

# Five-Year Land Use Program

## Mendon Land Use Committee

Based on the 2023-2030 Mendon Open Space and Recreation Action Plan and the Mendon Master Plan Goals

### **1 - Improve Access to Open Spaces and Recreation Resources.**

- A - Identify gaps in accessibility and equity in utilizing these resources and develop plans to address these gaps.
- B - Enhance accessibility features of these resources to ensure equitable access for all residents.
- C - Increase public awareness of available open space and recreation resources through outreach and education.

### **2 - Expand the Amount of and Improve the Condition of Passive and Active Recreation Opportunities.**

- A - Assess the condition of and develop a plan to improve existing recreational opportunities.
- B - Identify the recreation interests and preferences of residents to help create new recreation opportunities.
- C - Increase the number and variety of recreational programs, events, and activities to engage residents of all ages and abilities.

### **3 - Protect the Natural Resources in Mendon including Forests, Farmlands, Water Resources, and Wildlife Habitats**

- A - Promote sustainable use of natural resources, including responsible land management practices, conservation of biodiversity, and reduction of waste and pollution.
- B - Monitor and control invasive species, protect wildlife habitats, and promote habitat restoration and enhancement.
- C - Implement sustainable infrastructure solutions to reduce stormwater runoff and protect water quality.
- D – Protect and Preserve Lake Nipmuc and address water quality concerns
- E - Leverage grants, private donations, and other funding sources to support these efforts.

### **4 – Promote and Preserve Mendon’s Sense of Community**

- A - Encourage community participation in the development and stewardship of its open space, recreation, cultural, and historic resources.
- B - Develop and promote community events and activities that celebrate the Town and its resources.
- C - Foster partnerships with local businesses and organizations to support these efforts.
- D – Protect and Raise awareness of Mendon’s historical and cultural resources.

### **5 – To help guide business and residential development to shape Mendon’s growth, avoiding haphazard development following the recommendations in the Mendon Master Plan**

- A – Evaluate land for best use for municipal, commercial or other purposes.
- B – Consider zoning and bylaw changes that could improve the sustainability, economic development and quality of new building.
- C – Ensure adequate infrastructure for services, now and in the future.
- D – Enhance and maintain the physical appearance of the town.