

TOWN OF LITTLETON OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN 2009 SURVEY RESULTS

Question 1:

How long have you lived in Littleton?

Respondents: 250
 Fewest Years: 1
 Most Years: 67
 Average: 19.7
 Median: 15

Question 2: How important are the following aspects of open space preservation to you? (on a scale of 1-5, 1 being the most important)

Rank	Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Response Count
1	Drinking water	160	11	12	4	39	187
2	Lake & stream protection	131	37	14	14	37	196
3	Quality of life	135	32	13	14	36	194
4	Outdoor recreation	65	75	36	23	33	199
5	Rural characteristics	72	46	48	27	34	193
6	Scenic roadways	46	59	53	37	33	195
7	Wildlife	90	52	29	22	36	193
8	Historical value	38	65	64	30	26	197
9	Agriculture & local food	31	55	38	20	29	144

Question 3: Approximately how often do you or your family use Littleton open space?

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Daily	14.2%	33
Weekly	25.3%	59
Monthly	24.9%	58
Once or twice a year	29.6%	69
Never	6.0%	14

Question 4: How could existing conservation and recreation areas be improved?

	Total
Cleaner properties/better marked trails/better signs	48
Trash barrels/doggie waste bags	15
Better parking	11
Community service days/more volunteers	9
Connect trails/properties	9
More walking trails	8
Preserve more forest and open space	8
More sports fields/rec areas/renovate ones we have	8
Pedestrian accessibility & safety	6
Guided trail walks	5
Better maps	5
Activities for kids	5
Bike Paths	5
Accessibility (seniors/wheelchair)	4
Poison ivy/tick control	4
Places for passive recreation (sitting)	4
Education (schools/newspaper)	4
Dog Park	4
Trails for bikes & ATVS	3
No/fewer motorized vehicles	3
Invasive plant control	2
Swimming area	2
Remove private property from Long Lake area	1
Track	1
Restroom facilities	1
Cross-country skiing	1

Question 5: What additional parcels of land, or areas of town, would you like to see conserved?

	Total
Fletcher land	20
Farm land (general)	18
No more conservation/too much \$	16
Yapp land	15
Couper land	12
Rte. 119 farms	10
Pickard land	10
Any possible	8
Lucy's Land	6
Newtown Rd.	6
Along Beaver Brook	5
Contiguous properties/"green corridor"	3
Durkee Xmas tree land	3
Sanderson Farm	3
Land around water sources (general)	3
Tahattawan side of Long Lake	2
Around Mill Pond	2
Depot area	2
Playground near Apple d'Or	1
Goldsmith St. farms	1
25 Bulkeley Rd.	1
Around Bennett's Brook	1
Around Spectacle Pond	1
Grimes Lane	1
Parcel bounded by Rte. 2, Newtown Rd., Foster St. & Harwood	1
Idylvale Farm	1
Fort Pond	1
Glavey's property	1
Bruce St. & Harvard line	1
Around Fort Pond	1

Question 6: In general, would you vote favorably at Town Meeting to purchase a piece of conservation land?

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Yes	84.5%	185
No	15.5%	34

At the town meeting in May 2009, Lucy's Land was voted on 165-9.

Question 7:

What additional recreation facilities/ programs do you think Littleton needs?

	Total
None / too much \$	23
Bike path/bike lanes	12
Swimming pool	11
Sports fields	10
Community/recreation center	10
Programs for young children	9
Track	8
More/better sidewalks	7
Skateboard/rollerblade park	7
Programs for seniors	6
More playgrounds	5
Dog park	5
Basketball/tennis court maintenance	4
Programs for teenagers	4
Community farming/gardens	3
Summer concerts	2
Skating rink	2
Cross-country skiing/snowshoeing	2
Boathouse/pavillion at Long Lake	2
Movies on the beach	1
Non-competitive sports for kids	1
Riding areas for motorized vehicles	1
Campground	1

Question 8:

What's most important to you with regards to open space and recreation?

	Total
Continue to preserve open space	25
Outdoor recreation/more recreation facilities	23
Community input/volunteers/maintenance	21
Rural character	20
Accessibility	18
Watch financial resources	17
Protect open space from development	15
Trails	15
Wildlife preservation	13
Safety of children/activities for children	10
Balance open space/economic growth	8
Protect agricultural resources	7
Drinking water protection	7
Scenic Views	6
Enforce regulations (water, motorized vehicles)	2