

Open Space and Recreation Plan

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The Open Space Committee is pleased to present this updated comprehensive Open Space and Recreation Plan to the citizens of Ipswich, Massachusetts.

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ACRONYMS

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) Community Development Plan
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

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