

The Middleborough Open Space Survey

This survey is being conducted to determine Middleborough's priorities and concerns regarding outdoor recreation and open space needs. The results will be used to prepare an Open Space Plan for Middleborough through year 2014. An Open Space Plan is required to access state and federal grant money to help with resource protection and recreation site development.

"Open Space" in this survey is defined as... "public and privately-owned undeveloped lands which are important for a variety of reasons". These lands can be used for agriculture, forestry, wildlife habitat, available for their scenic qualities, outdoor recreational opportunities, or even their contribution to the overall character of the town. **When you have completed the survey please return it to the following drop off locations: Town Hall, Town Clerk, or Library, OR mail it to the Conservation Commission at 20 Center Street, Middleborough, MA 02346 DO NOT SEND WITH YOUR ELECTRIC BILL** Thank you for your time.

How do you characterize your town?	
Rural community	_____
Suburban	_____
"Bedroom community"	_____
Collection of historic villages	_____
Urban center	_____

What Section of Middleborough do you identify living in?	
Rock Village (Wapanucket Area)	_____
North Middleborough (Titicut)	_____
South Middleborough (Waterville, Thomastown)	_____
Middleborough Center (Four Corners)	_____
East Middleborough (Warrentown, Eddyville)	_____

How important is it to you to preserve:	(please circle the number corresponding to your choice.)				
Places of historical value	5	4	3	2	1
Places of archeological value	5	4	3	2	1
Open spaces to protect water supplies	5	4	3	2	1
Land along rivers	5	4	3	2	1
Open spaces to meet recreational needs	5	4	3	2	1
Agricultural land		5	4	3	2
Forestland	5	4	3	2	1
Wildlife habitats	5	4	3	2	1
Scenic vistas	5	4	3	2	1
Remaining open spaces in developed areas	5	4	3	2	1
Parkland	5	4	3	2	1

5-very important
4-important
3-neutral
2-less important
1-not at all important

Which of the following approaches do you support to protect natural areas and/or to acquire recreational land:	Yes	No	Depends
Purchase land with town funds	_____	_____	_____
Conserve sensitive tax titled land (land taken for taxes)	_____	_____	_____
Purchase land with partial state reimbursement	_____	_____	_____
Protect land through zoning	_____	_____	_____
Tax incentive for private conservation	_____	_____	_____
Purchase development rights or conservation easements	_____	_____	_____
Encourage programs of land giving	_____	_____	_____
Encourage private sector recreational investment	_____	_____	_____
Encourage private nonprofit and public partnerships	_____	_____	_____
Support of the Community Preservation Act (CPA-1-3% land tax)	_____	_____	_____

The Town of Middleborough owns the six parcels listed below. Please comment on your knowledge of these parcels.			
	Use	Don't use	Where is it?
The Soule Homestead	_____	_____	_____
The Pratt Farm	_____	_____	_____
Oliver Mill Park	_____	_____	_____
Thomas S. Peirce Playground	_____	_____	_____
The Weston Park	_____	_____	_____
Stuart Morgan Property	_____	_____	_____
Additional comment on any of these parcels _____			

Please check the top five recreational facilities you feel are needed:

<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling/walking trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Large park with many facilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Horse trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Local neighborhood parks
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor amphitheater
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's play areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Public beach
<input type="checkbox"/> Family picnic areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation center building
<input type="checkbox"/> Softball field	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer field
<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball field	<input type="checkbox"/> Designated ATV trails
<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball Courts	<input type="checkbox"/> Boating
<input type="checkbox"/> Ice skating rink	<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking & skiing trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf

Is your family generally satisfied with the availability of outdoor recreation in your town? Yes
No

What recreational facilities or open space areas would you like to see in Middleborough that are currently not available or inadequate?

1. _____	4. _____
2. _____	5. _____
3. _____	6. _____

Would you support town appropriations for the acquisition of :

	Yes	No	Maybe
Conservation Land	___	___	___
Recreation Facilities	___	___	___
Affordable Housing	___	___	___
Elderly/VA Housing	___	___	___
Historic Preservation	___	___	___

What are the ages of the members of your household? (numbers of each)

Under 5 ___ 5-12 ___ 13-18 ___ 19-30 ___ 31-55 ___ 56-75 ___ Over 75 ___

How do you feel the new Route 44 to Plymouth has impacted the town?

Negative impact on the Town	___	Positive impact on the Town	___
Should extend four lanes to the Rotary	___	Should not extend four lanes to the Rotary	___
Has created more traffic	___	Has created less traffic	___

How do you feel a casino might affect Middleborough's.... (Scale of 1-5: 1 being bad, 5 being good)

Quality of life	___	Housing	___
Population Growth	___	Rural Character	___
Environment	___	Jobs	___
Traffic	___	Economy	___

There is a new rail connection proposed to connect the Fall River and New Bedford Area to Boston that will possibly come through Middleborough. Do you feel this will be a positive or negative impact to the Town?
 Negative ___ Positive ___
 Why?

