

Open Space, Natural Resources and Trails Committee

Objectives

Beyond our unbounded optimism, we of the Open Space, Natural Resources and Trails Committee will provide the necessary guidance to implement the Open Space and Recreation Plan of the City of Amesbury by maintaining and updating the Plan itself and by supporting the City in the implementation of the action plans.

This may include but is not limited to:

- Strategic long term planning by contributing to the Amesbury Open Space and Recreation Plan, including:
- Development and updating of criteria for use in identifying priority open spaces for preservation, acquisition, or improvement;
- Identification and prioritization of critical open, recreational, and watershed spaces for preservation, acquisition, or improvement based on such criteria;
- Inventory of existing public and privately held open space resources and of access to open space resources, including a review of the state of current facilities and the identification of capital improvements;
- Development of trails and access points to open space, for the purpose of public recreation;
- Community education through informational fliers, public forums, and field trips;
- Coordinate with Intra-State organizations that encourage open space preservation;
- Increasing Amesbury's open space by informing local landowners of, and helping to secure land preservation;
- Engaging in conservation advocacy and campaigning for preservation and funding;
- Support for active open space stewardship, including trail-building, trail maintenance, and signage;
- Incorporate open space planning and utilization into the planning and use of other cultural assets;
- Assist in the research into and documentation of the Committee's activities;
- Participating in the review of any properties that become available to the City of Amesbury under Chapter 61, 61 a, and 61 b of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.