

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE
LAND ACQUISITION AND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION CRITERIA

The following major categories will be considered in the evaluation of each parcel proposed for acquisition. A careful review will be performed prior to forwarding any parcel to the Community Preservation (Act) Committee. If necessary at a later date, a quantitative (ranking) system will be devised by the Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee in order to compare parcels.

These categories are NOT arranged in priority order, nor are the bulleted illustrative items under each category all inclusive. However, it is expected that parcels given Committee endorsement will have substantial significance for at least one category.

Finally, and importantly, the economic value for the town, provision for equity interest, and any other fiscal implications will be taken into account.

Any relevant professionally acceptable listing or regulation (Federal, state or local) will be consulted in Committee evaluations, such as the Endangered Species Act, Bio Map Core Habitats, Sandy Neck/Barnstable Harbor 1978 Area of Critical Environmental Concern, Town of Barnstable Local Comprehensive Plan, Barnstable Open Space/Recreation Plan, Vascular Plants of MA Checklist, Barnstable Public Water Supply Zoning Map.

COMMUNITY CHARACTER: HISTORICAL/ARCHEOLOGICAL/SCENIC

- * Special or unique historical, archeological, or scenic feature of parcel
- * Significant scenic vista
- * Ancient Native American or historical site
- * Geological importance

DRINKING WATER PROTECTION

- * Adjacent to a public or private water supply
- * Area in high density residential development on private wells
- * Protect present drinking water quality for future
 - 400 ft. radius-zone of contribution
 - Potential for upgrading water supply

RECREATION: PASSIVE AND/OR ACTIVE

- * Includes active recreational uses such as playing fields
- * Includes passive recreational uses such as hiking, walking trails, horseback riding, bike riding, and bird watching. (ATV and similar vehicles excluded.)
 - Compatibility and proximity to existing systems such as Cape Cod Pathway

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- Endorsement from recreation division/commission
- Provision for public access

PROXIMITY TO INLAND AND COASTAL WATER BODIES

- Implications for groundwater protection including indications of nutrient enrichment to water bodies
- Preservation of land or marsh adjacent to river, pond, or lake
- Wildlife access to a fresh water source
- Public access to water (parking, trail access, portage) for boaters, fishermen, etc.
- Likelihood of sewerage in next ten years
- Distance from the Water Body

URBAN GREENSPACE

- Primarily serving residents in Town's more densely developed neighborhoods
- Accommodates general public in defined mini-parks and similar small areas

WILDLIFE HABITAT PROTECTION

- Includes wetlands, marsh, existing woodland, forests, meadows, farmland, herring runs, vernal pools, etc.
- Contiguous to other parcels protecting habitat
- Protects either "general" habitat or a specific habitat for rare/endangered threatened species
- Consideration for significant size of parcel