

Town of Hudson Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey 2008

The Town of Hudson is in the process of updating its *Open Space and Recreation Plan*. This plan is the successor to one written in 1976 and then again 1999 that addresses various issues relative to Town recreation and open space. These plans are necessary to qualify for state funding for acquisition and protection of important open space and recreation resources.

The survey below is part of the public input process to understand the needs and concerns of residents of Hudson regarding open space and recreation facilities/programs.

A Draft Plan can be viewed at the Hudson Public Library, Hudson Recreation Office and Executive Assistant's Office in Town Hall, the Senior Center and on the website www.townofhudson.org.

This Draft is a combination of the 1999 Open Space and Recreation Plan and several planning documents developed over the past five years - Hudson's Community Development Plan, the Urban River Visioning Plan, the Freedoms Way Heritage Landscape Inventory –Reconnaissance Report and the Upper Assabet Riverway Plan. These plans look at the town from different perspectives and makes recommendations on historic features, natural resources, biodiversity, transportation, housing, recreation facilities and programs, etc. Updating the Plan also involves evaluating progress made since the last Open Space and Recreation Plan.

In reviewing the Draft Plan consideration should be given to past, present and future growth and development trends (both residential and commercial) and the cost and availability of potential conservation and recreation land that remains in Hudson.

To help you make informed decisions we offer the following facts: Hudson has 150 acres of conservation land, 122 acres of recreation land and 328 acres of municipally owned land for water resources, such as well fields and water tanks. Additionally, state and federal government agencies along with land trust organizations own over 400 acres of land within the town. These 1000 acres represents only 13% of Hudson total area (7,462.4 acres).

Please complete the survey and return to Hudson Division of Recreation, 78 Main Street – Town Hall or survey boxes located at the Senior Center and Hudson Public Library **by July 31, 2008**. If you have any questions contact the Recreation Office at 978-568-9642 or lghiloni@townofhudson.org. Results of this survey will be incorporated into the final draft of the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

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How long have you lived in Hudson?

Under 1 yr	1 - 5 yrs	6 -10 yrs	11 – 15 yrs	16 + yrs.

Which age group are you in?

Under 20 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-54 yrs	55 + yrs

Do you have children? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, how many in each age group?

1-5 yrs old	6-9 yrs old	10-13 yrs old	14-18 yrs old

How important to you are the following?

Facilities	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed
Preserving rivers, ponds, streams, wetlands				
Preserving agricultural land				
Preserving scenic areas & views				
Preserving and maintaining historic features				
Preserving and enhancing wildlife habitats				
Preserving and enhancing lands surrounding water supplies, well and aquifers				
Providing adequate recreation facilities				
Providing access to open space land & trails				
Purchasing sites for conservation				
Purchasing sites for recreation				

How often do you visit or use conservation land or Hudson's natural resources?

Facilities	Weekly	Monthly	Few Times Yearly	Never	Activity
Danforth/Mayo Lot					
Assabet River					
Gates Pond					
Fort Meadow Reservoir					
Lake Boone					
Div. of Fisheries and Wildlife Land					

Do you feel Hudson has an adequate number of :

Facilities	Highly Agree	Disagree	Explain if you disagree
Neighborhood playgrounds			
Playing fields			
Hiking, walking or biking trails			
Basketball or tennis courts			
Conservation lands			
Boating areas			
Fishing areas			
Skate parks			
Swimming areas			
General town parks			

How often do you or a member of your family visit the following locations and what activity brings you to that facility (if applicable, list more than one):

Facility	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	Activities	Never
Riverside Park					
Boutwell Fields					
Wood Park					
Apsley Park					
Liberty Park					
South St. Park					
Sauta Field					
Intel Field					
Centennial Beach					
Assabet River Rail Trail					
Assabet River					
Tripp's Pond/Hog Brook					
Bruces Pond					
Cherry St Park					
Farina Field					
Moulton's Field					
Forest Ave Playground & Field					
Farley Playground & Field					
Hubert Kindergarten Playground					
JFK Fields					
HHS/O'Donnell Fields					

Please check all programs and community events that you have attended or participated in sponsored by Hudson Recreation

<input type="checkbox"/>	3's/ 4's & 5's	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gala Dance Event	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunshine Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	Playlot/Outdoor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wood Park Concerts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sports Clinics
<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tiny Tot Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fishing Derby	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nordic Walking
<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Swim Lessons	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pumpkin Fest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater Trips
<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Track & Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Centennial Beach	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

Please check all programs/activities conducted by outside organizations that you have participate in:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Hudson Youth Baseball/Softball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hudson Youth Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hudson Youth Football	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hudson Deckhockey
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arts Alliance Drama Workshop/Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHAPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Boys and Girls Club Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	Men's Softball League
<input type="checkbox"/>	Star Hawks Youth Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Night Hawks Youth Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Fest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Veteran's Day Parade

Please check all activities that you participated in over the past two years either in Hudson or out of Town:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Boating	<input type="checkbox"/>	Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walking
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ice Skating	<input type="checkbox"/>	Museum Visits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gymnastics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic Sites Visits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Camping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife Viewing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Skiing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Horseback Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fitness Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	Snowmobiling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

Are there facilities you would like to see the Town build (i.e. swimming pool) or activities you would like to see the Town sponsor? Please list.

Should the Town of Hudson continue to acquire land for conservation or recreation purposes?

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
Conservation				
Recreation				

Additional comments if any. _____

To preserve land in Hudson would you be willing to:

	Yes	No
Contribute some land to the Town		
Donate money to buy land		
Sell land to the Town under market value		
Sell or contribute conservation restriction to protect your land from future development		
Continue the Community Preservation Act after 5 year expiration – with maximum 3% surcharge (average house assessment of \$350,000.00 would mean \$105 annually)		
Vote for Town supported land acquisition if it means not raising taxes		

Your opinion and input on the Open Space and Recreation Plan draft would be appreciated.

Optional:

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____