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Section 10: Public Comments



Town of Sturbridge

Board of Selectmen

June 18, 2018

Ms. Melissa Cryan
Division of Conservation Services
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
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RE: Town of Sturbridge Open Space and Recreation Plan 2018

Dear Ms. Cryan:

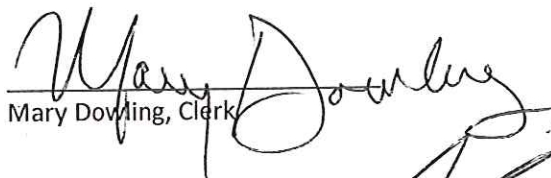
Please be advised that the Board of Selectmen has reviewed the 2018 Draft Open Space and Recreation Plan for the Town of Sturbridge and is pleased to offer this letter of endorsement for the plan. The updated plan offers a thorough analysis of the community's open space and recreation lands and includes a detailed inventory and map of all the protected lands within the community.

The 2018 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.


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June 7, 2018

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Re: Town of Sturbridge Open Space and Recreation Plan 2018

Dear Ms. Cryan:

This letter is to advise you that the Planning Board has reviewed the 2018 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.

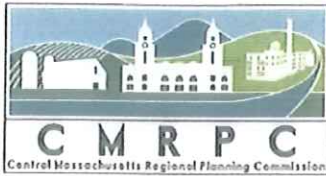
The Planning Board is very pleased that this document considered other planning efforts on-going within the community and that its goals detail ways in which we can all work together to achieve a wide range of community goals. The plan is consistent with the Master Plan, Commercial Tourist District Revitalization Plan, Sturbridge Recreational Trails Master Plan and the Sturbridge Heritage Landscape Inventory Plan.

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

Sincerely,



Sandra Gibson-Quigley
Chairman



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June 11, 2018

Melissa Cryan
Division of Conservation Services
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
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RE: Town of Sturbridge 2018 Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

Dear Ms. Cryan,

The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) is writing this letter in support of the Town of Sturbridge and its recently completed 2018 Open Space and Recreation Plan Update. The Town and its Open Space Committee are to be commended for their diligent work completing this Plan.

The Town, Committee, and consultant (CMRPC), have done a very thorough job and the final document appears compliant with the standards for such plans as promulgated by your office. This plan highlights how Sturbridge continues to be a desirable place to live and examines the demand and pressures associated with residential development. Sturbridge has recognized the need to balance new development with the need to protect open space and natural resources, as well as enhance recreation opportunities. In particular, this Plan articulates a need for better defined access to water bodies, the creation of pocket parks and streetscape improvements, well-maintained walking/running trails and dedicated bike routes, while emphasizing the necessity of offering passive and active recreation opportunities for participants of all ages and abilities. Sturbridge's Plan provides the Town with specific guidance and action steps needed to accomplish its goals and objectives. This Plan also recognizes the need for partnerships with public and private entities to make its goals and objectives a reality. Many of these partnerships are currently being pursued by the Conservation Commission and Planning Board. Sturbridge will be well-served by having a State-approved, updated 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.

Please consider this letter to be a demonstration of CMRPC's support for the Plan and the process used to develop it. We find Sturbridge's Plan to be fully consistent with CMRPC's Regional Open Space and Recreation Plan, our 2020 Growth Strategy for Central Massachusetts (2000), its 2004 update, and the Massachusetts Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Sincerely,

Trish Settles, AICP
Regional Collaboration and Community Planning Manager

CC: Sturbridge Open Space Committee
Sturbridge Planning Board
Sturbridge Board of Selectmen



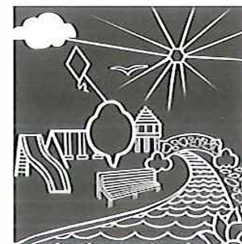
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June 6, 2018

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RE: Town of Sturbridge Open Space and Recreation Plan 2018

Dear Ms. Cryan:

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The Recreation Department is very satisfied with the 2018 OSRP and the plan is consistent with the Draft Master Plan, Commercial Tourist District Revitalization Plan, and the Sturbridge Heritage Landscape Inventory Plan. Please call 508-347-2041 if this office can be of further assistance.

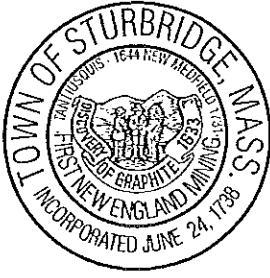
Sincerely,

Annie Roscioli,
Recreation Director

MaryLou Volpe
Chairman

The Town of Sturbridge is an Equal Opportunity Organization.

Responsible for the creative recreational opportunities for a wide range of age groups and abilities.



Town of Sturbridge

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June 21, 2018

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Yours sincerely
For and behalf of the Sturbridge Conservation Commission,

Rebecca Gendreau
Conservation Agent