

## **SECTION 8. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

### **Goal 1: Protect the quality and quantity of the Town's ground and surface water resources**

Objective a: Preserve contiguous areas along our river and stream corridors

Objective b: Add to the municipal holdings in the Canoe River Greenbelt

Objective c: Identify and preserve areas important to the retention of green infrastructure

### **Goal 2: Preserve, protect, and restore critical natural resources and retain the integrity of existing intact habitat areas and fisheries/wildlife corridors**

Objective a: Preserve areas identified as ecologically important for local and regional resilience studies/assessments/reports

Objective b: Preserve a diversity of habitats and natural community types

Objective c: Identify invasive species and draft management plans

Objective d: Conduct deer impact survey

Objective e: Acquire and otherwise provide access to hunting lands

### **Goal 3: Prevent the loss of the rural, cultural, and historical qualities and assets of the Town**

Objective a: Preserve the Houghton Farm

Objective b: Preserve Camp Edith Read

Objective c: Preserve Daggatt-Crandall-Newcomb Home land

Objective d: Preserve the Bucklin Land, Balfour and Bay Rd cranberry bogs

Objective e: Create a Right of First Refusal for town departments

Objective f: Create a Memorandum of Understanding for agricultural land/soils protected under Executive Order 193

Objective g: Ensure that all permanently protected land is recorded at the Registry of Deeds, noting appropriate Article 97 status

Objective h: Develop, along with partnering organizations, a cultural/historic preservation plan for Norton's remaining assets

### **Goal 4: Develop a coordinated wayfinding and signage model for town-wide, multi-use Conservation and Recreation properties, assets, and opportunities**

Objective a: Improve wayfinding

Objective b: Improve physical and web based maps of Town facilities

Objective c: Improve parking, access, and amenities

Objective d: Create a coordinated process for submitting accurate and up-to-date land information to Mass GIS

### **Goal 5: Promote coordinated, responsible land use management through continued partnerships and planning**

Objective a: Improve environmental education

Objective b: Improve partnership and funding opportunities

Objective c: Develop a sponsorship program with local businesses

Objective d: Seek Community Garden opportunities

### **Goal 6: Expand and improve recreational opportunities that promote healthy, life-long experiences for residents of all ages and abilities**

Objective a: Develop fitness trails where appropriate

Objective b: Deploy functional sculpture to enhance cultural experiences on trails  
Objective c: Create and develop accessible trails

**Goal 7: Expand water-based recreational opportunities**

Objective a: Improve access to waterbodies and waterways  
Objective b: Improve parking at water based recreational facilities  
Objective c: Develop amenities and informational kiosks  
Objective d: Create safe places to fish