

APPENDIX D: LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND GLOSSARY

ACEC	Area of Critical Environmental Concern
ACO	Administrative Consent Order
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AFSC	Athletic Fields Study Committee
ANR	Approval Not Required
APRs	Agricultural Preservation Restrictions
ASIC	Agricultural Study Implementation Committee
BBA	(2nd) Massachusetts Breeding Bird Atlas Project
BOS	Board of Selectmen (Ipswich)
CR	Conservation Restriction
CDP	(Ipswich) <i>Community Development Plan</i>
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CMR	Code of Massachusetts Regulations
CRMS	cooperative resource management strategy
CSA	community supported agriculture
DAR	(Mass.) Department of Agricultural Resources
DCS	(Mass.) Division of Conservation Services (part of EOEa)
DCR	(Mass.) Department of Conservation and Recreation
DEP	(Mass.) Department of Environmental Protection
DPW	Department of Public Works
EBSCO	Elton B. Stephens Company (EBSCO Publishing parent company)
ECGA	Essex County Greenbelt Association
ECTA	Essex County Trail Association
EEA	(Mass.) Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
EOEA	(Mass.) Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
GEPD	Great Estate Preservation Development
GM ACEC	Great Marsh Area of Critical Environmental Concern
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPS	Global Positioning System
IRP	Ipswich River Preservation, LLC
IRWA	Ipswich River Watershed Association
LiDAR	Light Detection And Ranging
MAPC	Metropolitan Area Planning Council
MBTA	Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority
MassWildlife	(Massachusetts) Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Mgd	million gallons per day
MGL	Massachusetts General Laws
NGO	non-governmental organization
NHESP	Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program
NSTF	North Shore Task Force (MAPC region)
OPDMDs	Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices
OWR	Outstanding Water Resource
OSC	Open Space Committee
OSPZ	Open Space Preservation Zoning

PIE-r-squared	Parker-Ipswich-Essex Rivers Restoration Partnership
PV	photovoltaic cells used for solar electric power
REI	Recreational Equipment Inc. (outdoor sports equipment retailer)
RPA	(Massachusetts) Rivers Protection Act
SCORP	Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
SPR	Site Plan Review
TCS	(Ipswich) Town Character Statement
TPL	Trust for Public Lands
TTOR	The Trustees of Reservations
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
WPA	(Massachusetts) Wetlands Protection Act
ZBA	Zoning Board of Appeals

Glossary

Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) – Ipswich estuary and salt marsh area with an elevation of 10 ft. or below formally designated for protection by EOEA.

Biomap – a geospatial mapping system originally developed in 2003 by the state’s Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program that plots a variety of ecosystem data designed to guide strategic biodiversity conservation in Massachusetts. *BioMap 2*, the state’s most current version introduced in 2010, focuses land protection and stewardship on the areas that are most critical for rare and other native species and their habitats. *BioMap2* development was a joint effort between NHESP and the Nature Conservancy.

Chapter 40B – a zoning law permitting affordable housing.

Chapter 61, 61A, 61B – voluntary programs for landowners whose land is used for agriculture, forestry or recreational open space in which the land is assessed at a lower tax rate; on removal from these programs, the municipality receives first right of refusal if the land is for sale or must be compensated for the abated taxes during the previous 5 years. Chapter designations: 61 is for forestry, 61A is agricultural, and 61B is for recreation.

Class B – inland waters designated as a habitat for fish, other aquatic life, and wildlife, and for primary and secondary contact recreation.

Class SA – Coastal and marine waters designated as excellent habitat for fish, other aquatic life, and wildlife, and for primary and secondary contact recreation

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – prints flood insurance maps that show floodplain areas

Ipswich Green Ring – open space corridor concept in the Ipswich Green Ring Report (June 2000)

Land use code – a state Department of Revenue code used by assessors to categorize land use for each assessed parcel

Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) – a branch of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife responsible for the conservation and protection of species that are not hunted, fished, trapped, or commercially harvested in the state. The NHESP's highest priority is protecting the 176 species of vertebrate and invertebrate animals and 256 species of native plants that are officially listed as Endangered, Threatened or of Special Concern in Massachusetts.

Overlay District – a special zone that lies on top of existing zoning categories to supplement or supersede existing regulations. Overlay districts are used to accomplish a variety of development, transportation, and land use goals, from drinking water protection to promotion of the arts.

Zone II – surface area in which water filters to subsurface aquifers that provide drinking water for wells.