805
	71.510425	308-076-000		PROSPECT ST	HENO FLOYD /		Field Crops- hay, wheat, etc.			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			713
	21.548711	311-006-000		235 GROVE ST	ROSSETTI STEVEN J & DALE M, TRS / CEDAR HILL FARM REALTY TRUST		Hiking- trails or paths			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61B			801
	24.643736	323-041-000		SPRING ST	MORSE PATRICIA L /		Multiple agricultural uses			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			712
	43.635004	323-046-000		SPRING ST	MORSE PATRICIA L /		Multiple agricultural uses			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			713
	11.2763	323-049-000		11 SPRING ST	HEHN SISAN		Multiple agricultural uses			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			712
	114.47366	325-003-000		215 PROSPECT ST	SCHMIDTS FARM INC		Field Crops- hay, wheat, etc.			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			713
	42.968212	326-001-000		WASHINGTON ST	COOK MARILYN E		multiple agricultural uses			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			712
	7.829573	326-003-000		WASHINGTON ST	COOK MARILYN E		land under farm building			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			712
	6.284154	326-023-000		49 PROSPECT ST	GAROSKI TIMOTHY J / VALANTINE DARCY I		Truck Crops- Vegetables			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			712
	3.754657	337-006-000		45 SOUTH ST	DEL SIGNORE PETER		Field Crops- hay, wheat, etc.			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			718
	2.466576	337-007-000		41 SOUTH ST	DEL SIGNORE PETER		Field Crops- hay, wheat, etc.			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			718
	4.693696	343-018-000		40 VINE ST	SULLIVAN MARGARET /		Orchard			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			718
	0.562363	343-018-000		40 VINE ST	SULLIVAN MARGARET /		Orchard			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			718
	0.810045	343-022-000		VINE ST	MORSE PETER W / MORSE BENJAMIN K		Orchard			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			720
	0.65484	343-022-000		VINE ST	MORSE PETER W / MORSE BENJAMIN K		Orchard			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			720
	6.269561	343-022-001		VINE ST	MORSE PETER W ETAL TRS / BIG APPLE TWO REALTY TRUST					No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			714
	12.741342	349-006-000		WASHINGTON ST	RODDE WILLIAM / RODDE JEANNE		Forest Land			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Chapter 61A			601
Federal Owned- Public																
Total Acres=	27.00971	224-040-000		PINE ST	US OF AMERICA ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS	ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS						SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900

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466.642195	0.211748	224-041-000		MINE BROOK	US OF AMERICA & ARMY	US ARMY						SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	0.981604	224-042-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	5.406415	224-043-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / USA	USA	Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	0.795923	224-044-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / USA	USA	Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	2.101294	224-045-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	2.551938	224-046-000		PINE ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	2.098276	224-047-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / USA	USA	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	14.63954	224-048-000		PINE ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY CORP	US ARMY CORP	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	0.781059	224-048-000		PINE ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY CORP	US ARMY CORP	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	12.457511	225-029-000		POND ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	8.422557	225-039-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	13.006833	237-023-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	6.320179	237-024-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / USA	USA	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	9.9162	237-025-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	1.114097	237-026-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	6.637627	237-027-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	2.588319	237-028-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	2.995557	237-030-000		RICHARD LN	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	25.693698	237-033-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	4.556018	237-034-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / USA	USA	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	2.054039	237-035-000		OAK ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	5.929967	239-001-000		POND ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	0.8915	239-002-000		OAK ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	5.638785	239-003-000		OAK ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	1.247631	239-004-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	4.151667	239-005-000		OAK ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	7.240743	239-006-000		OAK ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	5.860635	239-007-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	7.664184	239-008-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	0.366107	240-033-000		OAK ST EXT	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY						SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	0.295539	253-011-000		POND ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	0.441546	254-001-000		POND ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	2.430673	254-002-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY CORP	US ARMY CORP	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	2.488513	254-003-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	5.274872	254-005-000		POND ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY CORP ENG	US ARMY CORP ENG	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	0.011479	254-006-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	0.345528	254-007-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY CORP	US ARMY CORP	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	3.226618	254-010-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	1.536769	254-011-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY CORP ENG	US ARMY CORP ENG	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	5.76661	254-013-000		POND ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	1.558533	254-014-000		POND ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	21.483892	254-016-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	5.947656	254-017-000		POND ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	5.458899	254-018-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	0.789498	257-001-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	14.407152	257-002-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	4.630003	257-003-000		POND ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	16.027558	257-004-000		CONLYN AV	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	16.458044	257-005-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	20.462646	257-006-000		WEST CENTRAL ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	0.665107	257-090-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	1.701614	258-001-000		WEST CENTRAL ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY	US ARMY	Flood Plain			No		OFFICE	Permanent			900
	13.285866	258-002-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / US ARMY CORP	US ARMY CORP	Flood Plain			No		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			900
	1.383007	305-005-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	16.323255	305-006-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	0.778987	305-008-000		GROVE ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	3.336936	305-009-000		GROVE ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	26.526603	305-011-000		WASHINGTON ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	6.697502	305-012-000		MINE BROOK	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	6.187133	305-015-000		GROVE ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900

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	4.79727	305-016-000		GROVE ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	1.123763	305-017-000		KENWOOD CIR	U S OF AMERICA	U S OF AMERICA						INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	7.112228	305-018-000		GROVE ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS	ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS	Flood Plain			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			900
	7.033737	336-009-000		SOUTH ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			900
	27.192213	336-010-000		SOUTH ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / USA ARMY CORP OF ENGINEER	USA ARMY CORP OF ENGINEER	Flood Plain			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			900
	3.105251	336-011-000		SOUTH ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			900
	2.594226	336-012-000		SOUTH ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			900
	2.056503	340-002-000		WASHINGTON ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			900
	10.031155	340-007-000		WASHINGTON ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			900
	0.696301	340-008-000		WASHINGTON ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			900
	3.640069	341-002-000		SOUTH ST	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		Flood Plain			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			900
Metacomet Land Trust-Public Recreation																
Total Acres=	12.682259	229-005-000		DANIELS ST	METACOMET LAND TRUST INC					No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent			950
63.139864	2.30306	229-007-000		DANIELS ST	METACOMET LAND TRUST INC					No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent			950
	10.403135	234-024-000	Bridle Path	BRIDLE PTH	METACOMET LAND TRUST INC		Hiking Trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent			950
	10.536625	235-119-000		MAPLE ST	METACOMET LAND TRUST INC		Hiking Trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent			950
	1.770072	240-155-000	Nature Classroom	CORONATION DR	METACOMET LAND TRUST INC		Outdoor Nature Classroom			No		SINGLE FAMILY III	Permanent			950
	25.444713	242-073-000		BRIDLE PTH	METACOMET LAND TRUST INC		Hiking Trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent			950
Other- Private Parcels of Interest																
Total Acres=	60.145937	259-004-000	Tri-County Reg. Voc. Technical High School	147 POND ST	TRI-COUNTY REG VOCATIONAL	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	ADA accessible playground, playing fields			Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	None			989
493.922191	11.216963	269-065-000		175 BEAVER ST	ROMAN CATHOLIC / ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON							RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				963
	11.346492	269-066-000		175 BEAVER ST	ROMAN CATHOLIC / ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON							RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				963
	0.28741	269-095-000		DANIEL MCCAHLIL ST	ROMAN CATHOLIC / ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON							SINGLE-FAMILY IV				963
	0.119756	269-097-000		MCCAHLIL DR	ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP /							SINGLE-FAMILY IV				963
	0.155433	270-017-000		OLD WEST CENTRAL S	TRI-COUNTY REG VOCATIONAL							RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				988
	12.128182	278-010-000		150 WEST CENTRAL ST	RAY MEMORIAL CEMETERY / C/O WALTER JACKSON							SINGLE-FAMILY IV				953
	0.174672	279-002-000		WEST ST	FIRST METHODIST / EPISCOPAL SOCIETY							GENERAL RESIDENTIAL V				963
	0.407337	279-053-000		167 MAIN ST	FRANKLIN FEDERATED CHURCH INC							SINGLE-FAMILY IV				963
	0.02533	314-012-000		UNION ST	THORNHILL							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				963
	6.9933	321-060-000		WASHINGTON ST	BENJAMIN FRANKLIN EDUCATION FN							INDUSTRIAL				946
	1.445368	321-061-000		WASHINGTON ST	BENJAMIN FRANKLIN EDUCATION FN							INDUSTRIAL				946
	1.47106	321-062-000		WASHINGTON ST	BENJAMIN FRANKLIN EDUCATION FN							INDUSTRIAL				946
	142.59543	333-001-000		1061 UPPER UNION ST	CISTERCIAN NUNS / OF STRICT OBSERVANCE					No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	None			963
	194.11053	343-003-000		UPPER UNION ST	CISTERCIAN NUNS / OF STRICT OBSERVANCE					No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	None			963
	10.228041	343-019-000		VINE ST	CISTERCIAN NUNS / OF STRICT OBSERVANCE					No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	None			963
	0.852447	343-019-000		VINE ST	CISTERCIAN NUNS / OF STRICT OBSERVANCE					No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	None			963
	5.203911	344-001-001		MOUNT HILL ST	CISTERCIAN NUNS / OF STRICT OBSERVANCE							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				963
	14.00583	344-003-000		UPPER UNION ST	CISTERCIAN NUNS / OF STRICT OBSERVANCE					No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	None			963
	21.009762	344-006-000		UPPER UNION ST	CISTERCIAN NUNS / OF STRICT OBSERVANCE					No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	None			963
Private Recreation																
Total Acres=	0.465113	222-021-000		BEECH ST	VFW POST 3402							SINGLE-FAMILY III				954
170.28594	4.459144	222-022-000		BEECH ST	VFW POST 3402							SINGLE-FAMILY III				954
	2.502584	222-043-000		POND ST	VFW POST 3402							SINGLE-FAMILY III				954
	0.092481	222-043-000		POND ST	VFW POST 3402							SINGLE-FAMILY III				954
	0.135448	222-043-000		POND ST	VFW POST 3402							SINGLE-FAMILY III				954
	0.47241	223-103-000		BEECH ST	VFW POST 3402							SINGLE-FAMILY III				954
	16.341501	260-066-000	DEAN ACADEMY & JUNIOR COLLEGE	MAPLE ST	DEAN ACADEMY & JUNIOR COLLEGE		Playing fields			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	None			944
	18.405343	261-004-000	DEAN ACADEMY & JUNIOR COLLEGE	69 MAPLE ST	DEAN ACADEMY & JUNIOR COLLEGE		Playing fields			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	None			944
	5.266674	268-235-000	Catholic School	MAIN ST	ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON							SINGLE-FAMILY IV				960
	10.906468	295-009-000	Christian Academy	KENWOOD CIR	LMF FRANKLIN CORP							INDUSTRIAL				401
	6.335308	301-004-000		EAST CENTRAL ST	CAMP HAIASTAN OF THE ARMENIAN							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				958
	98.061822	315-002-000	Camp Hayastan	722 SUMMER ST	CAMP HAIASTAN OF THE ARMENIAN		Family camping			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	None			958
	4.155691	315-063-000		SUMMER ST	CAMP HAIASTAN OF THE ARMENIAN							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				958
	2.685953	344-004-000		UPPER UNION ST	ST CHRETIENNE EDUCATION INST							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				961
State Owned- Public Recreation																
Total Acres=	0.499501	271-029-000	Southern New England Trunkline Trail	WEST CENTRAL ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Bike path/ trails			No		BUSINESS	Permanent			920
838.040148	2.516804	275-022-000		1122 WEST CENTRAL S	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT							INDUSTRIAL				924
	4.184185	276-005-000	State Forest	GROVE ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		BUSINESS	Permanent			920
	10.941418	276-006-000	State Forest	GROVE ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		BUSINESS	Permanent			920
	4.657692	276-008-000	State Forest	GROVE ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		BUSINESS	Permanent			920
	1.063313	276-025-000	State Forest	GROVE ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		BUSINESS	Permanent			920
	22.296249	288-008-000	State Forest	BEAVER ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			920

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	67.192896	289-004-000	State Forest	GROVE ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			920
	16.985805	289-005-000	State Forest	FORGE HILL RD	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			920
	108.84738	292-002-000	State Forest	FORGE HILL RD	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			920
	313.34618	293-001-000	State Forest	FORGE HILL RD	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			920
	45.422638	293-002-000		SPRING ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASS / DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION	Department of Conservation						INDUSTRIAL				910
	17.330998	293-003-000		SPRING ST	DEPT OF CONSERV AND REC / COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	Department of Conservation & Recreation						INDUSTRIAL				920
	32.839983	294-002-000	State Forest	GROVE ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		INDUSTRIAL	Permanent			920
	16.060506	306-036-000	State Forest	GROVE ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			920
	38.412617	307-003-000	State Forest	SPRING ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			920
	5.607422	322-070-000	State Forest	GROVE ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			920
	30.830742	322-071-000	State Forest	GROVE ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			920
	8.662421	323-040-000	Southern New England Trunkline Trail	PROSPECT ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Bike path / trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			920
	4.884974	323-048-000	State Forest	GROVE ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			920
	2.253402	324-012-000	Southern New England Trunkline Trail	PROSPECT ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Bike path / trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			920
	4.30917	341-001-000	State Forest	SOUTH ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			920
	3.154585	341-003-000	State Forest	SOUTH ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			920
	9.861186	341-006-000	State Forest	SOUTH ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			920
	3.081715	341-014-000	State Forest	SOUTH ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			920
	15.939852	341-027-000	State Forest	SOUTH ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE / DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MGMT	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			920
	0.493247	347-002-000		SOUTH ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				920
	46.355272	347-006-000	State Forest	SOUTH ST	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS / DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RE	Hiking, biking trails			No		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent			920
Town Owned - Conservation/Open Space																
Total Acres=	6.268999	203-001-000		LINCOLN ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		932
706.02379	14.512621	204-001-000		LINCOLN ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		932
	5.574182	209-020-000		POND ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None		930
	8.109967	210-008-000		PLAIN ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None		933
	0.974065	211-016-000		PADDOCK LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		932
	0.521173	211-043-000		PLAIN ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None		932
	7.991233	211-127-000		BEECH ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		932
	0.46614	214-045-000		ELM ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		938
	0.042782	214-045-000		ELM ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		938
	0.261091	214-045-000		ELM ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		938
	3.655605	214-051-000	4	WOODHAVEN DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		938
	0.148813	214-051-000	4	WOODHAVEN DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		938
	1.039358	214-051-000	4	WOODHAVEN DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		938
	10.384248	214-082-000	Brownstone Estates	BERKELEY DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		932
	2.359819	214-122-000		BENS WAY	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		932
	0.378519	216-007-000		POPULATIC ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		932
	3.910662	218-010-000	Tanglewood Estates	BERKSHIRE DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		932
	10.8291	218-049-000		SKYLINE DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		932
	2.005911	219-174-000		LINCOLN ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None		932
	1.191353	220-020-000		DOVER CIR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None		932
	19.243925	221-013-000		PARTRIDGE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		930
	25.182683	221-023-000		BLUE JAY ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		932
	1.845181	222-008-000		BEECH ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent	None		932
	1.640461	223-034-000		SUNKEN MEADOW RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		938
	1.1882877	225-067-000	Partridge Woods I & II	EVERGREEN DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None		932
	0.034893	225-067-000	Partridge Woods I & II	EVERGREEN DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None		932
	0.504034	225-067-000	Partridge Woods I & II	EVERGREEN DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None		932
	0.063565	225-067-000	Partridge Woods I & II	EVERGREEN DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None		932
	0.786593	225-067-000	Partridge Woods I & II	EVERGREEN DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None		932
	0.03296	225-067-000	Partridge Woods I & II	EVERGREEN DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None		932
	0.160854	225-067-000	Partridge Woods I & II	EVERGREEN DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None		932
	7.287425	226-028-000	Partridge Woods I & II	TANGLEWOOD DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None		932
	30.783714	226-061-000		HANCOCK RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None		932
	15.02519	232-001-000		DANIELS ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None		932
	0.68713	232-013-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None		932
	0.889752	232-014-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None		932

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	1.646109	232-015-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.201467	234-041-000		HIGH RIDGE CIR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.273870	234-042-000		HIGH RIDGE CIR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.854306	234-043-000		HIGH RIDGE CIR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.733663	236-028-000		DURAND DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent	None	None	932
	2.03935	236-029-000		DURAND DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent	None	None	932
	1.987367	236-088-000	Playground	PARLIAMENT DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Basketball court, playground equipment	Not useable	Yes	Yes	Yes	SINGLE-FAMILY III	None	None	None	936
	0.001849	236-088-000	Playground	PARLIAMENT DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Basketball court, playground equipment	Not useable	Yes	Yes	Yes	SINGLE-FAMILY III	None	None	None	936
	0.935869	241-015-000		BOGASTOW BROOK LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	6.001906	242-069-000		LILY WAYE	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	13.293168	242-071-000		MAPLE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	11.53594	242-072-000		MAPLE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.818509	243-081-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent	None	None	932
	2.053386	243-082-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	1.081882	243-083-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	1.274938	243-084-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.45478	243-085-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.499033	243-086-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.082287	244-015-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.436319	244-016-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.251944	244-017-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.745434	244-028-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.599081	244-029-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.746143	244-030-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.546004	244-031-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.510607	244-032-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.497906	244-033-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.500926	244-034-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent	None	None	932
	7.514535	247-007-000	Acorn Woods I & II	42 MEADOWLARK LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	24.914364	247-008-000	Acorn Woods I & II	MEADOWLARK LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	5.314467	250-009-000		LINCOLN ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.713118	251-028-000		EDMUNDS WAY	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.947401	251-029-000		EDMUNDS WAY	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.656942	251-030-000		EDMUNDS WAY	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	3.882318	251-031-000		MAPLE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	20.635065	251-101-000		MAPLE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.940476	252-062-000		OAK ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent	None	None	932
	3.418538	252-063-000		MAPLE BROOK LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	930
	1.665345	252-068-000		OAK ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent	None	None	932
	12.13045	252-119-000		BOGASTOW BROOK LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	11.34279	254-012-000		POND ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	INDUSTRIAL	Permanent	None	None	932
	7.333451	257-012-000		CONLYN AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	INDUSTRIAL	Permanent	None	None	930
	0.342749	257-013-000		CONLYN AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.344509	257-014-000		CONLYN AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.342554	257-015-000		CONLYN AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.343377	257-016-000		CONLYN AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.344117	257-017-000		CONLYN AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.335623	257-018-000		CONLYN AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.350769	257-021-000		CONLYN AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.345208	257-022-000		CONLYN AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.346452	257-040-000		ANTHONY RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.347823	257-045-000		ANTHONY RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.354855	257-046-000		ANTHONY RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.338291	257-047-000		ANTHONY RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.350322	257-048-000		ANTHONY RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.345317	257-049-000		ANTHONY RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.402241	257-050-000		ANTHONY RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.339398	257-051-000		ANTHONY RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	6.00163	260-060-000		MAPLE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	Permanent	None	None	932
	10.891	265-040-000		INDIAN LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	24.129081	265-041-000		LOST HORSE TRL	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	9.101807	266-089-000		JORDAN RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	24.946586	266-090-000	Indian Rock Estates	INDIAN LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		Yes	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.37255	272-051-000		CONLYN AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.345512	272-052-000		CONLYN AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.531546	272-053-000		CONLYN AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.027711	276-022-000		87 GROVE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	BUSINESS	Permanent	None	None	931
	4.54943	277-007-000		BEAVER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	10.264735	277-007-000		BEAVER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	1.004929	277-007-000		BEAVER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	3.185	277-007-000		BEAVER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	1.896129	278-010-001		150 WEST CENTRAL ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Cemetery		Yes	Yes	None	SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent	None	None	930
	5.324559	279-199-000		ALPINE PL	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	GENERAL RESIDENTIAL V	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.357486	279-199-000		JOSEPHINE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	GENERAL RESIDENTIAL V	Permanent	None	None	930
	0.886055	279-198-000		JOSEPHINE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	GENERAL RESIDENTIAL V	Permanent	None	None	932
	2.203792	280-001-000		JOSEPHINE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	GENERAL RESIDENTIAL V	Permanent	None	None	932
	2.806763	280-002-000		JOSEPHINE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	GENERAL RESIDENTIAL V	Permanent	None	None	932
	11.291745	280-003-000		LONGOBARDI DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent	None	None	932
	4.209765	281-019-000		EAST CENTRAL ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	8.114025	282-027-000	Oak Run Estates	LOST HORSE TRL	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	5.157247	292-007-000		PROSPECT ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	0.971701	298-064-000	Town Forest	SUMMER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	5.981063	299-049-000		RUSSET HILL RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	4.841758	301-002-000		RUSSET HILL RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	4.740771	301-006-000		INCAS POND	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	10.578652	306-041-000		GROVE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	INDUSTRIAL	Permanent	None	None	932
	46.377474	308-024-000	Prospect Heights	OXFORD DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	2.718569	308-027-000	Prospect Heights	OXFORD DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	2.425159	308-070-000	Prospect Heights	OXFORD DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	4.50751	308-073-000	Prospect Heights	OXFORD DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space		No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None	None	932
	14.926268	312-														

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	5.645981	335-051-000		PETERS LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space	No	No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		932
	5.311093	335-093-000		PETERS LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space	No	No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		932
	7.66537	338-035-000		PROSPECT ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space	No	No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		933
	2.794555	338-036-000		TIA PL	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space	No	No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		939
	4.222526	339-025-000		S BELL CIR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space	No	No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		938
	2.001418	341-023-000		JEFFERSON RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space	No	No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		932
	20.793674	349-001-000		INNSBRUCK WAY	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space	No	No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		932
	2.991397	349-001-000		INNSBRUCK WAY	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	Conservation Commission	Conservation/Open Space	No	No	No	None	RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	Permanent	None		932
Town Owned - DPW																
Total Acres=	3.166042	205-003-000		POPULATIC ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				939
407.586633	13.399465	205-004-000		POPULATIC ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	24.106968	205-005-000		POPULATIC ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	6.800431	205-006-000		POPULATIC ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	5.515856	205-007-000		POPULATIC ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	0.073568	211-091-000		PALOMINO DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				931
	0.902486	213-036-000		7 CRYSTAL DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	0.80795	216-001-000		POPULATIC ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	0.501688	216-045-000		POPULATIC ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	1.201323	216-046-000		46 POPULATIC ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	0.948836	221-053-000		PARTRIDGE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	1.367637	222-028-008		NINA LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						SINGLE-FAMILY III				938
	7.893831	230-033-000		140 MILLER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	12.687285	231-053-000		105 MILLER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	0.539014	237-003-000		POND ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						SINGLE-FAMILY III				938
	0.991038	237-004-000		POND ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						SINGLE-FAMILY III				938
	10.669673	237-005-000		POND ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						SINGLE-FAMILY III				938
	1.415279	241-040-000		NOANET BROOK LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						SINGLE-FAMILY III				938
	0.071366	244-071-000		180 LONGHILL RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						SINGLE-FAMILY III				931
	0.577525	244-184-000		BROOK ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						SINGLE-FAMILY III				938
	0.639651	251-010-000		8 ANGELO WAY	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				938
	21.044426	253-010-000		WHITE AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						SINGLE-FAMILY III				938
	15.58167	253-012-000		POND ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						SINGLE-FAMILY III				938
	0.624266	253-159-000		IROUOIS RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						SINGLE-FAMILY III				938
	0.384764	257-019-000		CONLYN AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						SINGLE-FAMILY IV				938
	0.34711	257-020-000		CONLYN AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						SINGLE-FAMILY IV				938
	0.78406	258-003-000		POND ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						OFFICE				931
	33.170618	258-004-000		POND ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						OFFICE				939
	1.745998	262-026-000		4 FLINKLOCKE RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						SINGLE-FAMILY III				938
	2.432614	268-126-000		PLEASANT ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						SINGLE-FAMILY III				938
	0.995871	268-169-000		HILLSIDE RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						SINGLE-FAMILY IV				938
	20.715068	277-006-000	Recycling Center	BEAVER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	Recycling Center	Yes	Yes			RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				931
	0.72795	280-005-000		27 JOSEPHINE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						SINGLE-FAMILY IV				938
	1.013884	284-029-000		RED GATE LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						SINGLE-FAMILY III				931
	0.010167	285-108-000		EAST CENTRAL ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						COMMERCIAL II				931
	0.100826	287-109-000		269 FISHER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	0.037233	287-109-000		269 FISHER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	1.239511	287-109-000		269 FISHER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	0.025326	287-109-000		269 FISHER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	44.728193	287-109-000		FISHER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	18.646385	288-001-000		FISHER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	9.165714	288-003-000		100 GROVE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						INDUSTRIAL				931
	4.668071	290-010-000		71 FORGET HILL RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						INDUSTRIAL				938
	0.022632	295-008-000		KENWOOD CIR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						INDUSTRIAL				931
	1.044858	296-211-000		FISHER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938

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	0.044884	296-211-000		FISHER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	0.006585	296-211-000		FISHER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	13.348801	298-002-000		EAST CENTRAL ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	13.977891	298-003-000		EAST CENTRAL ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	28.278722	298-004-000		EAST CENTRAL ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	3.84119	298-009-000		LEWIS ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	0.04108	306-009-000		GROVE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						INDUSTRIAL				931
	23.810916	311-005-000		GROVE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						INDUSTRIAL				938
	17.747745	312-021-000		312 GROVE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						INDUSTRIAL				938
	3.70176	320-003-000		LIBERTY WAY	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						INDUSTRIAL				938
	0.133241	321-041-000		JEFFERSON RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	8.879071	322-001-000		GROVE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						INDUSTRIAL				938
	4.381486	322-093-000		GROVE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	0.864777	329-003-000		LIBERTY WAY	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						INDUSTRIAL				938
	11.538808	334-013-000		VINE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	1.582986	336-014-004		GRACE LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	0.982659	339-062-000		WASHINGTON ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	0.889904	349-009-000		WASHINGTON ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
Town Owned - Future Conservation/Open Space																
Total Acres=	0.446217	205-011-000		FULLER PL	MEDWAY TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				980
308.459211	0.161242	205-030-000		FULLER PL	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	19.254442	206-006-001		LINCOLN ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	1.032928	206-077-000		FULLER PL	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	0.967648	211-019-000		PALOMINO DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	3.200397	211-048-000		PLAIN ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	2.660342	212-011-000		POND ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY III				936
	2.015459	212-012-000		POND ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY III				936
	0.175496	212-014-000		POND ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				930
	0.247197	212-015-000		POND ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				930
	15.07526	213-001-000		POND ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	12.173405	216-047-000		MECHANIC ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	1.985975	216-049-000		CHARLES DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	18.242455	218-025-000		LENOX DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				936
	14.350176	220-001-000		ELM ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				930
	5.72367	220-002-000		STEPHEN WAY	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				930
	0.410147	220-056-000		PARTRIDGE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	0.210243	220-056-000		PARTRIDGE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	0.161622	220-056-000		PARTRIDGE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	0.591366	226-093-000		HEMLOCK LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				930
	0.024899	226-094-000		HEMLOCK LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				930
	18.051164	229-027-000		DANIELS ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	30.755819	229-045-000		DANIELS ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	3.778539	233-038-000		LINCOLN ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				930
	0.177114	234-086-000		CRANBERRY DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				930
	0.296554	240-165-000		CORONATION DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY III				930
	0.046602	241-045-001		CHARLES RIVER DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				930
	12.146863	243-002-000		CLARA LOUISE DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				930
	0.868504	243-087-000		DAVID RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY III				930
	0.427175	244-173-000		OLD FARM RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY III				930
	1.677036	245-096-000		13 GREEN ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	0.457273	248-056-000		GRIFFIN RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY III				930
	0.103333	253-107-000		OAK ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY III				930
	0.216922	253-121-000		KATHY AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY III				930
	0.030496	253-155-000		DAILEY DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				930
	0.15956	257-033-000		CONLYN AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY IV				930
	0.138876	257-082-000		CONLYN AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY IV				930
	9.721231	258-011-000		CROSSFIELD RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY III				930
	0.53159	262-048-000		MUSKET WAY	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY III				930
	2.360541	265-016-000		WAMPANOAG DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				936
	2.443661	265-056-000		CONCETTA WAY	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				936
	0.371029	268-064-000		SQUIRE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY IV				930
	0.162498	268-065-000		WOOD ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY IV				930
	0.657449	269-044-000		PONTON AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							COMMERCIAL II				936
	0.337717	269-045-000		PONTON AV	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							COMMERCIAL II				930
	1.053836	270-022-000		OLD WEST CENTRAL S	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY III				930
	0.100451	271-008-000		GROVE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							BUSINESS				930
	2.693092	271-011-000		GROVE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							BUSINESS				930
	1.963011	271-012-000		WEST CENTRAL ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							BUSINESS				930
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	0.128668	271-044-000		1 POND ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY III				930
	0.156203	272-043-000		ANTHONY RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY IV				930
	0.525168	276-027-000		GROVE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							BUSINESS				930
	0.109428	276-027-000		GROVE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							BUSINESS				930
	0.366146	276-027-000		GROVE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							BUSINESS				930
	0.169747	278-044-000		WEST CENTRAL ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY IV				930
	0.675475	281-016-000		DUTCHESS RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	2.127435	281-016-000		DUTCHESS RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	1.66831	286-051-000		CROSS ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY IV				930

Class	Parcel Size (Acres)	Parcel ID	Property Name	Address	Property Owner	Manager	Current Use	Condition	Public Access	Accessible	Recreation Potential	Zoning	Level of Protection	Grant Source	Deed Restriction	Land Use Code
	0.317684	286-154-000		PECK ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY IV				930
	4.423238	287-106-000		FISHER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							INDUSTRIAL				930
	2.974975	287-107-000		SUGAR BEET RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							INDUSTRIAL				930
	0.209147	297-069-000		ROOSEVELT ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY IV				930
	3.708	302-005-000	Town Forest	SUMMER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				936
	1.395781	303-039-000		7 LOCKEWOOD DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	0.026379	303-039-002		1 LOCKEWOOD DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY III				930
	9.779119	306-022-000		DOE DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				936
	2.588219	306-035-003		DOE DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	9.448538	311-018-000		OLD GROVE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				936
	0.914097	311-019-000		FAWN LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				936
	9.109396	311-020-000		FAWN LN	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				936
	0.218596	313-057-000		UPPER UNION ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							SINGLE-FAMILY III				930
	11.55632	314-010-000		UNION ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				936
	0.48357	314-018-000		834 UPPER UNION ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							INDUSTRIAL				936
	0.113145	322-050-001		WASHINGTON ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	1.184139	327-006-000		17 JEFFERSON RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	1.83674	327-007-000		15 JEFFERSON RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	0.034993	328-046-000		SKIPPER CIR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	1.548462	328-074-001		JEFFERSON RD	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	0.042965	338-028-000		TIA PL	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	9.025954	340-004-000		888 WASHINGTON ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	1.369592	341-004-001		6 RUBY WAY	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	1.24306	341-004-004		18 GARNET DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	1.069997	341-004-009		43 OPAL CIR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	12.191758	348-001-000		WASHINGTON ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	19.632111	349-003-000		WASHINGTON ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	1.488327	349-004-000		WASHINGTON ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	1.276002	349-005-000		WASHINGTON ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
	1.133301	349-010-000		WASHINGTON ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF							RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				930
Town Owned- Franklin Public Schools																
Total Acres=	6.417097	233-002-000	Keller-Sullivan Middle School/Elementary	500 LINCOLN ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			Yes	Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				933
210.22861	15.046642	240-169-000	JK Elementary School	551 POND ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	ADA accessible playground		Yes	Yes		SINGLE-FAMILY III	None			934
	14.621056	243-053-000	Keller-Sullivan Middle School/Elementary	500 LINCOLN ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	ADA accessible playground		Yes	Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	None			934
	16.949475	259-007-002	Franklin High School	VETERANS MEMORIAL DR	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			Yes	Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				933
	49.817862	260-003-000	Franklin High School	218 OAK ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	ADA accessible playground, playing fields		Yes	Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	None			934
	0.267456	268-016-000	The Brick School	LINCOLN/MAPLE ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			Yes	Yes		SINGLE-FAMILY IV				934
	35.050774	269-110-000	Horace Mann School	224 OAK ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	ADA accessible playground		Yes	Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II	None			934
	1.042621	269-111-000	Horace Mann School	OAK ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			Yes	Yes		SINGLE-FAMILY III				934
	3.48001	278-213-000	Davis Thayer School	137 WEST CENTRAL ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	ADA accessible playground		Yes	Yes		SINGLE-FAMILY IV	None			934
	20.497686	297-050-000	Parmenter School	235 WACHUSETT ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	ADA accessible playground		Yes	Yes		SINGLE-FAMILY III	None			934
	47.037931	328-037-000	Remington Jefferson School	628 WASHINGTON ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	ADA accessible playground		Yes	Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I	None			934
Town Owned- Public Recreation																
Total Acres=	95.705988	219-002-000	Dacey Community Field	700 LINCOLN ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	ADA compliant playground equipment 2-12 year old, baseball field, softball field, 2 small soccer fields, walking trails		Yes	Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				931
407.369946	1.51856	262-093-000	DelCarte Conservation Area	459 PLEASANT ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	Playground		Yes	Yes		SINGLE-FAMILY III				930
	104.94727	262-094-000	DelCarte Conservation Area	459 PLEASANT ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	Conservation/Open Space		Yes	Yes		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			932
	4.103574	269-001-000	Franklin Town Common	200 MAIN ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	Gazebo, benches		Yes	Yes		SINGLE-FAMILY IV	Permanent			931
	3.030499	270-051-000	Veteran's Memorial Park	WEST CENTRAL ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	Indoor ice skating/hockey		Yes	Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL II				931
	3.665591	286-101-000	Pisani Field	19 SUMMER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	Small lighted softball field, senior lighted softball field		Yes	Yes		SINGLE-FAMILY IV				931
	13.119378	286-153-000	Fletcher Field	51 PECK ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	2 small baseball fields, senior baseball fields, basketball courts, ADA compliant playground, bathrooms, concession facility		Yes	Yes		SINGLE-FAMILY IV				937
	0.541177	287-021-000	Faenza Park (Nason Street playground)	NASON ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	ADA compliant playground (2-5 years), picnic area		Yes	Yes		SINGLE-FAMILY IV				934
	7.565491	287-114-000	Beaver Pond Recreation Area	HAYWARD ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			Yes	Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	16.545276	287-114-000	Beaver Pond Recreation Area	HAYWARD ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			Yes	Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	28.762109	288-002-000	Beaver Pond Recreation Area	380 BEAVER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	Artificial grass turf field soccer/football/lacrosse, bleachers		Yes	Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	0.15527	288-002-000	Beaver Pond Recreation Area	380 BEAVER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	Artificial grass turf field soccer/football/lacrosse, bleachers		Yes	Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				938
	2.896799	297-014-000	Town Forest	SUMMER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	Conservation/Open Space		Yes	Yes		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			932
	11.956043	298-037-000	Town Forest	SUMMER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	Conservation/Open Space		Yes	Yes		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			932
	2.025523	298-038-000	Town Forest	SUMMER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	Conservation/Open Space		Yes	Yes		SINGLE-FAMILY III	Permanent			932
	81.492307	302-002-000	Town Forest	SUMMER ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			Yes	Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				932
	2.548231	320-042-000	King Street Memorial Park	FOREST ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			Yes	Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				937
	1.24422	320-044-000	King Street Memorial Park	FOREST ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			Yes	Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				937
	11.221664	320-056-000	King Street Memorial Park	740 KING ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	Baseball fields, soccer fields, football fields, basketball courts, ADA compliant playground.		Yes	Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL I				931

Class	Parcel Size (Acres)	Parcel ID	Property Name	Address	Property Owner	Manager	Current Use	Condition	Public Access	Accessible	Recreation Potential	Zoning	Level of Protection	Grant Source	Deed Restriction	Land Use Code
	14.324977	320-057-000	King Street Memorial Park	740 KING ST	FRANKLIN TOWN OF	FRANKLIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	exercise stations, 2 bocce courts, bathroom and concessions facilities		Yes	Yes		RURAL RESIDENTIAL 1				930

APPENDIX C



Town of Franklin Recreation Department

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Memorandum

To: George Russell, Conservation Agent
CC: Bryan Taber, Director of Community Planning
From: Ryan Jette, Director of Recreation
Date: January 13, 2016
Re: Town of Franklin ADA Self Transition Plan

1. Attached is a copy of the updated Town of Franklin Americans with Disabilities Act Self Evaluation and Transition Plan for all Town recreation areas. This document was prepared to serve as a supplement to the regional Open Space & Recreation Plan for 2016. This document was produced to exemplify the continuing progress toward handicapped accessibility for all town fields and playgrounds.
2. The Franklin Commission for Persons with Disabilities was instrumental in helping set the guidelines for the original self-transition plan. Their participation and input was vital in determining the immediate needs of the disabled people within the community.
3. A copy of this document will be forwarded to Gus Brown, Town of Franklin representative for the Franklin Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

<u>Site to be evaluated</u>	<u>Actual size</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Pass/Fail</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Code</u>
*See Parks & Recreation Facilities					
Chilson Beach					
Parking Lot	5	4	Pass	Parking lot has 175 spaces, therefore 4 HP parking spots are required. 5 Exist and are marked with adequate signage and 2 spots are van accessible.	1
Pathway to Water	59" wide	Accessible	Pass	Walkway is 54" wide with a handrail half way down upper beach area. Lower beach area is accessible by portable walkway to the water edge. Lower walkway has no handrails.	1
Shoreline Accessibility			Pass		1
Women's Bathroom					
			Pass	HP restrooms exist with access to and from. Grab bars, sinks and stalls are all HP compliant.	1
Men's Bathroom					
			Pass	HP restrooms exist with access to and from. Grab bars, sinks and stalls are all HP compliant.	1
Playground					
<i>Entrance</i>	48" wide		Pass	Gate is sufficient	
	8" step, separate gate	Ramp or gate	Pass	Recommendation to put in a ramp or raise the level of wood fiber to eliminate the step down.	
Picnic	3 tables	Accessible	Fail	Surface around picnic tables is not accessible.	
Boat Ramp	10' wide		Pass		

<u>Site to be evaluated</u>	<u>Actual size</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Pass/Fail</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Code</u>
Fletcher Field					
Parking Area				Required signage needed at playground spots and entrance near restrooms.	2
<i>Spaces (83 spaces)</i>	2 accessible	See note	Pass	41-100 spaces, must have at least three accessible. 1 van accessible. Recommendation is to add one van accessible space near restrooms.	
Entrance	52'		Pass	Required accessible entrance to play area.	
Playground Area	No bolt protrusions	>2 threads	Pass	Meets new ASTM F standards set out guidelines for playground equipment.	2
<i>Surfacing</i>	Wood fiber		Pass	Wood fiber installed	
<i>Swing set</i>	Surfacing area are 16'	Needs to be 16'	Pass	Recommendation are to lower one swing and add one adaptive swing.	2
Picnic Area			Pass	2 picnic tables have paved access.	2
Ball Field Gate	37"	>32"	Pass	No changes needed	
Men's Bathroom					
<i>Door Entrance</i>	36"	34"	Pass		1
<i>Toilet</i>	19"	17-19"	Pass		
<i>Sink</i>			Pass	Hot water exists	1
<i>Soap Dispenser</i>			Pass		1
<i>Towel Dispenser</i>			Pass		1
<i>Mirror</i>	None exist		Fail	Add	1
<i>Grab Bars</i>	None exist		Pass		1
Women's Bathroom					
<i>Door Entrance</i>	36"	34"	Pass		1
<i>Toilet</i>	19"	17-19"	Pass		
<i>Sink</i>			Pass	Hot water exists	1
<i>Soap Dispenser</i>			Pass		1
<i>Towel Dispenser</i>			Pass		1
<i>Mirror</i>	None exist		Fail	Add	1
<i>Grab Bars</i>			Pass		1
Snack Bar	Counter height	28-34"	Pass	Counter needs to be measured	3
Play Area's	Assessible		Pass	Paths exist to all fields and the playground.	1
Wachusett St. Entrance	24 car lot with 1 HP spot	1 HP van spot	Pass	HP Spot must be made van accessible by painting van access area and providing an HP sign at the front of the parking space. The sign must read, "van accessible".	2
Pathway from Parking Area			Pass	Walkway is provided to field 3.	2
Restrooms on Wachusett Street -HP compliant portable toilets supplied			Pass	HP port-a-potty exist on Wachusett Street side during spring.	

<u>Site to be evaluated</u>	<u>Actual size</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Pass/Fail</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Code</u>
King Street Memorial Park					
Walkway Gate	53"		Pass		
Parking Area	4 Spaces		Pass	Designated handicapped parking is required. At least 4 spaces are needed. Proper signage is required.	1
Field Area			Pass	Accessible to all fields and playgrounds	2
Playground surfacing			Pass	Wood fiber	2
Playground Equipment			Pass	2 Adaptive swings are provided and play structure is accessible	1
Men's bathroom					
<i>Doorway</i>	34"	32"	Pass		
<i>Light switch</i>	46"	<48"	Pass		3
<i>Toilet</i>	18 ½	17-19"	Pass		
<i>Handrails</i>	None exist	33-36"	Pass	Handrails need to be installed	1
<i>Paper Towels</i>	46"	No>48"	Pass		
<i>Soap Dispenser</i>	46"	No>48"	Pass		
<i>Sinks</i>	Hardware		Pass	Are usable with a closed fist.	1
Women's bathroom					
<i>Doorway</i>	34"	32"	Pass		
<i>Light switch</i>	46"	<48"	Pass		3
<i>Toilet</i>	18 ½	17-19"	Pass		
<i>Handrails</i>	None exist	33-36"	Pass	Handrails are installed	1
<i>Paper Towels</i>	46"	No>48"	Pass		
<i>Soap Dispenser</i>	46"	No>48"	Pass		
<i>Sinks</i>	Hardware		Pass	Are usable with a closed fist.	1

DelCarte Recreation Site					
<u>Site to be evaluated</u>	<u>Actual size</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Pass/Fail</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Code</u>
Entrance	35"	32"	Pass		
Picnic Area			Pass	6 accessible picnic tables exist.	2
Canoe/Kayak Launch			Fail	No accessibility to the launch from the parking area. Should install a permanent HP parking spot near the launch with accessible path.	2
Playground Equipment			Pass	Apparatus is accessible.	1
Swing Area			Pass	An adaptive swing was added and chains were lowered	1
Trails			Fail		1
Playground Surfacing			Pass	Wood fiber	2

Nason Street Tot Lot					
<u>Site to be evaluated</u>	<u>Actual size</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Pass/Fail</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Code</u>
Entrance	35"	32"	Pass	Small wood fence in front of entrance should be removed.	
Picnic Area			Pass	6 accessible picnic tables exist.	2
On-street Parking			Fail	At least one handicapped parking area is required with signage on street.	2
Playground Equipment			Pass	Apparatus is accessible.	1
Swing Area			Pass	An adaptive swing was added and chains were lowered	1
Walkway			Pass	Firm ground serves as accessible pathway.	1
Playground Surfacing			Pass	Wood fiber	2

Pisani Field –Formally Theron Metcalf Field					
<u>Site to be evaluated</u>	<u>Actual size</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Pass/Fail</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Code</u>
<i>FIELD 1</i>					
Entrance			Pass	Handicapped accessibility to the ball park is provided..	1
Sidewalks			Pass	New sidewalks exist.	1
Peck Street			Pass	Curb cuts are present at the crosswalk. On street parking. Recommend off street Handicap Parking space be provided behind backstop.	1
<i>FIELD 2</i>					
Entrance			Pass	Handicapped accessibility to the field is provided..	2
Parking		2	Pass	2 HP spaces both van accessible exist.	
Concession stand				Accessible walkway exists	
Rest Rooms	2		Pass	Both are fully accessible.	

Dacey Field					
<u>Site to be evaluated</u>	<u>Actual size</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Pass/Fail</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Code</u>
Parking	14 spots exist	Need	Pass	Need van accessible signs for 5 parking spaces. 2 @ little league field, 1 @ playground, 1 @ multi purpose field, 1 @ upper soccer field.	
Picnic Tables	3	0	Pass	Need to be moved to the playground designated area	
Playground			Pass	Accessible playground with 2 adaptive swings.	
Port-a-potty	4	0	Pass	HP port-a-potty supplied during spring and fall.	
Fields			Pass	All fields and playgrounds are accessible by paved walkway.	

Town of Franklin

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June 7, 2016

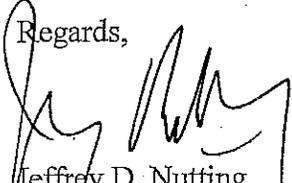
Ms. Melissa Cryan
Grants Manager
EOEEA/CDR
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Ms. Cryan:

I designate Lloyd "Gus" Brown, as the Town's Building Commissioner responsible for ADA coordination for the Open Space & Recreation Plan.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 508-520-4949.

Regards,


Jeffrey D. Nutting
Town Administrator

CC: Lloyd Brown, Town Building Commissioner





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Essential Functions:

Delivery of excellent Customer Service

Review all Site Plans, Special Permits, Subdivision Plans and Approval Not Required Plans (ANR) to ensure compliance with Town of Franklin Zoning Bylaws and Subdivision Control Regulations, as well as M.G.L. Chapter 41, Sections 81A-81 GG and M.G.L Chapter 40A, and other pertinent regulations and best development practices.

Act as staff representative, attending all Planning Board meetings and other Town Boards and Committees as needed.

Write new and revise existing Town of Franklin Zoning Bylaws and Subdivision Regulations as required and to reflect current planning and land use practices.

Participate in preparation of various comprehensive planning documents including but not limited to master plan, housing production plan, open space and recreation plan, hazard mitigation plan, and economic development plans through completion of research, interdepartmental discussions and public participation process.

Position Requires:

BS degree in Urban/Regional Planning or a related field plus 4-6 years of equivalent planning experience.

Experience providing staff support to a Planning Board or other municipal organization.

Must possess a valid driver's license.

Working knowledge of the following computer applications is highly desirable: ArcGIS, AutoCAD, various graphic design, web page development, social media and database management programs.

Hiring range from \$55,000 to \$60,000 based on skills and qualifications. Please forward application or resume and cover letter to: Human Resources, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, MA 02038 or by email at apply@franklin.ma.us.

EOEmployer

Recruitment and Selection

The Town of Franklin is an Equal Opportunity Employer and seeks to fill its positions with well skilled competent individuals from all appropriate sources of applicants.

The Town of Franklin is an At Will Equal Opportunity Employer. The recruitment and selection system is designed to attract a pool of qualified candidates and select the most suitable candidate for a vacant position. Selection and appointment to all positions is based solely on job-related requirements and the applicant's demonstration that (s)he possesses the skills, knowledge, abilities and other characteristics necessary for successful job performance.

Recruitment procedures.

Define the job: When a vacancy occurs, the Town Administrator, department head and Human Resources (HR) Director will review the functions and workload to determine if the job should be modified, left vacant, or filled. The HR Director reviews the required skills, knowledge, abilities and experience with the department head and then advertises the position.

Advertise the vacancy: The Human Resources Director will be responsible for advertising the vacancy to assure that interested and qualified individuals, including current employees, are informed of:

- Position title
- Duties and responsibilities
- Hiring salary range
- Minimum and special qualifications for the job
- How to apply
- Any other information which may be useful to applicants.

The methods and placement of advertising vacancies will vary, depending upon the nature and requirements of the position being filled.

To allow sufficient time for candidates to apply for the position, jobs will be posted for at least five (5) workdays.

Application for employment. All candidates applying for employment must file an official application form with Human Resources prior to the close of business on the date specified in the vacancy announcement or advertisement. Each applicant shall sign the form, certifying the truth of all statements by his/her signature. Deliberate false or misleading statements and deception on the application or during interviews will be grounds for rejecting an applicant or for termination.

Selection procedures.

The Human Resources Director will review the applications of all candidates who have applied for the position to determine whether each candidate meets the minimum requirements established for the position.

Factors to be considered in determining qualifications include but are not limited to training, education and work experience; written and oral skills; and background investigation, including pre-employment drug screening.

The background investigation varies with positions, and may include but is not limited to:

- Personal and professional references
- Driving Records
- Criminal background check
- Educational background verification
- Medical examination
- Other job specific issues as appropriate, including psychological and physical abilities test
- Credit Checks

The Town Administrator is the hiring authority for all positions. Department managers with vacancies will interview candidates and make a recommendation for selection to the Town Administrator. The final selection is at the sole discretion of the Town Administrator and are made on the basis of qualifications and skills.

Probationary period.

The probationary period is an integral part of the selection procedure allowing the supervisor and department head to train, observe and evaluate an employee's work in order to determine fitness for retention in the position. Each person promoted or appointed to a full or regular part time position shall complete a probationary period to enable the department head to observe the employee's ability to perform the essential duties of the position.

The probationary period shall begin immediately on appointment or promotion and continue for at least six (6) months. It may be extended at the department head's request if further time for training or observation is needed.

Throughout the probationary period the department head will observe the employee's performance, and any strengths or weaknesses in the employee's performance will be discussed with the employee. The probationary period for police officers and firefighters is twelve (12) months.

An employee shall receive one performance review at least one (1) month prior to the six-month anniversary date of service. The supervisor will notify the Human Resources Director in writing that:

The employee's performance is satisfactory and that the individual should be retained as a regular employee in his classification; or

The employee's performance or conduct is unsatisfactory and that his/her removal is proposed as of a specific date prior to the end of the probationary period. The supervisor will furnish reasons for the recommended removal and may terminate the employee upon the approval of the appointing authority; or

An extension of the probationary period is desired for additional observation, and the employee will continue in his/her position temporarily during the extension if granted by the appointing authority. No merit increase shall be granted until the employee has completed the extended probationary period. The extension may not exceed six (6) months, nor may the total period exceed twelve (12) months.

Removal of an employee:

An employee may be removed during the probationary period if the employee is unwilling or unable to perform required duties or if work habits or dependability do not merit continuation in the position.

The supervisor/manager must be in touch with HR during the probationary period to develop improvement plans , or to discuss and document performance issues. Management will notify the employee in writing why (s)he is being terminated and the effective date of the action.

An employee may also be removed at any time if it is revealed that information submitted prior to appointment was falsified.

Promotion.

Employees are encouraged to develop new skills, expand knowledge of their work, assume greater responsibilities and make known their qualifications for promotion to more difficult and responsible positions.

Employees may apply for any vacancy they qualify for as it becomes available.

Equal Employment Opportunity is THE LAW

Federal, State and Local Governments, Institutions, Employment Agencies and Contractors

Employees of most private employers, state and local governments, employment agencies, and labor organizations are protected under the law on the following bases:

RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN

The Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, protects applicants and employees in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, other aspects of employment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Religious discrimination includes failing to accommodate an employee's religious practices where the accommodation would not impose an undue hardship.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, protects applicants and employees from discrimination on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. Discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation for the physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability or employee, barring undue hardship.

The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, protects applicants and employees from discrimination based on age in hiring, promotion, benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, prohibits sex discrimination in the payment of wages to men performing substantially equal work, in jobs that require equal skill, under similar working conditions, in the same establishment.

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 protects applicants and employees from genetic information in hiring, promotion, benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. It also restricts employers' acquisition of genetic information and strictly prohibits employers from using genetic information in hiring, promotion, or other employment decisions. Genetic information includes information about an individual's family members (family medical history) and requests for or disclosure of such information by applicants, employees, or their family members.

RETALIATION

All of these Federal laws prohibit covered entities from retaliating against a person who files a charge of discrimination, participates in a discrimination proceeding, or otherwise opposes an unlawful employment practice.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU BELIEVE DISCRIMINATION HAS OCCURRED

There are strict time limits for filing charges of employment discrimination. To preserve the ability of EEOC to act on your behalf and to protect your right to file a private lawsuit, should you ultimately need to, you should contact EEOC promptly when discrimination is suspected. There are several ways you can contact EEOC: 1-800-669-4000 (toll-free) or 1-800-669-6820 (toll-free TTY number for individuals with hearing impairments). EEOC field office information is available at www.eeoc.gov or in most telephone directories in the U.S. Government or Federal Government section. Additional information about EEOC, including information about charge filing, is available at www.eeoc.gov.

Employers Holding Federal Contracts or Subcontracts

Applicants to and employees of companies with a Federal government contract or subcontract are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN

Executive Order 11246, as amended, prohibits job discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, and requires affirmative action to ensure equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, protects qualified individuals from discrimination on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship. Section 503 also requires that Federal contractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities at all levels of employment, including the executive level.

DISABLED, RECENTLY SEPARATED, OTHER PROTECTED, AND ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL VETERANS

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, 38 U.S.C. 4212, prohibits job discrimination and requires affirmative action to employ and advance in employment disabled veterans, recently separated veterans (within three years of discharge or release from active duty), other protected veterans (veterans who served during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized), and Armed Forces service medal veterans (veterans who, while on active duty, participated in a U.S. military operation for which an Armed Forces service medal was awarded).

RETALIATION

Retaliation is prohibited against a person who files a complaint of discrimination, participates in an OFCCP proceeding, or otherwise opposes discrimination under these Federal laws. Any person who believes a contractor has violated its nondiscrimination or affirmative action obligations under the authorities above should contact immediately:

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, 1-800-397-6251 (toll-free) or (202) 693-1337 (TTY). OFCCP may also be contacted by e-mail at OFCCP-Public@dol.gov, or by calling an OFCCP regional or district office, listed in most telephone directories under U.S. Government, Department of Labor.

Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance

RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX
In addition to the protections of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Employment discrimination is covered by Title VI if the primary objective of the financial assistance is provision of employment, or where employment discrimination causes or may cause discrimination in providing services under such programs. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities which receive Federal financial assistance.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

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If you believe you have been discriminated against in a program of any institution which receives Federal financial assistance, you should immediately contact the Federal agency providing such assistance.

EEOC

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

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APPENDIX D

FRANKLIN PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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FRANKLIN, MA 02038-1352

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Community Groups Franklin

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Franklin Men's Baseball	Ryan Jette	ryanjette@yahoo.com	
Franklin Youth Baseball	Ryan Jette		
Franklin Metrowest Basketball	Pete Cacioppo	ringofftherise@gmail.com	
Franklin Chargers Football	AJ Grant	football@franklinchargers.org	
Franklin Youth Hockey	Dan Sheeha	president.fvha@gmail.com	
Franklin Boy's Youth Lacrosse	Tom O'Rourke	franklinlax@yahoo.com	
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Franklin Youth Soccer	Mark Scagliarini		256 Cottage St. 508-520-4070
Franklin Track Boosters		booster@fhstrack.org	
Norfolk County Pacers		nccpacers@comcast.net	
Franklin Art Association	Jean Blake-White (President)	FAASecretary@gmail.com	279 East Central St PMB#289
Franklin Garden Club	Debra Degrazia (President)		
Franklin Rod & Gun	Mark Bascio (President)	webmaster@franklinrodandgun.org	P.O. Box 336
Franklin Rotary Club	Frank Cusanno		P.O. Box 148
Metacomet Land Trust	Lisa Moczynski (President)	info@metacometlandtrust.org	P.O. Box 231 888-298-7284
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Franklin Cultural Council	Kai Olson	Franklinculture@hotmail.com	279 East Central St PMB # 284
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Boy Scouts Troop 99	Rick LaRowe	rick.larowe@gmail.com	
Boy Scouts Troop 126	Jim Rich	troop126scoutmaster@gmail.com	
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Cub Scouts Pack 92	Joshua Smith		
Cub Scouts Pack 99	Rick LaRowe	rlarowe@comcast.net	
Cub Scouts Pack 126	Wes Kerns		
Jr. Girl Scout Troop 861	Roni Doherty	roni.girlscouts@comcast.net	
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Ben Franklin PCC	Christine Santos	pcc@bfccps.org	
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Oak St. PCC	Amy Murphy	amy9579@aol.com	
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**Franklin Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
December 3, 2015**

To: Town Clerk
cc: Members
File

Present: J. Livingstone, P. Harrington, R. Pendkar, T. Henrichon,
S. McLean, George Russell, Conservation Agent

Absent: B.Batchelor, S. Younis

Mr. George Russell's Agent's Report has been appended to the minutes.

Public Hearing – Amendment -8 Paulene Drive – Shugrue – CE159-1094

Ms. Nicole Shugrue, the applicant, appeared before the Commission for changes to the construction of a garage. Mr. Shugrue stated that she would like to modify the original plans for this construction.

There was a motion made by Scott McLean to close the hearing. The motion was seconded by Ravi Pendkar and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

There was a motion made by Scott McLean to approve the NOI Amendment for 8 Paulene Drive on the grounds that there is negligible

impact to the wetlands. The motion was seconded by Ravi Pendkar and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Public Hearing – Open Space & Recreation Plan

The Commission Chairman stated that this public hearing, which is a part of the update process of the Open Space & Recreation Plan, is designed to receive public input from the residents on the 2016 Open Space & Recreation Plan. George Russell, Conservation Agent, stated that:

1. This is the second public hearing on the plan and there would be one more when the draft plan is complete.
2. There are really two components to the plan: Open Space and Recreation.
3. Currently a number of items being worked on including:
an update to what is actually open space in Town and an updated listing of open space parcels based on land use codes.
4. No input was received from the public.

Mr. Russell stated that there are no Conservation Restrictions (CR's) in Town. Conservation Restrictions must be approved by the State of Massachusetts, the Department of Conservation & Recreation. If there is a CR on a deed to a parcel of land but it has not been approved by the State, then it is not a legal CR under State law.

If the Commission wishes to do so, they could request that a CR be developed for any piece of property that they control but it would have to be approved by the Town Council. This could be noted as one of the goals.

Mr. Russell stated that we have to evaluate the 2015 listing of Chapter 61 lands as the Town has the right of first refusal. The idea of prioritizing open space Conservation Commission controlled parcels under CR protection is very valuable.

The town staff will be tabulating the long and short forms of the open space survey and when the numbers and the survey results are finalized, the two major sections of the plan can be written.

Mr. Russell stated that he will bring forth the Commission's desire of private protection of CR's to the Town Council.

Mr. Russell requested feedback from the Commission on the 2008 Goals and Objectives plan which were included in their packets.

Mr. Russell will keep the Commissioners updated on what is ongoing with this matter. He requested that comments from the Commissioners be given to him by email by December 11th so that the details of the plan can be finalized.

**Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – 5 Kenwood Circle – RCG
Kenwood – CE159-1114**

Mr. Peter Bemis, Engineer of Engineering Design Consultants, appeared before the Commission for the installation of stormwater management structures.

Mr. Bemis provided the Commission members with a detailed description of the plans for the project.

Mr. Russell stated that the ownership issue he previously had concerns about have been addressed to his satisfaction. He also had issues about why were they working on the site without authorization. This work is located outside of the buffer zone and Mr. Bemis stated that at the present time there is no work being conducted on the site.

Mr. Russell informed the Commission that at the present time there is no stormwater management controls at this property and it is very much needed.

There was a motion made by Paul Harrington to close the public hearing for 5 Kenwood Circle. The motion was seconded by Ravi Pendkar and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

There was a motion made by Scott McLean to approve the NOI for 5 Kenwood Circle with the stipulations #20-32, 34, 42&44 with the reasons for approval being that the proposed improvements will allow great management of stormwater generated on site and help prevent illicit discharges to the wetland resource areas. The motion was seconded by Ravi Pendkar and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Continued - Public Hearing – Notice of Intent - 300 & 340 East Central Street- Franklin Properties – CE159-1106 & CE159-1107

The Commission Chairman stated that a letter has been received from the applicant's representative dated December 2nd requesting a continuance of the public hearing until December 17th, 2015.

There was a motion made by Paul Harrington to continue the public hearing for 300&340 East Central Street until December 17th at 7:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Scott McLean and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Continued - Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – 674 Pleasant Street – Thornhill - CE159-1104

Mr. Jim Thornhill, the applicant, appeared before the Commission for the removal of debris and trailers at his residence at 674 Pleasant Street.

Mr. Russell stated that a new revised plan was submitted for his review and he is recommending that this plan be the final plan for approval.

The Commission Chairman informed Mr. Thornhill of the special stipulations which will be attached to the Orders of Conditions. These conditions are #20

There was a motion made by Scott McLean to close the NOI for 674 Pleasant Street., The motion was seconded by Tara Henrichon and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

There was a motion made by Scott McLean to approve the NOI for 674 Pleasant Street with the stipulation that the owner remove all items from jurisdiction, or at least onto paved surfaces that could leak fluids onto the ground (e.g., the tractor) including the trailers and storage units. Also, the following conditions #20 (with the provision that this be done for any “new work” such as moving the trailers, #22, 27-30, 33, 34, 37, 40, 44 & 46-50. The Commission recognizes that the revised calculation of the impact on the resource buffer areas indicate a significant reduction from the original NOI and that the 1,1179 sq. ft. of mitigation shown is greater than a 2:1 ratio for areas disturbed and the removal of all equipment that could leak polluting fluids be removed to an impervious surface. The motion was seconded by Paul Harrington and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Mr. Thornhill asked the Commission how he should have the original Orders of Conditions under DEP filed # CE159-966 released. The Chairman stated that he should file DEP form 8A and request a Certificate of Compliance as an invalid Orders of Conditions.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minor Buffer Zone Activity: 161 Pine Street

Ms. Kimberly Cooper, the homeowner, appeared before the Commission for the removal of a diseased tree in the front yard of her house in the buffer zone. This is an after-the-fact filing. She stated that National Gri determined the tree was in danger of falling and could fall on the power lines as well as was in danger of causing damage to the house.

There was a motion made by Scott McLean to approve the minor buffer zone activity for 161 Pine Street. The motion was seconded by Ravi Pendkar and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Minor Buffer Zone Activity: 5 Briarwood Road

Mr. Peter Good, the homeowner, appeared before the Commission for the storage of excavated materials from a swimming pool. Mr. Russell stated that while the pool was out of conservation jurisdiction, the material was not.

There was a motion made by Scott McLean to approve the minor buffer zone activity for 5 Briarwood Road. The motion was seconded by Ravi Pendkar and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Permit Modification: 176 Grove Street

Mr. Karlis Skulte, Consultant of EBI Consulting, appeared before the Commission to determine if some proposed changes to the site should be handled as an amendment to the existing Orders of Conditions.

Mr. Skulte described the proposed change to the project, which is a minor change to the loading dock on the site.

Mr. Russell stated that these changes to the plan are minimal and should not require a new NOI.

There was a motion made by Ravi Pendkar that the changes to the plans for 176 Grove Street constitute an amendment to the NOI. The motion was seconded by Paul Harrington and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Permit Modification: 39 Opal Circle

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Griffin, the homeowners, appeared before the Commission to address the issue of a fence being constructed around the swimming pool that was not depicted on the plan. The fence would be addressed as a minor buffer zone but there is an existing NOI for the project.

The Commission requested that the applicant file for an amendment with a public hearing and at the same meeting, a Certificate of Compliance

could be requested and approved at the same meeting if the applicant chooses to do so. The applicant agreed to this process and Mr. Russell will send them a letter outlining how they should proceed.

There was a motion made by Scott McLean that the fence issue at 39 Opal Circle should rise to the level of an amendment request. The motion was seconded by Ravi Pendkar and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Certificate of Compliance: 95 Chestnut Street

There was a motion made by Scott McLean to accept an invalid Certificate of Compliance for 95 Chestnut Street. The motion was seconded by Ravi Pendkar and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Certificate of Compliance: Uncas Avenue Extension (Local Only)

There was a motion made by Scott McLean to accept the Certificate of Compliance for Uncas Avenue Extension. The motion was seconded by Paul Harrington and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Certificate of Compliance: 5 Red Gate Lane

There was a motion made by Scott McLean to accept the Certificate of Compliance for 5 Red Gate Lane. The motion was seconded by Paul Harrington and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Certificate of Compliance: 222 Daniels Street

There was a motion made by Scott McLean to accept the Certificate of Compliance for 222 Daniels Street. The motion was seconded by Paul Harrington and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Discussion: By-Law Amendment

George Russell, Conservation Agent, informed the Commission members that the DPW Director has submitted an amendment to the local wetlands bylaw on detention basins. The town attorney is prepared

to submit this to the Town Council but he would like the Conservation Commission to approve of the wording in the document.

They have 98 basins to maintain in Town. The intent of the amendment is in a detention basin, in the future it will be a wetlands. The DPW needs to maintain the basin and is seeking the authority to maintain the basins without going through the permitting process.

Minutes:

There was a motion made by Scott McLean to accept the minutes for October 29th, 2015. The motion was seconded by Paul Harrington and accepted with a vote of 4-0-1; 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention.

There was a motion made by Scott McLean to accept the minutes of the November 12th, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul Harrington and accepted with a vote of 4-0-1; 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention.

Violation: 438 West Central Street Restoration

Mr. Wayne Belec, Engineer of Waterman Design Associates, appeared before the Commission on a violation matter at the Shell Station on West Central Street.

Mr. Russell informed the Commission members that Mr. Belec is appearing at tonight's meeting to address a violation that the Commission requested that a wetland scientist be engaged to evaluate the material placed adjacent to or in the resource area in the rear of this property.

The scientists report and the restoration plan to remove the material have been submitted and Mr. Russell recommended the Commission accepts this plan and the restoration work be authorized to proceed.

Mr. Belec reviewed some background information on this area in concern on this site. He also presented some photos of the site in its current condition and gave a detailed explanation of what these photos.

These photographs have been added to the file

Mr. Belec described the manner in which the restoration work will be conducted. He suggested that all of the debris on the site be removed. The amount of debris will be approximately 6-8 cubic yards. The intent is to restore the site to its natural state and prevent this from occurring again.

There was a motion made by Ravi Pendkar to accept the report and authorize the work that is suggested in the report. An amendment to the existing NOI for this work and any other work must be filed before the permit is extended further. That the Conservation Commission office be notified at the start and completion of the work. The motion was seconded by Scott McLean and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Signed Certificates of Compliance, Minor Buffer Zone Activities & Orders of Conditions

Certificate of Compliance – 5 Red Gate Lane – Pericolo - CE159-1088

Certificate of Compliance – Uncas Avenue – Walsh Bros. - SE159-813

Orders of Conditions – 8 Paulene Drive – Shugrue - CE159-1094

Orders of Conditions – 5 Kenwood Circle – EDC - CE159-1114

Orders of Conditions – 674 Pleasant Street – Thornhill – CE159-1104

Minor Buffer Zone Activity – 161 Pine Street – Cooper

Minor Buffer Zone Activity – 5 Briarwod Road – Good

Certificate of Compliance – 95 Chestnut St. - McWade – CE159-1043

Certificate of Compliance – 222 Daniels St. - Wellerson – SE159-911

There was a motion made by Ravi Pendkar to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul Harrington and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Celorier
Recording Secretary

Open Space & Recreation Plan Public Meeting
Saturday November 14, 2015, 9:30 a.m.
Franklin Public Library

Public Meeting Notes

Bryan Taberner, Director of Planning & Community Development opened the meeting providing an overview of the 2008 Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP), and informed those in attendance that the Town is currently gathering public input and moving towards updating the 2008 document to create the Franklin 2016 OSRP. Mr. Taberner referenced maps being displayed, including a map of Open Space Areas of Interest from the 2008 OSRP. Also, Section 9 of the existing OSRP was distributed, and copies of the OSRP survey were available to complete or distribute. There were 8 residents in attendance; a sign in sheet is attached.

Resident, Alan Earls, discussed the Army Corps of Engineer land that resides in Franklin, Bellingham and Medway, which is the Upper Charles Wildlife and Recreation Area, also known as Charles River Meadowlands. Mr. Earls provided the Town with a document (The Upper Charles Wildlife and Recreation Area - a Proposal to Enhance Access to US Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Lands) and summarized a proposal to obtain access to Charles River Meadowlands within the three communities for passive recreation.

He explained the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers acquired hundreds of acres of wetlands and low-lying property along the course of the Charles River for flood control purposes, much of which is available for passive recreation activities, including walking, bicycling, fishing, and canoeing. Mr. Earls indicated that the Federally-owned land in Franklin (465 acres) is currently used for passive recreation, but it is not formally allowed by the US government. He would like to see the Federal lands added to the OSRP with the goal to better utilize the land for passive recreation, and to formalize parking and access.

Representative Jeffrey Roy mentioned there is a regional plan with abutting communities to perform a feasibility study for the lands.

Anthony Bissanti, mentioned the 33 acres owned by the Town on Pond Street. He said that only 13 acres are developable which leaves 20 acres available for open space. This Town owned property is just south of the Federally-owned land, and has been the subject of much debate in recent years. Providing a buffer on the north edge of the Pond Street property has been discussed and a requirement of previous development proposals.

Resident Beth Wierling recommended adding duck and bird boxes at the Del Carte Dam property.

Ed Barth from the Franklin & Bellingham Rail Trail Committee talked about adding a tunnel under Prospect Street to allow the SNETT in Franklin to easily access the Bellingham and Blackstone portions of the trail.

Rep. Roy stated there was \$1.4 million in a State bond bill for the Prospect Street underpass. Rep. Roy said an action plan was needed for the issue to become a priority so the Administration releases the funds.

Mr. Taberner informed those in attendance of improvements being implemented in the Downtown area, as well as other proposed improvements including the Franklin Cultural District and a pocket park.

Mr. Taberner drove the conversation by asking a couple questions that are on the OSRP survey, the first being "How satisfied are you with the places available in Franklin for recreational use by adults?"

Ms. Wierling mentioned there were no baseball fields available for pick-up baseball games; the leagues use all of the fields. Mr. Roy mentioned possibly working with Dean College to allow public access to their fields on Longley Drive.

A variety of other issues were mentioned including: Access to the Town Forest from Ficco's on East Central Street; Adding more bike lanes and bike lockers around town, including the train stations; A Skate Park at the YMCA; Possible loop trail around Beaver Pond; and The need for improved signs so residents are aware of the open space and recreation areas in Town. Taberner noted that this last item was in the current OSRP and is being slowly worked on.

Mr. Taberner asked a second OSRP survey question: "How satisfied are you with the places available in Franklin for recreational use by people with disabilities?" Renata Gilarova stated she was not happy with current recreational facilities for individuals with disabilities. There was discussion regarding easily accessed trails and recreation properties. The book *Easy Walking in Massachusetts* written by Bellingham resident Margery Turner Holman was mentioned; the book includes Franklin resources.

Open Space & Recreation Public Meeting

Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
Franklin Public Library, 118 Main Street

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Franklin Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
May 26, 2016

To: Town Clerk
cc: Members
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Present: J. Livingstone, P. Harrington, B. Batchelor, A. Gelineau, S. McLean, George Russell, Conservation Agent, Kathleen Celorier, Secretary.

Chairman Livingstone announced the meeting would be audio and video recorded.

Mr. George Russell's Agent's Report has been appended to the minutes.

Public Hearing – RFD – 49 Daniels Street – Roche & Roche

Mr. Bruce Wilson, Principal of Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., representing John Roche of Roche & Roche, addressed the Commission to determine whether the area of work on the plan is subject to the ordinance or bylaw. He provided Commission members pictures of the site. He stated the installed shed was originally permitted in 2003, and was intended to be installed in front of the 100 ft. buffer; it was actually installed between the 50 ft. and 100 ft. buffer. This was recently discovered with the sale of the home. He noted it would probably cause more damage to the environment to move the shed than leave in current location. An RDA has been filed with no work proposed.

Chairman Livingstone referenced the original plan and questioned if the intention was to have the lawn area up to the shed.

Mr. Wilson showed plans from 2001 when property was subdivided. It may have been an established use area. He said he checked the archives and there was no record.

Mr. Russell confirmed no prior records were found. He conducted a field inspection; the shed is well established. To remove the structure would cause more damage. This is an after-the-fact permit to clear up a title issue.

There was a motion made by Bill Batchelor to close the public hearing for the RDA for 49 Daniels Street. The motion was seconded by Angela Gelineau and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

There was a motion made by Bill Batchelor for a negative determination for the RDA for 49 Daniels Street. The motion was seconded by Angela Gelineau and accepted with a vote of 4-0-1 (Mr. Harrington abstained).

Public Hearing – Open Space & Recreation Plan

Mr. Russell stated the public hearing is part of the finalization process for the Open Space & Recreation Plan. All Commission members have received a copy; some members have provided comments which will be incorporated into the document. Formal comments from the State, DCR, Regional Planning

Agency, will be incorporated when received. To date, only one public comment received, indicating document was too long. Final document will return to Commission for adoption.

There were no audience members requesting to comment.

There was a motion made by Bill Batchelor to close the public hearing for the Open Space & Recreation Plan. The motion was seconded by Angela Gelineau and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Public Hearing – NOI – 9 Loretta Road - Adiletto

Mr. Rick Goodreau of United Consultants, Inc. and Michael Adiletto, property owner, appeared before the Commission for the construction of addition to existing single-family house. Mr. Goodreau provided the white and green cards from the certified mailing, an email from DEP with the file number, and additional 11" x 17" plan copies for Commission members. He stated the plan and application were filed for the garage and mudroom addition. The existing asphalt driveway will be extended. A paver patio will be added from the mudroom area. The lot was subdivided in 1995 prior to the Rivers Protection ACT. BVW was delineated. The proposed work is to be done within the 100 ft. buffer zone and in an existing landscaped area. Have shown erosion control area with compost sock and provided for small materials stockpile located outside of jurisdictional area. Minimal excavation expected. He noted the proposed area is relatively flat.

Mr. Russell stated he visited the site and recommended approval with conditions outlined in his agent's report.

There was a motion made by Bill Batchelor to close the public hearing for the NOI for 9 Loretta Road. The motion was seconded by Angela Gelineau and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

There was a motion made by Bill Batchelor to approve the NOI for 9 Loretta Road with special conditions #20, 24, 27, 28, 34, 35, 38 and 44. The motion was seconded by Angela Gelineau and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Public Hearing – NOI – 100 Financial Park – CRE Management

Mr. Russell stated peer review is recommended. Should the Commission decide on peer review, the hearing will be continued. He advised the applicant that there were two Commission members not in attendance; if the applicant provides a full presentation, those members may or may not familiarize themselves with the presentation.

Mr. Doug Hartnett of Highpoint Engineering, representing CRE Management, addressed the Commission for the construction of 300,000 sq. ft. warehouse building and 28,000 sq. ft. building expansion. He stated it may be beneficial to have all Commission members present for the hearing presentation. He asked if peer review would be recommended.

Mr. Russell stated Commission could make a decision whether to recommend peer review for the drainage issues and stormwater impacts on the wetlands so applicant would know.

Mr. Hartnett stated they are going to technical design review with BETA, so continuing meeting for two weeks may not be problematic.

Chairman Livingstone questioned each member for opinion on recommendation of peer review; all members stated Yes.

Mr. Russell stated the Planning Board is doing peer review for the overall project. Peer review for the Conservation Commission would focus on the Wetlands Protection Act as impacted by the project. BETA peer review for the project in total will be made available to the Conservation Commission. ANRAD has been done, so wetlands lines are known.

Commission member asked if there was any overlap between the two ongoing projects at 100 Financial Park.

Mr. Hartnett explained the two projects are separated by the brook. They are working with Planning Board on subdivision for the site; ultimately the Charter School would have its own address. Lot 1 is to the right side of the brook; Lot 2 is to the left side of the brook. He stated the warehouse is not being built for any particular tenant at this time. There is a land swap being worked out between the parties.

Mr. Russell stated hoping that before final approval there will be some division of the land so different street addresses can be assigned. It has not been worked out yet among the property owners.

Chairman Livingstone questioned if voting by Commission should wait until there were independent addresses.

Mr. Russell stated in all probability this issue will work itself out, but will take some time. There are two separate applications on one lot.

There was a motion made by Bill Batchelor for peer review for the NOI for 100 Financial Park project on Lot 1. The motion was seconded by Paul Harrington and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

There was a motion made by Paul Harrington to continue the public hearing for the NOI for 100 Financial Park project on Lot 1 to June 9, 2016 at 7:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Bill Batchelor and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Public Hearing – Continued - NOI – Map 233, Lots 3, 4 & 5 Lincoln Street

Mr. Russell stated there were many issues still to be worked out between the peer reviewer, applicant and Planning Board. The applicant has requested a continuation of the hearing to the next meeting.

There was a motion made by Paul Harrington to continue the public hearing for the Rolling Brook Estates NOI – Map 233, Lots 3, 4 & 5 Lincoln Street to June 9, 2016 at 7:35 PM. The motion was seconded by Bill Batchelor and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Public Hearing – Continued - NOI – 300 Fisher Street – Site Specific, LLC

Mr. Russell stated the peer review has been done but is not completed. A continuation of the hearing has been requested; the applicant's representative is present.

Ms. Margaret Stolfa, Attorney of Gordon & Rees, representing the owner of 300 Fisher Street, addressed the Commission for the demolition of an existing industrial building. She confirmed that continuance was requested.

There was a motion made by Paul Harrington to continue the public hearing for the NOI for 300 Fisher Street to June 9, 2016 at 7:40 PM. The motion was seconded by Bill Batchelor and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Public Hearing – Continued - ANRAD – Map 242, Parcel 12 Maple Street

Mr. Russell stated that peer review indicated there are some issues with the ANRAD which are being worked out with the applicant. The applicant is requesting an extension of the hearing.

There was a motion made by Bill Batchelor to continue the public hearing for the ANRAD for Map 242, Parcel 12 Maple Street to June 9, 2016 at 7:45 PM. The motion was seconded by Scott McLean and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minor Buffer Zone Activity: 20 James Street

Mr. Mike Collins, property owner of 20 James Street, addressed the Commission for a screened porch replacement; he took down the existing porch due to rot.

Mr. Russell stated he conducted a site visit and does not see any problems with the application or erosion issues.

There was a motion made by Bill Batchelor to approve the MBZA permit for 20 James Street. The motion was seconded by Angela Gelineau and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Certificate of Compliance: 485 East Central Street – Franklin Retirement

Mr. Russell stated all is ready for the granting of the certificate.

There was a motion made by Scott McLean to release the Certificate of Compliance for 485 East Central Street. The motion was seconded by Bill Batchelor and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Certificate of Compliance: 722 Summer Street – Camp Haiastan

Mr. Russell stated all is ready for the granting of the certificate.

There was a motion made by Scott McLean to release the Certificate of Compliance for 722 Summer Street. The motion was seconded by Angela Gelineau and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

Discussion Item: Fee Structure

Mr. Russell stated the Town Administrator's office requested that all municipal fee structures used by land-use bodies be evaluated; the Conservation Commission has already started this. He stated that provided in the Commission members' packets is information on various communities' fee structures under local bylaws; there is a significant range of fees. For instance, Milford has a local bylaw and charges nothing; Walpole's local bylaw fee is maximized at \$5,700.00. He provided a spreadsheet including communities within a geographic area of Franklin, and some communities outside the geographic area to use for comparison. Looked at what municipalities charge for various applications such as NOI, RDA, MBZA, and Certificate of Compliance. He noted Franklin is the only municipality that has an MBZA permit under the local bylaw. He noted Norfolk will be added to the list. The towns of Needham, Natick, and North Attleboro are used for comparison size, but they do not have a local bylaw. He noted that Franklin does not charge for RDA applications, but review and site visit is required. He recommended \$100 fee which falls within the range of most communities that have local bylaws. He recommended raising NOI fees with some revisions to the calculation methods; suggested eliminating distinctions and simplify. Franklin does not charge for ANRADs, but thinks they should; currently, only the state fee. He recommended \$0.50 per foot per resource area. Although some communities charge for staff site visits, he did not recommend that. He tried to base fees on size and complexity of application,

and the amount of staff time and resources needed. Commission will need to vote to recommend these fees to the administration and Town Council, and submit to administration by July 15, 2016.

Commission members discussed the recommended fees.

Chairman Livingstone stated this would be discussed again in two weeks when all Commission members had a chance to review.

Discussion Item: Education and Outreach

Mr. Russell stated RYPOS, Inc. is a Franklin-based company that wants to do some community service work in town. Tara Henrichon will meet with them and bring information to the Commission.

Minutes:

There was a motion made by Bill Batchelor to accept the minutes from the May 12, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Angela Gelineau and accepted with a vote of 4-0-1 (Mr. McLean abstained).

CHAIR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chairman Livingstone requested information on the previous issue raised regarding DelCarte and the mulching.

Mr. Russell stated that Public Works said they did not put down the material that is close to the water body. They do not know how it got there, who put it there, and who spread it; they are now trying to find out who did. The DPW did put down the mulch for the playground, but that is outside of jurisdiction. The Director of DPW stated police should be notified if Commission members see anyone other than town putting down materials. The Director also indicated town will not be putting down any more mulch without coming to Commission first. As well, Mr. Russell stated that regarding the herbicide treatments for DelCarte, BETA has informed him there is only one firm in the state that can do it due to licensing requirements, etc. Currently, investigating with state to see if town can be authorized to go with sole source rather than sealed bid. BETA is developing technical specifications for the bid.

Signed Minor Buffer Zone Activity, Orders of Conditions, Determination of Applicability & Certificates of Compliance

Orders of Conditions – 9 Loretta Road – Adiletto – CE159-1129

Certificate of Compliance – Camp Haiastan – 722 Summer Street – CE159-1066

Determination of Applicability (Negative) 49 Daniels Street – Roche & Murphy

Certificate of Compliance – 485 East Central Street – Franklin Retirement – CE159-1042

Minor Buffer Zone Activity – 20 James Street – Collins

There was a motion made by Bill Batchelor to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Angela Gelineau and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi
Recording Secretary

TOWN OF FRANKLIN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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DATE: 5/26/2016

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