

SOUTH HADLEY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
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Develop a stream setback and buffer provision based on the results of a watershed study to improve protection of brooks and protect property from flooding and erosion hazards caused by development within the riparian zone.	NR-3	3-5-1		Conservation Comm		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓																					
Conduct a follow-up on implementation of the wetland bylaw to evaluate how this bylaw is working, what issues need to be addressed, and how the bylaw's requirements are playing out in new development approvals.	NR-3	3-5-2		Selectboard		✓					✓	✓	✓		✓	✓						✓	✓	✓													
Propose amendments to improve the effectiveness of the wetland bylaw through measures such as recommendations for native buffer plantings or fencing, or flexible standards for increased or decreased buffers based on site-specific studies.	NR-3	3-5-3		Conservation Comm			✓				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓						✓	✓	✓													
Identify, evaluate and map potential wildlife corridors, including regional and local connections to core habitat areas, vernal pools, and water resources.	NR-3	3-6-1		Conservation Comm			✓					✓			✓	✓																				✓	
Evaluate opportunities and locations that could be used to facilitate wildlife crossings and connect habitat areas within the Town.	NR-3	3-6-2		Conservation Comm				✓				✓				✓						✓	✓														
Direct the Conservation Commission to lead an effort to identify critical resource areas encompassing streams, ponds, vernal pools, floodplain, wetlands and other water bodies for conservation and preservation.	NR-3	3-6-3		Selectboard			✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓												✓	
Seek funding through NHESP, DFW, and other partners to fully evaluate and document the wildlife habitat values and natural communities in South Hadley, possibly using the Shortnose Sturgeon, Bald Eagle and Barn Owl as "indicator" species for planning purposes.	NR-3	3-6-4		Conservation Comm	✓				✓			✓	✓		✓	✓								✓													
Work with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and Massachusetts DCR and DEP to develop the desired natural resource inventory.	NR-4	4-1-1		Conservation Comm		✓					✓	✓				✓																					
Use the findings of a watershed study to promote community education and engagement through actions such as new stream and watershed signage, stream team clean-up efforts, and other events.	NR-4	4-2-1		Conservation Comm		✓					✓					✓	✓					✓	✓	✓		✓											
Work with partners such as the Western Massachusetts Food Processing Center to promote community-supported agriculture (CSA) and other "farm-to-table" initiatives throughout South Hadley as a way to conserve farmland and protect natural resources.	NR-4	4-2-2		Conservation Comm		✓					✓	✓	✓			✓							✓	✓		✓											
With local schools and partners, develop an educational program about habitat and presence of the Barn Owl, Shortnose Sturgeon, and Bald Eagle within South Hadley, and how these animals relate to the Town's natural resources and conservation efforts.	NR-4	4-3-1		Conservation Comm		✓					✓	✓				✓								✓													
Consider bringing in a program such as "Keeping Track" to engage residents in understanding how wildlife moves in and through South Hadley's natural landscapes.	NR-4	4-3-2		Conservation Comm			✓				✓					✓								✓													
Develop an on-line or other interactive program for residents to map wildlife and bird sightings throughout South Hadley, both to promote awareness of wildlife habitat issues and to generate planning-level information about wildlife in the Town.	NR-4	4-3-3		Conservation Comm			✓				✓	✓				✓							✓													✓	
Encourage the Conservation Commission and Recreation Department to develop a joint vision for the management of South Hadley's open space and recreation lands that is consistent with the plan principles of sustainability, communications, and leading by example.	OSR-1	1-1-1		Selectboard	✓						✓	✓				✓																					
In coordination with other Town Departments, emphasize future economic development of the Falls area in Conservation Commission planning.	OSR-1	1-1-2		Selectboard	✓						✓	✓	✓			✓	✓																				

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Utilize coordinated private and public efforts in pursuit of open space, conservation projects, natural resource protection, and recreation development initiatives.	OSR-1	1-1-3		Selectboard	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓																				
An open space committee or other integrated commission should be formed by the Town to support overall land management within South Hadley and to provide an effective liaison with a sustainability committee or task force.	OSR-1	1-1-4		Selectboard	✓						✓	✓	✓		✓			✓																				
Promote active citizen participation and stewardship to contribute to the management of South Hadley's natural and open spaces and by support of plan objectives.	OSR-1	1-1-5		Selectboard		✓					✓	✓	✓		✓			✓																			✓	
Adopt regulations, potentially within the zoning bylaw, that will ensure preservation of significant specimen trees during and/or after development.	OSR-1	1-2-1		Planning		✓					✓	✓	✓		✓	✓																						
Establish a tree fund and/or landscaping contribution requirement for new development.	OSR-1	1-2-2		Planning		✓					✓	✓	✓		✓																					✓	✓	
Municipal oversight and coordination of planning, maintenance, volunteer work, and expansion efforts for all recreation facilities and activities currently managed by the DPW, Recreation Commission, and other entities.	OSR-2	2-1-1		Selectboard	✓				✓		✓	✓			✓	✓		✓																				
Make the Beachgrounds Park improvement program integral to South Hadley Falls redevelopment efforts, and extend its landscaping and design attributes throughout the Falls and waterfront park.	OSR-2	2-1-2		Planning	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓																				
Seek opportunities to create 'pocket park' facilities within the heavily developed neighborhoods in the southern section of Town. Explore the use of tax title to acquire these lands.	OSR-2	2-1-3		Recreation Comm		✓					✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓																				
Coordinate with Mount Holyoke College to identify facilities available for public use or rental.	OSR-2	2-1-4		Recreation Comm	✓				✓		✓							✓																				
Initiate planning for a year-round multi-purpose community/recreation center in collaboration with other local agencies.	OSR-2	2-2-1		Recreation Comm		✓					✓	✓						✓																			✓	
Based on recreation surveys and open space/park plans and vision, evaluate the need and best locations for additional athletic fields, an indoor pool, and tennis courts.	OSR-2	2-2-2		Recreation Comm		✓					✓	✓						✓																				
Set measurable goals and investment targets for improving all parks and recreation areas, and improving overall management of recreational facilities.	OSR-2	2-3-1		Selectboard	✓				✓		✓	✓			✓			✓																				
In conjunction with a strong public management program, explore ways to add volunteer efforts to support park and open space maintenance and stewardship, such as fundraising, gardening and maintenance, and education and outreach projects.	OSR-2	2-3-2		Selectboard	✓				✓		✓				✓	✓		✓																				✓
Consistent with a vision plan for local recreation, increased tourism, and economic development, take steps to plan for and improve the efficiency and financial stability of The Ledges, potentially including expanded non-golfing uses such as wintertime cross-country skiing and other wintertime activities/events.	OSR-2	2-3-3		Selectboard		✓					✓	✓		✓	✓			✓																			✓	
Consistent with a vision plan for local recreation, take steps to improve utilization of the Town Common for community events.	OSR-2	2-3-4		Selectboard		✓					✓	✓						✓																				
Work to achieve local and regional connectivity as new bike paths are developed.	OSR-3	3-1-1		Selectboard		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓		✓																							
Work to achieve connectivity between walking and hiking trails, playgrounds, and key conservation areas suitable for passive recreation.	OSR-3	3-1-2		Selectboard	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓																			✓	

