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Re: Open Space and Recreation Plan

Dear Ms. Atwood:

Thank you for submitting the updated Action Plan for the Town of Rowe's Open Space and Recreation Plan extending the goals and objectives over 10 years. I'm pleased to write that the plan has received an additional three years of approval, and the town is eligible to apply for DCS grants through February 2033. Please contact me at melissa.cryan@mass.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Melissa Cryan

Melissa Cryan
Grant Programs Supervisor

SECTION 9

TEN-YEAR ACTION PLAN

The Ten-Year Action Plan fulfills the Open Space and Recreation Plan objectives. The goals and objectives are listed in the first two columns of the action plan in the same order as they appear in Section 8 and are followed in the subsequent columns by recommended actions, responsible board or group, start date, and potential funding sources. By implementing the recommended actions, each objective will begin to be realized. Successful implementation will require the participation of existing town boards, committees and staff, including but not limited to the Open Space and Recreation Committee, Town Administrator, Select Board, Planning Board, Park Commission, Conservation Commission, Council on Aging, Board, Historical Society, Highway Department, Assessors, Finance Committee, and others.

Two recent planning efforts undertaken by the Town that look at natural hazards and climate change provide important points of leverage and overlap with the OSRP. In 2021, Rowe engaged in the planning process to become designated a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) community. Rowe also updated its five-year Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) in 2016. Relevant action items from the MVP Plan and HMP are included in the OSRP Ten-Year Action Plan. Thinking creatively and designing a project to achieve multiple objectives and provide multiple benefits can expand the opportunities for funding. Some open space or recreation projects could be funded by the MVP Action Grant program or the FEMA hazard mitigation grant program if open space preservation and/or recreation amenities are included in the project design. Actions derived from the HMP or MVP plan are indicated in the Action Plan in the Plan Sharing Action Item column.

For actions that require money, such as permanently protecting open space, funding from state and federal grants, private nonprofit conservation agencies, and foundations are available to supplement Town funds. These sources are more likely to invest in land protection projects that have a broad base of community support. Recommended actions are sometimes constrained by a lack of volunteer time rather than funding, so partnering with nonprofits, other Towns and other organizations is a helpful way to leverage more grant writing and administration capacity.

A. RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

While creating the Action Plan, the Committee compiled a list of projects that were completed in Rowe since 2010:

2010: Right-to-farm bylaw adopted.

2011: Green Community designation, resulting in funding for installation of a municipal solar PV array at the school, municipal weatherization and sealing measures, municipal heating system conversion to wood pellet and air-source heat pumps, educational workshops, and a residential energy incentive program.

2014: Survey of Pelham Lake completed by Solitude Lake Management that assessed the health of the lake and monitored for invasive species.

2015: Assessment of the health of the white pines at the Percy Brown Picnic Area.

2018: Nan Williams Conservation Area transferred to Franklin Land Trust and opened to the public.

2018/2019: Rowe becomes a member of the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts.

2020: Funding secured to replace a culvert on Ford Hill Road with a bridge, which will improve aquatic and terrestrial stream passage.

2020: Forest assessment and *Pelham Lake Park Forest Stewardship Plan* created, including goals to enhance resilience and promote greater biodiversity within park borders and beyond.

2021: Installation of 13 kiosks at major trailheads. Kiosks were built to display maps, and educational and informational materials with funding from the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts.

2021: Conservation of over 800 acres of land with publicly accessible trails centered around Warner Hill in Rowe and Charlemont by five families and the Shantigar community, together with the Franklin Land Trust, MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, MA Department of Fish and Game, New England Forestry Foundation, and other generous foundations and donors.

2021: *Rowe Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan* completed.

2021: 15 diseased white pine trees removed from the Percy Brown Picnic Area, to be replaced with more resilient species of hardwoods and conifers.

2022: *Deerfield River Study* completed in collaboration with the FRCOG and other Deerfield River stakeholders. The plan identifies challenges and opportunities for managing public use of the Deerfield River.

2022: Design of an Old Growth interpretive trail to educate the public about the characteristics of old growth forests, their importance in sequestering carbon, and the importance of preserving them, funded by the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts.

2022: Implemented climate resilience projects, including an eastern hemlock study plot that annually assesses hemlock wooly adelgid damage, inoculation of ash trees against the emerald ash borer, red oak enrichment plantings, and white oak assisted-migration plantings, funded by the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts.

2022: With regional MVP funding, updated the *Pelham Lake Park Forest Stewardship Plan* to include additional climate-smart practices, climate change mitigation measures, and other goals for the park's sustainability.

2022: With Town funding, assessed the park's trail system, trail maps, and trail maintenance plan.

2022: Secured Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts funding for educational and information materials for the kiosks, purchase of trail blazes for the trails system, and construction materials for additional sections of boardwalk to be installed in 2023.

2023: Rebuilt tennis courts at Pelham Lake, with three pickle ball courts added.

Ongoing: Recreational and education programs in the park, such as educational walks and talks covering topics like forestry, birds, wildlife tracking, and mushrooms, summer recreation programs for children 5 – 12, and twice-a-summer senior picnics.

Ongoing: Assessment and maintenance by Department of Public Works staff of municipal dams, bridges, and roads to be more climate resilient.



Train along Zoar Road
Credit: Nate Lafond

B. PRIORITY ACTION STEPS

The Priority Action Steps, as identified by the Rowe Open Space and Recreation Committee, are:

- **A.1** Prioritize the protection of lands that contain and support the function of valuable and sensitive ecological systems, ecosystems services, recreation, and climate resilience.
- **A.2** Manage open space and ecosystems for their many benefits, including biodiversity, habitat, stormwater management, climate resilience, and carbon sequestration.
- **A.3** Protect high quality waters and the availability and quality of drinking water resources by managing stormwater and by preserving wetlands, cold water fisheries, floodplains, the river corridor, and riparian buffers.
- **B.3** Protect and improve the accessibility of recreational and cultural opportunities in Rowe for all ages and abilities.
- **C.1** Develop a coordinated approach to implementing this Ten-Year Action Plan, ensuring that local proposals account for the plans of neighboring towns and community and regional partners.
- **C.3** Improve public awareness and education level of boards, residents, and students regarding the protection and resilience of natural, recreational, and cultural resources.

C. TEN-YEAR ACTION PLAN

HOW TO READ THE TABLE:

- **Goals** are overarching concepts that articulate the vision of the community for itself. Goals are included as headers; the plan’s goals and objectives are of equal importance and not listed in any kind of priority order.
- **Objectives** are milestones toward achieving a goal. Objectives are listed in the far-left column.
- **Actions** are concrete steps to be taken to fulfill objectives within a time frame.
- **Responsible Board/Group** suggests the Town group that would take the lead in shepherding the project and coordinating with other involved groups. Boards are listed in approximate order of importance.
- **Timeframe** is the suggested period within the next ten years that this item should be worked on.
- **Plan Sharing Action Item** denotes whether this is a related/revised action to an action item in the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan (MVP), the Climate Smart Stewardship Plan for Pelham Lake Park (PLP Stewardship), or the 2001 Source Water Assessment Program Reports (SWAPs). If no plan is listed, the action item was generated from public outreach and/or research for this OSRP.
- **Potential Funding** sources are suggested starting places for funding; more details and URLs for each grant program are in *Appendix B*. Many can be applied for through the Community One Stop for Growth grant application portal.¹

An approved Open Space and Recreation Plan qualifies a Town for Division of Conservation Services (DCS) grant programs, which include the LWCF, DWSP, LAND, and PARC grants, among others.

Acronyms used in the Ten-Year Action Plan:

3C	MassDOT funding to FRCOG for Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive (3C) transportation planning
604b	Grants for water quality monitoring and planning funded through Section 604b of the federal Clean Water Act and administered by MassDEP
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
BMP	Best Management Practice
Community Forest	Community Forest Grant Program
DCR	Department of Conservation and Recreation
DWSP	Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant Program
DLTA	District Local Technical Assistance program
EEA	Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program, administered by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
FRCOG	Franklin Regional Council of Governments
Habitat	MassWildlife Habitat Management Grant Program
LAND	Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity
LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund
Mass Historic	Massachusetts Historical Commission
MassTrails	DCR funding for trail systems and trail experiences
MassWildlife	Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
MVP	Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program
OSRP	Open Space and Recreation Plan
PARC	Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities Grant Program
Partners	National Fish and Wildlife’s Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program
Planning Assistance	EEA Planning Assistance Grants
PLP Stewardship	Climate Smart Stewardship Plan for Pelham Lake Park
s.319	Grants for water quality improvement funded through Section 319 of the federal Clean Water Act and administered by MassDEP
WPNM	Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts

¹ Massachusetts Community One Stop for Growth online grant portal: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/community-one-stop-for-growth>

GOAL A. Protect ecosystem integrity and ecosystem services to build climate resilience

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE BOARD/GROUP	TIMEFRAME PLAN SHARING ACTION ITEM	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
A.1 Prioritize the protection of lands that contain and support the function of valuable and sensitive ecological systems, ecosystems services, recreation, and climate resilience.	Establish procedures for expediently exercising the Town’s Right-of-First-Refusal with respect to Chapter 61 parcels, including the assignment of this right to a land trust, nonprofit conservation organization, or state conservation organization. Steps to reaching this goal include: 1. Educate Rowe’s Select Board, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Board of Assessors, and other relevant Boards and Committees on the Right-of-First-Refusal process. 2. Research why the Town is not being notified of Chapter 61 un-enrollment until property sales are complete. 3. Create a working group to identify criteria for land protection and incorporate the procedure into the 2024 Open Space and Recreation Plan. 4. Identify priority areas for protection using newly developed criteria. 5. Using the established criteria, work with Town Boards to create a step-by-step procedure for evaluating the Town’s interest in parcels coming out of Chapter 61 in a timely manner.	Select Board, Open Space and Recreation Committee, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Park Commission, Franklin Land Trust	Year 1 – 3 PLP Stewardship	Volunteer time, MVP,
	Develop a strategy for expanding Pelham Lake Park through Town acquisition of land from willing landowners, wherein the Town prioritizes which parcels to acquire using similar criteria as would be established for the Chapter 61 Right-of-First-Refusal process (see above action).	Park Commission, Open Space and Recreation Committee	Year 1 – 3 MVP	Volunteer time, Town staff time
	Restart the Town’s planning process for the future of Yankee-Rowe property, including a scenario where it is sold.	Select Board, Planning Board, Open Space and Recreation Committee, Assessors	Year 1 – 3	Volunteer time, WPNM
	Establish more of a relationship with Brookfield Renewables through which to encourage the company to permanently protect some of the acreage that recently came out of protection. Priority could go to areas with public trails and areas of high ecological and climate resilience value.	Select Board, Conservation Commission, Open Space and Recreation Committee, Assessors	Year 1 – 3	Volunteer time, Town staff time, PARC, LAND, LWCF
	Support efforts by the Town, utility companies, and regional land conservation partners to protect unprotected lands of conservation interest identified in Section 5.	Select Board, Open Space and Recreation Committee, Conservation Commission, Franklin Land Trust, Brookfield Renewables, Great River Hydro	Ongoing	Volunteer time, local land trust time, PARC, LAND, LWCF
A.2 Manage open space and ecosystems for their many benefits, including biodiversity, habitat, stormwater management, climate resilience, and carbon sequestration.	Follow the recommendations of the Climate-Smart Stewardship Plan for Pelham Lake Park for forest enhancement, diversification of forest composition, monitoring of vulnerable native species, native plant regeneration and treatment, monitoring and control invasive species, etc.	Park Commission	Ongoing PLP Stewardship	MVP, WPNM, EQIP, Habitat
	Improve management of Town-owned open space and recreation parcels outside of Pelham Lake Park: • Clarify who is responsible for the management of Town Forest parcels • Clarify purpose of Town Forest parcels and develop management goals for them.	Conservation Commission, Select Board, Open Space and Recreation Committee, Park Commission	Year 1 – 3	Volunteer time, MVP, WPNM, Community Forest

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OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE BOARD/GROUP	TIMEFRAME PLAN SHARING ACTION ITEM	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
	- Where applicable, apply the same principles for forest management of recommended for Pelham Lake Park on other municipally owned land such as the Town forests. - Hire a consultant to develop an invasive species management plan for Town-owned properties.			
	Support Trout Unlimited and other partners in advocating for minimum flow levels in the Deerfield River and other practices encourage the success and health of native trout fisheries.	Conservation Commission, Select Board	Ongoing	Volunteer time, Partners
	Explore the feasibility of the participation in a carbon offset program with the use of the Pelham Lake Park forest ecosystem as a carbon sink. If feasible, gather support for implementation.	Select Board, Park Commission	Year 3 – 5 PLP Stewardship	Volunteer time
A.3 Protect high quality waters and the availability and quality of drinking water resources by managing stormwater and by preserving wetlands, cold water fisheries, floodplains, the river corridor, and riparian buffers.	Adopt a stormwater bylaw and/or incorporate green performance standards into site plan review.	Planning Board	Year 3 – 5	Volunteer time; MVP, s.319, Planning Assistance
	Hire an engineering consultant to conduct a fluvial geomorphic study of the Pelham Brook watershed to better understand issues of erosion and sedimentation in the lake and stream system and potential risks to road and building infrastructure. Include in this study an evaluation of the conditions at the uncapped Town landfill on the edge of Taylor and Pelham Brooks and provide recommendations to mitigate erosion issues that could lead to contamination of the nearby waterways.	Select Board, Conservation Commission	Year 3 – 5	MVP, 604b
	As an alert system to a groundwater issue, develop a program to track the incidence of wells going dry and needing to be re-drilled.	Select Board, Conservation Commission	Year 5 - 7	Volunteer time, MVP, DLTA
	Revisit the recommendations of the 2001 Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Report for Rowe Elementary School and MassDEP’s Wellhead Protection Tips for Small Public Water Systems . Consider developing a local wellhead protection plan or an aquifer protection district and bylaws for compliance with 310 CMR 22.000 to include IWPA’s and Zone I protection areas for public wells in town. Consider hiring an engineer to map the aquifer, for future use as a Zone II protection area.	Planning Board, Conservation Commission	Year 5 - 7 SWAPs	Volunteer time, DWSP, MVP
A.4 Minimize flood damage by managing stormwater and by preserving wetlands, cold water fisheries, floodplains, the river corridor, and riparian buffers.	Hire a consultant to complete an assessment of all culverts and drainage systems in Town. The assessment should include an evaluation of the physical state of the culverts and GIS data of where culverts are located. Prioritize repairs and replacements based on the results of the inventory. The FRCOG has resources to help Towns calculate climate-resilient replacement sizes for culverts that can handle future storm events.	Select Board, Highway Department	Year 1 – 3 MVP, HMP	DLTA, 3C
	Develop a unified approach to road maintenance that reduces the volume and impact of surface water runoff to transportation infrastructure. Incorporate stormwater BMPs for rural dirt roads into public roadway projects following the forthcoming (2024) Dirt Roads Stormwater Toolkit best practices manual created by the FRCOG.	Select Board, Highway Department	Year 1 – 3 MVP	Town staff time, MVP

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OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE BOARD/GROUP	TIMEFRAME PLAN SHARING ACTION ITEM	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
	Hire a consultant to identify necessary flood-proofing measures for Rowe’s municipal buildings located around waterbodies that are vulnerable to flooding.	Select Board	Year 1 – 3 MVP	MVP
	Hire a registered professional engineer to: - Complete a detailed hydraulic and hydrologic (H&H) study that identifies an appropriate method to improve the Pelham Lake dam’s hydraulic capacity. - Investigate and identify measures to improve the hydraulic capacity of the Mill Pond Dam to safely pass the spillway design flood with one foot of freeboard, as suggested in the most recent dam inspection.	Select Board, Park Commission	Year 1 – 3 MVP	Volunteer time, MVP
	Consider improving flood resilience in town by: - Applying to become a member of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); - Adopting a floodplain district and zoning bylaw that meets NFIP criteria or a river corridor zoning bylaw, whichever strategy will best protect the health of the river and nearby public and private infrastructure based on the analysis provided by the H&H study; and - Revising the Zoning Bylaws to include flood prevention and mitigation in the Special Permit Guidelines, and Site Plan Review, and subdivision regulations.	Select Board, Planning Board	Year 3 – 5 HMP	Town staff time, volunteer time, DLTA, MVP, Planning Assistance
A.5 Use land use regulations to increase protection of valued open space and habitat, and to support climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.	Consider revising zoning bylaws to allow new development to be more clustered together help prevent the fragmentation of undeveloped open space by new development (e.g. reduce minimum lot size, cluster zoning bylaw, or senior/congregate housing bylaw).	Planning Board	Year 1 – 3	Volunteer time, DLTA, Planning Assistance
	Update solar bylaws and the permit review process to increase environmental safeguards, including more protection for wildlife habitat, provisions for pollinators, increased stormwater management, restoration of agricultural land, etc., and to address battery storage.	Planning Board	Year 1 – 3	Volunteer time, DLTA

GOAL B. Enhance recreational and cultural opportunities

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE BOARD/GROUP	TIMEFRAME PLAN SHARING ACTION ITEM	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
B.1 Steward Pelham Lake Park to keep it functioning as a beloved community resource.	Continue to identify needed improvements and plan for long-term, lower-priority improvements. For example, repaving of the skate park and fixes to pre-cast components are a long-term need.	Park Commission	Ongoing	WPNM, PARC
	Build and maintain a trail network that is less vulnerable to extreme and irregular precipitation events using strategies such as re-routing trails to better fit with topography and responsible trail layout principles, improving drainage where trails overlap with water features, building trail infrastructure such as bridges or boardwalks to reduce areas of erosion, and increasing trail monitoring during and after extreme weather.	Park Commission	Year 1 – 3 PLP Stewardship	MassTrails, WPNM
	Identify whether there is a need for more Carry In – Carry Out signage.	Park Commission	Year 1 – 3	WPNM
	Consider installing a 1,500-foot lollipop boardwalk into beaver meadow complex and install bird blinds and a viewing tower.	Park Commission	Year 5 – 7 PLP Stewardship	WPNM, PARC
B.2 Expand the recreation options across town.	Reach out to owners of privately owned, publicly accessible land, such as properties owned by New England Forestry Foundation or the hydroelectric utility companies, to better understand goals of property to clarify preferred use and see if there is potential to expand use. Where trails exist, seek to understand who should be responsible for trail maintenance and improving signage.	Open Space and Recreation Committee, Select Board	Year 1 – 3	Volunteer time, Town staff time
	Support creation or expansion of long-distance trails, such the potential Regional Through Trail currently being mapped that would connect Catamount State Forest and Mohawk Trail State Forest through Rowe.	Park Commission, Select Board, Open Space and Recreation Committee	Ongoing	Volunteer time, Town staff time
	Monitor the use of the Deerfield Dryway put-in for public safety issues or impacts to river health.	Select Board	Ongoing	Volunteer time, Town staff time
	Put together a committee to explore options for improving indoor community spaces.	Park Commission, School Committee, Library Trustees, Select Board, Council on Aging	Year 1 – 3	Volunteer time, Town staff time
B.3 Protect and improve the accessibility of recreational and cultural opportunities in Rowe for all ages and abilities.	Using the Rowe ADA Self-Assessment as a guide, install ADA accessible parking and pathways to most-used recreation facilities where feasible and where doing so does not dramatically alter the desired character of the site. As picnic tables are replaced, make sure they are accessible.	Park Commission, Open Space and Recreation Committee, Select Board	Year 1 – 3	ADA, WPNM
	Continue to improve trails for low-mobility users, with the goal of ultimately establishing at least one ADA accessible trail. Consider the Beach Trail, Babbling Brook Trail, or the lollipop boardwalk in the beaver meadow.	Park Commission, Select Board	Year 3 – 5	ADA, WPNM

GOAL B. Enhance recreational and cultural opportunities				
OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE BOARD/GROUP	TIMEFRAME _____ PLAN SHARING ACTION ITEM	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
	Provide community boats at Pelham Lake Park that cater to a range of abilities, such as having a paddle boat for people who have difficulty using their arms for propulsion.	Park Commission	Year 3 – 5 _____	ADA, WPNM
	Create an accessible fishing dock.	Park Commission, Select Board	Year 5 – 7 _____	ADA, WPNM
	Continue to host programs that are popular with children, teens, and older or less mobile residents, including sitting programs and slow walks.	Park Commission, Rowe Historical Society, Open Space and Recreation Committee	Ongoing _____	Town staff time, Cultural Council
B.4 Protect cultural and historic resources.	Fill out or update Massachusetts Historical Commission inventory forms for buildings and areas of historical importance in Rowe.	Rowe Historical Society	Year 5 – 7 _____	Volunteer time, Mass Historic
	Encourage work with local Indigenous groups (e.g., the Nipmuc or Stockbridge-Munsee Community) on a cultural resource inventory or other related projects.	Open Space and Recreation Committee, Park Commission, Select Board	Ongoing _____	Volunteer time

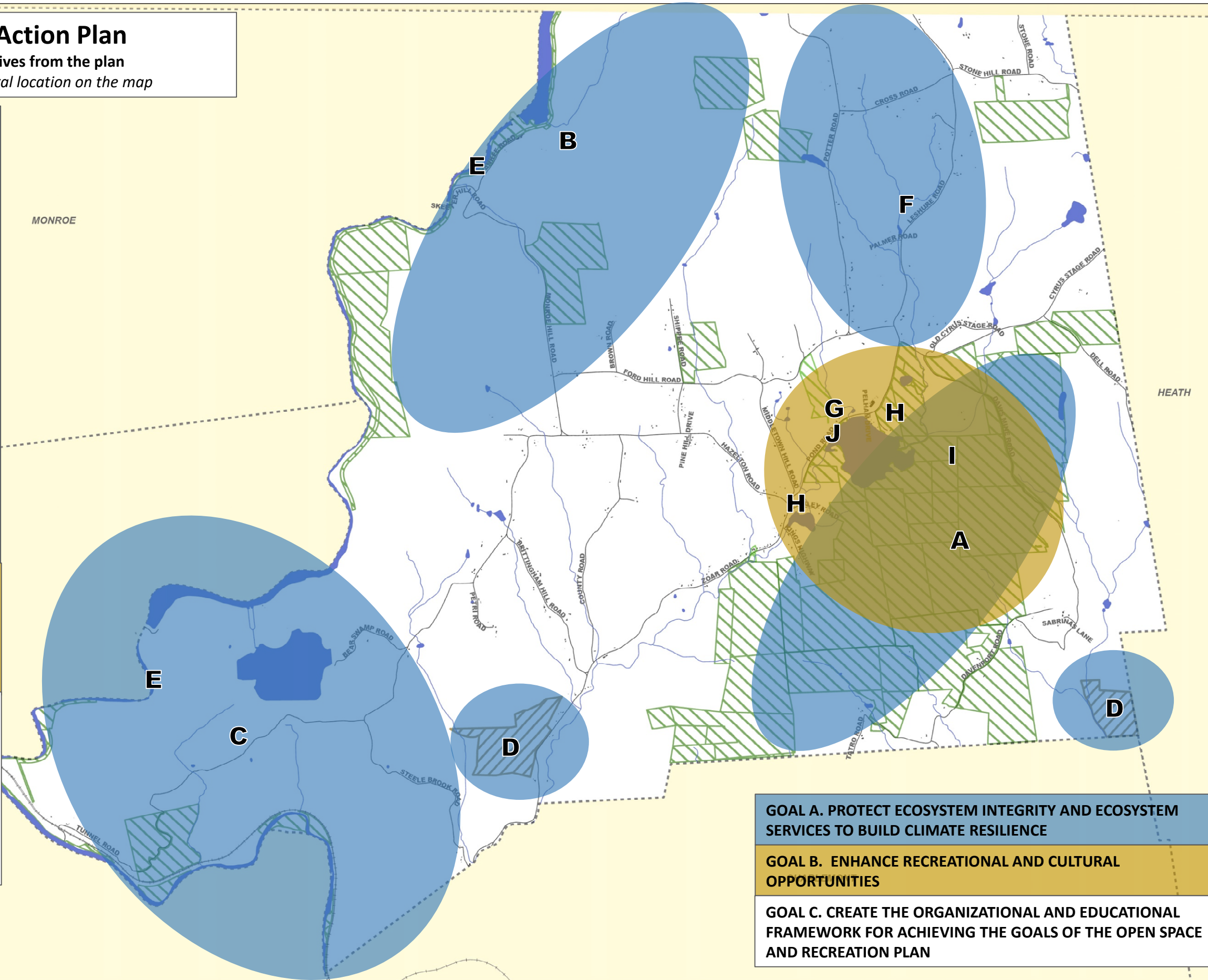
GOAL C. Create the organizational and educational framework for achieving the goals of the open space and recreation plan				
OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE BOARD/GROUP	TIMEFRAME PLAN SHARING ACTION ITEM	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
C.1 Develop a coordinated approach to implementing this Ten-Year Action Plan, ensuring that local proposals account for the plans of neighboring towns and community and regional partners.	Hire a staff person or establish a committee comprised of members of various boards to streamline and carry out the OSRP's Ten-Year Action Plan, the MVP and HMP plans, and the Climate-Smart Stewardship Plan for Pelham Lake Park. This role would be focused on grant writing, managing the implementation of plans and project, and keeping Town committees on track with achieving the objectives, and other actions listed here under objective C.1.	Open Space and Recreation Committee, Select Board, Parks Commission, Pelham Lake Park staff, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Assessors, and other Town boards and committees	Year 1 – 3 _____	Volunteer time, Town staff time
	Align planning efforts with regional plans such as the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development , Deerfield River Corridor Outdoor Recreation Study , and the Watershed-Based Plan for the Deerfield River .	Open Space and Recreation Committee	Year 1 – 3 _____	Volunteer time
	Work with neighboring towns on regional conservation and recreation stewardship and special projects. Heath has an OSRP with which to coordinate efforts.	Open Space and Recreation Committee	Year 1 – 3 _____	Volunteer time
C.2 Continue to engage boards and residents in discussions about community projects and in volunteering for the stewardship of the town's natural, recreational, and cultural resources.	Advocate that the Town be involved in the writing of a recreation plan for the publicly accessible Bear Swamp parcels.	Select Board, Park Commission	Year 1 – 3 _____	Volunteer time, Town staff time, WPNM
C.3 Improve public awareness and education level of boards, residents, and students regarding the protection and resilience of natural, recreational, and cultural resources.	Create educational materials for display and/or distribution at Pelham Lake Park on the climate smart stewardship forestry practices occurring and planned at the Park.	Park Commission, Open Space and Recreation Committee	Year 1 – 3 _____ PLP Stewardship	Volunteer time, Town staff time, WPNM
	Share the final Rowe OSRP with the regional school district(s) so that students may have the opportunity to use the information in the Rowe OSRP in science and environmental curriculum.	Open Space and Recreation Committee	Year 1 – 3 _____	Volunteer time
	Conduct educational outreach to private landowners via the Rowe Post and other community-friendly avenues about major conservation topics related to water, biodiversity, climate resilience, land protection, sustainable land management, funding sources, etc. The OSRP can be adapted in sections for educational purposes. Create a schedule for publishing to the Goal Post.	Open Space and Recreation Committee, Conservation Commission, Park Commission	Ongoing _____	Volunteer time, WPNM, conservation organizations and other local expert knowledge
	Use the Goal Post and other community-friendly avenues, to promote recreation areas, trails, and programs and events to the general public. Use maps and describe parking, features, level of difficulty, and rules of uses when applicable.	Open Space and Recreation Committee	Ongoing _____	Volunteer time
C.4 Continue to pursue funding opportunities for open space,	Continue to participate in and support the Woodlands Partnership of Northwestern Massachusetts for continued access to the financial and technical resources provided by the partnership.	Select Board, Park Commission	Ongoing _____	Volunteer time, Town staff time, WPNM

GOAL C. Create the organizational and educational framework for achieving the goals of the open space and recreation plan				
OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE BOARD/GROUP	TIMEFRAME PLAN SHARING ACTION ITEM	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
recreation, climate resilience, and education.				
	Adopt the Community Preservation Act, which would allow the Town to raise funds through property taxes and matching state funds to use in local open space, historic preservation, community housing, and outdoor recreation projects.	Select Board, Finance Committee	Year 3 – 7	Volunteer time, Town staff time, FRCOG time

Priority Objectives from the Ten-Year Action Plan

Bolded letters and numbers represent priority goals and objectives from the plan
Italicized letters correspond to relevant actions that have a general location on the map

- Prioritize the protection of lands that contain and support the function of valuable and sensitive ecological systems, ecosystems services, recreation, and climate resilience. (A.1)**
- A. Strategize for expanding Pelham Lake Park*
 - B. Planning for the future of Yankee Rowe property*
 - C. Build relationship with Brookfield Renewables to encourage more protection*
- Manage open space and ecosystems for their many benefits, including biodiversity, habitat, stormwater management, climate resilience, and carbon sequestration. (A.2)**
- D. Improve management of Town-owned open space outside of Pelham Lake Park (e.g., Town Forests)*
 - E. Support partners in advocating for the health of native trout fisheries*
- Protect high quality waters and the availability and quality of drinking water resources by managing stormwater and by preserving wetlands, cold water fisheries, floodplains, the river corridor, and riparian buffers. (A.3)**
- F. Conduct a fluvial geomorphic study of the Pelham Brook watershed to address issues of erosion and sedimentation*
 - G. Revisit recommendations for public water protection*
- Protect and improve the accessibility of recreational and cultural opportunities in Rowe for all ages and abilities. (B.3)**
- H. Improve ADA accessibility to popular recreation facilities*
 - I. Continue to improve trails for low-mobility users.*
 - J. Create an accessible fishing dock*
- Develop a coordinated approach to implementing this Seven-Year Action Plan, ensuring that local proposals account for the plans of neighboring towns and community and regional partners. (C.1)**
- Improve public awareness and education level of boards, residents, and students regarding the protection and resilience of natural, recreational, and cultural resources. (C.3)**



- GOAL A. PROTECT ECOSYSTEM INTEGRITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES TO BUILD CLIMATE RESILIENCE**
- GOAL B. ENHANCE RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES**
- GOAL C. CREATE THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF THE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN**