

SECTION 9. ACTION PLAN 2017 – 2024

Years 1- 3

1. **ACTION: Preserve and protect the Houghton Farm**

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Planning, Conservation, Selectmen, non-profits, state, others as appropriate

Goals/ Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 3, Objective a; Goal 1, Objective a; Goal 2, Objective b

Potential Funding Source: State, local, federal, non-profit, other contributions

2. **ACTION: Preserve and protect Camp Edith Read**

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Planning, Conservation, Selectmen, non-profits, Taunton River Stewardship Council (TRSC), SRPEDD, others as appropriate

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 3, Objective b; Goal 1, Objective a; Goal 2, Objective b; Goal 5, Objectives a, b; Goal 6, Objective c; Goal 7, Objective a

Potential Funding Source: TRSC, DCS, non-profit

3. **ACTION: Preserve and protect the Bucklin Land**

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Planning, Conservation, Selectmen, non-profits, others as appropriate

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 3, Objective d; Goal 2, Objective b

Potential Funding Source: State, local, non-profit, foundation, other

4. **ACTION: Preserve and protect the Daggatt-Crandall-Newcomb Home land, Balfour Farm, and Bay Road cranberry bogs**

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Selectmen, Planning, Conservation, Historical, non-profits, state, others as appropriate and necessary

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 3, Objectives c, h; Goal 2, Objective b

Potential Funding Source: State, local, non-profit, foundation, other

5. **ACTION: Create a Right-of-First-Refusal checklist for town departments**

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Planning, Conservation, Selectmen, other town boards, commissions, and departments, as appropriate

Goals /Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 3, Objective e

6. **ACTION: Create a Memorandum of Understanding for agricultural soils protected under Executive Order 193**

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Planning, Conservation, Selectmen, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), SRPEDD, Resilient Taunton Watershed Network (RTWN), other town boards, commissions, and departments, as appropriate

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 3, Objective f

7. **ACTION: Develop and install universal signage/kiosks/interactive maps for/at all town owned facilities, as feasible**

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Conservation Commission, Parks and Recreation, Planning, other boards, commissions, departments, as appropriate

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 4, Objectives a, b; Goal 7, Objective c

Potential Funding Source: Local, federal, state, local businesses, volunteer contributions

8. ACTION: Develop Community Gardens on publicly owned lands

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Conservation, Planning, non-profits, other agricultural, social services, conservation partners, and town offices, as appropriate

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 6, Objective d

Potential Funding Source: Local, state, federal, non-profit, businesses, volunteer contributions

9. ACTION: Identify suitable locations and means to improve access to waterbodies and waterways

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Selectmen, Conservation, Public Works, other appropriate state and town offices

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 7, Objective a; Goal 4, Objective c

Potential Funding Source: State and Local funds

10. ACTION: Complete Low Impact Development (LID) stormwater facility at Crane Street along the Three Mile River

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Conservation, SRPEDD, The Nature Conservancy, MA DEP

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 1, Objective c; Goal 2, Objective a

Potential Funding Source: Federal, state, regional, local, non-profit

11. ACTION: Investigate town acceptance of Community Preservation Act (CPA)

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Selectmen, Conservation, Land Preservation Society of Norton, other appropriate state and town offices

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goals 1, 2, 3, and 6

Potential Funding Source: State and Local funds

12. ACTION: Develop updated master plan for Everett Leonard Complex

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Recreation, Selectmen, Conservation, other appropriate state and town offices

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goals 4, 5 and 6

Potential Funding Source: State and Local funds, private donors and corporate sponsors

Years 4 – 7

13. ACTION: Complete the Norton Bike Path

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Norton Transportation Alternatives Program Committee, Planning, Selectmen, Mass DOT, SRPEDD, Conservation, others as necessary/appropriate

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 6, Objective c; Goal 4, Objective c

Potential Funding Source: Local, Mass DOT, regional, other as available

14. ACTION: Construct fishing piers at Route 140 area

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Selectmen, Conservation, DFG Office of Fishing and Boating Access, non-profits, volunteers, other federal, state, and local offices as necessary

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 7, Objective d

Potential Funding Source: Federal, state, local, non-profit, businesses, others as appropriate

15. ACTION: Install functional sculpture along paths/trails

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Selectmen, Recreation, Conservation, Cultural Council, other town offices, and local and regional non-profit partners as necessary and appropriate

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 6, Objective b

Potential Funding Source: Federal, state, local, non-profit, business, Cultural Council

16. ACTION: Develop the trail connection between Camp Edith Read, Greater Attleboro YMCA, and the Solomonese Elementary School

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Conservation, YMCA, School Department, Wheaton College, state, regional, local, non-profits

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 4, Objective c; Goal 5, Objectives a, b; Goal 6, Objective c; Goal 7, Objective a

Potential Funding Source: State, federal, local, non-profit, businesses, other as available

17. ACTION: Conduct deed research on all town owned lands for Article 97 language

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Selectmen, Planning, Conservation, Assessor, other town boards, commissions, academic institutions, local partners; state, regional, and non-profit partners

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 3, Objective g

18. ACTION: Work with the Cultural/Historic Preservation Planning Committee

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Selectmen, Planning, non-profits, other town offices and federal, state, and local partners as necessary

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 3, Objective h

19. ACTION: Develop improved use of Rose Farm and Fernandes Park

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Selectmen, Planning, non-profits, other town offices and federal, state, and local partners as necessary

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goals 5, 6 and 7

Ongoing (Years 1 – 7)

20. ACTION: Acquire, protect, and preserve land in the Canoe River Greenbelt

Local Lead/Potential Partners: Conservation, Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee (CRAAC), federal, state, local, non-profit partners, others as appropriate and necessary

Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 1, Objective b; Goal 2, Objectives a, b

Potential Funding Source: Federal, state, local, non-profit, foundation, and other sources of funding

- 21. ACTION: Preserve contiguous areas along our river and stream corridors (Rumford, Wading, Three Mile, Canoe, and others)**
Local Lead/Potential Partners: Conservation, Selectmen, Planning, CRAAC, federal, state, local, non-profit partners, others as appropriate and necessary
Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 1, Objective a; Goal 2, Objectives a, b
Potential Funding Source: Federal, state, local, non-profit, foundation, and other sources of funding
- 22. ACTION: Identify and preserve areas important to the retention of the town's natural green infrastructure (including forest, wetlands, native vegetation), and as delineated on the Resilient Taunton Watershed Network's Green Infrastructure Map for Norton**
Local Lead/Potential Partners: Conservation, Planning, Public Works, CRAAC, Resilient Taunton Watershed Network (RTWN), SRPEDD, non-profits, others as appropriate
Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 1, Objective c; Goal 2, Objectives a, b
Potential Funding Source: Federal, state, local, other as available
- 23. ACTION: Improve environmental education offerings/opportunities in the community**
Local Lead/Potential Partners: Conservation, other town departments, committees, and commissions, non-profit partners, academic institutions, Norton Public Library, local cable station, media outlets, volunteers, as appropriate
Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 5, Objective a; Goal 4, Objective b; Goal 7, Objective c
Potential Funding Source: Federal, state, local, non-profit, businesses, volunteer contributions
- 24. ACTION: Acquire/protect/preserve areas identified as ecologically important for local and regional resilience in various studies/assessments/reports (such as Audubon MAPPR, RTWN Green Infrastructure Maps, Bio Map II, and others)**
Local Lead/Potential Partners: Conservation, Planning, Selectmen, NHESP, non-profits, others as necessary
Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 2, Objectives a, b; Goal 1, Objectives a, c
Potential Funding Source: Federal, state, local, non-profit, other as available
- 25. ACTION: Identify/acquire/preserve land important to the retention of local biodiversity**
Local Lead/Potential Partners: Conservation, Planning, non-profits, others as necessary
Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 2, Objectives a, b; Goal 1, Objective a
Potential Funding Source: Federal, state, local, non-profit, other as available
- 26. ACTION: Improve physical and web-based maps to town facilities**
Local Lead/Potential Partners: Conservation, Recreation, non-profits, academic institutions, others as necessary
Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 4, Objective b
Potential Funding Sources: Local, volunteer contributions, non-profits, other funding as available

- 27. ACTION: Improve wayfinding, parking, access, and amenities at town facilities**
Local Lead/Potential Partners: Selectmen, Public Works, Recreation, Conservation, others as necessary and appropriate
Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 4, Objective c; Goal 7, Objectives a, c
Potential Funding Source: Federal, state, non-profit, volunteer contributions
- 28. ACTION: Develop a sponsorship program with local businesses**
Local Lead/Potential Partners: Selectmen, Recreation, Conservation, others as necessary and appropriate
Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 5, Objective c
- 29. ACTION: Create a coordinated process for submitting accurate and up-to-date local land information to Mass GIS**
Local Lead/Potential Partners: Conservation, Recreation, non-profits, SRPEDD, other state, regional, local, organizations as appropriate and necessary
Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 4, Objective d
- 30. ACTION: Develop new sources of funding and partnership opportunities**
Local Lead/Potential Partners: Conservation, Planning, Recreation, Norton Public Library, academic institutions, non-profits, others as appropriate
Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 5, Objectives b, c
- 31. ACTION: Develop accessible trails/fitness trails**
Local Lead/Potential Partners: Selectmen, Recreation, Conservation, National Park Service (NPS), MA DCR, ADA Coordinator, Senior Center, non-profits, volunteer contributions, others as appropriate
Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goal 6, Objectives a, c
- 32. ACTION: Develop town-wide trash and recycling program**
Local Lead/Potential Partners: Selectmen, Recreation, Conservation, National Park Service (NPS), MA DCR, ADA Coordinator, Senior Center, non-profits, volunteer contributions, others as appropriate
Goals/Objectives/Needs addressed: Goals 1, and 2

Note: Non-profits may include the Land Preservation Society of Norton, The Nature Conservancy, The Wildlands Trust, Mass Audubon, The Taunton River Watershed Alliance, Trout Unlimited, Save The Bay, Manomet, The Greater Attleboro YMCA, and others with whom the town has worked previously.

Academic institutions may include Wheaton College, Bridgewater State University, Stonehill College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and others with whom the town has worked previously.

Not all projects within Section 8: Goals and Objectives are listed in the Action Plan but those projects can be taken up at any point as resources become available.