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Section 10: Public Comments



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May 12, 2011

Melissa Cryan
Division of Conservation Services
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
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Dear Ms. Cryan;

RE: Town of Sturbridge Open Space Plan 2011

The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) is writing this letter in support of the Town of Sturbridge and its recently completed Open Space Plan 2011. The Town and its Open Space Committee are to be commended for its hard work putting this Plan together as well as the efforts taken in implementing the actions indicated in its previous plan.

The Open Space Committee has done a very thorough job and the final document appears compliant with the standards for such plans as promulgated by your office. Sturbridge has recognized the need and desire of its residents "to preserve open space, community character and quality of life while promoting passive and active recreational activities and while allowing for balanced growth."

Sturbridge's Open Space Plan 2011 provides the Town with the specific guidance and action steps needed to accomplish its goals and objectives. Maybe most exciting, Sturbridge plans to encourage the coordination of open space and recreational efforts to promote sustainable tourism and enhance economic development within the community and to promote a cooperative *regional* approach to open space and resource protection. The Town of Sturbridge will be well served by having a State-approved up-to-date Plan in order to plan for its recreation facilities and programs, as well as to preserve and protect its valuable open spaces and natural resources.

We find Sturbridge's Plan to be fully consistent with Massachusetts Outdoors: Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), CMRPC's Regional Open Space and Recreation Plan as well as the conservation priorities outlined in our 2020 Growth Strategy for Central Massachusetts and its 2004 Update. Please consider this letter to be a demonstration of CMRPC's support for the Plan and the process used to develop it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trish Settles", is written over a horizontal line.

Trish Settles, AICP
Principal Planner

Cc: Sturbridge Open Space Committee and Jean Bubon, Town Planner



Town of Sturbridge

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May 24, 2011

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Re: Town of Sturbridge Open Space and Recreation Plan 2011

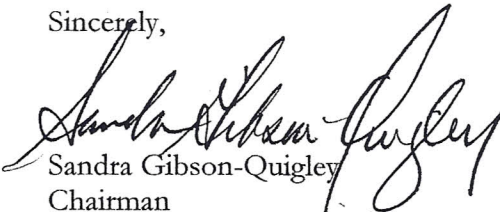
Dear Ms. Cryan:

This letter is to advise you that the Planning Board has reviewed the 2011 Draft Open Space and Recreation Plan for the Town of Sturbridge and is pleased to provide this letter of support for the plan. The plan provides a thorough analysis of the community and lands as it relates to open space and recreation and natural resource protection and provides a detailed inventory and map of all the protected lands within the community.

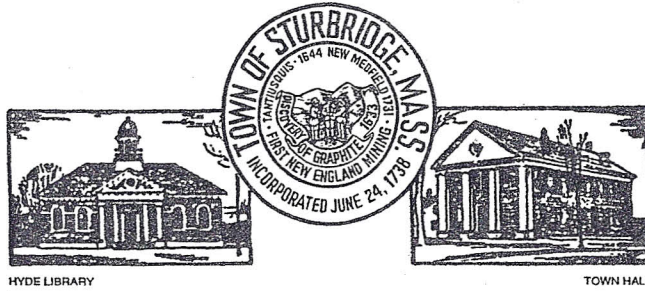
The Planning Board is very pleased that this document considered other planning efforts on-going within the community and that its goals detail ways in which we can all work together to achieve a wide range of community goals. The plan is consistent with the Draft Master Plan, Commercial Tourist District Revitalization Plan, and the Sturbridge Heritage Landscape Inventory Plan. The Plan is also consistent with Massachusetts Outdoors: Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and the Open Space and Recreation Planners Workbook.

If this department can be of assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Sandra Gibson-Quigley
Chairman



Town of Sturbridge

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May 24, 2011

Ms. Melissa Cryan
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Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
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RE: Town of Sturbridge Open Space and Recreation Plan 2011


Dear Ms. Cryan:

Please be advised that the Board of Selectmen has reviewed the 2011 Draft Open Space and Recreation Plan for the Town of Sturbridge and is pleased to offer this letter of endorsement for the plan. The updated plan offers a thorough analysis of the community's open space and recreation lands and includes a detailed inventory and map of all the protected lands within the community.


The 2011 OSRP is consistent with the Town's Draft 2011 Master Plan, Commercial Tourist District Revitalization Plan, and the Sturbridge Heritage Landscape Inventory Plan as well as the Massachusetts Outdoors: Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

Your favorable action is appreciated. Please call 508-347-2500 if this office can be of further assistance.


Sincerely,
STURBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN


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Cc: Jean Bubon, Town Planner