



# TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

## OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN COMMITTEE

ELIHU THOMSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
22 MONUMENT AVENUE, SWAMPSCOTT, MA 01907

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## OSRPC 2020 Annual Report

The Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee's (OSRPC) purpose is to carry out the goals of the 2013 Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP). The Open Space & Recreation Plan identified, inventoried, and prioritized Swampscott's open spaces and recreation facilities, and proposed recommendations for their maintenance, preservation, and expansion. The following report outlines the committee's accomplishments in 2020.

### 2020 Accomplishments

1. Created and submitted a new OSRP for 2020
2. Tree Task Force developed and passed street tree by-law
3. Assisted in the creation of a community garden at Bertram House
4. Created maintenance programs for Harold King Forest and Ewing Woods
5. Assisted in the creation of a dog park at the Swampscott Cemetery
6. Addressed encroachment of open space by residents
7. Created a trail map for Harold King Forest
8. Eliminated boat storage in parking lot to provide public parking year round at Fisherman's beach
9. Assisted with installing a pollinator garden at Town Hall
10. Saved mature trees at the Machon School building site

### Plan Goals in Progress

1. Establishment of a "green corridor" for walkability and wildlife
2. Creation of trail maps - Charles M. Ewing Woods, Upper Jackson Park
3. Establish rail trail along abandoned railroad line
4. Monitor White Court/Blythswood public access path
5. Pursue effort to have DCR take over or share maintenance (Kings Beach)
6. Establish a conservation restriction for Jackson Park
7. Increase open space and trails around the Foster Pond and Harold King Forest area
8. Plant coastal-worthy trees without blocking water views (shade, aesthetics, stormwater control) - Blaney Beach & Reservation, King's Beach, Polisson Park, Johnson Park
9. Limit impact of (potential) school construction on conservation land - Ewing Woods
10. Determine size scale and number of monuments along Monument Avenue mall
11. Work to adopt the Community Preservation Act
12. Develop policies for Town acquisition of private land

13. Purchase vacant land for open space
14. Incorporate open space & recreation goals into land use planning and zoning
15. Reduce pesticide use or replace with organic options
16. Conduct assessment and control plan of invasive plants
17. Develop plan for replacement of aged/ailing street trees
18. Add funding for more street trees to improve canopy
19. Assist in ADA compliancy for recreation areas
20. Identify and certify vernal pools
21. Continued oversight of sewer and outflow work at Kings Beach
22. Continued oversight of seawall repair at Kings Beach and Eisman's Beach

#### **New plan goals**

1. Develop a native planting policy
2. Develop a wetlands protection by-law
3. Provide education in schools on the importance of open space
4. Address light pollution at night

Respectfully submitted by:

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