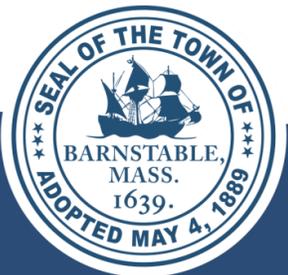


Open Space and Recreation Plan 2026 Update



BARNSTABLE OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN

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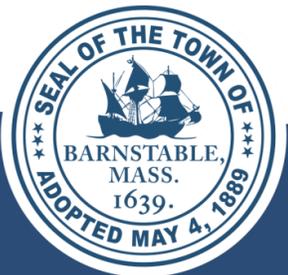


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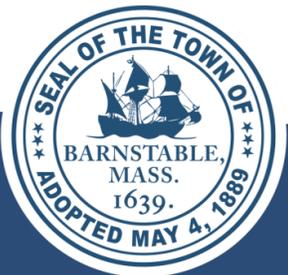
Open Space Committee

- 9-member citizen volunteer committee that has overseen the Open Space and Recreation Plan update
- Members:
 - Lev Malakhoff, chair
 - Elizabeth Lewis
 - Elissa Crowley
 - Farley Lewis
 - Dave Gorrill
 - Doug Payson
 - Catherine Gulliver
 - Tracy Pratt
 - Anne Rowland



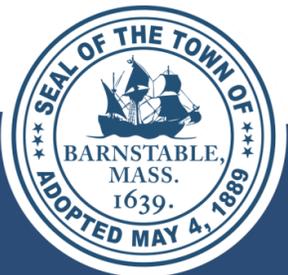
Open Space Committee

- The Open Space Committee began the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) review in **late 2024**
- Since late 2024, the Open Space Committee has met **14 times** to discuss the plan update



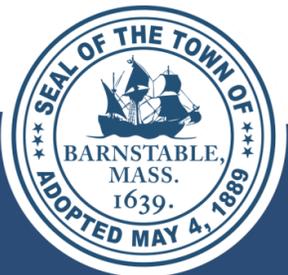
Importance of Update

- To stay informed of current issues and opportunities as expressed by the public and to help set community priorities in the areas of open space and recreation.
 - **This plan serves as the blueprint for entities such as the Town Council and Community Preservation Committee when it comes to prioritizing open space and recreation improvements.**
- An approved plan is necessary to maintain the Town's eligibility for state funding assistance for open space and recreation purchases and improvements.



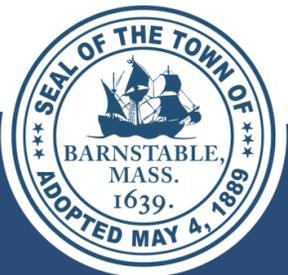
Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

- The Town contracted with BSC Group as a consultant for the project, to facilitate community engagement and ensure the update will meet state requirements.
- Funding for this project was provided by the town's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) and a grant from the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services (DCS).



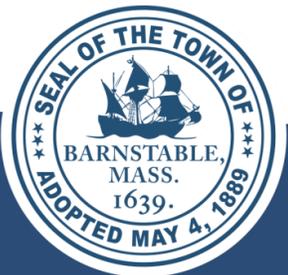
Public Outreach – Phase I

- An initial public survey was launched in July to solicit community input and received ~300 responses.
- The Town hosted an **open house meeting on August 28th, 2025** to gather feedback from residents related to issues and opportunities for the Town's open space and recreation facilities.
- Feedback was also collected in-person and via email, and the project was promoted fully through the Town's Communications Office.



Public Outreach – Phase I

- Stakeholder interviews were held in September to collect community perspectives on:
 - **Recreation**
 - Community Services Department
 - Recreation Commission, Disability Commission, Community Preservation Committee
 - **Conservation**
 - Barnstable Land Trust, Association to Preserve Cape Cod
 - Conservation Commission, Cape Cod Commission
 - **Water Resources**
 - DPW and MEA staff
 - Shellfish Committee and Barnstable Association for Recreation Shellfishing
 - Water districts



Phase I Outreach - 8/29/25 OSRP Open House



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Build Your Own Park Upgrade Plan!

How would **YOU** invest in Barnstable's parks & recreation facilities to make them better for everyone?

Use your **\$1,000 budget** to browse and "purchase" amenities for parks & recreation facilities in Barnstable.

Please Note: The values defined within this exercise are not based on actual costs.

CHOOSE ONE PARKS & RECREATION FACILITY	CHOOSE MULTIPLE AMENITIES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Burgess Park (Marstons Mills)	Make sure your total spending stays within your \$1,000 budget!				
<input type="checkbox"/> Cotuit Memorial Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Benches \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> Shade Tree/ Structure \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Table \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> Drinking Fountain \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Lighting \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Hamblin Pond Rec Area (Marstons Mills)	<input type="checkbox"/> Accessible Paths/Trails \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> Accessible Swings/Play \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> Restroom Facilities \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> Bike Rack \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> Pavilion/Shade Structure \$200
<input type="checkbox"/> Hathaway's Pond Rec Area (Hyannis)	<input type="checkbox"/> Play Equipment \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Court: \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Field: \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Splash Pad \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Write In: \$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Hyannis Youth & Community Center Grounds	BARNSTABLE Ask your facilitator to total up the cost of your park & recreation facilities upgrade. TOTAL COST: _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Marstons Mills Pickleball Courts	Name: _____ Email: _____ Turn page to draw your ideas!				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ridgewood Park (Hyannis)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Memorial Park (Hyannis)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Write In:					



Your Vision: Reimagine Barnstable's Open Spaces!

Have thoughts? **Write** them on a sticky note and place them in the box with the corresponding question.

Like an idea? Vote **YES** by placing a sticker dot on the sticky note!

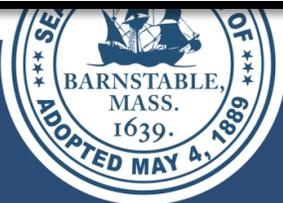
What stops you from using Open Spaces in Barnstable?
(e.g., The trails aren't wheelchair accessible.)

What could be better about Barnstable's Open Spaces?
(e.g., We need more dog friendly parks.)



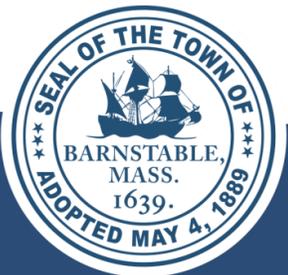
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Public Outreach – Phase II

- After compiling and reviewing public feedback and existing conditions, an initial draft of the Open Space and Recreation Plan was developed to be presented to the public for review.
- A public comment period on the draft was open from November 5 – November 26, 2025 and a **second public meeting was hosted on November 19th**.



Phase II Outreach - 11/19/25 OSRP Community Meeting



BARNSTABLE OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN



Help Shape Barnstable's Open Space & Recreation Facilities

The Draft Open Space and Recreation Plan has been posted for review and comment. The Plan is available for review from the Town's website via the Planning & Development Department page accessible under "Current Projects." Attend the upcoming Community Meeting to learn more and to provide comments for the draft Plan.

Draft Plan Available for Review & Comment



Community Meeting

 Wednesday, November 19th
at 6:00 PM

 Town Hall Hearing Room
367 Main St, Hyannis, MA

Live interpretation in Portuguese & Spanish provided

For more information, please contact Kyle Pedicini
Assistant Planning Director at kyle.pedicini@town.barnstable.ma.us



BARNSTABLE OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN



Ajude a Moldar os Espaços Abertos e as Instalações de Recreação de Barnstable

O Rascunho do Plano de Espaços Abertos e Recreação foi publicado para revisão e comentários no início de novembro. O Plano está disponível para consulta no site do projeto, acessível através do código QR abaixo. Participe da próxima Reunião Comunitária para saber mais e compartilhar seus comentários sobre o rascunho do Plano.

Rascunho do Plano



Reunião Comunitária

 Quarta-feira, 19 de novembro,
às 18h00

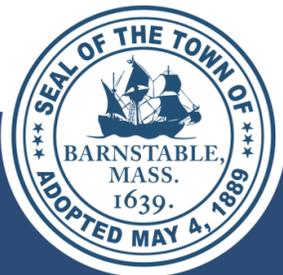
 Sala de Audiências da Prefeitura
367 Main St, Hyannis, MA

Haverá interpretação ao vivo em português e espanhol.

Para mais informações, entre em contato com Kyle Pedicini,
Diretor Assistente de Planejamento, pelo e-mail kyle.pedicini@town.barnstable.ma.us.



Phase II Outreach - 11/19/25 OSRP Community Meeting

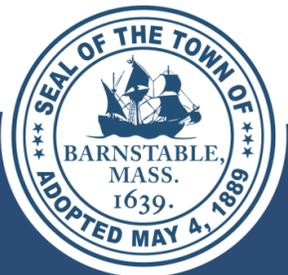
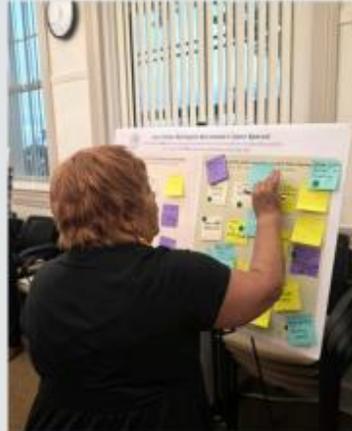


Open Space & Recreation Plan Community Meeting
November 19, 2025

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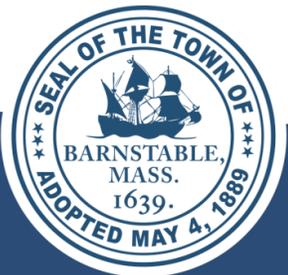
APPENDIX B: SURVEY & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT RESULTS



Open House on August 28, 2025, Credit: BSC Group

Open Space and Recreation Plan

- After the Open Space Committee reviewed comments from the public and key stakeholders during the Phase II outreach period, the Open Space and Recreation Plan was updated to reflect the latest community input.
- This updated draft being presented tonight incorporates public feedback collected in both phases of community input.



Open Space and Recreation Plan Components



Community Setting



Environmental Inventory & Analysis



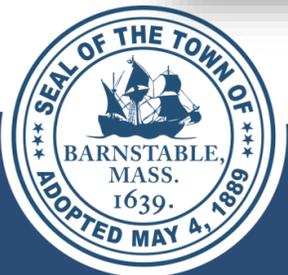
Conservation & Recreational Lands Inventory

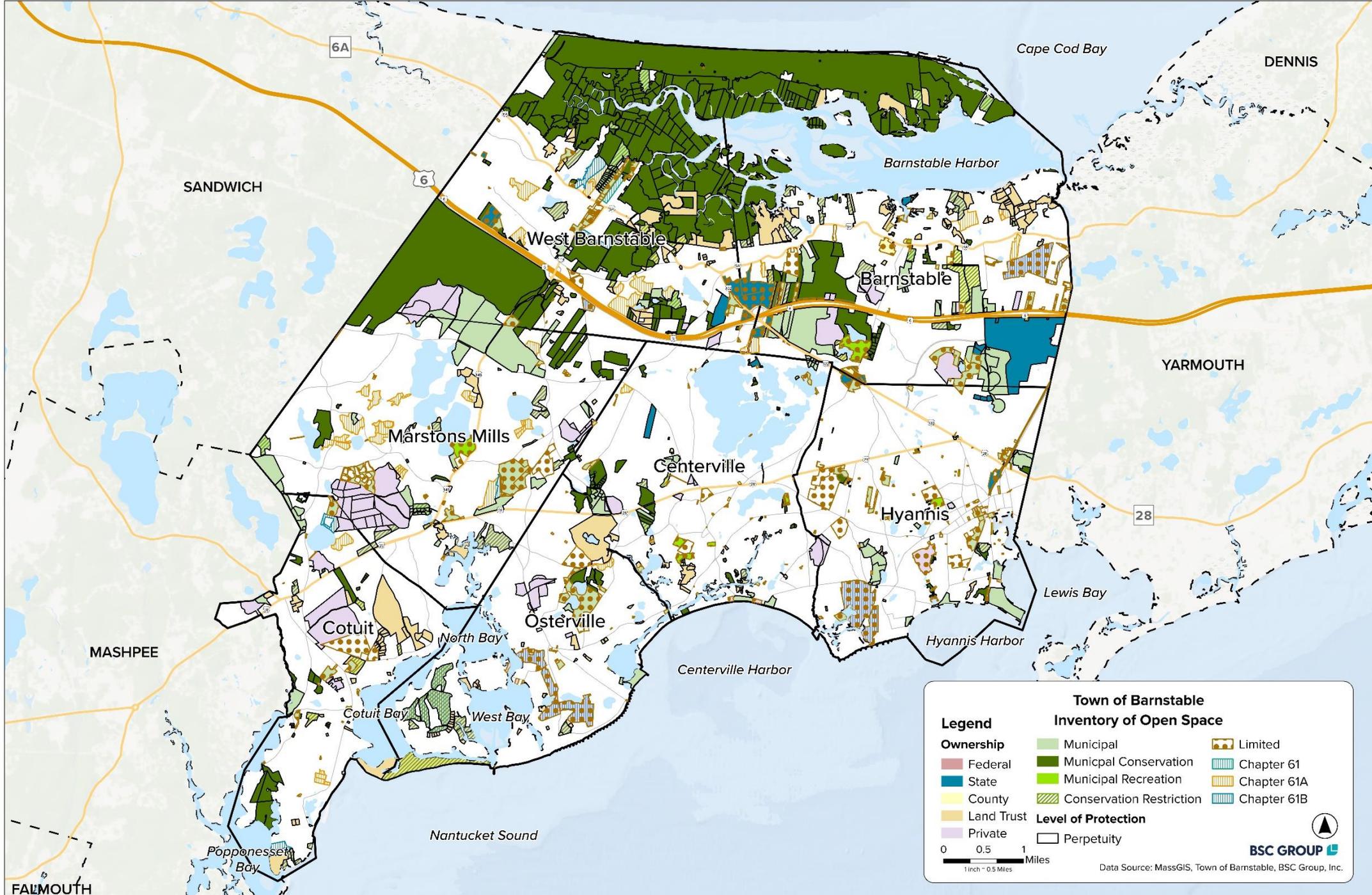


Analysis of Needs



Action Plan





**Town of Barnstable
Inventory of Open Space**

Legend		
Ownership		
Federal	Municipal	Limited
State	Municipal Conservation	Chapter 61
County	Municipal Recreation	Chapter 61A
Land Trust	Conservation Restriction	Chapter 61B
Private	Level of Protection	
	Perpetuity	

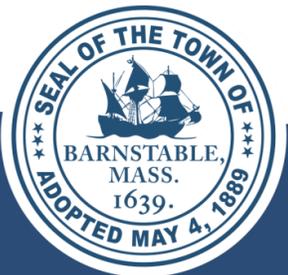
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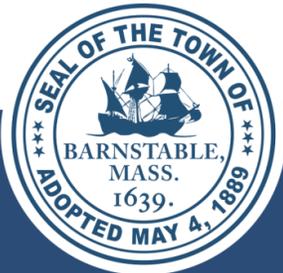
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Data Source: MassGIS, Town of Barnstable, BSC Group, Inc.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Goals

- The plan includes **14 overall goals** to be accomplished in the next 10 years and identifies **79 objectives** to advance towards accomplishing these goals.
- To make the document more readable, goals have been structured into the following categories:
 - Open Space & Wildlife Habitat
 - Recreation Facilities and Amenities
 - Water Resources
 - Connectivity & Accessibility
 - Communication & Marketing

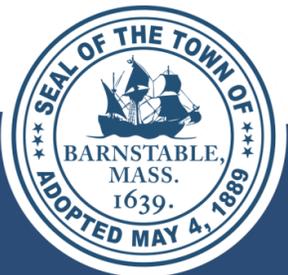




Objectives	Priority	Responsible Party	Potential Funding Source	Timeframe									
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Recreation Facilities & Amenities													
Goal 6: Provide diverse recreational opportunities and equitable access throughout Barnstable to meet current and future needs of all user groups.													
6.1. Plan, design, and construct new or upgraded recreation amenities such as splash pads, indoor and outdoor pools, playgrounds, basketball courts, and soccer cages at strategic sites to meet year-round demand, including the Hyannis Youth & Community Center grounds, Hamblin Pond, Veterans Memorial Park, Hathaway's Pond, Former Marstons Mills Elementary School Site, Ridgewood Park, and potential new acquisitions.	High	Community Services and Department of Public Works	Community Preservation Act, MA Division of Conservation Services and Town Budget	X	X	X	X						
6.2. Develop a playground plan for the town that includes all seven villages. This plan should document existing conditions and needs for each village and include a list of potential projects to increase and/or upgrade playgrounds.	High	Recreation Commission and Planning Department	Community Preservation Act		X	X	X	X	X				
6.3. Assess the availability of recreational facilities and programs in areas with significant Environmental Justice populations and determine whether additional or modified programs and facilities are needed.	Medium	Community Services and Planning & Development	Not applicable			X	X	X					

Approval Process

- The Planning Board, Recreation Commission, Conservation Commission, and Cape Cod Commission have all reviewed and provided a letter of support for the plan per requirements from the state's OSRP Workbook.
- **Town Council must authorize the Town Manager to sign a letter of support for the plan and approve the submittal of the plan to the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services (DCS) for review.**



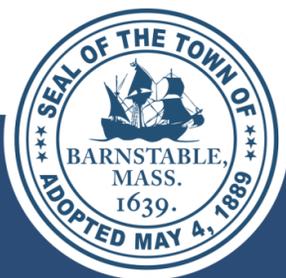
Questions?



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