

Rowe Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee

Meeting with FRCOG

May 13, 2022 at 1 PM

Virtual Meeting via zoom

In Attendance: Laurie Pike, Dana Williams, and Alex Reisman (members of the Rowe Open Space and Recreation Committee) also Tamsin Flanders from the Franklin County Regional Council of Government

Audience of citizens: None

Meeting began with the presentation of a Scope of Work and Timeline for the DLTA 2022 funding which the committee had received to review. The funding has provided for 100 hours of FRCOG assistance with the development of the plan.

Task 1: **Complete the Public Participation process for the Rowe OSRP.** Tamsin from FRCOG will assist the committee with designing and distributing a community survey of the residents' open space and recreation goals for the town of Rowe. This survey will be available both online and paper. It will be advertised and a summary report written of the results from which town goals for the report will be determined.

Task 2: **Develop Section 3-Community Settings and Section 4-Environmental Inventory and Analysis.** Tamsin and staff will assist the committee in the drafts of these sections and develop maps to accompany the various sections.

The Rowe OSRP committee had previously shared a survey that they developed with FRCOG staff and a discussion of the draft survey was discussed. Suggestions for additions and improvements included adding a map of the open space properties in Rowe which could be accessed by the public. It was recommended that a Glossary of Terms precede the survey for greater clarification and understanding of some of the survey questions. A discussion revolved around how to rate or prioritize certain answers to the questions and the appropriate wording for the desired outcome. The committee suggested to combine questions 4 and 6 and looked for other ways to pare down the content and shorten the length. An explanation of Chapter 61, which is part of a survey question, was discussed and will be included in the Glossary of Terms. A request was made for more questions to be asked about the need for climate resiliency as related to the town's open space and recreation resources. What resources should be protected from climate change hazards. There was discussion as to how to incentivize the townspeople to participate in the survey. A suggestion was made for a drawing for a gift certificate/s. The draft will be updated by FRCOG staff and sent back to the committee for review again before the next meeting.

Rowe OSRP committee members have written and submitted drafts to FRCOG staff of portions of sections 3 and 4 of the report. Sections to still be addressed include vernal pools, invasive plant species, and Scenic Resources and Unique Environments.

The next meeting with FRCOG will be scheduled for June 17, 2022 at 1:30 PM. It will be an online Zoom meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Laurie Pike
OSRP Committee Member

The May 13, 2022 OSRP meeting minutes were approved by roll-call vote at the July 22, 2022 OSRP meeting.)