



NEWINGTON OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Conference Room L-101, Lower Level
131 Cedar Street, Newington, CT 06111

6:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

I. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting of March 10, 2016

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Status of revision to Provision #3 of the Town Council Resolution establishing the Open Space Committee.

c. Review of work done by previous Open Space Committee.

d. Open Space Inventory and Map.

e. Comprehensive Open Space Management Strategy.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURN

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Town Planner



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131 Cedar Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

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Acting Town Manager

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To: Open Space Committee
From: Town Planner Craig Minor, AICP 
Date: April 8, 2016
Subject: **Agenda Items for April 14, 2016**

Note: the Committee meeting will be back in Room L-101 this month.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Status of revision to Provision #3 of the Town Council Resolution.

This was one of four "New Business" items on the March 22, 2016 NTC agenda, but the meeting ran late, and they knew that April 5 wasn't going to be much better, so our request has been pushed back to the April 27, 2016 agenda.

- c. Review of work done by previous Open Space Committee.

At the last meeting I was asked to find an Open Space Inventory that the previous Committee was working on up until they closed up shop. See attached. Note that this is a list of *privately-owned* open space (not Town-owned), and the spread sheet doesn't indicate if a parcel is "protected." I would guess not, but I can't tell from this document. Food for thought.

I was also asked to see if the PowerPoint presentation created by the former GIS specialist was still available. There is a PowerPoint presentation in my computer dated February 22, 2011 which may be an updated version of the one I was asked to find. A black-and-white copy is attached.

- d. Open Space Inventory and Map.

See attached Inventory, mentioned above. See also the map of Town-owned open space prepared by the IT Department in 2009, which is probably still valid.

- e. Comprehensive Open Space Management Strategy.

At the previous meeting the attached table was presented and discussed. More thought still needs to go into how much management (maintenance) these passive recreation parcels require.

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November 18, 2010

OPEN SPACE INVENTORY
RESIDENTIAL

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
No.	Parcel Owner	Size Acre	Zone District	Potential Environmental Limits	Townwide Significance	Neighborhood Significance	2020 POCD Strategies	Abuts Existing Open Space?	2005 Appraisal \$
1	Balf Company	73	R-20	45% Steep slopes	Cedar Mtn.		yes	yes - Balf Park	\$643,960
2	Cedar Hill Cemetery	53	R-12	65% Steep slopes	Cedar Mtn.		yes	yes - MIDC	242,100
3	Haltner	25	R-20	20% Watercourse		Culver-Apple Hill	yes	yes - Town	307,020
4	Corbin Russwin	24	R-12	100% Wetlands			yes	no	348,670
5	Eddy	15.8	R-20	60% Wetlands		Edwards-Winslow	yes	yes - Town	325,930
6	CT DOT	14	R-20	60% Steep Slopes		Waverly Dr.	no	yes - Town	
7	Schaltz (2)	14	R-12	30% Wetlands		Rear properties	yes	no	375,900
8	Kitts Lane Assoc.	13	R-12	100% Wetlands		Bridle Path	yes	no	3,000
9	Balf Company	12.5	R-12	80% Steep Slopes	Cedar Mtn.		yes	no	100,100
10	Peckham	12	R-20	None		Barn Hill	no	yes - easement	363,080
11	Jackson (2)	10	R-12	20% Wetlands		Rear properties		no	274,300
12	Stoddard	7.5	R-20	None				no	91,600
13	Gorski	5	R-20	55% Steep Slopes		Tremont St.	yes - buffer	no	710
14	Lalco	5	R-12	85% Steep slopes		Boulevard	yes - buffer	no	17,000
15	Adam Assoc.	4.6	R-20	100% Wetlands		Occhialini Court		no	6,520
16	BT 2008 LLC (1)	4.5	R-12	50% Steep slopes		Harold Drive	yes - buffer	yes - buffer	863,600
17	Soelka (2)	4.5	R-20	Steep slopes		Rockledge-Kowal	no	no	285,000
18	Webb (1)	4	R-12	50% Wetlands		Rear properties	no	no	286,430

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20	Ross (1)	4	R-12	33% Wetlands		Rear properties	no	no	267,240
21	Marchi	4	R-12	25% Wetlands		Carriage Hill Dr.	no	no	154,040
22	Merlino	3.5	R-20	15% Wetlands		Church St.	no	no	285,000
23	Wood (1)	3	R-20	20% Steep slopes		Settlers Knoll	no	yes-easement	270,000
24	Allaire	2.8	R-12	100% Wetlands	Wetlands	Orchard Ave.	yes - buffer	yes	28,900
25	Aieta	2.7	R-12	50% Steep slopes		Church St.	no	no	61,850
26	Prestia (1)	2.4	R-12	75% Wetlands	Wetlands	Orchard Ave.	yes - buffer	yes	240,510
27	CCSU	2.2	R-7	100%Wetlands	Wetlands		yes - buffer	yes-Town	
28	Roberge	2	R-20	75% Steep slopes	Cedar Mtn.		yes - buffer	no	86,410
29	Cianci (1)	2	R-20	60% Steep slopes		Ledgecrest Dr.		no	255,000
30	Leckowicz	1.5	R-20	80% Steep slopes	Cedar Mtn.		yes	no	7,580
31									
32	(1) = Includes Improvements: Buildings								
33	(2) = Multi-Rear Abutting Properties owners								

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
REPORT,
FEBRUARY 22, 2011**



Committee Members and Organization

Tom Bowen, Chairman

Subcommittees

Carol Wojtowicz, Vice Chairman

Land Trust Organization

Bernadette Conway, Secretary

Open Space Grants

Carol Anest (Gary Turco, 2-8-11)

Potential Open Space

Phil Block

Jay Bottalico

David Lenares

Stanley Marcinczyk

David Nagel

Kristine Nasimnyk

Mark Pappa

Creation and Charge to the Open Space Committee

**“To determine the means to acquire,
preserve and protect the Cedar
Mountain parcels and various other
open space parcels within the Town of
Newington” Town Council Resolution, 2010-2**

Committee Mission Statement

adopted January 28, 2010

- To explore all avenues available to preserving Cedar Mountain as open space for all future generations.
- To present to Council all potential sites to be acquired, preserved and/or protected for open space.
- To seek out all potential funding sources to include but not limited to private grants, local state and federal programs.
- To research and consider establishing a private non profit Land Trust for the benefit of preserving open space

Committee Actions

Protect Cedar Mountain as open space ...

Contacted Cedar Mountain property owners to request their cooperation in pursuing open space preservation of the ridgeline.

Supported House Bill # 5520 proposing the permanent preservation of the westerly steep slope of Cedar Crest Hospital.

Seek potential open space grant programs...

Requested Town Council to appropriate funds to conduct appraisal of Marcap, LLC property for DEP Open Space grant application contingent upon agreement with landowner.

Committee Actions

- ☑ ***Present to Town Council all potential open space properties...***

Published the Vacant Land Inventory Matrix which evaluates 331 acres of vacant residential land(29 properties) and 314 acres of vacant non-residential land(32 properties) by environmental limitations, neighborhood significance and the “greenway concept strategies” recommended in 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development, adopted June 9,2010.

Prepared the Open Space Greenways Plan map which identifies the significant vacant properties that should be protected by land use regulation or acquisition to implement the 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development.

Committee Actions

- ☑ ***Consider establishing a Land Trust ...***

Supported the efforts to create the private not for profit *Newington Open Space Trust, Incorporated.*

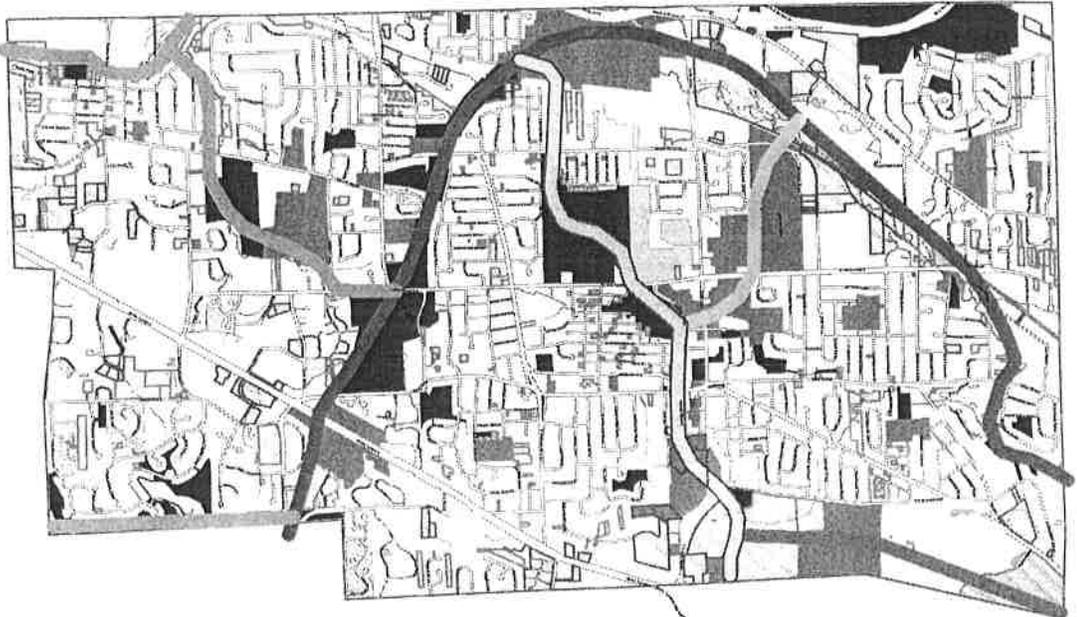
2011 Committee Strategies

- Protect Cedar Mountain Ridgeline Parcels.
- Promote greenways that protect natural resources, inland wetlands, floodplains and ridgelines.
- Protect vacant parcels between residential and non-residential areas and create permanent buffers.

Open Space & Greenways

- 2020 Plan of Development Goal: “Create a Town-wide open space network that protects environmentally sensitive areas and provides residents with a sense of open space and relief from intensive development found in older suburban communities and protect the small town character that is here now.”
- The term “GREENWAY” is based on PA 95-335 which describes a greenway as a corridor of protected open space that preserves resources such as wetlands, flood plains and ridgelines that when connected to existing dedicated open space creates a network that benefits adjacent neighborhoods and the larger community.

Open Space & Greenways



Legend

Greenway Paths

- Dark Blue - Waterway Greenway
- Light Blue - Waterway Greenway
- Green - Park Greenway
- Yellow - Park Greenway
- Orange - Park Greenway
- Red - Park Greenway
- Purple - Park Greenway
- Grey - Park Greenway
- Black - Park Greenway

Open Space Type

- Light Green - Municipal Open Space
- Dark Green - Municipal Open Space
- Medium Green - Municipal Open Space
- Light Yellow - Municipal Open Space
- Dark Yellow - Municipal Open Space
- Light Orange - Municipal Open Space
- Dark Orange - Municipal Open Space
- Light Red - Municipal Open Space
- Dark Red - Municipal Open Space
- Light Purple - Municipal Open Space
- Dark Purple - Municipal Open Space
- Light Grey - Municipal Open Space
- Dark Grey - Municipal Open Space
- Light Black - Municipal Open Space
- Dark Black - Municipal Open Space

Other Features

- White - Municipal Open Space
- Light Blue - Municipal Open Space
- Dark Blue - Municipal Open Space
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Map Scale

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Map Date

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Map Author

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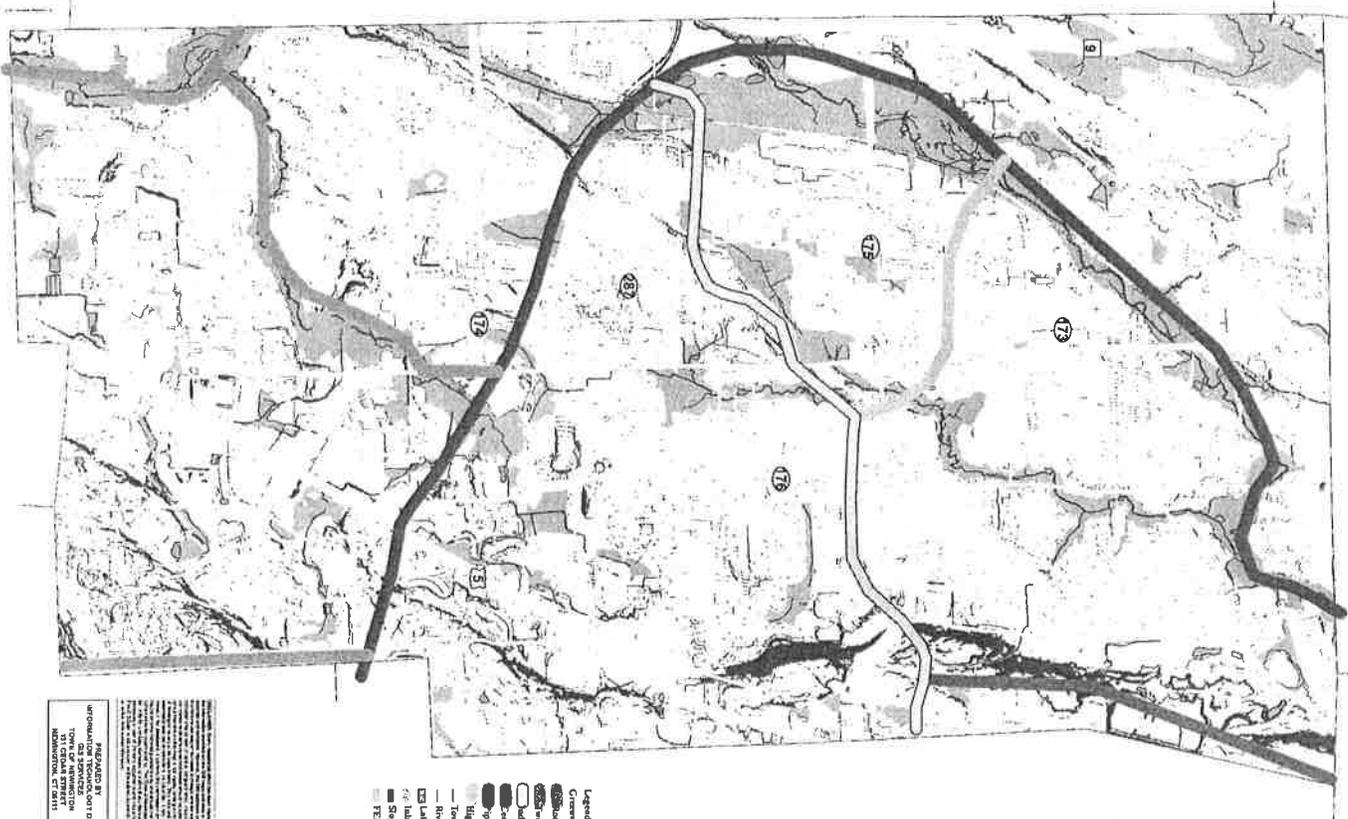
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Natural Resources Plan

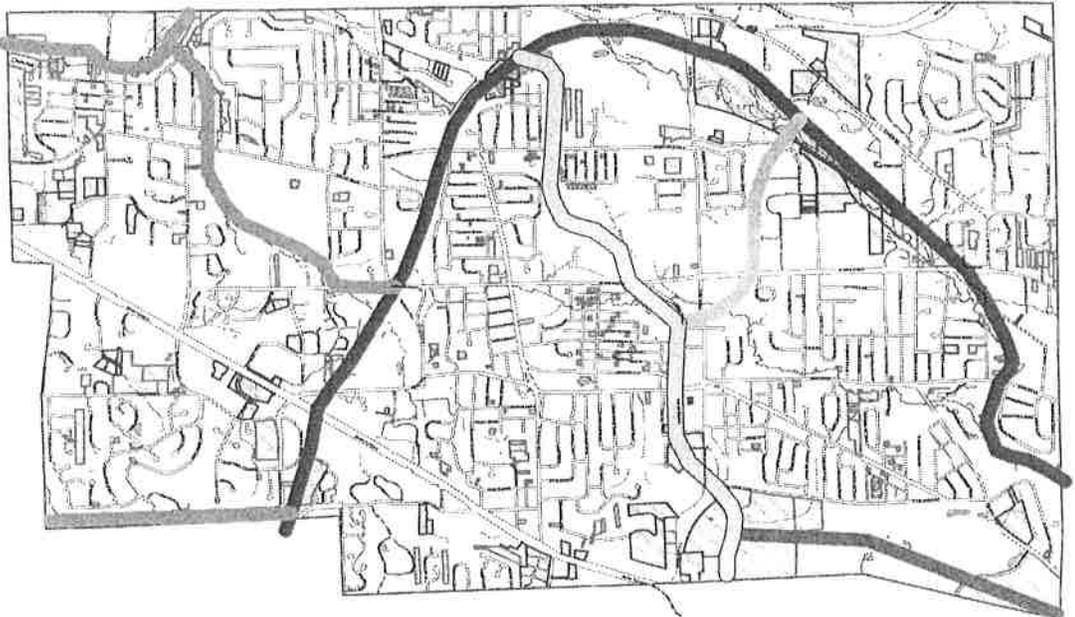


- Legend**
- Greenway Parks
 - Black Hill - Webster Brook Greenway
 - Westerly Road Road Greenway
 - Jordan Hill - Town Cr - Cedar Mt Greenway
 - Cedar Mountain Ridge/line Preserve Greenway
 - Yer Brook - Honey Cherrill Park Greenway
 - Trib School - Mill Brook - Town Hill Greenway
 - Town Lake
 - Rivers & Streams
 - Lake & Ponds
 - Inland Wetlands
 - Slope > 25%
 - FEMA 100 YR Flood Zone

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VACANT LAND: Residential & NonResidential



Legend

- Vacant - Residential
- Vacant - Non-Residential
- Vacant - Other

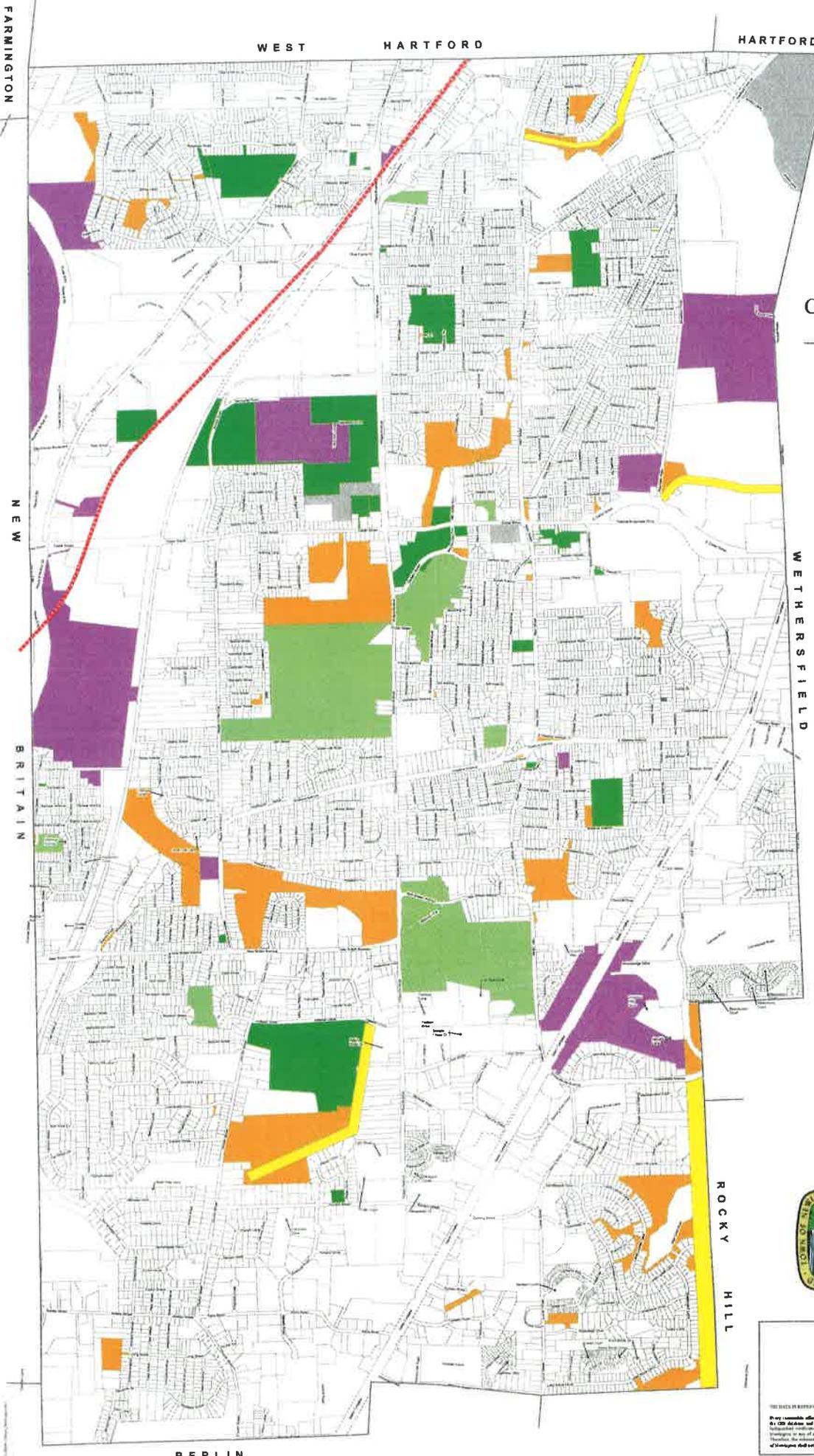
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 THIS MAP IS A SUMMARY OF THE
 INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE
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 BY THE TOWN ENGINEER
 ON 10/15/2011.


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 CONNECTICUT
 2011

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OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT PLAN

	A	B	C
1		<u>Deming Farm</u>	<u>Marcap Parcel</u>
2	Access From	From frontage on Church Street.	From frontage on Old Highway.
3			From frontage on Mountain Road.
4	Handicap Accessible?	No.	No.
5	Parking	Unpaved parking lot on Church Street.	None (proposed unpaved on-street parking on Mountain Road).
6	Permitted Uses	Walking.	Walking.
7		Dogs.	Dogs.
8		Picnicking.	Picnicking.
9		No team sports.	No team sports.
10		No camping.	No camping.
11			
12	Security Monitoring?	TBD	TBD
13	Trash Pickup	TBD	TBD
14			
15			
16			
17	Maintenance	Agreement in place for annual mowing of hay.	Check trail annually for downed tree limbs.
18		P&R mows lawn, snowplows driveway.	
19		P&R mows path in unmown hayfield.	



Newington
Town Plan
of
Conservation & Development

Open Space Property

- Legend**
- Town Line
 - Busway Multi Use Trail
 - Greenway Corridor
 - School, Public Buildings, & Other Town Property
 - State & Federal Land
 - Parks & Recreation Areas
 - Conservation Areas
 - Cemetery



0 1,250 2,500
Feet

SCALE: 1 inch = 600 feet



Town
of
Newington
Connecticut
2009

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