

Appendix C - Priority Parcels List



Indian Hill Reservation

In 2000, at the request of the Board of Selectman, the OSC created a “priority parcel list,” or “watch list,” of lands which, for a number of reasons, are of special conservation or recreational interest.

The parcels included on the “Priority Parcel List” (Table C-2) range widely in size, location, and potential use. The list does not attempt to assign more or less importance to one set of criteria over another; nor does it place more value on one potential municipal use over another.

As parcels of open land become available, we hope the list will serve as a guide for the Town in deciding whether to purchase the land, the development rights, or an easement -- or to take some other action -- that will help meet our present and future needs.

The priority parcel list was created over the course of several public meetings, with input from a wide variety of townspeople, including real estate agents; farmers; Conservation Commission, Parks & Rec, and Water Department members; and others with interest in land preservation issues. The list has been regularly updated since then, as parcel status has changed. Recently, several parcels have been

removed from the list, because they have now been permanently protected through conservation restrictions

To be included on the list, a parcel of land had to meet one or more of the twelve criteria listed in the table C-1 below:

Table C-1: Land Preservation Criteria											
1. Environmentally sensitive area	7. Agricultural lands										
2. Scenic views, especially roadside	8. Active (A) and/or Passive (P) recreation										
3. Hilltops	9. Large contiguous open space parcels										
4. Watershed or wellfield protection	10. Possible school site										
5. Greenbelt, wildlife corridor, trailways	11. Possible site for affordable housing										
6. Merrimack riverside open space and access	12. Town center; package treatment plant; civic center										

Table C-2: Open Space Priority Parcels List

Town Area	Acres	Land Preservation Criteria								Annotation				
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Pipestave	18.6		+	+		+	+	+	A,P	+	+	+	+	Farm east of Page School, adjoins Riverbend
	16.0	+	+			+	+		P	+				Island off River Road, west of new bridge
Lower Artichoke	28.0	+	+			+	+		A,P	+				Large tract along Merrimack river, west of St. John
	131.0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A,P	+	+	+		Large tract along Merrimack + Artichoke Rivers
Upper Artichoke	157.0	+	+	+	+	+		+	P	+				Only existing dairy farm
	47.8		+		+	+		+	A,P	+	+			Fields west of Garden at Rogers Street
	18.0								P					Heights above Artichoke Dam 2
	83.0					+		+						Connects Archalaeus to the East
Cherry Hill	14.23		+	+	+	+		+	P	+				At Middle crossing Archalaeus Hill; greenbelt route
	20.6		+	+		+		+	P	+				Victorian house, greenway connector
	43.0		+	+	+	+			P	+				Bachelor St east of Middle, greenbelt to Archelaus
Indian Hill	35.0	+	+		+	+		+	P	+				Indian Hill Street outlet from reservoir, greenway
	35.1	+	+		+	+		+	P	+				Large fields south of reservoir, greenway
Kimball/ Illsley Hill	64.5	+	+			+		+	A,P	?	+			Middle Street, large fields across from Kimball Road
	38.0			+		+			P	+				Illsley Hill, hilltop, greenbelt from reservoir west
	10.48		+	+		+		+	A, P	+	+			North side of Kimball Hill
	8.39		+	+		+		+	A,P	+	+			South side of Kimball Hill

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	12.71		+	+		+		+	A,P	+	+			South side of Kimball Hill
	13.2		+	+		+		+	A, P	+	+			NW corner of Kimball and Middle
	36.0	+	+	+		+		+	A,P	+				Ash St Christmas tree farm with long views
Crane Neck	70.0		+	+	+	+		+	P	+	+			Views from above
	16.0		+			+		+						Viewscape, trails, possible development
	28.0		+	+		+		+	P	+				Viewscape, trails, possible development
	6.24		+	+		+		+	P					Contiguous to other open space, agricultural land
Brake Hill/West End	19.0		+						A,P			+		Large tract off Main Street, 1/2 -acre zoning
	12.0		+	+		+		+	P	+	+			Hillside view from Main, access to top of Brake Hill
Long Hill/River Rd	80.0			+		+			A,P		+	?		Large interior tract at Coffin Street with frontage on Main
	63.0	+	+	+		+	+	+	P	+				Large sheep fold on River Road
	25.3	+		+				+	P	+				Large open space off River Road
	6.64	+		+				+	P	+				Large open space off River Road
Civic Center	12.0					+			A,P	+		+	+	Off Main, possibly contiguous with others to Cammet Park
	27	+				+	+		P	+	+	+		Links Main Street with Mill Pond
	12.75					+	+		P	+				Links to Mill Pond
	10.4		+	+		+		+	A, P	+	+	+		Viewscape, trails, linking Main Street with Kimball Land
	8.5	+	+			+	+	+	A,P			+	+	Fields behind Carr Memorial and beside Town recreation lands
	13.7					+				+		+	+	Interior of above property with access to Meetinghouse Hill
	3.3					+				+		+	+	Off Main, possibly contiguous with others to Cammet Park
	14.8		+	+		+		+	A,P	+		+	+	Large field including hill behind Citgo Service Station
	13.0			+		+			P	+		+	+	Links Maple Street with Town Center
Elwell Square Area	0.8											+		Behind the Post Office
	9.0		+			+		+	P	+				Fields between Maple Street and Greenbelt lands, viewscape
	37.5	+	+			+	+	+	A,P	+	?	+	+	Large field west of Whetstone Street