

Conservation Commission
Potential Volunteer and Scout Projects

Residents, students and scouts seeking volunteer projects may be interested in the project ideas listed below. These projects are listed in our Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) and are important projects for our community. These are only potential projects and can be expanded upon by any volunteer, scout or student looking for volunteer hours. Please contact the Conservation Office at 508-285-0275 or conservation@nortonmaus.com to discuss a project. Thank you!

Trail and trail maintenance projects

1. GPS conservation land trails and create trail maps, all conservation land
2. Construct entrance sign and landscaping at Leo Yelle Conservation Area, Freeman Street
3. Construct boardwalks
 - a. Johnson Acres, North Washington Street
 - b. Leo Yelle Conservation Area, Freeman Street
4. Construct kiosks
 - a. Edith Read Outdoor Center, North Worcester Street
 - b. Johnson Acres, North Washington Street
 - c. And entrance sign at Rose Farm, North Worcester Street
5. Trail maintenance and markers
 - a. Edith Read Outdoor Center, North Worcester Street
 - b. Erikson Conservation Area, Bay Road
 - c. Gertrude Cornish Town Forest, Plain Street
 - d. Johnson Acres, North Washington Street
 - e. Lincoln Woods, King Philip Road
 - f. Leo Yelle Conservation Area, Freeman Street
 - g. Rose Farm, North Worcester Street

Landscaping and plant related projects

6. Clear apple orchard of weeds/brush at Agricultural Preservation Restriction land on Barrows St., clear access path and trail through property.
7. Invasive species plant removal projects
 - a. Johnson Acres, North Washington Street
 - b. Rose Farm, North Worcester Street
 - c. Lincoln Woods, King Philip Road
 - d. Gertrude Cornish Town Forest, Plain Street
 - e. Leo Yelle Conservation Area, Freeman Street
 - f. Erikson Conservation Area, Bay Road

Water quality projects

8. Stencil anti-pollution related messages around catch basins to improve water quality
9. Create and post no littering signs on public ways
10. Trash removal projects
 - a. Union Road
 - b. Canoe River Greenbelt and Recreation Area, East Main Street
 - c. Any conservation land

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Larger scale projects

1. Conservation Restriction monitoring, create abutters lists, draft inspection letter, follow plan for field inspection with the agent using map and compass, photograph property boundaries, prepare reports
2. Create list of private business and residential community Operation and Maintenance Plans from wetland files, draft letters for inspections, document maintenance.
3. Grub parking lot at Erikson Conservation Area, Bay Road
4. Clear and create parking at Rose Farm, North Worcester Street
5. Build accessible (ADA compliant) boardwalks in appropriate locations
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