

# Vermont Town Forest Recreation Planning

## Trails and Open Space Planning

Key Attribute #:

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Need #:

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Estimated Cost:

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Timing:

Short-Term

This process has helped establish a vision for outdoor recreation in Huntington, but has only scratched the surface of assessing town-wide recreational needs and opportunities. As the community seeks to enhance its recreational opportunities, a full Trails and Open Space Master Plan would serve the town well.

Such a plan should first examine the existing conditions of the trail system, as both individual trails and as a network. *What trails need maintenance, rerouting, or better signage? What types of trails are available and what types not? What parts of town have easy access to a trail network and which do not?* All recreational opportunities in town should also be assessed, looking at the strength and gaps of the offering.

The plan should look at the many trails open to the public on private land, considering how to maintain access and increase community utilization. The trails planning should also be done in the context of all trails in the region, to accurately determine Huntington's needs.

With the assessment complete, this plan should lay out new trails, taking the community's input into account. For both existing and proposed trails, a comprehensive trail map should be developed for residents and visitors to know about all the trails in the town and the region.

Another section of this plan should focus on open space in Huntington – looking at the possibilities for acquiring new land and the use of other conserved land in Huntington. Enhancing existing town owned open space and recreation parcels through new facilities and access should also be a focus.

### Responsibility:

Town, Conservation Commission, and/or a committee of local volunteers

### Partners Involved:

All

### Planning Required:

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Funding Opportunities:  
BCP, MPG

### Toolkit Resources

Land Conservation and Recreational Access Toolkit

Vermont Town Forest Stewardship Guide

Programming Partnerships Toolkit

