



Fall River Open Space and Recreation Plan Process



What is an Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP)

A document that describes a community's open space and recreation resources



It is also a blueprint for action for open space and recreation stakeholders in a community

Conservation
Commission

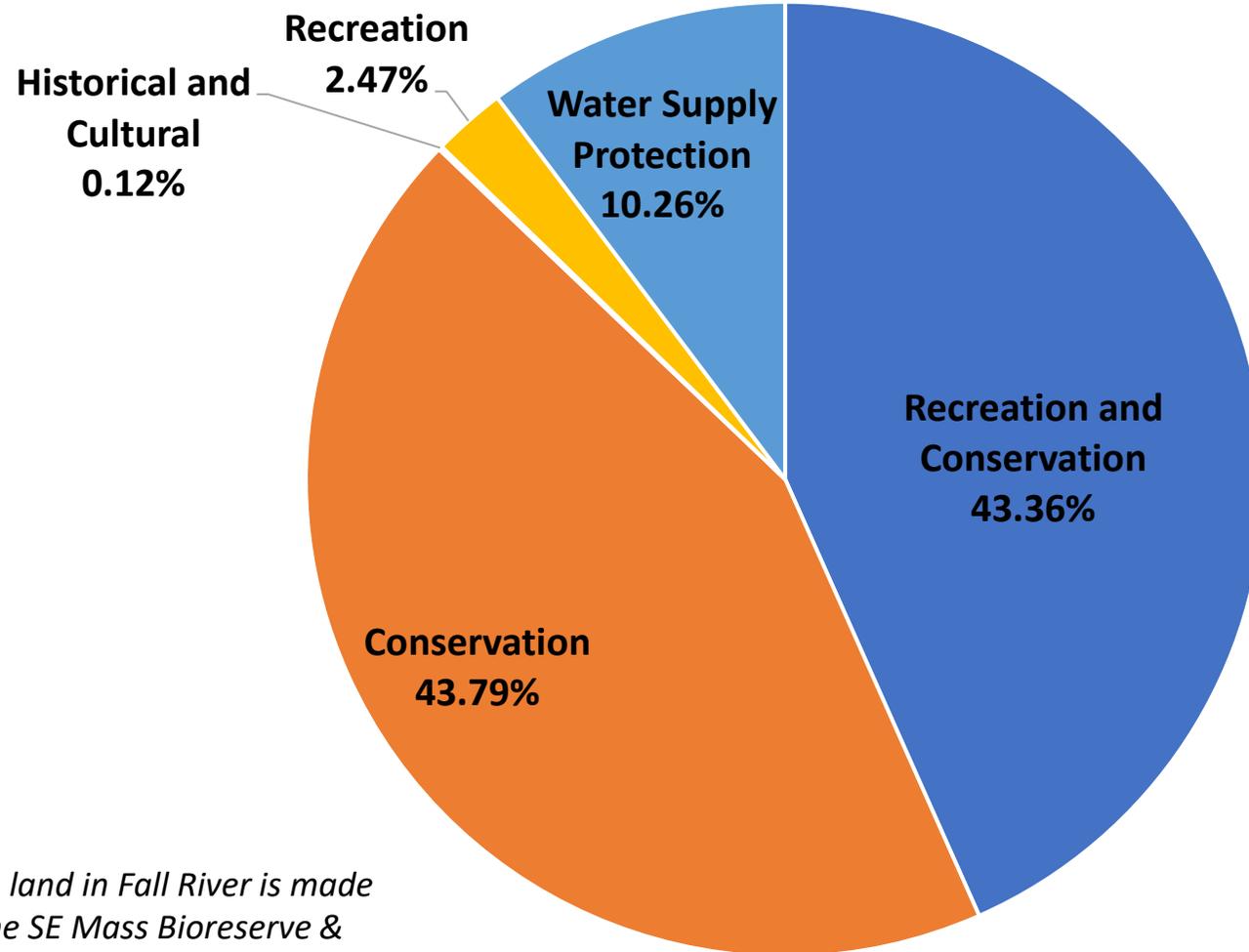
Parks
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Planning
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Local
Citizens

Total Open Space Acres in Fall River by Primary Purpose



Much of this land in Fall River is made up from the SE Mass Bioreserve & Freetown-Fall River State Forest!

What are Open Spaces?

Open spaces can be thought of as any undeveloped land areas that have the potential to be, or already are, used for conservation or recreation purposes.

This land may be in the form of watershed protection areas, recreational land, conservation areas, agricultural lands, and other undeveloped, privately-held parcels.

Why have an OSRP?



Collect Data



Learn about community priorities



Protect & Manage existing open spaces



Acquire funding from the state



Changed Local and Global Context



Planning for Dynamic Changes – Temperature and Precipitation

Climate Change Predictions for 2050 in Narragansett Bay



11 to 31 additional
days per year over
90°F



30 to 55 fewer days
per year below 32°F



-4.3 to 21.5% increase
in total annual
precipitation



8.1 to 18.6% increase
in max daily
precipitation

Natural Lands for Resiliency

Carbon sequestration

Clean air and water

Food

Flood prevention

Habitat

Tourism

Recreation

Public health

Property Values

Quality of Life



Required OSRP Sections

Section 1 – Plan
Summary

Section 2 –
Introduction

Section 3 –
Community Setting

Section 4 –
Environmental
Inventory and
Analysis

Section 5 – Inventory
of Lands of
Conservation and
Recreation Interest

Section 6 –
Community Vision

Section 7 – Analysis
of Needs

Section 8 – Goals
and Objectives

Section 9 – Seven-
year Action Plan

Section 10 – Public
Comment

Section 11 -
References

OSRP Process

We are here!



1. Develop a Steering Committee.

2. Evaluate previous plan for completed actions.

3. Conduct a public workshop and outreach.

4. Summarize public input and create action items.

5. Draft plan.

6. Present results in second public workshop

7. Submit plan to the state.

Participation extends beyond this workshop!

Visit the project webpage, join our mailing list, or take the public survey:

www.srpedd.org/fall-river-osrp



Today's Workshop

- What are your open space and recreation priorities?
- Where do you have any of the following needs?



New Recreation Amenity Need



Maintenance / Beautification Need



Recreational Programming Need



Pathway Need - Bicycle



Pathway Need - Pedestrian



ADA Access Need



Open Space / Resource Conservation Need



Cultural / Historic Resource Need

Prompts

Where do we need more pedestrian / bike paths or trails?

Does Fall River need more recreational facilities or individual activities (or both)?

Are certain age groups or cultural interests limited from accessing desired recreational activities? What are those barriers to participation?

Are there any vacant or sensitive natural areas in your neighborhood that might make a good future park?