GILL OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION SURVEY

The Town is updating its Open Space & Recreation Plan. The Plan establishes goals and objectives to help guide the Town in its decisions regarding land use, open space, and recreation. Your answers to this survey will help update the Plan and help the Town as it continues to plan for future growth and protection of our natural, scenic, cultural, and historic resources. All responses are anonymous and we greatly appreciate your feedback and participation in this survey.

1. Which of the following recreational and open space resources do you or your family use? (check all that apply)
   - Gill Elementary School playground
   - Gill Elementary School nature trail
   - Barton Cove
   - Connecticut River
   - Northfield Mount Hermon School facilities
   - My own land
   - Riverside Municipal Building (aka Green School, aka Four Winds School)
   - Stacy’s Ferry (river’s edge at end of River Road)
   - Town Forest (main entrance on Hoe Shop Road)
   - Recreational Programming
   - Senior Center Programming
   - Community Events
   - Other ________________________________

2. Were you aware that all of these open space/recreational resources existed in Gill?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you feel that the existing recreational facilities are in good condition?
   - Yes
   - Not sure, do not use the facilities
   - No, they need improvement. If so, please describe how: ________________________________

4. Which of the following outdoor recreation activities do you or your family participate in (in or out of town):
   - Biking
   - Hiking
   - Camping
   - Swimming
   - Hunting
   - Fishing
   - Nature/Birdwatching
   - Walking/Running
   - Skiing
   - Rock climbing
   - Boating/ kayaking
   - Youth Sports Programs
   - Other ________________________________

5. Does your household use the Connecticut River for the following activities: (check all that apply)
   - Boating, non power
   - Boating, power
   - Fishing
   - Swimming
   - Water skiing

6. Are there any outdoor recreational activities that you enjoy outside of Town and want the Town to provide?
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7. Which of the following should be the Town’s HIGHEST recreation priorities? (choose up to THREE)

☐ Increase recreation programs for youth
☐ Increase recreation programs for adults
☐ Increase recreation programs for adults (60+ yrs)
☐ Maintain existing recreational facilities
☐ Our recreational facilities/programs are fine - no changes are needed.
☐ Improve river access points
☐ Protect & promote historical resources
☐ Develop walking trails
☐ Develop bike paths
☐ Improve handicapped accessibility to facilities & programs
☐ Develop other outdoor recreation facility: ____________________________

8. Which of the following should be the Town’s HIGHEST open space protection priorities? (choose up to THREE)

☐ Encouraging agriculture/ protecting farmland
☐ Protecting forest land
☐ Protecting drinking water resources
☐ Protecting scenic views
☐ Protecting land along rivers and streams
☐ Protecting land for wildlife habitat
☐ Protecting other natural resources: ________________________________
☐ I think Gill has enough protected land

9. To permanently protect open spaces in Town, I would be willing to: (check all that apply)

☐ Donate money for the Town to buy land
☐ Donate some of my land to the Town
☐ Pay higher taxes for the Town to buy/protect land
☐ Sell my land at a discounted price
☐ Sell or contribute a conservation restriction to limit future development on my land
☐ Not sure. Would like more information on preserving land options.
☐ Other

10. Please provide any additional comments on open space and recreation in Gill:

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11. What is your age?

☐ Under 12 years ☐ 19-60 years
☐ 13-18 years ☐ Over 60 years

12. Total number of children in your household?

☐ 0-5 years old _________
☐ 6-12 years old _________
☐ 13-18 years old_________

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