
Introduction

The Town Forest Visioning Workshop and Survey are integral parts of the overall public engagement process for the Bradford Town Forest Recreation Plan, which also includes a series of steering committee and community meetings, as well as input from the Town government and other stakeholders and partnering organizations.

To ensure the greatest possible participation in the visioning process, the same visioning questions were asked at the public workshop and in the survey, although the survey asked a few demographic questions that were not asked at the workshop. Both public engagement methods were primarily focused on understanding the community vision related to the Town Forest, the management balance of the forest, the natural resources present on the site, and future activities in the Town Forest. The workshop results are presented in the photos of the public engagement “boards” completed by the community while the survey results are presented in tables of the combined survey responses. Key findings are reflective of both inputs, and areas of alignment and divergence are highlighted and analyzed.

As the workshop and survey are only one part of the overall community input into the plan, the Visioning Process Results should be considered descriptive of community sentiments rather than prescriptive. While these results should help point the way and direct the development of the plan, they must be measured alongside other community and Town inputs and should not be considered conclusive of the sentiments of everyone in the community.

Public Visioning Workshop

A Public Visioning Workshop for Wright’s MT/Devil’s Den Town Forest was held at the Colatina Exit restaurant on January 17, 2018. The meeting was a drop-in anytime, open house format with questions about an overall vision for the town forest; the balance of recreation, education, conservation/natural resources, and forest products; the natural resources present on the site; and future activities in the Town Forest. Attendees wrote responses on boards, completed dot exercises, and drew their ideas and knowledge on maps. Members of the project team and local steering committee were available for one-on-one chats with attendees, and a general comment box was provided for open-ended feedback. Background/baseline information about the project, the community, and the forest, was also provided. 16 people signed in and an estimated 25 to 30 people were in attendance.

Public Visioning Survey

The Public Visioning Survey was launched at the public visioning workshop on January 17, 2018 and remained open through the Sunday after Town Meeting Day—March 11, 2018. Both online and hard

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copy surveys were made available. The community was made aware of the survey through a variety of methods including flyers distributed around town, press-releases and news articles, and email blasts and social media posts. In total, the survey received 74 responses—25 online and 49 hard copy. Survey results presented here represent combined responses to both the online and hard copy versions of the survey.

Visioning Process Results

Demographics (Survey Only)

Location of Residence

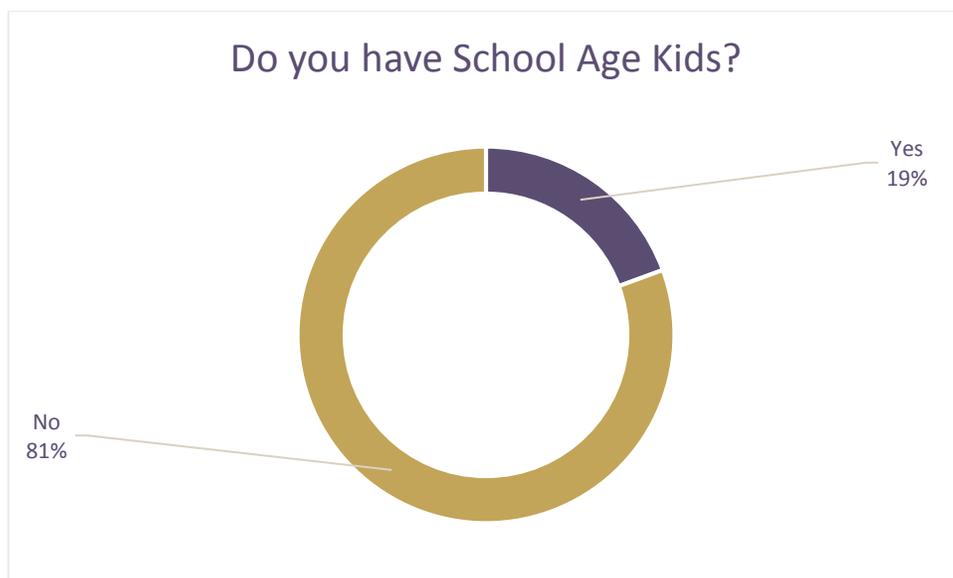
82 percent of the respondents were from Bradford, while 18 percent were residents from neighboring towns, second home-owners, and visitors from afar. Surveys were received from 19 zip codes.

Median Age

Survey results tended to skew towards an older demographic. The median age of survey respondents was 55.3, while the median age of the Town overall is 41.1.

School Age Kids

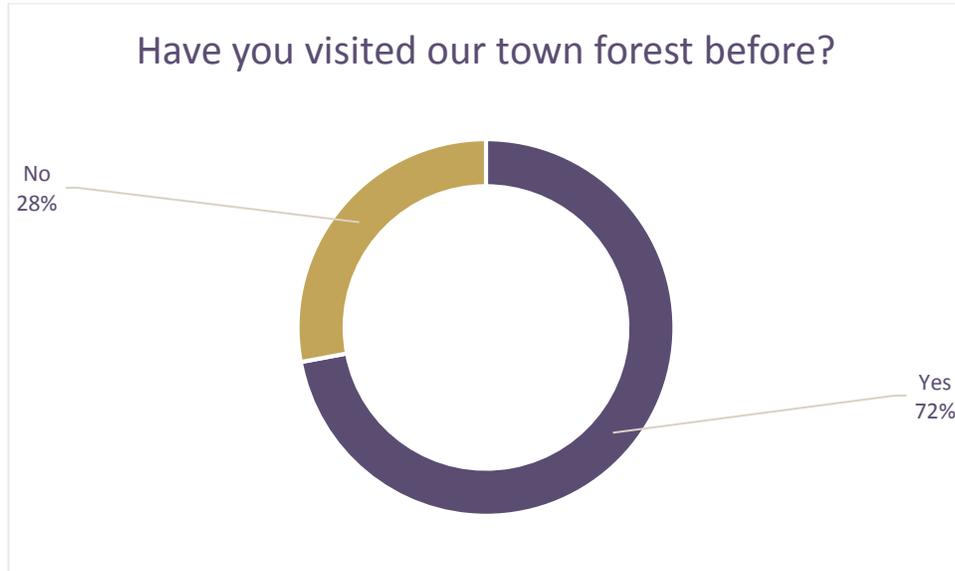
19 percent of survey respondents have school age children, suggesting we received some sample of families in town. Of those who responded they had school age children, the average number of school age children was 1.4.



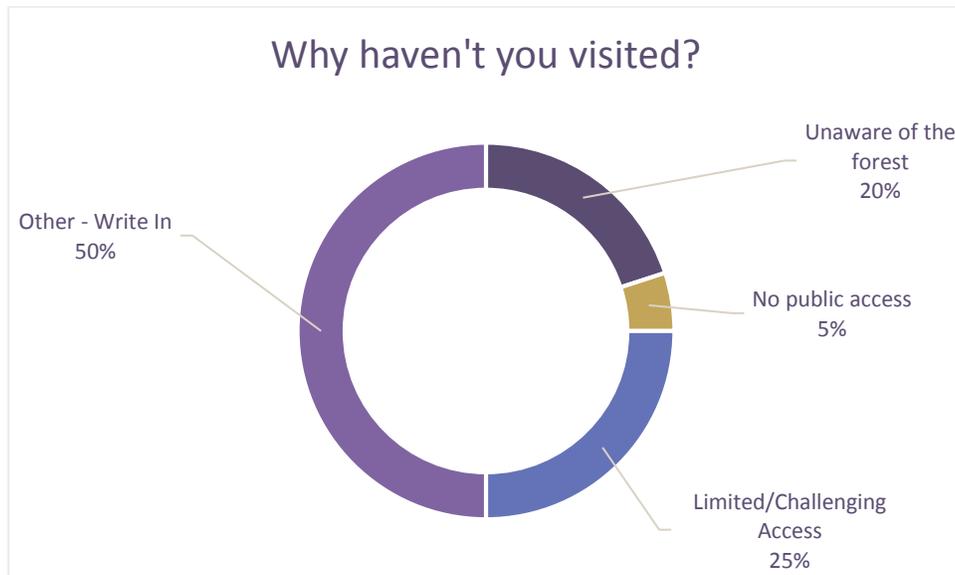
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Familiarity with our Forest

Most survey respondents (72%) had visited our town forest before.



Of those who had not visited limited/challenging access was the most common reason for not visiting.



Write in responses included:

- Just moved here
- Town of Wells not listed
- Too busy

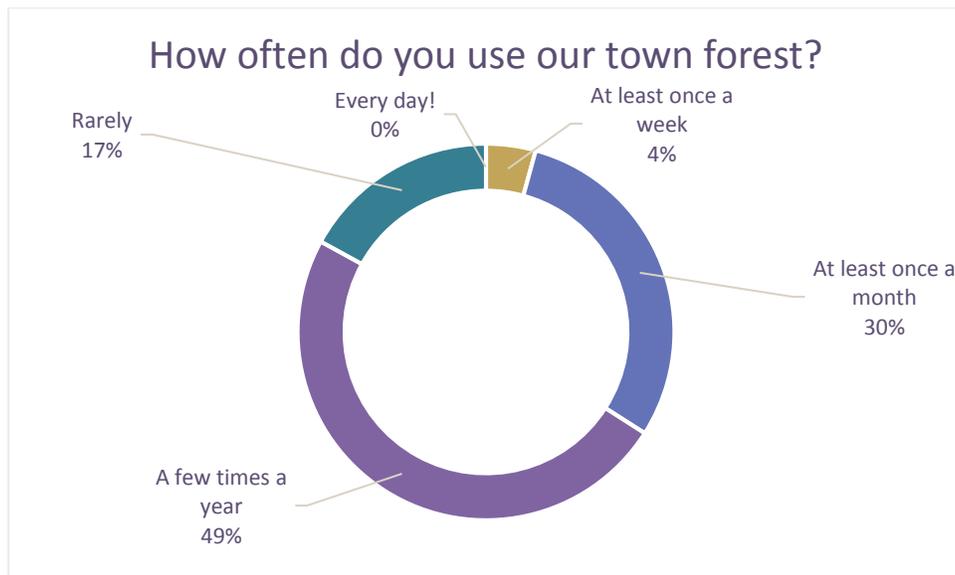


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- I have my own "forest " and I look at Wrights Mtn every day
- Handicapped and have problems walking
- Not outdoorsy
- I travel to other locations
- Too small/time challenges
- I have 206 acres of my own

Forest Visitation

Of those who had visited our forest, most (49%) visited a few times a year. There was also a strong number of respondents who visit at least once a month or rarely.



Survey Respondent Affiliations

The survey asked respondents if they have an affiliation with the Town (Conservation Commission, Town Forest Committee, etc.), interest group (trail club/group, rod and gun club, etc.), or partnering organization (land trust, library, school district, etc.). Most respondents (81%) did not have an affiliation. There were multiple respondents from the Conservation Commission, the library, and the Selectboard. Some respondents answered "Yes" but did not report the specific affiliation.

Affiliations included:

- Thetford
- Library



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- Bradford Select board
- GMHA
- UBMBA
- Conservation Commission
- Previous Conservation Commission
- Select board
- Volunteer Conservation Commission
- School, Parks and Rec Commission
- Library
- Bradford Conservation Commission

Overall Vision

Survey respondents and workshop participants were asked: “What word or phrase best describes your EXISTING experience with our town forest?” and “What word or phrase best describes your DESIRED FUTURE experience with our town forest?”



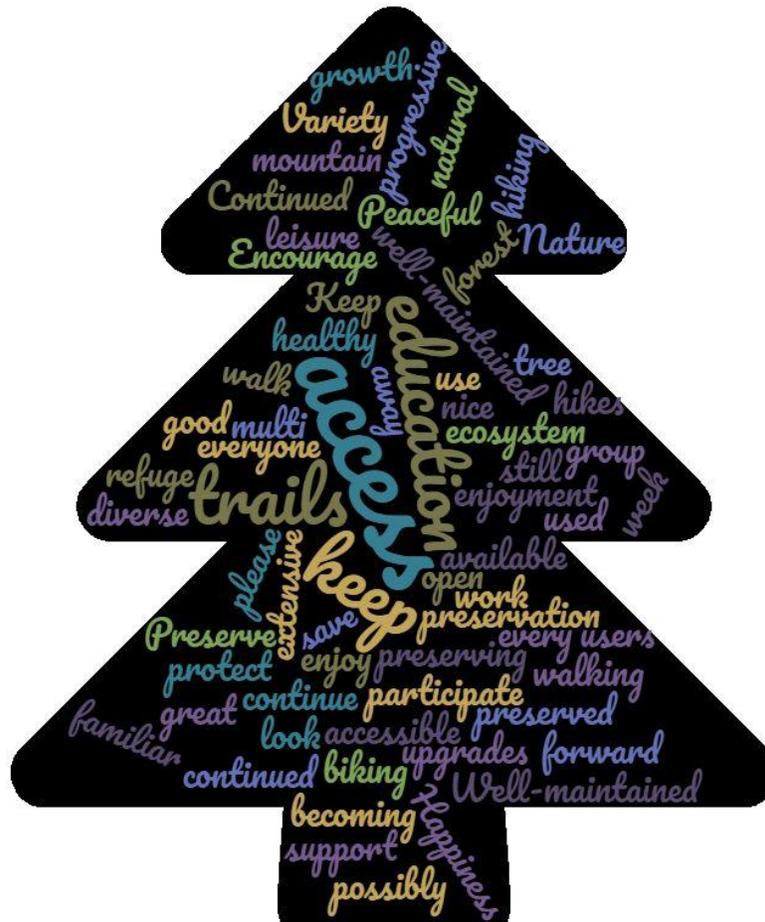
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- unaware
- I'm very glad we have the wisdom to set aside land.
- neighbor
- We gave \$ for its improvement at the beginning
- would like to visit
- enjoyable
- few and far between
- pleasant walks
- nice
- love having local trails to hike
- We hike there a lot and also enjoy Race to the Top - we love it
- relaxing
- preservation
- hiking with family, exploring with school groups
- former member of conservation commission
- positive
- nice to have access to these places
- pleasant
- okay
- Peaceful
- Hooray for trees
- exploration
- Excellent
- Very little recreation activities for adults
- Too Expensive
- Peaceful, wild
- A treasured resource!
- Great asset to the town
- Great!



Desired Future



Verbatim Responses:

- Happiness
- every week
- Nature
- Walking
- Hiking
- keep it natural
- progressive
- preserved and accessible
- leisure and education
- save and protect
- diverse
- Continued access and upgrades
- I look forward to becoming more familiar with it.
- support tree growth
- Variety of users
- mountain biking
- Well-maintained
- a great refuge
- continued access
- same
- possibly
- To participate
- Extensive
- multi use all access
- to keep it open to all
- and walk there!
- Same

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- still nice
- more trails
- a healthy ecosystem, available for education and enjoyment to everyone
- well-maintained trails
- preservation
- continue preserving the forest. group hikes

- more
- Peaceful
- Preserve it
- I haven't used it
- Do away
- Same please
- Encourage more to enjoy it
- Keep up the good work

Public Workshop

What is your Vision for the Town Forest in Your Community?

What word or phrase best describes your **EXISTING** experience with the Town Forest in your community?

What word or phrase best describes your **DESIRED FUTURE** experience with the Town Forest in your community?

Quiet, solitude, natural beauty;
magical, people love this place!

Peaceful & relaxing

FAMILY

Beauty; stillness

Family Hikes - Tradition (Rec./Fun)
Familyhikes, Trail Running, Trail Racing.

Same, but better!!

More community support
& involvement.

continued traditions/enjoyment.

Expand recreational opportunities for all (for more) recreation modes:
Trail Running, XC skiing, snowshoeing, aquatics, etc.

Wrights MTN = A little bit of Heaven!
Clear view of the whites from the Mon Bench

Community Vision
November, 2007

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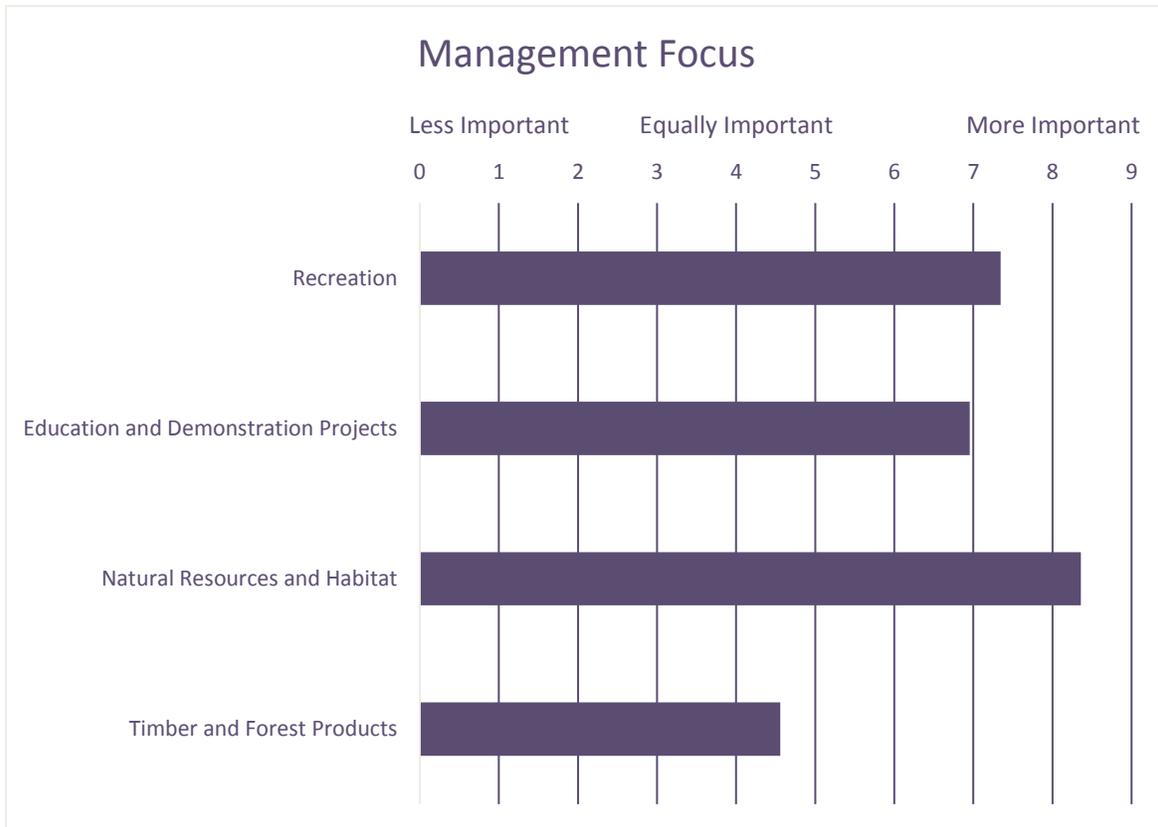

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Management Balance

Town Forests can be managed to provide a wide range of activities and community values. Four common use areas include Recreation, Education & Land Use Demonstration Projects, Natural Resources & Habitat, and Timber & Forest Products. While most publicly accessible forests provide some measure of all four types of uses, they tend to “lean” in one management direction or another.

To understand this balance, survey and workshop participants were asked “Where do you think the management focus should fall for the Town Forest in your community? Should it lean towards Recreation, Education, Timber & Forest Products, or Natural Resources & Habitat?”

Survey Responses



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RECREATION

LESS IMPORTANT EQUALLY IMPORTANT MORE IMPORTANT

EDUCATION & DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

LESS IMPORTANT EQUALLY IMPORTANT MORE IMPORTANT

NATURAL RESOURCES & HABITAT

LESS IMPORTANT EQUALLY IMPORTANT MORE IMPORTANT

TIMBER & FOREST PRODUCTS

LESS IMPORTANT EQUALLY IMPORTANT MORE IMPORTANT

Use a Dot!

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Analysis

Both survey respondents and workshop participants seemed to prioritize recreation, education & demonstration projects, and natural resources & habitat more than timber & forest products. While there was general alignment across the survey and workshop that the three former uses were generally "more important," workshop participants placed a slightly greater emphasis on recreation, while survey respondents emphasized natural resources.

Natural Resources

Present Natural Resources

Survey respondents identified the following 'natural resources of note' in the Town Forest:

- Deer Wintering Areas



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- Vernal Pools
- Large Ledges or Cliffs
- Groundwater Seepage Areas
- Forested Swamps

Open-ended responses include:

- Deer yards
- ledges, streams, deer living areas
- timber, vernal pools, must, ledges
- wildlife habitat, vernal pools
- views and Devil's Den
- deer wintering and other animals
- stream of water, varied wildlife
- ledges, forests, vernal pools, Devils Den
- wildlife habitat
- Too many to list
- Too numerous to list
- Trees, nature
- Wood from trees
- again, singular focus on ore sale
- Unknown

Wildlife

Survey respondents identified the following wildlife using the forest:

- Deer, Owls
- Deer; Small game; owls; songbirds; foxes
- deer, rabbit, birds
- deer, squirrels (grey and red)
- deer, moose, fox, coyote, various birds
- deer and evidence of bears
- skunks, lots of deer, birds- all kinds, squirrels, mice, chipmunks, fox (silver back)



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- beaver, deer, bears, raccoons, when they come unto my land. Birds (Blue Jays, Nuthatches, hummingbirds...)
- small rodents/birds
- birds, small animals, amphibian, deer
- mostly birds, and evidence of a number of mammals (tracks, scat, etc.)
- everything
- deer, insects, birds
- deer, turkeys, skunks, fox, birds
- squirrels
- deer, rabbit
- deer, rabbit, bears
- Deer, Bear, Squirrel, Rabbit
- Deer, Squirrels, Skunk, Bear, Beavers, Humans, Turtles, Birds
- Deer, lynx, bobcats, fox, skunk, squirrels, beavers, frogs, birds, turtles, insects
- Deer, turkey, snakes, porcupines
- Mostly birds and small mammals
- Not too much
- I haven't been to the forest
- Don't use
- Wild game, plant life

Natural Resource Protection Concerns

When asked “Are there any human activities (existing or planned) that may conflict with these resources?” survey respondents answered:

- Yes
- Please NEVER allow motorized vehicles including ski-mobiles, ATVs, dirtbikes. NEVER!
- recreational motor vehicles
- No idea but snowmobiling, biking should be allowed only if well controlled
- camping
- yes- human activity always affects the environment too much traffic could damage any of these
- Noisy machines -- ATVs/Snowmobiles will disturb wildlife



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- Not sure
- Not that I am aware
- Snow Machines, 4-wheelers
- Not enough land, very little parking, very little adult sport activities. There are no recreation activities and I'm not interested in the current town recreation activities.
- Unknown
- Logging
- Housing development

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Natural Resources in your Town Forest

Natural resources on town forests can include areas that are ecologically significant such as significant natural communities, wetlands, larger streams and wildlife habitat. Wildlife habitat can include deer wintering areas, vernal pools, beaver ponds, mast (oak and beech) stands, ledges and early successional forests. Some of these larger features, such as beaver ponds, we can map remotely, while the presence of other smaller features, such as vernal pools, we cannot. In both circumstances, documenting local knowledge about these resources is essential in understanding their significance and drafting appropriate management guidelines.

What natural resources of note are in your town forest?

Service berry trees	pine nibbles
Pale jewel weed	beech nuts
Rock Tripe	acorns
Yellow Dock	gingers
Indian cucumber	chartrouche
Railshi	false morels
blackberries	Black-throated
redheads	

Are any of the following resources present? Place a check next to the resources you've observed.

DEER WINTERING AREAS ✓✓

VERNAL POOLS ✓✓

LARGE LEDGES OR CLIFFS ✓✓✓

GROUNDWATER SEEPAGE AREAS ✓

FORESTED SWAMPS ✓✓

What kind of wildlife do you see using the town forest?

Deer	Beebat	insects
Beaver	salamanders	dragonflies
turkeys	wood frogs	humans
Fox	toads	moose
porcupine	tree frogs	probable
bird of all sorts		plastic amount
Skunk (this to someone who dropped off from head-to-heart trap)		Salamanders

Are there any human activities (existing or planned) that may conflict with these resources?

ATVs

ATVs

Snowmobiles

dot bikes

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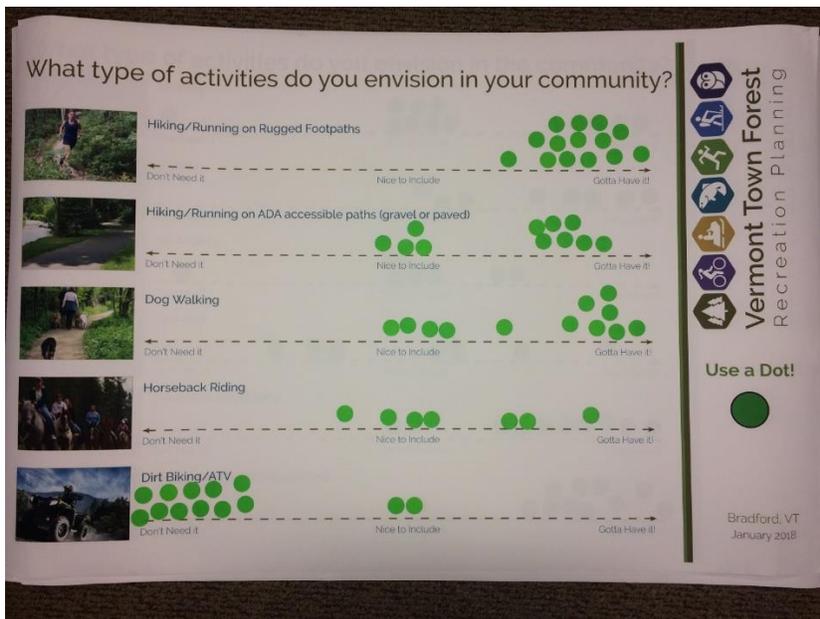
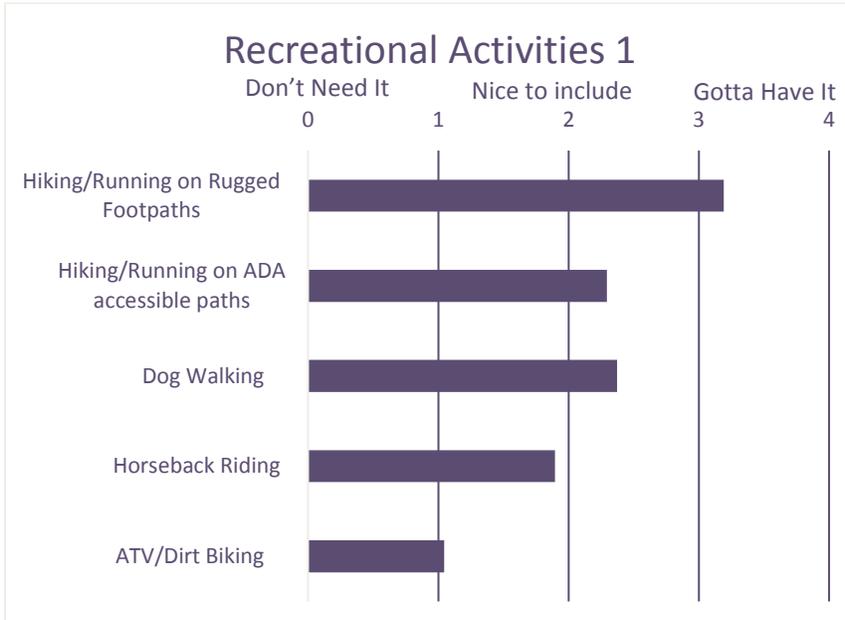
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Recreation Activities

Survey respondents and workshop participants were asked about the recreation activities they envisioned in their town forest by indicating their feelings about a number of activities on a spectrum from “Don’t need it” (0) to “Nice to include” (2) to “Gotta have it” (4).



Both survey respondents and workshop participants were most interested in hiking/running on rugged footpaths and least interested in Dirt Biking/ATVs. Workshop participants were stronger supporters of dog walking and ADA accessible paths and less supportive of ATVs.



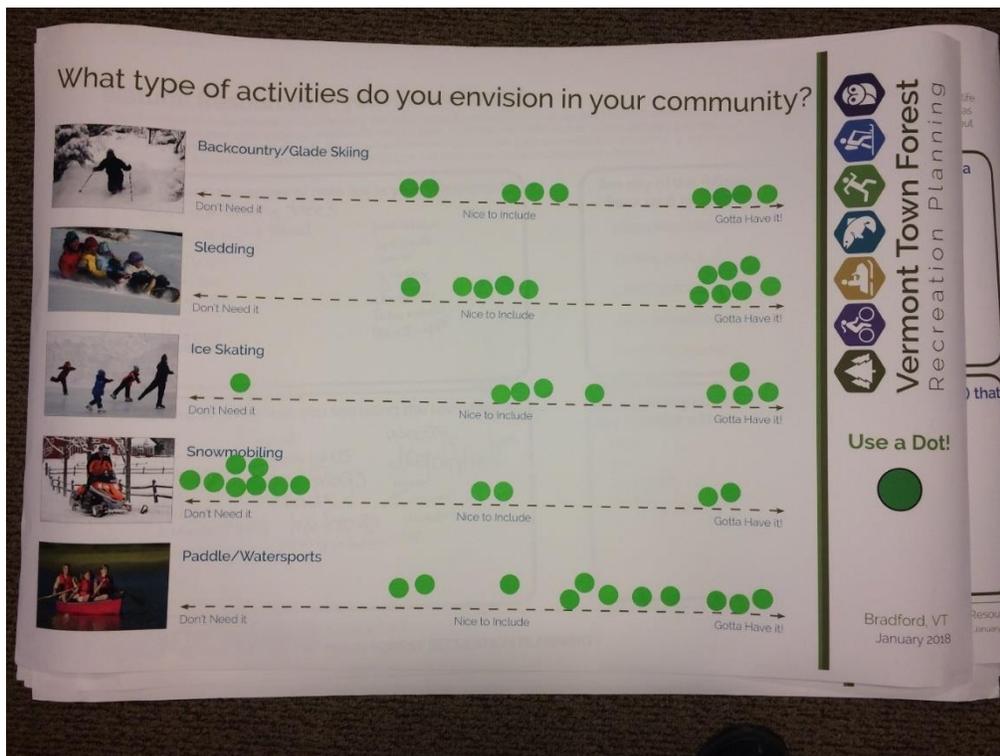
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Both workshop and survey respondents were very supportive of cross country skiing and snowshoeing in the forest. Both groups were fairly conflicted about a pump track. Workshop respondents were more interested in mountain biking and winter fat biking.



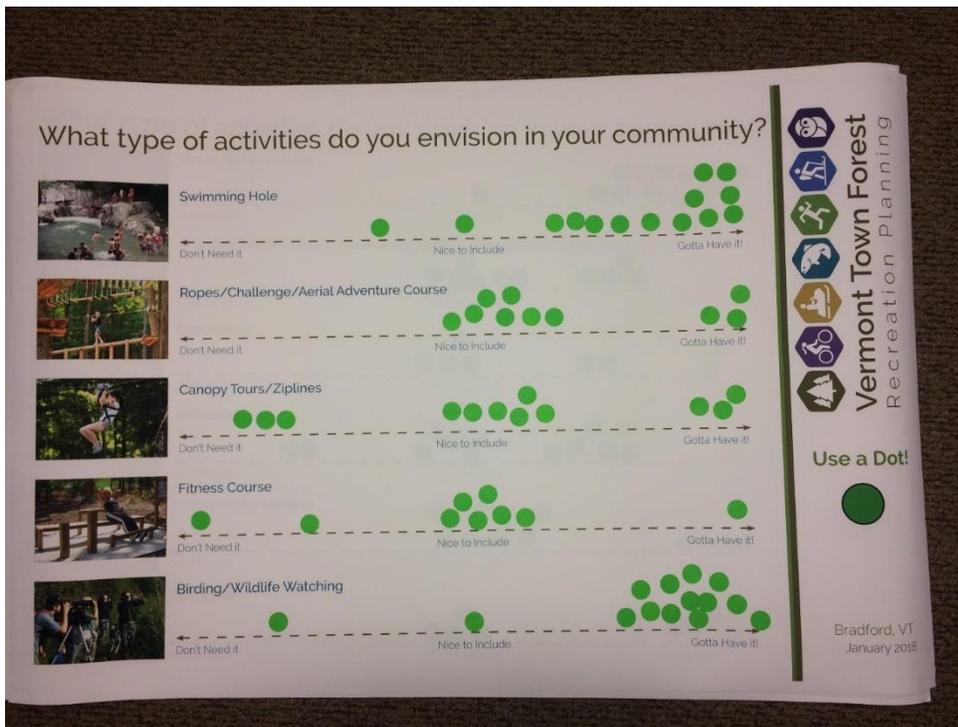
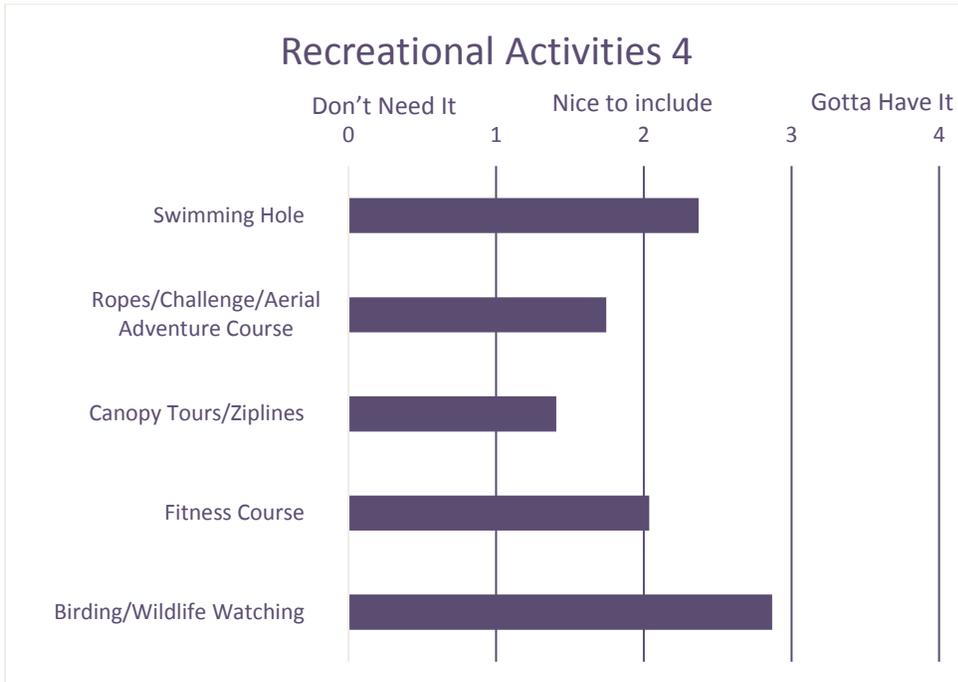
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Both survey and workshop respondents felt that most of these activities would be nice to include. There was less support for snowmobiling, especially from workshop respondents. Workshop respondents were more enthusiastic about sledding, paddle/watersports, ice skating, and backcountry/glade skiing.



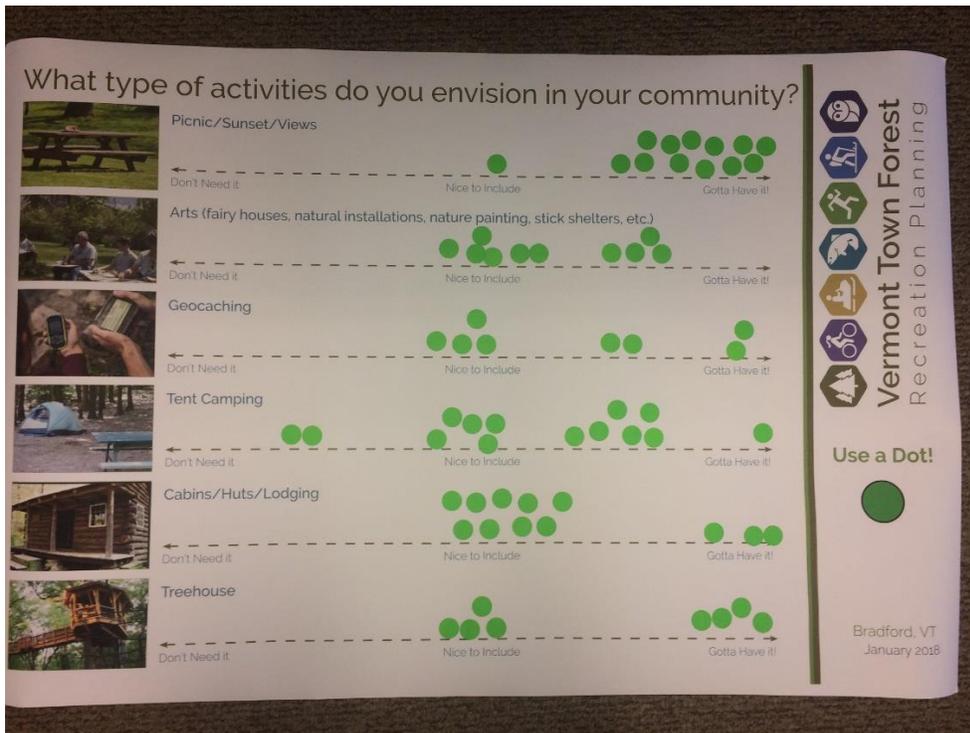
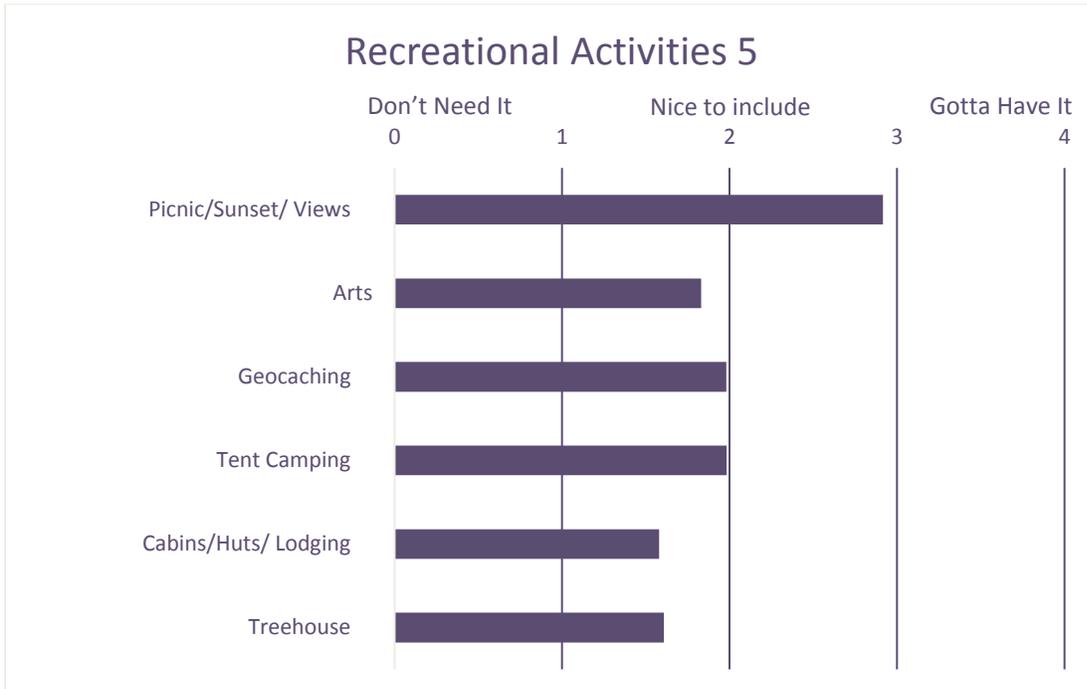
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Survey and workshop respondents were interested in birding/wildlife watching and a swimming hole. Workshop respondents were interested in a ropes/challenge/aerial adventure course. Both groups were neutral towards a fitness course and the workshop respondents were neutral towards canopy tours/ziplines, while the survey respondents were less supportive.



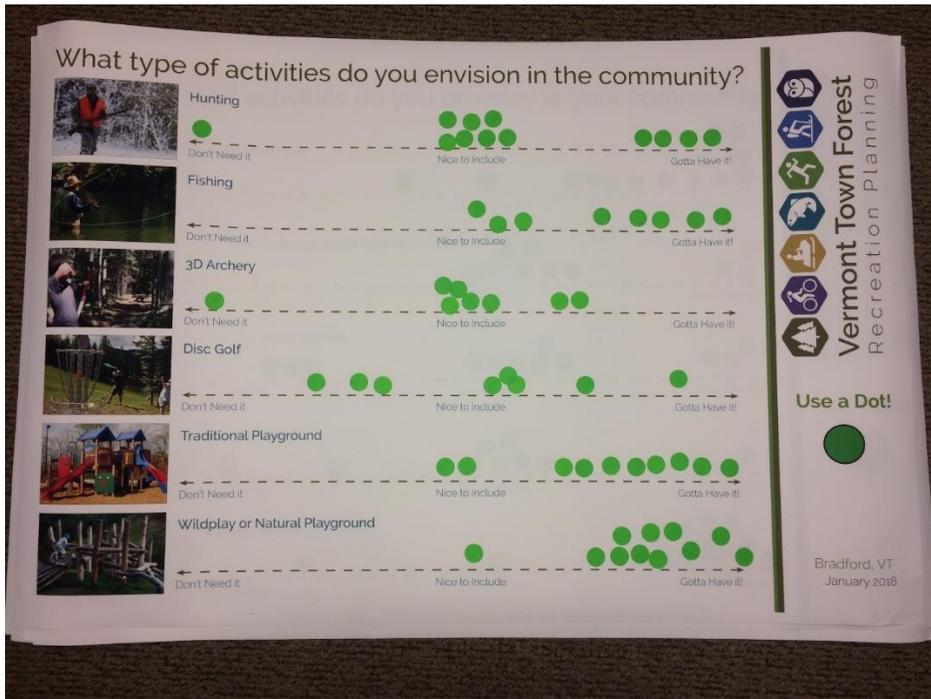
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Both survey respondents and workshop participants were very supportive of picnic/sunset/views. Of the other activities, the workshop participants were fairly supportive, while the survey respondents were more neutral.



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The workshop and survey respondents differed on these activities. The workshop respondents were supportive of traditional and natural playgrounds, hunting, and fishing and neutral on 3D archery and disc golf. The survey respondents were less supportive of all activities and leaned “Don’t Need It” to 3D archery, disc golf, and both types of playgrounds.



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Open ended responses to the question “Are there other activities or facilities you would like to see added to our town forest?” included:

- Music on the top of Wright's Mountain!
- Forest, habitat and natural resources education and research center.
- I would like to see more outdoor activities
- No we can do that elsewhere
- swimming
- Adult sport leagues, separate gender-bathrooms, adult gameroom, local newspapers advertisements and letters mailed out to townpeople. There are little sports or activities for adults in bradford. There are plenty of activities for kids, but not for adults.

Other Activities, Programs, and Events
Please write your ideas in the boxes below

What new activity or facility would you like to see added in your community?

What new program would you like to see added in your community?

What new events would you like to see take place in your community?

More community involvement for clean-up and maintenance.
Mountain biking
Mountain Biking!!

More winter involvement and growth

Walking Groups/Walking Clubs
Adventure racing



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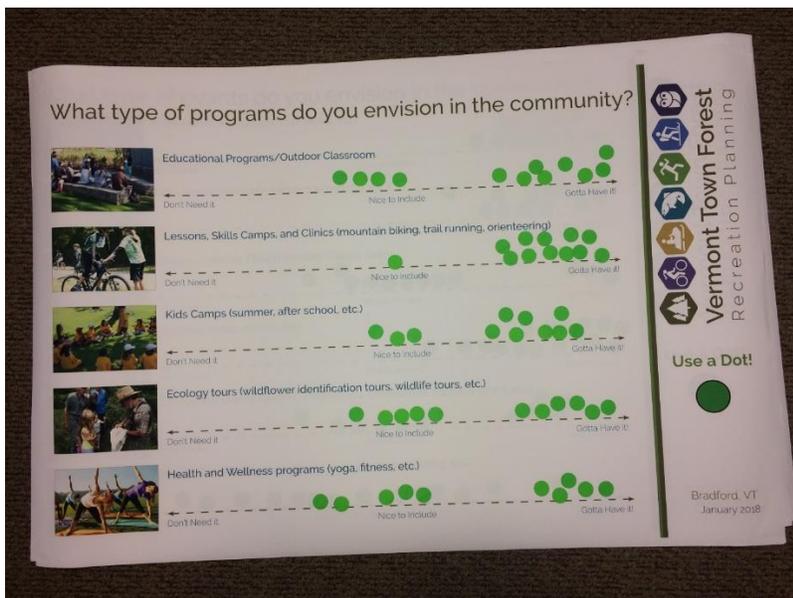
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Recreation Programming

Survey respondents and workshop participants were asked about the recreation programs they envisioned in their town forest by indicating their feelings about a number of programs on a spectrum from “Don’t need it” (0) to “Nice to include” (2) to “Gotta have it” (4).



Both survey and workshop respondents were supportive of educational programs/outdoor classroom and kids camps. Workshop respondents supported lessons, skills camps, and clinics; ecology tours; and health and wellness programs while the survey respondents were neutral to unsupportive of those programs.



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- Music in the Forest
- Tracking
- Invasives eradication!
- Sports leagues for adults

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Planting trees
Mountain Biking!!

More winter involvement and growth

Walking Groups/Walking Clubs
Adventure racing
More community involvement
More winter involvement and growth

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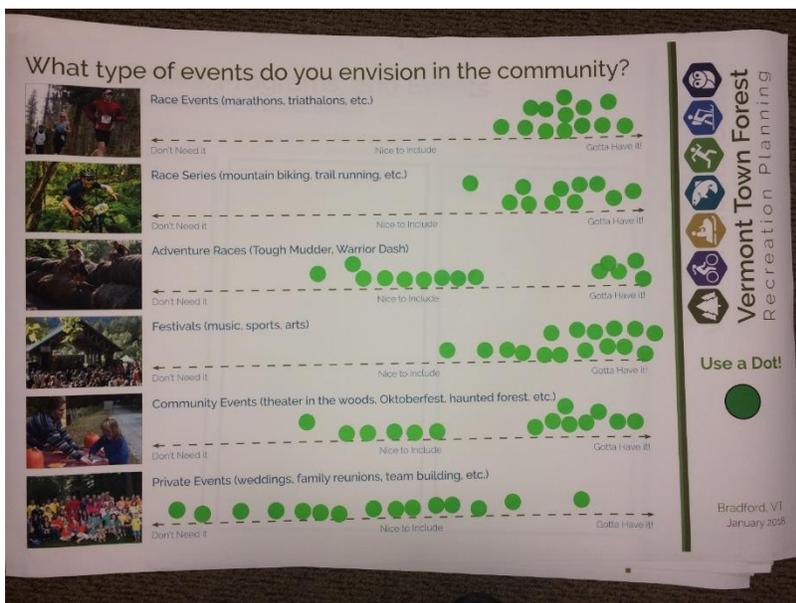
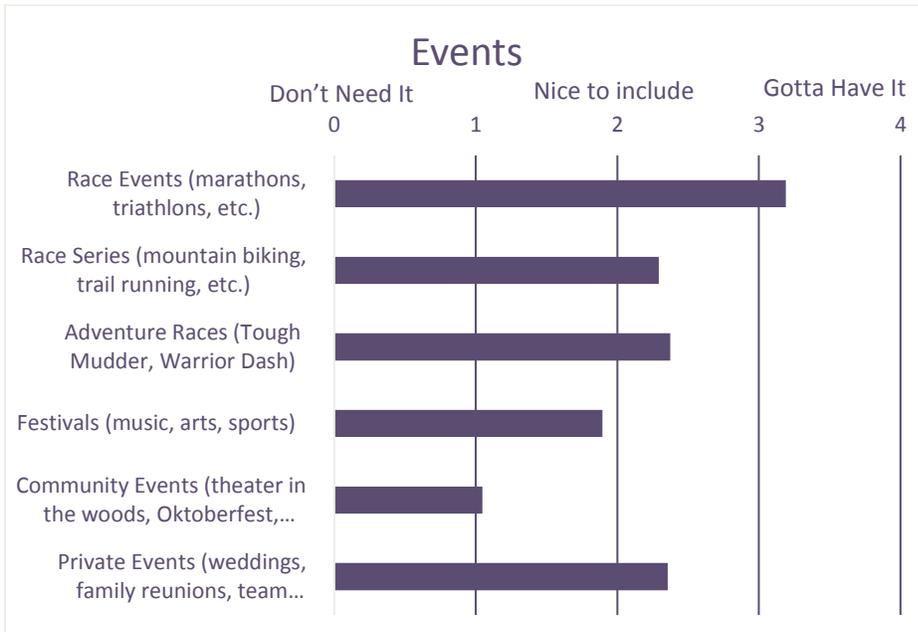
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Events in the Town Forest

Survey respondents and workshop participants were asked about the events they envisioned in their town forest by indicating their feelings about a number of events on a spectrum from “Don’t need it” (0) to “Nice to include” (2) to “Gotta have it” (4).



Both survey and workshop respondents were supportive of race events and relatively neutral towards adventure races. Workshop respondents were more supportive of community events, festivals, and race series and less supportive of private events. The survey respondents were relatively neutral towards race series and festivals and somewhat unsupportive to community events.



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Open ended responses to the question “Are there other events you would like to see added in our Town Forest?” included:

- I would like to see more community events going on and being advertised maybe on 101.3. A Wright's Mountain race would be nice
- no - educational and nature-oriented programs are valuable and a few lower impact events are good (race to the top is great fun!) - but this is a natural area and should have minimal development
- swimming hole

Other Activities, Programs, and Events
Please write your ideas in the boxes below

What new activity or facility would you like to see added in your community?	What new program would you like to see added in your community?	What new events would you like to see take place in your community?
More community involvement for clean-up and maintenance. Poncha long families Mountain Biking!!	More winter involvement and growth	Walking Groups/Walking Clubs Adventure racing


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Floor Map

Workshop participants were asked to draw in their ideas on a large format map at the workshop.

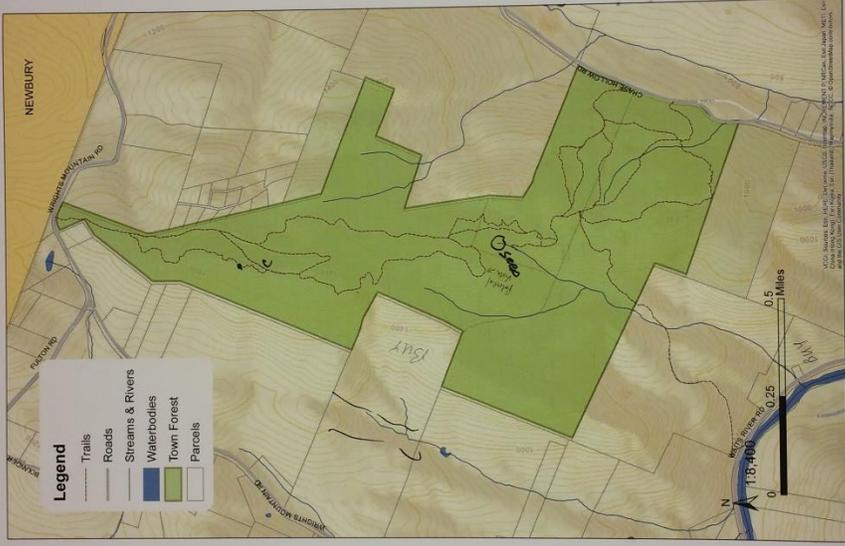
What resources or other important natural features on the site can you tell us about? Draw their location/extent on the map!

8/3/18

What other thoughts do you have?
*A larger parking area on the 2nd would provide great visibility for the front and trail and easier access to the Devil's Den Area...
 are the important wilderness trail? more flower planting in winter? Yes, improved parking*



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What new recreational activities or facilities would you like to see? Write them in and add them to the map!
Buy additional whitening land + add to Town Forest

Where are trails and other facilities in need of repair or improvement? Write them in and add them to the map!
*Need rain gutters/rain barrel at Cabin
 More marking of trails or direction at Devil's Den Rock Area.*

What are your favorite vistas, viewpoints, or resting areas? Write them in and add them to the map!
*Chipmunk Bench
 Sweet View
 Pine Cabin
 Seneca Bench
 Rock on App. Way
 At-A-Cabin's Rock
 Cabin !!
 Devil's Den Rock camp*



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Final Thoughts

Open ended responses to the question “Are there any other thoughts, concerns, or comments you'd like share about our town forest or outdoor recreation in our community?” included:

- We have found in Plainfield, that a large variety of user groups and co-exist within the trail network with minimal regulation. The trails are extensively used and enjoyed by a wide variety of town residents and visitors
- In a nutshell, no matter what, forests are better for Vermont's wellness, economy, ecology and quality of life than more housing developments.
- It would be great if we were able to encourage more people to use the land we do have to use.
- I fully support periodic logging ("timber harvesting" but ONLY under proper supervision and management in accordance with a state approved plan, and ONLY with the goal of conserving and sustaining a healthy "natural" forest, not the cultivation of a revenue stream. It is a town forest, not a tree farm.
- Thank you so much for maintaining such a wonderful resource in our town.
- Thank you Nancy and all volunteers who have made this possible!
- Think where heavy use/large groups, there are more suitable locations. More accessible to safety, etc. Outdoor recreation - improve boat access
- Establish webcams at strategic locations to permit unobtrusive observation of wildlife. Set up a fund for maintenance of cameras and equipment.
- There are better places in town for organized recreation and higher impact activities. This is a wild area and we need to keep it protected as such
- Please keep it as wild and undeveloped as possible. Wonderful place. Please don't develop it too much
- We are virtually "out of the loop" now - but heartedly appreciate Wrights Mtn, the Town Forest, and all activities of the Conservation Commission.
- Education on deer ticks (Ixodes scapularis) low forest contains high #s of ticks
- No motorized vehicles
- I am not very much interested in town current activities. I think there is no hope in the town having adult recreation sports for adults.
- Don't know if you are aware, but there is more to this town than the ___ of Devil's Den (Geez)
- Too costly
- I think it's one of the best things in the town. Great to see all the use it gets year-round.



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Notes

Forest Walk/Lunch

- They have a restrictive conservation easement that limits new structures and motorized vehicles on the property
- Town recently committed to no new trails unless no new land
- Disinterest in new trails because they couldn't maintain more with volunteers and they want open trail-free areas for hunting
- Very interested in how they can tie local economic development in with their town forest
- Pursuing a larger parking area on 25
- Minimal deer/other wildlife in the woods for hunting
- Interested in Vermont Huts Association for managing the cabin
- See the view from the cabin as the essence of Vermont (pastoral landscapes...)
- The guest book at the forest has been signed by people from all over!
- For large events (Music on the Mountain etc.) park on nearby roads or shuttle people

Steering Committee Meeting

- Primarily want to further tie the town and Wright's Mountain (working with town's businesses)
- Want printed copy of the survey to hand out at Town Meeting Day (perhaps keep the survey online till then)
- Strengths of the forest – availability (can go all the time), use as outdoor learning lab, recreational activities (hiking, camping, snowshoeing, horseback riding)
- Interest from high school in lots of programs at the forest (including maintenance, chainsaw)
- Bradford Elementary School has to hike Tucker's Mountain (enough space at the top for them)
- Interested in more connections with the school to teach the next generation to value the land
- Unique: Forest is 10 minutes from downtown Bradford
- Interested in status of Newbury's forest – possible connection with them – Recommissioning stagecoach road as a trail? Is that a possibility?
- Increasing street presence/signage about the forest (Fairgrounds and 5, along 25) – make these signs not just hiking signs but naming it as a special place



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- Improve Online Presence – create forest-specific website, link to other town/area websites, webcam?
- Work with regional chamber of commerce to coordinate activities and continue with Upper Valley Trails Alliance
- Forest is very narrow at the top of Wright's Mountain, interested in purchasing parcels to secure corridors
- Mountain Biking trails – possibly two sets of trails, riding between Tuckers and Wright's – could we build that connection
 - Losing money on mountain bikers choosing to ride elsewhere
 - Could work with Upper Valley MBA
- Under its conservation easement, it is a working forest, population needs to understand that
 - In future logging periods, the foresters would need to inform the community about what they were doing, host an educational event (people are more invested in the forest than they used to be)
- Using the races and other events on the mountain to share more information about the process

Comment Cards

#1 – Mountain biking is becoming increasingly popular and can be a huge economic driver. How do people feel about increasing mountain biking opportunities at Wright's, perhaps with mountain-bike specific trails or simply promotional efforts to attract mountain bikers to existing trails

Better trail signage and marking would be helpful, particularly near the three-way junction of the Wright's Mountain Trail/Sylvia's Trail/Ernie's Trail and where the Wright's Mountain Trail meets Sylvia's Trail near the cabin.

The view at the lookout is truly one of Vermont's finest. The open windows of the cabin are a wonderful place to take it in, but there isn't really anywhere to sit comfortably and observe the view because it is so rocky outside the cabin. Perhaps a bench or picnic table could be inserted to help the viewing area be more inviting?

The Wilderness Trail is one of the best moderately substantial hikes in eastern Vermont! There should be efforts to promote its use and improve parking.

It would be helpful to explore ways to potentially incorporate Bradford's business community into the use of Wright's. Between the many recreational opportunities on Wright's and the shopping and dining options on the Route 5 corridor, Bradford is and should be a legitimate weekend destination for day-trippers throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. I'm no promotions expert, but perhaps it would be



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possible to implement a program where those from out of town who use Wright's would be eligible for discounts at businesses such as Colatina Exit, Alexander's, Bliss Village Store, The Hungry Bear, and Farm-Way? I'm not sure how visitors could "prove" they were in town to use Wright's, but perhaps it could be based on the honor system?

#2 – I think a parking lot on Route 25 would promote usage, decrease traffic on Wright's Mountain Road, and create greater access to Devil's Den

#3 – Assuming the Town of Newbury creates a Town Forest on Tucker Mountain. I'd like to see an effort to establish a hiking trail that connects it with Wright's Mountain. This could be done using existing logging roads and trails. The total distance from Wright's Mountain to Tucker Mountain is only 3 miles.

#4 – I would like to see an effort to establish public access to the trail which leads from Cherry Street to the overlook on Sawyer ledges. It would be easy to provide a trailhead. The trail is already there. It just needs blazing and signs, if landowner permission can be secured.

#5 – Mountain bike connection between Wright's Mountain trailhead and Chase Hollow and Route 25 and Tucker Mountain.

