



Section 7 - Action Plan

In this section, the data analyses from **Section 6: Analysis of Needs** are synthesized and expanded to create a comprehensive set of goals and objectives. In the 10-Year Action Plan, action items, priority level, funding sources, responsible parties, and timelines will be ascribed to each objective.

7A. Goals and Objectives

GOAL 1: IMPROVE ACCESS TO AND CONNECTIVITY AMONG OPEN SPACES, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND OTHER IMPORTANT TOWN RESOURCES

OBJECTIVES

- A. Enhance opportunities to travel throughout town without a motorized vehicle by exploring the feasibility of initiatives such as:
 - Coordinate with the forthcoming Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan to ensure a thoughtful and consistent approach to all aspects of off-road pedestrian and bike trail development.
 - Identify town-wide pedestrian/bicycling routes that travel on trails, sidewalks, and safe streets (such as Lexington’s ACROSS program)
 - Collaborate with MBTA and DCR to pursue Feasibility Study for Fitchburg Line Rail with Trail concept
- B. Improve user experiences on trails.
- C. Improve parking at select recreation facilities.

GOAL 2: PROMOTE THE USE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE

OBJECTIVES

- A. Increase usability of recreational facilities and trails for users with mobility, sight, hearing, and other impairments, in compliance with ADA standards and following the lead of other organizations such as Mass Audubon and Trustees, and also nearby communities that have implemented similar initiatives.
- B. Provide better awareness of and access to the Charles River.

- C. Continue to provide and support appropriate recreational services targeting all populations, exploring ways to enhance services targeting teens and those over 70 without sacrificing service to other populations.
- D. Seek ways to distribute trail maps and other open space-related information to the public through kiosks, social media, apps, websites, local media outlets, and other means.

GOAL 3: MAINTAIN, STEWARD, AND RESTORE EXISTING NATURAL RESOURCES, OPEN SPACES, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

OBJECTIVES

- A. Continue to reduce the impact of stormwater on local water bodies via the NPDES General Permit for MS4s and the Stormwater Permitting Authority.
- B. Maintain conservation land and conservation restriction property baseline inventory and encroachment monitoring program.
- C. Evaluate the effectiveness and explore the expansion of the Deer Management program.
- D. Monitor and explore treatment options for invasive plants and pests when they threaten sensitive or important resources.
- E. Explore the possibility of providing a dog park as a way to meet the needs of dog owners while reducing the negative impact of dog use at other open spaces.
- F. Continue to partner with ACO and mountain biking community to enforce trail user compliance, particularly with regard to illegal trail cutting and dog walking.
- G. Re-establish data collection program from long-term habitat plots in Weston's forests.
- H. Encourage native species populations through long-term native plant and wildlife restoration projects.
- I. Continue to implement Weston's Climate Adaptation Plan *Weston Ahead*.
- J. Transition Forest Management Program to new climate resilience and habitat improvement model.

GOAL 4: PRESERVE THE SEMI-RURAL CHARACTER OF WESTON BY PROTECTING OPEN SPACE, PRESERVING SCENIC AND HISTORIC FEATURES, AND IMPLEMENTING THOUGHTFUL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

OBJECTIVES

- A. Support the Affordable Housing Trust in providing more affordable housing options in town per the Housing Production Plan.
- B. Acquire parcels in fee, easements, or conservation/agricultural/preservation restrictions on parcels that are important from an environmental, recreational, historic, or scenic perspective (see **Appendix A: Lands of Open Space Interest List**).
- C. Support the Case Estates Master Planning process to provide for the best combination of agricultural, historic, recreational, conservation, and other uses.
- D. Permanently protect Green Power Farm and the Community Gardens
- E. Continue to restore field edges, maintain stone walls along field edges, and retain meadow habitat and scenic views.
- F. Develop a plan for continued use of Dickson Riding Rings at Jericho Town Forest
- G. Maintain and protect Weston's tree canopy.

- H. Follow through with the remaining goals of the Recreation Master Plan as appropriate.
- I. Consider adding playgrounds to strategic spaces in northern and southern sections of town, as well as the areas identified in **Section 5C: Parks & Open Space Equity**.
- J. Support the preservation and development of the Historic Heritage Overlay Designation as it applies to appropriate properties, including the Wellington/Gateways Farm Historic Heritage Overlay and Wellington/Gateways Farm Heritage Loop Trail at the Blainey Aquifer.

GOAL 5: IMPROVE COORDINATION AMONG DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TOWARD COMMON GOALS FOR OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, AND OTHER RELATED TOPICS.

OBJECTIVES

- A. Host semi-annual Open Space and Recreation Summit with participation from the Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, Planning Board, Select Board, Weston Forest and Trail Association, Land's Sake, Agricultural Commission, Traffic and Sidewalk Committee, Sustainability Committee, associated Town staff, and others as deemed appropriate to coordinate around projects such as:
 - Stewardship and management of open spaces and recreational facilities
 - Updates to and progress on parcels and easements shown in **Appendix A: Lands of Open Space Interest List**
 - Advancing trail connectivity through new development permitting, easement acquisition, pedestrian/bicycling long-haul routes, new sidewalks, and other means
 - Expanding public outreach, involvement, and programming efforts
 - Improving ADA accessibility on open spaces and recreational facilities
 - Coordinating with other local and regional open space and recreational initiatives
 - Monitoring progress on this Action Plan
- B. Continue seasonal coordination of playing fields among recreational groups.
- C. Continue and enhance where necessary maintenance practices for recreational fields, facilities, and open spaces.
- D. Enhance collaboration of like-minded recreation-related service providers to better serve resident needs.

7B. Progress on the 2017 OSRP Action Plan

- Upgraded the Town Pool facility.
- Developed the Weston portion of the Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT).
- Completed Invasive water chestnut efforts on the Charles River at Kingsbury Cover.
- Completed the Coburn Meadow field edge restoration management plan.
- Completed the Weston Community Gardens expansion & rehabilitation project.
- Analyzed the need & ability of the Town to support additional active recreation facilities, resulting in new pickleball and cricket facilities.
- Entered into a 30-year lease with Land's Sake to ensure the continued use of the 40-Acre Field for agriculture.
- Installed accessible Legacy Trail at Case Estates.
- Installed kiosks at select trailheads and improved kiosk signage.
- Expanded off-road biking opportunities.
- Improved tick and poison ivy management.
- Explored opportunities for increasing staffing for conservation land/open space initiatives and recreation facilities maintenance.
- Continued to manage and expand the Town's off-road trail network.
- Permanently protected a portion of Parcel 9 at the Case Estates.
- Enhanced recreational facilities and services for teens and aged 50+ by adding or renovating outdoor pickleball, tennis and basketball facilities, and developing recreational programs targeting those populations.



7C. 10-Year Action Plan

The 10-Year Action Plan establishes a year-by-year timetable for the goals and objectives described above and outlined in the tables below. By implementing these actions, Weston will improve connectivity between open space and recreational areas for people and wildlife, provide better access to facilities for all users, and protect land, water, recreational facilities, and historic resources valued by the community.

All action items in the 10-Year Action Plan below, by nature of their inclusion in this OSRP, are considered a high priority by town staff, COSRP, and community members. However, given the requirement to assign some sort of priority order, actions are designated as "Higher Priority" (H) or "Lower Priority" (L). An action item may have been deemed a "Lower Priority" for a variety of reasons: it is a larger expense that will require a grant or support from Town Meeting, the action hinges on another action item being achieved first, it is not a high priority in the survey/public forum, it is not achievable in the near-term due to current staffing, etc.

KEY TO RESPONSIBLE PARTIES		KEY TO POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES	
ACO	Weston Animal Control Officer	Grant Programs	
AIC	Weston Art & Innovation Center	RRPP	Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs Division of Ecological Restoration Regional Restoration Partnerships Program
AGC	Weston Agricultural Commission	PARC	Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities
ACF	American Chestnut Foundation	LAND	Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity
SB	Weston Select Board	HMGP	MassWildlife Habitat Management Grant Program
BRU	Brandeis University	FRG	Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs Forest Reserves Grant
CC	Weston Conservation Commission	ACR	Metropolitan Area Planning Council Accelerating Climate Resilience Grant Program
COA	Weston Council on Aging	CWG	MA Forest Stewardship Program Community Woodland Grant
DCR	Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation	LWCF	Land & Water Conservation Fund
DPW	Weston Department of Public Works	RTC	Rails to Trails Conservancy Trails Grants
FAC	Weston Facilities Department	Other	
HF	Harvard Forest	CPA	Community Preservation Act
LS	Land's Sake		
MWRA	Massachusetts Water Resources Authority		
PB	Weston Planning Board		
REC	Weston Recreation Commission		
RMPSC	Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee		
SWPA	Weston Stormwater Permitting Authority		
TASC	Weston Traffic and Sidewalk Committee		
WAHT	Weston Affordable Housing Trust		
WHC	Weston Historical Commission		
WFTA	Weston Forest and Trail Association		
WGC	Weston Garden Club		

Goal 1: Improve access to and connectivity among open spaces, recreational facilities, and other important town resources.													
Actions	Responsible Parties	Funding	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Priority
			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	
			6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	
A. Enhance opportunities to travel throughout town without a motorized vehicle by exploring the feasibility of alternatives such as:													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinate with the forthcoming Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan to ensure a thoughtful and consistent approach to all aspects of off-road pedestrian and bike trail development 	WFTA, CC, PB	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Identify town-wide pedestrian/bicycling routes that travel on trails, sidewalks, and safe streets (such as Lexington’s ACROSS program) 	CC, WFTA, REC, PB	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Collaborate with MBTA and DCR to pursue Feasibility Study for Fitchburg Line Rail with Trail concept 	CC, TASC, REC	Town Budget, RTC	X	X									H
B. Improve user experience on trails.													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop Trailhead Parking Improvement Program 	CC, WFTA	Town Budget, CPA	X	X	X	X							H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Assess existing boardwalk/bog bridge inventory for repairs and identify new areas where improved access over wet trails are needed 	CC, WFTA	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H

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			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
			2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	
			6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Install benches and picnic tables at select trailheads 	WFTA, CC	WFTA	X	X	X								H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Implement Trail Easement Inventory Analysis & Use Plan 	WFTA, CC	Town Budget	X	X									H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Add signage to identify historic resources along Mass Central Rail Trail, in conjunction with Weston Historical Commission WHC similar signage in other towns 	WHC, DCR	Town Budget, CPA	X	X									L
C. Improve parking at select recreation facilities.	REC, DPW, FAC	Town Budget			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	L

Goal 2: Promote the use of recreational facilities and open space.														
Actions	Responsible Parties	Funding	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Priority
			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
			2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
			6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5		
A. Increase usability of recreational facilities and trails for users with mobility, sight, hearing, and other impairments, in compliance with ADA standards and following the lead of other organizations such as Mass Audubon and Trustees, and also nearby communities that have implemented similar initiatives.														
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explore options for other trails that can be made accessible (see Appendix C: ADA Self-Evaluation) 	CC, WFTA	Town Budget, CPA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Explore options for installing accessible garden beds at Merriam Village, Brook Schools, or Weston Community Gardens 	CC	CPA					X							L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Fulfill transition plans for ADA accessibility at recreation facilities based on Appendix C: ADA Self-Evaluation 	REC	CPA, PARC, LWCF	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	L
B. Provide better awareness of and access to the Charles River.														
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue partnership with DCR, AMC and Solomon Foundation to improve existing trail system along Charles River 	DCR, WFTA, CC	Town Budget, private, LWCF	X	X	X									H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Develop Feasibility Study for Shared-Use Path on Norumbega Road in partnership with DCR and Weston 	CC, SB	Town Budget,	X	X	X									H

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			2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	
			6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Select Board		Mass Trails grants											
C. Continue providing appropriate recreational services to all age groups, and explore ways to better service populations of greater need such as teens and over 70 without sacrificing services for other populations.	REC, COA, Library, AIC, others as appropriate	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
D. Seek ways to distribute trail maps and other open space related information to the public through kiosks, social media, apps, websites, local media outlets, and other means.													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to publish quarterly Conservation Connections e-newsletter 	CC	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Solicit public feedback on new wayfinding trail signage and expand as appropriate 	CC, WFTA, LS	Town Budget	X	X									L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Utilize new Weston Observer weekly print newspaper to promote trails and open space 	CC	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Expand family-oriented “Loop Trails” to encourage more use of Town nature trails and open space 	WFTA, CC	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	L

Goal 3: Maintain, steward, and restore existing natural resources, open spaces, and recreational facilities.												
Actions	Responsible Parties	Funding	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Priority
			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	
			6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5
A. Continue to reduce the impact of stormwater on local water bodies via the NPDES General Permit for MS4s and the Stormwater Permitting Authority.	DPW, SWPA, PB	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
B. Maintain conservation land property and conservation restriction baseline inventory and encroachment monitoring program.												
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to identify and resolve encroachments on conservation land 	CC, WFTA	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Continue to survey and mark conservation land property boundaries as needed to resolve encroachments 	CC, WFTA	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Continue to implement <i>Landscape</i> project management software for property monitoring and stewardship task management 	CC, WFTA	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
C. Evaluate the effectiveness and explore the expansion of the Deer Management program.												
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue exclusion plot monitoring 	HF, BRU	Town Budget					X					L

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Actions	Responsible Parties	Funding	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Priority
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			6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Review program at the conclusion of each season 	CC	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
D. Monitor and explore treatment options for invasive plants and pests when they threaten sensitive or important resources.													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue Water Chestnut Management at Hobbs Pond 	CC	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Continue to implement Weston’s Invasive Plant Management Policy (4/12/22) 	CC, WFTA	Town Budget, RRPP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Develop Japanese Knotweed monitoring and native restoration program 	CC, WFTA, MWRA	Town Budget, RRPP	X	X	X								H
E. Explore the possibility of providing a dog park as a way to meet the needs of dog owners while reducing the negative impact of dog use at other open spaces.	REC, CC, SB, ACO	Town Budget, PARC, LAND, CPA	X	X	X								L
F. Continue to partner with ACO and mountain biking community to enforce trail user compliance, particularly with regard to illegal trail cutting and dog walking.	CC, WFTA, ACO	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	L
G. Re-establish data collection program from long-term habitat plots in Weston’s forests.	CC	Town Budget, HMGP, FRG		X									L

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			6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5
H. Encourage native species populations through long-term native plant and wildlife restoration projects.												
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue bird and bat nesting box monitoring program and assess future box placement options 	CC	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Continue to maintain viable milkweed stands in conservation land fields 	CC	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Continue to place beehives near conservation fields for pollination of native plants and agricultural plants 	CC, LS	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Continue to partner with the American Chestnut Foundation to promote the reintroduction of the American Chestnut by allowing them to maintain seedling farm at Sears Land 	CC, ACF	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Formalize the agreement regarding stewardship of Forbes Land, revitalize signage, and reintroduce it to the public 	CC, WFTA, WGC	Town Budget, HMGP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	L
I. Continue to implement Weston’s Climate Adaptation Plan <i>Weston Ahead</i> .												
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitor strategies for climate resilience and 	CC, DPW, PB,	Town Budget,	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	L

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			6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5
adaptation being implemented by national/regional organizations	SWPA	ACR										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Integrate climate resilience and adaptation into all aspects of conservation land and natural resource management in Weston, including utilization of Low Impact Development (LID) strategies 	CC, WFTA	Town Budget, ACR	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
J. Transition Forest Management Program to new climate resilience and habitat improvement model.												
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt and implement 10-Year Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) for College Pond 	CC	Town Budget, CWG, HMGP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Utilize College Pond FSP as template for Jericho Forest 	CC	Town Budget, CWG, HMGP			X							L

Goal 4: Preserve the semi-rural character of Weston by protecting open space, preserving scenic and historic features, and implementing thoughtful development strategies.												
Actions	Responsible Parties	Funding	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Priority
			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
			6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	
A. Support the Affordable Housing Trust in providing more affordable housing options in town per the Housing Production Plan.												
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collaborate on identifying open space/affordable housing partnership opportunities 	WAHT, CC, PB, REC	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
B. Acquire parcels in fee, easements, or conservation/agricultural/preservation restrictions on parcels that are important from an environmental, recreational, historic, or scenic perspective (see <i>Appendix A: Lands of Open Space Interest List</i>).												
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitor opportunities for fee and easement acquisitions and act as they arise 	CC, WFTA, WHC, REC, SB, AGC, PB	WFTA, CPA, Town Budget, Private, State LAND, PARC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
C. Support the Case Estates Master Planning process to provide for the best combination of agricultural, historic, recreational, conservation, housing, and other uses.												

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Actions	Responsible Parties	Funding	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Priority
			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	
			6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop master plan for Rhododendron Garden, Legacy Garden and Legacy Trail Corridor 	CC, AGC, SB	CPA, LWCF			X							L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Continue to permanently protect Parcels 6 and 9 of the Case Estates as open space. 	CC, WFTA	Town Budget, TBD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Permanently protect a portion of Parcel 9 at the Case Estates through the Water Tank replacement project 	CC, SB	Town Budget	X	X	X							H
D. Permanently protect Green Power Farm and the Community Gardens.	CC, SB	Town Budget									X	L
E. Continue to restore field edges, maintain stone walls along field edges, and retain meadow habitat and scenic views.												
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initiate “Gateways to Weston” Field Edge and Scenic Landscape Project at Miller’s Field (Rt. 117), Blaney Aquifer, Dickson & Nolte Fields (Highland St), Sunset Corner (Highland St) and Wellington Farm (Wellesley St) 	CC	Town Budget, CPA			X	X						H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Transition Land’s Sake/Sears Land Christmas Tree Fields into next best use 	CC, LS	Town Budget, LS					X	X				L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Undertake annual mowing of conservation land fields as 	CC	Town	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H

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described in “Weston’s Conservation Fields- Guidelines for Managers (1/31/23)” and the Weston Field Mowing Guide and maintain guide to reflect adaptive management		Budget										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Coordinate with Historic Commission when historic features are identified near trails for possible collaboration/interpretation/protection of resources. 	CC, WFTA, WHC	Town Budget, CPA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	L
F. Develop a plan for continued use of Dickson Riding Rings at Jericho Town Forest.	CC	Town Budget	X	X	X							L
G. Maintain and protect Weston’s tree canopy.												
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update the Conservation Commission’s Tree Removal Policy to strengthen mitigation requirements and protect Weston’s tree canopy. 	CC	Town Budget	X	X								H
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Initiate regular tree maintenance as outlined in the Public Tree Maintenance Plan (https://www.westonma.gov/1877/Public-Tree-Maintenance-Plan) 	DPW	CPC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
H. Follow through with the remaining goals of the Recreation Master Plan as appropriate.	REC, RMPSC, WPS	Town Budget, CPA	X	X	X	X	X					H

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Actions	Responsible Parties	Funding	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Priority
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			2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	
			6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	
I. Consider adding playgrounds to strategic spaces in northern and southern sections of town, as well as the areas identified in Section 5C: Parks & Open Space Equity .	REC	CPA, PARC, LWCF		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	L
J. Support the preservation and development of the Historic Heritage Overlay Designation as it applies to appropriate properties, including the Wellington/Gateways Farm Historic Heritage Overlay and Wellington/Gateways Farm Heritage Loop Trail at the Blainey Aquifer.	CC, WFTA, PB, WHC	CPA, LWCF	X	X	X								H

Goal 5: Improve coordination among departments, committees, and local organizations working toward common goals for open space, recreation, and other related topics.

Actions	Responsible Parties	Funding	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Priority	
			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
			2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3		
			6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	
A. Host semi-annual Open Space and Recreation Summit with participation from the Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, Planning Board, Select Board, Weston Forest and Trail Association, Land’s Sake, Agricultural Commission, Traffic and Sidewalk Committee, Weston Affordable Housing Trust, Sustainability Committee, associated Town staff, and others as deemed appropriate to coordinate around projects such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewardship and management of open spaces and recreational facilities • Updates to and progress on parcels and easement shown in Appendix A: Lands of Open Space Interest List • Advancing trail connectivity through new development permitting, easement acquisition, pedestrian/bicycling long-haul routes, new sidewalks, and other means • Expanding public outreach, involvement, and programming efforts • Improving ADA accessibility on open spaces and recreational facilities • Coordinating with other local and regional open space and recreational initiatives • Monitoring progress on this Action Plan 	CC and others as listed in objective	Town Budget	X		X		X		X		X		H
B. Continue seasonal coordination of playing fields among recreational groups.	REC	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H

Goal 5: Improve coordination among departments, committees, and local organizations working toward common goals for open space, recreation, and other related topics.													
Actions	Responsible Parties	Funding	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Priority
			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	
			6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	
C. Continue and enhance where necessary maintenance practices for recreational fields, facilities, and open spaces.	REC, WPS, FAC, CC, DPW	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H
D. Enhance collaboration of like-minded recreation-related service providers to better service resident needs.	REC, COA, Library, AIC, others as appropriate	Town Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H