

**Lancaster Open Space and Recreation Plan
Seven-Year Action Plan**

Goal	Action	Responsible Party	Status / Timeline	Funding Source	Rank (H, M, L)
Goal 1: Water Supply Protection					
1-1: Expand public water supply	1 task	Community Development & Planning			
	a.	Bring water from the Lunenburg and Shirley Water Districts into North Lancaster to support new business development	In process	Massworks grant, private business contributions	H
1-2: Educate public/developers on LID	5 tasks	Community Development & Planning			
	a.	NPSP educational materials	Part of MS4 permit, 2018	Stormwater permit fees	M
	b.	LID educational materials	Part of MS4 permit, 2018	Stormwater permit fees	M
	c.	LID public forums	Part of MS4 permit, 2018	Stormwater permit fees	M
	d.	LID resource database	Part of MS4 permit, 2018	Stormwater permit fees	M
	e.	Monitor town projects for LID compliance	On-going	Stormwater permit fees	M
1-3: Control invasive vegetation in our conservation areas	2 tasks	Conservation Commission			
	a.	Identify parcels, develop individual management plans	2018	Wetland fees	M
	b.	Solicit funding and volunteers	2018	TBD	M
1-4: Encourage creation of buffers along wetlands/waterways	3 tasks	Conservation Commission			
	a.	Continue enforcement of 25-foot setback	On-going	Wetland fees	H
	b.	New development	On-going	Wetland fees	H
	c.	Provide protection of parcels that abut wetlands and waterways	On-going	Open Space & Rec Committee	H
1-5: Practice water conservation and water quality management	2 tasks	Community Development & Planning, DPW			
	a.	Landscaping public forums	Part of MS4 permit, 2018	Stormwater permit fees	M
	b.	Reduce water system leaks through better leak detection	In process	DPW budget	H
Goal 2: Agricultural Land Protection					

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2-1: Preserve agricultural lands	3 tasks	Open Space & Rec Committee, Community Development & Planning			
	a.	Agricultural parcel inventory	On-going	NA	H
	b.	Chapter 61A funding	Completed -- established Conservation Trust Fund	Private donation	H
	c.	Abutting town land preservation	On-going	NA	H
2-2: Educate residents on value of farming	2 tasks	Agricultural Commission			
	a.	Agricultural Commission work projects	On-going	Farmers market fees	M
	b.	Farm-to-school program	USDA grant, 2018	CDP budget	M
Goal 3: Forest Land Protection					
3-1: Permanently protect forest lands	3 tasks	Town Forest Committee, Land Trust			
	a.	Identify parcels of interest	On-going	NA	H
	b.	Chapter 61 funding	On-going, via Conservation Trust Fund	Private donation, grants	H
	c.	New development	On-going	NA	H
3-2: Develop certified Forest Management Plan	3 tasks	Town Forest Committee, Land Trust			
	a.	Forest management inventory	On-going	NA	H
	b.	Forest management plan	Completed, implementation in process	Grant	H
	c.	Timber harvesting	On-going	Grant	H
3-3: Link adjacent blocks of forest land	1 task	Open Space & Recreation Committee			
	a.	Abutting town forest preservation	On-going	NA	M
Goal 4: Recreational Resource Development					
4-1: Create central recreation area near Town Green and Thayer Field	3 tasks	Recreation Committee			
	a.	Recreation campus master plan	Completed	DLTA grant	H

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	b.	Campus funding	On-going	Grants, earmarks, fundraising, private donations	H
	c.	Campus master plan implementation	On-going, site plan approved, Phase 1 construction drawings and bid docs completed	Earmarks	H
4-2: Expand recreational offerings	6 tasks	Recreation Committee, Community Center Director, Commission on Disability			
	a.	Park & Recreation Department	Completed -- new town department with part-time Recreation Director	Town budget	H
	b.	Central recreation area at Town Green and Thayer Field	In process, implementation of Phase 1 playground	Town budget, grants, earmarks, fundraising, private donations	H
	c.	Senior recreational programs	On-going	Recreation budget	H
	d.	Community Center programs	On-going	Community Center budget	H
	e.	Multi-generational programs	On-going	Recreation budget	H
	f.	ADA accessibility at Town Beach	In process, via grant application	CDBG grant	H
4-3: Improve access and signage to trails	4 tasks	Trail & Bike Way Coalition			
	a.	Trail area signs	On-going, trail map signs installed at trail entrances	Volunteers	H
	b.	Trail inventory	On-going, inventory and maintenance plans established	Volunteers	H
	c.	Blue trail development	On-going, first blue trail established on the North Nashua River	Volunteers	H
	d.	Trail maps	On-going, created trail maps, brochure and guide	Volunteers	H
4-4: Construct new trails, bike paths and sidewalks	2 tasks	Trail & Bike Way Coalition			
	a.	Rt. 117 and 70 corridor bike ways	In process -- commissioned Complete Streets study	MassDOT Complete Streets funding	H
	b.	Dexter Drumlin to Nashua River trail	In process -- part of Green Belt plan	NA	M

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4-5: Seek funding for maintenance/upgrade of facilities	3 tasks	Recreation Committee, Trail & Bike Way Coalition			
	a.	Maintenance/upgrade funding	On-going	Town budget, volunteer labor	H
	b.	Recreational site stewards	On-going	Recreation Department/Committee, Trail & Bike Way Coalition	H
	c.	Local clubs for sponsorship	In process -- established an Adopt-A-Trail program	Volunteers, Trail & Bike Way Coalition	H
4-6: Create mitigation mechanism	2 tasks	Planning Board, Conservation Commission			
	a.	New development	On-going	Developer contributions	M
	b.	Recreational needs list	In process	Recreation Director	M
4-7: Improve existing sidewalks and create bike lanes	1 task	Community Development & Planning			
	a.	Complete Streets program	In process, secured construction funding for Phase 1 sidewalk repair and curb ramp/crosswalk replacement	Complete Streets funding	H
Goal 5: Pedestrian Connection Development					
5-1: Improve accessibility to open spaces and recreation	1 task	Commission on Disability			
	a.	ADA funding	In process -- applied for CDBG funds to provide accessibility features at Town Beach	CDBG grant	H
5-2: Connect existing trails and bike ways	3 tasks	Trail & Bike Way Coalition			
	a.	Link local and regional trails	On-going, member of Montachusett Regional Trails Coalition	NA	M
	b.	Connect neighborhoods with open space	On-going	NA	M
	c.	Post trail maps on town web site	On-going	NA	H

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5-3: Provide connection from North to South Lancaster	2 tasks	Trail & Bike Way Coalition			
	a.	Connect North/Center/South Lancaster	In process -- Complete Streets and Green Belt plans	MassDOT Complete Streets funding	H
	b.	Green Belt implementation plan and timeline	On-going	NA	H
5-4: Encourage sidewalks/trails in new developments	1 task	Planning Board			
	a.	New development	On-going	NA	H
Goal 6: Improve Town-wide Communications					
6-1: Continue the OSRC	1 task	Open Space & Recreation Committee			
	a.	OSRC meetings	On-going, OSRC meets every other month	NA	H
6-2: Improve internal communications on tax title properties	1 task	Open Space & Recreation Committee			
	a.	Review process	On-going	NA	M
Goal 7: Overall Land Conservation and Protection					
7-1: Preserve/protect priority sites for biodiversity	3 tasks	Open Space & Recreation Committee, Conservation Commission, MA Fish & Wildlife			
	a.	10-year preservation/conservation plan	On-going, via Green Belt Vision Plan, parcel protection list, ag parcel protection list, Biomap2	OSRC	H
	b.	Vernal pool certification	On-going, nine new vernal pools certified in Cook CA	MA Fish & Wildlife	M
	c.	Plant/animal species identification on town parcels	On-going	Conservation Commission	M

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7-2: Connect habitats with wildlife corridors	4 tasks	Open Space & Recreation Committee, Conservation Commission, Town Forest Committee			
	a.	Contiguous habitat/wildlife corridor map	On-going, via Green Belt Vision Plan, parcel transfers to Conservation Commission, Biomap2	NA	H
	b.	Landowner outreach	On-going	OSRC	M
	c.	New development	On-going	Conservation Commission	H
	d.	Connect municipal open space parcels	On-going, via Green Belt Vision Plan, parcel transfers to Conservation Commission	NA	M
7-3: Encourage use of public lands	4 tasks	Trail & Bike Way Coalition, Conservation Commission, Town Forest Committee, Land Trust, Recreation Committee, Commission on Disability			
	a.	Nature trails for wheelchairs	In process -- trails at NTMP, Eagle Ridge CA, Rowlandson Rock	Grants, volunteers	M
	b.	Trail and blue trail maps	On-going -- trail maps available on town web site	MRPC, staff, volunteers	H
	c.	Trail walks/hikes	On-going -- via Recreation Committee, Freedom's Way	Staff, volunteers	H
	d.	Private trails linking to public trails	On-going -- via Trail & Bike Way Coalition	Staff, volunteers	M
7-4: Create management plans for all Town open space	2 tasks	Open Space and Recreation Committee, Conservation Commission, Town Forest Committee, Land Trust, Thayer Field Campus Committee			
	a.	Conservation Commission lands	On-going -- Adopt-A-Trail program, Friends groups	Staff, volunteers, friends groups	H
	b.	Non-CC lands	On-going -- Adopt-A-Trail program, Friends groups	Staff, volunteers, friends groups, Town Forest Committee, Land Trust	M

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Goal 8: Human and Financial Resource Development					
8-1: Develop funding for OSRP implementation	5 tasks	Open Space & Rec Committee, Recreation Committee, Conservation Commission, Town Forest Committee, Land Trust, Friends groups			
	a.	ATM voted on a Conservation Trust Fund to collect funds for open space acquisition and protection	On-going	NA	H
	b.	Volunteer recruitment, Friends teams	On-going	NA	H
	c.	New development mitigation	On-going	NA	H
	d.	Tax abatement program for recreation	On-going	NA	H
	e.	Fundraising	On-going	NA	H
8-2: Communicate with Town committees/offices	5 tasks	Open Space & Rec Committee, Recreation Committee, Conservation Commission, Town Forest Committee, Land Trust, Friends groups			
	a.	Land Trust partnership	On-going -- via OSRC, TFC, LTBC, CC, LFNR	NA	H
	b.	Non-profit/club partnerships	On-going -- via OSRC	NA	M
	c.	Abutting town partnership	On-going -- via MRTC	NA	M
	d.	Recreation Committee/CC partnership	On-going -- via OSRC, LTBC, TFC	NA	H
	e.	Historical Commission partnership	On-going -- via OSRC, CC	NA	M
Goal 9: Lancaster Character Preservation					
9-1: Integrate Smart Growth principles with our local character	2 tasks	Open Space & Rec Committee			
	a.	Integration with town boards	On-going	NA	H
	b.	New development	On-going	NA	H
9-2: Foster collaboration between Town boards/commissions/departments on areas targeted for economic development	2 tasks	Open Space & Rec Committee			
	a.	Conservation Commission rep on Earth Products Removal Committee	On-going	NA	H

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	b.	New development site walks	On-going	NA	H
9-3: Consult with Planning Board on open space/conservation land planning	1 task	Open Space & Recreation Committee, Planning Board, Conservation Commission			
	a.	Re-zoning proposals	On-going	Staff	H