

1997 Outline

Natural and Cultural Resources

Natural Resources

- Topographic Features
- Soil Features
- Water Resources
- Construction Materials (Extractive)
- Historic Resources
- Land Available for Excavation
- Agricultural Land Use
- Wildlife
- Community Attitudes

Cultural Resources

- Community Attitudes
- Historic Inventory
- Nation Register of Historic Places
- Historic Markers
- Scenic Road Designation
- Conclusions
- General Recommendations

Community Facilities

Brookline Recreation Facilities and Conservation Areas

- Existing Active Rec. and Cons. Areas
- Analysis of Recreational Facility Needs
- Conservation Easements
- Other Town Owned Land
- Recommendations

Land Use

- Existing Land Use Patterns
 - Table IX-1, Current Land Use

2010 Outline**Cultural and Historic Resources – Recreation (note)** Study required in Land Use sec.

- Introduction
- History (brief)
- Overview
- Community Issues and Concerns
- Inventory of Historic Properties/Sites
 - Existing
 - Protections in Place (zoning in Place / Own)
- Future Needs
 - Community Needs (survey / forum)
 - Sites and Properties needing Protection
 - Protection Needed (Zoning / Acquisition) LCHIP, other?
- Summary
- Recommendations

Recreation (note) Typically in Community Facilities section or stand-alone

- Introduction
- Overview
- Community Issues and Concerns
- Inventory of Recreation Land and Facilities
 - Existing Facilities & Programs
 - Town / School
 - Trails
- Future Needs Assessment
 - Demographics
 - Community needs (survey / forum)
 - Local, State, National Standards (general)
 - Land/Facilities (Map?)
- Summary
- Recommendations

Input from Survey

Vision

- Most important features that make Brookline desirable: 90% Small town atmosphere; 72% Rural character; 63% Natural landscapes; 40% Outdoor recreation opportunities; 43% Trails (walk, bike, snowmobile); 45% Lake Potanipo

Land Use

- Melendy Pond - A level of interest in at least partial use for one or more of the following warrants further study on the best use of this land: conservation, natural woodland, park, recreation, Town beach, picnic, camping, leased cabins, bike & walking trails.

Recreation and Cultural & Historic Resources

- Identify a Historic District: 28% Very important; 41% Somewhat important; 32% Not important
- Preserve historic buildings & historically significant areas: 43% Very important; 48% Somewhat important; 9% - Not important
- Install signage on historic buildings & historically significant areas: 34% Very important; 46% Somewhat important; 20% Not important
- Athletic fields and playgrounds: 17% Renovate; 27% Expand; 36% Leave as is
- Park & Recreation facilities: 39% Expand; 35% Leave as is
- Public event and social gathering facilities: 41% Expand; 33% Leave as is
- Public waterfronts: 34% Expand; 33% Leave as is
- Public scenic view access: 30% Expand; 37% Leave as is
- Cross country ski/snowshoe: 34% Expand; 31% Leave as is
- Sledding: 18% Acquire; 35% Expand; 23% Leave as is
- Ice Skating facilities: 35% Expand; 44% Leave as is
- Tennis courts: 30% Acquire; 13% Expand; 30% Leave as is
- Basketball: 9% Renovate; 21% Acquire; 12% Expand; 31% Leave as is
- Biking trails: 13% Acquire; 51% Expand; 21% Leave as is
- Swimming: 43% Expand; 34% Leave as is
- Game preserves: 52% Leave as is; 33% No opinion
- Nature/hiking trails: 52% Expand; 24% Leave as is
- Boating: 75% Leave as is
- Fishing: 73% Leave as is
- Horseback riding: 24% Expand; 47% Leave as is
- Snowmobile trails: 14% expand; 60% Leave as is
- Camping: 31% expand; 40% Leave as is
- Gambling: 57% Leave as is; 29% No opinion
- Hunting: 14% expand; 59% Leave as is
- ATV trails: 12% Expand 61% Leave as is
- Equestrian trails: 34% Expand; 42% Leave as is

Visioning Forum

Recreation/Cultural/Historic Resources

NOW

- Max Cohen Grove
- Sports fields
- Snowmobile trails
- Hunting, fishing, boating
- Skating
- Bike (not dedicated), walk (no shoulders), jogging (poor lighting)
- Yard and street light pollution
- No teen center or activities
- School facilities not shared
- Old Fresh Pond Ice House site & former train tracks (R.O.W.)
- Covered bridge
- Cemeteries in poor shape – unknown administration
- Historical Society building (historic)– needs more information and outreach
- Need more robust town website

FUTURE

- More Winter recreation/sports
- Better connected trails – better signage
- Easements as part of trail development
- Multi-use trails
- Improved walking, biking and cross training (trail)
- Better playgrounds – shaded
- Teen and community center
- Better information and outreach – Web, Town Hall
- Swimming pool (like Milford Keyes Field)
- Coordinate use of school facilities
- Also use church
- Plan for cemeteries – more information
- Summer recreation program or transportation
- Adult Ed

Ranking of Vision Items

High Impact/Low Feasibility

- None noted

High Impact/Moderate Feasibility

- Summer recreation program or transportation to surrounding towns (E.g. Milford Keyes Field & Hampshire Hills)

- More Winter recreation/sports opportunities available (also noted as Moderate Impact/Moderate Feasibility)

High Impact/High Feasibility

- Better info available about recreational and cultural & historic resources (improve website content) – Centralized place for info.
- Better connected trails – (improve access/permission) easements; multi-use; biking; walking; motorized
- Maintenance plan for cemeteries (Trees/appearance, overturned headstones) – more info. (E.g. How to purchase plots)

Moderate Impact/Low Feasibility

- Coordinate use (access) of school facilities and Brookline Chapel

Moderate Impact/Moderate Feasibility

- None noted
- Moderate Impact/High Feasibility
- Encourage optional standardized historic site labeling of historic places

Low Impact/Low Feasibility

- Better playgrounds – No shade – seating/tables
- Swimming pool – Keyes Field like park (Skate Park, pool, playground, etc.)
- Teen & Community Center

Low Impact/Moderate Feasibility

- None noted

Low Impact/High Feasibility

- None noted

Final Priority/Vision Items

RECREATION, CULTURE & HISTORIC RESOURCES

- Better connected trails; signage, multi-use; development easements; walking, biking & cross training
- Summer recreation program and transportation
- Plan for cemeteries – more info
- Encourage signage on historic buildings & places
- Utilize current facilities with goal of possible future facilities for cultural (possibly outdoor) events