

# Nantucket Planning Board

The Planning Board is in the process of drafting an update to the Open Space and Recreation Plan pursuant to the requirements of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA). An open space and recreation survey is part of the process required by the EOEA for completion of said plan. We are requesting your assistance in obtaining a MINIMUM of four hundred (400) completed surveys by filling one out (see attachment). Once completed, you may return it to either 2 Fairgrounds Road or the Planning Board box on the table outside of the office of the Board of Selectmen in the Town Building. If privacy is not a concern, you may also fax it to 508-228-7298 or e-mail it to [lwoodson@nantucket-ma.gov](mailto:lwoodson@nantucket-ma.gov). Please return your completed survey to the Planning Board by Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

The Planning Board thanks you, in advance, for taking some of your time to assist in the completion of the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

# Open Space and Recreation Survey

## Town of Nantucket 2007 Open Space and Recreation Plan,

[To be used for the Open Space and Recreation Element of the 41-81D Master Plan]

### PART 1: Open Space and Conservation

1. Please rank the priority for new open space land acquisitions on a scale of 1 (most important) to 10 (least important).

- \_\_\_\_\_ Biodiversity and preservation of endangered species/habitat
- \_\_\_\_\_ Scenic views and vistas
- \_\_\_\_\_ Beach land and access points
- \_\_\_\_\_ Drinking water preservation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Linking open space parcels together
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wetlands
- \_\_\_\_\_ Active and passive recreational use
- \_\_\_\_\_ Historically vacant lots, scattered sites
- \_\_\_\_\_ Roadside buffers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

2. To preserve open spaces in Nantucket, would you:

	Yes	No	Maybe
A. Contribute some of your land to the Town/Land Bank	_____	_____	_____
B. Donate money to buy land	_____	_____	_____
C. Rewrite your deed to limit future use (Conservation Restriction)	_____	_____	_____
D. Sell land to the Town/Land Bank at a bargain price	_____	_____	_____
E. Sell land to the Town/Land Bank at fair market value	_____	_____	_____
F. Vote for a Town supported land acquisition	_____	_____	_____
G. Pay higher property taxes to acquire as much remaining land as possible	_____	_____	_____

3. Please rank what *Town* actions you favor to preserve open space on a scale of 1 (most important) to 6 (least important).

- \_\_\_\_\_ Cooperative land conservation efforts between public and private entities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Town/Land Bank purchase of land
- \_\_\_\_\_ Negotiated dedication of open space by developers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase and acquisition of conservation restrictions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning to encourage open space conservation (e.g. cluster zoning)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Please rank the following natural resources that are in most need of protection on a scale of 1 (most important) to 11 (least important):

- \_\_\_ Freshwater wetlands
- \_\_\_ Salt marshes
- \_\_\_ Forested lands
- \_\_\_ Sand dunes/beach barriers
- \_\_\_ Ponds
- \_\_\_ Bogs and agricultural lands
- \_\_\_ Ocean/open water
- \_\_\_ Fishing, shell fishing, herring runs
- \_\_\_ Open fields/grasslands
- \_\_\_ Beaches
- \_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you feel that Nantucket is doing a good job in protecting the following?

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Groundwater	___	___	___
Ponds	___	___	___
Harbors	___	___	___
Wetlands	___	___	___
Forests/wild land	___	___	___
Moors	___	___	___
Beaches	___	___	___

6. How important is it to you for the Town to continue to acquire and preserve land for conservation?

- \_\_\_ Very Important
- \_\_\_ Important
- \_\_\_ Neutral
- \_\_\_ Less important
- \_\_\_ Not at all important

7. The Town has adopted Town and Country Overlay Districts. Would you prefer to see open space lands purchased in the Town Overlay District where existing density and maintenance of existing facilities is encouraged or in the Country Overlay District where less density and a more rural landscape is encouraged?

- \_\_\_ Town Overlay District
- \_\_\_ Country Overlay District
- \_\_\_ Location in these districts is not necessarily a determining factor



8. How well has the Land Bank utilized funds to purchase open space parcels? (check one)

- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Below average
- Poor

9. How accessible do you feel the following *conservation* lands are to the public *at-large*?

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Average	Below Avg.	Poor
Ponds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Harbors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest/wild lands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. How accessible do you feel *conservation* lands are to *the disabled*? (check one)

	Sight Impaired	Hearing Impaired	Mobility Impaired
Very	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Somewhat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do not know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Do you feel you are getting sufficient information about the Town's open space resources? (check one)

- Yes
- Somewhat
- No

13. Write in your favorite open space in Nantucket? \_\_\_\_\_

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## PART 2: Recreation

1. Please prioritize the **TOP 10** recreational facilities you feel need to be provided by the Town. Please rank on a scale of **1 (most important)** to **10 (least important)**. If you feel that any item listed is not needed, please mark with an **X**. Leave remaining items blank.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike paths to beaches<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mountain bike trails<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fitness course<br><input type="checkbox"/> Beach access and amenities<br><input type="checkbox"/> Children's play areas, playgrounds<br><input type="checkbox"/> Beach bath house<br><input type="checkbox"/> Family picnic areas, outdoor grills<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fields for soccer, football, baseball etc<br><input type="checkbox"/> Additional golf courses<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hiking trails<br><input type="checkbox"/> Golf driving range<br><input type="checkbox"/> Night-lit Fields<br><input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor track<br><input type="checkbox"/> Public horse-riding facility<br><input type="checkbox"/> Motocross/mini-bike course<br><input type="checkbox"/> Campground<br><input type="checkbox"/> Public fishing pier or dock<br><input type="checkbox"/> Snack bars<br><input type="checkbox"/> Bird-watching platforms<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sailing/crewing/kayaking/canoeing<br><input type="checkbox"/> Extreme sports (windsurfing, kite surfing, skateboarding, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike path network (paved)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mini-golf course<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hunting areas<br><input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor amphitheater<br><input type="checkbox"/> Public access to waterbodies<br><input type="checkbox"/> Boat ramps, walkways, etc.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Bowling/game facility<br><input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor swimming pool<br><input type="checkbox"/> Additional tennis courts<br><input type="checkbox"/> Petting zoo/farm<br><input type="checkbox"/> County fairgrounds<br><input type="checkbox"/> Public marina/boating club<br><input type="checkbox"/> Public gymnasium<br><input type="checkbox"/> Go-carts<br><input type="checkbox"/> Community gardens<br><input type="checkbox"/> Expanded parking areas<br><input type="checkbox"/> Harbor walk<br><input type="checkbox"/> Motor-boating and fishing<br><input type="checkbox"/> Parks in developed areas (i.e. pocket parks, neighborhood parks, civic green spaces, etc)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
|---|---|

2. Do you support encouraging user fees (i.e. revenue generated from recreation area usage fees) to fund recreational programs and facility maintenance? **(check the one that is closest to your opinion)**

- Strongly support  
 Support  
 Neutral  
 Oppose  
 Strongly oppose

3. Do you feel an 'Adopt-a-Facility' (i.e. field, beach, park, etc.) program should be used to help maintain recreation facilities? An 'Adopt-a-Facility' program allows private individuals or groups to take responsibility for a facility's maintenance and funding. **(check one)**

- Yes  
 No

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4. What specific recreation program or service would you like to see offered? (please specify)

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5. Do you feel you are getting sufficient information about the Town's recreation opportunities and facilities? (check one)

- Yes  
 Somewhat  
 No

6. How do you rate the quality of the following *ACTIVE* recreational facilities on the following scale?

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Average	Below Avg.	Poor
Ballparks	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Parks	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Public golf courses	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hunting Areas	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Extreme Sports	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Playgrounds	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Bike Trails	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Public boating & fishing	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

7. How do you rate the quality of the following *PASSIVE* recreational facilities on the following scale?

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Average	Below Avg.	Poor
Walking/Hiking	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Bird watching/ Nature enjoyment	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Beach Access & amenities	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

8. What should the Town do to increase accessibility and public enjoyment of *ACTIVE* recreational facilities? Please rank on a scale of 1 (most important) to 5 (least important).

- More/better public parking at facilities  
 More/better public transportation to/from facilities  
 Improve existing facilities  
 Acquire/build new facilities  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_



9. What should the Town do to increase accessibility and public enjoyment of *PASSIVE* recreational facilities? Please rank on a scale of **1 (most important)** to **5 (least important)**.

- \_\_\_\_\_ More/better public parking at facilities
- \_\_\_\_\_ More/better public transportation to/from facilities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Improve existing facilities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Acquire/build new facilities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

10. Should there be a separate recreation areas designated solely for dog/pet walking? (check one)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Yes
- \_\_\_\_\_ No
- \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral

11. Where should such a dog/pet area be located? (check one)

- \_\_\_\_\_ In an existing recreation area
- \_\_\_\_\_ In a newly acquired, previously unused recreation area

12. How do you receive news and information concerning recreation opportunities and facilities? Please **rank the top 3** in order of frequency.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper(s)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Town's Web site
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other internet source(s)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Radio
- \_\_\_\_\_ Word-of-mouth
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recreation Department/informational pamphlets/signs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other informational pamphlets/signs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

13. With the passage of the Community Preservation Act (CPA), which allows its generated funds to be used to purchase open space, affordable housing and/or historic preservation lands, in order of priority how should CPA revenue be spent? Please rank on a scale of **1 (most important)** to **3 (least important)**.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Open space
- \_\_\_\_\_ Affordable housing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Historical preservation

14. Write in your favorite recreational facility in Nantucket?

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## Demographic Questions

Please answer the following demographic questions.

- |                          |  |                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.                       | What is your age group?  |                          |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 18-24  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 45-54              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 25-34  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 55-64              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 35-44  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 65+                |
| 2.                       | Do you own property on Nantucket?  |                          |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> | No                 |
| 3.                       | Please see the attached map and check below the area of town where you live. |                          |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | El Point/Warrens Landing/Madaket   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Moors              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cisco/Hummock Pond   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Monomoy            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Surfside   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mid-Island         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Airport  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Downtown Core Area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tom Nevers   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cliff-Town         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sconset  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cliff-Country      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Wauwinet/Quidnet/Squam   |                          |                    |
| 4.                       | What is your residency status on Nantucket?                                  |                          |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Year-round   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Seasonal           |
| 5.                       | Are you a registered voter on Nantucket?                                     |                          |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> | No                 |
| 6.                       | If you answered YES to question 4:   |                          |                    |
| 6A.                      | Do you regularly attend Annual Town Meeting?                                 |                          |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> | No                 |
| 6B.                      | Do you regularly vote for Town elections or other ballot issues?             |                          |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> | No                 |
| 7.                       | How many people are in your household?                                       |                          |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 or more          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4  |                          |                    |
| 8.                       | How many children do you have?   |                          |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 0  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 or more          |

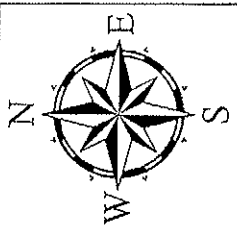
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# Open Space Plan: Survey Map



-  Survey Boundary
-  Public Roadways
-  Town Overlay District
-  Country Overlay District

