

Dunstable Master Plan SWOT Results

Vision Session 3: Open Space and Recreation

Natural and Cultural Resources

March 21, 2017

Strengths	Participant Priorities				Totals	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Dots	Points
Corridor leading into town (Route 113)	3	2	3	3	11	27
Historic homes	3	3	2	2	10	27
Barns	5	1	1	1	8	26
Accessible open space	5	1	1	0	7	25
Distinctive, unique, rural character	3	3	0	4	10	25
Town center (historic)	1	5	2	0	8	23
Small town feel/atmosphere	2	3	2	0	7	21
Farms	2	1	2	1	6	16
Salmon Brook	1	4	0	0	5	16
Water	3	0	1	0	4	14
Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds	3	0	0	0	3	12
Library	2	1	0	0	3	11
Town common	0	2	2	1	5	11
Community support/volunteerism	1	2	0	0	3	10
Larter Field	1	2	0	0	3	10
Air quality	1	1	1	1	4	10
Low level of noise pollution	0	3	0	1	4	10
Contiguous open space	1	1	1	0	3	9
Stonewalls	0	1	2	0	3	7
Well managed forests	1	0	0	1	2	5
School house	1	0	0	0	1	4
Rail trail	1	0	0	0	1	4
Cemetery space	0	1	0	1	2	4
Unkety Brook	0	0	2	0	2	4
Scenic vistas	0	0	1	2	3	4
Lake Massapoag	0	0	1	1	2	3
Hill tops	0	0	0	3	3	3
Passive outdoor activity/ opportunity	0	0	0	1	1	1
Town pond	0	0	0	1	1	1
Endowments/donations	0	0	0	0	0	0

Weaknesses	Participant Priorities				Totals	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Dots	Points
Antiquated water system	8	0	2	2	12	38
Lack of protection for historic properties	1	4	1	1	7	19
Lack of sidewalks	2	2	1	0	5	16
Not walkable/bikeable/unsafe	2	2	0	0	4	14
Athletic facilities for older kids/adults	2	1	1	0	4	13
Lack of protection/maintenance (stonewalls, especially on state-owned roads)	1	2	0	3	6	13
Limited parking at open space areas	1	0	3	2	6	12
Schools aren't as strong as they used to be	2	1	0	0	3	11
Bylaws need update, revisions	1	1	2	0	4	11
Invasive species	0	3	0	1	4	10
Tennis courts not maintained	0	2	2	0	4	10
Ticks	2	0	0	1	3	9
Lack of funding to operate/maintain	1	1	0	1	3	8
Massapoag nutrient loading	0	1	1	0	2	5
Water/ beaver management	0	0	2	0	2	4
Signage at open space areas	0	0	0	4	4	4
Lack of connectivity (connect trails)	0	0	0	2	2	2
Creative funding mechanisms	0	0	0	1	1	1
High user fees	0	0	0	0	0	0

Opportunities	Participant Priorities				Totals	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Dots	Points
Farm-to-table restaurants	6	4	3	3	16	45
Adaptive reuse for historic barns/buildings	6	2	2	4	14	38
Community growth	6	2	1	0	9	32
Connect trails/safe pathways	5	1	3	2	11	31
Bed & breakfasts	1	2	2	0	5	14
Walkable	1	2	1	1	5	13
Improvements to biking	2	0	1	1	4	11
Promote farming community	1	1	1	1	4	10
Playing fields next to conservation land	0	3	0	0	3	9
CSA potential	1	1	0	1	3	8
Ecotourism	1	0	2	0	3	8
Trail stewardship	0	1	2	1	4	8
Agricultural resources	1	1	0	0	2	7
CPA funds for trails	0	1	2	0	3	7
Pick your own (P.Y.O.) farms	0	1	1	0	2	5
Eagle scout/ Con-com/Land Trust (cooperation and training)	0	0	2	1	3	5
Forestry planning	1	0	0	0	1	4
Playground opportunity with CPA funds	0	1	0	0	1	3
Establish historic districts (local)	0	0	1	1	2	3
Mill Street (potential area for playing fields)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Market gardens	0	0	0	0	0	0

Threats	Participant Priorities				Totals	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Dots	Points
No full-time Fire Department	2	2	1	0	5	16
Uninformed voters	2	0	2	0	4	12
Prop 2 1/2	2	0	0	1	3	9
Not enough income to support initiatives (future)	0	2	0	0	2	6
Unfunded mandates (stormwater)	0	2	0	0	2	6
Reduction of state funding for education and more	1	0	0	0	1	4
Clean air and water	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barns/historic structures (demo/collapse)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Department building condition	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lack of civic engagement/full-time staff	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic	0	0	0	0	0	0