

SECTION 9: TEN YEAR ACTION PLAN

Responsible Party Abbreviations:

PCD = Planning & Community Development

CC = Conservation Commission

RAC = Recreation Advisory Board

MO = Mayor's Office

BD = Building Department

OSC = Open Space Committee

RD = Recreation Department

DPW = Department of Public Works

HC = Historical Commission

GOAL 1: PROTECT REMAINING UNDEVELOPED OPEN SPACE					
	Actions	Responsible Party	Funding Source	Year	Priority
Objective 1A: Protect Areas Identified During the Planning Process & Provide More Open Space in East and North Braintree	Contact owners of areas identified in Table 9 to discuss options	PCD	Staff time	Year 7	High
	Work with land trust to facilitate transactions	PCD	Staff time	Ongoing	Medium
	Utilize CPA and Conservation fund and grants to fund land acquisition	PCD	CPA funds Conservation fund Grant funding	Ongoing	High
	Expand cluster zoning to preserve open space during development	PCD	Staff time as part of zoning rewrite	2-3	Medium
	Utilize Conservation Restrictions to preserve open space during development	PCD	Staff Time	Ongoing	Medium
Objective 1B: Open Space, Natural Resources, and Neighborhood Preservation	Explore opportunities to preserve open space and invest in pedestrian infrastructure to increase access to outdoor recreation for neighborhoods that lack green space and access to outdoor recreation.	PCD	Staff Time	Year 6-10	Medium
	Explore the creation of a private entity of "Friends	PCD	Staff Time	Ongoing	Medium

	Of" private non-profit organization to hold open space restrictions for town-acquired conservation areas (to comply with laws, particularly the Community Preservation Act law that requires a third party to hold a permanent conservation restriction on town-acquired open space properties) and organize volunteer efforts to maintain acquired properties.				
	Explore acquiring wooded areas in residential neighborhoods to preserve buffers from incompatible uses.	PCD	Staff Time	Ongoing	Medium
Objective 1C: Capacity	Create and maintain an updated Community Preservation Plan that identifies local goals and priorities for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding, support broader community education on how CPA funds can be used, and consider increasing the CPA surcharge to fund the Town's open space, recreation, historic preservation, and community housing goals.	PCD	CPC Funds Conservation Fund Staff Time	Ongoing	Medium
	Evaluate the need for and consider increasing the capacity of the Planning and Community Development Department to advance the Town's environmental and historic preservation goals, such as through increasing town staff and/or consulting services support.	MO PCD CC HC	CPC Funds Conservation Fund Staff Time	Ongoing	Medium
GOAL 2: IMPROVE PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND FIELDS					
	Actions	Responsible Party	Funding Source	Year	Priority
Objective 2A: Upgrade Equipment/Fields at	Prioritize Areas listed in Table 12 and with existing capital improvement plan	RD RAC	Staff and RAC time	1	Medium

Areas Identified During Planning Process	Implement 1 project per year	RD RAC DPW	CPA fund Recreation budget Grant funding	Ongoing	Medium
Objective 2B: Improve Maintenance and Litter Removal at Parks and Schools	Continue with annual clean-up days and encourage additional clean-up days	MO	Mayor's Office budget and donations	Ongoing	Medium
	Work with schools, civic associations, corrections department, volunteer groups, scouts	MO	Staff time	Ongoing	Medium
	Inform Town Departments of needs	MO	Staff time	Ongoing	Medium
	Organize by Council precincts	TC	Staff and Council time	Ongoing	Medium
GOAL 3: PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITY- WATER ACCESS, TRAILS					
	Actions	Responsible Party	Funding Source	Year	Priority
Objective 3A: Evaluate Areas Identified During Planning Process	Review site constraints, wetlands, topography etc. for areas identified in Table 10	PCD CC OSC	Staff time	Year 1-2	Medium
	Develop plans, budgets	PCD	Staff time	Ongoing	Medium
	Implement projects as feasible	PCD	CPA fund Conservation fund Grant funding	Ongoing	Medium
Objective 3B: Improve Awareness of Existing Areas and Natural Resources	Republish & Advertise Trail Guide	PCD	PCD budget	Year 8	Medium
	Hold trail walks at various areas	PCD CC & OSC	Staff time Volunteer time	Ongoing	Medium
	Work with environmental or other groups on educational outreach	PCD CC & OSC	Staff time Volunteer time	Ongoing	Medium
Objective 3C: Address Maintenance,	Maintain, mark and widen trails as appropriate	PCD CC & OSC	Staff time Volunteer time	Ongoing	Medium
	Evaluate parking at areas with limited access	OSC	Staff time	Year 3-4	Medium

Management and Access of Existing Areas			Volunteer time		
	Increase management of the Town Forest & consider reestablishing the Town Forest Committee	OSC	Staff time Volunteer time	Year 2 & 8	Medium
	Make sure that the Town of Braintree recreational areas and programming meet the needs and are safe and accessible to all residents. Provide equitable access to and use of the Town of Braintree's open spaces and recreational opportunities.	PCD DPW BD	Capital Staff Time Grants	Ongoing	Medium
Goal 4: Improve Ecological Function					
Objective 4A: Improve Water Quality	Restore vegetated buffers to waterbodies to filter pollutants	CC DPW	Mitigation for private (re) development	Ongoing	Medium
	Comply with NPDES permit requirements for the Town's stormwater management system	DPW	Staff time Stormwater Utility	Ongoing	Medium
Objective 4B: Manage Open Space Areas for Ecological Integrity	Continue and expand vegetation monitoring at conservation land for deer impacts	Staff time	Staff time Volunteers	Ongoing	Medium
	Implement monitoring for spread of invasive species	Staff time	Staff time Volunteers	Ongoing	Medium
Objective 4C: Implement Climate Change Adaption Strategies	Implement action plan items from 2017 Climate Mitigation Plan	MO oversees Town Depts.	Staff time	Ongoing	Medium
	In collaboration with Sustainable Braintree, adopt and implement a Climate Change Plan that considers projections for new growth and best practices to mitigate the impacts of climate change and ensure resilient public facilities.	PCD	Capital Staff Time Grants (MVP)	Year 8-9	Medium

	Consider Long-Term Options for Watson Park Seawall and Smith Beach Seawall	PCD DPW	Capital Staff Time Grants	Year 8	High
	Create interactive flood mapping tool and link from Town's Flood Hazard Mitigation Page.	PCD DPW	Capital Staff Time Grants	Ongoing	Medium
Objective 4D: Continue Efforts to Remove Armstrong Dam and Restore Monatiquot River	Continue to work with project partners including dam owner, FRWA, DMF and others	PCD	Staff time	Year 5-8	High
	Include public access to Armstrong site in all agreements, negotiations, etc.	MO PCD	Staff time	Year 7	High
	Relocate Highway Department Facility out of the Floodplain and restore flood storage and buffer	MO DPW	Staff time Capital Plan Grant funding	As funding becomes available	Medium