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8.1 Overview

The goals of the 2018 OSRP articulate the community's aspirations for protecting open space and providing recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. The goals are the broad outcomes the community hopes to achieve over the coming five years, and the objectives are conceptual steps taken to achieve goals. Specific actions to realize objectives are detailed in Section 9, *Action Plan*.

The goals and objectives described below were crafted to reflect and refine the broad goals discussed in Section 6, *Community Vision*, in consideration of the *Assessment of Needs* articulated in Section 7. The goals and objectives are also intended to be compatible with other related community plans, including: Barnstable's Comprehensive Plan, Historic Preservation Plan, Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and Coastal Resource Management Plan, as well as the Cape Cod Commission Regional Policy Plan.

8.2 Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Protect and maintain a maximum amount of open space to enhance environmental protection, recreational opportunities and community character.

1.1 Continue to apply criteria for prioritizing land acquisition and protection decisions. The criteria reflect a comprehensive and up-

to-date evaluation of recreation, conservation and resource protection needs.

1.2 Continue the Town's strong commitment to acquiring open space, consistent with the criteria used to evaluate and guide land protection decisions.

1.3 Promote policy and regulatory measures to protect open space.

1.4 Promote non-regulatory measures to preserve open space.

1.5 Promote stewardship of protected open spaces, including expanded use of volunteers and community organizations to augment limited town resources.

Goal 2: Plan, coordinate and execute open space protection measures that complement community efforts to protect water supply, protect fresh and marine surface waters, preserve historic, scenic and cultural resources, and provide opportunities for farming and agriculture.

2.1 Coordinate open space protection measures with efforts to protect the Town's groundwater supply for current and future needs.

2.2 Coordinate open space protection measures with efforts to protect wildlife habitat and augment the Town's green corridors and spaces.

2.3 Coordinate open space protection measures with efforts to protect fresh and marine wetlands and surface waters.

2.4 Preserve opportunities to protect land available for farming in balance with groundwater protection, and support market development of locally grown produce.

Goal 3: Provide diverse recreational opportunities and access throughout Barnstable and ensure that the current and future needs of all user groups are met appropriately.

3.1 Explore ways to ensure sustained funding for recreation facility maintenance;

3.2 Support the operation of the Hyannis Youth and Community Center;

3.3 Provide adequate active recreation facilities for youth, adults, and seniors;

3.4 With support and input from residents, pursue recreation facilities improvements in each village;

3.5 Provide adequate passive recreation facilities and programs;

3.6 Coordinate planning for the Town's greenway network to maximize opportunities for trailways, bikeways, Cape Cod Pathways, and connections between open spaces;

3.7 Explore opportunities for expanding park and recreation space in Hyannis south of Route 28, and in other villages as appropriate.

Goal 4: Provide adequate public access to and safe enjoyment of the Town's open space and recreational resources and programs, particularly its shoreline areas and fresh and marine waterways. Access should be provided in balance with resource sustainability.

4.1 Pursue opportunities to enhance coastal and freshwater access;

4.2 Continue to reduce or eliminate architectural barriers to public buildings and services, including beaches and major conservation and recreation areas, to sustain independent living for our seniors and disabled population;

4.3 Enhance access to open space and recreation programs and facilities by Environmental Justice populations.

Goal 5: Promote greater coordination and communication about community open space and recreation needs within government and among stakeholder groups in the Town.

5.1 Establish an implementation process for the 2018 OSRP, to include annual progress reporting;

5.2 Establish regular coordination and communication among municipal and private organizations and stakeholders involved in open space protection;

5.3 Promote public awareness of and support for measures to protect open space and enhance recreation resources;

5.4 Update the OSRP for approval in 2023.

