**Model Town Forest Proposal Application Committee Review Questionaire**

Please answer the following questions about the impact of the proposed project. The proposed project should be compatible with the forest management plan, existing policy and standards, the conservation easement (if relevant), and the natural resource guidelines (questions 1-6). No project will have zero impacts. This questionnaire is designed to help identified and understand potential effects of any proposed project on the natural resources, other user groups and the community. Decision making should be based on the level of cumulative impact after careful consideration of the answers to all the questions.

1. Does the proposed project meet the existing forest standards (i.e., sustainable trail standards, sustainable facility standards, etc.)?
2. What are the relevant forest management plan guidance and goals around this project?
3. What is the relevant conservation easement plan guidance around this project?
4. Analyze the location of the project for natural resource impacts.
   1. Is the proposed project location on or near any of the following?
      1. Vernal Pools
      2. Deer Wintering Areas
      3. Ledges/Cliffs/Talus
      4. Mast stands
      5. Interior forests
      6. Significant natural communities
      7. Wetlands
      8. Rare, threatened, or endangered species habitat
      9. Floodplain forests
      10. Streams/rivers
      11. Early succession forests
      12. Lakes and ponds

For the natural resources listed above that were nearby, see the *Natural Resource Guidance Toolkit* management matrix for those resources. Ensure that the proposed project is compatible with the resource guidelines.

1. Would the project impact any adjacent parcels?
2. Are there best management practices, project alternatives, or design criteria which can be implemented to mitigate or minimize adverse impacts on natural resources or recreational experiences?
3. Is there public demand for this project?
4. Are there nearby opportunities for the same activity?
5. Does the town or region have an established need for this project or activity in community plans or documents?
6. Are there potential conflicts with other uses/users of the forest?
7. Would the project negatively impact the existing forest user experience?