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## Appendix A: Sturbridge Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey

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## Sturbridge Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Survey 2018

### Survey Overview

Dear Residents,

Please help the Town of Sturbridge update its Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) by participating in this important survey. An approved plan is necessary to qualify for State program funding for acquisition and protection of open space and recreational facilities. This survey is being conducted to understand the needs and concerns of residents of Sturbridge regarding its open space and recreation facilities.

Open Space in this survey is defined as "public and privately-owned undeveloped lands which are important for a variety of reasons, including recreation, conservation, water resource protection, agriculture, forestry, or simply because of their scenic qualities and their contribution to the overall character of the town." The terms recreational open space or recreation refer to "land used for active recreational purposes, such as athletic fields or golf courses. Land used for active recreation does not qualify technically as open space because, for example, these parcels are often covered with paved surfaces such as that for tennis courts, basketball courts and parking lots." Open space and recreational planning will help us preserve open space while allowing development to occur that is consistent with the character of the Town.

Please take a few minutes to answer the following survey questions. Responses of this survey will be anonymous and not attributed to individuals. **Surveys must be completed by Friday, March 30, 2018** A public forum will be held on Wednesday April 11, 2018 to share the survey results and gather additional comments. We hope you will join us and we thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

The Sturbridge Open Space and Recreation Committee:

*Carol Goodwin, Lynne Petersen, Anthony Silvestri, Elissa Gelfand*

With staff support from

*The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC)*

For more information please contact [jbubon@town.sturbridge.ma.us](mailto:jbubon@town.sturbridge.ma.us)

Please mail or deliver all hard copy responses to the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall located at:

Town of Sturbridge  
308 Main Street  
Sturbridge, MA 01566

OR drop-off at the following locations:

- Center Office Building, 301 Main Street - First Floor
- Sturbridge Library circulation desk
- Sturbridge Senior Center

Master Plan Survey Questions

**1. What are YOUR top three (3) most important reasons for the Town to acquire and/or preserve open space?**

- ☐ Preserve rural character of town
- ☐ Preserve historic assets
- ☐ Protect water quality & resources
- ☐ Preserve forests & woodlands
- ☐ Preserve wildlife
- ☐ Passive recreation (i.e. hiking, horseback riding, snowshoeing)
- ☐ Sports fields
- ☐ Agricultural
- ☐ Long-term economic benefits
- ☐ Scenic vistas and views
- ☐ Snowmobiling
- ☐ 4-wheeling/ATV
- ☐ Hunting
- ☐ Boat ramps, access to lakes and rivers
- ☐ Other (please specify)

**2. Which of the following recreational activities do you feel the Town of Sturbridge needs more of and if it is needed, please indicate whether you are willing to pay more taxes in order for the town to provide it?**

	Does NOT Need	Needs but NOT willing to pay more taxes	Needs and I am willing to pay more taxes	Don't Know/Not Applicable
Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Does NOT Need	Needs but NOT willing to pay more taxes	Needs and I am willing to pay more taxes	Don't Know/Not Applicable
Walking / running trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hiking trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Horseback riding trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Team playing fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor swimming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indoor swimming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trail markings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community gardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Canoe / kayak public access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bike trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cross-country ski trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Snow shoeing trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ice skating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Snowmobile trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indoor sports recreation facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnic areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4-wheeling / ATV areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**3. Do you feel there are adequate protected open space and recreational properties in your neighborhood?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

**4. Currently the Town is made up of 32% Open space, 9% Chapter land, 48% Residential, 6% Commercial/Industrial, and 5% Exempt. Please indicate whether you think each of these percentages should increase, decrease, or remain the same.**

32% Open space	<input type="text"/>
9% Chapter land	<input type="text"/>
48% Residential	<input type="text"/>
6% Commercial/Industrial	<input type="text"/>
5% Exempt	<input type="text"/>

**5. How often do you use the following recreation or open space areas in Sturbridge?  
(Check one box per row)**

	Almost daily	Weekly	Monthly	6-10 times per year	1-5 times per year	I know about it, but never go there	I don't know about this place
Leadmine Mountain	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Heins Farm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
River lands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Burgess School Playground and fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Long Pond	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Westville Recreation Area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Old Sturbridge Village	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Almost daily	Weekly	Monthly	6-10 times per year	1-5 times per year	I know about it, but never go there	I don't know about this place
Shepard Parcel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tantiusques Leadmine Reservation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Common	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opacum Woods	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wells State Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hobbs Brook Conservation Land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Plimpton Forest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Turner's Club Field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sturbridge Recreation Area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Barn Athletic Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walker Pond	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Big Alum Pond	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
East Brimfield Reservoir	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**6. If the town were to pursue a Youth Center, what types of activities would you like to see there? Rank the following activities/services in order of importance. (5 = Most Needed, 3 = Neutral, 1 = Least Needed)**

	5	4	3	2	1
Pick-up sports such as basketball, soccer, or softball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor recreational such as kayaking, cycling, or disc golf	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indoor recreational such as wellness facilities, swimming pool, or "how to" classes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts and crafts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tutoring services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Counseling services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comments	<input type="text"/>				

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### Town Character

#### 7. How would you describe the Town of Sturbridge? (Check one box per row)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A rural town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A bedroom community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A suburb of Worcester	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A town in transition	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
An arts community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Historic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Progressive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unique	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Crowded	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family-friendly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Age-friendly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

#### 8. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

*The Town of Sturbridge is adequately served by current Open Space and Recreational Facilities such as Town Common, hiking trails, athletic fields, playgrounds, indoor and outdoor swimming, etc.*

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)



**9. If you live in Sturbridge, check all the reasons you choose to live here (check one box per row).**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Accessibility to highways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreational opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Church life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Friends/family live here	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Library resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Low crime/vandalism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small town character	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Air quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Healthy aging opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Historic resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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### Open Space Preservation

10. Please rate the importance or need to *preserve* open space and natural areas in Sturbridge.

Very Important	Important	Neutral	Somewhat Important	Not Important
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. How important is it to you to preserve and maintain the following in Sturbridge?  
(Check one box per row.)

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Buildings of historical or architectural interest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Places of historical value	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Farmlands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open spaces to meet our water and conservation needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open spaces to meet our recreational needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open spaces to meet our aesthetic, scenic, or passive recreation needs (forests, trails, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreational facilities such as Town Barn Athletic Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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### Recreation

#### 12. Regarding parks and recreation spaces and facilities in Sturbridge:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Not Satisfied	Very Unsatisfied
How satisfied are you with the places for individuals <b><i>under the age of 18</i></b> to play in Town?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How satisfied are you with the places for individuals from <b><i>ages 18 to 34</i></b> to play and recreate in Town?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How satisfied are you with the places for individuals from <b><i>ages 35 to 49</i></b> to play and recreate in Town?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How satisfied are you with the places for individuals <b><i>ages 50+</i></b> to play and recreate in Town?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How satisfied are you with the general conditions of these facilities?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How satisfied are you with organized youth sports programs?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How satisfied are you with organized adult sports programs?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**13. When you go to a recreational facility do you typically...**

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Rarely	Never
Go alone?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Go with family or friends?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Go to participate in or watch a youth sports league?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Go to participate in or watch an adult sports league?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Go for an informal playgroup or pick up game?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Go for a special event?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**14. What types of activities do you or members of your household participate in? (Check all that apply)**

- ☐ School sponsored activities/ team sports
- ☐ Town and/or recreation commission sponsored activities
- ☐ Community/league activities (little league baseball, youth soccer leagues)
- ☐ Private/formal recreation (dance, karate, etc.)
- ☐ Informal (walking, hiking, skateboarding, running, cycling, etc.)
- ☐ Seasonal activities (snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, etc.)
- ☐ Passive recreation (appreciating nature, photography, bird watching, picnicking, reading/relaxing, etc.)
- ☐ Cultural events (concerts and activities on the Common, festivals, 5k or half-marathon races)

**15. Rank the following recreational facilities based on their level of importance and need in the town (5 = Most Needed, 3 = Unsure, and 1 = Least Needed).**

	5	4	3	2	1
Softball fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baseball fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Basketball courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	5	4	3	2	1
Tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volley ball courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lacrosse or field hockey fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football / rugby fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ice skating facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Golf course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disc golf/frisbee golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor amphitheater or performance space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public access to water bodies for swimming, boating, or fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spray or splash park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community recreation center/building	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's play areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hiking and cross-country skiing trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bike trails/paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horseback riding trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	5	4	3	2	1
Conservation areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sidewalks and walking trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lawn games (Horseshoes, shuffleboard, bocce, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**16. If you are a resident over the age of 50, what types of recreational activities would you like to see more easily available in town? (Check all that apply)**

- ☐ I am not over the age of 50
- ☐ Walking groups
- ☐ Yoga, Tai-Chi, or other fitness classes
- ☐ Dance classes
- ☐ Games such as bocce, pickleball, horseshoes, or badminton
- ☐ Swimming or bicycling
- ☐ Arts and crafts
- ☐ Community gardening
- ☐ Bird watching, photography, or appreciating nature
- ☐ Board games, bingo
- ☐ Boating or fishing
- ☐ Spiritual activities such as meditation
- ☐ Sports such as softball, tennis, or golf
- ☐ Seasonal activities such as skiing or snowshoeing
- ☐ Health and wellness programs (cooking classes, healthy aging resources)
- ☐ Social activities such as pot-luck dinners
- ☐ Memory Cafes (<http://mcoaonline.com/2017/06/29/starting-memory-cafe/>)
- ☐ Music programs
- ☐ Book clubs
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Access and Connectivity

**17. How often do you travel to Sturbridge's open spaces or recreational facilities by walking or biking in season?**

- ☐ Monthly ☐ Weekly ☐ Daily ☐ Never

**18. How important is it to be able to access the previously listed open space and recreational destinations in Sturbridge by walking or biking?**

- ☐ Incredibly Important ☐ Somewhat Important  
☐ Very Important ☐ Not Important at All  
☐ Important

**19. How important is the availability of designated parking areas in your decision to utilize the previously listed open space and recreational destinations in Sturbridge?**

- ☐ Incredibly important  
☐ Very important  
☐ Important  
☐ Somewhat important  
☐ Not at all important



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### Additional Information

**20. Please indicate your support for TOWN FUNDING for the following objectives (check one box per row).**

	Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Little Support	No Support
Increase athletic field facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase Town-owned open space throughout Town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase open space to protect Town water resources, including groundwater protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve and/or expand sidewalks in Town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve/create safe bike lanes on existing roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide public access to water resources in Town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase children's play equipment (swings, climbing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase general maintenance of existing grounds, buildings, and landscape	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**21. If none of the above, what should the Town's objective be?**

**22. How do you currently get information about open spaces, recreational opportunities and events in Sturbridge? (Check all that apply)**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Commission or Conservation Commission listserve | <input type="checkbox"/> Local newspapers such as the Sturbridge Villager or Quaboag Current |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School listserve   | <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information from community groups or leagues               | <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet search  | <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers and coaches  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Directly from the Town of Sturbridge website               | <input type="checkbox"/> Police and Fire officials   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth through family, friends, neighbors, etc.     | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't look for information  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flyers and signs around town                               |  |

**23. Additional Comments: Please use this opportunity to submit any additional comments that you feel are important to Sturbridge's open space and recreation planning and protection efforts. Your input is highly valued.**

Optional: Contact Information

**24. \*\*\*Optional\*\*\***

Your contact information will make it possible for us to...

- see who is responding to the survey
- provide you with updates on the Open Space and Recreation Plan (including the date, time and location of the public forum), and
- identify and contact potential volunteers

Name:

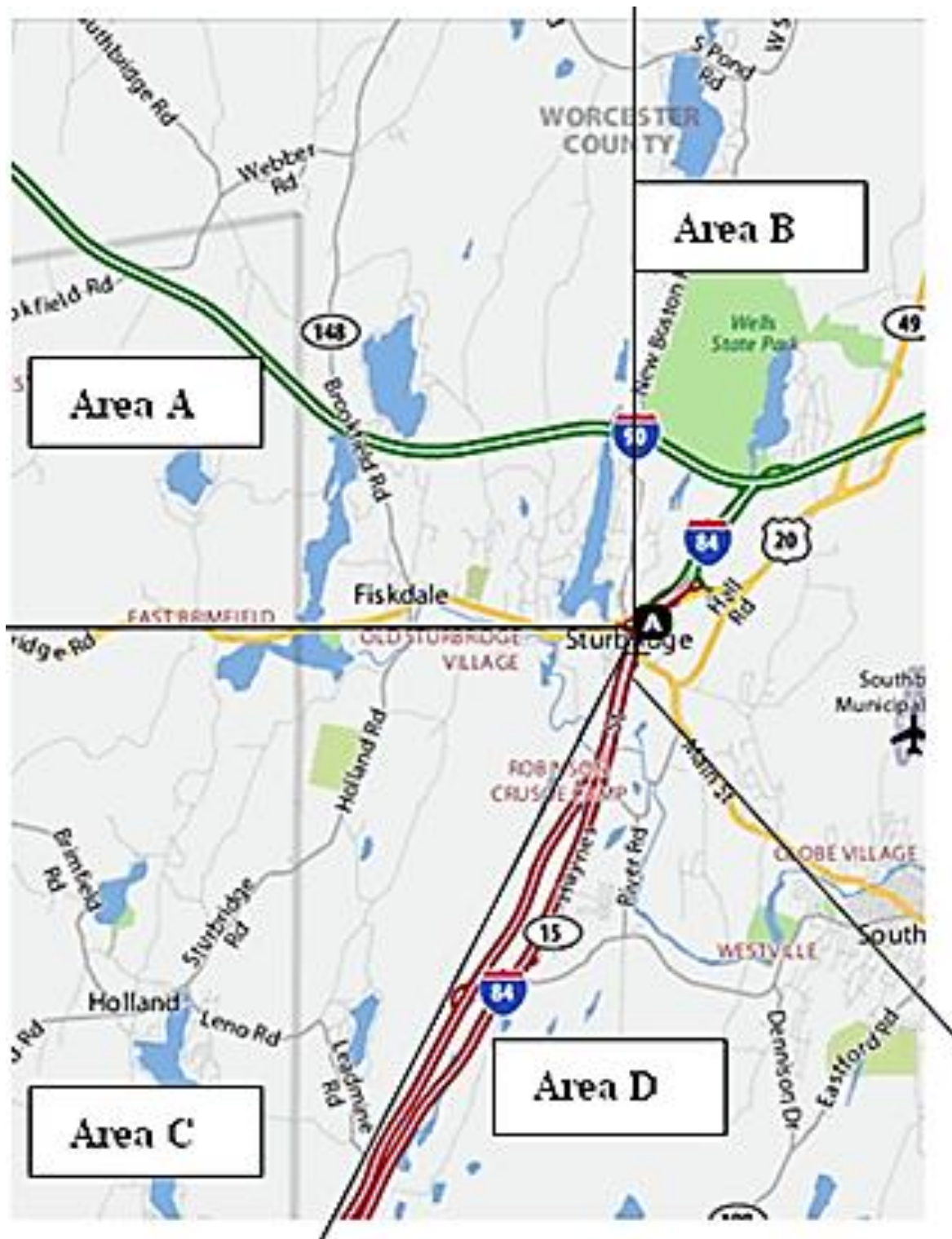
Email Address:

**25. What is your age?**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than 10 years old | <input type="radio"/> 36 to 45 years old |
| <input type="radio"/> 11 to 18 years old     | <input type="radio"/> 46 to 55 years old |
| <input type="radio"/> 19 to 25 years old     | <input type="radio"/> 56 to 65 years old |
| <input type="radio"/> 26 to 35 years old     | <input type="radio"/> over 65 years old  |

**26. Using the map below, please indicate which area of town you live in.**

- ☐ AREA A -- (North of Route 20, West of New Boston Road)
- ☐ AREA B -- (New Boston Road and points East, North of Route 131 (includes Fiske and Hall Roads)
- ☐ AREA C -- (West of Route 84, South of Route 20)
- ☐ AREA D -- (South of Route 131, East of Route 84)



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### Thank You

**Thank you for your input. We greatly appreciate your involvement.**

Sincerely,

The Sturbridge Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee:

*Carol Goodwin, Lynne Petersen, Elissa Gelfand*

With staff support from:

*Sturbridge Planning Department*

*and the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC)*

If you have further comments or questions, or if you are interested in volunteering on matters related to open space and recreation please contact [jbubon@town.sturbridge.ma.us](mailto:jbubon@town.sturbridge.ma.us)

Please mail or deliver all hard copy responses to the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall located at:

Town of Sturbridge  
308 Main Street  
Sturbridge, MA 01566

Or drop off to staff at the following locations:

- Center Office Building  
301 Main Street - First Floor
- Sturbridge Senior Center
- Sturbridge Library circulation desk