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**2008-2012**  
**OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN**

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 ALL PARCELS

PARCEL #		RANKING
35	Waite/Wolfe	24
36	Wayside Inn	24
5	Boy Scout Reservation	23
7	Clark/Murphy	22
11	EOT Corridor	22
24	Maurer/Norman	22
26	MBTA Corridor	21
30	Nashawtuc Country Club	21
8	CSX Corridor	20
9	Dickey/Newbridge	20
14	Haynes	20
21	56 Lincoln Rd	20
17	Johnson	19
23	MacNeill	18
12	Fairbank	17
19	Leon	17
6	Cavicchio	16
32	Rudenberg	16
4	Bonnie Brook	15
29	McLagan	15
34	Sullivan	15
31	Old Sudbury Rd/Oechsle	14
22	79 Lincoln Lane	14
2	Arabian Horse Farm/Beers	13
25	Maynard Rod and Gun	13
27	McCarthy/Peter's Way	13
1	Aaronson	11
15	Rt. 20 Hillside	11
18	Kurth	11
20	Liberty Ledge	11
38	Wolbach	11
3	Blue Sky Trust	10
16	Hodder	10
9	Dickey/Nobscot	9
22	79 Lincoln Lane	8
28	McCarthy/CAS Trust	8
37	Weaver	8
33	Sudbury Swim & Tennis	6
13	Greenwood Swim & Tennis	5

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2008 OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN  
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RESOURCE CRITERIA

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
RESOURCE CRITERIA	Aaronson	Beers/ Arabian Horse Farm	Blue Sky Trust	Bonnie Brook	Boy Scouts	Cavicchio	Clark/ Murphy	CSX	Dickey/ Nobscot	Dickey/ Newbridge	EOT	Fairbank Farm	Green- wood Swim	Honora Haynes	Rt 20 Hillside	
<b>RESOURCES</b>																
1	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>																
3	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	
<b>RESOURCES</b>																
4	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	
5	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES</b>																
6	1	1	2	2	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	1	0	2	1	
7	2	1	1	2	2	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	
8	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	
<b>RECREATION</b>																
9	1	1	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	
<b>HISTORIC PRESERVATION</b>																
10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	
11	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	
<b>SCENIC VIEWS</b>																
12	1	1	1	0	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	0	2	2	
<b>LINKS/CORRIDORS</b>																
13	1	1	2	2	2	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	0	2	1	
14	1	1	0	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	1	
15	2	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	
16	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	0	2	2	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>SCORING -</b>																
2= ENTIRE, EXCELLENT, YES, CRITICAL, HIGH, 20+ACRES																
1 = PARTIAL, AVERAGE, MAYBE, IMPORTANT, MODERATE, 10-19 ACRES																
0 = NO, POOR, UNIMPORTANT, LOW, 1-9 ACRES																

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RESOURCE CRITERIA

	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
RESOURCE CRITERIA	Hodder	Johnson	Kurth	Leon	Liberty Ledge	56 Lincoln Rd/ White	79 Lincoln Lane	MacNeill	Maurer/Norman	May Rod & Gun	MBTA
<b>GROUNDWATER RESOURCES</b>											
1 Is the property within a Zone II?	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
ENTIRE, PARTIAL, NO											
2 How is the property regarded, through direct testing or from testing on adjacent properties, as a potential water source?	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
EXCELLENT, AVERAGE, POOR											
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>											
3 Is the site currently in agricultural production?	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
ENTIRE, PARTIAL, NO											
<b>SURFACE WATER RESOURCES</b>											
4 Are there important water bodies, wetlands, vernal pools or riparian zones on the property?	0	2	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
YES, MAYBE, NO											
5 Would purchasing this property provide opportunities for public use of surface water body?	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	1
YES, LIMITED, NO											
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES</b>											
6 How important is this property as a wildlife habitat?	0	2	1	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	2
CRITICAL, IMPORTANT, UNIMPORTANT											
7 What is the diversity of vegetation?	2	2	1	2	0	2	2	2	1	1	1
HIGH, MODERATE, LOW											
8 Are there major geological features on the property?	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
YES, MAYBE, NO											
<b>SUITABILITY FOR RECREATION</b>											
9 How important is this property in terms of increasing the availability of recreation needs?	0	2	0	1	2	2	0	1	2	1	2
HIGH, MODERATE, LOW											
<b>HISTORIC PRESERVATION</b>											
10 Is the property listed as a national, state, or local historic site, or within a historic district?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ENTIRE, PARTIAL, NO											
11 How important are landmarks on this site from a historic perspective?	2	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
CRITICAL, IMPORTANT, UNIMPORTANT											
<b>SCENIC VIEWS</b>											
12 How would you rate the scenic views of the property?	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	2
EXCELLENT, AVERAGE, POOR											
<b>LINKS/CORRIDORS</b>											
13 How important is this property as a connection to other protected lands?	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	2	2	0	2
CRITICAL, IMPORTANT, UNIMPORTANT											
14 How important is this property as a connection to existing or potential trails?	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	2	2	0	2
CRITICAL, IMPORTANT, UNIMPORTANT											
15 Is the property easily accessible by the public?	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	2	2	2
YES, MAYBE, NO											
16 Size of property	0	2	2	1	2	1	0	2	2	2	2
20+acres, 10-19 acres, 1-9 acres											
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>
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## Open Space and Recreation Plan 2008-2012 Survey Results

In order to obtain public input to aid in updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan, the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee conducted a survey. It was initially distributed at Sudbury Day on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and then through a variety of Town, Water District, School and other publications and email lists. The survey period closed on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. In total, we received 560 total responses. Most respondents replied directly on-line at [www.sudbury.ma.us](http://www.sudbury.ma.us).

The key questions of the survey show overwhelming support for protecting open space (434 to 63, or 87%) and providing diverse recreational activities (501 to 37, or 93%). When asked about preserving the character of the town, protection of undeveloped land was clearly the most important and protection of surface water and wetlands is clearly the second most important above the preservation of historic sites, agriculture and viewsheds. There was also overwhelming support of the Community Preservation Act funds for the preservation of open space as well as active and passive recreation.

The rest of the survey's robust coverage of many aspects of open space and recreation defy an easy summary. These results will provide guidance to those implementing the 5 Year Action Plan that is recommended as part of the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

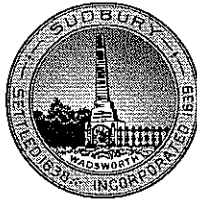
This document combines the original survey questions with the responses. There were several open ended questions. The responses to each of those has been put in a separate appendix for that question. These are the appendices:

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The responses last two question only appear as appendices.

Some questions about knowledge of the Town's recreational assets and other town reports were not properly recorded. Those have been omitted from this report.





## TOWN of SUDBURY OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN SURVEY

September 15, 2007

Dear Sudbury Resident:

As the town grows, change is inherent. In order to shape change into desirable results, town government needs to determine the pulse of the community and assess which direction to take. The enclosed is a survey asking for your opinions about conservation and recreation land use in Sudbury - as it is now, and as you feel it should be in the future.

The Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee is in the process of writing an updated Open Space and Recreation Plan, the purpose of which is to help the Town continue to acquire land and provide opportunities for the benefit of its citizens over the coming years. The Open Space and Recreation Plan will address a full range of issues relating to land use involving passive and active recreation, protection of plants and wildlife, water quality and land preservation. Public input is both a required and a valued component of our Open Space and Recreation Plan, of which this survey will be one segment.

We realize your time is valuable and have tried very hard to make the survey as brief and easy to complete as possible. Although it is several pages long, we believe that it will take approximately 10 minutes to complete the entire survey. **Your responses can help shape Sudbury's future.** Popular sentiments expressed in the survey will be explored once they are identified.

Surveys can be both picked up and returned to the labeled boxes found at the Flynn Building, Town Clerk's office, Goodnow Library and the Atkinson Pool. Survey forms will be accepted until November 1, 2007. The survey is also available on-line at [www.town.sudbury.ma.us](http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us). The results of the survey will be made public on the website. If you have any questions or comments for the committee, please email us at [osrpc@town.sudbury.ma.us](mailto:osrpc@town.sudbury.ma.us)

Thank you for your time and your insights, they are both greatly appreciated.

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**Demographics**

Residence location in Sudbury – North: 186, East: 50, South: 155, West: 140. Total Responses: 531

Gender: Male: 252, Female: 288. Total Responses: 540.

Age: Under 21: 1, ages 21 – 30 : 8, ages 31 – 40: 95, ages 41 – 50: 209, ages 51 – 60: 114, ages 61 – 70: 65, over 70: 28. Total Responses: 520.

Are you retired? Yes: 68, No: 417. Total Responses: 485.

Number of years living in Sudbury. Average: 16 years. More than 20 years: 159. Less than 10: 195. Total Response: 553.

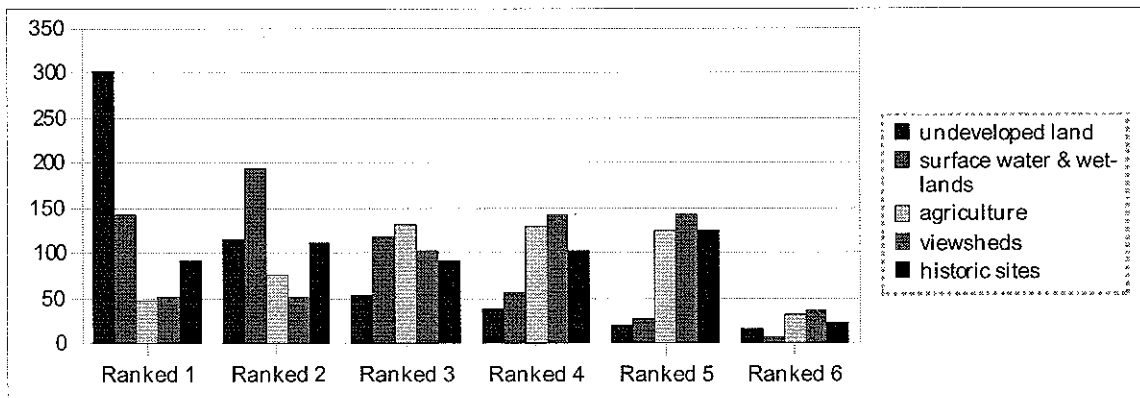
Number of children under age 21 living in your residence: None: 164, One: 94, Two 179, Three: 78, More than three: 12. Total Responses: 527.

Total occupants at your residence: average: 3.38 One: 27, Two 144, Three: 88, Four 177, Five: 81, More than five: 19. Total Response: 538.

**Town Character** Previous town-wide planning surveys have indicated that residents want to preserve the rural/suburban feeling of a predominantly residential town with an historical desire to preserve Sudbury’s natural resources, beauty, historical treasures, and traditions. Sudbury should strive to preserve town character through:

Rank in order of importance to you. Use numbers 1-6, use each only once, with 1 being most important.

	Responses Ranked	1	2	3	4	5	6
▪ Permanent protection of undeveloped land		302	116	55	39	20	17
▪ Protection of surface water bodies and wetlands		142	194	118	56	28	8
▪ Preservation of agriculture		48	76	131	129	125	31
▪ Preservation of important viewsheds		52	52	102	144	143	36
▪ Preservation of historic sites		91	113	92	102	125	22
▪ Other: Appendix SA contains the wide ranging suggestions for other ways to preserve town character.							



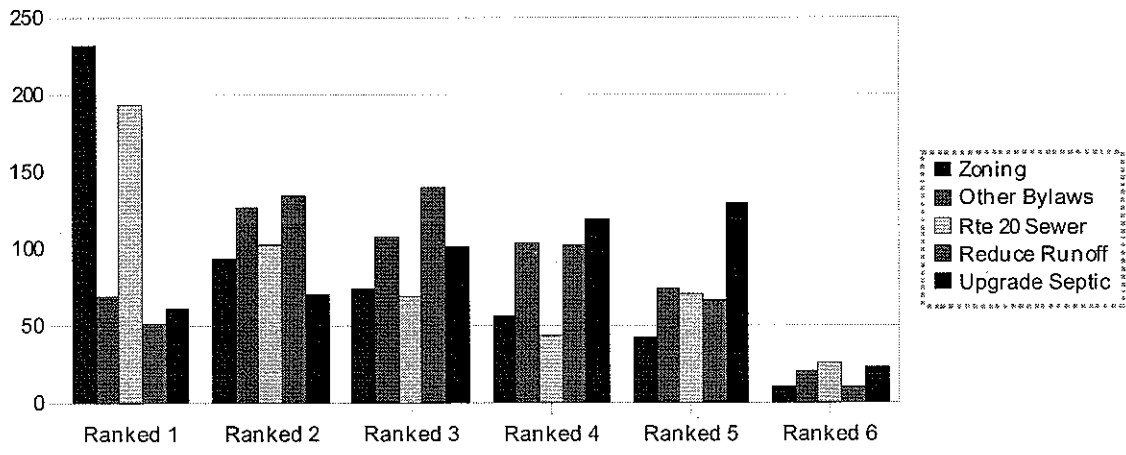
**Flora and Fauna**

Should Sudbury protect land areas and migration corridors for the well-being of indigenous plant and animal species? Yes: 469, No: 56. Total Responses: 525.

**Groundwater quality and quantity** Sudbury obtains all its drinking water from public or private groundwater wells. Sudbury should protect groundwater resources in town through:

Rank in order of importance to you. Use numbers 1-6, use each only once, with 1 being most important.

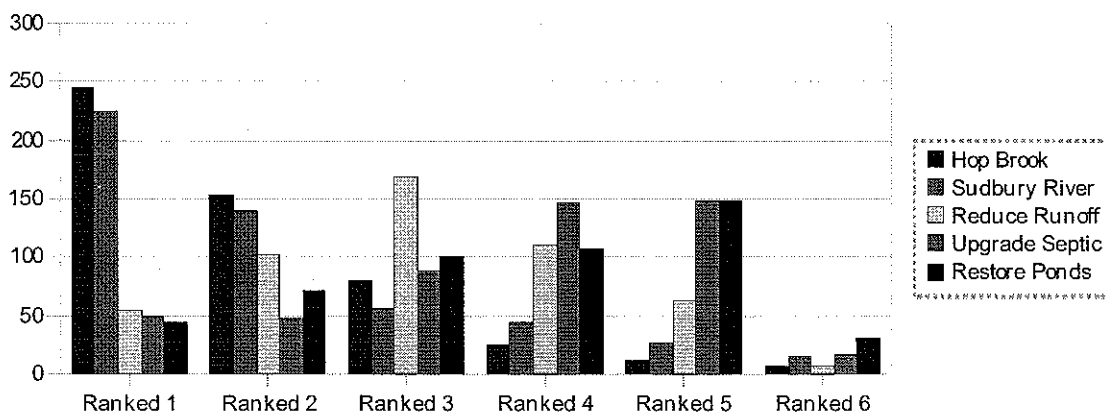
	Responses Ranked					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
▪ Zoning controls, such as aquifer protection bylaws.	232	93	75	56	43	11
▪ Non-zoning controls, such as irrigation control bylaws and water bans.	69	127	104	107	74	21
▪ Sewering the Route 20 business district, which is directly adjacent to the Town's water supply wells.	193	103	69	44	71	26
▪ Increase efforts to reduce pollution from road runoff.	51	135	140	102	67	10
▪ Increase efforts on upgrading non-compliant septic systems.	61	71	101	119	129	23
▪ Other: Appendix SB contains other suggestions for protecting ground water.						



**Surface water quality** The rivers and ponds in Sudbury contribute to the quality of life for all residents. Sudbury should protect and restore the quality of the Town's ponds and waterways through:

Rank in order of importance to you. Use numbers 1-6, use each only once, with 1 being most important.

	Responses Ranked	1	2	3	4	5	6
▪ The Town should continue efforts to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus emissions into Hop Brook from the Marlboro Easterly Treatment Plan.		245	153	80	25	11	7
▪ Undeveloped parcels along the Sudbury River and other waterways should be protected from development.		225	139	56	44	28	16
▪ Increase efforts to reduce pollution from road runoff.		54	102	169	111	63	6
▪ Increase efforts to upgrade non-compliant septic systems.		50	48	89	147	149	17
▪ The Town should allocate funds for active pond restoration.		45	71	101	108	149	30
▪ Other: Appendix SC contains other suggestions for protecting ponds and waterways.							



**General Recreation** Sudbury strives to accommodate the needs for both passive and active recreation for children and adults.

1. Sudbury should continue to provide and maintain a diversity of recreational land uses reflecting the interests and needs of the whole community.

Agree: 501, Disagree: 37, No Opinion: 14. Total Responses: 552.

2. Sudbury should continue funding of active and passive recreation through the Community Preservation Act.

Agree: 425, Disagree: 69, No Opinion: 47. Total Responses: 541.

3. Sudbury should develop additional recreational areas on existing town lands and other lands acquired for this purpose.

Agree: 321, Disagree: 146, No Opinion: 73. Total Responses: 540.

4. Sudbury should develop conservation trails accessible to people with disabilities.

Agree: 305, Disagree: 96, No Opinion: 142. Total Responses: 543.

**Recreational Opportunities**

Sudbury should develop and maintain trail linkages by connecting old or creating new walkways and trails for non-motorized recreation.

Agree: 434, Disagree: 80, No Opinion: 30. Total Responses: 544.

1. Sudbury should proceed with development of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (North/South) as a non-motorized path.

Agree: 391, Disagree: 108, No Opinion: 43. Total Responses: 542.

2. Sudbury should work towards development of a recreation corridor into Framingham along the CSX railroad (North/South) right of way.

Agree: 355, Disagree: 134, No Opinion: 51. Total Responses: 540.

3. Sudbury should work towards development of a recreation corridor into Wayland and Marlboro along the MBTA railroad (East/West) right of way.

Agree: 380, Disagree: 114, No Opinion: 48. Total Responses: 542.

4. What type of trail surface do you prefer along the former railroad corridors?

Porous Pavement: 99, Stone dust: 56, Paved: 157, Natural Surface: 175, Other: None.

5. Sudbury should develop active recreation uses on the Mahoney property off Old Framingham Road.

Agree: 209, Disagree: 136, No Opinion: 178. Total Responses: 523.

Suggested Uses: See Appendix SD.

6. Sudbury should convert the Route 20 landfill to an active recreational use.

Agree: 191, Disagree: 166, No Opinion: 162. Total Responses: 519.

Suggested Uses: See Appendix SE.

Appendix B

- 7. Sudbury should redevelop the town gravel pit on Route 117 into active recreational use.  
 Agree: 205, Disagree: 128, No Opinion: 190. Total Responses: 523.  
 Suggested Uses: See Appendix SF.
- 8. Sudbury should continue implementing the comprehensive walkway program with the construction of new walkways.  
 Agree: 428, Disagree: 69, No Opinion: 41. Total Responses: 538.
- 9. Regional trails, such as the Bay Circuit Trail, should be developed and linked with local trails.  
 Agree: 363, Disagree: 88, No Opinion: 86. Total Responses: 537.

11. What new or expanded recreation opportunities are needed in Sudbury?:  
Choose top 10, using numbers 1-10 with 1 being most important.

Choices: Small neighborhood parks; Active playing fields ( soccer, baseball, lacrosse, football, etc.); Outdoor swimming pool; Spray park; Bicycle paths; Dog park; Neighborhood playgrounds; Sports courts ( tennis, basketball, deck hockey, etc. ); Horseback riding trails ; Campground; Wildlife hunting areas; Outdoor ice skating rink; Indoor ice skating rink; Boat landings; Conservation trails; Golf range; Indoor recreation/fitness; Other.

This table show both the total votes as well as the individual tallies for each option. For the other suggestions made by respondents, see Appendix SG.

	Total Votes	Rank 1	# 2	# 3	# 4	# 5	# 6	# 7	# 8	# 9	# 10
Bicycle paths	443	172	86	62	34	26	14	12	10	14	13
Conservation trails	431	128	94	50	44	42	19	22	11	13	8
Small Parks	350	61	53	53	42	33	20	22	18	19	29
Outdoor Skating	321	30	36	49	44	49	26	16	21	14	36
Playgrounds	308	27	44	48	43	37	25	17	21	14	32
Playing Fields	296	47	34	33	26	29	30	26	29	15	27
Outdoor Pool	274	46	29	36	20	27	16	19	24	16	41
Sports Courts	261	13	20	26	32	36	30	32	23	21	28
Boat landings	253	10	27	27	26	29	26	24	18	19	47
Indoor Recreation	250	15	23	27	25	20	26	22	22	22	48
Dog park	229	15	20	36	16	27	25	17	12	14	47
Indoor Skating	209	15	17	20	20	21	17	17	14	13	55
Golf range	199	13	16	7	7	22	14	12	24	20	64
Horseback Trails	195	7	10	12	17	13	19	22	24	24	47
Campground	179	4	6	4	11	15	17	18	18	25	61
Spray park	166	8	16	17	13	13	14	8	23	13	41
Hunting Areas	146	10	5	7	5	8	3	9	7	7	85

**Open Space**

1. Sudbury should increase the amount of permanently protected undeveloped land by purchasing property or acquiring development rights.  
Agree: 434, Disagree: 63, No Opinion: 33. Total Responses: 530.
2. Sudbury's zoning should allow for the granting of density bonuses in exchange for larger, ecologically significant open space areas in new Developments?  
Agree: 338, Disagree: 92, No Opinion: 84. Total Responses: 514.
3. Do you think the Town should purchase land or development rights for the purpose of keeping it in its natural state for flora, fauna, water supply, aesthetics, limiting development, etc. even if the purchase does not include public access?  
Agree: 335, Disagree: 155, No Opinion: 39. Total Responses: 529.
4. Sudbury should continue to utilize Community Preservation Act funds for the preservation of open space.  
Agree: 465, Disagree: 35, No Opinion: 31. Total Responses: 531.
5. Would you be willing to donate money towards a public fund for the acquisition of additional open space in Sudbury? Agree: 273, Disagree: 150, No Opinion: 95. Total Responses: 518.
6. Are there any parcels of land in Town that you consider special and worth protecting or acquiring for conservation, recreation, scenic views or wildlife protection? Please list.  
See Appendix SH: Parcels Suggested for Protection.

**Education/Outreach** The Town makes every effort to adequately publicize information on programs and opportunities, as well as reports which can be found on Town's website: <http://sudbury.ma.us/>

1. Do you feel you are aware of the complete range of Sudbury's open space and recreational assets, including locations?  
Yes: 235, No: 286, No Opinion: 21. Total Responses: 542.
5. Where did you obtain this survey? (response count: 506)

152	Town Website
143	Other email list
108	Sudbury Water District mail/email
79	Park & Recreation mail/email
15	Sudbury Day
12	Town Office Buildings
88	Other: includes the following items and several other unique answers.
27	Sudbury Valley Trustees
15	Friends of Bruce Freeman Rail Trail
13	School notices
10	friend
5	Goodnow Library
3	Newspaper

**Appendix SA: Other suggestions for preserving town character.**

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**Responses to:**

**Is there an 'other' selection you would prefer to include and what rank would you give it?**

Natural Resource Protection

- Replanting Elm Trees 6 similar responses
- Wildlife corridor/habitat protection 4 similar responses
- Stopping the pollution of water bodies is important, but the wetlands protection has become overzealous
- Dredging and cleaning of all town bodies of water
- Protection of 'woody' character of town by encouraging people to leave woods as is, especially around water
- Educating the public about the importance of land and water protection

Transportation

- Minimize traffic 10 similar responses
- Cutting greenhouse gases and promoting alternative transportation infrastructure
- Important to me are the country roads of Sudbury. Please do not turn them all into city streets and highways.
- Preserve scenic roads
- Underground utilities on scenic roads
- I think we should try to fix that 'bump out' type stuff that Bill installed. We need to keep traffic moving through and out of town SAFELY.

Rail Trail/Walkways/Trails

- Bruce Freeman Rail Trail
- Also IMPORTANT that Sudbury preserve SAFETY by adding sidewalks and bike trail/walk trail for recreation. Sudbury is no longer a rural town as its population is now 18,000 and we need to rank safety/recreation too.
- Rails to trails and train and walking path extensions 7 similar responses
- Against Rail Trail 2 similar responses
- Would like to preserve rights of way on railbeds for future transportation needs
- No more sidewalks please!! You are ruining the 'rural' and quaint character that is (was?) Sudbury.
- Provide sidewalks
- Conservation land and trails 2 similar responses
- Trail Connectivity & Loop
- Walking trails 2 similar responses

Population/Economics

- Keep elderly in town 2 similar responses



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Increasing tax base w/o adding children to schools

Stop purchasing any additional undeveloped land so tax-producing homes and businesses can be built

Give those over 60 with land a tax break so they don't have to sell and move!

Prevent more people from coming to Sudbury & burdening schools/taxes

Preservation of income diversity of residents

I disagree with the premise 'preserve the rural/suburban feeling' without any recognition of the costs in other dimensions.

Preservation of local economies

### Housing/Zoning

Preservation of diversity in housing - no more McMansions

Preserve/encourage restorations of older homes rather than razing them

Tasteful character of commercial and residential development

Zoning bylaws to mitigate the appearance and density of development

Protection of stone walls

Better residential zoning to prevent over-development

Preservation of barns

Restricting new house building to large (2+) acre parcels

Fewer developments of large houses or multiple condo complexes

Maintenance of low population density

Stop big-builder developments. Sudbury is already over developed

Preservation of rural character

3 similar responses

Housing units total number restrictions

Limiting size and scope of new residences

Tough zoning

Too many trees removed to make way for homes, thus causing water problems for homeowners.

Limit developments that are large in size and scope

### Route 20

Create a welcoming town gathering area (enhance Fairbank Center or create a new area)

Enhancing Route 20 with underground electrical wires, landscaping and private/public efforts

one would be carefully planned development of the rte 20 commercial corridor to increase the tax base

Town Center adding a downtown walking area

Give shopping areas the look and feel of 'old New England'

Create a walkable Sudbury to simulate a town center

Preserve character of town center by building walkways and open space to connect sites in town center

via pedestrian traffic (eg, library, route 20) and an open space park to encourage socializing in a common open space.

### Recreation

Development of a water recreation area such as a beach at a local pond

Update parks and play areas with better structures

Keep fields free for recreational use and don't turn every piece of green into agriculturally used land

Increased access to undeveloped recreational land.

Develop public use space and playing fields on protected land

Preservation of public recreational land

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Other

Not sure what viewsheds are

5 similar responses

Clean up of toxic areas in and around Sudbury

I would rank them all as 1

It is hard to rank these undeveloped/water, etc. are all very important

3 similar responses

Dark sky regulations (do not increase light pollution)

You don't to rank these important factors to the exclusion of the others.

**Appendix SB: Other suggestions for protecting ground water.**

**Groundwater quality and quantity** Sudbury obtains all its drinking water from public or private groundwater wells. Sudbury should protect groundwater resources in town through: [ zoning, other bylaws, Rte 20 sewer, reduce runoff, upgrade septic systems ]

**Responses to:**

**Is there an 'Other' you would prefer to include and what rank would you give it**

Fertilizer/Pesticide Use

Limit/ban the use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers in Sudbury 7 similar responses

Irrigation Wells

Regulate/ Ban Sprinklers 4 similar responses

Educate those who home owners that have installed private wells that they too are draining the resources of the town and should adhere to the water restrictions 3 similar responses

Sewer/Wastewater

Connect to the MWRA

My priority for sewerage Rt. 20 is contingent on there being evidence that Rt. 20 septic poses a threat to groundwater

Think about a sewer system in the town, more important near the wells

Develop a plan for central sewerage collection for the entire town 2 similar responses

Establish sewers in all residential areas

Please offer explanation of pros/cons to sewerage Rt. 20 in future surveys

Increase efforts to grandfather older homes w/non compliant septic

Development

Limiting Mansions that may become multifamily residences 6

Carefully monitor residential and commercial growth

In my opinion, Sudbury's zoning controls are already overboard on this issue.

Increase lot size to 2-3 acres

Stop building, or require low impact smaller homes 2 similar responses

Maintain low population density bylaws

Limit development & business growth in & around wetlands, water supply areas

No further expansion of business should be allowed

Purchasing buffer land around aquifers

Work at 'greening' town buildings & schools

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Other

Enforce H2O bans

Water supply protection plan

Increase efforts to protect existing private wells

Increase efforts to ensure road drains are clear

Protection of rivers, including reduction of withdrawal from rivers.

Obtain Sudbury's drinking water from a reservoir. These wells are a nuisance

Resource protection credits to owners of undeveloped land

Protect open space

Recharge Basins for runoff

We should defer to scientific experts in this case, not enough knowledge to answer objectively

7 similar responses

Water table in Africa \*decimated\* by private wells- I'd rec. 10K hookup-fee/private well.

I have full confidence in the Sudbury Water District. Ask them, Listen.

Not really a very pressing or critical issue in the scheme of other more important matters.

More public education on groundwater resource protection

3 similar responses

**Appendix SC: Other suggestions for protecting ponds and waterways.**

**Surface water quality** The rivers and ponds in Sudbury contribute to the quality of life for all residents. Sudbury should protect and restore the quality of the Town's ponds and waterways through [ ]

**Responses to:**

**Is there an 'Other' that you wish to include and what would you rank it**

Supervised dredging of ponds by landowners or town in winter

There should be a beach in Sudbury. There is no place to swim in the summer.

I have full confidence in the Sudbury Water District. Ask them, Listen.

Not enough information is provided for an intelligent response.

Encourage residents to use less lawn fertilizer and pesticides 8 similar responses

Please use common sense and weigh the cost against the benefit---the impact to all of us from taxes and more regulations.

The high tax burden on residents requires more low-impact businesses be recruited to operate here.

Follow the most cost effective approaches recommended by objective analysts 2 similar responses

Advocate environmentally friendly lawn care using organic products

Increase credibility of conservation committee by withdrawing restrictions on 'vernal pools' which were created by human construction (eg. farm runoff, tire track, damming of the river

Provide better public access for parking, bikes, foot traffic, canoe launches, etc.

Low population density should be encourage through bylaws

We should vigorously enforce the existing dog pooper scooper laws to ensure these feces do not further contaminate our surface water.

Concentrate on saving taxpayer dollars - not saving the world

All of the above sound critical, need more info to understand priorities

Restoration of Willis Lake and create a 'town' beach

Increase removal of invasive species in/ near ponds

**Appendix SD: Suggested uses for the Mahoney property.**

Conservation land, especially with trails	26 similar responses
Playing Fields	6 similar responses
Community farm or community garden, such as the Land's Sake farm in Weston, the Waltham Fields community farm, the Natick Community Farm or lease fields	7 similar responses
Affordable housing/senior housing	5 similar responses
Golf course/driving range	2 similar responses
Tax producing homes, condos, and retail/commercial, particularly low-impact businesses	9 similar responses
But not more playing fields (and especially not more artificial turf fields)	
Only playing fields if dire need for them, should leave pond and grounds alone as scenic	
Neighborhood playground/park with sidewalk from site down Nobscot to Rte 20	2 similar responses
Pool	
Casino	
No motorized vehicles	
Parking for rail trail access	2 similar responses
Mixed use w/sport field and open land w/walking and cross country ski or snowshoe trails	2 similar responses
Dog park	2 similar responses
Skate park, ice skating rink	2 similar responses
Leave it alone. Stop spending my tax money!	
Sod Farm for Athletic field replacement	
Let nature restore it to its original appearance	
Reserve for development of a new South Sudbury Fire Station or a new elementary or middle school.	
Equestrian	
Stock a trout pond for fishing	
Something that would beautify the town - arboretum perhaps	
Passive recreation and/or possible school site for future expansion	
Active recreation is needed but the Cutting field is absurd; right on the street. Couldn't it have been designed so the field is not fenced in and right on the traffic. Willis Hill is such a mess already. Please plan Mahoney land more attractive.	

Appendix SE: Suggested uses for the Route 20 landfill.

Wind farm	2	
Active recreation – tennis, basketball, playing fields, pool	7	
Golfing Range		
Methane collection	5	
Commercial development	16	
Driving range		
Open space for passive recreation - kites and rockets, picnics, concerts	6	
Would want more information before making a decision	3	
Sell it on the open market so tax producing development can occur.		
Is it suitable to be gathering spot for town concerts and other events?		
Motocross Track		
Keep it as a landfill/transfer station as long as possible	3	
Keep it natural, stop touching the land! Add trees. Restore.		7
Municipal use – school, police station, DPW , wastewater treatment		7
Is it going to be closed? If so, will there be a new one and where will it be?		
Capping/restoration seems expensive		2 similar responses
Affordable housing, if the ground will support it.		
Make sure no children will play there, or anyone spend considerable time there, whatever the use.		
Mountain Biking Trails		
This is another eyesore. Something should be done here. Recreation area would be awesome if planned aesthetically pleasing.		

Appendix SF: Suggested uses for the gravel pit on Route 117.

Mixed use - conservation land/affordable housing/commercial	3
Housing	4
Sell for commercial development	9
Future school	
Municipal use	2
Active recreation	6
Golf Driving Range	2
Motocross track	
Ski hill	
Mountain biking	
would want to see proposals before making a decision	
Open space/passive recreation with trails	8
Agriculture	
Community 'beach' We had one from an old quarry in my hometown and it was great.	
Keep as gravel pit	6
Dog park	
Recharge basin	

This town does not need any more playing fields. The people need to appreciate the natural world, grow their own food, and have calmer, less heavily scheduled lives.

The gravel pit has been over dug in the past 5 yrs, it's an eyesore!

Isn't the gravel pit still active? I see trucks entering and leaving so I thought it was still in use?

Is this going to be closed as well? If so, where will the new one be?



Appendix SG: Other suggested recreation opportunities.

Fishing

Frisbee golf course

Target Ramps

Pond swimming areas

It seems to me we have enough

No hunting. Yes to non-sports outdoor recreation -- pool, ice rink, hiking/biking trails

Nature trails, natural settings with access

Walkways

We need a nice beach with sand and clean water to swim in and ample parking.

Just stop building. Our shortage is open space, not recreational opportunities

Better on-road bike lanes

Think we could end spending unless dire need for recreation field or to connect some existing trails with those in other towns, or for constructing and maintaining sidewalks so people/kids could walk to friend's houses.

Community recreation center

Open fields for general, unorganized use such as model airplanes, rockets, dog training and whatever people want.

Lighted soccer field, tennis and basketball courts and softball fields

develop small beaches and ponds for swimming and recreation

Cross-country skiing

WE HAVE SUFFICIENT REC OPPORTUNITIES--AGAIN, FOCUS ON VALUE FOR SPEND AND STOP THE SIDEWALKS BUSINESS

We need a walking downtown area like Concord and Maynard

I'd like to see the Fairbanks Center have a fitness facility besides swimming and spend the money improving that facility.

These are mostly frivolous uses of our tax money. Please find ways to demonstrate better fiscal responsibility.

roller blading /skateboarding area

SIDEWALKS!

Town maintained skateboard park such as in Wellfleet, MA-4

Update the ancient gym at Atkinson with a modern day one.

Clean ponds for swimming and fishing

bandstand

x-country skiing & snowshoeing trails

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multiuse park, blading, skateboards, bikes, exercise gauntlet, benches, stage

rail trails, bike/jog paths, connections to other towns trails

skateboard park for teens

Sudbury has enough of these things

Outdoor skating, number 2, right after outdoor swimming. I oppose any more playing fields, especially artificial turf.

Bike Paths # 1, Cross Country Ski Trails #1, Swim Team needs more seats -larger venue for observers #1, roller skate park # 3

walking trail around Willis Lake (although I realize this is Nat'l Wildlife area)

ATV Park, Trail Use

tennis courts please

Johnson family land for open land and horse trails

Sudbury has enough recreation areas. We'd rather have town lands left intact, not developed at all. THAT preserves Sudbury, not paved walkways, CERTAINLY not HUNTING areas or campgrounds or golf ranges (fertilizers again! Aren't we working against that?)

Allow Sudbury to revert to its natural state to the extent practical, The town does not need to provide for every activity. Rank 1

No--for me, there is enough already except for sidewalks

focus on group of team activities; soccer, softball, tennis, yes; golf range, no

Fix up the Haskell Field little playground for small children. It needs help.

we already have indoor fitness center at high school which could use more members and needs some marketing to raise awareness

status quo

X-country ski trails!! Ski hill maybe rope tow or T-bar on back of Goodman's hill or Nobscot

The three selections are ONLY if there are sufficient funds beyond normal everyday expenses, like fire/police, schools, DPW, etc.

More pave sidewalks

Mountain bike trails

We don't need any of this stuff - golf range - come on!

pond/lake swimming

Lets use the outdoor facilities we have, instead of leaving them unoccupied, 90% of the time. #1.

Walkway (sidewalk) along Dutton Rd from Tanbark to Pratt's Mill. Traffic is fast there and visibility is not great. Also could be used to walk to Curtis MS.

Walkways Skating Pond

The Bruce Freeman Trail

The people of Sudbury need opportunities for unscheduled, spontaneous, organic recreation. Please no more energy and resource intensive sources of frustration.

park for gatherings/picnics/charcoal grills, etc.

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Conversion of rail beds to bike/hiking trails

I completed 5 the rest we don't believe are needed and would add tremendously to the taxes,  
None of these are needed, taking the word 'needed' literally, as opposed to 'desired'.

town beach

Activity centers for young and old teens

Sudbury needs an open space park that allows its residents to enjoy the beauty of a water view - for example, access to sit, walk, and picnic along the banks of the Sudbury River. I would rank this #1 as there is nothing like this currently in Sudbury.

wildlife areas without hunting

**Appendix SH: Parcels Suggested for Protection.**

Are there any parcels of land in Town that you consider special and worth protecting or acquiring for conservation, recreation, scenic views or wildlife protection? Please list.

Waite Farm on Concord Rd.	21 similar responses
Nobscot Mountain	14 similar responses
Dickey Property, Newbridge Rd.	3 similar responses
Haynes Farm-Morse Rd.	3 similar responses
Wayside Inn area	
Plympton Rd	
Heritage Park Pond Water Flow	
Round Hill, Lincoln Rd.	
Clark blueberry farm	
Existing farms in town	2 similar responses
Mahoney Property, Old Framingham Rd	
Historic properties/structures should be protected	3 similar responses
Sudbury River corridor	6 similar responses
Hop Brook corridor - Carding Mill Pond, Sterns Pond, Hager Pond, Part of mill village along Hop Brook to allow bridge across RR to section house park	
Hop Brook and adjacent Fort Devens land	9 similar responses
The rail trail corridors	4 similar responses
Cavvichio lands	2 similar responses
The Training Field on Old County Road	
McLagan field on Plympton and Water Row	
Land near Greenwood Swim Club behind Longfellow Rd	
Pond off Chanticleer Rd	
Jones and Bartlett Publishing Company on Tall Pines is much greater than their building footprint. This land is largely wet, and good wildlife habitat - not worth much to them, but worth a significant in terms of habitat.	
Johnson land on Landham Rd	
Frost Farm	
Ford Road Pond	
King Phillip War battleground on Green Hill, several acres are currently undeveloped	
All properties along Rt. 20	
Willis Hill water tower, restoration of Willis Lake, boat launches to Sudbury river, nature boardwalk on	

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great meadows, restoration of town center

Land abutting North Road

804 Boston Post Road which is I believe within Sudbury's historic district.

This land should not be used for housing development

2 similar responses

Any and all land

6 similar responses

All waterfront property

Additions to Piper property, etc, to connect to town center

As long as an equal balance of access is available for ALL who need to utilize public facilities. Unused public facilities should not be closed to tax paying groups for no reason other than to penalize them.

No, we have too many already. Let's focus on making the most of what we have instead of buying more and then doing nothing with it.

Sudbury should enforce existing requirements from its business residents to clean-up, i.e., along Rt. 20 and Union Ave.

Protecting contiguous parcels of conservation land should be a priority (to protect wildlife)

2 similar responses

CPA was sold to us as exactly this solution.

Open Streetscape Property

Sudbury is already overdeveloped, so put a cap on developments coming up in our old farms and open spaces. Most of all, stop big-builder developments.

Wetlands and areas to create a larger buffer around town water supply areas

Sudbury should adopt a pay as you go model. I am against bonding for this purpose

Nothing much left of any significance, is there? My wishes will remain just that, empty wishes. My plan is to move to a place where there is open space left to preserve.

Nice to have land near the schools for nature walks, scouting activities, etc - on foot

Parcels significant to wildlife should be protected

Let's fix up the former Army land on Hudson Road. Right now the entrance is an eyesore.

all of the current ones - including those managed by Sudbury Valley Trustees.

## Appendix SI: Suggestions for Recreation and Land Protection.

### **Is there anything else you would like to see the Town do relative to active/passive recreation and acquisition of lands for permanent protection?**

Buy more passive conservation lands

With Over 100 identified native American historical sites listed with the Massachusetts Historical Commission and most are on private land. It is time that the town work with the MHC to protect those sites, it is privileged information where those sites are, in order that no one disturbs them.

Creating anything additional is not good because it will have some type of negative impact on wildlife. That is the spirit of Sudbury and it will be lost.

We have plenty of facilities for organized sports, but not as many for unorganized outdoor activity. Hiking and biking trails, outdoor pool, ice rink, mountain bike/bmx park (dirt surface), connecting trails between conservation areas and inter-town trails, and making sure walkways exist on major roads would make it easier for kids and adults to get around without driving, and play outdoors without having to join a team or hike a small distance in one conservation area, leave it by road to go to the next, hike there, etc. Expand bike access to trails. Every kid in town has a mountain bike; few know where and how to ride off-road, which is safer than in traffic.

Sudbury should make every effort to keep what open and natural land we can. Future generations will only benefit from what little historic and rural character that is left if we preserve all that we can. While recreation corridors are to be valued, a 20 foot wide macadam way is not in keeping. We should strive to keep the natural character as much as possible. I enjoy walking the railroad tracks now and envision the space between the rails filled with a natural walking surface as an ideal way to open the corridor while keeping the natural feel. This can be done without blocking the natural fauna migration trails.

Acquire rights to build a rail trail along both the proposed Bruce Freeman and Mass. Central rail trails.

Overall I am in favor of open space and recreational activities, although we should be more selective. I am against paying for development rights while allowing an owner to situate a house in the middle of the property. This causes Sudbury to basically pay for somebody's back yard.

Can something be done with that abandoned gas station on the corner of Rt. 20 and Nobscot roads? It is such an eye sore.

I think that a monthly or bimonthly e-mail newsletter with links to town sites that are related would be useful. The newsletter could also contain links to relevant newspaper articles and related open space groups.

Bring open space planning up to date and qualify the town for state grants and other funding for planning and preservation/development of green spaces. Shouldn't there be a plan submitted every 5 years to the Commonwealth?

I do not support the rail trail as it is too restrictive in potential uses. It will cost a great deal of money to maintain and I am concerned that money will come at the expense of side walks and streets. We should not build as many single use fields as we seem to do. If there are more programs that need fields and no fields are available, perhaps we do not need the added programs. There are times when we have to say no. We can not continue to spend tax dollars on everything people think they need. That takes money

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from residents to spend on other recreation that a town can not provide such as trips, vacations, long distance hiking, auto racing events, sporting event tickets, etc. There is nothing wrong with an existing program being allowed to die if it is not supported or not supported enough to be worth while. I know that is not an easy decision but there are times it has to be made. If a program is said to be 'needed' but participants do not want to pay fee to support it, that tells us a lot about the need. It says those people want the program so long as other people pay for it. We only have to give opportunities, not every opportunity.

we have much conservation land in Sudbury now--I would like to see more land put towards active recreation use, both for teams and for individuals, especially a linear recreation path. Sudbury's roads are narrow, winding, and most do not have sidewalks and are not conducive to either walking or biking. Walking can be done in the conservation lands, but some people just need a smooth surface in a quiet (i.e. no noisy cars or trucks) to do their walking on .

Stop building and start preserving Sudbury before it is gone. The character of the town has already been compromised and will continue to deteriorate if building houses (etc) on every bit of undeveloped land. Perhaps give breaks (tax) so that people don't have to sell land in order to remain living in Sudbury

Open Space should take priority over active recreation projects, which are expensive to build and maintain, are often underutilized (e.g., miles of unused sidewalks paved through rural neighborhoods, at the cost of thousands of trees), may serve a small minority (e.g., boat landings, golf courses), or create unanticipated new problems (liability, equal access challenges, trash and vandalism, etc., as with the proposed rail trail.) Sudbury is still blessed with a little remaining open space, let's leave as much as we can untouched.

Preserve natural habitats that act as our buffer during flooding

Ask for bequethment of Sudbury property whose sale could be used for purchasing conservation land.

I would definitely contribute to a fund to open space protection. I would not contribute to a fund for recreational fields.

I would like to see all purchasing of conservation/open space land stop. We need more tax dollars coming in which means we need more houses and commercial development.

More on-road bike paths and bicycle friendly facilities (e.g., bike racks near supermarkets). Thanks!

Highly in favor of Bruce Freeman rail trail.

Purchasing property for open-space protection, when there is no public access, unfairly raises the property value of abutting homeowners and a particular neighborhood without a commensurate, tangible benefit to the rest of the community. I understand that, economically, a rising tide lifts all boats, but Sudbury is now exclusive and expensive enough. When CPA funds are used for Astroturf for jocks at L-S, then taxes are too high already, too. All should benefit from CPA, not just 'stick & ball' athletes aged 5-18.

I think the only open areas we should preserve now are those of historical or scenic importance for Sudbury (by scenic I mean views/scenes the town can be remembered or visited for).

Finish the rail trail. This would be an incredible recreation asset. In an age where our kids are getting less fit (fatter) this is also an investment in their health and well being.

Open fields for recreation as well as woods trails. What is happening to Davis? It is used for baseball, model airplanes, rockets, dog training as well as soccer. Will these uses be preserved? There are not many fields available.

Get the rail trail, stop it!!!!

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Organize hikes, informational walks to view and learn more about Sudbury's open space and outdoor natural recreation resources. Launch an education program on the interconnectedness of responsible land use, the natural environment, and the preservation of everyone's quality of life.

Develop what it has first rather than diverting additional resources to simply acquire land for it to sit there unused.

PLEASE STOP BUILDING THE SIDEWALKS. THEY ARE HONESTLY OUT OF PLACE AND RUINING OUR RURAL CHARACTER. FOCUS ON RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP OF TOWN RESIDENT'S TAX DOLLARS. LETS NOT TURN OUR TOWN INTO A CITY. IF WE WANTED SIDEWALKS, WE WOULD HAVE MOVED TO NEWTON. THE SIDEWALKS ARE ALREADY CRUMBLING AND ARE AN EYESORE-OVER TIME IT WILL COST MORE TO MAINTAIN THAN THEY COST TO BUILD.

Pass dark sky laws that apply to all and allow town owned property to be used at night for astronomical observation.

A little more emphasis on facilities for adults--bike and walking paths, etc., and less on playing fields.

I would like to see better trail maps for the available hiking trails. In addition, adequate marking of existing trails would lead to increased usage. I would like to see the sidewalk plan implemented more quickly. In Sudbury we seem to pave roads that are in good shape while leaving busy roads without sidewalks. Can we redirect our paving budget toward sidewalks and away from roads that don't need it (example; Landham road in spring 2007). Can Community Preservation funds be used to maintain existing sidewalks? Many existing sidewalks are virtually unusable due to growth of weeds, brush etc. The sidewalk leading from Featherland to the High School is routinely obstructed by pricker bushes throughout the spring and summer. We have very few recreation facilities for children older than 10 and adults unless they are involved in an organized team activity. Could the town install backboards at the tennis courts so that players can hit against the board to practice without a partner? Wind shields on existing public courts would make a huge difference, the courts would be used much more. Indoor basketball courts for public use - school courts are inaccessible to the general public. Fairbanks has 8' baskets.

The new parcel of land on the corner of Rt. 20 and Peakham Road should be a nice park for walking and picnicking (especially near the pond). It should not be used for low-income housing. There is too much traffic on Rt. 20. It is very difficult to turn left on Rt. 20 from Peakham Rd. and Lafayette Drive. Housing would only increase the traffic. Also, there should be a traffic light at the intersection of Peakham and Rt. 20.

Protect wildlife corridors between preserved areas.

I love the town and it's open space. It just seems they missed the boat with designing a downtown that is accessible and friendly to pedestrians. I think Concord is more friendly to elderly and all people to walk to shops and cafes. I'm not sure if Sudbury could even do it now but it would be great.

Not sure where this falls, but some transportation around town (like a town van or shuttle) so the roads would be less clogged would be useful. Has anyone considered some public transportation into Boston or to Riverside or Alewife?

Bike paths are extremely important to me. I have two young children and do not feel comfortable letting them ride on my street (Moore Rd).

Please reduce our tax burden. This town is out of alignment in its tax increases versus cost of living expenses in general.



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Conduct a wildlife and fauna study and publish results on Website, especially for proposed Bruce Freeman rail trail corridor

Become more balanced in your approach. It's absurd that it cost an additional \$100,000 at LSHS to look at the impact on blue spotted salamanders which are in very low need of protection. This lack of perspective prevents our town from creating a realistic economic development plan.

Sudbury has recreation facilities that are superior to most surrounding communities so I don't think that is a priority.

Stop being so rabid about the protection and understand that balance is required. The additional funds spent on the high school fields, for instance, because of environmental issues is overkill.

Stop with the crazy notion that this town is full of wildlife & fauna that is near extinction. Adopt a more reasonable approach and encourage new businesses to open shop here. Attract new employers that will provide jobs and pay taxes. Seek a more balanced view.

Reverse Sudbury's reputation as unfriendly to commercial interests by adopting a more reasonable approach to conservation issues. The town has become embarrassingly militaristic about these matters.

Screw this initiative. Open spaces???? What a joke. What we need is corporate development to help offset the residential tax burden. That should be our focus. Not wetlands. Not the size of the signs in town and endless meetings regarding such. WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE AND GROW AND RETAIN (LET ME REPEAT) RETAIN LOCAL BUSINESSES TO HELP OFFSET THE RESIDENTIAL TAX BURDEN OR SUDBURY WITH ITS EXTREMELY HIGH RATIO OF CHILDREN PER HOUSEHOLD WILL STRANGLE ITSELF. We are sick of overrides. There shouldn't have to be overrides. Where is our long range business plan -- ala Wayland! You are so worried about traffic patterns once Wayland's new piazza is completed. There won't be traffic problems. All the traffic will be there. WE -- SUDBURY -- needs a long range plan to develop our down town (and our 117) so that we can encourage and retain business and offset our residential tax burden. You are giving us a survey about wetlands? About open spaces? Get a clue! All the people that show up at town meeting every year don't give a flying @\$%& about open spaces. We are there to fight for every penny and make sure that our precious tax dollars are spent wisely and our children are taken care at school and the seniors fight to keep what little money they have left. They are being taxed out of Sudbury -- and every elderly couple that leaves is replaced with a family of 4+ making our tax situation worse. If you came to us at town meeting and said we needed to fund a bond for X dollars so that 3 or 5 or 7 years from now our tax burden will be decreased by Z -- we would vote for that in a heartbeat if 'Z' would make a difference; if 'Z' would allow overrides to be a thing of the past and allow seniors the option to live out their days here if they so choose; if 'Z' would adequately fund our police department and increase that staff to the level it needs to be; if 'Z' would fund our schools, pay teacher salaries, and give us the option of expanding the school staff as well as physically to allow for full day kindergarten. That's what you should be surveying -- if you feel the need to send up a trial balloon. Used to be that when persons were elected office they took the bull by the horns and assumed the responsibility for which they were elected -- instead of 2nd guessing themselves. They did what was necessary and what was right -- and if they were wrong, they were ready to face the consequences and be voted out. Being in charge is not a popularity contest. You don't work on the town council because you want to be the Kind/Queen of the Prom. You will piss some people off when you make the tough decisions. And this is our tough decision. It's not about preserving mosquito breeding grounds. It is about preserving our community. The writing has been on the 'wall' of our tax bills since we moved here. Do what is needed. Urbanize this city for our children and our seniors. And don't think of urbanize as being a 4 letter word. I'm sure Concord doesn't think so. Or Wellesley. Or Wayland when they are finished. And their cute little walk about downtown areas are tasteful all the

while they are raking in the tax dollars. We support the developing our rail trails and connecting them with surrounding town trails not just because we like to bike. We support them because they'll bring in business from surrounding areas. Got the message?

Stop hunting around Sudbury. This is too dense an area and one life lost is two much.

I would very much like to limit development in the Town. In order to preserve what is left of what was a much more diverse, less populous Town, I think that we should act now to limit commercial and residential development by permanently protecting the open space that remains.

I would not like to see CPA funds used for athletic fields, but rather preservation of wetlands, woodlands, and historic properties. If possible, it would be great if the town could purchase land that had been used for agricultural purposes and preserve it for agricultural use (a nonprofit farm cooperative similar to the Natick Community Organic Farm, perhaps).

Allow the development of more sidewalks along roads--even those listed as 'historic' to provide better safety for children and walkers.

The Town should make available all information about the quantitative financial benefit of such lands, indicating the cost of services NOT consumed because the land was not developed, and the difference between that cost and the anticipated tax revenue for the land.

Please paint all crosswalks on route 27 and other busy roads blue. Put crosswalk signs closer to crosswalk (e.g., near Mark Lane). Present data at town meeting that shows how much it costs the town to have houses built versus leaving open. The town has changed a lot since we moved here in 1975 -- keep open space.

Sudbury is a robust community with a strong family base. Since there are very few sidewalks in the town, it would be nice to have neighborhood parks. If that is not possible. Sidewalks would be a delightful addition so that people could walk & bike in a safer environment. Right now, bike paths on the roads are almost non-existent (perhaps a foot in width). If there were more sidewalks, people might be able to walk more places. Living in North Sudbury, we generally have to drive into Concord for playgrounds and open fields to play on. Sidewalks along major corridors like Route 117 would be an enhancement, especially since children within walking distance to Haynes school (if not taking the bus) would have to walk on and cross (117) to get to school.

I am embarrassed and chagrined that I am not aware of any of the above. On the other hand the town is not doing a very good job of communicating these issues as I am very interested in this subject

I would like to see a concerted effort to take in the entire needs of the community to provide walkways and bike paths that people can use from infancy in strollers to advanced age in wheelchairs and to run the gamut in between with bikes, cross country skiing, snowshoes, skateboards. These pathways could be put through a variety of wildlife habitats. Organized sports fields should be available but these are used by a specific population for a limited time span. We should be encouraging activities that can be done throughout a lifetime for everyone such as walking, running, swimming, biking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing. Looking forward as the population ages, if opportunities are given to people to remain fit, they will age with less falls, injuries and more zest for life. If paths and bikeways are more developed perhaps people will be able to bike or walk to stores safely if they choose not to, or are unable to drive.

restrict housing development in undeveloped areas.

No more soccer fields.

Bike trails throughout the town. And passive recreational space along the shopping area of Route 20 to make it walkable and inviting.

I STRONGLY support the rail trail program and encourage Sudbury to join the adjoining towns who have committed and help convince those towns that are holding back.

1. Continue to install sidewalks on through-routes - i.e. Dutton Road. 2. ALL roads need clearly lined shoulders for safe bike riding. 3. Better / more often signage on conservation trails. Mileage markers on trails to track distance. 4. More bike racks to lock bikes to at shopping centers / casual restaurants. 5. Mandatory to have a light on bikes when riding at night.

Decrease number of building permits for new houses to 10 per year and limit size of new homes to under 4,000 sq. feet

complete trails such as the Bruce Freeman Trail so people within the town can safely ride their bikes and commute on bike as an alternative to driving and creating more pollution.

I'm infuriated to see Davis field apparently turned into agriculturally used land. Leave our fields alone.

A comprehensive listing of all outdoor recreation locations, with information about public access, type of activity permitted, and an accompanying map.

Increase the quantity & step up construction of sidewalks in Sudbury. Create road shoulders for bicyclists.

Having a small child and living off of 117 I would really hope for a neighborhood playground within walking distance from my home. I would also like to be able to walk on a sidewalk with the baby in the stroller instead of on the street where people are speeding by. It's a shame that I can't take my baby out for a walk in my neighborhood for fear of being hit by a car. Please put in sidewalks on Dakin Road! I actually leave Sudbury every day and go to other towns because there's more to do and I feel much safer going out for walks! That's horrible!

1. Widen the width of the walkways in the walkway program so they can be used as multiuse paths. 2. As walkways are constructed, provide features/accommodations for underground utilities. 3. Do not violate the Wetland Administrative Bylaws for any active recreation.

First, I would like to see more sidewalks--not necessarily paved sidewalks, but designated paths safe from auto traffic for walking and running. Second, I would like to see more bike trails. Third, I would like to improve zoning laws so that new, 'mini-mansion' houses are not being built cheek-by-jowl in too-small parcels of land. Fourth, I would like to see more tennis courts.

The Town does not do a great job of maintaining its open space or opening up newly acquired properties for passive recreation, such as creating walking trails.

Continue to build and improve walkways along main roads. Try to complete Peakham Road walkway.

I am a strong proponent of rail trail conversion. Sudbury enjoys substantial historic investments in athletic, educational, and open space projects. Diversity in the investments is warranted. Relatively minor investments in the development of rail trails would have disproportionately large benefits for recreational opportunities. In addition, the community would have a new avenue for interaction; rail trails will tie neighborhoods together across the town. Rail trails bring people together by giving them a place to walk, ride, and interact. Walkways are wonderful for a neighborhood; rail trails provide community wide benefits.

Tax breaks rather than outright purchase of lands to ease property and taxpayer burden; change zoning to make large tracts of land harder to build out; do not indulge 'blackmail' techniques as in Mahoney property purchase. their portion of land is still inbuilt yet their threats to double number of homes on property was key to town buying land. Never build artificial turf/playing field so close to road as it detracts from rural character -- especially just as you enter town.

## Appendix B

The sidewalks and bike paths would do a lot to make the town more connected. It is unsafe for kids to ride their bikes on many roads, which then leads to more parents with kids in cars. If we opened up the side walks and bike paths, it would be a refreshing change and I do not think it would ruin the rural character of Sudbury. Also, local playgrounds would bring neighborhoods together. Anything we can do to get people out of their cars! The other important piece is putting in safe areas to cross roads such as in town center where we need a safe crossing area, arrows for turning, and pedestrian right of way at the intersection - not in the middle of traffic! Most parents are fearful of letting their kids ride their bikes or walk anywhere due to the lack of safe crossings at most stop lights/major intersections in town.

Up to date trail maps available online.

Sudbury is a beautiful town. It's why I moved here. The open space adds to the peace and beauty of all Sudbury represents. Continued land development only serves to convert beautiful Sudbury into a town like Framingham or Natick or Marlboro. I'm not an elitist, but preserve the value and beauty of Sudbury by preserving as much open space as possible. We are fortunate to live here. The surrounding open space adds to the overall value of every acre. Development on any level increases the amount of pollution, noise, water use, waste, congested roads, and diminishes the amount of quiet and privacy we now enjoy. Right now, the traffic on Rte 20 during peak hours is becoming intolerable. Why add to the problem?

stop/don't zone home builders who want to squeeze too many homes into too small of a space (e.g., 8-home development in a small cul de sac on Rte. 117 westbound just beyond and across from Longfellow road. This development is horrible. There's no reason why 2 MAYBE 3 homes wouldn't have been sufficient.

I would like to see zoning board not approve lots for development that really are substandard as far as layout, access, character, or require complex arrangements to meet ecological guidelines. Sometimes it seems that any developer can get a house on the most awkward sites. Sudbury is fairly well built out now and more houses end up costing the town money, when students are factored in. I would recommend encouraging rebuilding older homes in established neighborhoods, which increases the taxes, without increasing the # of students. I would also recommend going to 1.5 or 2.0 acre zoning for any new home construction, which would shut out most marginal new construction and help preserve open space.

I would like to see the town avoid paving (like the rail trail) or building structures (playgrounds, soccer fields) on land. I think the land should be held to preserve the natural habitat of flora and fauna. If we continue to acquire land and build rail trails and soccer fields with artificial turf Sudbury will evolve to a suburban/urban town character instead of a rural town character. I notice we have even changed from using the phrase rural town character to suburban/rural town character in the first line of this questionnaire to describe people's past wishes. That in itself is disappointing.

I'd like to reiterate that we need the bike path. If sidewalks relate to this survey, then I'd like to stress their importance.

Review zoning and town bylaws to see if we can slow down the growth in town

I think we miss a lot of community building by not having bike paths. I would very much like to see bike paths become a part of the fabric of Sudbury life.

Better maintain the existing assets and develop new ones as budgets permits.

Maintain low population density

Sudbury is losing its 'rural' character all the time. When we first voted to raise taxes to purchase land, we had thought it was to preserve the land, not to create more playing fields, golf ranges, or anything like that. We really thought it was to keep development \*out\*, like at Nobscot. We don't mind helping to fund

that. We do mind funding purchases of land just for the town to develop it (although sometimes, town things are less damaging than what developers want to do). Why can't Sudbury own and PRESERVE land/water ways? What is the issue with that?

Ban wells used for lawn irrigation. It all comes from the same source. Enforce dog pooper scooper laws to reduce raw sewage getting into surface runoff. Stop big-builder developments. Attempt to restore any available land to its natural status rather than developing it for recreation or other use.

accelerate the development of the Bruce Freeman bikepath

Recognize that the Town will grow as the greater Boston and general Eastern Massachusetts area grows. Don't lock people out of Sudbury and force the growth out to Harvard, Bolton, Groton, etc. That would have deeper environmental and other quality of life issues that will impact all the towns of Eastern Mass (longer commutes, more roads, greater fuel consumption, etc.). Recognize that land that some people would sequester for 'preservation' will need to be devoted to Sudbury's municipal needs; places to put new schools, new commercial and retail use, and infrastructure improvements (sewerage plants, water wells, recycling and transfer stations, etc.). Don't be NIMBY.

Mostly Open Space

See comments under Open Space above

Walkways, as presently designed, have serious accessibility issues for strollers and wheelchairs both at curb cuts and walkway/driveway interfaces and there are few curb cuts where there are traffic islands. Both passive and active recreation sites are non-compliant with CMR 521 19.1 thru 19.14

would like to see more passive recreation for seniors. Especially close to all the new over 55 developments going in. There is way to much emphasis on sports fields,

Zoning law so you can't build a house almost as large as the lot. Adopt a zoning law like Lincoln.

I do not know how the Town of Lincoln has preserved its town where as Sudbury is close to losing it. I would look to Lincoln to see if Sudbury could learn something and preserve what is left.

Buy everything that is not built within reason

work with other town departments to prevent further degradation of this body's mission such as the development of Maple Avenue. What a disgrace.

1. Make sure that there is public access to all public lands, with parking areas as needed. . 2. Connect public lands with walking or bicycle trails.

Do not use CPA funds for things like track surfaces - which is totally contrary to the intent of the law.

Try to preserve land areas in their natural state--without spending tax monies.

I would prefer they buy as much open space as possible -- I don't care if it's converted to anything other than trails or nothing. I think open space is vital to our town's character.

There is a disconnection in Sudbury. I just went to a presentation in Topsfield by a MAPC Senior Housing Planner who talked about how the town of Ipswich got organized and involved around creating long term plans for development and preservation. Maybe we can get ideas from her; Jennifer Raitt. If people want to have a say, they need to show up at meetings, not Town Meeting only. It shouldn't be the few dragging the many, unless the few (whomever participates) have the final say. It would be nice to have a page in the weekly paper just for town committee discussion notes, maybe that would draw interest. Better yet (we gotta do this), if an email was pushed out to each household weekly, people would definitely scan it and then read what interested them based on headlines of various activities and

reports--which could lead to optional discussions online for anyone want to post comments.

Help get the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail built.

Add playing fields on some of the beautiful conservation land we have available. It provides access to and enjoyment of the land we have set aside for the town to enjoy. Playing fields, when done right, are a very non-invasive use of the land.

Continue to progress on both the North South and East West bicycle trails. Closely monitor the Boy Scout land for possible sale.

Reduce the amount of new housing developments. Keep the rural feel to Sudbury which is quickly being lost!

Just do whatever possible to preserve the woodsy character of the town, protecting/rescuing the waterways, and maintaining the woods and open space. It's not exactly asked for, but I also think it would be relevant to be careful about the tearing down of older houses, and the development of 'McMansions', especially in areas that are otherwise woodsy and pretty.

I do not think we should spend a lot of money preserving land that has limited public access. It is questionable when a few already well to do property owners benefit financially and from restricted access. The zoning and wetlands by laws should keep excessive development off these properties. I would like to see existing fields utilized at a higher load factor before supporting new fields - early morning and Sunday games.

Sudbury has a lot of protected land, which is great, but the parcels tend to be small and disconnected. What is most needed is something like the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail for cycling and long-distance running. The smaller parcels are best suited to habitat protection and would benefit from 'viewing stations' and info on local flora and fauna.

protect the land that already exists and protect homeowners from dealing with major water problems throughout the town because of development and the removing of trees. Trees being the source of holding back water. Plenty of playing areas, already exist and are rarely seen being used day or evenings, specifically one on Rt. 27. And there are others in the town not fully in use. Bicycle routes need to be developed not only to protect the riders from motor vehicles, but also to protect the operators of vehicles from hitting them since most riders do not now how to ride bikes on busy streets, riding side by side instead single file. A major problem for all concerned.

The town should focus more on passive recreation by purchasing property for protection/preservation and less on active recreation. I voted for the Community Preservation Act in order to preserve more open space. Instead, too much money (especially CPC money) has been and continues to be used to fund active recreation.

Continue to maintain good residential zoning, so that homes are not too close together. Protect undeveloped land - do not sell it to property developers.

Need exercise classes before work (6:30 or 7am) at Fairbanks CC. Most recreational activities are scheduled to be only accessible to stay-at-home parents or retired people. Similarly, need more children's activities on weekends, not during the work day.

Less money should be spent on recreation, more on protection

It is critical that the rich land of Sudbury is not regarded as simply and only a resource for potential recreational exploitation, the same as it would be for development. This is the ecology that allows us to live. If we insult, degrade, and destroy it for long enough, we will be dealt a harsh hand. Take a look at

how climate change is already changing our town for a preview. We all know that undeveloped land is great for the town both ecologically and financially. Make sure that the people of Sudbury know that they need to put their money down on the table to keep our town livable and living. We need to fund the growth and utilization of local natural resources through import-replacement schemes. This is critical both for people to have real, visceral connections to the land that sustains them and to help the town persist in light of climate change. Towns can only be as rich as their capacity to sustain themselves, and right now Sudbury cannot. The best place to start is to actively encourage and significantly fund efforts to expand agriculture and forestry in town. The town needs to adopt an honest, integrated conception of what is 'natural' in its planning and deliberations. People are part of nature, and we need to work to include ourselves in healthy relationships with it.

Restrict/limit gun hunting on all public lands within Town wherever possible. Continue efforts in making recreational uses accessible to wheelchairs and other disabled residents.

- limit the size of new homes throughout Sudbury by increasing the tax rate as the size of the house increases. - limit the amount of land that can be cleared for new homes, or additional land for existing homes. Right now people can cut down 50 trees if

Bring education, housing and passive recreation sites(Trails, walkways, bike paths, park space, play grounds) together for a more interactive community wide experience rather than having rec. space as a destination. The Park & Rec Commission needs to focus on community wide recreation rather than only being focused on organized sports. If you do not have kids playing on a team the Park & Rec Commissioners could care less about the rest of the community

Curtail building of McMansions all over this town. They are an obscene display of new money.

Land acquisition and open space zoning density policy should also take into account the need for affordable housing in Sudbury.

town beach

Create a walking path along the Sudbury River, with easy access to road / parking to encourage broad use. Encourage businesses to utilize open space (eg, a restaurant that opens onto a lawn / outdoor seating) so residents can eat out while enjoying some fresh air / natural beauty.

The town should acquire undeveloped land and protect land to have big natural corridors for the wildlife

Build all the rail trails immediately. Stop studying them and just build them! Stop trying to mollify the rail trail opponents; they will never be won over. Don't let opponents use conservation as an excuse to prevent rail trail development.

Important to preserve the historical/rural feel of Sudbury but reality is there is an urgent need for walkways and bicycle paths and paved trails. We also may need more traffic lights at some very dangerous intersections. Safety of our citizens is in jeopardy with the lack of sidewalks and trails. There are many places where sidewalks end in the middle of roadways. Town Center needs urgent help. Wayland significantly improved their 27/20 intersection. Sudbury is behind the 8-ball on this. A tragedy can occur. More sidewalks needed everywhere. Especially around LSRHS, Concord Road, Lincoln Road, Union Ave, Route 20, Landham Road. There is a huge traffic problem because residents cannot walk on the roads and must resort to driving.

## Appendix SJ: Any Other Comments or Suggestions.

**Use this space for any comments or suggestions you would like to add.**

Less development of certain recreational facilities would support water quality issues and quality of life, and open space. Swimming pools and skating rinks use water and all public facilities generate more septage, use of roads, create noise and light pollution. Open Space and recreational goals need not rely on expansionist attitudes and direction.

So they get destroyed in development, unless state or federal funds are to be used in the development, then that triggers a MHC search of its records. A dig might happen then to remove what would be destroyed. But the archaeologists of today would rather leave a site undisturbed as each year we know more or have new technology that would give us better information in the future.

Concentrate more on preservation of open space and less on active recreation. the town should be saving CPC funds to purchase property for preservation not wanting it on things such as putting down artificial turf or building a rail trail.

Continue to purchase open scenic land

Purchase small parcels such as abandoned properties that when added up would help with overall appearance in town along Rt. 20, 27, concord rd, etc.

Focus all CPA resources on affordable housing.

Create one booklet with maps for all public trails in Sudbury. Sudbury really needs a dog park!!! Acquire more land for pocket parks and community gardens. A garden at each elementary school. A learning garden and or farm at Curtis MS and LSRHS

maintain and protect our present properties

protect and improve what we have

Maintain walking trails, wood chips for base. Bridges over streams or low areas that [ ? ] water. Cut branches back from trails.

Protection of riparian zones and conservation area is key.

Publish on the website schedules for field use (school practices, events, competitions, etc.) This would permit the residents to know when a field or facility was not in use, so they could use it (e.g. running, playing catch, etc.)

Clean up the ponds and ready at least one for swimming

We have such a valuable area that we should try to protect it.

Could you add more Music enrichment programs to Park & Rec offerings?. I'd love to see a program like RhythmKids Classes offered through town, as Weston and Watertown currently does.

It's very difficult for me to rank some of the improvements esp. for water quality as I don't know what the cost/benefit ratios are as well as relative magnitude of problems. Also I am assuming the CSX trail doesn't connect into another trail in Framingham.. if it does then I would rank it the same as the others. I really think having a bike trail will be a big plus as I do not like to ride on most Sudbury roads (I don't like to ride on sidewalks because of safety and even-ness). I answered porous pavement as a preferred surface assuming it's relatively even and easy to maintain, but more forgiving (for walking/jogging)...?



Also completing more sidewalks, esp. on roads where they end abruptly, would be great for walking and personally I would like to see more of that happening. I do walk and jog, by myself and with dogs, and do appreciate all the conservation trails near our house. thanks!

I don't have the answer to increasing affordable housing in Sudbury or even if it makes sense. However, spending enormous sums of money to benefit just a few people is not the right way to do it.

This kind of communication/questionnaire is a very good idea. I hope that you get a lot of feedback.

No more over 55+ developments for the uber-wealthy. Look into adopting a transfer of development rights by-law to control and direct growth and combat sprawl. And please will you just give up on the police station? The people of the community have spoken - try listening.

thank you for the opportunity to be heard.

Sudbury should find the needed finances, without raising taxes, to buy all remaining open space.

Strongly support acquisition of land to protect as open space, preserving as much as we can, the remaining pieces of undeveloped land.

The town really needs a nice beach for families to go to in the summer. There are plenty of ponds. It is a matter of dumping sand, ensuring the water is clean, providing parking, life guard, picnic tables, a grilling area, trash barrels etc. It would be money well spent.

I think Sudbury should seriously consider maintenance and liability in proposing uses for open space. I think the best use is conservation land, second best is recreational fields that are managed in an existing program (Parks and Rec). I think we need to preserve as much of the rural character of Sudbury as possible. Additionally, we taxpayers are running out of funds.

This survey email was a great way to reach me.

we have enough homes in town and our schools are full, we do not need more. let the expansion's that have been going on settle.

We should concentrate on connecting and maintaining trails and sidewalks (way too many roots/holes/branches/poison ivy for safe jogging and biking, and feel strongly that we should have NO MORE PAVEMENT besides sidewalks

The reason I am not for acquiring new land is that our property taxes will go up some more and it is difficult as it is for seniors. Most, have fixed incomes and the additional taxes and all the increases i.e.; insurance, medical costs and ad infinitum, will makes living here more difficult. I am for land conservation. Protecting our wild life as well. There should be a happy medium, I hope!

Many of us who supported the CPA were disappointed to learn the town uses these funds to create playing fields. This was not well-publicized when the town campaigned for the CPA. I believe these funds should be used ONLY to acquire lands and certainly not to add yet another sports field--let alone a turf field. Let the users of these facilities fund them not the taxpayers!

Public recreation areas (whether indoor or outdoor) should not be controlled for allocation by one person or one entity. Unused space should be available for use as need be to all town and school organizations without 1 person being in complete control of the decision making. The politics of the balance between Park & Rec. and the L-S Athletic Director doling out field and gym space to town sports is ridiculous. Open gym space should be made available to groups that need it if they are willing to follow the guidelines of use of that space.

I think a direct mailing of this survey which reach a much larger representation.

In order to preserve the air and life quality of the town, Sudbury should institute a ban on gasoline powered lawn mowers and possibly other outdoor machinery, and possibly institute a lawn mower buy-back and exchange program for electric lawn mowers, as has been successfully used elsewhere to limit emissions and cut down on noise.

If I could cause the Town to focus on one thing it would be ensuring that all neighborhoods have sidewalks. In November I will have 3 small children--that will make 7 small children on our cul-de-sac of 4 houses. There is no way my children can walk safely anywhere off of our cul-de-sac, nor is there any way I can safely take them on walks in a stroller off of our cul-de-sac. Instead, I have to cross my fingers and walk down Nobscot Rd to get to Rte. 20, and from there I cross my fingers here and there when I walk through one neighborhood with sidewalks to another without them. That just isn't right. I resent the Town spending money to acquire additional open space and then in the same breath saying it doesn't have the money to address a safety issue such as sidewalks. When did open space become more important than the safety and well-being of the residents? Also, I used to live in Boston and I can tell you that there are far more outdoor recreational opportunities (and sidewalks everywhere) for children and adults than there are in Sudbury. So, my next priority would be to really think about making good use of the open space that Sudbury already has. Acquiring additional open space merely for the purpose of acquiring additional open space to me is wasteful and irresponsible. Sudbury should have bike trails, it should have an outdoor skating rink, it should have cross-country skiing trails--if you like to engage in a particular activity outdoors, Sudbury already has sufficient space to accommodate those activities, but instead we spend our money foolishly by acquiring additional space to maintain the 'rural' character of a Town that is no longer rural--it is a suburb and it should start acting like it! Although this wasn't part of the survey, I think that Sudbury should encourage commercial development--if we had more businesses (like Wellesley, for example) we wouldn't need to pay for override after override by taxing our residents into poverty. Of course, what got us into the override problem in the first place was simply laying our heads down on the chopping blocks when the unions presented us with contracts that we simply can't afford--it's called 'negotiation' for a reason. If towns started saying no to double digit benefit increases then the unions would either have to not work or lower their demands. But I digress. In terms of HOW Sudbury should make use of the open space that it has, I think it should first be developed for the community in general--for example, I would rather there be cross-country ski trails, bike trails, horseback riding trails, a public golf course (i.e., things that all residents could use, if they so chose), then to develop space as neighborhood playgrounds or parks that only the nearby residents could use. And, indeed, how would you decide which neighborhoods got parks/playgrounds first? if that went according to a master plan moving at a snail's pace such as the sidewalk plan, that would mean that some neighborhoods would not only have sidewalks but also playgrounds while the rest of us waited years and years and years for the hope of having at least one of those benefits. In terms of trails, specifically, I think the Bruce Freeman trail should be extended all the way south to Sudbury--in fact, the only thing I don't like about the current trail proposal is that those of us living in the south will have less access to the trail than our northern neighbors--I've been to the Minuteman trail many times and it is just wonderful. I would like to see Sudbury having a trail going all the way through the town south to Framingham so that ALL residents could enjoy the many recreational benefits that a well-designed trail could afford. Putting sidewalks in, developing the open areas we already have for the common recreational good, implementing a rail trail system throughout the Town--all of these things will enhance, not detract, from the new nature and character of Sudbury. Sudbury used to be a rural town, but it simply no longer is, and instead of fighting to stay in the past, we should thoughtfully develop the land that we have to fit the needs of our present and future--that means developing our sidewalk system for the safety of all residents and thoughtfully developing the open areas we already own for the health and well-being of our expanding population.

Opportunities for outdoor recreation benefit us all.

See my above comments on the land the town is interested in purchasing at the Rt. 20/Peakham intersection.

the sooner housing lots are limited to two acres the better.

This survey, while well intended, is biased towards finding ways to SPEND our money. I sincerely appreciate the effort put forth by the city to understand our wants and needs, and would like to see the same rigor applied to understanding our views towards improvement of spending and taxing behaviors in general. We are in great danger of taxing ourselves out of being an attractive community.

We have wonderful sports facilities and a bucolic setting. The future focus should be on increasing the commercial tax base so we can continue to afford to live here to play on these fields and walk on the paths.

I want to pay less taxes. I want more businesses in town to share the burden. I think Sudbury has a reputation as being unfriendly to commercial interests. Surely there are environmentally neutral companies that could be enticed to come here.

I think Sudbury needs to improve its commercial tax base. Taxes in this town are way too high and the lack of vision in addressing this issue is deplorable. I would prefer Sudbury consider attracting 'green' businesses to commercially develop available property. What's the sense in having a bucolic town if residents can't afford to live here?

Sudbury's high tax rate is driving long-time residents away. Can you attract environmentally neutral businesses to rebalance the burden on residents?

Sudbury needs to be more balanced in its efforts by addressing the lack of economic development here. Why not become a haven for 'green businesses' that might help support our nature efforts. The two goals of preserving the bucolic character of Sudbury and attracting business to support our expensive educational system are not incompatible.

Just an FYI... we make a point of NOT voting for incumbents running for town council. Years of tax hikes and pinching pennies and short changing the schools and emergency services and putting the squeeze on our seniors has convinced us the folks who are elected just don't have a clue. And we are not alone. We are a growing minority who are sick of meetings about signs and fiddling with bus routes and times that no one likes that negatively impact our home lives but we are stuck with because we can't afford anything else. We are sick of 2 1/2 hour kindergartens. How many surveys do you want to shove at us about that one? We are sick of McMansions. We are sick of stores folding and having to go out of town or online to shop. Mostly we are sick of our high taxes that don't seem to get us anything but misery. For the amount of taxes we pay, our town should be so much better off, but it's not because we have a disproportionate amount of residential taxes. And a disproportionate amount of school aged children. The one BIG SOLUTION? Higher percentage of corporate income. Gee. How to do that? Tax them out of our town or lets see, make Sudbury attractive to businesses large and small. Hell yes, set up a sewer system on Route 20! You want to buy up open spaces? Fine, but turn it into business parks or a town center that isn't just a bunch of churches. Create our own piazza either from scratch or by connecting our existing businesses in a way that flows. You can't do that on your own. Hire a town planner - a visionary with fiscal responsibility as part of his/her focus. Trust me, we, the residents would pay for that. What we won't pay for is even more mosquito breeding grounds.

Please, please stop talking about a sewer on route 20 and actually put one in!!! I've lived here 17 years and we always just talk. Meanwhile our water supply continues to be threatened and our commercial tax

base shrinks. Could we dig the residential tax hole any deeper?? Please take action.

I supported the CPC because I thought it would be used to acquire open space, not because it could be used for recreation. I hope my responses reflect that.

The beauty of Sudbury comes largely from the wildlife. I observe birds, such as herons and ducks, as well as turtles, deer and others, having a very difficult time feeding and drinking from the clogged ponds and waterways. Dredging and cleaning these bodies of water should be a high priority. Also, the other water protection principles should be undertaken.

I am concerned that you may have a biased sample by the way you have people answer the survey. I found out through the West section in the Globe. I assume that you have fixed it so a person cannot answer online more than once. Thank you for the opportunity to respond. BTW; I like the character counter below.

Public facilities such as the high school should be available to all local groups for use when it is not conflicting with school activities. My daughter is a Pop Warner cheerleader and I was very disappointed with the school board and park and recreation department this fall. The high school cheer gym sat empty as the Pop Warner girls practiced outside on the grass (a dangerous surface for stunts and tumbling) and in the cold and dark. The high school is a public building and all efforts should be made to allow town youth sports to use this facility.

support maximizing purchases that contribute to wildlife corridor. Support public access unless circumstances absolutely prevent this. Then support completing corridor w/ no access. Support increasing bike trails and walkways. If contributing to public fund for preservation prefer to see town work with SVT rather than establish town fund.

It is so vital that Sudbury continue to work on our walkways and expand the trail system such that our town is an accessible community for pedestrians. Walkers & bikers must be accommodated for the health of our residents and our environment. I feel strongly that we protect a good portion of our undeveloped land from an overgrowth of residential and business development; however, it is imperative that we do not naively limit the expansion of trails and walkways. An enhanced trail system will encourage residents to rely on modes of transportation other than automobiles. This is crucial for - 1) individual health, during a time when physical activity is limited and obesity is a major epidemic; 2) modeling behaviors of regular physical activity and decrease reliance on cars to our children - who are used to being strapped in the backseat of the minivan with a juice box, goldfish, and a DVD just to drive 1.5 miles to school or the store/school; 3) to limit carbon emissions and improve the health of the environment.

We love the town. I wish there were sidewalks, and another town park area (north) to accommodate families. Fairbank playground accommodates 0-5 years. Beyond that, the only other non-school playground is at Shaws on Route 20. And there are no fields there. Sidewalks would enable joggers, moms walking babies in strollers and young kids riding bikes a safe, useable surface to exercise and circulate. Bolsters health, safety & community.

I am discouraged by vocal nay saying homeowners with a 'not in MY backyard' attitude. We should do what is best for the largest group of residents and consider those who are less able to speak for themselves like the elderly and the disabled. Bikeways and walking paths would only improve our town. When you can't drive your SUV because gas costs \$10/gallon, wouldn't you like to be able to bike to the store for a loaf of bread? Could you imagine a bike rider breaking into an abutter's house and stealing their TV? Then putting it on their back and taking off? I don't think so. If paths are available they will be used for a wide variety of residents during waking hours. We might also have people who ride through our town on a longer trip who will need to buy refreshments at a local store and add to our economy. It would be safer

for our children to ride on bike paths than in some of the narrow busy streets like Mossman, Dutton, Peakham or any number of streets. Let's bring Sudbury into the 21st century and look to the future while preserving the best of the past.

Keep up the good work. Thank you for all that you do.

**MBTA IS NOT A GOOD CHOICE FOR HISTORICAL SUDBURY.... TAKING OUR TOWN AND MAKING IT A CITY!! THE RAILWAY WILL BRING IN MORE UNWANTED CRIME IN SUDBURY**

I do not consider myself qualified to answer many of these questions regarding water, conservation land, etc. I do not know the difference between paving and porous pavement.

This was a difficult survey to respond to--I have strong emotional opinions yet I am not always sure that they are the best for the town. I hope you can keep some aspect of what drew me to come here in 1962. I know things change with time, but I hope we can always preserve the 'small-town' feeling that most of us love.

Protect Sudbury water (as well as humans and all flora/fauna) by COMPLETELY prohibiting use of chemical/non-organic pesticides (by Town, commercial & residents).

1. When used for recreation, Community Preservation funds should be limited to passive recreation. I recommend road easements be utilized to construct multiuse paths parallel to existing roads. We should purchase these easements as/if necessary. If we truly want to encourage non-motorized commuting/transportation, we should take advantage of the highways and byways already established to the destinations most frequently visited and open them to non-motorized traffic. This will also avoid the creation of new intersections. We should avoid paving new asphalt paths/roads through wetland and wildlife areas.

I hope the Town is making every effort to get this form filled out by many people - I am not sure most know about it and its importance.

It would be great if residents who own conservation protected land could enter into agreement with the town to create walking trails, or even wetland preserves (like Audubon preserves) so that the habitats are preserved but do not have to be totally excluded from human use and enjoyment.

I am not in favor of using land acquired for open space for active recreational purposes, such as playing fields. I am strongly in favor of using CPA funds primarily for acquisition of open space for conservation and land preservation purposes.

I have trepidation answering some questions given my lack of knowledge how supporting one proposed activity could negatively impact another. For example, would protecting local flora and fauna be a significant impediment to developing a rail trail?

For expensive projects aimed at a narrow group of people, have those people donate more funds. Keep town funds to broad population use. For example, spending a lot of money on tennis courts or lacrosse fields only benefit a small minority of people who participate in such activities.

A town this size with as many children it has should have an outdoor town pool as well as an indoor sport court.

Although I'm always pleased to have more significant open space protected in town, as I went through this survey, it seemed to me that most of the land I cared about in Sudbury had either been protected already, or lost to development. With no kids at home and a general lack of personal interest, I'm not tuned into the active recreation programs in town and don't have a good idea of what needs there might

be, but I've always been amazed to hear that we need yet another athletic field. We seem to already have so many! Do we still need more?

My comments are above

Sudbury seems to have done a good job at meeting the needs for athletic fields at this point. We are lucky to have so much space to rest at Haskell. Seems like more than enough space many evenings at Haskell in the fall.

Is the question below a trick question?

I do not feel that use of community preservation funds is appropriate for artificial turf fields. I would love to see a place to skate, a pond, with a little warm-up shack adjacent. A public pool or pond would be wonderful for swimming. The indoor pool does not have an area appropriate for toddlers. The town center is preserved to the extent of being hardly used except for church-goers. In contrast route 20 has the appeal of a shopping strip (little appeal). Developing a commercial zone with some charm and walkability would be a wonderful goal. Perhaps along Station road and extending across toward where the Emerson building is. This is the one exception I would make to the goal of preserving all undeveloped land. The bike path could lead to this area.

Although I have support for the rail trails, we should not preclude restoration of rail service to Sudbury. If we could get commuters off the roads, the traffic would decrease, which would add to quality of life. We could also cluster smart growth around rail stations. Perhaps there is a way to have a bike trail adjacent to a railroad, on the same right of way, separated by a safety fence etc. At the very least, the right of way needs to be preserved for future rail expansion.

Just want to add again that the land owned by Jones and Bartlett is beautiful land with lots of wildlife - fishers and owls, turkey and deer. I don't believe they can currently build on that land, but a future owner could possibly find ways to divide it and build some houses. I believe it does also connect to some conservation land as well. I don't believe it would be very expensive land to purchase and preserve because of its wetness.

I answered some questions 'no opinion' because I did not feel I had enough information to make an informed decision or I would like more specifics, for example, how monies might be spent.

Suggestion - keep business in the business district, along Route 20. Doing so will automatically preserve the look and character of the town. This includes the business of the police station. There is reason why nearly 50% of all arrests to date occur on Route 20. This is the corridor that criminals use. There is no sense to bring that element into other sections of town for booking and jailing.

Some concerns with the negative reputation of the Conservation agent as difficult and not respectful of residents

Sudbury should have a permanent place for Pop Warner football and cheering to practice without being treated like criminals for wanting to play football and cheer. The current athletic director at LS should be ashamed of herself for not allowing the girls to go inside to practice in the cheer gym even though it is not being used by anyone else. Just goes to show that once LS got their field money from Pop Warner they didn't need us anymore. We all pay taxes in this town and should share the facilities fairly.

Villages at Sudbury is an unreasonable project and should not be completed. Traffic and school over crowding threaten to turn Sudbury into Waltham or Marlborough. The town should work actively to repeal 40b legislation and let towns decide the best use of their geographic resources. Enough with the communism.

Sudbury is already over developed, so put a stop to future commercial development, and minimize

residential development.

I disagree with the very premise of the Community Preservation Act and the way it is funded. You need to know this because that could affect how one might answer the questions above. If these matters are important enough to be supported by tax moneys, then they need to be part of the ordinary budget process. As it happens, I would probably answer the questions above the same way in the absence of CPA, but it doesn't mean I'd be willing to fund all the consequences of the preferences. - tom powers] 201 Union Ave 978-443-9442

The town should slow down the building of condos and small homes. We have way too many over 55 and our schools are overloaded. Rte 20 is a complete mess with all the traffic.

I hate seeing Community Funds used for a Rail that will in effect destroy beautiful and sensitive areas in Sudbury.

**MORE RETAIL AND OFFICE SPACE TO REDUCE TAX BURDEN ON RESIDENTIAL; CREATE A TOWN CENTER PROJECT SIMILAR TO WHAT WAYLAND IS DOING, OTHERWISE MANY WILL VISIT WAYLAND MORE OFTEN TO BE IN A TOWN CENTER SETTING**

As Chairperson of the Commission on Disability, I would like a representative of our Commission be given an opportunity to be more involved at the planning stages of any active or passive recreation sites so that we can assure compliance with both ADA and AAB regulations. It is far more costly to the town in terms of dollars for violations of AAB and ADA to be noted later and, more importantly in my mind, building non compliant facilities and waiting until they are cited for that noncompliance fosters an already existing image that Sudbury is not a welcoming community for those with disabilities.

Stop building condos thinking that over 55 will be a long term tax advantage to the town. 1/ there will probably be great tax breaks for seniors especially as their numbers increase therefore increasing their political clout to make this happen 2/ When the baby boom is over they will be either empty and unsellable. The rules will probably have to change to allow under 55 which would again increase the services. these developments are being built everywhere in way greater quantities than the demand will warrant. The competition to fill these are great. Sudbury's tax structure is not attractive to seniors with no kids in the schools. The open space that was lost can not be brought back.

great idea to do email survey

The town should allocate appropriate facility time to the Pop Warner activities. I am especially upset that the cheerleaders were not given adequate L-S gym time

Developers have changed and largely destroyed the character of town over the years I have lived here. There are still remaining pockets of natural beauty left and I feel strongly that what is still left is preserved. It seems like any last bit of land which could be developed for McMansions has been used. Property taxes have increased to a point where they have become a substantial financial burden. The traffic is terrible and the amount of large commercial vehicles, spewing exhaust which don't fit on narrow roads, common place.

Many of the questions were hard to answer without additional information and argument. In other words, with more information about the pros and cons and expense of various options, our opinion could change. For example, on the surface of the rail trail, we picked porous pavement. But we really don't know what the relative expense and merit of that choice is as compared to the others. Similarly, the questions about cleaning the water supply are hard to answer w/o additional information such as the cost/benefit analysis of each of the options. Nevertheless, we hope you learn some useful information.

I have lived in this town for 19 years. It is an historical but not much attention is being paid to preserve

it's history. I have four children with two still in elementary school. They have all played one sport or another but I still feel we currently have enough sports playing fields especially given the vast fields now available at the high school. I think we need more family parks donned with beautiful trees and flowers. I was under the impression years ago that the Comm Preservation Fund was suppose to preserve some of the natural beauty not turn the spaces into sports fields. I also feel we should have more restrictions on new construction sites, i.e. limit the amt of new houses being constructed on a lot that previous housed one home! This town is starting to become too overcrowded and overdeveloped with more of a city feel than the country feel it once had.

My choices are pie-in-the-sky. I am well aware that these very desirable things have to compete for our dollars with lots of other very desirable things. But this survey is a great way to understand the priorities of various demographic groups. So congratulations to you!

Any improvements/decisions with regard to recreation, conservation or education of Sudbury should take into account the fact that it is not in our best interest to provide services that will produce more traffic on Route 20.

This online survey is fabulous. Thanks for organizing it. With regard to some of the questions above, I am not completely informed on all the options so am not sure I would rank the same way if I had more information. Maybe this is one of the points of the survey -- to show us that we are not as informed as we could be.

I think this survey was poorly done. Of course if you ask someone if they would like to preserve open space the answer will be yes. Unfortunately you have to give tradeoffs such as would you be willing to increase your taxes to pay for open space. Other issues addressed here need explanation and asking citizens whether it is preferred to build sewers on Rte 20 or stop excess road runoff pollution doesn't mean anything if they are not educated about the relative detriment of each.

We've only lived here a little over a year, but we love the town! I think preserving what we have here is the most important thing -- the open space, woods, wildlife, darkness at night, and rural character are what we love about Sudbury, in addition to the people, and the way the town seems to be so well and thoughtfully run, with much reach-out to residents (like this). I've been impressed with the annual report, the reports from the water district, and other mailings and information that we have received, and by the thoughtfulness that seems to go into most public discourse.

One of the things we love about our new town is the caring about open spaces and conservation! Bravo!!

I don't think this survey was very useful because it does not take into account the costs of doing any of the things we're being asked to evaluate. People may say they're in favor of a lot of things when simply asked a yes (agree) or no (disagree) question but, their answers are likely to change when their responses will affect them financially (i.e. increased taxes).

In many communities, rail trails have become the most highly rated recreation part of the community. Sudbury is likely to feel the same in the future.

Would like to see provision for pedestrians (e.g. walkways) on the Post Rd either side of Nobscot Rd. Any further commercial (e.g. retail) development should be concentrated on the Post road between Concord Rd and the Shaw's plaza.

Why can't the town build more traditional narrow, tree-lined, windy, scenic roads, with houses sparsely scattered here and there instead of letting developers build subdivisions? If it's cost prohibitive, can we find some way of making it affordable? The only two choices mentioned in the planning docs seem to be typical subdivisions or subdivisions with everybody crammed together in one corner so the animals can



have the majority of the space. I think we can find a way to make the land enjoyable for both people and animals to live on. If we have to have housing crammed together, how about putting a coffee shop or tasteful convenience store on the corners of the residential streets, so people have something to walk to? That's not rural? Well, neither are subdivisions with small lots. Can we bring back the commuter rail? It takes forever to get anywhere from this town, and you can forget about living here and working downtown. The 15-year olds must feel trapped. Who knows, maybe it would help the traffic problems too. Where are the project plans and status reports on the various town initiatives?

Town should promote the Assabet national wildlife refuge as a cost effective, recreational asset.

I believe that expanded walkways are the capital improvement that would most benefit the quality of life in Sudbury. We would have a way for us and our children to enjoy our beautiful town, without having to drive or dodge cars!

I moved to Sudbury because of it's Rural/Suburban living areas. I get so frustrated lately every time a new house or development goes up all of the surrounding trees go down. If I wanted to live in the suburbs I would have moved to a town like Needham. I am for all we have to do to save the uniqueness of Sudbury community life. I tell people..if you don't like trees, flora, fauna etc...Sudbury is not the community for you. And please, don't move here anyway and try to change to ecological culture as some have. I stay in Sudbury because I love Sudbury AND I am willing to pay the price for what Sudbury offers. I will promise to stay more informed about our conservation efforts. Thank you

Many of the questions on this survey are too complicated for a non-engaged citizen. There needs to be more details if the survey expects to be valid

I would dearly love to have a rail trail in Sudbury. Talking with a RE broker in Bedford, he said that all property near rail trail is worth much more. They love the rail trail there. I use the Cape Cod rail trail and my in-laws live right on it. It is a real property value booster.

We need to understand that people and nature are not apart from each other. If we don't work toward an active, positive, and constructive integrated relationship with the place in which we live, we are doing just the opposite, taking a negative, destructive, antagonistic posture against our very home. I watch the madness of our cell phone holding, SUV driving populace racing by my place every day. These people may be rushing to or from work, shuttling their children to one or another scheduled activity, all while the trees, rocks, soil, streams, and REALITY which is our town flash by their window as in a dream. Is this the life we want our fellow citizens to live? Is the ripped-open flesh of our land at yet another expertly misconceived development the only thing that might jolt our people into thinking that they might be missing something in their lives? We need a connection to the world around us. Sports fields and stadiums don't do this, athletic clubs and swimming pools don't do this. The town needs to take an active, innovative, progressive role in fostering a positive, creative, honest, happy relationship between its people and the natural world upon which we all depend. Anything less is an abrogation of the responsibility of government to provide for the health and happiness of its people.

I am against the development of the parcel of land that the selectmen voted to acquire on Rt. 20.

There were a couple of items I found difficult to adequately comment on due to my lack of understanding and lack of detail in the question, notably providing detail regarding the relative impact of the various items listed under the water quality questions would have assisted me with a more informed answer.

When land or development rights are purchased to keep property in its natural state for flora, fauna, aesthetics, etc., even if it is for a single benefit, such as habitat protection, there should be a high priority for public access. The town needs to address town wide sewerage to reduce the financial burden of septic system replacement/restoration to Title V compliance.

Appendix B

I feel strongly that the Town's character and value could be increased by building the Bruce Freeman rail and other rail trails.

This was the best way for you to reach us....Thank you

Great survey

Sudbury should cap number of building permits each like many communities and require set asides for open space and affordable housing.

Our open space should include affordable housing and / or play grounds as part of any future plans

I'm glad to see you caring about my input

This was a better town when we first moved here many decades ago. The massive destruction of land and constant building of huge homes has permanently changed the character of the town. Now it is just another community for the newly rich to show off their incomes. We can't go back (too bad), but it would be lovely to instigate restraint with the home building. The McMansion lovers can always move to Miami where they will fit right in.

Using CPA money for artificial turf at the High School is an abomination. Why not use CPA money for beer and cigarettes if enough people vote for it?

I've said this a couple of times now, but a town beach area is very important to me. Our family has to use other town facilities to meet this desire. In my opinion, there is plenty of space and funds in town to be able to accommodate this need, even if it means cutting back in the budget (including not funding a police station).

town should put more resources to keep ATVs out of conservation land

Thanks for making the effort to reach out and survey the residents!

The town has been studying this issue for 30 years! It's time to take action on some of the plans that have been developed in the past instead of just conducting another study. Take action now before it is too late.

Please keep as much open space, historical sites, conservation and bike trails as possible! This is a big part of what makes Sudbury so special!

The rail trail will harm our wetlands