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