

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)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gill Elementary School playground | <input type="checkbox"/> Stacy's Ferry (river's edge at end of River Road) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gill Elementary School nature trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Forest (main entrance on Hoe Shop Road) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barton Cove | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Programming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut River | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Center Programming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northfield Mount Hermon School facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My own land | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riverside Municipal Building (aka Green School, aka Four Winds School) | |

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: _____
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4. Which of the following outdoor recreation activities do you or your family participate in (in or out of town):

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|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting | <input type="checkbox"/> Skiing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock climbing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature/Birdwatching | <input type="checkbox"/> Boating/ kayaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/Running | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Sports Programs |

Other _____

5. Does your household use the Connecticut River for the following activities: (check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating, non power | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating, power | <input type="checkbox"/> Water skiing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | |

6. Are there any outdoor recreational activities that you enjoy outside of Town and want the Town to provide?

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Thank you for your help!

7. Which of the following should be the Town's HIGHEST recreation priorities? (choose up to THREE)

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

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Encouraging agriculture/ protecting farmland | <input type="checkbox"/> Protecting land for wildlife habitat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protecting forest land | <input type="checkbox"/> Protecting other natural resources: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protecting drinking water resources | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protecting scenic views | <input type="checkbox"/> I think Gill has enough protected land |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protecting land along rivers and streams | |

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:

11. What is your age?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 12 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 19-60 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13-18 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 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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