

5 Year Action Plan 2019-2024

Canton, MA

Goals	Objectives	Actions	Priority Timeline	Priority Locations	Responsibility	Funding Source	
1	Promote the awareness and use of Canton's parks, recreation facilities and open space resources	A. Improvements to Wayfinding and Signage	1. Allocate funding to design graphic standards for wayfinding and signage.	2019	~	Parks & Recreation Department School Department Conservation Commission	Town
			2. Allocate funding to fabricate and install cohesive signage and wayfinding at the town's open space and recreation properties.	2019 - 2020	Pilot Program: • Devoll Field • Pequitside Farm • Windsor Woods • Ponkapoag Park	Parks & Recreation Department School Department (beyond pilot) Conservation Commission	Town
		B. Improvements to Communication Resources	1. Add maps from the OSRP Update to relevant town websites and create printed brochures for distribution	2019	~	Parks & Recreation Department School Department Planning Department Conservation Commission	~
			2. Develop an online, interactive map for the public that includes town-wide park and open space locations, amenities, and other relative information.	2019 - 2020	~	Parks & Recreation Department GIS Analyst Planning Department Information Services	Town
2	Improve engagement with water resources	A. Improve Pedestrian Access to Water Resources	1. Assign staff to determine access to town-wide water bodies.	2019	~	Parks & Recreation Department Conservation Commission	Town, Community Preservation Funds
			2. Allocate funding to implement improvements derived from the conclusions of the study.	2020	• Bolivar Pond • Reservoir Pond	Parks & Recreation Department Conservation Commission Planning Department Open Space and Recreation Committee Walk, Bike and Hike Committee	Town, State, Volunteers, Community Preservation Funds, Potential State/Federal Grants*
			3. Publicize and improve existing access.	2021 - 2022	• Slaughterhouse Pond • Forge Pond	Parks & Recreation Department Conservation Commission	Town, State, Volunteers, Community Preservation Funds, Potential State/Federal Grants*

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3	Enhance active recreation	A. Playground Improvements	1. Allocate funds for the removal and replacement of aging play structures at existing playgrounds.	2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armando Center Pequitside Playground Dean S. Luce School 	Parks & Recreation Department School Department	Town, Community Preservation Funds
			2. Allocate funds for the full or partial replacement of engineered wood fiber mulch with rubber safety surfacing.	2020 - 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armando Center Pequitside Playground 	Parks & Recreation Department School Department	Town, Community Preservation Funds, Potential State/Federal Grants*
		B. Athletic Field Improvements	1. Allocate funds to complete targeted field renovations. (ie, install subdrainage, perform deep root aeration, slit seeding etc.)	2019 - 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fallon Field Galvin Middle School Duggan Field Crawford Field 	Parks & Recreation Department School Department Department of Public Works	Town, Community Preservation Funds, Potential State/Federal Grants*
			2. Allocate funds for updated field amenities (ie, player's benches, backstops, fencing, etc.)	2022 - 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pequitside Field Callahan Field Davis Field 	Parks & Recreation Department School Department Department of Public Works	Town, Community Preservation Funds
4	Enhance passive recreation	A. Trail Maintenance & Improvements	1. Allocate annual operational and capital funds to the Conservation Commission to maintain and improve the existing trail systems. Seek coordination with volunteer groups.	2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bolivar Pond Trails Windsor Woods Pequitside Farm Earl Newhouse 	Conservation Walk, Bike and Hike Committee Planning Department Board of Selectmen	Town, Volunteers, Community Preservation Funds, Potential State/Federal Grants*
			2. Establish detailed mapping of trail systems at all town open space and recreation properties. Identify trail difficulty ratings.	2019 - 2024	~	Conservation GIS Analyst Planning Department Walk, Bike and Hike Committee	Town
			3. Allocate annual funds to the Conservation Commission for improvements to trailheads and parking.	2020 - 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windsor Woods Pequitside Farm Earl Newhouse 	Conservation	Town
		B. Trail Connectivity	1. Identify and prioritize new connections between existing trails via easements or by signage along public streets and sidewalks.	2019 - 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bradley Estate to Ponkapoag Pond Canton Police Department Trails to Armando Center Irish Cultural Center Windsor Woods 	Walk, Bike, and Hike Conservation GIS Department of Public Works	Town, Community Preservation Funds, Potential State/Federal Grants*

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5	Provide proximate open space and recreation facilities to community members throughout Canton	A. Improve Geographic Distribution of Open Space and Recreation Opportunities	1. Identify any town-owned parcel(s) with potential to accommodate active recreation and open space to improve geographic distribution in the southeast area of town	2020	~	Planning Department Parks & Recreation Department Conservation Commission	Town, Community Preservation Funds
			2. Identify parcel(s) for acquisition to improve the geographic distribution of active recreation and open space in the southeast area of town	2023	~	Planning Department Parks & Recreation Department Conservation Commission	Town, Community Preservation Funds
6	Improve accessibility and universal access of recreation and open space resources to Canton residents of all abilities	A. Accessibility at Parks, Trails & Playgrounds	1. Perform an in-depth town-wide accessibility evaluation including prioritizing and proposing implementation strategies.	2021	~	Parks & Recreation Department School Department Conservation Commission	Town, Community Preservation Funds
			2. Allocate funds for the targeted construction of ADA compliant pathways to select facilities, amenities, furnishings and include accessible play equipment at existing playgrounds and trails.	2022 - 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Messinger Playground • Pequitside Farm • Galvin Middle School Playground • Earl Newhouse 	Parks & Recreation Department School Department Conservation Commission	Town, Community Preservation Funds, Potential State/Federal Grants*